



John Roberto, professional consultant, reports to the diocesan Youth Ministry Study Team. Father Lewis Brown is at his left.

## Youth Ministry Study Draws to a Close

The Youth Ministry Study Team, which has been working for six months with John Roberto, a specialist from Paterson, N.J., met with him all day Saturday, May 19, to review data he has amassed and to outline a report to the bishop and diocesan board of directors. A further meeting will be needed, the team decided, and this will be scheduled for mid-June.

Father Lewis Brown, director of the Department of Religious Education, reminded the group that the purpose of the study was to recommend various ways that the 1976 USCC paper, A Vision of Youth Ministry, can be implemented in the Diocese of Rochester.

Roberto is director of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry. He has interviewed key personnel in diocesan departments, divisions and agencies that provide, or might provide, youth services. He has consulted with clergy, religious and laity, both youth and adults, on the needs and effectiveness of present youth programs. There is a need, the study team agreed, for "communication, collaboration and cooperation" among those providing such programs, at both diocesan and parish levels. Among other necessities perceived was the training of parish coordinators and of volunteer leaders. It was noted that young people themselves should be involved "in all aspects of planning."

## Family Programs

Diocesan directors of religious education assembled recently in New Orleans to map a plan of action for the next three years. Adult education and family and early childhood catechetical programs will be given new emphasis, according to a release from the National Conference of Diocesan Directors - CCD.

The organization proposes also to "establish formal liaison with the National Office of Black Catholics, Hispanic and Native American secretariats" and to "publish a description of religious customs and practices of various cultural groups within the country," the release reported.

The conference has 270 members from 152 dioceses and the New Orleans assembly was the largest in its 13 years, the release said. Rochester educators who attended are Sister Roberta Tierney, Sister Mary Lynch and Fathers Lewis Brown and Robert Hammond.

## CYO Staffer to Head Panel of Women

Joyce Strazzabosco, CYO director of Program Development, was elected president of the Panel of American Women at the organization's biennial convention in Cleveland recently.

The Panel of American Women is a national organization begun in 1956 in Kansas City, Missouri and today boasts 35 panels in cities

across the United States. The organization offers services in the field of human relations and "shares a concern for the effects of prejudice, discrimination and racism on the individual, family and community," according to a CYO release.

Ms Strazzabosco joined CYO as a regional youth group coordinator in 1975 and was promoted to the position of director of Program Development. She manages two main CYO programs and is responsible for planning and implementing new and expanded programs for CYO.

## Mercy '54 To Meet For 25th

Our Lady of Mercy High School has scheduled its annual Alumnae Banquet for Oct. 19, at the Burgundy Basin Inn. This year's event is a special one for 1954 graduates because it marks their silver jubilee.

Members of the '54 class will be contacted by their classmates regarding information concerning the banquet and also for information which will enable the '54 class files to be updated. Members not contacted within the next few weeks are asked to contact Joan M. Smith, chairman, at 225-7833 or JoAnne Bates, co-chairman, at 872-2307, evenings.

Maurice Tierney, director of Catholic Charities, observed, "What we really need is a lobbyist who will stick to the report like glue until the approved recommendations are implemented."

Roberto commented thus on the extra meeting the team decided to have: "You may not be sticking to your original timetable, but you are respecting the process. Never underestimate the importance of the process."

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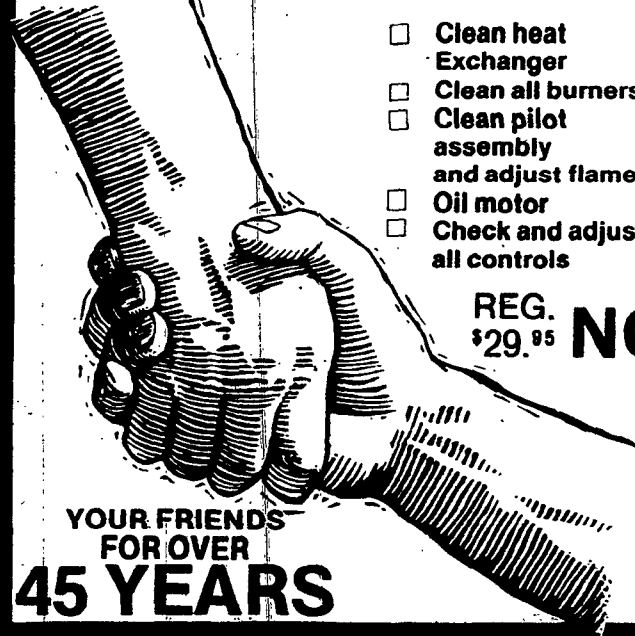


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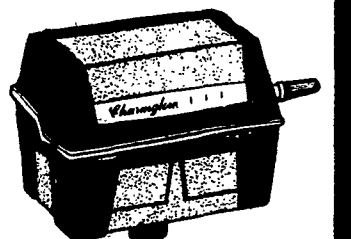
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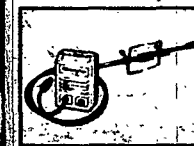


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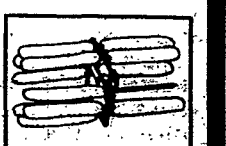
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