

# Hospitals

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ing at how their institutions can offer more types of outpatient care services, he said.

"You can't take the 1950s engine and tune it in the new race," Philbin remarked of current hospital administration. "You have to get a new car."

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is already turning out dozens of new models on a home-based, health-care assembly line that runs from one end of Long Island to the other.

Thirty-five parishes in the diocese coordinate volunteer nurses and paid health-care aides in an ongoing effort to offer low-cost home health care to residents within each parish's boundaries. The program was explained by a panel of parish and diocesan representatives during a Thursday afternoon session.

The home health-care program began about four years ago after the diocese had found that many people, especially the elderly, needed assistance with such essential activities as daily bathing and eating, said Nancy D. Healey, parish outreach developer for Catholic Charities of Rockville

Centre.

The diocese learned that elderly patients were not being taken care of after being discharged from hospitals, and the families of disabled people were unable to afford proper home care. "We found there were a lot of gaps (in health care)," Healey commented.

Today, Rockville Centre's Catholic Charities, along with other agencies and health-care organizations, provides curriculum materials and training for parishes that want to start health-care outreach programs.

In the Long Island program, parishes

recruit from their congregations a number of nurses who visit people in their homes and assess their health-care needs, panelists said. After this assessment is made, clients are matched with health-care aides who have been trained through free parish-sponsored education sessions or at such alternate sites as local clinics.

Aides are paid \$6 an hour to take care of clients, many of whom cannot afford the higher-priced care offered by private agencies, said Diane Bronson, R.N., home care coordinator for St. John Nepomucene Parish in Bohemia.

Bronson said that clients unable to pay the fee are not turned away, and that families often split the cost of care with their parish. Catholic Charities or the parishes will pick up the entire cost when necessary, she said.

"This is the cheapest form of home care available out there," noted Ginny O'Connell, a volunteer nurse with the Smithtown parish of St. Patrick's, which served as the pilot parish for the home aide program.

Bronson agreed with O'Connell's sentiments, observing that "private agency fees are extremely high," and that private aides usually only come to homes within a four-hour period during the day.

The panelists also observed that the parish-outreach programs mostly employ single mothers and elderly women who need the extra income. The home aide program is offered to all residents within a participating parish's boundaries, regardless of religious affiliation, panelists said.

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## Virginia Ouweleen, Catholic-education advocate

ROCHESTER — Virginia J. Ouweleen, former president of the Rochester Chapter of the Federation of Catholic School Parents and a longtime champion of Catholic education, died from lung cancer Wednesday, May 23, 1990. She was 59 years old.

"She was a woman of great faith and devotion to the Catholic Church and Catholic education," said Kathy Lynd, a close friend of Mrs. Ouweleen's for 20 years. "Her greatest gift was her intellect, and the way she used it to help Catholic education."

Born in Rochester on Aug. 2, 1930, Mrs. Ouweleen was graduated from St. Margaret Mary's School and Our Lady of Mercy High School before earning a bachelor of arts degree in sociology at Nazareth College. She later received a master's degree in social work from what was then the University of Buffalo — known today as the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Soon after receiving her master's

degree, Mrs. Ouweleen, a parishioner of St. Ambrose, began working at The Children's Convalescent Hospital on Scottsville Road, while also serving as a consultant to the Rochester City School District.

She served as president of the Rochester Chapter of the Federation of Catholic School Parents from its foundation in the early 1980s until it was disbanded in 1988. She was also active in the parents' federation at the state level.

Among her many efforts to further Catholic education, Mrs. Ouweleen was responsible for starting and organizing the annual Catholic Schools Marathon. She also served on the board of governors at Our Lady of Mercy High School, and as chairwoman of the school board at St. Ambrose.

For the past 11 years, Mrs. Ouweleen served as administrator of religious education at Holy Spirit Parish.

"I'll always remember her keen intellect and her sense of humor," said Sister Ellen

Galvin, SSJ, religious-education coordinator at Holy Spirit Church. "She was a great organizer, a great leader. She brought out the best in people, and she touched a lot of lives here."

Several hundred people attended a Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Ouweleen at St. Ambrose Church on Tuesday, May 29. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Gina Ouweleen Religious Education Fund at Holy Spirit Church or to St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Ouweleen was pre-deceased by her husband, William F. Ouweleen, who was vice president of St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, 1500 Portland Ave.

She is survived by four sons and two daughters-in-law, William and Nancy, Kevin and Jennifer, and Mark and Michael Ouweleen; brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Rosaline Jones; as well as several nieces and nephews.

— Richard A. Kiley

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