

TGA's on target to meet 4.2 million goal

The 1994-95 Thanks Giving Appeal is on target to reach its goal of \$4.2 million. In fact, the appeal is currently running slightly ahead of last year's pledge amounts at a comparable point in the two campaigns.

As of Jan. 18, the TGA — the Diocese of Rochester's chief source of operating funds — had received \$4,333,000 in pledges from 52,938 donors.

In contrast, as of Jan. 18, 1994, the diocese had received \$4,107,000 in pledges from 54,423 donors.

The 1993-94 campaign culminated with the diocese receiving some \$4.2 million from 60,520 donors.

Based on projections of how much will be raised through follow-up efforts



to be conducted by the TGA office in February — and the traditional fulfillment rate for pledges of approximately 94 percent — Thomas D'Agostino, the diocese's director of annual giving, predicted that the TGA will exceed the 1994-95 cash goal of \$4.2 million.

In addition, D'Agostino said he is optimistic that the pledge total will exceed its goal of \$4.6 million. The 1993-94 pledge

total was \$4.41 million.

D'Agostino was at a loss to explain why the number of donors at this point in the campaign is down compared to last year's — even though the total dollar amount pledged is higher, and a number of parishes report more donors.

He was quick, however, to cite several factors that may be contributing to the increased pledge total.

"The greatest single factor is that we had a greater number of parish volunteers," D'Agostino said, noting that the volunteer total had exceeded 600. "We were better organized at the parishes."

In addition, D'Agostino said, "I think the diocesan Synod has helped to surface where the whole church is going," and donors are responding to that renewed sense of direction.

D'Agostino added that over the next few months TGA officials will be further evaluating the 1994-95 campaign to discern what worked and what did not in preparation for the 1995-96 appeal.

— Lee Strong

Smoking

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unconcerned about the safety of the children. We are sensitive to their health." He pointed out that bingo is held on Saturdays as opposed to school nights, and that Dailey Hall is a large, well-ventilated facility.

Father Robert T. Werth, pastor of Rochester's Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward, initially said he will "probably" permit smoking when bingo games begin in the near future at St. Monica's School.

"It's just that that's what people want to do (while playing bingo)," Father Werth commented.

Yet when asked about the new law, Father Werth said he would have to speak to his bingo committee about the best way to proceed.

For many parishes, Cooney predicted, the response will be, "Until we get caught, it's not an issue for us." He said if parishes were to actually be brought up on charges, they would be subject to monetary and civil penalties.

At the same time, Cooney remarked, he can sympathize with these parishes' dilemma.

"It involves a real leap of faith (to enforce smoke-free bingo.) The law is well-intentioned, but its full effects weren't completely considered at the time it went into effect," Cooney commented.

Eric Patchke, diocesan Director of Buildings and Grounds, said that confusion surrounding this law may also arise because terms such as "school grounds" can take on different meaning from situation to situation.

"As is so often the case with these things, it becomes a matter of interpretation," said Patchke, who also serves as president of the state Association of Diocesan Building Directors. "It may turn out that the law applies to some schools but not others."

Obituary

Father James M. Sauers, 49; chaplain at RIT

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

GREECE — Father James Michael Sauers, chaplain at the Rochester Institute of Technology and co-pastor of its campus parish, died suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1995, at his home in Greece. Father Sauers, who was 49 years old, had suffered from diabetes for a number of years.

"Father Jim," as he was known to his friends, was born in Rochester to the late Robert Sauers and Helen Coughlin Sauers. He attended Immaculate Conception and Aquinas Institute before serving in the U.S. Army from 1965-68.

Father Jim graduated from St. John Fisher College in 1972. He also resided

at Becket Hall from 1969-72, and graduated from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1976. He was ordained a diocesan priest on May 26, 1977.

Following his ordination, Father Jim served as assistant pastor at St. Salome's Church in Irondequoit, and then at St. Mary's, Canandaigua. He became chaplain of RIT in 1983, and was named director of the diocesan Department of Campus Ministry in 1990.

Father Jim was devoted to his ministry and well-liked by all those who knew him, friends said.

"He's really probably the most amazing man I've ever met," said Pete May, president of Phi Kappa Tau at RIT, the fraternity for which Father Jim served as an adviser.

May noted that the priest widened his view of what fraternity life could be.

"For a lot of people it's just a social atmosphere, and he showed me it could be a lot more," May said.

Father Jim is survived by his brother Robert of Greece; Edward of Irondequoit and John of Gates; several nieces and nephews; and a friend, Ann Habershaw.

A Mass of the Resurrection is slated for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 26 at Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make contributions to the Father Jim Sauers (Class of '63) Scholarship Fund, Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14613 in his memory.

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4. shepherd
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