

Singing duo helps key in school year

Babette G. Augustin/Photo editor
 Hundreds of children and their parents poured into the auditorium at Rochester's St. Andrew School Sept. 17 to enjoy an ice cream social and the antics of the popular singing duo, Doug & Gary. The entertainment was part of the Catholic school's annual open house. At right, children respond to questions from Doug & Gary. At far right, Naomi Vargas and Gary do a surfing impression during a beach party scene.



Notre Dame sisters to mark founder's death

IRONDEQUOIT — A celebration for the School Sisters of Notre Dame will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S.

Festivities will begin with a 10:30 a.m. Mass in the foyer of Kearney, located at 125 Kings Highway S. The Mass will be followed by a continental breakfast in the school cafeteria.

This celebration will honor the School Sisters of Notre Dame's founder, Mother Mary Caroline, on the 100th anniversary of her death. The order's religious have served the Rochester diocese for 138 years.

Mercy Prayer Center begins offering meditation services

ROCHESTER — The Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., is sponsoring a Taizé meditation service at 7:30 p.m. every first Friday of the month at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

The next service is scheduled for Oct. 2.

During services, participants are encouraged to meditate in a dimly lit worship space; to use the repetitive nature of music; and to limit verbal elements in favor of music, ritual and silence. According to a press release announcing the services, silence allows the community of believers to focus on scriptural reading for five to 10 minutes in a comfortable period of relaxed meditation.

Donations will be accepted at each service. For information, contact Sister Virginia Wilson, RSM, at 716/473-6893.

MPC to celebrate 15 years

ROCHESTER — Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Plantation Party House, 1875 Hilton-Spencerport Road, Spencerport.

"Mercy Alive," a folk group comprising 16 Sisters of Mercy of Rochester, will provide the evening's entertainment.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Cash bar starts at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet supper and entertainment at 7 p.m. For information, call 716/473-6893.

Bishop to speak at dinner

ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the guest speaker at the seventh-annual dinner for Grace Lutheran Residential Services on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The gala will take place at the Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road, beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7.

The cost is \$20 per person.

Event sponsors will include friends from Kearney as well as the St. Margaret Mary, Holy Redeemer, and St. Michael's parishes.

Those wishing to attend the Oct. 4 event should call Jean D'Arienzo at 716/544-1745 by Oct. 1.

Annual marathon planned for St. Mary's October 3

CANANDAIGUA — St. Mary's School, 16 Gibston St., will host its eighth-annual marathon on Saturday, Oct. 3, beginning at 9 a.m.

Participants will walk six miles along the city's streets to raise money for St. Mary's through pledges. Pledge cards may be obtained through the school office. Organizers are asking sponsors to pledge a minimum of 50 cents per mile.

This year's goal is \$6,000.

Organizers of the marathon, which is sponsored by the New York Federation of Catholic School Parents, described the event as having a two-fold purpose: to raise money for St. Mary's and to provide an opportunity for school parents, students, teachers, alumni and parishioners to promote Catholic education.

Walk set to raise funds for prison ministry's work

ROCHESTER — Cephas Prison Ministries will sponsor its annual "Hike of Hope" at Genesee Valley Park on Sunday, Sept. 27. The hike will raise funds for the agency's work with prisoners and parolees.

The four-mile walk will begin and end at Canalside Pavilion near the University of Rochester. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments and free T-shirts will be available for all walkers.

For brochures and sign-up sheets for sponsors, call 716/436-5653.

Knights of Columbus plan quincennial celebration

ROCHESTER — The Rochester Council No. 178 of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate the quincennial of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the Americas at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The event will take place at the council's headquarters, 670 Thurston Road.

The ceremony will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Knights. An official ceremony will temporarily change Thurston Road's name to "Knights of Columbus Avenue."

For information, call 716/436-8240.

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