

RECOGNIZING

• **Marilyn Cain** has been named winner of the annual OP-PY Award at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. The honor recognizes hospital workers who promote friendly service, courtesy and good will. Cain has been employed at St. Joseph's for 32 years and currently serves as a staff development nurse there.

• **Giovina Caroscio**, outgoing executive director of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, was honored with the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Award at a March dinner in Geneva. The award honors Catholic Charities staff members or volunteers who model "exemplary commitment to using her/his talents and resources in service of others; to building an agency which safeguards human life and dignity; and to promoting justice and peace which is animated by charity."

• **Nicole Christofaro**, a native of Elmira Heights, was recently elected vice president of the Newman Association chapter at Syracuse University. Christofaro is a junior majoring in psychology. The Newman Association, in conjunction with the St. Thomas More Catholic Campus Ministry, serves more than 4,000 Catholic students at Syracuse.

• **Rebecca Evangelista**, a junior at Geneva DeSales High School, has been named recipient of a Community Service Award by the New York Bar Foundation, state Bar Association and state Education Department. The honor recognizes 12 students from around the state for outstanding dedication and commitment in their school and community. Each student receives a \$100 savings bond and plaque.

• **Rochester native Father Joseph Falletta**, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., has been appointed pastor of St. Bridget's Parish in Copake Falls.

• **Christian Brother Brian M. Walsh**, former teacher at Irondequoit's Bishop Kearney High School and diocesan superintendent of schools from 1986-91, has been named head of the new leadership team for the Christian Brothers Congregation's Eastern American Province. The leadership team will begin its four-year term in June 2003. Brother Walsh has been acting province leader since June 2002.

Kathryn Jeffery; bishops' secretary

Obituaries

Mrs. Kathryn Jeffery, former administrative assistant to the late Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, died April 17, 2003, after a long illness. She was 86 years old.

Mrs. Jeffery began employment with the Diocese of Rochester in 1965, as a secretary in the Department of Religious Education. She was promoted to the bishop's office in 1973, and remained in that capacity until her retirement in 1984.

"She was one of the most delightful persons to work with, a lady that was most competent as secretary," said Father Michael Conboy, who served as priest-secretary to Bishop Hogan from 1969-78.

Father Conboy noted that Mrs. Jeffery's duties extended to several diocesan officials. "She had all these balls in the air and kept everything going. She did an excellent job; you never had to worry about proofing anything," said Father Conboy, who currently serves as diocesan director of priest personnel as well as pastor of St. Jerome's Parish in East Rochester.

"Kay was a very bright, fun person. She had great Irish wit," added Barbara Pedeville, diocesan director of management and staff services.

Mrs. Jeffery is survived by a son, John M. (Bobbi) Jeffery; grandchildren, Brendan (Melinda) Jeffery and Skelly Anne Jeffery; great-grandchildren, Cailey Ann Marie Jeffery and John Michael Jeffery II; sister, Betty Coyne; and brother, Charles (Emily) Skelly.

Her funeral Mass was held April 23 at St. John of Rochester Church, Fairport. Interment was at White Haven Memorial Park.

Memorial donations can be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 971 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester 14620; or Camp Good Days and Special Times, 1332 Pittsford-Mendon Road, Mendon 14506.

— Mike Latona

Sister Dolores Monahan, SSJ, 61

Sister of St. Joseph Dolores Monahan died on Feb. 10, 2003, in Geneva She was 61.

She entered the congregation from her home parish of Our Mother of Sorrows in Greece in 1959. She attended Nazareth College where she graduated with honors in 1972 and received her master's degree in 1977. She taught at St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; St. Theodore, Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; and St. Mary, Auburn. She was principal of St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, from 1975-82.

In the Finger Lakes region, Sister

Monahan taught religion and faith development, developed several ongoing faith-formation programs for adults and was, for many years, a spiritual minister.

She is survived by her brother, Robert (Nancy) Monahan; a niece, a nephew and grandnephews; and her sisters in the congregation of St. Joseph. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Feb. 13. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

Sister Rita Malone, SSJ, 88

Sister Rita Malone (Sister Thomas Marie) of the Sister of St. Joseph died at the congregation's motherhouse on Feb. 27, 2003.

Sister Malone, 88, entered the Sister of St. Joseph from St. Mary Parish, Elmira, in 1933. She received her bachelor's degree from Nazareth College and a master's degree from the University of Rochester.

She taught vocal and instrumental music at St. Mary's, Canandaigua; Sacred Heart, Rochester; and St. Mary's, Elmira. She then returned to Nazareth College to study the teaching of learning-disabled pupils. She taught in the Learning Center at St. Jerome's in East Rochester (1971-87) and was a Literacy Volunteer tutor

(1971-2002), having retired in 1992.

Sister Malone is survived by her brother, J. Bernard (Mary) Malone of Pine City, N.Y.; her sister, Mary Catherine Elliott of Rochester; nieces, nephews and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel March 1 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

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