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ester begins to implement such concepts, and even longer for other dioceses. According to Father Kennedy, the Diocese of Rochester, in fact, is ahead of many dioceses in discussing sacraments, he noted. Parishes here began using RCIA a decade ago, while some dioceses are only now beginning to develop programs.

Rochester also was one of the first dioceses to look at the problem of when to confirm. Bishop Sheen pushed confirmation up to high school in the 1960s, and Bishop Hogan

dropped it back to junior high school in the 1970s. Today, parishes have a wide variety of confirmation programs and requirements. Conversations about confirmation, Father Kennedy noted, have been continuous here, which should help with future discussions.

Mahoney agreed with Father Kennedy that continued discussion and education are important, but noted that it's easy to get bogged down in debates about programs. "It's not the program that gets the kids ready — it's God's grace."

Rather than worrying about programs, she added, "it's much more important to stress that a person will be ready in God's own time."

ish employees sometime in late December or January.

The process for announcing the new wage scales should also reflect a hard-learned lesson from last year, Madden said. Some diocesan and parish employees were outraged last February after their first glimpse of the 1987/88 wage and salary guidelines came in the Courier-Journal. Subcommittee members hope to avoid any similar outcry their year by ensuring that the package enlists "ownership from the people affected."

"We've got to make sure that priests and people at the diocese are aware of the package, and that they understand and accept it before it gets out on a broader level," Madden said.

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stretched . . . and you have to maintain a certain standard of quality in programs," he said. "We're torn between justice and equity?"

This year, the salary and wages subcommittee plans to test the impact of its guidelines on parish communities by presenting them to a group of pastors for their reactions.

Madden then expects the subcommittee to develop a final set of guidelines, which will be offered to Bishop Clark for his approval before they are announced to diocesan and par-

New scholarship available for Ogdensburg seminary

Father Thomas Thottumkal, president of Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, recently announced the establishment of five new scholarships to be awarded to incoming students on the basis of academic excellence. The Wadhams Hall president noted that students' performance in high school as well as grades at the seminary-college could result in scholarships totalling as much as \$4,500.

Beginning in the fall of 1988, Wadhams Hall will award a maximum of five scholarships to outstanding applicants. Each scholarship will be for the amount of \$1,500 for the first academic year and \$1,000 for each of the three following years, provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 average and progresses satisfactorily in other major formation areas.

Recipients of the Wadhams Hall Academic Scholarships will be selected by a committee

chaired by professor Jerome Wyant, academic dean at the seminary-college.

Father Thottumkal said that the seminary-college is striving to promote excellence in its candidates. In addition to the academic scholarships, Wadhams Hall continues to offer need-based financial aid to all enrolled students.

Wadhams Hall is one of 21 college-level seminaries in the United States and one of only two in New York state. At the four-year seminary-college, students with an interest in preparing for priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church can earn bachelor of arts degrees with majors in philosophy. Students are then prepared to enter a theolgate for the final four years of graduate training before ordination to the priesthood.

Agency offers new project to spur center participation

Family Service of Rochester, Inc. (FSR), has launched a new initiative aimed at significantly increasing participation in the Monroe Senior Center.

Located at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Rosedale Street in Rochester, the facility provides a place where seniors 60 years of age or older can meet daily for a hot meal, companionship, activities and social services.

The Monroe Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is served daily at 12:45 p.m. Van service is available for those in need of transportation.

FSR has sponsored the center since 1980, but has recently developed new programs and

scheduled several special events for holidays and other engagements. Activities include crafts, dances, and discussion as well as study groups, movies and trips. Participants also receive nursing consultation, diet and nutrition counseling and caseworker services as well as information and community offerings.

Funded by the Monroe County Office for Aging (MCOFA), the center is one of 17 senior nutrition programs in the county.

Along with the Monroe program, FSR also sponsors the Southeast Senior Center, 835 South Ave., Rochester.

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Safety workshop for children planned for Park Ridge Hospital

Park Ridge Hospital is sponsoring a free workshop for children who are often home alone without adult supervision. "Home Alone and Safe" will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Park Ridge Education Center at Park Ridge Hospital, 1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester.

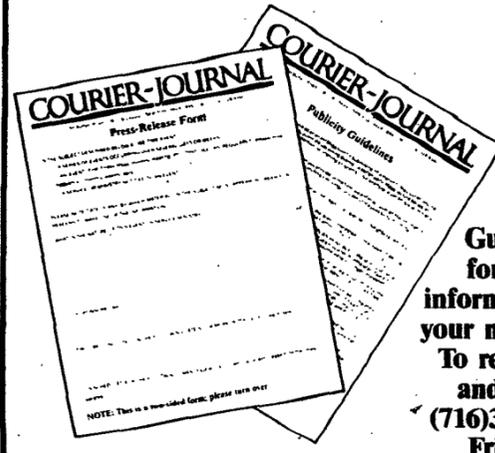
Participants will learn personal security and safety tips, first aid, how to make emergency telephone calls and fire safety procedures.

Nutritious refreshments will be served.

Instructors for the course will be nursing staff of the Park Ridge Hospital emergency department and youth counselors from The Bridge, a youth outreach program coordinated by Park Ridge Mental Health Center.

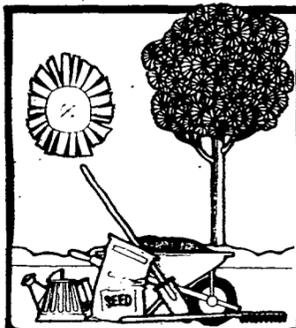
The workshop is open to young people aged seven to 14. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required by calling (716) 723-7090 no later than November 13.

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