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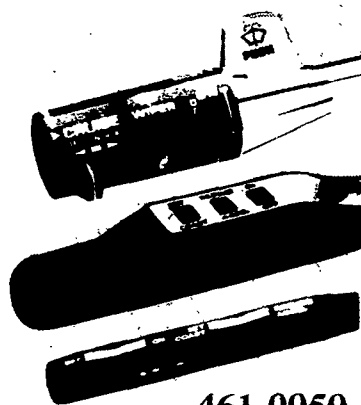
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Renovated sanctuary unveiled

Holy Spirit, Penfield — November 1 was the date for two ceremonies marking the conclusion of one major project and the beginning of another.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided over a Mass to dedicate the church's newly renovated sanctuary. The bishop also officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony for an addition to the main church building. The addition will house expanded and improved spaces for meetings and classes, as well as a kitchen and social center.

Built in 1968, Holy Spirit's present church building was designed as a multipurpose facility. An educational wing offered rooms for classes and meetings, while the sanctuary has doubled as a social center.

Both the sanctuary renovation and the new addition are being financed by the proceeds of a capital fund drive, which is expected to raise \$416,000 over a three-year period.

St. Mary's to offer educational series on economics pastoral

St. Mary's, Rochester — Now that renovations to the church are complete, parishioners are embarking on a year-long process of education on issues related to the U.S. bishops' economics pastoral.

The process will begin with a visit from Dan Finn, Ph.D., dean of the School of Theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. Finn, a Webster native and graduate of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, was one of the writers of the economics pastoral. He will offer the homily at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8. On Sunday evening at 7:30, he will also present a lecture entitled "The

Parish Notes

Bishop Clark to visit Waverly

St. James, Waverly — Parishioners and students are preparing for Bishop Matthew H. Clark's fifth annual visit to their corner of the diocese. On Monday, Nov. 9 — which has been designated "Bishop Clark Day" in Waverly — students in kindergarten through grade six at St. James School plan to present a program of songs and entertainment as the bishop visits each of their classrooms.

At 11 a.m., students, teachers, parishioners and neighbors will gather at St. James Church, where the bishop will preside at Mass. A reception and luncheon at Tomasso's Restaurant will follow.

Economic Pastoral: the Report That Will Cause a Furor?

Following Finn's introduction to the document, the parish will sponsor four-session study groups which will meet during November and December. The allow for the widest possible participation, sessions are scheduled on Sundays at 10 a.m., beginning November 15, and Mondays at 7:30 p.m., beginning November 16. P. David Finks and Ray Kenny will serve as facilitators.

For information, contact St. Mary's Church rectory, (716) 232-7140.

Neighbors

A troupe of traveling puppets known as Kids on the Block presented a child abuse awareness program for fourth-graders at Mother of Sorrows School October 31.

Through puppetry, the Interactive Puppet Program on Child Abuse develops a rapport and trust with the children necessary to address the issues of physical and sexual child abuse.

The three-and-a-half-foot tall puppets encouraged students to discuss the facts and myths of child abuse, ask questions, and share their concerns in complete confidence. Puppet presenters also emphasize the child's right to say "no" and to tell someone when they feel they might have been abused.

The program is designed to continue even after the puppets have gone. Teachers and administrators receive information packets that outline such suggested follow-up activities as role-playing, classroom discussions, and a list of counselors for referrals. Students are also assured that if they write to the puppets, they will receive a response.

Kids on the Block, which is sponsored by Central Trust Company, has presented interactive programs on topics ranging from teen pregnancy to drug and alcohol abuse in local schools since 1985.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presided at a blessing ceremony November 5 to mark the opening of Matt Talbot Ministries' new home at St. Ambrose Convent. Matt Talbot Ministries offers self-awareness and spirituality groups for families and individuals experiencing stress and tension in their lives, whether because of chemical dependency or other kinds of compulsive behavior. The ministry center, which was founded by **Deacon Greg Doyle**, recently moved to St. Ambrose from former headquarters at St. Augustine's Parish.

The St. Francis DeSales Parish Rosary Society installed new officers at its annual banquet last month in Geneva. More than 80 members and guests attended the celebration, including **Father Edwin Metzger**, the society's moderator and pastor of St. Francis Parish, and other members of the parish staff.

Installed were: **Oga Pacil**, president; **Jeanne Weise**, treasurer; **Susan Pane**, recording secretary. **Mary Marino** served as installation officer.

Also honored were outgoing president **Anna DeJohn** and outgoing treasurer **Marianna Moracco**. Both women were presented with plaques in recognition of their years of service.

Two teachers from **St. Theodore School** offered a presentation on effective drug- and alcohol-abuse prevention during the diocesan Superintendent's Day last month at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Junior-high teachers **Mendy Rushing** and **Donna Mooney** described techniques of intervention for teachers as outlined by Project Intervention — a program through which they have both received in-depth training. Their presentation, entitled "There is a Way," also focused on the necessary components of a chemical awareness and education program.

Two Rochester-area Jesuits will be ordained to the order of deacon this month. Boston Auxiliary **Bishop Robert Banks** will ordain **Kevin P. Dincher**, a 1973 graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, and **Brother George Belgarde**, former director of maintenance at McQuaid Jesuit High School, on Saturday, November 7, at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge, Mass.

Both Dincher, a 1977 graduate of Canisius College, and Brother Belgarde are graduate students at the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge.

Lori Ann Padulo, a 1987 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, has earned a \$500 scholarship to attend Monroe Community College (MCC). Seniors from 33 area high schools participated in MCC's first Alumni Association Scholarship Program, established to commemorate the college's 25th anniversary. Padulo, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Padulo** of Chili, and other recipients were chosen on the basis of academic achievement.

Archbishop Nicholas T. Elko, episcopal advisor to the National Catholic Physicians' Guilds of America, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the diocesan physicians' guild October 17.

Preceding the meeting, Mass was celebrated in the chapel at St. Mary's Hospital. Afterward, the archbishop was the guest of honor at a dinner and reception at the University Club of Rochester. The topic of his address was "The Catholic Church in the Year 2000."

Both Mass and meeting were scheduled to coincide with the feast of St. Luke the physician.

Sister Mary Maurice Pearson, RSM, has created a flag in celebration of Cardinal Mooney High School's silver anniversary. The flag bears the coats of arms of the two religious congregations that conduct the school — the Mercy shield and the cross and anchor of the Holy Cross Brothers.

Mooney alumna and Mercy Sister **Maureen Servas** also designed the official logo symbolizing the silver jubilee on the flag.