



### Rites of spring

SNY Geneseo students could have celebrated spring on Florida beaches. Instead, they chose an exhausting and uplifting week of mission work. See page 7.



### Quivering Quakers

Bishop Kearney's Fighting Kings rattled three Franklin pitchers in a 17-2 rout of the Quakers. For an overview of recent baseball action, see page 11.

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### World

#### Court upholds arrest warrants

**Milan, Italy** — An Italian court has upheld arrest warrants for U.S. Archbishop Paul Marcinkus and two other Vatican bank officials, the Italian news service ANSA reported.

In an 18-page ruling, the Milan Tribunal of Liberty said the warrants were regularly issued and based on a "fundamental and essential role" the Vatican bank is alleged to have played in the bankruptcy of Italy's Banco Ambrosiano in 1982, ANSA reported April 13.

The decision was the first legal judgment on the warrants issued Feb. 20 by Milan magistrates.

#### Vatican holdings assessed

**Vatican City** — The Vatican's financial holdings, including real estate, total about \$570 million, but less than half of that amount produces income, said Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio, a top Vatican financial official.

It was the first time a Vatican official has publicly revealed the amount of the Holy See's "patrimony" of investments and land holdings. Cardinal Caprio said the disclosure should help put an end to the "rumors about the immense riches of the Vatican."

"As you can see, we have nothing to hide," he said in a rare interview published April 16 by the Italian financial newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore*.

### Nation

#### Will bishops be arrested?

**Washington** — As many as three U.S. bishops face possible arrest May 5 for planned acts of civil disobedience in a major anti-war protest scheduled at the Nevada nuclear test site.

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, president of Pax Christi USA, plans to be arrested during the protest, according to Pax Christi.

Possibly joining him in civil disobedience will be retired Bishop Maurice J. Dingman of Des Moines, Iowa, and retired Bishop Charles A. Buswell of Pueblo, Colo.

The demonstration, sponsored by Pax Christi and Nevada Desert Experience, a peace organization based in Las Vegas, will mark the fourth anniversary of approval of the U.S. bishops' May 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace.

#### Faculty defers bishop's honor

**Brooklyn, N.Y.** — The faculty council at Brooklyn College has "deferred" approval of a proposed honorary degree for Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn after some faculty members at the public school questioned the bishop's stand on homosexuality and other issues.

New York Mayor Ed Koch, saying he was "shocked" by the faculty council's action, which was widely reported as an outright rejection, announced he would award Bishop Mugavero the LaGuardia medal, an honor Koch established in 1981 and named for former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia.



**BLESSING** — To symbolize worldwide concern about the threat of nuclear war, Clare Regan, right, and Sister Beatrice Ganley, SSJ, faced adjacent compass points and raised unconsecrated bread and wine to be blessed by participants in the annual Good Friday prayer service at Seneca Army Depot.

Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal

## Committee issues report on school planning

### Report outlines progress of education task forces

By Teresa A. Parsons

A diocesan elementary-school planning committee has presented Bishop Matthew H. Clark with recommendations for the 1987/88 school year. Not only were the recommendations issued nearly two months later than expected, but they are also considerably less sweeping in scope than had been anticipated.

In its first major progress report on Catholic Elementary School Planning for Rochester and Monroe County, the diocesan implementation committee calls for only two specific school-level changes.

The report does, however, propose to standardize the way schools apportion their costs, and rejects the idea of establishing a uniform rate of tuition throughout Monroe County.

Next year, Holy Apostles/Holy Family School in Rochester will send its seventh- and eighth-graders to Our Lady of Good Counsel Regional Junior High School. In turn, Holy Apostles/Holy Family will accommodate most of the kindergarten through grade-six students from St. Anthony of Padua School, which is closing at the end of the current school year.

Meanwhile, at least three Monroe County parishes — St. Anne's, St. Andrew's, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help — are still deliberating junior-high level school changes for the 1987/88 school year, according to diocesan education officials.

"This first report represents the preliminary work of about 10 task forces," explained Father John Mulligan, director of the Diocesan Division of Urban Ministry and a member of the implementation committee. "The reason the report doesn't seem as indicative of school changes as we thought it would be is that most school changes come about because of crises

in registration in March, and there weren't as many changes as we thought there might be."

The implementation committee report, which Bishop Clark approved earlier this month, focuses on the work of task forces established through the February 3, 1986, planning document for Catholic elementary schools in Rochester and Monroe County.

Each task force has been charged with developing goals and recommendations for one specific educational area, such as school certification, multi-cultural programming, finance, fund raising or Hispanic concerns.

In response to the bishop's 1986 call for cooperative planning at the grass-roots level, representatives of neighboring schools are also meeting in five geographically organized clusters.

To oversee and coordinate the work of clusters and task forces, a group of 15 parents, pastors, principals, teachers and diocesan administrators was asked to serve on the implementation committee, which was established last spring. At the time, they expected to submit their first annual report to the bishop in February, 1987.

That expectation was unrealistic, according to Father Louis Sirianni, a committee member. "A lot of our deadlines were impractical for the amount of work that needed to be done," he said.

Despite the proliferation of task forces and the range of topics they are covering, Father Sirianni believes the implementation committee's job has remained manageable.

"It's set up as an umbrella committee, more or less," he said. "Most committee members serve on one or more of the task forces, and they submit reports . . . It seems to work quite well."

Perhaps the most expansive changes suggested by the implementation committee report were in the area of financial reform.

Tuition shopping — a pattern whereby parents seek out schools with low tuition — was the issue that prompted members of the Financial Task Force to consider adopting a uniform school tuition. Because task force members failed to turn up enough evidence of this pattern to merit such dramatic action, they rejected the uniform tuition proposal, according to John Trickey, diocesan finance manager.

Instead, the task force will propose later this month that geographically organized clusters of schools and parishes adopt not only a standard tuition, but also a standard amount of school support from parishes, including those without schools.

Trickey said he and other members of the Financial Task Force plan to present the cluster concept — also known as the Syracuse model — to the implementation committee during a meeting April 30.

The Financial Task Force has also developed a "Fiscal Viability Assessment" form, designed to provide a standard method for determining a school's instructional costs.

"The largest issue is what are the elements of expense that should be considered part of the cost of education," Trickey said.

As an example, he described a hypothetical school building in which a parish center is located. Under loose guidelines, School A might allocate the cost of heating and lighting the center as an educational expense, while School B might include the same expense under another category. As a result, School B could represent its educational cost as lower than School A's.

"We need to remove the opportunities for bias so we can obtain a truer measure of the cost of education," Trickey said.

To obtain a truer measure of quality education, the implementation committee report noted that the task force on school certifica-

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