



Sisters Elaine Englert and Carol Cimino relax after a meeting.

## Assistant Principals Discuss Teamwork

By Joan M. Smith

Sharing the work is the order of the day at Nazareth Academy, where administrative duties have been divided into three. Sisters Judith McKay, Carol Cimino and Elaine Englert are sharing leadership responsibilities, and though they have their own spheres in which they operate — Sister Judith as principal, Sister Carol as assistant principal in charge of curriculum and staff development; Sister Elaine as assistant principal in charge of student affairs — they share their talents and ideas with each other for the whole of the Nazareth community.

An executive team is a new approach to administering a school, and as far as the Nazareth team is concerned, in the few months it has been operable, it has proved a viable venture.

Sister Carol in assessing her opinion of this type leadership explained, "There are two other minds to bounce off of; two different visions of an idea. I feel really supported."

Sister Elaine agreed stating, "There's an openness, and you know that if you don't agree the other two will think about it — there's a delaying time to think before decisions are made."

These three administrators are all graduates of Nazareth Academy, and the day the Courier-Journal talked with them, they were chuckling over a recent Founder's Day student celebration. It seems that old yearbooks surfaced and the students had a great time discovering what their principals looked like when they wore the Nazareth uniform.

This is just one sign of the rapport enjoyed between students and administrators; a rapport created on the one side by the students inviting the administrators to class parties and prayer services, and on the other by the front office being visible and open to communication.

"We're not scary to them," stated Sister Carol. "They recognize who we are."

Both she and Sister Elaine agreed that this rapport when confronted with disciplinary actions doesn't suffer. According to Sister Elaine, disciplinary measures are not taken personally and the students remain cooperative.

"The students have no qualms about us," noted Sister Carol. "There's open communication."

## On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### Of 40 Hours, Old Friends And New

It is my opinion that there is stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in the Southern Tier of the diocese than in Monroe County. Each year Father Joseph F. Hogan and staff invite me



to 40 hours at St. Vincent's, Corning. I go, partly from devotion, partly to meet the area priests. On Sunday evening, Nov. 4, 26 priests converged at St. Vincent's, partly from devotion and partly because Mary and Margaret Crane, the twin housekeepers, and their helpers lay out a substantial supper on the occasion. However, on that Sunday I was occupied with the Golden Anniversary of the Rochester Catholic Daughters of America. I am their chaplain. With Bishop McCafferty, State Deputy Elizabeth Peircey and members and husbands we celebrated gloriously, first at Mass at St. Philip's Church, then at the anniversary dinner.

Consequently, I left Monday at 3 p.m. for the 107-mile trek to Corning, via Henrietta, Route 15. At 3:30 I picked up a hitch-hiker at East Avon. His hair fell to his shoulders. His travelling bag was a large paper sack. He was 17. "Hop in, friend. Where to?" "Corning," he replied laconically. He unfolded that he had dropped out of high school. He was presently jobless. "Why don't you join the military? Afterward you may know what you want to do." "No. I'm a pacifist." He is a Catholic. First Holy Communion, Confirmation, but almost completely, unknowledgeable about the Faith. He has scads of brothers and sisters and relatives, most of whom seem about the same level of religious nescience and inactivity.

Since we would be together over an hour, I said, "I should like to teach you the rosary. Will you reach into the pail of books on the back seat and get a little grey book, The Treasury of Prayers. He did. We marked the pages for the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory, for his recitation. The Apostles Creed we omitted; as too overwhelming for this initiation. I handed him a nice set of blessed beads. We alternated the prayers. By the time we finished he had memorized the Hail Mary

So I gave him the beads with a nice case, promised to mail him a folder on How to Say the Rosary, gave him 10 copies of The Treasury of Prayers for his many relatives. As we parted, I said, "Any man who says the rosary with me is my friend. Shake." We shook as youngsters do, grasping thumbs. May God and Mary give spiritual fruit from this encounter to his extended family.

St. Vincent's 40 Hours are always inspiring. On Monday all the CCD high school students came to the services, so these plus the adults filled the church. Fathers Hogan, Brill and Beligotti prepared a devout liturgy, with trained altar boys, a good choir and congregational singing, well-appointed altar. Father Hammond of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, gave a memorable 30-minute sermon directed especially to the youth. Fathers Moynihan, Lynch, Emo and I concelebrated Mass with Fathers Hogan and Beligotti. With a good night's rest and scrambled eggs resting in the stomach, the return began Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. A stop off at Bath near noon for Mass with Father James O'Connell in the beautiful convent chapel. Then to the parish school, which grows each year under the guidance of Father Tormey and Sisters Mary Agnes and Barbara Zimmer and staff. The church has just been sand blasted, and has a new roof, so the exterior is handsome. But the inside is a mess. The old roof leaked, causing peeling paint all over the walls and ceiling. But come Christmas, the interior will be renewed and be as fine as the exterior. After a tasty lunch with Father O'Connell, served by the silver-haired Charlotte, off to Avon to greet Father Henry Atwell.

He is unbelievably stronger and healthier after his recent savage bouts of sickness. I suspect that the Holy Father's visit to this country and his glorious allocutions clarifying the teachings of the Church regenerated both his body and mind. He is so well he had just returned from an area priests' meeting, hardly a bit fatigued. So we praised the Lord together. By 4:20 I was happily back home in Webster, just in time to help with confessions for the CCD Penance Service, and for catching up loose ends. It was a good 25 hours.

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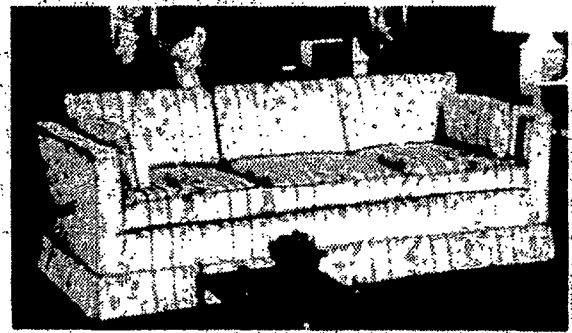
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