

## Bishop-designate will celebrate June 18 Mass

PENFIELD — Bishop-designate James M. Moynihan, named April 4 as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse, will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 45 Gebhardt Road, on Sunday, June 18. A public reception will follow in the parish hall.

June 18 is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (formerly known as the feast of Corpus Christi) and Father's Day.

Among his other assignments, Bishop-designate Moynihan — who succeeds Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe as the Syracuse diocese's pastoral leader — served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Penfield from 1976-91. Since 1991, he has served as general secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in New York City.

## Coalition set to debate proposed budget cuts

LEICESTER — Catholic Charities of Livingston County and the Livingston County Coalition of Churches are jointly sponsoring an April 27 community forum to address how proposed federal and state budget cuts will impact the county's neediest residents.

The event is scheduled to run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas/St. Lucy Parish, 175 Main St. The program will begin with a soup and bread supper prepared by the parish community.

Call Mabel Treadwell, parish social ministry committee chairperson, Catholic Charities of Livingston County, at 716/882-3400.

## Event to mark 13th anniversary of letter

HORSEHEADS — A 13th-anniversary celebration of "The Fire in the Thornbush" will take place on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St.

"The Fire in the Thornbush" is Bishop Matthew Clark's 1982 pastoral letter on women in the church.

Bishop Clark is scheduled to speak on "Images of God" at the April 29 event. This event is being hosted by parishes in the Chemung/Schuyler region as well as Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier. It is the first in a wide range of activities planned by the Chemung/Schuyler parishes to implement the diocesan Synod priority goal, "To recognize and value the dignity of women in church and society."

Child care will be available. There is no charge, but phone-in registration is requested. Call 607/734-9784 or 739-8214.

# Deacon named goal coordinator

## Claude Lester will guide communities

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ROCHESTER — Deacon Claude Lester, director of the diocesan Office of Pastoral Council Formation, has been named coordinator of small Christian communities as part of the Diocese of Rochester's 1995-99 Pastoral Plan.

As coordinator of the fourth goal to come out of the 1993 diocesan Synod, Deacon Lester will serve as a resource for parishes and for small Christian communities to help with formation and support.



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Although the position does not officially take effect until July 1, Deacon Lester said he has already begun working with parishes and groups interested in forming such communities.

"The parishes who have called me have some sense at least that this is something that is an ongoing process, something that people have a commitment to," the deacon said. "A lot of parishes are trying to understand the interplay between Goal 4 and the other goals."

Deacon Lester explained that a small Christian community is "any group of

believers who want to make a commitment to growing together, to working together, to be there for each other."

Such groups are small in size — generally eight to 12 people comprise such a group — and members usually meet on a weekly basis. The three most common forms of small Christian communities, Deacon Lester said, are people who meet on a seasonal basis (such as during Advent or Lent), ministerial groups, or people who meet specifically with the intention to be a community.

As the Synod goal's coordinator, Deacon Lester said he will help groups and parishes in a variety of ways, ranging from simply steering them to available resource material on such communities to actually working with parishes and groups to help establish them.

Deacon Lester has also created a group of "collegial associates" to serve as a speakers bureau, to assist in setting up regional focus groups, and to provide information and to act as facilitators in the developmental process. These associates, who already work with the deacon in the diocesan Office of Pastoral Council Formation, already form a small Christian community, he said.

As part of the process to help parishes plan for small Christian communities, Deacon Lester will offer information at a series of 11 regional parish staff briefings scheduled between May 1-12. In addition, he is in the process of organizing a two-day workshop at Keuka College this August to address how to create small Christian communities.

Deacon Lester is also trying to arrange for Father Arthur Baranowski, a member of the board of directors of the National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities who held workshops in Rochester in November and March, to return to the diocese in late October to offer additional workshops on creating small Christian communities.

In addition, Deacon Lester said he intends to establish three-to-six small communities to serve as models for future communities.

## Holy Thursday tradition

As part of the Rochester church's Holy Thursday service, St. Anne's Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., celebrated an 'international washing of the feet' service on April 13.



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Above, Father Frank E. Lioi, pastor, washes the feet of Monica Cornello, who represented India. Edward Bird (right), representing the United States, and Emmanuel Quaidoo of Ghana (left) were among the parishioners taking part in the service.

# Conference to tackle response to AIDS

ROCHESTER — A conference on "The Role of the Religious Community and HIV/AIDS" will take place on Friday, April 28, from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Strong Museum, One Manhattan Square.

The program is the second of a three-day collaborative conference on HIV/AIDS and the family. The conference's other days will take place at other sites around Rochester, and will address issues faced by primary care clinicians and those faced by individuals, family members and other care providers.

The goal of the April 27-29 conference, which will include workshops and

presentations from experts on the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and families, is to help clergy, educators, health, mental health and other professionals to understand and address familial issues related to AIDS.

Mary Fisher, founder of the Family AIDS Network, will deliver the conference's keynote address, "I Don't Understand Why People Don't Talk About AIDS," at 8:30 a.m. April 28. She will also present a free public address on the topic, "Lifting the Shroud of Silence," at 7 p.m. April 27 at the Theatre on the Ridge in Greece.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark is also scheduled to deliver a welcome and in-

roduction on April 28.

The conference's cost April 28 is \$60 per person. The charge for the entire conference is \$115. One clergy member per church/synagogue is eligible for free registration for April 28.

The conference is sponsored by Action for a Better Community-Action Front Center; Kids Adjusting Through Support (KATS), Inc.; Rochester Area Task Force on AIDS, Strong Museum, University of Rochester, and Medical Center AIDS Center.

For information about the April 28 program or the full conference, write KATS, 600 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607, or call 716/232-5287.

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