

# Holiday Gift Guide

wrong way, they don't understand what Marriage Encounter is about. Marriage Encounter is for good marriages. We just want them to have the good experience of a Marriage Encounter weekend." The Williams are at 716/872-3180. The Southern Tier number is 607/776-4870.

★ Another type of "retreat" — a cruise around Key West and Grand Cayman sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, March 9-16. Price is \$1,375 minimum for seven days, with a portion benefiting the congregation. Call Sister Mary Anne Laurer, 716/586-1000, ext. 151.

★ An engraved brick for the Memorial to the Unborn Child, a diocesan project organized by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Knights of Columbus and to be built at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Irondequoit by May. Cost is \$50; the brick will be placed in the "Walkway of Life" and the buyer will receive a certificate.

"A number of people have ordered them for Christmas presents," Mary Jo Maurer of the memorial committee said. "The money for the bricks is what's really building the memorial."

Call Maurer at 716/342-3216 or Dorothy Hayes, 716/342-4175.

★ Spiritual bouquets. These are a favorite of Maurer's, whose children have designed cards featuring flowers with "gifts" written onto the petals.

"You write people that you are going to pray for them, and what you are going to pray — a rosary, a half-hour at an adoration chapel," she said. "I just love spiritual bouquets."

★ *Prolife Feminism: Yesterday & Today*, edited by Rachel MacNair et al, is recommended as a unique find, by Suzanne Schnittman, diocesan coordinator of the consistent life ethic. It compiles writings on abortion from the early 19th century on. Call 716/234-5416. Or send \$15 to Feminists for Life of New York, 893 Copper Kettle Road, Webster, NY 14580.

Other gift ideas garnered from corners of the diocese include:

★ Books by local authors including Father Albert Shamon, Msgr. William Shannon, Sister

Beatrice Ganley, SSJ, diocesan women's *Extraordinary Preaching* collection of sermons, and the colorful *Abbey Psalter*, a copy of that used at the Abbey of the Genesee. Check religious and other local bookstores listed in the Yellow Pages, and the local motherhouses' gift shops.

★ "Surprise Sayings by the Saints and Saintly," page-a-day calendar by Alan Archibald, a 1965 Aquinas Institute graduate who went on to St. Michael's College in Toronto and taught in Nicaragua, and now lives in Hillsborough, N.C. The first calendar sold out overnight at Borders Books and Music, Henrietta, last year and the 1997 edition (\$12.95) is available there, as well as at The Catholic Shop, Rochester.

Archibald told the *Courier* that an "unsatisfying — and occasionally cloying — pietism" of materials on the saints drove him to uncover untold wit and wisdom of the saints. The Oct. 15 entry in-

forms us that Teresa of Avila, for instance, declared, "God deliver us from sullen saints!"

★ Spiritual book club membership. Caroscio, of the Finger Lakes Social Ministry, said this is one of the best gifts she's received.

"First of all, it was helpful personally," she said. "And I've used the books a lot in my work, shared them with staff and social ministry meetings, retreat experiences. They help groups understand why they do what they do ... carrying on the mission of Jesus Christ."

★ Journals. This is a favorite of Sister Carolyn Rosica, RSM, who writes in several journals including one for "extra special entries."

"I would never buy a journal for myself," she said. But she remembers who gave her each one and thinks of them when she makes her entries. Journals fall into the category of "heart gifts," she said. "Those touch the heart."

The Creator's Hands, a shop often mentioned by women religious, priests and lay people who enjoy shopping for hand-crafted, spiritually-oriented gifts, carries small Christmas



journals that can be turned into a tree ornament and hung year to year.

"The artists do stuff out of the spiritual motivation, something deeper," said Father Brian Cool, who also appreciates the fact that much of the work is by local talent.

Angel shops rank high among discerning shoppers as well. And, of course, subscriptions, memberships and donations to a number of worthy organizations are among other ideas diocesan parishioners favor.

A few years ago Jane Rector and her husband David of St. John's of Rochester, forwent Christmas cards in order to donate to the *Catholic Courier/Catholic Charities* Christmas Appeal. Lately they've kept up both practices, and include with their cards pictures of them with their 11 grandchildren.

The cards' distributor — Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago — "is one of my favorite charities," Jane Rector said. "I guess I started doing it because my mother did."

But as Christmas nears and anxiety heightens over choosing the perfect gift, perhaps a word from Mary Pierce, founder of Logos Bookstore, will be of help: "As we think about it, any gift that sends the messages Jesus came to give, is a perfect Christmas gift."

Pictured gifts are Rochester Women's Bean Project packages; a doll and candles made by the Sisters of Mercy; a house pin that benefits SSJ and Mercy projects; a wreath made by the Sisters of Mercy; jelly cabinet, ceramic angels and clock made at School of the Holy Childhood; a teddy bear by Sister Arlene Semesky, RSM, of Elmira; handwoven bag from Guatemala; and mug to benefit the Finger Lakes Social Ministry.

**Stride Rite**  
with this ad save \$5 on all Stride Rite shoes and sneakers

**Soft Spots**  
with this ad save \$15 on all Soft Spots (expires 12-30-96)

**Sullivan Shoes**  
#442-8730  
14 Edmond Street (off Monroe, near Goodman)

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Route 480	Route 480

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3821 West Ridge Road      Packett's Landing, Fairport  
225-1050      223-0970

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To get a personalized phone call or letter from Santa to your child before X-mas just send \$4.95 per child in check or m.o. along with child's name, age, wish list, address & phone # to: The U-N-US Co., PO Box 15497 Rochester, NY 14615 all letters received by Dec. 15, 1996 will be guaranteed before X-mas delivery all phone call orders will receive confirmation by mail of the time and date Santa will be calling.

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**Tambour**  
\$129up

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\$89up

**Schoolhouse**  
\$99up

**GRAND FATHER CLOCKS**  
\$595  
Oak or Cherry

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**ROGER'S PIANOS AND CLOCKS**  
1425 Jefferson Road  
Saginaw Plaza (1/4 mile east off I-390)  
Mon.-Thurs. 10-8:30; Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-5; Sun. 1-5  
**475-1140**

KIDS ... Do you have your own ideas about the true meaning of Christmas? If so write about them in a short poem or a paragraph of fewer than 50 words, or create a drawing on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper, and send them to: Kids' Chronicle, Catholic Courier, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624 by Dec. 9. We'll publish as many as possible in our Dec. 19 issue.

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