

Series targeting Catholics who have left the church

ROCHESTER — St. Augustine's Parish is offering a program for Catholics who have separated themselves from the church because of Catholic teachings on such issues as divorce and birth control, or any other reason. The program will run from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Each session will be moderated by Father Robert P. Ring, pastor, and Sister Campion Bush, SSJ, evangelization coordinator. At the Dec. 2 session, participants will tell their reasons for leaving the church, Father Ring said, emphasizing that he and Sister Bush will only be listening to what people say, not commenting on the reasons.

At the second session on Dec. 9, the two moderators will offer their responses to the various concerns raised by participants at the first session.

"We try to talk about the church being guided by the Spirit, but made up by human beings who make mistakes from time to time," Father Ring said, noting that the session will cover such areas as church history and current topics of interest like the annulment process.

The third and final session on Dec. 16 will examine what steps participants can take that can lead them back to a faith community. These steps can consist of such things as education or the sacrament of reconciliation, but in many cases it means involving the participants in the annulment process, Father Ring said.

According to the priest, 44 people have responded to an ad placed in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper as of late last week. The ad invited Catholics who have separated from the church to come to the sessions, Father Ring said. Walk-ins are also welcome, he noted.

For information, call the parish at 716/328-2442.

Priest slated to lead 'Life in the Spirit' week at church

PITTSFORD — St. Louis Church is sponsoring a "Life in the Spirit" seminar the week of Dec. 3-7. Each program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Father Matthew Swizdor, a Franciscan

priest and author, will preside at each Mass and give individual blessings afterward. The week is devoted to all people seeking physical, spiritual and emotional healing.

Parish schedules appreciation dinner for all volunteers

CANANDAIGUA — St. Mary's Parish has scheduled an appreciation dinner for volunteers in parish ministries for Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., in the school gym.

Reservations for the dinner, which will be hosted by the parish council and the parish life committee, are due by Nov. 27.

For reservations, call Dolores Finewood at the rectory, 716/394-1220.

Recognizing ...

★ **Andy Doyle**, a parishioner of St. Helen's Church, Gates, who placed first in racquetball and table tennis and third in bocci while participating in the sixth annual Monroe County Senior Games held Sept. 19-23 at Monroe Community College and the University of Rochester.

★ parishioners of Ithaca's St. Catherine of Siena Church, who donated \$250 to the Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women through the parish's Tithing Fund.

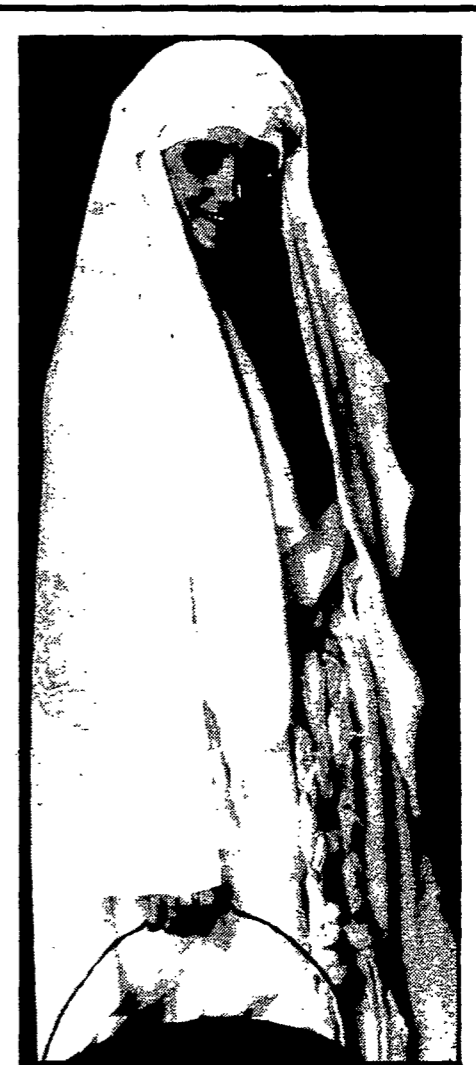
★ students at Holy Ghost School, who celebrated a day of "Hope and Peace" Oct. 30. Llanah Cherkis and Tiffany LaMagna, two fourth-graders at the school, were the inspiration for the day, according to music teacher Marilynn McNamara.

★ students of St. John the Evangelist School, Spencerport, who raised more than \$9,200 during their school marathon. The three students who collected the most money were: **Kaitie Foley**, who raised \$335; **Matt Woloszyn**, who collected \$202.75; and **Stefanie Aiello**, who raised \$179.

★ **Steve Malter**, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Perkinsville, whose dedication in filling out numerous applications and reports in order to obtain a state rebate on a new gas furnace saved the parish a considerable amount of money.

★ **Amelia Longo**, a parishioner of Ithaca's Immaculate Conception Church, who was awarded the grand prize in the statewide 1990 "Natural Wonders" contest for her color photograph of fall foliage at Taughannock Falls.

★ **Tony and Sue DelGatto**, parishioners of St. Dominic's Church in Shortsville, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



MARY'S BOY — Margaret Mary Andersen stars in *Mary's Boy*, a one-woman, two-act drama about the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of his mother. The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece. For information, call 716/663-5432.

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