

**USCC on
New Series**

No 'Soap'

New York (RNS) — In a strong statement charging that the new ABC-TV series "Soap" directly contradicts television's status as a family medium, the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Communication said the series must be "publicly challenged" and removed from family television entertainment.

Warning that 18 million children are "potential viewers" of the controversial series which "defines principal characters solely in terms of their sexual proclivities," the USCC statement called on advertisers, local television stations licensees and the viewing public to reject the series described by ABC-TV as an adult character comedy and satire on daytime soap operas.

The statement, released by Robert B. Beuss, USCC secretary of communication, said the

proposed introduction of the new series into Fall prime time scheduling "is in direct contradiction" to the National Association of Broadcasters' code and "television's traditional status as a family medium."

"Soap" will be seen locally over WOKR-TV, Channel 13 at 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Program Manager Jerry Carr has told the Courier-Journal that the show definitely will be shown).

The USCC, however, said many affiliates are undecided about showing the series and others have already decided not to schedule it. It added that one affiliate termed it a "new sewer" and another called it a "dirty joke."

"In the opinion of the U.S. Catholic Conference 'Soap' should be removed from family television entertainment," the statement added.

Priests

Continued from Page 1 evening preceding burial. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was principal concelebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial, on Thursday morning, Aug. 11, for Father Donoghue, and on Friday afternoon for Father Maxwell.

Father Maxwell, a Naval chaplain during World War II, held four pastorates and served as assistant in six other parishes in the course of the 44 years of his priesthood. A native of Macedon, he attended Macedon High School before entering St. Andrew's Minor Seminary. He was graduated from St. Bernard's and was ordained June 9, 1928, by Bishop Emmett Walsh of Youngstown, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral. He served successively at St. Mary's, Elmira, and Holy Cross, Ovid; the cathedral and St. Monica's in Rochester; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira and St. Mary's, Candaigua. He was pastor of St. Bernard's, Scipio Center, and St. Hilary, Genoa, from October 1940 until his Naval assignment began in March 1943. With the Navy, Father Maxwell plied the waters of the Pacific war theater aboard a transport, and was posted also to the training station at Sampson and the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

On his return, he became first resident pastor of St. Leo's, Hilton, 1946-1954. He was named pastor of St. Gregory's, Marion, in 1954 and of St. Vincent's in 1957.

He is survived by a brother, Leo B. Maxwell of Avon, and five sisters, Mrs. Katherine Dooley, Mrs. Gertrude Halloran, the Misses Rose and Veronica Maxwell and Sister Teresa of the Carmelite Order. Fathers Bernard J. Dooley, SJ, and Emmett J. Halloran are his nephews.

Father Donoghue, on sick leave since 1958, had done weekend duty in various parishes, particularly, in recent years, at Our Lady of Victory. He was born in Rochester and educated at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto; St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary at Niagara University. He was ordained June 3, 1944, by



New Bishop

Dominican Father Thomas C. Kelly, a native of Rochester and former resident of Ithaca, was consecrated a bishop last Monday afternoon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Bishop Kelly is general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference, and now is canonically attached to the Archdiocese of Washington as an auxiliary to Cardinal William Baum. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Auxiliary Bishops John E. McCafferty and Dennis W. Hickey attended the celebration.

Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral. His regular assignments were at St. James, Waverly; St. Thomas the Apostle, Holy Trinity and St. Augustine's.

Father Donoghue leaves one brother, Stuart J. Donoghue, and several nieces and nephews.

Archbishop Sheen 'Greatly Improved'

As the Courier-Journal goes to press, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan reports that Archbishop Fulton Sheen, former Bishop of Rochester, is "greatly improved and out of intensive care." The archbishop has been recuperating from heart

surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Bishop Hogan further reports that the archbishop is "grateful for the prayers and the thoughtful good wishes from the people of the Diocese of Rochester."

Rummage Sale Benefits RTL

Elmira - The Chemung County Right to Life Committee is sponsoring a rummage and general household sale Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Hall, West Clinton Street. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of updated pro-life educational materials.

Donation of the following items would be appreciated:

clothing in good condition, dishes and glassware, plants, jewelry, ceramics, infant's items, and baby furniture.

St. Patrick's Hall will be open Friday, Aug. 26 so that contributors can leave donations, anyone wishing to have articles picked up can contact Jim Kane, 732-5124, Dan Wheeland, 732-0943, Jane Callahan, 734-8051 or Kathleen Sullivan, 733-5436.

Deaths

Sister Patricia O'Rourke, RSM

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Mary Patricia O'Rourke, RSM, was celebrated Aug. 8, 1977, in the Motherhouse chapel.

Sister Patricia died Aug. 5 in the Motherhouse infirmary, after a long illness. She was 90 years old and had been a Sister of Mercy for 65 years.

She taught in grammar schools of the diocese for 49 years, until her retirement in 1963. She was at St. John's in Clyde from 1916 until 1930, 1936-1939 and 1947-1948. Other long-term assign-

ments were at St. John the Evangelist, St. Andrew's and St. Cecilia's, Rochester. She served also at Mt. Carmel in Rochester, St. Mary's and St. Vincent's in Corning and St. Ann's, Hornell.

She was a native of Brooklyn and a loyal hometown fan, according to a colleague, and the Brooklyn accent, unmodified in her long life upstate, sometimes was mistaken for an Irish brogue.

Sister Patricia left no relatives.

OB Unit

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signatures in one week, we'd better listen to them," he told those attending the dedication.

Carey added that the decision on St. Joseph's should not be considered a precedent for other Catholic hospitals. He said that the waiver would not have been granted if St. Joseph's didn't offer quality care and that other situations would be examined separately.

The 10-bed obstetrical unit conforms to the proposal approved by the Subarea Council of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA) on June 6, and reverses the recommendation of the FLHSA Executive Committee made June 28. The 10-bed unit is a reduction from the current 15 beds.

Sister Martha also expressed her gratitude to those who supported the hospital in its fight to retain its obstetrical service. Persons who signed the petitions and wrote the letters are "those who deserve credit for the change of position of the state of New York," sister commented, as well as "the outpouring of prayers" by many persons of various faiths.

Sister Martha added that the hospital will "have to await directions from the Department of Health" concerning procedures for the reduction to a 10-bed unit.

Charities OK's Stella Maris Directorship

By MICHAEL GRODEN

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester recently approved a recommendation calling for the hiring of a full-time director for Camp Stella Maris.

The action came after the Charities' Camp Committee submitted a detailed report on Camp Stella Maris to the Board of Trustees which calls for a person who would "maintain, improve, coordinate all functions and insure the safety of those who use it (the camp) and protect all liabilities," of Camp Stella Maris.

The report also recommended the "charging for property and equipment depreciation at the camp," a six-week co-educational camping season (rather than three weeks for boys and three weeks for girls), "dissolution of the Camp Stella Maris Corporation and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to Charities, a three to five year development program," a camp scholarship program, continuing their association with the Rochester Family Retreat program, and seeking accreditation by the American Camping Association.

These recommendations were tabled "for further study."

Maurice Tierney, Catholic

Charities director, said that the hiring of a full-time director was an "excellent idea."

"Camp Stella Maris is a tremendous diocesan asset, but it has not been fully developed. By having a full-time, on-site director we believe that the camp can be put to much better use," Tierney explained.

In addition to increasing the camp's availability the new director will be able to "monitor how the facilities are used," so that the camp can operate more efficiently.

Tierney added that he hopes Camp Stella Maris will soon be used on weekdays, year round, as well as the six-week camping season and the weekend retreats.

Catholic Charities is now in the process of looking for a director. The new post will be effective on Sept. 1.

In other Charities action Carroll E. Casey was elected to the Board of Trustees. His term will run until 1980.

The trustees also "reviewed the Charities planning efforts." They are now working on an "operational plan to guide its (Catholic Charities) development of services throughout the diocese in the late 70's and early 80's."

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