

Mooney

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party in time to avert the closing announcement.

Several blows to the school's finances combined to topple Mooney, Brother Atkinson noted. For example, asbestos removal in 1987 cost the school more than \$300,000, which depleted the school's financial reserves. Also, a three-year silver anniversary fund-raising drive netted only \$200,000 of the \$1 million needed, he said.

The school also asked the diocese for financial assistance, but funds were not available, Brother Atkinson said. "It was a combination of unfortunate circumstances

that became very difficult to overcome," he said.

Unfortunately, the school never formally announced it was in trouble, according to Robert Boothby, president of Mooney's Men's Guild. Boothby blamed persistent rumors of the school's impending closing for helping to erode enrollment and seal the fate of the school.

Boothby said he asked school officials to publicly deny the rumors, but was rebuffed. "They wouldn't lower themselves to deal with a rumor," Boothby said.

Brother Atkinson said that people may have misinterpreted statements made by school administrators that they would cooperate with any diocesan reorganization

of Catholic schools to mean that Mooney was in trouble.

Resch also complained that neither the diocese nor the school was aggressive enough in obtaining funding for Mooney. Development campaigns should have been started years ago, he said, rather than in the last few years.

Now that the school is closing, Resch said that parents will insist that any funds gained by selling the school building will go towards secondary education, rather than to the "general coffers" of the diocese. "We don't feel (the diocese) should get a windfall from our misery," he said bitterly.

Kevin Kelly, a school parent, also com-

plained that the school should have been more open about its financial woes, but noted that trying to reopen the school would ruin the diocese's credibility. "You can't cry wolf," he said.

One possible future for the Cardinal Mooney building is as a middle school for Greece Central School District. Father George Norton, diocesan spokesman, said that Greece school district officials interested in buying the building had been talking to the Holy Cross Brothers and the diocese for nearly a year. He added, though, that the talks were still speculative.

In any case, the closing of Mooney is a signal that diocesan Catholics cannot ignore, said Resch. "I hope there's a serious lesson that can be learned," he said.

Activists

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ordered Long to be sent to the Monroe County Jail after hearing testimony that the pro-life activist failed to attend a probation meeting and perform community service. Long has contended in the past that complying with the sentence would be an admission of guilt.

Long was sentenced to three years' probation and 15 work Saturdays with the county Sheriff's Department, and was fined \$1,000 after his Nov. 11 conviction on charges of resisting arrest, third-degree criminal trespass and obstructing governmental administration. The fine was later suspended.

Although Crawford had not visited Long in jail, he said he has heard from other visitors that Long "seems to be doing OK."

Two other abortion-related decisions by the courts came down earlier in the week, as the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on a Missouri case that could overturn or limit the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Eleven pro-life activists who refused to perform community service for trespassing at Highland Hospital last May were

ordered Monday, April 24, to instead read essays on civil disobedience by Plato and Henry David Thoreau.

City Court Judge John Manning Regan has asked the activists to read Thoreau's 1849 essay *Civil Disobedience* and Plato's *Crito*, and to write reports on the essays by early June.


The activists were among 42 people tried before Regan in December on misdemeanor charges for a May 21 rescue at Highland Hospital.

Nine ministers who were charged last May with criminal trespass and resisting arrest — both misdemeanors that carry sentences of up to a one-year jail term — were given conditional discharges last Tuesday, April 25.

The ministers, who represented a variety

of denominations, pleaded guilty in March to violations stemming from a May 18 rescue mission at the offices of West Ridge OB-GYN, 3101 W. Ridge Road in Greece. The offices belong to Drs. Victor A. Poleshuck and Edward Ogden.

Although the ministers could have received 15 days in jail, Town Justice Charles W. Rogers gave them conditional discharges, meaning that the charges will be dropped if the ministers are not arrested within the next six months.



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Liturgy

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ence the frailty of bodily life. In ordination, the spirit consecrates the deacon, presbyter and bishop for the faithful and holy fulfillment of their ministries in the church. Interestingly, only in marriage is the Holy Spirit not directly invoked, but the communal life of marriage is blessed in the name of the communal God — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is clear that the Holy-Spirit-in-the-Church, as an ancient liturgical document phrased it, is the comprehensive presence and power which enables all liturgical action. Since the liturgy is connected with all the dimensions of our lives, it is the Holy Spirit of the risen Christ who makes our lives holy.

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