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As of Saturday, Oct. 4, the Courier-Journal will have a new address — 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607. The telephone number will be unchanged.

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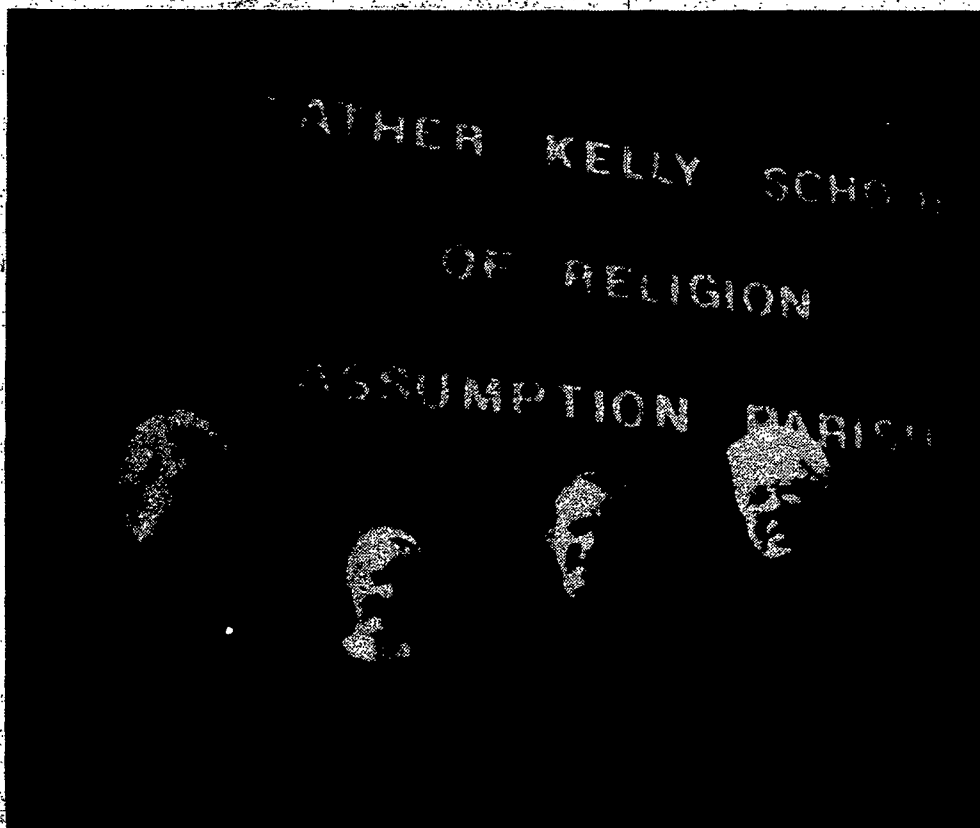
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Fairport Visit

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, third from left, last week paid a visit to the staff and pupils at the Father Kelly School of Religion of Assumption Parish in Fairport. On hand were Father John P. Norris, pastor; Sister Felicitas, Religious Education coordinator, and Father Leonard Kelly, former pastor of Assumption who founded the innovative school and who also recently celebrated 50 years as a priest.

High Court Restores Hyde Ban

Washington (RNS) — Government funding of abortions — mandated by a federal district court judge last year — was cut off officially when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to reconsider its June decision to overturn the lower court ruling.

Nearly all federally-funded Medicaid abortions will cease as a result of the high court's decision. Only those necessary in cases of a threat to the

mother's life, rape and incest can be financed under the restrictive terms of the Hyde Amendment.

The court ruled June 30 in a 5-4 decision that Congress, while not empowered to outlaw abortions, was under no obligation to pay for them. But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services continued to finance abortions — at a rate of about 1,000 a week — after the

decision, pending action on the petition to reopen the case.

When a U.S. district judge in Brooklyn last year declared the withholding of Medicaid funds unconstitutional, the money began to flow again until this most recent action by the high court.

Costello Heads State Press

For the first time in its more than 100-year history the New York State Press Association has a representative of a Catholic newspaper as its president.

Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier-Journal, the official publication of the Rochester Roman Catholic Diocese, assumed the presidency of the organization of weekly newspapers at its semiannual meeting Saturday (Sept. 27) at the Thousand Islands Club.

More than 260 weekly newspapers from across the

state are members of the NYPA.

Costello, 42, has been with the Courier-Journal since 1964 and has been its publisher-general manager since 1970. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Major Markets Newspaper Association, is president of the Rochester Eye Institute, and is on the board of the Children's Scholarship Fund.

A former Irondequoit town councilman, Costello resides in that town with his wife Elaine and four children: Brett, Lynette, Alicia and Andrea.



Anthony J. Costello, right, is congratulated by Anthony David Smith who was the principal speaker at the NYPA banquet Saturday night. Smith is author of the recently published book, "Goodbye Gutenberg," and also is director of the British Film Institute. From 1960 to 1971 he was current affairs producer for BBC-TV.

Pope Defends Right To Condemn Abortion

By Daniela Iacono
RNS Correspondent

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II defended the Church's right to speak out against abortion, responding to accusation of interference in Italian politics.

He said abortion "is above all a problem of moral responsibility" and the church had a pastoral and moral duty to "present evidence of the truth."

The Vatican, meanwhile, in a telegram to one of the pope's critics, said that "to try to limit this expression would mean to offend the right of religious liberty."

The defense was mounted in the context of a response to criticism of the pope for encouraging a group promoting a national referendum to repeal Italy's liberal abortion law.

But the issue of "interference" of the church in national politics has recently taken on broader dimensions. In West Germany the hierarchy issued a pastoral letter critical of positions espoused by the Social

Democratic Party, including its pro-abortionist stance. In the United States, Boston's Cardinal Humberto Medeiros recently urged, unsuccessfully, Catholics to vote against candidates who favor abortion.

In an address on Sept. 21, the pope clearly rejected demands by some Italian politicians that he cease "interfering" in Italian affairs. He denounced abortion "as a great assault on the conscience, a great disgrace, a great pain," and a problem of moral and pastoral concern to the Church.

He defended an attack on abortion he made in Siena on Sept. 14 by saying that he had spoken of the "very great social problem of the responsibility for life," and had done so "because we cannot ever lose consciousness of this problem that is above all a problem of moral responsibility."

In his Siena speech, the pope had reaffirmed the Church's opposition to abortion and called on Italians of all political stripes to band together to seek "legal

measures" to protect the sanctity of life.

The papal remarks, coinciding with a campaign by a group called Alliance for Life to collect 500,000 signatures needed to initiate a referendum on repeal of Italy's 2-year-old abortion law, were scored by a wide spectrum of Italy's liberal and left-wing politicians who charged that the pope's statements represent an interference in politics of a sovereign nation.

Speaking on Sept. 21, the Polish-born pontiff returned to the attack.

"The Church does not want to judge anybody," he said, "but it must present evidence of the truth. The Church knows that every attempt against the life of the child in the womb is a great assault on the conscience, a great disgrace, a great pain. And so the Church wants to help, to serve."

The pope told the crowd in St. Peter's that abortion "is a problem of individual as well as collective conscience," and

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'Life' Collection Sunday

Collections are scheduled this weekend at parishes throughout the diocese to mark Respect Life Sunday.

Proceeds will go the Office of Human Life.

Half of all the funds will be returned to the contributing diocesan region, to be concentrated on pastoral care services for women with distressful pregnancies — such as Marita House, Birthright, Life Line. Funds also will be made available regionally for eligible Right to Life groups.

Last year's collection raised \$23,621 of which \$11,970 went to such pastoral care groups as Birthright in each region.

The remainder of the collection was used for educational, legislative and administrative purposes. Parish contacts and pastoral care groups benefited from in-service education days. Bishop John E. McCafferty presided at a Jan. 22 liturgy (anniversary of the Supreme Court liberalized abortion decision) and the office staff provided many opportunities throughout the diocese for inquiry and education.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo

Turiano, diocesan Human Life coordinators, are hopeful about the coming year. "We believe there has been a sound beginning for the office. Our focus is clear — all human life is to be cherished because we are God's children from beginning to end, and we have been redeemed by the blood of our brother Jesus.

"We will continue supporting the pastoral area as before and hope to expand the program to peer ministry for women who have aborted and a call to reconciliation for them and all of us who have made bringing a child into the world such a burden," they said.

The Turianos said their "main thrust" in the coming year will be the establishment of the Congressional District Action Committee's program to help citizens form response to legislation concerning life issues and to work for a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution.

They praised "the support and encouragement of the people of the diocese" as "magnificent."