

Blessed Trinity School Begins Fifth Year

Auburn—Blessed Trinity School's Home School Organization held its initial meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 20 in the school gymnasium. Nearly 350 people, including parents, faculty staff and

priests involved in the merger of Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus, attended.

The meeting featured reports from the

organization's officers, school board members and Sister Walter Anne, SSJ, school principal.

Sister Walter Anne set the tone for the coming year by saying the staff at Blessed

Trinity will continue to "teach and to foster in our children the Gospel message of Christ's love and acceptance for each individual." This is the fifth year Blessed Trinity School has been in operation.



Choir Installed

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament formally installed its choir in ceremonies preceding the 10:45 mass on September 25. Above, Fathers John Norris and Thomas Valenti preside over the celebration as the choir affirms its willingness to respond to its commission.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

The National Assembly of Women Religious (NAWR), an organization of Catholic nuns, recently expressed support for the use of federal funds to pay for abortions; and the Rochester diocese remained silent. With due respect for the NAWR, and with personal respect for the various social action committees, the family life teams, the peace and justice task forces, the medical-moral committees, and the education department of the Rochester diocese, I suggest that someone in Catholic authority should have presented the facts. Just a single agency of the government, the Agency for International Development (AID), which serves this nation and all nations, has in the past ten years spent \$752,527,000 of our tax money on sterilization, contraception and abortion. (The figures are easily available. Sources: GPO publications, Population Program Assistance 1973, 4401-0039, pp. 168-194; Population Program Assistance 1975, pp. 9,10, 19-30; and Foreign Assistance 1976, pp. 685-687, 699-701). Please note that these figures pertain to a single agency and do not begin to indicate the total federal involvement in abortion recently passed. The Helms Amendment which forbids federal funds for abortions has been violated repeatedly.

Administration of Fertility Control - \$34,000,000.
Research & Development - \$46,000,000
Contraceptive Supplies - \$99,000,000.
Fertility Consequence Studies - \$105,000,000.
Bilateral Assistance excluding contraceptives - \$216,000,000.

- Aid Grants
- Notre Dame University - \$513,000
- NYU at Buffalo - \$5,432,000.
- UN (UNICEF/WHO) - \$97,000,000.
- International Planned Parenthood - \$60,000,000.
- Planned Parenthood of Chicago - \$736,000.
- Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington - \$436,000.
- Planned Parenthood of America - \$13-500,000.
- Other agencies (such as Margaret Sanger Research) - \$75,000,000.

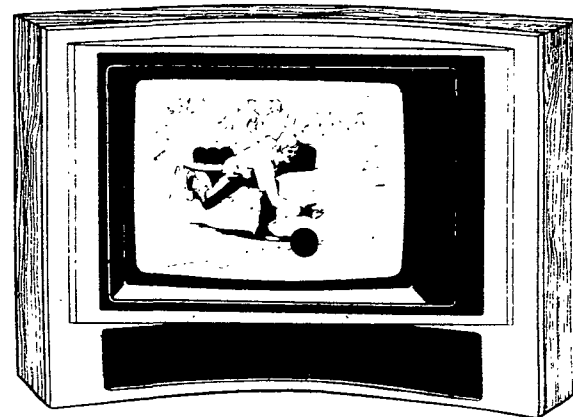
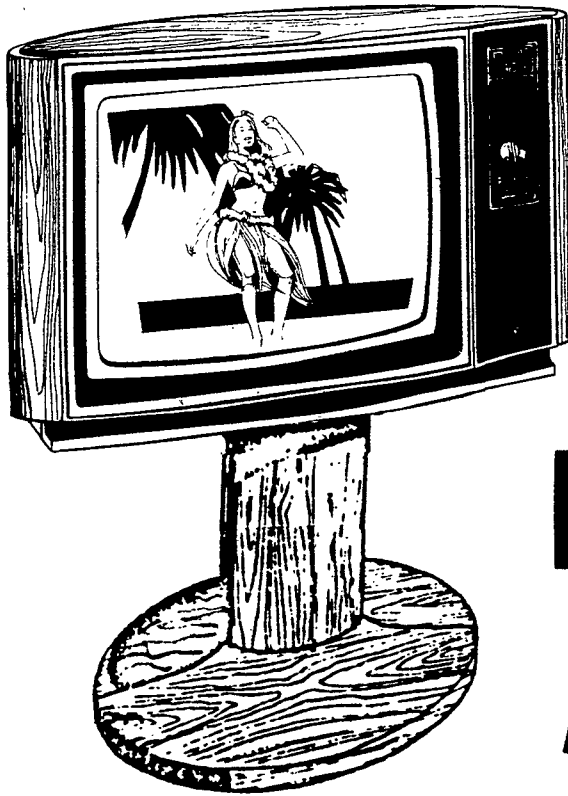
I am certain that the leadership of the Rochester diocese is pro-life and I do not accuse them of being otherwise. I do suggest however that local Catholic leadership, busy perhaps with other matters, failed to do even minimum research on this human life issue. I urge them to augment immediately what is presently very lax research into the grim and brutal realities of the abortion/sterilization situation. I ask respectfully that the Rochester diocese assume a positive role of active financial and moral leadership in this 12 year fight. It is not yet too late. I am asking for leadership which will initiate on-going social action and involvement.

We cannot feed the hungry, clothe the naked, speak for the powerless, support the downtrodden and respond to the lonely if we refuse them birth in the first place. There is neither peace nor justice for the aborted, who are truly God's only powerless people. There is still time.

WYALUSING TRIP

A bus trip to St. Mary Assumption Church in Wyalusing, Pa., is being organized by Angelina Marcanio of 650 Glenwood Ave. Anyone interested in the Oct. 7 excursion may call her at 254-3485. The bus is scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. from the corner of Lyell Avenue and Plymouth.

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