



## Lake Avenue ark

Parishioners at Rochester's Holy Cross Parish joined together to create a float depicting Noah's ark for the Harbor Day Festival Parade June 18. (Right) The ark passes in front of Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave. (Above) Joe Humnicky, a preschooler at Holy Cross School, struggles to stay awake under the hot sun along the parade route.



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## July hearings on drug treatment slated

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ROCHESTER — At the conclusion of the Social Action Network's June 8 meeting, Terri Schmitt summed up the feelings of many of those present.

"I never want to sit here again!," SAN's spokeswoman told the 190 people who attended the meeting at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1095 Joseph Ave.

According to the chairwoman of the county legislature's drug treatment task force, Schmitt and other SAN members may now get their wish.

Angel Vazquez-Sackett said June 19 that public hearings on drug treatment are now slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, and for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

Both hearings will take place at Rochester public high schools, Vazquez-Sackett said, adding that sites being considered for the meetings include East High School, 1801 E. Main St.; Franklin High School, 950 Norton St.; and Wilson Magnet High School, 501 Genesee St.

The Social Action Network consists of 19 churches and other community groups that have long been calling for just the kind of meetings now slated to take place.

During SAN's June 8 meeting, many speakers reiterated the group's call since February for Monroe County to fund and expand substance-abuse treatment programs.

Since a public meeting last February, Schmitt and other network members have asked Monroe County Legislature President Arnold J. Eckert (R-C, 17th District) to schedule a public hearing during which SAN members can express

concerns directly to the legislature's drug treatment program task force.

So far, Eckert has not responded to SAN's request, network members claimed, even though the legislature did invite SAN members to offer their views during the legislature's May 3 meeting.

SAN members, however, did not feel they received enough time to adequately state their concerns at the meeting, according to Jim Dollard, a parishioner at St. Columba/St. Patrick's, Mumford, who lives in Rush. Dollard added that the June 8 meeting was scheduled precisely so that SAN member's views could be adequately heard.

Four county legislators attended the meeting, along with Vazquez-Sackett, a non-legislator volunteer who is chairing the county legislature's Task Force to Evaluate Drug Treatment Programs in Monroe County.

In an interview last week, Vazquez-Sackett disputed the contention by some SAN members that her task force did not want public hearings.

"Since February, we have said that we were going to have public hearings, and they are aware of this," she said of SAN members' contention.

She added that her task force is still examining the existing Monroe County drug and alcohol treatment system, and that SAN members are aware of her task force's work and the group's time frame.

"I have to question the integrity of their leadership," Vazquez-Sackett said of SAN.

If anyone or thing needs to be questioned, it's the county legislature's drug task force, according to Schmitt.

"Every step of the way, we've been told 'no public meetings,'" Schmitt said. "Basically, they've just shut down any kind of

dialogue with us."

She acknowledged that the possibility of public meetings had been raised in meetings between SAN and county representatives, including Vazquez-Sackett. However, Schmitt and other SAN members adamantly maintained that the possibility of July public hearings were not mentioned until June 8 — the date of SAN's open meeting.

"I'm really happy that these public hearings may come to be," Schmitt said when told of the slated meetings. "I'll certainly tip my schedule upside down to be there."

She added that she hoped the county would schedule public hearings at suburban locations as well as in the city.

Dollard explained that SAN also plans to air its views by going directly to Monroe County Executive Robert King. In 1989, then-New York State Assemblyman King had chaired a task force that issued a 60-point anti-drug plan called "A Blueprint for Community Action."

"In that sense, he seems accessible," Dollard said.

One of the most ringing endorsements of SAN's call for expanded funding of drug treatment came from Judge John Schwartz, chief administrative judge for Rochester City Courts.

At the June 8 meeting, Schwartz decried politicians who continue pushing for tough and politically popular anti-crime laws, but who ignore the relationship between substance abuse and illegal activity.

"The jails are extremely overcrowded, and the reason they're overcrowded is we've got a lot of the wrong people in there," Schwartz added, noting the prevalence of addicts among the inmate population.

## GRCC awards

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Scouts. He painted the interior of the Harriet Tubman home in Auburn for his Eagle Scout project;

**Aly Nahas**, of the Islamic Center, co-founder of the Commission of Christian-Muslim Relations. Nahas has also been helping with the resettlement of Bosnia refugees;

**Elinor Nicholas and Cynthia White**, members of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, who developed the church's Wellness Center for Older Adults;

**Helen Rice**, of Irondequoit United Church of Christ, who works with the Rochester Peace Network and is past

president of "Mutuality and Mission;"

**Rev. James A. Rice**, former associate executive of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley, and one of the founders of the Interfaith Forum of Rochester;

**The Rugby/Arnett Coalition**, a neighborhood group combatting drugs and graffiti;

**Beverly Santarose**, who serves at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality;

**Richard Sarkis**, executive board member of the Volunteers of America;

**Evelyn and Leo Schwenzer**, of Webster's Holy Trinity Church, who bring the Eucharist each week to residents of the Maplewood Nursing Home. They also coordinate two monthly Masses at the home;

**Rand Warner**, of Asbury First Unit-

ed Methodist Church, who has initiated outreach to two smaller developing churches in Rochester. Warner also started a vegetable garden which produces food for the Asbury Dining Center, the Southeast Area Food Cupboard and the Open Door Mission;

**Ann Weitzel**, of the Parma Greece United Church of Christ, where she has served as moderator of the Church Council, on the stewardship and mission committees and as church delegate to GRCC;

**Barbara Witmer**, a member of the Board of Deacons and the Board of Christian Outreach for the Henrietta United Church of Christ. She has also been involved with numerous ecumenical efforts.

## Loyola professor will deliver Shults lectures

ROCHESTER — Dr. Robert J. Wicks will deliver the 20th annual Otto A. Shults Lectures on Spirituality Tuesday, June 28, in Colgate Rochester Divinity School's auditorium, 1100 S. Goodman St.

Wicks is scheduled to give two talks — one at 3 p.m., in which he will discuss "The Psychological Perils of Spiritual Ministry," and the other at 7:30 p.m., when he will address the topic, "Piercing the Darkness: The Sensitive Person in a Harsh World."

A professor and director of program development for the graduate programs in pastoral counseling at Maryland's Loyola College, Wicks holds a doctorate in psychology from Hahnemann Medical College. He is the author of *Living Simply in an Anxious World*; *Seeking Perspective*; and *Touching the Holy: Ordinariness, Self-Esteem and Friendship*.

Cost is \$5 per person per lecture. Reservations are required.

For information, write to: Shults Lectureship, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

## Alien residents advised to get new 'green cards'

Permanent alien residents with alien registration cards — commonly known as "green cards" — issued on forms I-151, AR-3 or AR-103 need to apply for replacement cards on form I-551 by Sept. 20, 1994.

Prior versions of the alien registration cards cannot be used by aliens after Sept. 20 for purposes of travel documentation, providing evidence of one's employment eligibility or filing immigrant visa petitions on behalf of foreign relatives.

A resident alien with an old version of the green card must apply to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a new alien registration receipt card using INS form I-90. The filing fee is \$70.

For information about these forms, or about naturalization, contact James Delaney, Catholic Family Center, 25 Franklin Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604-1007, or call 716/262-7070 or 262-7074.

## Mass, picnic June 26 at St. Cecilia's Church

ROCHESTER — An outdoor Mass and picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, at St. Cecilia's Church, 2732 Culver Road.

The Mass will take place at 5 p.m., with Father Paul English, CSB, serving as celebrant. Participants are then invited to join in a picnic supper. People of all ages are welcome and should bring their own meal; dessert will be provided.

This event is sponsored by the St. Cecilia Young Adult Ministry. For details, call 716/467-4286.

## Correction

Due to misinformation furnished to the *Catholic Courier*, last week's page 3 article on deacon ordinations ("Bishop Clark ordains six permanent deacons") did not include Thomas Clark as one of the sons of Deacon Gary D. Clark and Beverly Clark.

In addition, their daughter Kristin's name was misspelled.

We regret the errors.