

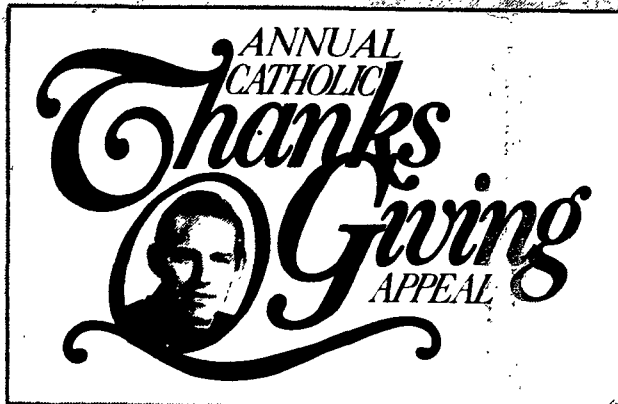
Division of Social Ministry Catholic Charities 1983-84

Father, Mother, Dick, Jane, Spot -- these were household words 20 years ago, and they meant family. Today, however, the word family conjures up many different understandings: Mother and Children; or Brother, Sister, and elderly Grandmother; or people living together in a group home; a blended family; or elderly siblings living together...family itself has greatly changed. Many families have rich, full lives, but tens of thousands of others in our diocese are hurting and alone.

The diocesan Church, Christ extending His love, is reaching out to each generation and to all family members. Thousands of families needing professional or organized peer help beyond that which a parish can provide seek help from diocesan agencies such as Catholic Charities or its Family Life Office, Catholic Family Center, Camp Stella Maris, and Catholic Youth Organization; or the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier Offices of Social Ministry. The response of these groups, nurturing the physical and spiritual wholeness of people, might be provided by Margaret DeMeo teaching on Christian Marriage and family living at high schools or parishes; or Jama Dodson of CYO developing a job training program for Hispanic teenagers in Rochester; or Jim and Donna Fitch organizing diocesan-wide marriage preparation and enrichment programs; or CFC's Josh McCrossan and the "Learning



The Single Parent Camp at Camp Stella Maris.



Through Interpersonal Family Enrichment program in Wayne County; of Family Life Office suggestions for family growth sent to parish staffs and professionals through newsletters.

Ministry to hurting families and individuals comprises the largest share of Social Ministry family programs: CFC ministry to homebound elderly through Irene Coveny and 225 STAR volunteers; or CFC's Catherine Wobus and Sister Judy Reger in the Southern Tier offering compassion and guidance for pregnant teenagers; CFC's Tom Hanson counseling troubled marriages; Angie Gallo steering separated and divorced peer support groups; Carl Ritz of the Finger Lakes office organizing retreats for unemployed people and a soup kitchen in Geneva; Catholic Charities' Paul Pickering managing the operations of three group homes for retarded people in Lyons, Penn Yan and Rochester; Maurice Tierney, of Catholic Charities, convening Monroe County agencies and parishes to meet the emergency winter overnight shelter problem in Rochester.



A sing-along during the Single Parent Camp.

The Thanks Giving Appeal provides some of the organizational financing which has enabled the development of almost \$5 million of help for families and individuals affected by difficulties such as domestic violence and child abuse, adolescent rebellion, refugee resettlement, grief, depression, frustrations of single parenthood, physical or mental disabilities, institutionalization, lack of food or being childless. That the diocesan Church is reaching families is told by these stories which are repeated in Rochester, the Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier.

● Mr. S. came to Single Parent Family Camp at Camp Stella Maris the last two years with his three boys. He was struggling with the care of the children, his job and the household. He questioned himself and his faith. He says: "Today my faith is stronger than it's ever been, my children are helping other children and parents cope with single parenting, and I am again a whole person."

● Ms. A.: "I don't know what my children and I would have done without the emotional and financial support of the peer support groups."

● Ms. M.: "Our family had a difficult decision -- how to deal with an aging parent? Do we force our father out of our family home? Can he make his own decisions? Does he have enough money? Is he ready for a nursing home? What type of care does he need? Our family was very fortunate to have the good advice of Sister Kathleen from Catholic Family Center; she helped answer these questions, and also to deal with the personal pain of each family member."

The family of Catholic Charities thanks the people of the Diocese of Rochester on behalf of all those who have been touched through your love, prayer, sensitivity and generosity.

AT YOUR PARISH

Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — Parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes Church were advised that the Chemung County Right to Life Rummage Sale will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 17 and Saturday, Aug. 18 at St. Patrick's gymnasium. Donations for the sale are being accepted at Lourdes rectory garage, 120 Fairmount Road. Pickup is arranged by calling Kathy Valeant, 732-9272.

Aug. 12 at the church on Lexington and Stenson. Featured will be the food booth with such Italian favorites as pizza, pizza frita and tripe. Also served will be chicken wings with "Nick's special sauces." A macaroni dinner will be served in the school hall, 1 p.m., Aug. 12. Advance ride tickets are available for \$2, and will cover all three days. Entertainment includes a disc

jockey on Friday and Saturday and live music on Sunday. Further information and discount ride tickets are available by contacting the rectory, 458-6079.

St. Agnes

Avon — A reunion for all alumni of St. Agnes School will be held Aug. 18 at Jones Hall in Caledonia. Tickets are available from Marianne Cullinan, 31 Lacy St., Avon.

St. Patrick

Mt. Morris — St. Patrick's Festival will begin at noon, Saturday, Aug. 11 on the church grounds here. Featured will be amusements for children and adults, foods and a Baked Food Sale. The public is invited to the event. "Come and have a good time," said Father Norbert Nolan, pastor.

Precious Blood

A summer festival will be held at Most Precious Blood Church, beginning 6 p.m., Aug. 10 and 11, and 1 p.m.,

Advisory

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THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER



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How can counseling help the grieving?


When you are grieving professional counseling can help to clarify and relieve feelings that you may have about the deceased or about the uncertain future that the death of a loved one has created. Learning how to live with tension, manage unpleasant feelings and look forward to the future are some goals for good counseling. Sometimes there are other difficulties of a longstanding nature such as excessive reliance on alcohol, excessive dependence on the deceased, or poor interpersonal relationships that also can be effectively managed during grief counseling. Good counseling is best provided by professionals who have training in grief and who are knowledgeable about the feelings and stresses of the grief process. Call the local Mental Health Association if you wish further assistance in this crucial matter.

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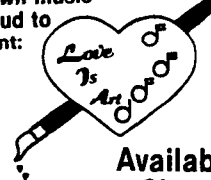
Deadline

Parish correspondents for At Your Parish are reminded that the deadline for submissions is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication. Items must be written and at 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607 at that time.

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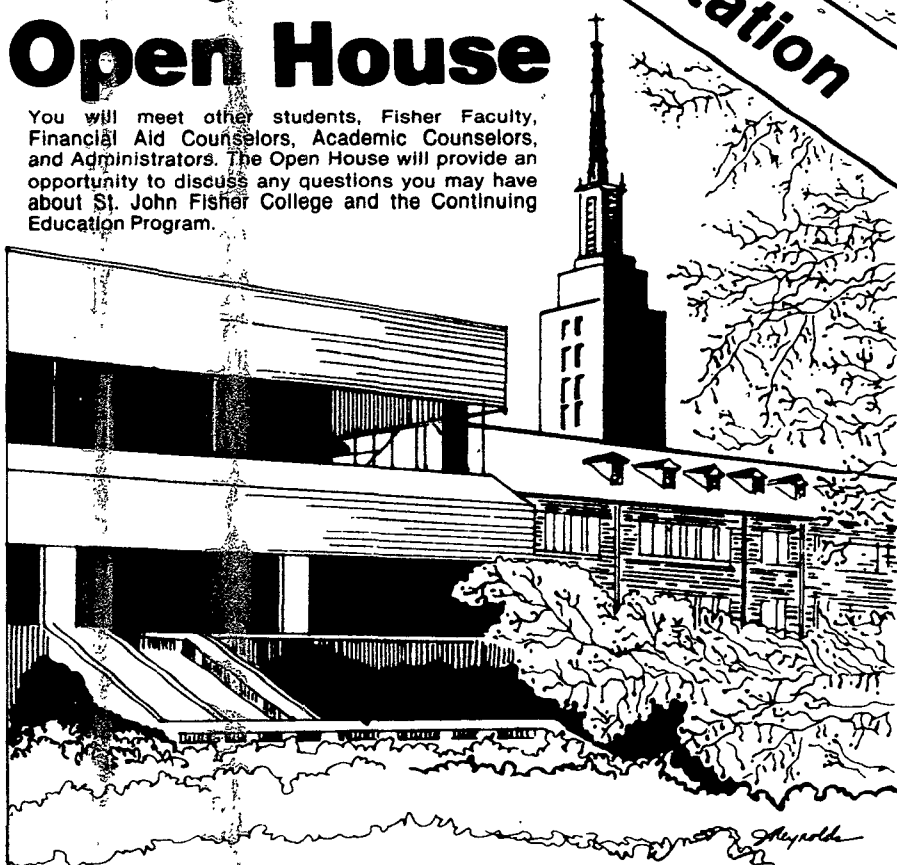
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