

## '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.

Fr. Paul J.  
Cuddy



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, but none were available. Some 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 excitement, so we've veered off the main road and are taking a back road which intersects the other of the little roads." Ballyporeen is a tiny population center less than 100 people, but it is the site of the largest memorial to President Kennedy in Europe. The town is surrounded by fields of flowers, mostly tulips, and the town itself is a cluster of houses and cottages.

Iived here there would be 16.

About 1 p.m. we arrived at New York 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 3 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 jaded congregation.

After dinner in the hotel we watched the TV showing of Sylvie Playboy of the Western World, starring Shelly Manne. Afterwards I attended a meeting of the Knights of the Vicar. They are officers of the National Irish Catholic Women's Association. We discussed modern trends. "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 Self-Realization." However, you could get them in books on the shelf of any bookstore.



### Jubilarian

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 parishes. 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 consultors 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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