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As a councilor Sister Bansack said she while we will the other admensurators m "sizing the overall responsibility."

"There is not realin a firm job description." Sister Binsack said. She added that specific games will not be solidified until siter the administrative team meets for the first time

For the past eight years Sister Binsack mas served as diocesan director of faith development ministry, overseeing the Depariment of Evangelization and Catechesss and the Department of Catholic Schools. She was also director of religious education from 1981 to 1989 and temporan supermendent of schools during the 1991-92 school year.

Although Sister Binsack is looking forward to her new role with the Sisters of Mercy, she said she will miss working at the Pastoral Center.

"I love the position, and I love the people I work with Yes. It is hard to leave something vou ve enjoyed for so long." Sister Binsack commented.

At the same time. Sister Binsack said



Matthew Scott/Staff photographer

At a reception in her honor June 18, Sister Mary Ann Binsack (right) receives best wishes from Mary Louise Kime, principal of Holy Trinity School, Webster.

her job has "had its ups and downs." She oversaw the creation of a diocesan-controlled school system during a period in which several schools were closed or consolidated.

*The vision of having a Catholic school system was very forward. We were really trying to ensure the future of Catholic schools in this diocese," Sister Binsack said. "I think the down part was convincing people that the closing of school buildings did not mean the end of Catholic schools."

Sister Binsack's diocesan position will not be immediately filled. Her duties will be divided between Maribeth Mancini, diocesan director of evangelization and catechesis, and Timothy Dwyer, superintendent of Catholic schools.

Mancini will serve as the chief liaison for all areas of faith development ministry except schools. She said that her largest added responsibility will be to coordinate Synod goal No. 1 – lifelong faith formation. She will work with St. Bernard's Institute in developing and continuing programs to address the goal.

Meanwhile, Dwyer will represent Faith

Development Ministry on the diocesan Stewardship Council. Dwyer added that although his duties as schools superintendent won't change, "I would like to be more visible to youth ministry and religious education - things going on in Maribeth's department."

Mancini and Dwyer said that Sister Binsack's position will remain unfilled pending results of the strategic planning process. Over the next 12 months, diocesan officials will reassess Pastoral Center staffing and its relation to strategic planning at the parish level.

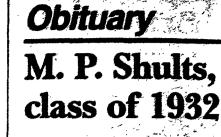
"There's been no discussion of eliminating the position completely. Everybody's keeping an open mind," Dwyer said.

Both Mancini and Dwyer spoke highly of Sister Binsack, their outgoing supervisor.

"She's been a great leader. She's been a mentor and a very empowering person," Mancini commented.

"She has been a close friend as well as a boss," Dwyer stated. "She's been tremendously attentive to detail, which has been a help to all of us."

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Mabel Perdue Shults 86, an alumna and longtime supporter of Nazareth College, died April 29. 1997, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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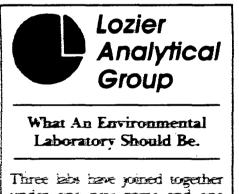
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