

Prayer Day Opens Cardinal Mooney Year

At Cardinal Mooney High School, two departments have added to the curriculum. The Theology Department has added Death, Dying, Morality: A Christian Response. This course will examine the phenomenon of death as a human (psychological-physical) event with religious (spiritual) significance. Personal beliefs concerning death and the after-life will be discussed and compared with beliefs of other religious traditions in foreign cultures. This course is an elective for seniors only.

The English Department is offering several electives at both the junior and senior levels: British Literature; Poetry-Drama; Science Fiction and Fantasy; Drama: A Practicum; Women in Literature; Humanities. These courses are half year courses and given in addition to the regular English 11 and 12 courses in which the basic skills of spelling and vocabulary are studied. Expository and analytical writing and novels of twentieth century American and European authors are also studied in English 11 and 12.

Along with the new curriculum there will be five new religious members coming into the school and they include: Brother William Clifford from Stonehill College, Theology Department; Brother James Derrig, Holy Cross High School, Guidance Department; Brother Michael Copek from St. Joseph's Spiritual Life Center in Valatie, N. Y.,

English Department; Brother James Nichols who is returning to Mooney after teaching for eight years in Uganda, East Africa, and who will join the Math Department. Sister Gerard Erb, RSM, who is also returning from Notre Dane High School in Elmira, will be involved in both the Math and Theology Departments.

The Mooney September calendar is already busy with

dates for an active first month of school with Teacher's Orientation Day scheduled for Sept. 4; frosh registration will be Sept. at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 5; junior registration, 9:30 a.m., Sept 6; soph registration, 1 p.m., Sept 6; senior registration, 9:30 a.m., Sept 7. Only freshmen will attend a full day of school on Monday, Sept. 10 and then the entire student body will report for a full day on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Students Learn Consumer Basics

During the 1978-79 school year, Blessed Sacrament Junior High School introduced a course in consumer education. This was taught to both seventh and eighth graders by Paul Raines, a teacher at the school. It was primarily designed to help students become more aware of the economic world and become selective and intelligent consumers. The content of the course dealt with understanding contracts, warranties, and advertising techniques. There was also a certain amount of arithmetic which is needed when making purchases and comparing prices.

In addition to this course, a new program of career education is being started this year. The program is to get the junior high students thinking about possible career areas and to motivate them to learn by pointing out the relationship between what

they are learning in the classes and the skills needed for certain jobs. This program will be helped along initially by a grant awarded to Sister Patricia Flass, principal, through the City School District's administration of the mini-grant program of the State of New York.

Career material will be inserted into different areas of the curriculum to make it more meaningful. There will also be speakers and field trips involving people in the Rochester business and professional community. Students will learn about careers involving science, math, health writing and speaking. Teachers in the different areas will give basic information both in regular classes and in guidance periods. The students will have the opportunity to pursue their own interests by using the resources available in the special career section of the school library.

St. Patrick's Adds Kindergarten

Owego — Twenty-two children enrolled in the new full-day kindergarten at St. Patrick's School have helped boost the enrollment from 125 last year to about 150 this year, Sister Miriam Nugent, principal, noted.

Three new teachers will be joining the faculty: Mrs. Susan Dixon, for kindergarten; Miss Catherine Moran will teach fifth grade, and Mrs. Noreen Dolan will teach sixth grade.

Parish volunteers have been working since the spring to renovate the old cafeteria for use as a kindergarten.

Plans are also underway for the Fall Festival, sponsored by the Home-School Association, for Saturday, Sept. 29.

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