# **Activities Around the Diocese**



### Nativity Marks 110

A monthly "happening" and the school's first alumni gathering are some of the plans under way for the 110th birthday celebration at the School of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport. At a recent meeting were (seated, from left to right): Sister Mary Anne Laurer, principal; Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School; and Linda Sweeney, public relations chairperson; (standing) Barbara Brown, Sheila Rinaldi, Jacqueline Schmitz and Evelyn Battisti, members of the public relations committee. Also present was Nativity's pastor, Father John Phillips.

#### Rev. Chandler To Visit

Fifteen years of ecumenical cooperation in Rochester will be celebrated when the Reverend Marvin Chandler, black church leader and former host of religious radio and television programs, returns to Rochester Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 14-17.



The Rev. Chandler will be the guest speaker at a memorial service for Father Henry Atwell, on Thursday at 8 p.m. Father Atwell was the first executive director of

Genesee Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) and worked with Reverend Chandler, GEM's director of black church ministries, during the 1970s.

On Saturday, a concert entitled "An Evening of Gospel Soul" will feature Chandler at the Hochstein Music School at 8 p.m. Donation is \$7.50 and proceeds will benefit GEM and United Church Ministries. Call (716)232-6530 for tickets.

An ecumenical worship service at Asbury First United Methodist Church on East Avenue will conclude the weekend's events at. 4 p.m. The Rev. Chandler will be guest speaker. For more information, call (716)232-6530.

#### **Euthanasia Seminar**

A day-long seminar on the issues of euthanasia will be sponsored Saturday, Nov. 16, at St. Mary's Hospital auditorium, by the Catholic Physicians' Guild.

The seminar is intended to raise awareness and discuss the ethical dilemmas that face medical, legal, religious and care-giving communities, including family members who are dealing with the seriously ill and the

A keynote address, entitled "Biothetics:

How Catholics Decide," will start the seminar, followed by two sessions; "Mercy Killing vs. Letting Die," and a panel discussion addressing the community's response to the issue.

Experts in the fields of religion, ethics, medicine, biology and mass communication will preside at the seminar functions.

Cost of the seminar is \$15, due by Tuesday, Nov. 12. For additional information, call Diane O'Brien, (716)464-3519.

### Fr. Brandsma Beatified

Carmelites and lay people from across the concentration camp in 1942 for his stand on U.S. and Canada traveled to Rome this week to celebrate the Church's beatification of the first martyred priest-journalist, Father Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., on November 3.

Father Brandsma, an eminent professor and journalist killed by Nazis at Dachau

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Special celebrations were also planned throughout the U.S. and Canada at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, among other places of worship. A cassette dramatization of Father Brandsma's life has also been produced. For more information, call (818)769-2599.



### Video Conference **Explores Nuclear Stalemate**

Some of the nuclear arms issues President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev will discuss at their upcoming summit in Geneva will be previewed on Tuesday, Nov. 12, when Greater Rochester Cablevision presents "From Trinity to Star Wars." The national video conference, which will explore possible solutions to the nuclear arms race, will be shown on Channel 25 from 8-10 p.m.

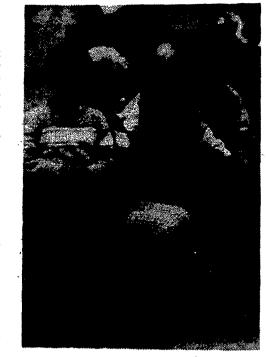
Panelists appearing on the program include: Dr. Paul Bracken, associate professor at the Yale School of Management; Ambassador Jonathan Dean, head of the U.S. delegation to the NATO-Warsaw Pact Force Reduction Negotiations; Senator Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee; and Dr. Henry Kendall, professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Also featured will be an interview with Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense.

The program is sponsored by the Union of Concerned Scientists. For more information, contact Dr. Jon N. Eikenberry, (716) 477-

### **Adoption Information**

A general information meeting is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Pittsford Library, for couples interested in adopting Korean children. "Love the Children," a licensed non-profit adoption agency, places children between the ages of 6 months and 14 years with qualified parents. Applicants must have been married at least three years and one parent must be willing to be at home with the child until he or she reaches two years.

Call (716)223-1868 for more information.



Grandparents and grandchildren share classroom tasks.

# **Grandparents Day**

At St. James School in Waverly last month, grandparents, parents and other relatives and friends were warmly welcomed at an open house and toured the school with students as guides. Highlighting the tour was the Monarch butterfly display in the second grade room. One of the insects obligingly emerged from its chrysalis while students and their guests watched.

### **CRS** Update

One year ago on October 23, five shocking minutes of newsfilm and 1,000 words of text changed the conscience of the nation and the world.

The film, which graphically depicted the Ethiopian famine, unleashed an unprecendented outpouring of compassion and generosity, as well as a worldwide mobilization of emergency relief programs.

Since then, millions of dollars and tons of food have been sent to Ethiopia, and the situation has improved, according to Catholic Relief Service (CRS) officials.

'Food and medicines have been getting through and systems of distribution have steadily expanded. The rains came and there is hope that there will be an improved harvest," said Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, chairman of the CRS board of directors. He recently visited the country on a fact-finding cooperatives."

Meanwhile, contributions to the CRS Mexico Earthquake Fund have reached \$1 million dollars this month, according to Lawrence Pezzullo, executive director. The funds are targeted for immediate housing needs and rehabilitation of victims of the two earthquakes that devastated Mexico City in September.

"Our people in Mexico, working with the Catholic Church there, have identified the parish of Los Angeles, which serves the people of Colonia Guerrero and Colonia Morelo in northeast Mexico City as the place where our assistance can have the greatest impact," Pezzullo said. "We plan to finance the construction of more than two hundred housing units and are looking into a large program to help several thousand seamstresses reestablish their businesses through

### **Fisher Plans Recruitment**

Area students of African, Hispanic, Asian and native American descent are invited to the fourth annual Prospective Student Weekend at St. John Fisher College, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16. Sponsored by the college's United Culture Club, the weekend will introduce Monroe County high

school seniors to college life through campus tours and dormitory lodgings with other Fisher students. Highlighting the weekend will be a talent show given by members of the United Culture Club.

For more information, call Reginald W.

### Craft Sale

available.

A craft sale will be offered Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Holy Name of Jesus recreation hall, Bonesteel Street, Rochester, sponsored by the Guild of Our

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