



### Workshop on Appeal

Bishop Matthew H. Clark spoke to representatives of 25 parishes and missions in Livingston and northern Steuben counties last Wednesday at a workshop meeting at St. Mary's School. Attending were volunteer workers for the second annual Thanks Giving Appeal.

## Sister Nancy Kelly Slates Final Vows

Sister Nancy Kelly will profess her final vows as a Sister of Mercy during a Mass in the motherhouse chapel, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9.

She will preside at the rites. The theme Sister Nancy has chosen for the celebration, and the motto engraved in her ring is, "Here I am, Lord."

Father Gerald T. Connor, pastor of St. Pius Tenth Church, Rochester, will

The athletic director and assistant disciplinarian at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sister Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of Dansville, parishioners at St. Mary's Church there. Sister Nancy lives at St. Rita's in West Webster.



SISTER NANCY

Dame High School in Elmira for three years. She returned to Mercy in 1980.

She also worked several summers (1976-1978) at Camp Stella Maris in varying capacities, including co-director.

She graduated from Dansville Central High School in 1971. She received an AS degree from Mount Ida Junior College and, in 1975, a BS in physical education from Ithaca College.

That year she entered the Mercy congregation and taught physical education and coached sports at Mercy High School for a year. After her canonical year, she taught physical education at Notre

### Police Issue To Be Aired

"Consolidated Police: What's Happening?" will be the topic under discussion at the 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7 meeting of the League of Women Voters/Rochester Metro. The meeting will be at the Baptist Temple, corner of Highland Avenue and Clover Street. Former Rochester chief of police Thomas Hastings, who is chairman of the Monroe County Implementation Committee on Metro Police, will be principal speaker.

### Sarah Child



All in the Family

### The Fine Art Of Surviving

"There are the survivors and there are those who would rather take 50 pills and just slip under. All human beings divide into those two groups." Those words by a nurse at the Rusk Institute hand clinic formed part of a gripping story which appeared recently in the Sunday New York Times Magazine.

Written by reporter Nan Robertson, it told of her fight to stay alive after succumbing to toxic shock syndrome.

From the horror of the initial attack through the days she lay near death to the painful physical therapy she underwent, Nan painted an almost too realistic picture of what she endured.

One result of the illness was that all her fingertips became gangrenous and had to be amputated. The exercises prescribed afterward in order that she might regain use of her fingers were agonizing but she persevered "working through pain to healing."

A riveting account from start to finish, it was the nurse's words to Nan during her physical therapy, however, that lingered long after the reading.

The therapist was speaking of life/death situations but it occurred to this reader that the same categorizations often hold true for the routine of daily life as well.

There are those, for example, who are always

looking for the easy way out, taking the path of least resistance through life's small adventures.

They settle for seeing the movie instead of reading the book; never trying any food than the kind their mother cooked and served; relying always on the car instead of their feet. When they turn 40 they begin to anticipate retirement, hardly able to wait until they can turn the job and the problems over to someone else.

Their opposites are those who can never find enough time to try all the interesting things that come their way. They spend their lives sampling new ideas, rejecting some, embracing others, but always aware of the vast range of options open to them.

And entering their late years, they seem to hit their stride, sometimes saying good-bye to lifelong occupations only to go back to college to study something new or take up painting, or sculpture or gardening or some other creative pursuit.

These, too, are survivors, their counterparts more dead than alive.

## Chairpersons Hold Key To Success of Appeal

One of the principal keys to a successful Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal lies with the work of the area chairpersons:

— Receive cluster reports and transmit them to diocesan headquarters;

— Assure that followup of

the appeal is carried out in all parishes in their areas.

— Participate in the evaluation process after the appeal.

Just what do they do? Mainly, they are responsible for recruiting and coordinating the efforts of the area vice chairpersons in their particular areas.

The chairs are split among five geographical areas of the diocese — two each in the Northeast and Northwest areas, and one each in Auburn, Southern Tier East and Southern Tier West.

In addition to coordinating efforts within their area, the chairpersons also:

— Preside over the bishop's seminars;

— Preside over orientating meetings and maintain contact with their AVCs to verify progress throughout the appeal;

— Assure that the AVCs establish and maintain communication with pastors, parish chairpersons and appeal secretaries;



### New Chairpersons

Kay and William Sponn of Paul Road, Gates, become the first husband/wife team to direct a region for the Annual Thanks Giving Appeal. The Sponns will head the Northwest Region, replacing Constance Mitchell. Sponn was a vice-chairman of this region last year. He is employed as a Marketing Communications Supervisor at Eastman Kodak Company. The Sponns are members of St. Helen's Parish and their involvements there include Parish Council, Rosary Society, and Religious Education (CCD).

## Nathanson

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His idea is that such an establishment would contravene "reportage which is largely emotional and incendiary." "I really think it's long overdue," he said. Such a system would be

funded not only by private donations but also by government grants, he said.

The prospects for enacting anti-abortion legislation, he said, are "dim" but because there are so many variables involved, he said, the pro-life movement still could rally itself to correcting the

Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision.

And, he said, that could take a great deal of time, as long as a decade.

But, "technology will make abortion a non-issue in ten years," he said, citing research in fetal implants.

## Abortionist Key: Anti-Catholicism

Anti-Catholicism was the vehicle used to popularize abortion among the American people, Dr. Bernard Nathanson told some 200 persons at Monroe Community College last Saturday night.

Dr. Nathanson was one of the original leaders of the pro-abortion movement and by personal count was responsible for some 60,000 abortions. He later became convinced that the fetus is a human being from conception and now is a staunch pro-life adherent.

He was one of the co-founders of the National Abortion Rights Action League and said he "sold abortion to the public" by identifying the pro-life movement with "the Roman Catholic Church. Anti-

Catholicism has historically been a subtle but productive political tactic of the liberal camp."

Abortionists "also denigrated any scientific evidence that life begins at conception — we insisted that it was theological/legal/ethical/philosophical — but not scientific."

"We had to capture the media," he said. He claims that the media leaders in the Northeast particularly, but also in other parts of the nation, are "irretrievably liberal." They used such propaganda as "one religious faith has decided to impose its dogma on others." He said NARAL promulgated openly anti-Catholic releases.

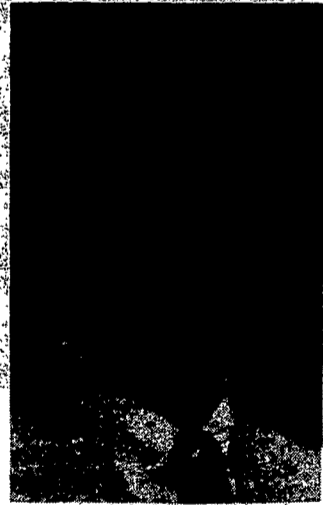
"If we had used Jewish or black, the media would have executed us. But using Catholic makes it okay," he said.

Dr. Nathanson besides his criticism of the press also had harsh words for the medical profession — "If abortions were free," the medical profession would oppose them.

Dr. Nathanson feels that the still-developing science of fetology will eventually convince all that life begins at

"As a scientist, I know — not believe — that life begins at conception." — Carmen Vigucci.

### Business in Diocese



L.J. OBERLIES

Lawrence J. Oberlies has been elected president of the Estate Planning Council of Rochester.

Oberlies is vice president and trust officer of Marine Midland Bank and resides with his wife and eight children in Penfield. He is a graduate of Aquinas Institute, Holy Cross College and Albany Law School and serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Villa and trustee of Aquinas Institute.

He is a member of St. Joseph's parish in Penfield and of the Irondequoit Council, Knights of Columbus.

The council is composed of 230 active and 30 retired members representing law, life underwriting, accounting and trust banking.

### Computers

The continuing education department at St. John Fisher College is offering a computer course beginning Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The fee is \$50 and the course is limited to 25 students. For further information contact Office of Continuing Education, 586-4140, ext. 365.