



Sharing fun and faith

Last Saturday evening, 115 Rochester-area teens gathered at Holy Name of Jesus Church to celebrate their common faith and to share their many talents. Page 16.



Tournament titans

With wins over Saratoga and Liverpool in last weekend's state basketball tournament at the Glens Falls Civic Center, McQuaid Jesuit took the Class A crown. Pages 8 and 9.

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Diocese opts to demolish Holy Redeemer



Jim Boehler, chairman of Friends of Holy Redeemer, says the Diocese of Rochester has not heard the last word from the group trying to save the 110-year-old edifice on Hudson and Clifford avenues.

Opponents vow to continue fight

By Richard A. Kiley

The Diocese of Rochester has rejected a January-proposal that would have given the Landmark Society of Western New York nine months to find tenants for Holy Redeemer Church.

Within hours of the diocesan announcement, advocates of preserving the 110-year-old structure leveled stinging criticism toward diocesan officials involved in the decision.

"I grew up here, and I think that the previous pastors (of Holy Redeemer) would be rolling over in their graves over this decision," said Jim Boehler, chairman of the Friends of Holy Redeemer, the organization of Rochester-area citizens trying to save the onion-domed structure from the wrecking ball.

In a letter hand-delivered to the Landmark Society on Monday, March 21, Father John M. Mulligan, director of the Division of Urban Services, wrote: "based on our review and the opinion of those most closely concerned in the disposition of this property, we must decline your offer."

In a statement to the press, Father Mulligan explained that "Our principle concern with the proposal is that it would require a substantial period of time for possible organizational models to be explored and funding finalized. This would mean that the buildings would remain untenanted for at least another nine months."

The Landmark Society had offered to pay \$750 a month during the nine-month purchase-option period to help the parish with some of the property's costs.

Mulligan said the diocese and Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier Parish were also concerned "over the lack of a sufficient number of indicators that the society's envisioned Redeemer Center could be brought to fruition."

In his letter to the society, Father Mulligan wrote: "Even your proposal offers no certainty (as to the property's developmental potential), and the possibility that you may not succeed in your efforts to renovate and redevelop the parcel could leave the parish in an even more difficult situation than at present."

"In light of the outcome of the review we are now prepared to move forward with demolition of the church, the rectory and the boiler house," Father Mulligan continued.

A demolition date has not been

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Courier-Journal takes eight awards in NYPA contest

The staff of the *Courier-Journal* returned from Albany Sunday, March 20, carrying eight awards from the New York Press Association's 1987 Better Newspaper Contest, which encompassed entries published between January 1 and December 30, 1987.

NYPA represents more than 300 weekly and biweekly community newspapers — primarily of a secular orientation — distributed by second-class mail to paid subscribers. Its annual competition recognizes newspapers in 52 categories — ranging from editorial coverage to advertising and circulation — some classified by circulation levels. Awards were presented throughout the association's 1988 spring convention at the Albany Marriott Hotel March 18-20.

Associate editor Teresa A. Parsons received second-place honors in the prestigious statewide Writer of the Year category. Calling Parsons a "splendid writer — excellent," the judges observed that "the nicest thing about her stories is her tone," which is established from the very first paragraph. They also noted that she "beautifully" handles the point of view needed in writing for a Catholic newspaper.

Parsons also received a third-place award in division four (circulation 7,000 and up) for best feature story. Judges cited Parsons for her "well-written story of two women with husbands who are street people."

For the second consecutive year, the *Courier-Journal* received first place in the Overall Photographic Excellence category, in which all newspapers in the state are judged equally for the quality of their photographs and the way

in which they are used.

"With space available, utilization (of photos) is very good," the judges remarked. "Very clear reproduction, nice photos that are of good technical quality. Clearly the first-place entrant."

Former C-J photographer Jeff Goulding received statewide first-place honors for his photo story on the monks at Mt. Saviour Monastery, and third-place for his photo story on the Mission Bouts at Aquinas Institute.

Bonnie Trafelet, who took over as C-J photographer in September, 1987, and Goulding each received honorable mentions for sports action photos — Trafelet for a photo of boys' soccer, and Goulding for a photo of girls' basketball. Both photographers were cited for capturing the emotion and intensity of competition.

Rounding out awards to the *Courier-Journal* was an honorable mention awarded to staff writer Lee Strong in the statewide Rookie of the Year contest. Strong, who joined the C-J staff in October, 1987, was cited for writing "from a warehouse of knowledge." Judges remarked that Strong "does news well ... there is a reason for doing the story and (he) lets you know what it is. (His) simple style says a lot."

"The *Courier-Journal* seems to know good writers and clearly encourages them," judges also noted in commenting on the award to Strong. "Good work and good for the *Courier-Journal*."

Other newspapers within the 12-county diocesan area to be honored by the NYPA were: the *Webster Herald* — second place for Cover-

age of Local Government (division III) and second place for Sports Coverage (division III); the *Penfield Press* — third place for Sports Coverage (division I); the *Fairport Herald-Mail* — first place for Sports Feature Photo; *City Newspaper* — second place for Coverage of the Arts, first place for Best Special section (division II), first place for Best Color Ad Originating with the Newspaper, and honorable mention for Special Holiday Section (division II).

Awards also went to the *Random Harvest Weekly* of Trumansburg — first place for Feature Story (division I); the *Trumansburg Free Press* — second place for Feature Story (division I) and first place for Best Special Advertising Section (division I); the *Brighton-Pittsford Post* — honorable mention for Special Coverage of the Arts, second place for Humorous Writing, third place for Special Coverage of Sports (division IV), honorable mention for Best Special Section (division II), honorable mention for Best Special Advertising Section (division II), first place for Best Classified Section, and first place for Best Advertising Promotion; the *Penfield Post-Republican* — honorable mention for humorous writing and second place for Best Picture Story.

Overall first-place honors for General Excellence went to: *The LaGrange Ledger*, Millbrook — division I (circulation 2,000); *The North Shore Record* — division II (circulation 2,001-3,500); *The Port Jefferson Record* — division III (circulation 3,501-7,000); and *The East Hampton Star* — division IV (circulation 7,001 and up).

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