

FEATURE

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EDITORS' NOTE: In observance of Catholic Press Month, the Catholic Courier offers this brief tour of its departments.

Administration

Mary Vito DiPonzio has served as the *Courier's* office manager since 1994. She is in charge of accounts payable and receivable, general ledger, entering advertising orders and contracts, employee benefits and other duties. She and her husband, Ed, reside in Rochester. They have three children.

Karen M. Franz, general manager/editor, became the *Courier's* editor in 1985. She now oversees editorial content and design as well as administration, accounting, circulation and advertising. She has an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology and a bachelor's in journalism from Syracuse University. She and her husband, Joseph DiJames, live in Rochester and have a 16-month-old son.

Arlene Gall, administrative assistant, has been with the *Courier* for two years. She answers the phone, compiles the paper's calendar listings, does data entry for the circulation department, and updates the official Diocesan Directory. She also handles classified advertising. Arlene and her husband, Bob, live in Scottsville and have two children.

Advertising

Ralph Hyman, new to the *Courier* as an advertising sales representative, worked in the editorial department of Gannett Newspapers for 38 years until retiring in 1990. Since then he has worked for the Brighton Police Department and selling ads for the *Gates-Chili News* and *Golden Times* newspapers. He and his wife, Norma, live in Brighton and have one son and two grandsons.

Circulation

Joyce Kluchko has been a subscription sales representative for three years. As part of a pilot program, she solicits new subscription sales and encourages subscribers who receive the *Courier* through their parishes to convert to direct billing from the *Courier* office. Joyce and her husband, Deacon Tom Kluchko, live in Greece and have four children.

Donna Stubbings, circulation manager, has been with the *Courier* for four years. She maintains customer relations with subscribers and parish staffs, tracks current postal regulations, and oversees the content, promotion and distribution of the official diocesan directory. She and her husband, Gary, live in Irondequoit and have five children.

Editorial

Rob Cullivan has been a staff writer with the *Courier* since August 1988. Much of his work involves covering international and social-justice issues. A native of Syracuse, he is a St. John Fisher College graduate and a part-time professional musician. He resides in Rochester.

Andrea Dixon, staff photographer, is the newest addition to the *Courier* staff, having moved to Rochester in January. A native of Toledo, Ohio, she is a graduate of Ohio University in Athens, where she studied photojournalism and political science, and earned her bachelor's degree in visual communications. She served internships with the *Beacon-Journal* in Akron, Ohio, and the *News-Journal* in Mansfield, Ohio.

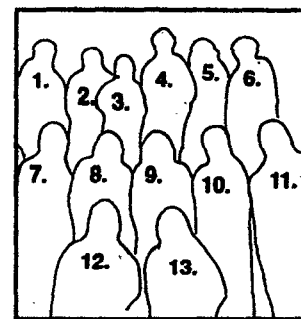
Mike Latona has been a *Courier* staff writer since 1991. He specializes in youth coverage and also enjoys exploring how parishes in the diocese are affected by change. He is a graduate of Syracuse University. Mike is a lifelong resident of the town of Greece where he currently resides with his wife of six months, Paola.

Mike Mergen has been the *Courier's* photography intern since June 1999. Originally from Fort Washington, Penn., he is in his fourth year at the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he is working on his bachelor's degree in visual journalism.

Kathleen Schwar, who has been with the *Courier* for four years, is assistant editor. She coordinates planning for the editorial department, assigns stories, edits copy and writes articles. She lives with her husband, Patrick, in Webster. Both are originally from the Midwest, and worked for daily newspapers in that region before moving to the Rochester area in 1987.



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Graphics

Kim Parks, graphics manager, has been with the *Courier* eight years. She manages layout, design and production of the paper and diocesan directory, maintains the *Courier's* Web site, and handles graphic-design services for diocesan and other clients seeking design and printing. She lives in Brighton with her husband, Michael, and son.

Linda Jeanne Rivers has been the *Courier's* part-time production assistant for two years. She provides typesetting and graphic support for the advertising and editorial departments, lays out pages, and creates illustrations for the "Kids' Chronicle" feature as well as many cover stories.



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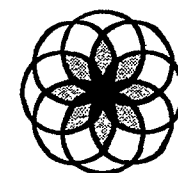
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