

## 'Quint'-essential baptism in Waterloo



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### St. Mary's welcomes 10 babies into spiritual family

Nathalle Hanchett of Rochester (left) holds Blanca Diane Saxton as Father James R. Cosgrove baptizes the quintuplet during the baptism service last Sunday, July 11, at St. Mary Church, 25 Center St, Waterloo. The priest had a busy time of it Sunday, baptizing Blanca's four siblings along with five other babies during the service.

## CFC begins campaign to help the homeless

ROCHESTER — During the month of July, Catholic Family Center, 25 Franklin St., is promoting the "DO" Lunch for the Homeless campaign to raise funds for the CFC Homeless and Housing Services Department.

Groups, organizations, companies and individuals are asked to "brown bag it" for one day and donate the normal cost of eating their lunch out to CFC's homeless programs.

Donations will be designated to the following programs:

- Women's Place, a 17-bed emergency shelter for women and children. Since opening in 1988, the shelter has provided food, shelter, clothing and case-management services to hundreds of homeless women and children.

- Shelter Shuttle Transportation Program, which transports homeless individuals and families to shelters, soup kitchens, social service agencies and health-care providers.

- Francis Hospitality Center, a 30-bed emergency/transitional shelter for homeless men. Since opening in 1991, the shelter has provided an array of services to assist the homeless in transition from a homeless condition to a more stable, independent life situation.

Groups or individuals wishing to participate in the campaign may call 716/262-7023 for information.

## STOSM to host annual justice and peace institute

ELMIRA — The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry's annual Summer Justice and Peace Institute will be held on Saturday, July 17. This conference will take place from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tanglewood Nature Center located on West Hill Road.

Presentations and discussions will center around Scripture and Roman Catholic social teaching. This year's theme is "This is What God Asks of You: To Act Justly, To Love Tenderly, And to Walk Humbly With Your God."

Guest presenters will include Dr. Marvin Mich, associate professor of Christian ethics at St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 Goodman St. S., Rochester; Sister Betty Hughes, RSM, spiritual director at Misericordia Spiritual Ministry in Elmira; Brendan Curtin, instructor at Corning Community College; and Denise Mack, director of religious education at St. Catherine Of Siena Church, 26 Mendon-Ionia Road, Mendon.

Pre-registration is required. Call 607/734-5893.

percent. Instead, DiPrima opted to pay for an advertisement displaying the letter in its entirety.

Some readers have questioned publishing an ad critical of the diocese and bishop. Franz explained that the decision to print or to reject opinions in conflict with the church — whether submitted as advertisements or letters — centers on whether the conflict actually relates to church doctrine, or simply to policy and implementation.

Whereas, for example, the *Courier* would not accept an ad or a letter advocating abortion, Franz said, it might accept a statement criticizing the implementation of pro-life policies.

## Sisters of St. Joseph to offer summer renewal program

PITTSFORD — The Sisters of St. Joseph will present their third-annual Summer Renewal Program July 16-20 at the order's motherhouse, 4095 East Ave.

This year's theme is "Discerning the Holy: Awakening to the Presence of God in Our Lives." Speakers include Patricia Hinton-Walker, associate dean of the University of Rochester's Community Nursing Center; Monsignor William Shannon, Merton scholar and professor emeritus of Nazareth College; and Sister Barbara Moore, RSM,

assistant to Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-30th District). Other presenters and panel members will also participate.

The daily schedule includes time for solitude, prayer and relaxation. Sessions will run 7-9 p.m., July 16, 19 and 20; 9-5 p.m., July 17; and 1-7 p.m., July 18. Participants are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is no registration fee, but donations will be accepted.

For information and for a registration brochure, call Sister Anne Alderman, 716/586-1000, ext. 76.

## Father McKenna to celebrate Mass at Pittsford monastery

PITTSFORD — Father Kevin McKenna, diocesan chancellor, will be the principal celebrant of a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Carmelite Monastery, 1931 Jefferson Road, July 16. All are invited to attend the concelebrated liturgy, which will take place at 9 a.m.

On July 16, 1251, Our Lady reported-

ly appeared to St. Simon Stock and gave him a scapular as pledge of her protection to all who should wear it. The scapular devotion invites the faithful to take refuge in the Mother of God as she intercedes on behalf of believers with her Son Jesus.

For information, call 716/427-7094.

## Lawyers' ad

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procedures, scope and membership are by law quite different from all six previous synods in our diocese."

DiPrima countered that "all references in our paper to particular sections of the Canon Law were taken directly and verbatim from the 1983 Code of Canon Law." He also wrote: "(I)f there are some in our diocese viewing those who demonstrate fidelity to the Holy Father and the Magisterium as 'terrorists,' then we proudly will wear that mantle."

In another section of his statement, DiPrima wrote:

"The basic thrust of our (ad) was to implore Bishop Clark to use the framework of the Synod to reinforce our diocese's assent with the Holy Father and the Church. Unfortunately, we have seen the Synod develop into a platform of dissent from Catholic doctrine and discipline, predictably over the issues of female ordination and priestly celibacy which were couched as 'prophetic recommendations.'"

Changing the disciplinary requirement of priestly celibacy was one recommendation among "hundreds" that the Synod office received but that the diocese alone could not implement, according to Father Hart's Nov. 19, 1992 Synod column. Such recommendations could only be implemented by the "universal church," he wrote.

"We are calling these recommendations 'prophetic recommendations' because they come directly from diocesan Catholics under the Holy Spirit's prompting and call for changes in the legislation governing

the universal church," Father Hart wrote. He added that mandatory priestly celibacy itself could be traced to fourth-century diocesan synodal activity in Spain.

DiPrima's July 12 statement, however, stressed that the church's "authority does not derive from the consent of the governed ... Its governance does not emerge from the competition of political groups who vie for dominance within its membership."

Citing three sections from Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the statement also maintained that "God, Himself, has given the Pope 'full, supreme and universal power over the church.'" Hence, he asked rhetorically, "why would a diocesan Synod feel compelled to instruct the faithful and, ultimately, the Holy Father himself with matters of Church doctrine and discipline? The answer is simple: Our faith in the Church has been eroded by having been systematically exposed to a process of dissent and resulting confusion."

Some readers wondered why the *Courier* published the ad, since it is a diocesan publication whose president is Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Karen M. Franz, editor/assistant general manager of the *Courier*, said the guild originally submitted the ad's text as a letter to the editor. She noted that the Opinion page frequently includes criticisms of this nature.

"We've run letters that have been more critical in the past," she said, "but they were short enough to fit in that forum."

The guild's paper was far too lengthy for the Opinion page, Franz noted, adding that she told DiPrima she would publish it if he cut the text by about 75