

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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World

'Singing Nun' a Suicide

Wavre, Belgium -- Jeanine Deckers, 52, who as The Singing Nun rose to fame with the song "Dominique," committed suicide during the weekend of March 30, police said. They said Miss Deckers and an unidentified female companion died of an overdose of sedatives. Police found the bodies April 1 in the town of Wavre, 14 miles southeast of Brussels, Belgium, after receiving a phone call from neighbors. Friends said the second woman and Miss Deckers, who was almost penniless when she died, had been upset when government spending cuts had forced the closing of a children's home they ran.

Fr. Kluiters Body Found

(Undated) -- The body of a Dutch Jesuit missionary kidnapped in Lebanon March 14 was found April 1 in a ravine near the village of Nabha in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon. The body of Jesuit Father Nicolas Kluiters, 44, was badly decomposed, and his hands were tied behind his back. A Lebanese security spokesman said almost 20 foreigners have been kidnapped in Lebanon since the beginning of 1984, but Father Kluiters was the first known to be killed by his abductors.

Chile Probe Asked

Vatican City -- Archbishop Juan Fresno Larrain of Santiago, Chile, has asked for a thorough investigation into the murders of an archdiocesan official and two other people who had been considered opponents of Chile's military government, Vatican Radio reported April 2. The archbishop expressed the church's "energetic and indignant condemnation" of the killings. The three men were found dead and with signs of torture on their bodies March 30 after being kidnapped several days before by armed men. The three people killed were Jose Manuel Parada, an official of the archdiocesan human rights agency, the Vicariate of Solidarity; Manuel Guerrero Caballos, president of the Santiago chapter of the Chilean educators' association; and Santiago Nattino Allende, a printer. Several other government opponents were killed or kidnapped at about the same time.

Nation

Sandinistas Likened to Cuba

Miami -- The Sandinista rulers of Nicaragua are following Cuba's path of Marxism, Archbishop Marcos McGrath of Panama City said during a visit to Miami. He also warned that some religious groups abroad are being duped into funding some Nicaraguan Catholics who are spreading Marxist propaganda under the guise of Christian liberation theology. The Panamanian churchman said Central America needs committed, trained Christians in the political and economic arenas to fill the gap between ultra-capitalist and Marxist alternatives. "I think if there had been political leaders formed in Christian thought in Nicaragua, it wouldn't have had the takeover by Marxist forces," he said.

Pastoral to Be Delayed

Washington -- The final text of the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on the economy will be delayed until 1986, it was announced April 1. A second draft, originally due this spring, will be delayed until September. The new plan could lead to a special 1986 spring meeting of the bishops just to debate and vote on the economic pastoral. Otherwise the vote would probably come at the bishops' regular fall meeting in November 1986. Completion of the economic pastoral was originally scheduled for this November, with a full second draft due this spring for discussion at a June national meeting of the bishops in Collegeville, Minn. But many bishops wanted more time to take "full advantage of the rich debate," said Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

300 at Atlanta Encuentro

Atlanta -- The regional encuentro in Atlanta was part of a process that will enable Hispanics to "raise their prophetic voices" for the church, according to the priest organizing the national pastoral encuentro. More than 300 representatives of dioceses in the southeast region attended the March 21-24 Atlanta encuentro, or encounter. Father Juan Romero, national coordinator of the third Hispanic encuentro, said the meeting was part of a process that began at the parish and diocesan level and will culminate at the Washington gathering Aug. 15-18. Proposals on evangelization, education, social justice, youth and formation of leaders, formulated at the diocesan and regional levels, will be presented.

DIOCESAN ROUNDUP

PARISHES

St. Benedict, Odessa

Odessa -- St. Benedict's had its first parish retreat recently, "Parish Renewal Weekend Experience," and parishioners also attended from St. Pius Tenth, Van Etten, and St. Patrick's, Owego.

Father Gerard Hafner, St. Benedict's pastor, conducted the retreat. Assisting were Richard Fitzpatrick and George and Patricia Burnett.

The retreat emphasized parish spirituality and evangelization and the need to touch the lives of others more effectively.

Good Shepherd

The Religious Education Department of Good Shepherd Church invites all new members of the parish within the past year to a special celebration of the Eucharist at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, April 21, in the school chapel.

A nursery will be available and interpretation for the hearing impaired will be provided. A short reception in the gym will follow.

Anyone planning to attend should call the rectory at 334-3518; for further information, Linda Brunner, 334-0203, or Barb Palumbos, 359-2578.

St. Anthony

A parish census is planned by St. Anthony of Padua May 19, with that day designated as visitation Sunday. The theme is "Count Me In! Census '85"; the parish wants to reach out to its Catholic neighbors and identify specific ways it can serve this community.

Census workers will visit households within the boundaries of Locust Street (north), Smith Street (south), Genesee River (east), and Dewey Avenue (west).

Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament's Committee on Evangelization will sponsor a five-part videotape series on evangelization beginning 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, in the parish school and continuing each Tuesday evening for five weeks.

Each session includes a half-hour video with following discussion. Topics are April 16, A Vision of Evangelization; April 23, Evangelization -- Living the Paschal Mystery; April 30, Peace and Justice -- Heart of Evangelization; May 7, Evangelization in Culturally Pluralistic Society, and May 14, Evangelization and the Inactive Catholic.

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St. Thomas

St. Thomas parish is sponsoring a "50s Dance" from 8 to 12 p.m., Friday, April 19, in the school hall. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3.

Coffee and snacks will be provided with other beverages sold separately. A disc jockey will spin records.

Sacred Heart

The Sacred Heart Rosary Guild will sponsor the annual card party for the benefit of Holy Childhood School at 8 p.m., Friday, April 12, in the school hall on Flower City Park. Further information is available from Donna Warner, 458-3529.

Perpetual Help

The annual Knights of St. John auxiliary dinner is scheduled at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 21, at the Knights of Columbus clubhouse, Thurston and Brooks avenues. All district knights, parishioners and friends are invited. For further information and tickets, Michael Tedone, 467-0528, or 546-4450.

Our Mother Of Sorrows

Robert Smyth of the Cardinal Mooney High School Theology Department will speak on "How a Bible People Worship and Shares" at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, in church's hall meeting room, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

St. Anne

A fashion show is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18, at St. Anne's School Auditorium, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave. It will be conducted by Frances Dress & Bridal Show and tickets will be \$3 each. They are available from Rosary Society band leaders or by telephoning Helen Gillis at 271-7727.

St. John, Greece

The Bible Study Group of St. John the Evangelist in Greece has scheduled the movie "A Thief in the Night" at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, April 21, in the school hall. Admission is free but donations will be accepted for future films. Refreshments will follow.

SCHOOLS

Aquinas

The Aquinas Parents Association is sponsoring the Third Annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 27, in the Aquinas School cafeteria. Dr. Robert Russo, an alumni of Aquinas, will provide music for dancing with his group, "Winelights." Thomas Enright heads the dinner committee.

Nazareth

Nazareth Academy High School has been honored by a City Council resolution citing Nazareth as the city's oldest school, praising it for the number and success of its

programs and commending it for being the only Rochester school to win the 1984 Exemplary Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education. A framed copy of the resolution, presented at a school assembly by City Councilmen John Erb and Anthony Sciolino, is on display in the main hall.

Mercy

The Friends of the Rochester Public Library have named Our Lady of Mercy High School senior Karen Burke as winner of the Junior Literary Award for prose in 1985 for her story "Louisiana Sunset." Miss Burke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burke of Brighton.

Also at Mercy High, the Writers and Books Club is sponsoring a Shakespeare Read-a-thon Friday and Saturday, April 19-20. The event will begin 4:30 p.m., Friday, at the home of English teacher Linda Brown and will be divided into 2½-hour shifts with a different play read each time period. An average of 10 students will reach each play.

EVENTS

Charismatic Mass

A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated at 12:35 p.m., Sunday, April 14, by Father Thomas Mull at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 3318 East Henrietta Road (Route 15A near the thruway). Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

Healing Retreat

The Cenacle Renewal Center has slated two events on "Charismatic Inner Healing."

Sister Joan Kellenberg RC, Sister Rita Drinkwater RC, and Michal Koegel will lead a retreat on the subject May 3-5.

She and the team will also present an evening of prayer on the topic, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 1.

Further information or reservations are available from the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

Communication To Be Topic

"Creative Communication" will be the subject of a series at 7:30 p.m. on three consecutive Wednesdays, April 17, 24 and May 1, at St. Boniface School, 15 Whalin St. Featured speaker will be Margaret DeMeo, diocesan director of Family Life.

Topics will be "Learning about Yourself," "Learning about a Partner," and "Caring about Each Other." Participants may attend any or all sessions.

The series is sponsored by the diocesan Commission on Young Adult Ministry and the Office of Family Life. It is free and open to the public although donations will be accepted at the door.

Holy Hour

Father Robert Werth will conduct a holy hour beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 15, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary. The holy hour is sponsored by the Peoples Eucharistic League's Holy Trinity Chapter.

Mercy Benefit

The annual roast beef supper, sale and folk group entertainment staged by the Sisters of Mercy is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at the motherhouse and Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

Proceeds will aid the congregation's high schools, Notre Dame in Elmira and Mercy.

A Mass is scheduled at 5 p.m. and a special concert by the Sisters Folk Group at 7:15. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling in advance; \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for children under 12.

Pilgrimage

Mary Kelly, president of the Rochester Chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, will lead a bus pilgrimage May 12-14 to the national organization's headquarters in Washington, N.J. and to the St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia. Further information is available by telephoning 377-1158.

Spring Dinner

The St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing alumnae Association Spring Dinner will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., May 21, at Logan's, 1420 Scottsville Road.

Classes wishing to celebrate five-year anniversaries may reserve a table by contacting chairpersons Ruth Firday Courtney, 247-2963, or Gloria Abdo Campbell, 482-0035. Reservations must be made by May 10.

Secretaries Support Group

The diocesan parish Secretaries Support Group will meet at noon, Wednesday, April 17, at the 4 Kings Restaurant on West Henrietta Road.

All parish secretaries, bookkeepers, office managers and administrators are invited.

Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Mary Jo Smith at 334-3518 before April 12.

Crafts Show

Newark -- The Newark Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will sponsor an exhibition of retirees' crafts and hobbies from 11 to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 11, at the K. of C. Home, 237 E. Wilbur St.

All articles for exhibition should be at the K. of C. Hall by 11 a.m., May 11. There will be no entry fee or admission charge. Further information may be obtained from Dr. V. J. Palmeri, (315) 331-1020, between 3 and 6 p.m.

NFP Meeting

Elmira -- A Natural Family Planning informational meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, April 28, in the first floor meeting room at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Certified community educators, associated with NFP Education of the Southern Tier, will conduct the session, for information only. Further information is available from Sister Dorothy Mulcahy at (607) 733-6541, ext. 429.