

Irish tenor to perform concerts March 25-26

Frank Patterson, an internationally noted Irish tenor and recording artist, will present two concerts at diocesan high schools in late March.

Patterson will appear on Friday, March 25, in the Notre Dame High School auditorium, 1400 Maple Ave, Elmira. Show time is 8 p.m.

He is also scheduled to perform on Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in the Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester.

Joining Patterson for both shows will be his wife, pianist and Irish harpist Eily O'Grady; and son, violinist Eanan Patterson.

The Our Lady of Mercy concert will also include performances by Irish comedian Des Keogh and the high school's show choir.

Proceeds from the Elmira Notre Dame concert will benefit the high school's financial aid program. For ticket information, call 607/734-2267.

Proceeds from the Our Lady of Mercy performance will go toward the restoration and refurbishing of the Sisters of Mercy's first House of Mercy, located in Dublin, Ireland. For tickets, call 716/288-4956.

Fashion show, luncheon to benefit hospital unit

ROCHESTER — The Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital have slated their 24th annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show for Saturday, March 19, at the Hyatt Regency, 125 E. Main St.

Cohoes will provide the clothing and commentary for the show, titled "A Shower of Spring Fashions." The event will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by the show at noon.

The event will feature money-saving Cohoes certificates for all those who attend; several door prizes including two airline tickets; a \$250 Cohoes gift certificate; and a weekend at the Hyatt plus other gifts.

Reservations are required and cost \$25 per person or \$30 per patron. All proceeds will benefit the hospital's Digestive Disease and Nutrition Unit.

The Seton Branches comprise 700 members who support and develop fundraising projects for the hospital. For information, call 716/464-3255.



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Celebrating St. Patrick

Marshals Linda Cutt (right) and Bill Slocum (left) ride in a golf cart along with Matt Oliver during the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Rochester March 12. A Mass at St. Mary's Church preceded the annual parade, which took place under sunny skies after three years of cancellations due to inclement weather.

Priest abused minor, diocese says

ROCHESTER — The Diocese of Rochester has released new details regarding the sexual misconduct charges that prompted Father Robert J. Winterkorn, former pastor of Spencerport's St. John the Evangelist Parish, to resign last September.

Liz Brown, diocesan director of constituent relations, reported that Father Winterkorn was guilty of "sexual misconduct" with at least three women. One of the women was a minor when the misconduct began 10 years ago, Brown acknowledged.

Father Winterkorn, who has admitted to the charges, is now living at St. Cecilia Church, 2732 Culver Road, but he is not sanctioned to celebrate Mass and the sacraments publicly, according to a diocesan statement released March 8.

Brown said that Father Winterkorn's future in ministry has not been determined, but she stressed that it is "high-

ly unlikely" he will ever be a pastor again.

The priest moved to St. Cecilia's after receiving several months of treatment following his resignation from his pastorate at St. John the Evangelist.

Following his resignation, a diocesan audit revealed that Father Winterkorn had mishandled \$137,500 in parish funds. According to Brown, the priest and another individual have paid back a small portion of that amount, with the remainder coming from a diocesan self-insurance fund to which all parishes contribute.

Diocesan finance director James Rinefierd met with St. John's finance committee two weeks ago to reimburse the parish for its financial losses.

The parish's newly named pastor, Father William C. Michatek, currently pastor of St. Michael's in Penn Yan, will assume his new position June 28, Brown said.

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marked by reciprocity and loyalty," he continued. "We are, after all, children of the same God."

Rabbi Judea Miller, the temple's head rabbi, later told the *Catholic Courier* that Bishop Clark's address was the "most

significant" of the talks he has given at the temple.

"One of the things that struck me is there were no platitudes," Rabbi Miller observed. "He quoted some of the unpleasant and ugly things Pope Pius X said to Theodor Herzl. That is something I never thought the bishop would quote because it is so ugly, so nasty. It just shows his complete honesty."

As for the mutual diplomatic recognition, Rabbi Miller said, "We're not trying to become one. It's a matter of us becoming ourselves and being ourselves, and reaching out to each other in friendship."

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