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Renovations

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considered moving the kitchen. Because of the nature of the kitchen and the project, however, the grant was written to allow the kitchen to remain in the basement of the school, according to the Lucille Isaac, vice chairwoman of the St. Peter and Paul Parish Council. Keeping the kitchen in the school was something parish leaders had hoped for, she said.

"The soup kitchen has been great for the parish," Isaac observed. "It's helped to bring the parish and the neighborhood to life. When we began talking about what to do with the school, we knew that we had to keep the kitchen somehow."

Parishioners also knew that they had to do something about the school, Isaac explained. In order to provide heat, water and electricity to the kitchen, utilities had to be kept on throughout the otherwise vacant structure. The bills were a burden on the poor parish, she said.

In came Housing Opportunities Inc. After studying the school, the program agreed to undertake the renovation of the school, using its earlier successful conversion of Mount Carmel School as a model. Berger, who supervised the

earlier project, said she is excited about added possibilities for St. Peter and Paul School.

"At Mount Carmel, we built 12 units, six two-bedroom, four one-bedroom and two studios," Berger explained. "At St. Peter's we'll be able to build six two-bedroom and six three-bedroom units that will be perfect for families." She noted that the location was ideal because of the parish's concern for families. "There's a wonderful combination of skills and resources that will complement what the housing will do."

As part of this concern for families, St. Peter and Paul's Kitchen Ministries, the umbrella organization coordinating the social ministries of the parish, has opened a day-care center. "People need food, clothing and education," said Father Richard C. Czerwiec, pastor. "We've given them food and clothing, now we want to educate."

Father Czerwiec, who founded St. Peter's Kitchen in 1982, said the day-care center is designed to "reach the children before they're caught in the cycle of poverty." Families moving into the renovated school will be able to send their children to the day-care center.

"We hope that if we start early enough, we won't have to help when they're 45," Father Czerwiec declared. "It's a lot easier when they're young."

Mercy Founders

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my repertoire, in my voice category, so that I don't injure my voice."

Her performance on the Eastman stage will be accompanied by the Ray Ricker Orchestra, a 15-piece ensemble of Rochester-area musicians (most of whom are members of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra), led by Peters' own conductor, Angelo DiPippo. As for her collaboration with Williams, Peters said, it's definitely "a first. It's something we're both looking forward to, and I hope there will be more."

Both performers have previously given concerts to benefit various Catholic causes and

charities, and the Sisters of Mercy are pleased to present their first collaborative effort. Past Founders Club fund raisers have featured appearances by Bill Cosby, Rich Little and Andy Williams. As in other years, proceeds from the appearance will benefit the education fund of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester. Many Mercy sisters use the funds provided by benefit performances to pursue advanced degrees in theology, education, nursing, psychology and pastoral ministry, according to Sister Nancy Whitley. Such preparation, she added, enables the sisters to better perform their various ministries to Church and community.

Tickets for "Together At Last for the First Time" range in price from \$8 to \$25. For reservations, call (716) 288-4817. Tickets will also be sold at the door before both performances.

Pro-life

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program, Planned Parenthood made 780 presentations last year, involving more than 17,000 participants ranging from pre-school children to parents' groups.

Even though Planned Parenthood receives federal Title X grants as well as funds from the United Way and other foundations, county monies would be sorely missed, she said.

"That would be devastating if we lost youth bureau funds from the county," Marvin said. "All we're trying to do is educate ... Unfortunately some of the conservatives can't see the forest through the trees. They don't understand that one of our main focuses is educating people so that people don't have unwanted pregnancies."

Marvin called the effort on behalf of Christians for Life "self-defeating."

"There are a lot of caring people here (at Planned Parenthood) who believe that abortion should not be used as (a means of) birth

control either," she said.

According to Marvin, one of the agency's main problems dealing with pro-life organizations is that the groups tend to exaggerate dramatically. As evidence by her claim, Marvin said that during a televised debate on WXXI last summer, Project Life Director David Long stated that Planned Parenthood received \$7 million in government funds.

"Our entire budget is \$3 million," Marvin noted.

Planned Parenthood's community-outreach program, which deals with such high-risk teens as high school dropouts, would also be adversely affected.

"We have to deal with the reality that there are kids who are sexually active," Marvin said. "All we're trying to do is talk them out of premature sexual contact."

Davcev, however, is unswayed by this argument.

"Planned Parenthood has been educating our community for years, but I don't believe people are seeing the other side of what they do," she said. "A lot of people don't know what goes on there; they paint a nice picture."

Obituaries

Br. Ralph Carpenter, Sacred Heart missionary

Brother Ralph Carpenter, a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for 42 years, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1987, in Aurora, Ill., at the age of 71.

The Brooklyn native was well-known in Rochester, where he was raised by adoptive parents, and where he returned each summer for vacation.

St. Andrew's Church on Portland Avenue, which Brother Carpenter considered his home parish, will be the site of a memorial Mass on Friday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. Fathers Ron Stacy and Robert Bradler will celebrate the Mass.

Orphaned shortly after his birth in 1916, Brother Carpenter was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brocco of Rochester. In 1943, he entered the novitiate of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Geneva, Ill. He professed perpetual vows in 1951.

Throughout his lifetime, Brother Carpen-

ter was an active member of the Illinois Knights of Columbus, serving as associate chaplain for Aurora Council 736 as well as state retreat chairman, associate diocesan chaplain, District Friar for the Fourth Degree, and Faithful Friar for the Marquette Assembly.

He also published several brochures for the Sacred Heart congregation and the K of C, including "A Weekend with God" and "Brother Knights: What's Your Excuse for not making a Retreat?"

Brother Carpenter has no surviving family members, but within his community he was noted for his cheerfulness and helpful spirit.

Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Monsignor Gerald Paul celebrated a funeral Mass for Brother Carpenter on Saturday, Oct. 10. He was buried at the Missionaries of the Sacred Center in Shelby, Ohio.

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