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march service earlier in the day. About 250 people attended an ecumenical gathering at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 173 Genesee St. The hour of song and prayer served as a non-violent protest to the march.

"We do not turn a blind eye, nor a deaf ear," said Father Lee Chase, parochial vicar at St. Mary Church, 15 Clark St. "But we reply with prayer."

Members of the Philadelphia-based United States of America Nationalist Party had obtained a legal permit to demonstrate in Auburn.

They chose Sept. 25, the Jewish feast of Yom Kippur, as the date for their event. In addition, Freedom Park, where they planned to demonstrate, is dedicated to the memory of Harriet Tubman, a black Auburn native who helped to end U.S. slavery in the 1800s.



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Sister Gloria Ruocco (right) and Charles Earlsey from Rochester's House of Mercy protest against hate at Auburn's Freedom Park.

New rules

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man a catechumen, "so they still have a relationship with the church," Father Laird said. But the person may not enter into full membership until the marriage is resolved.

Barbara Carroll, diocesan coordinator for sacramental life, said RCIA coordinators have been discussing the impending change for some time and were aware of the new policy. "They are aware that they are supposed to get the cases in as soon as possible," she said.

To help uncover potential problems even sooner, the diocese is in the process of issuing a new pre-initiation questionnaire, Carroll said.

Further, she noted, the diocese working to extend the RCIA process to a full year. Parishes will be required to begin their RCIA programs much earlier in the church year — not in September or October as occurs in a number of parishes.

The church teaches that the length of the process is one year, Carroll said. She added that she is currently in the process of identifying three parishes to develop a year-round model for the RCIA process, "so we can begin to move more parishes to the year-round model."

St. Bernard Institute plans 'sit in class week' Oct. 4-9

ROCHESTER — Individuals interested in studying at St. Bernard's Institute are invited to take part in a "sit in class week" from Oct. 4-9.

During this week, potential students are invited to visit afternoon or evening classes at SBI, 1100 S. Goodman St., and at St. Mary Our Mother Parish, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads.

Among the courses in Rochester are: "Moralists on the Cutting Edge;" "The Apocalyptic Tradition;" "Liturgical Preaching;" "Ministry with the Dying and Bereaved;" "Key Issues in Church History;" as well as "Faith, Revelation and Religion" in Horseheads.

Those people wishing to attend classes are asked to call for reservations and specific class locations.

To make reservations or for information, call Georgia Crissy at 716/271-1320, ex. 299. For information about the Southern Tier class, call Gene Hepner at 607/739-3292.

Twice-burgled shop may get alarm system

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Pity Sister Pat Flynn, director of St. Michael's Workshop. Just when the workshop managed to replace some of the tools stolen in a burglary last July, someone broke into the workshop again.

"The whole new batch are gone again," said Sister Flynn, whose program enables low-income teenagers to develop carpentry skills.

Sometime between Friday afternoon, Sept. 17, and Saturday morning, Sept. 18, a burglar chopped away at the two locks on the front door of the workshop, located at the North Clinton Avenue parish of the same name. The thief or thieves stole about \$3,000 worth of tools and other equipment.

Pretty much the same thing happened last July, according to Sister Flynn. Fortunately, friends of the workshop are already dropping new tools off to her — just as people rallied to the shop's assistance after the July break-in, she said.

One such friend is Gerald Milliman, an assistant manager at the Wal-Mart Discount City in Greece. Milliman also belongs to the Sisters of Mercy Founders' Club and is an associate of the order.

A parishioner at St. Thomas More, Brighton, Milliman heard about the July break-in and decided to take advantage of Wal-Mart's matching fund program, which matches monies employees raise for charity with monies donated by company headquarters in

Bentenville, Ark.

With the help of dozens of fellow employees and customers, Milliman raffled off a Sanyo 25-inch TV set donated by Wal-Mart. At \$1 per ticket, the raffle raised \$602, an amount the company matched — for a total grant of \$1,204 to St. Michael's Workshop.

Milliman noted that his love for the order motivated his efforts.

"The Sisters of Mercy have been part of our family for years," Milliman said, adding that he didn't believe the recent theft of the new tools would cause Sister Flynn to despair.

"She's a diehard," he asserted.

Given that this is the second break-in just a few months, Sister Flynn noted that she hopes an offer by two area Catholics to install a security system in the shop comes through.

That offer was made by Harold Stanton, a parishioner at St. Paul, Webster, and his son-in-law, Michael Singillo, owner of Digital Security Systems of Rochester. The two men met with Sister Flynn this past weekend and estimated that the material cost of installing such devices as motion sensors and a siren would be between \$300 and \$500, Stanton said.

Eileen Singillo, Michael's wife, has written a proposal to ask St. Paul's Good Samaritan committee to cover

the cost of materials needed to install the security system, and she said that there would be no charge for labor.

Meanwhile, Chase-Pitkin Home Centers is considering donating tools to the workshop, according to Janet Loavenbruck, customer relations manager.

The hardware company learned of St. Michael's plight after Lori Papatelli, the in-store systems manager, read a Sept. 22 column by Bob Lonsberry of Rochester's *Democrat and Chronicle*, detailing Sister Flynn's recent trials at the workshop.

Coincidentally, Stanton called Loavenbruck the day after Papatelli told her about the workshop's situation. He, too, suggested that Chase-Pitkin donate some tools to the workshop, she said, adding that he contacted the company because his stepson, Chuck DeZutter, manages the hardware department at the company's store in Henrietta.

DeZutter, who lives with his stepfather, noted that he and his father got the same idea about asking the store for its help after perusing the Lonsberry column.

"I read it at work, and he read it at home," he said. "We talked about it at home and figured we'd give it a shot and see if it'd work."

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