

Protest

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"lack of sensitivity" had "adversely affected" the agency on "a number of occasions."

The letter noted, in particular, that Maher's firing was precipitated "by a recent incident involving Mr. Walter DeRouen, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus."

According to Maher, he and DeRouen had a heated telephone conversation on

April 26, in which — according to Maher — DeRouen berated him for informing the *Catholic Courier* of a vote the Knights had taken to remain in the 19th Ward Association.

The association has been embroiled in controversy since last winter when several Catholic members and some Protestant members protested the association's decision to lease office space in its 504 Thurston Road building to Planned Parenthood.

Maher — acting as a private citizen — was a leader of those opposed to the leasing decision.

An article in the May 2 edition of the *Courier* cited Maher as the source for information that "the Knights of Columbus of Rochester narrowly voted to remain in the association." On May 20, Maher told the *Courier* that he had learned about the Knights' vote from a pastoral assistant at a parish he declined to identify.

When a *Courier* staff writer called DeRouen to corroborate Maher's report for the May 2 article, DeRouen told the staff writer that the Knights' vote was supposed to have been confidential. According to the letter of dismissal, DeRouen reported the

nature of the conversation to the Catholic Family Center.

Maher's letter of dismissal stated that the Knights had funded a number of Catholic Family Center services, and that Maher's actions had "jeopardized this and other relationships with outside parties and community groups..."

In spite of five telephone messages left for DeRouen — both at his home and at the Knights' headquarters — on Monday and Tuesday, May 20-21, the *Catholic Courier* was not able to contact him for comment prior to final deadline Tuesday afternoon.

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National Shrine of St. Jude adds to Baltimore's repute as 'Charm City'

By David Warner

Baltimore — the city that would not die — has many attractions, not the least of which are the Baltimore Orioles, parent team of the Rochester Red Wings.

Yet Charm City has one attraction that draws visitors from around the world — The National Shrine of St. Jude.

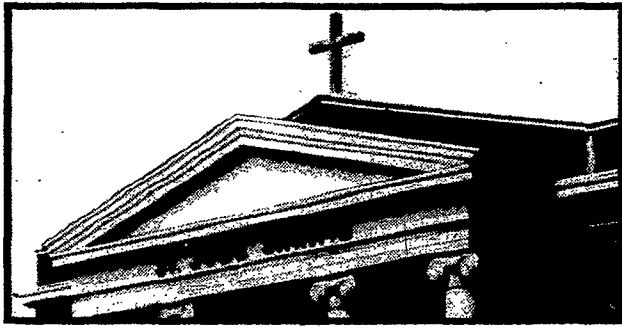
Devotees of the shrine, which observed its 50th anniversary last October, are diverse. On a recent visit, the pilgrims included whites; African-Americans; Hispanics; Asians; little old ladies with scarves tied under their chins; business people in slick, tailored suits; and young people in jeans.

What brings this varied group together is their common faith in St. Jude, the patron saint of lost causes. One of the 12 apostles, Jude Thaddeus may have acquired the association with hopeless cases when the similarity between his name and that of the apostle who betrayed Christ produced a lack of devotion to him.

Novenas to St. Jude are conducted every Wednesday and Sunday. Write to: St. Jude Shrine, 309 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, or call 301/685-3063.

Nearby in downtown Baltimore — the first Catholic diocese to be established in the United States — is the Basilica of the Assumption, a national treasure featuring a high altar, stained glass window, beautiful paintings and rich history. Guided tours can be arranged by calling 301/727-3565, or writing: 408 North Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

While in Baltimore, visitors have much to see, do and enjoy. Baltimore is the original American renaissance city, the phoenix of Chesapeake Bay. Thirty years ago it was headed toward the same dismal fate that faced every other major East Coast city — its communal life subverted by poverty and crime, its huge stock of 19th century buildings disintegrating



slowly into rubble.

Public and private sectors cooperated to produce what is now a model for other cities. The focal point is Harborplace, a rejuvenation of the city's Inner Harbor. Baltimoreans and tourists enjoy the attractions, boating, restaurants, hotels and shops in the harbor area.

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Baltimore's attractions include the Aquarium, Maryland Science Center and the Babe Ruth Museum, all of which are located in the harbor area, and the Walters Art Gallery, which features outstanding displays of antiques and Italian Renaissance paintings.

Don't leave Baltimore without trying some of its great variety of restaurants. Phillip's and Paolo's, both with patios facing the harbor waterfront, are good choices. So is a water taxi ride to Grancie's at Fells Point.

You can have a ball cracking crab at Obyrcki's on East Pratt Street. And Michael's Riviera Grill atop Brookshire Suite Hotel offers upscale dining and service. Wherever you dine, do try the crab.

For more information on Baltimore, write to: Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, One East Pratt St./Plaza Level, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

POINTS OF DEPARTURE

- Church of Assumption in Fairport is hosting a summer pilgrimage July 10-14 to Ste. Anne deBeaupre in Quebec, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, and Our Lady of the Cape at Three Rivers. For information, call Grace DiRisio, (716) 388-0462; Josephine DiRisio, 377-8589; or Mary Basile, 388-0535.
- The Catholic Family Center is planning a number of one-day and multiple-day trips throughout 1991. For a list of trips, contact Barb Cady at 716/428-6606 or 663-4374.

- A July 12-14 bus tour to Pittsburgh includes accommodations for the 1991 Eastern Regional Conference at Duquesne University. The theme of the conference is "Appearances of Mary and the Divine Son." Call 716/624-3110 for details.
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