

Silent March to Note Court Abortion Ruling

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A silent march of protest in Rochester on Jan. 19 is among demonstrations planned throughout the diocese to note the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973, U.S. Supreme Court decision nullifying laws prohibiting abortions in most states.

The two-hour march, sponsored by the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee and Rochester Area Youth for Life, is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Hall of Justice on Exchange Street. It will proceed down East Main Street to the Liberty Pole and back to the Hall of Justice.

The purpose of the march is to express concern over the decision and to encourage support for pro-life amendments in the House of Representatives and the Senate. The march's organizers are emphasizing a stance of respect for all life, and not merely one that is against abortion.

Elsewhere in the diocese, pro-life groups are being urged to organize their own observances of the anniversary.

An interfaith memorial service is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 22, at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo. Following the service, a motorcade led by a hearse will proceed to Geneva, Waterloo, and Seneca Falls. Ceremonies will be held at each stop.

At St. Mary's Canandaigua, a special Jan. 22 Mass will be offered at 7:45 p.m.

Another pro-life Mass will be celebrated the same day, 8 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, Chili.

Bishop Joseph O. Hogan is preparing a pastoral letter encouraging diocesans to commemorate the day. The letter will be read at all Masses of Jan. 19 and 20.

A nationally organized "circle of life" march around the Capitol

Building in Washington will take place Jan. 22. It is to be coupled with a "war of roses," by which pro-life groups and individuals will send their legislators roses on that day.

Arrangements to attend the Washington march may be made with William Polito, chairman of the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, at 325-7430.



MORMON LEADERS NAMED

Spencer W. Kimball [left], 78, head of the Mormon Council of the Twelve Apostles, has been named 12th president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). He succeeds President Harold B. Lee, who died Dec. 26, as the "prophet, seer, and revelator" of the 3.3 million-member Church. Ezra Taft Benson [right], 74, an apostle for 30 years and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, was named president of the Council of the Twelve, succeeding Mr. Kimball. As president of the council, Mr. Benson is next in line for the presidency of the Mormon Church.

Saint Joseph the Worker Church.

LaPaz Church Goes Local

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sferred during the year 1974 to the care of a new team, formed with the permission of the Archbishop of LaPaz and consisting of laymen, Religious Sisters, and the cooperation of national clergy."

A dire shortage of priests in LaPaz means that the parish will be run by a team of Religious and laity; one Sister has already been contracted. The permanent diaconate program recently initiated in Bolivia may supply some of the leadership.

The proposal also states that sufficient funds "should be supplied by the Office for the Propagation of the Faith in Rochester to support this new team for a period of years to be determined by agreement between the Diocese of Rochester and the Archdiocese of LaPaz."

Because the diocese wants to continue its mission work in Bolivia the possibility exists that a new parish may be established at a future date.

Thus the San Jose team proposed that they "after assisting the new Bolivian team in the transfer of pastoral duties, will then continue to work in Bolivia or return to Rochester, according to their arrangements made with the Bishop of Rochester."

Before diocesan priests were sent to care for the Bolivian parish it was run by the Maryknoll Missions. It has been the goal of

Cardinals Named To New Posts

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has named Cardinal Luigi Traglia, 79, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Named Sub-Dean of the College was 80-year-old Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri, who held the post of prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops from 1967 to 1973.

Cardinal Traglia has served in various capacities in the Roman Curia since 1927. He was vicar for the Diocese of Rome 30 years.

Cardinal Confalonieri, ordained in 1916, was private secretary to Pope Pius XI for 17 years, and to Pope Pius XII for two years.

the Rochester team to turn over the reins to Bolivians.

"While the mission team has worked toward the goal of replacement for many years it is only in the last month that the time seemed appropriate for this change," the Padres stated.

The local priests and layman already have met with members of the Episcopal Conference of Bolivia who have assured them that they want to provide the manpower and direction for the parish.

"They see this as a unique opportunity for the laity to make a beginning in the pastoral ministry and become a model solution for clergy-short Latin America," the proposal stated.

The Rochester team also has contacted a Latin American Sister "well-trained and experienced and interested in joining the new team."

The proposal also noted that "while the lay and religious team works out the administration and coordination of the parish, two priests from Rochester (Fathers Deckman and Tormey) will continue this year to supply the priestly and sacramental needs of the parish while working out an arrangement with local priests to aid this team in future years. This is possible because of the number of Religious priests in teaching and other non-parish duties in LaPaz."

The statement makes it clear that in no way is the transfer to be construed as the closing of the parish or the discontinuance of personal involvement of Rochester diocesans.

"There are numerous opportunities for dedicated priests, Religious and laity in the LaPaz diocese, in Bolivia, and in all of Latin America," the team states. "As the priests from the San Jose Obrero mission see the completion of their work here, they also see much more work that can be done by the personal commitment of individuals and the diocesan community as a whole in Latin America."

"The completion of one phase of this work should only be an incentive to continue the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all parts of this little world."

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