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## Sisters Voice Opinions at Bishop Hearing

By JOHN DASH

Nearly 75 persons crowded into the chambers of the Diocesan Sisters Council last Saturday for the first in the Selection of Bishops Committee hearings. More than 30 women religious addressed the committee.

The majority of the speakers said they looked for a bishop who will be a leader in questions of social justice, especially on the question of the role of women in the Church.

Representing a vast array of the ministries in which women religious are active in this diocese, the majority of the speakers also said they looked for a bishop with strong spiritual values.

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, former president of the DSC, spoke of "four visions" she has of the ideal bishop. She said she looked for a "pastoral person, who realizes the need for

flexibility," in meeting the needs of the people of the diocese.

She described the ideal bishop as a "listener," and as one who will undertake a complete "revamping of the diocesan assessment program," as well as one who will make "strong, bold moves in the area of personnel."

She said she also hoped for a bishop who would "facilitate charisms, especially the charisms of the women of our diocese."

Lastly, she said she hoped for a bishop who would be regularly seen in parishes and with the consultative bodies.

Sister Jean Marje Kears, who spoke on behalf of Sister Mary Judith Heberle, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, and the congregation's executive

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## SSJ Helped Set Up CELAM

By JOHN DASH

Although the entire religious world will be watching as the Latin American bishops gather in Puebla, Mexico, to begin their third international conference next week, few diocesans will be watching more intently than Sister Katherine Popowich, SSJ.

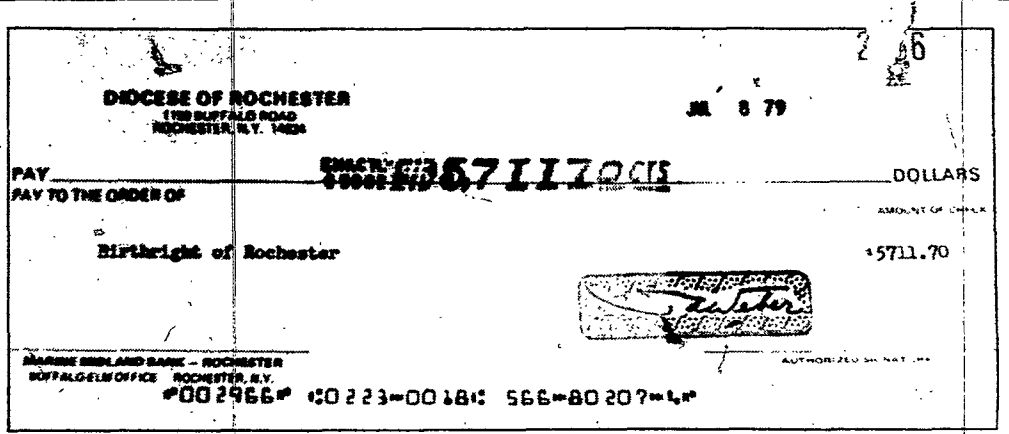
Sister Katherine spent almost a year in grass-roots preparations for the conference. She is a Rochester missionary in the Diocese of Jatai, Brazil.

And her experience of the preparations recently led her to comment, "I feel we need to pray very, very hard that Puebla will not retract the thrust of Medellin."

Ten years ago the bishops gathered in Medellin, Colombia, and mapped out a program for Church renewal, a program still considered highly controversial, in which the Church aligned itself with the poor rather than with centers of wealth and power.

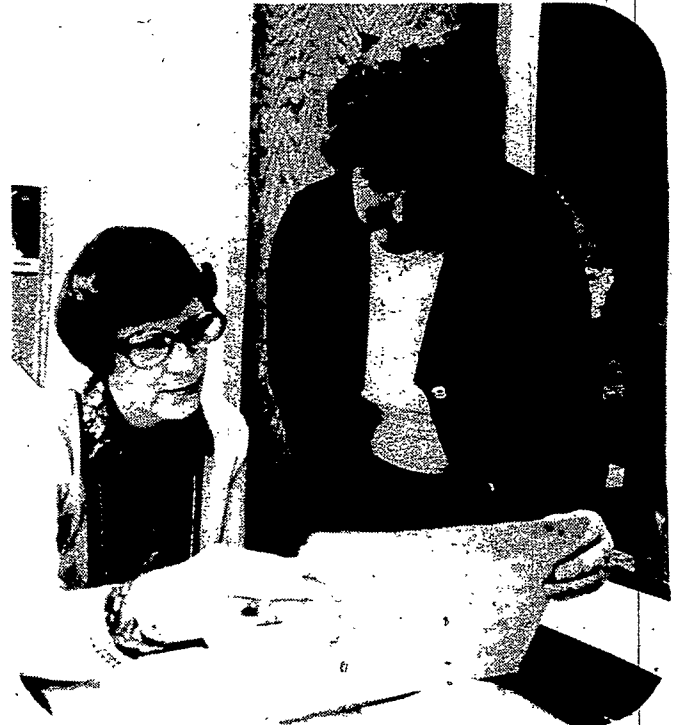
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Photos by Susan McKinney

This check, from the diocesan Office of Family Life, will be used for the programs of Birthright Rochester. At right, Birthright managing director Marge DeWitt (seated) shows volunteer Barbara Dacey the office schedule.



## Human Life Unit Gives \$5,700 to Birthright

Birthright of Rochester has been granted \$5,711 from the special collection taken in many churches on Respect Life Sunday.

The diocesan Human Life Commission coordinated the contribution program, proceeds of which will also fund the educational, pastoral and legislative efforts of the commission regarding the

sacredness of all human life at every stage. The money collected is also shared with other organizations which offer concrete pastoral care to women with unexpected pregnancies. More than \$2,000 was returned to regions outside Monroe County for distribution to similar agencies.

The commission

operates under the Office of Family Life, an affiliate of Catholic Charities. Diocesan Human Life coordinators are Frank and Sue Starppoli.

Mrs. Michael Piehler, president of Birthright of Rochester, expressed gratitude for the generosity of the people of the diocese who contributed.

## Right to Life Schedules Rochester March Jan. 20

Choose Life is the theme for the annual March for Life planned by the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee to note the anniversary of the Supreme Court 1973 decision liberalizing abortion in the United States.

The local commemoration will begin

with a march to begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Washington Square Park and proceeding to the Liberty Pole. At 3 p.m. an ecumenical service is planned at St. Mary's Church, opposite Washington Square.

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot bar abortions

during the first third of a pregnancy.

Mrs. Patricia Amato, public affairs representative of the Rochester Right to Life Committee, said that the theme was chosen to reflect the group's "concern for the value of all life" from

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## More Than 100 At Elmira

By MARTIN J. TOOMBS  
Southern Tier Editor

Elmira — More than 100 people turned out for the Chemung/Schuyler Selection of Bishops Committee hearing at St. Patrick's parish hall last Sunday.

More than 20 people spoke at the hearing, listing a broad range of diocesan concerns.

Andrew Molloy, former DPC president, commented that hearing all the qualities mentioned for the next bishop, he wondered if Jesus Christ would Himself fit the bill.

Speakers emphasized their individual wishes that the next bishop make every effort to understand their particular concerns.

Among the groups represented were Chemung County Right to Life, Black Catholics of Elmira, the Chemung County General Education Board, the Our Lady of Lourdes parish council, and human development groups.

The Our Lady of Lourdes parish council raised the possibility of forming a Southern Tier diocese as a way of increasing the effectiveness of the new bishop for the Elmira area.

Father Kevin Murphy, Chemung/Schuyler regional coordinator, picked up the theme, suggesting that the Rochester diocese be split into two or even three dioceses. As an alternative, he suggested that auxiliary bishops be placed outside of the see city.

## 17 Voice Concerns In Auburn

Auburn — It was evident at last Saturday's regional hearing of the Selection of Bishops Committee in the Cayuga/Seneca area, that diocesans want their next bishop to be a good leader, to be a spiritual person, and one who is able to bridge the gap between the urban and the rural communities.

The meeting was chaired by Father Elmer Heindl, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Weedsport and regional coordinator for the area.

Nearly 30 persons attended the hearing, and 17 addressed the committee. Father Joseph Dorsey CSB, a member of the committee reported.

He said that there was a strong feeling that the areas outside Monroe County were being neglected by the diocesan Pastoral Office.