

Changes will affect education

ROCHESTER — Faith Development Ministry, which oversees diocesan schools and religious education, has announced a number of changes in the governance of Catholic schools.

Included in these changes was the elimination of the Christian Formation and Education Council, which has reviewed various reorganization plans for the bishop in each quadrant over the last several years.

According to a memo dated April 21 and sent to school and parish officials by Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, diocesan director of Faith Development Ministry, the following measures were approved by the Christian Formation and Education Council and Bishop Matthew H. Clark before the council was dissolved March 23:

- an interim Monroe County Advisory School Board, which will be established "immediately" to institute guidelines for planning, marketing, development, fundraising and finance. The board will also resolve inter-quadrant issues.

The board will consist of the chair and vice chairpersons of each quadrant board; one pastor from each quadrant; and up to one lay person per quadrant.

By July 1, 1994, this board will also have developed a plan for a permanent governance structure of the county schools. That plan would "clearly define the roles, responsibilities and relationships of all levels of the structure," according to the April 21 memo.

- a Catechetical Forum will be established to meet at least twice a year with Bishop Clark to address catechetical issues and the implementation of the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan.

St. Louis in Pittsford set to host 'Spirituality Faire' on April 25-26

PITTSFORD — St. Louis Church, 60 S. Main St., is hosting "Spirituality Faire '93," on April 25-26. The theme for this year's event is "Created in God's Image: The Spirituality of the Human Body."

This year's faire will feature two keynote speakers: Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, who will lecture Sunday on "A Healthy Spirituality of the Body," and Dr. Beth Jelsma, who will speak Monday about "This Embodied Life: Spirituality, Healing and the Body/Mind."

Kovats is a spiritual director, retreat leader and former director and instructor at the Institute for Culture and Creation Spirituality at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif. Her speech will examine how people can recognize, see and experience God's presence in their bodies.

A psychotherapist, teacher and writer, Jelsma has served as clinical consultant for Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis for 10 years. In addition to exploring issues of the body and mind with people who have physical disabilities, she has studied sacred psychology. Her talk will examine how one can reclaim the body as part of spiritual and psychological health and wholeness.

The faire begins at 6:30 p.m. each night. Mercy Prayer Center, the Society of St. Francis, St. Bernard's Institute and the Sister of St. Joseph's Spirituality Ministry will each staff information booths.

The event will feature opening rites at 7 p.m. Sunday, and an evening

Police curbs demanded

150 join march

Bryan Massey, shown here sitting on the shoulders of his mother, Lenora, and John Roberts (right) joined about 150 people during the Jericho March for Justice at Rochester's Liberty Pole on Saturday, April 17. The march was sponsored by United Church Ministries and the United People's Coalition.

In addition to seeking an independent civilian review commission to study complaints against the Rochester Police Department, organizers called for the firing of three city police officers who were acquitted last month of violating suspects' civil rights.

Among the rally's speakers were Father James B. Callan, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, 864 Main St. E., Rochester, and Sister Grace Miller, RSM, director of the House of Mercy, Central Park, Rochester.

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tical issues and the implementation of the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan.

WICP essentially combines several elements of religious education — including Catholic schools — at the parish level to make it available to parishioners of all ages.

The forum will meet for the first time in the spring of 1994, and its composition, purpose and format will be determined beforehand with the input of pastors and catechetical leaders.

- outside Monroe County, boards

will continue to function as they have until now. For 1993-94, all WICP plans and school budgets will be presented to diocesan Faith Ministry. A Juridic Council for such "cluster schools" will be established by July 1, 1994.

The approved recommendations grew out of meetings between school and parish officials who called for streamlining the school governance structures throughout the diocese, the memo reported.

Catechetical and diocesan leaders were also consulted, recommending that responsibility for Catholic schools be kept separate from responsibilities for implementation of WICP.

— Rob Cullivan

Diocese to sponsor song fest in Auburn

AUBURN — The Rochester diocese is sponsoring an Easter Hymn Festival in Auburn on May 2. The event is scheduled for 3 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St.

The festival will gather together singers, ages 8-14, to celebrate the Easter story in song and Scripture.

Participants are asked to learn five hymns — or at least the hymns' refrains — and to gather at the church at 2 p.m. for a rehearsal.

The hymns, which can be found in the third edition of *Worship*, are "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," "The Strife is O'er," "That Easter Day," "This is the Feast of Victory" and "Now the Green Blade Rises."

Ministry seeks members

ROCHESTER — Greater Rochester Christian Singles, a multi-denominational ministry for single adults, is seeking new members.

An outgrowth of the 1988 Billy Graham Crusade held in Rochester, this group's purpose is to promote fellowship, service and unity among its members through a variety of monthly religious and recreational activities.

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