

DIOCESAN NEWS

Irondequoit parishes plan family faith celebration

Five Irondequoit parishes are coming together Tuesday, Aug. 20, to offer a storytelling program designed to give people a chance to share their faith and get to know one another.

"Summer Celebration of Faith 2002: Tales of Wonder and Awe" is sponsored by the Irondequoit churches St. Cecilia, Christ the King, St. Margaret Mary, St. Salome and St. Thomas the Apostle. The daylong program will be held at St. Ann's Community Campus, 1500 Portland Ave., Rochester, and features five local presenters using different media to tell their stories. The celebration is meant for the entire family, and will include fellowship, spiritual stories, reflection and prayer.

"We're really hoping this will be an uplifting experience for people, a real celebration of faith," said Marianne Antczak, pastoral associate at St. Margaret Mary.

Antczak said the five parishes have never worked together for a summer program before, but have in the past joined forces to plan a regional retreat.

"The intent (is) that we will keep going with other cooperative events," she said.

The program begins at 9 a.m. with a morning prayer in St. Ann's chapel, followed by two morning break-out sessions with presentations for different age groups.

Presenters and topics include:

- Almeta Whitis ("Art of Storytelling"): Whitis has been an educator and an artist

for more than 28 years.

- Eileen Pollack ("Film & Storytelling"): Pollack teaches Scripture, morality, and theology and film classes at Nazareth Academy.

- Maura Marsh ("Using Art to Tell Stories"): Marsh teaches art history at Monroe Community College.

- Patricia Schoelles, SSJ ("Using Stories in Faith and Morality"): Sister Schoelles is president of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

- Father George Heyman ("Jesus: The Master Storyteller"): Father Heyman is pastor of the Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity in Wolcott, and serves as a biblical studies lecturer at St. Bernard's

School of Theology and Ministry and Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

A noon Mass will follow the break-out sessions, with lunch at 12:45 p.m. The event will continue at 5:30 p.m. with grace and dinner. From 7:30-8:45 p.m., Dr. Dennis Boike will present "How Faith Stories Shape Individuals and Communities." A closing prayer will follow his talk.

The cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children 5-16 and free for those under 5 and for St. Ann's residents. Those attending part of the day pay \$10 per break-out session, \$5.50 for lunch and \$8.50 for dinner.

The deadline to register is Aug. 13. For more information, call 585/338-1146.

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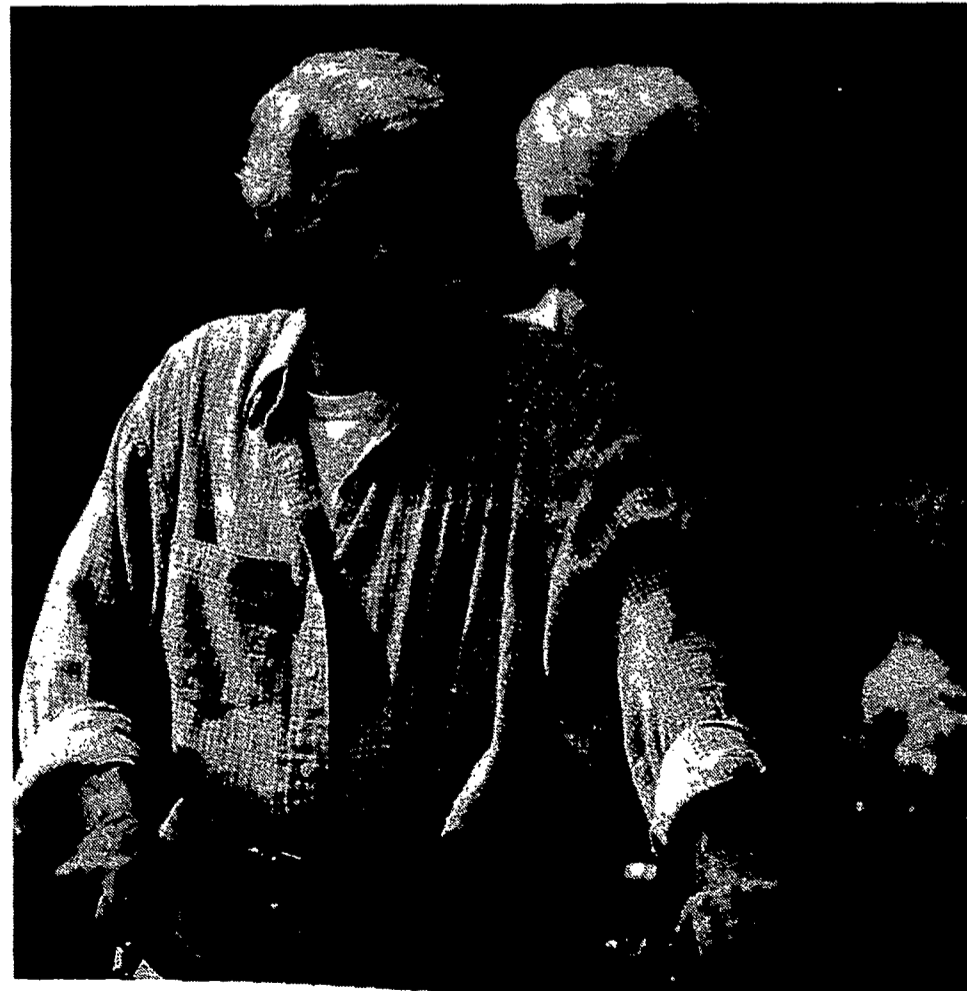


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