

Bishop Hubbard Wins Block on Abortion Clinics

Albany — State Supreme Court Justice John Pennock has barred the State Health Department from an issuing an operating license to Planned Parenthood which would offer abortions at clinics here and in Hudson.

The temporary court order was obtained by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Albany. Lawyers for Bishop Howard J. Hubbard obtained the order late Friday, hours after two Planned Parenthood clinics had obtained approval from the State Health Department to provide abortions.

Bishop Hubbard was quoted as saying, "The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Albany remains unswerving in our commitment to protect the life of the defenseless unborn. We will continue our strong opposition to the abortion-on-demand philosophy which the proposed Planned Parenthood abortion clinic represents and we will expand our already substantial services which provide alternatives to abortion."

In addition, Bishop Hubbard said the health department failed to follow correct procedures in justifying approval of Planned Parenthood's application.

It is thought the diocesan action may be the first such effort in the country.

It is also the first time the diocese has sought legal remedies against abortionists.

The debate has been underway for some time. The health department, the licensor of health facilities and services, first approved Planned Parenthood's application to offer abortions at two clinics Dec. 23, 1983.

Since that time, protests arose in which it was contended the department had not adequately publicized the proposal, and that contrary views were not given a forum.

The department then held a public hearing Nov. 9 in Albany.

At that time diocesan representatives said the department had not met the three criteria for approving an application: surveying the need for abortion services; investigating Planned Parenthood's finances; and assessing Planned Parenthood's competence to perform abortions.

Nazareth Scholar Recognized

Patricia Ryan, daughter Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Ryan of Elm Grove Road and a senior at Nazareth Academy, was recognized by the Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa last week.

Her recognition was based on her academic achievement during her four years of high school: she leads her senior class academically.

Miss Ryan is also the recipient of a \$7,000 four-year scholarship from the University of Dallas. The scholarship was determined on the basis of the National Competitive Scholarship Examination. In addition, Miss Ryan was awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science Award for having the highest average in four years of science.



PATRICIA RYAN

Church Women Set Legislative Institute

Church Women United has scheduled its annual Legislative Institute from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday,

Feb. 1, at the Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover St. The theme will be "Where are we now: Women and the Law." A panel will discuss legislation covering: Displaced Homemaker, led by Karen Grella of the Regional Council on Aging; Concerns of Children, Barbara-Ann

Mattie, Western N.Y. Child Care Council; Domestic Violence, Nina Kalen, Alternatives for Battered Women, and Employment Inequity, Marge Kester, Women's Career Center.

Assemblywoman Louise Slaughter will speak. Registration will be \$2.

Gdansk Gets New Bishop

Vatican City (NC) — Pope John Paul II has named Auxiliary Bishop Tadeusz Gocłowski of Gdansk, Poland, as the new head of the diocese, the Vatican announced Dec. 31.

Gdansk is the birthplace of Solidarity, the outlawed Polish trade union which was formed independent of the Communist Party.

Bishop Gocłowski, 53, had previously been apostolic administrator of Gdansk. He succeeds Bishop Lech Kaczmarek who died July 31.

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DEATHS



MRS. GIBSON
1951 photograph

Eileen Leary Gibson, Author

A memorial Mass was celebrated Jan. 7 for Eileen Leary Gibson, who died Jan. 2, 1985 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Gibson was widely known in the area as an author, lecturer and book reviewer, particularly in the 40s and 50s.

She was especially known in Catholic circles for her contributions to Pre-Cana conferences, and Communion breakfasts. She was in demand in Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross affairs; and she wrote articles for America and Ave Maria.

A member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, she was part of its Rosary Society and a charter member of the Legion of Mary.

She was also actively involved in the parish's Girl Scouts organization.

Her husband, H. Lou Gibson, said of her last week: "The humanitarian theme that ran through all her discourses was livened by her Irish wit. She will be remembered by many, for she has built the best monument any of us can expect — the love of her family, the affection of her friends and the respect of her acquaintances."


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