

## Carolyn Portanova named United Way's Executive of the Year

ROCHESTER — Because the United Way of Greater Rochester sponsors more than 300 agencies, Carolyn Portanova admitted that she was surprised to be chosen as the local United Way chapter's Executive of the Year.

"I was shocked," said the executive director of Catholic Family Center, 25 Franklin St.

Portanova will receive her award at the United Way's annual meeting on Sept. 10 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St.

Portanova said one reason for the award may have been the agency's thorough evaluation of its 47 programs over the last year.

"It was the first time we've done a first systematic, center-wide evaluation," said Portanova. "We checked (the programs) for cost-effectiveness, needs of the community, and non-duplication of services."

In addition to her role as CFC's executive



**Carolyn Portanova** executive director, Portanova is a member of two United Way committees: the Planning, Evaluation and Allocations Committee, and the Volunteer Resource Committee.

The 46-year-old Portanova has served at CFC for 17 years. She was named CFC's executive director in February of 1989.

CFC, which moved into its new offices on Franklin Street in July, provided services to more than 39,000 clients in the Rochester area last year.

## Mass to mark foundress' work in teaching order

ROCHESTER — All former teachers, students, friends and parishioners are invited to 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 13, at St. Peter and Paul Parish, 720 W. Main St., to honor the memory of Mother Mary Caroline, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

A special collection will be taken at the Mass for the religious order, whose members have served the parish school. Refreshments will be served in the old school hall following Mass.

For information, call Craig Bullock at 716/244-1280.

## St. Bernard's Parish plans events to mark dedication

SCPIO CENTER — St. Bernard's Parish on Center Road has scheduled a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Sept. 13, to celebrate the church's dedication and the 125th anniversary of the parish's founding.

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the parish will host a coffee hour on the church lawn. Special holy cards of St. Bernard — prepared by the Nazareth College Art Department — and of the

Memorare of St. Bernard will be distributed during the coffee hour. Father Robert J. Downs, the parish's pastor, will serve as the guest of honor.

All are welcome to the Mass and coffee hour.

In addition, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass Sept. 20, Father Downs will conduct the annual blessing of the graves at St. Bernard's Cemetery. The rain date for the blessing is Sept. 27.

## CGA schedules meeting for parish hall in Hornell

HORNELL — The Catholic Golden Age Association will host an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13. The gathering is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Church parish hall, 31 Erie Ave.

Melkite Deacon Joseph V. Versage, a member of St. John Fisher College's sociology department, will speak on "Theology of Aging." Deacon Versage also serves as spirituality chairman for Rochester's CGA chapter.

Irene H. Peters, Rochester chapter president, will discuss CGA's benefits and answer questions.

Headquartered in Scranton, Pa., CGA is a national, non-profit organization providing spiritual and material benefits for senior citizens.

Everyone over the age of 50 is invited to the Sept. 13 meeting. For details, call Betty McKinley at 607/324-6371 or CGA at 1-800/233-4697.

## Contributions in diocese continue for Hurricane Andrew relief effort

ROCHESTER — Although Hurricane Andrew did not dramatically affect the weather here, the storm has made an obvious impact on upstate New Yorkers.

Organizations throughout the diocese reported continuing contributions for the hurricane-relief effort, as New York residents attempt to aid those who have been devastated by the recent storm.

"The community response has been overwhelming," remarked Tiffany Brott, associate director of public relations for the Salvation Army's Rochester chapter.

Brott noted that the Salvation Army sponsored a successful drive from Aug. 31-Sept. 8, during which canisters were placed at all Rochester-area Perkins Restaurants for dropping off goods. She added that her Salvation Army chapter has received nearly \$40,000 in cash donations. Those wishing to make contributions can call the Salvation Army at 716/987-9500.

Elaine Fallesen, communications director of the American Red Cross Rochester-Monroe County chapter, said that a Sept. 4 phone-a-thon on radio station WHAM (1180-AM) raised more than \$30,000 for hurricane victims. Fallesen also noted that her chapter has received an additional \$75,000 in pledges since Hurricane Andrew first struck southern Florida on Aug. 24.

Red Cross is asking for money donations only. Contributors should make checks out to the Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund, and mail them to their nearest Red Cross chapter. Credit card donations may also be made by calling 800/842-2200.

The Catholic Charities USA network,

which includes the Diocese of Rochester, is also taking donations. This organization is the official Roman Catholic Church agency for disaster response endeavors in this country.

According to Judy Taylor, public education and communications manager for the diocesan Office of Social Ministry, donations to Catholic Charities USA can be sent either to the diocesan Social Ministry office, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, 14624, or the following agencies:

Catholic Family Center, 25 Franklin St., Rochester, 14604; Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, 110 Exchange St., Geneva, 14456; Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, 160 High St., Elmira, 14901; or Catholic Charities USA, 1731 King St. #200, Alexandria, Va., 22314.

Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities USA — Disaster Response. — Mike Latona

## St. Jude's Church plans festival for Sept. 18-20

GATES — St. Jude Parish, 4100 Lyell Road, will host its annual parish festival Sept. 18-20. This year's proceeds will be used to help pay for the construction of a new church.

The festival will feature a fish fry from 4-8 p.m. Friday; a roast beef dinner from 4-8 p.m. Saturday; and a lasagna dinner from 1-7 p.m. Sunday. Each dinner costs \$6 per person.

Bingo is scheduled every night at 8:30 p.m., and an auction will take place 1 p.m. Sunday. In addition, each day of the festival will feature games, prizes and children's attractions.

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