

## Creche display

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Both symbols were accompanied by other decorations, including Christmas trees, poinsettias and wreaths.

The high court ruled that displaying a nativity scene inside the courthouse in Pittsburgh violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state because it appeared to endorse Christian principles.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote for the court and was joined in striking down the nativity scene by Justices William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall, John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, in his first church-state case since joining the court in 1988, dissented in voting to permit the nativity scene.

The other dissenters were Chief Justice

William H. Rehnquist and Justices Byron R. White and Antonin Scalia.

Blackmun said the nativity scene violated the Constitution because "nothing in the display detracted from the creche's religious message," which he said was spelled out unmistakably in the display.

"'Glory to God in the Highest!' says the angel in the creche.... This praise to God in Christian terms is indisputably religious — indeed sectarian," Blackmun wrote.

But the court said the menorah display, by contrast, included symbols that support the nation's tradition of pluralism, because it included a Christmas tree and a sign saluting liberty. Thus, the court ruled, it did

not appear to endorse Judaism.

Donated by a local Holy Name Society, the nativity scene had been placed during the holiday season inside the Allegheny County courthouse, while the menorah was installed by a Jewish group, Chabad, outside the nearby Pittsburgh-Allegheny city-county building.

The case began when local citizens upset with the creche and menorah displays went to court.

The critics lost at the lower court level. However, three judges from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals then reviewed the case and ruled 2-1 that local government

acted improperly in allowing the displays.

Last fall Chabad then asked the Supreme Court for emergency permission to allow the displays in 1988, but the high court — not having yet heard the case — declined. The Holy Name Society did not join Chabad in that request.

In 1984, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution does not require total separation of government from religion and upheld the constitutionality of a Pawtucket, R.I., town-sponsored display that featured a nativity scene but also included such holiday symbols as Christmas trees and Santa's house.

## Black church

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been used for the separation could be better used to address the issues he is talking about.

"I know we have problems," Burton said. "But he could do more good in bringing about unity by staying."

Hiram H. Haywood Jr., a permanent deacon for almost 18 years, said Father Stalling's action is wrong and "ill-timed."

The U.S. bishops' have begun devoting time and money to meeting the needs and seeking out the gifts of black Catholics, Haywood said.

"I share all of his concerns about black Catholics and racism in the church," said Jacqueline Wilson, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Black Catholics.

"We have a long way to go."

But, she said, "changes happen when people work together within the institution."

Deacon John Somerville, whose two brothers also are permanent deacons, said, "I feel quite hurt. The issues Father Stallings raised were legitimate, but I object to the way he went about it."

"Even though our ancestors were slaves, they had a sense of identity as Catholics," Somerville said. "What proves to be authentic is what will last."

Auxiliary Bishop Leonard Olivier of Washington, one of the nation's 13 black bishops, issued a statement July 2, stating, "it is my fond hope and prayer that the Catholics of the archdiocese, especially my fellow African Americans, will see that Father George Stallings' crusade is ill-conceived."

"One man is presuming that his own

personal pursuit is the cause of the entire African-American Catholic community," Bishop Olivier said.

Auxiliary Bishop John H. Ricard of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Black Catholics, said in a July 2 statement that "Father Stallings' action is regressive as well as tragic. It is regressive in that it obscures the heroic efforts of many African-American Catholics of the past who struggle for full participation in the church despite tremendous odds."

"I pray for Father Stallings as well as those who may participate in this effort, that they will come to realize that what they truly seek and long for — that is, the full expression and experience of what is authentically African American in the Catholic Church, can only come about through full communion with the Roman Catholic Church," Bishop Ricard said.

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according to Carolyn Portanova, executive director of the center. "An agency this size really needs someone out there to coordinate fundraising efforts," she said. She added that Privett's position will enable department directors to concentrate on administrative duties rather than having to spend time preparing grant proposals.

One project that is enjoying considerable attention — and funding — is the Francis Hospitality Center, a year-round, 24-hour facility for Rochester's homeless. The project has attracted \$95,000 from such sources as the City of Rochester, Monroe County, Xerox Corporation, the Billy Graham Crusade, the Martin Luther Foundation and the Rochester Real Estate Board.

The local support for the \$730,000 project evidenced by such awards helped attract \$500,000 in state funding. Privett pointed out that the Catholic Family Center's track record in providing services to Rochester's homeless demonstrates "the agency is not only committed, but produces quality service," he observed.

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