

## Registration still open for youth convention

GENESEO — Registration is still taking place for the second annual Diocesan Youth Convention, to be held Aug. 4-6 at the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

The convention will feature a combination of seminars, workshops, prayer and recreation. Special appearances will be made by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who is scheduled to spend the entire weekend at the convention; and Tony Melendez, a guitarist who plays with his feet because he has no hands.

Weekend packages — which include full participation in all activities as well as overnight accommodations Aug. 4 and 5 — are available through July 24. Single-day passes for Aug. 5 can be purchased until Aug. 1. The single-day package includes a 10:30 a.m. keynote address by Melendez, followed by workshops and a 4:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Clark.

To register, contact your parish or Michael Theisen, diocesan coordinator for youth ministry, at 716/328-4840. Interested people living outside of Monroe County may call Theisen at 1-800/388-7177.

## Testimonial banquet set to fete Father Mezzomo

AUBURN — A testimonial banquet to honor Father Charles Mezzomo, pastor of this city's St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church for the past 15 years, has been planned for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

Father Mezzomo has been appointed to the theology faculty at the Byzantine-Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh.

The banquet will take place at the Sicz Club at the corner of Washington and Perrine Streets.

A donation of \$10 per person is requested. Tickets will be available through July 23 at St. Peter and Paul Church, 132 Washington St.; McOl Man's Newsstand, 57 N. Division St.; and Homick's Apparel, 147 State St.

For information, contact Deacon Willis Homick at 315/252-5674.

## Normalization

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But Monsignor Celli, undersecretary for foreign relations at the Vatican, said he was disappointed to learn that the Vietnamese officials had rejected four bishops proposed by the Vatican. It was the first time the government had delivered a wholesale "no" to a slate of Vatican candidates; previously, at least some had been accepted, he said.

"There is unhappiness at what happened with these candidates. I call it an accident along the route of dialogue, a serious accident. But it is important now for the dialogue to continue," he said.

Monsignor Celli added that it was important not to let short-term disappointments like this one obscure the wider areas of progress. For example, there are now six seminaries operating in Vietnam, with new groups of students admitted every two years. Some priests are now allowed to travel outside the country to study, he said.

He said Vietnam was slowly opening up its society, but needs to understand that it cannot only open up economically. The Vatican, he said, remains convinced that with dialogue, the government's perception of religious freedom will improve.

Contains reporting by Catholic News Service and Staff Writer Rob Cullivan.

# Fingerprinting protesters arrested

By Rob Cullivan  
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Protesting Monroe County's fingerprint-imaging policy for welfare recipients, three men with connections to the Catholic Worker movement were arrested July 10 after they left inky fingerprints on the walls of the Monroe County Department of Social Services on Westfall Road.

Police have charged Harry Murray, Eric LeCompte and Paul Tremblay, all of Rochester, with fourth degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. All three men appeared in Rochester City Court on July 12 to hear the charges.

LeCompte is a resident staff person at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, a Catholic Worker House at 402 South Ave. Murray and Tremblay are former residents of the house.

Monroe County Executive John Doyle reportedly called for the three men, if convicted, to pay a \$5,000 fine and per-

form community service by cleaning graffiti in other sections of the city, a county spokesman said.

According to Rochester City Court Judge Frank P. Geraci Jr., a pre-trial hearing will take place in City Court July 27.

Murray, a professor of sociology at Nazareth College of Rochester, said the three men entered the county building at 111 Westfall Road after about a dozen people participated in a prayer service sponsored by the hospitality house outside the building. For about 40 minutes, Murray and the other two men dipped their fingers in ink pads and wrote such slogans as "Fingerprinting is wrong" in the building's waiting room and cafeteria.

"A number of the people who worked there were not pleased with us," Murray said, adding that some employees told the protesters to express their grievances in a legal manner.

Murray claimed, however, that people in the waiting room expressed support

for the fingerprinting.

"A few folks applauded," he said.

The county implemented fingerprint imaging last year in an attempt to stop welfare fraud among recipients. The new policy drew heated protest from a number of local activists who saw it as dehumanizing and criminalizing welfare clients.

Murray defended the men's actions at the social services building as civil disobedience to an unjust law.

"We wanted to draw the contrast between fingerprinting property and fingerprinting people," he said. "The law protects property, but the law allows the destruction of the spirit that goes along with fingerprinting people."

Murray also said he would not hire a lawyer to defend himself against the charges.

"Part of the point of civil disobedience is you say why you did what you did," he said. "You can't really do that effectively if you hire a lawyer."

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The Rev. Franklin Florence (right center) reads a statement officially announcing 'The Reality Cup' during a July 12 press conference at Rochester's House of Mercy, 725 Hudson Ave. In contrast to the attention being given the Ryder Cup, the international golf tournament coming to Rochester this September, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the plight facing the poor and unemployed in the Rochester area.

## Sisters of St. Joseph elect new administrative team

PITTSFORD — The Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester have elected a new central administration team to serve the congregation for the next four years.

The administration's new members will be officially installed Sunday, July 30, in the Holy Family Chapel of the Sisters of the St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave.

Actually, the congregation's leader is not new. Sister Rosemary St. Peter, SSJ, who has served as superior general since 1991, will continue in that role but with the new title of congregational president.

The newly elected congregational vice president is Sister Janice Morgan, SSJ, who has served as assistant to the superior general since 1991.

Elected as councilors were Sisters Sharon Baily, SSJ, Margaret Brennan, SSJ, and Sheila Walsh, SSJ.

A native of Rochester, Sister St. Peter taught at St. Joseph's, Wayland, St. Mary's, Canandaigua, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester, and St. John the Evangelist, Greece. She also served as principal at St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, St. Ambrose, Rochester, and Holy Trinity, Webster.

She has been a member of the congregation's central administration since 1983, serving as assistant superior general from 1987-91.

In looking ahead at the next four years, Sister St. Peter said, "My hope is our coming to a common understanding of the workings and effectiveness of collabora-

tion encompassing all members of the congregation as well as those who walk with us."

Sister Morgan, an Elmira native, taught at St. Thomas More, Rochester, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and St. Agnes, Avon. She also served as principal at St. Francis Xavier and St. Theodore, both in Rochester. Prior to becoming assistant to the superior general four years ago, Sister Morgan was the diocese's assistant superintendent for curriculum from 1981-85 before she was named director of religious education at Fairport's Assumption of Our Lady Church.

Rochester-native Sister Baily was certified as a registered nurse through Elmira's St. Joseph's Hospital, where she worked as a staff nurse in pediatrics and in surgery. She also served as the hospital's pediatric nurse practitioner and as the pediatric health care service coordinator.

In addition, she served in the SSJ mission in Selma, Ala., then as a nurse and co-director at the Corpus Christi Center in Rochester. Since 1991, she has served as a councilor on the congregation's central administration team.

Sister Brennan is a Rochester native who taught at St. Anne's and Nazareth Academy, both in Rochester; and at St. Mary's, Auburn. In addition to serving as director of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in Rochester from 1980-84, she later served on staff and then as co-director of St. Martin's Place in Rochester.

After a sabbatical year in Selma, she published a history of the order's mission in Alabama. Sister Brennan recently completed the manuscript of a book about Mother Stanislaus Leary, SSJ, who led the Sisters of St. Joseph during the late 1800s.

A Corning native, Sister Walsh served as a teacher at St. John the Evangelist, Greece, St. Mary's, Auburn, and St. Anne's, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Monica's, all in Rochester; as well as St. Patrick's, Corning.

She coordinated the catechesis program at St. Monica's Church in Rochester, and later served as pastoral assistant at St. Mary's Church downtown. She became involved with real estate in 1984, serving the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation and later establishing her own real estate agency in Rochester.

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