

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS PLAN MASS, LUNCHEON

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 117 in Penn Yan will host the annual Bishop's Mass and Luncheon for the courts in the Diocese of Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate Mass at noon at St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan.

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Court 117 has invited national and state CDA dignitaries to share in the local celebration.

The Mass and luncheon are open to the public. The price of the luncheon, to be held in the church hall following Mass, is \$13. For information or to make a reservation for the luncheon, contact Janet Osgood at 315/536-7604 or osgoodr@eznet.net.

Couple to receive Holmsten Award

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In honor of their dedication to protecting human life, Carol and Richard Crossed, parishioners at Brighton's Queen of Peace Church, were to be presented with the Seventeenth Annual Leo Holmsten Human Life Award during a dinner at Rochester's Clarion Riverside Hotel Sept. 16.

Carol Crossed is an activist in the consistent life ethic movement, which opposes abortion, war, euthanasia, capital punishment, poverty and other threats to life. Crossed is a founding member of Consistent Life Inc., an international coalition of more than 200 consistent life ethic groups; a lobbyist for Bread for the World, an anti-hunger legislative group; and a former advocate and organizer for Project Roothold, which promotes

relations among indigenous peoples in the Americas. She has also been arrested for civil disobedience during pro-life and pro-peace demonstrations.

Crossed is also national president of Democrats for Life, and has long been active in Feminists for Life on both the national and state levels. She and her husband have also opened their home over the years to Latin American refugees as well as women in crisis pregnancies and single mothers and their children.

Richard Crossed is president and chief executive officer of Conifer Realty, and has served as financial contributor and adviser to the Charles and Mary Crossed Foundation, which has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various consistent life ethic causes. Richard Crossed has lobbied at the state and national level for increased funding

to affordable housing programs, and also serves on the board of directors of St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, which works with at-risk young people and their families.

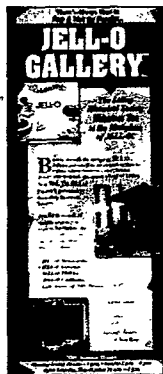
The Leo Holmsten Human Life Committee is a pro-life group named for Dr. Leo Holmsten, who once headed Planned Parenthood in Rochester but left his position and eventually became a pro-life advocate. The committee identifies and recognizes individuals who promote the consistent life ethic. The award is sponsored by 14 pro-life groups in addition to the committee.

Carol Crossed said she and her husband were honored to receive the award, particularly because it was named for Holmsten.

"He was one of those people who's willing to sacrifice who they've been in order to become something new and different," she said.

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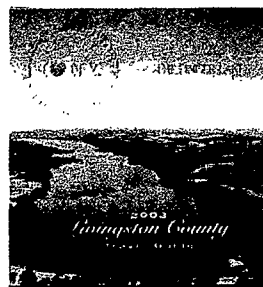
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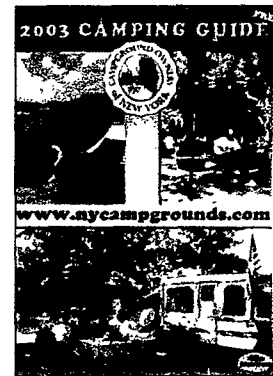
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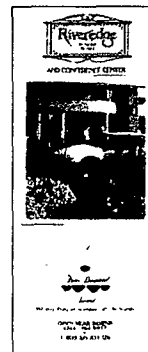
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