

Abortion Controls Loosened in Pa.

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The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has expressed disappointment at a ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, striking down parts of Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act.

The court May 31 knocked down requirements under the law that allowed higher state employee insurance rates for abortions, called for doctors to provide detailed information on the condition of the fetus, provided for a 24-hour waiting period before abortion and demanded that a second physician be present to try to save the aborted baby.

But the court also upheld the requirement that a child born alive through an abortion be protected, a demand that abortion clinics provide public reports of ownership, and a requirement that a minor get the consent of a parent, or a court order, in order to obtain an abortion.

"We were happy about" the provisions that the court left intact, said Bernard Shire, information director for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. However, "We feel the decision overall is just another demonstration that the courts, especially on the federal level, won't allow state legislatures to do anything to protect the lives of unborn children and stop abortion on demand."

Shire said the ruling also underscores the need to have a constitutional amendment against abortion and to encourage appointment of anti-abortion federal judges and Supreme Court justices.

The measures struck down represented "unacceptable legislative encroachments upon the woman's constitutional right and interfere with the physician-patient relationship," said Judge Dolores Sloviter, writing for the court May 31.

The court decision said that U.S. Supreme Court rulings have "firmly established that the fundamental constitutional protection of privacy encompasses a woman's right to obtain an abortion."



Commencement Representative

Patricia Damaschke, a senior at Nazareth Academy, will represent the graduating class at the school's 112th annual commencement on June 25. She was chosen from among six seniors who tried out for the honor of speaking for the class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Damaschke of Armstrong Road in Greece. She plans to attend Ithaca College and to major in Physical Therapy.

DEATHS

Sister Marie Francis Foley, SSJ

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Marie Francis Foley, SSJ, was celebrated June 1.

Sister Marie Francis died May 30, 1984 at the age of 74.

A native of Rochester, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Immaculate Conception Parish in 1931. She attended Immaculate Conception School, Nazareth

Academy, and Nazareth College. In addition, she studied art at Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Buffalo.

Sister Marie Francis taught in the parochial schools of the diocese for 32 years: St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Patrick, Dansville; and St. Augustin, Blessed Sacrament and St. Monica, all in Rochester. For another 19

years she was librarian in the Teacher Training Department of Nazareth College.

She retired from active service in 1973 and later moved to the congregation's infirmary.

Sister Marie Francis is survived by a niece, Mrs. Robert (Carolyn) Hafner; a nephew, Ormond J. Dailey Jr.; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Sister Mary Paula Whipple, RSM

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 7 for Sister Mary Paula Whipple of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Paula died June 4, 1984 at the age of 64. She had collapsed while proclaiming the first reading for the motherhouse community Mass June 1 and never regained consciousness.

A total of 36 of her 45 years as a religious were spent in teaching or in school-related ministry. She taught Latin and social studies at Our Lady of Mercy High School for 30 years. She also taught five years in various diocesan grammar schools: St. James and St. Thomas the Apostle in Rochester, and St. Rita in West Webster. For a year she assisted in the library of the now-closed Catherine McAuley College.

In the late 60s she also worked in the records department at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

In the fall of 1983, she began ministry as a parish



SISTER PAULA

visitor and as a receptionist at the Corpus Christi Neighborhood Health and Outreach Center. She also served as the spiritual director of the Legion of Mary members at the Volunteers of America Adult Care Home.

She entered the congrega-

tion from St. John the Evangelist Parish on Humboldt Street in 1938, and spent the next five years in study and religious training. She received a Teacher's Certificate from the old Nazareth Normal School, a degree in Latin and Greek from Notre Dame College of Maryland and permanent certification in social studies from Niagara University.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Whipple of St. Ann's Home; two brothers, Thomas A. of Rochester and John E. of California; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert R. Whipple of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

The text she was proclaiming when stricken read: "One night in a vision the Lord said to Paul: 'Do not be afraid. Go on speaking and do not be silenced, for I am with you. No one will attack you or harm you. There are many of my people in this city.'"



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