

# State Conference Will Feature Experts On Divorce, Separation

The first annual state conference for Separated and Divorced Catholics is planned for Friday evening April 28 through Sunday, April 30, sponsored by Region 2 of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics and the Broome County Catholic Family Life Center.

Three hundred participants are expected to attend the conference.

Except for a liturgy Saturday evening at St. Patrick's, Binghamton, all activities will take place at the Treadway Inn in downtown Binghamton.

The conference theme is "All of you, then, are Christ's body" (I Cor. 12:27). As the theme implies, emphasis will be placed on the idea that separated and divorced Catholics, though

alienated from the Church in the past, are in fact a part of the Church and must be recognized and helped. The conference's purpose, in part, is pastoral. Another goal is educational, and informative workshops on topics of interest to separated and divorced individuals will be presented.

Four workshops have been planned tentatively: "The Separated and Divorced Catholic Ministry," "The Healing Power of a Future Life," "Psychology of Self-Awareness," and "Pre-Cana II and Preparing for a Second Marriage." A workshop for single parents is a possibility. The conference will be structured so that participants can attend any two of the workshops, which will be during Saturday's session.

Father James Young,

chaplain to the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics in Boston, and Msgr. Stephen Kelleher, former judge of the New York Archdiocesan Tribunal have indicated their willingness to participate at the conference. Other potential speakers are being contacted, as is Bishop Frank J. Harrison, bishop of Syracuse, who is being asked to celebrate the liturgy Saturday night.

The liturgy on Saturday is being planned by the Elmira Divorced and Separated Catholics Group.

Registration and housing information can be obtained by contacting Sister Kathleen Kircher, diocesan coordinator of ministry to the divorced and separated, at the Pastoral Center, Office of Family Life, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, 14624, (716) 436-5450.

# Divorced, Separated Listing

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

**LIVINGSTON-STEUBEN**  
St. Agnes  
96 Prospect St., Avon  
Sister Barbara Joan, 226-2100

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

St. Joachim's, Canistero  
Father Thomas Burr 698-4034

**NORTH REGION**  
St. Thomas Apostle  
4536 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester  
Father Daniel Holland, 342-2323

**NORTHEAST REGION**  
St. Joseph's  
43 Gebhardt Rd., Pentfield  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Luz Maria DiPalermo, 381-1495

**CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER**  
St. Mary's  
901 Decatur St., Watkins Glen  
Jeannette Fazzary, 535-4315

St. Patrick's  
Clinton St., Elmira  
Loxine Reed, 734-8631

**NORTHWEST REGION**  
St. Charles Borromeo School Library  
64 Maiden Lane, Greece  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Maureen Gage, 663-3230

**SENECA-CAYUGA**  
Contact Person:  
Betty Myers, (716) 454-5015 or 253-6387

**SOUTHEAST REGION**  
St. John's  
(includes widowed)  
547 Humboldt St., Rochester  
2nd and 4th Sundays  
Rita Lewis, 482-1715

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

**SOUTHWEST REGION**  
St. Monica's  
34 Monica St., Rochester

1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m.  
Sheila Dixon, 964-8310

**TOMPKINS-TIOGA**

Ithaca  
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

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The program matches a young person with an adult skilled in a particular craft. The activities include photography, auto mechanics, animal care, carpentry and others. Volunteers work on a one-to-one basis with the youth, teaching them the skill. Time involved and schedules are flexible.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Sandra Clark at the Neighborhood House, 733-6539.

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