

Students win first place for mural on environment

ROCHESTER — The fourth-grade class at St. Lawrence School won first prize for its mural in the Monroe County Environmental 1990 Summit last month at Brighton High School. As part of the summit, the Monroe County Environmental Management Council sponsored a mural contest for students of all grade levels in the county.

Adorned with the students' signatures and such slogans as "Color my fish safe to eat" and "Color my buildings not polluting," the mural combined images of water, grass, sky and the Rochester skyline.

Art teacher Claudette Payment attended the awards ceremony with 16 of the students. In recognition of its winning first place, the fourth-grade class also won a field trip to the Cumming Nature Center of Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Parishes seek clothing contributions for the poor

SODUS — The Sunshine Committee of Church of the Epiphany and St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point, is looking for clothing donations for the clothes closet, which is nearly empty due to increasing demand.

Clothing, especially winter garments, may be left at either church or at the Epiphany rectory, 105 West Main St.

Each parish is also seeking food donations for Christmas baskets. Food and gifts will be distributed to approximately 60 families in the area.

Call 315/483-6111 for information.

Mass planned for feast day; march set for Jan. 21-22

ROCHESTER — A Mass in reparation for abortion will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Oxford St.

Following the Mass, those in attendance are invited to participate in a peaceful and prayerful candlelight vigil outside Genesee Hospital. Participants will then pray in front of the hospital, located at 224 Alexander St., throughout the night.

In addition, the Pro-Life Planning Committee is taking reservations for a Jan. 21-22 bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life. This year's march marks the 18th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* decision legalizing abortion.

For information, call Bob and Amy Dorschied, 716/586-3956, or Karen Webb, 458-7257, or write the Pro-Life Planning Committee at P.O. Box 25422, Rochester, N.Y. 14625.

Ithaca parish seeks help for program, refugee

ITHACA — The Religious Education Program at St. Catherine of Siena Church is in need of two Sunday school teachers. Each teacher would be needed for one 20-minute class per month.

In addition, the program has a few openings for Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders. Call Dora Hankey, 607/257-2493, for information.

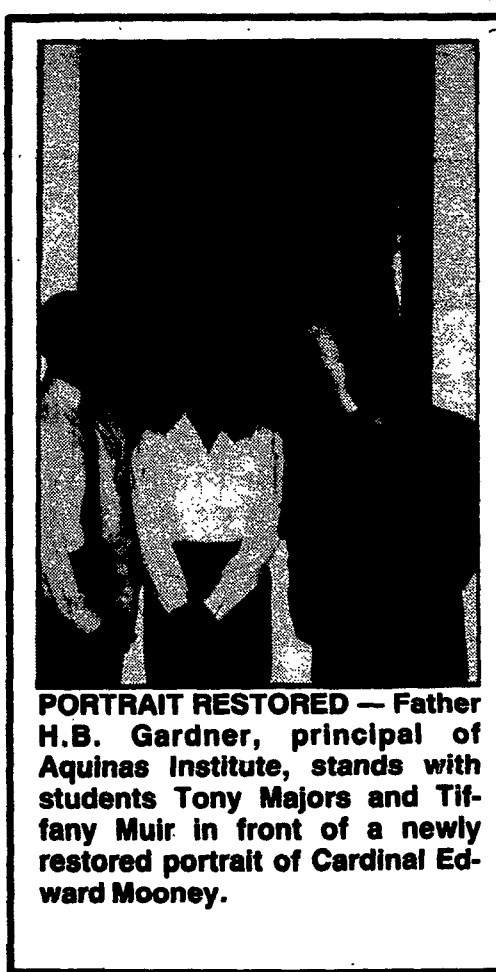
The parish is also in need of maternity clothes for a very small Cambodian refugee woman who is expecting her first baby in the early spring.

Those who have any items to donate can call Judy Hopcroft, 257-0524.

Elmira parish to deliver baskets, decorate church

ELMIRA — Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will deliver Christmas baskets to needy families in the area and decorate the church on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Those who'd like to help can call 607/732-6261.



PORTRAIT RESTORED — Father H.B. Gardner, principal of Aquinas Institute, stands with students Tony Majors and Tiffany Muir in front of a newly restored portrait of Cardinal Edward Mooney.

Spiritual team to direct retreat at Wayland church

WAYLAND — A spiritual team from St. Joseph's Motherhouse Prayer Center will guide a directed retreat at St. Joseph's Church, 206 Fremont St., from Sunday, Jan. 27 to Feb. 3.

The retreat will consist of a general talk and private meetings between directors of the retreat and participants. Private conferences are usually based on assigned Scripture readings and last about 30-40 minutes. The retreat will conclude with a general meeting on Feb. 3.

Call 716/728-2228 for information.



CLASSROOM BAPTISM — Father Thomas Corbett recently baptized Malinda Hayes, 7, a second-grader at St. Theodore's in Gates, in a celebration with her classmates. Behind Malinda stand her parents, Michelle and Joseph Hayes. Following the ceremony, a party took place in the second-grade classroom.

Parish census in Owego counting on volunteers

OWEGO — The theme for the Parish Census at St. Patrick's Church will be "Because We Care ... Census 1991." The census will take place on Sunday, April 28, 1991.

Organizers of the census are still in need of volunteers. Those people interested in helping with the effort can sign up on the census sheet located at church entrances.

Call 607/687-1068 for information.

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