

30th annual Seton Ball to benefit cardiac unit

St. Mary's Hospital Department of Cardiology will benefit from proceeds of the 30th annual Seton Black Tie Charity Ball Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Rochester Plaza Hotel.

Billed by organizers as the only affair of its kind left in the Rochester area, the Seton Ball is an opportunity to dress in evening clothes and socialize with friends while supporting a charitable cause. Guests will be entertained by the George Giroux Band and the Bourbon Street Parade and will be served by white-gloved waiters beginning at 7 p.m. with cocktails.

Ron Nichols has also lent his special expertise to the design of this year's ball.

Before the dinner, which begins at 8 p.m., Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Sister Mary Alice Roach, hospital president, and Diane Cusolito Moonan, ball chairwoman, will host a bishop's reception to honor special benefactors and the reception committee.

Moonan is assisted by Noreen Haggerty, co chair; Terese Maloy, secretary; Betty DeLucia, arrangements; Susan Stone, bells and corporate contributions; Joan Donovan, benefactors; Jen Gugino, decorations; Charlene Goodwin, finance; Ida Strobino, hand scrolling; Mary Jane Thaney, invitations; Patricia Hammele, program; Liz Langie Loetzer, publicity; Patricia Partland, reception; Barbara Robertson, reservations; Elaine Formicola, tickets.

To enable parents with younger children to attend the Ball this year, a babysitting service is being organized by the children of Seton members and the Retirees' Club. If you can help with this service, contact Monica Hoffman, head of the club.

Diagnostic equipment will be purchased for the hospital's cardiology rehabilitation unit with funds raised by the Ball according to hospital officials. St. Mary's has the only unit with a complete after-discharge program of diet, exercise and psychological counseling. Officials there claim that 80 percent of their patients return to their former jobs after recovery.

St. Mary's also claims to be the first hospital in the country to take two different views of the heart at the same time using a small catheter and less dye, thereby reducing the danger of strokes.

Tickets, at \$95 per couple or \$47.50 per individual, are available by calling Elaine Formicola at 247-7953. No tickets will be available at the door.



Committee heads for the upcoming Seton Ball are: (first row, left to right) Sue Stone, Diane Moonan, Charleen Goodwin, Mary Jane Thaney, (second row, from left) Liz Langie, Noreen Haggerty, Elaine Formicola and Barbara Robertson.



Along the Way

Bishop Matthew H. Clark

As I was saying ...!

I graduated from Catholic Central in Troy in June of 1955. The next time I saw Monsignor Mulqueen was in December of 1956 when I went to him to tell him I wanted to enter the seminary and to ask his counsel about how to go about that.

Our conversations that day and subsequently were not much longer than they were during four years of high school but he did offer me encouragement ("Well, go ahead, if you think you can do it!") and he did tell me whom to contact (Monsignor James E. O'Neill, at that time the rector of Mater Christi Seminary in Albany).

In the meantime I spent three semesters at the College of the Holy Cross. There the occasional thoughts of previous years about a possible vocation to the priesthood became more consistent and took on a sharper focus.

As I look back on those days I certainly remember as significant in that development the witness of the Jesuit community, the encouragement of a particular lay instructor, the goodness of my fellow students and the atmosphere of the college which was so inviting of prayer and thinking. But I am also convinced that, in God's providence, it was being away from home that was the circumstance which allowed me to bring together and reflect on all the ways in which the priesthood attracted me.

I remember thinking about generosity and sacrifice, about the good I had experienced at the hands of so many who had chosen vocations to priesthood and religious life and about wanting

somehow to serve as they served in the name of the Lord.

With the experience of the years, I know that what was inside me then needed to be deepened and purified. It certainly would never sustain me now but it seemed enough then to lead me to test it and develop it further by entry into the seminary.

That was, of course, a pivotal moment in my life because it meant a change of course in midstream. It was also a fairly painful moment because it involved the first of an as-yet-to-end series of difficult decisions for a life of celibate chastity.

Save for one period of a few months in my second year of theological studies in Rome, I have never had serious doubts that the decision made in late 1956 set me on the road the Lord wanted me to travel.

I love being a priest and thank God for the gift of my vocation every day.

Why? Because it calls me into a wide range of significant and loving relationships.

Because it helps me to discover deep and lasting values and to share them with others in an age when so many are desperately seeking meaning in their lives.

Because it is always challenging and filled with life.

Because it is one of the wonderful ways open to us to experience the growth which inevitably comes to those willing to serve in the name of the Lord.

Thanks for the favor of reading these reflections on my vocation.

Peace to all.

Flu Shot Clinics for Seniors

Fifteen public flu shot clinics for senior citizens and other high-risk individuals will be provided by the Monroe County Health Department through Friday, Nov. 1.

This free service is offered only to persons at high risk, those over 60 years old or those with heart, lung, diabetes or other serious long-term illnesses.

This year a 15th clinic has been added to serve the southeast portion of the county. Also, for the first time since the clinics origin in 1979, all sites will be wheelchair-accessible.

Dr. Joel L. Nitzkin, County Health Director, said this year's vaccine will provide protection against strains of flu (A/Philippines, A/Chili and B/USSR) which have been circulating the last couple of years and are expected to occur in the United States this winter. He also emphasized that

seniors and others at high risk must obtain annual immunizations in order to maintain adequate protection against disease.

Special arrangements can be made to provide flu vaccine for homebound and facility-bound patients.

Homebound patients wishing the Health Department to provide them flu shots should have their physicians call the Health Department's nursing intake office at (716)442-4000 ext. 2585. Nutrition center clients should check their particular center for details in obtaining immunizations there.

The public clinic on the Mall at Midtown Plaza on Monday, October 21, is timed to coincide with the Senior Citizens Action Council's semi-annual health fair, occurring in the mall the same day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call John Van Buren, health information officer at (716)442-4000, ext. 2878.

Volunteers Needed

The American Cancer Society is in need of volunteers to transport patients to area hospitals.

These patients are temporarily housed at the Daisy Marquis Jones Hope Lodge during their course of treatment.

Volunteers are needed mornings and afternoons, Monday through Friday.

Hope Lodge, 1400 N. Winton Road, provides housing at no cost to individuals from outside Monroe County, receiving outpatient cancer treatments in Rochester area hospitals.

For more information, call the Monroe County unit of the American Cancer Society at (716)288-1950.

Diocesan social ministry board meets

A major step in the reorganization of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry was taken Saturday, Sept. 28, when the division's newly appointed board of directors met for the first time at DeSales High School in Geneva.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark attended the meeting and welcomed his appointees to the offices of president and vice president. Members then described their backgrounds and motivations for their shared interest in social ministry.

Bill Wynne of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rochester will serve as president. Formerly president of the Catholic Youth Organization board, he has also been a member of the Catholic Charities' board.

Sister Elizabeth Hughes, R.S.M., and Al Brault, Ph.D., were appointed vice presidents. Sister Elizabeth is chaplain at the Craig Developmental Center and director of candidates for her congregation. She has also served as chairperson of the diocesan Pastoral Assistants Committee. Brault, a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rochester, is a past chairperson of the International Justice and Peace Commission and has also served on the Bishop's Economics Pastoral Consultative Panel.

The board will meet four times a year and will work with Father John Firpo, director of the diocesan division of social ministry, to provide overall policy direction to social ministries of the diocese. They will also

approve the annual ministerial plans and operating budget.

In addition to the divisional offices at the Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road in Rochester, three social ministry regional offices have been established. Most recently, the Genesee Valley Office opened to serve Monroe and Livingston counties earlier this year. The Finger Lakes Office, which serves Wayne, Cayuga, Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties, opened in 1982. Established in 1980, the Southern Tier office serves Tioga, Tompkins, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties.

Although the Division of Social Ministry was formally established in 1977, its roots reach back to 1917 when Catholic Charities began in the Diocese of Rochester.

Fall Bus Tour

The Women's Interfaith Coalition bus tour, "Building Bridges," will be Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The bus, leaving the Islamic Center, 727 Westfall Road, promptly at 9:45 a.m., will proceed to the India Community Center, 2171 Monroe-Wayne County Line Road, for a presentation, and then return to the Islamic Center for a second presentation. Additional information is included in the flyer, or call (716)461-0490 or 381-7337.

Jubilee Celebration

The annual celebration for couples in the diocese marking their Silver, Golden or Diamond anniversaries is Sunday, Oct. 27, at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva at 3 p.m. Both the Mass and reception are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate Mass and preach the homily. A reception for jubilarians and their families will follow.

Please contact your parish rectory this week with names (first name of both husband and wife), address and which anniversary the couple is celebrating.

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