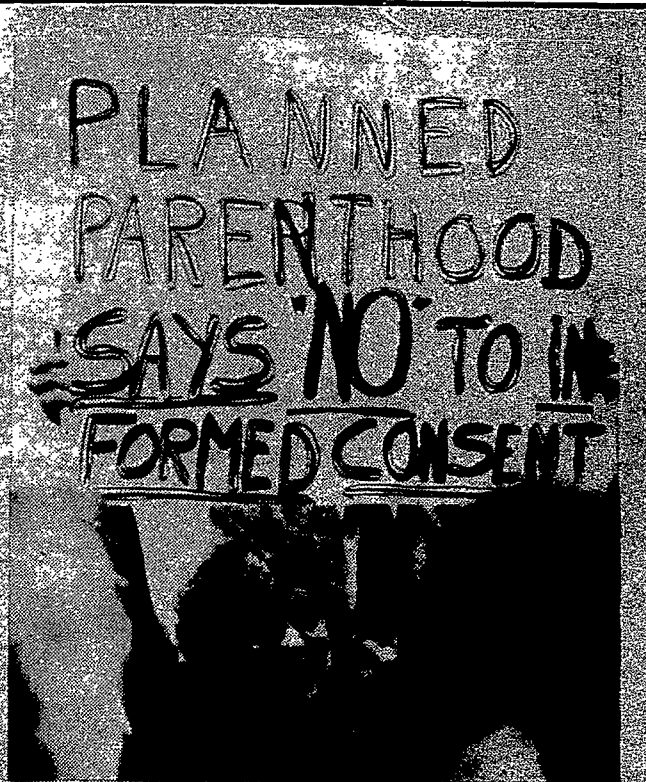


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A demonstrator displays her feelings about the funding of a Planned Parenthood program during a meeting at Ballston Spa in Saratoga County. (NC Photo)

## Saratoga Cuts Off Planned Parenthood

By Marianne Comfort  
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The "ripple effect" of an abortion clinic controversy in Albany, has influenced neighboring Saratoga County not to renew funding of local Planned Parenthood activities, according to a county official.

But Saratoga County Planned Parenthood was trying to change the board of supervisors' Nov. 20 vote.

"It's really a hot and heavy, extremely controversial issue," said Paul Viscusi, director of the Saratoga County Youth Bureau.

Viscusi said members of Saratoga County's board of supervisors decided to look into the routine public funding when protests erupted in nearby Albany County over a proposed Planned Parenthood abortion clinic there.

For six years the county, through its youth bureau, has allocated state funds to Planned Parenthood, which provides educational material to schools and organizations upon request. This year the youth bureau recommended funding of \$14,400.

At a Nov. 20 board meeting, about 100 pro-life advocates protested public funding of the organization, and the supervisors agreed to cut funding in a 17-6 vote. The total 1985 budget was to be voted on by mid-December, but Planned Parenthood hoped to change the board's mind before then.

Public funds account for 10 percent of the organization's budget, said Judy Redder, director of Saratoga County Planned Parenthood. "We'll need to reappropriate and make some changes, I'm sure."

She said she was "very dismayed, very shocked" by the vote. The League of Women Voters is "very supportive in our efforts, as are many students, many housewives and many clergy," Ms. Redder added.

But many church groups, social action groups and pro-life organizations want the board's decision to stand, according to Terry Hopkins, head of Saratoga County Right-to-Life.

Mrs. Hopkins said she and other pro-lifers oppose Planned Parenthood's establishment of abortion clinics nationwide and its local distribution of birth control information and contraceptives without parental permission.

She said she recently picked up some literature geared for teen-agers from the Saratoga Planned Parenthood office and was "absolutely shocked by what is promoted."

She deplored some of the pictures in the brochures, the depictions of the sex act and what she called the promotion of "free sex" and homosexuality.

Ms. Redder said Saratoga County Planned Parenthood's main goal is to encourage parents to communicate with their teen-agers. The educational programs center on family values, decision-making, raising self-esteem and sexual responsibility, she added.

"We do not promote or provide abortions," Ms. Redder said.

"We do not promote teen-age sexual activity," she said.

"We promote abstinence. We teach responsibility."

## O'Connor Backs Arrested Bishop Archbishop: Act 'Symbolic, Very Effective'

Washington (NC) -- Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York Dec. 7 strongly supported the decision two days earlier by his auxiliary, Bishop Emerson Moore, to engage in civil disobedience and be arrested as a protest against South African apartheid.

"It was a carefully made judgment. It was not at all arbitrary or capricious. It said something very symbolic and very effective," Archbishop O'Connor said in an interview.

Bishop Moore became the first Catholic bishop in the United States ever to be arrested for civil disobedience when police charged him and four fellow demonstrators with illegally blocking the entrance to the South African consulate in New York Dec. 5.

Archbishop O'Connor was contacted in Washington during a Dec. 6-7 meeting of the U.S. Catholic Conference Committee on Social Development and World Peace, which he heads. Bishop Moore was also in Washington for the meeting.

When he was first reached Dec. 6, Archbishop O'Connor said he had not yet had a chance to discuss the consulate incident with Bishop Moore, but he trusted him to have made a sound judgment.

"Bishop Moore is a man of very real conviction and commitment who analyzes a situation very carefully... a man of the utmost integrity and honesty.... I just have the

highest respect for him, as a person and as a bishop," the archbishop commented at that time.

He also defended the idea of civil disobedience in principle, saying that "divine law must always take precedence over any human laws" and that occasions may arise when civil disobedience is seen as "the only way to bring about the revocation or modification" of an "intrinsically immoral law."

He declined, however, to make any immediate judgments on the Dec. 5 events. He said that each case had to be evaluated "in the light of the immediate circumstances," which he did not yet know in detail.

The next morning, after he and Bishop Moore had discussed the matter, Archbishop O'Connor defended his auxiliary's decision as "carefully made" and "very effective."

He also predicted that as a result of Bishop Moore's actions and other events currently unfolding, "you're going to see an expanding activity on the part of this committee" on the issue of South African apartheid.

"Africa is virtually moving Central America off the front page," Archbishop O'Connor said. He added quickly that he did not mean to downgrade the importance of Central America, but was only trying to suggest how much concern over South Africa is escalating.

## Diocesans Contribute \$39G At Halfway Point in Drive

Diocesans have contributed \$39,072 to the Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal.

The drive is now at the halfway point, with a goal of \$90,000.

The funds are used to

provide food and assistance to hundreds of people in the diocese, particularly at Christmas time.

Each year in connection with the appeal, the Courier-Journal publishes true stories of the 100

"neediest cases" in the diocese.

The stories are provided by agencies of Catholic Charities.

The stories, however, are also representative of hundreds of other cases of great need.

While some contributors may be moved by a particular case to contribute to that particular family or individual, and other cases may solicit less response, the agencies of

Catholic Charities must use their expertise in distributing the funds so that as many as possible may be helped.

Parishes and other organizations wishing to participate in the fund should contact Catholic Charities.

Contributions should be sent to:

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Catholic Charities  
Christmas Appeal  
50 Chestnut St.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

## Neediest Cases

**50** M has four children. Her husband deserted her and the family about a month ago. They are very low on food.

**51** The Hs have three children, the eldest daughter being an unwed mother. They have very high medical expenses. Mrs. H has had several heart attacks, and H is said to be accident prone. They have great difficulty providing food and clothing for the family.

**52** The Qs have five children. They live in a house which should be condemned. He was laid off a couple of years ago. Unable to find work, they are on public assistance. He takes what jobs they assign to him. They are in desperate need.

**53** The Ps and their two children are renting a farm house in the country where Mrs. P gardened and canned everything she could for winter. He is a hard worker, but for low wages. They are greatly in need. They cannot afford clothing.

**54** B is a single parent with five young children, the oldest of whom has rheumatoid arthritis. She is desperate to find proper housing for her family.



**55** J is a single parent who lives with her two teenagers in a third floor walk-up. Her husband has been removed from the family, after it was discovered he had been molesting his daughter since she was three-years-old. The family is trying to meet expenses because mothers' asthma prohibits her working.

**56** The Rs and their three-year-old daughter live in a small, dark, cramped house in the backwood. The family has severe dental problems, but are unable to go to the dentist because they cannot afford it. R is a construc-

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## Oratoricals Winner

Hugh Fitzpatrick, an eighth grader at Sacred Heart Cathedral School, captured first place in the fifth annual Bishop Clark Oratoricals, on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Bishop Kearney High School. See story and copy of his winning speech on Page 10.