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To Meet

Catholic 'First' Involves Methodist **Deacon From Livonia**

By MARGARET MILLER

Church Editor
William Lenny, married
deacon who was a Livonian
until last weekend, now is
filling an unprecedented role
in the Catholic Church.
The Rev. Lenny on Oct. 1
began his duties as associate
two neighboring

began his duties as associate pastor of two neighboring parishes in the rural area near Norwalk, Ohio.

And he and his wife and four children are getting settled in the rectory of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church of North Auburn, until now a home to priests rather than youngsters.

REV. LENNY, ordained in June 1971, after two years of study in the Detroit Archdiocese Diaconate program, also will be working with the Toledo Diocese to

with the Toledo Diocese to help set up a program for training married men as deacons, or helpers to priests, in that area. "To my knowledge." Rev. Lenny told the Observer in a telephone interview from North Auburn, "It's the first time that a married deacon has served as an assistant nastor."

His role is to assist the Rev. Omar Rethinger, senior pastor to both Mother of Sorrows and St. Bernard parish in New Washington,



rishes. "That left an empty house

Mrs. Mary Willoughby, executive secretary of Church Women United in Michigan, will be speaker for the annual meeting of Ann Arbor district United Methodist women in Plymouth Wednesday, Oct. 11. "That left an empty house and a need for an assistant in two parishes," Rev. Lenny said. He had been talking to the Toledo diocese about the possibility of a move, so it was suggested that he come in the dual capacity.

ual capacity.
"The parish council at "The parish council at Mother of Sorrows agreed," he said. "There was no opposition. There are 14 woted to bring me in and the other didn't vote because he said he didn't quite understand the move."

ALTHOUGH the area tends to be conservative and the move is pretty revolutionary for the Catholic church, Rev. Lenny said his new parishoners "couldn't be more friendly."

"Everyone has been just

friendly."
"Everyone has been just great," he reported, adding that women in the parish were quick to appear with some homebaked goodies for the first family to occupy the

rectory.
The two older Lenny children, Colleen, i1, and Sean, nine, are students at St. Bernard school that runs from

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Omar Rethinger, senior pastor to both Mother of Sorrows and St. Bernard parish in New Washington, Ohio.

He will work with the parchial schools operated by a both parishes and will assist Rev. Rethinger in all capacities except saying mass.

WHILE STEPPING into a brand new position in the Catholic church that has seen its priesthood shrinking in numbers in recent years, Rev. Lenny sees the move as a natural one for him and advantageous to all involved.

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St. Kenneth Topics Are 'Controversial'

She also has served as an officer of the Michigan conference Women's Society of Christian Service and was a delegate to the World Federation of Methodist Women in London in 1966.

St. Kenneth Catbolic Church, 14951 Haggerty, On Dec. 3, there will be a Plymouth, will sponsor a series of Sunday afternoon meetings in the church as a community service.

The meetings will focus on "Controversial topics." All charge to help pay for the cost of film rental.

MRS. PETER Flymouth Wednesday, Oct. 1.

"Live a New Life" is the theme of the meeting to be held in the First Unities Methodist Church of Plymouth, 1930 and 19 m. Offices will be served at a a.m. before the program starts.

Mrs. Willoughby has a degree in religious education from Duke University and has taught in the United Methods for the Carbonic Struck (Plance Will be a draft amplity for more Nov. 19 method for the Carbonic Study Club of the Carbonic and the Carbonic Study Club of th MONTAGNE of Farming-ton is the new president of

New College President Will Be Speaker

ference Women's Society of Christian Service and was a delegate to the World Federation of Methods: Women in London in 1968.

Active in Church Women Section of Methods: Active in Church Women in Church Women in Church Women in Service, Sunday Oct. 8, in California. In Claifornia He has been a He is on the board fursities of United for 15 years, she has Five Mile, Livonia. The service is being planned for eight years and organized Psychology in California.

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St. Theodore **Holding Mini Fair**

Art Auction

The Unitarian-Universalist Church of Farmington, 25301 Halstead, will hold an art auction and dance Saturday evening, Oct. 14.

The auction, featuring the work of church members and their friends, will begin at 8:30. The dance will follow. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to come early and inspect the art objects preceded The auction 19 party and "gold plat dinner" for members and offends. Now in its second year, the dinner is the largest fund-raising activity of the church, as well as a major social event for the congregation.

Mrs. Carol Favors is heading arrangements for the Mini-Fair. Tickets are available from members of the confraternity and also will be sold at the door.



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tiac.

The window was designed by a member of the temple, Mrs. Cyvia Snyder. It depicts the House of Jacob, with the 12 tribes. Jacobs' sons symbolically woven into the design.

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