

Charities Seeks Funds To Aid Teenage Mothers

Diocesan Catholic Charities agencies have developed and submitted proposals dealing with the problems of teen pregnancy to the New York State Department of Social Services.

The proposals "are particularly important in that we are seeking projects which will provide alternatives to abortion and other trauma which are part of the early pregnancy problem," according to William Privett, associate director of Catholic Charities.

The Catholic Family Center has submitted a proposal for nearly \$35,000 to develop teen peer groups and parent advisory groups which will then develop programs in Jefferson High School, Rochester; North Rose/Wolcott High School, Wayne County; and Corpus Christi Junior High School, Rochester.

Privett said that the goal of the project is to encourage teenagers to delay sexual activity until a more appropriate time of life. The

project was developed following a Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Center convention of people representing family life education, youth programs, high school counseling, unwed parenthood programs, mental health services, Birthright, youth ministry, the Human Life Commission, and those studying the problem of teen pregnancy.

"These people overwhelmingly believed that the real gap in services in the Rochester area is the lack of programs involving teens themselves, which encourage teens to delay sexual activity, hopefully until they are married," Privett said.

Privett observed that in 1979, there were 2210 pregnancies among teens — about half of them resulting in induced abortion. He also noted that Wayne County has ranked second among upstate counties in the rate of teen pregnancies.

A second proposal, for \$31,000, has been submitted by the Elmira-based Southern Tier Office of Social

Ministry. The object is to serve high school dropouts.

According to Father Neil Miller and Sister Rosario Hughes, both of that office, existing programs in the Southern Tier serve those in school, but young women who have left school have only limited service possibilities.

The project would develop a cadre of adult volunteers who would be trained in ways to help both teens and their families cope with pregnancies positively, and to help teens receive the nutrition, education and other services they require.

Father Miller stated he hopes to develop support and to work with other agencies in Chemung and Schuyler counties. He said that he has already received some support from school districts.

NFP Sessions Scheduled

Two Natural Family Planning educational sessions on fertility awareness have been scheduled. The first will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, June 1, at the Bishop Kearney Building at St. Mary's Hospital. Another is planned from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, June 12 in the Main Conference Room at Rochester General Hospital.

These information sessions are open to the public at no charge. NFP recommends them before beginning instruction. Further information is available from NFP, 464-8705.

Unlawful Mass Celebrated

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, leader of the International Society of the Priests of St. Pius X, outlawed by the Vatican, celebrated a Tridentine Mass in Rochester Sunday.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark noted in a statement in the May 6 Courier-Journal that the archbishop, although "validly ordained," does not "lawfully exercise the fullness of his episcopal office, and his visit to this area is neither at my invitation nor is it sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester."

K of C Schedules Field Mass

Elmira — The Knights of Columbus Elmira Council 229 annual Field Mass will be at noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at the Priests Plot in Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery. The Mass is offered for all deceased Knights and their families. In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church.

CYO ELECTS

The Catholic Youth Organizations board of directors has elected Carol Ellis as its president. Ms. Ellis, a member of the Irondequoit Town Council, has been on the board since 1977. She was elected vice president in 1980. Others elected during the annual meeting last week were Thomas Burke, vice president; W. Gerald Norton, secretary; and C. Jane Wilson, treasurer.

Sister Magdalen LaRow, SSJ



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

Ministry Of Higher Education

Teaching at the college level has always been a challenging profession and when one adds the element of ministry, both the challenges and rewards are multiplied infinitely.

The college years have always represented a critical stage in students' progression from the dependencies of high school seniors to the young adults' acceptance of the full range of their individual responsibilities. Today this level of teaching is made even more interesting by the re-entry of older students and by those students who do not go through on the usual four-year timetable. This phenomenon provides both a wider age span and a greater mix of background and experience.

College years are a period when not only new areas of academic disciplines are discovered and explored, but it is also a time of intensive questioning, growing, re-evaluation, and hopefully, a kind of synthesis as students

struggle with who they are and what they believe. It is a time when all these impulses need, alternately or concomitantly, support, direction, encouragement or prodding. This offers to both faculty and staff a great range of possibilities of service — intellectual, moral, spiritual and social — to all those in this critical stage of development.

One does not have to be a formal member of a campus ministry team to share in this ministry of higher education. There is a witness value in a life of dedication to the pursuit and sharing of knowledge. What we know affects our understanding of who we are and what we can do. The atmosphere of learning is an integral part of the learning itself and persons can create that atmosphere. Poor indeed is one who has not had the experience of at least a few truly inspiring models, ones whose influence stems not only from what they teach, but even more from what they are. When the profession of college teaching is put within the context of a life dedicated to God and his people, there are countless opportunities to use one's gifts in a unique and rewarding service.

It is of concern that fewer and fewer religious seem to be drawn to this ministry. Perhaps some are discouraged at the prospect of the years of study required before one can enter the field. However, a college campus is an atmosphere of intellectual growth and excitement no matter from which quarter it is experienced.

The ministry's challenges come from both the students who earnestly seek answers and those who have not yet discovered questions. Its satisfaction flows from the sight of old understandings taking on new life and sometimes even new life given to old understandings through the insights of students. Its rewards are sometimes intangible, but are much like the sharing of a flame. Mine is not diminished by what I give away and the flame I kindle may well burn brighter, stronger, and more brilliantly than my own. The important part is that the world has been made a little brighter by the exchange.

Sister Magdalen LaRow, SSJ, is chairman of the art department at Nazareth College.

Fr. Boland Resigns As McQuaid Rector

It was reported last week that Father John Boland, SJ, has resigned his position as rector and president of McQuaid Jesuit High School. The decision was announced in a letter to McQuaid parents.

Father Boland assumed his present duties as rector and president in the summer of 1978. Previous assignments

have included: administrator of St. Andrew's College; dean of students at St. Peter's College and Rutgers University; director of athletics at St. Peter's College.

As of this writing there has been no information regarding a successor, or of Father Boland's plans. He has been unavailable for comment.

Hornell CDA Marks 68th Anniversary

Hornell — Court St. Ann, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, observed its 68th anniversary at a banquet May 3 at the American Legion Home.

Father Leo J. Mans, St. Ignatius Loyola pastor and court chaplain, was the speaker for the event. He spoke on Mary, commenting on her apparitions in past centuries, and on the ap-

propriateness of the court's founding in May.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Dolores Andrus. The invocation was given by Father Paul J. Gibbons of St. Ann's Parish, and Father Lawrence Ward of St. Ann's gave the benediction.

Past regents were honored, and Terry Bertram entertained the group with a selection of folk songs. Mrs. Mildred O'Connor chaired the committee preparing the event.

Cheese Party To Benefit Hospital

The St. Mary's Hospital Medical Auxiliary will hold its sixth annual Wine Tasting Party beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at the Otto A. Shultz Community Center at Nazareth College.

Donations will be \$10 a person and the proceeds from the event will be used to purchase a portable monitoring defibrillator for the hospital.

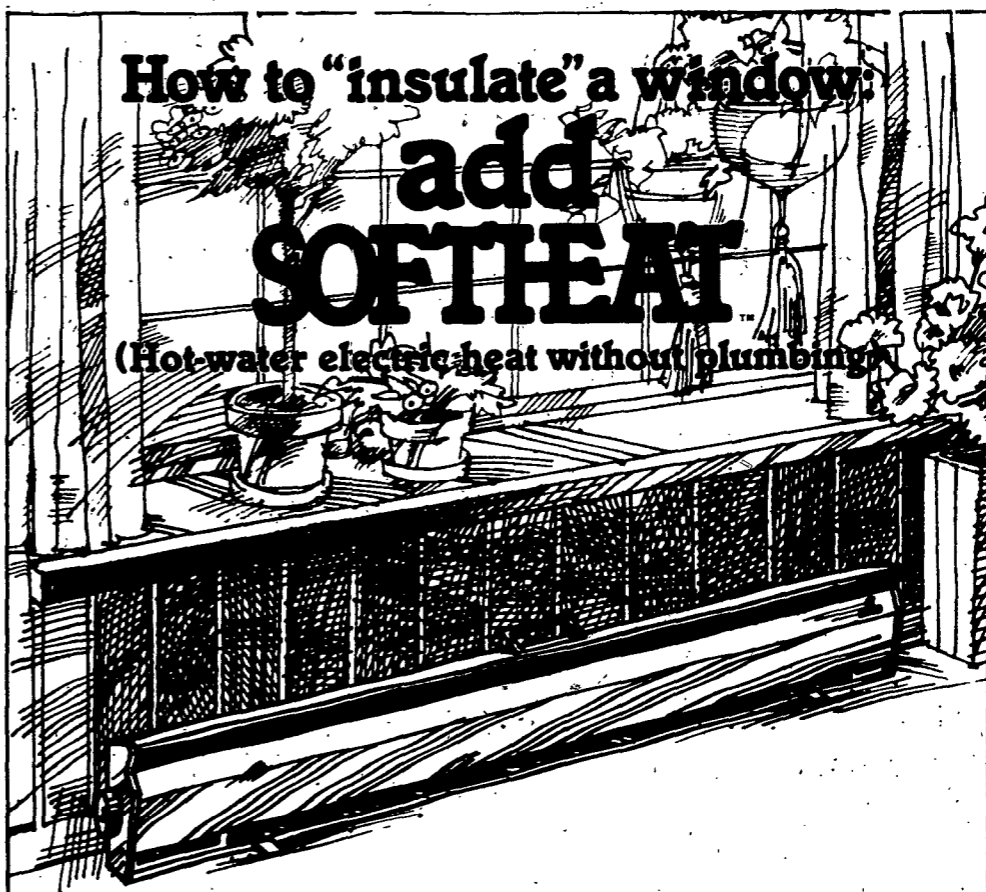
Reservations may be made by sending a check and self-addressed envelope to Mrs. Henry Patanella, 20 Ten Eyke Circle, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534. June 5 is the deadline. For further information call 586-0411 or 244-2005.

Class of 1940 Holds Reunion

Corning — Twenty members of the St. Bernard's Seminary class of 1940 met for a two-day reunion May 11, 12 in Corning and Horseheads.

The classmates, celebrating the 41st anniversary of their ordinations, celebrated Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, at St. Vincent DePaul Church, the parish of Father Joseph F. Hogan, a class member. The following day, they celebrated Mass at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, the parish of another member, Father Bartholomew O'Brien.

The 20 priests work in six dioceses: Camden, N.J.; Hartford and Bridgeport, Conn.; Scranton, Pa.; Syracuse and Rochester.



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