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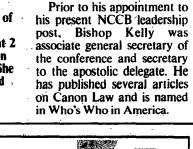
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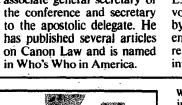
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Mercy Names Novice

Patricia M. Beairsto, 28, campus minister at Monroe **Community College for the** past two years, will be received into the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester in ceremonies at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the motherhouse chapel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beairsto of Brockport.





Annual Red Mass

Scheduled Sept. 11

Bishop Thomas C. Kelly.

general secretary of the

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will speak

on "A Fading Heritage" at the 36th annual Red Mass at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, at Old St. Mary's Church in

Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Bishop Kelly is a Rochester

native and his father, Thomas

A. Kelly, was an attorney. His

great-uncle, Father John W.

Kelly, served in Spencerport,

Victor, Auburn and Ithaca.

will be celebrant of the Mass.

sponsored by the St. Thomas

downtown Rochester.

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Christian neighbors and friends; influence of the priests and religious; a Church visit, program, event or art; theewitness of a lively, committed parish. and so on. (Parishes, to fulfill their mission of evangelization, need to recognize where this

> Once the initial conversion has occurred as the result of evangelization, it must be protected and nourished so that it can mature into a true desire for Baptism and life in the Church (No. 10).

already being accomplished

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formal part of the Pre-Catechumenate, in the context of a hospitable community and prayer. (No. 11-12).

For the parish comof belonging and that their munity should open its search has not been in vain. doors to the inquirers who This mutual story-telling will also help their initial come seeking the help they need to cooperate with desires and inclinations to God's grace. This is done in grow and ripen, for it is conducted in the context of an atmosphere where these persons can feel comhearing the Word of God and suitable praver. supported fortable and SAFARI TO **EAST AFRICA** October 16 to 28 Kenya... her people and natural wonders. safari through this fascinating country that combines the exciting wildlife viewing in Africa's great game reserves and the opportunity to meet with the people of Kenya . . . to visit their churches and missions. **Hosted by Father Paul Cuddy** For Details Call or Write: 671-2640 WYDLER TRAVEL SERVICE 1778 Empire Blvd. • Webster, NY 14580



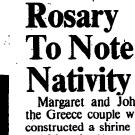
BISHOP KELLY

The tradition of the Red Mass originated in the Fourth Century and was begun in this area in 1945 by Bishop James E. Kearney. It is an invocation for spiritual blessing by the legal profession, law enforcement, judiciary and related agencies. The public is invited.

> without pressure. It is not just a one-to-one meeting between priest and "convert," but a gathering of inquirers, catechists, parish staff members and parishioners for what the general instruction of the RCIA calls a "friendly exchange." (No. 11)

This "friendly exchange" is the heart of the Pre-Catechumenate. Everyone - even Snoopy - has a story to tell. It is about one's journey of faith: how each one has discovered and experienced the working of God in life, how one has been brought to this moment of inquiry and belief. There are no wrong answers here, only the "friendly exchange" of the rich stories of God's wonderful works in the lives of his wonderful people.

Then, in these Pre-Catedhumenate meetings, the story of the People of God is told, the story of God's wonderful works through the ages. His most wonderful work, the life This is done in the and death and resurrection of Christ, is narrated. All this so that the inquirers might recognize that their story is like the story of many others, that they might in turn find a sense



Margaret and John Shea, the Greece couple who have constructed a shrine to Jesus and Mary in the wooded area at 237 Rye Road, will host the recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to commemorate the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



Insights In Liturgy By Father **Robert J. Kennedy**

Entering The Mystery

Anyone who follows the comic strip "Peanuts" is, by now, familiar with Snoopy perched on the roof of his doghouse and hard at work at his typewriter. He is writing his great book and he always begins. "It was a dark and stormy night

This image serves us well as we begin a four-part series on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The process of Christian initiation "takes place step by step in the midst of the community of the faithful (No. 4). The first step is often the "dark and stormy night" of the search for meaning and value in one's life, for belonging to a hospitable and committed community, or for a deeper knowledge of God and Christ. This search is the Holy Spirit's first opening of the hearts of these inquirers, a kind of invitation to focus their meandering search on God, on Christ, on the Church.

The first step or stage of the initiation process is described by the RCIA as the period of Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate. These 50cent words mean nothing more - and nothing less! - than the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that these searchers or inquirers are drawn toward the mystery of God's love and are freely converted to believe in its power (No. 9-10).

There has been a lot of discussion about evangelization in recent years, with much fretting about how the Church will evangelize all those who need to hear the good news and what programs. can accomplish this task. Yet evangelization happens all the time, every day. Inquirers hear the good news of Christ in many ways contact with good.