

Priests slate moral issues for gathering

AUBURN — Father Richard A. McCormick, SJ, professor of Christian ethics at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Rochester's annual Priests' Convocation, scheduled for April 24-26 at the Holiday Inn, 75 North St.

This year's convocation will focus on moral theology, based in part on Father McCormick's book, "Conscience: A Journey of Discovery in Moral Theology." Monignor William H. Shannon's review, along with copies of the book for sale, are available to diocesan priests prior to the convocation.

In addition to Father McCormick's presentation, the convocation will include the examination of case studies based on experiences and written cases of priests. A series of presentations of priestly experiences of the cases' moral, theological and psychological aspects will be conducted by Sister Patricia A. Schoellts, SSJ, president of St. Bernard's Institute, and Dr. Dennis A. Burke, marital and family therapist.

As part of the case study process, Sister Schoellts will address the principles of moral decision-making, while Burke will talk about the developmental stages of moral growth.

Other speakers will include Bishop Genevieve D'Ercole, Bishop Thomas R. Statt, and a special presentation by Father Thomas R. Statt.

The convocation is open to all priests and lay members of the diocese. Registration is free, but a special luncheon will be available for a fee. For more information, call the Diocese of Rochester, 100 E. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14602, or call (716) 545-2300.

Diocesan priests are required to attend the convocation unless they are excused because of special circumstances.

— Lee Strong



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

A celebration of gospel music

The diocesan Office of Black Ministries and Corpus Christi Church presented an evening of song and prayer through gospel music on April 9. The evening took place at the city church, located at 864 Main St. E. The evening's theme, "And Jesus Sang," was presented by a choir featuring members from five Rochester-area churches, including Corpus Christi, St. Bridget's, Adams Street Church of God by Faith, Helena Street Church of Jesus Christ, and Blake Tempel. The choir performed under the direction of Tony Jones and Myra Humphrey.

Kodak CEO praises Nazareth Schools

ROCHESTER — This year, the Nazareth Schools' prestigious Lumina-Lux Awards Dinner featured an additional touch of distinction.

George Fisher, chairman and chief executive officer of Eastman Kodak Company, served as the featured speaker at the annual awards ceremony which honors prominent Nazareth alumni. This year's banquet took place Tuesday, April 4, at the Rochester Hyatt Regency Hotel, 125 E. Main St.

During the dinner, Fisher lauded the virtues of Catholic education and the Nazareth Schools in particular. These institutions include Nazareth Academy, an all-girls' high school located at 1001 Lake Ave.; and Nazareth Hall, a co-education elementary school located at 180 Raines Park.

"The Nazareth Schools are values-based, and that is something to be proud of... Nazareth has a chance to be a role model for education in Rochester. Public education must take a cue from Nazareth," Fisher said. "The type of education they are teaching will go a long way for the individual and companies like Kodak."

Fisher, who arrived in Rochester in 1993 after 10 years as chairman and CEO of Motorola Corporation, noted that he has made a point of instilling the same type of high principles and values at Kodak.

Last Tuesday's two honorees also directed high praise toward the two Nazareth Schools.

Father Thomas R. Statt, a graduate of Nazareth Hall, said he gained inspi-

ration for his vocation from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester who operate the Nazareth Schools.

"They taught me more than reading, writing and arithmetic. I will always be indebted to them, and will never forget them," said Father Statt, who currently serves as pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Greece.

Meanwhile, Kathleen Redman Whelehan acknowledged the political turbulence sweeping across the country while she was attending Nazareth Academy in the mid-1960s.

"They were good but troubled years. Kennedy's assassination, a controversial war — and through it all, Nazareth Academy remained a place of great learning," concluded Whelehan, who is now regional president of the Rochester/Southern Region of Marine Midland Bank.

— Mike Latona

Honeoye Falls parish schedules 125th anniversary liturgy

HONEOYE FALLS — Bishop Matthew H. Clark is scheduled to be the main celebrant and homilist at an upcoming Mass marking the 125th anniversary of St. Paul of the Cross Church, 31 Monroe St. The celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m.

The Mass will be concelebrated by Father Otto J. Vogt, the parish's retiring pastor, as well as Fathers Gareth

Poupore, CSB, and Robert Engel, CP. The liturgy will be followed by a noon reception in the Gleason Works Recreation Center, 330 Monroe St. The reception will feature displays about the parish's history, children's presentations, a life-size figure of the parish's patron saint, and various memorabilia. Food and music will also be available.

Call 716/624-1443 for information.

Kids' Chronicle Answer Key

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Correction

The information on Father Jerome F. Schifferli in last week's "Milestones" supplement was incorrect. Father Schifferli, who is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination, served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Livonia from 1972-89. He continues to reside in Livonia, assisting at parishes around the diocese. We regret the error.

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