

Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer DUAL DEMONSTRATIONS — Pro-life demonstrators — including Jim Burke (right, rear) — were outnumbered nearly three-to-one by prochoice demonstrators also marching in front of the 19th Ward Association building Monday afternoon, May 13. The two groups turned out to mark the opening of a Planned Parenthood office in the building.

Principal, name chosen for new junior high

ROCHESTER — Brother Brian Walsh, CFC, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Rochester, has announced the appointment of Mary Caffrey as principal of the Southwest Quadrant Junior High, located at St. Theodore's School in Gates.

Caffrey, currently the principal of Holy Trinity School in Webster, has 22 years experience in diocesan schools, including Holy Trinity — where she has been principal since 1983 — and St. John the Evangelist School in Rochester, where she taught from 1969 to 1983. A resident of East Rochester, the St. Jerome's parishioner earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Nazareth College.

In addition, Caffrey is a representative to the Diocesan Christian Formation and Education Council and is the principal representative to the Southeast Quadrant Governance Board.

"It's a tremendous, exciting challenge," Caffrey said. "It's exciting to be building something up, to be starting something new."

The new junior high, scheduled to open for the 1991/92 school year, has been named the All Saints Catholic Junior High at the recommendation of the Southwest Quadrant Governance Board.

With the exception of seventh- and eighth-grade students from St. Monica's School, All Saints will house junior high students from schools throughout the Southwest Quadrant. St. Monica's will continue its own junior high program. In addition, eighth-grade students from Most Precious Blood School — who attended Northeast Junior High — will be able to choose which junior high to attend this fall.

St. Theodore's School will host a party for all incoming junior high students on June 8, from 7:30-10 p.m.

Conflicts helped form ministry, bishop says

By Rob Cullivan Staff writer

SILVER SPRING, MD. — Father Charles Curran's conflicts with Catholic University of America and the Vatican, and the role of women in the church were among the issues that have most challenged Bishop Matthew H. Clark in his years in the diocese, the bishop told graduates of the Washington Theological Union at their May 10 commencement.

Taking his cue from the commencement's theme, "Voices that Challenge," Bishop Clark listed the Charles Curran case, women in the church and the local church as three voices that "came into my life with such urgency ... that I realized that they were not just calling me to make decisions which, however significant, would fade away once they were made."

Also during the commencement cere-

mony, Bishop Clark received the school's 1991 Distinguished Service Award in Ministry and Theology. In a letter informing Bishop Clark of his selection for the award, Father Vincent Cushing, OFM, president of the Washington Theological Union, wrote that the union's board of trustees chose him "in grateful recognition of your creative and courageous pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Rochester."

In his speech, Bishop Clark recalled Father Curran's conflicts with the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and with the Catholic University of America

Father Curran, a native of Rochester and priest of this diocese, made headlines in 1986 when he was stripped of his license to teach theology at CUA because of his dissent from certain church teachings. That Continued on page 23

Reorganization produces commendation, questions

By Rob Cullivan Staff writer

Initial reactions throughout the Rochester diocese to the Pastoral Center reorganization plan announced Wednesday, May 8, ran from praise and enthusiasm, to ignorance and seeming indifference.

One observer heralded the reorganization plan, which goes into effect on July 1, as transforming the current diocesan structure from a bureaucratic mode to a functional mode.

On the other hand, one pastor said he didn't see what difference the reorganization was going to make in terms of the relationship between the diocese and its parishes.

In brief, the reorganization realigns the seven divisions and various offices of the Pastoral Center into four "external ministries" — Faith Development Ministry, Qualified Pastoral Ministers, Parish Support Ministries and Social Ministry — as well as four "internal services" that will support parishes and the external ministries.

The four external ministries correspond to the four goals outlined in the diocesan mission statement of February, 1991: faith development; parish support; provision of well-qualified pastoral ministers; and provision of human care and advocacy for social reform.

The internal support group will consist of Legal Services; Financial Services; Information Systems; and Development/Communications; as well as various ad hoc teams or task forces that may be named from time to time to meet specific needs.

Father Walter L. Wainwright, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua, said the reorganization "sounds like a step in the right direction," but he noted that his only information on the reorganization came from the Catholic Courier of May 9. "At this point I can't see what the advantages or disadvantages are," he said.

Father Wainwright added that he hopes the reorganization eliminates any duplication of services on the part of the diocese. He also said that he wondered whether, as part of the reorganization, the diocese was "going to find out from the parishes what they want."

The new structure is itself an attempt to respond to the desires of parishes, according to Father Peter C. Clifford, co-pastor of St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street in Rochester. Father Clifford will be leaving the co-pastorate next month to become director of Parish Support Ministries.

"A strong and focused parish-oriented ministry is going to be the focus of the Pastoral Center," he said, noting that the new structure is "a real attempt here to gather around themes from the Mission Statement as a focus for our ministries."

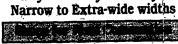
Father Joseph M. Jankowiak, pastor of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads, gave high marks to the plan's attempt to streamline diocesan services, and said he hoped the reorganization would embody some of the recommendations of the Five Year Financial Planning Task Force, of which he was a member. In part, the reorganization was inspired by the task force's 1987 report.

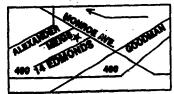
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