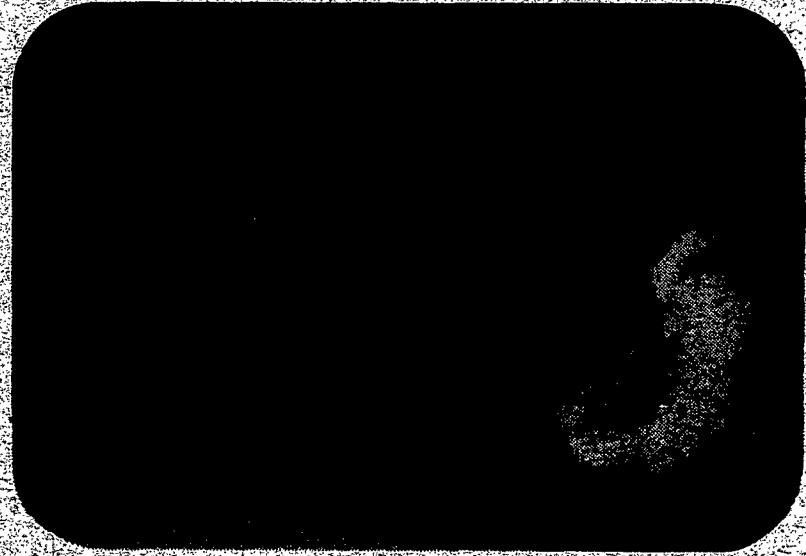


### Youth Ministers

The first annual Youth Minister's Conference was held at the Watson Homestead on May 7 and 8. Delegates from across the diocese discussed how youth ministry could be strengthened. Above right, Father James J. DiGiacomo, SJ, guest lecturer from Fordham University, addresses a general session. Among other activities, preparing banners (above and lower right) with faith statements was featured.



### ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Even the best families have a junk drawer, my 11-year-old informs me. A place in the kitchen for the ball of string, a small flash light, a box of thumbtacks, a pencil or two and those little items which may be necessary to the household's welfare but which no one wants sitting around on the counter.

Nobody, however, she adds, has a junk drawer like ours. I have to agree with her.

I began cleaning ours on a recently lovely May day only because I had a package of zinnia seeds somewhere around and the weather was so lovely and the little patch outside the patio had been freshly turned over.

Why not, I thought, get a jump on the planting and toss a few seeds in the direction. If they freeze, so what. If by some miracle we get another warm day in May, who knows, maybe our seed would bear fruit, so to speak.

My first problem was technical. I could not get the door drawer open all the way. It was easily remedied. The roll of black kite string had become tangled with two pairs of scissors, an electric cord and a tangle of cotton string that bore no resemblance to the neat ball it once was. I freed one pair of shears and began snipping at the kite string until everything else fell loose.

I pulled the drawer open. An absolute treasure trove. In the first five minutes alone, I pulled out — and this is not hyperbole — 23 ballpoint pens, 15 thin tipped markers, 29 pencil stubs, 87 crayon stubs and 6 half-chewed, gum erasers. This mind you in spite of the fact that just last Fall I antiqued an old tool box with removable tray for all the art and writing supplies

that will eventually force us to move to larger quarters.

Right off I found an envelope of parsley seeds and another of Boston lettuce that came in a package of Pepperidge Farm bread and a package of straw flowers left over from last year. But no zinnias.

Never mind, my heart wasn't in planting flowers right at the moment, anyway. I was too eager to see what else the drawer held. Baseball cards, four old batteries of various size, a slice of the trunk of the 1973 Christmas tree (kept for posterity) the puck from a knock hockey game, 13 pony tail holders, bobbie pins, barrettes, the eye brow tweezers missing from my vanity — used for some art project — two fingernail files and a nail clipper.

But that was not all (to paraphrase the Cat in the Hat) — There was a refugee bulb from a string of Christmas tree lights, flashlight bulbs for the instamatic, Top Value stamps waiting for a book and a moist tongue, a jack of hearts, two plastic rabbits from the Uncle Wiggly game, buttons, pennies, miniature screw drivers to tighten the coffee pot handle and my own personal wire cutters I bought to keep the head of the house from growling when I borrowed his from the garage.

At least one old birthday invitation was keeping company with a recipe clipped from a magazine for cream cheese walnut pound cake (never tried) and several coupons for Arnold White country bread.

In the farthest reaches of the drawer, cemented together by who knows what, was a box of round head paper fasteners and a film negative of what must have been a Christmas party and a strange looking St. Nick with neither Santa or any of the guests recognizable.

And finally a plastic container holding one serving of strawberry jam still intact, praises be, brought home from a MacDonald's many months ago. Tired by all the sorting and counting I dumped everything not sticky nor tangled back in the drawer. It looks like a perfect chore for a dreary November day.

### Business in the Diocese

Ira B. Cooperman, communications director of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester, has been appointed campaign director of the Jewish Community Federation of Rochester. He will begin his new duties at the federation, 440 E. Main St., on Monday, May 24.

Formerly director of public relations for the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music, Cooperman joined the chest staff in September 1974. He also has served as a volunteer member of the Federation's Public Relations Committee.

Cooperman formerly was an officer of the Rochester B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation Board of Directors and a member of the National Communications Advisory Committee of the United Way of America.

LeMar Secretarial Service has opened offices at 160 Allens Creek Road under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie LeGrett.

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Mrs. LeGrett is a graduate of Canandaigua Academy and Rochester Business Institute. She is a member of St. Helen's parish, Gates.

#### CLASS OF '21

The class of 1921 from Immaculate Conception School, Rochester, will get together at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, in Barry's Restaurant, 4370 Dewey Ave. Any member who has not been contacted by the committee is asked to call Ruth Emmerich at 392-9461, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations may be made also through 392-8263.

## St. Joseph's Volunteers Honored at Dinner

Elmira — The volunteers of St. Joseph's Hospital had a "Healthy Birthday America" recognition dinner here last week at which they fulfilled their \$150,000 pledge to Operation Outreach with a final \$25,000 payment.

Some 25 volunteers received recognition for compiling from 3,000 hours of volunteer service to 100 hours or more in one year.

Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, presented the Department of Volunteer Services auxiliary with a certificate of appreciation for hundreds of thousands of hours and dollars contributed to the hospital since 1954. On behalf of the Chemung County Bicentennial Commission, Judge Daniel J. Donahue presented the auxiliary with a recognition award for its financial assistance in defraying the costs associated with the revolutionary hospital exhibit on display (see centerfold).

The recipients of the 3000-hour awards were Mrs. Beatrice Furman, John Haben, a Red Coat male volunteer, and Mrs. Ella Smith. Other recipients:

1000 hours: Mrs. Gilbert Boorum, Mrs. Jerome Dyer, Mrs. John Gerard, Miss Bertha Graham, Mrs. Muriel Johnson, Miss Laurretta Riffe, Mrs. Donald Rosenberg, Sister Mary Wuest.

500 hours: Mr. John Anderson, Mrs. Jessie Beach, Miss Kathryn Brown, Miss Frances Burns, Miss Anne Disbrow, Miss Rosa Esben-shade, Miss Rose Kaplan, Mrs. John Leary, Mrs. Samuel Le Mark, Miss Genevieve Madigan, Miss Nan McCarthy, Mrs. Daniel McDonald, Mrs. Frederick O'Herron, Mrs. Thomas Shea, Miss Agnes Shon, Mrs. Joseph Vazzana.

100 hours: Mr. John Anderson, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. Matt Brewer, Mrs. Bertha Brown, Mrs. Rose Charlap, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Robert Cullings, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Sr., Louise Dolan, Mrs. Paul Donovan, Mrs. Carrie Ellis, Mrs. John Hyland, Mrs. Chris Zaineddin, Miss Rose M. Kingston, Mrs. William Liddle, Mrs. Julia Mulliner, Mr. Herman Pharmater, Mrs. Helen Rekito, Mrs. Mabel Rice, Miss Elizabeth Rowley, Mrs. Matalyn Rustin, Mrs. George Ryan, Mrs. Ruby Shaw, Miss Deborah Wich, Mrs. John Wilmot.

#### NOVENA PLANNED

Auburn — The Miraculous Medal Novena, conducted by Father George F. Brown, a Vincentian priest, will open May 23 and close on May 31.

#### SOCIOLOGISTS

Prof. Joseph V. Versage of St. John Fisher College has been elected president of the Rochester Area Sociological Association. New vice presidents are professors Boris Mikolij of Rochester Institute of Technology, Klaus Rogmann of the University of Rochester and Fred Halley, SUC Brockport.

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