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## Around the Diocese

### Program to help the homeless needs high-school volunteers

**Holy Cross, Dryden-Freeville** — Two Cornell students have started a weekend meal program for the hungry and the homeless, and are seeking help from high-school juniors and seniors from the parish.

The Cornell students solicit food for the program, but need help in preparing meals, serving and cleaning up. They will begin serving meals this Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Southside Community Center in Ithaca. For those needing rides, volunteers from the parish will meet at the church on Saturday at 9 a.m. Call Marnie Schickel at 607/844-9210 to sign up.

Local hunters with extra venison are also being asked to donate it to people who, because of special requirements, need a diet without chemical additives. Venison is a good source of natural food.

Call Chrissy Bravo-Cullen at 607/844-4812 or 844-8314 for information.

### Annual Christmas pageant planned for Corning parish

**St. Patrick's, Corning** — The children of the parish will present this year's Christmas pageant, "A Mouse and a Manger," at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16.

The family Christmas party is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

### Clothing ministry lacks several needed winter items

**Ss. Peter and Paul, Rochester** — The parish's clothing ministry on West Main Street needs donations of men's, children's and large women's winter clothing. Supplies are "very low," according to John Curran, ministry manager. The ministry serves hundreds of people on the city's west side each winter.

Volunteers are needed to work Saturday mornings for one to two hours, starting at 9 a.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ministry also needs clothing racks, pant hangers, clothespins and grocery bags. Monetary gifts made payable to Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish: Clothing Ministry will be used to purchase such items as hats and gloves.

For more information, call John Curran at 716/454-5134, or St. Peter's Kitchen at 716/436-3110.

### Parish Godparent program needs volunteer assistance

**St. Joseph's, Wayland** — The Godparent program is in need of individuals or couples who can volunteer as parish contacts to a baby's family.

The program, which was implemented several months ago, consists of visiting the family beforehand, attending the child's baptism, and

Aquinas Institute has received word from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that the school's accreditation has been extended to December 31, 1992. Last December, Aquinas received a blue ribbon from Middle States designating it a charter school in recognition of 60 years of continuous accredited status.

**Nazareth College** has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by Bausch & Lomb, Inc., to help implement the science portion of the college's new core curriculum. The grant will help fund the renovation of science laboratories and the purchase of additional new science equipment. Under the college's new core curriculum, all non-science majors will have to take at least two science courses, including one laboratory course.

Students at **St. Patrick's, Owego**, celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast and a liturgy. On Friday, November 18, kindergartners (Pilgrims) and first-graders (Indians), dressed in appropriate hats and head dresses to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal together. The third-graders invited all parents, parishioners and friends to join the student body at a Thanksgiving liturgy on Tuesday, November 22. The theme for the Mass was poverty and homelessness, and students brought canned goods to help with the Tioga County Rural Ministry baskets.

Eight students at **St. John Fisher College** have been awarded Louis and Nellie Skalny Management and Communications Scholarships for the 1988-89 academic year. To qualify for one of the \$1,000 scholarships, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and

## Parish Notes

following up with another visit and a gift from the parish.

Call the rectory at 716/728-5700 to volunteer.

Christmas novenas will take place each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. from now until the Tuesday before Christmas. Services will consist of hymns to Our Blessed Mother, rosary, novena prayers, homily and Benediction.

### Parishes reaffirm covenant between Catholics, Episcopalians

**Good Shepherd, Henrietta** — On Thursday, Dec. 8, Father Edward L. Palumbos, pastor, and the Rev. Marilyle Sweet Page, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, will sign a covenant reaffirming the promises stated in the covenant between the Catholic and Episcopal dioceses last May.

The celebration will commence with dinner at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's, followed by an ecumenical prayer service at 7:30 p.m. in the church where the covenant will be signed by the pastors and officers of both parishes.

Currently, the parishes are cooperating by praying for each other in Sunday liturgies, meeting in study groups during Lent, and sharing newsletters. In the future, both parishes will combine social and youth ministry efforts and marriage preparation. They also plan an annual, joint Lenten retreat and other special services.

### Monroe Avenue merchants plan to benefit parish shelter

**Blessed Sacrament, Rochester** — On Sunday, Dec. 11, merchants in the Oxford Square area of Monroe Avenue will host a Christmas open house to benefit the parish's overnight shelter. Participating stores will donate 5 percent of the day's sales to the shelter. Refreshments will be on hand for shoppers.

Participating merchants will be identified by signs in their doorways. Many of the stores will also accept donations of food or money for the shelter. Taking part in the open house are: Shelter Goods, Animal House, Brownbag Bookshop, On Stage, Beadesigns, Gutenberg's Used & Rare Books, Record Time, Archimage, Good Company General Store and The Genesee Co-op Pottery.

The shelter houses 19 guests each evening on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who cannot be housed are taken to other facilities. The shelter also serves a hot meal each evening to all comers.

For information, call David Garretson, Oxford Square Merchants at 716/473-2145, or Dick Sadowski, shelter director, 716/423-5109.

## Neighbors

be screened by faculty members in their disciplines. Students must also submit two letters of recommendation, a sample of their work and a personal letter expressing interest in their field.

The winners are: **William Weisensei, Roy Hopkins and Virginia Mitchell**, all of Rochester; **Scott Zurat of Webster; Michael DiGiorgio of Canastota; Robert Kennedy of North Tonawanda; Wayne Sneath of Hamburg; and Liam O'Sullivan of the Bronx.**

Bishop Kearney High School student **Kevin Rhatigan** has won the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award. The award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at approximately 4,800 participating schools in the United States and Canada. As a winner of the award, Rhatigan is eligible for one of several four-year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester.

**Patty Hezel of DeSales High School** was named a Good Citizen by the Seneca Chapter of the National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She and four other similarly honored students from the Finger Lakes area were honored at a tea November 19. Good Citizens are selected on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, and the results of a test and an essay on their American heritage.