

K of C Pledges Support For Right to Life Movement

Indianapolis (RNS) — The Knights of Columbus' Supreme Council meeting here approved a series of resolutions ranging from condemnation of abortion and euthanasia to support for a Constitutional amendment upholding the family as the "fundamental nucleus of society."

In approving a resolution supporting the introduction of a "family life" amendment to the U. S. Constitution, the Knights said such an amendment was aimed at giving "full protection of the law to the family as the fundamental nucleus of society."

Another family resolution passed by the Knights deplored efforts to give official recognition to a "gay" marriage. The resolution said that marriage "by its very nature is the union of a man and a woman" and that attempts to legalize a homosexual relationship is "an abomination" and "an insulting attack on marriage itself."

A further resolution warned that the Equal Rights Amendment "has negative possibilities relative to the protection of women under certain circumstances and in other areas of human rights." The Knights said they opposed the amendment and urged "continued study of all ramifications of this proposed amendment."

The Knights also approved resolutions calling for aid to non-public school students; warning that a secularistic philosophy is often being taught in public schools to the detriment of religious beliefs and moral values; giving "full endorsement" to new vocations programs launched by Supreme Knight Deschant; and commending fund raising activities by various state jurisdictions to assist the aging, the infirm, the blind, the deaf, the handicapped and the retarded.



Look Out, Babe, Hank's in Town

Photo by Terrence J. Brennan

Baseball's home-run king, Henry Aaron, was in Rochester for the festivities of Coca-Cola Night at Silver Stadium, Aug. 17. That afternoon, after a luncheon and press conference at the new First Federal Tower, Hank obliged his fans, gladly and patiently answering each request for his autograph.

Blue Army

The all-night vigil of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, sponsored monthly by the Rochester Chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, will open in Holy Rosary Church at 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2. Among the priests leading the devotions are Fathers Frederick Bush, Salim Fahduhl, Michael Cerretto and Robert Meng, pastor of Holy Rosary, who will celebrate the closing Mass at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

VIGIL AND MASS

The "Focus on the Eucharist" held at one parish or another each month on the eve of First Friday will be at Our Mother of Sorrows tomorrow from 7:30 until 11:15 p.m. The vigil begins with evening prayer. Mass at 8:15 is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited.

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'Lefebvre Blew It' For Traditionalists, Father DePauw Says

Providence (RNS) — The fiery founder of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement (CTM), Father Gomar DePauw, has attacked the rebel French prelate, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, charging that the dissident archbishop "has done more to damage the traditionalist cause than anyone I know."

"but he couldn't be bothered. Now he realizes there is a constituency for the Latin Mass and is running around taking up the torch."

"But he is leading the people over the cliff of schism," he said

While Father DePauw and his followers have rejected the New Order of the Mass, promulgated by Pope Paul in 1969, he believes that Archbishop Lefebvre has confused the issue

The priest said the archbishop's denunciation of Vatican II, his establishing seminaries and ordaining his own priests against the express orders of the pope is the crux of the problem. He claimed that the archbishop's actions are directly opposed to Church canon law

"Now I've always said that Paul is a very weak pope, but he's the only pope we've got," he said. "You don't go around calling the pope a traitor. You don't call the Second Vatican Council the work of Satan. Lefebvre voted for the

Some 400 representatives of the 1.25 million member Roman Catholic fraternal society approved a resolution reaffirming the position that abortion is "an unspeakable crime which has claimed more innocent lives than all the wars in the history of our republic."

The anti-abortion resolution denounced organizations which offer counseling on abortion and make abortion clinic services available.

At the same time, the knights' Council commended and urged support for such agencies as Birthright which offer "advice and practical help to mothers seeking moral alternatives to abortion."

Another resolution expressed concern that euthanasia (mercy killing) is "being encouraged, promoted and accepted by many individuals and organizations, even including state legislatures, as legally permissible and socially desirable."

The same resolution condemned "living will" legislation which it said "gives the appearance of protecting life and insuring mercy but in fact permits the direct taking of life."

The Supreme Council also adopted several resolutions which seek to implement recommendations made by Supreme Knight Virgil Deschant during his report to the assembly earlier in the three-day meeting. The body established the position of family life director for each local council. His duty will be primarily to maintain contact with widows and children of members and to keep them "under the umbrella of the K of C's extended family."

"Lefebvre is a hypocrite," the Belgian-born priest declared in an interview with the Providence Journal-Bulletin. And he claimed the archbishop has accepted support of right-wing fanatics and neo-fascists in Europe and John Birchers in this country.

"We know about the Birchers because we had to throw them out of our own movement. They were really interested in using our church for political purposes," he added. "I don't think they really cared about the Latin Mass."

Father DePauw, a longtime proponent of the outdated Tridentine Latin Mass, said that 10 years ago he asked Archbishop Lefebvre to lead the traditionalist movement,

Knights Plan Pilgrimage

The State Council Knights of Columbus has scheduled its 39th annual pilgrimage to the North American Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville for Sunday, Sept. 18.

Registration will be at the main gate at 1:30 p.m. for a series of outdoor religious exercises followed by 4:15 p.m. Mass.

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Father Hugh F. Hines, OFM, president of Siena College will be the homilist.

All phases of the Columbian Order and their families and friends are invited. Fourth Degree Knights in the Color Corps will bring their regalia and all district deputies their ceremonial robes.

Tuition Subsidy Awards Announced

The Catholic Diocese of Rochester has announced tuition subsidy awards under two separate programs that will be in operation during the 1977-78 school year.

In its second year of operation the Diocesan High School Tuition Subsidy Program has awarded subsidies in the amount of \$25,000 to 102 ninth and tenth grade applicants at the nine Catholic high schools located within the 12 county diocese. The purpose of this program is to aid the children of the most economically poor to receive the benefits of Catholic Secondary School education by using fund resources to complement tuition payments of families who, because of various

circumstances, could not afford to pay full tuition.

A City of Rochester Elementary School Tuition Subsidy Program has also been initiated this year in order to help city residents who wish to send their children to Catholic elementary school but could not otherwise afford to do so. Under this program awards totalling \$25,000 to 101 students attending 14 city Catholic elementary schools were granted for 1977-78.

Applications are available in April of each year and further information is available at the local parishes, grammar and high schools or from Timothy Leahy, deputy superintendent of schools at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road.

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