

# Michigan Catholics get computer connected

The Michigan Catholic Conference will use today's technology during the early years of the Third Millennium to further the mission of the church, founded by Christ nearly 2,000 years ago.

"Within five years, we will link every one of the more than 1,000 Catholic parishes, schools, social services agencies, hospitals and other institutions throughout Michigan to a statewide computer network that will make it possible to deliver accurate, timely communications with each of them instantaneously," said Sister Monica Kostelney, MCC president and CEO.

Founded in 1963, the MCC is the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Michigan.

"Michigan's seven Catholic dioceses are now linked by computer, and many parishes, schools, and other institutions within

each diocese have Internet capabilities," she said. "We hope to have everyone on line by 2003."

Nancy Kranich, manager of administrative services, and Ken Caron, wide area network manager, will implement plans for the statewide information network.

Kranich will be responsible for developing major new applications, including an interactive Web site and data base, and will

oversee computer operations at MCC's Lansing offices.

Kranich was a programmer analyst and operations manager for several manufacturing, medical, insurance, banking and retail firms in Grand Rapids and Lansing before joining the MCC staff in 1989.

A business administration major at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Kranich also has an associate degree from Grand

Rapids Community College and has taught data processing and programming at Lansing Community College.

Caron, until recently director of information at Lansing's largest law firm, will administer the MCC Areopagus Network activities. The network will connect more than 1,000 Catholic churches and other institutions throughout Michigan's 83 counties.

MCC's computer network is named after the rocky hillside in Athens where St. Paul stood in the year 55 and revealed the Resurrection to the Greek high court. The Areopagus was a place for hearing voices and sharing ideas, and St. Paul used its open forum to fulfill his calling as an apostle.

Prior to his employment with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, Caron was a computer network

administrator and personal computer specialist with the Air Group in Jackson and a paramedic firefighter with the Delta Township Fire Department. He also served as the fire department's computer administrator.

Caron attended Cleveland Institute of Electronics and Lansing Community College. He has been a Windsor Township (Eaton County) trustee for more than 10 years.

## 3 St. Fabian students win honors in bug poetry contest

Three third graders from St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills were winners for poetry and drawings in the annual Royal Oak Goes Buggy contest recently.

Lauren Preminger and Stephanie Raymondo were selected for their poetry and fellow St. Fabian third grader Alex Strauch's drawing was selected for the cover of the bug book.

Winning entries will be on display through the month of July at the Southfield Public Library.


which were judged by the Scarab Club and the Royal Oak Arts Council. The winning entries were framed and were on display at Ariana Gallery in Royal Oak during June.

During the month of July, all winning entries and the bug book containing all entries will continue to be on display in the Southfield Public Library.

The contest was open to children in grades kindergarten to grade five. Submissions could include a picture or a poem.

The annual insect art show includes jewelry, paintings, tiles, sculpture, glass, clay, books, cards, clocks, toys and origami. It takes place in all the galleries and many stores in the downtown Royal Oak area.

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