

Bishop

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Bishop Vaughan said he told the story to illustrate how abortion has permeated every fabric of society. Because of abortion, he said, police officers are forced to arrest the wrong people and doctors no longer adhere to the Hippocratic oath.

"You hear stories about euthanasia, well it's here. You hear about infanticide; it's not way off in the future, it's here," Bishop Vaughan said.

The bishop said that during the past year he also saw the horror of abortion's consequences in two stories in *The New York Times*. One article reported on doctors' experimental use of fetal tissue to treat those suffering from Alzheimer's disease, while the other focused on the number of

instances in which women pregnant with twins choose to abort one of the fetuses.

"It's an indication of where we're going and where we're already at," Bishop Vaughan said.

The bishop said that his fight to end abortion is based on the Catholic belief in the sacredness and inherent worth and dignity of every human being. Nevertheless, he remarked that that people should not be surprised by other priests' hesitance to get arrested for their pro-life beliefs.

"This type of protest is not one that is native to us, it does not come natural to us," Bishop Vaughan said. "We shouldn't be surprised that there are not more going against the law. That will come with time."

In addition to protecting the unborn, he said, people involved in the pro-life movement need to be aware of the effect

abortion has on the mother. "There is denial at first. Then the breakthrough comes when they see a child who would have been the same age (as the one they had aborted)," he said.

Bishop Vaughan suggested that all people could become involved in the fight against legalized abortion by, among other options, working for better education of children and parents and pressuring public

officials "to get the laws changed."

"There's no way we can settle back and accept one-and-a-half million babies killed every year," Bishop Vaughan said, citing statistics released yearly by the Center for Disease Control. "The longer I stay with this movement, the more I fully realize that the future is ours."

Home

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striking new nine-story building with separate chapel and accommodating 350 people. It was designed by Robert Hall of the Rochester firm of Barrow, Parks, Morin, Hall and Brennan, and dedicated on May 1, 1963.

The total cost of construction was \$5.76 million, but both state and federal governments made sizeable contributions, and two Rochester sisters, Mrs. Sarah McCourt Ward and Miss Mary G. McCourt, bequeathed to the institution more than \$1.25 million. The treasurer and assistant treasurer, Sisters M. Thomasine Purcell, SSJ, and M. Annette Brennan, SSJ, merited special praise for their managerial work in the structural program. (I am proud to have had a small part as a consultant in the decoration of the chapel.)

Here was a model institution for the care

of senior citizens. It even incorporated Bishop McQuaid's advanced but unfulfilled project of setting aside space for 16 elderly couples. Dr. Benedict J. Duffy, the initial medical director, was succeeded by his son, Dr. Paul Duffy, a specialist in geriatric medicine. From the outset, the second St. Ann's has enjoyed an affiliation with Rochester General Hospital. St. Ann's No. 2 became popular at once and continues to have a long waiting list.

By its 10th anniversary, however, the St. Ann's corporation had discerned a new need: housing for people who did not require immediate medical care but wanted to be a part of the St. Ann's "family." It was for them that *The Heritage* was dedicated in 1974: a striking 19-story polygonal residence tower attached to the home complex and providing 240 comfortable studio apartments. Architects were the Rochester firm of Northrup, Kaelber and Kopf. *The Heritage* was the first health-related residence of its type to be built in the East.

Thousands of elderly people have learned, over the years, to appreciate the attentive care they have received at the first and second St. Ann's Homes. Whether they have been aware of it or not, they have owed their good fortune in large measure to Bernard J. McQuaid, the first bishop of Rochester. It was he who, in his own sunset years, resolved to provide a home for these "senior orphans."

Liturgy

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For it is around this table that we see all persons and things as God sees them, and we practice the manners of God's household.

At the liturgy, we rehearse the life to be lived in the reign of God and encourage one another in that life. It is life in which forgiveness reigns supreme; life in which all are brothers and sisters stripped of the labels sin creates to isolate and oppress; life in which care and service of the other — and especially of the most needy — is always primary.

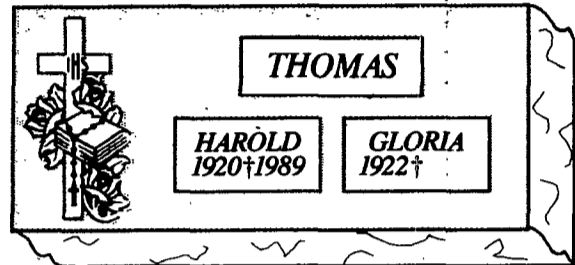
The liturgy celebrates the fact that this life is NOW. It is not something we wait for in the future, but is present with us. Next week we will consider how the liturgy helps us to realize this central truth.

Youth festival scheduled for Medjugorje in August

St. James Parish in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, and Caritas of Birmingham, Ala., are co-sponsoring an International Prayer Festival for young people in Medjugorje from August 5-15.

Coordinators of the event have planned daily prayer services, Masses and other devotions — including a novena from August 6-14.

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