



Majorettes for St. Joseph's Villa gathered for this photo in 1951.

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earlier this month for the newly renovated Miller Building, which will serve the agency's group home program.

Joseph Miller, for whom that building is dedicated, noted that the Villa's level of caring has never changed over 50 years.

"When all the nuns were taking care of us, it felt like family. Even though it's now primarily a lay staff, the same loving and caring is given. Whenever I go back to the Villa, I'm impressed with the degree that people dedicated their lives to these kids," said Miller, 58, a retired employee benefits director for Eastman Kodak Company.

A Greece resident and parishioner at our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Miller has continued his affiliation with St. Joseph's Villa as a longtime member of the agency's board of directors.

St. Joseph's Villa still houses about the same number of residents it did in 1942, according to statistics provided by Mary Ellen McArdle, the agency's community relations director.

In addition, 35 clients now live in the Villa's five group homes, four of which are located in Monroe County and one in Wayne County. An additional 145 youths participate in various prevention-service and day-treatment programs.

The age range has shifted over the years toward an older group of youths. The Villa's original clients ranged in age from 4 to 15 years old, while today's youths are predominately in the 11- to 17-year-old range.

Villa youths are 75 to 80 percent



Children gather around a train set presented to St. Joseph's Villa by the Culver Post Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1955.

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male, who come from 32 counties in western and central New York. Clients are referred to the agency through family courts, social service departments, and school districts. These organizations also provide a majority of the Villa's funding, with the remainder coming from community donations and grants.

St. Joseph's Villa employs more than 300 full- and part-time staff members, as well as 80 volunteers.

Future plans include continued expansion of Villa programs, according to Judith McKay, executive director. The Villa, for example, is just beginning an

Intensive Case Management Program, which will operate in conjunction with several Rochester-area mental health agencies, she said.

"The program will work toward strengthening family relationships in homes," McKay said. "This is definitely a population we're trying to work more closely with."

McKay added that the new program reflects the Villa's movement toward causes that are "more outpatient than residential."

Openings for Youth Day

ROCHESTER — The Diocese of Rochester invites all interested youths and adults to join a delegation of more than 200 people traveling to World Youth Day '93.

This historic event will take place in Denver, Colo., the week of Aug. 11-15, 1993. The gathering will take place in the United States for the first time since its inception in 1985. More than 100,000 youths from around the world are expected to attend.

Highlighting World Youth Day activities will be a vigil service and Mass with Pope John Paul II.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will accompany the contingent from the Rochester diocese. Space is limited, and cost is approximately \$600 per person.

All interested in attending must register with the diocese no later than Nov. 15.

For details, call your parish or Michael Theisen at 716/328-3210, ext. 279.

Raffle to benefit schools

All parishes in Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties have joined forces to sponsor the Discover '92 Pot of Gold Raffle.

Raffle proceeds will benefit the following schools: All Saints Academy, Corning; Holy Family Catholic Schools, Elmira; St. Mary Our Mother School, Horseheads; and Notre Dame High School, Elmira.

Donations are \$100 per ticket and can be obtained through Nov. 23 at the Discover '92 office, 301 Demarest Parkway, Elmira; or by calling 607/732-5432.

Cash awards will feature a \$25,000 first prize, \$10,000 second prize, and three prizes of \$5,000.

Young singers needed

ROCHESTER — Singers between the ages of 8 and 14 are invited to participate in the All Saints Day Hymn Festival, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1. This event will take place at St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Place, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Singers should be dressed in either choir robes or appropriate church attire, accompanied by an adult, and available for rehearsal one hour prior to the festival.

For information, call the diocesan Office of Liturgy at 716/328-3210, extension 345.

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