



Sacred dance group celebrates 10 years

ROCHESTER — Ten years ago, on the third Sunday of Advent, members of the sacred dance group known as Hosanna danced at St. Augustine's Church for the first time.

To celebrate their 10th anniversary, members of the group will return to St. Augustine's on Sunday, Dec. 17, to participate in the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Founded in 1979 with a grant from the Peter E. Sheehan Memorial for the Arts Foundation of the University of Toronto, Hosanna helped introduce sacred dance to the Rochester area.

Defined as dance, gesture or movement used to worship or praise God and to draw others to do the same, sacred dance has been a Christian tradition for centuries, and draws upon roots in Jewish culture as well.

Now composed of seven women in addition to artistic director Sister Mary Kay Ryan, Hosanna has become familiar to many congregations in Rochester as well as in Toronto. In September, 1989, Hosanna danced as part of the worship service of Leadership Day at Rochester's Riverside Convention Center.

The Dec. 17 Mass is open to the public.

School establishes fund

ROCHESTER — The Home/School Association of St. Theodore's School has established the Debra Politica Memorial Scholarship Fund for second-graders. The winner will be chosen by the principal and teachers based on scholastic achievement and financial need. The scholarship is a \$200 tuition credit for the subsequent school year.

Debra Politica, 31, was a second-grade teacher at St. Theodore's. She died last July, and the scholarship was established in her memory.

Clusters set March mission

WATKINS GLEN — Next March, the cluster parishes of St. Mary of the Lake/St. Benedict will host a mission. People are needed from both parish communities to form a core team and plan the event.

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Hospital receives money for respiratory care program

ELMIRA — St. Joseph's Hospital has received a \$45,000 grant for the training of respiratory care technicians and therapists. The grant is funded through the New York State Departments of Health and Labor Health Care Worker Training Program, which is a state-wide effort supporting hospitals in the training of health care professionals.

St. Joseph's Hospital program — one of 10 sponsored by New York State — was selected from more than 40 applicants.

There are nine students currently enrolled in the respiratory care program, and money from the grant will be used to fund the second year of training for its participants. A portion of the money will be used to provide advanced level training for students.

College receives bequest

ROCHESTER — Nazareth College of Rochester has received a \$145,326 bequest from the estate of former Rochester mayor Peter Barry. The unrestricted bequest will be added to the college's financial aid endowment fund.

Barry, who served as the city's mayor from 1955-62, was chairman of Nazareth College's board of trustees from 1969 until his death in 1973. Under the terms of his will, a charitable trust was created to pay income to beneficiaries during their lifetimes. Upon the death of the beneficiaries, the remainder of the trust was distributed to charities of his choice.

Parish school collecting receipts to buy computers

OWEGO — In addition to collecting soup labels, St. Patrick's School is collecting P&C green cash receipts.

With the receipts, the parish will be able to purchase Apple computer hardware and software. The program will run from now until April 15, 1990.

Parishioners interested in helping with the endeavor can find envelopes on the bulletin board in the front of the church and at the side entrance.

Call 607/687-2676 for information.

School schedules reunion

ROCHESTER — Corpus Christi School is having its first-ever reunion for all graduates on February 10, 1990, at the Mapledale Party House. Those interested should contact the school at 716/325-5850, or Susan Donzella at 228-9285.

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Pictured above are students attending Seton Catholic School, which consists of the former St. Thomas More (K-3) and Our Lady of Lourdes (4-6) schools and Seton Junior High. The school changed its name on Nov. 1 in order to represent the unity of the three schools, which are a consolidation of Brighton Catholic schools, but draw from 16 parishes in Rochester, Brighton, Penfield, Pittsford, East Rochester, Rush, Henrietta, Fairport and Brighton. Currently, 406 students attend Seton Catholic.

RECOGNIZING ...

★ Sean McNamara, a junior communication/journalism major at St. John Fisher College, who was awarded the 1989 Scholastic Press Freedom Award from the Student Press Law Center and the National Scholastic Press Association/Associated College Press. A freelance contributor to the *Catholic Courier*, McNamara was honored for fighting censorship of the student newspaper at Duquesne University, where he was formerly a student.

★ Two new board members at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira: John F. O'Mara, a senior partner at the Elmira law firm of Davidson & O'Mara; and Philip C. Ponzi, chairman and co-owner of Imaging and Sensing Technology Corp. of Horseheads.

★ Students at St. Joseph's School, Penfield, who contributed fresh fruit from their lunches and snacks November 14 to local programs that feed the poor.

★ Lee Ann Brind'Amour, appointed marketing and publicity director for the Nazareth College Arts Center.

★ Sister Margaret Adelaide Owen, who last month marked 50 years as a member of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

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