



PATON president Phil Barone and committee members Jane Austin and Elaine Brunett plan Nazareth Fashion Show.

### Fashion Show Scheduled

The Nazareth Academy Parents and Teachers Group will present its annual fashion show, "Spring Fling," at 8 p.m. Friday, April 10 in the school auditorium.

Fashions for men, women

and children will be presented by Anderson-Little and the group Iron Angel will provide entertainment. Elaine Brunett of Webster and Yolanda Barone of Rochester are co-chairman.

### Nazareth Parents Set Craft Show

The first annual Parents Association craft show and sale will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at Nazareth Academy, 1001 Lake Ave.

For sale will be the work of thirty exhibitors and craft-people. All items — crocheted pieces, pottery, silk and dried flowers, fancy

stitchery — will be hand-crafted.

Chairing the event is Mrs. Elaine Montros, craftsperson and veteran of several shows and sales. Assisting her are Mrs. Grace Bergin and Mrs. Sharon Conheady, who will be in charge of refreshments.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Sister Mary Jean Smith, SSJ



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

### Congregation Administration

Do you ever come up against the question, "Yes, but what do you do all day?" For me, it is easy to put words around some things — appointments, meetings, planning, decisions — but a real challenge to express those things much closer to the heart of my present ministry of congregational administration.

Jesus set the example for all Christians when He spoke of being in the midst of His people as one who serves, and for me, that is the touchstone of religious leadership. Throughout the centuries of Christian history, many have embraced religious life — a way of following Christ that is characterized by community, prayer, ministry and the public profession of poverty, chastity and obedience. From their membership, religious congregations choose leaders to foster the life and mission of their members and to free them for service . . . to direct and govern according to the constitutions of the particular congregation, the direction set by general chapters and the canonical norms of the Church . . . and to exercise this authority in the spirit of Jesus' Gospel and in a participative, consultative manner since authority resides also in the community of the members.

"Yes, but what do you do all day?" We spend a lot of time with Sisters themselves in a mutuality that strives to encourage, support,

challenge and enable all of us to become ever more faithful followers of Christ, more generous in using the gifts He has given us for the service of others. We spend many hours in meetings — questioning, searching out new ways and making decisions that give form to our lives and work in today's world. We continuously struggle to be women of the Church, fully participative in the life and mission of that Church — and sometimes even "critical lovers" of that Church as we all strive to live out the Gospel of Jesus.

In 1965, the Spirit called the Church to renewal through Vatican II. Religious congregations were asked to look at their roots, their particular charism, spirit and spirituality and to renew and adapt every aspect of their lives in a manner suitable to life in today's world. Those were years of struggle for us and we have been faithful in that struggle. Renewal never ends, of course, and we continue to be faithful to that call, fully aware of our sinfulness and weakness and fully confident in Jesus whose power is at its best in weakness.

"Yes, but what do you do all day?" I have the privilege and joy of serving my Sisters, of serving with my Sisters, and of being served by my Sisters as we work together in the Church to further the kingdom of God.

(Sister Mary Jean Smith is Assistant Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph.)



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