

## Rockefeller Veto Dismays Catholic Charities Head

Father William G. Charbonneau, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, was "greatly saddened" by Gov. Rockefeller's decision to veto the bill that limited the period during which a natural parent could reclaim a child placed for adoption to 30 days.

"All of us in the adoptive field feel some protection should be given to the adoptive parents and child," Father said.

"We hoped the bill vetoed would give that protection."

Father Charbonneau explained that as it is now "great uncertainty exists which creates a problem as far as the agency is concerned, and there is not much protection to the rights of the child or the adoptive parents."

Judith Malone, of the Council of Adoptive Parents, also ex-

pressed disappointment with the governor's action.

She added, "We are certain, however, that the bill will be passed in subsequent legislation. There is need for this type of legislation to protect both adoptive families and the babies.

"Some families will continue to adopt, taking the risk," she continued, "but others will undoubtedly be deterred for fear of being hurt."

"Groups of adoptive parents from all over the state can now muster a significant vote," she said, adding that "Rockefeller's advisers in this matter have done him no favors."

Assemblyman Joseph Pisani (R-New Rochelle), who sponsored the bill and saw it quickly passed by the State Legislators, said he would resubmit the measure to the Legislature in 1972.

## Reward Offered In Assault Case

A reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant of a St. Agnes school girl is offered by the parents associated with the school.

The Monroe County Savings Bank at Southtown will accept contributions to the reward fund. Robert Beikirch, chairman, said money and pledges had been offered by several alumnae and others.

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