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Hands become just a blur as members of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church Choir get into the spirit of the music. There was the largest group to perform at Saturday's concert.

*Raising voices in praise*

# Gospel forces join in benefit concert

Power was the operative word at a gospel music concert on Saturday afternoon in Immaculate Conception Church. Five choirs and nine soloists raised their voices in praise and the rewards were immediately apparent. The Mother Cabrini Circle, in a departure from its traditional fund raisers — dinners, teas and sales — made \$400 at the door with some proceeds still to be collected.

Those who sing and those who listen are more closely united by gospel's participatory style than almost any other kind of music. Saturday's diverse group came from St. Bridget's Church on Rochester's north side and Immaculate Conception on the south. The Bible Way Healing Temple Sanctuary Choir and Mount Olivet Baptist Church Choir were there as was the Edwin Hawkins Choir, Rochester Chapter. Some soloists were choir members, while others — Sandra Smith, Sirenia Gospel Singer and Jeannette Rowe, to name a few — came alone. William Johnson, Rochester's Urban League president served as master of ceremonies. And past, present and future beneficiaries of the Mother Cabrini's scholarship fund, which helps to send black students to Catholic high schools, got more than just a financial boost. Altogether, it was cooperation on an unprecedented level according to Father Bob Werth of St. Bridget's.

The music's power was most evident in the lack of words participants could summon to describe it. "It was great, just great!" said Delaine Hall, one of the event's organizers.



Christ raises up St. Peter when he sinks into doubt in one of the church's stained-glass windows. Organizers had their doubts relieved when more than 100 people arrived.



Andrew Williams, music director at Immaculate Conception Church, leads his church's choir in "Marvelous." Behind him are Cheryl and Avis Lewis, who also performed a duet together.

### Musicians Set Schedule

The Rochester chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians plans a number of workshops for the coming year. On Tuesday, Sept. 24, "Instrumental Leadership of Congregational Song" will be held at Holy Apostles Church in Rochester. Organist Carol Doran of Colgate/Rochester Divinity Schools and guitarists Todd Flowerday of Corpus Christi and Sean O'Toole of the Newman community at Brockport are presenters.

Other planned events include: "Music for the Funeral Liturgy," Nov. 10; "Holy Week: Parish Music Groups Working Together," January 14;

The local chapter will also co-host a regional convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians from July 14-17, 1986.

For more information about the local chapter, write NPM, Office of Liturgy, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, N.Y., 14624.

### Lunchtime Chats

"Conversations: Faith and the Marketplace," a series of Tuesday noon-hour discussions for downtown business and professional people, have resumed for the fall season at St. Mary's Rectory, 15 St. Mary's Place. The sessions, which resumed Sept. 17, will continue through Dec. 17, 12:10-12:45 p.m., except for Nov. 5 and 12, and are open to the public. Brown bag lunches are welcome; dessert and beverages are provided.

### Mercy Missionaries

During the week of Sept. 21-26, the Sisters of Mercy currently ministering as missionaries in Santiago, Chile, have been participating in the Southern Cone Conference, a biennial gathering of all the Sisters of Mercy working in South America. The conference theme is "The Challenge of the Cultural Roots of Latin America to Our

### Service of Mercy."

Sister Graciela Lagos Donoso, a native Chilean who has entered the congregation in Santiago, was a member of the planning committee. Rochester Mercies serving in Chile include Sisters Margaret Mungovan, Jane Kenrick, Janet Caulfield, Joanne Deck, Anne Marie Mathis and Kay Schwenzer.

### Elmira Oktoberfest

Dancing, children's games, American and ethnic food and music will be featured at the Elmira Oktoberfest, Sunday, Sept. 29, from noon to 7 p.m. The Oktoberfest will be held under the tent at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue in Elmira.

### Adoption Information

An information meeting on Korean adoptions through New Beginnings Family and Children's Services will be held on Wednes-

day, Sept. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the Winton Road Public Library, 611 Winton Road North. Call Carol Brownstein, (716)338-1848, or Alice Sroufe, (716)271-6961, with questions.

### Softball Marathon

A record 207 innings of softball in 24 hours of play is the goal of undergraduates at Nazareth College. They will play a softball marathon to support the Mary Cariola Children's Center during Homecoming Weekend at the college, Sept. 20-22. The center is a non-profit organization that serves multiply handicapped children from birth to age 21.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, the Marathon Men will face competition from teams of Nazareth faculty, staff, alumni and other students. Play will continue on Saturday and Sunday starting at 8 a.m. In five previous marathons, the students have raised more than \$13,000.