

# Rochester parish will host Lenten program

Marvin L. Mich, director of social policy and research at Catholic Family Center, will present a three-part Lenten mission at St. Boniface Church, 330 Gregory St., Rochester, from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24; Thursday, March 25; and Friday, March 26.

Titled "From Dirty Foreheads to the Waters of Baptism — Our Lenten Journey," the mission is free and open to the public, and will cover the following topics:

**March 24** — "Ancient Practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving in an Internet Age." This talk will offer reflections on the meaning of these ancient disciplines as aids to spiritual and moral growth in an insecure world.

**March 25** — "Our Baptismal Anointing as Priest, Prophet and King." This session will offer reflections on Catholics' baptismal call to minister as "priest, prophet and king." What do these ancient terms mean in one's ministry?

**March 26** — "The Three 'S's' of the Church — Scripture, Sacraments and Social." Vatican II refocused the Catholic Church on its scriptural roots, its social mission and its sacramental tradition. Mich and participants will discuss how this focus affects our faith today.

Mich holds a doctorate in theology, and has served as a teacher and administrator at St. Bernard's Institute, now called St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. He is also co-chairman of the Rochester Labor-Religion Coalition and a member of the Diocese of Rochester's public-policy committee.

Mich authored the critically acclaimed 1998 book *Catholic Social Teaching and Movements* as well as the 2002 book *I Like Being in Parish Ministry: Social Justice*. He is also author of the forthcoming book *The Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching*.

For information on the mission, call St. Boniface at 585/423-4271.



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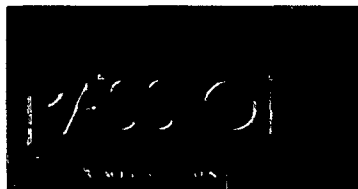
## Haitians call for trial

Haitians join a demonstration against deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide attended by thousands in Port-au-Prince March 7. The sign at center reads, "Trial for Aristide." At least six people were killed when gunmen fired on unarmed demonstrators making their way to the presidential palace.

A second interfaith conversation about this controversial film

Thursday, March 11,  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Burgundy Basin Inn,  
1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford



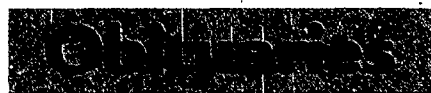
**Format:** A dialogue modeled on TV talk shows, covering such themes as: "The Passion" as a work of art; the Stations of the Cross in Catholic tradition; the theology of redemptive suffering; and other topics suggested by the audience.

**Panelists:** Father Joseph Brennan; Deacon Thomas Driscoll; *Democrat and Chronicle* film critic Jack Garner; Rabbi Alison B. Kobey; and the Rev. Richard Myers.

**To register:** Call 585-271-3657 ext. 292, or e-mail [tdriscoll@stbernards.edu](mailto:tdriscoll@stbernards.edu).

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## Sister Mary Sharon Heilman, 78



Sister of St. Joseph Mary Sharon Heilman, 78, died at the congregation's motherhouse on Jan. 29, 2004.

Sister Heilman, a native of Holy Apostles Parish, Rochester, entered the order in 1944. She earned bachelor's degrees in education and English from Nazareth College. She then taught for 12 years in diocesan schools including Holy Apostles, St. Monica, Immaculate Conception and St. Francis Xavier, all in Rochester, before serving as principal at St. Stephen, Geneva, and at St. Stanislaus and Our Mother of Sorrows

Schools in Rochester.

In 1977 she achieved her dream of becoming a nurse and served at the congregation's infirmary and at Park Ridge Hospital and Nursing Home until her retirement in 1989. She then was receptionist at Sacred Heart Cathedral rectory for 10 years.

Sister Heilman is survived by her nieces, Sharon Wells of Syracuse and Paulette (James) Comparato of Florida and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated on Feb. 2 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.

## Sister Mary Paschal Rouss, 88

Sister of St. Joseph Mary Paschal Rouss, 88, died Jan. 13, 2004, at the congregation's motherhouse.

A native of St. James Parish in Waverly, N.Y., she entered the congregation in 1936. She received her teaching certificate and bachelor's degrees in education and history from Nazareth College.

Sister Rouss taught at Sacred Heart School, Rochester; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and Holy Trinity, Webster. She then served as principal for close to two decades in Web-

ster, Geneva and Corning. From 1979 until her retirement in 1955, she ministered in Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca as teacher, convent cook and parish volunteer.

Sister Rouss is survived by her nieces and nephews and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Jan. 16 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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## SISTER ALMA JOSEPH BAUMAN, SSJ, 96

Sister Alma Joseph Bauman of the Sisters of St. Joseph died at the congregation's motherhouse on Jan. 7, 2004. She was 96.

Sister Bauman entered the congregation in 1931 from her home parish, Holy Trinity, Webster. Following an assignment at Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca, she assumed clerical duties at the motherhouse.

From 1941-45 she established the business offices at the order's ministry at St. Elizabeth Parish in Selma, Ala. Returning to Rochester, she served in various secretarial positions including secretary general and director of the health insurance and Social Security programs until her retirement in 1992.

Sister Bauman is survived by her sister-in-law, Barbara Bauman, and nieces, nephews and her sisters in the congregation. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Jan. 12, followed by burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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