



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Sisters from across the country are participating in this year's summer institute. Among them (from left), Sister Mary Dorothy, Rochester publicity director for the event; Sister Eileen Quinlan of Wichita, Kan., one of the original members of the research team; and Sister Phyllis Di Fuccia of Erie, Pa., a current team member.

Diocesan SSJs Hosting Special Summer Institute

By John Dash

The Sisters of St. Joseph at the East Avenue Motherhouse are seeing their ranks swelled by more than 350 of their number this summer, as the local congregation hosts the sixth annual Summer Institute for sisters from across the nation.

The institute is an outgrowth of a unique research project conducted in recent years, and is designed to "share the riches of that research," according to Sister Mary Wehner, head of the local group responsible for staging the institute.

She said that, as a result of the Second Vatican Council's call for religious groups to renew their commitment according to their original purposes in the light of contemporary needs, the Sisters of St. Joseph Federation, representing 25 individual congregations and more than 14,000 sisters in the U.S., embarked on a

translation project. That project is providing both a translation and an exegetical analysis of the very earliest of the documents which deals with the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The spiritual resources of those documents are the foci of the summer institutes.

This is the first year that the Rochester congregation has hosted the national gathering.

Chaired by the program is Sister Mary Isabel Concannon of Baden, Pa. Included in the program are two "Life Programs," designed for different age groups, and two "Weekend Workshops." The "Life Programs" run through July; the first weekend is slated to open this Friday, the next on July 25.

The theme of the first weekend is Spirit/Spirituality, that of the second, Mission/Ministry. During both there will be presented the results of the recent research into the primitive Sisters of St. Joseph writings.

St. Ambrose Reports On Evangelization

The Evangelization Committee at St. Ambrose parish recently published the results of a survey taken on the parish's efforts "to reach out to others with good news of Christ by every Christian, through word and example." The committee received 744 responses from people in the parish.

According to a report published in the parish bulletin, the aims of the survey were to "discover if we have been able to further your understanding of what Evangelization means, and if so how we may have reached you; to determine your reactions to our community mailings; and to see how we can best serve you in your own spiritual life."

The survey showed that 88 percent of the respondents said that they "had some understanding of what Evangelization is," as a result of the program. Some 250

respondents (20 percent) stated that they had become aware of evangelization efforts through the Courier Journal.

Ninety percent of the respondents reacted favorably to the "outreach letters" that were sent to people in the parish. Comments from those who replied were also favorable. One respondent said the program was "excellent, they (the letters) got us here. I felt invited and welcome."

The evangelization program, "Homecoming," was started during Lent of 1979 at St. Ambrose. The program is geared to bring Catholics living in the area but not regularly attending the sacraments back to the Church and follow Luke's Gospel (Like 15:7). "Heaven will be happier over one who returns to God than over ninety-nine who haven't strayed away."

St. Agnes Parents Club Officers

The 1980-81 officers of the St. Agnes High School Parents Club are John and Jeanne Arthur of Scottsville, presidents; Louis and Rose Audino, of Brighton, vice

presidents; Florence Zamites of Henrietta, secretary; Ed and Marita Fredette of Scottsville, treasurers; Pat Crowley of Brighton, publicity director; William and John Rowland, telephone committee, and Karen Fredette of Scottsville, alumnae liaison.

Sister Anne Alderman To Take Final Vows

Sister Anne Alderman will make her final profession of vows as a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester Saturday, July 19, at an 11 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Macedon.

Father Eugene McFarland

and Msgr. William Shannon will be concelebrants and Sister Anne has chosen the theme, "In quiet and in trust is my strength."

She is the daughter of Robert Alderman, of 8583

Wickham Blvd., Sodus Point, and the late Lucille Alderman. She attended Palmyra-Macedon High School and has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in education from Nazareth College.

Sister Anne taught at Wayne Central High School, St. Anne's in Rochester and teaches mathematics at St. Agnes High School. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in August 1974.



DIVORCED CATHOLICS — Film by the late Dr. Morris E. Massey, "What You Are Is Where You Were When." Sponsored by St. Charles Divorced Catholics Group, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 20, St. Charles School Hall.

SYMPHONIC PROGRAM — Greece Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Summer in the Courtyard series. Open, free.

CORNING CONCERT — Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 8:15 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, Pinnacle Park. No admission.

CANANDAIGUA CONCERT — Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Finger Lakes Festival V, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 3, Community College of the Finger Lakes.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES — "Our Town," William Holden, Martha Scott, Thomas Mitchell, Tuesday, July 29, 2 and 8 p.m., Eisenhart Auditorium, free with general Rochester Museum and Science Center admission.

IT'S MAGIC — Adult magical entertainment, 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, Heritage House, Webster. Sponsored by Rochester Assembly of the Society of American Magicians. Donation \$3.

LIBRARY MOVIES — "The Graduate," 6:45 p.m., Thursday, July 17, Lowden Point Branch. "It's a Wonderful Life," 7 p.m., Friday, July 18, Parma Public Library. "From Here to Eternity," 7 p.m., Friday, July 18, Fairport Library.

Summer Festival Set for Mid-July

Most Precious Blood Church will hold its 1980 Summer Festival, July 25-27. A special feature this year will be a five-mile race, Saturday, July 26, 3 p.m., and all interested runners are asked to stop by the rectory, 219 Stenson St., to obtain an entry form.

Other festival activities will include band music for listening and dancing on all three evenings; a spaghetti dinner, Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Italian Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 12:15 p.m. In celebration of the Feast of St. Anne, July 26, a novena to the saint will begin on July 18.

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