

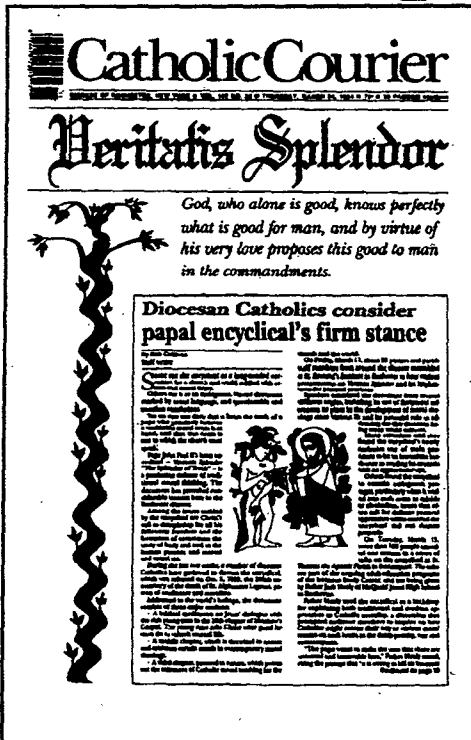
# Courier takes 7 state press awards

Led by a first-place showing in the Best Front Page category and several photographic honors, the *Catholic Courier* garnered seven awards at the New York Press Association's 1994 Better Newspaper Contest.

Winners were announced during the NYPA's annual spring convention, held April 7-8 at The Desmond in Albany.

Three front-page layouts and stories comprised the *Courier's* winning entry in Division II (the largest circulation division) for tabloid newspapers. The following stories featured graphics by Lorraine Hennessey, graphics manager, and photos by S. John Wilkin, staff photographer: "Veritatis Splendor" (written by Staff Writer Rob Cullivan); the 50th anniversary of D-Day (written by Staff Writer Mike Latona); and the spirituality of men (Latona).

"Extremely inviting and attractively eye-catching," the judges said of the



front-page designs. "Not afraid to innovate and make a strong statement."

Also in the largest circulation category, Wilkin won second place for Sports Action Photo and shared with the graphics department a third place in the Photographic Excellence category. The staff photographer also took third place for Pictorial Photo and Picture Story (text by Lee Strong on diocesan efforts to educate students with special needs) and honorable mention for Sports Feature Photo.

In addition, Mary Kay Williams, a free-lance illustrator, earned an honorable mention for Graphic Illustration in the largest circulation category. Williams' illustration of Pope John Paul II knocking at the doors of the United Nations accompanied Cullivan's page-one story on preparations for last fall's world conference on population and development.

- Mike Latona

## Obituary

### Jessie Bell O'Connor; longtime nurse, teacher

Jessie Bell O'Connor, a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing who later taught at the school before serving as an industrial nurse at Eastman Kodak Company for 25 years, died on Thursday, March 23, 1995, after a long illness.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father John L. O'Connor, Mrs. O'Connor's surviving son and pastor of Brighton's Our Lady of Lourdes Church, celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece. Bishop Robert R. Spears, retired Episcopal bishop of Rochester, also attended the Mass.

According to Father O'Connor, his mother was well-known for emphasizing a fundamental lesson to her students: "Treat every patient as you would your own mother or father."

He added that his mother's motto in life was returned to her during her long illness when a host of friends and care-

givers were constantly at her side.

A fund in her memory has been established at St. Mary's Hospital. Donations may be sent to the Jessie Bell O'Connor Education Center, 89 Genesee St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611.

Mrs. O'Connor's death came 18 days after the passing of her sister, Sister Angela Marie Bell, SSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph

of Rochester for 77 years. The two women were the youngest and oldest, respectively, of five children of the late William and Elizabeth McVeigh Bell.

In addition to her parents and sister, Mrs. O'Connor was predeceased by her husband, Jerry; two brothers, William R. and John P. Bell; and another sister, Anne C. Bell.

### Frances C. Moroney; parishioner in Montezuma

MONTEZUMA — Frances C. Moroney, longtime member of the former St. Michael's Church in Montezuma, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 1995, at St. Ann's Home in Rochester.

Along with her late husband, John P. Moroney, Mrs. Moroney attended St. Michael's for many years. Following his death she moved to Rochester, where

she was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. At Sacred Heart, she became a member of the Rosary Guild and was active in senior groups.

Mrs. Moroney is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Frank Fox of Livonia, and Fran and Clark V. Whited of Brockport; sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Mary Jean of Fairfax, Va., and William and Jo of Wenham, Mass.; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Auburn.

The family said friends may have Masses offered in Mrs. Moroney's memory.

### Diocese seeks proposals for 1995 CHD funding

The Diocese of Rochester is inviting groups working to alleviate domestic poverty to apply for a 1995 Campaign for Human Development "seed money" grant.

Proposals are sought for projects organized and governed by and for poor people seeking economic and/or social strength and self-determination in their communities. The projects should address the basic causes of poverty and seek to change unjust social conditions.

A pre-application meeting will be held by May 15. Proposals will meet the basic criteria and be encouraged to submit a full application.

Proposals will be reviewed regionally. Full proposals will vary by region and will be dictated on the pre-application packet.

For information on the application packet, contact:

Christian Campaign for Human Development, 250 E. Main St., Room 1200, Rochester, N.Y. 14602. Phone: 734-2710.

For information on the application packet, contact:

John and Catherine O'Connell, 100 Lake Street, Montezuma, N.Y. 14856. Phone: 789-2686 (Montezuma region).

### Rotary day to highlight organ, tissue donation

ROCHESTER — Rotary International District 7120, of which Bishop Matthew H. Clark is a member — has designated April 23 "Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday."

The day follows National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week (April 16-22). This week is also being called "Gift of Life" Week.

For information about the "Gift of Life" program or organ donation, contact Jean Wells, "Gift of Life" chairwoman, 716/223-2653, or Karen Guarino, communications director of the Rochester Eye and Human Parts Bank, 716/272-7890 or 1-800/568-4321.

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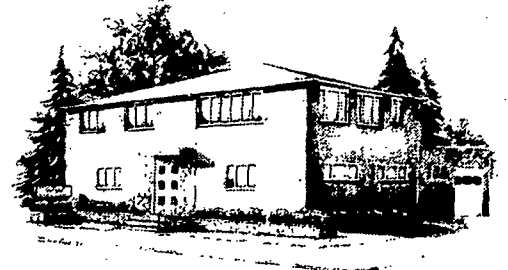
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