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her Social Security checks, she commented.

Along with the housing specialist, the case manager will also find out where support groups for disabled people meet near clients, Dechaine said, adding that loneliness is sometimes a problem for handicapped people living on their own for the first time.

Finally, the independent living skills teacher will instruct the clients in such areas as setting up a kitchen, making up a budget and opening a bank account, she said.

Project Support will help clients deal with the "bureaucracy" that often scares them from attempting to live on their own, according to Sherry Shaw. Shaw is a volunteer social worker who co-wrote the Project Support grant application with Dechaine, and who sits on the CFC's disabled department committee.

Shaw, who has spinabifida, said listening to the woes of her own clients who wanted to live on their own but couldn't compelled her to work on the grant application.

One such inadequacy shows up when middle- or higher-income clients who want to live independently apply for various governmental aid programs for which they are ineligible because of their income level. Dechaine said Project Support will be available to any disabled person on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of income level.

Dechaine and Shaw noted disabled people who want to live independently often have to pay several hundred dollars a month to obtain the services of home aide. "If you get reliable attendant care, living alone becomes feasible," Dechaine said.

But the expenses of such care can eat into the budget of any disabled person, many of whom are unaware or unable to figure out how to offset the expense of costly care by applying for such programs as food stamps, they both commented.

Shaw also remarked that many disabled people get tired of being referred from one social worker to the next when attempting to obtain help in independent living. Shaw noted that she worked in one agency where

her client had once dealt with 20 representatives from 10 different agencies in order to "sort out a problem."

Shaw said much of the effort of the Project Support case manager will be spent on consolidating a lot of the time and energy that a disabled person might expend attempting to find out social service information.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Project Support needs donations of such household items as furniture for clients who will be unable to afford such goods. For information, call Dechaine at 716/546-7220, ext. 506.

Sister Mary Eligius Schneggenburger, 80; former teacher at St. Margaret Mary's School

Sister Mary Eligius Schneggenburger, SSND, who taught at St. Margaret Mary School in Rochester from 1964-70, died in Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn., on Friday, Aug. 10, 1990. She was 80 years old.

Born on Feb. 28, 1910 in Buffalo, Sister Mary Eligius entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame from St. Mary's Parish. A professed member of the order for 58 years, Sister Eligius served as an elementary teacher for 47 years. She came to St. Margaret Mary's in Rochester from St. Mary's Parish in East Islip, N.Y.

After leaving the Rochester parish, she

Father Stanislaus H. Bialaszewski, 83

Father Stanislaus H. Bialaszewski, commonly known as Father "Whitey" to many of his friends and parishioners, died in Elmira on Saturday, Aug. 25, 1990, after a long illness. He was 83 years old.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at St. Hyacinth's Church, Auburn, on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Father Bialaszewski was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn.

Father Bialaszewski was born in Auburn on May 6, 1907, to the late Frank and

Alexandria Bialaszewski. After attending elementary school in Auburn, he prepared for the priesthood at St. John Kanty College, Erie, Pa., and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester. Father Bialaszewski was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, on June 11, 1932, by Bishop John F. O'Hern.

Following his ordination, he served as assistant pastor at St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, and St. Casimir's, Elmira. In 1936, he became administrator of St. Stanislaus Church, Bradford, and St. Joseph's, Campbell. From 1965 until his retirement in 1977, Father Bialaszewski was chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Center in Bath.

Known as a humble, zealous and outgoing priest, Father Bialaszewski was sensitive to those with whom he came in contact. No one ever felt self-conscious in his presence. He was a model of patience during his protracted illness and a source of inspiration to anyone who visited him.

Father Bialaszewski is survived by a brother, John Bialaszewski; a sister-in-law, Victoria Bialaszewski; as well as several nieces, nephews, greatnieces and greatnephews.

moved to Brooklyn to teach at St. Matthias School from 1970 until her retirement in 1978.

She came to the motherhouse in Wilton later that year.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Eligius was celebrated on Aug. 13, in the SSND motherhouse chapel in Wilton. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bethel, Conn.

Donations in memory of Sister Mary Eligius may be made to: SSND Development Fund, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, Conn., 06897.

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ington, Ky., said he would like to see the proposed pastoral letter on women tabled.

"I think it would be unwise to issue the document in November," he said.

He said that in the second draft the bishops are "not facing the issues as squarely as we need to."

"The whole issue of equality is enunciated more clearly than ever before, but in its application we use gender to justify what seem to be inequalities," such as prohibiting women from being ordained to the priesthood, said Bishop Hughes.

If the letter is approved in its present form, the bishop said, "it has the possibility of upsetting many women." The effect on the church "would be hard to gauge ... but we rely on the expertise of

women for practically all of our apostolates," he said.

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker of New Ulm, Minn., said he planned to vote in November to table the proposed pastoral letter on women.

It has "raised consciousness of women's issues on church and society and identified sexism as sinful," but doesn't say "enough about patriarchy in the church," said Bishop Lucker.

In the proposed pastoral "we say women are equal in creation, in redemption and in call to holiness. Then we get to the fact that women for centuries have been treated unequally in the church. It's hard to admit we've been wrong," he said.

He said some two-thirds of women he has met with in the New Ulm Diocese since the second draft was released favor tabling the pastoral.

"These are not folks on the far ends of the spectrum. These are good solid Catholic people who want to do what's right.... If we publish the document substantially as is, it will further polarize us as church in this country," he said.

Bishop Walter F. Sullivan of Richmond, Va., said he, too, opposed publication of the bishops' pastoral letter on women.

He cited "too many ambiguities" in the second draft of the pastoral and a "need for much more dialogue" on the issues of "anthropology, equality, complementarity and patriarchal systems."

Bishop Sullivan said the second draft's treatment of women's ordination wasn't so much a concern to him as was the "birth control question."

"I'd like to know why that's a women's issue and not a male-female issue," he said.

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