

# Nazareth president plans sabbatical

## Sr. Beston to take study leave in N.M.

PITTSFORD — Dr. Rose Marie Beston knows that a considerable amount of business lies ahead. So, to charge her batteries for this demanding stretch, she'll travel 3,000 miles west for six months' worth of enjoyment and enlightenment.

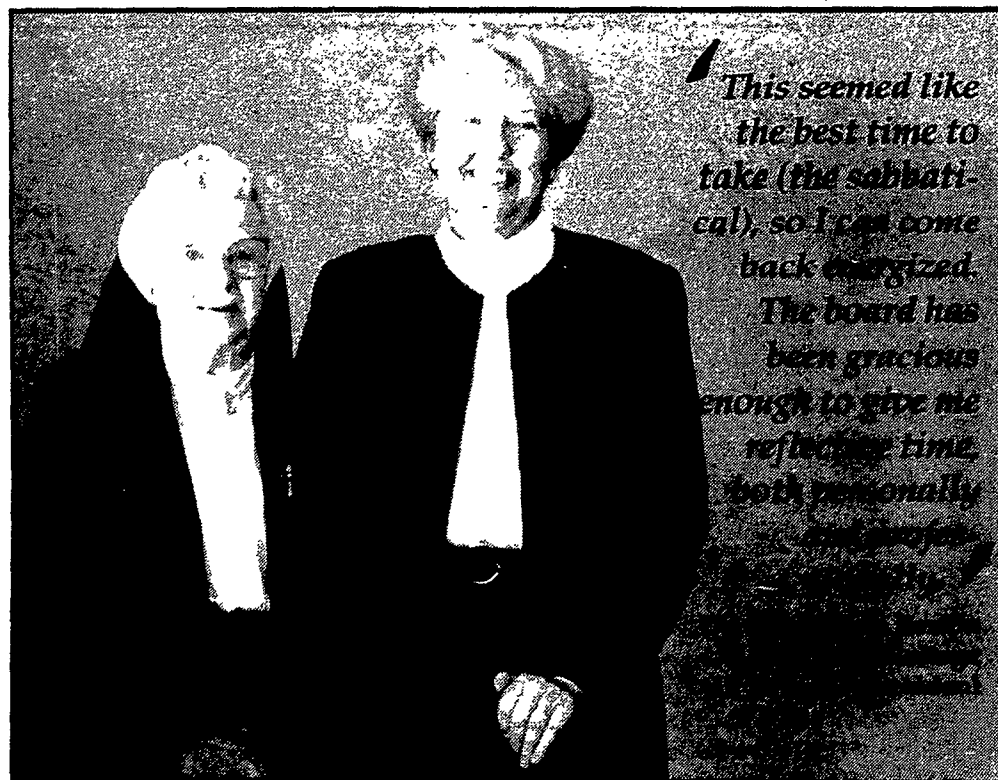
Beston, president of Nazareth College of Rochester, 4245 East Ave., will take a one-semester sabbatical between August 1993 and January 1994. Her leave was approved by the college's Board of Trustees earlier this month.

Replacing Beston during her sabbatical will be Dr. Jamesetta Slattery, SSJ. Sister Slattery is a professor emerita of education who served for 40 years as an instructor and administrator at the college. She has also been a Board of Trustees member since 1989.

Beston, meanwhile, has served as college president since 1984. In explaining the timing of her sabbatical, she noted that her return next January will coincide with a busy period during which she plans to oversee completion of a comprehensive capital campaign by the college.

"This seemed like the best time to take (the sabbatical), so I can come back energized," Beston commented. "The board has been gracious enough to give me reflective time, both personally and professionally."

The anticipated capital campaign has been in the planning process for the last two years. According to Kathleen Urbanic, the college's director of



Courtesy of Nazareth College  
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public relations, a strategic plan for this project is currently being formulated by a board-requested committee of faculty and staff members. Campaign recommendations will be presented to the board in April, 1993.

Beston will spend a portion of her sabbatical considering these recommendations. In addition, she plans to fulfill a personal aspiration by studying Native American culture at the Southwest Institute, a branch of the University of New Mexico located in Albuquerque. She will perform both

classroom and field work, focusing predominately on the Pueblo tribe, which populates much of New Mexico.

"It's going to be wonderful. I love New Mexico, and have developed a great affinity for the people there," Beston remarked.

The college president added that her connection with Native Americans has been a longstanding one. "I'm from Maine, and there's a very high population of Indians in the central part of the state," she explained.

— Mike Latona

## Notre Dame to host retreat for educators

CANANDAIGUA — Notre Dame Retreat Center, 5151 Foster Road, will offer a new retreat designed for religious educators as well as school personnel in Catholic and public schools.

Titled "Formers of Hearts and Minds," the retreat from March 5-7 will feature presentations by Donna Gmellin, a teacher and assistant principal at St. Joseph's School in Perfield and a part-time staff member of Rochester's Mercy Prayer Center, and Father Timothy Keating, C.S.S.R., of the Notre Dame Retreat Center.

For information, or to make a reservation, call 716/394-5700, or write Notre Dame Retreat Center, P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424.

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## Recognizing...

★ **George Perrotta**, a parishioner of St. James Church in Rochester, who received "The Man of the Year Award for 1992" at the Knights of St. John's annual Christmas party on Dec. 12, 1992. In addition to being honored for 50 years of outstanding service to the Knights of St. John Commandery #308 of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, he was saluted by his fellow members "for being forever faithful to the Knighthood we profess." Since becoming a member of the organization in 1942, Perrotta has served as president, second vice president, and recording and corresponding secretary — a post he still holds today. In addition to serving as a eucharistic minister and member of the St. James Men's Club, he is also a song leader at Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier Church.

★ **Adrien R. Walker**, a freshman at the Aquinas Institute, who was recently selected to receive a ninth-grade award in the sixth-annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. contest, sponsored by St. Bridget Church in Rochester. Rochester-area high schools were asked to nominate one freshman and one senior for the contest. Nominated students were then asked to fill out an application form, which included an essay question on how Dr. King's life has influenced their lives. Walker was presented with the award at a Jan. 17 service at St. Bridget Church. During her senior year, she will automatically become part of the field of candidates from which will be selected the winner of a \$500 cash scholarship.

★ **Barbara Murphy**, who was recently appointed director of finance at Catholic Family Center, 25 Franklin St., Rochester. Murphy will oversee financial operations for CFC's annual budget of \$9 million. She is an alumnus of St. John Fisher College, where she was graduated from summa cum laude.

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## NCCW sets program

NIAGARA FALLS — The National Council of Catholic Women will hold a Leadership Institute the weekend of March 12-14, at the Center of Renewal in Stella Niagara.

Titled "Discovering Our Gifts," the program, which is open to both women and men, offers spiritually oriented training in a variety of leadership and personal enrichment skills.

The registration cost is \$110. Those people from the Rochester diocese wishing to attend may obtain registration forms by writing to Mary Smith, 3514 Michigan Ave., Elmira, N.Y., 14903-1107; or by calling her at 607/732-1080.

## Wellspring sets classes

PITTSFORD — Wellspring Church Resource Services is currently registering students for the lay school of theology and ministry's spring session, scheduled to begin Feb. 22.

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, pastoral associate of Rochester's St. Mary's Church, and Father Sebastian A. Falcone, professor of New Testament studies at St. Bernard's Institute, will be among the teachers during the semester. Sister Sobala will address "Grass Root Moral Leadership-Making the Human Garden Grow." Father Falcone will explore "The Heart of John's Gospel."

Other courses will examine justifications for war, the abuse of power from a theological perspective, and Chinese religions.

The two-hour classes are generally offered one evening per week for five consecutive weeks at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester.

For a brochure of information, call Wellspring at 716/271-7017.

## RSM convocation begins

BRIGHTON — The Sisters of Mercy of Rochester have scheduled a convocation kicking off Chapter 1993. This gathering, which takes place every four years, will begin Friday through Sunday, Feb. 19-21, at the Mercy motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road.

Keynote speaker for the opening convocation will be Sister Sheila Harrington, RSM, from Providence, R.I. Also on the agenda for this weekend are the leadership team's four-year accountability report, election proposals and discussion of the chapter's special focus on transforming the community's religious life with particular attention to service of the poor.

Other sessions of Chapter 1993 will include election of a new leadership team on April 24-25, and the final chapter session on June 4-6.

## Mission collection slated

ROCHESTER — The annual Black and Native American Mission collection is scheduled for the first weekend of Lent, Feb. 27-28, in parishes throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

Funds raised by the collection are used to support the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington, D.C., and mission efforts in black and Native American communities across the United States.

In 1992, approximately \$6.5 million was contributed through the collection, but the the mission office received nearly \$16 million in requests for support.

## Anniversary Mass planned

NORTH CHILI — Father Elmer McDonald, founding pastor of St. Christopher Church, 3350 Union St., will celebrate a Mass marking the parish's 25th anniversary at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21. A reception will follow in the parish center.

The theme of the anniversary is "Faith in God, Service to His People." The parish has slated several events to commemorate the year-long celebration.

For information, call the rectory at 716/594-1400.