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Church leaders in the Rochester area are up in arms over proposed legislation now under consideration by the County of Monroe. That legislation would create a refuse district for the city and the cost of removing refuse would be based on the assessed valuation of properties. The chancellor of the diocese, and other church leaders, last week told the county legislature that, while they appreciate the government's need for revenues, especially following the recent Waldert Decision, they nevertheless feel that basing the new charge on assessed valuation, without giving special consideration to churches, is unacceptable.

Raps Somoza

Father Bernard Survil, Olean born missioner to Nicaragua, who recently was refused re-entry into that country, visited Rochester last week as part of a nation-wide tour, explaining the tensions between the Church and the government of Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua. He encouraged diocesans to write letters of support to Archbishop Obado Bravo, and letters to President Carter protesting U.S. military aid given to Somoza.



Justice Is Topic 21

Two unique meetings shortly will take place in Mexico. Protestant churchmen will gather next week, and a month later, Roman Catholic prelates from all over Central and South America will also meet. Independently, the two groups have arrived at what appears to be a common agenda. Both Protestants and Catholics will discuss evangelization and justice.

Hospital Gets Ready ... 18

St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira is getting ready for the installation of one of modern medicine's most powerful diagnostic tools: a CT Scanner. The device enables physicians to detect lesions and abnormalities in the body far more accurately than previous instruments have done.

Begins New Feature . 12,13

The Courier-Journal this week begins publication of a new feature designed to alert diocesans to official events. Every few months a calendar will be printed listing upcoming meetings, workshops, opportunities for prayer and official gatherings. Diocesans are encouraged to clip and save the listing.

Rosemary's Coming 1

Rosemary Haughton, one of the best known theologians of our day, will be the principal speaker at the Parish Council Congress, slated this year for Oct 6 and 7 at St. Agnes High School. Diocesan officials anticipate that more than 1000 persons will attend the congress.



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Knights Schedule Pilgimage

The State Council Knights of Columbus will hold its 40th annual pilgrimage to the North American Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville Sunday, Sept. 17. Registration will take place at the main gate at 1:30 p.m. for a series of religious exercises, followed by 4 p.m. Mass at which Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany will be rincipal John P. Bertolucci, a noted charismatic and pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Little Falls, will deliver the homily.

K. of C. Head Has Audience With Pope

Vatican City (RNS) - Pope John Paul I comes across as a "warm, human and humble" individual, according to the first American layman to have a private audience with the new pontiff.

This was the appraisal of Virgil C. Dechant, head of the U.S. Knights of Columbus after an audience with the Pope in the Hall of Vestments in the Vatican Palace, Sept. 1.

Dechant, as supreme knight of the 1.3 million member fraternal society, has offices in New Haven, Conn. He said the pontiff's impromptu remarks stressed the need for a new emphasis on evangelization to spread Christian hope and values in today's society.

Pope John Paul expressed his appreciation to the Knights for funding the "uplift" costs of televising the papal ceremonies, including the inauguration, to the world via satellite.



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