

# Officials to present plan to save camp

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ITALY, N.Y. — The Western New York Conference of the United Methodist Church has initiated foreclosure proceedings against Kamp Koinonia, Inc., home to the Family Camp program.

In papers filed over the last two months with the Yates County Clerk of office in Penn Yan, the Methodist conference, the camp's mortgage holder, alleges that Koinonia officials have been consistently delinquent in their mortgage payments since purchasing the site, located at 1455 Italy Hill Road, in 1984.

In addition to hosting several not-for-profit groups each year, the camp became host to the diocese's Family Camp program in the late 1970s. The camp continues to host various programs, but no longer has an official relationship with the diocese, according to Father David W. Mura, pastor of Holy Apostles/St. Anthony of Padua Cluster in Rochester, and a member of Kamp Koinonia's board of directors.

A group of Catholic volunteers formed the not-for-profit Kamp Koinonia, Inc., to purchase the campsite in 1984 for \$160,000. Payments were to be paid out in yearly installments each March 6 at an interest rate of 10.34 percent.

Over the years, the mortgage has been reduced by \$32,000. The papers filed by the Methodist conference, however, allege that camp officials made an interest payment of \$6,400 on March 15 of this year, but still owe a total of \$11,376 — a figure combining \$6,876 in interest, and the principal payment for 1994, which is \$4,500.

H. James Abdella, attorney for the Methodist conference, noted that his client was not pleased with having to initiate the foreclosure proceedings but felt it had become necessary.

"This is a long time coming," Abdella said, adding that the conference was not showing any malice toward camp officials. "I'm sure they've done the best they could," he remarked.

Camp officials, who blamed unanticipated expenses this year for their financial woes, nonetheless insisted that a deal could be worked out between volunteers who run Kamp Koinonia and the Methodist conference.

"The camp will not close," emphasized Dominic Salamida, chairman of the board of directors. "We fully expect to come to a mutually agreeable resolution."

The camp employs one full-time employee and is staffed by dozens of volunteers, Salamida noted, adding that Koinonia receives funding from private donors. He pointed out that the camp would like to restructure its mortgage payments to the conference, possibly at a lower interest rate.

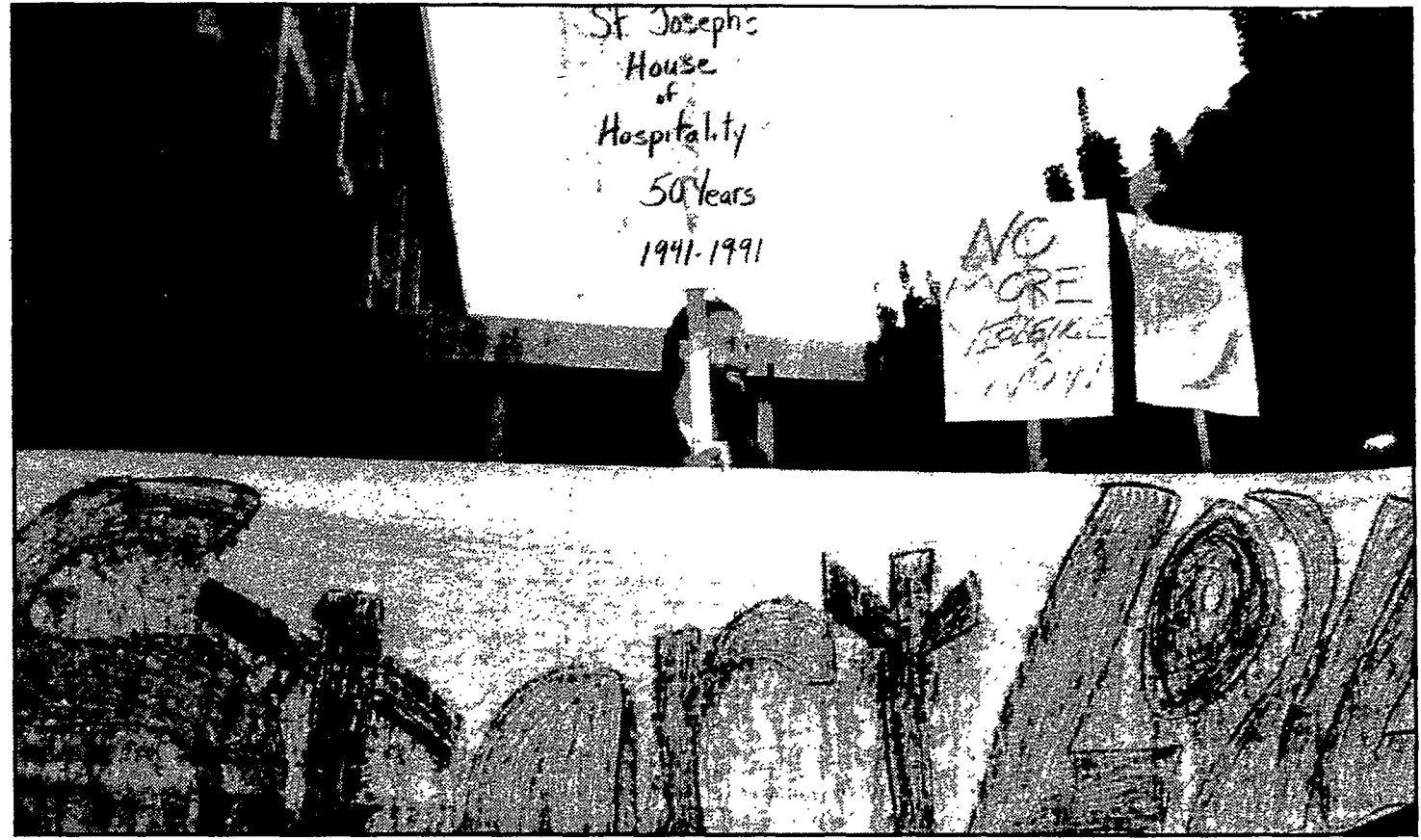
The camp plans to offer the Methodist conference a business plan designed to resolve the situation, remarked Deric West, who serves on the finance committee of the camp's board of directors.

West explained that the camp may suggest moving a portion of the mortgage to the end of the payment schedule. This money would then be paid off in one balloon payment, he said.

In addition to restructuring the payment schedule, West added that the camp plans to reorganize some of its fund-raising and program activities so as to increase revenue and decrease expenses.

"I really think it's beneficial to both sides to allow us to remain," he said.

# Demonstration for diplomacy



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Paul Tremblay (center) Sept. 28 joined about 20 people outside the Federal Building in Rochester for a peaceful rally promoting non-violence. Sponsored by St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, the protest was intended to stimulate conscience-raising regarding the importance of non-violence and diplomacy.

# Gallagher to speak at pregnancy center benefit

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ROCHESTER — Kathleen Gallagher will have a slightly different message to share when she comes to Rochester Oct. 14 to join Bishop Matthew H. Clark in speaking at a benefit dinner for the Problem Pregnancy Help Center, Inc.

Gallagher, associate director for pro-life activities for the New York State Catholic Conference, said she will still call on people to get involved in the political process to fight for life on such issues as abortion, the death penalty, assisted suicide and war.

But Gallagher added that she will also deliver a personal message when she speaks at the dinner, sponsored by the Parish Pro-Life Network and slated for 6:30 p.m. at the Wishing Well Party House, 1190 Chili Ave.

"My talk is going to be about my own personal reflections about living out the consistent-life ethic," Gallagher said in a Sept. 28 telephone interview from her office in Albany. "I'm going to talk about

the reality of what it means to be pro-life, as opposed to the rhetoric."

That "rhetoric," she said, all too often manipulates language to defend such practices as abortion and the death penalty, and labels the pro-life person as being single issue, focusing solely on abortion.

"When I say the word pro-life, I'm not just talking about abortion," Gallagher emphasized.

As part of her message, Gallagher continued, she will urge pro-life individuals to combine political action with a more personal approach.

After 10 years of lobbying for life issues, Gallagher explained, "I'm coming to the real conclusion that the only thing that's going to change minds and hearts on these issues — all the life issues — is one-on-one personal education. We have to change hearts and minds so there's more of us talking to the legislature."

Gallagher's years of work on behalf of life issues have also convinced her that the consistent-life ethic — the dinner's theme and one of five priorities

set forth at last October's Synod — is misunderstood by many people. People fail to see that the ethic means being equally opposed to abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia, assisted suicide and war.

"I think that people who say they live the consistent-life ethic and that they really understand it, don't," Gallagher commented. "They don't understand what a challenge it is. It's tough not to be a 'cafeteria Catholic' and choose whose lives you do and don't want to save."

The Catholic Church, Gallagher said, is often attacked as being single issue — against abortion. But, she argued, the church is single issue in a different sense.

"Our single issue is human life," Gallagher declared. "It does not matter what stage of development, (life) has to be protected from threats."

**EDITORS' NOTE:** Tickets for the dinner cost \$15. Checks should be mailed before Oct. 7 to the Parish Pro-Life Network, 118 Aspen Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Reservations can also be made by calling 716/586-3956.

# Agencies will share \$1.4 million to help homeless

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ROCHESTER — The Diocese of Rochester's Providence Housing Development Corporation, DePaul Mental Health Services' Community Services and Winship Community Residences learned Sept. 28 that they will receive a combined total of more than \$1.4 million in federal funds. The grants, which will be paid out over the next five years, are intended to help house homeless people with mental illnesses or drug addictions.

Over the five year span, Providence will receive approximately \$850,000; DePaul, \$306,000; and Winship, \$300,000.

The money comes from the Shelter Plus Care program of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will be administered through the State of New York's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester established the Providence

Housing Development Corporation on June 20 of this year. The intent of the program, led by Executive Director Maggie Bringewatt, is to address housing needs.

Bringewatt said her agency will use its share of the money to fund a rent-subsidy program for approximately 25 current or former homeless individuals completing the Catholic Family Center's treatment program for substance abusers, Project Restart.

The subsidies, Bringewatt noted, will help to "open up a whole lot of decent housing they might not have been able to afford otherwise."

Individuals helped by the subsidy will also received case management and other supportive services, Bringewatt added, noting, "We're really trying to do some preventative work — to prevent them from becoming homeless again."

DePaul Community Service's portion of the money will also help homeless individuals find decent, affordable apart-

ments and receive case management and supportive services, noted DePaul's director of development, Joan Tannous. Tannous said, however, that DePaul's emphasis will be on assisting "folks who are in need of mental-health services."

Winship Community Services, on the other hand, will use the money to assist both individuals with addictions and those in need of mental-health services, noted Executive Director Gillian Conde.

Conde's agency, which operates group homes and also assists individuals in "supervised" apartments, had focused primarily on individuals with mental illnesses, but has added services for people who have substance-abuse problems.

Bringewatt pointed out that although the money has been allocated for use by the three agencies, it may be several months before it actually arrives. She said, however, that she hopes to have individuals selected for Providence's program and ready to move into apartments in early 1995.