



Poor prospects

Observers believe that in the wake of El Salvador's recent earthquake, the country may face still more devastating social and economic consequences. See Page 6.



Beyond Band-Aids

As three Rochester parishes prepare to offer another winter of shelter to the city's homeless persons, organizers continue to seek more permanent solutions. See Page 4.

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World

Pope wants people to repent

Assisi, Italy — When Christians pray for peace they should also repent for failing to achieve the peace among people desired by Christ, said Pope John Paul II during an historic day of prayer which drew 150 religious leaders from around the world. "We must be true peacemakers...in today's world, scarred by the wounds of warfare and division, indeed in a sense crucified," the pope said Oct. 27 at a prayer session of Christian leaders. At a speech later in the day, he said peace requires people "to respect, protect and promote human life, from the womb to the deathbed, for individuals and peoples, but especially for the weak, the destitute, the derelict."

Pope invited to Russia?

Rome — Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen of Moscow has a green light from Soviet authorities to invite Pope John Paul II to Moscow in 1988, reported the Italian news agency ANSA. The Rome-based news service said the information came from a source close to the Soviet government. Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Oct. 27 that the Vatican has no information regarding a possible invitation to the pope to visit Moscow. The ANSA story, datelined Moscow, said the pope would be invited for Orthodox-sponsored ceremonies commemorating the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Russia, one of the 15 Soviet republics.

Nation

Bishop opposes sub's name

Albany, N.Y. — Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany and six other Christian leaders in the area have urged that a new nuclear-armed submarine not be named for the city of Albany.

The request, made in a letter to Mayor Thomas M. Whalen, came as a response to an announcement by Rep. Sam Stratton, D-N.Y., that a nuclear-powered submarine, equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles, would be named "The Albany" in tribute to the city's tricentennial celebration.

The \$500 million submarine is expected to be launched next March.

Judge offended by probe

Phoenix, Ariz. — U.S. District Judge Charles Hardy dismissed on procedural grounds a lawsuit charging that an undercover probe into the sanctuary movement was unconstitutional, but said, "Frankly I am offended that the government is snooping into people's churches." The suit was filed by three Arizona churches, and charged that the government violated constitutional rights to freedom of exercise of religion, freedom from illegal search and seizure, and the right not to testify against one's self.

Sisters destroy credit cards

Adrian, Mich. — The Adrian Dominican Sisters have sent 40 mutilated Shell Oil credit cards to the company to protest what the nuns say is a Shell policy which supports the South African government. Leaders of the nuns said Shell's parent company, Royal-Dutch Shell, supplies fuel to the apartheid economy of South Africa by selling it to the country's military police despite continued boycott threats from church and labor groups.



Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal
Although they are physically weak, Monroe Community Hospital's Catholic parishioners, like Mamie Streb, rely on spiritual strength to cope with their disabilities. For story and more pictures, see Pages 6 and 7.

Fr. Curran urges balance of culture and tradition

By Karen M. Franz

The Roman Catholic Church should shed its suspicion of the influence of American culture on Catholicism and should adopt new structures that will allow it to learn from American experience while still retaining its ability to criticize negative aspects of Americanism, Father Charles E. Curran told an audience of 750 listeners Monday, Oct. 27, in the Interfaith Chapel of the University of Rochester.

Father Curran, the controversial Catholic University of America theologian, delivered the 1986 John Henry Newman Lecture sponsored by the university's Newman Community.

"History shows that Rome has always been suspicious and fearful that the American Catholic Church would become too American and in the process lose what is essential to its Roman Catholicism," Father Curran said in the introduction to his address. Yet, he said, it is possible for U.S. Catholics to be both American and Roman Catholic. In fact, some aspects of American culture have had and continue to have a positive influence on the Church's self-understanding.

Father Curran explained that there will always be tension in the Church — particularly between Rome and local churches throughout the world — because of two sets of competing emphases — creativity vs. fidelity and universality vs. particularity. He called for a commitment to "creative fidelity" that would make what has been handed down from apostolic times meaningful and present in contemporary historical and cultural circumstances. Moreover, while preserving its universal nature, the Church must allow for cultural diversity within its local churches.

"The Church will always experience the twofold tension that arises from the need of the Church to be creatively faithful to the word and work of Jesus and from the recognition that the Church must preserve both universality and particularity," Father Curran said, noting that without such tensions, the Church would be dead.

Recently, however, these tensions have taken on exaggerated proportions for two reasons, he said. One factor "comes from the fact that Rome still tends to think of Catholic theology only in the terms of a historical neoscholasticism. As a result, there have been increasing tensions between

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City district goes ahead with clinic proposal

By Teresa A. Parsons

Despite opposition from members of the Monroe County Teen Pregnancy Coalition, the Rochester City School Board voted 5-1 Thursday, October 23, to submit a proposal for a high school health clinic and day-care center.

If the proposal is among 20 chosen for funding next June by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the city school district could receive as much as \$900,000 over a six-year period. The clinic, which the district hopes to locate at Jefferson Junior/Senior High School, would offer comprehensive health services, including routine check-ups, drug and alcohol counseling, pregnancy tests and prescriptions or vouchers for contraceptives. The day-care

center would serve children of Jefferson students.

In a four-page letter submitted to school board members and School Superintendent Peter J. McWalters shortly before Thursday's vote, Teen Pregnancy Coalition Chairman William H. Privett explained that the group recognizes the need for improved adolescent health care.

"The member agencies of this coalition express their serious concern for the students and their health," the letter stated. "The coalition supports the leadership of the school district to find ways to improve the delivery of health services to teenagers."

Nearly a dozen coalition members neverthe-

less decided in a meeting October 21 to oppose the proposal because they believe that it leaves too many issues unresolved. Furthermore, they charged, the clinic's family-planning component violates some of the district's own principles.

A quorum of coalition members was not present at the emergency meeting "because of the extremely late development of the proposal," the letter stated.

The letter points out that the Teen Pregnancy Coalition has cooperated with the city school district for several years in developing a junior high school Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum.

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