

Episcopal Church Features Roman Catholic Missioner

Sister Miriam Therese Winter, composer of "Joy Is Like the Rain," and "Mass of a Pilgrim People," will lead the next sessions of the "Root and Branches" project, Nov. 7 and 8 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

VOA Starts Project To Clothe Children

The Volunteers of America has begun a project of collecting winter clothing for needy children in Rochester.

Each of the association's thrift stores will have, through the winter months, a large, clearly marked box for "Keep a Kid Warm Project."

All hats, gloves, scarves, boots and coats collected for this purpose will be distributed to children who would likely not have proper winter clothing.

The items will be distrib-

uted through school clothing programs, individual families and referrals from other human service agencies and churches.

Further information on the project is available from Andrea McLaughlin, community outreach coordinator, 454-1150.

VOA maintains stores at 3047 W. Henrietta Road; 424 Lyell Ave.; 131 Pattonwood Dr.; 1415 N. Clinton Ave.; 822 Dewey Ave.; and 1209 E. Main St.

CWC Starts Year With Fund Raiser

The Catholic Women's Club has started its 65th year of activities and service to the community.

The organization's on-going scholarship fund drive for high school students will benefit from a Halloween brunch and card party 10 a.m. today at Locust Hill Country Club.

A Mass of the intentions of CWC members will be cele-

brated 12:05 p.m. each First Friday at Corpus Christi Church.

Father John Mulligan, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, and Robert Demitrowicz and the choir of Precious Blood Church, will celebrate the annual memorial Mass 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Carmelite Monastery.

A luncheon will follow at Locust Hill.

The project is a year-long program of the church, which, according to the Rev. John W. Martin, rector of the church, "attempts to reacquaint us with our Lord as He is known in the Eucharistic liturgy. He is the 'root,' the trunk, the vine; we are the branches. How are we to be branches of Christ in society? Sister Miriam Therese will lead us in reflection, meditation and song as we explore this theme."

The sessions will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 7 and 8. A third session, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 8, will focus on music. For that session, participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Baby sitting will be provided.

Father Martin described Sister Miriam Therese as, in his estimation, "one of the truly important Christian figures in our time."

A Medical Mission Sister who has served in Africa and Southeast Asia, Sister Miriam Therese is professor of Liturgy, Worship and Spirituality at Hartford Sem-



SR. MIRIAM THERESE

inary, and institution of the United Church of Christ.

She recently won her PhD in liturgical studies from Princeton Theological Seminary.

In addition, she is the author of three books: "Preparing the Way of the Lord," "God-with-us," and "Why Sing?"

Persons wishing to attend the program are asked to call for information, 442-3544, by Nov. 1.

Large Crowd Attends Dedication of Statue Honoring Immigrants

Auburn -- Mrs. Grace Forno, 97, remembers distinctly the day in 1913 when she came to America as an immigrant with three little children.

She and all other immigrants were honored Sunday, Oct. 21 in St. Francis of Assisi Church here.

An overflow crowd of parishioners, civic dignitaries, and representatives of different nationalities attended the 11:15 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father John Nacca, pastor, followed by the blessing and dedication of a statue of Christopher Columbus in the park across from the church.

In his homily, Father Nacca paid tribute to immigrants of all nationalities "who dug our canals, laid our railroads, paved our streets, cleared our forests and tilled our fields. Their bent backs and the deep lines in their faces were the cruel marks left behind by a life which had been one long struggle with strenuous work and adversity."

Father Nacca emphasized "the moral contributions of the immigrants who did not wait for a government hand-out, but paid for the food on the table with the honest sweat of their brows."

"And they had only one moral code," Father Nacca continued. "What they considered wrong in the privacy of the home they also considered wrong in public life. They never took a Commandment of God and twisted it into a pretzel of their own liking. They never bartered their souls at the trading post of social or economic advancement."

Following the Mass, a procession led to Columbus Park for the blessing and dedication of a statue of Christopher Columbus "to honor our first immigrant, and all the immigrants of all nationalities," Father Nacca said.

The life-size monument of white marble was carved by expert craftsmen in Italy, and was purchased by the gener-

osity of the parishioners.

U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato spoke at the dedication, emphasizing that the immigrants "respected life in all its stages," and remarked that "it is heartwarming to see a re-awakening of patriotism in America."

CDA Activities

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will roll bandages for the missions Nov. 14 at Beverly Schum's house. Persons wishing to donate sheets to the effort are asked to contact Bea Schmitt, 654-9271.

One Year Later, New Canon Law Proves Effective

A year after the official promulgation of the Code of Canon Law, the head of the Rochester Tribunal said the new procedures, contrary to the fears, "have tightened up the procedures, have not slowed us down, and have done us a great good."

Father Robert O'Neill, diocesan official, said in an interview last week. "One of the biggest great concerns to us with the new Code was that it would slow down Tribunal work and put a halt to the good things happening. But that was the opposite of what happened."

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Sarah Child

All in the Family



Women Need Goals, Too

American women are far more prone to depression than men. And they end up in doctors' offices much more frequently than men. It also follows that drugs for anxiety and depression are prescribed more often for women -- a situation which can sometimes make a basically healthy person ill or turn one who is ailing a little to one who is ailing a lot.

I came across an article recently in which a psychotherapist noted that many people don't need therapy (or drugs) so much as they need a goal or a passion, something to dream about, something to strive for.

I thought about it as I dashed from my home office to the downtown office and then on to the printer wishing I had more time to just write. "Well, at least I haven't had time to get depressed lately," I quipped to the compositor, another woman.

Back home, I picked up the mail and found a note from a friend who was apparently on the same wave length. After raising five children, she has started taking secretarial courses. "I find I am not sinking into depression as easily as I once did ..." she wrote.

It is hardly an original thought, but it occurs to

me more forcefully than ever that the reason so many of us women are inclined toward depression is that we have been, either by choice or circumstance, prisoners in our houses, isolated for the most part from adult company, stimulating minds.

At one point in my life, I seemed to have little choice. I remember sitting in a rocking chair, still in a bathrobe at noon, holding a colicky baby, too tired to move. Exhausted? Maybe. More likely depressed because there seemed so little in my life that activated my mind, the place where the real me lived.

Obviously not all women respond to being fulltime housewives and mothers as I did. They make it creative, challenging, fulfilling. Good for them.

But I warrant there are a lot more women like me and my friend who need and want something more than homemaking. And a lot of women whose children are now grown, also find themselves adrift.

Deep down in each of us, female and male, is a dream. We may think it is unattainable. It isn't. How to make that dream real? It starts with a first step. Finding out about the night class. The home business. The art or drama group. From there on, it's a matter of persistence.

Blue Army

The monthly vigil of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will begin 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 at Holy Rosary Church. Priests leading the services will be Father John O'Malley, Father Salem Faddoul and Father John Poluikis.

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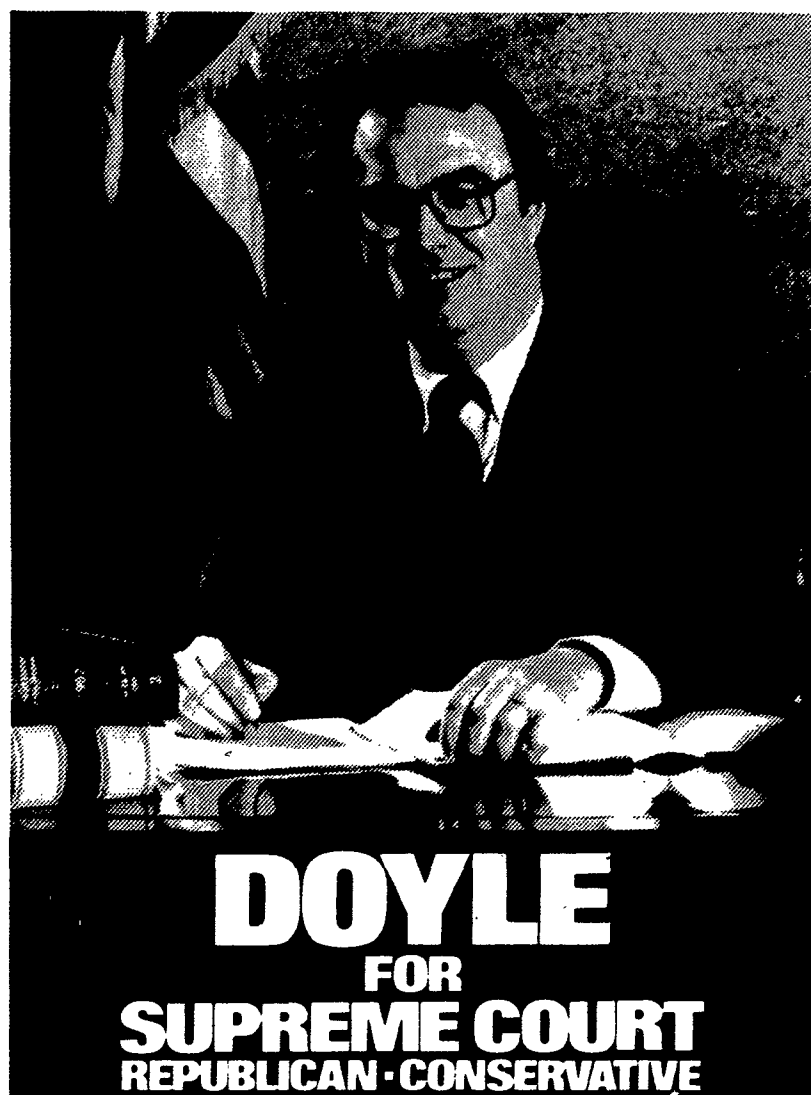
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