

CONTINUED...

Sacred Heart

Continued from page 1

"(The devotion) most certainly did not originate from the private revelation given to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque," O'Donnell wrote. "The medieval forms of the devotion to the heart of Christ rested solidly upon patristic traditions..."

Convocation in Syracuse

About six years ago, with the approval of the Diocese of Syracuse, Anson and other Sacred Heart devotees established the Sacred Heart Center, which serves as the regional arm of the Sacred Heart Apostolate in Fairhaven, Mass. Funded by private donations and staffed by volunteers, the center will host the 1997 National Sacred Heart Convocation at the Radisson Plaza, Hotel Syracuse in Syracuse Aug. 22-24, she said. Anson said at least 10 Catholics from the Rochester Diocese have expressed interest in coming.

Speakers at the convocation will include Anson; Father Albert Shamon, administrator of St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in Flem-

ing, Cayuga County, and a *Catholic Courier* columnist; Father Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, director of the Office for Spiritual Development of the Archdiocese of New York; and Thomas J. Mueller, president of Men of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, based in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Anson noted that she plans to elicit testimony from families whose lives have been transformed by the devotion, families once marked by divisiveness and now marked by caring.

Father Shamon said he will place devotion to the Sacred Heart in the context of the pope's call for Catholics to reflect on Jesus in 1997 in preparation for the next millennium. The pope issued this call in his 1994 apostolic letter "As the Third Millennium Draws Near."

In a telephone interview with the *Courier*, Father Groeschel said he plans to speak about Sacred Heart devotion as an antidote to such modern ills as family breakup and personal loneliness.

"I will sketch out a history of devotion to Christ, and particularly to Christ as a personal friend," he said. "All social psychologists say we live in lonely times, and I'll

comment on the love in Christ's heart. And three churches in the Rochester Diocese are named for it — Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, and the churches of Sacred Heart in Auburn and Perkinsville.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II addressed the meaning of devotion to the Sacred Heart in a speech at Paray-le-Monial, where St. Margaret Mary had received her visions.

"The heart is also the central core of the conversion which God desires on the part of man and for man, so as to enter into his intimacy, into his love," the pope said. "God did not create man to be indifferent or cold, but to be open to God."

The popes, the church and the Sacred Heart

Devotion to the heart of Jesus has been vigorously approved by several popes over the last 100 years, including Pope Leo XII, who consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart in 1899, and Pope John Paul II, who has referred to the Sacred Heart in encyclicals and in speeches.

Meanwhile, the church itself has echoed the impact of the devotion in its teachings. For example, sections 1439 and 2669 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

comment on the love in Christ's heart. And three churches in the Rochester Diocese are named for it — Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, and the churches of Sacred Heart in Auburn and Perkinsville.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II addressed the meaning of devotion to the Sacred Heart in a speech at Paray-le-Monial, where St. Margaret Mary had received her visions.

"The heart is also the central core of the conversion which God desires on the part of man and for man, so as to enter into his intimacy, into his love," the pope said. "God did not create man to be indifferent or cold, but to be open to God."

And that, in the end, is what the devotion is all about, O'Donnell said in a phone interview. Devotees are not so much concerned with Christ's heart per se as what it contains — a merciful love for sinners, he explained, and how that love can change the hearts of people. This lies at the center of the Gospel message, he continued.

"This devotion is tied to Catholic dogma and Catholic faith," he said. "You can't treat it like any other devotion, like a devotion to St. Jude."

O'Donnell acknowledged that not all Catholics may feel drawn to Sacred Heart devotion, especially if they have been turned off by poor artistic depictions of Christ's heart, or Sacred Heart pamphlets with arcane, excessive prayer language. However, he emphasized that, ultimately, all Catholics must contend with what the devotion represents — Jesus expressing his love for all and asking for a response from humanity.

"It would almost be a cold rebuff to Our Lord to say 'Oh, no, that doesn't attract me,'" he said.

To learn more about devotion to the Sacred Heart, or about the August convocation, write: The Sacred Heart Center, 4791 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, N.Y. 13215, or call the center at 315/492-6308.

In her visions, saintly nun heard Christ's promises

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

Promoters of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus often point to 12 promises the Lord reportedly made to devotees in a series of visions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1600s. These promises were culled from writings of the saint, a French nun of the Visitandine order.

Philip Kemper, an Ohio businessman, popularized the promises in the latter 19th century by distributing lists of them throughout the world. The promises have been translated into dozens of languages, according to the book *Heart of the Redeemer*, by Timothy T. O'Donnell.

The 12 promises are:

1. I will give (devotees) all the graces necessary in their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an

image of my heart is exposed and honored.

10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my heart.

12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

COURIER CLASSIFIEDS

GENERAL

Announcements

ADOPTIONS The Catholic Courier does not publish adoption advertising. To obtain a list of agencies that serve birth mothers and adoptive parents, call 716-328-4340. Agencies wishing to be included on this list may send information to the Catholic Courier.

CELEBRATE OCTOBER-FEST ON a 14-day Fall Foliage Tour to Europe. Contact Giovina Caroscio 315/789-2686.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FROM a faith perspective. Marriage/Indiv. Martin Lynch 716-232-4675.

Business Opportunities

NEW TO AREA Established linen party plan looking for experienced demonstrators/managers. Aggressive compensation. No delivery/collection. Free catalogs/supplies. Monthly cash bonus. Mary 800-536-2457.

Miscellaneous

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE: Sept. 4-15, 1997. Extraordinary journey through the Emerald Isle with visits including: Our Lady of Knock Shrine (site of Marian apparitions) and grand vigil celebration, with Christine Gallagher at the House of Prayer, and another site of reported apparitions. Explore countless scenic and historic wonders (Galway, Aran Ilse, Croagh Patrick, etc.) Accompanied by Marian Priest. Deadline soon, credit cards accepted. For love, laughter and inner peace, call Marlene 602-266-5885 m-f, 617-581-0169 after July 1, or 1-800-892-PRAY.

GENERAL

Miscellaneous

DJ MUSIC FOR parties, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays. Call Joe at DJ James Tunes. 716-473-5411.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

ATTN: ROCHESTER Postal positions. Clerks and sorters. No experience required. Benefits. For exam, salary and testing information, call: 800-547-4787 ext. 5678, 8 am to 8 pm.

EXECUTIVE SALES POSITION Financial products and services. Metropolitan Life, one of the largest U.S. financial institutions, seeks aggressive person to fill position in local area. Initial compensation to \$40,000, plus excellent fringe benefits to include: retirement, medical and dental for entire family, 401K and disability plan, 3-year training program. No sales background necessary. Send resume to: Thomas J. Kinyon, General Manager, 200 Canal View Blvd. Suite 220, Rochester, NY 14623 or call 716-427-8710: EOE.

GROUNDS KEEPER: TRIMMING, mowing, weeding. 40 hours, 3 months. \$6/hr. Experience preferred. Pittsford area. Call 716-586-1000, ext. 212.

MERCHANDISE

Clothing

CHRISTENING GOWNS WITH hat. Handmade, crocheted, ribbon embroidery, etc. Call Debora 716-323-1790.

MERCHANDISE

Wanted to Buy

Furniture, Trunks, Clocks, Sterling and China, Linnens. Wanted: complete estates and households. Sell to me for cash or I will conduct a sale for you.
Marilyn's Antiques
716-647-2480

PROPERTY

Houses

ANDY KANE REALTY Serving the diocese for 25 years! Selling, buying, renting. 716-482-3200.

Apartments Unfurnished

MIDTOWN MANOR APARTMENTS FOR AGE 50 AND OLDER Convenient Downtown Location. Walk to shopping. On a direct busline. Studios \$299; One bedroom \$359. All utilities included. Section 8 accepted. Monthly Mass Services. 475 East Broad St. • 716-546-3650

SERVICES

Appliance Repair

We Make House Calls
SEW & VAC REPAIR CTR.
724 Winton Rd. N.
716-482-6111

Ceiling Repair

TEXTURED/SWIRLED CEILING 9' x 12' ceiling only \$59. Water Damage, drywall, plaster repairs. Quality work; reasonable prices. 716-392-5076.

SERVICES

Carpeting & Floor Care

CARPET CLEANING
CHEM-DRY®
OF
ROCHESTER & FINGER LAKES
716-458-5797 • 716-396-1076
Mention this ad for a CC Discount!
Serving Monroe, Ontario & Livingston Counties
Independently Owned & Operated

Electricians

NOLAN ELECTRIC
FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS
Serving Rochester & Surrounding Areas
Licensed & Fully Insured
716-436-8290

Heating & Air Conditioning

Hicks Home Heating
Call us for Winter Comfort!
Heat & Air Conditioning Specialists
• Sales • Service • Installation
Family Owned & Operated
424-4848

Home Improvement

MASONRY REPAIR: brick steps, basements, patchwork. Reasonable. 35 yrs. exp. 716-323-1007. Al Meyvis, Sr.

House Cleaning

\$10 OFF WINDOWS, lawns, houses! Mickey's Cleaning Service. 716-527-9051 or page 239-5607.

Call 716-328-4340 to advertise in the Courier Classifieds

SERVICES

Instruction & Schools

SUMMER TUTORING: CERTIFIED Elementary/special education teacher available for reading/math. 716-442-0024.

Landscaping & Lawncare

GRAVE TENDING: HOLY Sepulchre, Riverside area. Low seasonal price. Call for info.: 716-621-7301.

Masonry

AMERICAN MASONRY & CHIMNEY
CHIMNEY SERVICE
ALL MASONRY WORK
865-4170 663-7360

Moving & Hauling

K-D Moving & Storage, Inc.
Experience in office, household moving and deliveries.
Big or Small, We do them All!
473-6610/473-4357
23 Arlington St. Rochester NY 14607
NYDOT#9657

Painting & Wallcovering

BURG-MASTER PAINTING/PAPERHANGING, texture ceilings, walls, ceilings repaired, rugs shampooed. Insured, powerwashing. Dan Burgmaster, 716-663-0827.

SERVICES

Painting & Wallcovering

PAINTING: NEAT, RELIABLE, experienced, quality work, many satisfied customers. Call John 716-544-0593.

BERNARD K. BAYER & SON
Master Painters
Painting & Wallpaper
Wood Finishing and Gutters
Aluminum Doors and Windows
est. 1952 (716) 381-0812

SPECIALIZING IN REPAIRS OF OLDER HOMES

Basement walls repaired, painted & waterproofed. Interior/exterior painting, garages, porches, etc. Homes power washed, gutter cleaning, driveway sealing. Small jobs welcome. Senior Discount • Free Estimates. Certified • 20 Years Experience
AL MEYVIS, JR.
323-2876 • 392-4435

Roofing Siding & Gutters

BOWMAN ROOFING & SIDING CO.

Established 1912
George R. Bowman, Sr.
• Roof Repairs • Siding •
• Replacement Windows •
• Seamless Aluminum Gutters •
• Gutter Cleaning • Ice Problems •

671-3270
671-2912

