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Les Troubadours sing under the direction of Father Andre Lynch.

French Youth Choir To Perform in Greece

Les Troubadours, a French youth choir from Aix-en-Provence, will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave.

between 11 and 23 sings a capella and with a chamber orchestra composed of choir members attending music conservatory.

Founded in 1974 by Father The mixed choir of youths Andre Lynch, choirmaster of

throughout France, southern Germany, Italy and Switzerland The Rochester performance is free to the public.

<u>Deaths</u> **Brother** Francis, SVD Mass of Christian Burial

St. Sauveur Cathedral, Les

Troubadours present concerts

was celebrated at the Divine Word Seminary July 12 for Brother Francis (Nicholas C. Gaenger), a brother in the Society of the Divine Word who died at 95 July 7, 1982.

He had been a member of his congregation for 70 years. A native of Hungary, Brother

Insights In Liturgy

By Father Thomas P. Mull

Let's Look At Baptism

For the next five weeks, Insights in Liturgy will focus on the liturgical celebration of baptism for children. We'd like to look at this sacrament from the points of view of the parents, the sponsors, the assembly, and the minister — people all intricately involved in the initiation celebration of new members.

Baptism is the rite of passage of an individual into the Church family. It is the rite by which the Church communicates in gesture. sound, touch, water, oil, garments and light. God, Creator, recreates; the One who loves calls the beloved: a community celebrates its own existence; and a child celebrates freedom and new life. Understood in such idvllic terms, baptism cannot be an isolated event. It is, rather, a celebration of life. The community enjoys their life together. Parents rejoice in the new life of their child. Combined, the Church, parents, sponsors, minister, and assembly celebrate the "new life" of faith.

Baptism for a child is a

significant step because it,

presents the child with a

community in which he/she

will grow and come to

experience more fully each

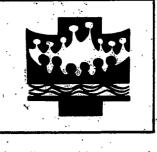
stage of human life. It is not

a community chosen by the child — anymore than children can? choose their

own parents. The Church,

the Family of God called

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has summoned her sons and daughters and they transmit this call to their sons and daughters.

Our diocesan guidlines state: "The faith of parents is a crucial pastoral concern since they are accepting the responsibility of forming their children in the practice of the faith." Time should be spent with parents that they rediscover their faith experience, because they are the primary examples of faith to their children.

Sponsors, too, have an important role of witnessing faith in God. "The sponsors/godparents should be fully initiated, practicing Catholics ... A practicing Christian of another

Baptism with a Catholic god-parent." (Sacramental Guidelines I, c) The honor and responsibility of this role is such that the women and men chosen should see themselves as representatives of the whole of the People of God and serve as model witnesses in the life journey of the child.

The assembly and the minister play an important role in the celebration of Baptism. They represent the presence of the Lord ... arms extended to welcome a new child, the warmth of a family to convey the message that one is wanted, the challenge to honesty that the commitment made will be the commitment honored.

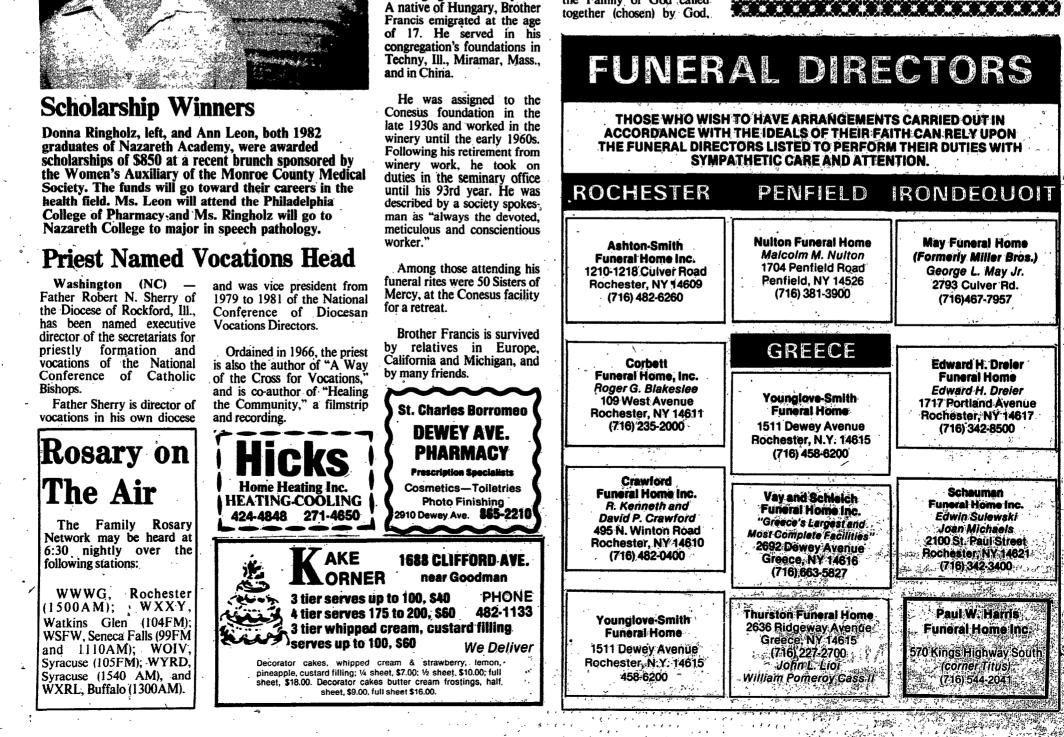
Baptism becomes an event. It is not only washing, anointing, clothing and officiating; it is also the celebration of our one foundation of faith: eternal life in Jesus Christ. Our child is called, named, freed from sin, welcomed into community-family, and all

communion may also be chosen to witness the rejoice! LARGE SELECTION OF **NEW ORIENTAL RUGS NOW AVAILABLE** Wanted: USED ORIENTAL RUGS WE OFFER EXPERT CLEANING, **REPAIRING, APPRAISING 175 NORRIS DRIVE** i **Gra** s more you had your Office date: 275-9250 Est. 1924 • Free Parking • Open: Mon-Fri, 9-5, Thur till 9, Sat. till 1

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