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RECRUITMENT GRANT
SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, received a \$30,000 grant from the Koch Foundation in support of its 10-year old program to recruit seminarians from Poland to serve the Catholic church in the United States. The seminary was founded by an immigrant Polish priest in 1895. This is the sixth grant the seminary has received from the Florida-based Koch Foundation since 1993. The Foundation was established by American Beauty Products founder Carl Koch, who sold his company to devote his energies to philanthropy. (The Foundation's primary mission is to help the Roman Catholic church propagate the faith by providing funds for missions, religious education and other evangelization efforts.)

GUEST SPEAKER
The Rev. Desmond Hoffmeister, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa, will be the pulpit guest at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 29, at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham. This is Hoffmeister's only local church engagement during his visit to the United States and Canada for national and international meetings. Acclaimed African-American Gospel singer Angelo Smith of Detroit will perform, and jazz bass player Donald Mayberry will accompany her. Before the worship service, Hoffmeister and his wife, Beverly, will speak at a 9 a.m. adult forum offering an update on the current situation in South Africa. The public is invited. Free Sunday parking is available in the municipal lots surrounding the church. For information, call the church office at (248) 644-0550. Hoffmeister will also address a fund-raising banquet sponsored by the Progressive Michigan Baptists and the American Baptist Churches of Southeastern Michigan at 5 p.m. on June 29, at Second Baptist Church of Detroit, located in Greektown. For ticket reservations, call the American Baptist Metro Office at (248) 443-6888.

FAMILY EDUCATION
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, is accepting applications for students in grades kindergarten through eight for the Learning is a Family Experience education program. There is a \$50 per child discount for enrolling

by July 1. The program features Shabbat morning classes for grades K through 6 and Monday afternoon classes for grades 3-7. Classes begin with orientation on Sept. 10. For details, call Rita Abramson at (248) 788-0500.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR
Oakland Church of Christ, 22355 W. 11 Mile, Southfield, will hold an eight-week marriage seminar on Tuesday evenings from July 1 to Aug. 25. The interactive seminar, based on Dr. Willard Harley's bestselling book, "His Needs, Her Needs," will fine-tune good marriages, strengthen weak marriages and heal broken marriages. The program will be led by Dr. and Mrs. R. Vernon Boyd. The cost is \$129.95 per couple, with a 12-couple limit. For information, call the church at (248) 356-9225.

CARILLON SERIES
The 69th Christ Church Carillon series begins with a brass salute to Independence Day and ends with the energetic sounds of fife and drums heralding Labor Day. On July 6, The Detroit Brass Society joins carillonneur Jeff Davis from the University of California-Berkeley in a hardy welcome to summer, capping the Fourth of July holiday weekend. There will be several carillon tower tours during the July

6 to Aug. 31 recital season. A video-monitor in the sanctuary allows visitors to view the carillonists as they play. Instrumental groups will perform inside the church in the event of rain. All weekly recitals are open to the public and begin at 4 p.m. on Sundays at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills.

GRANT AWARDED
St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake has been awarded a Select Student Support Services grant from the State of Michigan Department of Education. The award of \$10,137 for a 12-month period beginning July 1 is to help the college improve the retention and graduation rates of academically and economically disadvantaged students. The St. Mary's College proposal was selected out of 29 proposals submitted.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 14 Mile and Lahser, Beverly Hills, offers a non-denominational, non-sectarian support group for individuals who have suffered the death of a loved one. The free program is facilitated by David Hough, a Birmingham licensed clinical therapist. It meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the church's Meditation Lounge. For information, call (248) 642-0200.

Adult ministries leader named at Northbrook Presbyterian

Lana Leckie was named adult ministries director at Northbrook Presbyterian Church of Beverly Hills. She is responsible for organizing and developing small group ministries, senior ministries and new member ministries.

that will enrich the spiritual life of the congregation. These groups can focus on many issues, such as education, faith sharing, Christian parenting, and support groups. "I believe that God has guided me to this position to utilize

my gifts in service to Him," Leckie said. A Northbrook member for nine years, Leckie has had many roles in the church, including chairmanship of the Retirement Home Luncheon, member of the church's Ses-

sion, vice moderator and moderator of the Presbyterian Women of Northbrook, Summer Camp counselor and director of Stephen Ministries. Leckie, a University of Michigan graduate, lives in Bingham Farms with her 7-year-old son.

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ki, designed the interior. "Our parishioners built this church. That's why we're so proud," said Krajcovic. Once the parking lot is completed, parishioners hope to begin work on a social hall in the full basement, and are eyeing a possible expansion in the future.

"We hope this church will eventually become a Macedonian Cultural Center," said Krajcovic. The Balkan country of Macedonia, which gained its independence in 1991, borders Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Albania.

Members of St. George of Kratoevo tend to be immigrants or second and third generation descendants of the native homeland. Liturgies are said at the church mostly in the Macedonian and Old Slavonic languages, with English emerging only occasionally.

The church is affiliated with the North American Macedonian Orthodox Diocese headquartered in Toronto, Canada. The Very Rev. Mitko Popski of Windsor serves as pastor.

St. Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Community was founded in 1976 and first met for worship at St. Beatrice Catholic Church in Southfield.

For the last seven years, the congregation has made its spiritual home at Eight Mile and Telegraph in Detroit, at a church made available by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. But the congregation of 250 families, which was struggling with security issues, had bigger dreams.

"For 15 years we've been trying to get our own church building," said church secretary Jamie Kim of Rochester Hills. "This is a nice place to go to church safely."

It was with great enthusiasm that parishioners broke ground on May 19, 1996 on a 10 acre plot of land just north of Eight Mile Road. Funds are still being raised through the weekly sale

of Korean food. The new church will encompass 18,000 square feet and include a sanctuary, chapel, social hall and kitchen, offices and a library. The project cost is \$3 million. Livonia-based H. Leo Enterprises, Inc. served as architect and general contractor, and designed the church with the Korean culture in mind.

"The roof is the traditional Korean style," said the Rev. Hyung Soo Blas Lee of Livonia, pointing to the dove-shaped curve symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

Future plans include Sunday school classrooms and an activity center. Construction for the church rectory will begin sometime this summer. The church lawn will be adorned with a statue of St. Andrew Kim, the first priest in Korea, who was martyred in 1845 and canonized in 1982.

Though the majority of parishioners are immigrants from their home land in east-central Asia, most of the Sunday school students are second generation Koreans or children from interracial marriages.

One Mass is said in Korean and one is said in English each week. Kim is quick to add that the doors will be open to all. "We don't want to be separated as just a Korean church," she said. "We want to be a Korean American Church."

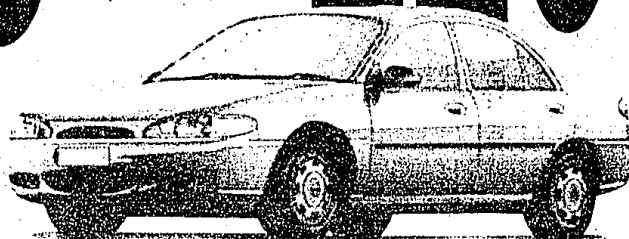
"The church is open to all people. It's a universal church," added Lee, who has served the congregation for one year. "In the future, when we move here, I plan to say an English Mass every Sunday ... I will prepare an English Mass for neighbors here and communicate with people when they need to borrow this church."

"And I want to make a special center for the Korean culture and the Korean language for the second generation."

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