

Organizers plan meeting for 1995 March for Jesus

ROCHESTER — In preparation for the third annual March for Jesus, scheduled for Saturday, May 27, organizers have scheduled a Feb. 20 breakfast for interested pastors and church representatives at Bethel Full Gospel Church, 321 East Ave.

A video of last year's march will be shown during the breakfast, slated to run from 9 to 10:30 a.m., when participants will receive information on how to get their churches involved.

In addition, a fundraising spaghetti dinner has been scheduled for 6 p.m. April 22, at St. Joseph's Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield. Cost for the dinner is \$5 per person.

Last year, Rochester's March for Jesus drew about 10,000 people. According to organizers, 1.5 million marchers took part in marches in 550 cities nationwide; nine million people participated in marches in 170 nations throughout the world.

The march's purpose is for Christians of all denominations to celebrate Jesus with prayer and praise. Organizers emphasized that it's not intended as a protest. The theme this year is "Together for the Gospel."

Contact the March for Jesus office at 716/234-1522 for information.

Wedding music concert set for cathedral Feb. 19

ROCHESTER — Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, will hold its annual Wedding Music Concert on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2:30 p.m. The concert features the cathedral's soloists and cantors, both men and women, as well as the choir and cantor schola, a chamber choir.

The program will feature traditional and new selections for wedding services. At least one — and usually more — of each type of selection needed for a wedding will be performed, including four processional and recessional.

A wedding planning sheet will also be available. All are welcome to this concert intended for both Catholic and Protestant couples planning to marry.

For information, call 716/254-3221.

Activist slated to speak at Trumansburg parish

TRUMANSBURG — Carol Crossed, executive director of the Seamless Garment Network, will speak at St. James Church, 17 Whig St., following the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, Feb. 19.

Crossed of Rochester will deliver a lecture titled, "Consistent Life Ethic: A Strategy for Wholeness."

For details on this event, call 607/387-6781.

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Obituaries

Sister Jeanne Troy, 72; music professor

PITTSFORD — Sister Jeanne Troy, SSJ, former chairwoman of Nazareth College of Rochester's music department, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 1994, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, 4095 East Ave. She was 72 years old.

Sister Jeanne entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester's Holy Rosary Parish in 1940. A graduate of Nazareth Academy and Nazareth College, she also earned a degree in music education from DePaul University and a master's degree from Rochester's Eastman

School of Music.

Sister Jeanne taught music at Sacred Heart Cathedral School and Nazareth Hall in Rochester from 1941-52. She then taught at St. Monica's School in Rochester from 1952-59.

In 1959, she became a professor of music at Nazareth College, and served as chairwoman of the music department from 1966-82. She introduced the school's music therapy program and led the department through the long and difficult task of accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music.

She became blind in 1981, but continued to teach and serve on college and department committees. An adviser to several students, she depended on readers who recorded her lesson plans on audiotapes from which she memorized every detail of her lectures.

Sister Jeanne also gave piano lessons to the blind, and volunteered with the local Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, for whom she taught music appreciation lessons to visually impaired children.

"I'm able to show that a person who is handicapped is vital and capable of doing all that others do, but in a different way," she once said in an interview. "My being at ease, comfortable with my blindness, makes other people feel at ease. That's part of my ministry."

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the motherhouse chapel on Dec. 17. Interment took place in the sisters' section of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Jeanne is survived by a sister, Sister Agnes Cecilia Troy, SSJ; her sisters in the Sisters of St. Joseph order; and several cousins.

Robert Miller, 78; Nazareth philosopher

Robert J. Miller, former chairman of the philosophy department at Nazareth College of Rochester, died on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994. He was 78 years old.

A Rochester native, Mr. Miller graduated from The Aquinas Institute and completed undergraduate and doctoral work at the University of Toronto. He joined Nazareth's faculty in 1954 as an instructor, became a full professor in 1966, and retired in 1985, when he was awarded emeritus status. In recognition of his service to the college community,

he was given the Distinguished Service Faculty Award in 1979.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Madeline Irrig Miller; and two daughters, Anne Louise Platten and Christine Miller.

Contributions in Mr. Miller's memory may be made to Nazareth College's Department of Philosophy, 4245 East Ave., Pittsford, N.Y. 14618; or the renovation fund at St. John the Evangelist Church, 549 Humboldt St., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

Dialogue

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protests.

Father Reid said he has received letters from Carol Crossed, who was sentenced last month for an abortion protest last May at The Genesee Hospital in Rochester; and Father Anthony P. Mugavero, pastor of St. Bridget's Church and a longtime pro-life activist who has served jail time because of his activism.

Crossed said she became upset when she read the letter because she interpreted it as calling for dialogue between pro-life and pro-choice activists.

"I think certain assumptions were made and they didn't speak with us first," Crossed said of the group. "Here are people who are not activists in the movement. There's a lot of things there they don't know about. They need to talk to us."

Crossed noted that, in terms of dialogue, there is a great deal going on between pro-life and pro-choice activists already. "I work with these people all the time," Crossed said.

Crossed noted, for example, that she, along with Suzanne-Schnittman, head of Rochester's Feminists for Life chapter,

took part in a panel discussion with pro-choice advocates after the Feb. 10 performance of "Keely and Du," a play about abortion being staged by the Shipping Dock Theater at St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave. Pittsford.

In her letter to Father Reid, Crossed asked to meet with the urban ministers.

Father Reid said he hoped to meet with both Crossed and Father Mugavero, and that he would welcome their meeting with other urban ministers as well.

"I would like very much to dialogue with them," Father Reid said.

Meanwhile, Father Reid defended the idea of a moratorium on protests. He said that in being silent for a time, pro-

life activists could follow Jesus's example as he stood in silence before Pilate.

"He could afford to be quiet," Father Reid said.

A moratorium would allow time to develop more ways to form consciences on the issue, Father Reid suggested, especially in light of the Rochester diocese's commitment to the consistent life ethic as part of its pastoral plan.

"Some say it's acquiescing to the dominant culture to call for a moratorium," Father Reid said. "My own thinking is we want to clearly speak to the fact that the Catholic Church is opposed to abortion," and to violence in all forms — including that against abortion clinics.

Edwina Gateley to offer benefit talks for prayer center

Edwina Gateley, foundress of England's Volunteer Missionary Movement and the Genesis House for prostitutes in Chicago, is scheduled to speak at Our Lady of Mercy-High School, 1437 Blossom Road, on March 10-11.

From 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 10, Gateley will focus on the topic, "Making God's Presence Real in a Contemporary World." The March 11 session, scheduled to run from 9 a.m.-noon, will address, "How to Keep the Fire Burning."

Cost for the Friday session is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Saturday's program will cost \$20. For those people attending both programs, the cost will be \$25. Advance tickets are available through March 3.

Proceeds will benefit the Mercy Prayer Center.

For information or advance tickets, write the Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14620, or call the Center at 716/473-6893.

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