

Parish Notes

Workshop to focus on social ministry

St. Rita's, Webster — A new parish program known as "Witnessing with the Poor" will be among the topics covered during a weekend workshop on parish-based social ministry October 9-11.

"Witnessing to the Poor" organizes teams of parishioners who are commissioned to learn firsthand about particular issues affecting the poor and the vulnerable. Team members then "witness" what they have learned to the congregation on a designated Sunday each month. The aim of the program is to inform parishioners of ways they can "reduce poverty by helping to change the structures of society."

Sister Mary Albert, MSBT, an educator, counselor and parish minister from Trinity Ministries in Stirling, N.J., will lead the workshop.

The weekend's activities will begin with a discussion of spirituality and social ministry on Friday evening, October 9, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday sessions will focus on the following: foundations of Catholic social ministry and an overview of parish social ministry, 9:30-11:45 a.m.; understanding charity and justice, and organizing parish social ministry, 1-3 p.m. Sister Albert will also speak at all weekend Masses.

The workshop is free and open to all. Participants are invited to bring brown-bag lunch on Saturday. For information, call (716)671-1100.

Film festival features Marian shrines

Our Lady of Victory, Rochester — The Redemptorist Fathers are offering an opportunity to tour the world's principal Marian shrines without ever leaving Rochester. During the first week in October, the parish will offer a Marian film festival featuring filmstrip/documentaries each night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A question-and-answer period will follow the showing of each film.

The schedule of films is: Monday, October 5 — Our Lady of Guadalupe; Tuesday, October 6 — Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal; Wednesday, October 7 — Our Lady of Lourdes; Thursday, October 8 — Our Lady of Fatima; Friday, October 9 — Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Admission is free and all are welcome. For information, call (716)454-2245.

Students and teachers at **St. Margaret Mary School** in West Irondequoit marked the opening of school with a special Mass on Friday, September 18. **Father Michael Conboy**, pastor, presided at the liturgy, while faculty members offered the readings and petitions.

At the close of the celebration, students and teachers were presented with lighted candles and commissioned to "go forth and let their light shine before all people." Members of St. Margaret Mary's Home/School Association then treated the students and teachers to apple juice and doughnuts.

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Jean Simon's is a name the people of St. Stanislaus Parish will long be remembering in their prayers. An artist who also works for Nazareth Academy, Simon recently repainted all but two of the church's statues and applied gold leaf to the newly repainted altars. Simon insisted on donating his time and the materials for the project, but was rewarded nonetheless when he won \$500 at the parish festival.

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Three students from Cardinal Mooney High School have been chosen as semifinalists in the 1988 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Seniors **Gail Balcerzak**, **Christine Crooker** and **Roger Jestel** have qualified based on the scores they earned on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarships Qualifying Test.

Balcerzak is the daughter of Greece residents **James** and **Jane Balcerzak**. Crooker, also a resident of Greece, is the daughter of **Richard** and **Geraldine Crooker**. Jestel, the son of **Roger** and **Donna Jestel**, is from Hilton.

More than one million students enter

Neighbors



the merit program by taking the PSAT/NMSQ test each year. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists are chosen in the fall to advance in the competition for scholarships.

Forty-four percent of the estimated 13,500 finalists chosen this spring are expected to win Merit Scholarships, totaling \$23 million. Finalists are chosen based not only on their test scores, but also on such factors as activities, honors, personal interests, values and goals.

The annual competition is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which is devoted solely to scholarship activities. The scholarship program operates without federal or state funds. Instead, scholarships are underwritten by more than 600 sponsoring organizations.

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Mary E. Phillips has been appointed academic computing coordinator at Nazareth College of Rochester. A former systems consultant for Electronic Data Systems (EDS), Phillips will act as a liaison between faculty members and the computer services department.

In her new position, Phillips will conduct workshops for faculty members and students, oversee the college's computer literacy program for incoming freshmen, and supply technical software support for academic computing programs.

AT EDS, a division of General Motors Corporation, Phillips served as

a database administrator and education coordinator. She also worked on projects for Delco Products of Rochester.

A Fairport resident, Phillips has earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from the State University of New York at Saratoga Springs. She expects to complete requirements for a master's degree in education from the University of Rochester this spring.

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Cephas-Attica, Inc., a counseling, housing and job-training program for parolees, has been chosen as a finalist for the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award. The awards program, which honors civic and voluntary groups who have made outstanding contributions to community service, was established in 1984 by the New York Voluntary Enterprise Commission.

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Father William A. Moorby has accepted the position of part-time spiritual director for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in the Diocese of Rochester.

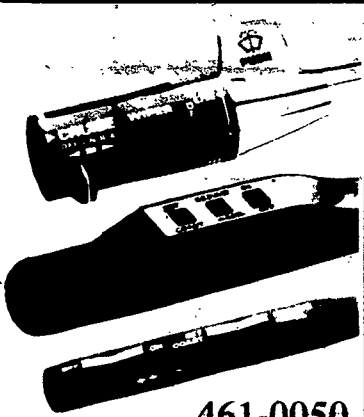
Father Moorby replaces **Father James Connolly**, the former spiritual director, who departed last year to undertake a new ministry. Although Father Connolly's position with the Charismatic Renewal was full-time, Father Moorby will continue to serve as parochial vicar in the Northern Cayuga Cluster parishes of St. Joseph's, Weedsport, St. John's, Port Byron, and St. Patrick's, Cato.

Shiela Cody will continue to operate CCR's business office as she has done since Father Connolly's departure.

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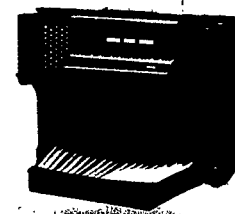


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