

### Diocesan groups to review pastoral draft

Fifteen parishes will participate in the formal diocesan review process when the second draft of the U.S. bishops' pastoral "Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy" is released next week. Jim Lund, a member of the diocesan steering committee on the pastoral, was surprised by the response since the committee expected between eight and ten parishes to take part.

"I am really pleased with the number of people willing to take this on," he said.

In addition to parishes that have expressed interest, a consultative panel formed in the fall of 1985, diocesan staff and the financial advisory board, ad hoc regional groups and the Rochester Religion and Labor Coalition

will also review the document. Reactions to the draft will be voiced by representatives of each reviewing group at a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6, with Bishops Matthew H. Clark and Dennis W. Hickey. The U.S. Bishops will meet in Washington, D.C., beginning on November 11.

Lund said that the consultation process is limited by the lack of time between the draft's release and the bishops' meeting in November, where reaction will be reported.

Copies of the second draft of the pastoral letter will be available through the diocesan Office of Social Ministry. Contact Mary Heidkamp, associate director for justice and peace, at the pastoral office, (716)328-3210.

### St. Mary's Initiates Scripture Study

In response to requests from the public, a new scripture study course is being initiated at St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Place. The course will open with a focus on "The Gospel of Mark."

The course will be offered at two different times. Those who work downtown may choose to enroll in the 12:10 to 12:45 p.m. session, which will run eight Mondays in October and November, beginning Oct. 7. Others may choose the evening course, which

will meet four Tuesdays in October, beginning Oct. 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course, to be in St. Mary's Rectory, will be led by Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ.

The course is free, but those wishing to attend are urged to call the rectory in advance. Bibles will be needed for class sessions, and those attending the noontime course are encouraged to bring their lunches. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

### Bishop establishes fund to aid earthquake victims

Expressing a deep concern for the human and spiritual needs of the victims of the Mexican earthquake, Bishop Matthew H. Clark established last week a fund to provide financial support for them.

"Since Thursday (Sept. 19) we have witnessed the scenes of devastation and human tragedy that have occurred in Mexico due to the earthquake," Bishop Clark said. "As an expression of concern and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Mexico, I am establishing a fund to help address the immediate and long-range needs of these people," he continued.

The bishop made a contribution of \$500 to establish the fund.

As of Friday, Sept. 27, a total of \$3,320 had been collected by the fund.

In addition to his concern for the people affected by the Mexican earthquake, Bishop Clark also expressed thankfulness for the safe return of missionaries from the Diocese of Rochester who were in Mexico City at the time the earthquake occurred.

The bishop has asked all parishes in the diocese to remember the earthquake victims in their prayers.

Contributions to the fund established by Bishop Clark can be made by sending a check

made out to the order of: Catholic Relief Services Mexican Earthquake Fund c/o the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

### Church Women United

The Annual Day of Reflection for Church Women United is Friday, Oct. 4, at Colgate-Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary. Co-sponsored by the Women's Program Office of the seminary, the day will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Roberta Grimm, founder of the Meditation in Motion program, will lead devotions. Seminary and lay women will speak and a panel discussion will address "The Call" as a theme.

Organizers ask anyone who plans to stay for lunch to call (716)454-1813.

### Rosary Society Meeting

The first meeting of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Greece will be Monday, Oct. 7.

The meeting will begin with a recitation of the rosary in the Prayer Room followed by a tureen supper. Members are requested to bring a dish to pass and their own place settings.

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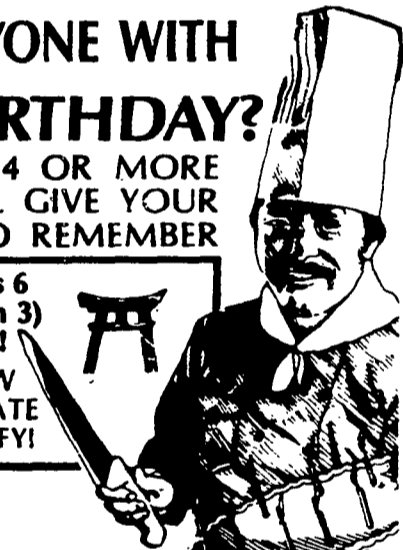
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