

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## St. Monica School 'moves' into a new year



Ten University of Rochester freshmen volunteered to help teachers get ready for the start of classes at Rochester's St. Monica School Aug. 27 as part of the UR's Wilson Day, a day of community service. Above, from left, Amanda Baran, Candy Guerrero and Daniel Axelrod carry computers from the basement to the second floor. Top right, Matt Davison, left, and Daniel Axelrod carry a filing cabinet for St. Monica third-grade teacher Lori Atveit. Right, Victoria Loblay, a student from Australia, loads a crate.

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## Father Emo returns to jail for probation violation

Father Eugene G. Emo, 64, was arraigned Aug. 26 for violation of probation and returned to Steuben County Jail, where he had served five months in 1997 for sexual abuse. No bail was set pending further sentencing.

Father Emo has been on administrative leave from the Rochester Diocese since January 1996. He was arrested in February 1996 on charges of sexually

abusing a mentally handicapped adult male, and in 1997 pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual abuse. Since his early release from jail he has been serving five years' probation and has been on the state's sex offender registry.

The Steuben County Probation Department received two depositions alleging the probation violation, according to Frank Justice, director. One of

his probation conditions was that he stay away from anyone under the age of 18. Witnesses saw him with a 16-year-old male, Justice said.

The diocesan priest was picked up on a warrant Aug. 25, according to the county clerk's office. Following arraignment, a hearing was set for Thursday, Sept. 9, in Steuben County Court.

## Obituary

### Sister John Margaret Reger, SSJ; teacher, principal in diocese

Sister John Margaret Reger, SSJ, died Aug. 11, 1999, at the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary. She was 82.

Sister John Margaret entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1935 from Holy Family Parish, Rochester. She earned her baccalaureate in education from Nazareth College.

For 15 years Sister John Margaret was in charge of the Altarbread Department at the motherhouse. Later, she taught for

44 years in diocesan schools, including St. Francis Xavier, Mother of Sorrows, St. Augustine and Holy Rosary, all in Rochester; St. Michael, Penn Yan, where she also was principal; and St. Patrick, Mt. Morris.

Due to failing health, she retired to the infirmary in 1996.

Sister John Margaret is survived by three sisters: Sister Catherine Ann, SSJ, Rochester; Helen, Lakeland, Fla.; and

Elizabeth, Hot Springs Village, Ark. Two nieces, Sister Judith Reger, SSJ, and Nancy (Richard) Werner, both of Rochester, also survive her.

A funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel Aug. 13, with Father Lawrence Murphy of Holy Rosary as principal celebrant. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions may be made in her memory to the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary.

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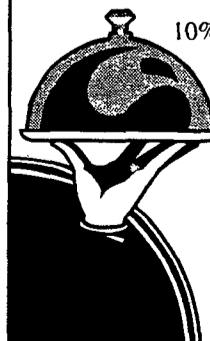
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