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PASTORAL OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is important to avoid confusion regarding two recently opened churches that are calling themselves Roman Catholic. They are:

Church of the Holy Name of Mary
588 Winton Road North
Rochester, N.Y.

and

The Franciscan Chapel
3376 Mt. Read Boulevard
Rochester, N.Y.

Neither has any relation with the Diocese of Rochester. Further, no priest has been granted faculties to minister to these congregations by the Diocese of Rochester.

No one can fulfill the Sunday Obligation by attending these services.

Father Kung Defies Vatican

(From Courier-Journal
Services)

Father Hans Kung, the theologian who was stripped of his titles as a teacher of Catholic doctrine by the Vatican last week, has defied the Vatican's order and has stated, "As a Catholic theologian, I will continue to stand up for Catholics and fight so that this step will be revoked."

The day following the Vatican's action, Father Kung gave a 90-minute lecture at Tuebingen University where he is professor of theology and head of its Institute of Ecumenical Research.

His lecture was attended by about 2,000 students, school workers and professors. An additional 1,000 persons in an adjacent auditorium, also heard him speak.

The Vatican announced last Tuesday that, because of the controversial theologian's stands on such questions as papal infallibility, the divinity of Jesus and the virginity of Mary, Father Kung "can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian nor function as such in a teaching role."

The Vatican's declaration was signed with the approval of Pope John Paul II, by Cardinal Franjo Seper, the prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Faith, and Father Jerome Hamer, secretary of the curial department.

(The text of the Vatican declaration appears on Page 5).

Father Kung was not prohibited from exercising his priestly ministry; and the practical effect of the declaration was clouded since Father Kung is a civil servant in his teaching post.

Because he holds a full professorship, he is also guaranteed a position at another German university if he is forced to leave Tuebingen.

The World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, Father Kung's native land, issued a statement last week which said that the Vatican action would have "immediate ecumenical repercussions."

A spokesman for the council said that the action "cannot be regarded simply as an internal affair of the Roman Catholic Church."

The formation of an organization to petition the Vatican to revoke its declaration was also announced last week at Tuebingen.

In the United States, Father Charles Curran, Rochester-born moral theologian at Catholic University; Leonard Swidler, professor of ecumenical studies at Temple University and Father David Tracy of the University of Chicago Divinity School co-authored

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Feed the Hungry

June Graber of Erie, Pa., bottle feeds a starving Cambodian infant at a refugee camp in Sa Kaew, Thailand. Father Joseph Reinhart, chief of the diocesan Missions Office, which is collecting funds for the relief of Cambodian refugees said last week, that nearly \$90,000 has been raised in the diocese for the effort. "The greatest meaning of Christmas in our lives is sharing the love of Christ with those around us," Father Reinhart said. Persons wishing to contribute funds to the effort are asked to mail donations to:

Cambodian Relief
123 East Ave.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604