

Bishop from New Mexico to speak at dinner

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, leader of the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will be the keynote speaker for the fourth-annual Recognition Dinner for the diocesan Division of Social Ministry. The dinner will take place at the Mapledale Party House on Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m.



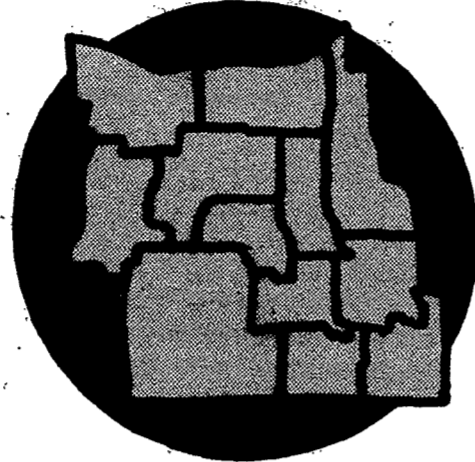
Bishop Ramirez, who will discuss "The Church's Role in Community Organizing," has received national attention for his success in organizing and empowering the economically marginalized. "Community organizing has been a long-standing priority of social ministry in our diocese," said Father John A. Firpo, director of social ministry. "Bishop Ramirez's insights will renew us and encourage us in our local efforts."

In addition to the keynote address, the program will consist of award presentations for significant volunteer service to the work of social ministry, and for staff members marking 10 years of service.

DeSales sponsoring trip

GENEVA — DeSales High School is sponsoring a trip to the Mark Twain Musical Drama in Elmira on Sunday, July 14. Reservations for the trip are due June 24. The bus will leave the school, 90 Pulteney St., at 8:30 a.m. The trip will include lunch at O'Brien's Restaurant in Waverly. The bus will return to DeSales at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The cost for the trip — including tickets to the performance — is \$58 per person. To make a reservation, call Sister Jacqueline, 315/789-5111.



CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION — Young parishioners at St. Columba/St. Patrick Church in Caledonia-Mumford recently participated for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The class consisted of: Corrie Bailey, Ronald Beach, David Boscoe, Jessica Boyle, Patrick Dutton, Daniel Griffin, Michael Griffin, Justin Hancey, Christopher Jones, Melissa Lopez, Jeremy Palmer, Jaqueline Parnell, Nicholas Riordan, Kristina Spall, Rachel Stadler, Sarah Wing, and Adam Worden. Gathered with the youngsters were (from left): Fathers Eugene McFarland; Robert Klee; M. Gerard Hafner, pastor; and William Gordinier.

Ladies of Charity to host meeting in Elmira

ELMIRA — The Northeast Regional Conference of The Ladies of Charity of the United States of America will take place Sept. 13-14 at the Downtown Holiday Inn, One Holiday Plaza.

The conference's theme will be "Laborers in the Vineyard."

The program will include a Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church, 161 High St. The celebrant for the Mass will be Father David N. Gramkee, pastor of the Eastside Catholic Churches.

Fee for the conference — which includes a continental breakfast, dinner and all events — is \$25. Hotel reservations must be made directly through the Holiday Inn by calling 607/734-4211.

Send \$25 registration fees to: Margaret Bellizia, 1581 Belaire Drive, Horseheads, N.Y. 14845.

Sisters of Mercy offering week-long experiences

The Sisters of Mercy of Rochester invite women and men 18 years and older who are searching to discover God's direction in their lives to accompany the sisters as they minister to the "poor, sick and ignorant" in a variety of ministries within the Rochester diocese.

The sisters offer week-long experiences in pastoral ministry, rural ministry, health care, education and social ministry. The congregation runs such agencies as Mercy Center with the Aging, St. Michael's Woodshop, Melita House, Andrew Center, the House of Mercy, Camps Silver Birch and Maplewood, and Mary's House.

Call Sister M. Fran Wegman at 716/288-2710 for information.

Women's group formed

MENDON — A women's group recently has been established at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The group has already hosted a program on plight of Palestinians in the Middle East, and organizers are now planning other such activities for the future.

For information, call Joyce Rapp at 716/624-4116.

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Recognizing ...

★ Frank Scumaci, who was named Catholic Layman of the Year by the Monroe County Chapter of the Catholic War Veterans during the group's Mass and breakfast at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester on April 21.

★ Melissa Meyer, Anthony Joy and Casey Crane, eighth-graders at St. John the Evangelist School in Spencerport, who won scholarships to Rochester-area Catholic high schools based on the results of annual entrance exams administered in January. Meyer scored the highest on the test to enter Nazareth Academy. Joy and Crane received partial scholarships to Aquinas Institute for scoring in the top 24 in that exam.