

AP/Wide World Photos RENEWING THE FAITH - Choir boys learn prayers at the St. George Cathedral in the western Ukrainian city of Lvov, Oct 10. The youths are members of the formerly banned Ukrainian Catholic Church, and the cathedral - which was confiscated 1946 when Stalin banned Catholicism — was returned to the faithful in August.

Contributions, profits will cover Vatican's \$54.7 million deficit

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VATICAN CITY - The Vatican announced a \$54.7 million deficit for 1989 far less than expected - and said it had managed to cover the shortfall through worldwide contributions and profits from its city-state operations.

The relatively good financial news was credited to better management and an "austerity" campaign at the Vatican. A statement also offered "heartfelt thanks" to bishops, priests, religious and lay people

- and asked for their continued contributions.

A Vatican official, meanwhile, warned that the dollar's falling rate of exchange and the recent decline of world financial markets was clouding the budget picture for 1990.

The Vatican announcement was published Oct. 18 following a four-day meeting of a council of cardinals that oversees Holv See finances.

Operation Rescue will go underground, Terry says

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Operation | Rescue will go underground in December to avoid court rulings and fines against the organization, said its founder Randall Terry.

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"We will be doing everything we've been doing. But we'll be doing it more efficiently," Terry told Catholic News Service in an Oct. 17 telephone interview from suburban Washington.

Terry and Operation Rescue supporters gathered on the steps of the federal courthouse in Washington Oct. 17 to burn a court order from U.S. District Judge Louis Oberdorfer.

The court order threatens potential Operation Rescue financial supporters with the full liability for paying a contempt fine against the organization and the legal fees sustained by the National Organization for Women in a suit the organization won against Operation Rescue. The total is estimated at \$50,000.

Jim Henderson, Operation Rescue's Washington attorney, told CNS Oct. 17 that Oberdorfer was to hold a hearing Oct. 22 to hear Operation Rescue's objections to the court order.

Others who could be held financially liable under Oberdorfer's order, Henderson said, were: Operation Réscue leaders; people who hold checks made out to Operation Rescue in their private bank accounts; organizations whose leadership reflect Operation Rescue's and participate in similar "rescue" activities at abortion clinics; and organizations Operation Rescue leaders suggest making financial contributions to instead of Operation Rescue itself.

In an Oct. 15 statement, Terry called the inclusion of individual contributors "an unprecedented attack on freedom of association."

He told CNS that since the order was issued, money orders had been sent to Operation Rescue under the names of Oberdorfer and Faye Wattleton, president of Planned Parenthood.

Operation Rescue bank accounts will be closed out and there will be no officers as part of going underground, Terry said. "Let them try and get me," he added.

A planned November "Veteran's Campaign for Life" in Washington with rallies and two days of "child-saving activity" is "in many ways ... an underground event," Terry said. "We're being real careful who knows what."

Terry compared Operation Rescue to the once-outlawed Solidarity movement in Poland. The communist government in Poland "never broke Solidarity," he said. "In fact, Solidarity's running the country now."

In February, Terry had said Operation Rescue's headquarters in Binghamton would close, citing financial problems brought about by the NOW suit. He did not give a date, however.

Terry told CNS that the three Operation Rescue employees in Binghamton would be dismissed.

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