

### 'LA VIDA' schedules fourth annual festival

ROCHESTER — LA VIDA will sponsor its fourth annual fundraising festival on Sunday, July 25, at the Carter Street Recreation Center, located at the corner of Norton and Carter streets. The festival is scheduled to run from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

LA VIDA (the Spanish word for life) is an acronym for Living Independently from Drug and Alcohol, a neighborhood-based volunteer support center at 1372 N. Clinton Ave.

The festival will feature ethnic food, live entertainment, games and prizes. Recreational activities will include swimming, tennis and softball. In addition, this year's festival will feature skits portraying the impact of chemical dependency on the family. Various agencies and organizations will sponsor booth displays and also have representatives on hand to field questions.

Call 716/338-3360 or 342-8710 for information.

### Host families sought

NEWARK — Teenagers from foreign countries are seeking host families for the 1993-94 school year through the International Student Exchange, a non-profit group.

These students reside in countries such as Mexico, Croatia, Spain, Thailand, Brazil, Germany, Japan and Turkey.

Families from around the diocese who are interested in serving as hosts may call International Student Exchange contact Robert Walker at 315/331-7508.

### ARC needs volunteers

HENRIETTA — The Association for Retarded Citizens is seeking volunteers for its annual Summer Enrichment Program, scheduled to take place July 25-30 at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Volunteers will assist mentally retarded adults in attending classes and participating in recreational activities. Training will be provided, and flexible hours are available.

Those interested may call Diane Bailey at 716/325-8025.

## Pope's visit to draw anti-Catholics

### Apologist plans to counter efforts

By Mike Latona  
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SAN DIEGO — As far as Karl Keating is concerned, you can't assume that a massive gathering of Roman Catholics is going to attract people of that faith only.

Especially, Keating noted, when many of the scheduled participants are impressionable teenagers.

Therefore, the San Diego, Calif.-based apologist — the term for a person who offers defenses and justifications of his faith — is preparing to prevent a leap of faith in the wrong direction during World Youth Day.

The massive gathering, scheduled for Aug. 11-15 in Denver, Colo., will include an appearance by Pope John Paul II and is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of participants — mostly young Catholics — from around the world. Approximately 600 from the Rochester diocese plan on attending.

In addition, Keating said, there will be a score of anti-Catholic fundamentalists attempting to convert teenagers to their own religions.

"We know these people personally; we've dealt with them before and we know how they can get their troops mobilized. We don't want theirs to be the only literature there," Keating told the *Catholic Courier* in a telephone interview from his San Diego office.

Keating and his San Diego-based company, Catholic Answers, which he purports to be "the largest Catholic apologetics and evangelization organization in North America," have produced a 32-page booklet to combat the fundamentalists.

Approximately 300,000 copies of this publication, titled "Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth," are earmarked for distribution in Denver by Keating and a staff of volunteers.

The text reinforces many of the church's teachings. In its final pages, it emphasizes three tasks for all Catholics: know your faith, live your faith and spread your faith.

"The book is very positive and upbeat," said Keating, a former attorney who founded Catholic Answers in 1982. His non-profit organization also prints a monthly apologist magazine,



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Catholic youths march through Denver's Civic Center Park this past April. Pope John Paul II will travel to the Colorado city next month to take part in World Youth Day, marking the first papal visit to the United States in six years.

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To finance production costs for "Pillars of Fire, Pillars of Truth," Keating launched a nationwide fundraising campaign in May that was conducted mainly by direct mail.

Envelopes containing monetary requests displayed ominous words describing the fundamentalists as "An Unpleasant Surprise for the Pope in Denver."

The enclosed letter, signed by Keating, said that at least three fundamentalist groups plan to "welcome" the pope and Catholic youths: Mission to Catholics, whose leader is a former priest insisting that anyone who dies a Catholic will go to hell; Alpha and Omega Ministries, whose "thinking matches the other groups — the only good Catholic is a former Catholic;" and Christians Evangelizing Catholics,

which has moved its headquarters from Kentucky to Colorado in preparation for the onslaught of Catholics.

Donors have apparently paid heed to the letter's urgent message: Keating said he has already surpassed his goal of \$85,000 in donations.

"We're very pleased," he said.

Keating added that he is using the extra funds to produce a Spanish translation of the booklet.

Cindy Matthews, assistant director of communications for World Youth Day, acknowledged that the groups mentioned by Keating are three on a long list who plan on distributing literature and/or conducting demonstrations in Denver.

"Everybody has something to say. They're trying to get the media's and pope's attention," Matthews remarked.

### Conference strives for justice in everyday life

ELMIRA — The setting for this conference was tranquil: 16 acres of woods, hiking trails and gardens.

Yet those attending the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry's Summer Justice and Peace Institute know that everyday life cannot be as serene as the atmosphere provided by the Tanglewood Nature Center.

"There are so many complex issues facing us, so how can we continue to live faithful lives?" said Kathy Dubel, STOSM's justice and peace coordinator.

Dubel's query was the basis for this year's theme. Borrowing from an Old Testament passage (Micah 6:8), the conference was entitled, "This Is What God Asks of You: To Act Justly, To Love Tenderly, And to Walk Humbly With Your God."

Guest speakers addressed all three portions of the theme. For instance, Dr. Marvin Mich, associate professor of Christian ethics at St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 Goodman St. S., Rochester, gave a talk on varying aspects of jus-

tice.

Mich emphasized that Roman Catholics can effectively bring about justice by citing examples of people who have achieved justice in their own lives.

"I emphasize the narrative. We're more transformed by that than, 'This is right and this is wrong,'" Mich stated.

He gave a personal example, talking about his father "who went to work in a factory for 43 years to raise 11 children. I consider that commitment a form of justice."

The all-day convocation was attended by approximately 50 people who serve in various ministerial roles at Southern Tier-area parishes.

Dubel hopes that the conference will lead participants toward applying a permanent application of the day's theme.

"We can't just think about these things. We need to act on what we think God is calling us to do," she emphasized.

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## With the focus on children.

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