

## Vatican Newspaper Condemns Frozen Embryo Method

Vatican City (NC) -- The frozen embryo method, involving the implantation of a frozen human embryo in a womb after in vitro fertilization, was condemned in an April 18 editorial in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

The editorial said the method involves masturbation and artificial insemination of humans, activities previously condemned by the church.

In vitro fertilization involves removing eggs and fertilizing them in a laboratory.

The editorial commented on the birth in Australia of Baby Zoe, the world's first frozen embryo baby, and was written by Franciscan Father Gino Concetti, a theologian who writes frequently in L'Osservatore Romano.

"We understand sterile couples' desire to have children, but it must be stressed that not everything one desires is right and not even scientific progress can make it so," said the editorial.

"What matters most is not that a child is obtained, but that it is obtained in a human manner," it added.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

## Some Letters Written

To TV station WXXI, Rochester:

Please let me inform you that your Sunday night "Bless Me, Father" has brought a lot of smiles, a lighter heart and joy to many people. The humor, which is reminiscent of Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald, has delighted many people whom I have met, and who ask: "Have you seen 'Bless Me, Father'?" And they are smiling broadly. Thank you.

To Christmas gift givers:

A priest friend of mine, some years ago, had a bundle of "thank you" cards in his hand. It was near Thanksgiving time. He smiled as he said: "These are Christmas 'thank you' notes. A bit late, but finally." And I am in the same boat, excepting now it is only Easter time. Many people sent me Christmas gifts: cash, checks, foods (usually the ultra-fatteners), stuff, spiritual bouquets. For the life of me, I don't remember who were thanked and who were not. So this is a hearty "thank you for your Christmas gift" to each and all.

One hitch. I endorsed several checks and sent them in an envelope to Sister Pat Flynn who does great work running St. Michael's Wood Shop. This shop Sister Pat runs -- to train young black boys in carpentry and sundry wood finishing -- to give them a skill, leading to a job, and a healthy self-esteem. She used to get funds from CETA, but that was discontinued by the Federal Government in its economy endeavours. She receives no help from the diocese or any government or civic groups, and is dependent on donations from friends of the underprivileged. I sent a bundle of Christmas checks to her old address on Joseph Avenue, Rochester, but she had since moved to St.

Andrew's convent, and never got the checks. They were not cashed by whoever lifted the envelope. So to the donors (I do not know who most of them are), if your check isn't returned cancelled, balance your checkbook accordingly, and the Lord bless you. If anyone want to help her in her work for the underprivileged, send a check to Sister Pat Flynn, R.S.M., St. Andrew's Convent, 81 Barberry Terrace, Rochester, 14621.

To Father Robert Kanka, Trumansburg:

Thank you for your invitation to care for St. James, Trumansburg during the week Aug. 6-11. I regret that my happiness in covering your parish is not entirely a noble ambition to serve Our Lord and His people, though they are certainly included. But it will give me a chance to see people in the Ovid, Geneva and Ithaca area where I have friends of many years. My early priesthood, from 1939-42 was at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, serving under Father Byrne. Fathers Don Cleary and Bob Kress were also there. I went into the service, the Air Corps, from there in March, 1942, and left many good friends there. To CBS-TV, 555 West 57th St., New York:

Mrs. Rita Read is our part-time housekeeper, mother of seven children, and the kind of woman who makes the United States a good country. She came in this morning and said: "Did you see any of the TV series on George Washington?" "I saw parts of it but could not see it all." "Oh, it was so good to have a healthy program. It was uplifting, and not full of sex and evil." I think she spoke the sentiments of thousands of good men and women who want TV, but they want TV which is healthy and uplifting. Thank you for the George Washington production, and also for the Easter presentation of Pope John Paul II. Millions will bless you for this.

## Concert to Aid Sakharov Drive

"Andrei Sakharov and Peace," a special concert to raise funds for the Andrei Sakharov Institute will take place at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at the Eastman Theatre.

Sakharov, the Nobel Prize Soviet physicist, is being held against his will in the Russian exile city of Gorki. The concert has drawn the support of a broad range of Rochesterians, including Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

In the U.S. bishops' recent peace pastoral, it is stated: "The obligation for all humanity to work toward universal respect for human rights and human dignity is a fundamental imperative of the social, economic and political order." Alluding to that statement, Bishop Clark

said, "Dr. Sakharov is an outstanding example of one who fulfills this obligation at the cost of great personal sacrifice. I salute Dr. Sakharov for his commitment and am delighted to join this coalition of community organizations to work toward freeing Dr. Sakharov and his wife as well as other courageous prisoners who share this work."

The bishop, who is scheduled for a Confirmation ceremony that night, has asked Dr. Joseph Kelly and his wife Patricia of the Commission for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs to represent the diocese at the concert.

Other honorary chairpeople for the concert include William Andrushin, presi-

dent of the Ukrainian Congress; William Johnson, executive director, Urban League; Rabbi Judea Miller, senior rabbi, Temple B'rith Kodesh; and David Zinman, conductor, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Featured performer will be Dmitry Shostakovich, pianist. He will perform with the acclaimed Soviet Emigre Orchestra, led by Lazar Gosman, former conductor of the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra. Both Shostakovich and Gosman fled the Soviet Union to live in the West.

The concert is sponsored by the Rochester coalition of the Andrei Sakharov Institute. Sanford Grading is the local coordinator. Tickets, \$6 to \$12, are available at the RPO and Ticketron. Tax deductible sponsor, patron and benefactor tickets are available from Jim Cerone, 546-1656. Patrons and benefactors will be invited to a reception at the Eastman School of Music following the concert where they may meet members of the Sakharov family, the musicians and honorary chairpeople.

## Head Injury Group Slates Conference

The New York State Head Injury Association will hold a conference, "Partners: Families and Professionals Together," 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at the Thruway Marriott Hotel.

The meeting is being hosted by the Rochester chapter of the association, according to Jean Brown, St. Helen's parishioner and spokesperson for the groups. She said that "noted doctors and rehabilitation specialists from all over the country and computer operators" will be present to "acquaint and help direct the many families of the brain injured to the proper facilities, so these victims can achieve their highest potential.

Coincidentally, Mayor Thomas Ryan has declared the week, "Rochester Head Injury Awareness Week."

Each year, Mrs. Brown said, more than 700,000 Americans suffer head injuries serious enough for hospital treatment. Of this group, she said, between 30- and

50,000 are left with intellectual and behavioral deficits.

Further information on both the problem and the conference is available by calling 392-8986.

## DeSales Girls B-Ball Team Finish 13-1

Geneva -- The DeSales junior varsity girls basketball team finished the 1983-84 season with a 13-1 record, co-champions in the Finger Lakes West conference. The Saints shared honors with Bloomfield Central School.

Team members are: Babette DeVaney, Kris Guinan, Ann Marvin, Mary McCusker, Sue O'Malley, Claudine Rinaldo, Ann Sindoni, Michelle Trotta and Alisa Trunzo. The squad is coached by Debbie Hickey and Bill Kane.

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