

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Women feted for service to church

By Rob Cullivan  
Staff writer

"A Celebration of the Gifts of Catholic Women" dinner June 2 honored five women from the Diocese of Rochester for their contributions to the diocese.

The women are Sister Carol Wulforst, RSM, president of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester; Sister Anne Michelle McGill, SSJ, pastoral administrator of St. Gabriel's Church in Hammondsport; Mary Kay Graham, a parishioner at St. Helen's Church in Gates; Mary Agnes Decker, a parishioner at St. Rose Church in Lima; and Giovina Carosio, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes.

They were recognized by Bishop Matthew H. Clark along with St. Bernard's Institute and the Diocesan Office of Women in Church and Society. Ginny

Ryan, news anchorwoman at WOKR-TV in Rochester, was slated to emcee the evening at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Proceeds from the event benefit a scholarship fund at St. Bernard's.

Gloria Ulterino, former director of the now defunct Diocesan Office of Women in Church and Society, was on a committee that chose the five women from about 40 candidates nominated by various individuals and institutions in the diocese.

"There were so many fine people who were nominated," she said. "It was really a difficult choice, and I would want all those who did the nominating to know that."

Each of the women honored had a list of significant achievements.

In addition to her presidency at Mercy, Sister Wulforst has served as a teacher, principal and human services coordinator for the diocese's Catholic schools. She has al-

so served as a missionary in Santiago, Chile.

"I was surprised and very honored," she said. "I wasn't expecting anything like this."

In particular, Sister Wulforst said, she was proud of working to provide scholarships for low-income students who make up one-third of Mercy's student body.

"I think it's nice to connect the well-to-do and the poor, and I think we can learn from each other," she said of the students. "Each of us has gifts to share."

Sister McGill was the first woman appointed to serve as administrator of a parish in the diocese. Six years ago, she said, she came to St. Gabriel's wondering how people would view her in a role traditionally occupied by priests.

"They have been very open and accepting," she said of her parishioners.

She was humbled to be recognized for her work, she said.

"I think it's not an honor for me personally, but I do think it's an honor to all the women in the diocese who serve the church faithfully. Many of them do not receive any recognition, so I'll receive (the recognition) in their honor."

While at St. Gabriel's, Sister McGill has worked with the area's Protestant churches to provide social ministry.

"We're all small, and it would be difficult for one church to do it by itself," she said.

Graham plays several roles at St. Helen's, including lector, eucharistic minister and social ministry committee member, as well member of the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Core Team. In the last year in particular, she said, she enjoyed working with the adults who joined the church through the RCIA program.

"I was really quite in awe of watching these adults on a faith journey," she said. "It was quite moving to see their energy and joy, and it gave me a deeper understanding of what it means to be Catholic."

Married with two teenage children, Graham also serves as co-leader of the team overseeing the Pastoral Planning for the New Millennium for the Gates-Chili parishes. As an employee of Eastman Kodak Company, she serves on its Community Thrust Team, which provides employees volunteer service opportunities.

Decker, married with nine grown children, participates in St. Rose's prayer life by participating in a group that says the rosary before 8 a.m. Mass each Saturday. She has also visited nursing home residents for years, has organized a group of parish women who help maintain church facilities, and is a former choir member.

Decker has also worked on behalf of the wider Lima community through FISH - Friends In Service Here - a community group that provides meals and transportation for elderly residents. Decker, whose hearing is impaired, also works with SHHH - Self Help for the Hard of Hearing - a local advocacy and education group.

"It surprised me very much," Decker said

## Deacon Lape ordination will take place Saturday

Deacon Steve Lape anticipates that his ordination to the priesthood will be a "glorious" event.



"Actually, I thought I'd be a lot more nervous about it. But right now I feel very much at peace," said Deacon Lape, a transitional deacon, who will be the only diocesan

priest to be ordained this year.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Deacon Lape at a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, June 5, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Deacon Lape will then celebrate his first Mass as a main presider on Sunday, June 6, at noon in his home parish of St. Theodore's, Gates. An informal reception is slated to immediately follow the June 6 liturgy.

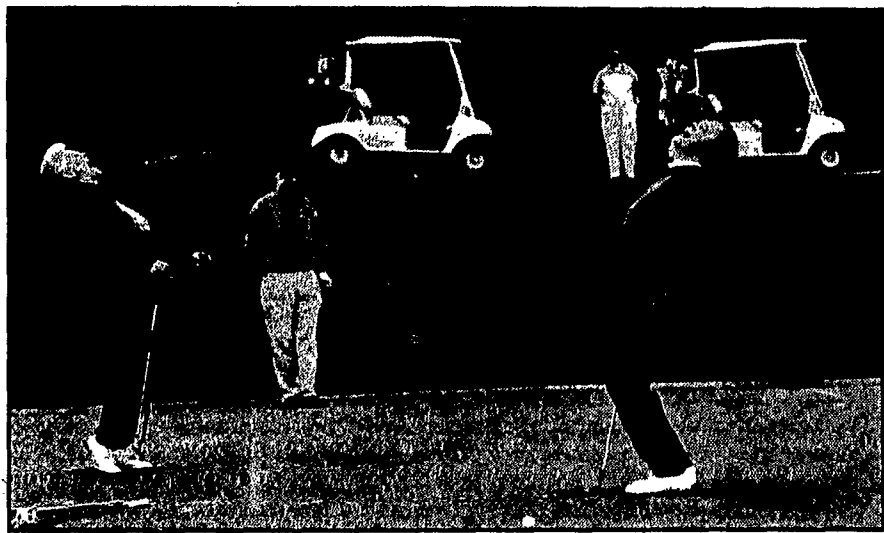
Earlier this year, at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, Deacon Lape finished his theological training for a master's degree in divinity. During his training, he also logged parish assignments at St. Patrick's Church in Mount Morris and St. Ambrose Church in Rochester.

Following ordination, Deacon Lape will become a priest intern at Good Shepherd Church in Henrietta. Newly ordained priests normally serve three-year internships.

Although he's heading for a suburban parish, Deacon Lape said he was prepared to adapt to the needs of any parish community, be it rural, suburban or city.

"My main priority is to teach and preach the good news. That's the bottom line," said Deacon Lape, who will turn 33 on June 14.

- Mike Latona



Greg Francis/Staff photographer

## A classic putt

Above: From left, Sister Mary Marvin, RSM, Dr. Greg Riley and Ellen Fralich react to Fralich's missed putt on the ninth hole at Greystone Country Club, Walworth, during the Catholic Schools Scholarship Golf Classic May 26. Left: Father Joe Grasso, left, jokes with Chuck Mosey and Michael Mosey, among 110 golfers participating. The event raised more than \$15,000.

## Obituary

### Msgr. Charles Boyle, 87; pastor

Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, 87, died May 24, 1999, at St. Ann's Home.

Msgr. Boyle was pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street, Rochester, 1959-73, and of St. Anne Church, Rochester, 1973-82, until his retirement.

"He was a very gentle person, a hospitable person. You were always welcome at his rectory," said Msgr. William Shannon, who gave the homily for Msgr. Boyle's funeral Mass May 28 at St. Anne Church.

Msgr. Boyle was born in the Bronx. His former pastor, Bishop James E. Kearney, became bishop of Salt Lake City and sent him to Kenrick Seminary in Webster Groves, Mo.

After Bishop Kearney came to Rochester, he ordained Msgr. Boyle May 18, 1940, in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

"He came in like a Johnny-come-lately," recalled Father Albert Shamon, ordained with Msgr. Boyle. "He was well-liked by all his classmates, though he hadn't gone through seminary with us."

Msgr. Boyle's first assignment was assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception, Rochester. Meanwhile, he directed the Catholic Courier Weekly Newscast on WHAM radio and taught religion for St. Mary's School of Nursing.

He became assistant pastor of Rochester's St. Ambrose Parish in September 1944, and Our Lady of Good Counsel in October 1944.

In 1945 he was appointed assistant diocesan superintendent of schools, and in 1954, superintendent. He was a professor of German at St. Andrew's Seminary, 1950-51. Msgr. Boyle was made a domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII in 1956.

The monsignor was elected to the National Catholic Education Association in 1959. Also, he was the first Rochester priest elected to the Rochester Area Council of Churches board of directors, in 1969.

"He was probably one of the smartest men I ever met, one of the most widely read," said Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, adding he "brought out the best" in others.

"He always kept himself in shape. He would park on the outside of downtown and walk to the hospitals. He would park at Blessed Sacrament and walk down to Genesee Hospital. He loved to walk."

Recalling that Msgr. Boyle had dinner every Sunday with Msgr. Richard Quinn, then pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Msgr. Shannon said, "I very often joined them. They discussed the problems of the world and the church and solved them out on the porch in the back of the rectory."

Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided at the funeral Mass. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Predeceased by a brother, Msgr. Boyle is survived by his sister-in-law, Eileen Boyle; nieces Eileen Boyle of Colorado and Patricia Bacon of Lyons; and nephews Michael and Charles, out of state.

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