



### Fantastic fantasy

As the Echo page begins its summer hiatus, the Courier-Journal offers a weekly movie review column — just in time to discover "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." Page 9.



### Peace pilgrimage

A longtime dream comes true this week for McQuaid student Nick Staropoli, who is traveling to the Soviet Union for a five-week tour with the Rochester Peace Child Chorus. Page 16.

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## Diocesan priest among 844 arrested in Philadelphia

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"Operation Rescue," a non-violent attempt by pro-life activists to close abortion clinics, netted nearly 850 arrests July 5 and 6 at two Philadelphia-area clinics.

Auxiliary Bishop Austin B. Vaughan of New York City and Father Anthony P. Mugavero, parochial vicar of St. Theodore's Church, Rochester, were among 591 anti-abortion activists arrested on July 5 after defying two court orders by singing hymns and blocking entrances to the Women's Suburban Clinic in Paoli, a suburb of Philadelphia. Both Bishop Vaughan and Father Mugavero were arrested at previous Operation Rescue demonstrations in Manhattan back in early May.

According to David E. Long, director of Rochester's Project Life, workers at the Northeast Women's Clinic in Philadelphia declared that facility closed around 3 p.m. on July 6 after demonstrators had spent more than seven hours blocking the entrance to the clinic.

"These were two very successful rescues," said Long, who was one of the field marshals looking out for possible counter-protests by pro-choice activists. "The degree of peacefulness and control of our movement is growing (with every rescue mission)."

According to Long, the Women's Suburban Clinic was the only facility open on July 5, making it easy for police officials to determine where the massive demonstration would take place. Some Philadelphia newspapers had even reported where the rescue mission would take place two days beforehand.

Long said the protesters were originally charged with trespassing, but that Paoli police officials reduced the charges to misdemeanor offenses after pro-life activists refused to produce proper identification for authorities.

"We started to play hard ball with the police," Long said. "We had everybody turn their I.D. cards into us, and we refused to tell them who we were. We also refused to be fingerprinted. They didn't have the prison space for 100 people — let alone 600 — so they dropped the charges down to a misdemeanor."

The following day, police arrested more than 250 people and charged them with defiant trespass — which carries a maximum penalty of a \$300 fine and 90 days in jail — after demonstrators blocked the doors of the clinic while weepingly displaying a 19-week-old fetus they called "Baby Choice." The eight-inch fetus, which had been aborted in a saline procedure, had been obtained from renowned pro-life activists Norman Stone and Gerald Horn.

Before beginning the arrests, police read a federal district court injunction against the Binghamton-based Operation Rescue, asking the protesters to disperse. Those remaining were carried away on stretchers after refusing



Timothy Haggerty/NC News

Police prepare to arrest and carry away New York Auxiliary Bishop Austin B. Vaughan during a July 5 Operation Rescue anti-abortion protest in Paoli, Pa.

to walk to police buses.

When the facility closed, police stopped arresting protesters; another 75 people were waiting to be arrested.

"We were worried that the clinic would reopen if the police arrested everybody," Long said. He added that when pro-life demonstrators began to "go limp," the action prompted authorities to begin releasing those already arrested.

In other Operation Rescue events, more than 600 participants and supporters held a picnic and rally July 4 at historic Valley Forge.

"Pro-life Americans are suffering," Nellie Gray said during the rally. Gray, president of the national March for Life, asserted that "This suffering is caused by the authorities that we have in our government on federal, state and local levels, in our courts, in our legislature and unfortunately in the White House."

Gray has been critical of President Reagan

in the past for not doing enough to prevent abortions.

"We have been called busybodies, self-righteous, know-it-all troublemakers because we consider the slaughter of 22 million human beings to be unjust acts of aggression," said Molly Kelly, a pro-life educator from Philadelphia. "If we are called names, cursed at, spit upon, fined and jailed, so be it; we are doing God's work and he will protect us."

Bishop Vaughan noted that "Valley Forge has always stood as the symbol for a cause, the willingness of people to pay a price for something that is important. It is a symbol of people emerging from a dark winter into victory."

"I came to Operation Rescue, in a sense, out of frustration and desperation," he said. "After 15 years we still have one-and-a-half million babies dying each year. My hope is with God's help — and we are sure of God's help — we will be able to say in the near future, 'No

more and never again.'"

In an interview with *The Catholic Standard and Times*, the archdiocesan newspaper of Philadelphia, Randall A. Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, said the project's purpose is "to save children from death, women from being exploited and to inspire more vision and hope so that this type of activity will occur all across the country."

"A quick overview of American history" shows that "virtually every major political change was preceded by street-level upheaval," he said.

The next set of Operation Rescue demonstrations is scheduled for Atlanta during the July 18-21 Democratic National Convention. Long said that Terry has asked him to direct those protests.

"We will take a more significant contingent from Rochester if I direct that event," Long said.

## Lefebvrites defy Vatican's call for unity

By Cindy Wooden

Washington (NC) — Leaders of schismatic Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre's Priestly Society of St. Pius X reacted with defiance to calls by Vatican officials and local bishops to return to the Church or face the penalty of excommunication.

"We could not ask for anything better than to be declared 'ex communione' by the spirit of adultery which has blown through the Church for the last 25 years — excluded from the unholy communion with unbelievers," said a July 6 letter to the Vatican from 24 Lefebvrite priests meeting in Econe, Switzerland.

While the signers of the letter were not identified, Father Charles Ward, treasurer of the society in the United States, told National Catholic News-Service in Washington that his colleagues "said everything that is necessary in that small statement."

Vatican officials told NC News in Rome that Pope John Paul II has received many letters for and against his excommunication of Archbishop Lefebvre, but the Vatican is not in a position to release information about them nor to acknowledge receipt of specific letters.

Pope John Paul warned Lefebvre followers in a July 2 letter that they have a "grave duty to remain united with the vicar of Christ."

"If any unity was broken," Father Ward said, it was because the rest of the Church "did not hold fast to tradition."

On July 9 the pope named a nine-member commission to help followers of Archbishop Lefebvre remain in the Catholic Church.

President of the commission is 77-year-old Cardinal Paul Augustin Mayer, until recently head of the Congregations for Divine Worship and Sacraments. Most of the

members are officials from a cross-section of Vatican congregations.

Pope John Paul announced formation of the commission in the July 2 papal letter and said the group would be empowered to help Vatican officials and local bishops reintegrate followers of Archbishop Lefebvre who wished to remain in the Catholic Church rather than continue in his schismatic movement.

Father Ward said he and others will continue to follow Archbishop Lefebvre because the archbishop refuses "to accept those things which are not in conformity with the constant teaching of the Church."

Archbishop Lefebvre and his followers do not accept many of the Second Vatican Council teachings, especially liturgical reforms, ecumenical advances and teachings on religious liberty.

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