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Around the Diocese

Restaurant dedication planned

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Staff members are planning to mark the dedication of Rogers House Restaurant with an open house on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The restaurant at 271 Central Park has been renovated by ex-offenders and, once open, will continue to provide them with jobs and training.

Prior to opening, the outreach program still needs hosts/hostesses, waiters/waitresses, a bookkeeper, and a staff resident. For information, call Frank Staropoli, (716)232-2749.

Series explore rosary, dreams

Blessed Sacrament, Rochester — The rosary and dreams are the topics of two workshops Father Francis Blighton will offer in November at Blessed Sacrament School, 546 Oxford St.

A contemporary approach to the rosary as a form of personal prayer will be the focus of a two- or three-part series beginning Tuesday, Nov. 3, and continuing on November 8, 10, 22 and 24. The hour-long sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Participants may attend Tuesday or Sunday sessions.

On Thursdays, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Father Blighton will delve into the importance of dreams in Catholic religious tradition, and will offer some practical approaches to understanding the meaning of dreams.

For information or to register, call Liz Maurer, (716)442-7517.

First Saturday services offered

For those seeking a way to observe the Marian Year, the following parishes offer special services of reparation to the Blessed Mother on the first Saturday of each month.

Rochester: Our Lady of Victory Church, 310 Pleasant St., 10 a.m.; Holy Rosary Church, 420 Lexington Ave., 7:45 a.m.; St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd., 8:15 a.m.; Guardian Angels Church, 2061 E. Henrietta Rd., 9 a.m.

Hilton: St. Leo's Church, 167 Lake Avenue, 7:45 a.m.

Auburn: St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St., 11 a.m.

More than 200 attended a picnic last month to honor **Father Chester Klocek** on the occasions of his 40th anniversary of priesthood and his 65th birthday.

Members of the parish council at St. Leo's Church in Hilton, where Father Klocek is pastor, hosted the picnic. Parishioners also presented him with a blue Marian chasuble, which was hand-sewn by the Carmelite Sisters of Rochester.

Father Klocek is chaplain of the Hilton Knights of Columbus Council, and a Fourth-Degree Knight. During Pope John Paul II's recent visit to the United States, the Hilton pastor served as chaplain to Bishop W. Thomas Larkin of St. Petersburg, Florida, and met with the pope.

Church secretaries and office workers from around the diocese attended a workshop earlier this month sponsored by Church Office Professional Employees (COPE). The workshop, hosted by staff members at St. Mary's Church in Geneseo, featured as guest speakers **Mary Kessler** of the diocesan Department of Personnel Services and **Mary Ellen Lathrop**, coordinator of diocesan health care benefits.

The diocesan Office of Continuing Education also provided a videotape of **Sister Joan Chittister**, who visited the diocese earlier this year. The program concluded with Mass celebrated by **Father William Gordinier**, pastor at St. Mary's.

COPE members have chosen new officers for the 1987/88 year. They are; **Mary R. Cantatore**, president; **Joan McGlynn**, vice president; and **Madeline Peri**, secretary/treasurer.

Donna Cauvel, diocesan coordinator of parish computer services, will offer a presentation at the next COPE meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Penfield. The meeting begins at noon, and those who attend should bring a brown-bag lunch.

Any church secretary or office employee in the diocese is welcome to attend the meeting or to join COPE. For information, contact **Mary Cantatore**, (716) 671-5520, or **Mary Jo Smith**, 334-3518.

Sister Sheila Walsh, SSJ, housing counselor for the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, has received the "Outstanding Support Group Certificate of Award" Presented by the Northeast Block Club Alliance (NEBCA) of Rochester at its annual meeting October 17, the award recognized the effect that the foundation's expanded services are having on community relationships.

Parish Notes

Nursing home, parish linked

St. Thomas More, Rochester — The parish is seeking volunteers to assist in providing spiritual care to the residents of the Rochester Friendly Home at 3156 East Avenue.

Every Sunday, volunteers from St. Thomas More bring the Eucharist to the nearly 40 Catholic residents of the home. On the second and fourth Fridays of the month, Father Robert L. Collins and approximately 10 volunteers visit the home to celebrate Mass with residents. Father Collins also celebrates penance and anointing services at the home several times each year.

Anyone who can spare a few hours each month is asked to call the rectory, (716)381-4200.

Fellowship group plans auction

St. Thomas More, Rochester — The parish's adult fellowship group will sponsor a combination silent auction and craft sale on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featured items will include a completely furnished doll house and a handmade afghan. Refreshments will also be available.

The sale and auction will be located in the school auditorium at 2617 East Avenue. For information, call Sister Karen, (716)381-4200.

Parish celebrates 85 years

St. Patrick's, Corning — Parishioners are preparing to celebrate their community's 85th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 1. Festivities will include a play, sharing supper and a dance exhibition. For information or reservations, call (607)936-8752 or 936-3163.

Neighbors

Twenty-seven teenagers from **St. Paul's Parish, Webster**, participated in a confirmation retreat last month at the Watson Homestead in Painted Post, N.Y.

The purpose of the retreat, led by **Sister Cheryl Lee**, youth minister at St. Christopher's Church in North Chili, was to allow the confirmation candidates to experience being part of a community, and to help them explore their faith journeys.

Parishioners at **Immaculate Conception Church** in Ithaca have established the **Sister Dolorita Memorial Fund** in memory of dedication, enthusiasm, and love for children exemplified by the Sister of St. Joseph who taught kindergarten there for more than 20 years.

Donations to the fund will be used for tuition scholarships or equipment for kindergarten classes at Immaculate Conception School, or to sponsor a novice to religious life. Donations should be sent to the Sister Dolorita Memorial Fund, c/o Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N. Geneva St., Ithaca, N.Y., 14850.

Residents and staff at **St. Ann's Home/The Heritage** participated in a special flag-raising ceremony October 8 as part of a year-long 25th anniversary celebration.

Just as they did in 1962, members of the Eike Jordan Bauer American Legion Post #1501 donated a new flag, which was raised by past Commander **Herbert Muhs**, now an employee at St. Ann's, and presented by **William Miller** of Irondequoit, another past commander.

On behalf of **Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Thomas Cray** presented a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in honor of the home's anniversary. Special guests also included local legislators and current members of Post #1501. Veterans from St. Ann's who participated were: **Bill Yaeckel, Cyril Kress, Monsignor Leslie G. Whalen, John Davis and Patrick Regan.**

The **Bishop Kearney High School Marching Band** concluded the celebration by performing the national anthem and several other tunes.