

Gates church hosts colorful synod

GATES — For parishioners of Holy Ghost Church, 220 Coldwater Road, the diocesan Synod is not a process that should be limited to meetings and discussions.

Special synod-related ceremonies and decorations during weekend Masses have greatly enhanced the event for parishioners at the Gates church, according to Elizabeth Reinholtz.

"We're trying to make this a celebration and to draw attention to the Synod. The main thing is that we want to get involvement," said Reinholtz, chairperson of the parish's Liturgy Committee. "I know we got people's attention."

The period for parish fall synods runs from Sept. 20 to Oct. 10. Holy Ghost, which celebrated special synod Masses Sept. 20 and 27, will conclude its current celebration this Sunday, Oct. 4. All weekend Masses feature a procession in which teenagers carry a synod banner and small children ring bells while singing "Come and Rejoice."

At the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, the choir will sing downstairs instead of its traditional spot in the loft. At the 11:30 a.m. liturgy, as well as some other Masses (8:15 and 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and 5:15 p.m. on Saturdays), a brass quartet will accompany the processions. Musical arrangements during Holy Ghost's fall synod were prepared by Lori Osgood, the parish's music coordinator.

Various colors — highlighted on altar cloths, streamers and floral arrangements — have reflected the synod's theme for each week: pink, to symbolize bravery and courage in relation to

family life; blue, to reflect sincerity and piety in relation to parish life; and green, to symbolize youth and hope in relation to those facing violence and addiction.

Reinholtz noted that white bows and candles were used throughout the three-week period to signify the community's faith.

"We've been real successful. A lot of people have said how colorful everything is," said Reinholtz.

Holy Ghost is one of 170 parishes and communities within the Rochester diocese, all of which are participating in the Synod. This is the first Synod to be held in Rochester since 1954, and the first-ever which includes parishioners' input on various committees.

The process is scheduled to conclude in October of 1993.

— Mike Latona

Masses, renewal day set for parish in Apalachin

APALACHIN — First Friday praise Masses are scheduled over the next three months at St. Margaret Mary Church, 1110 Pennsylvania Ave.

Praise sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 8 p.m. on Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4. These events are organized by the Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group.

Also, a day of renewal will take place at the parish on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scheduled speakers are Frank and Theresa Fontinell, pastoral leaders from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

To make reservations for the day of renewal, call 607/625-2937 or 625-4625.

British author to lecture, direct 'mini' Merton retreat

ROCHESTER — Esther de Waal, an acclaimed British author who has been deeply influenced by Thomas Merton, will lecture and direct a "mini-retreat" on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Nazareth College, 4245 East Avenue.

Entitled "The Desert and the Marketplace: What Thomas Merton Means to Me," the retreat will take place from

3:30-5:30 p.m. inside St. Joseph's Chapel at Founder's Hall. Her lecture is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Room A13 of the Nazareth College Arts Center.

The events are sponsored by the Thomas Merton Society of Rochester. Individuals who attend both events may either bring a brown bag, or purchase a meal at the college snack bar.

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★ DePaul Mental Health Services, which recently received donations of equipment, toys and games worth nearly \$700 from the Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation. The toys and games will be used in DePaul's Play Therapy Program.

★ Douglas Hickerson, who has been appointed executive director of Rochester Children's Nursery, effective August 10, 1992.

★ new faculty members at Bishop Kearney High School: Sister Nancy Gilcrest, SSND, math department; Christine Krzanowicz, of the science department; Brother Maistre, CFC, chairman of the history department; and Brother Roepke, CFC, of the science department. Other new faces are Kerri Bishop, Kearney class of 1986, who is a new office assistant in the Institutional Advancement Office, and Sister Alma Statt, SSND, who is the bookstore and bulk mail coordinator.

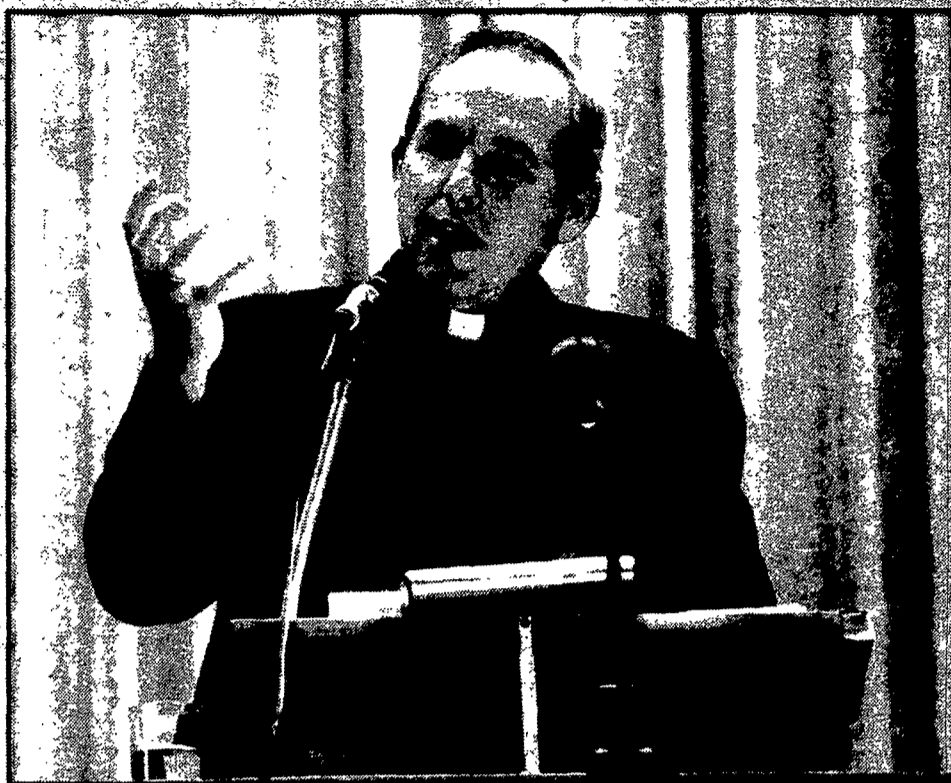
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Bishop discusses book on Holocaust

Bishop Matthew H. Clark discusses *Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust*, written by Gay Block and Malka Druckers, at the first fall 'Books Sandwiched-In' series Sept. 22, at the Rochester Public Library's Rundel Auditorium, 115 South Ave. The book centers on Christians who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Annual 'life chains' slated throughout diocese Oct. 4

To commemorate Respect Life Sunday, pro-life activists from around the diocese will take part in "life chains" this Sunday, Oct. 4.

The annual chains are scheduled to take place in Brockport, Geneva, Hornell and Rochester. During the demonstrations, participants will silently line road sides for one hour. Most demonstrators will carry signs exclaiming "Abortion Kills Children." Activists will use other signs, including placards that say "Christ Heals and Forgives" and "Adoption, the Loving Option."

According to organizers, the goal of the chains is to draw attention to abortion. Statistics show that 1.5 million abortions are performed in the United States each year.

The chains in the diocese will be held in conjunction with chains in communities across the United States.

Approximately 3,700 participants took part in the four life chains in the Rochester diocese last year. More than 600,000 people last year took part in more than 350 chains throughout the United States and Canada.

The Rochester chain will stretch along East Avenue from 2-3 p.m.

The chain in Brockport will form a cross along Routes 19 and 31 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive at 4590 Lake Road at 2 p.m. to receive their assigned spots along the chain.

The Hornell chain will also form a cross — along Route 36 and Main Street — from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to meet at 2 p.m. at the Burger King on Main Street.

The Geneva chain will stretch along Geneva's Lakeshore Drive from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Cancer benefit event planned for Genesee Valley Park

ROCHESTER — The third annual Making Strides Against Cancer "Move-Along-Athon" is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4, at Genesee Valley Park.

All activities will begin and end in the park's roundhouse pavilion. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by aerobic warm-ups, a cancer information fair, and opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m.

This third annual event, sponsored

by the American Cancer Society, will officially begin at noon. Participants, many of whom are currently undergoing cancer treatment, will walk, run, ride and roll specified distances and collect pledges based on how many miles they travel.

For registration information, or to volunteer, call the Monroe County Unit of the American Cancer Society at 716/288-1950.

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