



### Migrants' Advocates

Visitors to Rochester last week were Sisters Teresa McElwee, SNDdeN, left, and Ann Kendrick, SNDdeN, who work with migrant and seasonal farm workers in Florida. Their visit was sponsored by the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center as well as the Rochester Catholic Worker House where they spoke last Friday evening to a group involved in social justice issues in this area. The sisters have been working in the Orlando area for the last nine years.

## Aid Goes to Somalia

A \$75,000 emergency allocation is being sent by the Holy Childhood Association, to aid exceptionally needy children in East African refugee camps, where more than a million children subsist as "the poorest of the world's poor," and to Algeria, where recent earthquakes left more than 6,000 dead and 200,000 homeless. More than two-thirds of the victims are children under 15.

The allocation was revealed last week by Father Joseph Reinhart, chief of the Diocesan Missions Office, which collects donations and forwards them to the Holy Childhood offices in Washington, D.C.

In Somalia, nearly 1,500 refugees daily pour into 23 camps, where 765,000 (91 percent of whom are children under 15 and women) already

seek food and shelter in the world's eighth poorest nation. Somalia is experiencing its tenth year of drought, which, coupled with years of warfare, is largely responsible for the situation.

Persons wishing to contribute to the relief effort have been asked to send funds to Holy Childhood Association, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604

### Fr. Joseph M. Champlin



Our Church Family

### A Story Of Courage

A nearly perfect Fourth of July holiday was drawing to a close for the Fratti family at their summer cottage. But before dark, ten-year-old Lisa and her friend wanted to take the rowboat out for a short ride. Mr. Fratti reluctantly gave permission, checked to see that both had cushions and life preservers, then sat by the shore to watch over his daughter and companion.

Some moments later, tragedy struck. A power speed boat, turning to retrieve its downed skier, crashed into and over the tiny rowboat.

The frantic father raced into the lake, shouted to his daughter in their own motorboat, and pointed toward the capsized vessel.

She rushed to the scene only to discover her lifeless sister and the inert body of Lisa's friend.

Death is never an easy experience, but the unexpected, accidental demise of young children hits family, friends and community a particularly paralyzing blow.

The Fratti family naturally were overwhelmed with grief, shocked and stunned by this terrible event. But the parents and the four remaining children — all in late teens or 20s — worked through the mourning, funeral and burial in a remarkably courageous way.

There were three major factors behind that display of courage and healthy coping with this enormous loss.

First of all, the entire family

had spent considerable time thinking about and talking about death prior to the July 4 tragedy. Mr. Fratti's heart attack a year earlier and his subsequent involvement with a program on how to comfort the sick, dying and bereaved led them to this. Thus the concepts of denial, anger, sadness, weeping, listening, touching, embracing... were all well known and understood by them.

Secondly, the family read pertinent scriptural passages frequently, throughout the mourning period and before the funeral.

The third factor in this courageous healing process was planning and participating in the Mass of Christian Burial.

Lisa's sisters and brothers, with difficulty but displaying a strength and heroism that only faith could supply, did speak the Lord's word to the 1,000 people present for her funeral. The entire family brought forward the gifts, including some symbols of the daughter's 10 years of life.

"Console one another with this message" concludes the Thessalonians text the family found most helpful. The Fratti's personal reading of the scriptures and participation in the liturgy gave this family and others through them both consolation and courage.

### DSC Slates Advent Rites

The Diocesan Sisters Council will this Advent sponsor three regional evenings of prayer, open to clergy, religious and laypersons. Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, president of the council reported last week. The rites open at 7:30 p.m.

and conclude at 9 p.m. in each location. On Dec. 2, the Church of the Annunciation will host the first of the evenings. On Dec. 4, both St. Francis De Sales Church in Geneva and St. Mary's Church in Elmira will be the sites of the devotions.

### The Single Life To Be Topic

Dr. Susan A. Muto, director of the Institute of Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University, will be the speaker at this year's Otto A. Shults Institute on Spirituality Dec. 4-5 at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Dr. Muto, who teaches graduate courses in formative spirituality, will offer some reflections on the single life and on how the single person can integrate all aspects of his or her personal life.

# Wife and Mother, Woman's Role, Pontiff Asserts

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II. has declared that a woman's "specific vocation" in life is that of "mother and wife," and that popular movements should not seek to "liberate" her from that primary role.

Instead, said the pope, the function of mother and wife should be elevated in the eyes of society, as "authentic professional work that deserves to be recognized."

The pontiff made his remarks at a special private audience Oct. 8 for delegates to an international Congress on the Family.

Alluding to contemporary feminist movements, the pope

said that modern society is "very sensitive, sometimes hypersensitive" to the subject of woman's role in today's society.

He said that while many women had "blossomed" in their role as mother and wife, other women "feel the need to be better recognized in their dignity as persons, in their rights, in the value of the duties that are consistently theirs, in their aspirations to realize fully their feminine vocation in the bosom of the family and in society."

Noting that some women "suffer, regretting having to be relegated to duties that others tell them are secondary," the pope went on to

remark that these "dissatisfied" women are "tempted to seek a solution in movements that pretend to liberate the female."

Warning that women should ask themselves "what this liberation means," the pontiff said women should "not call this liberation an emancipation from what is her specific vocation of mother and wife."

He added that women should not seek to "uniformly imitate the manner in which the masculine partner fulfills himself" by joining the professional work force outside the home.

### Fashion Show To Help Dental Study

"Kaleidoscope II Fashion Presentation," a benefit show for a Dental Student Scholarship, will take place Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Americana Hotel in downtown Rochester.

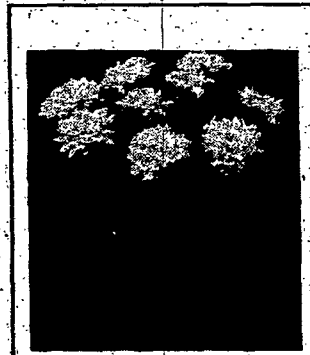
Sponsored by the auxiliary to the Seventh District Dental Society and presented by

Sibley's, the fashion show will be preceded by a 10:30 a.m. cash bar with lunch at 11:15 a.m.

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