

50 Join Corning Anti-Abortion March

Corning — About 50 people made the march down Market Street in Corning May 22, despite the constant drizzle, to register their opposition to abortion.

Then, joined by 20 more persons, the group heard three speakers at the Nassar Civic Center.

The event was sponsored by the Corning Area Right to Life Action Committee. Joining the protest were all of Corning's priests, and several residents of the area as well as of Chemung County.

The event drew counter-protestors, two women who walked at the back of the march carrying signs supporting "freedom of choice." At the Nassar center, several of those from the main group approached them and discussed the issues with them.



Marchers proceeding down Market Street.

The speakers were Dr. Rudolph Carlstein, RTL medical advisor from Broome County; Lawrence Washburn, RTL legal advisor from New York City; and Olivia Curtin, co-director of Birthright of Binghamton.

Carlstein discussed the safety of abortions, beginning, "we know it's not safe for the baby."

The operation is relatively

safe for the mother, he said, but studies being done in Europe are discovering complications in women who have had abortions in the past.

Among women who have had an abortion, he said, the studies show a 50 percent increase in spontaneous abortions, a 40 percent increase in prematurity, and a five percent permanent

sterility. He said several European countries have been performing abortions for longer periods of time than has the United States, and they have more data. He said the medical problems have caused one Eastern European country, Hungary, to launch a campaign against abortion.

"It is certainly not a safe

procedure," he said, "certainly not as safe as the proponents of abortion would have us believe."

Washburn's theme was "knowledge imposes responsibility," as he tried to impart that knowledge and responsibility to his audience.

He traced the legal events leading to the current situation with regard to abortion, and criticized the legal arguments used to justify it.

Following the action of the courts, he said, it is necessary "to get a new necessary constitutional amendment to straighten that out."

He urged local residents to organize, to put pressure on local hospitals to stop doing abortions, and to try to intercede with pregnant women before they have an abortion.

Corning Hospital, Washburn said, "should be encouraged to live up" to its purpose of preserving life. He suggested the group ask the administration to stop allowing abortions in the hospital. "If they don't respond, get your signs and picket them until they do."

Mrs. Curtin explained the operation of her organization, which helps women with problem pregnancies.

Aquinas Names Dean of Women

The appointment of Mrs. Mary Ellen Tomanovich as dean of women at Aquinas Institute, effective Sept. 1982, was announced by Father Joseph Moffatt, principal.



MRS. TOMANOVICH

Mrs. Tomanovich has been a member of the Aquinas faculty for five years and teaches remedial reading and freshman English. She has a BA in English from LeMoyné College and a masters degree in Education from Nazareth College. She resides in the town of Greece with her husband Milo and four sons. Among her interests are reading, furniture refinishing and gardening.

Nuclear Arms Topic

Naples — "War without Winners," a half-hour film on nuclear war, will be shown as part of a program from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, June 5, at St. Januarius Church Hall, North Main Street, Naples.

The film addresses the question, "What can we do to avoid nuclear war?" It was directed by Haskell Wexler who did "One Flew over the

Cuckoo's Nest," and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf."

The community-wide informational program about the nuclear arms race is being sponsored by St. Januarius.

Speakers from the Northwest Steuben Nuclear Freeze Society will discuss the aspects of the nuclear arms race and what can be done to stop it.

Dr. Sheehan Here

Dr. George Sheehan, cardiologist, runner and writer, will address diners at a "Spaghetti Supper," 7 p.m., June 18 at Building 335 cafeteria, Xerox Webster. Tickets at \$5 are available from the Genesee Valley

Chapter of the American Heart Association, which is co-sponsoring the event with Xerox Health Management Program.

St. Patrick's, Bp. Hogan, to Celebrate

St. Patrick's parish in Victor is helping Bishop Joseph L. Hogan celebrate his 40th year in the priesthood. Celebrations will begin with a 9 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Hogan, on Sunday, June 6, and followed by a brunch at the Whistle Stop

Restaurant. On Wednesday evening, June 9, there will be a dinner in his honor also at the Whistle Stop beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m., and followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Brunch tickets are \$4.25 per

person, and dinner fee is \$7.35. All are invited to participate in the special events. For further information or reservations call Monica Murphy at 924-7703, or Nancy Johnstone at 924-2067.

Parents Club Plans Reception

The St. Agnes High School Parents Club plans a reception to honor the faculty and staff of the school on June 13. A Mass will be celebrated at noon in the auditorium, followed by a reception until 3 p.m.

Father Walter Cushing, a chaplain at St. Agnes for 17 years, will celebrate the Mass.

The Parents Club will honor all faculty and staff. Special recognition will be extended to Sister Anne Guerin, celebrating her 25th anniversary this summer as a Sister of St. Joseph; Louise Hoefen, who has taught at the

school for 25 years, and Catherine McGowan, who has been on the staff for 25 years.

Students and their families, alumnae and all friends of the school are invited, according to Ruth Dengler, Parents Club president.

Deaths

Mary Gervasi

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Gervasi (Orlando) was celebrated by her son, Father Richard Orlando, May 8, 1982, at St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester.

Mrs. Gervasi is also survived by two other sons, Ronald and Donald, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary Margaret Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Orlando is pastor of St. Michael Church in Lyons.

ROSE DAY LUNCH

The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs plans its annual Rose Day Luncheon for Thursday, June 10, at the Oak Hill Country Club. Reservations may be made through Joan Weiss, 225-3145, by June 5.

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Pilgrimage Planned

A Rosary Rally is planned at Auriesville for Sunday, July 11. The pilgrimage will leave from Our Lady of Victory

Church at 7 a.m. The number for further information is 586-1664.

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