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ly running an Easter candy sale to raise \$20,000
for parish needs. The candy, made in a varie-
ty of Easter molds, is produced by the Niaga-
ra Candy Company of Cheektowaga. As a
finale to the sale, parishioners will set up an
Easter shoppe in which shoppers can purchase
baskets, grass, small candies, fillers and other
Easter supplies. Custom-made baskets will also
be available. The shoppe will be open during
the weekends of March 12 and 13.Chairwomen for the sale are Joan Powell
and Judy Shaw. Orders are now being received
at the rectory, (716)271-3260, and the school,
473-3442.**Class covering marriage liturgy****St. Mary's, Rochester** — Darlene M. Flynn,
minister of music, and Phillip J. Lioi, organist,
have scheduled a planning session for engaged
couples.The program is designed "to introduce cou-
ples to some concepts and resources to enable
them to become actively involved in planning,
preparing and enjoying their wedding liturgy,"
said Flynn. Topics to be covered are sugges-
tions for music, guidelines for selecting options
within the liturgy and a history of wedding tra-
ditions. An informational packet will be
provided to all participants.The program will run from 7:30-8:45 p.m.
on Tuesday, Jan. 26. It is free and open to the
public, although reservations are requested by
January 22. To register or obtain information,
call the rectory, (716)232-7140.**Ithaca guild adopts Indian families****St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca** — The pa-
rish's St. Benezet Mission Guild has adopted
two families in India.Twice a year, the guild sends the proceeds
of its collection to the "Save a Family Plan"
to provide education, tools and livestock that
will help ensure the families' eventual economic
independence.At present, many Indian families suffer from
tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases stem-
ming from their inadequate diets and the un-
hygienic and subhuman conditions in which
they live.Parishioners are also asked to donate light-
weight children's clothing for an orphanage in
Kingston, Jamaica. Sizes needed range from
infants' to age 8. For information, contact
Rosie Vanek, (607) 257-7109.**St. John Fisher College and Jefferson High
School** have joined forces in a program
designed to enhance the educational opportu-
nities of students at both institutions.The program will send Fisher students to
Jefferson on a regular basis to offer tutoring
and help with remedial study. Jefferson stu-
dents and parents will also be invited to on-
campus activities throughout the year.The college has also established a scholar-
ship for a qualified 1988 Jefferson graduate,
and has pledged to reserve scholarship and
grant support for future graduates of the high
school, which is scheduled to become a middle
school for students in grades 6 through 8 next
year.Staff and student reaction to the high
school's reorganization will also serve as the
focus of a study by the college's sociology
department.Eighth-graders chosen as runners up in last
month's Bishop Matthew H. Clark Oratorical
competition included: second place, **Mario Fal-
lone**, St. Theodore's School, Gates; third place,
Jonathan Methven, All Saints Academy, Corn-
ing; fourth place, **Mary Frances Ognibene**, St.
Pius X School, Chili; fifth place, **Jennifer Bel-
lavia**, St. Lawrence School, Greece; sixth place,
Kimberly St. Clair, Good Shepherd/Guardi-
an Angels School.**Thomas K. Darin**, former associate direc-
tor of admissions at Long Island University's
Southampton Campus, has been named direc-
tor of admissions at Nazareth College of
Rochester.Darin will be responsible for administering
the Office of Admissions, including recruiting
and interviewing of prospective students and
overseeing the admissions selection process.A Penfield resident, Darin has earned
master's degrees in higher education adminis-
tration from Syracuse University and in social
studies education from SUNY Cortland.

Parish Notes

Teens' fast raises \$300**St. Francis, Phelps** — During Advent, nine
parish youths participated in Foodfast, a
24-hour fast program sponsored by Catholic
Relief Services. The program is designed to
help participants experience for one day the
hunger many of the world's people endure each
day of their lives.During their fast, the teens viewed films on
the various causes of hunger in the world,
played games and listened to speakers from lo-
cal programs helping the hungry. They also
recorded their thoughts in journals. Since the
nine teens weren't terribly hungry after almost
24 hours without food, perhaps people don't
need to eat as often as Americans do, our teen's
journal noted.The nine youths participating in the fast
were **Sheila Middlebrook, Beth Brundage,
Heather Shaw, John Resch, Elaine Scherbyn,
Jacob Webster, Phone Nanthavongdouangsy,
Melissa Mowers and Vanessa Quigley.**Before beginning the program, they had ob-
tained sponsorship for each hour of the fast.
Overall, they raised \$300, which will be equal-
ly divided among Catholic Relief Services, the
Geneva soup kitchen and the St. Francis food
cupboard.As a follow-up to the fast, the teens decid-
ed to help out at one of the area's soup kitch-
ens, but felt the most important thing they
could do would be to be more aware of their
eating habits and to avoid wasting food, wa-
ter, energy and money that could go to the
needy.**Participants sought for program****Blessed Sacrament, Rochester** — Beginning
in February, the parish will sponsor a group
for contemplative practice. It will provide both
beginning and experienced participants the op-
portunity to deepen and reflect upon their own
prayer experiences, and to share with others
new approaches to prayer and meditation
practice.The group will meet on Tuesday evenings.
Those interested in participating are asked to
call (716)271-7240. Callers will also be able to
obtain information on a forthcoming month-
ly series designed to introduce various ap-
proaches toward establishing a deeper inner
life.

Neighbors

Nazareth Academy junior Amelia Sauter has
won the annual Bausch & Lomb Science
Award, which recognizes students who have at-
tained their schools' highest academic stand-
ing in science.The daughter of **Frederick and Geraldine
Sauter** of Greece, Amy was presented with a
bronze medal during a recent school assembly.
The award also makes her eligible for one of
several four-year Bausch & Lomb Science
Scholarships offered at the University of
Rochester.In addition to her scholastic achievements,
Sauter studies piano at the Eastman School of
Music, and participates in Nazareth's Show
Choir and song and dance troupe. At present,
she is leaning toward either psychology or so-
cial work as majors when she attends college
in 1989.**St. Joseph's Hospital** has become the first
member of the Rochester Regional Hospital as-
sociation to join the National Disaster Medical
System (NDMS).NDMS is a federal system to augment the
nation's emergency-response capability by
preparing to provide medical care to victims
of major natural disasters or industrial acci-
dents in the United States.In honor of the occasion, **Richard Droske**
director of the Veterans Administration Med-
ical Center in Buffalo, and **William S. Heisler**,
NDMS area manager for western New York,
presented a plaque to **Sister Martha Gersbach**,
hospital president, **Sister Marie Castagnaro**,
chief operating officer, and **Anthony Mullen**,
acting vice president of clinical services.