

Sharpton joins 'Reality Cup' effort



Minister Franklin Florence (right) stands by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who made a brief visit to Rochester Aug. 26 to deliver the keynote address for the 'Reality Cup' rally at Rochester's Don Samuel Torres Park on Clinton Ave. Other speakers included Sister Grace Miller, SSJ, director of The House of Mercy, and Father Laurence Tracy, parochial vicar of the Community of Hope cluster. Reality Cup organizers announced plans to foster awareness of Rochester's poor during the Ryder Cup Golf tournament scheduled for Sept. 22-24 at the Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford.

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Rochester Mass to salute Blessed Grimoaldo

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Readers of the *Catholic Courier* will recall that Grimoaldo Santamaria, an Italian Passionist seminarian with many Rochester connections, was declared "blessed" in Rome by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 29, 1995.

Now ceremonies are beginning to be held in the United States to celebrate formally the beatification of this unusually holy teenager whose promotion to sainthood is fervently hoped for by many people. The American Passionist Fathers already did him special honor June 29, but now the Diocese of Rochester, to which his mother and sister immigrated after his death in 1902, will salute him with a pontifical Mass on Sept. 16. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the celebrant.

The American Passionists of the Eastern Province celebrated their June 29 observance at the Passionist-run Cardinal Spellman Retreat House in the Bronx. Presiding at the crowded Mass in the Retreat House chapel was John Cardinal O'Connor, archbishop of New York. Concelebrating with him were V. Rev. Robert Joerger, C.P., provincial of the Eastern Province, and V. Rev. Giovanni Cipriani,



C.P., superior of the Passionist Province of Naples to which Blessed Grimoaldo belonged.

Other guests from Italy included Monsignor Luigi Casatelli, vicar general of the Diocese of Pontecorvo; and Sig. Umberto Sattini, mayor of Pontecorvo, Blessed Grimoaldo's birthplace.

His American Santamaria kinsfolk were also represented. Niece Ida and her husband Samuel F. Turan of Webster were present. Ida Turan read the second

lesson of the Mass. Also in attendance was Rose DiSalvo Collins, a Rochesterian and long a devotee of Blessed Grimoaldo. Collins was also a member of the Rochester delegation to the beatification in Rome.

Then on July 19, Turan was interviewed about Blessed Grimoaldo for the Faith & Values Network, formerly VISN, a national religious cable channel.

Our Rochester ceremony of "recognition" will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave., Rochester. Holy Cross was chosen because it was for some years the home parish of Grimoaldo's mother Cecilia Ruscio Santamaria, who had been most influential in his early spiritual development, and of her daughter Vincenzina Panella. Both are buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. It was Mrs. Panella who, at the suggestion of the Italian Passionists and under their guidance, first acquainted Americans with the virtues of her Passionist brother.

Plans for the September Mass are still being developed, but this public observance should be something to remember.

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Charities gala to feature composer Jack Alloco

ROCHESTER — Jack Alloco, a Rochester native and Emmy Award-winning composer, will be among the guests at Catholic Charities Community and Residential Services' inaugural "Rochester Remembrance Gala."

The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium at High Falls, Browns Race.

A graduate of Bishop Kearney High School as well as Nazareth and St. John Fisher colleges, Alloco won an Emmy for his music for the TV soap opera, "The Young and the Restless." In addition, he has written music for movies such as "The Firm," and is the arranger/conductor for such celebrities as Robert Goulet and Phyllis Diller.

Joining Alloco for the gala will be a number of Rochester-area notables.

Those attending the gala will be able to bid for baskets of hors d'oeuvres and a personality's time during cocktails and dinner. The gala will also feature entertainment by the Dady Brothers, dancers, doggers, a laser light show and a silent auction.

Cost for the dinner and show is \$50. For ticket information, call 716/339-9800.

Brother Eugene Chung set for solemn profession

PIFFARD — Brother Eugene Chung is slated to make his solemn profession as a Cistercian Friday, Sept. 8, at 9:40 a.m. at the Abbey of the Genesee, 3258 River Road.

A native of Seoul, South Korea, Brother Chung immigrated as a teenager to the Los Angeles area, baptized a Catholic in 1980, he later entered Our Lady of New Clairvaux Abbey in Vina, Calif. He relocated to the Abbey of the Genesee in 1990, completing his formation there.

The public is welcome to witness the profession ceremony and to join the celebration of the Mass thereafter.

Good Samaritan

Everyone knows the biblical story of the Good Samaritan, but how often do we recognize modern-day Samaritans in our midst? Do you know of someone person who deserves recognition for a kind deed he or she did for you — someone who helped make your day a little brighter? The *Catholic Courier* would like to help you recognize such individuals and organizations from around the diocese in a new feature called "The Good Samaritan."

To submit items for this new feature, please send the name of the person(s) or organization that helped you and a description of what they did to: Richard A. Kiley, Managing Editor, *Catholic Courier*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

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