

Anti-Klan Group Marches

By John Dash

About 40 persons, representing, among other groups, three parishes and the Office of Black Ministries, demonstrated last weekend in downtown Rochester against what they see as a resurgence of Ku Klux Klan activity.

The incident which touched off the demonstration was the acquittal of six persons identified with the Klan and the American Nazi Party in Greensboro, N.C., of murder charges Nov. 17.

"I was stunned by the verdict," Dr. John Walker, chief of OBM and an organizer of the anti-Klan demonstration, said last week.

He considers the acquittal to be evidence of "growing respectability" the Klan may

be enjoying these days. As evidence, he charged that a Roman Catholic is now chief of the Klan in Maryland.

And for that very reason, he said, it is important for religious leaders to speak out against the group.

The demonstration was a picket line sponsored by the Rochester Anti-Klan Network, an organization founded at the urging of the Office of Black Ministries last summer, which includes such groups as Action for a Better Community, People's Energy Committee, Latin America Solidarity Committee, First Community Inter-Faith Institute, Metro-Act, Pan-African Cultural Project and Workers World Party.

Present also were representatives of St. Bridget's Church, and Father Daniel O'Shea, pastor; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, and Father Timothy McCluskey, pastor.



Dr. Walker discusses the Greensboro acquittal in the offices of the Peoples Energy Committee.

OLM Mass On Dec. 7

The Parents' Association of Our Lady of Mercy will be bringing in the Christmas spirit for the students and their families when they host the Advent Mass and Breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 7, 9:15 a.m.

The Mass will be celebrated by Father Vincent Panepinto, chaplain in the Motherhouse Chapel, 1437 Blossom Rd.

Legion of Mary Founder Dies

Dublin, Ireland (RNS) — Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary, one of the largest lay organizations in the Catholic Church, died here Nov. 7, at 91.

Mr. Duff, a Dubliner who left his job as a civil servant at the age of 44 to devote his life to the legion, remained active until his death.

Advent Program

Father John DeSocio will talk on "Advent, a Season of Reconciliation and Healing" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Monday, Dec. 15, in the St. Charles Borromeo library. The public is invited. The Legion of Mary, dedicated to the sanctification of its members and social work among the poor and underprivileged as well as to the recovery of fallen-away Catholics, was established here in 1921.

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SISTER JOAN SOBALA

Vocations Prayer Service

An evening of prayer "for any women interested in knowing more about religious life" will take place on Friday, Dec. 5 at St. Agnes High School Convent, 300 E. River Rd., Rochester, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, will direct the program and speak on "Jesus, the Women of His Time, and Us." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For further information those interested may contact Sister Kathleen Weider, (716)254-1325 or (716)458-3443.



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