



Peace Demonstration

Members of the Rochester Catholic Worker community demonstrated last week its concern over the development of the neutron bomb, national spending for defense in the face of wide-spread poverty and hunger, and war in general. The demonstration consisted of a march through downtown Rochester led by James Renfrew, Deacon Daniel O'Shea and Karen McNamera; and the dedication of Rochester's War Memorial as a "peace memorial" and the planting of a tree on the War Memorial's grounds. The Catholic Worker community operates a multi-faceted service center for those in need.

Photos by Susan McKinney

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

Please— how do I cope with a teenage daughter who has had an abortion? She attends a Catholic school and has not gone to confession or communion for months because they are "meaningless" to her, and will not go now because she is "not sorry." How do I survive Christmas, when we celebrate a baby's birth? How do I treat this girl who actually repels me? She claims not to understand why I'm upset— after all, it's "her problem."

Dear Please,

What your daughter needs now more than

anything is understanding. The abortion is a fact and there is nothing in the world that can be done to undo it. The fact that she has not gone to confession or communion for months has nothing to do with their being meaningless. It has only to do with the fact that she feels terribly alienated. She must necessarily feel not sorry, because the effects of what she has done are in a very real sense getting her off the hook. But it is also possible for her to be sorry that the whole thing happened

she says it is her problem she is trying to eliminate you from the whole issue and to make it sound as though she does not want any kind of reassurance or help. Nothing could be further from the truth.

How do you suppose Jesus would have reacted to your daughter?

CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM

Dublin — Christians for Socialism, a movement that originated in Latin America and has spread to Europe, has appeared to have taken root in Dublin.

The movement was brought to Ireland from Chile by Irish Roman Catholic missionary priests, who claim to have the support of other Irish priests working in Third World countries.



DARE

Joseph Beckles and Candy Hamilton will be among the facilitators when St. Joseph's Church in Penfield opens the DARE (Designs in Anti-Racial Education) workshop on Friday, Jan. 13. The eight week program is designed to build community awareness and understanding of such problems as racism and sexism; and to review the root causes, the cultural conditioning and the history of personal and institutional racism. All sessions are at 8 p.m. on Fridays at the parish school. A reservation fee of \$10 is charged. Further information is available through Mr. and Mrs. James Cassano, 381-5194.

Pope Paul

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Denouncing violence as "anti-social" and "degenerate," the Pope stated that "violence leads to revolution and revolution to the loss of freedom. Those who live by the sword shall perish by the sword."

Returning to the theme of modern war and its "irrationality," the Pope reiterated the theme of his 1977 peace day message. "If you want peace, defend life."

"Peace," he said, "must be brought not only to battlefields, but wherever human existence is extant. There is a peace that not only (guards against) the weapons of war, but also protects life, as such, against every peril, every misfortune, every insidious attack.

"In our 'yes to peace,'

there rings out a 'yes to life.' Human life is sacred right from the moment it comes into existence. The law, 'Thou shalt not kill' protects this inexplicable miracle of human life with transcendent sovereignty

Missioner

Continued from Page 1 years as a child care worker at St. Joseph's Villa, three years at St. Ann's Home, and, most recently, a time at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. She has done field work in Selma, Ala. She holds a B.A. from Nazareth College and a B.S. from Keuka College, with majors in sociology and nursing, respectively. She received her certification as a registered nurse this year.

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