

Activities Around the Diocese

Volunteers Needed

Parents Anonymous needs your skills and potential for families in this area. Especially needed are hotline workers for crisis intervention, child-care workers and mental health professionals and mental health professionals to lead a variety of support groups. Comprehensive training is provided and hotline volunteers may work flexible hours from their own homes.

Parents Anonymous is a non-profit, self-help organization staffed primarily by volunteers. Other opportunities are also available. Call Parents Anonymous at (716)454-5066.

At-Home Retreat

Married women for whom the demands of home and family preclude getting away for retreat can now enjoy the experience at home. Beginning on September 16, a limited number of women can participate in a program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The 13-week program is scheduled each Monday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Cenacle Ministry Office, (716)271-8755, Sister Anna Louise, (716)586-8291, or Kathy Murty, (716)436-1284.

Widowed Group Meets

A group of widowed persons' experience of grief has prompted them to try to help others facing loss by sponsoring monthly breakfasts in the Finger Lakes area. The first get-together was held Saturday, August 3 at the Sheraton Canandaigua Inn.

All are invited to bring thoughts, concerns and needs they are having at this point in their life's journey. Organizers don't have all the answers, but does offer support, encouragement and hope in a casual, low-key atmosphere. For more information contact Clair, (716)554-3420, Jean, (716)394-5181, Alva, (607)869-5914, Carl, (315)789-2686.

Charismatic Conferences

Diocesans looking for charismatic activities this month have a wealth of choices within driving distance.

Last weekend, August 2-4, Scranton, Pa., was the site for a conference focusing on the ministry of healing with Dennis and Matthew Linn, S.J., Sheila Fabricant and Barbara Schlemmon.

Sister Nancy Kellar and David Thorpe will be featured at the Vermont Conference at St. Michael's College in Winooski Friday through Sunday, August 9-11.

The Upstate New York Catholic Conference, sponsored by charismatic renewal groups in the five upstate dioceses, will be held at Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y., on the weekend of August 16-18. Hosted by the Diocese of Albany, the conference's theme will be from Revelation 3:1-2, in which the Church of Sardis is corrected for allowing its early enthusiasm to lapse.

Speakers at the conference will include Father Joe Lange, one of the charismatic movement's early leaders and authors, and Barbara Schlemmon, known for her ministry of healing. Organizers hope that the weekend will provide a revival for the charismatic movement in the Albany diocese and identify ways to bring the gifts of renewal to the whole Church and world.

Registration, meals and housing are included under the \$60 fee. Call the Charismatic Renewal Center in Rochester for materials — (716)436-6252.

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Music Conference

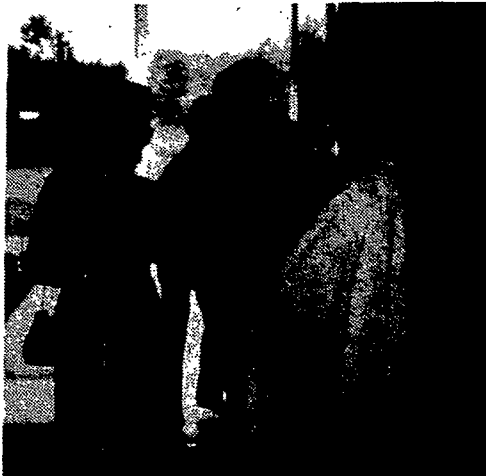
Nearly 1,000 elementary and high school music educators from across New York State will visit Nazareth College Monday to Friday, August 12-16. The occasion is the Eastern Summer Music Conference of the state school Music Association.

The conference offers music teachers an opportunity to learn about the latest materials and trends as they prepare for the upcoming school year. A variety of exhibits, clinics, lectures and performances of new music are planned.

Highlighting a series of four free evening concerts open to the public will be jazz musician Jeff Tysik and the "Singing Sergeants" of the U.S. Air Force. All performances will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Nazareth Art Center.

The complete concert schedule follows:

- Monday — Fairport Jr. High School String Orchestra, Athena High School Jazz Ensemble, Tyzik/guest soloist, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday — Onondaga Civic Orchestra and Lafayette High School Band, Tyzik/guest soloist, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday — "Singing Sergeants," 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday — Penfield High School Jazz Choir, 7:30 p.m.



d'Estangs In Ithaca

Former French president Valery Giscard d'Estang and his wife recently joined the parish family at St. Catherine of Siena in Ithaca for a celebration of the Eucharist. Here they are greeted by Fathers William Kelly and Michael Hogan.

Dignity Convention

The seventh Biennial Dignity Convention is scheduled Thursday through Sunday, August 22-25, in New York City. With the theme "No Turning Back — Lead Us On, O Lord," an estimated 1,000 people from 100 chapters of the organization of gay and lesbian Catholics throughout the U.S. and Canada will gather for a time of religious experience, education and social activities. Friends, concerned people and observers from Catholic groups involved in homosexual ministry will also attend.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Mary Hunt, a noted Catholic theologian, Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., and Sister Theresa Kane, R.S.M., former president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Close to 40 workshops will be offered on a wide range of Catholic, Christian and relevant topics. Among the liturgies planned is the closing event, an Exodus Mass, to send participants forth renewed in ministry, work and life. A Hudson River cruise, theatre party, cocktail party and banquet are among the social events scheduled.

Founded in 1969 by a priest who saw the need for the Catholic Church to minister to its homosexual men and women, the organization is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Prior to the convention's opening, new officers will be elected to two-year terms.

Workshop Set On Life Transition

The National Association of Church Personnel Administrators and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester are cosponsoring a weekend workshop, "Life Transitions: Psychological and Theological Reflections." It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, September 13 and close at noon Sunday, September 15. The site for the workshop is the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse at 4095 East Ave.

According to advance information from NACPA, the two presenters, Brother James Zullo and Father Jack Shea, "have been praised for their unique insights regarding life transitions." Zullo is a counsellor who specializes in the psychology of the middle years, and Shea is a theologian. The workshop is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of the relationship between life transitions and faith development.

The workshop is open to all. A special rate is being offered to participants from the Rochester diocese. If there are a minimum of 30 registrants from this diocese, the tuition for the entire weekend (including lunch and materials) is \$75 — more than a 50 percent reduction.

For further information or registration blanks, contact Sister Ruth Agnes Kesselring at 4095 East Ave, Rochester, N.Y. 14610 or call (716)586-6867 or (716)381-9092.

K of C Convention

Concern for youth is the focus of resolutions that are being studied at the 103rd national convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. From August 6-8, some 3,000 visitors and delegates are expected to gather in Washington, D.C. Voting delegates, who number 429, represent the 1.4 million members of the world's largest Catholic fraternal society, active in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Guam, the Virgin Islands and Panama.

Proposed youth resolutions include establishing a commission on youth and an official organizational branch for young women. Ongoing drug and alcohol education programs and an anti-pornography campaign will also be considered. Other resolutions reaffirm the organization's pro-life positions, deal with welfare of the elderly and urge prayer for world peace.

Several jurisdictions have offered resolutions to seek beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, who died in 1980.

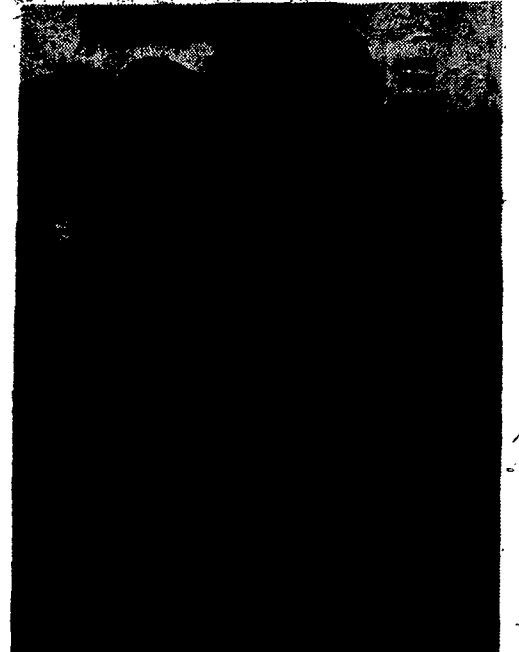
Basilian Elections

Father Angelo D. Bovenzi, a faculty member and campus minister at St. John Fisher College, has been elected vicar general of the Basilian Congregation of Priests at their quadrennial General Chapter.

In his new post, Father Bovenzi will be first assistant to the superior general, serve on the Basilians' General Council, and act as spokesman in Basilian apostolates in the U.S., Canada, France and Mexico.

At Fisher, he has provided pastoral counseling as well as daily and weekly liturgies for students, staff and alumni. A member of the modern language department, he helped to organize retreats, prayer groups and campus and community outreach services. Father Bovenzi was born in Rochester and graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1956. He came to Fisher from Assumption University at the University of Windsor where he served as chaplain and treasurer.

Father Ulysses E. Pare, originally elected in 1981, was re-elected as Superior General of the congregation. Father William E. Coughlin, a member of the Galveston-House Presbyteral Council, was elected second assistant superior general.



Hearing Postponed

Members of the Nicaraguan Invasion Contingency Action gathered at the Monroe County Public Safety Building Tuesday, July 30. A follow-up hearing to the arrest last May of 11 members was scheduled, but postponed. At left with the sign is Lyn Larson conferring with Jack Spula, one of those arrested.

St. Mary's Expands Hours

Responding to many requests from parishioners and visitors, staff at St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester announced that the church will be open weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. beginning Monday, July 15. Also, three new members have joined St. Mary's staff effective July 1. They are Donna Fitch, Sister Loretta Poole, S.S.J., and P. David Finks.

Fitch, who was formerly director of marriage ministry for the diocesan Office of Family Life with her husband, Jim, will coordinate marriage enrichment, Rite of Christian Initiation, evangelization, young adult ministry and baptism preparation for the parish.

Sister Loretta will work with senior citizens, human development, hospital visitation and evangelization. She has been infirmity coordinator for the Sisters of St. Joseph during the past six years, and is a former member of the congregation's council.

Finks will work with Sister Joan Sobala in researching and furthering ministry to the downtown business and professional community. A Rochester native recently returned to the area, he is a writer, teacher, community organizer and author of "Radical Vision of Saul Alinsky."

Since a fire caused extensive damage in 1971, St. Mary's has been opened only during services and for special events to prevent vandalism and theft. As the downtown area is revitalized, the parish wishes to offer hospitality and the opportunity for quiet meditation and prayer during the day.

"We are very excited about reopening the church for longer hours," said Sister Joan Sobala.

Correction

In our July 24th issue on the 131st anniversary of St. Bridget's Church, Father Jerome Robinson was incorrectly identified as the founder of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries. The office actually was founded by a lay board established by Bishop Joseph Hogan in 1976. Father Robinson was the office's first elected executive director.

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