

St. Joseph's Villa Opens Fund Drive for Addition

St. Joseph's Villa announced the inauguration of a \$1.35 million fund drive to pay for major construction and renovation of the center, at a campaign kickoff dinner last Monday night.

The Villa, a residential treatment center for some 180 emotionally disturbed children, youth and their families, revealed that the bulk of the money raised, approximately \$1.1 million, will be used for constructing a new physical education and recreation building.

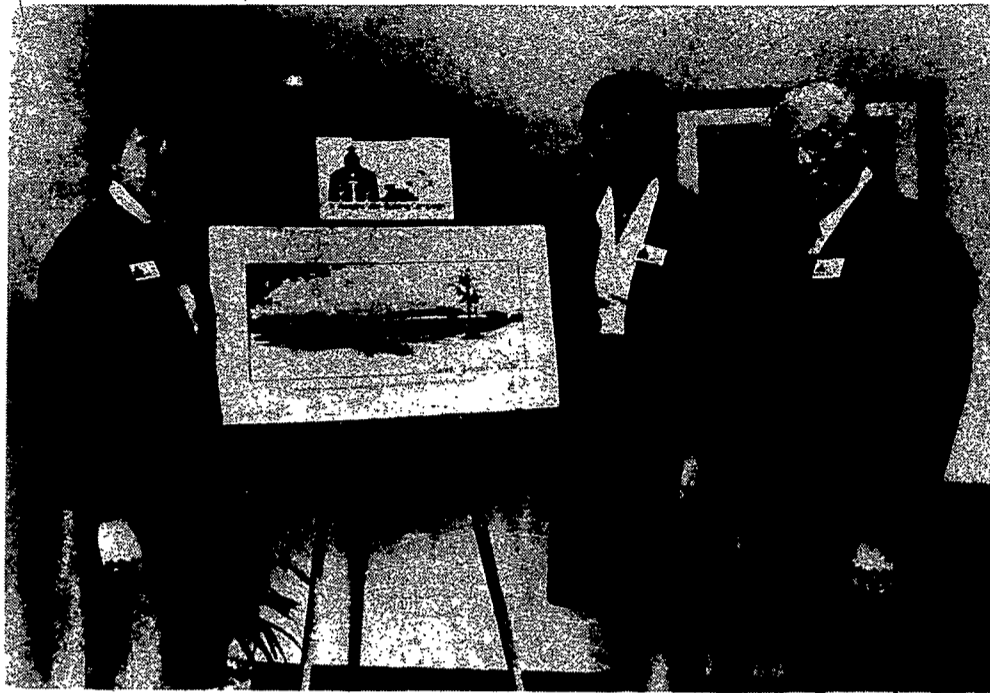
The remaining \$250,000 will go toward the renovation of existing buildings at the Villa's Dewey Avenue campus.

The new building will house a day treatment program and other prevention related programs. It will also fulfill state requirements for full physical education facilities, according to Sister Judith McKay, SSJ, executive director of the Villa.

"Our goal at St. Joseph's Villa is to reunite children and families," Sister Judith said. "The new building will enable us to intensify programs in order to do this more effectively."

Sister Judith said that the renovations will include repair of slate roofs, gutters, and the heating and electrical systems of some of the Villa's campus buildings.

"The staff at the Villa has a tremendous feeling of being supported by the many people who have said they are willing



Co-chairpersons Janet Welch and George Wiedemer Sr. flank Sister Judith McKay, SSJ, executive director of the Villa, and an architect's sketch of the proposed addition.

to work on the campaign," Sister Judith added.

More than 150 volunteers gathered at the Mapledale Party House for the inaugural dinner. Among the speakers were Bishop Matthew H. Clark and a youth residing at the Villa.

"The fact that St. Joseph's Villa has never had a major fund drive makes me feel that the community will be supportive of this building campaign," said George Wiedemer Sr., co-chairperson of the drive and chairman and chief executive officer of Cable-Wiedemer, Inc.

"Because of the tremendous benefits the children will receive both now and in the future, it just must succeed!"

Assisting Wiedemer is Janet Welch, executive director of Facilities for Group Homes of Rochester, Inc. "The children at the Villa have been placed by the community, and the enthusiasm to provide additional facilities, including the gym, has been very encouraging," Mrs. Welch said.

Other key volunteers in the campaign include Daniel Wegman, president, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; Robert Kleisley, president, C & M Forwarding Co.; Frank

Riedman, vice president, Riedman Corporation; Charles Seuffert, retired vice president, Marine Midland Bank; Robert Flavin, president, Communications Workers of America, Local 1170; and Max McCarthy, president, McCarthy Chemicals.

According to Sister Judith, groundbreaking for the addition is scheduled for Spring 1983.

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NFP Conference Scheduled

Nona Aguilar, author and columnist, will be the guest speaker at a Natural Family Planning Conference from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Education Wing of the University of Rochester Medical Center, 601 Elmwood Ave.

She will share observations on NFP that she has gathered in her travels throughout the country.

Msgr. Connell Dies

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 coast to coast. He had previously been heard three times on national broadcasts.

During his years of teaching, Dr. Connell was also weekend assistant at Blessed Sacrament Church.

In June 1956, at the commencement exercises of St. Andrew's Seminary, Bishop James E. Kearney announced the appointment of Msgr. Connell to the pastorate of St. Margaret Mary Church in Irondequoit. Four years earlier, Pope Pius XII had elevated him to Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

His brother, Father Charles Connell, is pastor of St. Philip Neri Church.

Other speakers will be Joseph Fanelli, supervisor of Expectant Parent Services for Syracuse Catholic Charities; Rosalie Parsons, NFP Education's nurse-clinician; Father James Hewes, pastor of Mount Carmel Parish; Joe and Terri Petracca, marriage and family counselor for Family Service of Rochester and executive director of NFP of Rochester, respectively; Gary and Judi Neuderfer, certified NFP instructors; and Earl and Judy Knab, certified NFP instructors.

A panel discussion with all the workshop leaders will wrap up the conference. It is open to all interested persons.

Registration is necessary. Further information is

available from NFP Education, (716) 464-8705.

WIC Series

Joseph Kelly, professor of religious studies at Nazareth College, will give an "Overview of Psalms in the Jewish and Christian Tradition," during the first session of the Women's Interfaith Coalition Fall series, "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord," 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, Oct. 20, in the Ben Goldstein Chapel of Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave. Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ, will join Martha Birnbaum, Rosemary Kew and Mary Osborne for a musical program of Psalms at the same time and place next week, Oct. 27.

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