

Diocese to Launch Community Service Corps

The Diocese of Rochester will launch a Diocesan Community Service Corps in the Finger Lakes region next month.

"The purpose of the corps is to offer individuals who wish to serve the Church a community in which they can offer their skills and experi-

ence for a specific amount of time," a diocesan release stated.

According to Father Kevin Murphy, co-pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street, the corps is "an exciting venture for the diocese to provide opportunities for people,

young as well as old, to give one or two years of their life to serve the Church."

Father Murphy is also a member of the diocesan Community Service Corps Task Force, established by Bishop Matthew H. Clark last December.

"A Community Service Corps worker is invited to live in a Christian support community with other workers, maintain a lifestyle of simplicity and spirituality and minister to the specific needs of people. The work of the volunteer is based on the principles of the Gospel message of love and justice in service to the community," the release said.

The task force is composed of parish representatives, and persons from the diocesan Vocation Office, Young Adult Ministry, Social Ministry, Campus Ministry and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The project will be piloted in the Finger Lakes region

beginning next month, and will be coordinated by Giovina Caroscio, director of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry.

"There is a definite commitment to work with rural, small town areas," Ms. Caroscio said. "Since the Rochester area already has the presence of another lay service organization (the Jesuit Volunteers), it seems logical to focus the pilot project in a rural region of the Diocese. The Finger Lakes region is a good area to begin this project since it has many needs."

The diocesan release stated:

"The task force will recruit, screen and place applicants. It will provide support and guidance to the Community Service Corps worker and to the sponsoring agency. Bishop Clark asked the task force to recommend ways for further expansion and development of the pro-

ject after its first year."

"We are very excited and enthused about this project," Ms. Caroscio said. "We know it has a lot of potential, that it can give great gifts to the diocesan faith community as well as provide to the Community Service Corps worker a deepening of spiritual growth and personal development."

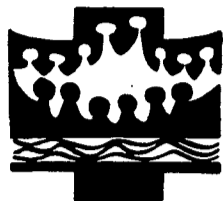
"There are no restrictions for becoming a Community Service Corps worker other than the applicant must be at least 20 years of age and willing to accept the lifestyle and values of the program," the diocesan release said. "A parish, a diocesan agency, a Catholic school or a combination of any of these can

sponsor a Corps worker. Human or social service agencies and educational institutions could also be sponsoring agencies. A sponsoring agency must provide a direct supervisor of the Community Service Corps worker and accept the financial responsibilities for the support of the worker including housing, food costs, personal stipend, transportation and medical insurance."

Persons interested in joining the Corps or in sponsoring a worker are asked to contact Ms. Caroscio, Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, 21 High St., Geneva, N.Y. 14456; (315) 789-2686.

Insights In Liturgy

By Pam Schaeffer



A Change Of Pace

The Summer season in New York State calls all of us to attempt to live out the outdoor experiences that we dream about all Winter long. The length of time waiting for this break in the weather makes it seem all the more pleasant and far too brief when it finally arrives. Those of us who have lived in the North for very long soon learn that for eight or nine months we are busy and life is fast paced, then for three or four months our lives take on a different, somehow slower routine.

The reasons for this change of pace are many and as varied as we are, but for this article I would like to consider two: 1) we spend the colder months rushing around far more than we probably should because we have found that the faster we move when it's cold the warmer we feel; and 2) we keep ourselves busy and involved because it is a good way to make the time go faster and to distract ourselves from the bleak sameness of the scenery we view out of the window. We insulate our bodies with layers of clothing for physical comfort and insulate our minds with business for mental health.

However, as Summer approaches, the reverse is true. Layers of clothing are discarded for lighter things and heavy schedules are unloaded for the freedom to enjoy a more relaxing pace. We do this just as surely at this time of year for physical comfort and mental health as in the cold weather.

For this brief period of about three months we find ourselves drawn out of the house, out of the meeting rooms and into our yards and gardens. People gather in parks, trek to the mountains and our lake and ocean beaches. And, in many ways we use this break to "make hay while the sun shines" so to speak by taking care of jobs around the house and yard that can only be done during the warm months. The house is scrapped and painted, windows are repaired, washed and screens put in place. The lawn and garden need attention so we rake, mow, weed, dig, cultivate and plant. Did I say our lives take on a more relaxing pace?

Tired and hot from all this activity, the shade provided by a lovely tree beckons, the lawn chair beneath it is inviting, a cool drink quenches our

thirst and we can relax and look about at our winter's dream becoming a reality.

This time of relaxation helps to prepare us physically and mentally for the busy time that will begin again all too soon. It is a time for reflection and quiet when new ideas can be cultivated, seeds from the past year's harvest can be sorted and replanted for new growth. What better, more relaxing way can we take advantage of our lawnchair reverie than to spend some of this time with a good book.

A book that I would recommend for this quiet time of preparation and evaluation is, coincidentally, called "Groundwork: Planning Liturgical Seasons," by Yvonne Cassa and Joanne Sanders, published in 1982 by Liturgy Training Publications, 155 East Superior St., Chicago, Ill., 60611. This book is written with liturgy planners in mind and in workbook fashion helps establish planning procedures that take into consideration the needs of the planners and other liturgical ministers.

It includes a step-by-step job description for planning the Sundays of the liturgical seasons and offers worksheets and reference materials. The format is sectioned so that the reader can leisurely proceed through the book making notes to share later with others, finishing a section and putting the book away until the next time a shady coolness of tree and lawn chair beckons.

Another treat for the reader are the splatterings of important statements from the various liturgical documents that with each reading help turn our reflection to new ideas and new ways of thinking about how they apply to our celebration and our celebrating community.

The reader is introduced to the wholeness of the liturgical year through commentary on the Roman calendar and a bibliography is given, notes on using the lectionary and the sacramentary and organized planning sheets to use as tools when small groups of planners begin their work.

During this relaxing time, those who choose to do some "spade-work" for the busy time ahead will find the basics covered in "Groundworks" will enable liturgy committees and planners to harvest much fruit throughout the coming year. I highly recommend it!



Sisters Joanne, left, and Anne Marie.

Two RSMs Depart For Chile Study

Sisters Joanne Deck and Anne Marie Mathis will leave Rochester Friday, June 24 for Santiago, Chile, where they will participate in a month-long Third World Experience, sponsored by their congregation, the Sisters of Mercy.

For the third year, the congregation is providing the opportunity to its members to "pray and discern over the Third World Church and what it may call us to in our times."

The sisters, chosen from among congregation volunteers, will participate in the life and ministry of Mercy missionaries in Chile: Sisters Janet Caufield, Jane Kenrick, Margaret Mary Mungovan, Kay Schwenzer and Graciela Lagos-Donosa.

They will report to their on the culture and reality of Chilean life on their return to the United States.

Sister Joanne is a guidance counselor and teacher at

Cardinal Mooney High School, and Sister Anne Marie is a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Elmira.

Folk Festival

The 13th annual International Folk Festival will be staged noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. A rain date has been slated June 26. Folk dances, music, food and crafts are featured.

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2 Sought for Study At Krakow College

The committee will award scholarships for a six-week program to two young adults. The session, organized for American students, covers such topics as Polish history, economics, literature, music, theater, folk art and contemporary problems.

The Krakow-Rochester Sister Cities Committee is planning to send two young people interested in Polish language, art, literature and history to study at Krakow's Jagiellonian University in the summer of 1984.

CYO Board

William Wynne, regulatory manager, roles and tariffs for Rochester Telephone, and a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, has been elected president of the Catholic Youth Organization board of directors. Elected with him were Deborah McLean Quinn, an attorney with Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, vice president; Leonore Dey, employee benefits coordinator with Marine Midland, secretary; and Robert James, executive director of the Educational Opportunity Center, treasurer.

and includes Polish language instruction.

Young adults of Polish descent who are high school graduates as of June 1983 are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the General Pulaski Community Library, Judson Avenue and Norton Street. Completed applications must be returned to John B. Stenclik, Krakow-Rochester Committee, 92 Carol Drive, 14617, no later than July 15. Stenclik, (716) 467-0930, also has further information on the project.

Charity Golf

The third annual Kidney Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 8, at Irondequoit Country Club. Further information on the event is available by calling Marilyn Frank, executive director of the foundation, 244-8893.

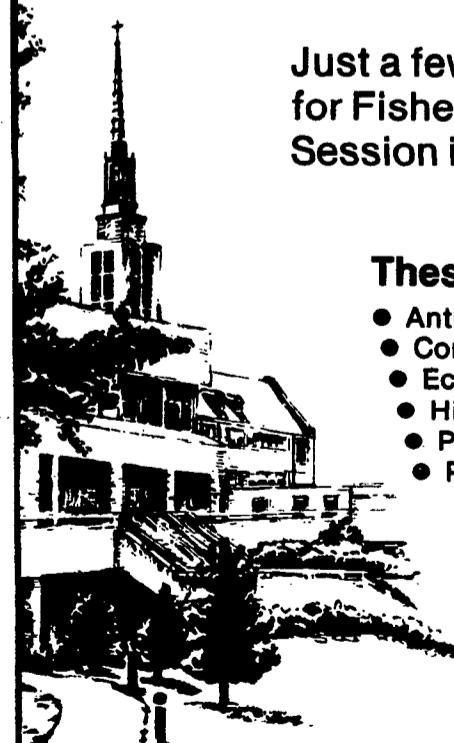
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