State NFP Group Formed

The first meeting of the State Association for Natural Family Planning took place Saturday, June 12, at Syracuse with representatives from each of the eight dioceses in New York.

The association was formedat the behest of Therese Petracca, the director of the Rochester NFP office, who sent out letters expressing the idea and "everyone seemed excited and supportive of the

"I saw a need for people to get together and talk about administering of programs," she said. "This was not the usual kind of NFP meeting where technical or medical aspects are the topic. We discussed administration, promotion and other things along that line.'

The Rochester NFP director said the purposes of the new state assocation would be "to provide support and exchange information, to share expertise and programs on a statewide level, to bring in top people from around the world for state conferences, to make an impact on the media and the medical field.'

She explained that each independent group "has a difficult time (with the media and medical profession) but statewide we should have more influence."

Also attending the Syracuse meeting was Lawrence Kane, director of the national Human Life and Natural Family Planning Foundation. He said that the oldest such organization in the U.S. is the New England Conference



with groups from all six New England states. Texas is beginning and Minnesota has a conference.

"As far as federal funding," he said, "the government divides the conuntry regionally and while the six New Englannd states comprise one region, New York State is a region all by itself."

Thus, the new NFP association fits in neatly.

He explained the growth of NFP nationally - "in 1970 there were 12 programs in the country, 50 in 1972, 150 in 1977, 450 in 1980, 700 in 1982 and 900 in 1982." These figures indicate that NFP groups double every four

Mrs. Petracca and her husband, Joe, were named cochairman of the new state association. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2 in Syracuse "to approve purpose, set goals and objectives and establish by-laws," Mrs. Petracca said.

The following information

July 7, 7:30 p.m., special

session for Cambodians,

Room 11, Blessed Sacrament

School, 534 Oxford St.,

Rochester; July 9, 7:30 p.m.,

Main Conference Room,

Rochester General Hospital;

July 12, 7:30 p.m., Kearney Building, St. Mary's Hospital;

July 23, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's

School Library, 95 N. Main

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Hospital, Brockport.

7:30 p.m., Lakeside

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BISHOP LARKIN

Bishop Larkin To Visit Home **NFP Plans Information Sessions**

Mt. Morris — Bishop W. Thomas Larkin of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., will celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m., July 11, at his home parish of St. Patrick's here.

The occasion is a reunion of the parish School Alumni Association. The bishop also will be the principal speaker at a buffet dinner, I p.m. at the Provo Party House, according to Joseph Cicero, alumni president. Bishop Larkin is a member of the class of 1936, Cicero 1954.

former pupils, teachers, pastors and workers. Tickets at \$6.50 per person are reserved before June 30.

In charge of the event are association officers: Mary Ann Cicero, vice president; Barbara Taravella, secretary; Lena Guarino, treasurer; and Charlotte Keating, Gertrude Donovan and Ruth Constantine, alumnae.

St. Patrick's School opened in 1911 during the pastorate of Father Andrew E. Breen. The school was closed by Invited to the event are economic conditions in 1974.

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Tabasco Missioners Commissioned

By John Dash

This evening, 15 diocesans will be commissioned by Bishop Matthew H. Clark as summer missioners to the Diocese of Tabasco, Mex.

For the third year, in a program supervised by the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission, men and women from this area spend anywhere from two to six weeks working among the people of Rochester's "sister

Reunion Planned

diocese," specifically the Indians who live in or near Tamulte de las Sabanas, a community of 30,000 who live either in the town or at 16 area "rancherias," small rural communities.

The pastor of the area is Father Lucas Partida.

For a number of Rochesterians, this summer's journey to Mexico will be the second or third. For otners this year will mark the first

The 1932 graduating class of Ss. Peter and Paul School is planning a 50th anniversary reunion. For further information, please contact James Ray Mensing, 865-

7950; Mary Morris Bingham, 338-1197; or Eileen Henretta Burroughs, 482-4346.

time they participate in the program.

Mary Elizabeth Young and

her husband, David, will be making the trip for the second

Last year, she said, they both discovered firsthand "the universality of man, especially of the Church. One is taught about that universality, but (the summer program makes it very concrete.

"People have common

needs," she said, "despite their differences in background.'

She said that she and her husband "learned how blessed we are, even in little things like hot water.'

She also said that the two did not experience, "culture shock" on first encountering life at Tamulte. Rather it was the return to Rochester that occasioned the culture shock reaction.

Peter Voelki, a 21-year-old student at Fordham, where he is majoring in philosophy, is making the trip for the first time. He said that he expects he will get back "probably more than I put into the experience. This will be the farthest I have ever traveled."

He anticipates returning with "perhaps a real sense of what a different culture is like," a personal realization of what is now academic knowledge.

Voelkl will be working in an adult literacy program. Mrs. Young, a nurse, in the parish clinic.

This year's Tabasco missioners are Marylin Bennet, Barbara Fagan, Thomas Gowan, Sister Magdalena Kellner, SSJ: Walter R. Lalor, Amy L. MacDonald, Sister Mary Ann Mayer, SSJ; Father John Firpo. Marianne Miserandino, Sister Marylin Pray, SSJ: Michael A. Santantonio. Valerie J. Smith, Voelk, and the Youngs.

The first contingent will leave tomorrow. June 24.

The Family Rosary Watkins Glen (104FM); Network may be heard at WSFW, Seneca Falls (99FM

Rosary on the Air

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WWWG, Rochester (1500AM);WXXY,

6:30 nightly over the and 1110AM); WOIV. Syracuse (105FM); WYRD, Syracuse (1540 AM), and WXRL, Buffalo (1300AM).

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