

# Ballots sound local parishioners' views on Central America

Almost 400 people from three Monroe County parishes expressed their opinions on U.S. policy in Central America to U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato last week.

Parishioners from Corpus Christi, St. Ambrose and St. Margeret Mary churches didn't demonstrate or proselytize — they voted.

The occasion was not an election, but rather a national referendum sponsored by Washington, D.C.-based peace organizations and designed to inform government officials whether or not American policy in

Central America is supported by the American people.

Nearly 35,000 ballots from across the country were delivered to policy-makers in Washington June 18, the anniversary of a 1954 U.S.-backed coup in Guatemala. The referendum called for either positive or negative responses to the following points: ending all aid to the contras; ending all military and war-related economic assistance to the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala; removing all U.S. bases, troops and National Guardsmen from Honduras

and ending military aid to that country; and promoting peaceful solutions to the conflicts by supporting the Contadora peace process, establishing cooperative relations between the governments of the U.S. and Nicaragua, and promoting negotiations within El Salvador and Guatemala.

Nationwide, only about 7,000 of the ballots indicated negative responses to the above items, as compared to more than 340,000 positive votes.

Local organizer Marie Bellavia of the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry opted to deliver ballots from Rochester-area parishes directly to Senator D'Amato's office last Thursday morning, June 25.

Parishioners from Corpus Christi supplied the bulk of the response from Monroe County, with more than 280 ballots. Nearly 100 people filled out ballots after a Sunday Mass at St. Ambrose earlier this month.

Parish organizer Joanne Balliet learned of the referendum at a regional meeting of social ministry coordinators.

"We're constantly looking for ways for people to let their views be known," Balliet said. "Maybe 100 wasn't a real good number, but everyone in church heard about it and maybe some of them went home and talked about it. I think anything social ministry committees can do to get people thinking is good."

Timing was a problem at St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit. Social justice representative C.J. Sutura received the ballots only a week before the deadline.

"Our feeling is that we need to educate people first before we try to take any action," she explained. "The timing is always difficult on these legislative and political issues."

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