

Council Searches for Vicar for Religious

By John Dash

The Diocesan Sisters Council has begun looking for persons to fill the soon-to-be created office of the Vicar for Religious.

Establishment of such an office has been on the council's agenda for more than ten years.

According to the council's plan, the office will be staffed by a team of two directors: a woman religious, full-time, and a priest, part-time.

The team will be aided by consultants in the areas of spiritual direction, coun-

seling, theology of religious life and spirituality, canon law and other areas as needed.

The sisters see the vicars as being available to religious in the diocese both individually and corporately. The duties of the office include providing renewal services, counseling, acting as a liaison between the bishop and the religious, and fostering communication between appropriate bodies.

The DSC plan sees the vicars as accountable to the bishop. It had earlier been discussed that the vicars would divide their accountability between the bishop and the DSC.

By canonical definition of a vicar, however, such a dual egis would not be permitted.

The final plan was the work of Sisters Rita Kaufman, RSM; Barbara Moore, RSM; Mary Patrice, SSJ; Betty Rogers, RC; Patricia Fitzpatrick, SSND; and Brother Edward Boyer, CSC.

Interviews for the post will begin June 1. According to the DSC plan, the team would be hired August 1 and begin work on Sept. 1.

Also in the design, the vicars will be responsible for developing a file of qualified persons and programs for

religious as a first step toward a counseling center.

The council, meeting at the Bishop Hogan Continuing Education center last week, spent the major portion of its open time discussing its program and goals for the coming year.

The results of those discussions will be voted on at the June meeting.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate this week's televised Mass for Shut-Ins at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 17 for the Missions. The Mass is shown on Channel 10 in Rochester.

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Battle Engaged With Gypsy Moth

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In the next couple of weeks, home owners across the diocese should be geared for battle with the gypsy moth, a caterpillar that defoliates trees and, in severe infestations, can kill prime specimens.

Unfortunately the epicenter of the gypsy moth activity in the area has been identified as the St. John Fisher College campus. From there the moth has spread heavily into the Ellison Park area, to the point that there is now a county-wide quarantine of recreational vehicles and firewood transport.

This year will be the whole area's "first major encounter" with the problem, according to Kirkwood Personius, head of the county Cooperative Extension.

Personius recommends that tree-owners take action now to eliminate the caterpillars, thereby reducing leaf-feeding damage and the population of moths developing to lay eggs. "Every caterpillar nailed now means one less male or female gypsy moth. Since each female lays about 500 eggs, every little bit helps," Personius said.

He cautioned, however, that "experience has shown that even with good community cooperation and understanding of the problem, it's a very difficult insect to control. We've got a 'toughie' to deal with and must all do our part."

Personius recommends a trick, girdling trees with double layers of burlap which act as traps for the caterpillars as they crawl to their feeding sites in the leaf canopy.

He explained, "As gypsy moth larvae mature, they become diurnal; that is, they feed mainly at night and descend from the trees during daylight to take refuge in shady or otherwise protected places. When they ascend the tree trunk to resume feeding, they become trapped between the bark and double layers of the burlap skirt."

The traps are constructed using burlap strips 12 to 18 inches wide. Wrap the strip around the tree trunk and secure it tightly in the middle with heavy twine. Then fold the upper half of the strip down over the lower half, "and your trap is in operation," Personius instructed.

The traps must be checked and cleared frequently, he stressed. He recommended that "traps should be checked several times daily during May and early June as insect activity increases."

The New York Times Gardening Editor, Joan Lee

Faust, has frequently urged readers to control the caterpillars by carefully applying larvicides containing Bt, Bacillus thuringiensis. This is actually a culture of live bacteria. It is harmless to plants, pets and people, but deadly to larvae in the gypsy moth's family.

Instructions for application must be followed carefully for the product to be effective.

Approved for use in New York State against the gypsy moth are several chemical insecticides. Extreme caution should be used. The products are toxic, and one in particular on the state's approved list may kill the very tree the owner is trying to save.

Good gardening practice this time of year is to fertilize trees. Should gypsy moths defoliate a tree, careful attention to water and fertilizer will enable the tree to grow new leaves and regain its strength before winter.

These weeks also still give the tree-owner time to stop the gypsy moth before it hatches. Egg clusters on the trees resemble quarter size patches of light-brown fungus. Newly hatched larvae will be seen on them. The clusters should be cleaned off the bark and mechanically destroyed.

The provident gardener will also check his trees next autumn and again next spring for these egg clusters.

The state invasion was first recorded in 1922. The moth has spread into New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. In addition, Canadian provinces bordering New York and Vermont have reported its presence.

The insect will most likely to be found on oak, willow, poplar, speckled alder, basswood, apple, gray birch, river birch, larch, cherry, elm, hickory, chestnut, hornbeam maple, sweet birch, yellow birch, sassafras, black tupelo, native eastern pine and spruce, Atlantic white cedar, hemlock and beech trees.

RUN FOR LIFE

The third annual Run for Life fun-run, sponsored by the American Heart Association, Genesee Valley Chapter, has been set for May 16 at both Seneca Park and Mendon Ponds Park. The first will feature runs of one-, two- and three-mile lengths. Mendon will feature five- and ten-mile runs. Pre-registration fees of \$4 are sent to the American Heart Association, 797 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14620. Registrants should include shirt size, name, address and phone.

Lilac Festival Worship Planned

Rabbi Shama Kantor of Temple Beth El will lead an ecumenical worship service, "A Celebration of Creation," for the Lilac Festival, 11 a.m., Sunday, May 17 at Highland Park Bowl. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at the festival headquarters, Main and South.

According to Rev. Larry

Witmer, head of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, the service will stress that "people of faith see themselves as part of creation and as stewards of it."

The service is a project, he said, of the Commission on Interfaith Cooperation, a joint group of GEM and the Jewish Community Federation.

a.m., Thursday, May 14, Arnett Branch Library.

OPEN HOUSE — Mariner House, "an adult home for independent seniors," 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 95 W. Main St. Information, 546-6000.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE — "Alice in Wonderland," presented by the Tic-Toc Players, May 22-June 7, Main Auditorium, Nazareth College Arts Center. Tickets \$3. Reservations and information, 586-2420.

SENIORS MATINEE MOVIE — "Topper," Thursday, May 28, 1:30 p.m., International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House. Information, 271-3361.



ORGAN CONCERT — Rochester Theater Organ Society presents Bill Floyd in concert at the Wuritzer pipe organ. 8:15 p.m., Friday, May 15, Auditorium Theater, 875 E. Main St. For tickets call 482-1136, 544-6595.

BOCES CONCERT — Concert, featuring the music of Meyer, Miller and Mulligan with Dan Kuhn, to raise money for retarded children of Western Monroe County. 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for students and \$8 for a family ticket.

BLOOD DRIVE — Sponsored by the American Legion, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 28; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, May 29 at the American Red Cross Building, 50 Prince St.

DIVORCED CATHOLICS GROUP — The St. Charles Borromeo Divorced Catholics Group will host Bill Brindl, professor of sociology anthropology at MCC, who will speak on men and women in a changing society, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17, in the library.

COMEDY COFFEEHOUSE — Evening of live entertainment and "sweet refreshments," 8 p.m., Friday, May 15 at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, Eisenhart Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance, \$3.50 at the door. For reservations send a check and self-addressed envelope to Ivi Kurvits, RMSC Box 1480, Rochester, M.Y. 14603 or call 271-4320.

TRAVEL FILMS — "Summer Time," 7 p.m., this evening, Monroe Branch Library; "Switzerland: A Study in Contrasts" 10:45

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