

Write Family Conference, Staropoli Urges Diocesans

By John Dash
Frank Staropoli, who, with his wife Sue, heads up the Family Life Office, is hoping that individuals throughout the diocese will write their concerns about the family in contemporary society to Washington.

Staropoli last week testified at a preliminary hearing for the White House Conference on Families and came away from that hearing with the idea that a great deal more "gut" information needs to be given Washington prior to the conference.

In an interview last week Staropoli said that Washington needs to hear more from the families than from the "professionals" in family service.

He said, "It's difficult to gauge the impact of testimony, but we're convinced that the more the better. We're urging people to write the conference on their views of how government can more effectively support families."

The preliminary hearings, he said, had as a focus the question, "How can

government recognize and support family life as the basic unit of society?"

He testified on behalf of the diocese in a hearing in Hartford, Conn., on Friday, Nov. 16.

His testimony covered, he said, two main points: "The need for a national family policy, including a required family impact statement, on all proposed legislation." He likens such a notion to the Environmental Impact Statements now being issued prior to construction projects.

He sees the policy as fostering, "preference in the job market for unemployed heads of households to reduce the familial effect of

unemployment; adequate housing for families; Social Security policies which avoid the necessity of older couples living together, 'because they can't afford to get married.'"

Staropoli also testified that he wants greater government support to smaller, local, self-help groups, including churches. These organizations have a variety of peer ministry programs which can be far more effective than a massive government effort which tends to be out of touch with the people, he said.

He noted that persons who wish to address the conference with their concerns on families, should write: White House Conference on Families, 330 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Women's Forum Set Nov. 30

The Women's Center for Theological Education, 70 Glasgow St., will sponsor a forum on Friday, Nov. 30 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The panel of four will discuss "The Pope's Visit: Implications for Women." The guest panelists are Dr. Janet Foy, a consultant for the diocesan Ministry for Divorced, Separated and Remarried Catholics; Prof. Walter LaCentra, philosophy professor at St. John Fisher College; and Sister Frances Sweeney, SSJ, pastoral assistant at Immaculate Conception Church in Rochester.

The fourth panelist has yet to be named. A donation of \$1.50 is requested at the door. All those interested are invited to attend.



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EASTMAN SCHOOL CONCERTS— Music for violoncello performed by six students in memory of Paulo Gruppe, 8 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 29, Kilbourn Hall. Eastman Wind Ensemble, Chorus, 8 p.m. Nov. 30, Eastman Theatre. Both free.

VISUAL STUDIES WORKSHOP— Two films by Danny Lyon at 8 tonight: Social Science 127, made in a Houston tattoo parlor (USA Film Festival Winner, 1972); El Otro Lado (The Other Side), a 1979 film about Mexicans illegally in the Southwest. Free, at 31 Prince.

MIME WORKSHOP— New American Shaker suite of songs, dances highlights Da Igramo Folk Ensemble performances this weekend. Curtain 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, at 50 Chestnut; adults \$3, children \$2. Box office: 232-7574.

VOLOSHKY UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE— From Philadelphia, at Eastridge High School, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Tickets at door.

DOWNTOWN FRIDAY— Weekly performances sponsored by Arts Council, in Christ Church, 141 East Ave. Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Madrigalia; \$3.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT NAZARETH— Mid-eastern dance, with Bel Aziza Troupe, 3 p.m. Dec. 2, Nazareth Arts Center; free.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES— At Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2 and 8 p.m.: A Song to Remember (1944).

SENIOR CITIZENS MATINEES— Tomorrow, Nov. 29, 1:30 p.m. at Dryden Theatre, Eastman House: An Affair to Remember, 1957 romantic melodrama starring Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.

MERCY SISTERS SALE— Baked foods and craft items made by senior Sisters and infirm residents at Mercy Motherhouse, Nov. 29, 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., East Rochester Mall; proceeds for building maintenance.

AT HARVEST'S END— Dec. 1 at Native American Cultural Center, 8 Prince St.: craft displays and sales, entertainment by young people at 4:30 p.m., tureen supper 6 p.m. Doors open at 3:30; everyone invited.

ROCHESTER STRING QUARTET— Graduate assistants at Eastman School in recital at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Kilbourn Hall. Free.

MUSIC AT NAZARETH— College Concert Choir, 8 p.m. Nov. 30, Nazareth Arts Center. College orchestra, with soloists, 8 p.m. Dec. 2, Shults Community Center Forum. Both free.

PUBLIC FORUM— The Pope's Visit: Implications for Women, Nov. 30 at the Women's Center for Theological Education, 70 Glasgow. Pot-luck supper 6:15; panel discussion 7:30-9:30, followed by small group discussions. Public; \$1.50 at door.

ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY— Women of Our Lady of Victory/St. Joseph's Church, 9 a.m. Mass Dec. 2, breakfast at Holiday Inn.

PLANTS IN WINTER— Workshop at Mendon Ponds Visitor Center, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., sponsored by parks department; \$5, limited class. For registration forms: 334-3780 or 244-4640.

Advent Fest

The East Rochester Association of Churches will again sponsor its annual Advent Festival in the Village Mall Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. The festival includes a charity bazaar, the proceeds from which will be given to the area; music and entertainment; and special displays from participating churches.

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