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### Parent/teen forum scheduled

**St. Christopher's, North Chili** — The parish's education committee is sponsoring a series of talks on relationships between teens and their parents. Topics include understanding adolescent peer pressure, teen depression and suicide, and teen discipline. The talks are scheduled from 7:30-9:15 p.m. on October 6, 13, 20, and 27. The cost is \$2 per person. Parents and their teenage children may be admitted for a family rate of \$5. For information call Sylvia Miller at (716)594-9595.

### Parish barbecue planned

**St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca** — The Marthas and Marys are sponsoring an afternoon of activities on the parish grounds on Sunday, September 18. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., followed by a barbecue. The cost is \$10 per person, and only 800 tickets will be sold. Call (607)257-2493 for information.

### Holy Land tour planned

**St. Mary's, Corning** — Deacon Ray Defendorf will host a nine-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning January 15, 1989. The price is \$1198, which includes round-trip air fare, first class hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner each day, English-speaking tour guides, and daily lectures by noted biblical scholars. For information, call Deacon Defendorf at (607)937-5858, or write him at 60 West Third Street, Corning, N.Y. 14830.

In October, **Margaret Whalen** will return for the 28th winter to the Mexican missions of St. Martin de Porres, which she co-founded with her late husband, Dan.

Whalen, who spends the summer months at her Avon home raising funds to support her work in Mexico, last year established a seventh mission at a remote village known as Las Liebres (Jack Rabbits). She continues to oversee the operation of all but two missions at Monterrey and Guadalajara, which have been turned over to the local parishes.

Volunteers and staff at all of the missions try to help compensate for the effects of Mexico's rampant inflation and unemployment by distributing food and clothing in addition to offering free medical care. Whalen also initiated a program last year to provide needy families with materials for decent burials — pine caskets, blessed rosaries, and iron crosses to be used as gravemarkers.

Those interested in supporting Margaret Whalen's efforts or in receiving more information may call her at (716) 226-6195, or write her at 1549 Rochester Rd., Avon, 14414.

Several new regional coordinators and associates have been named to serve the 11 regions which comprise the Diocese of Rochester. Regions were established in the mid-1970s to foster cooperation between groups of neighboring parishes and Catholic institutions.

Serving this year as coordinators and associates respectively in Monroe County are: North Region — **Father Ronald Stacy, Elaine Clausen**; Northeast Region — **Father Robert C. Bradler, Sister Veronica Casey, RSM**; Northwest Region — **Father Thomas Wheeland, Sister Carolyn Knipper, RSM**; Southeast Region — **Father Otto Vogt, Mrs. Jeanne Lally**; Southwest Region — **Father Louis Sirianni**.

Coordinators and associates serving regions outside Monroe County are Chemung/Schuyler — **Father David Gramke**; Livingston — **Father William Gordinier, Owen Bowers**; Seneca/Cayuga — **Father Edward Zimmer, Karen Prave**; Steuben — **Father Elmer Schmidt, Sister Jude Rockenbrock, RSM**; Tompkins/Tioga — **Father William Barrett, Tompkins coordinator, Father David Simon, Tioga coordinator, Patricia Federowicz, associate**; Yates/Ontario/Wayne — **Father John Philipps, Rose Marie Salmon**.

### Diocesan Appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following appointments of diocesan regional coordinators:

**Father David N. Gramke**, Chemung/Schuyler Region, effective June 28, 1988.

**Father John J. Philipps**, Yates/Ontario/Wayne (YOW) Region, ef-

## Parish Notes

### St. Thomas More offers trip, dance instruction for youth

**St. Thomas More, Rochester** — Renowned ballroom dance instructor Claire Leonard will teach fifth- and sixth-graders every Friday night starting Friday, Sept. 30, in Our Lady of Lourdes school auditorium. The classes will culminate with a Christmas dance on December 16. For information, call (716)473-6604.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, is the deadline for reservations to attend an overnight trip to Toronto sponsored by members of St. Thomas More's Adult Fellowship Group. Buses will leave St. Thomas Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m., and return Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. Trip highlights will include a performance of "Singing in the Rain" at the Lighthouse Dinner Theater, shopping, and lunch at Cullen Gardens.

The cost of the trip, including transportation, hotel room, luncheon, tours, and dinner theater, is \$126 per person, double occupancy, \$120 for triple occupancy, and \$160 for single occupancy.

For more information or reservations, call Sister Karen, (716)381-4200, by September 21.

## Neighbors

Construction has begun for the **St. James Mercy Hospital's** \$23 million renovation project. Newly built areas will house the hospital's emergency suite, surgical suite, respiratory therapy unit, intensive care/cardiac care unit, medical records and admitting. Renovated areas will include the laboratory, kitchen and dining room, radiology, pharmacy, administration and other support departments, and Mercycare, a division of the hospital that includes a nursing home facility, expanded dialysis unit, a 20-bed alcohol rehabilitation, relocated oncology service, and an express laboratory service. Work is expected to be completed in 18 months, with the dedication to coincide with the celebration of the hospital's 100th anniversary in early 1990.

**St. John Fisher College graduate, Matthew R. Paratore**, is the new executive director of the National Catholic Stewardship Council, Inc. Paratore, who once served as assistant to the rector and director of seminary relations for St. Bernard's Seminary, had worked since 1985 as director of institutional advancement for Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.

**St. Joseph's Hospital** has been granted renewal of accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks. The accreditation follows an intensive on-site inspection by specially trained representatives of the association and establishes that the level of medical, technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the rigorous standards set by the AABB.

**Cardinal Mooney High School** kicked off the school year with an assembly to commence its annual magazine drive. The assembly included skits and gags by student and faculty members, and a display of the prizes students can earn through selling. The two-week drive, scheduled to end September 23, is under the supervision of **Brother Lawrence Atkinson, CSC**, the school's director of development.

fective June 28, 1988.

**Father Louis A. Sirianni**, Monroe County Southwest Region, effective June 28, 1988.

**Father Ronald W. Stacy**, Monroe County North Region, effective September 2, 1988.