

Senior Homeowners Face Crisis, DSC Told

By John Dash

For at least 140 elderly persons living in their own homes in Monroe County a time of crisis has come. Sister Kathleen Kohn asserted last week.

Those elderly are participants in a home-care program in which volunteers from the Catholic Family Center assist the aged with basic chores around the house for a few hours each week.

Because the program does not involve a "hands on" type of service, but rather a home service, the state has rejected a bill sent to it from the county to pay for such aid, Sister Kathleen said.

Bible School Scheduled for July 20-31

A Vacation Bible School, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish, for children five to nine years old, will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., July 20-31 at the parish hall, 4492 Lake Ave.

Registration is made by contacting Mary McConnell, (716) 621-3922.

The problem has come to a head, she said, only in the past two weeks. She also indicated that without such service, the aged homeowner may be forced seek institutionalized living.

The nun, a staffer at the Catholic Family Center, brought the issue to the attention of both Bishop Matthew H. Clark and the Diocesan Sisters Council, meeting for the last time this season last Saturday.

Sister Remigia McHenry, SSJ, coordinator at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, indicated that the problem also existed in Chemung County.

A hope was expressed in council that parishes identify persons affected by cuts in such service and that parishes assume responsibility.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will hold a series of meetings with women religious around the diocese this fall, "to learn of the sisters' aspirations and to offer my own aspirations."

The bishop told the council that he looks forward to the series of meetings and asked prayer for the success of the dialogue the meetings will generate.

He also asked the Sisters for prayer on a joint convocation of the three consultative bodies slated for September. He said that he wants to foster each of the groups within the framework of their own competence and responsibility, and that he wants to clarify the specific purposes of each of the groups.

The Sisters in council also set themselves a number of tasks for the next season, among them to continue the Sisters Reflect column in the Courier-Journal, to rotate the council meeting sites around the diocese, to increase contacts with national groups and to use the public media more extensively.

Blood Drive Slated at St. Cecilia

The Red Cross will hold a community blood drive in Irondequoit from 1 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, at St. Cecilia's School Hall.

Persons between the ages of 17 and 66, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health may donate to the drive.

Rush Plans Triduum

Rush — A Sacred Heart Triduum is planned at St. Joseph's Church, Rush beginning at 7:30, Wednesday through Friday, June 24-26. Father Benedict Ehmann will conduct the services.

extended his invitation to all those wishing to attend.

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Jerusalem to Be Subject on Screen

A 35-minute, multi-scene audiovisual presentation, "Jerusalem," will be shown at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily June 18 to June 26 at Midtown Plaza.

The presentation also will be shown at 7:30 p.m., June 18, and June 25. It is sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation, Church Women United, the Commission on Interfaith Cooperation, the Monroe County Human Relations Commission, and the Women's Interfaith Coalition.

The showings will be free.

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