Immaculate Conception Parishioner Narrowly Elected Mayor of Ithaca

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Ithaca — After a see-saw vote. count that left the city of Ithaca in suspense for nearly two days, Democratic-Liberal mayoral candidate Edward J. Conley was confirmed the election winner by nine votes over Republican Keith McNeil.

Conley, a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca, commented that "no city administration can attack the problems we face without the support and cooperation of all citizens and elected and appointed officials of all parties. Working together we can revitalize the life of our commuty."

The mayor-elect sees Ithaca as facing a number of typically urban problems, particularly the long-delayed renewal project. He based a large part of his campaign on a promise to do something about the project, those "holes downtown" as he called them.

"We have to expand the tax base in Ithaca through economic development," he said. "To do this we not a guy on Ithaca, but financiers also must realize the potential for the area."

"My wife virtually took over the business in May," said Conley, "did all the buying, scheduling, and even hiring, and now I'll have to go back to work to give her a rest."

Mrs. Conley probably will run home and relieve 13-year-old Joanne, who has been getting the meals. Rounding out the household are Julie, a third grader, and Jeff, a first grader, both at Immaculate Conception School.

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Ithaca Women To Hear Theologian

Dr. Margaret N. Maxey, chairman of the graduate theology program at the University of Detroit, will speak in Ithaca Dec. 3 at the Day of Inspiration sponsored by the Women's Council of St. Catherine of Siena parish.

Dr. Maxey, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, announced this topic: "Beyond Eve and Mary: Liberating Women through Theology."

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the parish center at 1056 Hanshaw Road, and conclude at 2:30 p.m. with a liturgical celebration. For the convenience of mothers of preschoolers, the parish nursery will be available. Coffee and cookies will be provided at lunch time.

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Ithaca Area Notes

Watkins Glen — St. Mary's of the Lake parish will conduct its Thanksgiving clothing drive the week of Nov. 21. Besides usable clothing, the emphasis this year is on old quilts, blankets, coverlets, bolt goods, remnants, sewing materials, and used nylon stockings.



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