

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan department hires two coordinators

By Mike Latona
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The diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis has announced appointments for two full-time positions: Nora Bradbury-Haehl, program specialist for youth and young adult ministry; and Scott Rutan, coordinator of catechetical programs and services.

Bradbury-Haehl will begin her duties Aug. 1. She has been involved in parish youth ministry for 13 years, the last 11 as full-time youth minister at St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield. She has also been active in numerous youth-ministry initiatives at the diocesan level.

According to Maribeth Mancini, departmental director, 80 percent of Bradbury-Haehl's work will involve young adults. Among her chief duties will be to coordinate the Odyssey program for young adults in their 20s and 30s, as well as the STARS

program for college-age Catholics. In addition, Bradbury-Haehl will work with college campus ministers in developing programs and networking for college students.

Mancini, noting that Odyssey is a well-developed young-adult outreach but is attended primarily by Monroe County residents, said she would like to see Bradbury-Haehl facilitate "Odyssey-type opportunities" outside Monroe County.

Overall, Bradbury-Haehl said she hopes to be part of a movement within the Catholic Church to make young adults feel increasingly "at home" in today's church. She noted that youth ministry has made many recent strides in this area.

"Parishes want to include young adults, but don't know how," she commented. "In a lot of ways, I feel young adult ministry is in a place that youth ministry was."

The diocese has been without an official young-adult contact since Karen Rinefierd's position as diocesan coordinator of

young adult, adult and family faith formation was discontinued last July 1. Rinefierd, who now serves as a diocesan planning group liaison for implementation, has coordinated Odyssey on a volunteer basis over the past year.

"Karen did us a tremendous and valuable favor," Mancini said.

As part of her newly created position, Bradbury-Haehl will also work with the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry by attending major diocesan youth events. And, she will serve as a contact for the diocesan Office of Vocations Awareness.

Meanwhile, Rutan will begin duties as coordinator of catechetical programs/services on July 10. He has served for 11 years as full-time director of religious education at St. Paul's Parish in Webster.

Rutan's position also has been vacant for a year following the retirement of his predecessor, Mary Britton.

Among Rutan's new duties will be to oversee diocesan catechetical formation; to serve as liaison to parish catechetical leaders; and to develop and to implement adult faith formation programs. Mancini said that Rutan will be responsible for imple-

mentation of the New York state bishops' document, "The Catechist in the Third Millennium," passed in 1998, as well as the U.S. Catholic Conference's adult faith formation paper, "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us," passed last November.

Rutan remarked that one of his first priorities will be "to reach out to brand-new people in the field." He added that he seeks to establish strong intercommunication among catechetical leaders in the diocese, saying he'd like to "better utilize the (computer) tools that exist."

Mancini said that one of Rutan's great benefits is that he envisions catechesis as an important, ongoing process for Catholics of all ages.

"His vision is much wider than a child-centered catechesis," Mancini said.

Along those lines, Rutan serves as a planning-committee member for Family Pilgrimage 2000, an elaborate diocesan convocation to be held Oct. 15 in Seneca Falls.

Rutan, a native of Newark Valley, Tioga County, said he's familiar with many parts of the Rochester Diocese and looks forward to attending as many regional meetings as possible.

Basilian Fathers leave AQ; high school buys residence

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Aquinas Institute, staffed by Basilians for several decades, bid its last farewell to the order this month.

Meanwhile, a longtime Basilian residence near Aquinas is being purchased by the high school, in northwest Rochester. Four priests living at the site are due to move out by late June.

The priests' departure culminates a December announcement by the Congregation of St. Basil, based in Toronto. The 342-member congregation had stated that, due to its declining numbers, Basilians would no longer teach at Aquinas.

Father Dennis Kauffman, CSB, Aquinas' outgoing director of guidance, was the last Basilian priest to work for Aquinas. He has also served as superior for the Basilian Fathers at Aquinas Institute, 402 Augustine St., the residence Aquinas is buying. Father Kauffman is moving to Detroit to become a guidance counselor at Holy Redeemer High School. He has also been named the Basilians' new director of vocations.

The other priests from Augustine Street will remain in the Rochester area: Father Peter Etlinger will reside at Church of Christ the King in Irondequoit; Father Richard Kinsky will live at the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester, 3497 East Ave., and assist at St. Joseph's Church in Rush; and Father Thomas Miller will live at the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester while assisting at St. Jude's Church in Gates.

The Basilian Fathers at Aquinas Institute were honored June 7 with a Mass and reception. Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided over the liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Patrick Hanley, Aquinas president, emphasized that the Basilians' absence "does not call into question the continued Catholicity of the school. The bishop fully endorses Aquinas."

Excepting a five-year stretch in the the 1930s, Basilians had served continuously at Aquinas since 1927. Father Kauffman said the Augustine Street residence — located behind Aquinas — housed as many as 75 priests in the 1950s, but that two-thirds of the building has since been removed.

The school finalized plans with the Basilian Fathers of Aquinas in early June to purchase the Augustine Street facility. Hanley declined to disclose terms of the deal.

Hanley said Aquinas will take ownership of the property July 1, and part of the 26 acres will likely become expansion ground for AQ's athletic fields. He said there are currently no specific plans for the house.

Following that residence's closing, a total of 18 Basilians will reside in the Rochester Diocese, mostly at the Basilian Fathers of

East Rochester. According to Father Albert Cylwicki, superior, the residents at East Rochester will be Father Cylwicki, a mathematics teaching adjunct at St. John Fisher College; Father T. Paul Broadhurst, full-time religious studies professor at St. John Fisher; Father John L. Dugan, part-time associate at St. Ambrose Parish, Irondequoit; Father Leo Hetzler, in residence; Father John Lee, anthropology teaching adjunct at St. John Fisher; Father John Murray, full-time religious studies professor at St. John Fisher; and Father John Poluikis, mathematics teaching adjunct at St. John Fisher.

The East Avenue residence will welcome Fathers Kinsky and Miller from Aquinas and two other new arrivals: Father Angelo Boyenzi, who will be in residence; and Father Joseph Lanzalaco, who will minister in a yet-unspecified capacity.

Two other Basilian priests are associated with the East Rochester residence, but do not live there: Father Donald McCarthy, parochial vicar at St. Rita's Church in Webster; and Father Gary Poupore, who resides in Honéoye Falls and assists at St. Paul of the Cross Church in that village.

The order has two additional residences in the Rochester Diocese: the Basilian Fathers at Christ the King and the Basilian Fathers at Fisher House.

Father Norman C. Tanck is rector at the Christ the King residence and pastor of Christ the King Parish. Other residents are Father Joseph Troyato, Christ the King Parish's parochial vicar; and Father Etlinger, who is moving over from Aquinas.

Father Paul English is rector at Fisher House and the Catholic chaplain at St. John Fisher. Father John Cavanaugh, special assistant to the president at St. John Fisher, also lives at Fisher House.

Bishop will attend death penalty trial

As the *Catholic Courier* was going to press Tuesday, June 20, the Diocese of Rochester announced that Bishop Matthew H. Clark would be present in the courtroom from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, during the penalty phase of the capital murder trial of Jose Julian Santiago.

Jurors convicted Santiago of murdering two Rochester children and next had to decide whether to sentence him to life in prison or execution.

The *Courier* will cover the trial and the bishop's appearance in its

Sprucing up for a 150th



Kevin Timms, 13, and Colette Trapasso, 14, work on flower beds at St. Bridget/St. Joseph Church as part of service projects during the East Bloomfield parish's 150th-anniversary celebration June 17. The celebration, spanning two weekends, also included a morning prayer service conducted by teens, a breakfast for 125 people, a pig roast and fireworks.

John Powell/Photo intern

Spiritus members to gather outside vocations retreat

Some members of the breakaway Spiritus Christi congregation are planning a peaceful gathering outside a diocesan-sponsored vocations retreat Friday, June 23, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

"They're holding this retreat to seek priests, yet are only allowing men, obviously, and we believe the call to the priesthood is greater than to celibate males," said Maureen Nielsen, a Spiritus Christi volunteer and one of the gathering's organizers.

Spiritus Christi is not sponsoring the gathering, organizers said.

Michelle "Chava" Redonnet, estimated six to 10 people would take part. Redonnet, also a Spiritus member, said she felt drawn to the retreat site as she has been discerning a call to ordination.

Notre Dame's director, Redemptorist

Father Frederick Brinkmann, said he was not concerned about the gathering. "Notre Dame is not the right venue" for the group's plans, he said. "We're not the sponsors, just the hosting facility."

Father John DeSocio, assistant to the bishop for vocations and priestly formation, was likewise unconcerned.

"Fine, they'll have a prayer vigil; it will be very peaceful. The sad thing is we won't see it," he said, noting the retreat will take place on private property hundreds of yards back from the road, the area where the gathering is likely to be.

Spiritus Christi also is planning a women's ordination conference in Rochester July 20-23, Nielsen said. Organizers hope to draw 250 participants from around the world.

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