

St. Bernard's institute expands faculty, semester's course list

St. Bernard's Institute will add four new adjunct faculty members to its instructional staff this fall to accommodate the growing number of students who are enrolling in the institute's programs.

"While we are pleased with the priests and sisters enrolled in our programs, the increased interest in theological study among lay people comes at a time in the history of the Church when it is most needed," said Jura Litchfield, director of development at St. Bernard's. "No longer can we rely on a steady stream of religious vocations to provide all the leadership and service needed in the church. The mission of St. Bernard's is to provide professional training for all individuals who qualify for ministry."

Among the students this fall will be a mix of priests, sisters, lay ministers, administrators, scholars, teachers and candidates for ordination as permanent deacons, together with a group of auditors who wish to study scripture, history or theology on a non-degree basis.

A total of 14 courses will be offered this fall, representing the largest course offering for a single semester since the institute's formation in 1981 on the Colgate Rochester campus.

"The heartbeat of an educational institution is its faculty," remarked Father Sebastian Falcone when announcing the new appointments. "Here, the faculty commitment is to theology as an understanding of

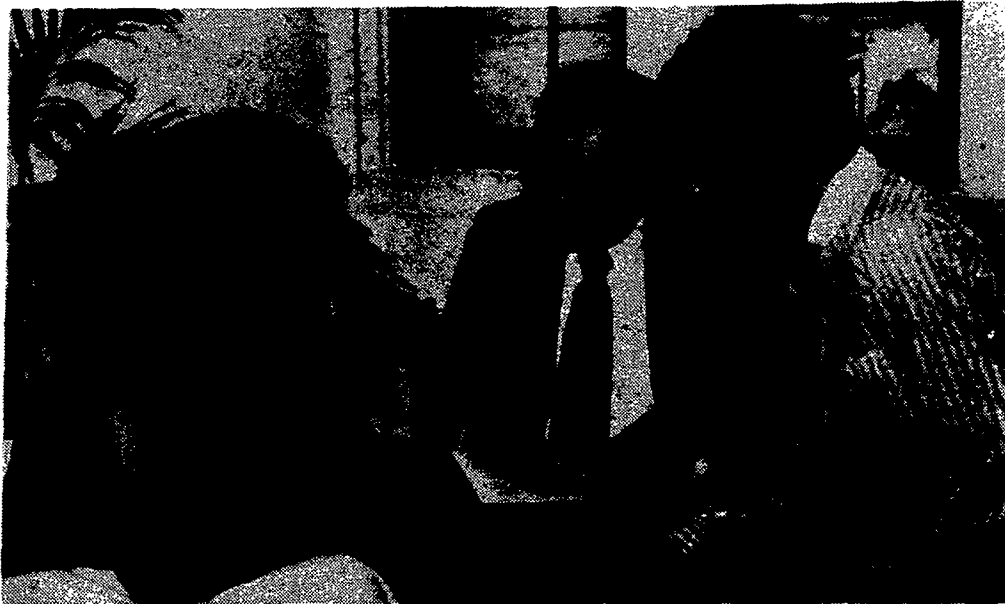
the faith experience and to professional ministry as a service to the human community."

Stephen Seleman, who holds a doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University and another in civil law from Boston College, will teach "Existentialism: Philosophy and Theology through Literature" on Monday evenings. The course will explore Kierkegaard, Marcel, Buber, Sartre and Camus for possible paths to God.

Sister Mary Sullivan, professor of literature and dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Father Thomas Mull, director of the diocesan Office of Liturgy, will teach a two-semester course on preaching and liturgy. "The Act of Christian Preaching" will consider the purpose and forms of Christian proclamation; "Pastoral Principles of Liturgy" will consider the dynamics of effective worship.

"The Ministry of Christian Formation" will probe the meaning and objectives of Christian education. The course will focus on the learner and trace how learning theory becomes moral theory, and intellectual development becomes faith development. The instructor will be Stephen Graff, who, in addition to earlier degrees, is a degree candidate in religious studies at Syracuse University and a degree candidate in ministry studies at St. Bernard's.

Other fall offerings include: "Israelite



Deirdre Hetzler welcomes new graduate students David Lortscher and Lee Chase to St. Bernard's Institute.

Prophecy from the Eighth Century to the Exile;" "The Fourth Gospel;" "Theology of Luke-Acts;" "Faith, Revelation and Religion" (a two-semester course); "Christology;" "Moralists on the Cutting Edge;" "Sin, Forgiveness and Healing;" "Social Ministry" (offered in Rochester and

Horseheads); "Self-Discovery in Ministry;" and "Mutual Ministry."

Registration dates are August 27 and 28. Classes begin September 5. Call (716)271-1320 or write: St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

Nazareth Academy begins its 115th year

Nazareth Academy, Rochester's oldest high school, will open its doors September 4 for the 115th time to begin the 1985-86 school year.

Two new members have been added to the administrative team, representing the creation of one new position. Dr. Barbara Mitrano assumes the office of assistant principal for curriculum. This position was created as a result of a realignment of responsibilities. Mary Rose McCarthy has been named new assistant principal for student affairs. She replaces Sister Magdalena Kellner in that position, as Sister Magdalena resumes teaching responsibilities

in the science and foreign language departments after a three-year stint in administration. Mitrano and McCarthy are the first lay persons to be administrators at Nazareth, which is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

Several new members have been added to the faculty. Mary Leister, Linda Caputo and Patricia Bittner join the science department; Rose Merrell-Richards joins guidance; Geraldine Tortora will teach business; Patricia Morrell will teach instrumental music; Mery Beth Viel and Barbara Murphy will join the Fundamental Learning Skills program; and Sister Marilyn Pray will rejoin

the religious studies department after a one-year absence.

The dance, teen-sexuality-counseling and leadership-training programs begun last year will continue. The leadership seminars will be expanded, as Nazareth links with Greece Athena High School for a leadership workshop on September 17.

Freshmen students will have a two-day orientation seminar on September 4 and 5. According to Nazareth Principal Sister Elaine Englert, the workshop is aimed at educating ninth graders to the academic expectations of Nazareth, study skills and availability of student services. "We want

ninth graders to know that we have high expectations of them," she said. "At the same time, they need to know that we put all sorts of services and helping persons at their disposal." Upperclasswomen will not report to school until Friday, Sept. 6.

Teacher workshops will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, when the faculty will explore this year's theme: "Dare To Dream — Free To Serve." A faculty luncheon, provided by the academy's Parents' Club, will be included, and reports will be given by various faculty committees that have been working during the summer.

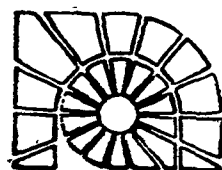
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Activities: As part of the over-all educational process, the student activity program forms an integral part of school life. Each student is strongly urged to participate and to develop his or her talents in some of the many activities sponsored by the school. The band, color guard, debate and oratory, spring musical, newspaper, ski club, and student government are a sampling. In addition to a complete physical educational program and strong intramural program, the school sponsors teams in all major sports.

Open House
Sunday, November 17, 1-4 p.m.
Entrance Exam
Saturday, January 11, 1986

Of the 1200 students in the school, 50% are from Irondequoit, 25% from the City of Rochester and 25% from other localities through the Rochester area. Inquire: 342-4000, Mr. Gerard Farrell