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Around the Diocese

Parish considers 'living free'

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Father Emery Tang, OFM, a noted author and retreat director from California, will direct Corpus Christi Parish's week of renewal, January 23-28. The theme for the week is "Life Free or Die — A Jesus Encounter."

Currently the retreat director at Serra Retreat in Malibu, Calif., Father Tang first served as a high school teacher/principal following his ordination in 1952. He was the associate producer of TeleKEETICS and TeleSPOTS at the Franciscan Communications Center, Los Angeles, between 1962 and 1974. Since 1974 he has served as a retreat director and a lecturer.

Father Tang collaborated with Father Hugh Noonan, OFM, on the book *Listen, The Clams are Talking*, now in its third printing. His latest book, *China Connection*, was published in the fall of 1986.

For more information about the week of renewal, call Corpus Christi Church, (716) 325-2424.

St. Charles focusing on relationships with God, self, others

St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester — Precious Blood Father Robert Hunt will conduct the parish retreat, entitled "Mission for Today," Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 8-10. He will also speak at Masses the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6-7.

The topics for Father Hunt's presentations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be:

Patients and staff members at the Rochester Psychiatric Center have responded so enthusiastically to the LILAC Friends' Gift Shop that the shop is seeking to recruit new volunteers and expand its hours.

The shop, a joint project of Catholic Charities of the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry, RPC, and the Friends of the Rochester Psychiatric Center, sells small gifts such as jewelry, candy and cards, as well as health and beauty aids and newspapers. It also offers an environment where patients are treated as customers for a change.

When a recent shortage of volunteers prompted a cutback in the shop's hours of operation, more than 100 patients and staff members signed petitions requested that it remain open all day.

But to do so, organizers need volunteers who are available mornings and afternoons, as well as Thursday evenings. Anyone who is interested may call Mary Horihan, 472-3230, ext. 1689.

Students at Holy Cross School in Rochester last month celebrated the 50th anniversary of Monsignor Richard K. Burns' ordination with a school assembly and a special Mass. Along with gifts and anniversary wishes, members of each class presented Monsignor Burns with a Christmas ornament representing the 12 days of Christmas.

As a reminder of his years of dedicated service, students also planned to plant an evergreen tree on the parish grounds.

Students at the School of the Annunciation and Our Lady of Mercy High School are among those featured on WISH-FM's "God Bless America Project" during the month of January.

Each Thursday following the noon news report, the radio station presents a school group's rendition of "God Bless America."

The voices of Annunciation students were scheduled for broadcast on Thursday, January 14. Mercy students' version was slated for Thursday, January 21.

Six Cardinal Mooney students and their director were the only group from the Rochester area to compete in the finals of the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Competition in Albany last month.

Seniors Gail Balcerzak, Rod Campbell and Robert Ellis, juniors Shannon Wilson and Don Kieffer, and sophomore Lucy Gallucci performed a 15-minute drama based on Robert Crean's play "Prophet," which revolves around middle-class racial attitudes during the 1960s.

Director Robert Smyth, a theology teacher at Mooney, explained that presentations in the competition had to relate to the Martin Luther King holiday and "emphasize the themes and values King promoted during his lifetime."

Awards, including a first-place prize of \$1,000, were expected to be presented in January.

Parish Notes

Elmira retreat will feature priest-author of book *Joshua*

St. Patrick's, Elmira — Father Joseph Girzone, author of *Joshua* will lead a retreat at the parish on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 23. His topic for Friday evening's presentation, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be "A New Sense of Jesus!"

The Saturday presentations will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Topics will be "A New Approach to Spirituality," "Relationship Between Authority and Freedom of Spirit," A Sketch of Jesus Christ's Life" and "The Ultimate Good News!"

Music on Saturday will be provided by Deacon Ray Defendorf. Participants are asked to bring sandwiches for lunch (11:30-12:30) beverages will be provided.

"Intimacy with Self, Family and Friends;" "Intimacy with Death;" and "Intimacy with God!" Each evening session will begin at 7 p.m. and will consist of a two-hour talk, with a 15-minute intermission. Refreshments will be served. Sessions will take place in the church, 3003 Dewey Ave., Rochester. They are free and open to the public.

Neighbors

A physicist from Tufts University, Dr. Harold Miner, visited Our Lady of Mercy High School last month to observe a new program offered to members of the Honors Physics class.

Mercy physics instructor Mary Nickles is one of 20 teachers across the United States selected to participate in the program, which is part of a national effort to develop curricula using microcomputers to make laboratory measurements in physics.

While in Rochester, Dr. Miner, one of three leaders of the Tufts-based National Micro-computer-based laboratory Institute for Physics Teachers, observed Mercy students using the microcomputers for motion studies.

Ann Frey, a social studies teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School, has earned a scholarship to study for two weeks in the Federal Republic of (West) Germany and the (East) German Democratic Republic.

She was among 20 social studies teachers from across New York State chosen by the 1988 Multinational-Comparative Education Committee. The program, scheduled from April 30 to May 14, seeks to help teachers implement the 10th-grade global studies requirements of the New York State Regents' Action Plan.

Frey, a Brockport resident, has taught European studies and contemporary issues at Mooney for seven years.

The Monroe County Office of the District Attorney last month presented Sister Eileen Conheady, SSJ, with its Distinguished Citizen award.

The award recognized Sister Conheady's contribution to the judicial system through Project MORE (More Options Really Exist). The project, sponsored by Catholic Family Center, offers women — particularly those engaged in prostitution — counseling, education and crisis intervention, and provides local courts with sentencing alternatives.

Marcel L. Vernon, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School, is among 16 students Congressman Frank Horton has nominated for admission to the United States Air Force Academy as members of the Class of 1992.

Of the nominees, two appointees to the Air Force Academy will be selected based on their academic records, leadership potential, aptitude, physical fitness and extra-curricular activity.

Vernon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Vernon of Rochester.

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