

Charities Gets \$5,000 Easter Seals Grant To Aid Project SEED

The Easter Seals Society of Monroe County has awarded \$5,000 to Catholic Charities for continuation of Project

SEED, a social and recreational program for disabled adults.

William Privett, associate director of Charities, said the award "is an important recognition that the SEED program is an effective service critical to the continuum of services to the disabled population of the Rochester area.

Privett also noted that the City of Rochester Department of Recreation has agreed to provide \$5,000 to cover necessary support services for SEED; and that the New York State Office of Mental Health is processing a \$20,000 contract for SEED as well.

He said the three funders will enable continuation of the program through June.

NFP Info

Elmira — A Natural Family Planning information meeting will be held 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at St. Joseph's Hospital board room. Further information is available by calling Sister Dorothy Mulcahy, (607) 733-6541, ext. 429.

Open House

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing will hold an open house, noon-4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15 in the Dunn Memorial. Faculty members and students will be present to answer questions.

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concerns and passed a separate motion recommending that Bishop Matthew H. Clark hire a communications director. The vote was 28-6.

In the course of his open forum Bishop Clark reminded the delegates that confidence has been placed in them by those electing and appointing them.

He said that he sees in the presence of the delegates their willingness to communicate the life of the Church to their constituencies. Furthermore, he said, the delegates have a job of learning about the local Church and communicating that knowledge to the diocese.

"Your commission," he said, "is to communicate and to be ready to speak of your understanding. I expect you to share your honest thoughts about the business here. You can be confident of respect and affection from this group and help in solving your problems."

The bishop also pledged his commitment to the consultative process and challenged the DPC to discover ways to keep its work meaningful and not repetitive of other consultative bodies.

That the diocese should take on a parish renewal program entitled RENEW, was the thrust of a special report issued at the DPC by the diocesan Evangelization Task Force. The report was given by Deacon Thomas Kluchko and Sister Ann Habershaw SSND.

RENEW was described by the task force as "a spiritual renewal process to help parishioners develop a closer relationship with Christ, to make an adult commitment to Jesus as central in their lives, and to open them to the power of the Holy Spirit so they become more authentic witnesses."

According to the committee, the program, developed by the Archdiocese of Newark, "tries to engage the majority of parishes in a diocese in a three-year effort to touch on liturgy, family, faith, Christian life, social ministry and evangelization."

"At the heart of the program," the committee said, is an attempt "to form small groups, initially for the typical purposes of small sharing groups, but eventually as a

basis for various parish ministries as well."

RENEW, the committee said, combines "reflection and action, attention to faith and justice, fostering of community and training of many individuals for various responsibilities."

The Evangelization Task Force Committee was established October last year. Its job was to address the evangelization goals enunciated by Bishop Clark in June the year before; to review data from the "Parish Renewal Experiences" survey of last summer; to investigate existing renewal programs; to recommend three or four of the most viable programs for consideration in the diocese; to present its findings; to figure out how the Pastoral Office staff can best take on the duties required for supporting the program, and to project a time-line on its development.

RENEW was chosen out of a field of 13 programs. However, four of those programs were also recommended as "helpful before or after the recommended RENEW program but not in place of it." Among the four was the locally developed Renewal & Reconciliation (R&R).

The task force estimated that the costs to the diocese will be \$35,000 per year, for three years, for a staff of three; \$25,000, one time, for consultation and training (or \$50 per year, per parish, if allocation is based on 160-parish participation.)

The costs to the parishes



Gloria Grim, president of the Easter Seals Society board of directors, presents the award to Privett.

Nazareth Confers Degree

Giovanni Spadolini, Italy's minister of defense and former prime minister, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Nazareth College at a special convocation at noon, Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Otto A. Shults Community Center.

It is the first time in the college's 60-year history that Nazareth will award an honorary degree at a time other than during commencement exercises.

Appellate Division Judge Emmett J. Schnepf, chairman of Nazareth's board of trustees, and Dr. Rose Marie Beston, college president, will award the degree to Spadolini. A reception will follow.

are estimated at \$300-400, one time, for one overnight, materials and mailings.

It was stated in the report that RENEW's status in the diocese was only at the recommendation stage and has not yet been accepted by the bishop.

It was also noted that the report will be presented to the Priests Council and the Diocesan Sisters Council.

Timothy Mancini observed that among the rejected programs was a proposal by Judith Ann Kollar, executive secretary of the DPC.

Mancini asked why a critique of the Kollar proposal was not included in the task force report.

The Kollar proposal will be included in mailings to DPC members before the next meeting.

The DPC also was to have heard a report on the progress of the needs assessment program from Deacon Claude Lester.

The winter storm warnings of last weekend precluded delivery of that report. It has been rescheduled for the next meeting.

The delegates met in the new hall of Holy Rosary School, described by Mrs. Kollar as "a wonderful facility." She also said that the delegates' lunch was catered by CEPHAS Caterers, an offshoot of CEPHAS-Attica. She described the meal as exceptional.

Also distributed at the meeting were envelopes initiating the DPC election process.

Contest Winners Announced

Michael Flanagan, youth activities director for Knights of Columbus' Pope John XXIII Council, Spencerport, announced the winners of the annual basketball free throw contest on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Boys winners were David Wheat, age 11, Brockport; Thomas Hale, 12, Brockport;

Michael Klafahn, 13, Kendall; Ken Starkweather, 14, Spencerport. Girls winners were Lynn Ingham, 11, Hamlin; Carla Pawlaczyk, 12, Kendall; Melissa Bandedeen, 13, Hamlin; Michelle Curtis, 14, Hamlin.

Winners in each category are scheduled to participate in district shoot-offs to be held late January or early February.

Unemployed Meet

The public has been invited to a meeting of the unemployed sponsored by the Rochester Area Unemployment Council 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24 on the second floor of Holy Apostles Church school.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication.

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