

# Survey Hints Tough Road for Hatch

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only stops abortions that are legal and safe."

Also opposed to the amendment is Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr., of the 35th District, which includes part of the Rochester diocese, but his reasoning is based on the separation of powers system.

Conable says he does not "personally approve of abortion as a means of birth control, nor do I approve of abortion on demand as a means of averting an unwanted pregnancy."

The veteran congressman added, "I find it difficult to support the Hatch-Ashbrook Amendment, however, because it would, in effect, bar access to judicial procedures which are guaranteed by our Constitution. This would be contrary to the basic separation of powers which we consider a fundamental provision of our system of government. I have opposed this type of approach on other issues in the past and believe we should seek other means of devising responsible public policy on this sensitive issue."

Another congressman

whose district includes part of the Rochester diocese, Rep. Stanley Lundine, 39th, is opposed to the amendment.

"I do not believe that the federal government should decide an issue on which there is no agreement among medical scientists and theologians. I especially do not believe that the U.S. Constitution should be involved in such a dispute."

Another longtime congressman, Samuel S. Stratton of the 28th District, takes a similar view: "I do not believe that a constitutional amendment is the proper way to handle the abortion issue."

Others opposed without comment are Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro, Richard Ottinger, Thomas J. Downey, S. William Green, Peter A. Peyser and Charles E. Schumer.

Rep. Gary A. Lee, whose 33rd District includes part of the Rochester diocese, is a supporter of the Hatch but added a proviso.

"It is important," he said, "to understand that even if Congress passes the Hatch-

Ashbrook Amendment, abortions will not be outlawed until and unless three fourths of the state legislatures also pass the proposed amendment. The ultimate decision on this issue would be left to the states. After much discussion with all concerned, I have concluded that I could support the Hatch-Ashbrook Constitutional Amendment if offered in the exact same wording in which it was reported from the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution on Dec. 16, 1981."

Also declaring support for the Hatch without further comment were Mario Biaggi, 10th District, and Gerald B. Solomon, 29th District.

Rochester's Rep. Frank Horton is undecided. He stated that the proposed amendment "empowers both the states and the Congress with the constitutional authority to restrict abortions. It has always been my opinion that abortion is an issue which should come under the jurisdiction of state govern-

ments, not the federal government. Whether this resolution achieves this objective in the most equitable or legal manner can only be determined after careful committee consideration. Since the House Judiciary Committee has not yet acted on the Ashbrook resolution, it would be premature to embrace it without the full benefit of testimony and debate."

Rep. Joseph R. Addabbo of the 7th District likewise is

awaiting "the final version of the bill" before deciding. Also undecided is Rep. Donald J. Mitchell of the 31st District.

Representatives who declined to answer the survey are William Carney, 1st District; Gregory W. Carman, 3rd; Norman F. Lent, 4th; Raymond J. McGrath, 5th; Benjamin S. Rosenthal, 8th; James B. Scheuer, 11th; Shirley Chisholm, 12th; Stephen J. Solarz, 13th; Fred Richmond, 14th; Leo C. Zeferetti, 15th; Guy V.

Molinari, 17th; S. William Green, 18th; Charles B. Rangel, 19th; Robert Garcia, 21st; Jonathan B. Bingham, 22nd; Hamilton Fish Jr., 25th; Benjamin A. Gilman, 26th; Matthew H. McHugh, 27th; David O'B. Martin, 30th; George Wortley, 43rd; John J. LaFalce, 36th; Henry J. Nowak, 37th; and Jack F. Kemp, 38th.

The districts represented by McHugh and LaFalce include portions of the Rochester diocese.

## Seven Last Words

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reminding others of the Father's invitation to life, when we teach that there is no skirting the Hill of Calvary, that suffering is very much a part of the true disciple's life and that there is no resurrection without a crucifixion, then we continue Jesus' mission as prophet. And when we guide those committed to our care by the way we live, our values, our priorities, our rejection of the

glamour of the evil around us, when we are attentive to setting good example, we continue His mission as king.

Then the Father sees and loves in us what He sees and loves in Christ. Then we make blossom what is latent within us, this great capacity that God instilled in each of us, the capacity to love more generously than we thought possible.

And we quench His Son's thirst.

## Kathleen Kircher Heads U.S. Group

Kathleen L. Kircher has been named executive director of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, and the national office of that organization is moving to Rochester.

Ms. Kircher replaces Sister Paula Ripple, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, who is pursuing another ministry.

Ms. Kircher served for five years as the director of the diocesan ministry to the divorced and separated, leaving that post about a year ago.

A speaker, author, and counselor, Ms. Kircher holds a master's degree in adult and adolescent counseling from Boston College and is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Ms. Kircher said that the office will be on the campus of

Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Bexley Hall, Crozer Theological Seminary, and will be called on to "enrich" divinity school programs. She said that she is developing "a module in family ministry groups... and I will plug into the school as a resource for the students."

During the past year, Ms. Kircher has been working at Rochester General Hospital, in separation from the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Both those experiences, she said, have given her knowledge and skills she will be able to use in her new post.

Ken Coyne, chairman of the board of the national organization, said, "While we regretted to accept Sister Paula's resignation, we are absolutely delighted to find someone of Kathleen's background and talents to fill the gap."

## Dinner to Aid Polish Refugees

Because the pierogi went like hotcakes in January when a dinner was sponsored, the Rochester community plans a repeat performance Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, to aid Polish refugees.

## Collection To Aid CRS

A special collection will be taken next weekend at all parishes to aid distressed peoples around the world. The annual Bishops Overseas Lenten Collection goes to fund Catholic Relief Services.

During the past year, CRS activities have centered on aid to Poland and Central American refugees. Long-range programs provide nutrition assistance to such hunger areas as Africa, Asia and Latin America.

(Hudson Avenue and Norton Street). Homemade Polish food, including pierogi, golambki, kapusta, sausage and pastries will be served and will cost as little as \$5.

Proceeds will help refugees from Poland find new homes in Rochester. The dinner is the first fund-raiser of a local committee formed to aid such resettlement of thousands of Poles who have fled their homeland since martial law was declared.

At the January dinner, 1,700 people made short work of 4,500 homemade pierogi served by the Polish Women's Alliance.

Meanwhile, the Polish Tribute Fund is nearing the \$100,000 mark with nearly \$95,000 collected as of last Friday. Anyone wishing to contribute should donations to Tribute to Poland, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

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