

# Refugees

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men — who remained at the refugee center last Friday are being fed and clothed through donations from an ecumenical group of churches and religious organizations.

At present, arrivals have leveled off. But even on a "quiet" afternoon last Friday, the refugee center was bursting at the seams with music, conversation and activity.

In the living room, a television crew taped interviews with several men staying at the center. A carload of refugees trooped in for a medical check-up. Moments later, two seminarians arrived, looking for five men who will be moving to Christ the King Seminary in Amherst, where they will stay until their hearing date.

As several women prepared a late lunch in the kitchen, a new arrival — the first of the day — walked through on his way to the center's office, where two phones rang intermittently.

A couple of women on their first visit to the center stood by, watching veteran volunteer Brigid Murphy in action, an-



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A young Salvadoran who asked to be identified only as Jose called out the names of those who were next in line for doctor's appointments.

swering phones, taking deliveries and fielding questions.

Most of the travelers originally came from El Salvador and Guatemala, according to Murphy. But she has also welcomed Chileans, Mexicans, Sri

Lankans and even an Iranian family.

In general, the refugees are people from whose lives all certainty has been stripped away. Thus, many of them are fearful about what will happen next, even though Canadian immigration officials have

assured them that they are likely to be accepted immediately after their hearings take place. In the meantime, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) has issued the refugees temporary permits to remain in the United States.

Canadian officials have told Sister Butler that they expect to propose new immigration legislation later this month. She believes the number of refugees who will continue trying to cross the border will depend on how fast the word spreads throughout the refugee community.

"It's a very erratic situation," she explained. "What happens will really depend on whether people begin to realize that the border is still open and start coming again."

Sister Butler has contacted several Rochester church organizations, including Genesee Ecumenical Ministries and the Rochester Sanctuary Committee, to ask for their support.

Congregations or individuals interested in helping or obtaining additional information should call Gail Kowalski at the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries office, (716)662-5120. Donations may be mailed to Refugees, Queen of All Saints Church, 206 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, N.Y., 14218.

## City parishes to host visiting Alabama priest

Father Tom Usher, a black priest and noted youth worker, will visit two Rochester parishes later this month.

Father Usher currently serves at St. Francis Xavier parish in Mobile, Ala., but has also worked in Chicago and in Central America, where he was ordained. He grew up in Harlem, where he was involved with street life until a close friend died of a drug overdose.

Father Usher will preach at St. Augustine's weekend liturgies on Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22.

Later on Sunday evening, he will meet with parish and neighborhood youths at St. Augustine's rectory, beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23-25, he will offer talks for people of all ages, twice a day at 2 p.m. in St.

## Cenacle to host renewal day for area widows, widowers

A day of renewal for widows and widowers is scheduled for the Cenacle Center, 693 East Ave., Rochester Sunday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include conferences, as well as times set aside for personal prayer and reflection, individual consultation and sharing experiences.

A celebration of the Eucharist as well as a luncheon will also be included. The offering for the day is \$12.

Arrival time is after 9:30 a.m.  
Call (716)271-8755 for information.

Augustine's Chapel, 150 Hobart St., and at 7:30 p.m. in the church, 410 Chili Avenue.

On Thursday, March 26, Father Usher will lead discussions of the black bishops' pastoral letter, "What We Have Seen and Heard," at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in St. Monica's Church on Genesee Street. Parishioners at St. Monica's will host a prayer service and reception for Father Usher on Friday, March 27, beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact either St. Augustine's, (716)328-2442, or St. Monica's, (716)235-3322.

## All-male choir from Buffalo to sing at Interfaith Chapel

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys from St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo will appear in concert at the University of Rochester on Sunday, March 29. The Cathedral Choir, which is the principal choir of St. Paul's, is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, an international organization based in England.

The concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the Interfaith Chapel on the University's River Campus, and will include works by Byrd, Weelkes, Morley, Mathias, Howells and others. Organist and choirmaster Bruce Neswick will direct the choir.

The concert, which is sponsored by the Interfaith Chapel, is free and open to the public.

## Swim-a-thon for campers scheduled at Camp Stella Maris

As part of its effort to send underprivileged children and young adults to camp this summer, Camp Stella Maris will conduct a swim-a-thon on Friday, March 27, at East Rochester High School.

Former campers, staff members and others will participate in the event, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the swim-a-thon will go toward the campership fund, which provides financial assistance to needy children.

Prizes will be awarded to swim-a-thon participants, including a free week at Camp Stella Maris to the swimmer who garners the most pledges.

Camp Stella Maris, located some 30 miles south of Rochester on the eastern shore of Conesus Lake, will celebrate 61 years of resident camping this summer.

## Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ leaving post as principal at Nazareth

Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ, who has served as principal at Nazareth Academy since 1980, will be leaving her position this June.

Sister Elaine will be working with the administration, faculty and school board to help train her successor.

Sister Ann Collins, SSJ, has been appointed by Central Administration to assume the responsibilities of Nazareth Academy principal at the end of this school year.

The camp's facilities are also open to family, school, church, business and senior citizen groups throughout the year.

To participate in the swim-a-thon or for information, call Florence Mauro at (716)346-2243.

## CHEERS group plans party in Shortsville on March 21

Parents (custodial, non-custodial, separated, divorced or widowed) of children 12 years old and under are invited to a Spring Fling party on Saturday, March 21, at 1 p.m. The party will take place at the home of Marilyn Brownlee, 984 Stafford Road, Shortsville.

The social will include crafts, games and refreshments. Time for group discussion and a coffee break for parents will be set aside during the course of the afternoon.

The CHEERS group was formed in February to serve single-parent families in Ontario, Wayne, Yates and Seneca counties. The program is geared toward children as well as their single parents.

Participants are asked to bring their own drinks and snacks.

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