

# Concern Over MX Voting Prompts Diocesan Action

Sister Christine Wagner, SSJ, of the diocesan Department of Justice and Peace, last week alerted dioceses that "within the next two weeks a crucial Congressional vote will be held on the MX missile system."

"The proposal calls for \$3.2 billion to build 40 additional missiles," she said; and "Last year Congress

approved \$2.5 billion for the first 21 of these weapons."

"The MX has been called 'the most dangerous weapon to date,' and a weapon which makes 'nuclear holocaust much more likely,'" she said.

She commented, "Last year's expenditure was passed by only a nine-vote margin. With sentiment regarding the MX so drastically

split, now is the most crucial time to influence the 'swing' members in the House for the upcoming vote. Those members of the House who are ambivalent about their stand on MX need to hear from constituents so their vote can be truly representative."

She said, "Congressman Frank Horton has been identified as a 'swing vote'."

She asked dioceses:

"Please take a few minutes to write or call your representative office, especially Rep. Horton. Urge them to vote no for additional MX funding and to rescind monies already appropriated. Your letter is vital and needed now!

"Write: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515;

"Call: U.S. Capitol (202) 224-3121.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

## About The New Code

During our January visit to Kenya our host Bishop Raphael Muga, who graduated from St. John Fisher College in 1970, many times spoke enthusiastically about the American edition of the new Code of Canon Law published and translated under the auspices of the Canon Law Society of America.

He was especially pleased with the good index, which is missing in the Canadian English edition. Indices are valuable tools for finding specific provisions.

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## Father Richard McBrien Will Speak on Ministry

Father Richard McBrien, author of the widely acclaimed "Catholicism," will be the speaker at the diocesan Ministry Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 15 in the former St. Agnes High School, now the River Road Building of the University of Rochester.

Father McBrien is the Crowley-O'Brien-Walter Professor of Theology and chairperson of the theology department at Notre Dame University.

Father McBrien also serves as commentator for Catholic events for CBS-TV.

The topic of the conference, for local clergy and ministers, is "Ministry and the Local Church." Father



## Marian Awards

In a recent awards ceremony, several Girl Scouts received the Marian Award. They are (left to right) Linda Croppo, Shari Arndt, Christine Crooker, Marie Mayfield, Suzanne Van Duersen, Patricia Pilot, and Michelle Pappano. Absent for the photo was Susan Reising. In addition to earning the award, the girls were also invited to a special ceremony sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of the Genesee Valley to recognize all Girl Scouts who have received religious awards this year.

## Father Bugge to Conduct Blessed Sacrament Mission

Father Jerry Bugge, a Redemptorist priest from Washington, D.C., will preach a five-day parish mission for Blessed Sacrament Church May 13-17.

The event is a period of teaching, reflection and prayer, and is open to the public. The opening service, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, is entitled "If Only You Knew... the Father's Love," a quote from the Gospel of John.

The days' schedule includes instruction and Mass at 6:15 a.m., Mass and instruction at 9 a.m., and the 7:30 p.m. service.

## Hornell Nursing Grads Pass State Examination

Hornell — All 12 December 1983 graduates of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing received passing grades on the state board examination, Loretta Haefle, school director, announced recently.

The graduates took the examination Feb. 6 and 7.

The registered nurses are Catharine Andrus, Joan



FATHER MCBRIEN

McBrien will give a morning and an afternoon presentation.

includes instruction and Mass at 6:15 a.m., Mass and instruction at 9 a.m., and the 7:30 p.m. service. Father Bugge's topics include "The Gift of Faith," "The Gift of Time," "The Gift of the Eucharist," "The Gift of Suffering," "The Folly of the Cross," "Jesus Gives Another Chance" (a Penance service), "Jesus Gives His Mother" (dedication to Our Lady), and "Called to Be Saints" (rededication to Our Lord).

## Birthingright Asks Help

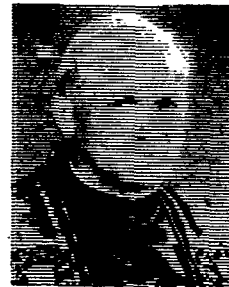
Birthingright has asked for volunteers to staff its clothing and furniture distribution center, "Bright Spot."

The center is open Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, on the second floor of the West Avenue Methodist Church (next to St. Mary's Hospital.) According to Linda J.

Cullen, Margaret Gray and Barbara Strobel of Hornell; Beatrice Rahmlow of Canisteo; Larry Strobel of Arkport; Maureen Taft of Troupsburg; Geraldine Albanese and Carol Leone of Mount Morris; Dorothy Barber of Cuba; Kathleen Anastasia of Eldred, Pa.; and Jane Overman of Dayton, Ohio.

Travers, president of the Birthingright Guild, "If individuals could work one Wednesday a month sorting and handing out clothes, it would be a tremendous help to the few now working."

Interested persons are asked to contact her at 342-3420.



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