

At Your Parish...

St. Vincent

Corning — An Ice Cream Social and Outdoor Band Concert will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, on the lawn of St. Vincent De Paul Church at the corner of Dodge Avenue and Ellicott Street.

The social will be followed by a Corning Community Band concert under the direction of parishioner John Stranges at 7 p.m.

In announcing plans for the event, Father Joseph F. Hogan, pastor, said, "We are indeed most fortunate to have the Corning Community

Band, whose membership comprises some of the Southern Tier's most talented musicians, donate its time and talent to present the evening's entertainment for our parish family." The priest also extended an invitation to the community at large "to share in this most enjoyable event with us."

The Ice Cream Social tickets will be sold on the night of the event only. Tickets are 75 cents per person, and a maximum of \$3 per family. Other tickets for events ancillary to the social, however, are available from parishioners.

The event, described by

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM

Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect



The Liberation Of Those Imprisoned

I have been involved with Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry for a year and a half and in many ways the ministry, the men and women I serve and the Board and volunteers with whom I labor, have enlivened the Gospel for me in many unique and wonderful ways. When the prophet Isaiah reminds us that the Messianic Age will be one in which the broken-hearted will be healed and prisoners will be set free, I have a hard time reconciling that message with the buildings, structures and institutions we have created to deal with and care for victims and the accused. I keep asking myself, "How do we bring liberation to those confined in maximum security? How do we preach the freeing message of the Gospel? How do we reach into the tombs and cages of their lives and speak a message of hope, promise and new life?" Gospel liberation is our business! But how do we do it? Our ministry has taken seriously the words of the author of Hebrews: "Remember those in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoner." (Hebrews 13:3)

There in those words is the key for all of us who are called to care for our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated. When we recognize our own weaknesses and sins, when we can name the fact that we too are in need of healing and new life, then we can be effective ministers in jails, prisons — indeed, in any institution or community in which we find ourselves.

Often, as I have chaired the Diocesan Sisters Council, I have watched the women who are seated before and around me. What a richness they represent! There are teachers, counselors, hospital administrators, spiritual directors, nurses, pastoral care workers, school administrators, rural ministers, college chaplains and on and on. Each woman is literally "graced" with marvelous gifts, drawn by the Lord and the spirit of her respective

congregation to place those gifts at the feet of the community, the Church. And in a wonderful symbol of the Body of Christ, these very same women come together to offer their collective wisdom and experience to enrich the Diocese of Rochester through the Sisters Council.

There is great cause for celebration here! Deeply committed, prayerful women are walking with people, are present in institutions and structures which so desperately need their gifts. These mature and holy women are not afraid to ask and face the difficult questions about life, the future and who face their brothers and sisters with an embrace of care and compassion. There is so much hope and so much promise here. This is what we need to celebrate in this diocese! Numbers, memories about Sisters are important but they are not as essential as the attitude of openness to the future and the willingness to face the hard questions and realities about life that lie before all of us as believing men and women.

For me, at this time in my personal history, I am trying to address these questions in a system that needs reform and humanizing. For other Sisters the place will be different but what a gift that they are there and willing to labor in love. It is liberation that we are about! With all of our brothers and sisters the task is to make the Word become flesh again, over and over, in the daily life of life.

During the past several months, many of our Sisters have shared with you their lives and their ministries through this column. At this time I would like to thank them all and to congratulate the Courier-Journal for continuing the series. I do hope that in the months ahead you will meet many more Sisters, fine women of this diocese, and that through them you will be filled with hope and life, the kind of hope and life that they receive from all of you!

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, is executive director of the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry and is retiring president of the Diocesan Sisters Council.

Eleanor K. Giambrone, a member of the publicity committee, as "a great source of financial assistance in the operation of our parish school and ... also our major fund raiser for 1982." last year drew more than 600 persons, making it one of the parish's most successful fund-raising endeavors.

In the event of rain the social will be held in the school hall.

Holy Name

The annual festival of Holy Name Parish will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24, and 9 a.m. Sunday, July 25. Included in this year's events are a Festival Teen Run for Sunday and a special anniversary Mass, also that day. Information on the run is obtained by calling Gail Schuler, chairperson, 621-4040.

TOUR TO EAST AFRICA

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Hosted by Fr. Joseph Reinhart

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This tour has been planned so that you not only see the many natural wonders of this fascinating country but will also have the privilege of visiting the people of Kenya ... Your host, Father Joseph Reinhart, the Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has visited East Africa several times and has helped to establish the close ties that exist between the Diocese of Rochester and those in Kenya. An announcement of our tour was sent to the Dioceses of Nyeri, Nakuru, Kisumu, Kakamega and Ngong and to the Archdiocese of Nairobi and in reply a warm welcome is being extended to Father Reinhart and his group giving a most unique opportunity to meet the people ... to visit the churches and missions ... to worship with them.

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Cost of the trip for bus and hotel accommodations is \$59.50. Meals are not included in this cost. For reservations or additional information, please call the rectory (467-3068) Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Mrs. Mary Szelag (467-1437) anytime.

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