

DeSales Expands Academics

According to Edward Tracey, Geneva DeSales principal, regionalism, a concept that has been pursued over the past few years has taken root and will spread during the 1979-80 school year. Students from outside Geneva will number 15 per cent of the the DeSales population.

School tuition will remain at \$450 per student, with families with two students attending the school paying \$650 and those with three students, \$750. Increases in operational costs will be absorbed in gifts and in fundraising activities. A negotiated tuition plan, under the direction of Sister Mary Maywalt, vice principal, will be put into operation this Fall.

Over 60 courses will be offered this year with major regents sequences available in Art, Science, Math, French, Spanish, Business Education. The addition of Music Theory II has made a major in music possible and an Advanced Placement History course has been added to the senior electives. Seniors may now earn up to six credits as participants in the Nazareth College Freshman Program.

The Religion Department intends to be more visible and supportive of the spiritual and temporal needs of the community. Mack Spellecy, department chairman, his staff, and several students are preparing to present a series of topics to be broadcast over WGVA.

Under the directorship of Sister Margot, the guidance department will broaden its values clarification program to include community agencies. Career guidance materials will be increased and the department will serve as a resource center for community and alumni inquiries.

The English Department will study a plan which would change the sequence of courses in the department in order to correlate them with courses offered in other departments. The Science Club, directed by Ann Smith Gobe, will sponsor several lectures and field trips, and Sister Bernadine Freida, Science chairperson, will expand the tutorial program offered by the student members of the National Honor Society.

Beryl Tracey, a learning

disabilities specialist, will teach the academic methods course and assist the guidance department in implementing a competency testing program.

St. John Fisher Building Facilities

"Colleges these days must meet the needs of students not only in academic areas but in facilities as well," declared Father Charles Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College in referring to the new Student Life Center which will open early in 1980. He went on to explain that Fisher needs the Center if it is going to maintain its excellence in all areas of student development. "Students need a place to relax and enjoy athletics and the Student Center will provide that for Fisher," he said.

The Center, which is being made possible by financial pledges from trustees, major corporations and individuals, will incorporate facilities for intercollegiate and intramural sports, allowing Fisher to offer expanded opportunities for competition and

Several religious, educational, cultural and social events will dot the calendar in order to enhance the theme of DeSales for the coming school year — "Next to the Family: Desales".

recreation. It will include a fieldhouse, a 150-meter track, main and practice basketball courts, capability for three tennis courts and four volleyball courts along with paddleball, handball, and racquetball courts, a squash court, wrestling and exercise rooms, sauna, student lounge and game room.

Fisher opens its doors this Fall with a full-time enrollment of 1,600 bringing total enrollment to more than 3,000.

The only means of strengthening one's intellect is to make up one's mind about nothing — to let the mind be a throughfare for all thoughts. Not a select party — John Keats

In my early years I read very hard. It is a sad reflection, but a true one, that I knew almost as much at eighteen as I do now. — Samuel Johnson

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SOUTHWEST REGION

This four week program is intended for beginning religious education teachers; and those who would benefit from the topics to be discussed:

SESSION I Sept. 13
The What and Why of Religious Education; - concept of ministry; - qualities of the catechist. Sr. Marie Brown - Presenter.

SESSION II Sept. 20
The How of Religious Education; - brief history of Catechetical methods; - community building; - communication skills. Sr. Judy Bauman - Presenter.

SESSION III Sept. 27
Grade Level Workshop; - psychological development of the child; - intensive lesson planning. Tim Sigrist - Presenter.

SESSION IV October 4
Classroom Nitty Gritties; - teachers will be presenting their own classroom successes in lesson planning techniques; - problem solving; question and answer on discipline, motivation, resources, etc.

PLACES AND TIMES
Morning sessions: St. John's Spencerport, 10:00 A.M. - Noon; Evening Sessions: St. Pius X, Chili, 7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.
Contact your Religious Education Coordinator, or Mrs. Phyllis Shaughnessy, South Drive, Caledonia, N.Y. 14423.

NORTHEAST REGION

INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS OF CERT PROGRAM

Saturday, September 15 at St. Joseph's, Penfield

The first three CERT sessions will be included in the following program:

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30-10:45 Patrick Fox - the "What and Why of Religious Education"
- 11:00-12:15 Father John Aurelio - "The Psychological Development of the Child, communications skills, experiential method of religious education"
- 12:30-1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00-2:15 Dr. Daniel McNamara - "Intensive Lesson Planning, Classroom management"
- 2:30-3:00 Father John Aurelio - "Learning Disabilities"
- 3:00-3:10 Closing Prayer Service

Session 4: Thursday, October 18, 1979 at St. Ambrose, from 7:30 to 9 P.M. Sister Mary Ann Binsack - Questions, classroom strategies, creative teaching.
Contact: Mrs. Mary Persutti; Mrs. Lenore Denninger; St. John of Rochester Parish, 18 Wickford Way, Fairport, N.Y. 14450. 248-5993

CAYUGA-SENECA REGION

Workshop for Teachers
Saturday, September 15, at Holy Family, Auburn.

Session 1 The What and Why of Religious Education. The Ministry of Religious Education. Qualities of the Catechist.

Session 2. The Experiential Method of Catechetics. Communication Skills Community Building.

The two morning sessions will be given by Father Albert Shamon.

Contact: Mrs. Laila Cuddy, Holy Family Parish, 87 North St., Auburn, N.Y. 13021. (315) 252-0273

OR Claude Lester, St. Patrick's Parish, 83 W. Bayard St., Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148. (315) 568-5203.

TIOGA COUNTY

Introductory Program for Catechists
September 8, at St. Patrick's, Owego

SESSIONS I, II, III of the CERT program will be included in the program.

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 to 10:45 The Ministry of Religious Education. The Role of the Catechist. The What and Why of Religious Education.
- 11:00 to 12:30 The Experiential Method in Catechetics. Communications. Community Building.
- 12:30 to 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 to 3:00 Psychological Development of the Child. Intensive Lesson Planning.

Sister Kay Heverin and Tom Driscoll will present this workshop day.
SESSION IV of the CERT program will be presented on October 9, from 7 to 9 P.M. at St. Patrick's Owego, Tuesday evening.
Classroom Management, Teaching Strategies, Your Questions after Initial Experiences in the Classroom. Sister Mary Lynch.

Contact: Ann and John Daly, R.D. #3, Lisle Rd. Box 64, Owego, N.Y. 13827. (607) 642-8103

PLAN A INTRODUCTORY CERT PROGRAM (BEGINNING TEACHERS)

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 Keynote Address "Ministry of Religious Education"
-Sr. Marie Brown, Geneva
-Mr. Tom Driscoll, Palmyra
- 10:15-12:00 "Ministry of the Catechist: the Trade"
-Sr. Marie Brown, Geneva
-Mr. Tom Driscoll, Palmyra
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Time to visit display and for informal discussion.
- 1:00-2:45 "Ministry of the Catechist: the Trade"
-Sr. Mary Lynch
- 3:00-3:30 Prayer Service

Yates, Ontario, Wayne Region

PLAN B (EXPERIENCED TEACHERS)

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 Keynote Address "Ministry of Religious Education"
-Sr. Marie Brown, Geneva
-Mr. Tom Driscoll, Palmyra
- 10:15-12:00 "Scripture: Finding the Message Within the Word"
-Fr. Jack Zimmerman
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Time to visit display and for informal discussion.
- 1:00-2:45 "Sacramentality of Life: Living Out the Sacraments"
- 3:00-3:30 Prayer Service

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

- Saint Anne's Center, Cor. Jackson & Canandaigua Sts., Palmyra, New York. -Date: September 15, 1979
- Saint Stephen's School, 17 Elmwood Avenue, Geneva, New York -Date: September 22, 1979

Identical workshops are offered at each location for the convenience of the teachers. Teachers may participate in either Plan A or Plan B.

Contact your own Religious Education Coordinator, by Sept. 10. Coordinators, please call Liz Maurer, St. Stephen's, Geneva. 315-789-1124, by Sept. 12.

N.B. AT EACH LOCATION THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF BOOKS, RESOURCE MATERIALS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES. THIS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY:

ALPHA AND OMEGA IN PALMYRA — NEW CREATION IN GENEVA