

Parish delegation leaves for El Salvador this week

ROCHESTER — A group of nine parishioners from Corpus Christi Church was scheduled to leave for El Salvador this week to participate in an international commemoration of the slayings of six Jesuit priests and their two housekeepers on Nov. 16.

The delegation will include Father James B. Callan, pastor. In addition to gathering information on the current situation in the country, parishioners will attempt to visit Corpus Christi's sister parish of Santa Marta.

Parishioners presented a banner, children's gifts, school and medical supplies at a Mass for the delegation on Sunday, Nov. 11. Members of the delegation planned to donate the items to their sister parish.

Choirs to combine voices at Thanksgiving service

PENFIELD — Choirs from 11 churches in the Penfield area will present the sixth-annual Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church.

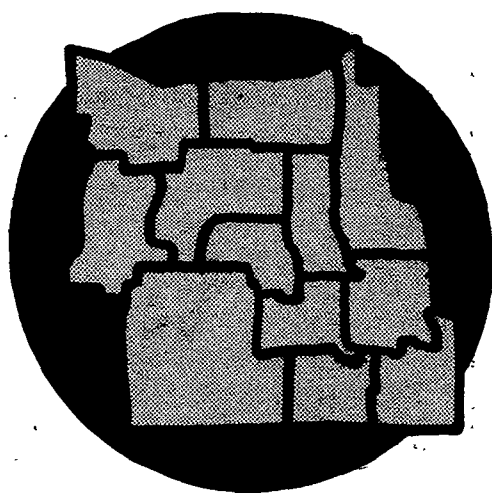
Each choir will sing two selections. All 185 performers will combine to conclude the event with the hymns "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and "All Creatures of Our God and King." A brass quintet will accompany the choirs.

In addition to St. Joseph's Choir, the participating choirs will be Incarnation Episcopal, Penfield Presbyterian, Penfield United Methodist, First Baptist, Browncroft Community, Faith Lutheran, Penfield Wesleyan, Rochester Christian Reformed, East Penfield Baptist and New Covenant Fellowship.

Class reunion scheduled

ROCHESTER — Members of the class of 1941 at St. Peter and Paul's School will celebrate their 50th graduation anniversary on Friday, May 10, at the Mapledale Party House.

Those members of the class who haven't been notified of the gala should call Bill Burkhartzmeyer, 716/594-2117, or Millie Bates Halen, 293-3839.



Father Clements set to speak on adoption

ROCHESTER — Father George Clements, the first Catholic priest to ever adopt a child, will speak on "The Challenges of Adopting Older Children" at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 5-7 p.m.

A reception will follow his speech. Admission is free.

Father Clements, pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago, is founder and president of the "One Church, One Child" program which is dedicated to finding adoptive parents for children. The priest adopted his first son, Joey, in 1981, and has since adopted three more boys.

The "One Church, One Child" program has played a major role in reducing the number of Illinois children awaiting adoption, and has resulted in the establishment of similar programs in other states.

Father Clements, who was the subject of an NBC-TV movie about his life, was also recently named one of the nation's "Top 20 Anti-Drug Fighters" by President George Bush. The honor recognized Father Clements' successful fight to enact laws forbidding the sale of drug paraphernalia in Chicago as well as in 17 other states.

The speech is part of St. Mary's Downtown Community Forum program. Call 716/232/7140 for reservations or information.

Church to host meeting for 'Golden Age' group

ROCHESTER — St. Stanislaus Church will host an informational meeting for people 50 years of age and older who are interested in forming a diocesan chapter of the Catholic Golden Age Association.

The meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 913 Norton St. Irene Zurine, CGA director of chapter operations, will be on hand at the meeting.

According to Irene Peters, who will serve as coordinator of the diocesan chapter, CGA has more than 300 chapters and 750,000 members throughout the United States. Peters said that CGA provides a wide variety of services for its members, including: a magazine published five times a year; discount plans for eyeglasses, car rentals, vacations, film and pharmaceuticals; the prayers of a dozen religious orders throughout the country; trips to various pilgrimages; and group insurance.

CGA also sponsors a Mass every Aug. 15 at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Washington, D.C., to honor Our Lady Queen of Peace, Peters said.

Currently, it costs \$15 for a three-year membership in the Scranton, Pa.-based organization. Peters noted that diocesan chapters — while belonging to the national CGA — charge additional dues ranging from \$3-\$5 so that the local chapter can carry on various charitable works. Local chapters have organized such outreach programs as food drives, she said.

In addition, CGA lobbies for senior

citizens' rights to members of the U.S. Congress and schedules a meeting with the president once a year, she said.

"We support almost all the church's stands on issues," Peters said, noting the church's condemnations of abortion and euthanasia as examples.

Peters said that 120 of the more than 600 members of the national organization who live in the Rochester area have expressed interest in forming a diocesan chapter.

For information on CGA, write: Catholic Golden Age Association, 400 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa., 18503.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING — Father John Rosse, Rose Marie Lombard (left), and Vilma Goetting, all of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Greece, attended a Leaders' Training Course in Baltimore, Md., on the Stephen Series, a system for training lay people to perform caring ministry in the parish.

Recognizing ...

★Charla Stevens Kucko, who has been appointed public relations and recruitment director at Our Lady of Mercy High School Oct. 22. Kucko is a former nightly news reporter and fill-in anchor at WOKR-TV 13.

★Donna Gates, of Rochester, the new director of education at Trinity Montessori School. As director, Gates will be responsible for curriculum development, coordination of staff and training of parent volunteers.

★Denise Lewandowski, CSW, of Rochester, and Rosemary Lotzar, MSW, of Fairport, who were recently appointed as social workers in the Residential Treatment Program at St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester.

★Beatrice Ganley, SSJ, who was recently accepted into the membership of the National League of American Pen Women in the category of letters. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the group consists of women who have been engaged in creative work in one or more of three classifications: art, letters and music.

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