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St. Mary's matches grant for convent preservation

CANANDAIGUA — St. Mary's Church, 95 N. Main St., has received \$171,500 in cash and pledges to match a \$160,000 state grant for preservation of the St. Mary's convent.

The deadline for the parish to match the grant from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places was this month. Money from the grant and the matching funds will be used to make repairs on the 157-year-old building, which is listed with the State Office of Historic Places.

In addition to using the building for offices, the parish plans to provide meeting rooms for parish groups and not-for-profit organizations in the area.

According to Father Walter L. Wainwright, pastor, initial work on the convent will begin this fall. The parish still needs additional contributions to help cover work not included in the grant.

Church in Corning to host Call to Priesthood program

CORNING — The second regional Call to Priesthood program is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 11, in the rectory of St. Vincent DePaul's Church, 222 Dodge Ave.

. Men who are interested in learning more about a vocation to the priesthood will be invited to meet with Bishop Matthew H. Clark from 2-5 p.m. for an afternoon of prayer and discussion.

The Call to Priesthood is designed to foster and encourage vocations to the priesthood in the diocese.

For information, contact Father George Norton at 716/328-3210.

Recognizing ...

★ Shirley Maloney-Smith, who has been appointed as director of program development by the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County, effective Aug. 5. Maloney-Smith has 23 years of experience in the human services field, including serving on the staffs of the Catholic Family Center and and the Genesee Settlement House. She currently coordinates Life Step, a teen pregnancy program collaboratively run by the CFC, Action for a Better Community and the Ibero-Amercian Action League.

★ Rosalie E. Gombash, a member of the class of 1924 at Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca, who was honored as the school's first recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award on June 15. The award was established to recognize class graduates who have devoted their lives to ensuring the tradition of academic excellence at the Southern Tier school.

★ Michael T. Connelly, who has been elected to his second term as president of the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc. The senior vice president of commercial banking for Columbia Banking has served on the board of directors of the foundation since 1988. A non-profit organization supported by the Episcopal and Catholic dioceses, the foundation formed in 1968 to address the lack of decent housing for low- and moderate-income families.



Bert C. Marlatt PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE — A group from the Diocese of Rochester joined hundreds at this Fonda, N.Y., shrine July 14 to celebrate the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. A Mohawk born at Auriesville in 1656, Blessed Kateri was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

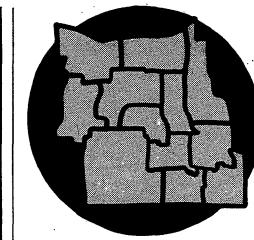
CDA in Penn Yan schedule 'Mystery' Ride' for Aug. 15

PENN YAN — The Catholic Daughters of America, Court # 1173, has scheduled a "Mystery Ride" for Thursday, Aug. 15.

Participants should bring a white elephant item and meet at 6 p.m. behind St. Michael's Church, 312 Liberty St.

Dinner selections for the ride are haddock (\$10.29), roast sirloin *au jus* (\$10.64) and stuffed chicken (\$10.64). Appetizers and desserts are included in the cost. Participants must bring exact change — including tip — on the ride.

For reservations, call Margaret Mitchell, 315/536-6982, or Mary Jane Curtiss, 536-8467.



New lay order in Auburn seeking new members

AUBURN — A new Secular Franciscan Order, Our Lady of Angels, has begun meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 185 Clark St.

The group, which meets in the church at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, was established last May.

Founded by St. Francis of Assisi for lay membership, the order is open to men and women who seek to live a life of prayer and service.

The Auburn group has already taken on two apostolates: visiting residents of the Mercy Health and Rehabilitation Center, and making rosaries for missions.

For information on becoming a member of the group, call Frank Scucces at 315/252-1653, or Nancy Rowe at 315/789-6484.





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