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### Fun Things

Summertime, and the livin' is easy for day campers at Genesee Settlement House. Contina Townsend messes with sand and kitchen utensils in lower left photo, and then gets into the ball game with Sammy Scott and Jermain Ingram. The fence is decorated with original "hand paintings," hung up to dry.



## Knights Join Prelate In Criticism of Court

San Diego (RNS) — Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco says the U.S. Supreme Court has become so "obsessed" with abortion that it has made all other rights and laws subordinate to the right to have one.

The High Court ruling which struck down state laws requiring a minor to consult her parents before asking a court's permission to have an abortion.

They approved a resolution to give wholehearted cooperation to organizations working for a constitutional amendment to protect human life.

Archbishop Quinn said the ruling was another blow to the integrity of the family.

The resolution noted the court's ruling and a recently passed law forcing employers to pay for abortions by employees.

"Parental rights and family relationships have become victims of the Supreme Court's obsession with abortion," Archbishop Quinn told the Knights of Columbus 97th annual convention here.

"This means that a judge or court official who has never seen the girl before and who most likely will never see her again is better qualified than her own parents to pronounce on her ability to understand her maturity and character in a matter of the most serious consequences," he said.

It also supported the U.S. bishops in their lawsuit, which the K of C will help fund, the challenge the constitutionality of that law.

As far as the High Court is concerned, "all rights and all laws fall before the supreme law of abortion on demand," said the prelate who is president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He said the ruling also shows that "the abortion ideology is reaching far beyond the issue as such and tampering with the most basic human relationship in society, the relationship of children to their parents."

The resolution also expressed concern over the Internal Revenue Service ruling threatening revocation of tax-exempt status for religious and other publications which report politicians' views and voting records on moral issues, such as abortion.

Since its landmark 1973 ruling liberalizing abortion, the Court has violated cherished family traditions, human experience and even logic and the findings of science to support and extend that ruling, he added.

The Knights of Columbus backed up the criticism with a lengthy resolution on the abortion issue.

The Knights also approved several other resolutions including:

He was especially critical of

## U.S. Court Upholds Most Of Akron Abortion Law

Akron (RNS) — A federal court has upheld most of the provisions of Akron's strict abortion law which has been used as a model by 11 other states.

However, he struck down specifics of the informed consent law which required doctors to provide the patient with such information as the names of adoption agencies and names of alternative organizations to abortion, such as Birthright.

for abortion after viability "establishes the rights of the unborn for the first time," according to Marvin Weinberger of Citizens for Informed Life.

He said the ordinance takes the position that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on abortion gave "the right to non-pregnancy, but not the right to a dead baby."

Federal District Court Judge Leroy Contie Jr. upheld 15 of the 10 provisions, including a key clause compelling doctors performing abortions to try to save the lives of viable fetuses.

The ordinance was adopted in February 1978 by a 7-6 vote of the Akron City Council. It has never been implemented because of court challenges. Abortion laws passed on the model have been developed by Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Illinois, Nebraska, Maine, Missouri, Florida, Delaware, North Dakota.

Among other major provisions of the Akron ordinance upheld by Judge Contie was a requirement that women must wait 24 hours after consenting to an abortion before the operation is performed.

Among the provisions struck down as unconstitutional was one requiring parental notification before abortions could be performed on girls under 18.

The most important provision is the requirement that non-lethal abortion techniques can be used after the fetus is six months old. The law further requires that a second doctor be present in these late abortions when the fetus is considered viable, to specifically care for the aborted fetus.

The court also upheld provisions prohibiting experimentation on unborn and newly born fetuses, and requiring doctors to meet with patients after the abortion and inform them of procedures to follow to recover from the operation. The court upheld a "freedom of conscience" clause stating that doctors and nurses cannot be coerced into performing abortions.

Also struck down were requirements calling for regular health department inspections on abortion facilities, and one calling for humane disposal of the remains of aborted fetuses.

Judge Contie upheld the principle of the "informed consent" requirement that patients must give a written informed consent before undergoing abortion.

The Akron requirements

## Friendship Fair Needs Volunteers

About 400 volunteers have signed up to help with Friendship Fair this Sunday at Newark Developmental Center, but as many as 200 more could be used, a staff member said last week.

"People usually come over after Mass," Ms. Murphy continued, "and share on a one-to-one basis, taking the residents to the parade and carnival."

"In fact, we are quite desperate," Arlene Murphy confessed. She is coordinator of the center's foster grandparent program.

She asked that volunteers register between noon and 12:30. Activities are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

A call for new efforts to safeguard the continued existence of religious-oriented schools;

A proposal for a new program to combat pornography;

A reaffirmation of the Knights commitment to fostering family stability;

A warning of the dangers of legalizing marijuana;

An expression of reservations regarding the Equal Rights Amendment.

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