Corpus Christi — New Year's Eve dance, 9:30 p.m. Dec 31, music by Melodiers; \$15 per couple, \$7:50 single: Reservations 47:3-7771, 288-5917, 544-0527.

St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St. — New Year S Eve dance. 10 p.m. Dec; 31; Len Hawley's band; \$15 per couple, Reservations: Jody Davies, 482-9088; or Dottie Bovenzi, 482-3838; by Dec; 27.

Our Lady of the Cenacle K of C — Dinner at 8 Saturday, Dec. 21, Sacred Heart rectory hall, dancing until midnight, children's, party, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Holy-Name hall, St. Martin's Way

Perosian Choir — Christmas program, 1:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Nazareth Academy, 1001 Lake; friends and families invited.

Ballet Movie — Margot Fonteyn, Rudolph Nureyev, in Romeo

and Juliet, Nazareth Arts Center, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 29, sponsored by Ballet School Association; \$1.50 adults, \$1 students.

Holiday Mappenings — At Rochester Museum and Eisenhart Auditorium 657. East Ave., 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 22 and 29; featuring folk customs; music, food, also Wakefield Players in carols; medieval plays and mummery.

Star.01. Christmas — Through Jan. 5, Strasenburgh Planetarium, 663 East Ave.; special 2 p.m. shows Dec., 26: and 27; reservations, 244-6060, ext. 56

Museum Movies — All the Kings Men, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, Cartoons: 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, The Red Balloon, 2 and 8 p.m. Dec. 26, Laurel and Hardy's Way Out West, 1 and 3 p.m. Dec. 27, Boy of Two Worlds, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28

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## Greenliners' Challenge Banks

By BONITA BALDWIN

The Office of Human Development has joined with Metro-Act, the Housing Council, and Urban League to form the Greenlining Coalition. The coalition charges that area banks are "redlining," or refusing mortgage money to prospective city homeowners.

Greenlining research indicates that 80 to 85 per cent of Monroe County mortgage loans go to the suburbs. They claim that New York City banks (Chase Manhattan, Citibank, Manufacturers Hanover, Chemical, and Bankers Trust) are especially at fault, giving zero to five per cent of their mortgage loans to city residents each

The Greenlining Coalition

## Greek Bishop Condemns Abortion

Denver [RNS] — Bishop John of Thermon, bishop of the eighth diocesan district, Greek Orthodox Church, has condemned abortion "an exercise in semantic gymnastics to rationalize the taking of a human life."

He said the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision permitting abortions in the first three months of pregnancy "will lead to even greater evils, that, being death control and death selection— in a word, euthanasia."

"The Supreme Court's decision making abortion legal by no way makes abortion moral," he stated

Abortion is first and foremost a moral issue Bishop John declared "for it is a question of God's law, which is superior to man-made laws... The Greek Orthodox Church has always contended that abortion is murder."

## Nun Official Urges Women Ordinations

St. Paul, Minn. [RNS] — The new president of the Sister's Council of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis feels the time is at hand for women to be ordained.

"I don't think sex has anything to do with God's choice of ministers," said Sister Lois Dolphin, BVM, a teacher of chemistry and physics at Regina High School in Minneapolis.

"It's a tradition of the Church that men are ordained as priests — a very long tradition. First we have to get women admitted to the diaconate. That is the very first step." further charges that Central Trust, a local bank whose president and chief executive officer is the retiring president of the Chamber of Commerce, lent less than three per cent of its mortgage money for city houses during a random five-month survey.

The coalition credits Rochester Savings Bank, however, with giving 44 per cent of its mortgage loans for city properties this pastmonth.

Jack Skvorak, organizer for Metro-Act, says it is difficult to determine how long redlining may have been practiced by city banks, but estimates that it has been their policy for some time. He feels that the current situation is not just the result of tight money. "If the problem were tight money," Skyorak says, "there would be no money for the suburbs either."

Redlining creates a vicious deterioration pattern, according to Skvorak. Prospective homeowners cannot move into redlined neighborhoods. Home improvement loans become difficult to secure in redlined neighborhoods. Homeowners wishing to sell frequently find their only prospective buyers are big city landlords, who buy into the area and fail to maintain the property.

Private homeowners still in the area then find it unprofitable to

maintain their homes. City services, such as garbage pickup and snowplowing, decline with the neighborhood. The quality of education declines, too as the neighborhood becomes more transient with less continued parental concern. Crime and the myriad of ghetto problems develop.

"At the end of twenty years," Skvorak says, "The neighborhood has in fact become blighted and a risky investment. The banks **made** it that way. They made a knowledgeable decision, the effect of which was to destroy a city neighborhood." He insists that people should decide where they want to live, not banks.

Mrs. Carmen Julianello, a former realtor in the St. Andrew's section of the city, sees things differently. She feels that homes are vacant in the city not because of a lack of available mortgage funds, but because people buying homes would rather buy new homes in suburban developments than solid homes in established neighborhoods.

The Greenlining Coalition is heading a pledge drive in which persons will pledge to invest their savings in banks that comply with the coalition's requirement that banks invest at least 50 per cent of their mortgage money in cities. Such pledge drives have proved successful in Baltimore and Milwaukee.

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