

**iFeliz Navidad!**

Heriberto Coria Gonzalez, a migrant farm worker in Brockport, drew these images of Christmas in Mexico. The drawing above depicts a city tradition in which a man and woman go door to door, singing and praying as they carry a figure of Jesus. Initially they are turned away, but finally are welcomed in for a community celebration. The scene below shows a country tradition in which couples take turns rocking a figure of the Christ Child while singing the praises of God on Dec. 24. This image will adorn Christmas cards being sent out by diocesan Social Ministry.



**Fair to feature 'alternative' Christmas gifts**

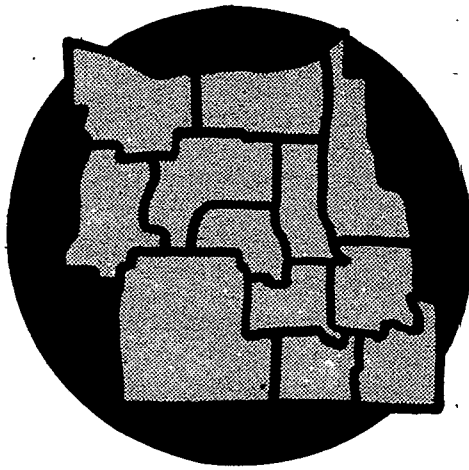
ROCHESTER — The Peace & Justice Education Center will host its 14th annual Alternative Celebration Fair at Asbury Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

More than 40 exhibitors will offer products that allow shoppers to sup-

port people and the environment. The fair will feature Third World goods, local crafts, cards, toys, recycled products and food. Music will be provided by the Golden Link Folksinging Society.

Admission will be \$1 per person (under 18 and low-income people free). Child care will be provided. The building is wheelchair accessible.

For information, call Jack Bradi-gan-Spula at 716/244-7191.



**Class of '42 from Corpus Christi schedules reunion**

ROCHESTER — The class of 1942 from Corpus Christi School is planning a reunion for June 13, 1992.

Those seeking details or who have information on any class member can call Joseph Palmer, 716/671-2965.

**Kitchen serves as blessing for Elmira needy**

ELMIRA — The Free Community Kitchen in Elmira has been a blessing for Southern Tier residents who might not be able to afford a holiday meal.

Located in the St. Peter and Paul Church parish hall at 160 High St., the kitchen provides meals five days a week. Volunteers serve lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and offer dinner on Mondays and Thursdays between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

At holiday time, the kitchen makes an extra effort to provide special meals. The Thanksgiving Day dinner, which attracted close to 225 people (about 100 more than average), was a great success thanks to the donation of 24 turkeys and many other food items.

"Oh, my goodness, the response was overwhelming," said Kathy Dubel, a

kitchen volunteer. Dubel is also the director of justice and peace for the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.

A similar event is coming up on Christmas Day, with a ham dinner being served between 2 and 3 p.m. Dubel expects at least 200 to attend that dinner and is asking for donations of fruit, cookies, money and volunteer time. You may contact her at 1-607-734-5893 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Free Community Kitchen is operated by a coalition of 15 Elmira-area churches of various denominations.

"We get people of all ages. More recently we've seen folks who have been laid off and then come in for lunch while they're looking for jobs," said Dubel.

**Correction**

An "Around the Diocese" item in last week's issue contained incorrect information regarding the broadcast times for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's "Life is Worth Living" program.

The series, which began airing at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 on TV38-WAW, will be broadcast nightly at that time. WAW is channel 38 on the UHF dial. It is not carried on cable networks.

**Hospitality house seeks help for overnight shifts**

ROCHESTER — St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave., is offering overnight shelter to men until April 11, 1992.

The house needs volunteers for 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. shifts. Staff people will be available to attend to volunteers' needs.

Call Paul Tremblay or Sister Marilyn Pray, SSJ, at 716/232-3262 for information.

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**Recognizing...**

★ C.O.P.E. (Church Office Professional Employees) officers elected at the annual fall workshop: Joan McGlynn, St. Mary of the Hills, Honeoye, president; Barbara Caluorie, St. Columba-St. Patrick, Caledonia, vice president; Donna Jeffers, St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, secretary; and Carole Ann Schwingel, St. Joseph, Wayland, treasurer. C.O.P.E. is a support network for parish secretaries, bookkeepers and business administrators within the diocese.

★ Holly L. Strauss, recently hired as management systems analyst in the Department of Systems at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. Strauss attended the State University of New York at Binghamton as well as the Watson School of Engineering. She is also the committee chairperson for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

★ Marita Y. Vieira, a member of the class of 1992 at the State University of New York College at Brockport, who made the dean's list in The School of Arts and Performance for the spring, 1991 semester. A journalism major, she is the daughter of Fred and Mary Vieira of Rochester.

★ DePaul Mental Health Services, which received a \$2,005 Neighborhood Preservation Crime Prevention Act award from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The award marked the second consecutive year in which the state awarded a crime prevention grant to DePaul.

★ Cub Scout Pack 142, chartered by Assumption of Our Lady Church, Fairport, which became the first unit in the Monroe County area to earn the Centurian Award from the Otsego Council Training Committee.

★ Jana E. Bergeman, of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Apalachin, who was recently presented with the Girl Scouts' Gold Award, the scouts' top award.