

## RECOGNIZING

St. Bonaventure University recently honored three Rochester-area residents—Sister of St. Joseph Beth LeValley, Richard C. Palermo Sr. and Donna Ecker—for their community service by presenting them the university's Gaudete Medal. Sister LeValley is president of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, an ecumenical organization to which the Diocese of Rochester belongs. Palermo, a management consultant, has worked with several not-for-profit leadership teams, including Catholic Charities of Livingston County. Ecker is volunteer co-director of Bethany House in Rochester, a Catholic Worker facility that serves homeless women and children.

Recovery Place Collaborative, a program of Catholic Family Center's Restart Substance Abuse Services in Rochester, received the Community Collaboration for Children Youth and Families Award of the Child Welfare League of America. Operated in cooperation with YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County, the Legal Aid Society Monroe County Legal Assistance and the Volunteer Legal Services Project, it provides inter-agency case management, relapse prevention for individuals and families affected by alcohol and other drugs, as well as housing, employment and treatment services.

The boys' varsity basketball team of DeSales High School in Geneva received the G. Thomas Emmanuel 28th Annual Sportsmanship Award. The award recognizes the "highest degree of sportsmanship" by DeSales' coaches, players and fans during the 2002-03 season.

# Mercy Sister M. Julia Ryan, 100

## Obituaries

Mercy Sister Mary Julia Ryan died May 6, 2003, at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Rochester. She was 100 years old.

Born Elizabeth Ryan in South Wales, N.Y., she converted to Catholicism as a teenager after moving to St. Boniface Parish in Rochester. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1921 and received her bachelor's degree in education from St. Bonaventure University in 1933.

A teacher for 48 years, Sister Ryan served in Mt. Carmel, St. Sa-

lome, Holy Cross and Mercy High School in Rochester; St. Vincent, Corning; St. John, Clyde; St. Ann, Hornell; and Holy Family, Auburn. After serving in the library and media center at Mercy, she began her 17-year ministry of tutoring inmates in the Monroe County Jail until her retirement in 1992.

She was featured in an April 10,

2003, *Catholic Courier* article about her 100th birthday celebration.

Sister Ryan is survived by her sister, June Ryan; nieces and nephews; and the Sisters of Mercy.

Father William Donnelly presided at the funeral Mass in the motherhouse chapel on May 9. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, NY 14610 or to Mercy Outreach Center, 142 Webster Ave., Rochester, NY 14609.

## Sister Marie Bernard Kinsella, SSJ

Sister Marie Bernard Kinsella of the Sisters of St. Joseph died April 28, 2003, at the motherhouse. She was 95.

She entered the congregation from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Brockport. She received her bachelor's degree from Nazareth College and her master's from the University of Rochester. For 34 years she taught at Nazareth

Academy and several parochial schools. She then became a school supervisor and was diocesan social studies consultant.

Sister Kinsella also worked at the congregational level in development, later becoming a parish visitor at St. Louis Parish in Pittsford. She continued counseling and prayer ministry after her retirement.

She is survived by her sister, Marcella McAniff; nieces and nephews; and her sisters in the congregation.

Her funeral liturgy was celebrated April 30 in the motherhouse chapel, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

## Mercy Sister M. Leonard Gavin

Mercy Sister Mary Leonard Gavin died March 8, 2003, at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Brighton. She was 94 and was a member of the order for 67 years.

Born Dorothy Gavin in Rochester,

Sister Leonard entered the Sisters of Mercy from Immaculate Conception Parish in 1935, professing her perpetual vows in 1941. She ministered in food preparation for 45 years, serving at Mercy High School, Cardinal Mooney High School and St. James Parish, all in Rochester, and at St. Mary's in Corning.

She is survived by nieces and

nephews, including Valerie Sweeney of California, and her sisters in the congregation.

Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on March 11 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials in her memory may be to the Sisters of Mercy, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, NY 14610.

## Sister M. Cordis Impler, SSND, 104

Sister M. Cordis Impler of the School Sisters of Notre Dame died on May 29, 2003, at the Lourdes Health Center in Wilton, Conn. She was 104.

Born in Schliersee, Bavaria, Germany, Sister Impler was an elemen-

tary school teacher for 48 years. She taught at St. Michael's and Our Lady of Good Counsel, both in Baltimore, Md., as well as at St. Michael's and St. Margaret Mary, both in Rochester. She retired to the motherhouse in Wilton in 1985.

Sister Impler is survived by her nephew, Herman Impler; her niece, Gertrude Pomper; her close friend, Sister Stephania Walczak, SSND,

who teaches at Rochester's Bishop Kearney High School; and the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 2 in the Provincial Motherhouse Chapel in Wilton with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bethel, Conn. Memorial contributions may be sent to the SSND Development Fund, Wilton, CT 06897.

### GENERAL

#### Announcements

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