

Madonna-Inkster plan to aid 'underachievers'

Madonna College of Livonia and the Inkster public schools will cooperate in a program of "Saturday Academics" to help 72 under-achieving students to improve skills and attitudes, Sister Mary Danatha, Madonna president, has announced.

The 30-week program was funded for \$102,000 through the Wayne County Juvenile Facility Network program. Madonna will contribute \$34,000 to the program.

Students will attend the three hour Saturday sessions at Milton School in Inkster, starting Jan. 26. All are between the ages of 11 and 18 and have been recommended for the program by middle school and high school principals and the school social worker.

Teachers will be recruited from the Inkster public schools and will receive 12 hours of credit from Madonna College for inservice training in personalized and self-paced reading techniques. Parents from the Inkster community will be among those acting as teachers' aides.

Teachers, para-professionals, and students will receive stipends for their participation in the project.

Directing the program will be Mrs. Dorothy Nash of the Madonna faculty, a reading specialist and doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan. Ronald Troyer and Sister M. Rachel of the Madonna staff will coordinate



MRS. DOROTHY NASH, a reading specialist of the Madonna College faculty who will direct the "Saturday Academics" program, confers with Sister M. Lauriana, Madonna's academic dean who worked out details of the project.

the program. Rolando Shorey is program manager for the Inkster JFN Center.

Goals of the program, according to Mrs. Nash, are to improve a student's reading skills one grade level, to improve attitudes about learning, and provide a successful experience in a school setting.

In addition, it is hoped that teachers and parents will share with others in the community the new techniques in motivation to reading achievement.

"Madonna College developed this program and submitted it to the Wayne County JFN as a continuance of our commitment to community service," said Sister M. Lauriana, dean. Sr. Lauriana is a reading specialist, having been Detroit arch-



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diocesan reading coordinator for 10 years and author of reading text books.

"This type of alternative program has long been needed by students seeking a route to success," said Dr. Albert A. Ward, Inkster superintendent of schools.

Regional citizens start programs

"Think Regional," a program exploring the concepts of regionalism and problems which need regional consideration, will be aired on Channel 56 on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. and followed by small group discussions in various homes and business centers.

One discussion group will be at the Observer Newspapers Inc. building, 38251 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. News Editor Tim Richard will lead the discussion which is open to any interested persons.

The television program will be the first in a series of monthly programs sponsored by Regional Citizens, a group of residents from southeast Michigan who are interested in regional affairs.

The group was formed nearly a year ago by Metropolitan Fund Inc., a non-profit research corporation. Membership is open

to any citizen interested in learning about metropolitan issues and contributing citizen skills to the solution.

The television forum is designed to provide regional information as well as an opportunity to participate actively in the solving of regional problems for citizens in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties.

Each month a facet of the regional concept will be presented on Channel 56 including a panel discussion and telephone question and answer period.

College given \$500 donation

A \$500 donation from Honeywell Information Systems Inc. to Schoolcraft College was earmarked by the college board for purchase of equipment for the data processing program.

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