

Pastoral Assistants Conference

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somebody how to do this.' Up to a point, that can be helpful for some particular things. But for the most part, that's not so helpful, because each person we know has his or her own way of doing it."

John Engels, co-director of the Great Lakes Ministry Center and a teacher of pastoral theology at St. Bernard's Institute, conducted the workshop's first session on Wednesday, July 10. Looking back, Sister Anne Michelle recalled feeling discouraged by the statistics he presented on vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But by the end of the day, with reflection and additional information on the growing numbers of Catholics, she realized the numbers may also point toward a vibrant future for the Church.

"I got very excited about the future of the Church being the people," she said, comparing today's movement to the early Church, with its smaller, more tightly knit groups and reliance on every member of the

faith community. "If ever there was a time of the laity," Sister Brigid added, "this is it."

Margaret DeMeo, director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, was the second day's presenter, concentrating on the way today's family life will affect the parish of the future. Sister Pat Switzer, a new pastoral assistant at St. Joseph's in Penfield, said DeMeo brought a variety of speakers to describe different stages of family life, relating them to American culture and the culture of the Church.

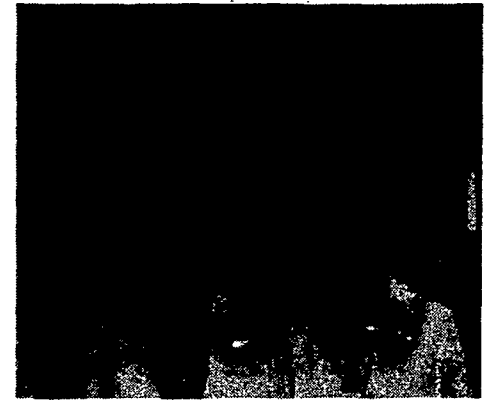
This was the fourth annual pastoral assistants' conference, attracting about 40 participants from all over the diocese. Topics for each week were chosen by the Pastoral Assistants' Association, while the logistics of the program were handled by the diocesan Office of Continuing Education and the Office of Personnel, according to Deacon Ken Scarcotta, director of continuing education.

Sister Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Sister Marie Cinotti, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, who is originally from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, recently celebrated her silver jubilee in North Providence, R.I. More than 200 family members and friends from New York and several other states gathered for the occasion.

The daughter of Christine and the late Louis Cinotti, she entered the order in 1959 and pronounced her final vows in 1965, when she was sent to Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton, Mass., her order's hospital for multiply handicapped children. After finishing her studies in nursing at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing, she continued her work as a head nurse at Kennedy until she was reassigned to the order's infirmary as nurse in charge.

In 1970, she became superior general and personnel director of Cardinal Hayes Home for children in Millbrook, N.Y. Then in 1973, she was appointed novice directress, a post that took her to Rome and Switzerland for meetings of the order's formation personnel. Sister Marie returned to Cardinal Hayes Home when her term as novice directress was finished, serving as local



coordinator and religious education coordinator.

This year Sister Marie was elected a provincial councillor of the U.S. province of her order and local coordinator of Holy Family Convent in North Providence.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary are a community of women religious dedicated to worldwide missionary work. They claim more than 9,000 members representing 65 nationalities serving in 74 countries.

Deadline Extended

Since we have received only a few entries for our youth photo contest and we wish to give everybody a fair chance, the deadlines for the two themes announced in previous issues have been extended as follows: School's Out — July 31; Backyard Sports — August 9.



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Camp Canceled

The Nazareth College Computer Camp scheduled for Monday, July 8 through July 26 has been canceled according to James Erickson, a spokesman for the college.

Correction

Ruth Friday Courtney was incorrectly identified as Ruth Friday in the June 26th issue of the Courier-Journal. She is the new president of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing alumnae association.

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