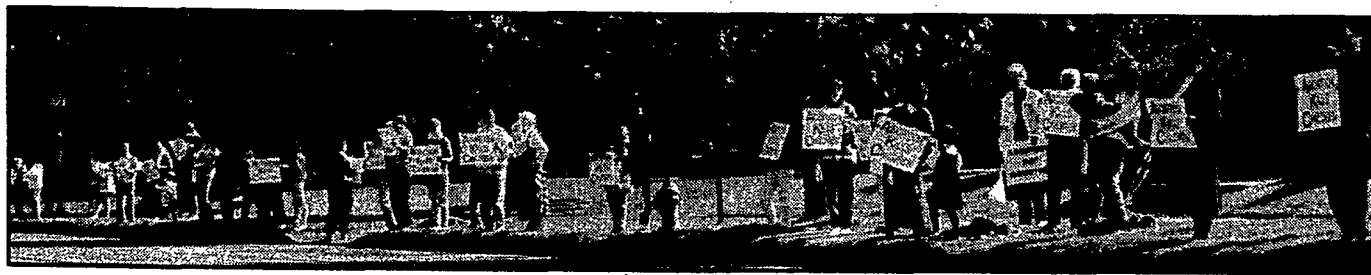


DIOCESAN NEWS



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Pro-lifers align on East Avenue

Peaceful protesters form a line along Rochester's East Avenue to mark Respect Life Sunday October 6. The gathering was one of approximately 800 life chains staged across the country.

Interfaith talks to follow 'Genesis'

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

The diocesan Department of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, along with the Jewish Community Federation and the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, is sponsoring a discussion series about the public-television broadcast of "Genesis: Living Conversations."

The discussions will take place at the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Ave., in Rochester.

Hosted by Bill Moyers, the PBS series will premiere at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, and then air 8-9 p.m. Sundays for nine weeks on most PBS stations, including Channel 21, WXXI, in Rochester; viewers should check with their local affiliate for exact dates and times.

Each one-hour program begins with an actor briefly telling a biblical story, then shows seven or eight people in conversation about the story. The participants, many of whom are theology professors, in-

clude Jews, Catholics, Protestants and Muslims.

Viewers can also obtain "Talking About Genesis: A Guide," from their local PBS station.

At the Jewish Community Federation, Rochester-area theology professors, rabbis and Christian ministers and pastors will lead discussions at noon on the Wednesdays following the broadcasts. The scheduled talks are:

Oct. 23: "In God's Image," a discussion of the creation of the earth and humankind.

Oct. 30: "Temptation," a discussion of Adam and Eve's tasting of the forbidden fruit and their subsequent expulsion from Eden.

Nov. 6: "Apocalypse," a discussion of Noah, his ark and the great flood.

Nov. 13: "Call and Promise," a discussion of God's covenant with Abraham.

Nov. 20: "A Family Affair," a discussion of Abraham's relationship with the slave girl Hagar.

Nov. 27: "The Test," a discussion of God's command that Abraham sacrifice his son Isaac. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will host this discussion along with Larry Fine, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation.

Dec. 4: "Blessed Deception," a discussion of Rebekah's procurement of Isaac's blessing for Jacob through deceit.

Dec. 11: "God Wrestling," a discussion of Jacob's dream of wrestling an angel.

Dec. 18: "Exile," a discussion of Joseph's exile in Egypt.

Seating for the noontime discussion series is limited, and participants are advised to bring a brown-bag lunch.

Even if viewers can't make the noontime discussions, Deacon Brian J. McNulty, diocesan coordinator of the Department of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, said he was urging diocesan Catholics to form their own discussion groups.

"This is an opportunity for people to look at how the stories enrich our lives," he said.

Diocesan pro-lifers take part in Syracuse Mass, march

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

A sizable contingent from the Diocese of Rochester joined an Oct. 4 pro-life Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a protest at the Planned Parenthood building in Syracuse.

According to Danielle Cummings, director of communications for the Diocese of Syracuse, the Mass was attended by a standing-room-only gathering of 1,400 people. She said that 1,200 of those participants joined Syracuse Bishop James M. Moynihan, the former pastor of Penfield's St. Joseph's Church, in the ensuing march and peaceful protest against abortions arranged through Planned Parenthood.

Among those participating were 83 people who rode in two buses leaving from St. Rita's Church in Webster, and two vans full of protesters from St. Isaac Jogues Chapel

in Fleming. Father Anthony Mugavero, pastor of Rochester's St. Bridget's Church, and Father Norman Weslin, OS, founder of the Lambs of Christ pro-life movement, traveled with the Webster group.

Milt Dries, a co-organizer of the bus trip from Webster, stated that the marchers realized their goal of a dignified — yet emphatic — protest through prayer.

"It's a witness. If you don't do a witness, people will think that abortion is acceptable," said Dries, a parishioner at Guardian Angels Church in Henrietta.

"We used three words: peaceful, prayerful and powerful. There was no risk of arrests at all," added Mike McBride, another member of the Monroe County group and a parishioner at Rochester's Blessed Sacrament Church.

According to Cummings, the only counter-protesters were a group of about 50 abortion advocates displaying pro-

choice signs. They stood near the entrance of the University United Methodist Church, located across the street from Syracuse Planned Parenthood.

This was the third such protest at Planned Parenthood since Bishop Moynihan was installed as head of the Syracuse diocese in 1995. Cummings added that Bishop Moynihan is planning another pro-life march in the spring.

Laura Faiola, a parishioner at St. Isaac Jogues Chapel, attended the Oct. 4 protest and emphasized that she plans on returning for future demonstrations led by Bishop Moynihan.

"They're always powerful and prayerful," Faiola said.

Rochester will be the site of a similar protest on Saturday, Oct. 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Father Weslin will lead a march from St. Joseph's Park to the Planned Parenthood facility on University Avenue.

Obituary

Fr. William A. Trott, 65; well-loved pastor

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

Father William A. Trott, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Livonia and St. William's Parish in Conesus, died suddenly after a short illness on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. He was 65.

Friends and co-workers of Father Trott spoke of his loving devotion to his fellow Catholics, and repeatedly noted the delight he took in ministering to others.

"He was there for people when they needed him," said Gloria Ulterino, pastoral associate at St. Joseph's. "I just think he really enjoyed being with people."

Father Trott died in the hospital where he was born. He had been baptized there, as well, and had a lifelong devotion to the hospital's patron, said his cousin, Agnes Scheg of Webster. Both only children, she noted that she was 10 years his senior.

"I always thought he was going to bury me," she said. "Little did I think I was going to bury him. He's always been my backbone. Now he's got to watch over me from heaven."

Father Trott grew up in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Rochester, and attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Ordained in 1957, he served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Wayland until 1959, when he went to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Rochester.

He became assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Irondequoit in 1964. In 1968, he was named spiritual director of St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, a position he held until 1979 when he became pastor at St. Augustine's Parish in Rochester. He remained pastor at St. Augustine's until 1989 when he went to Livonia.

Margaret Enright, the bookkeeper and secretary at St. Joseph's, recalled that he often took the parish's altar servers to Rochester Americans hockey games. Sometimes the pastor would sell any extra tickets that the group had to other fans waiting outside, she said.

"We always laughed about the time he sold so many tickets that he didn't have one for himself," she said.

In addition to Scheg, Father Trott is survived by many friends and parishioners.

Bishop Dennis Hickey celebrated a Mass of Christ the High Priest on Oct. 4 at St. Joseph's. On the following morning, Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated Father Trott's funeral Mass at St. Augustine's. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester.

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