



Uplifting move

An old farmhouse, which served as a convent and rectory on the grounds of St. Thomas the Apostle church in Rochester, moves down the road. See Page 12.



Streak snapped

The Bishop Kearney girls' volleyball team ended Cardinal Mooney's 58-match winning streak in the Private-Parochial League last week. See Page 15.

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World

Bishops issue AIDS statement

London — The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have expressed "deep compassion" for AIDS victims while underlining the need for sexual activity to be confined to marriage. In a statement issued after their November 10-14 general meeting just outside London, the bishops noted that AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — was "beginning to assume epidemic proportions." The statement continued: "We know that AIDS, but we extend our deep compassion to all those suffering from this condition."

Bishops urge cooperation

Guadalajara, Mexico — Mexico's bishops emphasized church-state cooperation in education at the close of their Nov. 10-14 meeting. They repeatedly denied, however, that they are proposing specific constitutional amendments to allow legal recognition of the Church. The Mexican constitution prohibits the clergy from directly criticizing national laws and officials, and bars the Church from owning property or participating in education. Despite the prohibition on education, the Church runs 8,200 primary, secondary and high schools in Mexico, with the government's tacit approval.

Nation

Clerics, Reagan discuss porn

Washington (NC) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago and Father Bruce Ritter of New York were among 21 religious leaders who urged President Reagan at a Nov. 14 White House meeting to fight hard-core and child pornography. After the meeting, Cardinal Bernardin said the administration plans to introduce a legislative package on obscenity and child pornography to Congress early next year. Cardinal Bernardin and Father Ritter, president of Covenant House, a center for sexually exploited children, met with the president as members of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography.

Director to leave post

Detroit — Agnes Mary Mansour, who left her religious order to save her job as director of Michigan's Department of Social Services in 1983, announced that she will resign from the state post. Mansour, a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 30 years, said she is leaving in January because of continuous and "unfair" criticism of her management, which she felt hurt the department and Michigan Gov. James Blanchard. Most recently she has been criticized for firing three top department officials who were accused of participating in an alleged welfare rent fraud scheme.

New Notre Dame head named

Notre Dame, Ind. — The board of trustees of the University of Notre Dame Nov. 14 elected Holy Cross Father Edward A. Malloy, associate provost, to succeed Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh as president of the university. Father Malloy, 45, will not take office as the 16th president until Father Hesburgh retires after commencement exercises in May 1987. Father Hesburgh, 69, has headed Notre Dame for 35 years.

State funds two projects for women

By Teresa A. Parsons

Women are the most vulnerable but least visible members of Rochester's homeless population. Within the next year, two agencies sponsored by the Catholic Family Center plan to set up programs geared specifically for those women.

Restart Substance Abuse Service plans by mid-March to open Liberty Manor, a residential treatment program for female substance abusers. Next summer, Sister Eileen Conheady, SSJ, hopes to open a shelter for homeless women and children.

Women seek emergency and transitional shelter at a rate of 250 to 350 per year in Monroe County, according to estimates from area agencies. Not included in that estimate are women released from institutions or those who never contact the social-service program.

Research by New York State's Department of Social Services indicates that almost one-third of the single people who are homeless and 9 percent of the homeless families in the state have substance-abuse system.

Yet no agency in Monroe County offers care for indigent women drug abusers who need a residential program.

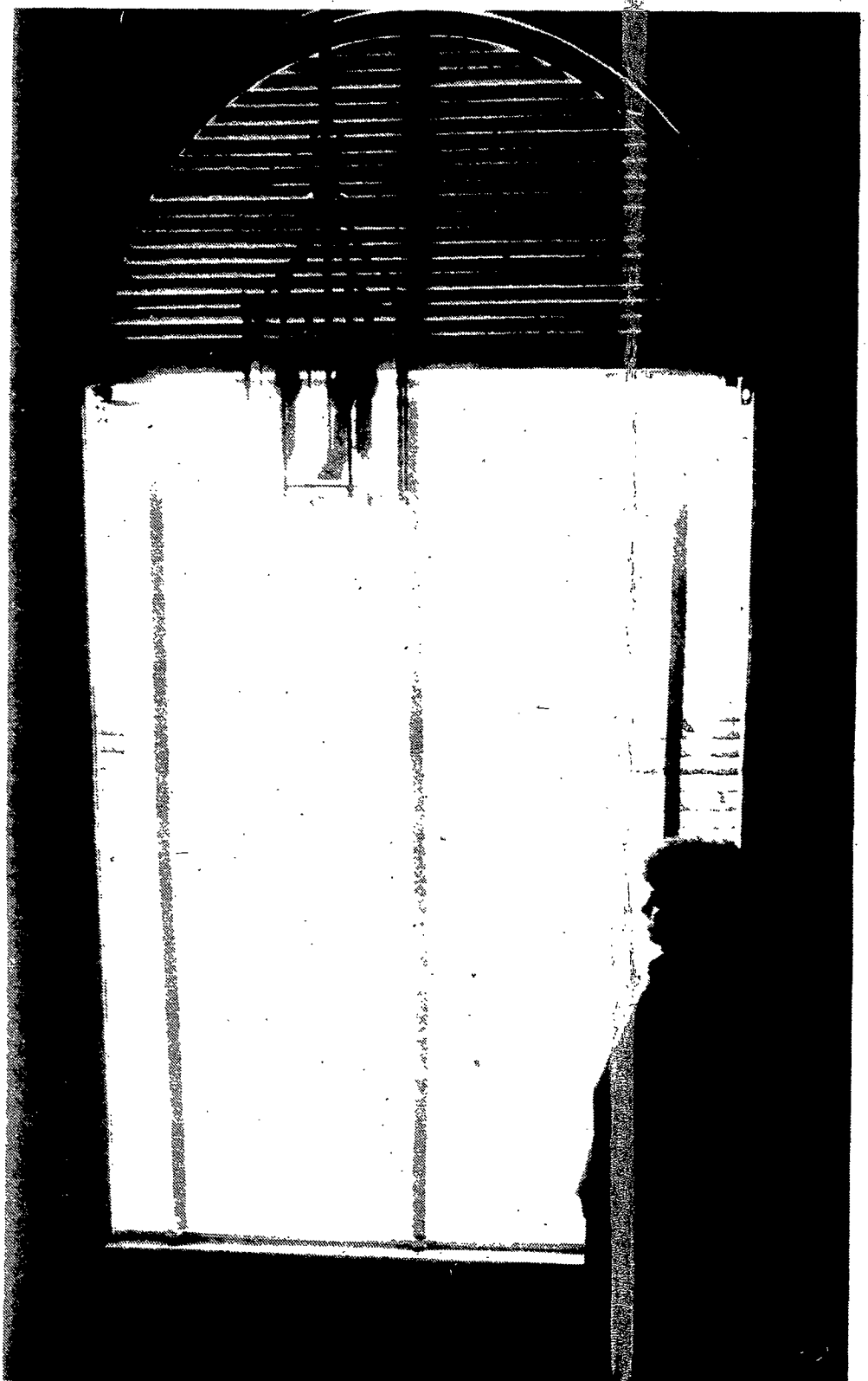
Consequently, when the New York State Division of Substance Abuse Services sent a request for proposal to Restart Substance Abuse Services during the summer of 1985, program director Carolyn Portnova and project developer Lin Elling decided to "shoot for the most difficult people to help."

They submitted a proposal for Liberty Manor — a place where indigent women who are also drug abusers could find a temporary home and treatment, not only for their addiction, but also for such related problems as isolation, lack of self-esteem and education.

"Normally what you get in a treatment program is a focus on the problem of addiction only," Elling said. "What we're after is wellness, not the end of addiction only."

One year ago, the state approved Restart's application. After an exhaustive and frustrating search for a site, agency officials expected to sign a lease this week for the convent at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1111 Joseph Ave.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Parish's convent will continue a long tradition of service to women when it welcomes new occupants to Liberty Manor, a residential treatment program for female substance abusers. Shown above is Lin Wylie Elling, who helped develop the program and will serve as its director.

Conference president's statement was his alone

Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown asked for comments from his fellow bishops but did not presume to speak for them in the statement he released at the end of a closed-door session on the case of Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen during last week's National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Washington.

In an informal report to Diocesan Pastoral Center staff and division directors Monday, Nov. 17, Bishop Matthew H. Clark said that the statement was "only Bishop Malone's," and that the conference as a whole had produced no statement or position from the executive session.

In his November 12 statement, Bishop Malone, the outgoing president of the bishops' conference, said that although the conference was not authorized to judge the facts in the Seattle case, he believed that the Holy See had employed procedures clearly in

accord with the general principles of Church law.

For additional coverage of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual meeting last week, see National/International Report, beginning on Page 5.

"The conference of bishops has no authority to intervene in the internal affairs of a diocese or in the unique relationship between the pope and individual bishops," Bishop Malone said.

Bishop Clark described the atmosphere at the closed meeting as tense, but not adversarial. He said that a statement in-

formally endorsed by some 25 bishops, including himself, described those tensions as natural, but supported open discussion, a review by the Holy See of its action in the Seattle case, and publication of procedures for dealing with such cases.

"I think that it would have been a wonderful thing for our conference if the executive session had been made public," Bishop Clark added. "One reason for my wishing that the session had been public is that there was tremendously strong support expressed for Bishop (Archbishop Hunthausen)."

But the outcome may have been the best possible, Bishop Clark said, given the intense scrutiny under which the bishops were operating, the very limited time frame and the informal nature of the meeting.

"There was a great fear of setting up a court, where you speak and then you speak, and then there's a judgement," he said.