

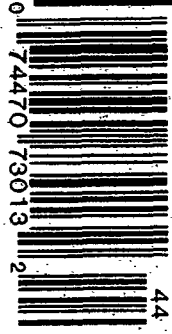
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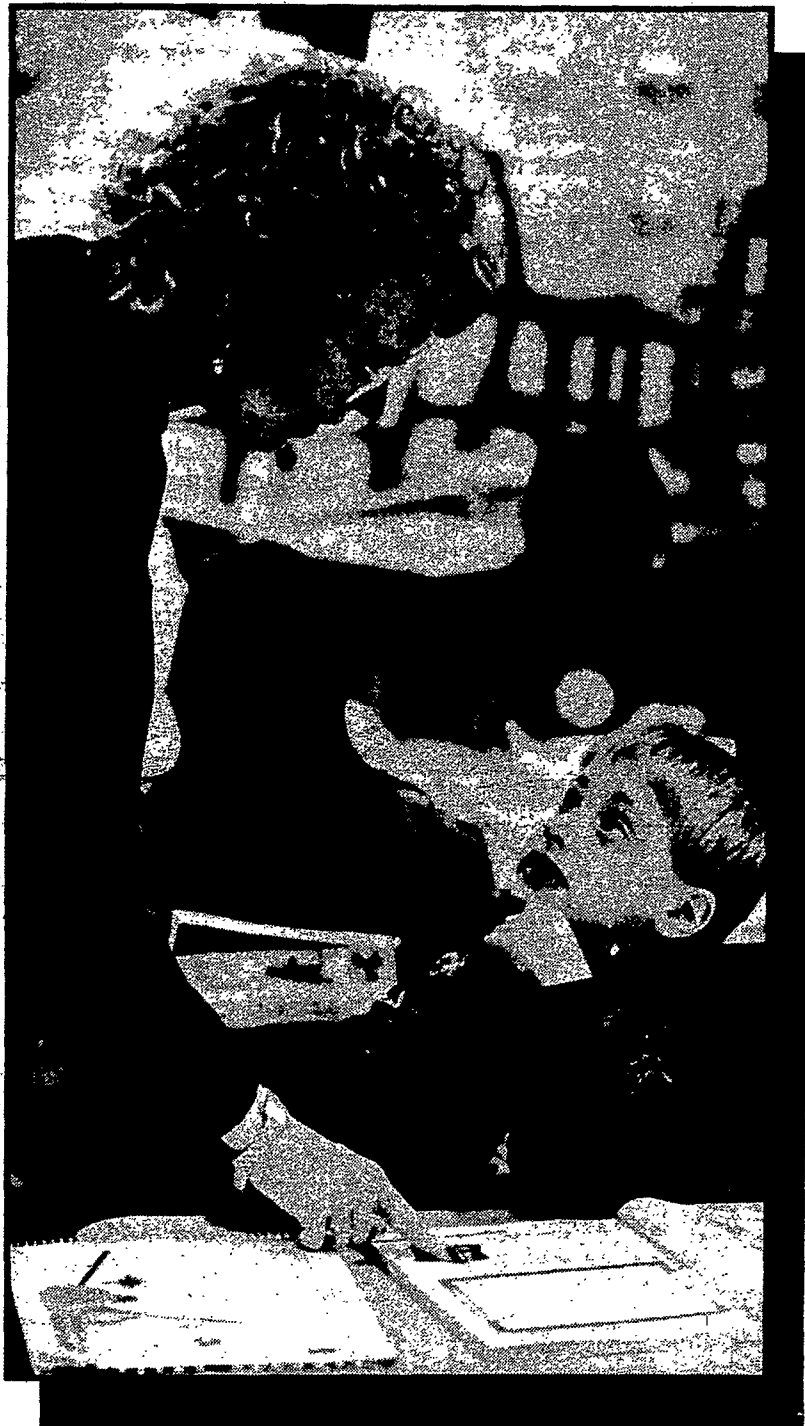


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Above, volunteer religious education teacher Joan Hanna leads a first-grade class in study Oct. 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton. At far left, teacher Beth Beato helps Anthony Joseph, 7, in her second-grade class at Lourdes. At left, Jillian Malley, 7, attempts to answer a question posed by Beato.

## Catechist formation

### Rochester takes the lead

There's an old saying that you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink.

Among catechetical leaders, a related question might be: You can invite a catechist to ongoing formation, but how do you make him or her go?

The question may arise more frequently, as the state's bishops are issuing a new plan for catechist formation and the Diocese of Rochester has stepped up its offerings.

Roberta Kukiela, catechetical leader at St. Hyacinth Parish, Auburn, came up with her own means of encouragement: Provide them with a picnic lunch.

"Because they serve our parish, I wanted to serve them in turn," explained Kukiela. "You have to treat them like gold."

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