

## Parental support increases enrollment at Owego school

OWEGO — The way Loretta Hayton sees it, increased enrollment at her school has been the end result of another kind of growing participation.

Hayton serves as principal of St. Patrick's School, 309 Front St. Enrollment at this Southern Tier cluster school has gone from 76 students in 1992-93 to 98 currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through 5. That's a healthy increase of 28.9 percent.

In addition, the St. Patrick's pre-kindergarten program has seen an increase from 31 to 36 students — marking an upswing of 16.1 percent.

Hayton said that additional volunteer parental support has played a major role in the increase.

"Between public relations and recruitment, almost all the parents are involved. We used to rely just on the committees," said Hayton, who recently began her sixth year as St. Patrick's principal.

Cindy Gordineer, who serves as volunteer publicity chairperson for the

school, echoed Hayton's observation.

"The biggest help has been our parents getting the word out. We have almost no families in the school who aren't doing something. It's a wonderful community feeling," said Gordineer.

"I can't give enough praise," Hayton added. (The parents) have worked very, very hard. They want that school, and they're using their time and talents so that it will stay open for many years to come."

Gordineer noted that the increased enrollment is especially noteworthy since St. Patrick's, located in Tioga County, attracts students from a predominantly rural part of the Rochester diocese.

"We have a very small area to draw from. So to jump 30 percent in one year is quite an accomplishment," said Gordineer, the mother of two St. Patrick's students.

— Mike Latona

## Fisher to present service awards

ROCHESTER — Four major service honors will be presented as part of the 45th-anniversary celebration for St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave.

The awards ceremony will take place during a dinner-dance on Friday, Oct. 15, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St.

Receiving the Most Rev. James E. Kearney Award for Outstanding Alumni will be Charles A. Constantino, co-owner of the Strathallan Hotel and co-founder and executive vice-president of PAR Technology Corporation in New Hartford, N.Y. A 1961 graduate of Fisher, he has served on several boards and committees at the Pittsford college. He also sponsors a scholarship fund honoring his parents, Fannie and the late Sam Constantino.

Receiving the Rev. Charles J. Lavery Award for Community Service will be Marion J. Hawks, who currently serves

as commissioner of Rochester's Cultural District. Her participation in civic, cultural, educational and religious organizations spans four decades.

Receiving the Rev. John F. Murphy President's Award will be Carolyn D. Micklem, an organizer of successful community outreach efforts in Rochester. She serves as director of the Webster Avenue Family Resource Center, which she co-founded in 1981.

Receiving the Rev. Hugh J. Haffey Award for Faculty/Staff Commitment will be Mary Pat Seurkamp, a veteran administrator at St. John Fisher. She is the acting vice-president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

All four awards are presented only once every five years. The Oct. 15 banquet will be dedicated to Dr. Leo LaPalm, a founding regent at St. John Fisher and honorary trustee of the college until his death on Sept. 23, 1993.

## Tears for victims



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

## Ceremony dedicates rose garden

Linda Gottwald, whose reflection appears on a plaque listing the names of children who were victims of violence, wipes away a tear as the children's names are read during an Oct. 7 memorial service. The dedication ceremony of the Children's Memorial Rose Garden was held outside Rochester's Hall of Justice, downtown. The event was sponsored by Nazareth College of Rochester, Office of the Monroe County Executive, Office of the Mayor, and Families and Friends of Murdered Children.

## Neighborhood groups plan World Food Day for Saturday

ROCHESTER — St. Bridget's Community Outreach Ministry, together with 13 other organizations working through the Food For People Network, is sponsoring "World Food Day," on Saturday, Oct. 16. The event is slated for Fight Village, located on Ward Street in the Upper Falls area north of

the Amtrak station.

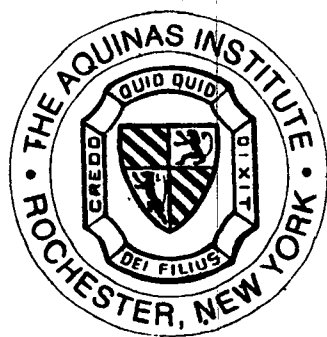
Scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the event will feature live musical groups, mimes, clowns, games for all ages, animals, homemade foods and drinks.

The festival's overall theme will emphasize "creative ways to help us enjoy good food and be sure no one is hungry," according to a press release from the Fight Village Tenants' Association and The Food for People Network.

Admission is free. Call Delaine Cook, 716/325-8100, or Christine Garrison, 263-6584, for information.

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