

DIOCESAN NEWS

Images of Mary, Jesus to visit diocesan sites

Rocco DiMarsico had a dream.

"Two years ago, I said I wanted to see Our Lady of Guadalupe," recalled the parishioner at Fairport's Church of the Assumption.

Specifically, DiMarsico wanted to take his family to Guadalupe, Mexico, to view the tilma — the cloak — of Blessed Juan Diego. An image of Mary appeared on the cloak Dec. 12, 1531, and remains clearly visible to this day.

Unfortunately, DiMarsico was unable to make the trip.

So he did the next best thing. He arranged for a "missionary image" — a photographic copy of the Guadalupe image — to come to the Rochester Diocese in the summer of 1998.

That missionary image, along with a "visitation image" of the King of All Nations painting, is returning this year. Between July 8 and 15 it will visit eight Rochester-area parishes and the Carmelite motherhouse in Pittsford for veneration and a variety of Masses and services.

The images will also be carried as part of a July 10 rosary march to Rochester's University Avenue Planned Parenthood office, where abortions are performed.

Fighting abortion is one of the key focuses of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, noted Mary Beato, a Church of the Assumption parishioner who is helping to promote this year's visit.

The original image shows Mary as pregnant, Beato explained, which is why the pro-life movement has adopted it as a symbol.

"The main thought of Our Lady of Guadalupe is to stop abortion," DiMarsico said.

The photographic replica of the Guadalupe image is one of only two officially designated as missionary images, one for the United States, one for the rest of the world. In 1991 Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo, archbishop of Guadalajara, blessed the two images. They now travel around as objects of veneration.

The companion image, Jesus King of All Nations, is based on reported revela-

tions to two American women between 1988 and 1992. The image has been part of processions in Fatima and part of the World Peace Flight pilgrimages to Russia in 1992 and China in 1994.

Beato reported that many people were moved during last year's visit of the images. Her own involvement with the images — particularly that of Our Lady of Guadalupe — has been a source of joy, she said.

"I've always loved Our Lady," she said. "I just feel I'm receiving more graces any time I'm involved with things like this."

The schedule for the visit by the images is:

July 8: Holy Spirit Church, 1355 Hatch Road, Penfield, exposition until 5 p.m., then to Holy Name of Jesus Church, 15 St. Martin's Way, Greece, 8 p.m. prayer group.

July 9: St. John the Evangelist Church, 55 Martha St., Spencerport, 9 a.m. Mass and Benediction, 10 a.m.-noon items for sale.

July 10: Our Lady of Victory Church, 210 Pleasant St., Rochester, 9:30 a.m. march to Planned Parenthood to pray rosary.

July 11: Monastery of Our Lady and St. Joseph, 1931 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford, 8 a.m. Mass.

July 12: Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, 20 East Ave., Fairport, 11:15 a.m. Mass, exposition until 5 p.m., noon-1 p.m. items for sale.

July 13: St. Michael's Church, 401 S. Main St., Newark, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. exposition, 10 a.m.-noon items for sale, 5 p.m. Benediction, 5:15 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. scapular enrollment, 6:15 potluck supper.

July 14: Corpus Christi Church, 864 E. Main St., Rochester, noon Mass and Benediction, exposition until 5 p.m., 1-2 p.m. items for sale.

July 15: St. Jude Church, 4100 Lyell Road, Gates, 9 a.m. Mass and Benediction, exposition until 5 p.m., 10 a.m.-noon items for sale; back to Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport, 7:30 p.m. prayer group.

For more information, call the individual parishes.

— Lee Strong



Mike Mergen/Photo Intern

Honoring the dead

Twenty-seven Knights of St. John and thirty-one members of the Ladies Auxiliary celebrated a field Mass and honored deceased members at Rochester's All Saints Mausoleum in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery June 27. The names of members who died during the past year were read aloud, followed by a trumpet salute.

Recognizing

★ Erica Bryant, of Rochester's Our Lady of Mercy High School, won the Pinnacle Award of the Scholastic Art Awards in the humor writing category. Her piece was read at the National Scholastics Awards ceremony at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., in June.

★ Sister Mary C. Sullivan, RSM, a professor at RIT, edited *The Friendship of Florence Nightingale and Mary Clare Moore*, released by the University of Pennsylvania Press this spring. The book is based on letters exchanged between the founder of modern nursing and the founding superior of the Sisters of Mercy in Bermondsey, London.

★ Matthew Boon, Mark Daszczyzak and Maria-Larisa Godenciu of Bishop Kearney High School were among nine business and vocational students recognized May 11 by the Irondequoit Council of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce for academic achievements.

★ Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier recognized these parish social ministers for 10 or more years of service, at a dinner June 8: Liz Alamo of St. James, Waverly, Joan and Jack Bradt, Kathleen O'Herron, Geraldine Salmon and Jeanette Sweeney of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish, Elmira, Rose MacFeiggan and Mary Nelan of Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, and the late Agnes Fredericks of St. Mary Parish, Elmira.

★ Aileen Fraser, a member of the Nazareth College music department, received the RPO Musicians' Award for Outstanding Music Educators. She received the award May 20 at a ceremony at the Eastman Theatre.

★ Martin Birmingham, Sr. Patricia Prinzing, RSM, and Maureen O'Hara have been elected, respectively, president, vice president and treasurer of the board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester Inc.

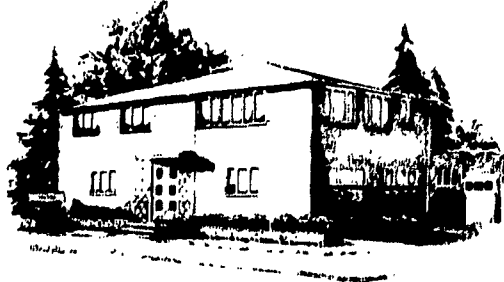
Correction



Barbara Law was incorrectly identified in this photograph from the June 13 confirmation service at Scottville's St. Mary of the Assumption Church, published in the July 1 *Catholic Courier*. The *Courier* regrets the error.

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7:30 a.m. Registration, 8:45 a.m. Program
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