



Members of the Women's Interfaith Coalition, seated, from left, Helen Cohen, co-president Kay Heininger, Elizabeth Walters. Standing, from left, Florence Phillips, co-president Elizabeth Husson.

Women's Group Announces Fall Schedule of Events

The Women's Interfaith Coalition announced recently its Fall program of events -- including a series of dialogues on Jewish-Christian heritage and a tour of orthodox houses of worship.

At noon, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, the dialogue series begins at St. Louis Parish, Pittsford. This is the first of three lunchtime meetings scheduled. Those interested should bring lunch -- coffee and dessert will be provided.

The second forum is scheduled at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 in Room 309 at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Rd. The third and final dialogue is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 28

-- time and place to be announced.

Also, this Fall the coalition's program committee has scheduled "An Orthodox Journey," a visit to three orthodox houses of worship beginning at 9:15 a.m., Monday, Oct. 29 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 962 East Ave. This tour will also include the Beth Haknesses Hakodosh Synagogue and Mikveh on St. Regis Drive and St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on St. Paul Blvd. Those interested are asked to be prompt as the tour bus will leave at 9:30 a.m.

The coalition sponsors two



New Teachers Meet

Mary O'Connor, left, sits among some of the more than 90 new diocesan school teachers who gathered recently at two locations for a day of orientation to diocesan programs and curriculums. On Wednesday, Aug. 29, new teachers outside the Rochester area met at St. Stephen's School, Geneva. On Thursday, Aug. 30, workshops were held for area teachers at St. Ambrose School. According to figures released from the General Education Office, there are 1,200 teachers staffing 75 elementary schools across the diocese.

Monks Schedule Hospitality Day

Elmira -- The monks of Mt. Savior Monastery have scheduled Hospitality Day for Sunday, Sept. 16. Food tents, jam and jelly booth, the singing of the Perinton Chamber Singers, Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Group, sheep shearing, sheepdog herpherding, carding, spinning, weaving and dyeing are scheduled.

The monks also will mark the occasion by selling yarn

and pelts from their flock. Articles from Brother Luke's shop will be available as well as the handiwork of local craftsmen.

The Perinton singers, under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan, SSJ, will perform at 1:15 p.m. and the Joe Cavallaro Dixie Land Jazz Group from 2 to 5 p.m.

The monastery is on Route 225 between Elmira and Corning in the town of Big Flats.

seasonal programs a year. Its Fall program includes events pertaining to religious heritage. In the Spring, the coalition pinpoints social issues.

In April 1975, when the coalition was formed, there were four founding groups responsible -- Church Women United, the Women's Division of the Jewish Community Federation, the Diocesan Sisters' Council and the YWCA. Since then, other groups, such as the diocesan Commission on Ecumenism, have also become involved in coalition activities.

According to an organization brochure, the coalition "is comprised of women from all faiths who come together in search of the relationship among our religious roots, social responsibilities, and our position as women today."

Co-presidents of the coalition are Kay Heininger of Penfield and Elizabeth Husson of Rochester.

"(The coalition) was part of the women's movement when it first started -- but on the religious level," Mrs. Heininger said.

Among the group's past involvements is a 1979 tour of the Middle East. For 17 days, a group of area women toured Egypt and Jordan, speaking to women in each country. The coalition also took part in the many peace activities at the Seneca Army Depot last year.

Mrs. Husson stressed that all are invited to participate in coalition-sponsored activities, membership not being a prerequisite. However, if membership is desired, there is a fee -- \$5 a year. Members are put on a mailing list and receive special rates where charges apply.

"Being in a group like this gives you a better idea or vantage of your own faith as compared to always being around your own people," coalition member Elizabeth Walters said.

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Red Mass Sept. 14

The 39th annual Red Mass will take place at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, at Old St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be celebrant and Father Albert J. Shannon will deliver the homily, "The Higher Law."

The Mass was inaugurated by Bishop James E. Kearney in 1945 as an invocation for blessings for the legal profession -- the judiciary, law enforcement and fire prevention agencies.

A luncheon sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild will follow the Mass. The public is invited to meet Bishop Clark and Father Shannon.

Workshop Planned for RE Teachers

Diocesan Religious Education coordinators from the North Region are sponsoring a workshop for religion teachers from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Highway South, Irondequoit.

The morning program will feature a presentation, "Catechist: Faith Developer," to be given by James Mulcahy, diocesan consultant for Religious Education personnel. Scheduled in the afternoon are five different workshops on the following topics: Teaching Preschool Children, Classroom Activities for Junior High Students, Classroom Communication Skills and Audiovisual Techniques, Peace and Justice: Teaching Children to Do It, and Prayer in the Classroom.

All religion teachers and interested persons are welcome. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; beverage will be provided. Babysitting service will be available. Anyone wishing to register should contact Mary Ellen Fitzgibbons, 338-1146.

Leven to Return For RIJM Lunch

David Leven, former director of Monroe County Legal Assistance Corp., now executive director of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, will address the annual meeting of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, noon, Friday, Sept. 21 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St.

Leven, a founding member of the New York State Coalition for Criminal Justice, served on the N.Y.S. Commission of Correction's advisory committee on minimum standards for local correctional facility.

His topic will be, "Jail and Prison Overcrowding -- More Cells Not the Answer."

The meeting will also mark RIJM's 15th year in the Monroe County Jail, and will include elections to the RIJM board of directors, the naming of the group's volunteer of the year, and the presentation of the agency's annual report.

The Association for the Blind will cater the meal.

The meeting is open to the public. Reservations are made by calling the RIJM

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