

Eight women to be honored at SBI dinner

ROCHESTER — Dr. Sidney Callahan, a columnist for *Commonweal* magazine and a professor of psychology at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., will be the guest speaker for a June 12 dinner honoring eight outstanding diocesan women. The dinner will take place at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St.

About 900 invitations sent out for this dinner included the wrong day for the event. The dinner, which will take place at 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 12, is sponsored by the Women's Scholarship Committee for St. Bernard's Institute, located on the Divinity School campus.

The eight women being honored at the dinner are:

Karen Hibbard, a family nurse practitioner devoted to the urban poor who has organized volunteer health services in homeless shelters and on behalf of women with HIV. She educates physicians and nurses to reach those often cut off from traditional health care.

Kathleen Mahoney, a staff member at Corpus Christi Church who designed innovative, successful programs for those entering the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. She is currently pursuing a doctorate at the University of Rochester.

Elizabeth McAnarney, a physician, scholar, mentor and the first woman to chair the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Judith O'Brien, founder and first chairwoman of the Women's Scholarship Committee who led the group for six years in its fundraising efforts. She has also served on the boards of Catholic Family Center and diocesan Catholic Charities.

Sister Mary Regis Straughn, RSM, who has served the poor and Hispanic communities of Rochester for 32 years. She has overseen St. Martin's Kitchen, a food program located at Rochester's Mt. Carmel Parish, while ministering to the sick and lonely, and obtaining outside support for her work.

Sister Joan Sobola, SSJ, director of the Downtown Community Forum at St. Mary's Church for the last decade. Sister Sobola has engaged hundreds of community residents in discussions about pressing issues facing the city. Sister Sobola has also taken part in national efforts to expand the role of women in the church.

Mary Lou Stotz, who serves as chairwoman of Birthright, a pro-life organization offering help to women in crisis pregnancies. In addition to volunteering with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Memorial Art Gallery, she is volunteer liturgy coordinator at Pittsford's Transfiguration Church.

Marion Tucker, who for many years has worked to secure the basic necessities for refugees resettling in Rochester from many countries. She also oversees regular food collections from St. Catherine's Church, Mendon, for use at St. Martin's Kitchen at Rochester's Mount Carmel Parish. In addition to these efforts, she volunteers at Isaiah House, a home for the dying.

Tickets are \$30. Call 716/271-1320, ext. 290. This event is open to the public.

Three Fisher professors receive Fulbrights

PITTSFORD — Three faculty members at St. John Fisher College have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships for the coming academic year — an unusual feat for such a small college, according to Pat Fesci, coordinator of campus liaison for the scholarship program in Washington, D.C.

"It's a very good number for a small undergraduate institution to have three winners in one year," Fesci said in a statement. She added that usually only such major universities as Notre Dame or Carnegie Mellon have three Fulbrights in one year.

Fisher's Fulbright recipients are Dr. Richard Hillman, chairman of the political science department, Dr. Sharon Delmondo, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Mieczyslaw "Bolek" Biskupski, professor of history.

Each recipient will travel to a foreign country for research and scholarship.

Hillman, winning his third Fulbright in 10 years, will spend one semester at Central University, Venezuela, starting in January, 1996. The Fairport resident will help the university further develop its graduate program in international studies, teach a course in U.S. government, and conduct follow-up research for his book, "Democracy for the Privileged."

"It's very stimulating for me personally because of the challenges of living in a foreign country and using Spanish every day," he remarked.

Starting in September, Delmondo will spend one year at De La Salle University in Manila, the Philippines, where she

will teach in the "Study of the United States" program, serve as a curriculum consultant, and conduct her research in Philippine-American studies.

"I'm very excited about the Fulbright," Delmondo said. "It will flesh out the work I'm doing on Philippine-American studies from the other side. Teaching American literature to a Philippine audience will also widen my perspective when I return."

Biskupski will spend the summer and fall in Warsaw, Poland, researching a book on how Poland has influenced U.S. policy toward Russia and Germany since World War I. His wife, Virginia Mitchell, will also conduct research in Poland under a Fulbright scholarship she has received. She is pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Rochester.



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