

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Celebrations to mark 75th for Nazareth

Nazareth College will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a series of lectures and social events from Monday, April 12, to Friday, April 16.

The celebration will be highlighted by the inauguration of Nazareth's new president, Dr. Robert A. Miller, on April 16 at 2:30 p.m., in the Arthur J. and Marie M. Callahan Theater located in the Arts Center (see related story on Page 7) on campus, 4245 East Ave., Pittsford.

The following schedule has been announced.

**Monday, April 12 - 4:30 p.m.:** Panel discussion on "Nazareth College - Then and Now: From the Glass House to the Diamond Year" in the Otto A. Shults Community Center.

**7:30 p.m.:** Lecture on "America 2050: Creating a Diverse Society," in the Shults Center.

**Tuesday, April 13 - 4:30 p.m.:** Nazareth students will lecture on "Math, Chemistry and the Physical World: Modeling the Real World," in the Arts Center, Room 13.

**6 p.m.:** Panel discussion on "Caught in the Web: Ethical Challenges in Professional Ethics" in the Shults Center.

**7 p.m.:** Lecture on "Sexuality and Gender: Looking Toward the Next Millennium" in the Arts Center, Room 14.

**Wednesday, April 14 - 7:30 p.m.:** The college's music faculty will present a classical music program including works by Mozart, Stravinsky and a piano composition by Dr. Timothy M. Sullivan,



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## Chrism celebration



Bishop Matthew H. Clark blesses oils during the annual Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, March 30. To the bishop's right are Father Timothy Brown and Edwin Figueroa, a parishioner of St. Michael's Church, Rochester. Above, Trang Pham dances with other young women of the Vietnamese Catholic Community of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rochester, during the Mass. The chrism — a mixture of olive oil or other vegetable oil and balsam (or balm) — will be used in baptisms, confirmations, holy orders and altar blessings throughout the diocese during the coming year.

professor of music, in the Callahan Theater.

**Thursday, April 15 - 6 p.m.:** Lecture on "Urban Multicultural Education: Issues and Answers" in the Callahan Theater.

**7 p.m.:** Panel discussion on "Doing Well by Doing Good: Private Enterprise and Public Service" in the Arts Center, Room 14.

**7 p.m.:** Panel discussion on "Criticism,

The Classics, and Liberal Learning" in the Arts Center, Room 13.

**7 p.m.:** Panel discussion on "Living Wisdom: Spirituality and Social Justice" in the Shults Center.

**7 p.m.:** Presentation on "The Power of Arts in Human Development and Healing" in the Wilmot Hall of Music.

Also on April 15, students and faculty will perform a wide variety of service projects during the day at 90 sites in Monroe

County.

**Friday, April 16: 8 p.m.:** 75th Anniversary Celebration in the Shults Center will feature a variety of events, including a dance hosted by party band Nik and the Nice Guys.

Admission is free, and no alcohol will be served. Dresses/jackets suggested.

For information on specific speakers slated to talk on campus during the week, call the college at 716/389-2450.

## Obituaries

### Father James F. O'Connell, 89; pastor and counselor

Father James F. O'Connell, 89, died April 1, 1999, from respiratory failure. He had been ill for about a year.

"It was quite fitting he died on Holy Thursday, the night of the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper," said his brother, Father Richard C. O'Connell of Rochester. "He loved people, and he loved being a priest, and he loved the Eucharist."

Father O'Connell concelebrated daily Mass at St. Ann's Home, where he lived, until the week of his death.

Born in New York City, Father O'Connell was ordained in 1936 by Bishop Edward Mooney in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. Father O'Connell served as assistant pastor at the cathedral (1936-40), and at St. Lucy Church, Rochester (1940-53). In 1953 he became pastor of Church of the Epiphany, Sodus, also overseeing St. Rose in Sodus Point, St. Mary Magda-

lene in Wolcott, and St. John Fisher, East Bay. He began serving as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, in 1956, and of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, in 1959.

While in Waterloo, he oversaw the building of a new convent and new rectory, as well as a grade school that was designed by his brother Paul.

He was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Bath, from 1975 until retiring in 1980. He remained an active priest-in-residence at St. Cecilia's, Elmira, 1982-87; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, 1988-91; and at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, 1991-95.

"Several people of the parish were wonderful to him; they helped extend his vocation five or six years," commented his nephew Tom O'Connell, a Holy Trinity parishioner. Parishioners helped the priest organize and type his homilies, and

drove him places, he said.

Father O'Connell was the second oldest of nine children. His brother Father Richard O'Connell recalled the priest's visits back to his Clifton Springs home to see him and his twin brother Robert, both 16 years younger.

"We thought we had died and gone to heaven when he came to visit. He'd take us on (car) rides ... he'd take us to Victor for ice cream and Canandaigua for swimming and bumpy cars," he said.

Both he and his nephew noted Father O'Connell's gift of counseling.

"When (family members) had troubles they'd go to Uncle Jim. ... He'd give you things to think about," Tom O'Connell noted. "People sought out his friendship and his counsel."

He also made his family his recreation, Tom O'Connell said. "He was very en-

couraging, celebrating our little triumphs."

Father O'Connell is survived by Father Richard O'Connell and another brother, Paul (Ann) of Tallahassee, Fla.; and many nephews, nieces and other relatives in the United States and Ireland. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Johanna O'Connell; sister, Mary Beumann; and brothers, John, Edward, Thomas, Francis and Robert.

Father Richard O'Connell gave the homily at a vigil Mass April 6. Bishop Matthew H. Clark was to preside at a funeral Mass April 7, with Father Thomas Nellis, pastor of Holy Trinity, giving the homily. Both services were at Holy Trinity, where interment also was planned. The family asked that Masses be offered in Father O'Connell's remembrance.

- Kathleen Schwarz

### Sister St. Edward Lannon, SSJ; 88

Sister St. Edward Lannon, SSJ, a veteran nurse, died at the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary on March 20, 1999. She was 88.

Sister St. Edward was a native of Susquehanna, Pa., and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester in 1932. She graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, and then worked in her order's infirmary for eight years.

In the course of her career, she also worked for four years at St. Joseph's Villa in Greece; two years at St. Ann's Home in Rochester; and for 44 years at St. Joseph's Hospital where, for more than two decades, she served as a surgery and medical supervisor.

While at St. Joseph's, she also supervised health care, served as apostolic visitor to patients, and oversaw employees' health care.

Among Sister St. Edward's favorite memories were those of helping people with difficult spiritual, emotional or physical problems, according to a statement from her order. Additionally, her order said Sister St. Edward "was a stickler for detail in the care of patients but was always ready to help anyone in need."

Sister St. Edward is survived by one brother, Henry (Geraldine) of Hollywood, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Jacqueline Lannon of Chicago; a nephew, nieces and cousins as well as her fellow Sisters of St. Joseph.

Father John Norris celebrated a funeral Mass for Sister St. Edward on March 24 in the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel in Rochester. Contributions may be made in her memory to: St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary, 4095 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14618-9798.

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