

Junior high gets name, principal

BRIGHTON — Steven Shockow has been named principal of the new Catholic junior high located at St. Thomas More Campus, 2617 East Ave. The new school will be known as Siena Catholic Academy.

Shockow, who currently serves as principal of St. John the Evangelist School in Spencerport, was principal of Seton Junior High School from 1986-88. He also has eight years' teaching experience at St. Boniface School.

"Working at the junior high level presents an interesting challenge because of the diverse educational and social needs of seventh and eighth graders," Shockow stated in a press release from the diocese. "In my years as an educator, I have always been an advocate of focusing on the needs of the whole child and this is especially important for adolescents."

The school's new name was suggested by the Southeast Quadrant Board and approved by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. St. Catherine of Siena was a 14th-century religious leader and renowned scholar. According to the diocesan statement, her "life will serve as a role model of prayer, service and charity for students and staff involved in the junior high school."

Summer modules set for diocesan program

Deacon Stephen J. Graff, coordinator of the diocesan Certification for Designated Ministers program, has announced the program's summer modules.

Locations of both the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier programs, which are yet to be determined, will be finalized when people enrolled in the modules agree on the most convenient sites.

In addition to those in the certification program, modules are open to those parishioners and staff members who wish to explore new areas of theology and ministry.

The offerings are as follows:

- B24 (ST) Principles of Adult Education, led by Sister Patricia Flass, SSJ, on Wednesdays, July 7 and 21, from 7-9:30 p.m., site in the Southern Tier to be announced.

- E11 (FL) Collaboration in Ministry, presented by Sister Karen Dietz, SSJ, on Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 7-9:30 p.m., site in the Finger Lakes to be announced.

- E28 Rites, led by Father Thomas Mull, 7-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, in Rm. 1B, St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St.

- E33 Music and Worship, presented by Jura Litchfield, on Thursdays, July 15, 22 and 29, from 7-9:30 p.m. in Room 1B, St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St.

Southern Tier parishes to bid farewell to custodians

Unsung heroes are touted in sports.

In the case of two Southern Tier parishes, those unsung heroes are custodians — both of whom recently departed from their respective positions after developing close relationships with their parish communities.

Ken Cole recently announced his retirement after three years at both St. Patrick Church, 300 Main St., and St. Patrick School, 309 Front St., Owego. He had come to St. Patrick's after retiring from Syracuse Supply in Vestal.

A luncheon in the custodian's honor has been scheduled at the school for Friday, June 11. In addition to a series of skits, "Ken Cole Day" will feature

Rally honors life, protests clinic

By Lee Strong
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ROCHESTER — Organizers estimate that about 450 people participated in the Celebrate Life rally Sunday afternoon, June 6, at Manhattan Square Park.

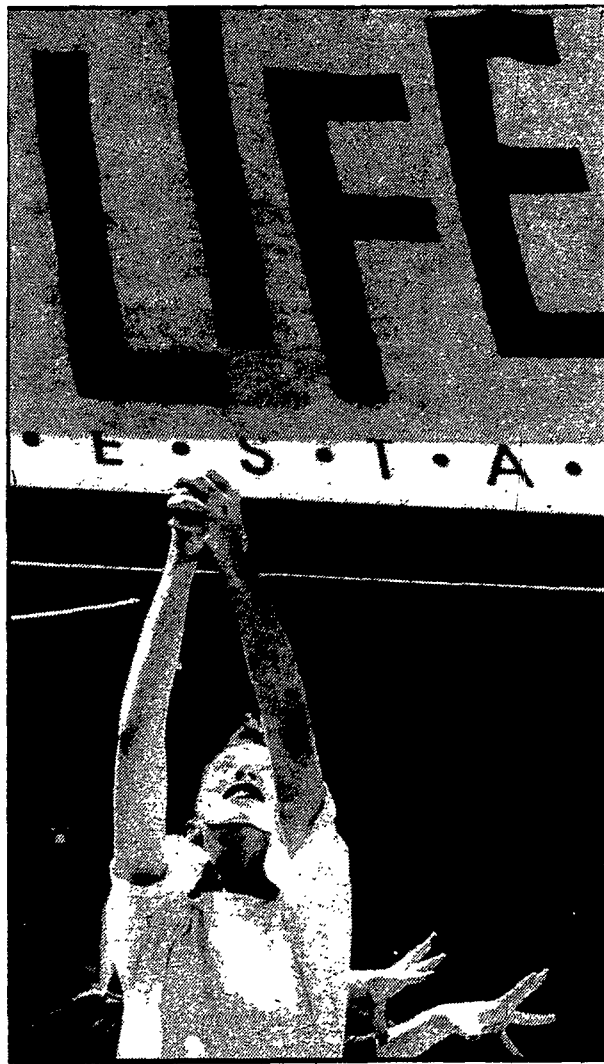
The event was planned in response to plans by Planned Parenthood of Rochester and the Genesee Valley to open an abortion clinic at its 114 University Avenue headquarters later this summer.

The rally concluded with a march to the clinic site by approximately 200 people. The marchers prayed and released pink and blue balloons to represent the children who would die in the clinic, according to Helen Owens, who helped organize the event.

The rally ran from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Chestnut Street park, near Rochester's Strong Museum, and comprised gospel music, a youth-group mime performance and pro-life speeches.

Among the speakers were Dr. Mark Brown, medical director of the Martin Luther King Center, and Dr. Leo Holmsten, a former medical director of Rochester's Planned Parenthood chapter.

"We wanted to present something positive, that would appeal to youth, in contrast with what will be



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Sarah Grout of Elim Gospel Church in Lima performs with her mime troupe, Silent Word, during the Celebrate Life rally at Rochester's Manhattan Square Park June 6. Organizers hope to make the rally an annual event.

taking place just a half-mile away (at the abortion clinic)" observed Owens, a physician and member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 4536 St. Paul Blvd. "The sole purpose of the rooms in that building will be to take life."

The rally was organized by United for Life, a recently formed

coalition of 20 area church and pro-life groups, including the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Physicians Guild.

As part of preparation for the rally, the coalition distributed more than 2,600 wrist bands. Each of the bands, worn during the week before the rally, was intended to represent a child destined for the clinic. Individuals wearing the bands were asked to pray for the children represented by their bands.

The bands also prompted discussion, Owens noted.

"The wrist bands created a great avenue to discuss the clinic opening up," Owens reported. "People wore them to work, and (other) people asked them questions."

Owens said she was pleased with the number of participants in the rally because it coincided with a number of other local events, including a march to raise funds for the Rochester Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

In addition, Owens said she and other organizers hope to make the rally an annual event.

"I'm a firm believer that if you have a good event, it takes about three years (to catch on)," Owens said. "People will go back and say this was good, and more people will come."

Owens said organizers would be meeting this week to assess the rally and to plan for next year. Among improvements she already envisions are earlier promotion of the rally and extending the wristband campaign for more than a week.

The coalition will begin planning other events and activities as well, Owens said.

"(The rally) was a success in that these agencies and groups were able to come together and work together," Owens concluded.

Bishop Clark to ordain eight to diaconate

Class will serve in varied ways

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ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain eight men to the permanent diaconate at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12. The ordinations will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park.

The eight ordinations bring to 89 the number of permanent deacons currently serving in the Rochester diocese,

according to Deacon Stephen Graff, director of deacon formation.

The diocese began ordaining permanent deacons in 1982.

Deacon Graff noted that this year's permanent deacons stand out because of "their commitment to working in non-parochial settings. The pattern of deacons just turning around and helping their parish is not true of this group."

Deacon Graff said that class members will serve not only in parish positions, but also jail ministry, outreach to migrant workers, and outreach to divorced and separated Catholics.

In addition, the wives of this year's permanent deacons are active in church ministry as well. "Several are already church employees," Deacon Graff said.

This year's complete list of permanent deacons, along with their wives, parishes and ministry assignments are:

- William and Kathleen Baker, parishioners of St. Patrick Church, 52 Main St., Macedon. Following his ordination, Baker will serve in jail ministry in Monroe County with Deacons Stanley Zawacki and Stanley Grenn.

- James and Mary Chatterton are parishioners of Rochester's St. Mark Parish, 54 Kuhn Road. After ordination, he will be involved in the pre-Cana program, among other ministries, at the parish, where his wife is pastoral assistant. He will also be active with the business community and in service to the poor.

- Christopher and Lynn Fischer are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 3747 Brick Schoolhouse Road, Hamlin. As a deacon, he will assist at St. Helen Church, 310 Hinckley Road, Rochester.

- Michael Mahoney will continue to serve as pastoral assistant at Geneva's St. Stephen Parish, 48 Pulteney St. His wife, Monette, will continue to serve as the religious education coordinator at Canandaigua's St. Mary Parish, 95 N. Main St.

- Warren and Marion Rutan are members of St. John the Evangelist Parish, 24 Rock St., Newark Valley. Following his ordination, he will serve as coordinator of the Northern Region for the Tioga County Rural Ministry.

- Dick and Kathleen Schuler are currently members of Rochester's St. Bridget Parish, 175 St. Bridget's Drive. Following his ordination, he will become a pastoral associate at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 401 Rogers Parkway, Rochester.

- Jerry and Lee Skerrett are members of St. Mary Parish, 5823 Walworth Road, Ontario, where both have been active in Stephen Ministry. As a permanent deacon, Jerry will coordinate an outreach effort to migrant workers.

- Robert Stowell is a member of Elmira's St. Mary Parish, 224 Franklin St. In addition to assisting at his parish, he will work with divorced and separated Catholics through the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.