

Diocesan events target Christian communities

Ministry Day, sessions planned

ROCHESTER — The establishment of small Christian communities — one of the priorities set by the Diocese of Rochester's General Synod, Oct. 1-3, 1993 — will be the focus of two diocesan programs scheduled for this month and next.

Spring Ministry Day, May 17 at the Gateway Banquet and Conference Center, 4853 W. Henrietta Road, will focus participants' attention on parish structure, especially small Christian communities.

In addition, the diocese will present six listening sessions during May and June on the formation of small Christian communities.

Scheduled as the presenters for the May 17 Ministry Day are Father Arthur Baranowski, president of the National Alliance for Parishes Restructuring into Communities; and Monsignor Thomas Spadaro, pastor of Good Shepherd parish in Holbrook, N.Y., where the staff has been working toward restructuring

the parish into small communities. The two have written a workbook on how to establish such communities.

Among the topics to be covered during the day are different models of parishes; group processes in parishes; restructuring existing parish activities and programs; beginning small Christian communities; pastor's and staff's roles in these communities; and programs that prove useful — and those that do not — for such communities.

Meanwhile, individuals with interest in or experience with small Christian communities are invited to attend any of the six listening sessions. The results reached by the task force that worked on this Synod recommendation will be presented, and suggestions about how to promote or establish these groups will be welcome.

The scheduled dates and locations are: St. Theodore's Church, Rochester, May 16; St. John of Rochester Church, Perinton, May 25; St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, June 6; St. Mary's Church, Geneseo, June 7; St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, June 8; and St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca, June 9.

All listening sessions will run from 7:30-9 p.m.



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Play benefits hungry

Above, Sharon Jeter (left) and John K. Frederick rehearse the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" May 4 in the auditorium of St. Anne's Parish, Rochester. At right, Jeter, who portrays Miss Gwendolyn Fairfax, rehearses her lines. The play is being produced by the Footlight Players, a non-profit theater group affiliated with St. Anne's. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on June 3 and 4, 2 p.m. on June 5, and 8 p.m. June 10 and 11, all in the parish auditorium. Admission requires only the donation of a non-perishable food item.



Courier writer garners award for best international articles

ROCHESTER — Rob Cullivan, staff writer for the *Catholic Courier*, has won the first Media Award for Local Excellence in International Reporting from the Rochester Association for the United Nations.

Cullivan was honored for three articles giving local slants on international issues: "Talks inspire hopes for Northern Ireland" (Dec. 16), "Letter stirs Bosnia debate" (May 20), and "Plight of the Refugee" (March 4).

Richard A. Kiley, managing editor of

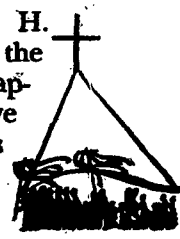
the *Courier*, nominated Cullivan for the award, which was presented at RAUN's annual banquet Tuesday, May 3. The 1994 award consisted of a world globe of black glass mounted on a plaque.

RAUN instituted the award last year to encourage interest in international reporting among local news media. The eligibility period for the 1995 Award for Local Excellence is March 1, 1994, through February 28, 1995. For more information on next year's award, call the RAUN office at 716/232-1080.

Diocesan appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following diocesan appointments, effective June 28, 1994, unless otherwise indicated.

Father Thomas W. Burr, from pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Elmira, to pastor of Church of St. Mary Our Mother in



Horseheads.

Father Joseph R. Catanise, from chaplain at Rochester General Hospital, to pastor of St. Mary's Church in Dansville.

Father David J. Faraone, from parochial vicar at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Greece, to pastor of Church of the Epiphany in Sodus and Church of St. Rose of Lima in Sodus Point.

Father David P. Reid, SS.CC., from pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church in Rochester, to pastor of St. Peter and Paul/St. Francis of Assisi Cluster in Rochester.

Father Eugene R. Weis, from pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Elmira, to pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Owego.

Obituaries

Father Robert Charles Doell, 45; funeral on Friday

Bishop Matthew H. Clark is scheduled to preside Friday, May 12, at a noon Mass of Christian Burial for Father Robert Charles Doell. Father Doell died Monday morning, May 9, at Highland Hospital. He was 45.

Father Doell, the son of Donald C. and Florence B. Doell of Irondequoit, was born in Rochester April 6, 1949. He was a graduate of St. Stanislaus School, Bishop Kearney High School and St. John Fisher College.

He studied at St. Bernard's Seminary and later received a master's degree from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto.

Father Doell was ordained a priest May 20, 1978, at Holy Ghost Church.

In June of 1978, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waterloo. He became associate pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, in March of 1981.

Father Doell had been on leave of ab-

sence from February of 1983 until earlier this month.

He is survived by his parents; three brothers and their spouses, Donald and Violet, Gerald and Mary Christine, and Kevin and Cindy; sister and brother-in-law Cheryl and Mark Micciche; three nephews and one niece.

Calling hours will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the Paul W. Harris Funeral Home, 570 Kings Highway S.

Harry Fitzpatrick, 62; Aquinas Institute teacher

HILTON — Harry "Mr. Fitz" Fitzpatrick, an alumni and former teacher at Aquinas Institute, died on April 13, 1994, at Park Ridge Hospital in Greece. He was 62.



A Rochester native, Mr. Fitzpatrick graduated from Aquinas in 1949. He earned his bachelor's degree from Assumption College (now the University of Windsor) and master's degree from the State University of New York Col-

lege at Brockport. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56.

Mr. Fitzpatrick taught in the Hilton Central School District for 22 years and also served as recreation director for the Town of Parma for 10 years. He returned to Aquinas in 1979, and served as science and mathematics teacher as well as business manager. In 1991, the Aquinas honor students chose him to receive the Excellence in Secondary Education Award.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is survived by Eileen, his wife of 37 years; his children and their spouses Thomas and Leslie Fitz-

patrick, Theresa and John Hauck, Tami and Ken Cox, and Timothy Fitzpatrick; four grandchildren; his mother, Marjorie; brothers, Mike and Father Thomas Fitzpatrick, SJ; and sisters, Geraldine Ammering and Pat Fitzpatrick.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hamlin, where Father William J. Amann, brother-in-law of Mr. Fitzpatrick, serves as pastor.

Contributions in Mr. Fitzpatrick's memory may be made to the Aquinas Institute Scholarship Fund or to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Mercy High

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a lay person as principal. It's an opportunity for a lay person to take us into the 21st century."

Kirst said that as principal she would her experience with the diocese to good use.

"I've learned a lot about curriculum, not only in the diocese, but across the country," Kirst said. "I'm hoping to apply some of what I've learned."

Kirst pointed out that everything she has heard about Mercy leads her to believe she is stepping into a good situation. Indeed, enrollment at the school has been rising — with the projected enrollment for the 1994-95 school year at 525.

Although she is happy to be returning to a school environment, Kirst said she will miss working at the diocesan Pastoral Center.

"The job has been so challenging, because things changed (in terms of curriculum) every year," Kirst said. "I was able to give so many in-services; that I'm going to miss. It was a hard decision to make."