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## Evangelization Meeting Scheduled in Buffalo

Buffalo -- "Called to Serve" is the theme of the 6th annual National Lay Catholic Celebration of Evangelization, sponsored by the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, from Oct. 26 to 28, at the Convention Center here. A Preaching Day will take place Oct. 25.

Among the speakers will be Father Alvin Illig, director of the Paulist association; Mrs. Susan Blum; editor of the Catholic Evangelist Maga-

zine; Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin, vicar for Parish Life and Worship, Syracuse diocese; Sister Catherine Lee, director of the Cleveland Office of Evangelization, and Norm Benz of the Buffalo diocesan Evangelization Committee.

Father Gerard T. Broccolo of the Chicago Ministerial Formation, Department of Personnel Services, will be the main presenter of the Preaching Day.

Workshops will provide

opportunity for laypersons, deacons, priests, bishops and religious to learn effective ways of evangelization.

Archbishop John O'Connor will be the principal celebrant at the opening liturgy. Bishop Edward D. Head of Buffalo will celebrate the closing liturgy. A Saturday night concert is planned for young people.

Deacon George Lanke is chairman. Further information is available from Mary Borrelli, (716) 847-6700, ext. 412.

# Bishop Luna to Preach At Rally and Cathedral

The diocese announced last week that Bishop Constantino Luna, international president of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, will preside at the Eucharist and preach, 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The celebration is sponsored by the Rochester Blue Army and is being done in conjunction with the National Rosary Crusade.

The service will begin with a procession of the statue of Mary and the recitation of the rosary. The afternoon of prayer is open to all persons, the diocesan release stated.

According to Mrs. Mary Kelly, local spokesperson for the Blue Army, Bishop Luna will also address a crowd assembled for a rosary rally, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Rochester War Memorial.

Persons from all corners of the diocese are expected to attend the event, Mrs. Kelly said last week. A number of buses have been chartered to transport pilgrims to the site she said.

The Rochester event is one of several such rallies Bishop Luna is leading across the country in a National Rosary Crusade. He said he is leading them with the personal encouragement of Pope John Paul II, who had expressed his concern over the imminent threat of nuclear war.

Bishop Luna is the retired bishop of Zacapa, Guatemala. Prior to his ordination as bishop, he was a missionary to China and was imprisoned in a concentration camp there.

Among his duties as with the Blue Army, he conducts retreats for priests at Fatima and oversees the organization's youth retreats there.

In addition, Bishop Luna is active in the "Apostolate of Suffering," encouraging sick persons to accept their sufferings and to unite them to those of Christ.

Further information on the rally is available from Mrs. Kelly, 586-1664.



BISHOP LUNA

## Sarah Child



All in the Family

## Love a Dog? Why Not?

The dog's eye has been secreting a little matter for a couple of days. It clears up, then starts again and so I call the veterinarian.

In the waiting room, Clementine strains to get away, her tail between her legs, fearful as always in this place which smells of other animals and anesthetics.

In the examining room, my son, whom I've induced to accompany me, lifts the dog up on the table and I hold her head and croon reassuringly to her.

I used to be embarrassed about my actions and my feelings. Now I am forthright. Come December, Clementine will be eight and she is one of the family.

Much of the teasing from brothers has stopped. They both have dogs now and at least one of them makes a bigger spectacle of himself than I do when it comes to his Homely Ann.

The doctor puts dye in Clementine's eye and explains to me that if there is a tumor behind the cornea it will turn the cornea green.

I hold my breath for a half-second and experience an emotion not unlike the one when taking the kids to the pediatrician

for an unexplained fever, a mysterious rash.

Simple conjunctivitis, the doctor says. Inflammation of the conjunctiva. He gives me drops and my son takes the dog to the car while I pay. It is a lot of money for a two-minute visit and a small bottle of medication. It is worth it and I am happy that we are able to afford to keep a dog and take care of it.

Over the years I have had to confront my feelings about this creature. I love her. No, I don't confuse it with the kind of love I have for my husband or children. But it is love, nevertheless. Yes, I know she is an animal, not a human being. How, then, can I use the word love to explain this pull she has on me?

How can I not? If God has imbued this four-legged beast with so great a capacity for loyalty, devotion and affection, who am I not to return it?

She has given us trouble at times. She has sometimes been a pest. And she has complicated our lives because owning a pet is a responsibility that doesn't stop when, for example, you want to take a trip.

But these drawbacks are infinitesimal compared to the love, the companionship, the amusement she has afforded us in unstinting measure.

# Albany Novelist Devotes Year and a Half to Kateri

By Sally Maloy

Albany, N.Y. (NC) — Jack Casey devoted one-and-one-half years of his life to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha — not on his knees or in a chapel, but at a typewriter and in the libraries of New York state.

His faithfulness has resulted in a 320-page historical novel based on her life. "Lily of the Mohawks" was scheduled for publication Sept. 1 by Bantam Books as a

mass-market paperback original.

For Casey, a Catholic, writing the novel was an opportunity to combine several interests — the stories of faith in 17th century America, North American Indian culture and New York state history.

An upstate New York native, Casey grew up hearing the stories of Kateri Tekakwitha and visited her birthplace as a schoolboy.

Years later, he studied the anthropology of North American Indians. In 1980 Kateri became the first beatified North American lay person, and Casey began studying the culture of the Iroquois, a federation of several northeastern tribes that included Blessed Kateri's tribe, the Mohawks.

Blessed Kateri, the orphaned daughter of a tribal chief, was baptized even though her tribe bitterly resented the white man and the French Jesuit missionaries they called "blackrobes." She was persecuted by her people and fled to a Canadian mission where she died at the age of 24.

Casey, a Yale graduate, wrote the novel after extensive research. His main source was the "Jesuit Relations," a historical record of the Jesuit order, and from the bulk of material sent to the Vatican to plead Kateri's case for sainthood.

"For all modern readers and modern Catholics, the spiritual strengths that were hers are something to emulate. Her personal integrity and unwillingness to bend when other people wanted her to have a very broad influence," Casey said.

He added that Blessed

Kateri's life was an inspiration to "believe in yourself and, under guidance, to realize what is right for you and to do it."

Casey said he is considering another novel based on a historical figure in the church because there's "an untapped need for books of this nature."

Before the official publication date, "Lily of the Mohawks" had already gone into its second printing, bringing the total number of copies printed to 115,000.

# Bush: I'd Support Abortion in Rape

Charleston, S.C. (NC) — Vice President George Bush said Sept. 11 he supports abortion in the case of rape but opposes using public funding to pay for it.

Bush aides acknowledged the position was less restrictive than that of President Reagan, who supports a constitutional amendment making abortion illegal except when the woman's life is in danger.

"I personally would say 'yes,'" Bush said at a news conference in Charleston when asked if he supported abortion for a woman who had been raped.

However, he added, "You've got to look at a lot of circumstances; how long that pregnancy has gone on, all that kind of thing. I have always taken that position." He also said he would consider abortion if the pregnancy threatened the woman's life.

Despite his personal differences with the president, Bush said, "The views that

prevail are the top of the ticket."

"I support the president's position," Bush said. "Anybody knows there are accommodations that are made, and I feel comfortable with it. We favor sanctity of life and all of that."

Nancy Reagan, wife of the president, responded "I don't know" when asked a similar question about rape and abortion, earlier in the week. A Los Angeles Times interviewer asked Mrs. Reagan if she personally would have had an abortion or would recommend one for her daughter or stepdaughter if a pregnancy resulted from a rape.

Mrs. Reagan said it was a decision that could not be made until the situation arose.

Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, has complained that she has been the subject of anti-abortion protests while Bush, whom she maintains holds similar views, has been left alone.



DR. JEFFERSON

## Mildred Jefferson To Speak Here

Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a longtime champion of the pro-life movement, will speak at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at St. Bridget's Church.

Sponsored by Rochester Area Right to Life Education, Dr. Jefferson will speak on "Looking at Abortion from Different Directions."

Dr. Jefferson is the first black woman graduate of Harvard Medical School, past president of the national Right to Life committee and a practicing surgeon. According to the local committee, she has 25 honorary degrees.

In addition to the talk, the St. Bridget's Gospel Choir will perform. St. Bridget's is on St. Bridget's Drive, between North Clinton and St. Paul, a quarter-mile north of the Inner Loop. Admission will be free.

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**FEE: \$25.00 in advance (telephone reservations accepted), \$30 at door. (price includes lunch)**

For more info: **BILL CAREY, A.D., NAZARETH COLLEGE, 4245 East Ave., Rochester 14610**  
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## Bill Cosby

Phyllis Diller Contestable  
&  
Van Jones

**Sunday**  
**October 28th**  
2:30 & 7:30  
at the  
Eastman Theatre