

Diocese appoints five new principals for fall

ELMIRA — It shouldn't take long — if any time at all — for people to get used to the new principal at Holy Family Junior High School.

That's because Elizabeth Berliner has already been such a familiar face around the school. She has taught a variety of courses for the past 11 years, including religion, health, physical education and math.

Berliner will replace Sister Ann Carapella, RSM, on Aug. 1. Sister Carapella is leaving to go on sabbatical.

A Horseheads resident, Berliner has four children who attended St. Mary Our Mother School in Horseheads and went on to Elmira Notre Dame High School. Elizabeth Ann, 23, Rick, 19, and Julie, 18, are all ND graduates. In addition, Katie, 15, will be a junior at Notre Dame this fall.

Family affairs like this are also common at Holy Family, Berliner noted.

"After awhile you get to know the families and siblings. Elmira is a large town, but the Catholic community is very close," she said.

The Holy Family Consolidated School System is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The junior high has been located for the last six years at 1010 Davis St., next to St. Casimir's Church.

In addition to Berliner, four other new principals have been assigned in the Rochester diocese.

Marilyn Reeves is leaving as principal of St. John the Evangelist School, 2376 Ridge Road W., Greece, to become principal at St. Ambrose School, 31 Empire Blvd., Irondequoit. Reeves replaces Sister Dorothy Meisenzahl, SSJ, who has taken an administrative position with the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Replacing Reeves at St. John the Evangelist will be Marilyn Dewey, currently principal of St. Cecilia School, 2732 Culver Road, Ironde-



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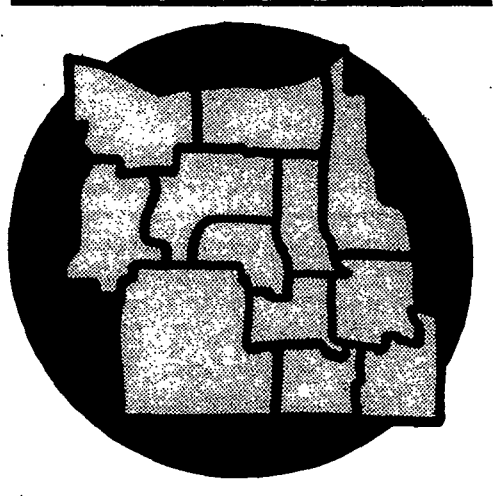
Elizabeth Berliner has been named principal of Elmira's Holy Family Junior High School.

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Josephine M. Fama, principal of St. Thomas the Apostle School, 41 Colebrook Drive, Irondequoit, is taking the same post at St. Theodore School, 170 Spencerport Road, Gates. Fama replaces Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ, who will be on sabbatical during the next year.

Both St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle closed following completion of the 1991-92 school year. In addition to those schools in the Northeast Quadrant, St. Stanislaus School, 1150 Hudson Ave., also closed.

Sister Ann Lafferty, SSJ, a teacher at Nazareth Hall, 180 Raines Park, Rochester, has been named the new principal at St. Michael School, 214 Keuka St., Penn Yan. Sister Lafferty takes over for Sister Catherine Gibbons.



Deacon Graff to supervise new certification program

ROCHESTER — Deacon Stephen Graff has been hired to coordinate the Certification for Designated Ministry program. Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, diocesan director of Faith Development Ministry, announced the appointment, effective July 1.

The former director of the Department of the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Graff will continue to direct the deacon-formation program. The diocese is currently searching for someone to fill his role as personnel director for deacons.

As part of his new position, Deacon Graff will begin offering informational nights concerning the new ministry certification program. The program is designed to provide education for individuals interested in pursuing such designated ministries as business manager, director of music ministry, youth ministry and liturgy coordinator — positions in the diocese not requiring master's degrees in theology.

Activists schedule vigil for Seneca Army Depot

ROMULUS — A group of peace activists will hold a prayer vigil from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 16, at the Route 96A truck gate of the Seneca Army Depot.

According to Mark Scibilia-Carver, organizer of the vigil on the Feast of Mount Carmel, the event will mark the anniversary of the first U.S. nuclear weapons test in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. The vigil will take place in solidarity with protests and vigils the same day at the New Mexico test site.

Scibilia-Carver claims that the depot supplied more than 31,000 tons of arsenal for last year's Operation Desert Storm. Many Catholic theologians found that the war in the Persian Gulf did not fit the "just war" criteria espoused by the church, he added.

Scibilia-Carver said the vigil will include the rosary and silent prayer. For information, call 607/387-3916.

Parish slates vigil to mark Fatima's 75th anniversary

ROCHESTER — St. Cecilia's Parish, 2732 Culver Road, has scheduled an all-night vigil July 12-13, in honor of the 75th anniversary of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal.

The vigil will begin with a Mass at 9 p.m. The Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hourly devotional prayers, benediction at 6:30 a.m. July 13, and a 6:45 a.m. closing Mass.

All are welcome. Call 716/467-4286 for information.

Justice and peace program planned for Horseheads

HORSEHEADS — The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry will host its annual Summer Justice and Peace Institute on July 14-15, at St. Mary Our Mother Church, 802 W. Broad St.

During the institute, participants will explore topics of faith, culture and

politics through a series of lectures, demonstrations and discussions.

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