

Elmira, Rochester plan Jesus March

ROCHESTER — Christians of all denominations are being invited to participate in the sixth annual "March for Jesus" in Rochester, beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

Meanwhile, Elmira will hold its seventh annual March for Jesus at 11 a.m. the same day.

Joe Cuda, who is coordinating the Elmira march — and also serves as the regional coordinator for the March for Jesus — said there will be 28 such marches in New York state, and at last count, 632 nationally.

The Rochester march is being organized by the March for Jesus Rochester, headed by an ecumenical steering committee co-chaired by Father Bob Werth, pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward. The cluster consists of the churches of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Augustine's and St. Monica's.

According to a letter distributed by Father Werth, the march will help participants "praise, worship and lift up the name of Jesus."

"This march helps people take an important step toward a lifestyle of praise and prayer," Father Werth wrote.

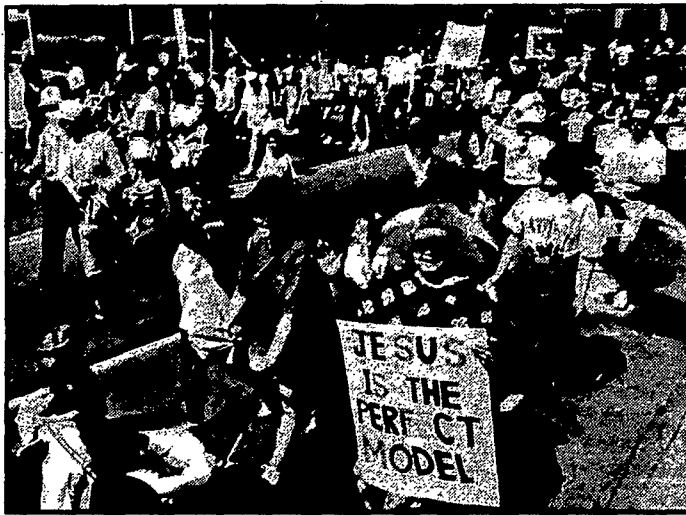
Father Werth also told the *Catholic Courier* that a pre-march rally took place before the diocesan charismatic Mass at Murphy Hall, St. John Fisher College, on the evening of May 20. About 60 people attended the rally and Mass, he said.

The march theme this year is "Demonstrate the Passion," and the march will emphasize prayer for persecuted Christians in the world.

Father Werth said that his cluster and St. Joseph's Church in Penfield are formally registered to participate in the Rochester march. However, he predicted that other Catholics would show up for the march as well.

Participants in the Rochester march will assemble at East High School on the corner of Culver Road and East Main St. at 1:15 p.m. The march will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at Riley Lake in Cobbs Hill Park off Culver Road.

In Elmira, marchers will gather at 10 a.m. at the Human Resource Building, South Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.



File photo

Marchers walk along Main Street, Rochester, in the May 27, 1995, March for Jesus. About 8,000 participated that year.

The march will begin at 11 a.m. Marchers will proceed north on Main Street to Wisner Park. The march will conclude with a prayer and praise rally in the park.

St. Patrick's and St. Cecilia parishes are taking part in the Elmira march, noted Cuda, who is not himself Catholic. He estimated that 50 to 100 Catholics took part in last year's march.

Following the conclusion of the Rochester march, participants are invited to a celebration of Pentecost at Congregation Shema Yisrael, 1326 N. Winton Road. The celebration marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel.

Participants are asked to donate \$1 toward defraying the costs of a music book that will be given out to marchers.

For information about the Rochester march, call 716/234-1522. For information about the Elmira march, call 607/734-2400.

Obituary

Brother Hugh Haney, an abbey founder, at 91

Brother Hugh Haney, OCSO, one of the founding brothers of the Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard, died April 23, 1998, in the abbey infirmary.

Born Oct. 22, 1906, in New York City, Brother Hugh earned a bachelor of business administration degree from St. John's College in New York in 1937. He worked briefly before entering the U.S. Army during the Second World War, serving his entire 1942-1945 tour in the United States and rising to the rank of lieutenant.

Brother Hugh entered the Abbey of Gethsemani, Ky., April 18, 1945, shortly after being discharged from the service. In April 1951, he was sent to help with the foundation of the Abbey of the Genesee — then known as Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey.

Over the years, Brother Hugh served the abbey as porter, driver, switchboard operator and cellarer. Because of his frequent trips into Rochester to conduct abbey business, he was well-known in the community, according to Brother Augustine Jackson, OSCO.

Brother Hugh is survived by one sister, Marian Haney, of Brooklyn, and three nephews and one niece, all of the New York City area.

Nazareth given \$1 million to create chair honoring Msgr. Shannon

By Lee Strong
Associate editor

Msgr. William Shannon has long dreamed of Rochester's Nazareth College having a chair devoted to Catholic studies.

In early May, he learned not only that his dream had come true, but that it will serve as a tribute to him.

May 18, Nazareth officials announced that the Chester and Dorris Carlson Charitable Trust has pledged \$1 million to the college to create the William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies.

The money is to be donated to the school in installments over the next two to three years, after which the college will begin to seek candidates to hold the chair.

College officials said the precise details of the time line are still to be worked out.

According to a release from the college, the Shannon Chair holder will be a scholar with an interest in teaching and research in a subject area of "historical or contemporary importance in the Catholic intellectual tradition." The person will be required to teach at the college and to give or arrange lectures and seminars open to the public.

Msgr. Shannon, professor emeritus at Nazareth, first learned of the gift approximately two weeks before it was publicly announced.

"I found it really quite exciting because it's something I've always thought should be a reality at Nazareth," Msgr. Shannon

said. "I thought that there ought to be a chair of Catholic studies because it helps to keep alive the Catholic intellectual tradition out of which the college grew.

"It represents a dream that I had that seemed an impossible dream, and suddenly it's been realized," he added.

Nazareth's outgoing president, Dr. Rosemary Beston, said that she had learned of the gift from an official of the trust only about two weeks before the May 18 announcement.

"They wanted to honor (Msgr. Shannon) because they respect his scholarship and they respect his effect on Catholic scholarship at Nazareth College," Beston explained.

"It's wonderful because it creates an aca-

demie center from which to study the roots from which the college has grown," Beston added.

Msgr. Shannon taught at the college from 1946 to 1982, and served as its chaplain from 1949 to 1975. Over the years, he has written a number of books on theology and spirituality, and is a widely recognized Thomas Merton scholar. In addition to books he has written about the Trappist's life, theology and spirituality, he served as the general editor of the five-volume collection of Merton's letter, and is the founding president of the International Thomas Merton Society. He has also written a note to the readers to be included in the soon-to-be published 50th anniversary edition of Merton's most famous book, *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

Msgr. Shannon noted that he has no control over the gift, but that he hopes to be involved in the process of setting up the chair.

"Certainly it's not mine to decide who will occupy the chair," he said. "I would hope that the chair would be something that would be beneficial not only to Nazareth College, but also the whole Rochester community."



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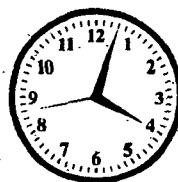
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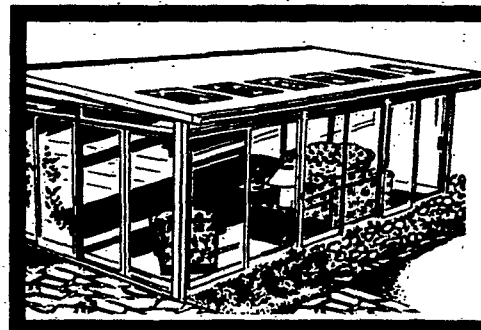
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