

State's Bishops List Social Action Priorities

Albany -- A year-long program of social action, with special attention given to the problems of families, our cities, education and communication, has been selected by the state's bishops as their public policy objectives for the coming year.

The program won unanimous endorsement at the bishops' fall meeting. "It covers a wide range of issues," said Charles Tobin, State Catholic Conference executive director, in releasing details of the objectives, "and addresses those problems

which are of great concern to the people of the state."

Issues of major concern identified in the program are family life, relationship with black and Spanish-speaking people, urban policy, voluntarism, Catholic schools, communications, and the Church in the public policy process.

"Each issue has specific objectives and action steps," Tobin said.

The family life objective, for instance, comes on the heels of a two-day statewide meeting last spring with the

bishops, clergy, religious, and laity. Many of the resolutions of that meeting, concerned with the problems of the divorced, widowed and separated and families in need, are incorporated in the family life objective.

Employment, education and integration are all involved in the relations of the Church with the black and Spanish-speaking. "Our statistics show increasing enrollment of these minorities in our schools," Tobin said. Part of the objective is to bring a greater awareness of the problems of these minority groups to the attention of the Church.

Under other priority issues are listed such issues as pro-life, health, housing, prison and welfare reform, religious studies, prison ministry, more attention to handicapped, aging, pregnant adolescents, and the mentally and nutritionally disadvantaged.

Public Invited to Hear Renowned Scientist

Dr. Lewis Thomas, who directs a world-famous research laboratory and has produced a science book rated as literature, will speak at Nazareth College Nov. 7.

He is chief executive officer of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, is a professor of pathology and medicine at Cornell University Medical College and is an adjunct professor at Rockefeller University. His book, *The Lives of a Cell*, earned him a National Book Award in 1975 in the arts-and-letters category, although it had been chosen also by the science panel. The book has been translated into nine languages and more than 250,000 copies have been sold.

Dr. Thomas' lecture, scheduled for 8 p.m. next



DR. THOMAS

Tuesday in the Forum of the Otto A. Shults Community Center, is free and public. It will concern the future of science and medicine. A symposium on the effective use of libraries will precede it.

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Divorced Catholics Speaker's Topic

Paulist Father James Young, chaplain of the North American Conference of Divorced and Separated Catholics Groups, will be presenting an evening titled "Where are Divorced Catholics in the Church Today?" Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kearney Auditorium at St. John Fisher College.

Sponsored by the Office of Family Life and the diocesan Advisory Board for the Ministry to the Divorced and Separated, Father Young's talk is open to all dioceses.

"For some two years we have anticipated an evening lecture and discussion with Father Young," Sister Kathleen Kircher, diocesan coordinator of ministry to the divorced and separated commented. "It is our hope that each person, whose ministry and/or personal life is touched by divorce, will be with us on Nov. 18. I am sure that Father Young's message and personal dedication will be part of the thanksgiving blessings for those who attend this program."



FATHER JAMES YOUNG

Earlier that day, Father Young will be conducting a workshop for the steering committees of the diocese's divorced Catholic groups.

Father Young is rector of St. Paul's College, the Paulist seminary in Washington, DC. In 1972, while in Boston, he helped found one of the first support groups for divorced and separated Catholics. He has served as chaplain for the North American conference since 1976.

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VOTE FOR MARY JANE FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK

WHO IS MARY JANE TOBIN? Mrs. Tobin is a valid candidate for Governor of N.Y. and is on the ballot for the November 7, 1978 election. She obtained more than 54,000 signatures in 38 out of 39 Congressional Districts qualifying her for a place on the ballot under the "Right To Life" party.

Why should you vote for an unknown candidate who has little, if any, chance of winning the election? You should because she is the only candidate truly opposed to the legal killing of the unborn and to taxpayer funding of this abomination. Gov. Hugh Carey, in spite of his pious ramblings about being a Catholic, a father of 12 children and being personally opposed to abortion, is one of the most blatantly pro-abortion legislators in the Country.

As a former U.S. Congressman, he consistently voted against all pro-life legislation. He consistently said he did not, and would not, support a Constitutional Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would bar abortion. As a Governor of N.Y. State, he not only supported legalized abortion but incredibly also vigorously supported taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid. This in spite of the fact that the overwhelming majority of New Yorkers oppose such taxation. Incredibly, Gov. Carey does not even want parents to have the right to know if their minor child is going to have an abortion, much less have a say in the decision. He, however, has no quarrel with existing laws that state a minor child cannot have her ears pierced or have a silver removed from her finger without her parents' permission. In 1975 he even vetoed a "Parental Rights" bill on this very subject after it passed both the State Assembly and State Senate by large majorities.

Perry Duryea, the Republican challenger also has a notoriously atrocious anti-life record. In his many years as a N.Y. State Assemblyman, he consistently voted against pro-life legislation. He support Medicaid funding of abortion which costs the taxpayers of New York more than 16 million dollars a year in State funds alone. Many people say, "but Perry Duryea has claimed he will not take such a hard line against abortion in the future." To that we say, "baloney". Duryea is just as pro-abortion now as he ever was and there is absolutely no evidence that he has, or will, change his views on the subject. In fact, there is current evidence that indicates Perry Duryea not only maintains his pro-abortion, anti-life stance but is genuinely proud of it. In a recently dated letter (Aug. 16, 1978), signed by Perry Duryea on his own N.Y. State Assemblyman letterhead, he clarifies his abortion position to a constituent. He makes it clear he feels one of his great accomplishments as a state legislator is that he cast the deciding vote for a change in the strict abortion laws as they existed prior to 1970. This was the liberalized abortion law in N.Y. State that triggered the greatest slaughter of human life in N.Y. State America in our entire history.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION TO PROTEST THE PRO-ABORTION STAND OF TWO MAJOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES? It is imperative that all pro-lifers in spite of their party affiliation vote for Mrs. Tobin, the only pro-life candidate for Governor. Even though Mrs. Tobin doesn't have the political strength to win the election, incalculable benefits will accrue to the pro-life movement if she should get a minimum of 50,000 votes. By getting this number, the "Right to life party" will be assured a line on the ballot for the next four years without a candidate having to obtain signatures. Every registered voter in N.Y. State who is truly concerned about the slaughter of innocent and helpless babies in the womb can contribute significantly to the pro-life cause by voting for Mrs. Tobin and by getting as many others to vote for her as possible.



The picture shown is that of a live baby in its' mothers womb only 3 1/2 months after conception. Its' heart is beating and its' brain produces brain waves, the two most important criteria used to confirm life. Hundreds of thousands of such live babies are poisoned, cut apart or sucked out of their mothers' womb in a pulp with a vacuum type apparatus. Thousands of such lives are ended in N.Y. State with the help of your tax dollars and because of the anti-life attitudes and policies of Hugh Carey and Perry Duryea.

A Leader Listens . . .



Listen, then act -- not a bad approach for a leader who cares about the people he represents. If you believe your State Assemblyman should listen to you before he votes, you'll believe in John Woods -- and you'll elect him on November 7.

ELECT

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If Mrs. Tobin obtains a substantial number of votes, it will inevitably influence both major candidates to think more positively about pro-life issues in the future. It will also be certain to affect the attitude of the next Governor in a positive way and abortion will be more of an issue in the following election.

A vote for either Carey or Duryea is, in effect, an endorsement of their pro-abortion attitudes and policies. On the other hand, a vote for the only pro-life candidate on the ballot, Mary Jane Tobin, is your protest, not only against legalized abortion, but against taxpayer funding of this barbaric and uncivilized practice.

Vote for Mary Jane Tobin on Nov. 7, 1978. (ROW I) "EYE" Do your part to support the pro-life movement and to protect the unborn.

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