

Hardy Pro-Lifers Maintain Vigil of Prayer and Pickets

Some come from as far away as Piffard and Avon, but come they do. On some days the band of six or so regulars gathers in sub-freezing weather, but gather they do. Without fail. Every Saturday morning.

The group will pray all three series of mysteries of the rosary outside 220 Alexander St., it will carry signs, and it will hand out literature, just as it has done every Saturday for the last year and a half.

And the message of the demonstration is that human life is sacred, and that abortion destroys that sacred life.

The group will continue, its organizer said last week, "Until people stop coming."

"We know we're not going to close any offices (where abortions are performed); but we hope to educate staffers and deter some young women from having abortions," Ray Buonemani said.

Buonemani, a product control assistant with Eastman Kodak Co., is spokesperson for the group which meets at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday outside a doctors' office building attached to Genesee Hospital.

"We chose that location because we knew there were offices within that building where abortions are done on a regular basis," Buonemani said.

Two years ago the same group prayed the rosary and carried signs outside an abortion mill on Hudson Avenue.

"The abortion facility closed its doors around May, 1983. We are convinced that through the power of prayer and action we helped close



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the facility," Buonemani said.

"We have received little negative response from passers-by," Buonemani said. "Sometimes we'll get a positive response like a beep from a car horn or a thumbs-up or an 'I'm with you.'"

"Most of the time people just look and go about their business. That's okay, though, because we are there for two reasons. First and foremost is to pray for an end to abortion... Secondly, our purpose is to tell the people passing by that babies are killed here."

Buonemani described the rosary as "a powerful prayer, and one that works well with a group of people."

Buonemani noted, "There are two tragedies that result from abortion," both the death of the child, and "the burden of guilt that the mother will carry the rest of her life."

"Women who have had abortions have repeatedly

spoken of this," he said. He described a recent scene when a young woman and her husband were walking from the doctors' office building, spotted the pro-life group, and shouted, "Where were you before I went in there?"

"We have had a few instances in our activity on Saturday morning that attests to the pain experienced by these women," he said.

In another case, "A young woman approached us and began asking us questions. It quickly became evident that something was troubling her. Finally she asked if God can forgive someone who has had an abortion. She had tears in her eyes when she admitted that she had had an abortion."

"Every Saturday morning," Buonemani said, "two of our members arrive at 7 a.m. This is around the time the young women start arriving for their abortions. We have a flier printed which urges them to reconsider their decision. We offer help to them. There is a phone number that they can call as well. We stand at the

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Joyce Ann Heald MD, associate director of the Department of Emergency Services at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Heald is a graduate of the Indiana University Medical School and has practiced at St. Joseph's Hospital since 1982.

St. Patrick's Fraternity to Meet Jan. 20

St. Patrick's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet Sunday, Jan. 20, at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave.

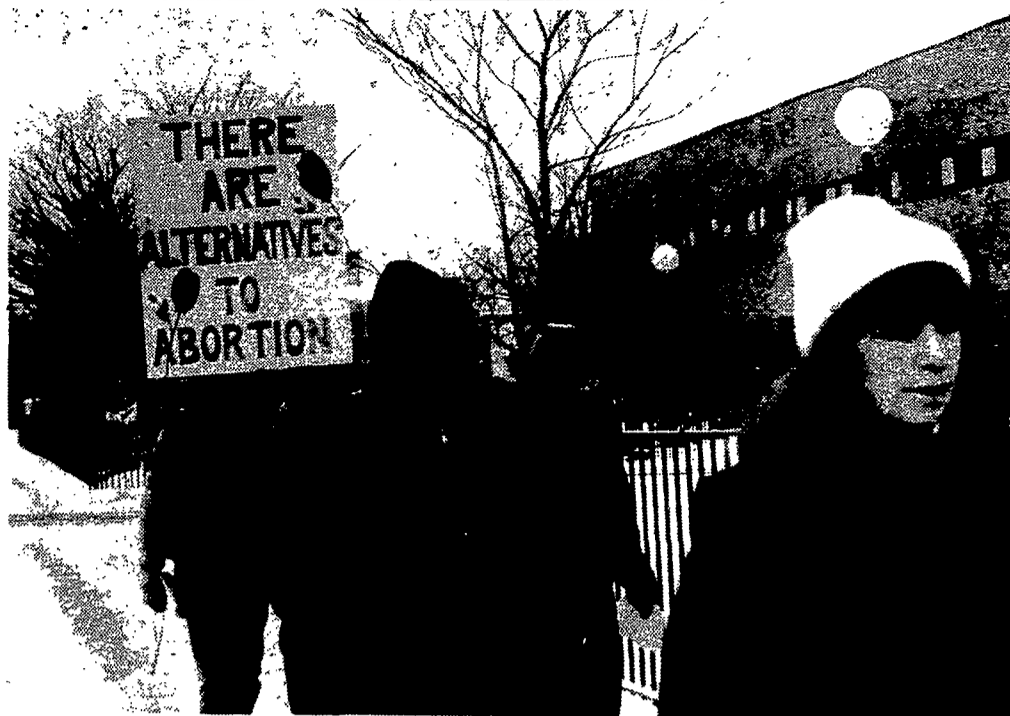
Novice instruction will take place at 1:15 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 1:30 and Mass at 2.

Visitors are welcome.

Hospice Unit Needs Volunteers

Hospice volunteers are needed to serve patients and families in their homes. Training sessions will take place two evenings a week for five weeks beginning March 4 at the United Cancer Council, 1441 East Ave.

Anyone interested in further information should contact Anita B. Sears, Hospice Volunteer coordinator, 473-8230.



The eight who gathered in the snow and below freezing temperatures outside the doctors' office building at 220 Alexander last Saturday were Joe Dean and daughters Grace and Francine, Buonemani, Mary Studier, Greg Sampson, Nick Hober and Dave Scarella.

entrance of the parking ramp of the office building and hospital. Most stop and take our flier. We also offer an educational flier to the staff as they arrive for work."

He named Janice Cardenas as one who does the 7 a.m. stint, often after having worked until 11:30 p.m. the night before.

In addition, two other members of the group, Grace and Francine Dean offer a similar flier to the young women entering Planned Parenthood offices. "This is an important activity because it is important to reach a young woman before she has made up her mind about abortion," he said. "Many young women go to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test and for advice. So it is a perfect place to present a

young woman with alternatives to abortion."

Come spring, the group hopes to expand its activities by distributing educational materials at shopping plazas and churches, Buonemani said.

Buonemani issued a call last week for others to join in the recitation of the rosary.

"We urge people to join us on Saturday morning for the three rosaries (the group recites the complete trilogy of glorious, sorrowful and joyous mysteries). Come whenever you can. When we meet here week after week there is a feeling that we're doing something. To pray at the place where abortions are being performed is a powerful way to get involved. Urging the young women to reconsider their abortion de-

cision may save a life and spare a life of guilt for that woman."

In addition, Buonemani and his group are seeking agenda time on parish human development committees to explain their activities.

"We desperately need more people, and this is probably the best way of getting more people," he said. "We tried letters and it hasn't worked." The group has a ten-minute presentation.

Lastly, Buonemani noted that all the educational materials are being paid for out of the group's own pockets, and there is need of financial help to further their efforts.

Persons wishing further information have been invited to contact Buonemani, (716) 621-3906.

DPC AGENDA

Jan. 19, 1985

Holy Rosary School
414 Lexington Avenue
Rochester, New York

Emergency phone: 716-458-4422

- 9 a.m. Opening Prayer, prepared by delegates from the Northwest Region.
Chairperson's announcements, Patricia Defendorf, chair.
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Open forum with Bishop Clark, the bishop has been asked to describe the role he sees for the delegates to the pastoral council along with his other items.
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Ministerial Review Committee's semi-annual report, Ronald Keller, chairperson.
- 12:30-2 p.m. Liturgy, prepared by delegates from Northwest Region. Lunch will be served.
- 2-2:25 p.m. Needs Assessment Process, Deacon Claude Lester.
- 2:25-2:45 p.m. Evangelization and renewal, Deacon Thomas Kluchko.
- 2:45-2:55 p.m. New concerns.
- 2:55-3 p.m. Evaluation.
Closing Prayer, prepared by delegates from the Northwest Region.

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