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gical Protestants or even Christians — despite the movement's name — Reed explained.

"We're not saying that if you don't agree with us you're not Christian," Reed said. "We're open to anyone who is open to working with our legislative agenda."

Thus, the Christian Coalition includes Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Orthodox Christians, and crosses political and racial boundaries. Reed noted, for example, that the three top staff people at the coalition's Washington, D.C. office are, respectively, Greek Orthodox, Catholic and Jewish.

Reed pointed out that part of the need for the coalition is that other groups exist to promote particular agendas, but that no such group had existed for conservative religious people. Indeed, these people have been kept out of the political system, in part, because of stereotyping and antireligious bias that typifies them as being ignorant or only concerned with one or two issues such as abortion and crime.

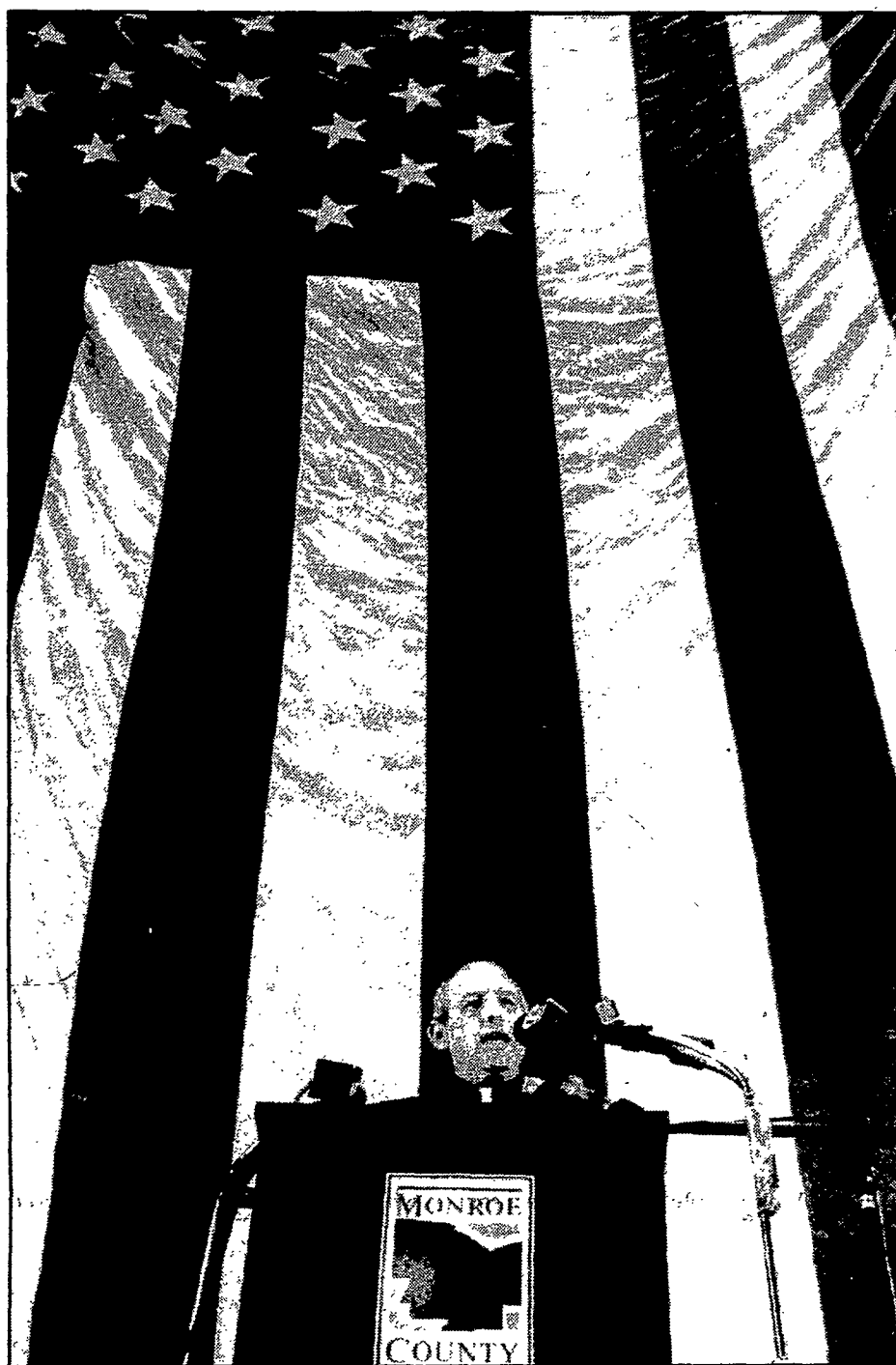
"No movement wants to be ghettoized by its opponents," Reed noted. "We are trying to position ourselves as mainstream."

The ultimate goal is not to force ideas on other people, Reed cautioned, but rather to promote "respectful, civil discourse" on issues. At the same time, Reed said, the movement — as it has sometimes been stereotyped — is not attempting to turn back the clock to a seemingly simpler time such as the 1950s.

That age included prejudice against minorities and women, Reed acknowledged. Reed said he has worked with a number of pastors from black churches who, while citing the prejudice and limitations placed on minorities in past decades, will point out that because of the family's breakdown and of the influence of the black churches, and teenage pregnancies, blacks today are in many ways worse off than their ancestors.

"We want to acknowledge and build on the significant achievements of the civil rights movement and the women's movement," Reed said. "But there is more work to be done. There are more problems to be solved."

Change in office



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer (Above) Bishop Matthew H. Clark Jan. 14 delivered the invocation during the swearing-in ceremony of new Monroe County Executive John D. Doyle at the Monroe County Office Building in downtown Rochester. (Photo at left) Doyle raises his right hand as he takes the oath of office. He succeeds former County Executive Robert L. King, who has accepted a post with Gov. George E. Pataki's administration.

Hope Hall

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she said. "People in Rochester are generous if they know there's a need."

Thus far, a number of groups, businesses and foundations have come forward to donate supplies, services or funds.

St. Thomas More, Corpus Christi and St. Lawrence parishes, for example, have all donated money to the school. Businesses such as Xerox Corporation and Main Window Cleaning have donated equipment and services. Several local foundations have contributed money and are sponsoring students.

In addition, Sister Dolce reported that the school is being considered for at least two grants; applications are being prepared for other grants; and a committee has been formed to conduct such fundraisers as spaghetti suppers and book sales.

Meanwhile, Just in Time, a folk group formerly known as The Blue Suspenders, is scheduled to perform a benefit concert at the school this Sunday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. The admission charge is a monetary donation.

For information about the school or fundraising efforts to help the school, call Hope Hall at 716/426-0210.

Bishop Sullivan to speak to area Charities' officials

Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan, auxiliary bishop of the Brooklyn diocese, will visit the Rochester diocese Jan. 20-21 to deliver presentations and take part in discussions on the relationship between Catholic Charities agencies and new developments at the state and federal levels.

Topics such as welfare reform, privatization and tax cuts will be addressed over the two days.

Bishop Sullivan is scheduled to speak Friday, Jan. 20, at a noon luncheon with staff and board members of Finger Lakes Social Ministry at St. Francis de Sales Church, 110 Exchange St., Geneva.

Bishop Sullivan will meet with diocesan and regional staff and board members of the Catholic Family Center and Catholic Charities Community and Residential Services later that day at 3 p.m. at CFC's offices, 25 Franklin St., Rochester.

Bishop Sullivan will conclude his visit Jan. 21 with a strategic planning session at 10 a.m. with members of the regional board at Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier. The session will take place at the agency's offices, 1700 College Ave., Elmira.

Camp Koinonia settles mortgage dispute with Methodists

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PENN YAN — Camp Koinonia, Inc., and its mortgage holder, the Western New York Conference of the United Methodist Church, have reached an agreement that will end the conference's foreclosure proceedings against the camp.

Dominic Salamida, Camp Koinonia's chairman of the board of directors, noted that the conference is expected to sign a new mortgage agreement reached in December by the end of this week.

Since it was in the Yates County Clerk's office that the Methodist conference initiated its foreclosure proceedings last fall, the agreement must now go before a Yates County court for approval. Salamida expected the court to approve the new agreement within a month.

The 233-acre camp is located at 1455 Italy Hill Road in Middlesex.

In addition to hosting several not-for-

profit groups each year, the camp became home to the diocese's Family Camp program in the late 1970s. Family camp combines many traditional features of camping along with daily Mass and some spiritual group programs.

The camp continues to host various programs, but no longer has an official relationship with the Rochester diocese.

A group of Catholic volunteers formed the not-for-profit Camp Koinonia, Inc., to purchase the campsite in 1984 for \$160,000. The agreement called for payments on the property to be made in yearly installments each March. In its foreclosure papers, the conference maintained that camp officials had been consistently delinquent in making payments since the site was purchased.

Under the new agreement, Salamida said, the camp will make its annual mortgage payment in November, not March. This will enable the camp's directors to use funds raised throughout the spring and summer toward making the mortgage payment on time, he said, some-

thing the camp was unable to do when faced with making a payment over the winter.

The camp also presented a business plan to the conference, including a number of measures designed to strengthen Koinonia's financial status, he said.

In addition to planning a variety of fundraisers for this year, the camp will expand its programming to generate more revenue, Salamida remarked.

Koinonia this year will offer several types of family camp options designed to attract families from a wide variety of income levels.

In exchange for lodging and all meals, the "Cana" program, offered from July 16-21, and again from July 23-28, charges an \$85 non-refundable registration fee for the whole family, along with fees of \$100 per person.

In addition to the \$85 registration fee, the "Nazareth" program only charges \$195 for up to four people in one cabin, or only \$245 a cabin for between five to 12 people. Families can also pay just \$75

for a campsite during the Nazareth program, which runs from July 30 to Aug. 4, and Aug. 13-18.

Information from the camp said "Nazareth" families must provide all their own meals, except for Sunday and Thursday night suppers, and morning snacks for children along with snacks for adults and teens at night.

Salamida noted that larger families may be better able to afford a trip to Koinonia this summer if they don't have to shell out as much money per member in the Nazareth program as they would have to with the Cana program.

In addition to its family camp programs, Koinonia hopes to gain more business from youth groups from the Rochester area, Salamida concluded. Such groups have expressed an interest in expanding the amount of time they spend at the camp along with increasing the number of boys and girls in their programs, he explained.

To learn more about Camp Koinonia, call Sue Versluys at 716/352-6826.