

Pro-Lifers Level Ferraro Criticism

By NC News Service

Walter F. Mondale's choice of Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., as his vice presidential running mate drew praise from fellow Democrats, feminists and social justice lobbyists but criticism from pro-lifers.

Mondale named Ms. Ferraro, an Italian-American Catholic, as his running mate July 12.

Dr. John Willke, president of the National Right to Life Committee, called Ms. Ferraro "the closest congressional ally" of Catholics for a Free Choice, which Willke characterized as "militantly pro-abortion."

He said that in selecting Ms. Ferraro, "Mondale has caved in to radical feminist demands that his vice presidential nominee be a solid supporter of legal abortion on demand and of federal funding of abortion on demand."

Added Willke, "Mondale

passed up equally well-qualified women because they did not pass the pro-abortion litmus test."

Willke said that "in interviews, Rep. Ferraro often says she is 'personally opposed' to abortion and prefers to discuss the extremely rare 'hard cases,' such as pregnancies resulting from rape. But this is a sham. Her record demonstrates that she favors federal funding of unrestricted abortion."

According to a NRLC rating she voted for abortion five out of five times in 1982 and 1983. The Equal Rights Amendment was included as one of the five pro-abortion votes listed by the NRLC.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Nancy Sylvester, national coordinator of Network, said she was pleased Ms. Ferraro had been chosen and called her "a leader within the Democratic Party."

Sister Sylvester noted that in a survey done by Network, the Catholic social justice lobby founded by nuns, Ms. Ferraro's voting record paralleled Network's positions in 10 out of 11 cases on issues such as defense spending, foreign policy, jobs and food stamps.

"I've always found her extremely willing to discuss issues," Sister Sylvester said, calling her a solid representative who does her homework and showed her leadership skills as head of the Democratic platform committee.

Democratic Party leaders praised Mondale's choice of Ms. Ferraro.

"Fundamentally, it's a step in the right direction," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson. He said he had advocated a woman vice presidential candidate from the beginning of his own campaign for the Democratic nomination.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., an early backer of Ms. Ferraro, said, "She's got all the qualities of leadership. She's an extremely able, talented person... It's a breakthrough for the women of America."

Feminist leader Gloria Steinem said Ms. Ferraro is "good on the issues. And she is a member of the club, which will help her to deal with the party politics."

CYO Offers Employment Workshops

Several free workshops on employment are being offered this summer by Catholic Youth Organization's Training Services division.

The workshops are for youths with or without summer jobs, who are interested in either getting a job or planning a career in the near future.

CYO programs are designed to serve people of all faiths and backgrounds. Training Services workshops are conducted throughout the year in schools, human services agencies, community centers and churches, serving 7,000 participants annually.

"Where the Jobs are in the 80s," 10:30-11:30 a.m., July 24; 2-3 p.m., July 26;

"Where the Jobs are in Rochester," 10:30-11:30 a.m., July 31; 2-3 p.m., August 8;

"Decision-Making," 10:30-11:30 a.m., August 7; 2-3 p.m., August 9;

"Goal Setting," 10:30-11:30 a.m., August 14; 2-3 p.m., August 16;

"So You Want a Job — Job Seeking Skills," 10:30-noon, August 21.

AT YOUR PARISH

Good Shepherd

Henrietta — A team of parishioners at Good Shepherd Church recently took part in the Conference on the Future of Parish Leadership at the University of Notre Dame. Those attending were Ernesta Del Prince, Marjorie De Witt, Ruth Hauser, Father Roy Kiggins, Edward and Jean Leicht and Father Edward L. Palumbos. The team joined 25 other parish teams for discussion on the present and future quality of parish community life in the U.S.

Guardian Angels

Henrietta — The Rosary Society of Guardian Angels Church recently elected officers for the 1984-85 year. They are Tess Schafer and Phil Drexler, co-presidents; Rita Johszas and Gloria Shostad, co-vice presidents; Cathy Weston, secretary; Cheryl Costa, treasurer; Ann Yurkunas, Christian mother.

St. Margaret Mary

First Friday Mass will be celebrated 8 p.m., August 3 at St. Margaret Mary Church. Father Michael Conboy, pastor, will preside at the event which will include special music ministry and prayer for healing and special intentions following the Mass.

Assumption

Fairport — A Spiritual Gifts Workshop will be held 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 15, in the hall of Church of the Assumption. Lunch and materials will be provided. Fees for the day are \$5 for parishioners, \$6 for non parishioners.

Immaculate

Ithaca — Word was received last week that Andrew Bellisario, CM, baptized at Immaculate Conception Church, was ordained a priest June 16 by Auxiliary Bishop Juan A. Arzube of Los Angeles for the Congregation of the Mission.



Baltimore artist Mary Cate Carroll with her controversial painting, "American Liberty Upside Down." (NC Photo)

Her Art Includes Fetus; Alma Mater Won't Show It

Baltimore (NC) — Artist Mary Cate Carroll, whose three-dimensional work featuring the remains of an aborted fetus was kept out of a Virginia college's art show last fall, said she is prepared to sue if she does not receive an apology.

Mrs. Carroll said the curator of the alumni art exhibit at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va., called last fall and explained that her "American Liberty Upside Down" could not be shown because it was too controversial.

The artwork consisted of a pop art depiction of a couple seated on a couch with the outline of their missing child positioned between them. The outline was composed of wallpaper with an inverted American eagle pattern. A door over the torso of the missing child opened to reveal the actual remains of a 5-month, saline-aborted fetus.

The administration of the college, from which Mrs. Carroll earned a bachelor's degree in 1980, later raised the possibility that display of the work would be illegal because

a Virginia law prohibited the transportation of human remains across state lines.

Mrs. Carroll, also a graduate of the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, called the claim ironic since, she said, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion effectively removed human status from unborn children.

She contended the school's administration could not face the reality of abortion, a reality she said she faced after being confronted with the dissection of aborted fetuses in a freshman biology class she took at the school.

After consulting with the state attorney general's office, the college's president, William M. Anderson Jr., told her in June that exhibiting the painting probably would not violate the law because it could be argued the fetal remains had a legitimate educational purpose.

The artist was still seeking an apology from the school and said she wants the artwork displayed there for one month in compensation.

Pope Receives Seminary Report

Vatican City (NC) — Pope John Paul II received an updated report on the Vatican-commissioned study of U.S. seminaries June 30 when he met Bishop John Marshall of Burlington, Vt., head of the study commission.

Accompanying Bishop Marshall was Father Donald Wuerl, rector of St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh, who is assisting in the study.

The Vatican released no details of the meeting.

In September 1981, the Vatican asked the U.S. bishops to undertake the study of the approximately 300 institutions in the United States involved in preparing candidates for the priesthood. The request came at a time of growing concern about the decline in seminary enrollments.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a Washington-based Catholic research agency, reported in December 1981 that 1981-82

seminary enrollments at the theology level had dropped 8.8 percent from the previous school year. Enrollments were down 54 percent from the peak year of 1966-67, the center reported.

In 1983 the Vatican approved a 103-page working plan for the study. The plan requires officials of each of the 58 theological seminaries to answer a detailed questionnaire and then to be visited by a five-member evaluation team, consisting of two bishops, a religious superior and two priests from seminary faculties.

At the time the plan was made public in August 1983, Father Wuerl said the theological seminary studies

should be completed within two years. He said the study commission was optimistic about completing the study of the over 200 other institutions involved in priestly formation within five years.

A theological seminary covers the four years of education prior to ordination. Other seminaries cover high school and college level education.

Grant Given

Nazareth College has received \$3,055 in financial support from the Rochester Clearing House Association. The gift is being used for general operating expenses and scholarship aid to undergraduates, according to Laurel Tarcinale, Nazareth director of development.

Archbishop Continues To Defy Magisterium

Ecône, Switzerland (NC) — Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who founded a movement opposed to reforms of the Second Vatican Council, ordained 25 new priests June 29, despite his 1976 suspension from ministerial duties.

The ceremony was in Ecône, Switzerland, eight miles from where Pope John Paul II ordained nine men June 17.

The archbishop asked the new priests of his St. Pius X Society to defend the 16th-century Tridentine Mass, which was superseded by the new order of Mass after the Second Vatican Council.

"Mass must not resemble a Protestant service," Archbishop Lefebvre said.

Although Archbishop Lefebvre did not mention Pope John Paul's recent visit to Switzerland and his ecumenical meetings with Protestant leaders, the 78-year-old French cleric spoke against "fables deceiving the human mind," including "ecumenism and the propagation of human rights."

Under his suspension, Archbishop Lefebvre continues to be an archbishop but is barred by church law from celebrating Mass, ordaining priests or administering other sacraments.

However, while his administration of the sacraments is illegal in the church's eyes, the sacraments themselves are valid because he is a validly ordained priest and archbishop.

The archbishop was suspended from his ministerial duties in 1976 by Pope Paul VI after ordaining 13 men against the pope's wishes. Despite the suspension, he has continued to ordain men and to administer confirmation to children.

Pope John Paul, the day after his election, told the College of Cardinals that he disapproved of Archbishop Lefebvre's activities.

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