

Church Spokesman Hails Nixon Abortion Directive

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The U.S. Catholic Church's top spokesman on family life hailed President Nixon's directive requiring military hospitals to observe state abortion laws and lauded the President's defense of the "sanctity of human life."

Msgr. James P. McHugh, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Family Life Division, said the President should be "commended for his statement of April 3, condemning abortion on demand and reversing the easy abortion policy previously followed by military hospitals."

"In so doing, Mr. Nixon has required the Department of Defense to respect the laws of individual states that protect the life of the unborn child," the priest added.

Msgr. McHugh said the President was reflecting the convictions of the Congress and the "overwhelming majority" of Americans that "abortion is not a legitimate means of population control, and that it provides no answer to social problems it is alleged to solve."

He noted that military hospitals in recent times have followed a more permissive policy than authorized under the laws of most states. But, the USCC official added:

"Most important is the President's personal statement affirming his personal belief in the sanctity of human life. Acknowledging that abortion is a much-debated subject, Mr. Nixon notes that the right to life of the unborn child has been consistently upheld in American law and in the declarations of the United Nations.

"Moreover, legal protection for the unborn child reflects the values of our Judeo-Christian heritage."

Msgr. McHugh said the president has been "forthright and courageous" in opposing abortion on demand, and also in urging the American people to "find more humane solutions" to the nation's problems.

He called the chief executive's remarks to the attention of "those members of Congress" and of the Nixon Administration who are "too inclined to look only for easy ways to combat poverty, disease, and other social ills."

The Catholic bishops of the

U.S. have opposed abortion in a and anti-abortion programs number of official statements, have sprung up and are active including one issued last No-in Catholic dioceses across the vember. Right to life groups country.

Deaths

Mrs. Kelly, Priest's Mother

Mass of the Resurrection for Margaret Rose Kelly was offered last Wednesday by her son, Father Daniel Brent, at Immaculate Conception Church.

Bishop McCafferty gave the homily and Bishop Hogan, the last blessing. Bishop Hickey also was in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Kelly, of Flint Street, died April 3, 1971. She was a member of the Rosary Society at Immaculate Conception and of St. Monica's Guild.

Survivors include another son, Walter A. Kelly; three daughters, Mrs. John Sletzer of California, Mrs. Richard Curtin and Mrs. Lawrence Danahy, and 16 grandchildren.

Concelebrating the funeral Mass with Father Brent were Fathers William Schifferli, Raymond Booth, Michael Reagan, William Roche and Leon G. Hart.

F. T. Mosey

Geneva — Mass of the Resurrection was offered April 3 in St. Stephen's Church for Frank T. Mosey, 60.

Mr. Mosey, a retired employe of the City of Rochester, died March 31, 1971. He was a brother of St. Joseph Sister Mary Stephen of St. Agnes High School, Rochester.

Other survivors are his widow, Julie; two sons, James and Frank; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Mangas and Miss Carol Mosey; five grandchildren; five other sisters, Mrs. John Neary, Mrs. Charles Duffy, Mrs. Franklin Pearce and the Misses Ann and Abigail Mosey; a brother, Robert J. Roulan, and several cousins, including Charles Hugh Murphy of Rochester.

M. J. Kuebel

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Boniface Church last Wednesday for Ma-

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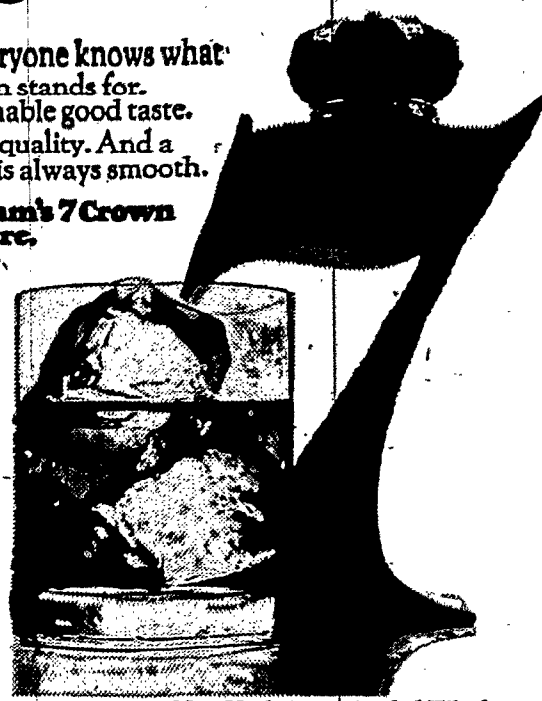
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