

St. Paul's Panel Frowns On Teens' Steady Dating

JERSEY CITY — "Teenage Dating" was the subject of a panel discussion held for the parents of St. Paul of the Cross parish at the school hall Nov. 2.

The panel included Dr. and Mrs. William Magee of Palisade, parents of 11 youngsters, who have been active in the Cana movement for several years; Dr. Marie Sexton, guidance counselor at Snyder High School, Jersey City, and lecturer at Seton Hall University; and Rev. Paul Wickens of St. Venantius, Orange.

Dr. Magee dwelt on the responsibility parents have in the field of sex education, stating "adolescence requires the patience of parents but also firmness. There must be understanding by parents and then security for the adolescent will develop."

HIS WIFE, a former school teacher, urged parents to train their children how to face life and how to choose a mate. Of dating, she said, "Square dances at the end of the eighth grade are an appropriate start to mixed social life." On parties, "Parents should have no hesitation in calling other parents concerning type of party, curfew, etc."

Dr. Sexton said it is apparent that many parents are not equipped with the right answers for many teen problems. "The children we see today are not getting the proper food in this department. Parents must be consistent and should give certain responsibilities to their children."

Father Wickens warned that steady dating among teens sometimes leads to hasty marriages and often leads to girls going to extremes for fear of losing their boy friends. "Girls should be

urged to take the Blessed Mother as their model. . . . Steady teen dating should be regarded as an occasion of sin."

There was general agreement that steady dating for teens, where usually there is no view of marriage in the near future, is harmful. The discussion closed with a question and answer period conducted by Rev. Robert Ulesky of St. Paul's.

St. Luke Art Exhibit

WHITESTONE, N.Y.—A Spring exhibit of art with a first prize of \$100 has been announced by St. Luke's Art Guild here. Theme of the exhibit will be St. Luke, with artists invited to submit portraits.

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