

Diocese Studies Youth Ministry

The diocesan office of Religious Education is setting up a study of youth ministry, in response to a request from the bishops of the United States.

John Roberto, director of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry in Paterson, N.J., has been hired to carry out the study and report on it after mid-May. The planning committee includes persons

from 11 diocesan departments and agencies.

Father Lewis Brown, Religious Education director, said that the study would develop "a vision of our own, or endorsement of that of the United States Catholic Conference." Roberto chaired USCC committee meetings that produced a paper entitled A Vision of Youth Ministry.

"Youth Ministry," the paper says, "may be defined as the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community."

Commenting on this definition, Roberto has written that it "has four constitutive elements:"

Youth ministry is TO youth when the Christian community exercises its pastoral role in meeting young people's needs.

Youth ministry is WITH youth because young people share with adults a common responsibility to carry out the Church's mission.

Youth ministry is BY youth when young people exercise their own ministry to others, particularly to their peers.

Youth ministry is FOR youth in that adult youth ministers attempt to interpret the needs of youth and act as advocates in articulating youth's legitimate concerns to the wider community."

Roberto was a diocesan youth director in Bridgeport for three years and in Richmond for two. He has taught at the graduate level at Fordham and LaSalle in Philadelphia. Now, as a professional consultant, he ranges the Northeast.

His plan of action has four stages, beginning with his interviewing "key persons," to identify present youth programs and assess their effectiveness. From now until May 19 the planning group drawn from diocesan offices and agencies will be developing a "working philosophy." The group will assess Roberto's study and other studies in the field.

A day-long critique of this "working philosophy" and of programs and structural models developed by Roberto and the planners is scheduled for April 21. This consultation should draw "a significant number of persons (clergy, religious and lay) including young people themselves," according to the Religious Education announcement. Criticisms and suggestions offered during this consultation will be reviewed by Roberto and the planning team on May 19, and after that he will put his report to the ordinary into final form.

Included in the planning group, besides Father Brown, are Maurice Tierney, Catholic Charities; Tom Cotterill, Catholic Youth Organization; Father George Wiant, Office of Human Development (all directors). Also, Father Robert Hammond, director of youth retreats for the Religious Education Office; David Nowak of the Office of Liturgy; Sister Joan McInteer of General Education, and Tom Rosica, youth member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Others are Patrick Fox, representing religious education coordinators; Luis Matos of the Spanish Apostolate; Tom Harris of the

To Confer

Thomas P. Proietti, chairman of the communication/journalism program at St. John Fisher College, has been selected by the International Radio and Television Society to participate in a Faculty Industry Seminar later this month in Glen Cove, N.Y.



ROBERTO



FATHER BROWN

Black Ministry office and Anthony Falzano, as a youth minister. In addition, the following are included as

observers: Dr. Dan McNamara, Michael Ryan, Charma Domphe and Ray Tette.

Rosary Societies Seminar Scheduled

Canandaigua — A Rosarians Seminar has been scheduled from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Mary's school gymnasium here.

Rosary Society members from throughout the diocese are invited to the seminar, according to JoAnne Veronica, president of the St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society which is sponsoring the event.

"The intention of this first Rosarian seminar is to gain insights and share ideas from other Rosary societies in the diocese," Mrs. Veronica said in announcing the seminar. "It will offer an opportunity to exchange ideas and feelings in regard to women's needs and their roles within the parish family."

"We are looking forward to open discussions on the direction women's groups are going, their effectiveness, and how they can become a more integral part of the development, improvement and change taking place within our church today," she said.



MRS. VERONICA

Mrs. Veronica said the group hopes to have a representative from every rosary society in the diocese, along with moderators, Msgr. William Roche, St. Mary's pastor, will moderate the seminar. A social hour will follow the seminar.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Veronica at 716-394-5013, after 4 p.m. Deadline for reservations is March 4.



Calendar

Hepburn-Tracy comedy; Feb. 22. Mortal Storm, 1940 melodrama.

NOVELS AT NOON— At RIT Downtown, 50 W. Main, 12:10 p.m. tomorrow: William Golding's Free Fall reviewed by George Bedirian.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES— Thursdays at Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium. Tomorrow, 2 and 8 p.m.: That Hamilton Woman (1944).

CHILDRENS MATINEES— During school vacation, at Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium: Feb. 20, Jungle Book; Feb. 21, Pollyanna; Feb. 23, The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. Curtain: 2 p.m.

SPAGHETTI— Annual public dinner at St. Francis Xavier, 314 Bay, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. Adults \$2.50; under twelve \$1.25.

MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB— Entertaining fathers of twins, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church, Helendale at Empire. Information: Mrs. Ronald Jenkins, 10 Minute Man Trail, 247-1736.

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL— Monicelli's Casanova 70, with English subtitles, 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, Dryden Theatre, Eastman House; sponsored by Casa Italiana and International Museum of Photography. Tickets \$1.50 at door.

OLIVER STEINER— Violinist from Eastman artist faculty performs with U of R Symphony at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Strong Auditorium. Free.

YOUNG AMERICANS IN CRAFTS— Touring exhibition of professional work in fiber, wood, plastics, leather, sponsored by American Federation of Arts. RIT Bevier Gallery through March 1. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-4, plus 7-9 Thursday; Saturday 1-5; Sunday 2-5.

SNOW SHOW— Outside Memorial Art Gallery Sunday, Feb. 18: snow sculptures by professionals, amateurs, families, community groups, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; prizes. Weather date Feb. 25.

JAZZ CONCERT— At Memorial Art Gallery, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, William Dobbins and Raymon Ricker of Eastman faculty — piano and saxophone. Free.

SENIOR CITIZEN MATINEES— Thursday afternoons, 1:30, at Eastman House. Tomorrow, Desk Set, 1957

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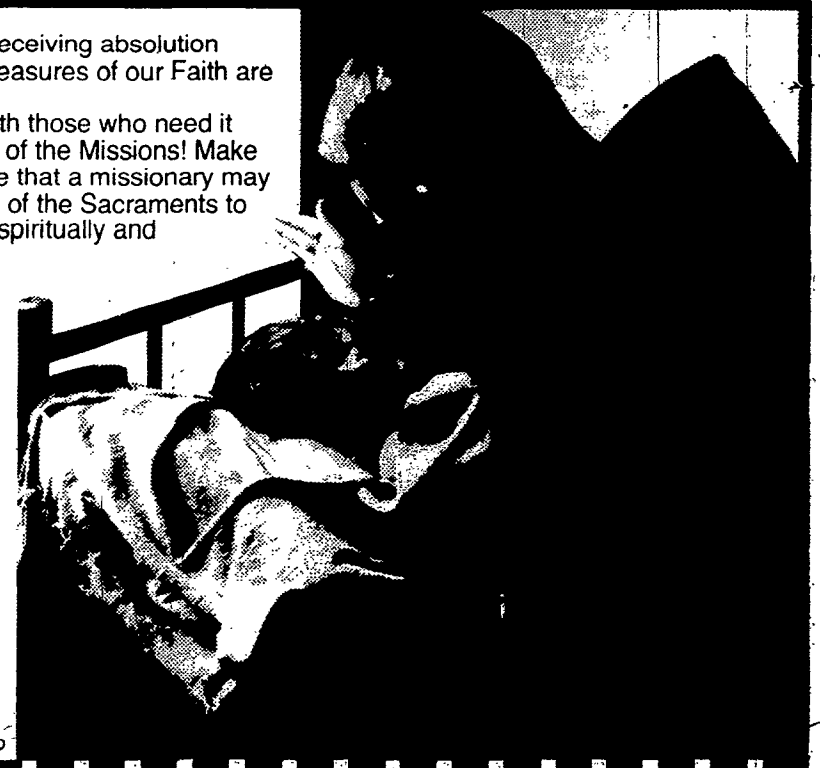
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