

DIOCESAN NEWS

Parish Support Ministries head named

The Diocese of Rochester has announced that Bernard Grizard is the new director of Parish Support Ministries. Grizard had served as interim leader of that department since its former director, Kathleen Cannon, resigned last fall.

Grizard oversees the Office of Liturgy and the Office of Domestic Violence. He also directs the Office of Multicultural Services, which includes apostolates as well as divisions for parish council formation, ecumenical and interreligious affairs, urban services and translations.

"Together with the Parish Support Ministry staff, our essential mission has been, and will continue to be, in service to the parishes within the Diocese of Rochester," Grizard stated. "I see this new leadership

as a challenge to empower and inspire all of us to live out the Gospel message."

Grizard is a native of France who came to the United States in 1987. His tenure in the Diocese of Rochester began in 1993, as director of religious education in the Community of Hope cluster on Rochester's northeast side. He was appointed associate director of Parish Support Ministries in August 2001 and became interim leader two months later.

He is a parishioner of Christ the King Parish in Irondequoit.

"We're delighted to have someone with Bernard's experience and leadership ability ready to assist our diocesan parishes," said Father Joseph Hart, a diocesan vicar general and moderator of the Pastoral Center.

Recognizing

* Rochester's Our Lady of Mercy High School recently learned that its literary magazine, *The Mercedes*, was awarded the Highest Award in the 2001 National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. The 2001 student editors were Alexis Romeo and Mary Votava, who both graduated that year.

* Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 449 — Katie Foust, Gretchen Guiler, Jessica Harter, Julia Klein, Alicia Latour, Brittany Lennox, Kelsey Moriarty, Karolyn Morris, Lauren Sale and Maria Sgro — recently earned the Bronze Award, the highest award given to junior Girl Scouts. To earn the award, troop members, who all attend St. Margaret Mary School in Irondequoit, learned to knit and crochet to make lap robes for wheelchair-bound senior citizens. In February, they received the "I Live My Faith" religious medal from Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

* Students at St. Agnes School in Avon recently dedicated a "Garden of Thanks" to their teachers in celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Week in May. The students put their handprints on a special fence and designed stepping stones for the garden. The garden was created by students and parents on Sunday, May 5, and teachers were surprised with a dedication ceremony the following day.

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