

Creative muses at work in diocese

AUTHORS, MUSICIANS RELEASE NEW WORKS

The following groups and individuals in the Diocese of Rochester have notified the *Catholic Courier* that they recently produced books or music CDs or tapes:

• **Deacon Ray Defendorf**, pastoral administrator of St. James Church in Waverly and St. Pius X Church in Van Etten, and his son, **Chris**, are collaborating on a new children's CD which will be titled *Welcome Children*. It will feature songs, prayers and stories for celebrating the sacraments of baptism, first Eucharist, reconciliation and confirmation.

• **Father Douglas Della Pietra**, pastor at Church of the Good Shepherd in Henrietta, recently recorded a music CD called *The Table*. Half of all sales go to support the Hispanic Migrant Farm Workers Ministry for the Diocese of Rochester.

• **Dave Dowling**, a parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Owego, published a grammar reference book, *Writing the Right Word*, earlier this year. Dowling is president of Write On Course LLC, a corporate-training company dedicated to improving the overall writing habits of business and technical professionals.

• **Ian Henderson** of Brockport recently wrote and recorded a CD titled *Reflection*, which is a Christian expression of worship and praise.

• **Msgr. Gerard Krieg** and **Donna**

Augustine recently published the book *Mae's Marbles*, which was illustrated by **Judy Savaria**. The inspirational book reflects on the child within. Msgr. Krieg is a retired priest of the Diocese of Rochester. Augustine and Savaria are members of St. Stephen's Parish in Geneva.

• **Casey Lopata**, planning group liaison for the Diocese of Rochester, has edited two books, *Seeds of Hope: Compassionate Ministry with Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their Families*, *A Practical Resource Manual*, and a supplement called *More Seeds: Compassionate Ministry with Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their Families*, *A Practical Resource Manual*.

• **Father Kevin E. McKenna**, pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Irondequoit, recently published *A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching*. It is a distillation in summary form of the major papal encyclicals and U.S. bishops' letters on social teaching, including a homily guide, glossary and biographies of the popes who have written social teaching encyclicals.

• **Gregorio C. Pedroza**, a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary in Apalachin, is a bilingual storyteller who writes and tells stories in a blend of English and Spanish. Pedroza has produced a total of five audio tapes, a book of short stories and two books of poetry. He most recently produced *Loving and Healing/Amando y Sanando*, a tape of four short stories. All profits

from his performances and sales go to the Firekeeper Scholarship Fund, which this year provided eight scholarships to students.

• **Rich Rasmussen**, youth minister at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, recently wrote and recorded a full-length CD of original, acoustic instrumental music, *Country Boy at Heart*.

• In February, **Peggy Rosenthal** of Rochester had her book, *Praying the Gospels Through Poetry: Lent to Easter*, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press.

• **Joanne Schum**, a parishioner of St. James Parish in Irondequoit, compiled success stories of lung-transplant recipients from around the world into the book *Taking Flight: Inspirational Stories of Lung Transplantation*. Schum, a Webster resident, is the recipient of a double lung transplant.

• The handbell choirs at **St. Charles Borromeo Church** in Greece recently recorded *The Bells of St. Charles*, which contains selections of concert performances. The CD is expected to be available for the holiday season.

• **St. Michael's Church** in Rochester recently released a CD featuring music recorded during its Mass of Remembrance and Hope in honor of those lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in America.

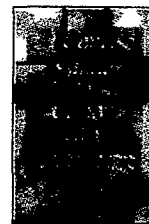
• **Michael Szatkowski**, conductor, pianist, vocalist and music director at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece, recently released the CD and cassette *If I Sing*. The recording contains devotional and love songs dedicated to his recently de-

ceased mother. Under his direction, **St. John the Evangelist's adult choir** released its third CD/cassette, *Gift of Song*, featuring choral music of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The recording traces the birth of Christ from Gregorian chant through to modern-day melodies.

• **Michael Theisen**, director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Rochester, recently published two books, *Because of the Call and Ready to Go Game Shows (That Teach Serious Stuff): Catholic Teachings and Practices Edition*. *Because of the Call*, a youth-ministry resource manual published by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, contains articles, catechetical sessions and activities adults can use to help teens in parishes and schools embrace the annual theme (this year being discipleship) and to help parishes celebrate World Youth Sunday. *Ready to Go Game Shows* reinvents eight popular game shows to help young people learn about their faith and Catholic beliefs and traditions.

• **Donatella Young** of Fairport recently wrote the book *Uncharted Journey*, which tells the story of a Catholic woman escaping her divorce by traveling to Nepal and the Himalayas, a trip that turns into a meaningful and spiritual journey.

• **Gloria Ulterino** of Rochester has written *Drawing from Wisdom's Well: Stories, Celebrations, and Explorations of Courageous Women of Faith*.



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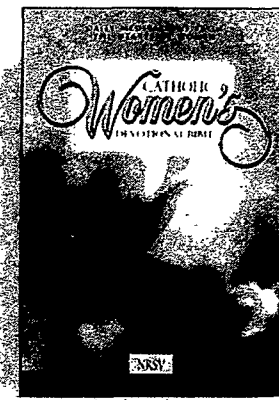
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