



Heavenly hosts

For the length of living memory, groups of parish women at Holy Family Church have supplied a distinctive brand of homemade Communion hosts. See page 9.



Majestic manner

'Saint Theresa' by Joseph-Marie Vien exemplifies the dramatic conception of 18th-century French history paintings, on display at the Memorial Art Gallery. See page 10.

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Dioceses carry responsibility

Vatican City — The main responsibility for developing spiritual and educational programs for the coming Marian year belongs to local dioceses and national hierarchies, said the head of the Vatican's Marian year committee. The norms for the Marian year were outlined at a May 8 Vatican press conference by Italian Cardinal Luigi Dadaglio, president of the Central Committee for the Marian Year. The Marian year begins Pentecost Sunday, June 7, and ends August 15, 1988, the feast of the Assumption.

Pope thanks mission donors

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II expressed thanks for Catholics who have contributed, often "in silence and anonymity," to help meet the rising costs of Church missionary efforts. The pope said the costs of educating seminarians, priests, and men and women religious had shown particular increases throughout the world, and thanked officials of the Church's mission aid societies for their "zeal" in promoting contributions. Statistics provided by mission aid officials showed that contributions worldwide have increased between 6 percent and 7 percent over the last two years.

Nation

Has art replaced religion?

New York — Tom Wolfe, the cultural critic, said in the John Courtney Murray lecture May 7 that art has become the religion of the educated classes. "I'm not using the word 'religion' metaphorically," he said. "Art has literally replaced religion." The lecture honoring Father Murray, the noted Jesuit theologian and ecumenist who died in 1967, is presented each year in New York under the auspices of the Jesuit community that publishes America magazine.

Bill faces Catholic opposition

Washington — The Catholic Health Association "would be forced to oppose" a controversial civil rights bill if the legislation is not amended so that it will no longer require hospitals to offer abortion services, an association executive stated in a letter to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. William J. Cox, vice president of the health association's division of government services, told Kennedy that the association would like to support the Civil Rights Restoration Act, but is concerned about several of the bill's aspects, including its abortion ramifications.

Photograph sparks furor

Boston — The president of a parish Holy Name Society in Salem, Mass., resigned after his anti-Semitic activities provoked heated criticism when his picture appeared in the archdiocesan newspaper. Jozef Mlot-Mroz became the focus of controversy after The Pilot, archdiocesan newspaper of Boston, published a photograph of an awards ceremony of the St. John the Baptist Parish Holy Name Society, headed by Mlot-Mroz. For years Mlot-Mroz has been the president of a group that claims that the Jewish people are responsible for the advance of world communism.

Church group challenged by legalization

By Teresa A. Parsons

Earlier this month, a Salvadoran man walked into Rochester's Downtown United Presbyterian Church looking for someone to help him go to Canada.

He told Isabel Morrison, a staff member at the church, that his employer had fired him in anticipation of the U.S. Immigration Reform and Control Act. As of May 5, the law holds employers responsible for verifying the legal status of their employees.

The man had no money — just the name of a minister whom he heard would help. At the time, all Morrison could do was give him some money and directions to the border.

But Morrison is now better prepared to handle the next such case she encounters. Last week, she attended a workshop on legalization, offered by the New York State Refugee Assistance Program and the Western New York Immigration Action Coalition.

"Now I've learned that the employer should not have fired him . . . and that I should have gotten him some counseling to determine if he would have been eligible for legalization," she said. "The law does protect any employee from discrimination."

Since last November, when Congress passed legislation that transformed the nation's immigration laws, members of the groups that form the immigration action coalition — including Social Ministry of the Diocese of Rochester, the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry, the Catholic Family Center and the Rochester Sanctuary Committee — have been preparing to implement the legalization process locally.

But Morrison and many of the other 60 people who attended the legalization workshop on May 5 got their first look at the law's complex regulations on the same day those regulations went into effect. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) released its guidelines less than a week earlier.

Under the new legislation, undocumented aliens who have lived continuously in the United States since January 1, 1982, or who have worked for at least 90 days in seasonal agriculture between May 1, 1985 and May 1,



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MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET — On Sunday, May 10, 20-month-old Jameka Scrivens proffers a daisy nosegay to a cousin, Sharron Lofton-Bowen of Rochester. Nearby, Lofton-Bowen's eight-year-old daughter, Jamera Stanback, made a daisy crown during an afternoon of Mother's Day events on the lawn of the Memorial Art Gallery.

1986, are eligible to apply for legal status. Different categories of legal status are available, depending on whether the applicant is a Cuban/Haitian entrant, a seasonal worker or a general entrant.

Most illegal aliens have one year from May 5 in which to apply for legalization. Persons under "show cause" or deportation orders, however, must file applications by June 4, 1987, or lose their eligibility.

The new law also requires all employers, including the Diocese of Rochester and every parish- and church-sponsored agency with three or more employees, to file a verification of legal status for every employee hired after November 1, 1986.

As soon as employment forms are available, Mary Kessler, diocesan director of personnel services, plans to send them to pastors and other diocesan employers, along with a letter outlining their responsibilities.

Kessler will also recommend that diocesan or parish employees who are in the United States illegally, or who don't have documentation for their legal status, should consult with staff at the Catholic Family Center.

Before the year is over, an estimated 700 to 1,000 people are expected to apply for legalization locally, according to Gregory Zuroski, issues coordinator for the Diocesan Office of Social Ministry. He expects the majority of those local applicants to be migrant workers in the regions of Wayne, western Monroe, Orleans and Livingston counties.

Particularly in urban areas, however, sizeable numbers of aliens from Central America, Mexico, Poland, Ethiopia and even Ireland are also expected to qualify.

Because illegal aliens of any nationality tend to be deeply suspicious of the INS, church and community agencies across the country are serving as intermediaries or "qualified designated entities."

Locally, the Catholic Family Center and Rural New York Opportunities, Inc., are among several such agencies whose staff mem-

Legalization: ways parishes can help

Legalization questions about legalization can be addressed to the regional offices of social ministry at (315)789-2686 or (807)34-9784, or to the Catholic Family Center at the number given above.

The Catholic Family Center also needs volunteers to help applicants track down the necessary documentation, which might range from copies of utility bills to affidavits from employers and landlords. To offer help, call Jim Sullivan at (716)346-7220.

Donations are also needed, not only to help cover the costs of staff time, but also to provide those who don't qualify for legalization with food, shelter, clothing and medical care. Call Catholic Family Center or any of the regional offices of social ministry for more information.

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