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Flying tackle

Cardinal Mooney's Jamie Zaia, in the dark jersey, attempts to stop William Robinson of Jefferson from completing a pass to a receiver downfield. When Zaia lost his grip,

Robinson completed the play, running for first down. For the story on Saturday's Mooney-Jefferson game, see Page 10.

Sanctuary, immigration policy 'on trial' in public hearing

By Teresa A. Parsons

The sanctuary movement and the immigration policy of the U.S. government were the subjects of testimony presented by six speakers Monday morning to U.S. Representative John J. LaFalce.

The congressman organized the public hearing to hear parties debate reasons for and against granting sanctuary, LaFalce said in a prepared statement. "I hope that information and arguments advanced today will aid us ... in deciding whether existing policy should be retained or new policy adopted toward illegal aliens from El Salvador," he wrote.

Representatives of the Office of Social Ministry of the Diocese of Rochester, the Rochester Sanctuary Committee and the Rochester Committee on Latin America argued that current U.S. immigration policy is discriminatory, inhumane and unreasonable.

"How soon we forget that many of us in the United States are descendants of persons who fled their native countries because of 'a well-founded fear of persecution,'" charged the Rev. David W. Romig, co-pastor of

Downtown United Presbyterian Church. Downtown United Presbyterian is one of five Rochester congregations that have declared sanctuary.

All three pro-sanctuary speakers urged

LaFalce to support a pending Congressional bill, H.R. 822, known popularly as the Moakley-Deconcini Bill. The legislation would allow Salvadorans already in the United States to remain here legally, at least

until a study on conditions in El Salvador could be completed.

Greg Zuroski, the diocesan representative, also urged LaFalce's support for a "humane

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Jury selection nears conclusion in sanctuary workers' trial

Tucson, Ariz. (NC) — Jury selection was nearing conclusion Oct. 28 in the trial of 11 sanctuary workers, including two priests and a nun, accused of transporting illegal aliens.

Thirty-one of the 40-member jury pool had been selected by Oct. 28 and opening arguments were expected to start by Oct. 30. Twelve jurors and three alternates were to be chosen from the pool.

The sanctuary workers on trial include Father Anthony Clark of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, who is in residence at Sacred Heart Parish in Nogales, Ariz.; Father Ramon Dagoberto Quinones, of Nogales, Mexico; and School Sister of St. Francis

Darlene Nicorski of Phoenix, Ariz.

Defendants also include Mary Kay Espinosa, who works at Sacred Heart Church in Nogales; the Rev. John Fife, pastor of Southside United Presbyterian Church in Tucson; Philip Willis-Conger, director of the Tucson Ecumenical Council's Task Force on Central America; and Quaker activist Jim Corbett.

One of the original 12 defendants pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

The defendants were accused in a 71-count indictment of bringing Salvadorans and Guatemalans into the United States illegally and of harboring and transporting them.

To tape evidence against the sanctu-

ary movement, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service undercover agents infiltrated church services. The prosecution later announced it would not use the tapes.

The defendants argue that they acted out of religious convictions, saying that the Central Americans are persecuted in their homelands. The U.S. government says the Central Americans are economic, not political, refugees.

U.S. District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll ruled earlier in the year that the defendants may not base their case on religious beliefs.

A fast and prayer vigil were held Oct. 10-13 with an interfaith service celebrated at the end of the fast.

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