

Right to Life Convention ... Dr. Jefferson Speaker

Dr. Mildred F. Jefferson, the new president of the National Right to Life Committee, will address the fourth annual New York State Right to Life Convention on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 a.m. Groups from across the state will gather at the Rochester Downtown Holiday Inn for the Sept. 26-28 conference.

Dr. Jefferson, the first black woman graduate of Harvard Medical School, is a surgeon in Boston and an assistant professor of Medicine at Boston University. She was recently given special recognition for her achievements by the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs at its July 18 annual meeting in New York City.

A nationally known pro-life

advocate, Dr. Jefferson serves on the boards of directors of many state and national pro-life and medical organizations. She was a member of the U.S. National Commission on observance of World Population Year and a member of the subcommittee on Fetal Experimentation of Massachusetts.

An articulate spokeswoman, Dr. Jefferson recently lashed out at Sen. Ted Kennedy for his pro-abortion role in the defeat of the "Bartlett Amendment." This is the amendment that would have prohibited the use of federal funds for abortion except to save the mother's life.

Dr. Jefferson's address will follow a keynote speech by Sen.

James Buckley. Other notables on the program include Dr. Reginald Gallop, an expert on food resources and delegate to the recent Bucharest and Rome World Conference, and Constitutional Law Professor Robert Bym.

Rev. Charles Carroll, Episcopal priest, noted author and official observer at the Nuremberg Trials will be guest speaker at the Saturday evening fund raising dinner at the Holiday Inn headquarters. Mark Tuohy Jr., former Rochester Public Safety Commissioner, will be master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by folksinger JoAnne Hartman.

Fee for the entire convention,



DR. JEFFERSON

including seminars, luncheon and dinner is \$28.50 per person; \$55 for husband and wife; student \$22. Dinner tickets only are \$15 per person. All are invited to make reservations with Carol Reichert, 342-8849. Reservations have been extended to Sept. 25.

Two Projects Get \$109,000 from OHD

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan awarded national Campaign for Human Development checks totaling \$109,000 to two local self-help groups at the Pastoral Center Monday morning. The Western Monroe Community Project received \$42,350 and FIGHT's Economic Development Support Project was awarded \$66,700.

This is the third time that the diocese has got back more than it gave.

"While some may say that these kinds of grants cannot specifically change the economy," Bishop Hogan said at the press conference presentation, "I would like to point out that the word economy has

always meant more than just money, and it is in point of fact a Greek word for family or community management." He stressed the importance of the CHD's giving groups and individuals a chance to control their own lives and destinies and said that "continuing economic factors make the struggle of the poor even more difficult and our concern more obligatory."

The money awarded Monday was collected in parishes across the nation in the annual Campaign last November. In the Rochester diocese, the November collection netted \$115,000, the largest amount since the first Campaign in 1970. Following CHD guidelines, operating expenses for the local office and 25 per cent of the remaining amount, used to fund requests less than \$10,000, stayed in the diocese. Roughly \$75,000 was sent to the Washington, D.C. headquarters, which considers requests for more than \$10,000.

Mrs. Willola Johnson accepted the check for the Hilton-based Western Monroe Community Project. She had explained earlier that the project is concerned with helping the rural poor. In the coming year it is anticipated that 30 families will be assisted in purchasing or rehabilitating homes; youth will be provided with employment and tutoring opportunities; those in need will be taught their social service rights.

The aim of the Economic Development Support Project is to provide already established minority businesses with necessary technical assistance to guarantee their continued existence and success. A central

purchasing unit for each type of business will be developed. Minister Raymond Scott of FIGHT, Inc. was on hand to receive the award.

Money that remained in the diocese, totaling approximately \$25,500, was awarded earlier this year. It was granted, according to human development task forces, as follows:

Monroe/Wayne	\$16,867
Tompkins/Tioga	\$ 1,147
Ontario, Yates, Seneca	\$ 2,038
Livingston	\$ 865
Steuben	\$ 1,700
Chemung/Schuyler	\$ 1,467
Cayuga	\$ 1,422

This year's Campaign for Human Development is set for Nov. 23.

U.S. 'Life' Coalition Assail Bayh Decision

In a formal statement, the U.S. Coalition for Life assailed Sen. Birch Bayh (chairman) and the members of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments for their failure to report out to the full Committee a strong mandatory Human Life Amendment to the Constitution for the protection of unborn children.

in the executive and judicial branches and after the Bayh fiasco pro-life people will fight harder and with greater political wisdom which comes with experience," she said.

Hinting at future action in the Senate, Mrs. Engel warned that from now on, every U.S. senator can look forward to a litany of votes on the abortion issue as anti-abortion and anti-population control and pro-family amendments are placed on appropriate pieces of legislation being considered by the full Senate.

On the House side, according to Mrs. Engel, the pressure on Congressmen Peter Rodino and Don Edwards to hold fair hearings on the HLA issue, will increase.

Randy Engel, director of the USCL, an international pro-life agency well known for its congressional research asserted however, that the Senate Subcommittee vote to kill all Human Life Amendments and other amendments designed to remove the abortion issue to the States, has stimulated the adrenalin of concerned citizens across the nation and spirits after the initial disappointment appear to be running high.

"After all — the future of this nation, including its political future belong to those who respect and love life. There is no abortion generation," Mrs. Engel said. "We intend to stay and fight both in the House and Senate and

OB Decision Awaited



STEPHEN MICHAEL KERSHNER

By JOHN DASH

Marguerite Kershner's hands cradle her new-born boy. She labored and delivered the child at St. Mary's Hospital last week.

Tomorrow night the Genesee Region Health Planning Council may decide that the hospital's baby ward should close.

If that happens, Mrs. Kershner and her husband Lynn may have to bring any future children into the world in a facility where babies are aborted as well as delivered.

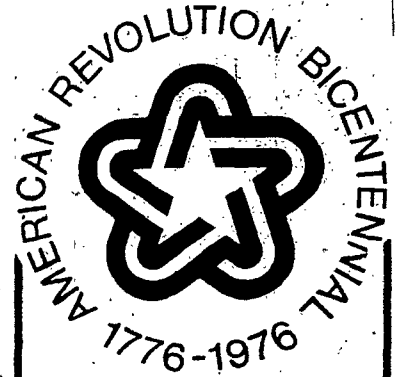
St. Mary's is the only hospital in the Rochester area where abortions are not permitted. The administrator says, "Somebody has to hold to the value of life."

At a meeting at 7:30 tomorrow night, Sept. 25, at the Trenholm East Motor Inn, the GRHPC may decide differently.

Then again there's hope. Sister DeChantal, the hospital's administrator, has vowed to fight such a decision to the end and the GRHPC's lower bodies in a maze of study groups and committees are widely divided over the question of which, if any, hospital baby ward should close.

A further source of hope for St. Mary's is last week's decision by the GRHPC steering committee that the GRHPC should table the recommendations of the Monroe County Health Council on standards for obstetrical care.

The steering committee will further recommend that the GRHPC turn back the Monroe County Health Council's recommendations which grew out of that body's narrow vote to close St. Mary's baby ward.



Your Heritage

Sept. 29, 1642. Martyrdom of St. Rene Goupil at Auriesville, New York. During the seventeenth century many Jesuits worked as missionaries among the Indians of Canada and the present New York State. Eight of those so engaged met martyrdom at the hands of the Indians. Pope Pius XI canonized them as saints on June 29, 1930. First of the group to suffer was St. Rene Goupil, a lay mission volunteer. Having been captured with his superior, Father Isaac Jogues, he was killed in 1642 for trying to teach an Iroquois child the Sign of the Cross. Father Jogues was tortured, and then enslaved. After several months he managed to escape. But he returned in 1646, hoping the Indians would now accept the Word of God. With him was another lay missionary, Jean La Lande. However, one of the Mohawk clans seized them, killed Jogues on October 18, and LaLande the next day. **SS. Rene, Isaac and Jean are our first American canonized saints. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.**

School Planning

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form of immediate and long-term steps which the parish can take with the ongoing assistance of the departmental staff.

Initially, a selected number of parishes will be invited to participate in the Planning Assistance program, on the basis of critical planning needs, or in order to lend additional support to planning initiatives already under way.

The process also will be assisted by other diocesan offices, including Planning Finance, Maintenance, and Development.

"The uniqueness of this approach," explains Dr. O'Hare, "is two-fold. First, the plan is neither centralized planning nor decentralized. It is not a matter of the Diocesan office saying 'do it this way,' or, equally disastrous, saying 'what do you think should be done?' The program is an attempt to synthesize central staff data collection and service offering with field people taking the initiative by responding, and planning along with the central staff."

"The second unique element in this program," explains Dr. O'Hare "is that it is not isolated school planning. The structure of the program requires those who enter into it to explore and plan for the school ministry as one part of the parish's entire educational ministry. We will be asking all those who are concerned with the educational ministries of a particular local

parish community to plan together."

The actual SPAP procedures involve five phases:

- * The compilation of raw data on each of the parishes involved in the program.
- * The evaluation of this data by the Education Department and the development of recommendations for each parish.
- * The prioritizing of those parishes which it appears can benefit from immediate consultation.
- * The design of possible Pastoral Office services, in the light of these recommendations.
- * The invitation to parishes to participate in the program.

Development of the School Planning Assistance Program was assisted by an advisory board of pastors and principals. They are Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty and Father Thomas Wheeland of Sacred Heart Cathedral; Sister Clare Brown, St. Francis, Geneva; Sister Dianne Dennie, St. Mary's, Canandaigua; Timothy Leahy, Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester; Father James Boyle, St. John Evangelist, Rochester; Sister Ann Michelle, Holy Trinity, Webster; John P. McKiernan, St. John of Rochester, Fairport; Father John P. Norris, Blessed Sacrament; Sister Mary Smith, St. Philip Neri; Sister Francella, St. Lawrence, and two former superintendents of schools: Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, St. Anne's Rochester, and Msgr. William M. Roche, St. Mary's Canandaigua.

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