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Every parish has to discuss fund-raising at times. In most parishes a limit to what active members can give is soon reached, and a larger community of support has to be tapped.

Here are some tips on getting started in fund-raising.

Is this campaign necessary?

Before you start, take another look at your reason for wanting to raise funds. See whether better accounting and budget procedures might solve your problem, or at least ease the financial need.

If you are certain of your parish financing, and you have tapped all the resources available to you among the members of the worshipping community, you are prepared to sell your program to the neighborhoods and assure them that the money will be effectively used.

Define your cause.

Is your fund-raising geared to the interests of the community at large?

It's one thing to raise money for a general education program or a day-care center open to everyone, and quite another to solicit funds for a CCD program or flowers for the altar.

Pick a project that can be repeated.

Successful fund-raising campaigns and events are usually repeated year after year, and, if conducted properly, will grow.

If you collect funds for a day-care center each fall, or stage a rummage sale every spring, the awareness of your campaign or event and the acceptance of it will increase from constant exposure.

Time your campaign or event.

There isn't any one best time to ask for money, or to get people to take part in a fund-raising event.

There are certain times, however, that should not be used in your schedule. Financial solicitations should not be made when the income tax deadline is worrying people, nor should a fund-raising party be held near Christmas when it would have to compete with other similar events.

Get everyone involved.

A small committee may direct a campaign, but they can not pull it off successfully by themselves. Plan your solicitations or events in such a way that jobs may be parceled out to a great number of persons.

Divide your parish into handier or more comfortable sections so

FAMILY PLANNING

A meeting of the Natural Family Planning Committee is scheduled at 8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12 at St. John the Evangelist Rectory, Humboldt Street. Any couples wishing to learn about natural family planning are invited.

that people may be given responsibility to ask for funds, sell tickets, or promote attendance at your event.

Fund-raising is a year-around business.

Fund-raising campaigns and events have to be tied to a particular time period to be effective, but your communication with your public, from whom you are asking support, should be a continuous affair.

The Red Cross, for example, has a fund-raising campaign, but they tell you all year long what they are doing, and how your contributions benefit their clients.

Your parish council must do the same. The more effectively you take part in the community, and the more consistently you communicate with the people around you, the more responsive other people will be to your needs and goals.

Specifications Listed In Charge

Boston [RNS] — The Suffolk County District Attorney's office has revealed the specifications in its case against a Boston City Hospital physician who was charged with manslaughter of a fetus during an abortion here last October.

Its specification was disclosed in a two-page document filed in Suffolk Superior Court after Judge James P. McGuire ruled July 12 that Asst. Dist. Atty. Newman A. Flanagan, the prosecutor, should disclose a bill of particulars for the defendant.

According to the bill, Dr. Kenneth Edelin "killed" the fetus by shutting off its blood supply while the infant was still in its mother's womb, then waited three to five minutes before removing it.

Such acts, the prosecution alleged, do "not constitute part of

BLACK BISHOP

Capetown [RNS] — Pope Paul has named a black South African priest auxiliary bishop to Cardinal Owen McCann of Capetown. He is Father Stephen Naidoo, a member of the Redemptorist Congregation.

a legal abortion" but constitute manslaughter.

The bill of particulars also contended that the fetus "would have remained alive had it not been for the alleged conduct of the defendant," but conceded that the prosecution "is unable to state with certainty whether or not the fetus required artificial aid after removal."

According to the prosecution, the fetus, described as "a viable baby boy," was killed between the 24th and 28th weeks of pregnancy. Court observers believed that the age of "viability" will be a major issue in the Edelin case. The U.S. Supreme Court accepted a medical consensus in its decision that fetal viability occurs at or immediately after the 28th week of gestation.

Some physicians argue, however, that it is possible for a fetus to survive at an earlier stage of pregnancy and note a growing trend in legislative circles to accept the 24th week as a period of viability.

Dr. Edelin was indicted April 11 on the manslaughter charge in Suffolk Superior Court. In

separate indictments later, four other Boston City Hospital physicians were charged with illegal dissection of fetuses.

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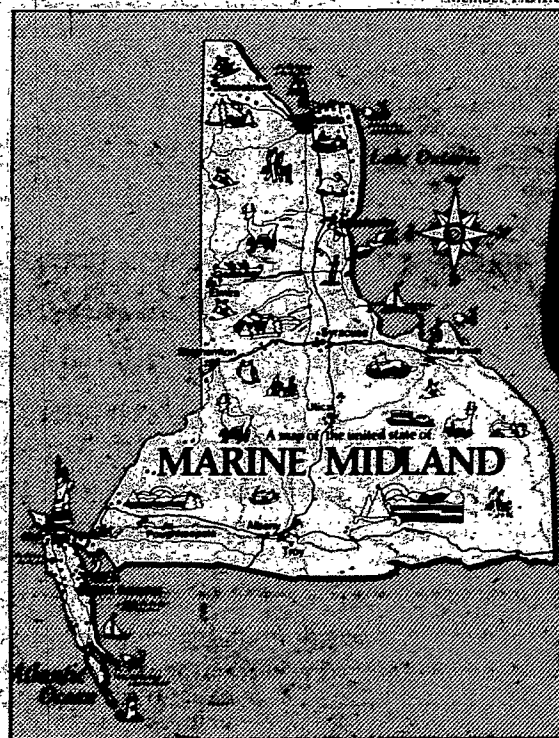
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