



**Family Baptism**

Father Eugene F. McCarty, 73, left, from the Diocese of Dallas, baptizes his great granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn, at Nativity of Our Lord Church in Warminster, Pa., as the infant's grandfather, Eugene Jr., center, parents Lois and Thomas McCarty, right, and sponsors look on. Father McCarty, who also has 23 other grandchildren and 10 children, became a priest in 1981 following the earlier death of his wife. (RNS)

**Abp. Marcinkus . . .**

**Man in the Middle**

Vatican City (RNS) — Despite widespread speculation about his involvement in one of Italy's largest postwar finance scandals, American Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus will probably remain at his powerful post as president of the Vatican bank, Church sources said.

Italian and foreign press reports have suggested that the Cicero, Illinois-born prelate, who has risen higher than any other American in the Vatican hierarchy, could lose his job as a result of his dealings with the scandal-ridden Banco Ambrosiano.

But the Church sources said it was highly improbable that Archbishop Marcinkus would be asked to step down anytime soon.

Vatican finances are scheduled to be reviewed next November during an extraordinary assembly of cardinals in Rome. The sources said Archbishop Marcinkus might then be asked to furnish explanations regarding the dealings of the Vatican bank, known as the Institute for Religious Works. But until then he is safe, say the sources.

In his only response to insistent questions by journalists, Archbishop Marcinkus denied reports that he was risking indictment for fraud for his dealings with the Ambrosiano.

"I have never done anything that could be considered fraud," he was quoted as having said. He also denied the rumors that he was planning to resign, adding, "I am completely unaware of any move by the Holy Father to get rid of me."

It will probably be several months, however, before the complex network of banking activities is clarified.

The Ambrosiano affair is not the first scandal the American archbishop has weathered and survived.

Appointed to the institute in 1971 by Pope Paul VI, the prelate had dealings with convicted bank swindler Michele Sindona, who oversaw the sale of Church investments in Italy for re-investment in foreign enterprises. Sindona is now serving a 25-year sentence in the United States for fraud in connection with the collapse in 1974 of the Franklin National Bank of New York — the biggest bank failure in U.S. history. The Vatican reportedly lost heavily from Sindona's transactions, but the amount and details have never been made public.

Many churchmen expected Archbishop Marcinkus to lose his post after Pual VI's death in 1978. Instead, Pope John Paul II appointed him head of the Vatican City state government as well.

The six-foot-four-inch, 230-pound Lithuanian-American has also doubled as the pope's personal bodyguard on his numerous trips abroad. Twice he has been credited with saving John Paul's life.

Earlier this year, before the latest storm began to brew, he was widely expected to be promoted cardinal at the next consistory.

**Battle Re-Creation to Highlight Museum's 'Revolutionary' Weekend**

Members of the National Brigade of the American Revolution will participate in a re-creation of a Revolutionary War Battle on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 and 8, in the Great Meadow area of the Genesee Country Museum, Mumford.

The museum's annual "Battle of Flint Hill" will be only one part of a great number of 18th century happenings. Members of the brigade will also demonstrate skills such as blacksmithing, gunsmithing, cabinet making,

weaving, spinning, and other colonial crafts.

In addition, fifers, drummers and bagpipers will regale visitors with 18th century martial music.

The museum will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, and at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8. Numerous activities are scheduled during the day on Saturday, with the battle beginning at 3 p.m.

An 18th century church parade will open festivities on Sunday, with clergy dressed in authentic vestments from that time period. The day will close with the retreat ceremony at 4 p.m., where the "loser" of the battle leads a formal retreat, with all protocol followed in the exchange of courtesies between opposing units.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children six through 14. Children under six and museum members are admitted free. Reduced rates are available for reserved groups of 20 or more and may be

made by calling the museum tour office, (716) 538-2887.

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**National ME Conference Scheduled for Aug. 5-8**

Ithaca — As many as 2,000 people are expected at Ithaca College Aug. 5-8 for a National Marriage Encounter Conference.

The conference's theme is "Rejoice!"

The conference will be the first time a national conference has been conducted on the east coast, and the first time children have been invited.

The conference will begin on Thursday evening with a presentation by Tony Compolo, a Baptist minister

who has lectured throughout the United States, specializing in family relationships.

Sandra Read Brown and William Oglesby, both ordained Presbyterian ministers, will address the entire conference on Friday morning on the subject of Couple and Family Dynamics.

Saturday morning, Father Gabriel Calvo, the founder of Marriage Encounter, will speak on family relationships. He also will present a workshop on family Saturday afternoon.

Camille Wade Maurice, a human resource and education specialist, will speak on self-love Sunday morning.

A variety of workshops will be offered in addition to the featured presentations. Subjects will include parenting, love, death and dying, music, feelings of the handicapped, and more.

Those who wish may participate in portions of the conference. Further information is available from Helen and Fran Sullivan, (607) 533-7565.

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