

### 'Shadows' on '88

Pope John Paul II points to an Anglican decision on women bishops and the schism with Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as disappointments in an otherwise fruitful year. Page 4



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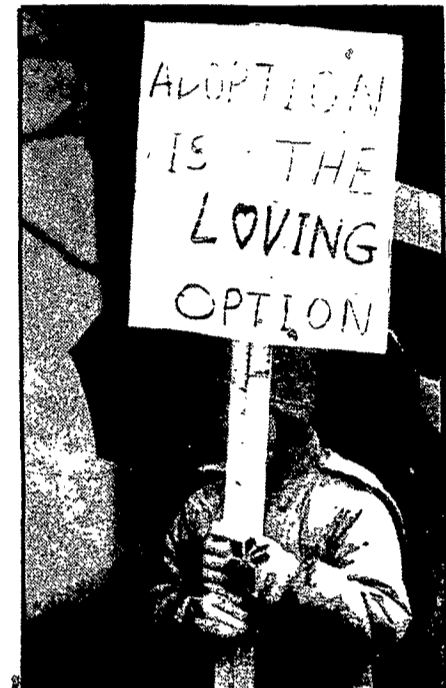
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Pro-life demonstrators gathered Thursday, Dec. 28, in front of the doctors' office building at Park Ridge Hospital to protest a doctor's abortion practice.



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Approximately 40 Catholic protesters joined in the peaceful, prayerful demonstration with no resulting arrests. Organizers claim that a doctor performs abortions in his suite in the office building. Hospital policy prohibits abortions in the hospital itself

## Catholic activists conduct demonstration in Greece

By Richard A. Kiley

Rochester's Catholic community heightened its involvement in the ongoing battle against legalized abortion last week, as approximately 40 Roman Catholics demonstrated outside a suburban doctors' office building.

No one was arrested at the peaceful and prayerful demonstration, which took place in front of the professional building at the Park Ridge Health Campus in Greece on Thursday, Dec. 28. The demonstration occurred on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, which commemorates King Herod's slaying of infants after learning of Jesus' birth. Two diocesan priests, Father Anthony P. Mugavero and Father Anthony J. Valente, were among those protesting.

Demonstration organizers claimed that one doctor who occupies a suite in the office building performs abortions. The Tuesday, Jan. 3, issue of the *Democrat and Chronicle*, one of Rochester's two daily newspapers, identified that physician as Dr. Paul F. Caschetta. Efforts by the *Courier-Journal* to confirm this information — through calls to Park Ridge Hospital, the American Medical Association and the Monroe County Medical Society — revealed, however, that there is no licensed physician in Rochester by the name of Paul F. Caschetta.

Park Ridge Hospital has a policy prohibiting abortion procedures within in the hospital, but that policy does not cover suites leased by private practitioners in the office building. One of the suites in the building is leased to an obstetrician named Dr. Ralph P. Caschetta.

On Monday, Jan. 2, Ken Maher, who helped plan the demonstration, declined to identify which doctor the group was targeting. Maher did say that the doctor was Catholic and is described in telephone referrals made by Planned Parenthood of Rochester and The Genesee Valley Inc. as "grandfatherly."

"It was our intention to meet with him prior to the 28th, but he would not do so," said Maher, justice and peace director for the Catholic Family Center. "We are going to (again) offer him the opportunity to talk, so we'd rather not identify him."

Maher said that a diocesan statement released in mid-December, supporting the right of its

members to engage in non-violent civil disobedience, served as a "stimulus" for the demonstration.

Dr. Barbara Fredericks agreed.

"We felt that Catholics were holding back ... until they got the OK (from the diocese) to protest," said Fredericks, who was arrested Oct. 29 at the Brighton office of Dr. Morris Wortman and who also helped plan last week's demonstration.

Fredericks, who had served with Wortman as a chief resident at Highland Hospital some years ago, added that by performing abortions, the doctor in question doctor was violating the Hippocratic oath. The oath — an ethical code for the medical profession — is generally taken by students receiving medical degrees.

Maher said he was disturbed by reports in the Rochester media that the demonstration was intended to provide an alternative to "rescue missions," which are usually organized by Project Life of Rochester Executive Director David E. Long.

"David Long was aware of this effort. He was consulted and he even supplied part of the information on the site," Maher said. "There definitely could be a rescue mission (involving many Catholics) similar to those of Project Life in the future."

Maher said that a local demonstration may take place the week of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., later this month. National pro-life leaders have already announced that a "Rachel's Rescue," led by pro-life women who have had abortions, is planned for the Washington-Maryland area.

Maher said that Operation Rescue received support from the diocese in its statement, and that Project Life's rescues "have met the criteria" set forth in the document.

Like Maher, Father Mugavero, who was also arrested at the second Brighton protest, was quick to express solidarity with Long.

"Before we went ahead with this, we talked with David; he's always called the church to lead the fight, and he was completely support-

ive," said the priest, who was among 99 anti-abortion protesters to plead guilty in Brighton Town Court to the violation charge of disorderly conduct in connection with Brighton action. The protesters were charged with either resisting arrest, criminal trespass or obstructing governmental administration, all of which are misdemeanors.

Each was ordered to pay a \$100 fine plus \$25 in court costs. All but a dozen of the demonstrators refused to pay the fines and were sentenced to 15 days in jail. The protesters will be allowed to serve their sentences on weekends.

Father Mugavero said that he was "very encouraged" by the turnout in Greece last week, and that he believed that the church was ready to escalate the effort against abortion.

"Something is beginning to be slowly stirred up," the priest said. "It's a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work, calling forth the different energies of the Church. People are starting to be motivated."

## Thanks Giving Appeal pledges top \$4 million mark

By Lee Strong

Thanks Giving Appeal (TGA) officials are crediting improved communications efforts for a successful 1988 campaign, which by Dec. 30 had raised a record \$4,124,207 in pledges from 62,471 people. The appeal's goal had been 3,850,000.

Amid satisfaction with the campaign's success, however, officials are concerned about an ongoing decline in the total number of prospective donors to the annual campaign. Since the appeal began in 1981, this figure — the number of registered parishioners in the diocese — has dropped from 127,192 to 119,855. If the trend continues, the TGA will have to rely on fewer and fewer donors to help meet increasing goals.

Nevertheless, TGA officials predict — based on results from previous campaigns — that final results for the 1988 appeal will top \$4.2 million in pledges from more than 64,000 people.

In contrast, the 1987 campaign received \$3,905,264 in pledges from 64,361 donors. The average pledge in 1988 thus far is \$65 per con-

tributor, up from \$60.68 in 1987.

"I think we're communicating better, letting the people of the diocese know where the money goes," explained Joan Ryan, 1988 appeal chairwoman. "I think when it started people didn't know. Now they're getting a clearer picture."

Patrick Sullivan, appeal director, likewise cited communication efforts in 1988 for helping the campaign exceed its goal. "That to me is a critical segment in making the appeal a suc-

cess," he said. "If we communicate properly, telling the story, I have found that the parishioners in the diocese are responsive to the needs in the diocese."

According to TGA officials, one of the most successful communication devices employed this year was a 17-minute videotape shown to parish groups, campaign workers and parishioners during the appeal. The videotape, narrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, explained

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