

# Ss. Peter and Paul Sets Dinner Dance

Ss. Peter and Paul Church, which provides major services to city dwellers, has scheduled a dinner-dance to raise funds.

According to a letter from Father Richard McNally SSCC, pastor, "we are a small community with a lot of life, that life generates service to people in such ministries as evangelization, religious education, youth ministry, day care, St. Peter's Kitchen and clothes closet.

"Because of our mission of service to the neighborhood in which we live we also, like any family, have bills to pay not only for our direct service to people, but also for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds."

The fundraiser starts with an open bar 7-3 p.m., June 7 at the Diplomat Party House. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m., and dancing will follow until midnight. The Jan Carola Band will play.

Tickets to the event are \$15 per person and may be purchased by contacting Fran

Hunt, 427-7827, or Lucille Hunt, 342-1753. Persons who wish tickets to be mailed to them have been asked to write to the church, 720 W. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611, and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. The church will also accept reservations for tables in groups of ten.

In addition, a souvenir booklet is being prepared for the evening. Advertising information for the booklet is available from the church.

"Our dinner-dance is a time for former parishioners and students of Ss. Peter and Paul to come home, renew old acquaintances and make new one with the folks who currently make up our parish community," said Father McNally. "It is also a time for our many friends in the Rochester area to get together and hear more about what is happening here in our community."

# Melita House Seeks 'Option D' Donations

Melita House, the refuge for pregnant women, run for the last three years by the Sisters of Mercy, is asking diocesan to consider donations under Option D in the United Way Campaign.

The house, which can accommodate 11 guests at a time, is the only provider of long-term housing between Buffalo and Albany for pregnant women in need, Sister Elaine Kolesnik RSM said last week.

Sister Elaine, congregational spokesperson, noted, "Melita House exists solely on contributions. It is eligible for Option D funding in the United Way Campaign. To contribute to Melita through United Way, one needs a special designation card, and can fill in the Option D section."

The refuge is staffed by Sisters Patty Kenny, Therese Richardson and Jane Schur. The three believe "the house's ministry must continue since there are no other choices for housing for the poor," Sister Elaine said.

Melita House, originally a part of the Catholic Worker movement, was taken over by the Sisters of Mercy in 1982. Since that time, the house has sheltered 97 pregnant women.

## Student Advances

Nazareth Academy sophomore Melanie Davis will represent the Nazarene Churches of the upstate district in the regional Festival of Life in Boston later this month.

Miss Davis was selected from 150 students at the district competition Feb. 15. She placed second in both the singing and instrumental categories.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis of Rochester.

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A poster, advertising Melita House, was designed by the husband of a former guest.

Mercy statistics state that last May, two thirds of the residents were teenagers; one third were in their 20s and 30s; two thirds were white; one third were black and Spanish; half were from the city; and half were from the suburbs and the area around Rochester and out of state.

Speaking for the staff, Sister Jane said, "Our hearts go out to everyone who believes so in the gift of life that they daily enable us to be their hands to stretch out to those who are young, pregnant and homeless and offer hope and the concrete possibility of their saying yes to life."

The Melita House advisory board includes the three sisters who staff the refuge, and Mrs. Linda Scibilia Carver, Father John

Mulligan, Sister Joanne Lappetito RSM, Mrs. Liz Donovan, Mrs. Cheryl Scott-White, Anne Murphy, Tom Kirchoff, Bill Hohman, Dr. M.R. Bottros, Mrs. Jeanne Gehret, Mike Polozzi, Arnold McMahon, and Catherine Wobus.

Melita House is at 124 Evergreen St., Rochester, N.Y., 14605; (716) 232-3656.

## Resolve Meets

"Fertility Drugs: Action and Reaction" will be discussed at the Resolve for Rochester meeting, 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at Helen Wood Hall, 255 Crittenden Blvd. The meeting is free and open to the public. The organization is a support group for couples experiencing infertility. Further information is available by calling 385-1628.

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## Regional Services Planned

Fathers David Simon and Thomas Cleary, coordinators of the Tompkins-Tioga Region, announced the scheduling of two prayers services commencing at the same time, yet in different locations.

The Tompkins cluster prayer service is at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at Holy Cross Church, Freeville.

Simultaneously, at St. Margaret Mary Church, Apalachin, the Tioga group will begin their celebration.

Father Robert Bradler, coordinator of the Northeast Region, has announced plans for a Lenten prayer service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, at St. Rita's, Webster.

Father Bradler will preside, with others ministers from across the region participating. Also assisting in the celebration will be the St. James parish choir and Father Robert Ring as cantor.

Receptions are planned following each of these services. All are welcome.

## Stella Maris Swimathon Scheduled

Camp Stella Maris will sponsor Swim-a-thon '85 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at the East Rochester High School pool.

Those wishing to participate should contact the camp, 716/346-2243, to obtain sponsor sheets.

Prizes will be awarded to the swimmers collecting the most donations. First prize will be one free week at the camp located on Conesus Lake.

Those who collect \$25 or more in pledges will be awarded a 5% discount toward one week camp registration fee.

## Deadline

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