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Agency aims to uproot poverty, powerlessness

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With the help of a community center located at Rochester's Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, construction subcontractors are considering creating a trade school and cooperative that would garner its participants more work.

Meanwhile, in Canandaigua, using the assistance of a program operated under the auspices of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, a young couple is learning how to finance, own and operate a video arcade.

And through its WISE program — an acronym for Workers In Search of Employment — the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry has aided several unemployed workers in finding jobs and schooling, according to its director.

These three blossoming programs had their seeds sewn through the efforts and generosity of nationwide Catholics who annually donate to the Campaign for Human Development. Known widely as CHD, the program raises funding for thousands of anti-poverty efforts with an emphasis on educating Catholics about the causes of poverty.

Since its founding by the U.S. bishops in 1969, the Campaign for Human Development has been uprooting poverty and powerlessness throughout the nation. Replacing the crop of despair, addiction and hopelessness poverty often yields,

CHD has instead planted seeds in hopes that a harvest of economic

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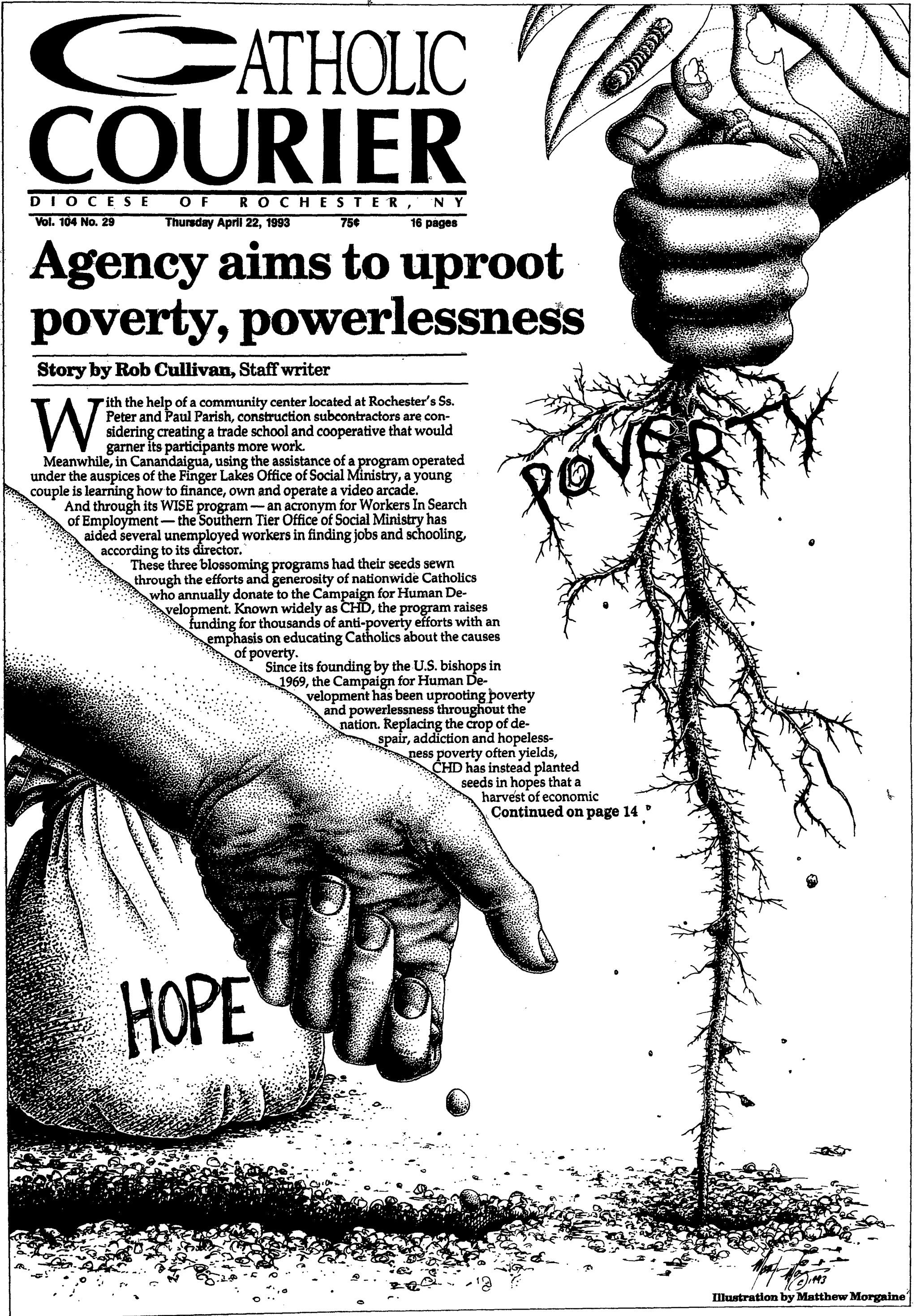


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