

Rift Foreseen In Pro-Life Fight

Will the anti-abortion Constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. James Buckley last week cause a rift in the pro-life forces?

This possibility arose when Richard Gallagher, director of the Human Life Amendment office in Washington, told Religious News Service that the Buckley bill does not mention protection of the fetus "from the moment of conception" as does a bill introduced by Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan in the House of Representatives.

The text of Buckley's amendment and a report are on PAGE 2.

What is a nine-letter for fun? Crossword. You'll find the newest feature, a crossword puzzle, on PAGE 10.

Roberto Clemente Junior High?

The late Roberto Clemente may have a school named after him here if St. Michael's Junior High Committee has its way.

The name change is now being voted on by the sixth and seventh graders of the six Catholic inner city elementary schools that will be merged next fall into a system of four elementary schools and one central junior high school.

Their vote is expected to approve naming the school for the Puerto Rican baseball player killed last New Year's Eve in the crash of a plane loaded with supplies for earthquake-stricken Managua, Nicaragua.

In a letter that will be submitted to the Council of Inner City Parishes, who will have the final say on the matter, Laurie Russel, Immaculate Conception's representative, explained:

"During a discussion I held with my class members, we thought of various famous people to name the school after until one of the pupils came up with a name that was favored strongly throughout the classroom. This name was Roberto Clemente.

"Most of the pupils feel that Roberto Clemente, who died on a 'mission of mercy', should not only have a school named after him, but a world."



Crash!

Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Tumbling a pyramid of cans was just one of the fun activities at a farewell party for students at St. Francis Xavier School. The party, made possible by a gift from an anonymous couple in the parish, was held May 25. The school closes its doors this month as part of a wide-ranging reorganization program involving several Catholic schools located in the heart of the city.

Team Ministry at Owego

5 Pastorates Filled

The Pastoral Office announced several appointments this week, most of them to pastorates in the Southern Tier. They take effect June 27.

Father Thomas Watts and Father Albert Cason were named co-pastors of St. Patrick's, Owego, to replace Father Leo Matuszewski. The latter will become an associate pastor at his own request, the announcement said, serving in St. Mary's parish in Ontario.

Father Robert Donovan was appointed to St. John's, Newark Valley, and St. Francis, Cataonk, releasing Father Matthew Siudara for the Summer, for reasons of health. Father Siudara will return to parish work in the Fall.

Father Joseph Dailey was named to the vacant pastorate of St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen and St. Benedict's, Odessa.

His successor as director of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be a layman, Robert Vogt.

Msgr. Joseph Gefell, recently retired from the Army Chaplain Corps, will take the pastorate of St. Alphonsus, Auburn, which Father Raymond Wuest resigned last month because of his health.

Father Leo Mans will be pastor of St. Ignatius, Hornell, replacing Father Joseph P. Haffey, whose health has forced retirement.

Father Terence Fleming was named chaplain at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse and high school in Brighton.

Father William Cosgrove, a native of Hornell, will be chaplain at that city's St. James Mercy Hospital. Father Paul Cuddy, Courier-Journal columnist, is leaving the hospital post for other pastoral work.

Father Watts, 16 years a priest, has been associate pastor of the Owego parish since 1970, and before that, at St. Mary's, Corning; St. Rita's, West Webster; St. Charles, Elmira Heights, and St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris. He is a native of Waverly.

Father Cason, lately at St. John's, Spencerport, has served also at Good Shepherd, Henrietta; Sacred Heart, Auburn, and St. Ann's, Owasco, and as assistant director of vocations. His home parish is Holy Cross, Rochester. He was ordained in 1962.

Father Matuszewski became Owego pastor in 1965, having held pastorates at Watkins Glen, Odessa and Addison. As an Army chaplain (1942-1946) he served 25 months in the Pacific combat zone. He was born at Morris Run, Pa., and attended St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Mich.; St. Bernard's Seminary and the Posen Seminary in Poland, where he was ordained in 1937.

Father Donovan, who has been associate pastor at Watkins Glen, for the past year, has served also at St. Patrick's, Elmira; St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit; St. Mary's, Canandaigua, and Holy Family, Auburn. He is a native of

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