

DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Philip Neri schedules Monsignor Duffy tribute

ROCHESTER — St. Philip Neri Church, 1776 Clifford Ave, will celebrate the 50th ordination anniversary of Monsignor John F. Duffy at the 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 15. The Mass will be followed by a public reception with refreshments in the school hall.

Monsignor Duffy, pastor of the parish from 1984-86, was ordained in December, 1945. Among other positions, he served as diocesan director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. He currently resides at the St. Pius the Tenth Home for Retired Priests in Syracuse.

The St. Philip Neri Choir will sing for the Jubilee Mass, which Monsignor Duffy will celebrate. The parish council and women's club will host the after-Mass reception, which is open to all the priest's friends and former parishioners.

For information, call 716/489-2400.

Dominican sisters begin annual donation appeal

ELMIRA — The Dominican sisters in the Order of Preachers, located at the Monastery of Mary the Queen, have begun their annual giving appeal.

Donations are being sought to offset the costs of purchasing a second-hand organ, painting the chapel and adjoining areas, replacing some visiting-parlor carpeting, replacing dormitory windows, and resingling a roof.

Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St., Elmira, N.Y., 14905.

St. Mary's in Dansville to celebrate 150th year

DANSVILLE — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, 40 Elizabeth St., on Saturday, Oct. 14, to mark the parish's 150th anniversary. The pastor, Father Joseph R. Catanise, will concelebrate the liturgy.

Father William Graf, pastor of Most Precious Blood in Rochester, will be guest speaker at a banquet in Brae Burn Recreation Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 716/335-6587.

Raffle tickets available for Knights' fundraiser

ROCHESTER — Rochester Council 178 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a raffle to help defray expenses for its 100th-anniversary celebration next June.

Raffle tickets are available for a Caribbean cruise, valued at \$3,348, or \$2,500 in cash. Tickets are \$25 each. The drawing will take place Oct. 21 during a dinner-dance at Arena's Party House in Webster.

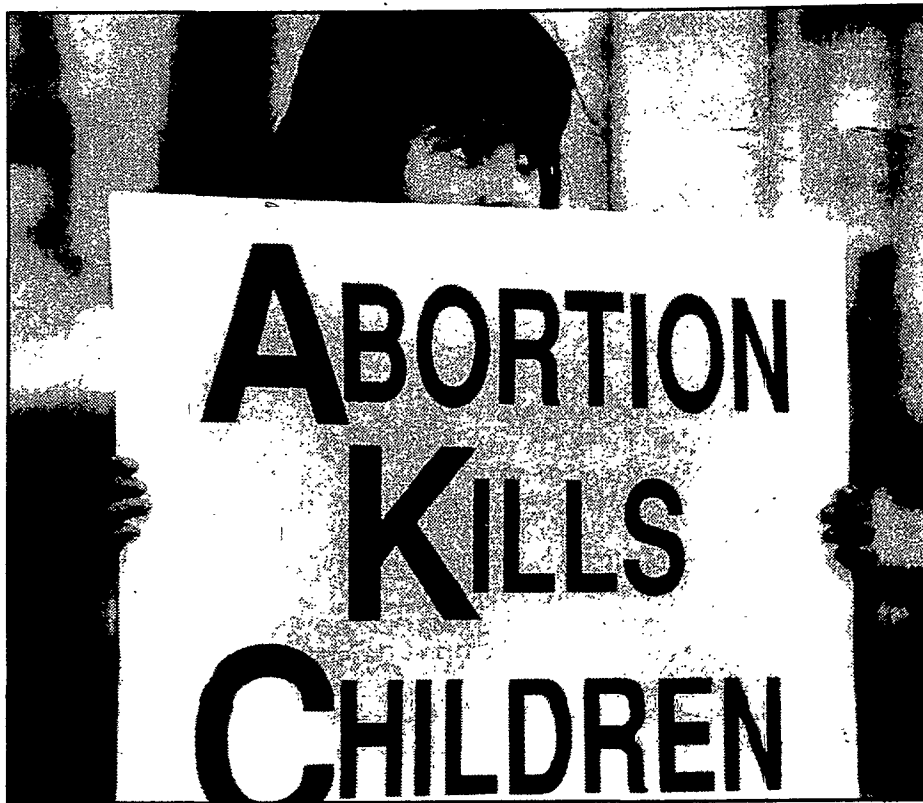
To purchase a ticket and/or attend the dinner-dance, call Don Smith at 716/654-8584.

Crafters wanted at show

SPENCERPORT — Crafters are invited to participate in a show at St. John the Evangelist School, 55 Martha St., on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show is sponsored by St. John's Parish Family Unification Network — PFUN.

Rental fees range from \$15 to \$20 depending on space needed. Tables and electric hookups are available at additional cost. For details and contract information, write to: St. John's PFUN Committee, P.O. Box 53, Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

Small life chain link



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Seven-year-old Bethany Wager, a member of Bethel Full Gospel Church, joined others Oct. 1 in a 'Life Chain' stretching from the Liberty Pole to Winton Road along Rochester's East Avenue. This year's event, commemorating Respect Life Sunday, marked the fifth year of peaceful Life Chain demonstrations in opposition to abortion.

Obituaries

Fr. Francis C. Boehm, CSB, at 68; Aquinas teacher

Father Francis C. Boehm, CSB, who taught at Aquinas Institute for 22 years, was found dead in his Phoenix, Ariz. apartment Sept. 30, 1995, after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was 68.

A Rochester native, Father Boehm was born Oct. 15, 1926, to the late Gertrude and Christian Boehm. He attended Immaculate Conception and St. Monica's schools, then Aquinas Institute. He entered the Basilian novitiate after graduating from Aquinas in 1944.

Father Boehm made his profession as a Basilian Aug. 15, 1945. He was ordained a priest June 29, 1954.

After completing a bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto in 1949, Father

Boehm taught mathematics at Aquinas Institute from 1949-50, then again from 1955-76.

In recent years, Father Boehm had been involved in pastoral ministry — primarily with the elderly. He was also active with the Marriage Encounter movement and the Retrouvaille Program.

Calling hours for Father Boehm will be at the 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Halloran Funeral Home, 2125 Chili Ave. A wake service will take place at the funeral home that evening at 8:30.

Mass of Christian Burial for Father Boehm will be celebrated 10 a.m. Oct. 6 at St. Helen's Church, 310 Hinckley Road. Interment will be in the priests' lot

Family catechetical expert to speak at parish Oct. 12

IRONDEQUOIT — Kathleen Chesto, a nationally known expert on religious education and family catechesis, will speak to parents and those who work with families Thursday, Oct. 12, at St. Cecilia's Church, 2732 Culver Road. Her topic for the 7-8:30 p.m. presentation is "Holiness: Family Style."

Chesto is the creator of F.I.R.E. — Family-Centered Intergenerational Religious Education. The program uses a variety of parish-based and home activities, including games, discussions and simulations, for family-catechetical purposes.

Chesto will focus on spirituality in the family lifestyle and on the values and virtues learned and celebrated within the family. A video producer and author, Chesto is an adjunct faculty member in religious education for the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

Chesto spoke about the holiness of family life and parenting during a workshop for parents at Guardian Angels Parish Center in Henrietta last March. About 80 parents and 26 children attended the workshop, sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis, which is also sponsoring her talk at St. Cecilia's.

Cost for Chesto's talk is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. For information and registration, call Karen Rinefierd at 716/328-3210.

Sister Mary Ambrose, 79; RSM, long-time educator

BRIGHTON — Sister Mary Ambrose Rogers died Sept. 19, 1995, at the Lourdes Hall infirmary in the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse. She was 79.

A native of Auburn, Sister Ambrose entered the Sisters of Mercy out of Holy Family Parish. She was a graduate of Holy Family High School, Nazareth Normal School and St. Bonaventure University. She was received into the Mercy congregation in 1935 and professed her final vows in 1940.

Sister Ambrose served for 55 years in diocesan schools as both an administrator and teacher. Her longest stints included Holy Family, Auburn (1938-42); Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Rochester (1942-59); St. Holy Cross, Rochester (1960-66); St. Ann's, Hornell (1969-81); and St. Andrew's, Rochester (1981-92). She also taught at St. Mary's, Bath; St. John the Evangelist (Humboldt Street), Rochester; and St. James, Rochester.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Ambrose was celebrated at the Mercy motherhouse Sept. 21, 1995.

Sister Ambrose is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and William Bowen and Helen and Joseph Graney; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Elizabeth Rogers; several nieces and nephews; and her sisters in the Mercy congregation.

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