

### Scoring surge

Bishop Kearney scored three unanswered goals in the fourth quarter of its lacrosse game against Mynderse last weekend and held off its Finger Lakes opponent for an important win. Page 8.



### Melody maker

Marty Haughen, a leading composer of contemporary liturgical music, visited Rochester recently to share his music and his vision of the direction church music is taking. Page 16.

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## Israeli acts test rapport, expert warns

New York (NC) — An American priest who completed his third tour of the Middle East last month warns that Israel's handling of the current Palestinian uprising will put Christian-Jewish relations to the test.

"I consider Israel in its 1967 borders to have a right to exist in security," said Atonegment Father Elias Mallon, who is responsible for Christian-Jewish and Christian-Moslem relations at his order's Graymoor Ecumenical Institute in New York. "But what's going on in the West Bank will undermine everything Israel says it's about.

"Whether the Jewish people I work with will buy that, I don't know," he said. "But as a Roman Catholic, I believe that if Jews have the right — and they do — to disagree with the pope seeing (Austrian President Kurt) Waldheim, we have a right to express our concerns."

Father Mallon was interviewed April 19 following a speech to the New York chapter of the Religious Public Relations Council. In the speech, he reported on the visit, in which he led a 15-member tour group under the auspices of Americans for Middle East Understanding, a pro-Arab agency in New York.

The group visited Palestinians in a refugee camp, a hospital, Bethlehem University and other places, Father Mallon reported. They also talked with officials of the United Nations, and the U.S. and Jordanian governments, he said.

Largely, Father Mallon's talk focused on the group's findings that Palestinians — including children — were being injured and killed by shootings, beatings and tear-gassing.

In the interview, Father Mallon said that when interreligious dialogue is "mature," participants can speak to each other with "respect, love and honesty" about things troubling them.

"I don't know whether Christian-Jewish relations are at this mature stage yet," he said. "But we're sure going to find out soon."

Father Mallon said Christian Brother Anton DeRoepel of Britain, chief operating officer (vice chancellor) of Bethlehem University, told his group of the difficulty of dealing with both Palestinian and Israeli pressures. Israel has forced the university, a Catholic institution, to remain closed most of the time in recent months, Father Mallon said, but Palestinians want to see it open and supportive of their cause.

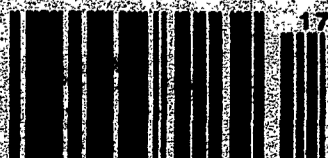


**A SOLDIER'S COMPASSION** — An Israeli soldier offers water to an arrested Palestinian youth after uprisings on the Gaza strip, part of the contested territory where Israelis and Palestinians have repeatedly clashed. Father Elias Mallon, an expert on interfaith relations, says Israel's handling of the conflict may strain Christian-Jewish ties.

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## As shroud tests begin, scientist questions Vatican motives

From NC News and Local Reports  
Even as samples of the Shroud of Turin arrived at three test sites, Harry E. Gove of the University of Rochester called a Church official's decision to limit testing a deliberate attempt to produce disputed results.

"I'm pretty well convinced now they (Church officials) are out to produce ambiguous results," said Gove, a professor in UR's department of physics.

Gove's laboratory at the university was among seven institutions originally considered to determine the shroud's age through carbon-14 testing. Early this year, however, Church officials eliminated the UR facility from consideration when they reduced the number of approved test sites to three.

"All three institutions (Oxford University, the University of Arizona and the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland) are excellent, but if any one of them makes a mistake the results will be off," Gove said.

"They'll produce results that won't be acceptable, whereas if the seven institutions had been permitted to proceed, the tests' credibility would have increased," he contended.

Despite the recommendation by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences that at least seven laboratories perform the tests, Archbishop Anastasio Ballistrero of Turin, Italy, followed the counsel of his own science adviser in choosing to limit the number of test sites. The shroud is the property of the Vatican, but remains in the custody of the Turin archdiocese.

The three remaining facilities received samples cut from the shroud in a videotaped operation April 21. Experts from the Turin-based Italian National Institute of Measurements and the Historical Textile Museum of Lyons, France, supervised the removal of a rectangular strip of material totaling about one square inch from the shroud, revered for centuries as the burial cloth of Christ.

At the three test sites, a "blind" testing procedure will be followed, using other dated materials as a control. The three laboratories each received three sealed, unidentified containers. One held the shroud sample, while the two others held bits of cloth whose ages are already known. The control materials were fur-

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