

## TGA kickoff events slated at five sites

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ROCHESTER — The Diocese of Rochester will officially begin its 1995-96 Thanks Giving Appeal with five upcoming sessions for pastors, volunteers and TGA leadership.

The goal of this year's appeal — the diocese's chief source of operating funds — is \$4.8 million.

The upcoming sessions are scheduled for St. Michael's Church, 401 S. Main St., Newark on Sept. 20; St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St., Auburn on Sept. 25; St. Mary's Church, 155 State St., Corning on Sept. 26; Rochester Museum and Science Center's Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Ave., on Oct. 3; and St. John the Baptist Church, 325 Lake St., Elmira on Oct. 10.

While the session in Rochester is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., the other four will begin at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to featuring television spots by Bishop Matthew H. Clark to be aired on Rochester, Elmira and Syracuse television stations between Oct. 23 and Nov. 11, the campaign will include talks at parishes by TGA and diocesan officials beginning the weekend of Oct. 21-22.

The TGA's "in-hall" collection phase will take place the weekends of Oct. 28-29, and Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 11-12. Parishes — and subsequently the TGA office — will conduct follow-up efforts to reach people who did not give during these three weekends.

The TGA's leadership phase, which targets individuals capable of giving larger gifts, begins Oct. 17.

Thomas D'Agostino, appeal director, noted one change in this year's campaign: its focus on Synod objectives. Whereas in previous years the campaign's promotional material explained how TGA monies were spent on parish support, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan operations, this year's campaign will focus on how appeal funds will be used to carry out the four goals that came out of the diocesan Synod in 1993.

Those goals contained in the diocese's Pastoral Plan for 1995-99 were: lifelong faith formation, the consistent life ethic, small Christian communities, and

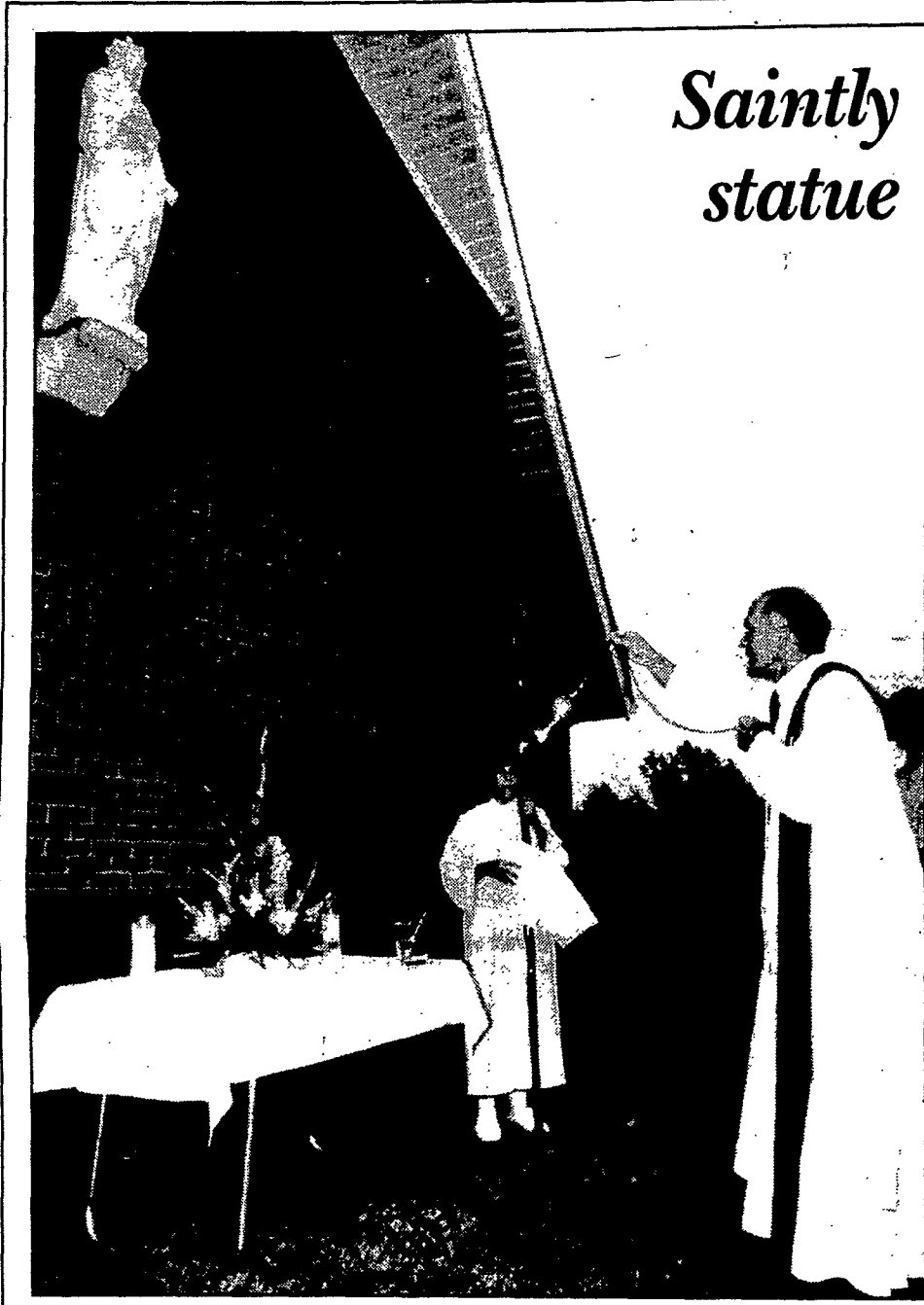
women in society and the church.

"I think there were so many people involved in the Synod, they will be interested" in this focus, D'Agostino speculated.

He noted, for example, that TGA monies help pay the salaries of two people hired to fill positions created due to the Pastoral Plan: Suzanne Schnittman, consistent life ethic coordinator; and Karen Rinefierd, coordinator for young adult, adult, and family faith formation.

In keeping with this focus, the theme for this year's TGA is "Bring Forth the Kingdom on Earth."

The 1995-96 campaign will be chaired by Thomas G. Maguire, a parishioner of Irondequoit's St. Thomas the Apostle Church, and Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, pastor of Greece's St. John the Evangelist Parish. According to D'Agostino, the two men will oversee an operation involving some 500 volunteers.



Saintly  
statue

S. John Wilkin/Staff Photographer  
Father Richard J. Beligotti, pastor of St. Lucy's Church, blesses the Retsof church's new statue depicting the parish's patron saint Aug. 31. The statue was a gift from the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, St. Lucy's neighbors. Representatives from the abbey were on hand to participate in the blessing and evening prayer at the Livingston County parish.

## Papal Mass tickets for October events offered by diocese

The Diocese of Rochester is making available a limited number of tickets for those wishing to attend New York City-area Masses to be celebrated by Pope John Paul II Oct. 6-7 during his U.S. visit, Oct. 4-8.

One Mass is scheduled for Aqueduct Raceway in Jamaica at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 6; the other is set for Saturday, Oct. 7 in Central Park at 9:30 a.m.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and only by written request, not by telephone.

For tickets, write: Papal Mass Tickets, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Requests must include the name, address, telephone number and number of tickets requested. A maximum of four tickets is available per person. Official church groups may receive more, if necessary. Requests must also make clear which Mass individuals want to attend. Individuals can request tickets to both Masses.

Tickets will be mailed out from the Pastoral Center when they arrive from New York City near the end of this month.

## Reflection session set for Sept. 30 in Elmira

ELMIRA — A day of reflection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Dominican Monastery, 1310 W. Church St.

Father Robert C. MacNamara will lead reflection and prayer. This event is being hosted by the St. John the Baptist Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, which meets every third Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads.

For registration details, call Eugene Corbo at 607/733-0481.

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This fix-up, paint-up, clean-up supplement will provide practical, roll-up-your-sleeves suggestions while commenting on the spiritual dimension of such home-based activities as stewardship of resources, recycling, building and appreciating the natural world around us.



### Vocation's Supplement

Publication Date: Oct. 12

Advertising Deadline: Sept. 28

This supplement will address aspects of religious vocations in today's church — from diocesan efforts to establish a Serra Club to the issues that will be faced by the coordinator of the newly instituted Office of Clergy Retirement Services for the Rochester diocese.



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