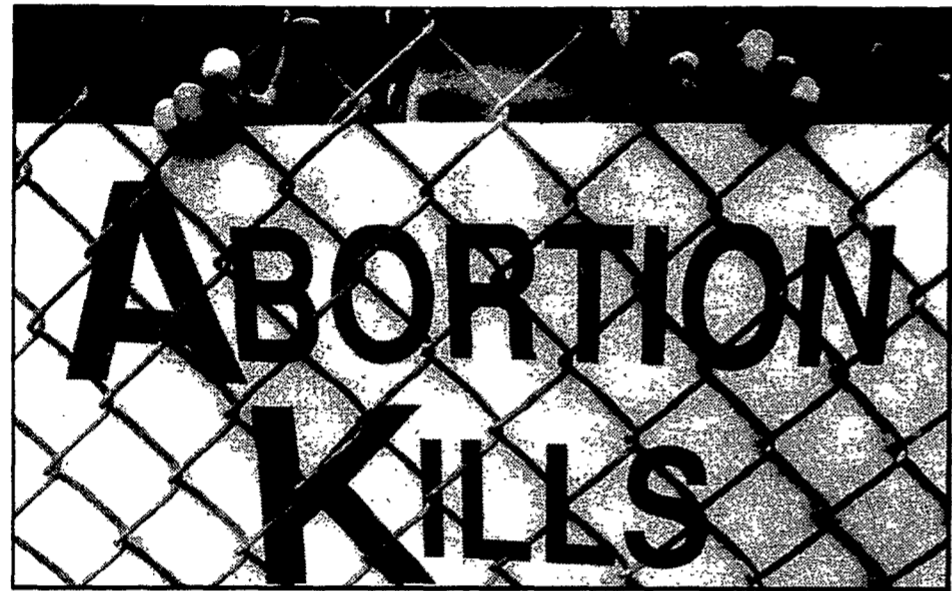




Approximately 2,500 participants in the Rochester 'life chain' stood along a two-and-a-half mile stretch of East Avenue on Oct. 6.



Refusing to give her name, this woman joined a counterprotest by about 100 Catholics for Choice.



Nathaniel Gardner was one of the 407 'links' in the Hornell life chain.

Chains link thousands taking stand on abortion

Approximately 3,700 people — including hundreds from Catholic parishes — participated in four "life chains" throughout the Rochester diocese on National Life Chain Sunday, Oct. 6.

Life chains took place in such diocesan cities as Rochester, Hornell, Geneva and Canandaigua. According to The National Life Chain — based in Yuba City, Calif. — more than 665,000 people formed life chains in 350 cities a-

cross the United States and Canada.

Demonstrators lined up along the sides of roads for one hour, holding signs bearing two messages: "Abortion kills children" and "Jesus forgives and heals."

No disturbances occurred during demonstrations in Hornell, Geneva and Canandaigua. A few shouting matches broke out on Rochester's East Avenue, however, when abortion-rights activists staged a counterprotest.

New school administrator will keep eye on finances

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Faith Development Ministry of the Diocese of Rochester has hired financial consultant Fred W. Seiler to serve as assistant superintendent for business and finance. Seiler's hiring was announced by Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, ministry director.

Seiler will assist the governing boards of Monroe County's Northeast and Southwest Quadrants with their school budgets. In addition, the new assistant superintendent will also work in financial planning with the other quadrants and the school clusters outside Monroe County.

According to Sister Binsack, a Price Waterhouse audit of school financial operations last year recommended bringing quadrant financial functions into the Pas-

toral Center under the direction of an assistant superintendent.

Sister Binsack noted that prior to Seiler's hiring, the diocese had been working toward centralizing school financial operations.

This centralization process is linked to the reorganization of school governance that has taken place during the last two years, she said. Since 1988, Catholic schools in Monroe County have been moving from a parish-based system to a centralized system in which governing boards oversee all the Catholic schools within their quadrants.

The Center for Governmental Research had been engaged to aid the diocese in creating quadrant budgets for the past two years, Sister Binsack said, adding that Seiler would assume the duties previously performed by that firm.

A resident of West Henrietta, Seiler was a financial consultant at Seiler Financial Service, and also has served as assistant to the director of endowment and deferred giving at the United Way of Greater Rochester. He has directed finance and business operations at the United Cerebral Palsy Association, and has been deputy director for administrative and support services at Lifetime Assistance, Inc.

Sister Binsack said she believed Seiler possessed the necessary experience to "develop budgets that are realistic and economically possible." She added that the diocese had learned from its experience last year when the Northeast Quadrant suffered a deficit of more than \$340,000. That shortfall was made up, in part, by tuition increases, and loans from the diocese and several quadrant parishes.

In order to avoid a similar deficit this

year, Sister Binsack said, one measure the Northeast Quadrant took was to revise its enrollment projections for the 1991-92 school year after its projections for 1990-91 had fallen short.

Seiler said that offering an affordable, quality education is the greatest challenge diocesan schools would face in the 1990s.

"The challenge that lies ahead for Catholic schools here (is) to gain some advantages and efficiencies of centralized finances," he said.

Although he is not a Catholic, Seiler pointed out that he was attracted to working for the diocese because of the values Catholic schools represent.

"As I look at it, some of the public schools lack ... values that you can get in a Catholic school or a Christian school," he said.

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