

CUF to host cardinal's talk

ROCHESTER — Catholics United for the Faith is sponsoring a Sept. 17 banquet at The Party House, 677 Beahan Road, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's encyclical on human sexuality.

The banquet, which begins at 7 p.m., is scheduled to feature the following speakers:

- Cardinal Edouard Gagnon, president of the Pontifical Commission for International Eucharistic Congresses and past president of the Pontifical Council for the Family. A Montreal native, he is an adviser and close personal friend of Pope John Paul II.

- Father John Hardon, SJ, a consultant to the former and new catechisms for the Catholic Church.

- Father Albert Shamon, noted author, lecturer, spiritual director and columnist for the *Catholic Courier*.

The banquet will be preceded by a 6 p.m. social hour.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. For reservations and information, call Mike Macaluso or Mike Gallagher at 716/425-4333, 436-9006 or 248-9094.

In addition, Cardinal Gagnon is also scheduled to celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd., on Saturday, Sept. 18. Father Shamon will hold a conference on Our Lady of Guadalupe following the Mass at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

And Father John Hardon will preside at a 12:30 p.m. holy hour concluding with Benediction of the blessed sacrament.

An international organization of Catholic laity, CUF is also marking its 25th anniversary this year with an Oct. 22-23 conference at the Wyndham Franklin Hotel Plaza in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia chapter of CUF is hosting the conference, which costs \$65. Reservations can be made by contacting the International CUF office, 50 Washington Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801, or by calling 914/235-9404.

Workshop to explore universal catechism

PITTSFORD — A workshop examining the Catholic Church's new universal catechism will take place at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Sponsored by the order's Spirituality Center, the program will be offered in two parts: one from 10 a.m. to noon, and the other from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Monsignor William H. Shannon, professor emeritus of theology at Nazareth College of Rochester and a renowned Thomas Merton scholar, will present the workshop, titled, "A Look at the New Catechism of the Catholic Church."

During the morning session, Monsignor Shannon will discuss new elements in the catechism. He will focus on how best to use the catechism in the afternoon program.

The workshop costs \$25. For information, call 716/586-1000, ext. 70.

Reno visits Rochester



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Takes time out to answer questions from city youths

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno sits on a bale of hay as she fields questions from city youths on the corner of Aberdeen and Post streets in Rochester Aug. 24. The attorney general answered questions ranging from how much money she makes to why she isn't married. Reno was in Rochester to speak at the North American Victim Assistance Conference, held Aug. 24-27.

100 turnout to remember Antioch retreats

Organizers hope to spur interest

By Mike Latona
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ROCHESTER — There were quite a few more babies around — and, yes, perhaps a few additional gray hairs — than the last time these folks got together.

It's been more than four years since the final Antioch retreat was held in the Rochester diocese. But the strong fellowship which emerged from those retreats was still evident during a reunion last Saturday, Aug. 27, at Holy Apostles Church, 7 Austin St.

Approximately 100 people attended the reunion, which featured an afternoon cookout followed by a Mass. Participants, who came from as far away as New York City and Ohio, took the time to flip through photo albums and catch up on each other's lives.

Many friendships were formed during the Antioch retreats, held four times per year beginning in 1977 at the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush, Kamp Koininia in Italy Valley, and Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca.

Much of the retreats' agenda featured seminars, small-group discus-

sions and closing Masses. As many as 75 participants attended these weekend gatherings, which were open to young adults ages 18 and up.

According to Father David W. Mura, Antioch served an important need for young-adult Roman Catholics — a need that still exists, he maintains.

"They gave young adults — who are generally not paid too much attention to in the Catholic Church — a good solid experience of Catholic Christianity geared toward them," said Father Mura, who directed retreats from 1979-87 and now serves as pastor at Holy Apostles.

Christine Suski, who served as rector of the final Antioch retreat in the spring of 1989, noted that several marriages — including her own — resulted from Antioch gatherings.

"At my first retreat I was seated next to the person who is now my husband. At a retreat one year later, he (Steven) proposed to me," recalled Suski.

Father Mura noted that diocesan programs such as Antioch, Family Camp and teen retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua had long-lasting effects in other areas as well.

"If you go through the diocese and check out the lineage of the current youth ministers, a lot have come out of

these programs," Father Mura said. "Ironically, for about 20 years in the 1970s and 1980s, we had one of the strongest teen retreat/young adult retreat programs in the country."

However, as retreats became more parish-based in nature, participation shrank on the diocesan level. Hence, the Antioch program was discontinued by the diocese in 1989.

Organizers are hoping that the Aug. 28 event will spur interest in more reunions, or some sort of program modeled after Antioch.

"It's been symbolized in the (diocesan) Synod that we need this; that young people want something like this," acknowledged Father Mura.

"It's the first step," added Father Charles T. Manning, who served as Antioch's director from 1987 until the program's cessation. Father Manning is now pastor at St. Pius V Church in Cohocton and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Perkinsville.

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