All Divorced, Separated Invited to Diocesan Mass

A Diocesan Eucharist for divorced, separated and remarried Catholics and their families, sponsored by diocesan divorced and separated Catholics groups, will be offered Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as celebrant.

The Mass is the result of the request of several diocesan groups that Bishop Hogan celebrate the Eucharist with them, Sister Kathleen Kircher, diocesan coordinator of ministry to the divorced and separated, explained.

While the Mass is being planned by members of the diocese's divorced and separated groups, all divorced, separated or remarried Catholics and their families are urged to attend, Sister Kathleen emphasized. An informal reception in St. Mary's hall will follow the Mass.

"'Til all my people are one," has been selected as the theme for the Mass, Sister Kathleen said, "to denote that the Christian community has many alienated people" to whom the Church must reach out.

The commentary written for the Mass notes:

"For many of us this is an especially joyous occasion because out of the pain and suffering we have endured, we are discovering in our lives a sense of God's peace, acceptance, renewal and love. Today, together with others of similar experience, with our bishop, with our children, and with other members of our community, we are brought together in the wondrous mystery of God's love and our love for each other."

Among those attending the Mass will be members of Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and the Charismatic movements, sister noted; pastors, assistant and associate pastors, pastoral assistants and religious education coordinators also have been invited, she said.

Readings for the Mass have been selected from the Mass for Christian Unity. Committees have been responsible for the planning of the event, sister noted, and even a Participation Committee is working to ensure that persons from throughout the diocese are involved. Betty Myers and the Auburn groups have been working on the invitations to special guests, Sherry Cecce and the Corning group wrote the commentary, Rich Bills of Geneva has done the artwork for the Mass booklet, members of the Watkins Glen group have been selecting lectors, and the music committee has been headed up by John DeMott of St. Monica's group. St. Charles Borromeo's group and St. John's, Humboldt, group have been preparing the Mass booklet.

Others involved include Luz Maria DiPalermo, heading the refreshment committee, and Robert Cobbett is heading the Liturgy Committee which is coordinating the event.

Local groups are preparing to provide rides for persons in their area who plan to attend the Mass. Those seeking transportation are urged to contact the person noted with their local group on the accompanying list.

Diocesan Coordinator: Sister Kathleen Kircher, Pastoral Office, 436-5450

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Sister Barbara Joan, 226-2100

St. Patrick's or St. Mary's, Corning
Ann Marie Kapral, 936-9012

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4536 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester
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St. Joseph's
43 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.
Luz Maria DiPalermo, 381-1495

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901 Decatur St., Watkins Glen
Jeannette Fazzary, 535-4315

St. Patrick's
Clinton St., Elmira
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Contact Person:
Betty Myers, (716)454-5015 or 253-6387

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St. John's
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547 Humboldt St., Rochester
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Rita Lewis, 482-1715

Cenacle Retreat House
693 East Ave., Rochester
Mary Lochner Contact 271-8755

SOUTHWEST REGION

St. Monica's
34 Monica St., Rochester
1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m.
Sheila Dixon, 964-8310

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Meeting location rotates
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m.
Rose Sagan, 257-3375

YATES-ONTARIO-WAYNE

St. Francis
(includes widowed)
130 Exchange St., Geneva
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Pat Miller, 584-3509

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

Odds and Ends...

My five-year-old nephew Sam who distinguished himself in a family of nine distinctive grandchildren by exhibiting a biting wit at age 2 recently distinguished himself anew with another kind of chomp. He nipped his German shepherd Nikki on the ear. His rationale: "She bit me first."

Sam's big brother Ernest, age 10, cut from another mold entirely is almost certainly headed for a career as a diplomat (or a used car salesman). On a recent and rare family gathering he, apropos of nothing, confronted this relative with: "You are, you know, one of my favorite aunts."

... The kids have been back in school for two weeks now and I don't really miss the haggling over the cereal boxes and the accusations as to who drank the last of the milk before bed and forgot to mention it. I don't miss it because it's still going on. It just takes place at an earlier hour.

... One of the most valuable pieces of advice dealing with children came recently from a veteran CCD teacher. It applies anywhere, not just in the classroom. "Don't be afraid to walk around and touch the children, she said. "Let them know you love them."

... The seven-year-old, eager to join the rest of us in receiving Communion, was working on her prayers and reciting the Hail Mary with only a few minor errors in the thee, thou and thy category. Reminded me of an incipient First Communicant of another era who was committing the Hail Holy Queen to memory. "Make worthy," she instructed Our Blessed Lady, "the promises of Christ."

... And finally an apology to Mrs. R.H. of Hornell for failing to acknowledge her kind note. It made the day!

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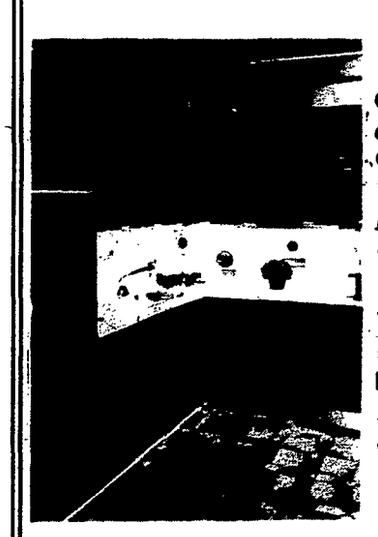

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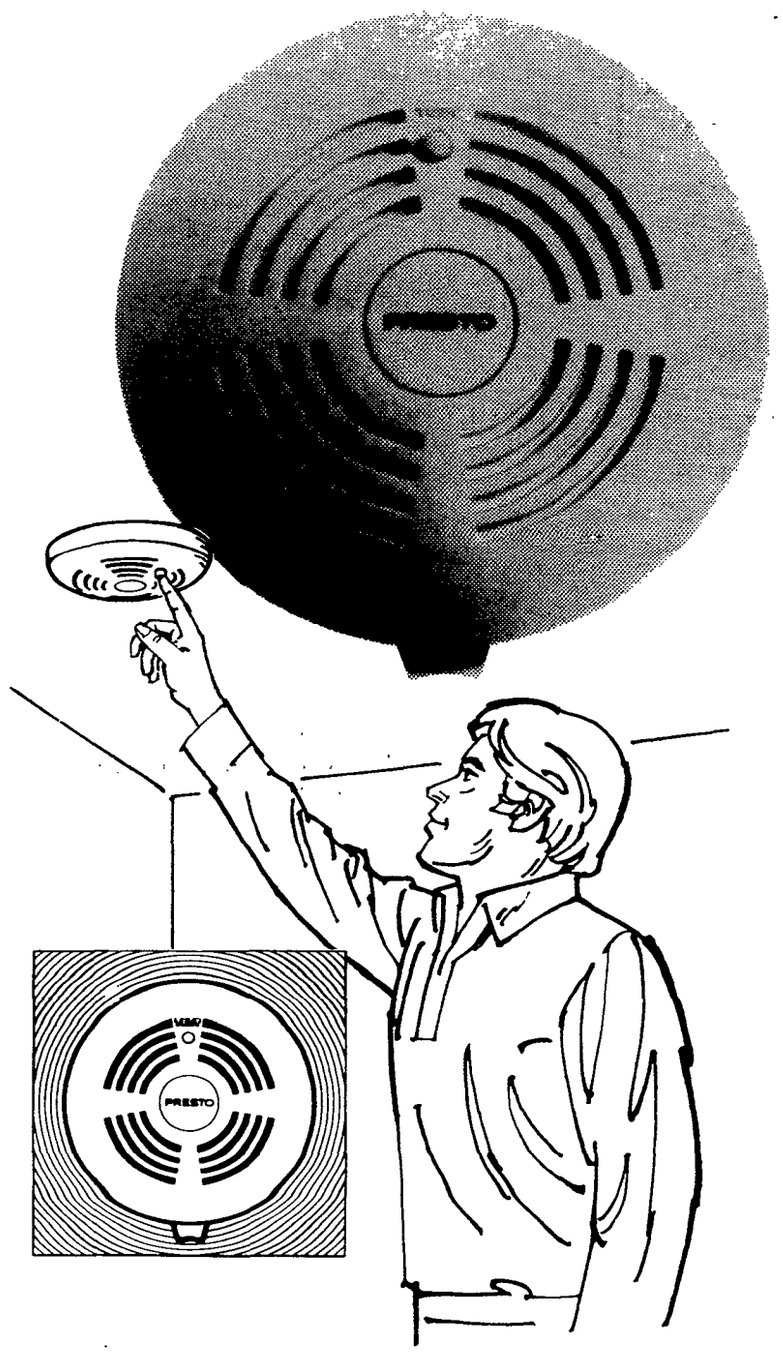

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