St. Ann's Prepares Home Health Plan

St. Ann's Home/The Heritage has submitted an application to the State Department of Health for development of a Long Term Home Health Care Program which would provide care and services to disabled, chronically ill and invalid persons in their respective homes.

To date, 35 Long Term Health Care Programs have been approved serving a combined capacity of 3,300 clients in 20 counties through the state. Monroe County does not currently have an approved program, according to a St. Ann's spokesperson.

Home care and services have been planned to complement those already being delivered in the community and the program hopes to be affiliated with the Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County. The LTHHCP will utilize existing family support structures and volunteers to augment the overall effort. The program would offer such services as physician and nursing care; physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies; social services, pharmaceutical assessment and service and housekeeping among others in accordance with a person's individual needs. Applicants will undergo assessment and must be deemed eligible for placement in a Residential Health Care Facility to qualify for LTHHCP participation. The program arranges home care

Joseph Morsch Dies

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3 at St. Joseph's Church in Livonia for Joseph H. Morsch who died Wednesday, Feb. 29. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Mr. Morsch began his career at Camp Stella Maris in January 1947. Over the 37 years he befriended many campers, staff and parents. Throughout his career many of the camp's buildings and the upkeep of the grounds were due to his talents and skills.

In 1982 he was honored with the St. Vincent dePaul Award by Catholic Charities for his generosity and service to the diocesan camp. Mr. Morsch helped in the maintenance of St. Margaret's Chapel and always was willing to help many individuals around the Conesus Lake area. In December 1982 Mr. Morsch semi-retired from camp but continued to work there part-time.

He was known as a quiet, yet hard-working man who never was in a rush to do things, yet always got things done. Ray Tette, executive director of Camp Stella Maris said, "Joe will be terribly missed by everyone who knew him. I'm going to miss his talents, his wisdom, his personality, but most of all his friendship. Camp Stella Maris is where it is today because of people like Joe Morsch. The Star of the Sea today has lost one of its finest supporters, yet becasue of this man, Camp Stella Maris will continue to shine bright and reflect the many positive charasteristics of men like Joe Moarsch.'

at comparatively lower costs than those customarily experienced in institutional settings.

St. Ann's decision to develop a LTHHCP followed more than two years of long range planning by the Board of Directors and executive staff. This planning process involved a complete assessment of St. Ann's capabilities to carry on its current mission while exploring a variety of new or expanded service objectives related to addressing the needs of the elderly now and in the future. Outreach programs, home health care in particular, assumed a high priority.

Persons choosing the Home Care alternative will

enjoy the sense of well-being that comes with residing in familiar surroundings. "The goal is to keep people independent and self-sufficient for as longas possible," said Sister Marie Michelle Peartree, president of St. Ann's. "St. Ann's has been meeting the needs of Rochester's elderly with its services and programs for over 100 years and we feel that the addition of LTHHCP will enhance that effort."

"In a community that is itself a leader in the delivery of health services," she continued, "the Long Term Home Health Care Program will be an important addition to the entire community."



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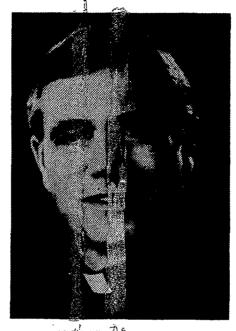
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