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Parish convent reopens under inter-religious staff

St. Vincent de Paul, Corning — Three women religious on staff at St. Vincent's, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes have reopened St. Vincent's former parish convent on Griffith Street as an inter-religious convent.

The parish's pastoral assistant, Sister Raymond Joseph Griffith, and Sister Edna Slyck, pastoral assistant at St. Patrick's, are Sisters of Mercy. Sister Mary Ann Sliwa, pastoral assistant at St. Mary's in Corning, is a Sister of St. Joseph. Diocesan officials view the Corning effort as a pilot program for what could become the norm in the future.

For those who would like to welcome the sisters to the parish, the convent telephone number is 607/936-3790.

The Youth Committee of St. Vincent's Church has scheduled a youth dance for teens in grades nine through 12 in the parish hall, Saturday, Dec. 17. The dance will take place from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Although the admission price has yet to be set, the total cost for the dance will be defrayed if teens bring cans of non-perishable food. The donations — which will also entitle teens to a discount on refreshments — will go toward the parish food pantry on the city's northside.

Call Terry Cordes at 607/962-8334, Patty O'Heron at 962-3304, or Tom Ketchum at 962-7167 for information.

Parish council endorses California grape boycott

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester — The parish council unanimously passed a resolution to support the nationwide boycott of California grapes, at a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The boycott was started in 1984 by Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers.

The boycott has three objectives: A ban on the pesticides captan, parathion, phosdrin, dinoseb and methyl bromide; a joint UFW-grower testing program for poisonous residues on grapes sold in stores, with the results made public; and free and fair elections for farmworkers and good faith collective bargaining.

For information, call Paul Ciavarrri at 716/266-6835.

Christmas project commences

Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity — Trinity Social Ministries will be coordinating the collection of food baskets, toys and gifts for families in St. Thomas Parish, Red Creek, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Wolcott, and St. Jude Chapel, Fair Haven.

On November 13, high school students from St. Patrick's, Owego, prepared Christmas tags for the Tioga County Rural Ministry. This activity was part of the youth group's Junk Food Jamboree Night. The tags were placed on a "giving tree" November 27. Parishioners will take tags, which identify a gift to be purchased for a needy person. The tree is a St. Patrick's Advent project, sponsored by the high school youth group under the direction of Lou and Marte Saubrey and coordinated by Tioga County Rural Ministry.

The social ministry committee of St. Pius Tenth Parish, Rochester, held its second annual Project TOYS. (Teaching Our Youth to Share) from November 12-16. Parishioners and children from the parish school donated used toys in good condition, which were then given to seven day-care centers in Rochester's inner city.

St. Bernard's Institute has appointed four new members to its board of trustees. Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, a professor of language and literature at the Rochester Institute of Technology, will chair the Long Range Planning Committee. George Heisel, president of National Ambulance, will head the Development Committee. William G. McDonnell, retired president of Wilmac, Co., Inc., and Patricia Langie Schroth, coordinator of volunteer services at WXXI, will also serve on the Development Committee. The new board members replace John Horvath and Robert Naum, who completed their terms; Sister Muriel Curran, SSND, who has moved to Washington; and Beverly Tomaino, who has resigned.

Michael Duffy has been named director of human resources at St. Joseph's Villa, Rochester. He will administer the agency's personnel department and oversee volunteer services. Duffy, who holds a bachelor's degree from

Parish Notes

Non-perishable food, paper products, used toys in good condition, wrapped gifts marked with the age and sex of the recipient are welcome. Donations can be brought to the rectories of the two churches. Cash donations are also welcome to pay for perishable items. Checks should be made out to: Trinity Social Ministries.

Betty Dowd, 315/754-8767, will be in charge of the project at St. Thomas, and Terry Van Fleet, 594-9505, at St. Mary Magdalene. Workers to pack the food and distribute it are asked to meet at St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. and at St. Thomas on Friday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m.

High school Christmas gala scheduled at Owego parish

St. Patrick's, Owego — The renowned "yellow room" at St. Patrick's is the venue for a Christmas gathering for high school youth on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Parishioners are being asked to continue collecting old and dry newspapers, which should be bundled or put in brown paper bags. Drop-off will take place in the school parking lot, 309 Front St., Owego on Saturday, Feb. 18, and Sunday, Feb. 19. The hours on Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop-off on Sunday will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pick-up service for large amounts of newspaper can be arranged. Call 607/687-1068 for information.

Festival of Lights trip slated

St. Mary's, Canandaigua — The parish is sponsoring a bus trip to the eighth annual Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 a.m.

The trip includes the light display at the falls, a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, shopping in Niagara-On-The-Lake, and dinner, which is partly covered by the ticket price. The bus is scheduled to return to St. Mary's at 9 p.m.

Seating is limited to 42, so make reservations as soon as possible. Cost for the trip is \$28. Make checks payable to: Father Ronald Frederick. For more information, call the rectory at 315/394-1220.

Neighbors

the University of Massachusetts, comes to the Villa from Clifton Springs Hospital, where he served as personnel director. He is also on the board of directors of Delphi Drug Abuse Center.

St. Theodore's Home School Association has named its officers for the 1988-89 school year. They are: Deborah Camello, president; Patty Palmisano, vice president; Paulette Veltz, treasurer; and Charlene Veltz, secretary. The association's goals for this year include offering speakers on topics parents have suggested, beginning a parent bingo team, and continuing to raise funds to meet the needs and operating expenses of the school.

John L. Greisberger, of St. Louis Parish, Pittsford, is the 1988 recipient of the Nancy B. Harris Community Service Award from the United Neighborhood Centers of Greater Rochester. The award is presented annually to an individual in recognition of his or her outstanding contributions to the Rochester community. Greisberger, a partner in the Rochester law firm of Greisberger, Zicari, McConville, Cooman, Morin & Welch, P.C., received the award at the organization's eighth annual dinner at the Mapledale Party House, Oct. 24.

Jennifer Rutt, a student at St. Theodore School, won second place in the sixth-grade division of Ziploc's "America's Favorite Sandwich" contest. Rutt's entry, "Crabby Croissants," was selected from more than 3,000 entries submitted by elementary-school children nationwide.