

Fr. Michatek Named YOW Coordinator

Father William C. Michatek, pastor of St. Michael's, Penn Yan/St. Andrew's, Dundee, has been appointed coordinator of the Yates-Ontario-Wayne (YOW) region of the diocese.

Father Michatek, 42, replaces Father Ron Stacey as

head of that region.

Father Michatek was ordained in 1966 and served at St. Lawrence, Greece; Holy Trinity, Webster; St. John of Rochester, Fairport; and Holy Ghost prior to his pastorate at St. Michael's.



FATHER MICHATEK

Haitian Refugees Protest Lay Volunteer Arrest

Miami (NC) — About 1,000 Haitian refugees in the Miami area observed a day-long prayer vigil, at the request of the bishops of Haiti, to protest the arrest of a Catholic lay volunteer and in petition for freedom from oppression in their homeland.

At the Notre Dame de Haiti Chapel of Miami's Catholic Haitian Center, as well as in the two other centers operated in Pompano Beach and Belle Glade, the Haitians prayed for Gerard Duclerville who was arrested Dec. 29. Duclerville, 52, is founder of the Catholic Volunteers, a grassroots lay organization and a radio show host.

The Haitians also responded to a collective letter published in New York's Haiti Observateur newspaper and signed by Archbishop Francois Wolff Ligonde of Port-au-Prince and all of Haiti's bishops calling on Haitians in the United States to observe the prayer vigil.

In their joint letter, the Haitian bishops said, "We will pray to the Lord that our stony hearts be transformed to soft hearts and that the hearts of those who are governing us be instilled with the respect for life and the respect for man as a whole being and for man in general."

The bishops prayed for Duclerville and for all those in prison. According to Haitian government authorities, Duclerville was released Feb. 7 after more than a month in prison, but they gave no reason for his arrest.

"May the visit of Pope John Paul II (to Haiti in March) become a moment of conversion for those who will meet him as well as those who will listen to him," the bishops said in their letter.

It was reported that in Port-au-Prince the church-owned radio station broadcast prayers "for deliverance of the country from those who are oppressing it" and for those "who have been oppressed by the government."

Preaching at morning Mass the day of the vigil, Father Thomas Wenski used an old Haitian country proverb: "If the bull knew its force, it wouldn't let the little boy tie a rope around its neck." His words brought applause from the congregation which associated the word bull with the church and the "little boy" with Haitian President-for-life Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

"It seems the bull is recognizing its force," the priest said in Creole, adding

Sister Joins Personnel Staff

Hornell — Sister Patricia Prinzing has begun working on an effort to integrate the philosophy of St. James Mercy Hospital into the daily life of its staff.

Her title is Director of Quality of Work Life. The position is being funded by the Sisters of Mercy in order to maintain the hospital's existing spirit of mercy.

Sister Patricia will be working formally and informally with staff members to develop ways to improve the quality of work life. She will be working Thursdays and Fridays in the Resource Center on the first floor of the south wing. On the other three days of the week, she will continue serving in the occupational therapy unit where she has worked since joining the hospital in 1981.

A Rochester native, Sister Patricia graduated from Mercy High School, and



SISTER PATRICIA received her bachelor's degree from St. John College in Cleveland, Ohio, and her master's from Seattle University.

From 1974 until 1979, she was Religious Education Coordinator at St. Mary's Parish, Bath, and she held that post at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Rochester, from 1979 until 1981.

"They can kill the prophet, but they can't kill the message."

Faculty Recital Scheduled

Sister Barbara Staropoli, SSJ, associate professor of music at Nazareth College, will perform a varied program of vocal selections at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, in the new recital hall of the Gerald G. Wilmot Hall of Music of the Nazareth Arts Center.

The recital will consist of a group of Bach arias with flute obbligato, Neopolitan folk songs, and a song cycle entitled "To Be Sung Upon the Water" by contemporary composer Dominick Argento. The cycle consists of eight songs based on the poetry of William Wordsworth.

Sister Barbara, a soprano, will be accompanied by Robert Bush, flute; Barbara Harbach, harpsichord; Douglas McNames, cello; Stanley Gaulke, clarinet; Rene Hostetter, piano; and Robert Hobstetter, piano. The program is open to the public without charge.

Walking To Health And Fitness

The American Heart Association and St. Mary's Hospital have established a walking program which will begin Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Greece Towne Mall. According to an American Heart Association press release, the program is personalized so that participants walk and progress at their own pace. There will be a weekly Wednesday afternoon or evening check-in where a representative from the Heart Association or St. Mary's will record blood pressure, pulse and weight, and record weekly miles walked as well as answer questions.

All interested individuals are welcome to join the program any Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. For further information call 461-5590 or 464-3450.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is slated at noon, Thursday, March 3 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The afternoon of devotions includes recitation of the rosary at 12:15 p.m., and benediction at 5 p.m., preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass.

Archbishop Camara Wins Buddhist Peace Prize

By Nancy Frazier

Rome (NC) — A Japanese Buddhist organization has named Brazilian Archbishop Helder Camara as the first winner of its prize for peace.

The award by the Niwano Peace Foundation, which includes a grant of 20 million yen (about \$87,000), was announced simultaneously in Rome and Tokyo Feb. 14.

Nikkyo Niwano, president of the foundation, said in Tokyo that Archbishop Camara, the 74-year-old head of the Brazilian Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife, had been chosen from among 600 candidates in 82 countries by a five-member jury which included Catholic, Islamic and Buddhist representatives.

The archbishop is expected to go to Tokyo April 7 to receive the award, Niwano said.

"The archbishop, during his 50 years of priesthood, following the teaching of the gospel, has constantly defended the poorest and weakest, and has made a

Easter Series

Father Sebastian Falcone, dean and president of St. Bernard's Institute and nationally known Scripture scholar, will deliver an Easter series of talks 8 p.m., on Wednesdays, April 6, 13, and 20 at the Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal. Father Falcone will pursue the theme of resurrection in Scripture. Further information is available from the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

notable contribution to the realization of peace in the world through his non-violent activities," said Niwano, quoting from the decision of the jury.

known for his defense of the poor and for his many tours abroad on behalf of international social justice.

Archbishop Camara, who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and has received many other awards during his lifetime, has been

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