



Sisters Rosemary, Barbara and Janet Korn, executive councilor and former missionary to Chile.

Mercy Sisters to Leave for Chile

Mercy Sisters Barbara DiFiore and Rosemary Sherman will leave next Wednesday for Santiago, Chile, where they will participate in a month-long program of mission awareness sponsored by their congregation.

This is the second year that the Rochester congregation has participated in the program.

The Rochester Sisters will report on their experiences of Chilean people and culture on

their return to the area.

Sister Barbara is a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School and is chairperson of the congregation's formation team. Sister Rosemary is a parish visitor at St. Charles Borromeo.

Rochester RSMs Open Novitiate In South America

The diocesan Sisters of Mercy have opened their first novitiate in South America. The move is seen as historic. The novitiate, in Santiago, Chile, is housed in the convent of Santa Ana Parish and shelters but one novice, Graciela "Chela" Lagos.

Ms. Lagos, a Chilean, has already spent time in formation as a Sister of Mercy, but in Argentina.

The Santiago Mercy formation team, the group responsible for guiding those entering religious life, is Sister Kay Schwenzer, novitiate coordinator, and Sister Jane Kenrick, postulant and pre-postulant coordinator.

According to Sister Janet Korn, executive councilor of the Rochester Sisters and a former missionary to Chile, the foreign missionaries in Latin America have had novitiates in the past, and most of those who entered such programs entered institutional ministry. "But within the past five years," she said, "the thrust has been burgeoning among missionaries in Latin American countries toward forming leadership for the native Church."

Sister Kay noted the "increased vocational interest and searching among the youth" with whom they work, so much so that Sister Jane began a co-ed vocational interest group in her parish two years ago and Sister Kay established a similar group last year in another parish.

Summer Holiday

The Courier-Journal offices will be closed the week of July 4, and no edition will be published for July 14. The deadline for the issue of July 7 is noon today, June 30.

Corrections

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are leaving the convent at Holy Family Parish. The Sisters of Mercy will take up residence there. The parish was incorrectly identified last week.

Father Robert Hammond has been named associate pastor of Holy Ghost Parish. His assignment was incorrectly identified last week.

Lebanon

Pope Asks Israelis For 'Magnanimity'

Vatican City (RNS) — As Israeli forces fortified their positions around Beirut, the Lebanese capital, Pope John Paul II appealed to Israel to show magnanimity.

"My thoughts turn in particular to the besieged quarters of Beirut, where a decisive encounter is now feared, which will only produce more painful and needless bloodshed," the pontiff told some 30,000

people at his weekly general audience at St. Peter's Square.

In a massive land, air and sea invasion of southern Lebanon aimed at wiping out the Palestine Liberation Organization as a political and military force, Israeli forces dug in on the hills around Beirut, as armored units continued to isolate the capital.

The PLO leadership, at the time the pope was speaking, was still entrenched along with some 6,000 PLO guerrillas in west Beirut.

"My prayer," said the pope, "is that the bellicose and rancorous spirits of the combatants will change to a profound sense of humanity, so that further losses of human life and, God forbid, a real massacre, can be avoided."

The pontiff appealed to Israel to show "magnanimity, wisdom, and farsightedness so as not to compromise a future negotiated settlement to the problems" of Israeli security and Palestinian aspirations.

Local Fund Established To Aid Lebanon Refugees

The Arab-American community has started a fund drive to aid Lebanese wounded, orphaned or made refugees in the current war.

Authoritative sources estimate that more than 30,000 have been killed and wounded this month; 600,000 have become refugees, and 1.5 million Lebanese need some form of assistance.

Funds are being sought

through the United Holy Land Fund, an American-registered, tax-exempt charity which will funnel contributions through the International Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

According to Francis Zagaiev, president of the Arab-American Society of Rochester, more than 1,000 Arab-American families live in the area, most of them Lebanese with relatives in Beirut.

A group of clergymen is being assembled to endorse the local fund, including the Rev. John Walker and Father Lawrence Tracy.

Check contributions may be made payable to the UHLF, Lebanon Emergency, 921 Crittenden Road, Rochester, 14623.

Rosary on The Air

The Family Rosary Network may be heard at 6:30 nightly over the following stations:

- WWWG, Rochester (1500 AM); WXXY, Watkins Glen (104FM); WSFW, Seneca Falls (99FM and 1110AM); WOIV, Syracuse (105FM); WYRD, Syracuse (1540 AM), and WXRL, Buffalo (1300AM).

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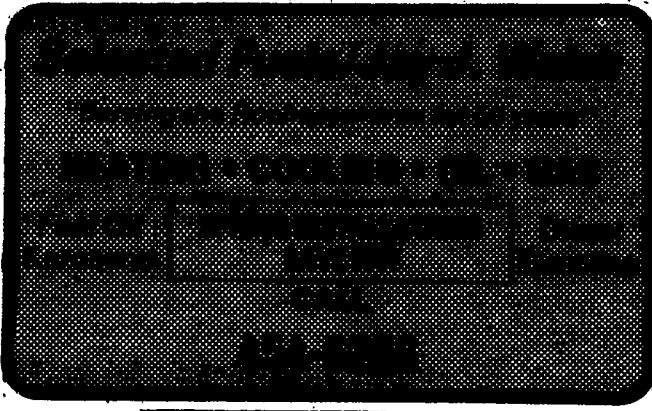
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Haitian Update

At press time, word had not been received on Judge Eugene Spellman's decision whether to release Haitians in federal detention prior to their exclusionary hearings.

The issue was aired in Judge Spellman's court in Miami last Wednesday. The judge had earlier nullified the year-old federal policy under which the Haitians had been detained, but at that time he refused to order the refugees released.



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