

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE
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Sisters And Teacher

Enjoy Mission Work Here



Sisters DeLourde, Therese, Colette and Elish and Miss Pat Bitonti have been teaching at the Summer School of Religion for St. Theresa's and Meherrin Catholic Churches.

The Summer School of Religion at St. Theresa's and Meherrin Catholic Churches, held June 18-30, has been guided by the instruction of four Sisters and a teacher, all from Cleveland, Ohio, in addition to the pastor, Father Urban Dummer.

Sisters DeLourde, Therese, Colette and Elish, of the Order of Incarnate Word, and Miss Patricia Bitonti, who teaches in the parochial school system of Cleveland, Ohio, have been providing three hours of catechetical study and handicraft daily for approximately 83 children in both area Catholic churches.

The Bible school program has consisted of one hour of teaching religion, a half an hour of recess and refreshment, one hour of arts, crafts and music related to the class of religion,

followed by Mass.

Students from Longwood have assisted with the music by playing guitars, with the children attending the Bible school participating in reading and serving.

According to Sister Therese, this is the fourth or fifth year members from the Order of Incarnate Word have been in the Farmville area.

The Order, consisting of about 80 Sisters, is primarily geared toward education, with these particular four Sisters teaching in the parochial school system of Cleveland and its suburbs during the year.

In the summer, the Sisters do mission work in three states, specifically, in Kentucky, catechetical and camp work; in Pennsylvania, working with blind; and in Virginia, cateche-

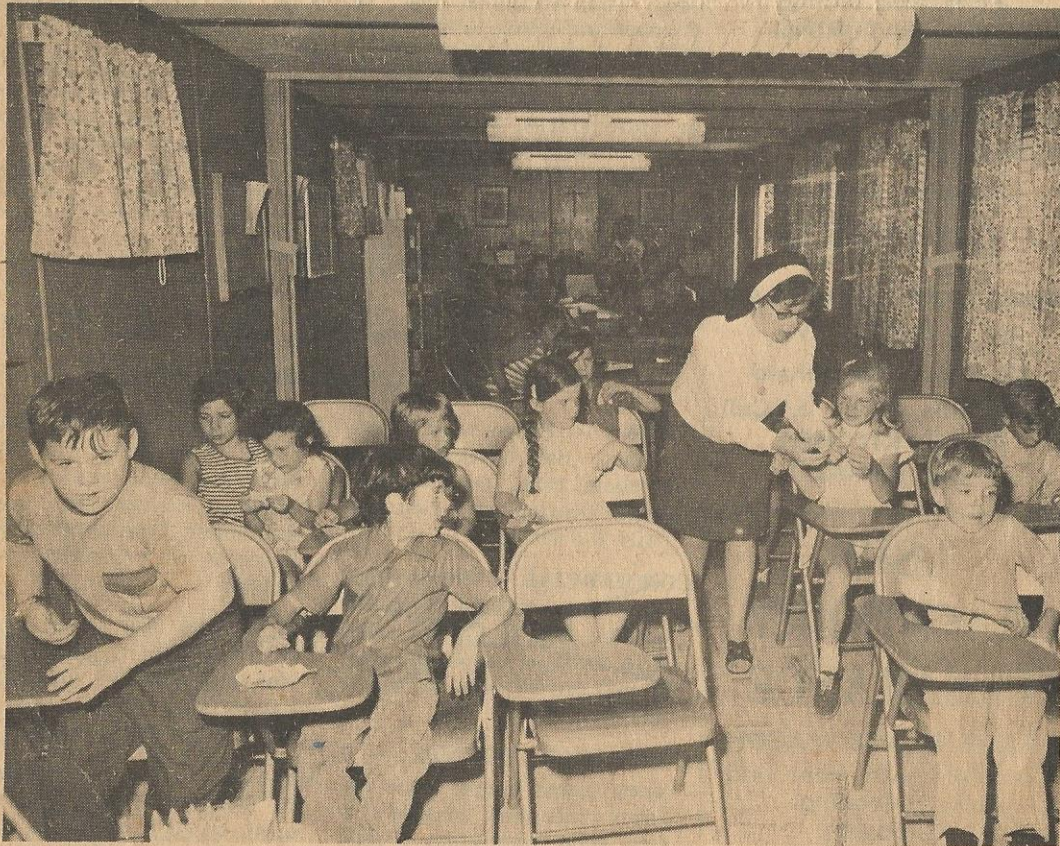
tical work.

The Sisters choose the state in which they wish to do mission work and according to Sister Therese, "We love it here.

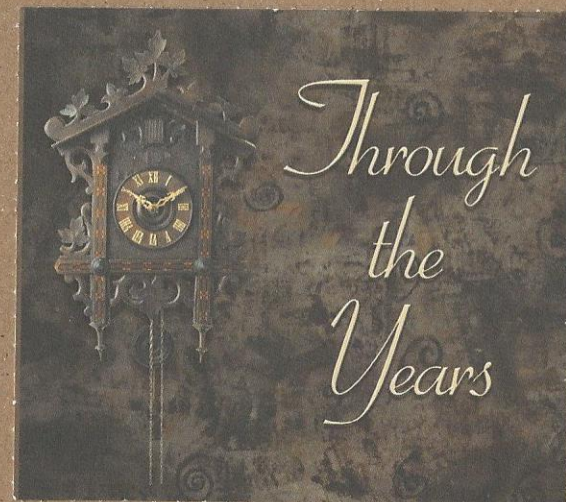
"The children seem more interested, easier to handle, perhaps because it's something new having Sisters come in for such a program as this."

According to Father Dummer, in the last two years attendance of this Summer School of Religion has tripled, probably because the Parish itself has almost doubled in size, increasing from 60 families to 90 families at the present.

In addition to working with the Bible school program, the Sisters and Miss Bitonti have also visited homes of the aged, sick, and families in the area who cannot be reached through the local catechetical program.

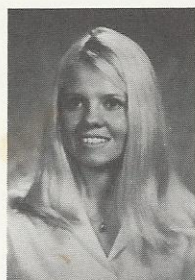


A helping hand is given by Sister Therese during the handicraft period at St. Theresa's for the Bible school program.





Cathleen Hosey
Organist & Secretary



Carolyn Simpson
Newman Club Pres.



Newman Club Choir



CCD Instructors



Altar Boys



Parish Council
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Sunday School Children & Choir
Mr. Jim McCombs, Director



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Summer Study For Catholics

Children at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Farmville and at its mission, Sacred Heart, in Meherrin spent the past two weeks in a catechetical Bible study program. Six nuns with the order of Sisters of the Incarnate Word headquartered in Ohio conducted the week of religious studies. Three nuns were assigned each to Farmville (top) and Meherrin (right). Mrs. Wayne Meshejian was coordinator of the program which ended Friday with a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Most Precious Blood, a particularly important Catholic Feast day for the pastor of the two churches. The Rev. Urban G. Dummering is a member of a religious community known as the Society of the Most Precious Blood. During their two-week program, the children attended daily mass and were involved in scripture and recreational learning experiences.



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Preparing Crafts

Members of the Parish Council of Catholic Women at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Farmville are preparing for their annual Christmas crafts sale December 4. A group of the women were together for a work session recently. They are (front, from left) Alice Johnson, Bonnie Mollieur, Diane Ryan, Mona McKay, Lois Gager, Page Harding, Debbie Faust; (back row) Judi Kupa, Diane Fox, Mary Lawrence and Betty Rich.



The Newman Centers were the precursors of the college campus ministry. Named after Cardinal John Henry Newman, these clubs or centers ministered to spiritual needs of Catholic students attending non-Catholic institutions of higher learning. It was a gathering place "where faith matters" for many young Catholics in the 1970's as well as today.



Newman Club Installation

The Newman Club at Longwood College installed its officers recently at the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Theresa Catholic Church. The past president, Miss Sally Alling, third from left, past president, introduced the new officers, who are, from left to right: Carolyn Simpson, president; Meg Atkinson, vice president; Sally Alling; Donna Critzer, secretary; Cynthia Togger, treasurer, and Mary Dunn, historian. The installation was followed by a reception for all the new students and was sponsored by the Parish Council of Catholic Women.



Students Raise Money For Tsunami

Iain, Ashley and Sarah, third grade students in St. Theresa (Farmville) Christian Formation program, count money generated from a Tsunami Relief Lenten project they spearheaded. As a result of their concern for the victims of the December Tsunami disaster, these students, along with their third grade classmates, encouraged the congregation to contribute their change during Lent to help and raised a total of \$309.72, which was sent to Catholic Relief Services.

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