



Maddy Klein, R.N., speak on phone as Louise Brongo looks on.

St. Mary's Hospital Establishes 'Helpline'

St. Mary's Hospital has announced a new community service which will enable the elderly, ill or handicapped to call for help even if they are unable to get to the phone.

Helpline, an emergency communications system, has been connected in the Genesee Street hospital and will give 24-hour coverage to the subscriber.

Helpline works through the telephone and consists of three units: a small wireless pushbutton which the subscriber can either carry in a pocket or pin to the clothing; a unit which plugs into the subscriber's home telephone; and a base unit in the Emergency Department at St. Mary's.

When the Helpline subscriber needs help, he or she

pushes the button and the unit commands the phone line and automatically dials a signal into the emergency department. It works even if the receiver is off the hook. The subscriber must be within 200 feet of the home unit for the signal to work.

The emergency department personnel will then call the subscriber to learn what is wrong. If there is no answer, then "responders" will be immediately dispatched. "Responders" are people chosen by the subscriber who can come quickly to his or her aid — neighbors, friends, relatives. The response center at the hospital will keep monitoring the situation until the "responders" signal they have arrived and are assisting the subscriber.

The Women's Group at St. Mary's Hospital has donated the funds for 25 units to be placed in various clients' homes. A screening process is planned to choose the subscriber who is most in need of such a service. For more information on Helpline, contact Ruth Morris at St. Mary's, 328-3300.

Pope Scores Increase in Annulments

Vatican City (RNS) — In an attempt to clamp down on "easy and hurried" marriage annulments, Pope John Paul II called on Roman Catholic marriage tribunals to follow the directives of the Holy See.

Voicing his dismay over "an alarming increase" in annulments, the pope said that local and regional tribunals should faithfully

apply norms for annulments "without having recourse to innovations and interpretations which are neither endorsed by canon law nor supported by (church) jurisprudence."

The pope was addressing members of the Sacred Roman Rota, the court for appeals to the Holy See. The court is best known for its

decisions concerning the validity of marriages.

Latest Vatican figures show that church tribunals, mostly at the local level, granted 55,450 annulments worldwide in 1978, up from 11,120 in 1973.

The increase was in large measure the result of tribunal judgments regarding the radical psychological incapability of the persons involved to contract a valid marriage.

Pope John Paul said annulments tend to weaken the institution of marriage, particularly in the minds of young people.

HOLY HOUR

The Peoples Eucharistic League will hold a Holy Hour beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy. Father Robert Gaudio will lead the rites.

Pope to Alaska

Washington (RNS) — Pope John Paul II will briefly visit Anchorage, Alaska, en route back to Rome from his Japan trip.

The pontiff will offer a public Mass for Alaskan Catholics on Feb. 26 during a three-hour stopover while his plane refuels.

Archbishop John Roach of Minneapolis, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference, announced the papal visit and added that the pope's 1979 visit "was a joyous and inspiring occasion for many millions of Americans, non-Catholics as well as Catholics."

Although his stopover in Anchorage will hardly be on the same scale, it provides another opportunity for us to welcome him," he said.

BLUE ARMY

The monthly vigil of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will begin at 9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave. Father Robert Ritz, CSB, will celebrate the opening Mass; Father William Endres will lead devotions from 10 to 11 p.m., and Father Thomas Corbett from 11 to midnight.



Elder Learning

E. James Hickey, chairman of the new advisory council for the Nazareth College Center for Elder Learning, reviews the agenda for the council's first meeting with Kathanne Mitchell, center director. The council will help college officials formulate the policies and programs of the center which will officially open this spring. Non-credit courses, designed specifically to meet the interests of those over 60, will be offered and participants will be offered the opportunity to enjoy the college's cultural and recreational activities.

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ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated beginning at noon, Thursday, Feb. 5, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Oxford St. A Rosary will be recited at 12:15 p.m.; benediction will be celebrated at 5 p.m. preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass.



Calendar

BOOK REVIEW — "The Spike" reviewed by Louis Andolino, noon, Thursday, Feb. 5. Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, sponsored by Brighton Memorial Library.

ORGAN CONCERT — The Rochester Theater Organ Society will present Dam Smer, concert, 8:15 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13, Auditorium Theater, 875 E. Main St. Ticket information from 482-1136 or 544-6595.

ZONTA CLUB — The Zonta Club luncheon meeting, 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, Sibley's Tower Restaurant. Slide show by Women's Coalition for Downtown Rochester.

MUSICAL — "From the Turn of the Century," songs of an earlier time, lyric soprano Nancie Kennedy

and piano accompanist Howard Spindler, 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, Eisenhart Auditorium. Adults \$1.50; Rochester Museum members, seniors and children, \$1.

DANCE — Sponsored by Elmira's Notre Dame Parent's Association, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 in the school gym. Music by the Starlighters.

VOCATIONS EVENING — For women considering life as a religious, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Melita House, 124 Evergreen St. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Vocation Team.

DAY OF RENEWAL — Father Paul Hansen, CSSR, to lead day beginning at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON — Mass, celebrated by Father Lawrence Ward, 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Knights of Columbus Chapel, Thurston Road. Luncheon, served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, follows. Sponsored by the First Friday Luncheon Club, 38-year-old organization devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.