

Maryknoll priest named UR's Newman professor

ROCHESTER — The University of Rochester has named Father Curt Cadorette, MM, its first John Henry Newman Associate Professor of Roman Catholic Studies.

The Maryknoll priest will fill an endowed chair created in the university's Department of Religion and Classics with money from the sale of property owned by the university's Newman Community, and from a \$600,000 gift donated by an anonymous Rochester couple.

Currently serving as an associate professor of theology and director of the Hispanic Ministry Program at the Maryknoll School of Theology in Maryknoll, N.Y., Father Cadorette is an authority on Latin American religion and culture, issues of peace and justice, and liberation theology.

He is the author of the 1988 book, *From the Heart of the People: The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez*, and the editor of the 1992 collection, *Liberation Theology: A Reader*.

A native of Easthampton, Mass., Father Cadorette was ordained May 21, 1977. He has taught in the United States and Peru, where in addition to teaching and directing the Overseas Formation Program for Maryknoll Students he was the pastor of a parish in Chucuito.

Father Cadorette, who holds a doctorate from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, said he is

excited about teaching at the University of Rochester.

"When I went up and interviewed, I was impressed by the energy, the enthusiasm," Father Cadorette said. "Probably the clincher was a brief interview with the students. I was impressed by their questions."

Father Cadorette has already proposed to the university teaching courses on liberation theology, the history of Christianity, Catholicism and the social order, and Catholicism in American Life.

In his capacity as the Newman Professor, Father Cadorette said he hopes "to show that Catholicism is vital. There's beauty, there's depth, there's wisdom in the tradition. I look at the modern world, and I think the church has something to say about human worth and dignity."

Father Cadorette also hopes to help clear up misconceptions about liberation theology, which, he noted, is not limited to Latin America.

"It's taking place in Asian Africa, South America, the United States," he explained. "It's not a movement, but a localized attempt to make Catholic theology livable in the world."

Father Cadorette is scheduled to arrive in Rochester this August. He will be teaching in Peru in June and July.

— Lee Strong



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Pro-life activists lobby legislators to support parental notification

ALBANY — Between 250 and 300 parents and clergy from around the state gathered in the state capital May 10 to support state pro-life policies, and to protest policies of unrestricted abortion-on-demand.

In particular, the lobbyists wanted to press legislators to pass a bill calling for parental notification of minors seeking an abortion.

"It is both dangerous and ludicrous that a 13-year-old girl in this state can walk into a clinic, receive anesthesia and surgery, and her parents don't know a thing about it," said Sen. Frank Padavan, a Republican from Queens who is sponsoring the bill.

"In any other instance, that would be malpractice," he added in a statement released by the New York State Catholic Conference.

The conference was joined in its lobbying efforts by members of the Christian Coalition of New York, the New York State Right to Life Committee, New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, and Parents and Clergy Together.

"It was a very upbeat day which is not all that common for the pro-life movement in New York state," said Kathleen M. Gallagher of the New York State Catholic Conference.

Gallagher noted that the lobbying effort was conducted on a positive note since the state supreme court's appellate division ruled May 5 that New York's Pre-natal Care Assistance Program was not constitutionally obligated to fund

abortions.

A suit had been brought by various pro-choice organizations to force the PCAP — which aids mothers who live just above the poverty level — to also fund abortions, Gallagher said.

But, according to a copy of the court's ruling sent by fax from Gallagher to the *Catholic Courier*, the court ruled "PCAP does not penalize the exercise of the right of choice, as it does not deny eligibility for any benefit to which participants choosing to abort would otherwise be entitled."

"The court was saying that pre-natal care does not have to include abortion," Gallagher said. "Abortion is best left to the legislature."

— Rob Cullivan

Sliding with a smile

Pre-schooler Jamal Scott spirals down a slide located at the new playground of Corpus Christi School at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 546 Oxford St., Rochester. Funds for the \$10,000 structure were donated by Daniel E. and Dorothy Gill, longtime supporters of pre-school programs at diocesan schools. School parents and volunteers constructed the playground on Saturday, May 7. Sister Eileen Daly, SSJ, principal, noted that the playground was designed by Big Toys, primarily for pre-school and primary students. "It's a wonderful playground," she said. "There are no playgrounds in most of the areas where our kids live. The playground is not only fun, but it's educational. It's designed for creativity, muscle development and improvement of the kids' motor skills."

Student honored for volunteering efforts



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PITTSFORD — Beth Tugwell, a native of Johnson City, N.Y., was earlier this month named the recipient of this year's Birmingham Award at St. John Fisher College.

The award is annually presented to a St. John Fisher junior who demonstrates outstanding volunteerism. Tugwell was honored May 3 during a campus luncheon at which Rochester Mayor William Johnson served as keynote speaker. She will receive \$500 in cash and \$3,500 in scholarship funding for her senior year.

Tugwell has served as campus president of Circle K, a 34-student organization providing a variety of community services. At Circle K's recent New York district convention, she was chosen as Outstanding Club President and was also presented with the John R. Jack Outstanding Circle K'er Award.

Along with her Circle K efforts, Tugwell tutors at Rochester's School No. 17 and participates in the annual Teddi Project held at St. John Fisher as well as various activities within Campus Ministry. In addition, she has made the dean's list each of her semesters at Fisher.

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the area before the Bull's Head plan was proposed.

"There's been shooting and killing on the other side of the street," she said. "I try to keep up my property, but there's a lot of insecurity in the area with people moving in and out."

Mundondo-Ashton saw the campus as a way to change Bull's Head's image.

"You're bringing in a more intellectual atmosphere, an academic environment," she said.

Eugenia Welch, who also owns a home on York Street which she currently rents to her daughter, echoed Mundondo-Ashton's complaints.

Now living on nearby Wellington Avenue, she called the West Main Street commercial area an "eyesore" and noted that were it not for the St. Mary's/Bull's Head plan, she would have left the neighborhood years ago.

"I welcome the health campus," she said. "I feel the young people around here do nothing. It might encourage them to go to college. They don't have to go out of the area for it."

Holy Cross accepting students for next fall

ROCHESTER — Holy Cross School, 4488 Lake Ave., is accepting applications for the 1994-95 school year for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

The school also offers child care and pre-school. Call 716/663-6533.