

Diocesan office initiates program to reduce institutional heating costs

When chilling winds begin to trigger thermostats this October, the administrators of some diocesan facilities will be able to face the long, cold winter ahead with an increased sense of fiscal confidence.

Thanks to an arrangement worked out by James Magee, diocesan manager of buildings and properties, qualifying parishes, schools and other institutions may be able to reduce their heating costs by 22 percent this winter.

Despite its obvious attractions, the program is not for every building in the diocese. In order to qualify, applicants must demonstrate annual consumption of at least 50,000 therms of gas, or about \$25,000. According to Magee, however, that requirement may be deceptively hard to satisfy.

For example, fuel costs for the church of a

given parish may appear on one utility bill, while the parish's convent and rectory may be on separate bills. Such a parish might not qualify for the program, even though all the parish buildings combined may use 50,000 therms or more. Only buildings that tally 50,000 therms on a single gas meter can receive the discount, Magee explained.

Once enrolled in the program, participants will assume greater responsibility for their fuel use. They will order gas for the coming months and report their meter readings to the local utility each week.

If a participant doesn't order enough gas to make it through a given month, the local utility will provide the balance, but at the undiscounted price. On the other hand, if a participant orders too much, the excess gas

will be placed in a "gas bank" for future use. Magee, therefore, is advising participants to boost their orders by 5 percent of their anticipated consumption.

In addition, program participants will face the extra clerical chore of paying two monthly gas bills — one to the supplier, Consolidated Fuel Supply of Texas, and the other to their local utility company for delivery of the gas.

Currently, 10 institutions associated with the diocese — three parishes and four high schools, plus Dunn Tower I, the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse and Mercy Rehabilitation Center in Auburn — are participating. The program is available in all areas of the diocese.

Magee said he believes a few qualifying facilities have not yet been enrolled. For information, contact him at (716)328-3210.

Tee-off date nears for diocesan golf tourney

The first-ever Diocese of Rochester Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, at the Braemar Country Club, 4704 Ridge Road West, Spencerport.

Funds raised from the tourney will go to St. Peter's Kitchen on West Main Street in Rochester.

Golfers will tee off between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and break for lunch between noon and 1:30 p.m. A social featuring a buffet, soft drinks and beer will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The tournament will operate according to winter rules. Prizes and awards will go to players for first and second low gross, first and second low net, as well as for the longest drives and closest drives to the pin. Prizes

will be awarded during the closing social.

Cost of the tourney is \$35 per golfer, which includes a cart, lunch and the social.

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For reservations or for information, call (716)328-3210.

Bible study program in Greece provides a 'break' for mothers

Coffee Break, an international Bible study program, will meet in Greece for eight consecutive Thursdays, beginning August 27. Meetings will take place at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 55 Hoover Drive, one block east of Interstate 390 at Ridge Road West.

The sessions will begin with a 9:30 a.m. coffee break, which will be followed by Bible study from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. A brief craft demonstration will follow each session.

Coffee Break is a non-denominational Bible

study program involving small-group discussions. Meetings consist of group discussions and study questions to help participants better understand the Bible.

The program also offers nursery service with story hour for children ages three to five.

No previous knowledge of the Bible is expected, and women of all ages are welcome to attend this free program. Call (716) 436-0575 for information.

DeSales

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Rood doesn't want to lose perspective of what he's trying to accomplish at DeSales. "I want to keep the younger girls interested."

And he wants to go back to the basics. "I'm going to stress skills development and conditioning," said Rood, who added that his work with the soccer program two years ago gives him an idea of what to expect from his players. "We'll be playing some very strong teams."

Rood, who began holding practices on August 19, also hopes to lessen the apparent gap that has developed in recent seasons between DeSales and its opponents.

"My goal is to get the winning attitude... the winning spirit. We're not going to be a doormat or a second-class team for anybody. It's going to take a lot of effort on the kids' part. We're not going to send kids out on

the field and point them north and say, 'Play soccer.'"

Rood is also looking to "recruit someone from the community" to aid him in enlivening the program. "DeSales supports us well... the winning attitude has started already."

And Muzzi is confident the program is already heading in the right direction.

"He (Rood) did a great job for us two years ago on the JV; he really knows the game," Muzzi said. "He's a great coach and I know he's going to do a good job for us."

Muzzi is also hoping that the girls on the soccer field, soon will begin to do what the girls on the basketball court have been doing for the last decade — win consistently.

"I'd like to see (the) soccer and softball (programs) get on par with basketball. We want to have a good soccer program here, and we want to build up the junior-varsity program too."

And maybe then girls' soccer teams from the Finger Lakes West division won't be able to take their frustrations from the basketball court out on the soccer field.

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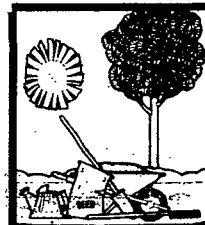
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