

Educator

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she prefers a balance between the two approaches to a return to the days of question-and-answer catechism.

"The Church's thinking is entirely different now," she explained. "Children learn more about their faith. They used to just go to church and sit and never say anything. Now we get the children to participate ... I think it makes them more aware of what's going on."

Sacramental preparation in particular has become more practical and more meaningful for children, Miss Mahaney believes. "We used to have confession before first Communion, and the poor things were so confused. It was so difficult to explain to them, and they were so frightened to go into the confessional," she recalled. "Then, if they didn't know their Act of Contrition, the priest would jump right on them and they'd come out all upset."

Not only teaching methods but children have also changed over the years. "Television and all the things they have have made a big difference with youngsters today," she explained. "Children now have a lot more possibilities, but they also want so much more. Back then, they seemed more contented with what they had."

In general, Miss Mahaney believes children nowadays are more difficult to interest in catechism class, particularly once they reach adolescence. "Around junior-high age it gets difficult, especially with boys," she said. "They just don't seem to have the interest. Sports and

other things begin to mean more.

"Of course a great deal depends on their home life," she added. "More parents are busier with more things, so often there's no time to sit down and go through lessons with the children."

On the other hand, she pointed out, today's parents are much more involved than their predecessors were with sacramental preparation and serving parish ministries as lectors, eucharistic ministers, parish council members and catechists.

Keeping up with developments in religious education poses particular obstacles for those who work in rural parishes. Apart from monthly regional meetings of religious educators, most workshops and seminars are offered in Rochester, an hour and a half away. "I often wish I was closer to Rochester. I get literature from the diocese and read about all these things I'd like to attend, but after all, I am 83 years old," she said. "When I do go, I'm usually the only coordinator from the country."

Miss Mahaney considers stepping down as religious education coordinator almost every year. Yet she knows a replacement will be difficult to find, and at the same time, she still feels needed. Because she is both well-known and well-versed in Church issues and teaching, parents and other parishioners often come to her with questions they otherwise might never raise. "People will call and ask about what their kids learn in class," she said. "They know me, so they feel freer to come to me than maybe to the teacher. That's one reason I feel may be I should keep doing it as long as I can."

Applications for CHD grants now available through diocese

Application materials for the 1988 Campaign for Human Development (CHD) national grants are now available from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. The following types of projects meet CHD's guidelines. They must be controlled by groups with at least 50 percent low-income presentation: innovative projects which address basic causes of poverty by effecting changes in laws, policies or institutions; and innovative projects designed to develop economic strength and political power within low-income communities.

Currently, only requests of more than \$10,000 will be accepted. The average national grant size is \$28,000.

CHD funds projects that enable people of all races, creeds, geographic regions and backgrounds to work together for long-range solutions to poverty. Projects encompass critical areas of social and economic development, housing, health, legal aid, education and communication. CHD makes grants to groups in which those who benefit from the project must have the dominant voice in planning, implementation and policy-making for the project.

The campaign was established in 1970 by the United States Catholic bishops as an education action program to combat domestic poverty. Each year a collection is taken up in Catholic churches throughout the country for this purpose. A total of \$6.5 million will be given out to 216 groups in 1987-88.

All groups interested in applying to the

Campaign for Human Development are required to submit a pre-application by November 1, 1987. Projects that meet the minimum criteria and guidelines will be encouraged to submit a full application by January 31, 1988.

For pre-application forms and criteria call Giovina Caroscio at (315)789-2686, Ken Mahar at (716)546-4894 or Kathy Dubel at (607)734-9784.

Course on Constitution offered at Nazareth College in September

America's 200-year-old Constitution will be the subject of a new personal enrichment course to be offered this fall by the Center for Lifelong Learning at Nazareth College of Rochester.

The course, entitled "The Constitution and the Supreme Court," will examine how the Constitution was conceived and born and will take an in-depth look at some of the landmark decisions the Supreme Court has made in interpreting the document.

E. James Hickey, attorney, will teach the course from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on eight Wednesdays beginning September 30. Classes will be held in the Rare Book Room of the Lorette Wilmot Library at Nazareth College, 4245 East Ave., Rochester.

The fee for the non-credit course is \$35. Registration can be made by contacting the Nazareth College Continuing Education Office at (716)586-2525, ext. 400.

Witness of Nazi death camps to deliver lecture at Fisher

Jan Karski, a Polish courier whose eyewitness accounts of a Nazi death camp fell upon deaf ears of world leaders in 1943, will be speaking at St. John Fisher College this month as part of the Skalny Lecture and Artist Series for Fisher's Institute of Polish Studies.

Karski, a professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, served in the Polish underground during World War II. He played a vital role in alerting world leaders, including Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, to the terrible plight of the European Jews.

Karski will speak on two successive nights. He will deliver a lecture entitled, "Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin; Secret Wartime Diplomacy Concerning Eastern Europe (1940-1945): An Author's Lecture," on Thursday, September 24. On Friday, September 25, "The Message That Was Delivered But Not Heard," will deal with his persistent efforts to persuade the Allied

leaders. Both talks will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Room 135 of St. Basil Hall on the Fisher campus, 3690 East Ave., Rochester.

After the war, Karski went into teaching and has been at Georgetown University since 1952.

An author, Karski related his war activities in the book, "Story of the Secret State," which was published in 1944.

Abused women's group to host annual meeting in October

Alternatives for Battered Women will hold its annual meeting at Poor Richards Pub on Tuesday, October 6.

The guest speaker will be Gwen Wright, who is director of community education for the New York State Task Force for Battered and Formerly Battered Women.

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