



SISTER THERESA

Need Will Further Cause of Women

By John Dash

Need will be the principal reason women assume greater roles in ministry, Sister Theresa Kane, RSM, said last week. The Baltimore-based former head of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, who created a stir last year by publicly asking Pope John Paul II to allow women greater responsibilities in the Church, spoke in Rochester at the invitation of the Rochester Regional Task Force on Women in the Church.

Interviewed prior to her address, Sister Theresa said that she has seen in Latin America situations where women assume uncanny ministerial roles simply

because of the needs of the community.

She said that the recent request by the bishops of Indonesia to ordain laymen to serve on an "as needed" basis is indicative of the sort of change the universal church must face in the future.

In Latin America, she said, "needs are being met and women are acting out of the great needs they see."

"In the future, she said, 'the needs of the people will dictate ministerial services offered.'"

Women, she said, are simply assuming roles in ministry as "a response to dictates of the people."

Surgeon General Candidate Koop Seen As Pro-Life Advocate

By Ronn Brackin
Religion Today

Philadelphia — "Abortion is not a medical problem. It is a social problem. Doctors have been asked to become social executioners in order to bring about a better society — a far cry from the high calling to the healing art of medicine."

These are the words of E. Everett Koop, surgeon-in-chief at Philadelphia's Children's Hospital in his book, "Abortion in America." They are the beliefs of the man slated to serve as the next surgeon general of the United States.

On Feb. 13, Koop was appointed deputy assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, effective

March 9, but it will take an act of Congress to get him into the surgeon general's office by this summer. He is too old. Koop turned 64 in October, so the lawmakers will have to boost the age limit for him to be eligible for the post. Is it worth the effort? A look at the man might help decide.

His peers in the United Kingdom consider him worthy of the Denis Brown Gold Medal, that nation's highest award in pediatric surgery. And last year, Koop received the French Legion of Honor.

In the United States, Koop has trained nearly 50 resident pediatric specialists. Three-quarters of them are established as professors of pediatric surgery, chiefs of division of pediatric surgery in

the surgical departments of medical schools and surgeons-in-chief of children's hospitals.

Pediatric surgery itself was an infant when Koop arrived at Children's Hospital in 1946. Most surgeons merely dealt with children as if they were little adults. But Koop and a handful of other pioneers saw things differently and dedicated themselves to refining pediatric surgery into a specialty.

It is not surprising then that a man who has spent his life saving children should oppose the destruction of babies.

"We were told in the days before the Supreme Court abortion decisions that abortion-on-demand would reduce child abuse," Koop recalls. "Instead, child abuse has climbed by nearly 400 percent since 1973, even though we have prevented the birth of some eight million unwanted children through abortion."

Koop does not hesitate to link abortion to two other practices he considers equally abhorrent.

"The first is infanticide, the killing of a newborn by active or passive means because he is considered to have a life not worth living. What started off to be a woman's right to abortion-on-demand has become a woman's legal right to a dead baby. Infanticide," Koop states, "in reality is homicide."

Koop then addresses the other end of the age spectrum. His target is euthanasia, which he defines as "the termination of the life of a dependent individual allegedly for his own benefit."

Bishops to Discuss Campus Ministry

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will head a delegation of seven persons from the Rochester diocese to the annual meeting of the bishops of the state this week at Huntington, Long Island, which will concentrate on campus ministry.

Joining Bishop Clark for the conference, Thursday through Saturday at Immaculate Conception Seminary, will be Sister Shirley Pilot, diocesan director of Campus Ministry, and Father Gerald Appelby, co-director, and head of the diocesan Division of Special Ministries.

Others from the diocese going to the conference are Dr. Jonathan Bishop, professor of English at Cornell

University; Peter Hasby, a junior biology major at SUNY, Geneseo; Deborah Dooley, Newman Center member from the University of Rochester; Stephen Fletcher, photography major from Rochester Institute of Technology; Sister Kathleen Milliken, campus minister at SUNY, Brockport, and Christopher D. Felo, staff member of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, RIT.

The bishops and their delegations will consider the special religious needs of those involved in campus life. The conference will include multimedia presentations, talks, feedback sessions and other interaction programs.

Special Program Offered For Alcoholic's Family

The Rochester chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism will open a Family Alcoholism Education (FAE) program at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6 at the Health Association Annex, 973 East Ave.

Each program is a five-week unit designed to provide information and counseling to the families and friends of problem drinkers. Lectures by professionals, movies, guest speakers and group discussions are featured.

The program also is known locally as Make a Miracle Happen.

The program's objectives are to educate family members about alcoholism; to develop a new sense of direction and stability for the family; and to support the family in its attempts to help the drinking person face the realities of alcoholic behavior.

Persons wishing further information are asked to call (716) 271-3540.



Father Paul Brennan, pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, receives a \$500 check from Phil Fuhrer, president of the Rochester Press-Radio Club.

P-R Club Benefits Catholic Groups

The School of the Holy Childhood, St. Joseph's Villa, Immaculate Conception Church and the Special Olympics are among the early recipients of the Rochester Press-Radio Club's 1981 charitable donations, according to Phil Fuhrer, club president.

from the Gannett Rochester Newspapers to Shane Nelson, named the P-R Club's athlete of the year at its recent charity dinner, will be divided among Rochester area charities.

"The \$5,000 will be divided equally between Holy Childhood and St. Joseph's Villa according to Shane Nelson's instructions," Fuhrer explained.

A total of \$13,000, including a \$5,000 donation

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Making Retreats

The staff and 47 young people from St. Theodore's Church in Gates, accompanied by Father Gerald Dunn and David Faraone, participated in a retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House, March 11-13. It was the fifth annual retreat sponsored by the parish for its young people in the last four years.

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