



Honorees

At a recent reception honoring 60 area teachers who have one the University of Rochester's first annual Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching are, (above) Sister Judith Heberle, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Mary Nickles, Mercy physics teacher; Walter R. Gordinier Jr., history teacher at Nazareth Academy; Sister Elaine Englert, Nazareth principal; (right) Father Tom Helfrich, OSFS, English and French teacher at Aquinas Institute.



Diocese Plans Liturgies for Peace Letter Anniversary

Two diocesan liturgical celebrations will mark the first anniversary of the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on peace, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," May 3 in Elmira and in Rochester.

Weather permitting, Mass will be celebrated on the grounds of the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, 5:30 p.m. that day. Father Michael Bausch and Father Fidelis will celebrate.

Following the Mass, participants will join in a dish-to-pass dinner with guests at the kitchen at St. Peter and Paul Church. Inclement weather will move the celebration to the church.

Father Charles Mulligan will preside at Mass, 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served.

According to James Lund, diocesan social ministry education trainer, "we want to take this opportunity to gather together as a community of faith in thanksgiving for the pastoral letter on peace and to give thanksgiving for the hope of God's peace found in the pastoral letter."

Interfaith Women Plan Spring Program

The Women's Interfaith Coalition invites persons of all faiths to attend its Spring program Wednesday, May 2, at Corpus Christi Church, 880 E. Main St.

Registration will be at 9:45 a.m., followed by the program and a tour of the host church from 11:30 a.m. to noon. A bring-your-own lunch is scheduled with dessert and beverage provided.

An open forum, "Who Is Your Faith Mentor?" will end at 2 p.m. Donation will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

Alumnae Dinner

St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association's spring dinner will be served 6:30 p.m., May 22 at Arena's Banquet Center. Reservations are made by calling Ruth Friday Courtney, 247-2963; or Joyce Kummer Patridge, 225-4142 before May 11.

Rosemary Ruether To Speak April 29

Timed to coincide with the second anniversary of Bishop Matthew H. Clark's pastoral on women in the church, "The Fire in the Thornbush," feminist theologian Rosemary Radford Ruether will speak on "Feminism as a New World View" at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at Old St. Mary's Church. A more general presentation, "Whose Church Is It?" will take place at 7:30 that night at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School Auditorium, 1100 S. Goodman St.

Groups sponsoring the two events are Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Corpus Christi Parish, the Diocesan Sisters Council, the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Mary's Church and the diocesan Com-

mission on Young Adult Ministry.

Ms. Ruether is the current Georgia Harkness Professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a member of the graduate faculty of Northwestern University. She was an active contributor to the two-year dialogue between the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Women and the Women's Ordination Conference.

She is the author of more than 200 articles ranging from feminism to the Holocaust to ecology. Her most recent book is "Sexism and God Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology." Ms. Ruether also has served as a



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columnist for the National Catholic Reporter and as a contributing editor for Christianity and Crisis and The Ecumenist.

Both programs are open to the public; a donation will be asked at the door.

Retreat Planned For Unemployed

The diocesan Blue Collar Ministry has scheduled another two-day retreat for the unemployed, from 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, to 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave.

The theme will be "A Time to Reflect, a Time to Pray, a Time to Relax." The pro-

gram is coordinated by Deacon Vic and Rosemary Yanaitis and the Catholic Family Center Employment Concerns Committee.

Presentations are scheduled by John Engels, adjunct assistant professor of Pastoral Studies, St. Bernard's Institute; Frank Staropoli, former diocesan director of Family Life; Sister Anne Michelle McGill, SSJ, pastoral assistant, St. Pius X Church, Chili; Peter Klee, chairperson, Catholic Family Center Employment Concerns Committee, and Deacon Yanaitis.

Further information is available from Deacon Yanaitis at (716) 247-1193.

MEETING ON DISABLED
The diocesan advisory committee of the Ministry with Disabled Persons has invited all interested persons to an open committee meeting from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 28, at the Monroe Community Hospital, Room 2C21.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

A Perfect Homily Is To Prepare

Following the reading of the Palm Sunday Passion, our pastor announced that we each were responsible for our own homily that day and then quipped that it'd probably be the best one we'd heard all year.

Not so. My own spiritual discourses, delivered while doing dishes, driving to work, or folding the laundry frequently disintegrate into teary recrimination, self-congratulation or wondering if there's a new way to fix chicken for supper.

The comment did set me thinking, however, as to what I considered a good homily.

As one who depends on the support, encouragement and inspiration received in those 10 to 15 minutes from the pulpit to get me through the rest of the week, I have to analyze the message much the same way I grade political speeches — an unfortunate tendency left over from a career of covering movies and television.

Actually, the guidelines we use all that different.

What is being said, how well it is being said? Do I agree, disagree? In part or totally?

It probably comes as no surprise that I rate humor as a top ingredient in any communication. It relaxes the speaker and the listener and reveals more about the former than any detailed biography. More important, humor from the pulpit reminds us that as human beings we are prone to foibles and wonder of wonders, that the Lord loves us anyway.

A good homily, in my view, also:

1. Has been prepared and has a beginning, a middle and an end.
2. Teaches us something new about our faith.
3. Reviews something about our faith we already know but tend to forget.
4. Reminds us we could be doing better and suggests some ways we could do it.
5. Proffers a sorely needed pat on the back and reminds us that life is not only not a rose garden, sometimes it's not even a zinnia patch.
6. Paraphrases Proverbs, 3:5-6, which begins, "Trust in the Lord."
7. Leaves us something to chew on until next week.



Holy Apostles Homecoming

All alumni of Holy Apostles School and spouses are invited to a homecoming June 2, 1983

Mass at 5:00 followed by a reception in the school hall. Help us celebrate the Centennial of Holy Apostles by joining former classmates on this happy occasion. Reservations should be made by May 19, 1984. Please call:

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