

# Alternative to Abortion Program Under Way

The diocesan Human Life Commission is accepting applications for funding from area organizations which aid women with unexpected pregnancies.

Half of the proceeds contributed by parishioners on Respect Life Sunday in October will be available to organizations already in existence or to people seeking to develop such organizations.

According to Frank and Sue Staropoli, Human Life coordinators, the commission, a part of Catholic Charities, wants to create a Pastoral Care Network in the area to insure that every woman with an unexpected pregnancy be

aware of available services. "Through this program, we're recognizing there are extreme circumstances involved in some pregnancies and we as a compassionate people must be responsive and helpful in very practical ways," Staropoli said in a statement.

Regional leaders have been asked to identify organizations which meet these criteria:

— Primarily aimed at direct counseling, referral and other services for people dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, for the purpose of bringing the pregnancy to term.

— Not involved in direct services which help a person carry out a decision to induce abortion.

— A not-for-profit organization.

— Not involved in campaigns of persons running for political office.

Father James Hewes, commission chairman, said, "We hope to provide hope and specific alternatives to abortion. We're eager to fund the development of these services in regions where no such services exist. We're hoping people will come forth to initiate services, even as simple a service as a phone line to handle referrals."

Applications may be obtained by writing Ange and Peg Turiano, program directors, Human Life Commission, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14626; telephone 716-328-3210.

# All in the Family

By Sarah Child

## Christie Enchants

I suppose most people read Agatha Christie for her droll characterizations, her deft way of plotting and solving a mystery. Those are the things that drew me to her in the first place.



Sarah Child

But after coming across my first description of a high English tea, the charms of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot, to say nothing of the fine intricacies of sleuthing, paled in comparison.

It has been at least 15 years since I devoured some 20 of her novels, one after another, and along with them the tantalizing images of hot buttered scones, raspberry jam and clotted cream. Sometimes it was wafer thin cucumber sandwiches and a very plummy fruitcake.

I often thought that to partake of the real thing, in itself would be worth a trip to London.

I still do even though I have long since come to grips with certain facts: Namely, that raspberry seeds tend to lodge in one's teeth, cucumber between bread sounds awful and clotted cream worse. And, a tiny bit of fruitcake goes a very long way.

## Deaths

### Sr. Laurentina Semler, SSJ

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Laurentina Semler was celebrated Nov. 9, 1979, in the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel. Sister Laurentina died Nov. 8 at Park Ridge Hospital at the age of 87.

Father William Hart was principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass. He was assisted by Father Peter Bayer. Msgr. Gerard Krieg was present.

Sister Laurentina entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Mary of the Assumption, Scottsville, in 1913. She taught in parochial schools

of the diocese for 50 years. She was both principal and teacher at Holy Trinity, Webster, for 12 years; at St. Lucy's, Rochester, and St. Agnes, Avon, for six years each. She taught also at St. Francis Xavier and St. Bridget's, Rochester; St. Mary's, Dansville; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. Mary's, Waterloo, and St. Mary's Boys Orphanage, Rochester.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Wehner of Rochester and Maryknoll Sister Marie Pierre; also, several nieces and nephews.

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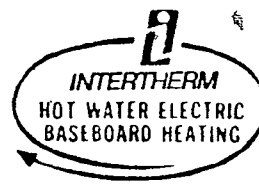
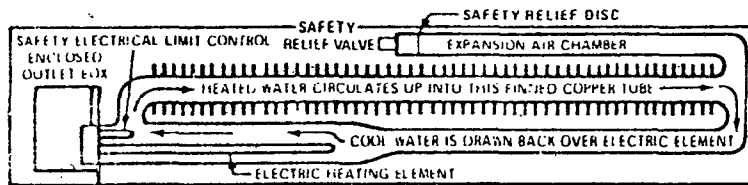
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