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## Keep Catholic Hospitals

My dear People,

At the end of 1974, the Genesee Region Health Planning Council announced plans to consolidate the obstetrical services in the area of the Diocese of Rochester. These plans if based on the number of deliveries alone and no other factors, might mean the closure of the only Catholic obstetrical services in Monroe and Chemung Counties.

Catholic hospitals stand as a witness of the importance to life and the respect and dignity of individual persons from conception to death. The presence of St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester and St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, in the inner city areas of both cities, manifests the desire of these institutions to serve all patients regardless of race, color, creed or socio-economic status. In both Rochester and Elmira, these Catholic hospitals offer patients the alternative of a religious-sponsored obstetrical unit and the right to give birth in a hospital that does not perform elective abortions.

I urge all of you to endorse the petition for continuation of obstetrical services at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. These petitions are being circulated by the Seton groups at St. Mary's Hospital and by pro-life organizations. Public hearings are being scheduled on this issue in Rochester. May I ask that you lend your generous support to these hearings by your attendance.

Likewise, I encourage you to send letters of support for the continuation of obstetrical services at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's hospitals. Your parish priest will be instructing you from the pulpit and through parish bulletins that your written responses should be sent to:

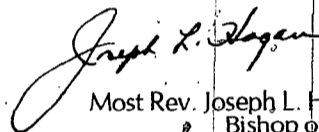
Mr. Anthony Mott  
Genesee Region Health Planning Council  
311 Alexander St.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607

and to:

New York State Department of Health  
Hospital Review and Planning Council  
84 Holland Ave.  
Albany, N.Y. 12208

With every best wish, I remain.

Devotedly yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.  
Bishop of Rochester

## Bishop Asks Diocese to Act On US Bishops' Food Plan

By BONITA BALDWIN

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has written to the Church of Rochester requesting a response to the November statement of the U.S. Bishops, *The World Crisis — A Pastoral Plan of Action*. The bishop requests that written suggestions for long-range world hunger programs and reports of specific council, parish, or region action be submitted to him by April 1.

The Pastoral Plan proposes, first of all, that appropriate government action be influenced through a program of public discussion. The bishops endorse seven legislative programs, including increased agricultural development overseas, assurance for farmers of a fair return for labor and capital, and provision for more equitable distribution of resources through programs such as food stamps, school lunches, revised tax burdens.

The bishops also urge that the government increase funding for Food for Peace, modify U.S. trade policies, protect family farmers and low and middle income consumers, and modify the

operation of the free market system, especially the impact of the large corporation, when it stands in the way of justice.

The Pastoral Plan urges further that the Church's educational system for adults, youth, and children and the Church's access to religious and secular media be employed to keep the issue, "both in its factual and moral aspects, before the public."

## Two Schools to Close

### Rochester Immaculate

The Parish Council of Immaculate Conception parish in Rochester has announced that the school is closing after the 1974-75 school year.

The council cited "continually escalating cost" as the prime reason for its decision. In its statement announcing the closing, the council says that Immaculate considers quality education a priority and has

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Workshops and days of reflection are also suggested.

Finally, in the area of pastoral concern, the Plan of Action explains that the symbol and substance of the liturgy can be used to address the food crisis to the whole community. The bishops urge all Catholics to join them in observing two fast days weekly and days of fasting and

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### Geneva DeSales

Geneva — DeSales High School will come to an end in June. High costs and diminishing enrollment make it impractical to try to save the institution, according to Martin Eades, chairman of the board of trustees.

He addressed a Monday morning assembly at the school, assuring the 315 students that the trustees would work closely with public school authorities on the transfer from DeSales.

"We realize that the transfer will be a tremendous emotional burden on you," Eades told the students, exhorting them to "practice courage and patience."

A proposal to increase tuition from \$350 to \$500 resulted in commitments from only 198 students to attend DeSales next school year. And the projected decline in enrollment over the next eight years is ever more precipitous, Eades said. He explained that the "feeder" schools would be growing smaller and smaller and said that there was no practical hope of drawing from villages of the region.

The two parishes of Geneva, St.

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AMANDA VOORHEIS

## WELCOME TO LIFE!

By BONITA BALDWIN

Today marks the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court abortion decision, but

"Another minute and we should know if you two can produce anything but girls . . . Well, this baby has dark hair . . . It's a girl!" Dr. J. Bruce Iuppa held the newborn as her parents, Elaine and Michael Voorheis of Spencerport, caught a first glimpse of their third little girl.

"We're going to have a lots of weddings, Michael," Elaine grinned.

A nurse interjected, "What's her name?"

"Amanda!" Mike exclaimed. "But we don't have a middle name yet."

"See, it wasn't anything. Aren't you glad you were here, Michael?"

Mike nodded.

"Such a tiny little cry!"

Amanda Voorheis — her parents decided not to give her a middle name after all — was born at 3:44 p.m. on Jan. 16, 1975 at St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, measured 19 1/2 inches long, and blinked at her new world with blue eyes. Her mother predicts that her dark hair will fall out and come in blonde, like Sarah's, 4, and Jessica's, 2.

Mike reported to Elaine that new big sister Jessica had trouble believing her father's stories about the new baby. "She's always been the baby," Mike explained, "and can't understand anyone being smaller than herself."

Mike, like many other husbands, participated in St. Mary's family-centered maternity care option. Both Mike and Elaine are glad that they shared the delivery room experience for the first time. Dr. Iuppa, known as Bruce to his patients, says that the

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