



Bishop Clark Visits DeSales

Bishop Matthew H. Clark stopped in Geneva last Friday as part of his Crossroads II journey and met with the students of DeSales High School for some

impromptu discussion. Following a prayer service in the gymnasium and a brief meeting with the school's board of directors, the bishop visited each classroom to talk with the students.

Crucifix Dispute Intensifies

Garmolin, Poland (NC) -- A Polish bishop said March 27 that he was beginning a bread-and-water fast to protest the refusal of government authorities to return crucifixes to the classrooms of a state agricultural school.

Bishop Jan Mazur, 63, whose Siedlce Diocese includes the school, announced his action to 2,500 people during a Mass at Garwolin, 40 miles southeast of Warsaw.

"Starting from today, as long as you are in trouble, my daily meal will consist of bread and water," Bishop Mazur said. "We will try this method."

The bishop's announcement came a few hours after Polish authorities reopened the agricultural school in Mietno, near Garwolin,

where a one-day student occupation was staged March 7 to protest the removal of crucifixes.

Authorities closed the school the day after the protests, and later attempted to force students and their parents to sign statements proclaiming obedience to school authorities. Unless the statements were signed, authorities said, students would not be readmitted.

On March 20, after a meeting with authorities, Bishop Mazur said that the signed statements would not be required. This was viewed as a minor concession by authorities, who still insisted that crucifixes would not be returned.

But when the school was reopened March 27, the declaration was still being re-

quired. Only a handful of the school's 600 students had said they signed the statements, despite several extensions of the deadline for signing. Many students said they are ready to quit or transfer from the school.

At the end of his sermon, Bishop Mazur noted that his contacts with Communist authorities have not changed the government's position on the crucifix issue. Then he announced his fast.

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McQuaid's annual BASH is Friday and Saturday, April 6-7 in the school gym. Friday evening will feature live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and the opportunity to purchase items from an international boutique and silent auction. There will be a formal dinner Saturday night followed by an oral auction conducted by Harris Wilcox. Surveying one of the auction items are Elaine Smillie, chairman; Jerry Kearney, BASH Executive secretary and in back row, Fraser Smillie, chairman; Fathers Richard Noonan, BASH coordinator and James Keenan, rector/president.

Pro-Life Momentum Lost: Dr. Jefferson

Philadelphia (NC) -- The pro-life movement has lost some of the momentum it had when Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980 and must "regain its focus," Dr. Mildred Jefferson, president of the Right to Life Crusade, told supporters in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jefferson, who recently announced she is a candidate for U.S. senator from Massachusetts, was the main speaker March 1 at the annual "Celebrate Life Dinner" sponsored by the Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

"The mighty army of the cause is on the move but our troops have been disrupted. Our effort has lost its focus," Ms. Jefferson told more than 950 people attending the event.

"In 1980, with the coalition of the pro-life and the pro-family groups that led to the election of Ronald Reagan, we had the momentum to pass the entire legislative agenda, including a human life amendment to the Constitution," she said.

"Yet we lost that momentum," Ms. Jefferson added. "We allowed our ad-

versaries to indeed snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat because they never stopped working."

The former president of the National Right to Life Committee said opponents to a life amendment continued to run full-page ads and to use other means to sway "even the most dedicated members of Congress" until a human life amendment was "impossible."

"At this point we must regain our focus," Ms. Jefferson continued. "We must remember the reasons for which we have organized a national right-to-life effort -- that our objective is to restore the legal protection of all born and unborn."

"It is a fight which we must win, not because we believe our cause is just but because the future of this nation and the future of the world depends on this outcome," she said.

Ms. Jefferson, assistant clinical professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, is seeking the Republican nomination for the seat being vacated this year by Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass.

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