

# Area Man Honored For Lourdes Work

By JOHN DASH

Tomorrow evening or shortly thereafter, in Lourdes, France, Joseph Benenate will join a singular, and small group of Americans who are recipients of the silver medal "titulaire" of L'Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes.

At the official request of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Benenate will receive the highest recognition possible for his volunteer work at the famed shrine.

For the past 10 years Benenate has been making a yearly pilgrimage to Lourdes to help the thousands of infirm bathers in the shrine's waters.

A photographer and designer, and a professor at Rochester Institute of Technology, Benenate will be summoned to a Mass at Lourdes in the course of which he will be decorated with his silver medal. As a member of L'Hospitalite, he has already been titled "brancadier," and has been awarded a bronze medal for his service.

Up until 10 years ago, he says, he was "pretty much a typical Sunday Catholic." At that time, it was his wife's dying wish that he and she journey to the shrine.

Pilgrims go to Lourdes, he says, for a variety of reasons, "A desire to find peace, happiness ...



Photo by Susan McKinney

### JOSEPH BENENATE

possibly a little miraculous cure."

In his wife's final days, the couple met up with a pilgrimage from Ampleforth College in York, England. The pilgrimage was led by Father Basil Hume, now a cardinal. It was that acquaintance which led Benenate to volunteer his services helping the sick.

In the ensuing years Benenate has helped, among other groups, the annual Handicapped Children of Newcastle

Pilgrimage, also from England. This pilgrimage is primarily for young adults crippled in the womb by the chemical thalidomide.

It is Benenate's hope one day to charter an American pilgrimage to the shrine.

In the meantime he works for the benefit of Lourdes with his American friends, also silver medalists: Edward Goode of Boston, and Ruth Slattery and Ceil Porter of New York City.

# Vacation School Joins Two Phelps Churches

Phelps — An Ecumenical Vacation Church School is being held for the children of St. Francis Church and the United Church of Phelps this summer.

The first week of the program, June 26-30, was held at St. Francis. The second week, slated for Aug. 14-18, will be held at United Church.

According to Mrs. Raymond Tyman, director of the program, 75 children are attending the classes, with a daily attendance average of 70. The age span is from 3 years to fourth grade pupils. A total of 17 teachers and eight high school students, representing both churches, are working in the program.

The series used is Come Find God's Secret. The daily program consists of a Bible lesson, music, crafts, and snack and recreation periods. On the final day of the program a family picnic will be held in Redfield Park, where the children will sing their songs and display their crafts.

# Everyone in Phelps Parish Belongs to the Family

Phelps— The St. Francis Women's Society, in existence for 10 years, has dissolved itself and taken up the name St. Francis Parish Family, "to function not as an organization or club, but as a true loving family," in the words of the outgoing president, Mrs. Robert Burns.

our spiritual leaders," Mrs. Burns said. "The faithful old couple and the newly weds, the single people and those left without partners ... Teens are vital to us."

"Families recognize the value of every member of

every age," she continued. And most of all, families are bound together with love and the welfare of each other. That is also the dream of our St. Francis Parish Family ... to follow Christ's teachings by loving and becoming involved with one another.

## In Top Three

She reported that a routine business meeting of the women's group produced the long-contemplated change of direction, under the encouragement of Msgr. John F. Duffy, pastor, and Sister Josette Capozzi, pastoral assistant.

Junior Achievement of Rochester announced that the Symmex Company, counseled by Gleason Works, has been selected as one of the top three JA companies in Region One (a 12 state JA area). Two of the company's officers will be sent to the National Junior Achievement Conference in August at the University of Indiana.

Michael Brown, McQuaid High School, is the president of the company which manufactured solid cherry salt and pepper shakers during the year. Symmex also contracted to make the plaques and trophies which were presented to the officers of the year at the Rochester Future Unlimited Banquets in May.

The parish family "includes children, grandparents and



## Calendar

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS**— A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, at Harley School's Wilson Arts Center July 12-14, 8 p.m.; July 15, 16, 2 and 8 p.m. Box office, 473-4320, noon-5 p.m. except Sunday.

**ROCHESTER MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER**— Classic Film Series: Oklahoma!, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, in museum auditorium. Kid Flicks: 3 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 27 in Eisenhart Auditorium; July 16, Heidi.

**MEMORIAL ART GALLERY**— Free concert on the lawn, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Major exhibition of 16th, 17th century drawings and prints from Antwerp, through July 23.

**BRISTOL VALLEY**

**PLAYHOUSE**— The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde comedy, 8:15 p.m. July 14, 15; 3:15 p.m. Sunday, July 16, RD3 Naples.

**MIMEWORKSHOP**— Bill T. Jones, dancer, 8 p.m. July 14, 15, at 50 Chestnut Plaza. Bob Berky, Amy Brill, Michael Henry mime concert, 8 p.m. July 16.

**TIC TOC PLAYERS**— At Nazareth Arts Center in The House at Poo Corner, 2 p.m. July 12-15.

**ARTS CENTRE THEATRE COMPANY**— Performing at The Playhouse Theatre, 3797 Rush-Mendon Road, Mendon: An Evening with Sherlock Holmes, July 13-16, 8 p.m.

**SENIOR CITIZEN MATINEES**— At Eastman House, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, July 13: Shanghai Express, 1932 melodrama.

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI**— Family picnic Sunday, July 30, noon-5, Shelter 1, Durand-Eastman Park. Details: 872-2948.

**FESTIVAL**— Holy Ghost Church grounds, 7 p.m. Friday, July 21; 6 p.m. Saturday.



SISTER MARIE

## Chaplain Appointed

Sister Marie Susanne Hoffman, SSJ, head of the history department at St. Agnes High School, has been appointed a chaplain at the University of Rochester. She succeeds Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, who is pursuing theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary. Sister Marie Susanne will work with Father William Lum at the university.

## Sky Diving

Sky diving shows will highlight the festivities at the Fifth Annual Country Fair for Holy Trinity Church on July 14, 15 and 16. Franco Rossi and the Para-Tech International team from Rochester will jump at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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