

Parish Notes

Parish aids Haitian poor and sick

St. Joseph's, Penfield — As part of an ongoing effort by the parish community to aid Haitian orphanages, hospitals and charitable organizations ministering to the poor in Haiti, the Resurrection Theater Company of Haiti will present a cameo performance of "Rue Soleil" in the church on Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. The touring company consists of 20 boys aged 8-18 who have been rescued from the streets, the dump and the youth detention center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, by Michael Geilenfeld, a former Missionary of Charity who is devoting his life to saving the lives of young, abandoned Haitians.

Geilenfeld has founded St. Joseph's Boys' Home in Port-au-Prince, where he teaches the boys academic subjects as well as art, music, dance, English and religion. St. Joseph's parish in Rochester supports the orphanage and other agencies through parishioners' tithes. In April, 1986, a group of parishioners went to Haiti for a weeklong working retreat, and another group plans to go in August of this year.

In addition, as a result of the efforts of a Haitian-born Rochesterian, Joseph Pierre, and members of St. Joseph's parish, a hospital in Borgne, Haiti, will soon receive badly needed medical equipment and supplies. A year ago, Dr. Mike Mirwald, a parishioner and staff member of Rochester General Hospital, responded to a request from Father Jim Moynihan, pastor, for donations of medical supplies to Haiti. The retreatants who visited Haiti in April, 1986, delivered the supplies to various clinics, hospitals and schools.

This year, Mirwald and St. Joseph's responded again, when Pierre returned to Rochester after a visit to Borgne and notified them that a hospital in his home town had no beds or medications. Mirwald was able to obtain 16 hospital beds, a large storage cabinet, a wheelchair and a wide assortment of surplus hospital supplies made available by Rochester General's recent renovation.

Corpus Christi pursues peace goals

Corpus Christi, Rochester — The parish has scheduled three Masses to be celebrated at the main gate of the Seneca Army Depot, on June 17, July 22 and August 25. All are invited to join parish members for the Eucharist on those evenings, and to observe a weekly day of fasting for peace.

In addition, the parish's sanctuary committee may soon become a sister parish to a base community in El Salvador. Margaret Sullivan, coordinator of the Parish-to-Parish Program of the SHARE foundation, will explain the program to parishioners after the Thursday night Mass on June 11. Corpus Christi parishioner Cecilia Moran of El Salvador is also expected to speak at the Mass about her experiences in her native country.

On June 14 at 8:30 p.m., parishioners are also invited to attend a planning meeting for the parish's peace and justice committee.

Holy Cross offers convocation day

Holy Cross, Hilton — The parish will hold a day of convocation on June 13. Because convocation means "the act of summoning together an assembly," everyone in the community is invited.

The day will start at 9:30 a.m. and end with a Mass at 4:00 p.m., with a break for lunch. A number of mini-workshops on various topics will be presented, as well as a dramatic presentation put on by the teens in the parish. The keynote speaker will be Father Bartholomew O'Brien.

The event, which should appeal to people of all ages, will be held in Holy Cross School and Church at 4492 Lake Avenue. Call the rectory at 663-2244 for information and registration.



CUTTING IT CLOSE — Chris Foley, a student at Nazareth Academy, gained more than a haircut from a Continental School of Beauty cosmetologist who visited the school during Careers Day. This year, a record 62 speakers offered students an inside perspective on careers ranging from photographic engineer to museum planner to interpreter for the deaf.

Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, delivered the keynote address at the 13th annual conference of the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium June 5-7 at Salve Regina College in Newport, R.I. The topic of her speech was "To Relieve Misery and Address Its Causes: the Mission of Sisters of Mercy in Higher Education. Sister Sullivan is retiring this June after ten years as dean of RIT's College of Liberal Arts. She plans to return to full-time teaching at RIT.

Students and faculty members at St. Joseph's School in Penfield remembered the kindness, sensitivity and courage of Catherine Pocius at a memorial Mass last month. A junior-high math teacher at St. Joseph's for the past three years, Pocius died Monday, April 23, of cancer. A scholarship fund has been established in her name at the school.

Sisters of St. Joseph who live at Nazareth Academy convent and at 1017 Lake Avenue welcomed members of a Salvadoran family into their homes during the month of May. Junentino, Marta, Jorge and Sandra Arevalo stayed with the Lake Avenue community, while Gregoria, Haydee, and Diana Estrada stayed at the academy convent. All seven were awaiting a hearing for admission to Canada.

Neighbors



Jeanne Grinnan, an English teacher at Nazareth Academy, has won the Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching from the University of Rochester. Members of Nazareth's National Honor Society, who selected Grinnan for the award, cited her enthusiasm, thorough grasp of subject matter, respect and understanding for students, and creativity and humor in the classroom.

A Greece resident, Grinnan has taught at Nazareth since 1981 and serves as co-advisor to the student yearbook, "The Lanthorn."

Dr. Marvin L. Krier Mich has been promoted to the rank of associate professor at St. Bernard's Institute. An assistant professor of Christian ethics since 1982, he has served as chairman of the Diocesan Consultative Panel for three drafts of the U.S. bishops' economics pastoral. Dr. Mich also heads the subcommittee of the Diocesan Theological Commission that is studying the Vatican document on bioethics and procreation.

Along with his wife, Kristine, Dr. Mich is co-director of youth ministry at St. Paul's Parish in Webster.

The Brother Ephrem Chapter of the National Honor Society at Cardinal Mooney High School welcomed new members at its annual investiture ceremony last month.

Juniors honored were: Gail Balcerzak, Christine Crooker, Debbie DeFeo, Jennifer Deutsch, Heather Dry, Michael Ebertz, Michele Farone, Tammy Jaynes, Valerie King, Joanne Leavitt, Alina Martinez, Peter Mojsel, David Nesbitt, Meredith Rae, Michelle Raymond, Kristine Rokosz, Marguerite Sheahan, John Stable, Dainius Vidmantas, Ann Marie White, Anne Young and Tine Young.

Seniors elected to honor society membership were: Terrence Beattie, Joseph Burgio, Jeanette Dalle, Denise DeMonte, Christine Gregoire, Mary Beth Kolesar and Brian Puffer.

Gary LaLonde, director of religious education at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, has earned a certificate in pastoral care from the Gordon D. Hoople Institute of the Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Center in Syracuse. The center, which has graduated more than 200 clergy, religious and lay ministry professionals since 1968, is affiliated with the doctor of ministry degree of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester.

Three fifth-graders from St. Theodore's School in Gates have earned awards in the Catholic Daughters of America Art contest. Daniel Ostrander, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ostrander, placed first in the local competition and finished in third place statewide. His entry thus qualifies for the national contest, which will be judged in July.

Michael Farabell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farabell, earned second place. The third-place winner was Andrew Kieffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kieffer.

All three boys received certificates of honor and cash awards.

Student government representatives at Mother of Sorrows School sponsored a lip-sync contest for fellow students last month.

Contestants, who performed to the music of the Beach Boys, Whitney Houston and the Jets, were judged on their appearance, originality and lip-synching ability.

First-, second- and third-place winners were chosen in each of three divisions. In kindergarten through second grade, prizes were awarded to: Michael Gutmann, first place; Emily Gibbons, second place; and Erin Smith, third place.

Third-through fifth-grade winners were: Jeni Switak, first place; Dawn DiGiugno, second; and Jenny Wyant, third.

Winners in sixth through eighth grade were: Colleen Dougherty, Katie Mellen, Jodie Compton and Gina Cordaro, first place; Jennifer Koper and Karen Wintermute, second place; and Susan Fry, third place.

Diocesan Appointments



effective June 30.

Father George P. Heyman from parochial vicar of the Church of the Assumption, Fairport, to associate member of the Basilian Fathers at Andean High School, 5959 Broadway in Merrillville, Ind., 46410, effective June 30, 1987.

Father Christopher E. Linsler from parochial vicar of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, to parochial vicar of Church of the Assumption, Fairport, effective June 30.

Father Thomas F. Corbett from temporary parochial vicar of St. Michael's Church, Newark, to parochial vicar of St. Francis DeSales Church, Geneva, effective June 30.

Father Eugene G. Emo from parochial vicar of St. Francis DeSales Church, Geneva, to parochial vicar of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester,

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