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Diocese Initiates Programs Supporting Hatch Amendment

This evening the diocese launches an educational effort aimed at securing passage of the Hatch Amendment.


The Human Life Commission has slated a number of programs designed to acquaint the public with Sen. Orrin Hatch's amendment which would allow both Congress and the states to enact legislation against abortion, the stricter law prevailing. It would declare that abortion is not a constitutional right as held by the 1973 Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade.

The effort, nationwide, has gathered the support of the U.S. bishops. Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York and Archbishop John R. Roach, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference, have both testified in the Senate in favor of the amendment.

Materials being distributed by the diocesan Office of Family Life and the diocesan Human Life Commission declare the Hatch Amendment would "Establish that there is no right to an abortion guaranteed by the Constitution; reverse the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision; specifically give to Congress power with the States to establish even more restrictive standards of protection for the unborn than set by an act of Congress. (But not less restrictive than the Congressional standards)."

The material also states, "With a coordinated major

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My dear Brothers and Sisters:

In November the Bishops of the United States gave full support to the passage of the Hatch Human Life Federalism Amendment.

The principle effects of adoption of the Hatch Amendment into our federal constitution would be to: (1) establish that no right to abortion is secured by the federal constitution, and (2) to give Congress power with the States to prohibit abortions.

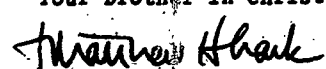
The Bishops judged it the most realistic and effective course of action open to us. It respects Catholic moral principles concerning life. In addition, the amendment offers the possibility of achieving broad-based support from the citizens of our country and offers the real hope that we can remedy the shame of abortion on demand in the United States.

This view is shared by the National Right to Life Committee which recently endorsed this effort.

I am asking for your prayers for the commitment to this important endeavor. Please study carefully the material concerning the Hatch Amendment to be published in the Courier-Journal in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or would like to offer your assistance, please call on the Human Life Commission at (716) 328-6400.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Your brother in Christ,

+Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester

effort the Hatch Human Life Amendment can be passed in this session of Congress. The necessary two-thirds can be obtained through: the votes of those who have already pledged to support other human life amendment proposals; together with those legislators who believe the question should be solved legislatively rather than through a constitutional

standard; and those legislators who have opposed abortion-on-demand but have favored more exceptions than contained in the traditional Human Life Amendment formulation.

"To vote against this type of Human Life Amendment requires a positive vote in favor of abortion-on-demand and the current political climate is such that fewer

politicians are willing to cast such a blatantly pro-abortion vote. Also, many congressmen are looking for a new way to cast a pro-life vote before the 1982 elections that they can still justify as consistent with their past statements and voting patterns. It will give other members of Congress a way to get the issue off their back for a while and into the states."

Appeal Pledges Top \$3 Million

The first annual Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal received pledges of \$3.1 million, exceeding its goal of \$2.2 million, Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced last week.

Cash received to date is \$1,875,710.93.

76,969 pledges have been made and 92 percent of the parishes and missions have reached their goals, with many substantially over them, the diocese announced.

Bishop Clark said the response was due to "the amazing generosity of our people who have shown their support and concern for diocesan programs."

"I am, of course, pleased by the financial support reflected in the total, but I am even



Bishop Clark, center, fields a reporter's question at the news conference announcing the success of the appeal. Flanking Bishop Clark are Glavin and Father Marvin.

more delighted that the appeal enabled us to explain the work of the diocese to all interested. I find especially heartwarming the genuine community spirit evidenced through such widespread cooperation with the appeal."

In addition, Bishop Clark expressed gratitude for the thousands of volunteers "who served so unselfishly," and for the work of the appeal's leaders.

"There are so many to thank," Bishop Clark said.

"but I am particularly grateful to John Glavin, our general chairperson and his very capable committee; Father James Marvin who coordinated the appeal; and Father Peter Bayer, our operations manager."



St. Patrick's Day, 1954, at the Courier-Journal office.

Msgr. Patrick Flynn Dies

Funeral rites were celebrated last week for Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, former pastor of both St. Agnes in Avon and St. Helen's churches, and former editor of the Courier-Journal.

A concelebrated Mass of Christ the High Priest and a pontifical Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated at St. Helen's Church. Msgr. Flynn died at St. Ann's Home where he had lived since March 1979, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1981.

Msgr. Flynn was born June 27, 1911, the son of Maurice and Elizabeth McCammon Flynn of Rochester. He attended St. Monica School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries before ordination on June 6, 1936.

He was first assigned as assistant pastor to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Rochester, then as assistant at Holy Rosary, and in 1943, editor of the Courier-Journal.

He served at the paper until 1958 when he took over the administration of St. Agnes in Avon. He was named pastor in 1962. In 1965 he was named pastor of St. Helen's in

Gates. He was named pastor emeritus of that parish on his retirement in 1978.

Msgr. Flynn served as diocesan director of the Holy Name Societies, succeeding, in 1948, Father F. William Stauder; held a leading role in the semi-annual conference of the New York State Council of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union in 1948, and was elevated to the rank of Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in 1956.

An auxiliary chaplain, Msgr. Flynn served the Catholic students in the Navy and Marines at the University of Rochester in 1946 and was honored by them after the final Mass for the outgoing unit in June 1946.

As editor of the Courier-Journal, he was widely known as an intermediary between employer and worker in labor disputes.

His column, "On Guard," was one of the leading features of the newspaper during his tenure as editor. His Advent and Lenten ar-

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Rochesterians Show Concern for Poland

Several hundred Rochesterians demonstrated their solidarity with the people of Poland at the public kick-off for funds to aid the Poles now living under martial law.

The demonstration, held Saturday at Midtown Plaza, was, however, only one of many signs of concern for the people living in Poland.

Pope John Paul II has increasingly voiced his concern over the events in his homeland. At his last general audience for 1981, the pontiff said he felt "trepidation" over the maintenance of martial law.

"Wherever in the world, in whatever state or system," he said, "it should arouse a just reaction caused by concern for mankind and respect for human rights."

"It would be difficult, therefore, for me not to express my trepidation, especially when it concerns my countrymen, the sons and daughters of my homeland," he said.

Noting the protests around the world, the pope said, "The anxiety of the world is growing, and so is the concern of the Church for those deprived of liberty — a just concern."

Locally, monies are being raised to send to Catholic Relief Services, which in turn will work through the Polish bishops conference for distribution of food.

The address of the fund, Tribute for Poland, is 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.