

# Activities Around the Diocese

## Hispanic Conference

Diocesan directors from 20 Hispanic Apostolates in the northeast U.S. met late last month in New York City for a two-day conference. Talks by cardinals O'Connor and Law, review of proposals from the region for the upcoming national encuentro in Washington, and celebration of the recent naming of Bishop-elect Alvaro Corrada del Rio, S.J. were included in the program.

The host, Cardinal O'Connor, spoke to diocesan directors about his trip to Central America earlier this year. Cardinal Law discussed a recent trip to Cuba. Both expressed optimism for the future of the Church in the countries they visited in light of continuing dialogue, but noted some very difficult problems that persist.

Following the talks, directors and more than 100 guests celebrated Mass at the Catholic Center on First Avenue in New York, with Bishop-designate Alvaro Corrada del Rio, the first Puerto Rican bishop for the continental U.S., as principal celebrant.

The recommendations presented by directors were received from a regional encuentro held in Philadelphia in early June. More services for ex-offenders, single mothers, problem youth, undocumented aliens and marginal members of the Church and society were cited as needing more attention. Requests for parish workers for youth and diocesan offices for Hispanic youth were also presented.

## Help Needed

Volunteers are being sought for the Monroe Developmental Center's annual summerfest on Sunday, August 4. "La Fiesta" needs escorts, booth attendants, refreshment sellers and others to help with the free afternoon of music, entertainment and fun for developmentally-disabled children and adults.

Groups and individuals from churches, synagogues, civic or fraternal organizations are requested to contact Rev. Bill Gaventa or Bonnie Daniels, coordinators, at (716)461-2800.

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## Novena at St. Anne's

A highlight of the church year for parishioners at St. Anne's is the traditional summer novena held in preparation for the church's patronal feast on Friday, July 26. All are welcome to join in evenings of prayer and petition to the mother of Mary planned from Thursday, July 18-Friday, July 26.

This summer, the novena opens on Thursday with a presentation by University of Rochester President Dennis O'Brien entitled "The Easter Rising." Monsignor William M. Roche, pastor of St. Anne's, will preach on "Reverence Along the Way" on Friday. On Saturday, Sister Jean Marie Kearse, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, will speak on "Reverence for Self Along the Way."

From Sunday, July 21 through the 26th, Father Robert Hammond, associate pastor at St. Cecilia's Church will preach on the following topics: "Jesus, Sacrament of the Church" — Sunday; "The Way of Belonging" — Monday; "The Way of Love" — Tuesday; "The Way of Healing" — Wednesday; "The Way of Witness" — Thursday.

The novena ends on Friday, July 26, with a solemn liturgical celebration at which Father Hammond will speak on "A Celebration Along the Way." Parishioners and friends of St. Anne's who attend the novena are welcome to attend the parish social afterward on the lawn.

Each evening's session will begin at 7:30 p.m., lasting approximately one hour, with a variety of liturgical services in addition to the featured speakers. All are welcome.

## Rochester Native Honored

Pope John Paul II has named Father William A. Kraft of the Diocese of San Diego a Prelate of Honor, according to an announcement by the Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego. Monsignor Kraft



has been executive director of the Office of Planned Giving and Stewardship of the diocese for the past seven years.

The new monsignor was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Rochester, where his parents, Elizabeth and the late William Kraft, were founding members. Graduating from Nazareth Hall Academy, Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's Seminary in Rochester, he attended St. Bernard's College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1945. Transferring to Immaculate Heart Seminary of the University of San Diego, he continued his studies and was ordained a priest in 1951.

Prior to his current assignment, Monsignor Kraft founded St. Therese of the Child Jesus and Good Shepherd parishes in San Diego, and served as director of cemeteries. In 1981, he earned a doctor of ministry degree from the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif., and was invested as a priest-knight of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in April, 1984.

## Priests' Federation Officers

The National Federation of Priests' Councils has elected three new officers to its executive board and one new staff position according to Father Richard P. Hynes, president.

Father Joseph Costa of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., who represents the Boston Province and chairs the Priestly Life and Ministry Committee, was chosen vice president. The new treasurer is Monsignor Daniel Logan, a pastor in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla., and president of Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville. Father Joseph S. Battaglia, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, will continue as NFPC secretary and head of the Communications Committee.

Following recent staff changes at the NFPC office, Father Vincent P. McTigue of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., will move from his former post as program director to become executive director. Overall, the personnel changes aim to give the federation's president more freedom to visit councils representing 25,000 priests throughout the U.S.

## St. Bridget's Anniversary Schedule

Five days of celebration at St. Bridget's Church in Rochester will mark the parish's 131st anniversary. Highlights include a Gospel Music Workshop on Saturday, July 20, guest celebrants, homilists, and choirs, Spanish and Gospel Masses and barbecues. A complete schedule of events follows.

### Friday, July 19

Hispanic celebration with Spanish Mass, 7:30 p.m., Father Larry Tracy, celebrant, and Deacon Eliseo Melendez, homilist; Jacquie Dobson and Roger Baglin attending; barbecue served 11 a.m.-7 p.m., coordinated by Eli Danzy, Sr.

### Saturday, July 20

Gospel Music Workshop and Mass, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with Father Bob Werth, celebrant and homilist, and Leon Roberts directing; barbecue served 11 a.m.-7 p.m., coordinated by Diana Cardoza.

### Sunday, July 21

All-heritage celebration with wedding of Enoch Kettles and Kathy Davis, 11 a.m., reception following; Gospel Mass "All Nations Shall Come and Fill this Temple with Glory," 5 p.m., Father Jerome Robinson, O.P., celebrant and homilist, music by St. Bridget's Choir; no 10 a.m. Mass or barbecue.

### Monday, July 22

Irish-German-Italian celebration with Mass at 7 p.m., Father Francis Vogt, celebrant, Father Sebastian Falcone, homilist, music by Il Coro Italiano Padre Beatini; St. Bridget's School Class of 1935 will attend in celebration of their 50th anniversary; barbecue served 3-6:30 p.m., coordinated by John Holmes.

### Tuesday, July 23

Afro-American celebration with Gospel Mass at 7 p.m. with Father Bob Werth, celebrant and homilist, music by William Crimm and Marvin Rogers; Father Dan O'Shea attending; barbecue served 3-6:30 p.m., coordinated by Carlton Torbit.

All are welcome to enjoy any and all of the celebrations at St. Bridget's. Call (716)454-4236 for more information.

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## Brother Concannon Earns Degree, New Post

Brother David (James Valentine) Concannon, received a doctor of education degree from Fordham University this past May, and has been appointed the new principal of Rice High School in Harlem.



During the past year, Brother Concannon served as assistant principal at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester.

The son of the late James P. Concannon and Helen O'Sullivan Concannon, he was born in Bronx, N.Y., and enrolled in the Irish Christian Brothers preparatory school at West Park, N.Y. in his second year of high school, studying at St. Joseph's Juniorate. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Iona College in June, 1956, and began a 33-year teaching career at St. Patrick's Hall School in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Prior to his assignment in Rochester, Brother Concannon's assignments included teaching at Essex Catholic High School in Newark, N.J., Bishop Farrell High School in Staten Island, Cardinal Farley Military Academy in Rhinecliff, N.Y., and Power Memorial Academy in Manhattan.

While teaching full time, Brother Concannon earned a master's degrees in theology from St. John's University in Queens in 1962, in Spanish education from Richmond College (CUNY) in Staten Island in 1971, and in urban education from Fordham University at Lincoln Center in 1978.

Rice High School is named for Irish businessman Edmund Ignatius Rice, who in 1806 founded the Congregation of Christian Brothers, an order of teachers popularly known as the "Irish Christian Brothers." Since Brother Eugene Finbar Ryall founded the school in 1938, Rice has graduated some 6,000 young men.

## Trustee Emeritus Speaks At Nazareth

E. James Hickey, Nazareth College trustee emeritus and attorney-of-counsel for Harter, Secrest & Emery, will be featured at the 11th Annual Alice L. Foley Lecture on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. Hickey will discuss the importance of lifelong learning for teachers in his address entitled "Teacher, Doesn't It Matter To You That We Are Going To Drown?"

Hickey, who joined the college's board of trustees in 1964, was named trustee emeritus in 1981 after serving as secretary of the board from 1969-80. A graduate of Georgetown University and the Yale Law School, his law career has spanned more than 40 years.

The lecture series, initiated in 1975, honors Dr. Foley's contribution to education over many years, including her presidency of Nazareth from 1972-76. She also served as the college's director of continuing education after many years of teaching at elementary, secondary and college levels.

The lecture will be held in the Forum of the Otto A. Shults Community Center, and is free and open to the public.

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