

PARENTING

Diocese offers Family Pilgrimage 2000 guides

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The diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis has published two booklets for families to use for Family Pilgrimage 2000. Both are intended to guide families through a Jubilee Year pilgrimage from Lent through Oct. 15, the diocesan family pilgrimage day at the New York State Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls.

"The whole family-pilgrimage piece is predicated on the idea this is an opportunity to build the family of the home, the family of the parish, the family of the diocese and the family of the church of the world," said Maribeth Mancini, department director. "In trying to find ways to build the family of the church, first we start with our own families."

The first booklet, "Come Follow Me," contains ideas for family projects; the second, "Diocesan Family Pilgrimage: Parish Resource Booklet," offers ideas for parish-es.

Among the ideas offered for families to use at home:

Building community

- Family heirlooms — What are they?

What do they mean to you? What is special to your children? They could be your father's tools passed down to you, or your family's recipes. Tell stories about them.

- Signs of faith — Does your home display a crucifix, statue or other artwork? Talk about these and why they are important to you.

- Memories — What are your happiest or saddest memories? When have you most felt like a family?

Prayer and worship

- Family meals — Make them a priority during Lent. Designate a different family member to be prayer leader at each dinner.

- Godparents — Remember them with a card or by inviting them to dinner during Easter season: Begin a meal by remembering them in prayer.

Family witness and service

- Garage sale — Plan a neighborhood sale and donate the proceeds to charity. Simplify your family members' lives by contributing to the sale.

- New tradition — Start one by beginning a "random act of kindness day" in the neighborhood. Children might pick a bouquet for someone; older children might mow a lawn or take out the

garbage.

Among ideas for parishes are the following:

Building the parish community

- Church tour — Ask longtime members to conduct a tour of the church and offer a history of the parish. End with prayer and a sharing dinner.

- International dinner — Ask people to bring dishes that represents their ethnic background to pass at a parish supper. Have people share information about their roots.

- Wall hanging — Make a parish wall hanging with symbols of families and their interests; create a collage of people's family pictures.

Witness and service

- Plant a parish flower or vegetable garden, to share the fruits with people in need.

- Speakers — Ask a social-ministry committee member to speak to a group of parents, families and young people about parish programs in which they might take part.

The booklets also offer ideas for prayer and ritual, and blessing of families and

households.

"This was a tremendous project with a lot of people involved," Mancini said. The booklets were compiled with the help of staff members of several area parishes headed by Gail Brooks, Christian formation coordinator at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Mendon.

"The idea for a family pilgrimage came out of a family networking group that gathers in Monroe County on a regular basis," Mancini said. "It has grown tremendously."

Booklets may be purchased for \$1 each plus shipping from the E&C Department, or copied from originals sent to parishes. More information is available from Sylvia Mancuso at the diocesan Pastoral Office, (716) 328-3228 or 1-800-388-7177, ext. 295, or by e-mail at smancuso@dor.org.

In addition to these publications, the Vocation Awareness Office will publish "Treasures in Our Midst," a guide to holy sites in the diocese and neighboring dioceses. The booklets, which will be geared to families, will be distributed to parishes shortly after Easter.

Family Events

© SAT, MAR. 18 — Show & talk: "Exotic Pets", Marianne Smith, speaker; Helen McGraw Branch, Irondequoit Public Library, 2180 E. Ridge Rd., Irondequoit; 2 p.m.; to register call 716/336-6060.

© SAT, MAR. 18 — Children's theater: "The Red Balloon", Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave., Rochester; 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; \$8; 716/389-2170.

© MAR. 18, 19, 25, 26 — Maple sugaring demonstrations 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; pancake meals 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Cumming Nature Center, 6472 Gulick Rd., Naples; admission: adults \$4, seniors \$3, K-12 \$1.50; meals \$4, \$4.50, \$5; 716/374-6160; also April 1, 2.

© MAR. 18-Apr. 30 — Exhibit: "Pop-Up Culture: Reflections on the Electric Toaster", Strong Museum, One Manhattan Sq., Rochester; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 3-17 \$4, under 3 free; 716/263-2700.

© SUN, MAR. 19 — GYO cheerleading tournament; grades 5/6, 7/8 divisions; sponsored by Catholic Family Center, Tuttle North Gym, Brockport State University; 1-5 p.m.; \$4 adults, \$1 children 12 and under; open to the public; 716/546-7220.

© MON, MAR. 20 — Registration deadline: for presentation by Robert E. Davidson, co-author of *How Good Parents Raise Great Kids*; 7 p.m.; Apollo Middle School, 750 Maiden Lane, Greece; \$7 per person; check name, address, phone number to Unity Health System, Corporate Communications, 1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14626; 716/349-4737.

© MAR. 22-24, 25, 26 — "Peter and the Wolf": introduces audience to instruments of the orchestra; presented by Fisher/Botsford School of Dance and Children's Dance Theater Series; Elaine P. Wilson Pavilion, St. John Fisher College, 3646 East Ave., Rochester; Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10 a.m., Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.; \$8 adults, \$5 children 12 and under; for tickets or information call 716/586-4605.

© FRI, MAR. 24 — Folk music: "Sounds of the Andes", Grupo Wayno; Peruvian, Inca-based music for parents and children; 7:30 p.m.; Lower Fine Arts Theatre, SUNY Brockport; tickets \$5-7 by calling 717/895-ARTS.

© SAT, MAR. 25 — Stories: "Foolish Folk", for ages 6 and up; Children's

Center Secret Room, Bausch & Lomb Bldg., Central Library, 115 South Ave., Rochester; 2 p.m.; 716/428-8150.

© MAR. 25, 26 — Family weekend: "Smiles and Frowns"; learn about feelings; Strong Museum, One Manhattan Sq., Rochester; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m.; adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 3-17 \$4, under 3 free; 716/263-2700.

© MAR. 29, APR. 5 — Cool Kids on Campus: Mar. 29, "Wonders of Electricity"; Apr. 5, "Stories of the Erie Canal"; Howard Edmond, storyteller; Fireside Lounge, off Residence Dr., Seymour Union, SUNY Brockport; 7 p.m.; free; open to public; 716/637-9984.

© FRI, MAR. 31 — Exhibit: "Launch Pad": be a crew member on a mission to the bottom of Lake Ontario; Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., Rochester; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Sat, noon-5 p.m. Sun.; adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 3-17 \$4, under 3 free; 716/271-1880.

© MAR. 31, APR. 1, 2 — Children's Theatre: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; Rochester Children's Theatre, 45 Prince St., Rochester; Fri., Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.; adults \$10/\$11 students/seniors \$8/\$9; 716/271-7870; also Apr. 7-9.

© MAR. 31, APR. 2 — "The Spell of Sleeping Beauty"; performed by St. Michael's School students; Newark High School Auditorium, Newark; Fri. 7 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m.; advanced sale tickets \$3 adults & children over 12, \$2 seniors & children under 12; available through cast members or call St. Michael's School 315/331-2297.

© WED, APR. 5 — Wednesdays for Tots: Tom Knight Puppets perform kid songs; Strong Museum, One Manhattan Sq., Rochester; 10 a.m.; advance ticket payment required; 716/263-2701, ext. 314.

© TUE, APR. 11 — Tuesdays for Tots: "Bubblemania"; Professor Suds blows big bubbles; Strong Museum, One Manhattan Sq., Rochester; 10, 11 a.m.; adult \$6, child \$3; advance ticket payment required; 716/263-2701, ext. 314.

© APR. 15-May 20 — Classes: "Garden Sprout"; ages 6-10; fun gardening, ecology, historic topics; Children's Garden, Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua; Saturdays; 716/394-4922.



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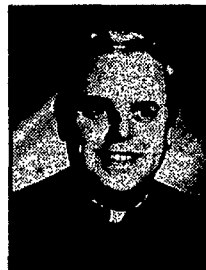
Celtic Faire offers family fun

Children play in a "moonwalk" bouncing tent March 11 at the Celtic Family Faire in the ballroom of Rochester's Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Held in conjunction with the city's St. Patrick's Day parade, the faire featured games, face painting and exhibits sponsored by local athletic teams.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 7:15 P.M.

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