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that service," Barbaro said. "Everyone is seeing the domino effect of the state crisis."

Service providers acknowledge the state's need to reduce its spending in response to that crisis. Yet Robert Mahar, director of the CFC's Department of Youth Services, contended that the problem lies in how the cuts are being made.

"Everyone recognizes there has to be

some cuts across the board, but there has to be some equity," Mahar said. "What we've been trying to do is some advocacy efforts to bring some equitable solutions to the problem."

Among those efforts was an April 15 rally at Rochester's Liberty Pole to protest the state cuts and to call for revisions in the New York's tax structure. Despite steady rain, approximately 100 people participated in the noontime protest — including, Dechaine noted, a number of people in wheel chairs.

The rally was organized by the Care

Don't Cut Campaign, a coalition of area service providers — including the Catholic Family Center, the Rochester Area Children's Collaborative, the House of Mercy and the Corpus Christi Neighborhood Outreach Center.

The rally's objective — along with such as efforts letter-writing campaigns, meetings with state legislators, and a March 26 trip to the Legislature in Albany — was broader than that of simply regaining program funding, noted Brian Kane, director of the CFC's justice and peace department.

"We've been trying to get (state offi-

cial) not just to restore the cuts, but to raise taxes on the wealthy and to close corporate tax loopholes," Kane said.

Kane's call for tax reforms is being echoed by the New York State Catholic Conference, which, in a Feb. 20, 1991 statement, recommended a "fundamental restructuring" of the personal income tax system in New York. The conference's plan calls for the creation of several new tax brackets, with progressive tax rates to increase revenues from upper-income individuals. The conference also called for increasing corporate franchise taxes.

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Shrine of martyrs in Auriesville highlights travels through New York

By David Warner

New York state has something of everything: oceans and lakes, wooded mountains, quiet valley farmland and a variety of vacation areas.

It is a state rich in history, Indian legend and lore. Nearly one-third of all Revolutionary War battles occurred on New York soil. Reminders of its diverse heritage — Dutch, English, Irish, Italian, French, Indian — still can be seen in all parts of the state.

During the state's early years, the formidable power was the Iroquois Confederacy of Five Nations, which comprised the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga and Seneca Indian tribes.

Their territory extended from this Schoharie River, which empties into the Mohawk River near present-day Amsterdam, to the Genesee River, modern day Rochester.

Crossing the state en route to a favorite destination — perhaps even beyond New York's border onto Massachusetts' majestic Berkshires and toward Cape Cod — the traveler can take a reflective pause at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville, six miles from Amsterdam in Mohawk Valley country. Seated atop a hill, the shrine can be seen from the New York State Thruway.

Auriesville is the site of the Mohawk Indians' palisaded village of Ossernenon where Jesuit Father Isaac Jogues and companions Rene Goupil and John Lalonde, were martyred by Mohawk Indians between the years of 1642 and 1646, and were canonized by the Church in 1930.

Kateri Tekakwitha, an Indian woman proclaimed Blessed by Pope John Paul II in 1980, was born at Auriesville



in 1656.

The martyrs' shrine was begun in 1885 as a monument to these first North Americans to be canonized as saints. The various outdoor shrines and the unique Coliseum Church are reminders that this hallowed ground is sanctified by the blood of zealous followers of Christ. Pilgrims have come to know the shrine as the hill of answered prayer.

Under the direction of the Jesuits of the New York Province, the shrine is operated from the first Sunday in May to the last Sunday in October. The martyred saints' Feast Day is Oct. 19.

Mass times and other detailed information may be obtained by writing to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016.

A modern cafeteria on the grounds can serve as many as 500 pilgrims and visitors at a single setting. Modern motels are available in Fultonville, Amsterdam, Johnstown

and Gloversville, all within three to 10 miles of Auriesville.

Traveling from Rochester, exit the thruway at Fultonville, Interchange 28, and continue eastward along Route 5-S. The shrine can also be reached by Amtrak and bus.

The area features many camping facilities, and among numerous adjacent attractions are the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, the Baseball Hall of Fame and Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, and the Capital District discount shopping centers.

POINTS OF DEPARTURE

- The Women's Club of St. Mary's Southside in Elmira is planning a weekend trip to Toronto — including a performance of "Phantom of the Opera" — for May 18-19. For details, call Patty Milazzo at 607/734-9788.

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- A Sept. 22-25 tour of Vermont's fall foliage is on the agenda of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Led by Deacon Richard Lombard, the tour will include liturgies and public prayer at the Weston Priory, as well as sightseeing in the Green Mountains. For information, call Joan Perna at 716/865-9548.

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