

## CORPUS CHRISTI REUNION IS NOV. 29

Students of Rochester's Corpus Christi School during its existence at Corpus Christi Parish are invited to a reunion Saturday Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Corpus Christi Church hall, 864 E. Main St. Festivities will include a reception along with a tour of the school building.

Organizers are seeking names and addresses of alumni, memorabilia to be shared at the reunion, and volunteer workers. Call the parish rectory at 585/325-2424, ext. 102, to attend and/or volunteer.

Corpus Christi School was founded in 1888. Classes were held at the parish location until 1990, when programs were moved to nearby Blessed Sacrament Parish. The school continues today as Corpus Christi School at Blessed Sacrament. Meanwhile, the former school building on Main Street is being used for the Matthew's Closet clothing ministry, faith-formation classes, and even for sports; a school for fencing has been founded in the basement.

## RECOGNIZING

- Catholic Charities of Livingston County's Hispanic Outreach Program recently received a \$10,000 Community Service Provider Assistance Program grant. The outreach program offers support to the Spanish-speaking community and helps residents overcome language and cultural barriers.

- Premium Mortgage Corp. hosted its fourth annual "Quest for the Cup" golf tournament Sept. 4, raising \$4,000 for Camp Stella Maris in Livonia. The money will benefit the camp's Campership Fund, which provides need-based full or partial scholarships for resident, day and family programs.

- Eighteen McQuaid Jesuit High School seniors were honored recently. Four were named as semi-finalists in the 2003-2004 National Merit Scholarship competition, making them eligible for one of 8,000 scholarship awards. They are Matthew Douglass-Riley, Gregory Hallenbeck, Rohan Kekre and Robert McCartney. Fourteen were named commended students in the 2003-2004 National Merit Scholarship Program, meaning that they placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.3 million students who took the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are Kashif I. Ahmed, William J. Archibald, William A. Ciszewski, Alexander K.

# Sister Mary Roch Basso, SSJ, 98

## Obituaries

The oldest living alumnus of St. Joseph Hospital's School of Nursing in Elmira, Sister Mary Roch Basso, died Oct. 13, 2003. She was 98.

A native of Susquehanna, Pa., Sister Basso graduated as a registered nurse in 1926 and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Rochester in 1927. She began her nursing career at St. Joseph Hospital in 1931, spending most of her assignment there in the maternity department. Although she

retired in 1981, she volunteered at the hospital for an additional 19 years, ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of patients.

Noted for personifying the virtue of Christian charity, she touched the lives of thousands and took pride in hearing from countless area resi-

dents that she was "on duty" when they were born.

Sister Basso, predeceased by her eight siblings, is survived by her nieces and nephews and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Oct. 17 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

## Sister Mary Martha Reeder, SSJ; primary teacher

A primary teacher in diocesan schools for 50 years, Sister Mary Martha Reeder, 96, died at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse on Oct. 2, 2003.

Sister Reeder entered the congregation from her home parish of St. Stanislaus in Rochester in 1926 and received her teacher's certificate from Nazareth Normal School in 1947. She taught at Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Augustine and Holy Apostles schools in Rochester; St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport; and St. John the Evangelist in Greece.

Following her retirement from teaching in 1978, she was a classroom assistant for six years and assisted at St. Stanislaus Convent for 13 years.

Sister Reeder is survived by her sisters, Helen Lester and Genevieve Zienkiewicz; nieces and

nephews; and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel Oct. 8 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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