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VACATION TIME

The Courier-Journal is going on vacation.

Our offices will be closed Friday, July 3, for Independence Day, and the entire week of July 6-11.

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Our offices will reopen Monday, July 13, and we will resume publishing Wednesday, July 22.

St. Bernard's Institute Plans To Start Courses in September

By Carmen J. Viglucchi

The new St. Bernard's Institute, described by its first director as "a school of pastoral studies," is planning to offer classes this September, although no formal agreement has yet been reached with Colgate Rochester Divinity School-Bexley Hall-Crozer Theological Seminary where it will be located.

Father Sebastian Falcone, named by the diocese to direct the fledgling institute, says it "represents something of a singular venture because no other program quite like this exists in the United States."

He said that a joint planning committee from both institutions is working out details of the affiliation and its work should be completed toward the end of July.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark earlier this year announced the closing of St. Bernard's Seminary and its priestly formation studies.

The institute, Father Falcone said, was brought into existence by vote of the seminary Board of Trustees at its April 27 meeting. He also disclosed that the institute will continue to work with the seminary alumni association.

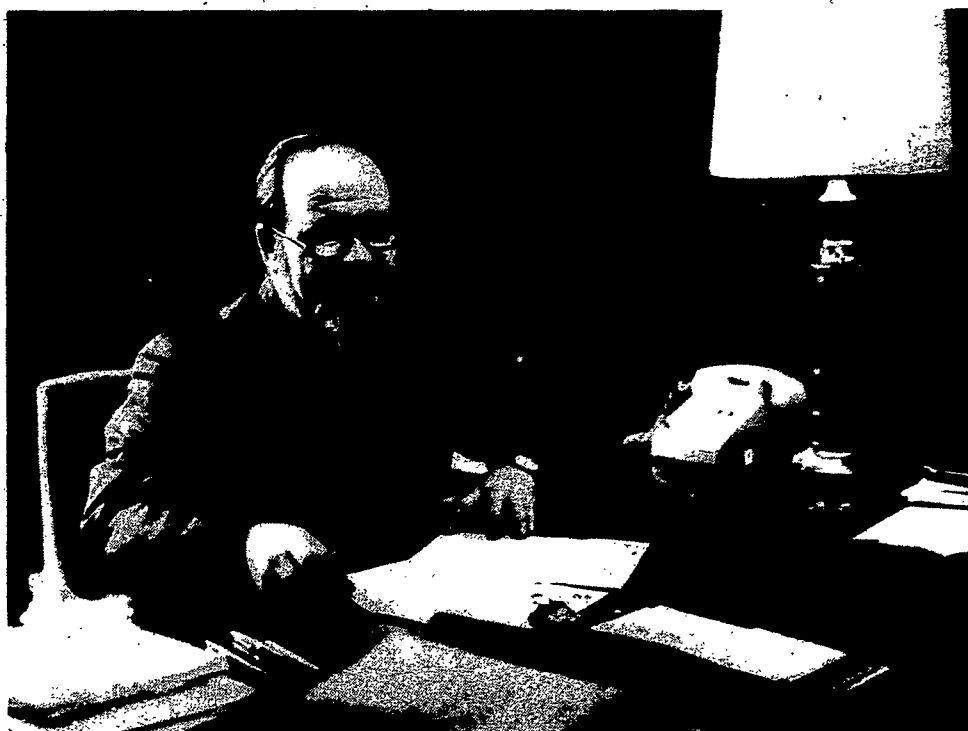


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Father Sebastian Falcone.

Father Falcone, who has been professor of Biblical Studies at St. Bernard's Seminary, explained that two basic ideas were used in establishing the institute — to continue some kind of Roman Catholic intellectual presence in this area by training scholars in the history and tradition of Catholicism and to continue to supply training in education to those who

need background in theology and ministry for service in this area.

The majority of the new institute's clientele will be lay people, Father Falcone said. He added that the institute will continue to provide service to those who were already in the MA program at the seminary. It will provide administrative service to those

who completed three years in the M.Div. program at the seminary but who will now have to finish their fourth year at some other institution. "When they finish their fourth year," he said, "we will accept their credits and grant their degrees."

And the institute will

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Commissioning Mass

Bishop Matthew H. Clark jovially embraces James Lund, above, one of 12 missionaries formally assigned to Tabasco, Mexico, during a Commissioning Mass last Wednesday night, June 24, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel. The 12 are travelling in two groups: The first left for Tabasco on Thursday, June 25, and includes Mary Elizabeth Young and Sisters Clare Brown, Carol Cimino, Susan Nowak and Marilyn Pray. The sixth member of the group, Martha Thompson, has been in Mexico since early June. The second group will leave on July 16 and includes Marilyn Bennett, Barbara Fagan, Mary Heidkamp, James Lund, David Young and Sister Margaret Mary Wintish. Below, Sister Cimino thanks Bishop Clark upon receiving a Mission Cross, which all were given during the Mass.



A Special Day Dawns

By John Dash

Timmy Hauck bounded into the house, bubbling over with excitement and adventures of a week at Camp Haccamo. Running first to his father, Roger, and his older brother, Tom, the youngster erupted in a language all his own the tales of summer camp and the story of an object, perhaps something he made, just large enough for him to carry in two hands. Repeatedly, for strangers in the house, he shaped the object with his hands, all the while joyously conversing in a tongue that carried the sounds of speech without the meaning.

Timmy is 11, the youngest child of Roger and Caryl Hauck, and a victim of Downs Syndrome. As Caryl tersely put it while gently smoothing her child's hair, "Timmy is trainable — but not educable."

However, Timmy is learning a number of things, including something that will bring him to a milestone July 5.

For one, this year he is being taught how to tell time



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Tickles from his brother Tom are part of the welcoming home ceremonies when Timmy returns from Camp Haccamo.

through the BOCES programs of the Greece Central School System; and for another, his family suspects that he may be able to communicate through a rudimentary sign language.

"It's surprising what he remembers," his father, an

electrician at Xerox Corp., said last week. Roger noted that Timmy is able to direct the family's route to a place he has been only once before.

"So many people underestimate the mentally retarded," Caryl mused.

One such person, however, who didn't was a next door neighbor, Pat Amato.

An incident occurred three years ago that will eventually result in an enormous celebration July 5.

Timmy was home with his

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