

Symposium to examine Carmelites

ROCHESTER — In 1794, 16 members of the Carmelite order were decapitated in the Reign of Terror — the period of the French Revolution during which many people were executed as counterrevolutionaries.

Their heroism is celebrated in Francis Poulenc's contemporary opera titled, *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, the subject of a symposium slated for Saturday, April 9, in Room 804 of the Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs St.

According to a March 5 article in *Opera News*, *Dialogues* focuses on the struggle of Blanche, a Carmelite novice, to embrace her vocation and its call to martyrdom.

The symposium begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee. A 10 a.m. panel discussion will focus on the opera's historical, literary, theological and cultural aspects.

The panel will feature Richard Pearlman, professor of opera at the Eastman School of Music; Peggy Rosenthal, a Rochester author; Ernestine McHugh, professor of humanities at the Eastman School of Music; and Joseph G. Kelly, professor of religious studies at Nazareth College of Rochester.

After a lunch break at noon, the symposium will resume with a presentation on the musical aspects of *Dialogues*. Presenters will be David Harmon, director of the University of Rochester's orchestra; various artists from the Eastman School; and members of the cast and orchestra of *Dialogues*.

Tickets cost \$15 per person for the symposium and admission to Eastman Opera Theatre's production of *Dialogues* on either Friday, April 8, or Saturday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in the Eastman Theatre, 26 Gibbs St.

Anyone interested in attending should send a check payable to: Eastman School of Music, and mail it to Community Education Division, Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Regular ticket prices for the opera are \$12 general admission and \$4 student admission.

Chilean Mercy sister professes final vows

A Chilean woman pronounced her final vows as a Rochester Sister of Mercy on Friday, March 25, in Santiago, Chile.

Sister Soledad Cantillana Calderon, 30, originally entered the congregation in 1984. She professed her first vows in 1988.

Sister Calderon is the third woman from Santiago in the past year to profess her final vows as a Sister of Mercy of Rochester.

Museum 'delivers' anti-drug message



Sierra Dillard, a first-grade student at Nathaniel Rochester Community School, 'checks out a real winner' in the mirror inside the Children's Traveling Museum on the parking lot of the Adams Street Recreation Center. The museum, which is located in the back of an 18-wheel tractor-trailer, promotes an anti-drug message through self-esteem building. The museum's visit March 24 was sponsored by The City of Rochester and America's Missing Children.

Pro-lifers continue United Way protest

By Lee Strong
Senior staff writer

ROCHESTER — For the third consecutive year, the group known as Citizens for United Way Responsibility is calling on people not to contribute to the United Way campaign because of the organization's continuing association with Planned Parenthood of Rochester and the Genesee Valley, Inc.

The pro-life group is instead urging donors to contribute directly to agencies donors wish to support, rather than to the United Way campaign.

The goal of the 1994 United Way campaign — scheduled to run from April 6 to May 20 — is \$36 million, which will be distributed to hundreds of area health-care and social-service agencies.

Members of Citizens for United Way Responsibility decided to continue their protest even after an agreement concerning Planned Parenthood's funding status was reached between United Way and Planned Parenthood in December of last year.

That agreement, the pro-life group's official spokespersons argued, will falsely lead people to believe that Citizens for United Way Responsibility has succeeded in its efforts to prevent United Way contributions from supporting Planned Parenthood, which opened an abortion clinic last year.

"I will talk to people whom I consider committed (to the pro-life cause) in some form who will say 'congratulations,'" reported Dorothy Hayes, a member of Citizens for United Way Responsibility.

But the group has not succeeded, Hayes noted.

The pro-life organization has consistently requested that Planned Parenthood be moved from member-agency

status — thus eligible to share in the pool of general contributions to United Way — to donor-designation status, and thus eligible only for funding earmarked specifically to Planned Parenthood. With the latter status, group members argue, pro-life contributors to the United Way could be assured that none of their contributions would be going to Planned Parenthood's abortion activities.

United Way's board of directors had actually decided in the fall of 1991 to move Planned Parenthood to donor-designation status in light of Planned Parenthood's plans to open an abortion clinic in Rochester. But United Way's executive committee overruled that decision on Jan. 31, 1992.

That decision prompted protests by various pro-life groups. United Way's 1992 campaign fell approximately \$2 million short of its \$38.5 million goal. United Way officials attributed the shortfall to the Rochester-area's lagging economy.

In 1993 — the protest's second year — United Way pledges exceeded the \$35.5 million goal.

Last December, United Way's board of governors approved a proposal by Planned Parenthood that the agency receive only donor-designated funds.

As part of that agreement, however, Planned Parenthood remains a member agency of the United Way, and thus does not have to pay the administrative fee other donor-designation agencies must pay.

Members of Citizens for United Way Responsibility argue that the fee — which could amount to tens of thousands of dollars — will be paid by United Way. Hence, they contend, United Way campaign contributors would indirectly be helping support Planned Parenthood's abortion activities because they would

be paying to help funnel the donor-designated monies to the agency.

Joseph Calabrese, president of the United Way, said March 25 that he was not aware of the pro-life group's decision to continue its protest.

Calabrese said he had thought last year's agreement met the group's requirements.

He noted that the arrangement with Planned Parenthood had previously been used by other member agencies, such as St. Joseph's Villa, 3300 Dewey Ave. Calabrese also said that Planned Parenthood's membership status in the United Way was not going to change in the near future.

"Planned Parenthood has gained that membership status and has held that status for 23, 24 years," Calabrese said.

Calabrese added that the agreement in December, 1993, "worked out to the satisfaction of most people in the community."

But George Madden, another spokesperson for Citizens for United Way Responsibility, noted that some people continue to support the pro-life group's protest. He also said that the protest will likely be a long-term one.

"It's going to be a grass-roots effort," Madden said. "The United Way has to understand that there is going to be an erosion of their constituents that is going to take place bit by bit."

Members of Citizens for United Way Responsibility are currently deciding how best to continue their efforts, Madden acknowledged. Activities could include a letter-writing campaign, advertisements and demonstrations. He added that when Planned Parenthood is changed to donor designation status and is no longer a member agency of the United Way, the group will cease to exist.

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