

Pair gives statue to church

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At the end of 9:30 a.m. Mass at Rochester's Holy Rosary Church Oct. 6, Father Gary Tyman, pastor, stood on the altar before the congregation and spoke about the statue before him. The statue — of St. Anne embracing her daughter, Mary, the mother of Jesus — eventually would be placed on a pedestal on the wall to the left of him behind the children's choir, he said.

"Then St. Anne can keep an eye on her son-in-law, St. Joseph," he said, noting a nearby statue of St. Joseph.

Albert and Dorothy Ann Piccoli have been keeping an eye on the statue of Ss. Anne and Mary since they obtained it from St. Lucy's Church, Rochester, which closed in 1977. Both Marian devotees, the Piccolis spoke about their donation to Holy Rosary at a coffee hour in the school basement after Mass.

"We're getting older, and I wanted to make sure nothing happened to her," Dorothy, 79, said of the statue.

"We were afraid if we both went, and they went to empty out the house, they would just put it on a dump truck," added Albert, 81.

Dorothy suggested the donation to Father Tyman, who said the church decided to accept it officially last Sunday in anticipation of the



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Albert and Dorothy Ann Piccoli donated this statue of St. Anne and St. Mary to Holy Rosary Church.

Feast of the Holy Rosary the next day, Oct. 7. Given that the parish was named for the best-known of all Marian devotional practices, the priest said it was appropriate to accept the Piccolis' gift this week.

The Piccolis have been members of Holy Rosary since 1967. Albert grew up attending Immaculate Conception Church in Rochester, and Dorothy attended Holy Trinity in Webster. The Piccolis have been married for 46 years, and met at a singles dance at a Rochester social club, Albert said.

The couple had two sons, one of whom died from cancer in 2001. Kenneth, their late son, was a former president of the parish's men's club, they said. They also have eight grandchildren.

Until health problems forced her to stop, Dorothy helped to clean the church altar as a member of the parish's Rosary Guild. Her husband was a Scoutmaster for years, and said he'd won just about every award given by the Boy Scouts of America. A printer and photographer, Albert honed his picture-taking skills while serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. His career included work as a part-time photographer for the *Catholic Courier* in the 1950s and 1960s. As a printer who works out of his basement, Albert still has a few clients, and prints notepads for Holy Rosary.

Albert said the couple have had a difficult time mourning the loss of their son, but that they were happy to benefit the parish and were enjoying their day in the sun. As parishioners walked over to their table to thank Dorothy, Albert sat in his wheelchair and beamed.

"You see how all these people are coming up and thanking Dorothy?" he said. "That's what makes me feel so good, that she's getting that much attention."

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