

# Bishop Names Vocation Counsellors



Sister's calendars project her creativity around interests and experiences such as her 1977 calendar which depicted sketches and writings made during her visit to the Holy Land.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey revealed last week that Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has issued a letter to all priests, encouraging them actively to begin person-to-person discussions with potential candidates for the diocesan priesthood.

Bishop Hickey who serves as chief of priest personnel for the diocese, also noted that the letter names five diocesan priests who are willing to serve as resource persons to counsel seminary candidates.

The action comes as a response to official realization of "a gap" in the vocations recruitment procedures between the various congregations of sisters and the diocesan clergy. The sisters, Bishop Hickey noted, all have appropriate personnel engaged in this work. Diocesan priests, however, have been without an active agent for vocations for several months.

The action also comes, he said, as a response to

private encouragement from several members of the Priests Council. The council as a whole, however, has tabled a major proposal for the establishment of a vocations team. Following that vote to table, several members of the council requested the bishop to pursue several elements of the proposal despite the fact that the idea was remanded to committee, he said.

The referral priests named in Bishop Hogan's letter are: Father William Lum, chaplain, University of Rochester; Father Thomas Valenti, associate, Blessed Sacrament Church; Father John Firpo, associate, St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; Father Robert Gaudio, associate, St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Father Donald Schwab, associate, St. Ann's, Hornell.

Bishop Hickey noted that this operation will fall under the jurisdiction of the Vocations Team, once that body is established.

"It is a response to the need for the diocese to replenish its own priestly ranks," he said.

The whole question of priestly vocations has

weighed on Bishop Hickey for some time. He has several times brought the problem to the Priests Council. The bishop's letter naming the referral priests is the first concrete action to be taken on the question.

## New Year Designed In Nature and Verse

Sister Kristin Malone, artist and part-time teacher at St. Agnes High School, has designed her eighth calendar for pre-Christmas sale. This year's calendar theme is "Consider the Lilies

of the field" and bit-tersweet, daisies and teasels are included in the flowering designs.

"Many people associate my work with weeds and wildflowers," sister explained. "When a doctor prescribed avoiding them after a bout with poison ivy, I realized how much they meant to me and decided to share them in the 1978 calendar."

Each month of the 13 page, two-color calendar carries a Biblical verse as part of the complete design. December for instance is depicted by dried weeds bearing tufts of snow symbolizing the verse: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of God remains forever." (Is. 40)

Sister is not only a painter with sales to her credit but a sculptor as well. During this past summer, she sculptured a four foot Risen Christ and is presently completing Stations of the Cross for a private chapel.

Her calendars are available at Cornerstone Craits, the new shop at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, and at St. Agnes High School.

## Tea Slated To Benefit Carmelites

It has been the custom for many years for the Catholic Women's Club's Business Women's Group to celebrate the Christmas season with a tea for the benefit of the Carmelite cloister on Jefferson Road.

This year that tea will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the AAUW clubhouse on East Avenue. It is customary for the group to collect canned foods and household items at the tea.

Miss Anna Marie Rauber and Miss Mary Cashman, group chairmen, are being assisted in preparations for the tea by Miss Helen O'Harrigan, Miss Mary O'Neill, Miss Rita Schwab and Mrs. Steven Pratt.

## Auditory Seminar Set Dec. 9

Elmira—A seminar on Auditory Processing in Children will be sponsored by the Speech and Hearing Department of the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center Friday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital. The workshop will feature Dr. Jack Katz, Ph.D., one of the country's leading authorities in audiology.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Katz has served as a clinical professor at SUNY Buffalo and the University of Missouri. He also has been director of the speech and hearing clinic of the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences at SUNY Buffalo and the director of the Birenborn Hearing and Speech Department at Memorial Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He is the author of "The Handbook of Clinical Audiology," published in 1972.

Registration for the program may be made by contacting Erik Miller, director, Speech and Hearing, 732 6541, ext. 360.

## Program Set At St. Mary's

La Nativite du Seigneur, by Olivier Messiaen, will be played by organist Brian Schafer at Old St. Mary's Church, 15 South St. in Rochester, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11.

The performance will be part of a program which also will include chants and carols sung by the church choir under the direction of Thomas Donohue. Admission will be free.

## Comm. Chest, Red Cross Chairman Named

Martin F. Birmingham, president of Marine Midland Bank, Rochester, has been named chairman of the 1978 United Community Chest/Red Cross Campaign. The campaign begins April 7.

Birmingham's responsibilities as general chairman include recruiting volunteers to head the Chest's 12 campaign divisions, and overseeing

the entire campaign effort. Last year's appeal raised \$16,037,916 for the benefit of more than 150 human service agencies in Monroe, Wayne, Ontario and East Orleans Counties.

A chest volunteer for the past 25 years, Birmingham is chairman of the board of trustees of St. John Fisher College, a member of the Genesee State Park Commission, a member of the executive committee and board of St. Ann's Home and a board member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

He also is a director of Dollinger Corporation, Sykes Datatronics, the Automobile Club of Rochester, Marine Midland Realty Credit Corporation and the Rochester/Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau.



## Sunday Recital

Donna Marie Bleier, a music student at Nazareth College and organist at St. Louis Church, will give her senior recital at 8 p.m. Sunday in Christ Episcopal Church, 36 Main St., Pittsford. The public is invited. Miss Bleier is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bleier of Saxony Road, Pittsford. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

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