

'Human Life' Agencies Receive \$25,000 Aid

The diocesan Human Life Commission has granted \$24,835 to groups addressing specific needs of women with unplanned pregnancies and men and women needing counseling and reconciliation after having taken part in an abortion.

In Rochester, four groups received aid. Birthright of

Rochester, which does emergency pregnancy testing and counseling, was granted \$6,000; Melita House, a home for unwed, pregnant women, received \$5,726.50; Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, which deals with education and social action, was given \$1,133.50, and Nazareth Academy \$225 for

programs for pregnant teenagers.

Other grants: Hornell Area Right to Life \$600; Birthright of Seneca County \$1,000; Avon Respect for Life \$500; Birthright of Ithaca \$1,800; Birthright of Owego \$1,500; Wayne County Right to Life \$250; Birthright of Wayne County \$800; Birthright of Canandaigua \$1,000; Birthright of Penn Yan \$1,000; Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry \$2,000, and the diocesanwide Puzzle Project which deals with post-abortion counseling and reconciliation, \$1,300.

The disbursements represent 50 percent of the Human Life Commission allocation from the Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal. The remaining 50 percent is used for salaries and operating expenses.

Such donations stem from a directive from the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities as outlined by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to activate Church resources in three major efforts: 1. an educational/public information effort to inform, clarify and deepen understanding of the basic issues; 2. a pastoral effort addressed to the specific needs of women with problems related to pregnancy and to those who have had or have taken part in an abortion, and 3. a public policy effort directed toward the legislative, judicial and administrative areas to insure effective legal protection for the right to life.

Any group seeking such funding should apply by Dec. 17. Forms may be obtained by telephoning the Human Life Commission at 328-6400.

Volunteers also are needed. Anyone interested should contact Anita Maruggi at the commission.



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Father Richard Wagner, SSJ, a Rochester native serving in the Josephite missions in Alabama, lifts a child during the celebration of his 25th anniversary of ordination. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Wagner of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, Father Wagner has held posts as high school teacher, college chaplain, vocation director, area director and three pastorates. The Josephites commit all their personnel and resources to serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of black Americans.

2 Americans Named to Vatican Unit

Vatican City (NC) Two Americans deeply involved in ecumenical work were among seven new consultants appointed by Pope John Paul II June 26 to the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

They are Benedictine Father Kilian P. McDonnell, professor of theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and Sister Joan Delaney, a Maryknoll nun who is the secretariat's liaison with World Mission and Evangelism, a department of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

Father McDonnell is a

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member of three major ecumenical dialogues involving Disciples of Christ, Pentecostal churches and Lutherans.

He is also president of the International Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, located in Col legeville.

Sister Delaney was a Maryknoll missionary for 19 years in Hong Kong before taking her job with the secretariat.

The new consultants, who will advise the secretariat on ecumenical issues, join 35 other priests, Religious and laity previously appointed.

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On the Right Side

Final Reflections On Ireland

As foreigners visiting Washington always visit the Lincoln Memorial, so tourists doing Ireland always visit Glendalough, 40 miles south of Dublin. It was founded by St. Kevin in the sixth century, a monastic community which became a great center of spirituality and learning. There are still some remnants: a small chapel and sacristy so damp the monks must all have had rheumatism, some ruins, and the best Round Tower in Ireland. I was hoping to get some medals of St. Kevin. I

are faithful, but some are careless, which saddens my soul, and I wanted the medals especially for them. At Glendalough there were neither medals nor pictures of St. Kevin, so I settled for postal cards of St. Kevin's Church, the Round Tower and the cemetery.

On Sunday, May 27, our route from Dublin took us to the 1,000-acre Kennedy Memorial Park, established in memory of President Kennedy after his assassination, beautiful with trees, shrubs and flowers donated from every nation, meticulously cared for. As we went on, Mike Redmond, our driver, said: "We may be turned back, but we are not far from Ballyporeen, where your President will come next week. There probably will be great security. So we veered off the main road and came to Ballyporeen, which means 'the village of the little stone'."

Ballyporeen is tiny, population 170, less than 100 houses, two pubs and a few shops. It is a small town, but it is not just a village. There are social centers, a community center, a library, a youth center, a

lived here there would be 16!

About 1 p.m. we arrived at New Park Hotel in Kilkenny. After sandwiches and tea served with some confusion in the lobby, most went into town for a walking tour. I went to bed to restore my flagging energies. At 5 p.m. we converged on St. Canice Cathedral where I celebrated Mass with a young priest who gave a nice simple talk on First Holy Communion to a jammed congregation.

After dinner in the hotel we watched the TV showing of Sygne's "Playboy of the Western World," starring Stephen McKenna. Afterward, I

and a Mrs. Kehoe of the vicinity. They are officers of the national "Irish Cultural Association." We discussed modern Ireland: "Youth. They are good. Then followed with: "Many young married couples no longer go to Mass, though they scrupulously say grace before meals. Cursillo was tried, but has not persisted. Some renewal events do take place. Our elderly pastor is very good, but has too much work. We are losing the youth." Yet I remembered the multitude of youths at Mass at the Cathedral.

I gave the ladies three Sheen tapes: "Simon Peter," "Youth and Sex," and "The Mystery of Suffering." Perhaps you could get these broadcast over your local radio station. My

hope is that you will be able to get these tapes broadcast over your local radio station. My hope is that you will be able to get these tapes broadcast over your local radio station. My hope is that you will be able to get these tapes broadcast over your local radio station.

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