



## Youth for Life Unit Begun in Rochester

A charter group of the National Youth Pro-Life Coalition has been formed in the Rochester area under the name Rochester Youth for Life.

Mary Ellen McCarthy, 23, president of the new chapter, explains that the national coalition was formed in Chicago in 1971 by college students from 20 different states.

"It has been devoted to the promotion of a consistent respect for all human life," Miss McCarthy says.

"We have a consistent, non-violent approach to a lot of the problems in the world," she says, "but right now we feel abortion is the most threatening problem facing society."

The group does have policies dealing with issues such as war, euthanasia.

Miss McCarthy has two immediate objectives. The chapter needs young adults to be members. The group also has taken on the sale and use of the Circle of Life bracelets during Circle of Life Week (Sept. 24 to 30).

The bracelet, similar to prisoner of war bracelets, is to be worn until the Supreme Court decision on abortion is reversed.

Anyone interested in the bracelets or information on the group should contact Miss McCarthy at 244-9258.

Other officers are Barbara Abbey, vice president; Mary Lou Elliott, secretary, and Joseph Mancini, treasurer.



MISS MCCARTHY



SHARON DeBLOIS

## Sharon DeBlois Joins CRS

New York — Sharon Frances De Blois, a registered nurse from Remsen, N.Y., has joined Catholic Relief Services as a volunteer and has been assigned to duties at the Al Olofy Hospital in the Yemen Arab Republic.

Miss DeBlois is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeBlois of Maple Avenue, Remsen, and is a graduate of the Highland Hospital School of Nursing in Rochester. Prior to volunteering for overseas work with Catholic Relief Services, Miss DeBlois was employed as a staff nurse in Rochester at Highland Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital.

Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas aid and development agency of the American Catholic Church, was organized in 1943 to serve the needy and underprivileged of foreign lands without regard to race, creed and color.



OUR PARISH COUNCIL  
Bernard Lyons

When most worship committees sit down to plan liturgy for the parish, they are thinking about the Sunday Masses. As a result, little or no planning is done for special communities of or in the parish.

A special community — convent, school, hospital, prison — must remember it is part of the universal Church, but its ties may be more or less independent of the parish itself. Either way, the worship committee should be concerned about the community for both a sense of service and for an opportunity to learn from the community.

Small communities, such as religious communities, are often closely involved with the life of the parish, but they may have a

chapel of their own. They are able to bring a great deal of insight and enthusiasm to the celebration of the liturgy in the parish, however.

There are groupings of people in any area who form special interest or occupational communities. A group of persons active in civic affairs, in a day care center, or in promoting La Leche League, for example, would appreciate special liturgies, and, indeed, have a right to demand them. In some cases, because of the denominational mix of the group, it may not be practical to have a Mass, but an inter-denominational Bible vigil or prayer service would be appropriate.

Special, one-time only worship services would also be appreciated. For example, if a person or family were to take up some missionary or "peace corps" type work, a parish send-off could be centered around a Mass, or a Bible service.

The parish council may have been instrumental in creating still more communities that could appropriately be served with Home Masses. Many councils divide the parish into "areas," or "little parishes." Representation comes from the meetings of these geographical groupings. These special communities, too, would benefit from planning by the worship committee and the Home Mass participants would be able to contribute greatly to the planning of the Sunday worship service for the entire parish community.

The opportunities for service to special communities exist in any area, if the worship committee will get off their meeting chairs and go out and find them. After all, the purpose of the worship committee is to lead the assembly of God's people closer to Him. And you can't lead if you are not out with the people, meeting them face-to-face, and talking and sharing with them.

## Pope Paul Condemns Hijacking

Castel Gandolfo [RNS] — Pope Paul has lashed out at airplane hijackers who involve innocent parties in their acts.

He said that every nation must recognize that all countries must solve the hijacking problem before it becomes worse.

The pontiff made his remarks before a group of delegates from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which had been meeting in Rome to discuss anti-hijack moves.

"Hijacking seems to us," the Pope said, "an aberration, in general terms, but especially when it becomes violent in specific instances. This sort of excess involves persons who are far outside any conflict, women and children, and spreads confusion and resentment."

The Pope concluded: "All nations must seek the necessary remedies before the situation degenerates into further violence."

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