

Activities Around the Diocese

Red Cross Donation

Three Rochester area Hispanic groups recently presented a \$16,500 check for Puerto Rican disaster relief to American Red Cross.

The check helped kick off Rochester-Monroe County Chapter's Red Cross campaign for national emergency relief. The local chapter has set of goal of \$124,534.

The check was presented by the Puerto Rican Youth Development and resource Center, Ibero-American Action League and Spanish Action Coalition. Money was raised during a radiothon in October, with Domingo Martinez on WGMC-FM, and

from area schools, churches and the city of Rochester Police Department.

Funds will be used to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical assistance to over 5,000 victims of the mudslides that devastated parts of Puerto Rico in October.

Donations to the Red Cross emergency relief fund should be sent to the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter, American Red Cross, 50 Prince Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14607. Checks must be made out to American Red Cross, and earmarked for the Emergency Disaster Relief.

Family Tree

This Christmas season, Holy Ghost School will display a "Family Tree," decorated with ornaments engraved with the names of donor families, school name and year of donation.

Each year, the tree will be displayed with additional ornaments donated to the school.

Joyce Piarulli was chairperson of the project.

Counselors Needed

Life Line organization is seeking 30 new counselors.

Qualifications include empathy, energy, motivation and good telephone skills. In-

terviews are being offered throughout December, and training begins in January.

All interested persons should call Life Line, (716)275-5151.

Food Collection

Three Henrietta organizations are participating in a holiday food drive which will continue through Saturday, Dec. 21, for the Henrietta Food Cupboard, affiliated with the Genesee Valley Food Bank.

The Henrietta Area Council of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the drive. Sibley's, at

Marketplace, and Holiday Inn South, Jefferson Road, will be collection sites.

All non-perishable food donations are encouraged, including canned goods and such staples as flour, sugar and peanut butter.

For additional information, call James D. O'Brien, (716)454-2220, ext. 45.

Series On Aging

The Catholic parishes of Fairport have joined efforts to sponsor a four-part series on aging. It is designed to increase awareness of the needs and responsibilities involved in dealing with growing old.

The Mercy Center will present the series at the Church of the Resurrection, 63 Mason Road, Fairport, the first four Wednesdays of

January at 7:30 p.m.

The four-part series includes such topics as "I Am A Growing Older Person," The Development and Needs of Older Adults, Alzheimer's Disease, Elder Abuse, Direct Services to the Older Person, and The Role of the Church/Spiritual and Ethical Issues.

Anyone may attend.

Host Families

Youth for Understanding, a national teenage exchange program, is seeking host families for the 1986 through '87 program year.

Students will be arriving in July, 1986, to attend high schools in the United States.

Families choose the sex and nationality of the student they wish to host. Students are also closely matched to families based on mutual interests.

To ensure the most appropriate match, please apply early, by calling YFU's Boston office, (800)872-0200 or (617)267-1141.

Special Education

The Holy Cross parish is sponsoring a special education program in religious education for mentally handicapped adults.

Roxanne Laduca, religious education coordinator, started teaching the monthly classes in September, and will continue until April.

For additional information, call Laduca at (716)621-8133.

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Left to right: Vincent Dianci, Linda Bach (teacher), Eric Bach, Lindsay Bach and Jackie Gorczynski, of Mother of Sorrows' afternoon kindergarten class, prepare carrots to add to the Thanksgiving feast's soup.

Kindergarten Feast

Kindergarteners at Mother of Sorrows School spent the week before Thanksgiving in a truly festive spirit, making Pilgrim and

Indian hats, and preparing a Thanksgiving feast.

Scholarship Competition

St. John Fisher College is offering a \$3,000 foreign language scholarship to Rochester area high school seniors entering college in 1986. The scholarship is designed to promote the value of a liberal arts education, and will provide \$750 per year for four years.

Qualified students must have attained a cumulative high school average of 85, and a composite SAT score of 1,000, or ACT score of 24. They must also have a sound proficiency in French, German, Italian,

Latin or Spanish and be nominated by their school. The award is not limited to prospective foreign language students. All academic majors are considered.

Qualified students should seek their school's nomination by contacting their guidance office or foreign language teacher. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 17. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced by Thursday, Feb. 13.

Parenting Program

The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting group at Family Service of Rochester invites parents to participate in its program.

The program addresses such issues as systematic approaches to handling children, tips to instill responsibility and self-discipline, and family communication and

cooperation.

The group will meet Wednesdays, January 8, to February 12, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at STEP's Webster office, 2112 Empire Blvd.

Fees include a \$42/person or \$65/couple program charge, and \$7 for the handbook. For additional information, call (716)671-4022.

Volunteers Sought

The Discovery Club, a rehabilitative service for people recovering from mental illness, is in need of volunteers.

Brunch With Santa

Mother Cabrini Circle will offer "Brunch With Santa" Sunday, Dec. 15, noon to 3 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, 187 Edinberg St.

The celebration will include a snack with Santa, balloons, pictures and a free gift.

Admission is \$2.

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Childrens Program

"A Holiday Gift," a two-hour program at the Rundel Memorial Library for children ages four to eight, will offer stories, films and crafts while parents shop downtown Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The program will be in the central Children's Room of the library. For additional information, call Barbara Billingsley, (716)428-7360.

Fire Safety

The sixth-grade class at Holy Trinity School recently participated in a fire-safety course, conducted by members of the Union Hall Fire Department.

The two-segment program offered by Steve Walker and Jerry Reed stressed fire safety and prevention in the home, and steps to be taken in the case of a fire.

Students also visited the fire hall, and two Holy Trinity students were elected to attend a fire hall dinner.

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