

Sisters Mary Ann Binsack, Margaret Mary Mattle, Barbara Moore, Margaret Deegan and Jean Marie Kearse, superior general, review plans for the congregation's Dec. 12 celebration.

Rochester Mercies Note Congregational 150th

The Rochester Sisters of Mercy, a 287-strong community which has served in the area for the past 125 years, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of of the Irish foundation of their group Dec. 12, at the Motherhouse on Blossom

High Court Clarifies

Quality of Proof in

Obscenity Cases

Washington (RNS) — The

U.S. Supreme Court has ruled

that iuries in obscenity cases

are under no burden to prove

that the materials at issue are

obscene "beyond a reasonable

high court held in an unsigned

6-3 ruling, may be required by

the states in civil cases in-

volving obscene materials if

they so choose, but "that

choice is solely a matter of

state law." The federal constitution, the majority

insisted, does not require such

The appeal to the court was

brought by Santa Ana. Calif..

officials after a trial court

imposed the "beyond reasonable doubt" burden of

proof on a jury hearing a case

involving 17 films shown at a

17 were obscene bevond a reasonable doubt, while four

were not obscene. It was unable to reach a verdict on

Following the decision, the COURIER-JOURNAL

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Applying the standard, the jury concluded that 11 of the

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local theater.

the other two.

The standard of proof, the

McAuley in Dublin on Dec. 12, 1831. The group was to serve the poor, the sick and needy, and the uneducated.

Frances Warde, a friend and associate of Sister Catherine, brought the congregation to the United States in 1843. From a first settlement in Pittsburgh, The congregation was Sister Frances founded founded by Catherine congregations from New

city of Santa Ana filed a cross-

appeal, arguing in a California

appeals court that the

"beyond reasonable doubt"

standard is generally recognized to apply to

criminal, not civil cases. But

the state court rejected that

argument, thereby upholding

In reversing the California

panel, the high court majority

declared that the Supreme

Court "has never required the

'beyond a reasonable doubt'

standard to be applied in a

Although the majority ruling may help local officials

in the regulation of obscene materials by sending them a clear signal that the "beyond reasonable doubt" standard

does not have to be applied to

determine obscenity, ob-

servers here believe it does not

the jury finding.

civil case."

and Sister Barbara Moore.

A three-member panel will charism and the future. Panel members will be Sister general; Sister Muriel Curran, SSND, vicar for of Mercy from Pittsburgh.

and final reception.

England to Nebraska. The Rochester congregation dates its foundation to June 1857.

Saturday's program will emphasize the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are manifested differently in each person's ministry or service, Sister Elaine Kolesnik, spokesperson for the congregation said.

The day will be chaired by Sister Mary Ann Binsack, Sister Margaret Mary Mattle

speak on the Spirit in relationship to presence, Jean Marie Kearse, superior religious; and Sister Mary Fidelis McDonough, a Sister

A Mass celebrated by Father Robert Kennedy, diocesan director of continuing education, will close the festivities. The Mass, the theme of which is "Manifestation of the Spirit," will include a ceremonial renewal of baptismal vows by all present, and of religious vows by the Sisters. Co-workers of the Sisters are invited to the panel, liturgy

Youth Leader: Pro-Life More than Anti-Abortion

The pro-life movement should stand for more than just opposing abortion, according to the leader of the 30,000member National Youth Pro-Life Coalition.

Mary Anne Hughes, 22, an electrical engineer from Ft. Wayne, Ind., who was elected to a two-year term as president of the coalition, said her group tries to follow the "consistency principle." Therefore, it not only calls for an end to abortion but also opposes the death penalty, genetic engineering and the arms race.

"We say that if you take a pro-life position, to be consistent you need to look at many issues besides abortion,

Bishop Hickey Recovering

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey has been discharged from the hospital and will be convalescing at home. Bishop Matthew H. Clark asks for the continued prayers of all diocesans for his continued recovery.

Deadline

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For example, the coalition adopted a resolution at its 11th annual "Thanksgiving

for Life" convention here, supporting "education on draft alternatives" for young men who might be faced with a military draft.

"I'm not saying our peace platform commits us to a pacifist position," Ms. Hughes said, "but it commits us to find a positive solution to problems that could lead to war without resorting to an arms buildup.

Because of such stances, the coalition tries to maintain close ties to organizations "on both sides" of the political spectrum, she said.

Such contacts give the coalition activists a chance to "educate" liberals on the abortion issue and conservatives on such issues as peace, capital punishment, hunger and social justice, members believe.

Abortion remains the "spark" which brought the nonsectarian coalition into being and its main priority, but opposing human suffering is the underlying philosophy, Ms. Hughes said.

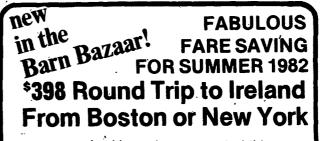
our group is abortion, since 1.5 million lives are lost each year in this way," she said.
"But we feel the pro-life position needs to go far beyond that one issue.

Children's **Entertainment**

There will be entertainment for children, ages 4-8, in the Children's Room of the downtown Rochester Public Library. There will be films and crafts from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. The program is free but registration is required. To register, phone 428-7360, or visif the second floor Children's Room.

Dec. 10 Luncheon

The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs will meet for its annual Christmas luncheon at noon, Thursday, Dec. 10, at Barry's Restaurant, 4370 Dewey Ave. For reservations call Ethel Comfort, chairman, at 482-



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