

Hong Kong bishop slated to speak at convocation

ROCHESTER — Bishop Peter K.K. Kwong, Anglican bishop of Hong Kong and Macao, is scheduled to speak at the opening convocation of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary on Wednesday, Sept. 1. The convocation is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Divinity School's auditorium, 1100 S. Goodman St.

The first Chinese bishop of Hong Kong and an alumnus of Bexley Hall and the Divinity School, Bishop Kwong will deliver the Edwin T. Dahlberg Ecumenical Lecture. His topic will be "The Christian Ministry in Southeast Asia from an Anglican Experience."

Call 716/271-1320 for information.

Irish musician to perform

AUBURN — David Parks of Dublin, Ireland, who claims he was healed of Crohn's disease during a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 185 Clark St.

In addition to traditional songs, the concert will feature works Parks composed for his pro-life album, "Let Me Live." He is also noted for original songs touching on his own health problems with Crohn's — a chronic inflammation of the digestive tract — as well as those of his son, who has cystic fibrosis.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For information, call the rectory at 315/252-7593.

Pope's speeches available

Readers who want the full texts of the World Youth Day speeches by Pope John Paul II, along with other major texts presented in Denver, may obtain them from *Origins*, CNS Documentary Service. The texts appear in the *Origins* dated Aug. 26, 1993.

The price of one copy is \$5 (multiple-copy rates also are available). The price includes postage and handling. Payment must accompany order. Write: *Origins*, CNS, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100, or call (202) 541-3290.

Benefit garage sale planned

ROCHESTER — To help defray the cost of renovating the motherhouse's dining room, the Sisters of Mercy will host a garage sale on Aug. 27-28. The sale will take place in the cafeteria of Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. Call 716/482-5442 for information.



Choir of hope

The African Children's Choir, featuring 27 members from Uganda, East Africa, performed to a packed house at Bethel Full Gospel Church, 321 East Ave. Aug. 11. The Grammy Award-nominated choir, which comprises children between the ages of 5-12, has been touring North America and Europe since 1984. For information, contact Friends in the West, P.O. Box 250, Arlington, WA 9822, or call 206/435-8983.

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GRC to provide religious channels

EWTN, VISN and TBN join lineup

ROCHESTER — Greater Rochester Cablevision has announced that — as part of its expanded service — it is adding Eternal Word Television Network, along with two other religious networks, on a full-time basis in selected areas. The added channels will begin airing Aug. 31, 1993.

Mother Angelica's Catholic EWTN — as well as the ecumenical Vision Interfaith Satellite Network and the Protestant Trinity Broadcasting Network — will be seen full-time in GRC service areas where fiber-optic cable has already been installed.

GRC customers in the City of Rochester, Irondequoit, Gates, Chili, Riga and Henrietta will not be among the areas to receive the new channels at the end of the month. According to Nancy Wise, the cable company's director of public relations, the religious networks will be phased into those areas by early next year as GRC com-

pletes its fiber-optic cable installation.

Until that work is completed, the religious networks will still be shown on a part-time basis in those service areas. The channels have been available on GRC during late-night hours. In addition, EWTN was available on a full-time basis during Pope John Paul II's recent visit to Denver for World Youth Day.

The cable company is currently in the process of replacing its older cables with newer fiber-optic cables to enable GRC to carry as many as 77 channels. The cable company currently provides 40 channels. This expansion allows GRC to provide networks that previously had to share channels on a part-time basis with full-time access.

Among the other networks to be expanded to full-time will be the American Movie Channel, C-SPAN 2, and The Learning Channel.

In the areas where expansion will take effect Aug. 31, EWTN will be carried on channel 46; VISN on channel 47; and TBN on channel 48.

Earlier this year, GRC officials had said they would add only one religious network when they expanded service.

Originally, current subscribers were to choose the religious network through a mailed survey.

But the company opted instead to conduct a telephone survey of both subscribers and non-subscribers, Wise explained. "We wanted to cross tabulate which group had what responses," she said. "It was pretty consistent across the board."

Conducted by the Winters Group, the survey showed that approximately 20 percent of those people polled were interested in viewing "inspirational/religious programming," Wise reported. But, she added, the survey revealed "no clear consensus on which (network) it should be."

Meanwhile, GRC officials were receiving a number of requests from groups and individuals supporting one of the three networks, Wise acknowledged. Finally, company officials decided that since none of the networks emerged as the clear choice, GRC would offer all three.

"I think people who are interested in inspirational programming will be able to pick and choose," Wise predicted.

— Lee Strong

Diocese continues to accept donations for flood victims

ROCHESTER — The Rochester diocese has raised more than \$31,000 for flood victims in the Midwest.

As of Aug. 20, the diocese had collected \$31,471.80 in relief monies, according to Judy Taylor, local coordinator of relief services. Taylor reported that the diocese had sent \$20,094 of the total amount collected to Catholic Charities USA, which is coordinating the relief effort on a national level.

The remaining monies, and any future contributions, will be sent on in future installments as needed, Taylor noted.

Donations are being sent to seven dioceses in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. Devastating flooding in the Midwest

has caused billions of dollars in damage this summer.

In addition to helping replace clothing and household items, the monies raised are being used to repair damaged homes, provide emergency food supplies, and purchase necessary medical and cleaning supplies.

Meanwhile, parishes in the Finger Lakes region are considering sending work crews to assist with restoration efforts.

According to Meg Byrne, Catholic Charities director for the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, her office has been in touch with the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, to discuss the possibility of helping out parishes there. FLOSM's Social Ministry Committee

will talk about organizing work crews at its next scheduled meeting Sept. 16.

St. Patrick Church, 97 W. Bayard St., Seneca Falls, is one parish already trying to assist flood victims.

In the Aug. 15 parish bulletin, Father David N. Gramkee wrote that the parish's Social Ministry Committee had already made contact with St. Patrick Church, located near Davenport. The pastor asked that any people who might be interested in volunteering for a trip to the Midwest parish — possibly as early as October — to contact him.

Sister Anne Brien, SSJ, the parish's pastoral assistant, reported that several people have shown interest in the relief trip. Still, the parish had no con-

crete plans as of Aug. 19, she added.

Taylor explained that even though people have been generous in donating money, the need will not end as flood waters begin to abate.

"Even when the last structure is restored, people's lives have been affected and there will be long-term needs for counseling and employment assistant," Taylor said, adding that the need for contributions continues.

EDITORS' NOTE: Contributions to the diocesan relief effort may be sent to: Flood Relief, Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities USA.

— Lee Strong