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SISTER DONNA PRONOUNCES VOWS

First vows were said by Sister Donna Burkhart at St. Joseph Church, Yakima, February 23.

Members of the parish and the school children with whom she works received a special invitation to the evening ceremony. His Excellency, Cornelius M. Power, Bishop of Yakima, presided at the con-celebrated mass. The other celebrants, members of the pastoral team with whom Sister Donna works, were Fathers Harold Free, Neil Meany, John Turula, Bob Saenz and Frank Duffy, all Jesuits.

A reception followed in the Marquette Building.

Special preparation was made to educate the people in the parish as to the meaning of the Profession of Vows for a sister. Two weeks before the ceremony Sisters Louise Gleason, Margaret Bischoff, Cheryl Friberg and Donna Burkhart spent an afternoon talking with the children at the parish school. The students saw slides and were able to discuss the meaning



of a sister's life in small groups with one of the sisters.

Sister Donna entered the Sisters of Providence July 1, 1970. Since then she has taught at Our Lady of Lourds School, Vancouver, and took theology classes at St. Thomas Seminary, Kenmore, Washington. Since September 1972, Sister Donna has been serving on the Pastoral Care Team at St. Joseph Parish, Yakima.

Sister Helen Receives \$9300 Federal Grant

A \$9300 federal grant was received by Sister Helen Volkomenier in January to be used "to encourage dialogue between diverse cultural groups, on and off the campus of Southern Oregon College."

The grant was made to Sister Helen, philosophy professor at the college, by the National Endowment of the Humanities for the purpose of increasing public activities and participation in the humanities. Sister Helen, who wrote the grant proposal, is serving as project director for the duration of the grant period, until May 30.

The Joint Committee for the Humanities in Portland, which was responsible for disbursing the funds, has stipulated that the short-term project involve "the thoughts, ideas and perceptions of philosophers, historians, students of society and other humanists."

Sister Helen, who received the grant under the title, "A Program in Proxemics for Southern Oregon," explained that the word "proxemics" is one commonly used by anthropologists to describe the concept of "people in space relationships." It is intended, she said, that the project "help people formulate or define needs and concerns about land and space."

The project is to involve numerous cultural exchanges between the college's Living-Learning students, residents of the Rogue

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Profile: Sister Juliana Garza Musician, artist, teacher, serving God's poor

"Composing songs is a form of prayer for me," commented Sister Juliana Garza as she waits for "Communion Muse," her second record, to be released at the end of February.

"Music springs out of life situations," according to Sister Juliana. Four of her songs on "Communion Muse" are social comment. The "Migrant" resulted from Sister's working with the migrants in the Yakima Valley two years ago. And "Winter" is about the hippies; their quest for living life now and not wanting to be crushed by society.

"An artist is a person who expresses outwardly what people feel inwardly and I am an artist," said Sister Juliana. "The songs I write express my feelings about God; they come from who I am, and that has to be shared. One of the reasons I sing is that there are people who will listen."

Singing for people on a professional basis is one of the things she has had to forego because of lack of time since she has been teaching. "But I want to get back to it," says

Sister Juliana. "The only real outlet I have had this year is playing at the Newman Center at the University of Washington."

It was to this playing for various groups that Sister Juliana attributes the early success of her first record, "Mixed Expressions" since there was no professional advertising campaign. She sang for many high schools, at churches and for some large meetings and conventions. "Mixed Expressions" has sold over 1000 copies and is still selling, according to Sister Juliana. She admits she has had the help of a Bellevue, Washington author in creating a demand for the record. Mrs. Dolores LeChapelle in Bellevue wrote a book on preschool catechetics and published the lyrics to some of Sister Juliana's songs in it. "People all over the country and in other parts of the world are using her book and as a result there have been requests for the record from as far away as Africa, China, Chile and Alaska. Probably the largest part of the sales have been from the southern part of

the United States."

Now that Sister Juliana has a three-year contract with North American Liturgy Resources, publicity for the new record will be taken care of by them. A major part of their market is on the East coast but distribution of their materials is spreading in the West through displays at various CCD and liturgical workshops. Another advantage of having a three-year contract according to Sister Juliana is that she will not have to go through the long process of finding a company to publish her songs when she has enough written for a third record. Her songs will also appear in printed form.

Sister Juliana is excited about her new record which she describes as "mostly liturgical." One of her aims with "Communion Muse" is to provide people with songs that are easy to teach and that sound good in large congregations. "That is one of the reasons I decided to let North American Liturgy Resources publish the record. They serve as a resource

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Playing the guitar and composing music is a form of prayer for Sister Juliana.

Sister Barbara Ellen Honored by Blue Cross

While C. J. Kretchmer, executive director of Blue Cross, was visiting Sister Barbara Ellen at Providence Heights on January 24, he surprised her by presenting an attractive "Resolution of Appreciation" for eight years of "leadership and service."

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of Blue Cross at a recent meeting the certificate read: "WHEREAS: Sister Barbara Ellen having been a member of the Board of Directors of Blue Cross, Washington-Alaska, for eight years; and WHEREAS: Sister Barbara Ellen served two terms on the

Executive Committee representing member hospitals in Alaska and was faithful in Committee and Board attendance even though traveling to and from Anchorage, and WHEREAS: Sister Barbara Ellen has been a continuing inspiration to her associates and has worked diligently and with dedication; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of Blue Cross expresses appreciation to Sister Barbara Ellen for her eight years of leadership and service to the ideals and principles of voluntary prepaid health care."



C. J. Kretchmer, executive director of Blue Cross of Washington-Alaska presents a "Resolution of Appreciation" to Sister Barbara Ellen, provincial superior, at Providence Heights, January 24.

NETTA WILSON RENEWS PROMISE

As a lay associate of the Sisters of Providence, Netta Wilson on Sunday, December 3 — the twelfth anniversary of her baptism — renewed the



promise of charity that she first made in 1964 and has renewed each year since then. The promise is:

I, Netta Wilson, at this time willingly renew my promise to devote my life to the love and service of God through giving whatever I can of my

time, my resources and myself to those whose needs I can help to meet. I also willingly renew my association with the Sisters of Providence and promise to live with them and with all people in the spirit and practice of charity.

The promise was renewed during the offertory of the Mass which was celebrated by Rev. Joseph Alzugaray for the sisters living in the house at St. Finbar School and a number of sisters from other house groups.

The sisters gave Netta a corsage and a card on which each of them had written a message. Congratulations by long distance telephone came from Sister Genevieve Gorman at Providence Heights, Issaquah, Washington; Sister Alice St. Hilaire at the Religious Life Center, Seattle; and Sister Cecilia Abhold in Washington, D.C.

Netta is living at 12151 Bayport Ave., Apt. 10-102, Garden Grove, Calif. 92640.

MOTHER GENERAL TO BE GUEST AT DEDICATION

Mother Cecile Fournier, superior general, will be a guest and speaker at the dedication of a major addition to St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, on April 28, it has been announced by Sister Georgette Jean, administrator. Sister Barbara Ellen, provincial superior, will speak at the dedication ceremonies on behalf of all the sisters in the Sacred Heart Province.

Cardinal-elect Timothy Manning, Archbishop of Los Angeles, will bless the new building following an hour-long ceremony in the Medical Center's auditorium.

The new wing, incorporating the latest in acute facility equipment and patient care concepts, will bring the Medical Center's patient bed capacity to 514.

The new wing is the third to be added to the Burbank facility. The original hospital was built in 1943, the first addition was opened in 1953, and a second six stories high, was finished in 1963. The building to be opened this year is also six stories.

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Valley and members of various racial groups. In the Rogue Valley Sister Helen suggested members of church organizations, adult education groups, clubs and perhaps certain types of "alienated" groups might be encouraged to open dialogue with the Living-Learning students.

In that connection, she said, the grant will pay to set up a network of communication in the valley, with the hub of that network to be established at an office on the campus. "It will be an attempt," Sister Helen says, "to try to bridge cultural gaps."

Plans also call for bringing groups of Chicanos, American Indians and Orientals to the Ashland, Oregon campus from far afield for dialogue with students and townspeople. "We will be attempting," Sister Helen explained, "to bring such ethnic group representatives from Klamath Falls in the case of American Indians, Monmouth in the case of Chicanos, and San Francisco in the case of persons of Oriental descent."

PR Assistant

Sister Mary Louise Vachon has joined the public relations staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital on a full-time basis in February. As public relations assistant Sister Mary Louise will continue editing the hospital publication *Hypo* and will help with pr activities.

PROVINCIAL'S COMMUNICATION

February 23, 1973
Dear Sisters:

STANDING FIRM

When the Supreme Court recently announced the liberalization of State abortion laws, we were all stunned. The editor of Portland's Catholic Sentinel went as far as tracking me down in Burbank to see how we as a religious Community would be responding to the Supreme Court's decision. Many sisters and laymen asked me, "What does this mean as far as our hospitals are concerned?"

The administrators of our 11 hospitals were sent a statement which I would like to share with you (in part): "We hereby reaffirm the principle our hospitals have followed throughout our history; namely, that our hospitals will not admit patients for the purpose of terminating pregnancy by abortion. This position is based on our belief in the principle that abortion results in the termination of a human life. Consistent with the belief, we cannot in good conscience participate in the act by admitting patients for that purpose. The Supreme Court decisions do not change that principle."

Also, abortion laws in the four states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and California all have "conscience clauses" which gives us the right to make our own decision in the matter.

Kenneth D. VanDerhoef, a Seattle attorney, member of the board of directors of the National Right to Life Committee, and also a member of the board of Providence Hospital, Seattle, recently said in a newspaper interview that, "we cannot get around the Supreme Court decision; we are going to confront it." He said concerned Christians have to get their message before the public and that it is difficult because the communication media do not cooperate. "The best thing, of course, is your example," he said, "the way you live. And that's why our Christian medical institutions are so essential, why Catholic education and all private education is essential. These must be kept open at all costs, even though it will not be easy."

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The special session of our province's Legislative Assembly, being held March 3, 4 and 5, is to determine suggestions to be made to the Agenda Committee of the 1974 General Chapter. I am grateful to those of you who have taken the time to give your suggestions to the various Commission Chairmen. If you receive this issue of Caritas before the Assembly and have not communicated your suggestions as yet, I encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. Each of our eight provinces is provided with this opportunity to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda of next year's General Chapter.

RETREAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

In response to a request from some of our lay associates in the health care institutions, a retreat for administrative personnel is being held at Rosario Hotel, Orcas Island, Wash., March 13-15. We anticipate more than 100 laymen (wives and husbands are invited), priests and sisters will be attending. This will provide a means of getting to know one another better and increasing our understanding of commitment to health care.

The planning committee, which has been putting a great amount of work into the program, includes Roger Panther, associate administrator, St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank; Carl Munding, administrator, Providence, Everett; Donn Sarbaum, controller, Providence, Seattle; Terry Seward, associate administrator, St. Elizabeth, Yakima; Sisters Dona Taylor, Susan Hunsaker and Charlotte Van Dyke. Speakers include Sister Louise Gleason, Dr. Jack Hoff, Fathers Henry La Certe, O.S.B.; Robert Fitts, S.J.; Jerry Hofmeister, S.J.; and Rev. Dick Raedeke, Protestant Chaplain, Providence, Portland.

The retreat will provide the administrative people in our Providence family an opportunity to get away from their desks, to have time for talks, discussions and solitude.

RECOVERING FROM FLU

The London Flu touched all corners of the Sacred Heart Province over the past few weeks and many Sisters of Providence suffered the effects. All of you, thank God, seem to be recovering nicely.

Union in Prayer,

Sister Barbara Ellen

Sister Barbara Ellen, S.P.
Provincial Superior

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Sister is student as well as teacher

FORT LEWIS, WA. — Sister Magdalen Gaffke has been offering religious education to Fort Lewis military personnel and their dependents the past 4½ years, but it hasn't been a one-way street for her.

At times, she's been a pupil, and the military has offered her some instruction. That was the case recently when she attended a course in Defensive Driving offered by the post safety office.

"I learned a lot. The course was very thorough," Sister Magdalen commented after completing the day listening to lectures and viewing films. She commended the instructors for their "very fine program."



Reviewing a chart with the new international road signs are three students at Fort Lewis' Defensive Driving class (l. to r.) Sister Magdalen Gaffke, Private Gerald Otto, and Sergeant Willie Roy.

Old Hospital Buildings Are Sold

The old St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center on Westover Road, Portland, Oregon was sold to the Westover Land Corporation for \$600,000 in early January. Proceeds will be applied to the mortgage on the new hospital.

The purchaser will demolish the old buildings and is currently studying prospects for future development. Mentioned as a possibility is the construction of low-rise condominium units on the view property.

The former St. Peter Hospital building in Olympia sold in early February to the Century Construction Company, Seattle, for \$430,000. Funds will be used for debt service on the new hospital.

Tentative plans call for remodeling to provide 113 one-bedroom units for low-income elderly. "The people of Olympia," Sister Claire Gagnon, administrator, says, "are very pleased the building will be used to increase the area's living accommodations for the elderly."

NAME CHANGES

SISTER MARIA OF ASSISSI has changed her name to Sister Maria Hoblitzell.

Campus crusade visits Providence, Seattle

When the national meeting of the Campus Crusade for Christ was held at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, the end of December, 30 students toured Providence Hospital.

According to Sister Mary Stephen, of the hospital's Pastoral Care Department, the young men and women showed special interest in the sick, aged, poor and lonely.

Meet the World, On Your Doorstep

By Sister Maria Reilly

An article I read in OMNIS TERRA of December 1972, entitled, "The Expanding Ecumenical Scene," written by Thaddeus Horgan, S.A., opened my mind to new facets of the Church's mission which, in turn, directed my attention to mission on the local level.

Father Horgan said that ecumenism as we have known it is changing. It is changing because it is developing. "Now we have to be Christian in the real sense of the word. We must really get down to the work of manifesting our unity and/or overcoming our divisions." The article continued to say that in many local scenes this is now being done.

The author pointed out that this picture is not universal, hence, leaders in world-wide positions of activity are encouraging local initiative as they themselves pursue the work of dialogue and social action on the world-level.

He said that this poses a special difficulty for countries striving to define their own identity, such as Asia, Africa and Latin America. (Might we not add the name of our local city or locality?) Furthermore, it was shown that Rome, Constantinople, Canterbury or Geneva can bring unity in diversity only to the degree that the local scene acquires its own identity and is open to genuine dialogue.

A second issue treated by the author concerned the "inter-Christian concern" that has marked Western World ecumenism. Even here the scene is changing for there are new groupings forming that transcend conventional boundaries, such as youth movements, Pentecostal Movement and informal prayer groups. The feeling of the Christian in good faith seems to be "let's get on with the business of living Christianity."

This can be a positive as well as a destructive development for the ecumenical movement, for what will become of such movements should they develop totally divorced from the institutional Church? Christ seems to have spoken of this when he mentioned the withering of a branch detached from its trunk. And, need it be that these movements do not drink from the sacramental streams of the institutional Church and share in its liturgy?

Summarizing these two issues Father Horgan says that "by their very nature they are questions which fall across all denominational lines. They indicate rather blatantly that ecumenism has a broadened meaning now because of the real situation in which Christians find themselves."

The author states that a final new thrust is appearing, a new approach to ecumenism, and hence controversial. This new approach asks that Churches ecumenically dialogue with the world. "This dialogue," Fr. Horgan says, "would be centered on the ideologies upon which secular men and non-Christians base their lives, as well as on the beliefs common to all men who profess a faith in God. The whole question of secularization, of liberation, of non-belief, of ideologies such as Marxism, as well as questions of belief held by Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus and others is the scope of this wider ecumenical movement."

A quotation from Pope Paul VI last October seems to summarize what Father Thaddeus Horgan developed in his article. The Pope said, "Faith is not born of itself; it is the fruit of a transmission, an apostolate." The message requires a messenger, which we perhaps are called to be.

PASTORAL CARE ROLE INCREASES FOR SISTERS

There are currently 25 Sisters of Providence working in pastoral care departments in health care institutions in the Sacred Heart Province.

Two of these, Sisters Anne Deuprey and Maryann Bochsler, who are part of the pastoral care team at St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, have suggested that an explanation of the work of pastoral care as outlined by the Catholic Hospital Association be published in Caritas so that other SP's will be aware of the goals and objectives of this expanding health care apostolate. The St. Vincent team is headed by Rev. Robert Fitts, S.J., assisted by Rev. Jerry Hofmeister, Sister Lucy Terwelp, O.P., and Sisters Maryann and Anne.

The excerpts that follow are from the Catholic Hospital Association publication, *The Department of Pastoral Care*, by Rev. Robert D. Wheelock, OFM, Cap.

It is important to realize that the sister freed for contact with patients is rapidly becoming one of the most vital and indispensable persons in our Catholic hospital as the number of sisters grows smaller and the work of administrative personnel grows more complex. It is up to the sisters to provide an atmosphere in this technological age, which is humanized — not mechanized. The sister comes to patients as a minister of Christ, a friend, a consoler, a representative of the Church and of her religious community.

Our semi-retired sisters have done a marvelous job in making cheery visits to patients and assisting with spiritual care. Today there is a need to broaden the role of the sister visiting patients to include wider relationships and responsibilities. This new function, dedicated to emphasis on personal concern, includes responsibility of helpfulness to the patient with regard to his every need and want — psychological, social, emotional, physical and spiritual. While we agree that qualified and competent semi-retired sisters who have pioneered this position, will remain capable of performing generously and will continue to function in this service, this role has made us aware of a growing need to consider a full career position in hospitals for which carefully selected young sisters can train, and in which they can spend time, in a life work as a pastoral associate, just as others do in nursing or teaching.

We need to recruit sisters who are properly qualified, both personality-wise and intellectually; give them sound training and orientation and appoint them to a position with functions broader than that of a sister-visitor but who would utilize in an organized manner the assistance of our retired sisters as members of her department in accomplishing its goal.

With this in mind we have outlined a position description of a sister who would assist the chaplain in his ministerial duties to the patients. We recognize that it is often physically impossible for the chaplain to get to know and relate in a meaningful way to all the patients. Sharing this part of his ministry, with a qualified sister, would make possible the goal to respond to the needs of all the patients.

TITLE: Pastoral Associate
DEPARTMENT: Pastoral Care
REPORTS TO: Director of Pastoral Care

Philosophy:

Catholic hospitals recognize man's unique composition of body and soul — their concept of total care, therefore, embraces the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each patient. The sister in this role reflects the care and concern of the hospital, the religious congregation, of the Catholic Church and of Christ Himself. She provides an atmosphere of Christian concern, personalism and recognition of the dignity of the human person.

The formation of this job is based on a belief in God and in the dignity of man as created by God. In this creation, man is endowed with certain needs, rights, privileges, obligations and abilities. Man has physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs and God is served in a special manner by those who strive to meet those needs.

Position Summary:

Helps the patient and his family accept all aspects of the patient's illness and to incorporate them into their Christian development. Helps the individual view suffering as an integral part of each man's life, as means to emotional and spiritual maturity if accepted in the light of the gospel. Helps maintain an atmosphere of patient centered care — or Christian concern within the hospital.

Gives the patient an opportunity to release pent-up feelings and to explore emotional reactions to illness. Identifies the psychological needs of the patient and/or family and to assist them in working through these feelings.

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LIFE FELLOWS



Sister Flora Mary



Sister Francis Ignatius

Sisters Flora Mary and Francis Ignatius have been granted life fellowship status in the American College of Hospital Administrators, according to W. Richard Kirk, director of membership at the Chicago headquarters of the association. Life membership is conferred by the College of Hospital Administrators "to honor those who have served the profession and the professional society during their careers in health care administration."

Sister Flora Mary, most recently administrator of St. Joseph Hospital Medical Center, Burbank, is now administrative assistant at Providence Hospital, Everett and covers the dietary, maintenance, plant operations and purchasing departments. Sister Francis Ignatius, former administrator of Providence Hospital, Oakland, is currently working in the pastoral care department of Providence Hospital, Medford.

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The primary function is to assist the patient and his family to meet their psychological, social, emotional and spiritual needs during a period of illness or injury.

Principal Duties:

1. Makes personal contact with patients and their families, taking special note of the newly admitted, critically ill and those going to surgery.
2. To comfort patients and their families in times of anxiety and sorrow.
3. To make available to each individual patient the spiritual comfort and support needed.
4. To assist the physicians and members of the nursing staff in giving total patient care.
5. To counsel the sick and their relatives, families, personnel and students.
6. To be available for on-call basis for emergency room and intensive care.
7. To be available for pastoral counseling for inpatients, relatives of patients, staff, students, hospital associates and ambulatory patients. To receive referrals from department heads, personnel office, or medical and nursing staff.
8. To respond to call for spiritual assistance to any patient on request.
9. To be available to families in times of crisis, supporting them during surgery, critical condition or death of a patient.
10. To work with the patient and his family toward acceptance of death when recovery is impossible.
11. To strengthen patient's confidence in medical and hospital care by a favorable and positive attitude.
12. To empathize with the very ill and dying patients and their families. To pray with critically ill or dying patients if indicated.
13. Distributes Holy Communion to the sick where this is indicated and permitted.
14. Assumes responsibility for self-development through participation in educational and spiritual programs, workshops, and seminars.

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center for new music." North American Liturgy Resources also publishes the material of composers such as Joe Wise and Paul Quinlin.

Writing songs is, for Sister Juliana, quite a long process. "I write the whole song, words and music at the same time. I start a melody that fits with what I am feeling and then find the words that express that feeling. I sing it over and over until I have it memorized; then I write it down. That is backwards from what most composers do."

Sister Juliana states she does not have the technical musical background to write a full correct musical score and so others such as Mary Ann Costello and Sister Judith Lobe have done the final editing of the music. "In fact," says Sister Juliana, "I'm not really a musician. I use the guitar to help me write, but the music on the record is provided by a professional group." She expressed that working with the bass guitar, flute, harmonica, drums, organ and three different guitars in the background was quite a different experience since she is used to accompanying herself. "I think it will appeal to a wide variety of different people that way, however."

"Communion Muse" has been composed during Sister Juliana's first three years as a high school art and drama teacher. She is currently teaching at Immaculate High School in Seattle, but for the last two years she has been at Provi-

dence High School, Burbank, California.

Immaculate High School is a challenge for Sister Juliana. She enjoys teaching the girls who are from a wide variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Immaculate is composed of 40 percent white, 40 percent black and 20 percent students from other minorities totaling 180 girls. The school itself is in a poverty area but Sister Juliana says that the school draws students from all over the city. "We are very progressive here. We do not usually give grades. Students receive a progress report and credit or no credit. If they do not get a credit they simply take the class again or take another class that offers the same credit. The girls can learn at their own rate even if it takes them five years. But a lot of girls do go on to college from here."

All classes are offered on a quarter basis at Immaculate. Sister Juliana likes the arrangement because it allows her and Sister Sharon who teaches art to offer more kinds of classes to more students who might not take it at all if they had to go a whole year. "We can offer 21 different art classes during the year and that gets about 60 percent of student body involved in some type of basic art or a craft."

Sister Juliana is impressed by the type of student going to Immaculate. "They have so many things against them. I am really awed. Most of them have poverty and race against them. But they are really noble, sometimes sticking it out for five years just to get a high

school diploma."

All of the students that attend Immaculate pay according to their means, and as a result the school has relied a lot on federal funding through Title I. "But that has been cut now. So I don't know what that will do to the school next year." Sister Juliana says the lack of federal money will limit art supplies, reading programs, the lunch program as well as other areas in the school. At present there are only two lay teachers among about 13 sisters who receive little or no salary. Two students are being educated on Providence Scholarships.

Title I has also made possible a special program for those students who can't relate to the regular school program. The school within a school or "Imani" is a self contained classroom.

Besides teaching art and drama at Immaculate Sister Juliana is also involved in the student retreat program. She says they try to plan about two weekend retreats a quarter, and one twilight retreat. "We try to keep the number of girls to about 5-10 so that each person can have the personal help they should have." We generally select a topic such as "Christian Survival in the City" or "Great Salvific Light Show," and the girls sign up if it sounds interesting to them. Probably by the end of the year almost everyone in the school will have made some type of retreat," commented Sister Juliana. Students who make a weekend retreat also get a religion credit for the experience since the time spent is equivalent to that spent in a religion class.

Eventually Sister Juliana would like to get more involved in retreat work in general. "I would like to become a core member in a house of prayer. It would be a chance to develop and use my talents in prayer, art and music that I can't do when I am involved in so many other things. And I need the time to reflect and then to express myself and get to know God better." Sister also believes that there is a great need to educate people on how to pray, a need for a place where they can go and a need for people of prayer. "I would want to teach art part time because I like teaching, but it is not enough."

"Here at Immaculate we are helping the girls to find self worth; to handle the reality that is now. I think we have to help each other in community do the same thing. We have to make ourselves aware of the validity of new apostolates. We were founded to serve the needs of poor people, when those needs were not being met by others. Today poverty of spirit is very real and if others can't fill it, then we should try."



Sister Juliana helps a student with her art project at Immaculate.

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