

St. Joseph's House seeks volunteers to serve poor

ROCHESTER — St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave., is seeking volunteers to work for a few hours each week in its soup kitchen, shelter, transitional housing program, AIDS outreach and other ministries.

"In living the Catholic Worker vision of peace each day, we come together to confront the poverty in our own lives and the lives of our sisters and brothers here in the inner city of Rochester," stated a press release from the house. "Take a step to leave behind expectations, staff positions or job descriptions and come and be who you are with us. Share your ups and downs and learn about yourself through working with others."

All individuals and groups are welcome. Send inquiries to: George McVey, St. Joseph's House, 402 South Ave., P.O. Box 1062, Rochester, N.Y. 14605, or call 716/252-3262.

Display proceeds will help Camp Good Days

GENESEO — A Christmas display at The Homestead will raise funds for Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc.

For \$1 per car, visitors can view more than 20 elaborately decorated pine trees, as well as a Nativity scene, surrounding the Homestead Mansion on South Street. This tour, titled "Good Lights for Good Days," will run Dec. 11-22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

Information regarding the tour can be obtained by calling Cathy Linfoot at 716/245-4707.

Webster Knights donate Catechism to libraries

WEBSTER — The Webster Knights of Columbus Trinity Council No. 4618 has donated a copy of the new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" to the Webster Public Library and to the Ontario Public Library.

The donations were coordinated by Donald P. Dunn, a member and officer of the council.

Program recalls famine



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Irish musicians Kathy McGrath, Pat Carey, and Mary Lester provided Irish music throughout a Dec. 1 lecture titled, "The Great Famine of Ireland 1845-1847." The program was led by Anna McHugh and Treasa Moore, historians and authors of several historical publications on Ireland. The music and lecture was sponsored by the Irish Community of Rochester and St. Mary's Church in Rochester.

Parish concert Dec. 11 to feature priest, singer

PITTSFORD — St. Louis Church, 60 S. Main St., will kickoff the sixth season of its musical series with a concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m.

Father Daniel McMullin, parochial vicar at Church of the Assumption in Fairport, will perform the recitative and aria "The Savior Now Appareth" and "Come Jesus, Come, Thy Church Awaits Thee" from the Bach cantata "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" and from Michael Head's "O Gloriosa Domina."

In addition to singing with the Minnesota Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Father McMullin has appeared in operas at Eastman School of Music and at Buffalo's Artpark.

The adult and children's choirs at the Pittsford parish will also perform "Prepare to Receive Him" from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, and "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" by Gustav Holst.

The parish's congregation will sing with the choirs "Quempas Carol, in which four groups of boys will proceed to the church's four corners to announce to the congregation that "Heaven's All Glorious King is Born." The medieval hymn, arranged by Michael Praetorius, features Susan Brown on trumpet, Stephanie Honz on organ, and the St. Louis Handbell Ensemble.

Although the concert is free and open to the public, audience members are encouraged to donate \$5 each (\$10 per family) to help support the parish's music series.

Hibernians' essay contest focuses on Irish famine

The Ladies Ancient Order of the Hibernians is holding its national Irish History essay contest for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12. The contest, which concludes Feb. 1, 1995, will award cash prizes between \$50 to \$1,000 depending on which place awarded essays finish.

All children attending public, private, Catholic and home schools are eligible for this annual contest.

Each essay must have a separate cover sheet with the contestant's name, address, age, school name, school address, and grade level. The cover sheet must also list the number of words in the essay (with the exception of any words contained in an introduction) and a bibliography. Contestants may not include personal information anywhere else in the essay.

The subject for students in grades 6-8 is "Separation of Families Due to the Great Hunger." Essays must run from 500 to 1,000 words.

A suggested bibliography for the elementary age contest is as follows: "Emigrants and Exiles — Ireland & the Irish Exodus to North America," by Kerby A. Miller; "Irish Americans — Identity & Assimilation," by Marjorie Fallows; "Real Lace," by Stephen Birmingham; "An Album of the Irish Americans," by Eugene Murphy & Tim Driscoll; "Coming to America — Immigrants from the British Isles," by Shirley Blumenthal & Jerome Ozer; and "Coming to America — The Irish American Experience," by Seamus Canan.

The subject for students in grades 9-12 is "Effects of the Great Irish Hunger

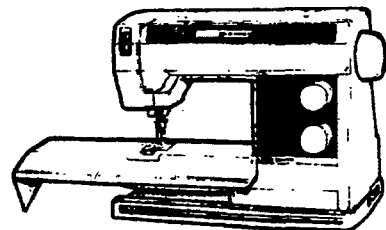
on U.S. Immigration." Essays must run from 750 to 1,500 words.

A suggested bibliography for the high school-age contest is as follows: "The Great Hunger," by Cecil Woodham-Smith; "Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups," edited by Stephan Thernstrom; "Paddy's Lament — Ireland 1846-1847," by Thomas Gallagher; "Modern Ireland — 1600-1972," by R.F. Foster; "Concise History of Ireland," by Maire and Conor Cruise O'Brien; and "Short History of Ireland," by John O'Beirne Ranelagh.

Essays should be mailed to: Anne M. Kelly, 166 Wendover Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14610, or Marie Logan, 182 Furlong St., Rochester, N.Y. 14621. For questions, Logan can be contacted at 716/482-9727.

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