

# Sister Anne Curtis To Make Final Vows

Sister Anne Curtis, teacher 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.

Isaiah, "Go forth in joy," as 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 five brothers and sisters will present the gifts

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 Cardinal 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 St. 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



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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.

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## THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER



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How can I help someone who is grieving?

You can help in a number of special ways. Through reaching out and offering support in the form of listening and presence you will help a great deal. Ask your friend how they are doing. Mention the deceased by name and allow the bereaved to continue discussion about the deceased if they wish. Many bereaved report feeling isolated. You can help by including them in your social groups. Contact with the grieving is most important during the period right after the death and in the three or four months following when the bereaved feel especially isolated. Reach out and make your presence felt.

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## Viewpoint Sisters Reflect



By Sister Monica Weis, SSI

## 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-year-old'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? Scary? You bet! Education is an exciting adventure into the unknown. But as a local poet says, "lostness breeds poems."

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

experience of chaos can come new order and life.

Wordsworth well understood 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." (The Prelude, Book VI)

That same movement from chaos to order, from dissonance to hope, is what education in the liberal/liberalizing 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 attaining knowledge is never a comfortable, complacent arrival anywhere; rather, knowledge must always be a point of departure into the "ever more to be."

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 more abundantly."

Sister Monica Weis, SSI, is assistant professor of English at Nazareth College.

## 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.

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

The program will be presented by Jay Barrett, a single-parent father, and six teens. The event is being hosted by Pam Masterson and Andrea Gentner of St. Joseph's in Livonia.

## 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:

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