



Defeating drugs

Fear is what often brings women to Liberty Manor, but those who stay are driven by hope that they can win the life-and-death struggle against drug dependence. Page 4.



Tipoff tournaments

The high school basketball season officially kicked off last weekend as Bishop Kearney and Aquinas Institute won their season-opening hoop tournaments. Page 13.

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT
Colorguards for the Aquinas Institute Marching Band (left) wave their flags in time to the music during Rochester's Very Merry Downtown Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 26. Police estimated that more than 100,000 people attended the festivities, which also marked the opening of the reconstructed Main Street. Parade volunteers (below) hold the reins of a giant stocking balloon as they make their way down the parade route. For more parade photos, see the Calendar, page 7.

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Ed panel gets mixed reviews from planners

By Rob Cullivan

Representatives from five of the nine groups charged with reorganizing Monroe County's Catholic school system greeted the formation of the Commission on Reorganization of Catholic Schools with a mixture of relief and concern.

The commission, whose nine members were named last month by Bishop Matthew Clark, will spend the next few months reviewing recommendations from three of the four quadrant planning boards and from the Implementation Committee for Catholic Elementary School Planning for the City of Rochester and Monroe County. The commission, headed by Dr. William Pickett, president of St. John Fisher College, is charged with framing by December, 1989, a plan to reorganize diocesan Catholic schools, beginning in September, 1990.

According to Paul Morehouse, chairman of the southeast quadrant planning board, the key to the commission's effectiveness will be uniform communication with the quadrant boards. "We asked Dr. Pickett to be sure that each quadrant gets the same information," he said of last month's meeting between the commission and quadrant representatives.

Noting that the commission members he met wanted each board's input and cooperation, Morehouse observed, "I would have a great deal of confidence in the commission."

The northeast quadrant planning board's chairwoman, Susan Schaefer, said she was impressed by the backgrounds of the commission's members, seven of whom are employed in education.

Dierdre M. Hetzler, a representative from St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville to the southwest quadrant planning board, said Pickett assured representatives from her board that the commission's final plan won't unduly alter the quadrants' recommendations.

"Our initial reaction was, 'Oh dear, do we have to go through one more level?'" Hetzler remarked, "but Dr. Pickett assured us that (wouldn't be the case)." She also noted that Pickett's vision of the commission as acting on recommendations rather than pursuing further study was "good news."

"There's a level of frustration," she said referring to her co-representatives fear of working with another diocesan group. "We believe in collegiality, but we're committee-crazy."

Patricia Glogowski, a representative to the northwest board from St. Lawrence, said the commission members "wanted to know where

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Judge's sentence spurs visit by rescue leader

By Richard A. Kiley

Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry — who has drawn national attention for his relentless crusade against abortion — was in Rochester last weekend, but it wasn't to join in picketing outside an abortion clinic.

His sojourn to western New York was made as a sign of solidarity with pro-life activists the Flower City, where two anti-abortion leaders last week were sentenced to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine by a Brighton judge.

Terry harshly criticized Town Justice John J. Ark for the severity of his sentence, calling him "a judicial tyrant" and accusing him of trying to impede the pro-life movement.

Terry joined activists David E. Long, executive director of Project Life of Rochester, and Gerald Crawford for a news conference Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27, in front of Genesee Hospital. For the past two-and-a-half years, the Rochester hospital has been the site of weekly demonstrations by anti-abortion demonstrators.

Ark handed down his sentence to Long and Crawford last week after a Brighton jury found each guilty of third-degree criminal trespass and other related charges. Long and Crawford were among 36 activists arrested for blocking a Brighton doctor's office September 24.

Terry called on local pro-life activists to demonstrate at Ark's home and law office. He also compared pro-life demonstrators to civil rights activists of the '60s and claimed that Ark's sentence would not have been so severe had Long and Crawford been protesting apartheid.

After their sentencing in Brighton Town Court last week, Long and Crawford refused to pay the \$1,000 fine because they said doing

so would be admitting their guilt and would also compromise their moral grounds.

Ark has given the two pro-life leaders until December 12 to reconsider their refusal to pay the fine.

Both Long and Crawford were convicted November 11 of third-degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest. Long was also convicted of second-degree obstructing governmental administration, while Crawford was convicted of fourth-degree criminal mischief for breaking a window of a Monroe County Sheriff's transport bus.

The two faced a maximum sentence of a year in jail for the misdemeanor convictions.

Throughout the trial, Ark did not allow Long — who was representing himself — Crawford or Crawford's attorney, Scott C. Smith, to use the "necessity defense," in which they would have argued that the two demonstrators blocked the doctor's office to save the lives of fetuses. He did allow Long and Crawford to speak freely about abortion before their sentencing.

Crawford knelt before Ark and asked the Brighton judge to "use your authority to protect the lives of unborn children. I beg you to protect these children."

During sentencing, Ark acknowledged the significance of the trial in terms of pro-life activists' efforts to change abortion laws and expressed admiration for their beliefs.

He then, however, berated Long and Crawford for the means by which they have endeavored to change abortion laws, saying "there is nothing more important in our society than the rule of law."

Long and Crawford are also among the 42 demonstrators currently on trial in Rochester

City Court on charges resulting from a rescue mission May 21 at Highland Hospital. Ark said the two can begin their sentences when that trial ends.

The trial of the group Long calls the "Highland 42" resumed this past Monday, Nov. 28, after a break for the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Court Judge John Manning Regan, who is presiding over the ongoing proceeding, has allowed pro-life activists to use the "necessity" defense in response to inquiries as to why they were at the hospital.

The 42 defendants — the largest group ever on trial in Monroe County history — face charges of third-degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

Assistant District Attorney Joanne Winslow rested the prosecution's case on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Most of the prosecution's testimony came from police officers who arrested activists on May 21.

Much as in the earlier trial of Long and Crawford, the jury watched a police videotape of the arrests.

Even with his jail sentence looming from the Brighton demonstration and a possible sentence stemming from the Highland rescue mission, Long has vowed that rescue missions in Rochester will continue.

Since Randall Terry's arrest last summer on charges of conspiring to commit a crime, Long has said the effort to "decentralize" leadership of Project Life has heightened.

The Project Life director also said he would also like to see more clergy become involved in the pro-life movement, and specifically cited Catholic priests among those he hopes to attract to the protests.

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