

Closing of St. Agnes High Draws Parental Protests

By Joan M. Smith

Last week, 370 St. Agnes students, their parents and teachers were told by Sister Anne Guerin, principal, the school would close in June. Within 24 hours of the announcement a parents meeting was called and 140 of them met at 6 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 28, at St. Helen's school on Hinchey Road.

They want satisfaction and answers to why they were not forewarned about the closing, said Mrs. Jean Dettman, a St. Agnes alumna and organizer of the meeting. Another question that needed answering, she said, was whether the building has been sold. According to a statement made last Friday by Sister Jasmine Riley, superior general of the Sisters of St.

Joseph of Rochester who run St. Agnes and Nazareth Academy, there has been no decision regarding the disposition of the building and adjacent convent.

The building's status has a bearing on what direction the parents' actions take in trying to save the school. Before the end of the meeting, said Mrs. Dettman, the theme was "save the school." Six committees were formed during the meeting and the first one, communications, went operable immediately. Members will be contacting Sister Jamesine Riley, the Board of Trustees and Bishop Matthew H. Clark during this week. If the building has not changed hands, the other committees — a methods committee that will be concerned with fundraising, a

publicity committee, an alumni committee, a futures committee that will contact the incoming freshmen class, and a recruitment committee that will reach out to the Catholic community — will go into action.

"We hope it isn't too late," said Mrs. Dettman. "We don't want to lose the school." She said that another parents meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m., this Sunday, March 7, at St. Helen's.

According to a news release issued by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, the reasons for closing the school were declining enrollment and the increasing deficit in the yearly operating budget. The high school hit a peak enrollment of 800 in 1973 and is now operating with its present 370 students.

A number of possibilities for keeping the school open were explored by the Board of Trustees, a lay advisory group and Sister Anne Guerin, principal, but they were not considered feasible. One such possibility, raising the \$900 yearly tuition, was discarded because it was thought that this move would put an education at St. Agnes High School beyond the reach of the majority of families whom the school has traditionally served.

In a letter to St. Agnes parents, Sister Jamesine Riley said, "If in justice we could have made any other decision, we would have."

Bishop Matthew Clark said that he knew well the difficulty of such decisions and the personal struggle of those who are faced with them, and added, "I am hopeful that many of the students of St. Agnes will be able to continue their education in another Catholic secondary school."

Discussions Scheduled in Hornell

Hornell — A Lenten program of television presentations and discussions will begin Wednesday evening, March 3, under the director of St. Ann's Parish Adult Education Committee.

The first three programs, March 3, 10 and 17, will be based on television presentations on channel 6 from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m., featuring Father John Powell, SJ.

Father Powell, nationally known author, lecturer and educator, will discuss "Jesus as I Know Him." Subjects will include "Who is Jesus?" "Believing in Miracles," "Saying 'Yes' to Faith," "Attitudes: the Control Center of Life," "What Does Jesus Think of a Sinner?" and "Save Your Heart for Love."

The series may be viewed in the library of St. Ann's School

where group discussions will follow.

St. Ann's Adult Education Committee is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones of Arkport. Assisting them in program planning are Mrs. Robert Argentieri of Arkport and Josephine Ciancaglioni of Hornell.

Rosary Now on Air For 32 Years in Row

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will lead the Family Rosary for Peace at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 5, as it begins its 33rd year on the air.

The 32nd anniversary will be observed Thursday, March 4, with a Mass celebrated during the program by its director, Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione.

The last six months have seen the nightly, live, half-

hour program expand into another diocese and increase its coverage halfway across the state as well as into the Southern Tier.

In October, its Buffalo outlet, WXRL, began carrying the program at 6:30 p.m., switching from its former late evening hour to increase its listening audience which now extends from Niagara Falls to Batavia.

More recently, WOIV-FM and WSIV-AM in Syracuse have joined the network, extending the coverage eastward as far as Utica.

Jesuit Leaders Gather

Rome (RNS) — Eighty-six provincial superiors and other top officials of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) met here with Pope John Paul II's personal delegate to their order.

According to a statement released by the Jesuits, the purpose of the meeting with Father Paolo Dezza was to "relay to whole Society of Jesus the pope's wishes regarding the society and to ponder how the society might best accede to these wishes."

The meeting outside Rome, which began Feb 13 to last until today (March 3) was not an assembly to elect a new superior general to replace Father Dezza, the pope's temporary replacement for Father Pedro Arrupe who suffered a stroke last August.

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