

**Sister Alicia Schur, SSJ**



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

**Ministering To Children In Need**

"The Porcupine" from Carmen Bernos De Gaszold's Prayers from the Ark and The Creature's Choir speaks for many of the children at St. Joseph's Villa.

"Yes Lord, I prick! Life is not easy — but You know that — and I have, too much on my shoulders!"

Kevin has temper tantrums whenever his parents get into an argument. Steve has so many brothers and sisters that he shoplifts so someone will notice him.

"The Porcupine" later concludes:

"Why can't they leave me alone?"

Ah, but when I think proper I can roll myself up into my hermit life. Amen.

Susie runs away from home to avoid being abused by her step-father. Young Joey often hides in his room since his mother died so his friends won't see him cry.

There are countless such children who have need of the services offered at St. Joseph's Villa. The villa provides residential care and treatment for troubled children and services to their families in the diocese of Rochester and beyond.

Being a social worker at the villa is a challenging and sometimes awesome responsibility. Boys and girls from six to sixteen come to the villa in need of help to reverse the self-destructive directions of their lives and to regain their sense of self-esteem. Frequently the most

critical task of the social worker is to help both these children and their families believe in themselves and their own potential. Because the major focus of the villa is to reunite the child with his or her family, much effort is directed at helping them disentangle whatever problems exist among various family members.

As a Sister social worker at the villa, I am continually made aware of human inadequacies in reaching these children and responding to their needs. It is a constant source of amazement to me to witness the depth of each child's suffering and to know that even in the most shattered of hearts is an undying belief in and hope for the future. Our children need to know of the Father's deep and personal love for each of them. But until they experience the consistent care and selfless concern of another person, they cannot begin to believe in a loving Father. Frequently, I recall the sage advice of a former teacher: "Speak more to God about your children than to your children about God."

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**DPC to Meet in Livonia**

Livonia — The Diocesan Pastoral Council will meet in St. Joseph's Haggerty Hall on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Included on the day's agenda will be a review of the annual reports of the diocesan departments. Led by members of the Ministerial Review Committee (MRC), Richard Wardell and John Brophy, the discussion will be based on the summaries of the departmental reports and the MRC's comments, which were contained in a 29-page document sent to members with their agendas.

The DPC also will hear a report from Msgr. George Cocuzzi on the permanent diaconate program which he heads; from Sister Ann Habershaw on the progress being made by the Parish Project Committee; and a

**BANQUET**

The Catholic Mission Guild has scheduled its annual May Banquet this year beginning with Mass at noon, Wednesday, May 13. The banquet will follow at the Knights of Columbus Building on the corner of Brooks Avenue and Thurston Road. For reservations those interested may call Mrs. Ernst, 458-9331 or Mrs. Croft, 621-1166.

report from the Priests has been named the Process Council committee studying for the Institutional and the closing and amalgamation Ministerial Changes Committee.

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Diocesan Intern Programs

The Intern Program for diocesan priests during their first three years after ordination is a department of the Personnel Division of the diocese.

The purpose of the program is to give the men entering ministry on a full-time basis the opportunity for total pastoral experiences under trained supervision. The diocese makes a financial commitment to the program by paying part of the deacon's salary.

The deacons, upon completing four years of theology and graduating from the seminary, are assigned to a qualified SALT (Supervisory and Leadership Training) trained supervisor in a parish for one year during which time the deacon is ordained to the priesthood. The deacon and his supervisor meet each week for at least one hour in a formal supervisory session. They work out together a contract setting forth goals for the year. Once a month the deacons meet with the director of the program, Father Edward Steinkirchner, as do their supervisors. The deacons also have a monthly day of recollection and a monthly workshop. Each intern has a committee of parishioners who offer support to him and serve as an evaluative group for the two formal evaluations done during the deacon year — "Evaluation/Feedback for Ministry." Soon after ordination to the priesthood and on completion of the year, the new priest moves to another assignment.

He is placed again with a SALT-trained supervisor for a three-year internship. The purpose is to help the newly ordained to ease into all facets of ministry and parish life with proper support and

direction. This is especially helpful during the weekly supervisory session. The priest interns meet with Father Steinkirchner one month, have a day of recollection the next month, a meeting with the director, then a workshop and the

cycle is again repeated. They, too, have an intern committee and a year-end evaluation. During each year, all the priest interns go to a major workshop together. The diocese pays half and the parish pays half. They are also directed to make another workshop of their choice. Twice a year the interns and their supervisors meet all together with the program director to discuss aspects of the program, progress made, problems to be worked out, and so forth.

The intern program as now constituted is completing its tenth year and 32 priests have completed four years of internship. There are 21 currently in the four-year program. So far as we know, the program is unique, especially as regards the support, the learning opportunities, the formal supervision, the contract, the lay committee, the evaluations. Many dioceses throughout the country have shown interest in the Rochester Intern Program.



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