

Bishop announces Respect Life grants

ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced Monday, Nov. 2, that 15 pro-life organizations in the Rochester diocese will share \$17,400 in Respect Life Fund grants.

The fund is supported by the Thanks Giving Appeal, the Rochester diocese's chief source of income.

The Respect Life fund was established in 1983 to support organizations in the 12-county diocese offering services, pastoral counseling and alternatives to abortion for women facing problem pregnancies.

This year's recipients are:

- Birthright organizations in Rochester (\$1,000), Auburn (\$400), Canandaigua (\$457.50), Ontario (\$475), Corning (\$775), Ithaca (\$775) and Owego (\$775), which provide emergency referral and counseling services, and such services as pregnancy testing, maternity and baby clothes, transportation and short-term emergency housing;

- Melita House, (\$3,765) which offers residential and supportive services for pregnant women, counseling and education or job placement while in residence, and follow-up parenting support;

- Nazareth Academy, (\$3,500) which offers a program for students who have had babies, have become pregnant while students at Nazareth, have become pregnant at other Catholic high schools and have been asked to leave, are sexually active and are in need of counseling, or are pregnant and are considering an abortion;

- Faith Haven, (\$800) an interdenominational maternity home for young, pregnant women;

- Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, (\$2,000) which offers a Maternity Services Program;

- Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, (\$775) which, in conjunction with Southern Tier parishes, offers the Maternity/Family Life Project to provide material assistance, parenting education and support, information and referrals for low-income families;

- Cornell Coalition for Life, (\$257.50) a student-run organization which distributes educational materials, coordinates forums and other events and provides volunteers for such organizations as Birthright;

- Tioga Teen Pregnancy Project, (\$775) which coordinates support services for pregnant or parenting teens and their families in Tioga County;

- Puzzle Project, (\$870) a diocesan-wide program which provides post-abortion care in the form of pastoral care, including counseling and reconciliation through the sacrament of penance.

Parish's bazaar to include breakfast with Santa Claus

SENECA FALLS — As part of the parish's winter bazaar Nov. 13-14, St. Patrick's Church will host a breakfast with Santa Claus from 10-11 a.m. on Nov. 14. The breakfast will take place at the school, 81 W. Bayard St.

The bazaar will get underway with a ziti dinner at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Booths offering cakes, "white elephants," arts and crafts, and raffles will be open throughout the evening.

The bazaar also includes a 99-cent pancake breakfast from 8:30-10 a.m. on Nov. 14, and a lunch of hot dogs, soup and sandwiches beginning at 11 a.m.

Santa will return at 2 p.m. Nov. 14.

Cost for the breakfast with Santa is \$2.50 per child. The breakfast will include a photo with Santa Claus.

The ziti dinner costs \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Basilian Fathers host program



Jerusalem is the site for biblical studies

Father Tom Rosica, CSB, (left) and Michael Brundage stand on the top of the Mount of the Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The Basilian Fathers held their first monthlong biblical program in Israel last July. The program was directed by Father Rosica — a Rochester native who graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1977 and St. John Fisher College in 1980 — and was sponsored by the Basilian Institute of Spirituality. Brundage, also a Rochester native, served as administrative assistant to Father Rosica during the program. Brundage, who graduated from Aquinas in 1986 and Nazareth College of Rochester in 1991, had been a volunteer at Ecce Homo Center in Jerusalem.

Priests leave farm for duty as chaplains at Fort Drum

CAPE VINCENT — Hurricane Andrew's effects have stretched from southern Florida all the way up to the farm Monsignors Gerard and Joseph Gefell tend in northern New York.

The 76-year-old monsignors, who are retired diocesan priests and veteran military chaplains, were called back to duty in September as colonels at Watertown's Fort Drum.

Monsignor Joseph Gefell explained that the call came after approximately 10,000 troops — along with their chaplains — were sent from Fort Drum to Florida as part of relief efforts after Hurricane Andrew devastated the southern state in late August.

The call-up ended Nov. 1, when the base's chaplains sent to Florida returned, according to a staff member at the

chaplain's office.

"We (said) the weekend Masses and (heard) confessions," Monsignor Joseph Gefell said. The twin priests drove approximately 30 miles every Friday from their farm to the base, where they remained through the weekend.

Monsignor Joseph Gefell said the two priests were on call for Masses, funerals, baptisms and marriage-preparation sessions.

The monsignors have now returned to their routine on their 150-acre farm. They will continue to assist at parishes in the Cape Vincent area, Monsignor Joseph Gefell said.

As for being called back to duty after retiring from the military, he simply said, "We're glad to be able to help them out."

Shirley Jones to perform benefit concert with RPO

ROCHESTER — Oscar-winning actress Shirley Jones is scheduled to perform a benefit concert of Broadway and film songs sponsored by the Founders Club of the Sisters of Mercy. The concert is planned for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Eastman Theatre, 26 Gibbs St.

Jones, who won an Oscar for the film *Elmer Gantry*, has starred in such musicals as *Oklahoma*, *The Music Man*, and *Carousel*. She also starred in the 1970s television show, *The Partridge Family*.

Among the selections she is scheduled to perform with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra are "Till There Was You," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Memories," and "You Made Me Love You."

Tickets for the performance, which cost \$28.50, \$24.50, \$20.50 and \$15.50, are available from the Founders Club Box Office, 1437 Blossom Road. Call the box office at 716/288-4817 or Ticketmaster.

Proceeds from the concert will be used to benefit the education fund of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester.

Center seeks volunteers

ELMIRA — Volunteers are needed at the Crisis Pregnancy Center of the Southern Tier, 419 Walnut St.

A fall training session will begin on Saturday, Nov. 14. For information, call 607/732-2111 during the following hours: Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; or Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Knights plan dinner in honor of religious

SPENCERPORT — Priests, deacons and religious serving the northwestern parishes of the diocese will be honored by the Pope John XXIII Council No. 7707 of the Knights of Columbus at the council's Annual Religious Appreciation Night. The event will take place Thursday, Dec. 3, at St. John the Evangelist School Hall, 55 Martha St.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Robert McCrory, one of the two seminarians sponsored by the local Knights, will give a brief speech. The festivities will close following a presentation to JoAnn Belle-Isle, president of the CURE Childhood Cancer Association of Rochester.

"The religious personnel in our area give so much of themselves throughout the year," commented Michael Flanagan, the council's Catholic activities chairman. "In appreciation we set aside this one evening to acknowledge their services. This year, for the first time, we are also inviting members of the various parishes to join us for the occasion."

Donation for the dinner will be \$12 per person. Reservations should be sent no later than Nov. 23 to Michael Flanagan, 91 Thistlewood Lane, Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

Crafts needed for bazaar

WATERLOO — St. Mary's School, 35 Center St., is seeking craftspeople to rent booths for the school's craft show scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Held in conjunction with a bazaar and luncheon, the sale will be followed by an auction in the evening.

The cost for a booth is \$25 or \$40 depending on the size needed.

For an application, write to: St. Mary's School, 35 Center St., Waterloo, N.Y. 13165. For information, call 315/539-3772.

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