



John C. Menihan in his studio. A native Rochesterian, Menihan has taught at the University of Rochester and the Memorial Art Gallery. He is a member of the National Academy of Design, American Society of Graphic Artists, American Watercolor Society and a fellow of the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Menihan Retrospective Staged at Nazareth

Nazareth College Arts Center will host a "John C. Menihan Retrospective Exhibition" Sunday, Oct. 2 through Sunday, Oct. 30. The exhibit will feature 125 examples of the celebrated artist's work from the '20s to the '80s, ranging from the portraits that established his reputation early in his career to the experimental painting of later years.

Chicago Jesuit Elected to Post

Rome (NC) -- A Chicago Jesuit, Father John J. O'Callaghan, was elected one of the four general assistants to Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, superior general of the Society of Jesus.

The others assistant generals are Father Michael Amaladoss of India, Father Simon Decloux of Belgium and Father Juan Ochagavia of Chile. The election took place during the 33rd general congregation of the Jesuits at their headquarters in Rome.

Fathers Decloux and Ochagavia were elected Sept. 21, and Fathers O'Callaghan and Amaladoss, Sept. 22.

Father O'Callaghan, 52, has been president of the Jesuit Conference in Washington for the past three years.

A native of Mamaroneck, N.Y., a suburb of New York City, Father O'Callaghan entered the Jesuits in 1949 and was ordained a priest in 1962 at West Baden, Ind.

Arts Fair

The St. Cecilia's Home School Association is sponsoring its second annual Arts and Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8 at the school, 2732 Culver Road. According to Anne Kremer, chairperson, a large and varied group of artists will be on hand to offer a large selection of items. Refreshments will be served.



Amendment Author Featured

State Right To Life Convention Scheduled Saturday, Oct. 22

Illinois Congressman Henry J. Hyde will be the keynote luncheon speaker at the State Right To Life Convention on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn.

The congressman is the author of the Hyde Amendment which, since 1976, has banned the use of federal funds to pay for abortions except in cases where the life of the mother is endangered. This past January, he introduced the Respect Human Life Act of 1983 in the House of Representatives.

The day-long convention will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m., and include panel discussions on such topics as "Abortion and the Protestant Community," "Current

Issues and Strategies: Federal and State," and "Personal and Family Crises of Unplanned Teen Pregnancy."

After lunch, Olivia Gans of Monmouth, N.J., an organizer of the group Women Exploited by Abortion (WEBA), will discuss the physical and psychological effects of abortion as actually experienced. WEBA, which has been reaching out for just a few years to women who have had abortions, already has chapters in many states across the country.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who presided over 60,000 abortions and then wrote the book, "Aborting America," will be on hand to deliver an address. Dr. Nathanson is an avowed secular humanist

who now champions the cause of the helpless unborn.

Other featured convention speakers include Indiana attorney James Bopp Jr. who will discuss "Legal Issues of Abortion," and Father William Smith, who will explore "Genetic Engineering." Father Smith is dean of moral theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Bopp and Father Smith

will also participate in a panel discussion on infanticide at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn. Other panelists will be local attorneys Judith M. Norman and Vincent M. Barone, and local pediatrician Lawrence F. Nazarian, M.D. This discussion is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild and the diocesan Human Life Commission.

St. Anthony's Plans New Spot for Bell

Elmira -- A bell crafted early in the century will play a role in the 75th anniversary celebration of St. Anthony's Church here.

This Saturday afternoon, the Welliver Construction Co. will use its 30-ton hydraulic crane to lift the 400-pound bell from the roof of the church-school building where it has been silently sitting for 36 years. It will be placed on a specially prepared cradle in a grassy plot to the right of the front door of the church, according to Father James P. Collins, pastor. The cradle was built by the Triangle Steel Co. of Horseheads.

When the former St. Anthony Church-school was gutted by fire in 1947, the bell was one of the few objects to survive. When the new build-

ing was erected, it was placed on the roof.

The bell was struck in West Troy in 1915 by the Meneely Bell Co. and "dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, and to St. Anthony of Padua by the Italian people of Elmira and Rev. A. Gabboni."

Frank Savino, a parishioner and an artisan of brick and stone, will construct a skirt around the cradle base. Next year, the grass in the bell plot will be removed and brick will be inlaid, in the style of pavement in Roman piazzas, according to Father Collins. The pastor brought one of the paving stones from the Appian Way back from Rome last May and it will be placed along with other bricks to give a touch of the Eternal City to the miniature St. Anthony piazza.

Expand Tax Credits To Public Schools, USCC Board Urges

Washington (NC) -- The Administrative Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference voted Sept. 14 to urge expanding tuition tax credit benefits to include public as well as private schools.

The proposed revision in S. 528, the tuition tax credit legislation passed by the Senate Finance Committee, would bring the bill more in line with a Minnesota statute which the Supreme Court has upheld as constitutional.

The Administrative Board, made up of 47 bishops, is responsible for USCC policy between general meetings of U.S. bishops. The USCC is the public policy arm of the bishops.

Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, USCC general secretary, said the board's decision was made because of political, not constitutional, concerns. "From a legal point of view it's not a move that has to be done, but given the political climate it could gain more support" if it were closer to the Minnesota example that was upheld June 29, he said.

The board, however, recommended that the federal program continue as a tax credit plan, not a tax deduction one. The Minnesota statute provides tax deductions to parents of public and private elementary and sec-

ondary school students for education expenses.

To receive a tuition tax credit a taxpayer figures out taxes, then subtracts the amount of the credit. The Minnesota deduction includes 15 deduction items for tuition and school supplies which are applied to the adjusted gross income before the state tax is computed.

The tax credit proposal would, after a two-year phase-in period, give a credit for half the tuition paid, up to \$300. The phase-in allows for a \$100 maximum the first year and a \$200 maximum the second year. The Minnesota plan has given an average tax saving of \$56 for parents of elementary school children and \$98 for secondary school students, according to estimates by Minnesota non-public school administrators.

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