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Sister Anne Curtis To Make Final Vows Sister Anne Curtis, teacher Isaiah, "Go forth in joy," as

and minister at Our Lady of Mercy High School, will make profession of final vows as a Sister of Mercy during a celebration of the Eucharist, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23, in the chapel of the congregation's motherhouse on Blossom Road.

She has chosen a text from

Viewpoint Sisters Reflect

By Sister Monica Weis, SSJ

Disturbing The Peace

Teaching is disturbing business. It is disturbing to my students and to me, the instructor. It is disturbing because I must constantly struggle against my own tendency to vegetate in order to challenge a similar complacency in my students.

As a teacher of English composition — a specialist in critical thinking and writing --- part of my task is to raise questions, shake foundations, and create in my students a disequilibrium. I welcome the 28-yearold's tearful admission, "Nobody's looked at my work so closely before," and the 18-year-old's defensive whine, "But I've always been told I was a good writer."

Part of my task as teacher is to help students realize that their perceptions of reality are not clear-cut but fuzzy, that conventional categories are often merely labels for chaos, and that even language - which binds and fetters experience - leaps beyond boundaries into something that can never be captured fully in words. And part of my task is to help students discover that they are lost.

Is that painful? Scarey? You bet! Education is an exciting adventure into the unknown. But as a local poet says, "lostness breeds the theme of the rites at which her uncle, Father John Cavanaugh, CSB, will be the main celebrant.

Sister Anne is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. James F. Curtis of Ballston Lake, formerly of Rochester. Her parents and fixe brothers and sisters will present the gifts

experience of chaos can

Wordsworth well under-

stood this power of the

human imagination to reflect the divine act of

Creation. It was always in

moments of being lost that

he discovered the presence

of the sublime. From his

own experiences of

dissonance he realized the

importance of hope, of always moving toward the

"ever more about to be."

That same movement

from chaos to order, from

dissonance to hope, is what

education in the liberal/liber-

ating arts is all about. My

task is indeed a disturbing

one, fraught with the very

meaning of that Latin stem,

educare - to lead out from.

Somehow I must help

students to realize that at-

taining knowledge is never a

comfortable, complacent

arrival anywhere; rather,

knowledge must always be a

point of departure into the

Part of my task as teacher

is to share with my students

the challenge of the Great

Teacher: "I have come to

bring not peace but the

sword;" a Teacher who also

says: "I have come that you

may have Life and have it

Sister Monica Weis, SSJ,

is assistant professor of

English at Nazareth College,

'ever more to be."

more abundantly.'

(The Prelude, Book VI)

come new order and life.

during the Mass. The Sisters of Mercy Folk Group, coordinated by Sister Jody Kearney, will accompany the singing during the Mass.

A 1970 graduate of Car-dinal Mooney High School, Sister Anne received a BA in psychology from St. John Fisher College in 1974. She expects to complete work for a masters degree in theology this summer at it. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt.

Before entering the congregation in 1975, she taught at Our Lady of Mercy High School for a year. She is now in her eighth year teaching there. Four years ago she became campus minister at the school.

She resides at St. Andrew's

Teens to Give View of Their Lives After Separation

A unique program, given by teens of single-parent families for any interested person, will be presented 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Livonia Middle School, Livonia.

The presentation is sponsored by the diocesan Ministry to the Separated, Divorced and Widowed, and will deal with how teens from families split by divorce perceive their lives, and how they deal with the transitional time of divorce or separation.

Schedule Reunion

Nazareth College is planning its annual reunion from April 29 to May 1. Alumni from all classes are invited.

The theme is "If They Could See Us Now." Some of the schedule:

Sunday, May 1, worship on campus; activities for alumni and families. Further information is

available from 586-2525.

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convent and is a member of the congregation's vocations team, and its mercy and justice committee.

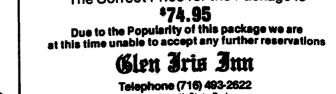
Her profession ring, inscribed with the Isaiah text, was handcrafted by Mercy postulant, Maureen Servas, art instructor at the high school.

According to Angela Gallo, director of the diocesan ministry, the presentation will be followed by a question and

hosted by Pam Masterson and Andrea Genthner of St. Joseph's in Livonia.

answer period.

The program will be presented by Jay Barrett, a single-parent father, and six teens. The event is being



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It is only within such a disequilibrium that a student truly learns; only within such a dissonance that a student shapes experience into a higher order. Only within such a disorder do any of us activate our imaginative energies to create a world of harmony and peace. From such an



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