



Multifaceted martyr

A current GeVa Theatre production focuses on the intriguing life of Edith Stein, a recently beatified Carmelite nun of Jewish descent who died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Page 8.



DeSales defeated

DeSales was beaten by Ramulus, 22-6, in a pivotal Finger Lakes West football game last Saturday, Oct. 15, marking the first loss of the season for Bob Toney's Saints. Page 12.

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War against the poor

Protesters gathered together on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Mt. Hope Cemetery to begin a demonstration to "Stop the war against the poor in Rochester and El Salvador." Demonstrators assembled banners and distributed crosses representing those killed by "death squads" in El Salvador. Above, Ron Linville, co-chairman of No Intervention in Central America (NICA) and organizer of the protest, reads a quotation from Frederick Douglass. The young man at the right was one of many who took part in the demonstration, which involved a ceremony, speeches and a march to the Monroe County Office of Social Services. Protesters asserted that funds used for military purposes would be better spent feeding the hungry.



Bishop reflects on highlights of 'ad limina'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bishop Matthew H. Clark returned from his ad limina visit to Rome as the Courier-Journal was going to press Tuesday morning, Oct. 18. Because of the significance of the ad limina visit, we begin his "Along the Way" column — a reflection on the trip, written in Rome on the eve of his departure, Sunday, Oct. 16 — on this page. The column continues in its regular location at the top of the "Editorial and Opinion" page, page 18.

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

This is the last evening of our ad limina visit, which began with a dinner meeting at a trattoria near St. Peter's last Monday evening.

Bishop Hickey and I have just returned from St. Peter's Square, where we joined a celebration in honor of John Paul II on the 10th anniversary of his election as Bishop of Rome. We had supper earlier with Father Tom Rosica, CSB, who is from St. Ambrose Parish, Rochester. After our meal we walked the few blocks to the square to join in the prayers and hymns of the thousands who had gathered there.

The lights and music of the evening, the size and variety of the crowd, the balmy weather and the event itself all reminded me of the night 10 years earlier when Karol Wojtyla was elected Bishop of Rome and took the name John Paul II. I was present at St. Peter's that night, too. Little did I know that I would be bishop of Rochester seven months later or that 10 years from that night I would be back in St. Peter's Square celebrating the pontiff's anniversary.

I have hundreds of memories of the years between those two nights. Even as I write these words, they compete for my attention. But that has been the experience of the week. We did a lot while we were here, that's for sure. But it is the memories, thoughts, reflections begun or renewed here that will be the lasting fruits of this journey.

Let me share something of these days with you by commenting on the main components of our experiences: our meetings with John Paul II and our visits to several agencies of the Roman Curia. I will conclude with some reflections on the events of the week.

Meetings with John Paul II

The first of these was on Thursday morning when 38 persons — among them the 21 bishops present from New York state for the ad limina visit — gathered in the pope's

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Proposed county budget cuts Action Center

By Teresa A. Parsons

The Action Center for the Disabled may lose nearly 20 percent of its \$115,000 operating budget because the center's contract with Monroe County doesn't fit into County Executive Thomas Frey's proposed \$605 million budget for 1989.

The Action Center, which offers disabled adults recreational opportunities ranging from exercise classes to cultural activities, has depended for the past two years on a \$20,000 contract with Monroe County's Department of Health for a sizeable portion of what is already a "bare bones" budget, according to Lucy Dechaine, the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry's coordinator of programs for the disabled.

In a meeting with the county health director, Dr. Joel Nitzkin, earlier this month, Dechaine and Action Center Director Adele Carlson learned that their contract was being eliminated because the Action Center does not fit within the department's scope of activities.

Funds expended for the contract are also not reimbursable by the state, according to Dr. Nitzkin, who explained that the item was placed in his budget by a former administrator of human services, whose office has since been eliminated in reorganization of the county administration.

Dechaine agrees that the Action Center never belonged in the health department budget, but argues that the center could legitimately fall under social service or recreational categories. "We should not be penalized because (county officials) don't know what to do with us," she said. "What this means is that we could not continue the program as it operates now."

Carol Humphrey, principal management analyst for the county budget office, confirmed that the Action Center's contract has not been renewed, and "won't be appearing anywhere else in the county budget." She added, however, that Clayton Osborne, director of operations for Monroe County, plans to meet with Action Center representatives to help them seek

United Way funding.

Based on past experience, efforts to obtain United Way funding for the Action Center may be a "waste of time," according to Dechaine. Previous efforts have been thwarted for two reasons: the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry — currently the umbrella agency for the Action Center — is already a United Way designated donor; and the United Way has not requested proposals for funding recreation agencies or agencies that serve the disabled since before the Action Center was established in 1981. "How can (Osborne) talk about getting us United Way funding when the county's giving \$180,000 to GeVa (Theatre) and cutting our little bit of funding?" Dechaine asked.

Funding the Action Center has long been difficult because most available human-service funding goes to programs for children with disabilities or to programs that target people with specific disabilities. As a result, the center, which is at present one of the only local pro-

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