

NCEA honors Immaculate Conception grad

ITHACA — Theresa C. Little, a 1941 graduate of Immaculate Conception School, 320 W. Buffalo St., was recently honored by the National Catholic Educational Association.

Little was named a Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate by the NCEA. The Ithaca resident joins fellow Immaculate Conception graduates Rosalie Gombash and Mary DeLong as recipients of this award.

The honor goes to Little in recognition of a lifetime spent in service to others, at both the Immaculate Conception parish as well as the school.

In addition to serving as a eucharistic minister, she took personal responsibility for ensuring that her granddaughter, Teresa, was enrolled in Immaculate Conception School, and she also sponsored Teresa this past spring in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. Little has also been a leading volunteer for Immaculate Conception's weekly bingo games.

NCEA established the Distinguished Graduate Award out of a recognition for the significant accomplishments of Catholic elementary school alumni.

St. Josephat Ukrainian to host arts festival Aug. 19-22

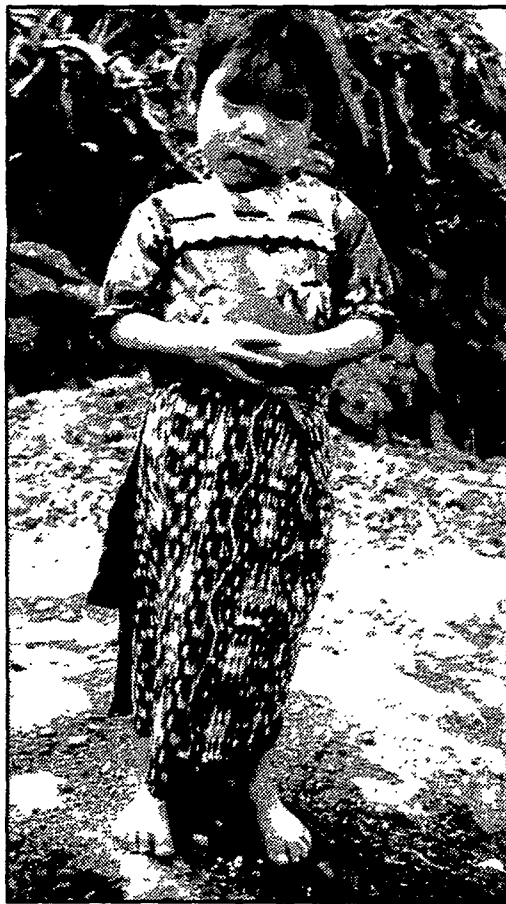
ROCHESTER — St. Josephat Ukrainian Catholic Church will host its annual Ukrainian Arts and Crafts Festival from Thursday, Aug. 19, to Sunday, Aug. 22. The festival will take place on the parish grounds at 940 Ridge Road E.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission and parking are free, but there is a charge for rides and food.

Monroe County Executive Bob King is expected to take part in a ceremony highlighting Ukrainian heritage and culture at 8 p.m. on Thursday. The festival will also feature several entertainers, including Joyful L'viv, a five-man group from Ukraine that performs traditional songs to a modern beat. The group is slated to sing on Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

To find out about events at the festival, call 716/266-2255.

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Twelve answer 'call'



Bishop Matthew H. Clark (right) sits with one of 12 participants in the Call to Priesthood session on Aug. 8 at Geneva's St. Stephen Parish. The session was followed by a picnic at the Knights of Columbus hall. Sixty names from Yates, Ontario and Wayne counties were submitted for consideration to the diocesan vocations office.

Ad calls for women priests

ROCHESTER — One group used Pope John Paul II's visit to Denver last week to voice its disapproval over the treatment of women in the church by taking out a full-page ad in *The Denver Post*.

The ad was in the form of a letter in which 2,000 signers — including several individuals and organizations from the Rochester diocese — call for the ordination of women in the Catholic Church.

Sponsored by the Fairfax, Va.-based Women's Ordination Conference, the full-page ad appeared in *The Denver Post* on Aug. 12, the day the pope arrived in Denver for World Youth Day.

The letter cites Scripture, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, and historical records concerning women's roles in Christ's life and in the early church — including the reputed ordination of women as deacons, priests and bishops — as well as recent reports of ordained women in the former Czechoslovakia.

"Despite this teaching and tradition," the letter read, "Catholic women today continue to be denied their equal right to test their calls and to minister to God's people: to preach, to teach, to lead, to celebrate the Eucharist, to have major decision-making capabilities in the Roman Catholic Church. This is a painful and sinful denial of the baptismal equality of all believers."

In a telephone interview with the *Catholic Courier*, Ruth Fitzpatrick, national coordinator of the Women's

Ordination Conference, said the names listed in the ad do not represent all of the people who wanted to sign it. She noted that although thousands of people responded to the letter, only those who responded quickly were included in the ad due to space limitations.


Rochester's Corpus Christi Parish, 864 E. Main St. was among the diocesan groups that signed the letter.

The letter was discussed at a parish meeting on July 21, when all those present voted to sign the letter as one community.

"The parish has been so consistent about the ordination of women that we thought we could safely act in the name of the parish," explained Father James B. Callan, the parish's administrator. "It even came up in all the sessions of the Synod."

Among the other letter signers from the Rochester diocese were: Father M. Gerard Hafner, pastor of Caledonia's St. Columba and St. Patrick Parishes; Giovina Carosco, executive director of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry; Sheryl Zabel, pastoral assistant at Fairport's Church of the Assumption; the Leadership Team of the Sisters of Mercy; Father Ronald E. Gaesser, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ithaca and All Saints Parish in Lansing; Nancy Giordano, pastoral assistant at Rochester's St. Ambrose Parish; and Father William Donnelly, pastor of Elmira's St. Mary Parish.

— Lee Strong



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