

Budget Protesters

About 50 marchers starting out on a protest of the Reagan-proposed federal budget cuts in Elmira May 9. Sponsored by the Coalition for Equity in the Federal Budget, the march started at Ss. Peter and Paul School and went to Clemens Square, where they heard Father Neil Miller, Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry director.

The school's students often

have secondary handicaps,

such as cerebral palsy, severe

speech impediments, epilepsy,

behavior disorders and

Scott said that the latest

Speaking for Sister

Seraphine, Scott said that the

school has a great concern to

be self-sufficient and that the

individual memberships play

a major part in that self-

The school receives no funding from United Way or

from the Diocese of

Rochester. Throughout the

area, shoppers will note

collection cans imprinted with School of the Holy

Childhood, by the cash registers of small businesses.

Seraphine noted in a recent

letter, "You can reach out to

our special children today in

a number of ways: by

renewing your membership

or becoming a new member

community. You may prefer

to help by providing the

school with vocational or

audio-visual equipment; by

making a bequest or other

planned giving arrangement;

Cards, or even organizing a

fund-raising activity to

Located at 1150 Buffalo

Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, The School of the

Holy Childhood is hoping to

benefit the school.

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addition, Sister

campaign is being funded by

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Holy Childhood School Seeks New Memberships

The School of the Holy Childhood, the unique, nondenominational school for children and adults who are mentally retarded, has been redoubling its efforts to gain members in recent weeks

According to Jon Scott, director of community support for the school, mailings have been made. local businesses have been contacted, billboards and bus cards have been distrubuted. and Sister Seraphine Herbst. director, has appeared on local television, to generate community interest in and support of the school's programs.

Scot said that while the school may be gaining new visibility in the community lately, campaigns have been conducted almost continuously over the past 15

The school, first opened in 1946 with two classrooms, has now grown to serve 94 children and 40 adults in the first floor of the old St. Andrew's Seminary building on Buffalo Road.

Holy Childhood provides three separate programs. The children's program serves those five to 21. The adult program accepts persons 18 years old, "with no upper age limit." Scott said.

In addition, the school has a Clinic Treatment Program for evaluation, diagnosis and

A priority is placed on counseling family members as well.

Leukemia Grants Available

America is accepting applications for 1982 grants to support research in the fields of leukemia and related diseases

The grants are intended to encourage studies at both the basic science and clinical levels, according to Earl M. Trumbower Jr., president, Finger Lakes Chapter.

Five-year scholarships for a total of \$125,000 are available for researchers who have demonstrated the ability to conduct original in-Two-year vestigations. special fellowships and fellowships for \$37,000 and , \$30,000, respectively, are

The Leukemia Society of termediate and entry states of career development. In all categories, candidates must hold a doctoral degree but may not have attained the tenured status of associate professor. Deadline is Sept. 1. For further information, contact the Leukemia Society, Finger Lakes Chapter, 1835 St. Paul St., Rochester, N.Y. 14621; telephone 342-4200.

DOC AND KATY

George (Doc) and Kathryn (Katy) Abraham, the Naplesbased horticultural experts, have received the 1981 Lilac Festival Award for their contributions to horticulture and to the Monroe County offered for those in the in Parks Department's programs.

He noted that not only the volunteers and the donors. And they pray for them.

"double its membership years," Scott said.

support over the next two

staff, but the children and students at the school, "are very aware of the immense contributions made by the

State Mental Health Chief Calls Budget Cuts 'Ill Wind'

By John Dash

The budget cuts in human services proposed by President Reagan are "alarming" in view of their consequences for the mentally handicapped, I. Joseph Harris said last week.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Mental Health Chapter of the Rochester Health Harris, Association. commissioner for the New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, said if the budget cuts go through Congress, "Mental Health Associations are going to have to pick up the slack" to maintain the level of care now offered.

He said that New York State stands to lose between \$250 and \$300 million in federal revenues for mental health programs and ser-

The potential loss to this county, he said, is in the neighborhood of \$18

In the long run, Harris said, "Local and state taxpavers must bear the burden to maintain those services.

Specifically, he said, services for 600 of the "most severely handicapped children will be eliminated



altogether" under the proposed budget. "And what will happen to mainstreaming if this happens?" he asked his audience.

But, he said, "it is not too late to petition representatives" in budgetary

He termed the mood of the country as "a new spirit that is actually an ill wind."

He told his audience that there is no job more important than to let our lected representatives know in no uncertain terms our feelings," in the matter.

"The most productive course of action," he said, in this state is for everyone to speak with one voice about the budget cuts.'

He expressed the fear, however, that "the general public has aquiesced in this matter.

Even should the budget cuts go through, he said, We must resist the temptation to go back to large institutions.





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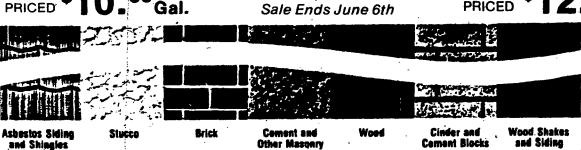
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