

## Couple issues challenge to save agency

**Offers to pay 1 percent of debt if others do same**

ROCHESTER — An Ithaca couple has issued a challenge to help save Mary's House, the Rochester diocese's residential facility for HIV-positive mothers.

The couple — which requested anonymity — has pledged to contribute 1 percent of the agency's accumulated debt of approximately \$13,000 for 1992. That contribution, however, is contingent on other individuals or groups coming forward to pledge their support.

In a letter dated Nov. 30, 1992, the couple said it learned of the agency's financial problems in an article in the Oct. 22, 1992, issue of the *Catholic Courier* ("Funding woes may force Mary's

House to close.")

The article reported that unless house directors found some way to eliminate the \$13,000 debt, they might be forced to close the house in 1993.

Since the article was published, the Maternal and Child AIDS Intervention Program — of which Mary's House is part — has received about \$2,600 in donations, according to Sharon Nyquist, the program's director.

Those donations have reduced the debt to around \$11,000, Nyquist said, but have not put the house out of danger of closing.

Nyquist reported that the couple was open to paying \$130, hoping that at least 99 other individuals or groups would come forward and pledge a similar amount. The pair gave the condition of other people contributing because it did not want to donate to

the house only to have the agency close, Nyquist explained.

Nyquist said she hoped that a grant for which Mary's House has applied would prevent financial woes in 1993.

Mary's House provides residential support for women — and their newborn children — who have tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS. Since opening last year in a building owned by Corpus Christi Parish, Mary's House has served approximately 15 women, Nyquist noted.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** To obtain information about Mary's House or to help the agency in reducing its debt, write: Maternal and Child AIDS Intervention Program, c/o Residential Service, Social Ministry of the Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14624; or call 716/328-3210, ext. 307.

## First-day smile



### St. John's begins offering pre-school

Any Tyo arrives for her first day of pre-school at Spencerport's St. John the Evangelist School, 55 Martha St., on Sept. 16. The 4-year-old Tyo is among 28 youths, ages 3 to 4, who are enrolled in the new program.

### Worker house seeking to hire new staff people

ROCHESTER — St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave., is looking to hire new staff people. The Catholic Worker house provides food, clothing, shelter and employment for the poor and homeless.

Staff people may live at the house, receive free room and board, or make their own living arrangements. The house offers health insurance and a stipend.

Those interested should write Tim Sigrist, 32 Anthony St., Rochester, N.Y. 14619 or call 716/235-6162.

## Perpetual adoration chapel is first in Southern Tier

ELMIRA — When his parishioners spoke, Father Eugene Weis listened.

Last spring, more than 300 people turned out for a 24-hour eucharistic adoration service at St. Casimir's Church, 1004 Davis St. The event was conducted by Father Joseph DeLuca, a traveling priest dedicated to the promotion of perpetual adoration.

The massive response was enough to convince Father Weis, pastor at St. Casimir's, to push ahead with Father DeLuca's suggestion to establish a perpetual adoration chapel at the church.

"When 300 people sign up, then I say it's a go," Father Weis said.

After eight months of construction, the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel officially opened this past Tuesday, Dec. 8 — the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The facility, which is located in the church basement, includes four pews and two priedieus (or kneelers) to accommodate a total of between 25 and



St. Casimir's Church

30 people.

The chapel will be occupied "24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days a year," according to Father Weis. In order to accomplish this, volunteers sign up — usually in groups of two to five — for one-hour adoration shifts. In addition, the room is open to the general public between 6:15 a.m.

and 10 p.m. daily.

Cost for the project was approximately \$20,000. Father Weis noted that more than half the expenditures have already been offset by private donations.

This perpetual adoration chapel is unique to the Southern Tier. Although Father Weis said that a similar chapel also opened this year in Sayre, Pa. (about 30 miles south of Elmira), the St. Casimir's facility is the only one of its kind within the Rochester diocese outside of Monroe County.

Interest continued to grow during the chapel's construction. The volunteer list now exceeds 400 people. This group includes people from St. Casimir's as well as several other Southern Tier parishes.

Those wishing to become volunteers should call St. Casimir's at 607/734-1622, or Karen Kilpatrick, the chapel's coordinator of perpetual adoration, at 607/562-8630.

— Mike Latona

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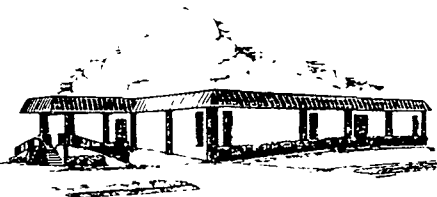
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