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Missioner

Brother Otilio Rivera, "Hermano Cheo," of the Congregation of St. John the Evangelist of Puerto Rico, makes a point at the two-week outdoor Spanish mission which ended last Friday, at the old Star Market parking lot on North Clinton Avenue. He will conduct similar missions in Newark and Geneva during the last two weeks of July. The missions are being sponsored by the diocesan Office of the Spanish Apostolate.

Youth Institute Slated by Diocese

A second Catholic Youth Leadership Institute for diocesan young people has been slated Aug. 22-28 at the Divine Word Seminary in Conesus.

"The first such gathering was held last year and was attended by 35 youths from across the diocese. That meeting, which drew high praise of the program, offered instruction in group dynamics, communication, styles of leadership and conflict resolution.

According to the organizers of the event, the institute is designed to foster the leadership potential, spiritual

development and spiritual growth of young people."

In addition, the program "fosters spiritual development through opportunities to celebrate faith through daily prayer and worship. Leadership skills are practiced by the young people as they take responsibility for planning and leading different parts of the program."

The program is offered by the diocesan office of Youth Ministry, headed by Patrick Fox, and further information is available by contacting the Pastoral Office, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Archbishop Bernardin Named To Succeed Cardinal Cody

Chicago (RNS) — Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati will succeed the late Cardinal John Cody here as head of the nation's largest diocese.

The archbishop, who has served as president of the United States Catholic Conference, said at a press conference in Cincinnati that he will be installed Aug. 25.

Highly respected in the United States and in the Vatican, the prelate was given the complex and sensitive job of heading the bishops' committee to draft a major

Urgent Alert Issued On Hatch Amendment

An urgent alert has been issued by the diocesan Office of Family Life on the Hatch Human Life Amendment.

According to Frank Staropoli, director of the office, Sen. Howard Baker is refusing to allow debate on the amendment on the Senate floor.

A release from the National Committee for Human Life Amendment, Inc., stated:

"The long anticipated full Senate action on the Hatch Amendment is being blocked by Senate majority leader Howard Baker (R-TN).

Although maintaining throughout this Congress that 'I would schedule a full-fledged debate on the abortion issue,' we have just learned that by this, Senator Baker did not include a constitutional amendment.

"According to a key Baker aide, the 'full-fledged debate' will occur during the consideration of the Debt Limit bill, to which the Human Life Bill could be offered as an amendment under the Senate rules, but to which a constitutional amendment cannot be added. And no other time will be set aside for con-

sideration of the Hatch Amendment."

Staropoli's office is urging diocesans to write both to President Reagan and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, stating "The Republican leadership in the senate is blocking consideration of the Hatch Amendment (SJR 110). Please request that Senator Baker allow a Senate vote on the Hatch Amendment immediately."

The president's address is The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Sen. D'Amato is reached by writing U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Vatican Names American To Panel Probing Bank

Vatican City — The former head of New York's Emigrant Savings Bank has been named by the Vatican to a panel of three international banking experts examining dealings between the Vatican bank and the Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank and the center of a major financial scandal.

Joseph Brennan, former chairman of Emigrant, Carlo Cerutti, vice chairman of an Italian government-owned communications firm, and Philippe de Weck, former chairman of the Union Bank of Switzerland are looking into the Vatican bank, headed since 1971 by American Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus.

Archbishop Marcinkus is also the pontiff's bodyguard and plays a major part in arranging the pope's pilgrimages to other countries.

The Vatican bank has come under sharp criticism from the Italian government because of its involvement with Banco Ambrosiano. The Vatican holds 1.58 percent of the other bank, making it one of the largest of its stockholders.

At the heart of the controversy is a letter of patronage issued by Archbishop Marcinkus to the late Roberto Calvi, president of Banco Ambrosiano. The document could make the Vatican liable for \$1.4 billion in high-risk loans to three Latin American and Caribbean subsidiaries of Banco Ambrosiano if those loans are in default.

Calvi was found dead, hanging by the neck, from a London bridge June 18. At the time of his death he was appealing a 1981 conviction for illegally exporting \$26.4 million out of Italy; and shortly before his death, the Bank of Italy, the central bank, had asked him to explain the \$1.4 billion loans.

British authorities have not

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Spirit House: Unique Place of Healing Opens

By Sister Elaine Kolesnik, RSM

Externally, it is a spacious house, like several others in the locale, with vast window areas from which to drink in the view overlooking wooded Highland Park. Its situation on a knoll well above its surroundings gives the house and its sloping lawn and shrubbery an added sense of space.

But, internally, 428 Mt. Vernon Ave., Rochester, New York, is a dwelling inhabited by the Spirit and inspired by its community: three Sisters of St. Joseph and three Sisters of Mercy — and their guests. Hence, its name: Spirit House.

In existence since the Fall of 1981, Spirit House is an intercongregational community of women religious involved in fulltime ministries and "open to sharing life, prayer,

hope and healing with those sisters who would join them for brief periods of time," to quote from a flier.

The house functions primarily as a preventive resource to help eliminate the need for psychiatric hospitalization. It also exists to aid a sister in moving toward wholeness and health in her transition from hospital back to her local community. Because of limited available resources, it restricts its services to the geographic area from Albany to Buffalo.

"We are an 'intentional' community," explains Sister Mollie Brown, director of Spirit House. "This house is not for us — the six of us in the core community. There is something bigger — a sense of intent beyond ourselves."

With the intent of opening its doors in

May 1982, the core community of six came together in September 1981 to build its own sense of itself and had felt "a real impatience" since February to "get started!" They welcomed their first guest at the end of April. Another guest has since arrived.

Spirit House offers no formal treatment program, Sister Mollie is quick to stress. Its transitional setting provides a supportive community in which women religious who are experiencing major stresses in their lives and or ministries may live for up to one year. The community setting with its responsibilities and support is the only program offered at Spirit House.

The emphasis is on "support."

"The whole concept of the 'wounded healer' is very real here," Sister Mollie

reflected. "We (the receiving community) have been wounded, too . . . we're all struggling with life and growth — caring, sharing, open to and healing each other. So, with our guests, it's a feeling of 'you're no different from us.' The crux is that we're all growing together." This statement is at the heart of the concept of Spirit House.

The basic philosophical approach to the house, Sister Mollie avers, is that "religious women who have in any way been wounded in community (their families/communities) can also be healed within the context of a therapeutic community that is based upon psychotheological concepts and that is centered around the Eucharist, where all people are healed."

The house can accommodate seven

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