

Opening Mass

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, center, imparts the opening blessing at Mass celebrated last Wednesday during his first visit to the new location of Becket Hall. Flanking the bishop at the altar are, from left, Fathers Thomas Valenti, Thomas Statt, Vincent Panepinto and Charles Latus. The move into the former Basilian House on the St. John Fisher College campus was completed only two weeks ago.



The vocations team, from left, Sister Kathy Weider; Father Thomas Valenti, director, and Sister Kathleen O'Connell. Not in photo is Sister Stephania.

Vocations

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would be able to devote a maximum amount of time.

The vocations team includes Father Valenti, appointed director of the office this past June; Sister Kathy Weider, SSI, teacher at Nazareth Academy; Sister Kathleen O'Connell, RSM, assistant chaplain, at SUNY Geneseo; and Sister Stefania, SSND, teacher at Bishop Kearney High School.

The team stresses that they are trying this year to coordinate their movements so as not to retrace their steps in an effort "to emphasize the Christian vocation we all share," Sister Weider said.

Also scheduled, the week of Oct. 12-18 has been designated as Church Vocation Awareness Week. Liturgy packages have been prepared and will be sent out to the parishes of the diocese.

Another project, not far in the future, says Father Valenti, is a three-day program of vocation education for the college campuses.

Father Valenti said that the work of his office includes "providing information, motivation, counseling and coordinating" to anybody or any interested group.

"By cooperating together with all religious, we hope to have more communication throughout," Father Valenti said.

Members of the team can

be reached for further information by writing to the Diocesan Vocations Office at

the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

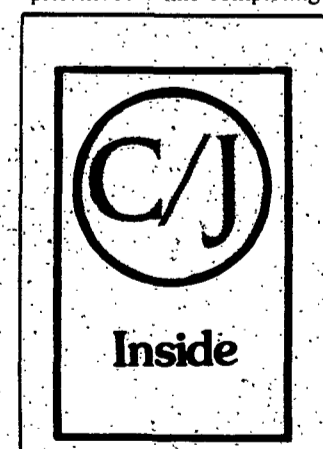
Seminary

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through seminary experience... and the grace of God. Their formation, or transformation, is the great gift of the seminaries to all of us in the diocese.

The collection also benefits Becket Hall, a residence for undergraduate seminarians who are progressing to a decision for priesthood while completing

their college studies. It was opened in 1965. Becket students, in addition to studies, take on some form of apostolic activity including participation in religious education in parishes or working with social agencies helping the poor, elderly, youth, etc.

The seminary reminds donors that many area employers offer a matching gift program.



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Sisters Plan Pastoral Letter

The Diocesan Sisters Council, on the tenth anniversary of its first meeting, will this month publish and distribute a pastoral letter to the diocese, the DSC decided last Saturday.

According to Sister Barbara Moore, president, the letter will be addressed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council and all parishes, and will indicate "our commitment to them, in the building of the Church of Rochester."

The letter was approved at the first meeting of the new season for the DSC, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

The sisters also approved a number of objectives for the year including an evening of reflection at three different sites around the diocese. Sister Moore said that the sisters would invite priests and brothers to the prayer events.

The council also approved moving its meeting site three times this year. The sisters ordinarily gather at the SSI motherhouse. This year the

sisters will also meet in Geneva, Elmira and in the center of Rochester.

Sister Moore said that the sisters also expressed their intention that the "Vicar for Religious be in place by May 1981." The proposal for the vicariate has been in the works for a number of years and was presented to the pastoral office last year.

The council also approved a motion "to continue working on the role of women in the

Church and the future of that role," Sister Moore said.

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Kateri Rites Set Oct. 5

Kateri Tekakwitha, the Mohawk Indian recently declared blessed by the Church, will be celebrated in both Mohawk and English on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will concelebrate the Mass with diocesan and visiting priests.

Correction

In last week's announcement of the Prayer Crusade program at Blessed Sacrament, the day of the week was listed incorrectly. The Prayer Crusade presentation on "Mary in Our Modern Church" will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Business in Diocese

An Old West Levi's Fashion Stores campaign raised \$3,035 for the Heart Fund. The stores sold T-shirts with the imprint "My Heart Gets a Kick Out of Soccer," which were provided by Gene Quatro, to raise the funds for the heart organization.

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