



### Phenomenal performance

Mercy's Julie Buntich carried her team past Mooney during a double-overtime win in the championship game of the Mercy Invitational last Sunday. See page 9.



### Karate Kid

Dena Alberti, a sixth-grader at St. Theodore's in Rochester, has kicked and punched her way to six trophies in karate competitions over the last two-and-a-half years. Page 8.

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## Proposal to close schools draws mixed reactions

By Rob Cullivan

Parish and school leaders at Our Lady of Perpetual Help said they were completely unaware that the Northeast Quadrant Planning Board's recent address would call for the parish school to close in June of this year.

More than 100 parents, students and teachers attended an evening meeting in the parish church on Monday, Jan. 9, to hear parish leaders speak and to air their feelings about the planning board's proposal.

The planning board — one of nine groups charged with reorganizing Monroe County's Catholic school system — made the recommendation in a report released Thursday, Jan. 5. The report, based on a study developed by the Center for Governmental Research Inc., recommended that Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Neri in Rochester and St. Salome in Irondequoit be closed in June of this year. Christ the King and St. James in Irondequoit, and Annunciation in Rochester were slated to close by June, 1990.

The plan also calls for the establishment by September of 1990 of a junior high for the quadrant on the premises of Bishop Kearney High School.

According to a press release issued by the diocese, the Center for Governmental Research had determined which elementary schools should be closed based on "building quality and size, number of rooms available for education, location, accessibility by bus and other factors." About 750 of the 2,300 students currently attending the quadrant's 13 schools would be affected by the proposed closings, according to Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan director of education.

The proposal calls for the seven schools — some of which now go through the eighth grade — to house only grades kindergarten through sixth. Twenty-one full-time teaching positions would be terminated under the plan, Sister Tierney said. Under the proposed reorganization, some of those positions would be transferred to the seven remaining schools in order to accommodate the increased class sizes produced by consolidation, she said. She could not, however, estimate how many positions would be transferred until the diocese knows how many students will be registered in the remaining schools.

"The danger we always have with consolida-



Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, SSJ, principal of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help School, hands the microphone to third-grader James Reed during a Jan. 9 meeting on the school consolidation plan. More than 100 people attended the meeting.

tions and closings is that people won't send their children to Catholic schools," she said.

That danger was confirmed by Rosemary Villarubia, a parent of two Perpetual Help students. "I live in Greece and drive (my children) to the city each morning," she said. "For all the hassle, I'm not going to put them in another

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## Anti-abortion activists won't comply with additional sentence, leader says

By Richard A. Kiley

Project Life Director David E. Long said Tuesday morning, Jan. 10, that he and another pro-life activist will not comply with a Brighton judge's sentence of 15 days in jail, probation and additional fines. To do so, Long said, "would be an admission of guilt."

Long and Gerald Crawford last month defied Brighton Town Justice John J. Ark's order to pay fines of \$1,000 each after the two anti-abortion activists were found guilty Nov. 11 of misdemeanor charges stemming from a Sept. 24 demonstration at the Brighton office of Dr. Morris Wortman.

During a phone interview Tuesday morning, Long said that he will once again ignore the Brighton judge.

"I promptly told him (Ark) I don't intend to comply, because if I did it would be an admission of guilt," said Long. "I will not voluntarily cooperate with a system that has found a righteous man guilty."

In Brighton Town Court Monday, Jan. 9, Ark added 15 days' jail sentence under a work-release program and three years' probation to the 30-day jail terms and fines the two activists received in November. The judge also levied an additional \$1,000 fine against Crawford.

Both Long and Crawford were found guilty in November of resisting arrest and third-degree criminal trespass. Long was also convicted of obstructing governmental administration, while Crawford was convicted of criminal mischief.

Long called Ark's additional sentence "a political move to save face on his part," adding that Ark "knows we can't voluntarily comply

with the conditions the judge set down on Monday.

Organizer of several Rochester-area "rescue missions," Long said that during negotiations concerning 99 other pro-life activists, Ark expressed gratitude to Long for "helping to facilitate" the hearings. The activist remarked, however, that Ark's gratitude was nowhere to be seen when the additional sentence came down.

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### The Northeast Quadrant Planning Board Developed the following timeline for the changes it proposes:

June, 1989-The following schools would close:

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester K-8
- St. Salome, Irondequoit Pre-K-8
- St. Philip Neri, Rochester K-8

June, 1990-The following schools would close:

- Christ the King, Irondequoit K-8
- St. James, Irondequoit Pre-K-8
- Annunciation, Rochester Pre-K-8

By September of 1990, the northeast quadrant would contain the following schools:

- St. Ambrose, Rochester K-6
- St. Andrew, Rochester K-6
- St. Cecilia, Rochester K-6
- St. Margaret Mary, Rochester K-6
- St. Stanislaus, Rochester K-6
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester K-6

In September of 1990, the junior high program currently at Blessed Sacrament in Rochester would be moved to Bishop Kearney High School where it would be independently operated by the diocese. Blessed Sacrament would join the southeast quadrant most likely as an elementary school (K-6).

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