

Playback '85

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March

LAST MARCH, spring appeared in the form of a new batch of anti-Catholic posters that turned up in editors' mailboxes and on abandoned buildings across the country. Rochester was not exempt from the campaign, which accused the Vatican of sponsoring violent schemes to rule the world.

THE MARCH 27 Courier-Journal reported that two Rochester parishes would be merged into a single faith community. Holy Redeemer and St. Francis Xavier parishes celebrated their first joint bilingual liturgy on Palm Sunday. The merger marked the closing of Holy Redeemer Church, which served the Rochester community for 109 years.

ON MARCH 23, the Diocesan Pastoral Council heard a presentation on the Needs Assessment process, recommended in February to help establish diocesan priorities. This process was eventually implemented later in the year by Deacon Claude Lester, under the direction of Sister Mary Hilaire Gaelens. By September, 74 parishes had indicated their desire to participate in a process that was originally designed to accommodate only about 40.

April

"THE NORTHEAST Quadrant Plan" was approved April 20 by Bishop Clark, and reorganization of the northeast section of the diocese began in June. The plan called for combining the eight parishes in the region — St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott; St. John Fisher, East Bay; St. Patrick, Cato; St. Thomas the Apostle, Red Creek; St. Jude, Fairhaven; St. Michael, Montezuma; St. John, Port Byron; and St. Joseph, Weedsport — into two "clusters."

May

REPRESENTATIVES OF 20 Catholic elementary schools in the city of Rochester met with Bishop Clark in late April to launch a study on the future of urban Catholic education, reported the Courier-Journal on May 8. A survey developed by the Center for Governmental Research was presented to parish and school representatives as part of the first phase of the study.

LOCAL HEARINGS on trends in professional lay ministry drew sizable crowds in Rochester, Waterloo and Horseheads when 34 members of the Diocesan Committee on Lay and Religious Ministry testified on the frustrations of lay ministry. Clericalism, burnout and competitiveness, inadequate salaries and benefits, and an overall lack of sensitivity were cited as factors contributing to a shortage of experienced lay ministers.

June

IN JUNE, the Courier-Journal covered the establishment of an anti-apartheid "shantytown" on the campus of Cornell University. Students had erected the town to protest Cornell's investment in American companies doing business in South Africa. Shantytown organizers included Richard Ryan, a member of the Cornell Divestment Committee and a recent convert to Catholicism.

CARDINAL MOONEY'S girls' softball team won the AA Class Softball Championship on Friday, June 7 with a 17-2 win against Hilton. The trophy signified the team's first championship victory.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Church in Ithaca celebrated the parish school's centennial the weekend of June 22 and 23, with a reunion of alumni from the class of 1907 through the 1985 graduating class. The celebrant of a 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass was Archbishop Thomas Kelly of Louisville, Ky., whose mother was a member of the Immaculate Conception Class of 1916.

MEMBERS OF Nicaraguan Invasion Contingency Action (NICA) instituted "Contra Days" June 7, to protest appropriation of \$38 million in U.S. aid to anti-Sandinista rebel forces in Nicaragua. For a week or so, area citizens impersonating Nicaraguan contras staged mock attacks on various public and private facilities. All of



FEBRUARY — Friends and relatives were shocked by the death of Father Thomas Reddington, who was killed in an automobile accident in Mendon.

the group's activities were based on events that actually occurred in Nicaragua, according to reports by the Witness for Peace network.

June

A PARADE and outdoor Mass marked the joyful celebration of St. Columba-St. Patrick parishes' 100th anniversary on June 30. Nearly 800 people turned out to recall the past with pride, view the present with honor and create the future with hope. Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated the Mass, arriving in a horse-drawn buggy.

A NEW NAME and a new board of directors were two signs of continuing renewal within diocesan Division of Social Ministry. On June 21, the diocesan board for Catholic Charities resigned to make way for new board members, whose first action was to vote for a name change — from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester to Social Ministries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

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JULY — Belief in the intercession of St. Jude was the cornerstone of a controversy over an anonymous gift of \$10,000 cash left at and removed from St. Jude's Church, Gates.

MANY PRIESTS, NUNS AND MOST CATHOLICS ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE VATICAN CONTROLS THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE NEWS MEDIA. (ASB, APRESS, U.P.I., ETC.)
2. THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.
3. FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. (F.B.I., I.R.G., U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR, THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE, ETC.)
4. THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE SUPREME COURT.
5. THE UNITED NATIONS. (UN ^{ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT})
6. THE ONE WORLD CHURCH.
7. THE POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE CO. (INCLUDING A.T.&T., ETC.)
8. ORGANIZED CRIME. (MAFIA, INTERNATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM, AND UNIONS.)
9. COMMUNISM, SOCIALISM, NAZI PARTY, FACISM, ETC.

FOR CENTURIES THE VATICAN HAS PLANNED TO RULE THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES IS THE 107TH NATION TO JOIN THE VATICAN. PRESERVE THE LIVES OF AMERICAN NON-CATHOLICS BY PRESERVING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. GET CATHOLICS OUT OF PUBLIC OFFICE AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLING POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE AND BEFORE THE VATICAN BRINGS ABOUT ANOTHER HOLOCAUST AS THEY DID IN NAZI GERMANY. WHEN THE VATICAN TOOK GOVERNMENT CONTROL, SIX MILLION JEWS WERE SLAUGHTERED AND MILLIONS OF OTHERS, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CATHOLICS AND WOULD NOT JOIN THE ONE WORLD ORDER. THE VATICAN WILL DO IT AGAIN IN OUR COUNTRY IF WE DON'T ACT NOW. DO NOT BACK THE UNITED NATIONS OR ANY "ONE WORLD" OR "UNITED" CHURCH. THESE ARE BOTH HEADED BY THE VATICAN. THE VATICAN WANTS EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY COMMUNISM AND NOT THE VATICAN, BUT COMMUNISM IS JUST ONE SMALL BRANCH OF THE VATICAN. **ALL OTHER RELIGIONS ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, ESPECIALLY TRUE BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS.**

THIS IS NOT HATE AGAINST CATHOLICS. WE ARE ONLY WARNING CATHOLICS TO GET AWAY FROM SUCH AN EVIL ORGANIZATION AS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTITUTION.

MARCH — Once again, anti-Catholic posters sprang up in downtown Rochester and around the diocese.



JUNE — To demonstrate concern about the oppressive system of apartheid, Cornell students constructed a shantytown on the campus, protesting the university's

investment in companies doing business in South Africa. Here, Anne Levine worked on shoring up one of the shantytown dwellings.

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