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"I hope to show the reader that he or she will be intellectually and spiritually enriched by contact with the writings of this impressive monk and archbishop of the eleventh century," the monsignor stated.

The Friendship of Florence Nightingale and Mary Clare Moore (University of Penn-



svlvania press, 208 p., \$39.95 hardcover) by Rochester's Sister Marv C. Sullivan, RSM, cites 47 letters by the founder of modern nursing to Sister Moore, founding superior of the Sisters of Mercy in

Bermondsey, London.

It also quotes 10 letters by Sister Moore to Nightingale, and other pertinent letters that help illustrate the personal lives, spiritual struggles and aspirations of these two influential women in Victorian England: one working to achieve military and governmental reforms, the other designing and implementing new church-related services to the poor. The author is a professor of language and literature at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The Catholic Youth Bible (Saint Mary's



Press, 1,600 p., \$29.95 paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) and companion CD, "We Are Fire," are to be launched at the National Catholic Youth Conference in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18-22. Michael Theisen, Rochester

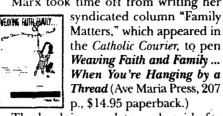
diocesan coordinator of youth ministry, is among the 16 contributors to this publication, based on the New Revised Standard Version

It includes more than 650 articles, written to a 10th-grade level, reflecting the Catholic interpretation of the Bible. Maps, time lines and color photographs are included. The official release date for the book is Feb. 1.

Catholic journalists Gerald M. Costello and his daughter, Eileen Marx, have each released first books.

Costello, former editor-in-chief of

Catholic New York, newspaper for the Archdiocese of New York, has written Our Sunday Visitor's Treasury of Catholic Stories (Our Sunday Visitor, 400 p., \$24.95 hardcover). The book reveals the Catholic faith through 380 stories on such topics as the human failings that led St. Peter to his greatness, St. Francis of Assisi's devotion to Christ, and the Holy Spirit inspiring Pope John XXIII. Other stories are based on more recent figures, including Mother Teresa and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Marx took time off from writing her



p., \$14.95 paperback.) The book is a week-to-week guide for young families and their children for prac-

ticing faith together throughout the year. Among the featured topics are creating community, world peace, interfaith friendships, moving day, homecoming, prayer, being disciplined, sadness and conflicts. Marx, director of communication for the Diocese of Trenton, N.J., combines personal reflections with Scripture readings and suggested family conversation starters.

Michael W. Cuneo has released The Smoke of Satan: Conservative and Tradi-

tionalist Dissent in Contemporary American Catholicism (Johns Hopkins University Press, 224 p., \$16.95 paperback), a study of Catholic fun-Smoke damentalism in the United SATAR States,

Cuneo, an associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Fordham University, examines in detail the Catholic right and its belief that the mainstream Catholic Church has fallen into decline. The book's title is derived from a 1972 statement by Pope Paul VI: "Satan's smoke has made its way into the temple of God through some crack."

Cuneo examines various conservative groups, from separatists and their creation of alternative communities to Marianists and their beliefs of mystical prophecy. Their common link: All have charged

Catholicism in this country. The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America

themselves with preserving authentic

(University of Notre Dame Press, 1,000 p., \$89.95 clothbound) is a compilation of articles from noted scholars about important Irish-American events, themes and people - from Emmett Kelly to Senator Joseph McCarthy. Edited by Michael Glazier, the encyclopedia contains 500 photos and illustrations. It shows how Catholic and Protestant Irish immigrants began as laborers and domestics, and pressed forward to become renowned leaders in American literature, politics, religion, education, labor, business, science, sports, film and theater.

The Diocese of Rochester in America: 1868-1993 (distributed by the Catholic

Courier, 681 p., \$30 hardcover) by Rochester diocesan historian Father Robert F. McNamara is an updated version of his 100th-anniversary history published in 1968. Issued late last year, the revised edition was

reviewed in the October 1999 New York History, the quarterly journal of the New York State Historical Association.

'The new final chapter, which in itself is worth the price of admission, discusses the departure of Bishop Sheen and the work of his successors, Bishops Joseph L. Hogan and Matthew H. Clark," the review stated. It added that the chapter is a contribution to local history and history in general, as well as to religious history.

"Father McNamara, who was ordained in Rochester in 1936, has lived a segment of his story and was a close observer of other segments. He has also made thorough and intelligent use of a great variety of sources and is eminently fair in treatment and interpretation."

Grace at the Table (Paulist Press, 224 p., \$10.95 paperback) is a new release by David Beckmann and Arthur

Simon, president and founder, VBI E respectively, of Bread for the World citizens' lobby on hunger. It is described as a primer on the causes and cures of hunger.

"Never oversimplifying, the book shows how population, resources, economics, and human rights are interwoven in their

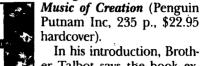
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of the way they have handled the media," he said.

However, deep differences were respectfully aired. Many Hindus, who regard their religion as "non-aggressive," have a hard time accepting the Christian idea of conversion. So when the pope deimpact on hunger," the publisher states. It also "gives compelling biblical motivation for personal action and public policy."

Brother John Michael Talbot, a leading Christian recording artist, has released The



In his introduction, Brother Talbot says the book ex-

plores "the rediscovery of spirit so that soul and body can find their proper and most harmonious re-

lationship.' Brother Talbot, a Secular Franciscan,

has sold more than 4 million record albums and has been named the No. 1 male Christian recording artist by Billboard magazine.

All Generations Will Call Me Blessed: Mary at the Millennium (Crossroad Publishing Co, 184 p., \$14.95 paperback) reviews depictions of Mary by the Scriptures, early church fathers and church teaching. The second half deals with Mary's place in the devotional life of Catholics and other Christians. The author is Redemptorist Father Jim McManus, a London-based Irishman.

A Year with Mary: Prayers and Readings for the Christian Year (Twenty-Third Publications, 232 p., \$14.95 paperback) is arranged around the 24 feast days in the Christian calendar, by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard, novice mistress of a Carmelite community in Norfolk, England. It features selections are taken from the Bible, the classics and present-day authors.

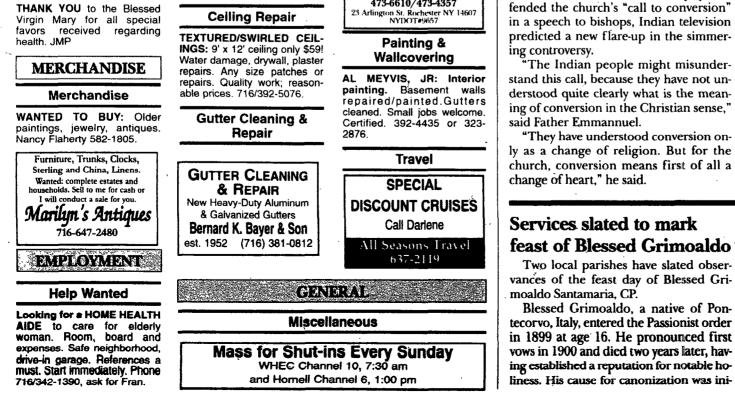
A Single Mother's Prayer Book (Twenty-Third Publications, 64 p., \$7.95 paperback) is written by Ginger Farry, a single parent, parish catechist and faculty member at Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School in Elmhurst, Long Island. In rhyme and free verse, she describes how she called on God in her own frustration and loneliness

CNS columnist Antoinette Bosco calls the book "a refreshing canticle of a love relationship the writer has found with God. She expresses so beautifully what many singles parents, like myself, have learned that with God as our partner, we may be single, but we are not alone."

But if local Catholics were speaking gently about conversion, the pope was more blunt. At an interreligious encounter Nov. 7, he told Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain, Jewish and other religious representatives that churches must have the freedom to make a "respectful appeal" to people's consciences, and individuals must have the "right even to change their religion, if their conscience so demands."

The interfaith event was a great success





that displayed India's overwhelming sense of religious tolerance.

The pope and Christianity were praised, commitments to dialogue were renewed and songs of prayer were sung for the pope's health.

But afterward, some of the participants voiced mixed feelings about Christianity's emphasis on evangelization.

Everyone is free to be converted if he likes, but no one should press anybody," said Bhai Manjit Singh, the Sikh representative.

tiated in 1957, and Pope John Paul II beatified him Jan. 29, 1995.

After his death, his mother, Cecilia Ruscio Santamaria, and his sister, Jenny Santamaria Panella, moved to Rochester. Two nieces and a other relatives live in the area.

Local observances are as follows: triduum of prayer at the 5:20 p.m. Masses Nov. 16-18, Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave., Rochester; feast-day Mass, 8:15 a.m., Nov. 18, Annunciation Church, 1654 Norton St., Rochester.