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New Report 3

Members of the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission were instrumental in a special report on the diocese of Tabasco, Mexico. The report deals with changing life-styles of the people living in the impoverished region which suddenly has become a center for oil drilling and other industry. Bishop Rafael Garcia, ordinary of Tabasco, asked the commission to participate in the study, and they willingly complied.

Lower Bills 17

The Chemung County General Education Board took steps designed to lower heating bills this winter and to reduce electricity expenses in the summer, in action at its Nov. 8 meeting. The board also heard reports from two committees that are looking at the system's future, from an organizational standpoint, and on additional funding sources available to the system.

Special Week 16

The farmworkers in the state and in the Rochester area are being noted this week. Recently Gov. Hugh Carey and Rochester Mayor Thomas Ryan both proclaimed this week as Farmworker Week. In observance of the occasion the Rochester Farmworkers' Rights Organization has slated a number of events, including a drive for canned goods and dry foods to stock an emergency relief shelf.

Slam Racism 9

Meeting in Washington, the U.S. bishops have issued a pastoral letter denouncing racism and outlining specific steps to be taken by institutions and individuals in the Church to combat it. The bishops also failed to reach a two-thirds majority on the question of removing sexist language from the liturgy of the Church.

Needs Small 2

The Curia, the Vatican's central government, will be running a deficit of \$20 million this year, but that sum is small in the face of the amount nations spend on arms, Pope John Paul II said recently. In an address closing a special gathering of cardinals who had deliberated on Church finances, the pontiff said that the needs of the Church are minor when compared to financial armament budgets.

Many Blessings 13

Though the world is facing many problems this Thanksgiving time, the students over at Cardinal Mooney say there are still many blessings to count and they observe what they're especially thankful for in RapAround's Equal Time.

Phone Books On Way

The new telephone directory for the Rochester area is on its way to a quarter of a million homes and businesses.

The theme of the 1980 directory cover is Main Street and it features original oil paintings by Richard Lubey, a

Rochester artist. The artwork depicts views of Main Streets in seven Greater Rochester villages and in the city, shown during this year's Memorial Day parade.

"We've designed the Call Guide (the book's preliminary pages containing telephone services) to answer most of the questions a customer has about telephone service, based on the inquiries we receive," said F. L. Howe, the company's manager of corporate information.

Seniors' Dance

There will be an anniversary and birthday party Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25, at the Senior Citizens Center at 380 Andrews St. John Capone's Orchestra will play for dancing from 2 until 5 p.m.

Delivery of the book got under way last Monday and Howe urges customers to begin using the directory upon receipt.

Bishop McCafferty 'Good' after Surgery

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty underwent surgery for removal of a tumor from the colon last Friday and was listed in "good" condition following the surgery.

It is expected that Bishop McCafferty will remain in Rochester General Hospital, 1425 Portland Ave., for about 10 days and then will convalesce at home for six to eight weeks.

"He is doing super" and his spirits are extremely high," said Dr. William Stephan. "He expects to return to normal activities shortly after the first of the year."

Church Needs Small Compared to Arms Spending — Pope

Vatican City (RNS) — Though the Vatican is facing financial problems, Pope John II said its needs remain "extremely modest" compared to what nations spend on arms.

In unusually frank, closing remarks to the historic Congress of Cardinals, Friday, Nov. 9, the pontiff noted that his "venerable brothers" had had the chance to "learn precisely the state of the financial problems of the Holy See."

Though the financial disclosure was not made public, the Vatican did acknowledge that the Curia faced a deficit of \$20 million for 1979.

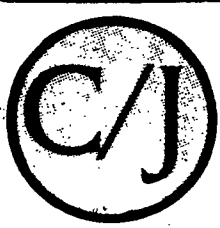
The economic needs, however, the Pope said, "are extremely modest compared with what the contemporary world spends, for example, on arms."

With rare acerbity, the Pope attacked as "fable" certain reports about Vatican finances which "have caused considerable damage to the Church."

The Pope defended the Vatican's right to preserve its artistic patrimony. "The maintenance of that monument of culture which is St. Peter's Basilica and the other institutions tied with it such as the Vatican Museum is our duty before history," he said.

Child Abuse Topic

"Lift a Finger," a slide presentation by the National Council of Jewish Women will underline the theme of Child Abuse at program sponsored by the Genesee Valley Nurses Association Teacher Special Interest Group, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Room 107 of Brighton High School. Dorothy Harrison will be the speaker and a panel of school nurse teachers also is on the program.



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St. Monica School & What it Means To Me

By Ann Kuhn
Age 12

I like St. Monica School because it's fun and the teachers are nice and friendly. I especially like Miss Bruce and Miss Connolly. The teachers are also fair and helpful. They take us on trips and set them up for us. I also think the detention is fair. I hope the school doesn't close next year and we're trying everything in the world. God is helping us too.

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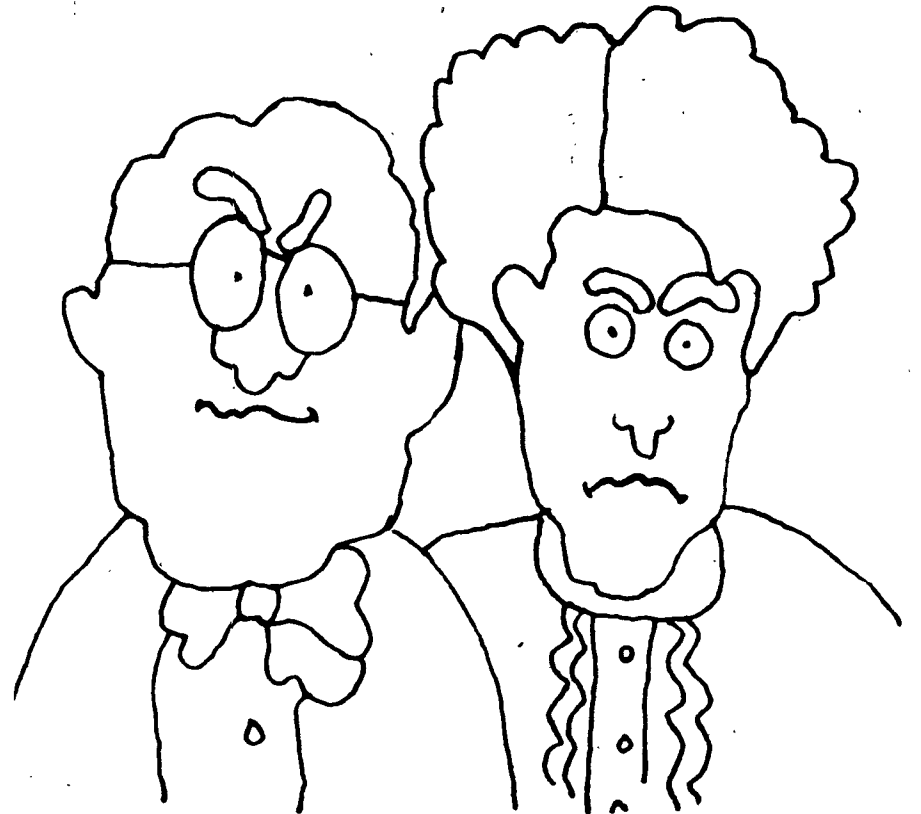
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