

DIOCESAN NEWS

Development director hired

By Rob Callivan
Staff writer

GATES—Daniel J. Healy, a Bronx native, currently calls Las Vegas, Nev., home. However, the independent development consultant has decided to gamble on a new future in the Diocese of Rochester.

On Jan. 2, 2001, Healy becomes the new director of stewardship and development for the diocese, replacing Richard A. Rosati who left last June. Healy, 56, was selected this month after a search was conducted with the input of diocesan officials, pastors, pastoral ministers and members of the diocesan stewardship council, according to Michael Tedesco, diocesan director of communications.

Father Joseph A. Hart, diocesan vicar general and pastoral center administrator, praised the selection of Healy.

"We are confident that his broad experience, his enthusiasm for his calling and his ready wit will enable him to successfully support the many needs and ministries of our 12-county diocese," Father Hart said.

In an interview at the Pastoral Center, Healy told the *Catholic Courier* he decided to apply for the job opening here partly because he wanted to move back East, but also because he enjoys working with churches and church institutions.

"I think there's satisfaction in raising money... so that good things can happen," he said.

As a child, Healy attended Catholic schools in the Bronx and graduated in 1966 from Fordham College, a Jesuit institution, with a bachelor's degree in history. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-68 and was stationed in South Korea. From 1968-1970, he served in development at Fordham University, and then in 1970 became assistant development director for an agency that worked on alcoholism.

From 1971-79, Healy worked for an international fundraising and public relations firm with offices in New York City and San Francisco. He then moved to Reno, Nev., where he worked with a variety of clients including the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas. From 1988-90, he served as the first director of development for the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif. Among his duties was overseeing a diocesan appeal that raised almost \$3 million a year.

From 1990-94, Healy assisted a variety of clients in Nevada and southern California, and then went to work for the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., where he reorganized the development office and instituted a development program that included a \$1.1 million annual campaign, an estate-planning program, a grant-writing and administration department and a major gifts program. He left the Monterey Diocese in August 1997, and has since consulted for a wide variety of clients in Nevada and California.

In his new position, Healy said he will initially spend time learning as much as he can about the Rochester Diocese. He added that fundraising is most successful when those asking for funds respect donors and ask for their input and participation.

"I am a great believer in communications and accountability," he said. "I don't want somebody giving to a pig in a poke just because somebody says to give to it."

St Cecilia's celebrates half-century

By Mike Latona
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Starting out as a rural parish five decades ago, St. Cecilia Parish has grown into an 1,800-family community amid a sea of stores, housing tracts and expressways.

The parish in East Irondequoit celebrated its 50th anniversary during the 9:30 a.m. Mass Nov. 19. Later that day, staff and volunteers hosted a reception in Newcomb Hall that featured photo displays and informational tables regarding parish activities and committees. The celebration concluded with a performance by the Irondequoit-Brighton Traveling Cabaret.

St. Cecilia's was actually founded in 1949, but the cornerstone for the church and school was not laid until Nov. 22, 1950 — on the feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. An addition to the school was made in 1953. Though the school closed in 1992, that facility is still utilized for religious education, meetings, social events and offices. Other structural changes at St. Cecilia's have included a new rectory in 1968, and an extensive church renovation in 1993.

The parish has enjoyed remarkable stability among its leaders, with only two pastors in its first 51 years. Father Bernard Newcomb, founding pastor, led St. Cecilia's for 30 years until his 1979 retirement. He died in 1993.

Father Newcomb was succeeded by Father Walter Cushing, who began another long pastorate. Father Cushing, who retired in June 2000 after 21 years, continues



John Powell/Photo Intern
Sister Concepta Vay, SSJ, a reading teacher for St. Lawrence School, Greece, (right) and her sister, Marge Ryan, look over a display set up at St. Cecilia's Church in Irondequoit Nov. 19 for the parish's 50th anniversary celebration. The day also featured a performance by the Irondequoit-Brighton Traveling Cabaret

to reside at St. Cecilia's.

Father Kevin McKenna took over for Father Cushing last June. The new pastor also serves as chancellor for the Diocese of Rochester.

Among St. Cecilia's organizations, clubs and activities are the Men's Club; Ladies' Guild; "Young at Heart" for seniors; "God's Housekeepers" (church cleaning volunteers); bingo; Scouting; St. Joseph's Table; and Alcoholics Anonymous. The parish also offers a youth group; young adult ministry; and adult faith formation.

Although St. Cecilia's has grown greatly during its history, Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, said the parish remains tight-knit.

"I've always described it to people as a small-town parish in the suburbs. That's the influence of Father Newcomb; he wanted to keep it small-town," said Sister Tierney, parish life coordinator at St. Cecilia's for 10 years.

Diocesan activists arrested in SOA protest

By Liz Quirin
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COLUMBUS, Ga. — Nearly 10,000 people gathered Nov. 19 at the gates of Fort Benning in Columbus to demand the closing of the U.S. Army School of the Americas.

About 3,600 people walked onto the military installation, risking arrest and prosecution, in an act of peaceful civil disobedience. Among the 1,766 arrested were seven Rochester-area activists.

Some of the school's graduates have been implicated in the murders of hundreds of people in Latin America. These include the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, four U.S. churchwomen, six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter, all in El Salvador.

The demonstration, now in its 11th year, was organized by SOA Watch, led by Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois.

The 1,766 people were charged with criminal trespass, fingerprinted, photographed with their names entered into a computer, and issued a "ban and bar" letter, prohibiting them from returning to Fort Benning for five years. They reportedly included Tom Malthaner, Sarah Brownell, Sarah Grotho and Seth Thorslund, all of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality; Chris Powers, John Eisenberg; and Jesse Lenney. Malthaner organized three cars of people from St. Joseph's House. All told, about 35 activists from the Rochester area participated, including students from Nazareth College.

The names of those arrested will be

turned over to the U.S. attorney's office in Macon, Ga., which will determine who will be prosecuted, Army officials said. It could be several months before demonstrators know who will be summoned back to trial.

The procession was led by Briana Binkerd-Dale, 17, of Groton. Binkerd-Dale, who crossed the line last year with her mother, was dressed in alb and chasuble, carrying a censer.

She was followed by almost 40 people dressed in shrouds and death masks, carrying coffins symbolizing the many people who have been killed or "disappeared" at the hands of Latin American military, some of whom have graduated from the SOA at Fort Benning.

Actor and activist Martin Sheen was among the demonstrators. At a memorial Mass Nov. 18, he said he had "heard a voice in the night, the same as you."

Then he quoted the words from a song familiar to many: "Is it I, Lord? I will go, Lord, if you will lead me, and I will hold your people in my heart."

Unplanned, at the end of the liturgy, the

congregation of more than 2,000 began to sing "Here I am Lord," echoing assent to Sheen's statement.

Maj. Gen. John LeMoyne, commanding general at Fort Benning, said he was tired of Father Bourgeois' propaganda, and that he and other military personnel had decided to take their case to the people.

While demonstrators were being processed, LeMoyne and others talked about the School of the Americas and gave the Army's side of the story.


In a separate press conference, the commandant of the SOA, Army Col. Glenn Weidner, said the protests had an effect on the school.

"We're shutting it down Dec. 15," Weidner said.

The school will reopen in January with a different name — Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation — but basically the same curriculum and the same staff.

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LAMPLIGHTER DECEMBER SPECIALS

LUNCH TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

PANCHETTA LASAGNA
Layers of pasta filled with Italian ham, asiago, marscapone and ricotta cheeses over a tasty blush sauce.

MARYLAND CRAB CAKES
Fresh Maryland crab served with a delicious Roulade sauce.

CATCH OF THE DAY
Each day the Lamplighter features a new and interesting seafood selection.

DINNER MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

SEARED CALVES LIVER
Served with caramelized onions and crispy bacon.

RAINBOW TROUT
Pan-fried and served with a light lemon butter sauce.

PORTOFINO
Lobster, shrimp, scallops and crabmeat sautéed in olive oil and white wine served with artichoke hearts and black olives over a bed of pasta.

MAITRE'D PRIME RIB
This Angus beef is crusted with crushed peppercorns and grilled to perfection.

SERVING
Christmas Eve
and
New Year's Eve