

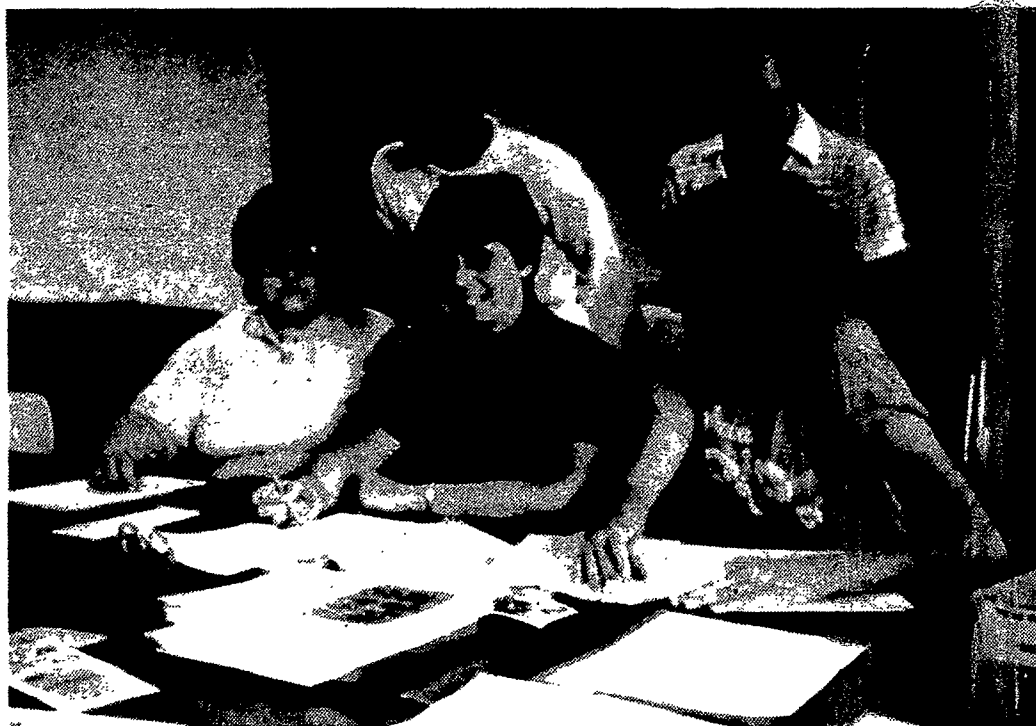
New Studies in Works For Diocesan Schools

By Sister Janice Morgan, SSJ

Over the past two to three years, various committees have been busy working on updates in the area of curriculum and long-range planning in our diocese.

This fall, we will introduce three new major programs in our schools. Last year, we wrote about our new School Self-Study — Shaping the Future. This year, a selected evaluation team will follow up this study by visiting the school and reporting on their findings. This gives the school an objective view, as well as their own. A team of three people will visit each of the five pilot schools, over a two-day period during the month of October. This concludes Part II of our project. The study extends over a period of seven years with updating and planning for the future.

The second major program we will present in early fall will be a new Computer Curriculum for grades k-8. A committee of nine teachers have worked on this curriculum over the past year and throughout the summer months. It consists of seven major areas: Components and Operation, History and Technology, Computer Programming Skills, Computer Application and Social Impact, Computer Related Careers, Computer Related



Among those working on the Computer Curriculum are (left to right) Janet Genthner, Sharon Krause, Sister Janice, Sister Sheila Marie Miller, and Eileen Malloy Desormeaux. Other committee members are Kathy Taylor, Patricia Sykes, Carol Saum, Mary Segerson and Jean McBrien.

Moral Issues, and Computer Vocabulary. The curriculum is slated to be completed in late August, with orientation meetings for early October. The committee will orient the classroom teacher as to its value and use. These meetings will be held in the Rochester and Southern Tier area of the diocese.

The third update in the area of curriculum is literature. A committee of six

teachers has researched over the past year and a half the latest of literature books to be used in grades K-8. This updated guide will offer a variety of books for k-3, 4, 6 and 7-8 levels. The committee emphasizes the need for students to read on their own, and also for classroom reading with the teacher. The committee also stresses the importance for students to read all kinds of literature

with an emphasis on the classics.

In the overview, and introduction, the suggestion is made to parents to follow up with good reading materials for their children over the summer months and vacation time. Our already established Literature Curriculum offers many excellent resources, and tips for the classroom teacher in this area. We hope these new updates will enhance our teaching techniques as we strive for continuous excellence in education.

BK Report:

Changes Effected During Summer

A report from Brother Brian Walsh, CFC, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, reveals a number of changes in the school being wrought this summer.

"Having received a substantial down payment toward the cost of replacing our roof, we will replace the roof on the school in two phases," he wrote.

"Phase one: this summer we will remove the roof on the main section of the school. The area to be removed is 43,000 square feet. New insulation will be placed over the metal deck and a rubber membrane roof system will be attached.

"Having gotten the roof we still will fund raise to pay for it.

"Phase two: the roof over the gymnasium and auditorium will be done in the summer of 1985."

He also noted that the offices for the deans of discipline will be enlarged and the gymnasium and auditorium are being painted and refurbished.

On the curriculum, Brother Brian said, "The fourth year curriculum in our Life Skills program will be developed. The Life Skills course in senior year is on personal financial management and consumer education. The Life Skills program has been phased in during a four-year time period. Grade nine is devoted to an introduction to high school and to growing as an adolescent, grade ten is computer literacy and grade eleven is career education."

Also under the heading of curriculum, Brother Brian

said that during this season "we will be implementing a new computer science course that will lead to new AP computer science course in 1985-1986."

And, he said, "We already have a four sequence in French, Spanish, German, Italian and Spanish. Our Spanish IV course has been accepted for college credit at Nazareth College in 1984-1985."

On personnel changes, Brother J.D. Concannon will join the staff as assistant

principal, Brother Brian said.

The Religious has a PhD in Urban Education from Fordham University and has taught in several schools in the New York City area as well as at Cardinal Farley Military Academy in Rhinebeck.

Brother J.L. Casey has been named superior of the religious community and as teacher of biology.

Brother J.M. Binkley will teach English and computer science after a six-year stint as principal of Power Memorial Academy in New York City.

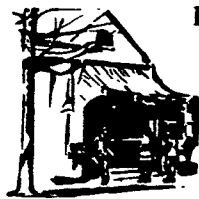
Sister Mary Joseph Zimmer, SSND, will rejoin the staff as teacher of vocal music.



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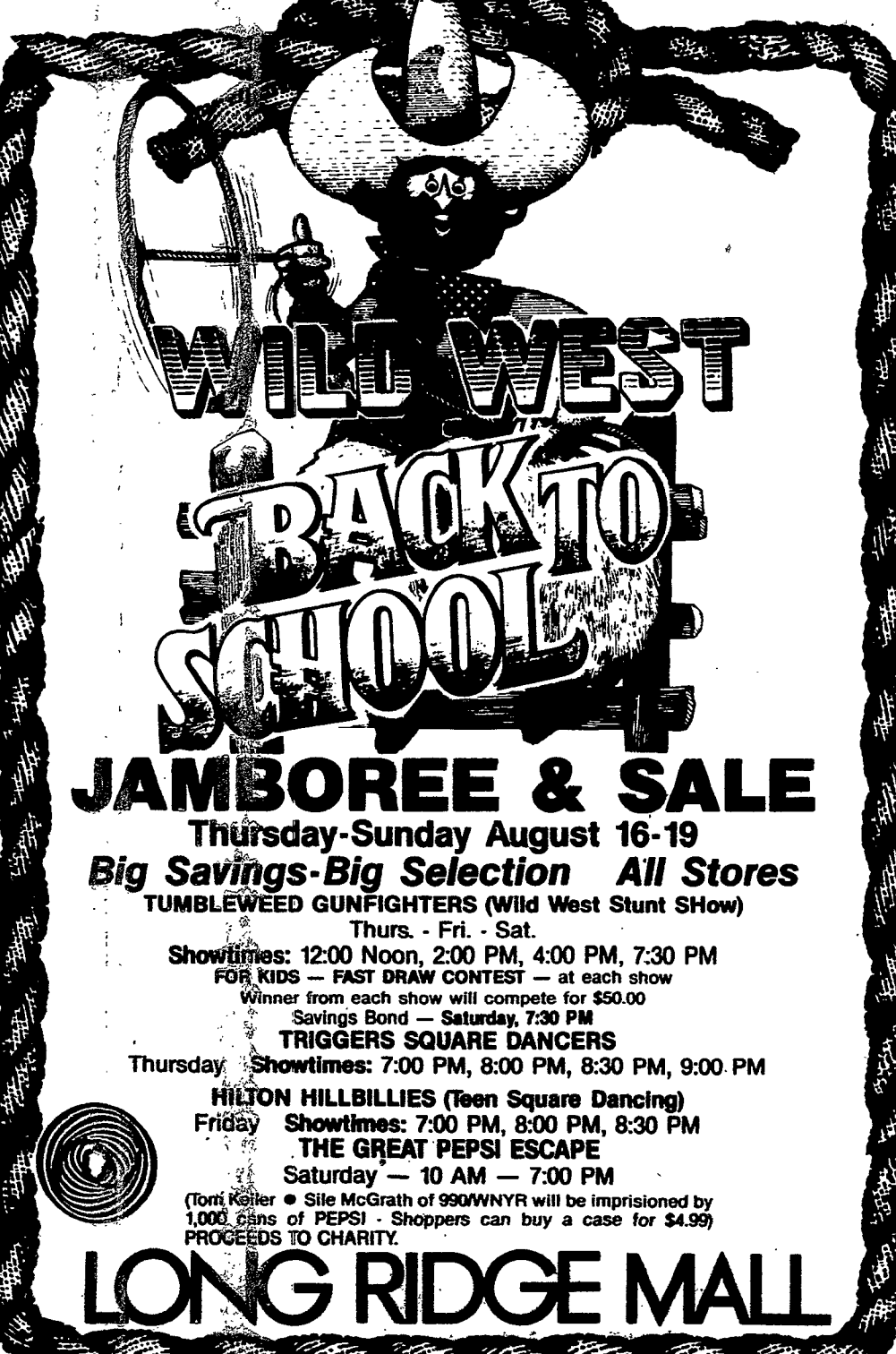
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