

Father Reinhart Opens Annual Lepers' Appeal

Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, called on the faithful of the diocese to extend their spirit of Christmas-giving to one of the most needful mission apostolates: the spiritual and physical care of those afflicted with leprosy.

"One cannot imagine," Father Reinhart began, "the social and psychological hardships, not to mention the physical tragedy, the poor people who contract this disease must endure. Thousands are literally ostracized from their families and communities and left alone to die without help — if help is even available.

"If we can feel any compassion for those whose lives are so remote from our own," Father went on, "truly these poor ones are most deserving of our concern, especially during these days of advent as we prepare our hearts for the 'coming of the Lord' who is the 'meek and compassionate of heart,'" Father said.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Faith," he said, "supports over 400 leprosaria today. This support includes providing medical needs from fully equipped mobile units and operating rooms to sulphone tablets (today's wonder drug), bandages, crutches, and bed-sheets at local clinics. It includes financing programs for rehabilitation, vocational training, physical therapy, reconstructive surgery, and preventive health education. It includes the building, expanding, and maintaining of the mission leprosy clinics, as well as providing for the 'daily bread' of the thousands of missionaries dedicated to this great mission service.

"All of this, of course, costs money," Father noted, "but just as in our giving of gifts at Christmas, we must look beneath the gift to the gift which is priceless. To those who suffer the tragic consequences of leprosy, the missionary gives birth to the reality of Christ's presence. His love, His compassion, and His Church among them.

Nazareth College Plans Speech, Hearing Degree

The first master of science in education degree program in Rochester to offer permanent teaching certification in the area of speech and hearing handicapped will begin in the spring semester at Nazareth College.

The program, which has been approved by the State Education Department, is designed both to educate teachers of the speech and hearing handicapped in kindergarten through 12th grade and personnel involved in clinical work in this specialized area, said Sister Mary Clare Torpey, director of the Nazareth College Speech and Hearing Program.

Reform Jewish Leader Dies

New York [RNS] — Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the last 30 years, died of a heart attack in the New York Hilton Hotel (Nov. 9) shortly before he was to have given his "farewell address" to the Reform group.

In the speech prepared for delivery at the centennial convention of the congregational body of Reform Judaism, the 71-year-old rabbi sharply criticized Jews who have failed to speak out against the Nixon Administration over Watergate because of the President's support of the State of Israel.



This missionary Sister is both doctor and friend to those under her care at a leprosarium in India.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Faith," Father concluded, "is the Holy Father's means of embracing those in need around the world, and it is his means of begging you to share your faith and love with all God's people.

"Every gift — every sacrifice large or small — is needed and deeply appreciated to make this Leprosy Aid Appeal a gift of great joy this Christmas for those who say to us today, 'If you want to, you can cure me.' A generous gift may be sent directly to the diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Clip this column and attach your sacrifice or simply mark on your envelop 'Leprosy Aid.'"

"The new program is intended for those who hold provisional certification to teach the speech and hearing handicapped and who seek permanent certification and/or the master's degree," Sister Mary Clare said.

Thirty credit hours and 275 clock hours of clinical experience, in either the Nazareth Speech and Hearing Clinic or in one or more of the Rochester area rehabilitation programs in which the college cooperates, will be required for completion of the degree, Sister Mary Clare said.

"To further broaden the student's experience," Sister Mary Clare added, "we plan to invite some of the many professionals in the field who practice in the Rochester area to serve as resource people in our program."

Academic work may be undertaken on a full- or part-time basis. In the spring semester, which begins Jan. 15, four courses will be offered in the area of speech, and hearing as part of the master's program: "Processes of Language Acquisition," "The Psychology of Deafness," "Industrial Audiometric Testing," and "Advanced Clinical Techniques in Speech and Language."

"For those who need to achieve permanent certification on a part-time basis," Sister Mary Clare pointed out, "classes will be offered in the late afternoon or evening."

A mobile Leprosy clinic costs \$1,000 to outfit; \$500 trains missionary doctors in reconstructive surgery; \$100 builds a home for a recuperating leprosy victim; \$50 buys surgical appliances. Father Reinhart's address is 123 East Avenue, Rochester 14604.

All gifts will be immediately acknowledged and, of course, all funds will be used within one year by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Utah Phillips, Folksinger, Sets Charity Benefit

Folksinger U. Utah Phillips will give a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave. His song bag reflects varied experiences, with unions, coal mines and factories, politicians, and the West.

Phillips sings in nightclubs and at the major festivals, such as Mariposa, Newport, Philadelphia and the Smithsonian. He lives in Vermont, in a refurbished railroad car. His new album, Good Though, has been well received.

Tickets are \$2 for the concert and refreshments. All proceeds are for the benefit of St. Joseph's House.

ART SALE

The annual Christmas sale of work by art students at Rochester Institute of Technology will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Bevier Gallery on the Henrietta campus. The sale includes paintings, prints, drawings, jewelry, textiles, wood and ceramics.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL
The people of St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport will celebrate Thanksgiving by starting their Christmas charity collection. During a special liturgy that begins at 9 a.m. Nov. 22, parishioners will give non-perishable foods or money to provide Christmas baskets for needy families. The choir and folk group will sing at Mass.

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