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States Right 14

"My amendment merely makes it plain that states have the right to set their own policies on whether to use their own money for abortions." Thus spoke Rep. Robert E. Bauman of Maryland, sponsor of a bill passed by the House of Representatives, which says states may avoid paying for abortions if they so desire.

To Recruit 13

The Chemung County General Education Board received a report at its December meeting calling for a vigorous recruitment campaign and several other items for future development of the school system. The report rejected proposals that the current four-school system be reorganized, or that further consolidation be accomplished. The board also discussed the establishment of a new program, pre-school classes at St. Casimir's and St. Mary's that would be similar to that operated by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Forces Meet 12

Sexism and patriarchy were among the topics explored at the first meeting between representatives of the bishops' Committee on Women in the Church and in Society and the Women's Ordination Conference. Both groups described the dialogue as "open with a sense of seeking truth together."

Treatment Rapped 3

A Puerto Rican bishop who was arrested last May at a demonstration against the U.S. military presence on the island of Vieques, has charged that others imprisoned after that demonstration are being unfairly treated in U.S. prisons.

Shroud Authentic? ... 14

A scientist who lead a team of other scientists to Italy to study the Shroud of Turin has said that scientific evidence thus far amassed indicates that the cloth is indeed authentic. While the study team is still collecting and evaluating information, a full report on the scientists' observations is yet to come. However the head of the group says that evidence so far indicates the authenticity of what is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Christ.

Behind the Scenes..... 6

Support Ministries, the diocesan department which serves other departments at the Pastoral Center, is described this week by its chief, Father William Flynn, as the "behind the scenes" ministry. The department provides technical assistance to other groups working in direct ministry throughout the diocese.

Special Guests 3

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Jim Wallis both visited the Rochester Catholic Worker's St. Joseph's House of Hospitality recently, both men bringing insights into the ministry performed there, but from very different backgrounds. Wallis is one of the founders of Washington's Sojourners' community, an evangelical Protestant community which shares many of the same values of the Catholic Worker.

Resolutions 11

Since it is that time when one traditionally makes New Year's resolutions, RapAround this week culls the resolutions made by students at Notre Dame High School in Elmira.



Missions Show

Christmas shopping was done early at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The sixth grade sponsored an Arts and Crafts show for the benefit of the missions. From left Cathy Cigna, Colleen Curtin and Katie Fitzsimmons display their homemade crafts and baked goods.

Schillebeeckx: Vatican Panel Friendly, But

Rome (RNS)—Father Edward Schillebeeckx, one of Europe's leading theologians, emerged from a controversial interrogation at the Vatican, saying that the Church was not conducting a heresy trial against him.

He did, however, criticize the Vatican's method of investigating a theologian, saying that the procedure violated human rights.

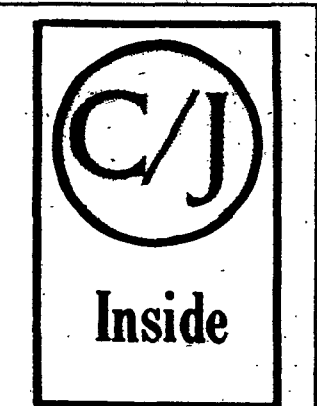
The 65-year-old Belgian-born Dominican scholar said that during his two days of questioning before a four-man panel of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the word "heresy" was not used.

Rather, he said, his interrogators requested "clarification" of "certain ambiguities" in his theological writings.

Father Schillebeeckx who teaches at the Catholic University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, was summoned to Rome by the Vatican's doctrinal congregation, formerly the Holy Office of the Inquisition, to defend views on Church dogma that he expressed in a book he published in 1974.

The book, "Jesus: An Experiment in Christology," deals with the theological mystery of Jesus Christ. The theologian was questioned about various points of Church doctrine, including the divinity of Christ, his resurrection, the infallibility of the Pope and the organizational foundation of the Church.

Father Schillebeeckx said



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Kung

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a statement of protest against the Vatican's action which was signed by more than 60 theologians in the U.S. and Canada.

Support for the Vatican declaration also came from

the U.S., however. Father Kenneth Baker, editor of the Homiletic and Pastoral Review, said that the action was "a confrontation long overdue." Father Baker also suggested that Father Kung should leave the Church if his views are so divergent from Church beliefs.

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