

STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD opposition to a proposed homeless shelter caught parishioners at Corpus Christi by surprise in August. State Assemblyman David Gannt and County Legislator Ron Thomas headed a group of Marketview Heights residents who claimed that the parish's plans for several lots and houses on Lyndhurst Street would adversely affect the neighborhood. Rather than become embroiled in a political battle, Corpus Christi located and purchased an alternate site in December.

September

THE MISSION operated by the Diocese of Rochester in Tabasco, Mexico, was the topic of a meeting between diocesan officials, members of the mission team and Bishop Rafael Garcia Gonzales in September.

Nearly a year after a team member was caught up in a local dispute between peasants and a landowner, the whole team was detained by government officials over questions regarding their visas.

Although one team member, Father P.J. Ryan, has returned to Tabasco, the rest of the team remains in Rochester pending the results of the evaluation.

A NEW FORMAT for the annual diocesan Thanks Giving Appeal was announced in September. Parish in-hall solicitation was

replaced by receptions for the top 20 percent of donors and mail solicitation of the remaining 80 percent.

WOMEN FROM around the diocese had a chance in September to reflect on and react to their roles in the Church at three forums organized by the Diocesan Commission on Women in the Church. Questions asked at the forums represented the concerns of the American bishops as they prepare to write their pastoral on women in the Church, expected in 1988.

TEN YEARS of struggle and accomplishment were celebrated on Friday, September 20, by the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Past and present members of the consultative body, which includes lay persons, priests and religious from all areas of the diocese, gathered for a Mass concelebrated by all three diocesan bishops at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva.

OPTIONS FOR the reorganization of urban Catholic elementary schools in the City of Rochester met with mixed reactions when presented to parish and school leaders September 20 by an outside consultant.

SEVENTEEN WITNESS for Peace delegates, including Sister Beatrice Ganley, SSJ, embarked on a two-week trip to Nicaragua to observe firsthand the effects of that country's civil war on the people. They were the first such

group to be organized in Rochester.

CIVIL RIGHTS and abortion don't mix, but feminism and the pro-life movement someday might. That was the message from keynote speakers to 200 participants at the New York State Right to Life Convention, October 19. Conservative Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. and Feminists for Life representative Rosemary Bottcher managed to agree that the connection between feminism and the right to abortion is confived and unnatural.

DIOCESAN AND public school officials struggled to comply with a July Supreme Court ruling that Chapter 1 remedial instruction could no longer be offered on parochial school grounds. An estimated 1,500 Catholic school students were affected across the diocese. With only two months to develop alternatives, many school district plans were ill-conceived and inconvenient, keeping children long after the school day ended and requiring them to walk or be bused to public school sites.

November

FIFTEEN SPEAKERS shared their impressions of the second draft of the American bishops' Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy with Bishops Matthew H. Clark and Dennis W. Hickey at a

hearing November 6. Ranging from farmers to a seminarian to college professors and parish leaders, the speakers had mixed reactions to the pastoral. Their comments were presented to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Washington later that month.

AT NOVEMBER'S Chemung County General Education Board meeting, parents from Our Lady of Lourdes School expressed grave concerns over a five-year plan to consolidate and reorganize the Chemung County Catholic school system in response to declining enrollment.

Introduced at an October board meeting, the plan proposed to close St. Patrick's School building, establish primary grades at St. Mary's School, intermediate grades at Our Lady of Lourdes and the junior high school at St. Casimir's, and change the ratio of parish to parent support to a 50:50 split.

Many parents from Our Lady of Lourdes parish in particular said that they had not been adequately consulted. But when the board approved the plan by an 8-1 vote at its December meeting, representatives of the parish stated that they would continue to support the school system.

MCQUAID FOOTBALL history painfully repeated itself November 17 when Fairport defeated the Knights in a contest for the section 5 class AAA title. In overtime, Fairport scored, then stopped a McQuaid two-point conversion attempt to recapture the lead and the title.

Last year, in the final seconds of the championship game, the Red Raiders held McQuaid 18 inches away from a score that would have sent the game into overtime.

December

CONTINUING THE process of urban school planning, diocesan education officials released the first draft of the Catholic Elementary School Plan for the City of Rochester.

The plan, which if approved would begin to be implemented in the 1986/87 school year, calls for two regional junior high schools and reorganization of elementary schools into prekindergarten-grade six formats, a new school certification process and standardized budgeting and financing procedures, among other changes. No schools would be closed in the plan's first year.

A LEADER in higher education and one of Rochester's most influential citizens, Father Charles Lavery, CSB, died December 3. For most of the 34 years since St. John Fisher College was established, Father Lavery served the school as president, chancellor and tireless advocate. Nearly 600 friends and admirers bid him farewell at a memorial service December 7.

TWENTY YEARS of dedication were the occasion for celebrations in Rochester and Santiago, Chile. On December 8, Sisters of Mercy in Rochester marked the 20th anniversary of their congregation's mission in Chile with a Mass at the motherhouse chapel.

On December 15, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Sisters Janet Korn, Judith Hebele and Jean Marie Kearse traveled to Santiago for a celebration there.



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NOVEMBER — Members of McQuaid's defensive line consoled each other after their one-point, overtime, which eliminated the team from the state playoffs.



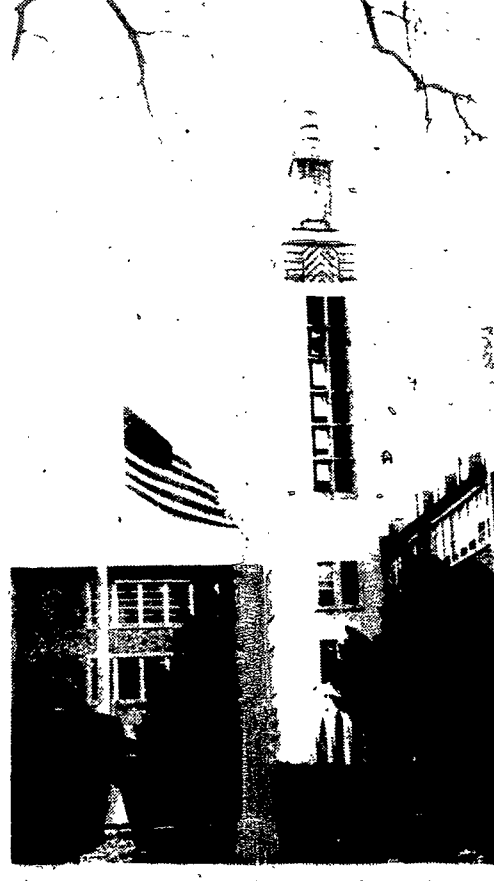
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OCTOBER — Highlighting the activities of the local chapter of the New York State Right to Life Committee this year was the annual state convention they hosted at the Holiday in Henrietta. Several months earlier, the local chapter had sponsored a rally at Rochester's Liberty Pole.



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SEPTEMBER — Mexico's Bishop Rafael Garcia Gonzales visited Rochester to discuss the evaluation of the Diocese of Rochester's mission in Tabasco.



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DECEMBER — The flag flew at half staff on the campus of St. John Fisher College on the day of Father Charles J. Lavery's funeral.

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