

1150 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, NY 14624  
716/328-4340

President  
**Bishop Matthew H. Clark**  
General Manager  
**Bishop Dennis W. Hickey**  
Editor/Asst. Gen. Mgr.  
**Karen M. Franz**

**Editorial Department**

Managing Editor  
**Richard A. Kiley**

Staff Writers  
**Lee Strong**  
*Finger Lakes*  
**Rob Cullivan**  
*Monroe County*  
**Mike Latona**  
*Southern Tier*

Photo Editor  
**Babette G. Augustin**

Photo Interns  
**Kellie Mc Cann**  
**Erik Kunkel**

**Business Department**

Circulation Manager  
**Jeanne A. Morin**

Advertising Manager  
**Bernie Puglisi**

Advertising Account Exec.  
**Kathy Welsh**

Receptionist  
**Amy D'Accursio**

**Production Department**

Graphics Manager  
**Lorraine Hennessey**

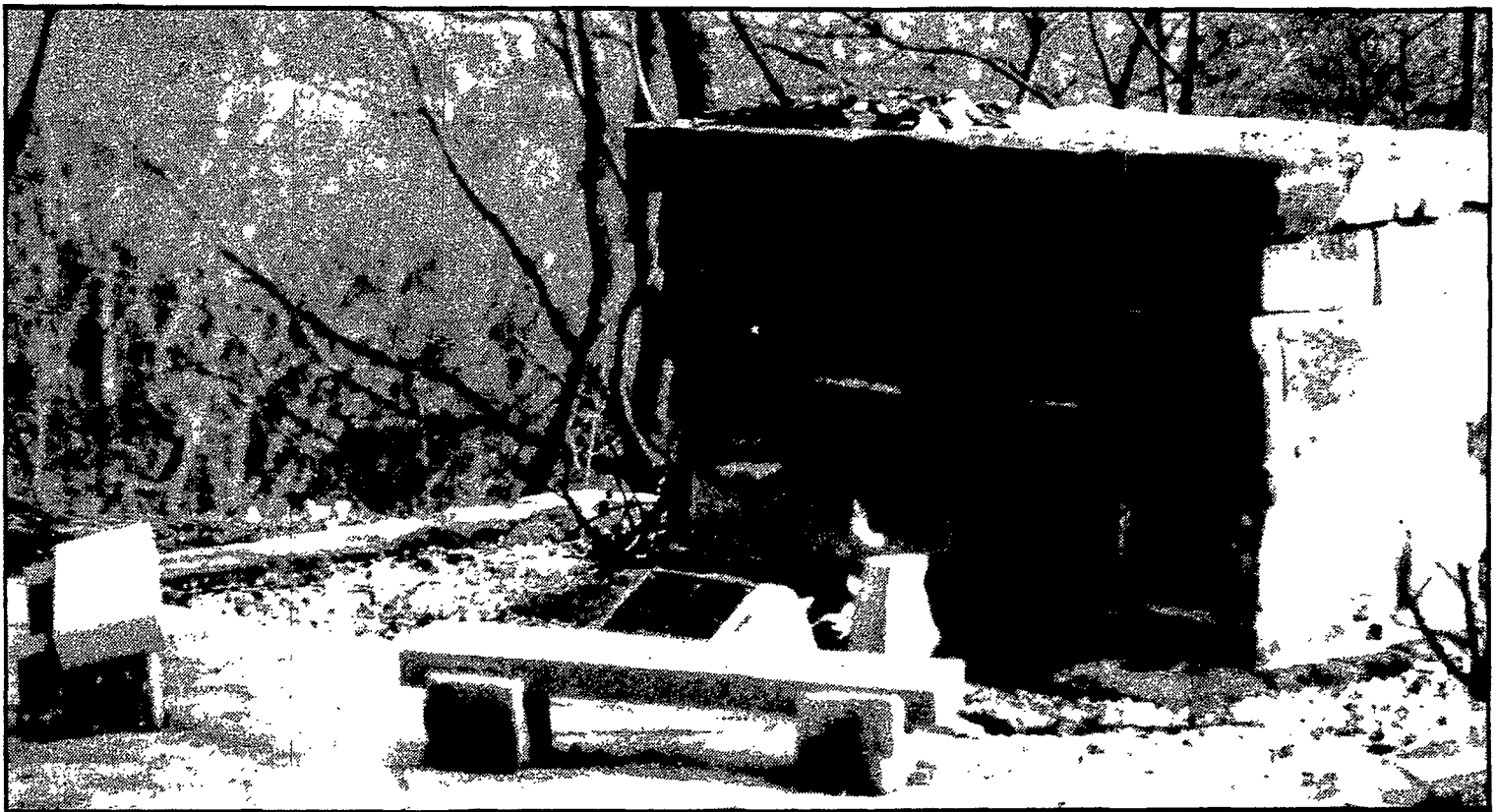
Graphic Artist  
**Michael Fleckenstein**

**Letters Policy**

The *Catholic Courier* wishes to provide space for readers throughout the diocese to express opinions on all sides of the issues. We welcome all signed, original letters about current issues affecting church life.

Although we cannot publish every letter we receive, we seek, insofar as possible, to provide a balanced representation of expressed opinions and a variety of reflections on life in the church. We will choose letters for publication based on likely reader interest, timeliness and a sense of fair play. Our discerning readers may determine whether to agree or disagree with the opinions of the letter writers.

We reserve the right to edit all letters. Mail them to: *Catholic Courier*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, New York 14624. Please include your full name as well as telephone number and complete address for verification purposes.



**Peter Braam-Franciscan University of Steubenville**  
This Tomb of the Unborn Child, erected on January 22, 1987, is located at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio. Thirteen-week-old 'Agnes' was buried there on Jan. 21, 1989.

## Tomb serves as memorial to unborn

To the editors:

There is a memorial in Virginia that reminds me of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This one is the Tomb of the Unborn Child. It has a white marble area with appropriate benches for visitors. A flame is always burning there. A statue of a young child is standing there in play clothes looking at the inscription

at her feet. It says the "Tomb of the Unborn Child." Flowers add color and dignity. It's open year round!

Hopefully when enough Americans become truly informed about what abortion really is — the taking of an innocent human life, for money, you cannot serve God and mammon! — abortion will again become illegal in our country.

Do your share to put a stop to this — even if you can only give financial support: become a member of the Rochester Area Right to Life — call 716-621-4690 during office hours. They'll be happy to give you information. No one can take your place!

**Mary Rita Crowe**  
East Main Street  
Rochester

## Rescues strive to save lives, not 'polarize'

To the editors:

I have problems with your lead "story" in the Feb. 27, 1992, issue titled "Protests polarize those on both sides." First of all I'm concerned about your sources regarding the "Lambs of Christ." I watched the report on "60 Minutes" (CBS). It seems your comments follow exactly the lies and undocumented charges leveled by CBS. If the *Courier* is ever to be a paper about news, it should do some investigating on its own. If it is not within your budget we would all be better served by your silence.

This past week (week of Feb. 24) several members of the local Catholic community traveled to Buffalo to wit-

ness news in the making — First prayer Rally for the Spring of Life campaign. To the *Courier*, Please join us for the next one, I'll save a spot for your reporter, no charge. More disturbing is the fact that the press, your paper included, fails to mention the violence that takes place every time there is a "rescue." After the rescuers are dragged from the gates of hell, after the cameras have captured all the "violence" of the rescuers, after the newscasters have gone back to the office to prepare their thoughts, the real violence starts. Babies arms and legs are ripped from their torsos, heads are crushed by "medical" instruments and finally the remains are scraped or

sucked out of the baby's home. Many times this act of violence harms the dead baby's mom as well, both physically and emotionally.

It's not the rescue movement that "polarizes both sides," it's the killing of babies where the line is drawn and any attempt to draw attention away from that fact prolongs the killing.

**Bob Dorscheid, co-chairperson**  
Pro-Life Committee

St. Joseph's Parish, Penfield

**EDITORS' NOTE:** The "60 Minutes" story was only one of several resources used in the preparation of the article in question. Several pro-life sources — including rescue organizers — also were interviewed and quoted.

## Seek common Christian ideals in quest for Irish peace

To the editors:

Lee Strong's article of March 12 ("Irish influence lingers in U.S. Catholic church") proved to be interesting reading in relation to the Irish connection associated with the Catholic Church's beginnings in the United States. Since I recently took a college course on the history of Catholicism in America, Mr. Strong's reflections were a wonderful follow-up the material I was exposed to. In addition, since I have Irish roots on my mother's side of the family, there is always a feeling of nostalgia this time of year, when millions of people worldwide pay homage to St. Patrick.

Despite the merriment and drinking that are commonplace as part of St. Patrick's Day celebrations, one cannot escape the irony that there is indeed little to celebrate in Northern Ireland. Violence has become a trademark for decades, turning the green landscape

into one of blood-stained red. As an impartial spectator of this violence, I would have to place the blame on both the presence of British troops and terrorist acts by the IRA. In addition, continuing tensions between Protestants and Catholics have added fuel to the raging fire.

It is my guess that as long as a British military presence exists in Northern Ireland, terroristic tactics by the IRA will continue. In place of British troops, I would highly recommend implementation of a U.N. peacekeeping force that would help to maintain order during negotiations between Irish and British lawmakers. Perhaps it is time to seriously consider Irish independence, which can only come about if the terrorism stops and if Protestants and Catholics learn to live as brothers and sisters.

Vatican II has done much to promote Christian unity. Despite differ-

ences in liturgical worship, it is entirely possible for those of the Judeo-Christian lineage to live in harmony as God's children. The Irish community would do well to follow the local examples of Bishop Clark and Bishop (William) Burrill who signed a recent pact between Catholics and Episcopalians. This pact allows for sharing of Christian ideals. Such an effort on the part of Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland is entirely possible. Once the Christian community of Ireland proves that it is capable of adapting non-violence as a way of life, I am optimistic about the prospects of total independence from Great Britain.

Perhaps during this period of Lent, we can pray for the day when bloodshed is non-existent in Northern Ireland.

**Raymond A. Grosswirth**  
Alexander Street, Rochester