## Academic awards

During last June's sixth-grade commencement ceremony at St. Pius the Tenth, Rochester, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Presidential Academic Effort Award and the Catholic Witness Award were presented to the above students.



(Front row, left to right) Brenda Gates, Amber Blanchi, Chris McConnell and Todd Chamberlain. (Back row) Julie Yehl, Maureen O'Connor, Nick Miraglia and Paul Gillio.

#### Jail ministry luncheon set for church in Rochester

ROCHESTER — Edward Ingarri, director of rehabilitation for Monroe County Jail, and Linda Burrill, an exoffender, will be among the speakers at Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry's 22nd annual meeting and luncheon.

The gathering is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, from 12-1:15 p.m. at Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St.

The meeting's agenda will include the election of RIJM's board members and officers, amendment to the bylaws, the agency's annual report, and special acknowledgements.

Cost of the luncheon is \$6 advance or \$6.50 at the door. The menu will feature egg salad, tuna, turkey, or ham and cheese sandwiches; fruit; cookie; tea, coffee or soda. Volunteers of America Adult Home Food Service will cater the occasion.

#### Bishop to open book series

ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will launch the fall Books Sandwiched-In series on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Rochester Public Library's main (Rundel) branch, 115 South Ave.

Bishop Clark will review Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust, which centers on Christians who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Books Sandwiched-In is free and open to the public. The weekly 40-minute program takes place on Tuesdays in the third-floor auditorium at 12:12 p.m.

Participants may bring a bag lunch, or order a lunch by calling 716/428-7355.

RIJM is one of several interfaith ministries supported by the Diocese of Rochester. For information, or to make reservations, write RIJM, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614, or call 716/325-1942.

### FLOSM offers assistance for food stamp applicants

The Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry has scheduled a series of informational meetings on food stamps later this month.

The following programs will take place in Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties:

- the Interlaken Reformed Church, North Main Street, Interlaken, from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 18, and Sept. 25, from 1-3 p.m.;
- the Seneca House of Concern, 38 State St., Seneca Falls, on Sept. 23, from 10 a.m.-noon;
- FLOSM's office, 110 Exchange St., Geneva, on Sept. 27, from 1-3:30 p.m.
- and the Yates County Office for the Aging, 5 Collins Ave., Penn Yan, on Sept. 28, from 10 a.m.-noon;

Call Ed at FLOSM, 315/789-2686, for information.

#### DePaul seeks volunteers

ROCHESTER — DePaul Mental Health Services, 855 W. Main St., is seeking volunteers for its Family Care program, which provides homes in the community for individuals recovering from mental illness.

To learn about becoming a Family Care member, contact Susan Didas at 716/436-8020.

### **Documentary on Merton set to air**

# Monk is well-known for spiritual writings

An hour-long documentary on Thomas Merton, the noted Trappist monk, is scheduled to air at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, on the ABC-TV network (check local listings). "Merton: A Film Biography" examines the life of this 20th century priest-writer who touched millions with his autobiography, The Seven Storey Mountain.

"Merton" is closed-captioned and funded in part by the Catholic Communication Campaign. The program is part of a four-part "Visions and Values" series, which explores contemporary religious topics or individuals, sponsored by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

The program interweaves interviews with friends with scenes of significant

places in Merton's life, including his birthplace in Prades, France; Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky; and Bangkok, Thailand, where he died suddenly in 1968 while attending a conference for Eastern and Western monks.

Merton wrote more than 60 books and hundreds of articles, essays and letters on a wide range of subjects, from trenchant commentary on a variety of social issues to an interpretation of Zen Buddhism.

The Catholic Communication Campaign, an office of the the United States Catholic Conference, was founded by the U.S. Catholic bishops in 1978 to spread the Gospel through the media and to support values-oriented projects in television, radio and print. Projects are funded by an annual collection taken up in Catholic parishes

around the country.

#### Seminar will examine services for seniors

WEBSTER — A community-wide education seminar, designed to help senior citizens and their families learn more about the range of long-term care services available in Monroe County, will take place Wednesday, Sept. 23. The event is scheduled to run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Webster Senior Center, 895 Ebner Road.

Presentations will feature Lorraine Anders, administrator at Monroe County Office for the Aging, whose lecture is entitled "Community Based Services;" Chet Nedvesky, administrator at Wesley-On-East, who will speak on "Residential Long Term Care Services;" and Sharon Boyd, advocacy services director for the Regional Council on the Aging, who will lecture on "How to Finance Your Long Term

Care.'

This program is sponsored by the Caregiver Resource Center, a division of Elder Services at Catholic Family Center. Representatives from Caregiver Resource Center will answer questions, as will officials from the program's co-sponsors: American Association of Retired Persons, Community Coalition for Long Term Care, Genesee Health Facilities Association, Jewish Home of Rochester, Monroe County Medical Society, Monroe County Office for the Aging, and Visiting Nurse Service.

Admission and refreshments are free. Registration is requested, but not required, Call 716/262-7050 by Sept. 18

to reserve space.

#### 'Mercy Day Weekend' set; bishop to celebrate Mass

ROCHESTER — Sister Marie Chin, a member of the Institute Leadership Team of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, will launch "Mercy Day Weekend" with a keynote speech this Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:45 p.m., the day will also feature a welcoming prayer for new candidates.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate a 2 p.m. Mass with the Sisters of Mercy, who will honor 21 jubilarians at the motherhouse on Sunday, Sept. 20. A dinner will follow the Mass.

Along with the years they have

served, the 21 Sisters of Mercy of Rochester celebrating their jubilees are: 75: Sister Mary Florence Sullivan.

70: Sister Mary Julia Ryan.

60: Sisters Mary Roberta Burkhartzmeyer, Mary Eileen Fitzgibbons, Mary Sylvester Gehl, Mary Agnes Theresa Georger, Mary Leon Gilman, Mary Rosaria Hughes, Mary Florita Kast, Mary Alphonsus Kruckow, Mary Alberta Kuhn, and Mary Eugene Pearson.

50: Sisters Margaret Caulfield, Mary Dismas Foster, Mary Ruth Gilligan, Mary Rene McNiff, Mary Gemma Palermo, and Virginia Wilson.

25: Sisters Kathleen Ann Kolb, Joan McAteer, and Catherine Pfleger.

