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Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

Luncheon dessert was a surprise and the idea of officers (upper left hand corner photo) Anita, Anne, Lori and Barbara. The aroma of spaghetti sauce filled the lodge as Cathy Geen, along with Carolyn Cahill, Terri Trumble, Sister Anne Curtis and Celeste Schantz prepared lunch. Anna Lynch, Mary Anne Maggio and Cathy tryout some new dance steps while Chris Carr entertains Sister Nancy Whitely with some soft guitar music. Anita along with Mike Ryan patiently wait for lunch.

# Christian Spirit in Action

By JOAN M. SMITH

There is a wealth of enthusiasm, generosity and determination among today's young adults, especially when it comes to helping others. A fine example is the Christian Student Mission Crusade at Our Lady of Mercy High School. This particular group of girls are determined to spread the Christian spirit making people happier with their efforts.

An added quality of the CSMC girls is they all manage to get along even when 50 of them gather for an overnight!

The overnight was a retreat at Camp Haccamo planned for a special purpose — spiritual preparation for the organization's 1979 Mission Day, March 23-24.

CSMC plans a project a month involving Christmas care packages, clothing drive and baked food sales. It is Mission Day, however, which highlights the year's efforts in helping local and foreign missions.

The Mission Day event means coordinating and managing varied activity including the Sacrifice Mass

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(March 16), a pizza and spaghetti dinner and the festival itself. To put it all together successfully, a retreat was decided on to develop positive attitudes and strategy for the undertaking.

Spearheading the overnight were CSMC officers, seniors Lori Cullen and Anne Hemmele, co-presidents; junior Barbara Lockemeyer, vice president and sophomore Anita DiPalermo, secretary. Mike Ryan, Youth Minister at St. Joseph's, Penfield, conducted the group sessions and Sister Nancy Whitely, moderator and guidance counselor, was there with a helping hand and bouyant spirit.

"Love is the Answer" was the theme of the retreat which opened with a prayer service

and concluded with Mass celebrated by Father Vincent Panepinto, chaplain. In between, there was time for meditation, discussion and planning.

RapAround arrived on the scene while the girls were preparing lunch and taking a few minutes break from the serious aspects of the retreat. Guitars twanged, voices sang, and girls danced. During all this hectic activity, Lynne Houle, freshman rep from homeroom 306, took a few moments to explain why she became interested in CSMC. "I wanted to help others," she said, "and to meet other people."

This wanting to help others was voiced by all the CSMC members. Anita, whose busy schedule includes ballet,

photography and art lessons also started with the Crusade in freshman year. "I'd heard it was a good organization," she declared, "and I wanted to help other people through the missions."

Barb started with CSMC in her sophomore year and hasn't regretted a moment she's spent working on the projects. "It seemed like a good cause," she commented. "It appealed to me to help other people through the missions."

It was the whole idea of doing something for others not only far away but locally which prompted Anne to join.

How had participating in CSMC helped them?

"I've become more mature since I've belonged," acknowledged Pat and went on to say she intends to stick with the group through her years at Mercy.

Anita said that by belonging to the Crusade, "you learn because you work as a team."

The girls couldn't say enough about CSMC and the retreat — they agreed it all was a great experience.

Sister Nancy is proud of her girls, describing them as responsible, conscientious and reliable. "They are true Christians," she said, "they not only speak the Christian message but live it."

## Bus Issue On Hand

With Spring not far off and the busing issue sure to be a major issue again, Student Senate officers from St. Agnes along with students from the Rochester Catholic high schools met to discuss their roles in solving this issue.

The meeting, initiated by St. Agnes and organized by Cheryl Sanfilipo, Senate vice president, featured guest speaker Mrs. Gina Ouweloen, president of the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents. She told United Student Council Association members that, although students are being bused to schools outside the city this year, it is unlikely that busing will be approved again next year.

Students were asked to write their legislators and call or write city school board members who make the acutal decision. They were also urged to have their parents contact legislators about the issue.