



Crisis prevention

During the past five years, the Spirit House community has helped more than two dozen women religious resolve vocational or ministerial struggles. See Page 3.



Tip for grabs

In the final weeks of the regular season, several Rochester-area boys' and girls' soccer teams remain in contention for league championships. See Page 11.

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Court to hear tax case

Washington — The U.S. Supreme Court Oct. 6 refused a Reagan administration request to toss out of court a lawsuit by abortion advocates seeking to end the Catholic Church's tax exemption. The high court's two-word "petition denied" ruling has no legal effect on a more detailed and substantive effort at the federal appellate level to have the case dismissed. Plaintiffs in the case argue that the Catholic Church has illegally politicked for anti-abortion candidates and that the church's retention of its tax-exempt status puts groups like Abortion Rights Mobilization at an unfair political disadvantage in pressing their own position.

Policies 'pauperize' women

Nashville, Tenn. — Urging an end to "pauperization" of U.S. women, Catholic Charities USA has called for pay equity, a higher minimum wage, Social Security for women who are homemakers, and other public policy changes. The call came during the organization's annual convention in Nashville when 500 delegates approved a statement on the "Feminization of Poverty." The statement includes 17 recommendations for attacking conditions which it says keep women poor — low salaries; employment discrimination because of women's potential childbearing roles; lack of adequate recognition of the role of women in caring for children and elderly; and other social and economic factors.

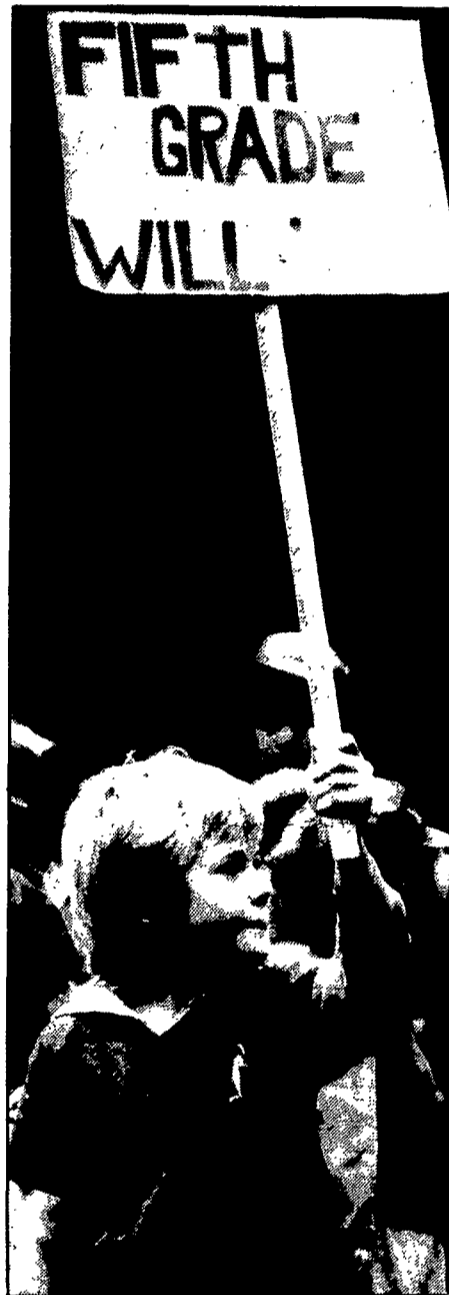
World

Vatican denies reprimand

Rome — A call by Pope John Paul II for Jesuits to more energetically promote devotion to the Sacred Heart was widely interpreted in the Italian news media as another papal reprimand of the order. But Jesuit and Vatican officials told National Catholic News Service the press speculation was out of order. The pope, in a letter to Jesuit superior Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, urged Jesuits to promote devotions to the Sacred Heart "with greater zeal," saying that it "more than ever responds to the needs of our times." Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the letter should be seen as favoring devotions, not as criticizing the Jesuits.

U.S.-Soviet talks offer hope

Vatican City — The U.S.-Soviet leaders' meeting in Iceland planned for Oct. 11-12 is a "glimmer of hope" for the world, said a Vatican newspaper editorial. The talks between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev prove that dialogue is possible despite many obstacles, said an unsigned editorial in the October 5 edition of L'Osservatore Romano. The editorial added that world peace cannot be resolved by the two superpower alone, but involves all nations and peoples. Despite recent U.S.-Soviet conflicts, "persevering negotiations and ingenious stratagems" have kept the hope of dialogue for peace alive, the newspaper said.



Fifth-grader Karen Zimmerman from St. Lawrence foreshadows the school's first place win in the spirit award.

Cheering them on

This year's Marathon for Catholic Schools took place at the Highland Bowl on Saturday, October 4, with approximately 2,500 runners representing 30 local schools. According to Jean Gilbert, president of the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents, the six-mile marathon raised more than \$145,000.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised by individual runners is returned to the schools they represent. The remainder goes to support the activities of the parents' federation.



Michael N. Aydogan

Seton Jr. High students join forces in a cheer to show the judges their school spirit.

City schools seek parents' input on clinic

By Teresa A. Parsons

Rochester city school district officials are determined to involve more parents in planning a health clinic and day-care center at Jefferson Junior-Senior High School.

In the meantime, members of a community advisory board will continue to work on the proposal for the clinic, despite low turnout at last week's public forum, which sought to determine whether the clinic had community support. Of nearly 100 people who attended the forum, Thursday, Oct. 2, only five were parents of Jefferson students.

The proposed clinic would offer comprehensive health services, possibly including contraceptive counseling, pregnancy testing, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, and drug and alcohol counseling.

As outlined at a school board study session Monday evening, the clinic's proposed parental consent process won cautious approval from at least one diocesan official.

"I appreciate some of the elements they're trying to bring in to involve parents," said William Privett, associate director of Catholic Charities for the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry. "It seems like a more hopeful direction, although there are still a lot of unanswered questions about implementation."

Privett and several fellow members of the Teen Pregnancy Coalition have opposed the

concept of school-based health clinics which offer contraceptive services because they assert that such services increase adolescent sexual activity.

Proponents of the clinic want to hear from parents before finalizing parts of the proposal. But neither the forum nor surveys distributed to parents prompted much response.

Flyers announcing the forum were sent to parents late last month. Included was a survey in English and Spanish asking parents which services they thought should be offered at a school-based clinic. As of Tuesday, nearly 100 parents had responded to the survey.

Rivera does not believe parents who haven't responded oppose the clinic or are uninterested in the proposal. "I think it's an indication of the need for more information," he said. "I think people in general are in favor of the clinic."

More information will be offered at a meeting of Jefferson's parent organization on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school. District officials are helping to spread word of the meeting through phone calls, flyers and, in some cases, door-to-door contacts.

Originally brought to the school district by

a group called Community Adolescent Services (CAS), the proposal seeks funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's School-Based Adolescent Health Care Program. The foundation is offering 20 individual grants of up to \$600,000 for clinics and \$300,000 for day-care centers. Grants will extend over six years, beginning in June, 1987.

Eligible schools or districts must be located within a city of at least 100,000 people and must have a combined total enrollment of at least 1,000 students. The foundation also requires that proposals be planned in consultation with a broadly representative community group.

In response, CAS formed a 40-member advisory board to help develop the proposal. Members include school district officials and representatives of community agencies, as well as several parents and youths.

According to an outline distributed at last week's forum, the clinic would offer free comprehensive medical, dental and mental health services to students, particularly those without a family doctor. Students could receive treatment and referrals at the school during the day. The clinic would also offer 24-hour emergency service and emergency

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