

## Quadrant

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families ... receive financial aid." "St. Monica's is not to be touched because they give to the community a testament," Father Dunn said. "Let me tell you that (St. Theodore's) give(s) a testament to our community."

Nonetheless, when contacted for comment, Wethers maintained that St. Monica's is not seeking special treatment, only a chance to serve a unique community in the Catholic school system.

"How many schools are there in the diocese that serve the minority community?" Wethers asked, noting that St. Monica's is one of the few diocesan Catholic schools

which primarily serves a minority population.

Vivian Kurdt, the southwest planning board's co-chairwoman, commented that the planning board would consider all the input it received at the public hearings before sending the proposal on Dec. 15 to the Commission on Reorganization of Catholic Schools, chaired by William Pickett, president of St. John Fisher College. The commission is charged with studying each quadrant's reorganization proposal before sending it to Bishop Matthew H. Clark for final approval.

Kurdt acknowledged the heavy opposition to the proposed junior high at St. Theodore's, and said the planning board would consider other options.

## Mideast

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mitted legitimacy" with which Syria entered Lebanon in a peacekeeping role more than a decade ago "is exhausted."

The statement says that without assurances of Syria's eventual withdrawal from the country, "Lebanese can neither decide freely nor choose effectively" a new, unified government.

But it also says a "larger international framework must be created which will create the conditions for a Syrian withdrawal and will promise that legitimate Syrian foreign policy concerns will be met." And it says that Syria still has the

"capacity to play a positive role in relation to Lebanon."

Establishing conditions for effective talks on Lebanon's future is a job for the United States, France and the Arab League, the statement says. Additionally "there is the widespread conviction that Soviet influence in Syria could be considerable."

The document also says that Israel has "legitimate security concerns" relating to Lebanon that need to be met "but not at the expense of Lebanon." Israel controls a zone in southern Lebanon along the two countries' common border.

The search for a resolution of Lebanon's future, justice in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and for peace in the Middle East "requires the best resources of reason," the statement says, "but it also should rely upon faith, prayer and convictions of the religious traditions which call the Middle East their home."

## Mission team available for program on Tabasco

A presentation on the Rochester diocese's Sister Diocese of Tabasco, Mexico, is now available to all parishes and organizations.

Presented by members of the Diocesan Mission Team, the program consists of a slide presentation and question/answer session. Each of the mission team members doing presentations has worked among the people of Tabasco.

The presentation can be geared toward general gatherings or such specific audiences as children, women and youth groups.

Call the Division of Social Ministry, 716/328-3210, for information.

## Amnesty

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Amnesty reports.

Whereas urgent action appeals often focus on a particular individual or group, country campaigns and special actions employ letter writing and other activities to target a government consistently guilty of human rights abuses or to protest a specific incident. The Nazareth chapter, for instance, recently sent a flurry of letters to Salvadoran President Alfredo Christiani to protest the November 16 murder of six Jesuit priests in that country.

Students from Nazareth and other local members of Amnesty International plan to participate in a candlelight vigil in downtown Rochester Monday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. to remind people of the injustices taking place here and abroad.

The students have also been corresponding regularly with Fadil al Fadil, a political prisoner held in Syria since 1982.

While they have not yet seen results from their letters, the students still hope for action, according to Shannon Joseph.

"There has to be a great deal of perseverance," Sister Bishop said of the time it takes to see action.

To raise money for stamps and other needed supplies, the chapter has held several fundraisers this fall, including an "Amnesty Harvest Dance," co-sponsored with Nazareth's student council, which earned approximately \$100.

Working with Amnesty helps students "become more concerned about many social justice issues," Maruggi said. "It broadens their awareness of what's going on in the world and raises their awareness

of human rights problems," he added.

As a teacher, Maruggi has also seen the impact of involvement in Amnesty in student papers.

"They say they are concerned about what's happening in the world, what they can do about it and how they can help. It gives them a sense of empowerment," he said.

Tanya Harding, one of Nazareth's student coordinators, confirms her teacher's impression. Involvement with Amnesty "takes me away from thinking of myself as much," she said.

Harding has taken the message of Amnesty to her friends, aiming to increase their awareness and possibly move them to action as well.

As for the Nazareth chapter's future, Harding said, "I think it has a lot of potential. We have so many ideas it's amazing."

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