

DIOCESAN NEWS

Spanish Apostolate director appointed

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The Diocese of Rochester has hired Gabriela Jaramillo of Madison, Wis., as director of the Office of the Spanish Apostolate, effective July 10.

Jaramillo currently serves as interim director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Madison, and as an instructor at Madison Area Technical College. She will replace Father Jesus Flores, who has served as interim director of the Rochester Spanish Apostolate for two years. She will be the first permanent director of the apostolate since Brother Luis Ruberte, H.Ch., left in 1998.

In addition to his duties at the apostolate, Father Flores has been working with Spanish-speaking migrant workers at various locations throughout the diocese, and will continue to do so after he leaves the interim directorship, according to Kathy Cannon, diocesan director of Parish Support Ministries, which oversees the apostolate.

Jaramillo received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Colorado in 1988 and a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin in 1997. She has worked with both Hispanic children and adults in a variety of ministries, and as a volunteer with centers for the elderly and people with disabilities.

"I was very impressed with Gabriela's insights and experience," Cannon said. "She will be a great asset to the diocese. ... We found her to be very open and respectful of diverse Spanish cultures."

Jaramillo was born in Mexico City, and grew up in Denver, Colo. As director of the apostolate, Jaramillo will have a host of duties, including working with parish and diocesan leaders serving Hispanic Catholics; developing programs to encourage Hispanic participation in diocesan life; and networking with parish, regional, diocesan and national Hispanic groups to promote collaboration.

"My experiences have made it evident to me that there is immense potential and enthusiasm among the Hispanic community and that community is looking for some leadership and guidance to tap that potential," Jaramillo said in a diocesan statement. "I have a deep desire to serve God by assisting the Hispanic community to develop their leadership, their relationship with God and their communities."

"I grew up between two cultures and as a result am comfortable with both the Latin American and the American culture and language," she added. "Both have played a significant role in my life and will continue to do so."

The diocese has about 48,000 Hispanic Catholics, Cannon said, although that figure connotes only baptized Catholics. For example, one parish official estimated that only 10 percent of the Hispanic Catholics in Rochester regularly attend church services.

Hispanic Catholics are concentrated in Rochester, Brockport, Geneva and Newark, and most are Puerto Rican. Smaller numbers, especially among the migrant community, hail from such countries as Mexico.

Ordained to serve



Andrea Dixon/Staff photographer

Newly ordained Deacon Edward Giblin, at right, and his wife, Patty, hug other deacons during his ordination ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The St. Lawrence, Greece, parishioner, was ordained June 3, along with Kenneth Arnold, of St. Joseph's in Penfield, and Nicholas Valvo, of Sacred Heart in Auburn. At right, Bishop Matthew H. Clark lays his hands on Edward Giblin, signifying conferral of the Holy Spirit.



Armantrout to head up life issues office

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The Diocese of Rochester has hired Jann K. Armantrout, director of the Common Ground Consistent Life Awareness Fund from 1996-99, to serve as life issues coordinator, effective June 12.



Armantrout, a parishioner at St. Paul's Church, Webster, replaces Suzanne Schnittman, who left the coordinator post in May. Armantrout is currently program coordinator for WorkWise, a collaboration of various private social service agencies and Monroe County government offices that helps move people off welfare and into work. Armantrout left her position as Common Ground's executive director in August 1999, to head up WorkWise, and will leave her current position to take on the life issues post. She still serves on the board of Common Ground, a private organization founded in upstate New York in 1987 that has funded consistent life ethic activists and promoted consistent life ethic programs.

Armantrout grew up outside of Buffalo, and is married with two children. She said she applied for the life issues post because of the platform it would provide her to educate on the consistent life ethic that opposes abortion, war, poverty, racism, euthanasia and the death penalty. Working for the Catholic Church allows her to tap into the vast resources of parishes and other diocesan offices.

"I don't think any significant social reform has taken place without the voice of the religious community, and this is an opportunity to use that voice," she said.

A 1976 graduate of the State University of New York College at New Paltz, Armantrout has served as a member of the marriage preparation team at St. Paul's and as a catechist and liturgical minister. She has served on the boards of Charles Settlement House, which provides social services to Rochester's northeast residents; Catholic Family Center of Rochester, a Catholic Charities agency; and as a senior member of the diocese's budget committee. She has also served as a public schools advocate and volunteer as well as Bishop Matthew H. Clark's representative to the board of the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, which provides programs throughout New York state to aid mothers and small children.

Armantrout has also worked with people with developmental disabilities, and served as a health facilities manager for the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities at Monroe Developmental Center in Rochester from 1985-91. She noted that working with the clients her office served gave her a profound respect for human life no matter what shape it took.

"The dignity of a human being is not related to physical beauty, or intellectual prowess or emotional stability," she said. "It's beyond that."

Armantrout said she became interested in the consistent life ethic because she had participated in anti-nuclear arms protests in the 1980s. Like other pro-life anti-war activists, she said, she felt alienated from her fellows in the anti-nuclear movement who supported legalized abortion. She said that while it is important for activists to choose an issue and focus on it, whether it's abortion, war or some other threat to life, promoting the consistent life ethic will help change the culture that allows all these forms of killing to continue.

"Whether we solve our problems with violence or not is the fundamental question," she said.

Corrections

Our June 1 article on the jubilees celebrated by School Sisters of Notre Dame contained several inaccuracies, including some outdated information. Sister Dorothy Mary Leising lives at St. Bernard's Park, Rochester. Sister Yvonne Nadeau did not attend St. Theodore's Parish. She attended Sts. Peter and Paul School in Rochester. Sister Nadeau is a pastoral minister at St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Honeoye Falls. Sister Miriam Therese Roncinske is pastoral minister at St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Irondequoit, and does not work at Bishop Kearney High School. Information was obtained from the SSND motherhouse.

On Page 12 of the May 25 issue, the child shown in a photograph receiving first Communion was Hannah Khalil.

Diocese announces appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following parish and faith community appointments, effective June 27:

Father Leo Reinhardt, to pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, from pastor, St. John the Evangelist/St. Patrick, Clyde/Savannah. He succeeds Father George Heyman, pastor of Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity, Wolcott.

Father M. Gerard Hafner, to pastoral ministry, St. Leo Parish, Hilton, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hamlin, and weekday assistance at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Churchville, concurrent with Diocesan Tribunal assignment.

Sister Barbara Stinard, RSM, to temporary pastoral administrator, Holy Cross Parish, Dryden, from pastoral associate, Good Shepherd Parish, Henrietta. **Father Bernard Carges** will continue as pastor,

St. Anthony Parish, Groton.

Father Mark Miller, to sacramental minister, Corning/Painted Post Roman Catholic Community. He was former pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Stanley.

Father Donald Curtiss, to sacramental minister, Corning/Painted Post Roman Catholic Community.

Father Richard Beligotti, to chaplain, Mercy Rehabilitation Center, Auburn with sacramental assistance, Southern Cayuga Catholic Community, from priest administrator, St. Bridget/St. Joseph Parish, East Bloomfield. He succeeds Father Paul Freemeser.

Father Walter Plominski, from priest administrator to pastor, St. Columba/St. Patrick Parish, Caledonia/Mumford.

Father Adam Ogorzaly, from priest administrator to pastor, St. Stanislaus Koska Parish, Rochester.