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Suit Filed 16

New York State has filed a suit attempting to halt operation of a CT Scanner on property owned by St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. The suit, the third in a continuing controversy over the scanner, seeks to enforce an order the state says was issued last October to St. Joseph's stating that the scanner could not be used without approval from the state. Named in the suit are Sister Martha Gersbach, administrator of the hospital; Daniel Donahoe, president of the hospital board; Warren Welch, president of Standard Scanning Associates, which owns the scanner; and Dr. Joseph Calderone, president of Scanner Diagnostic Services, which operates it.

Parish Notes 50..... 14

St. Margaret Mary's Church in Irondequoit is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the parish foundation this year. Planners for the celebration have arranged for a number of special activities including a Mass which will be celebrated by all the living pastors, including Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

DPC Year Opens..... 3

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate Mass for the Diocesan Pastoral Council's first meeting of the year at St. Mary's Church in Waterloo, Saturday, Sept. 15. The bishop also will take part in the discussions of the assembly.

Homecoming..... 16

The more than 3,000 graduates of Notre Dame High School in Elmira, and its predecessor, Elmira Catholic High School, have been invited to attend celebrations marking Notre Dame's 25th anniversary. The annual homecoming game, Friday, Sept. 21, against Elmira Free Academy will highlight the gathering.

Team Installed..... 7

A capacity crowd filled the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph last week for the installation of the central administration team of the local congregation. Bishop Matthew H. Clark addressed the assembly, challenging it to become more and more attentive to the Word of God.

Wedding Jubilee..... 3

The diocesan celebration of wedding anniversaries, silver, golden and diamond, has been slated this year for Sunday, Oct. 21 at St. Mary's in Waterloo. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal celebrant of the liturgy and will preach at the event.

On the Move..... 6

The celebration of the annual Red Mass and a special celebration of Mass at the Rochester Psychiatric Center were on Bishop Clark's agenda last week. On one occasion the bishop said "I feel that I am never more a bishop than when I celebrate the Eucharist with my people."

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times of agreement and disagreement.

One of the questions he wishes to analyze more fully is that of the vicar for religious, a matter debated among the sisters for several years.

There is a proposal now on the bishop's desk to establish such an office for the diocese.

"I want to test out the ideas behind the reasons in the proposal," he told the sisters. "But I'm not ready to make a commitment on it yet, what with the bureaucracy already established."

At that point several sisters spoke in favor of the proposal.

Bishop Clark, following those presentations, observed that "10 years ago, perhaps, weren't vicars for religious considered 'pariahs' by some people?" He also challenged the sisters to re-work their proposal because "I want a very clear commissioning for the person in the job." He said that he didn't want to create the post, and then tell the person assigned to it to determine his own responsibilities.

In the establishment of any new post, he said, he wants to know the answer to the question, "Are we freeing the people, really serving them?"

As a sidelight to the meeting, it was revealed that for more than half the sisters on the council, last Saturday also was the anniversary of their entrance into religious life.

Cardinal Dies

Rome (RNS) — Cardinal Alberto di Jorio, the oldest member of the College of Cardinals, died at his residence near the Vatican on Sept. 4 at the age of 85.

The Roman-born prelate was secretary of the 1958 conclave that elected Cardinal Angelo Roncalli as Pope John XXIII. Minutes after his election, Pope John — in the first act of his papacy — placed his own red zucchetto on the head of the conclave secretary, thus elevating the then 74-year-old monsignor to the rank of cardinal.

Correction

More than 22 parishes across the diocese are preparing to observe Stewardship Sunday on Oct. 14. The date given in last week's Courier-Journal was incorrect.



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