

DIOCESAN NEWS

Obituary

Dr. Iuppa, obstetrician; practiced at St. Mary's

Dr. Louis A. Iuppa, a longtime obstetrician and former chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, died Jan. 2, 1999. He was 92.

Dr. Iuppa, a Rochester native, was a graduate of Aquinas Institute, St. Bonaventure University and Georgetown University Medical School. He joined the St. Mary's Hospital staff in 1932 and spent his entire career there before retiring in 1980.

Dr. Iuppa's son, Dr. J. Bruce Iuppa, said his father delivered more than 10,000 babies during his career and was touched by the miracle of life with each new delivery.

"He had a gleam in his eye. That never failed to impress him," Dr. J. Bruce Iuppa said, adding that his father took special care to talk with the new mothers and other family members — "almost like a midwife."

Dr. Hal Akyuz, an obstetrician who

worked with Dr. Iuppa from 1965 to 1980, agreed that Dr. Iuppa tried to help his patients in any way possible.

"He was the nicest man I ever met," Dr. Akyuz remarked.

Dr. Akyuz also noted that Dr. Iuppa remained highly skilled in his craft up until his retirement.

"Even after 70 (years old), he was as sharp as any 35-year-old," Dr. Akyuz commented.

Dr. J. Bruce Iuppa, himself an obstetrician, said he was eager to follow in his father's footsteps after observing him in action many times during his childhood.

"He'd take me to the hospital with him at night," Dr. J. Bruce Iuppa said. "I always enjoyed that little time I had with him."

Dr. Iuppa was predeceased by his wife, Josephine. He is survived by his brother, Vince; sons Dr. J. Bruce (Mary Lou) and Robert L. (Susan) Iuppa; daughters Karen, Andrea Iuppa Jepson and Mary Jo Iuppa and her husband Peter Toner; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass for Dr. Iuppa took place Jan. 6 at St. Thomas More Church in Brighton.

Donations in Dr. Iuppa's memory may be made to St. Mary's Hospital Foundation — OB-GYN Nursing Education Fund, 1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14626.

— Mike Latona

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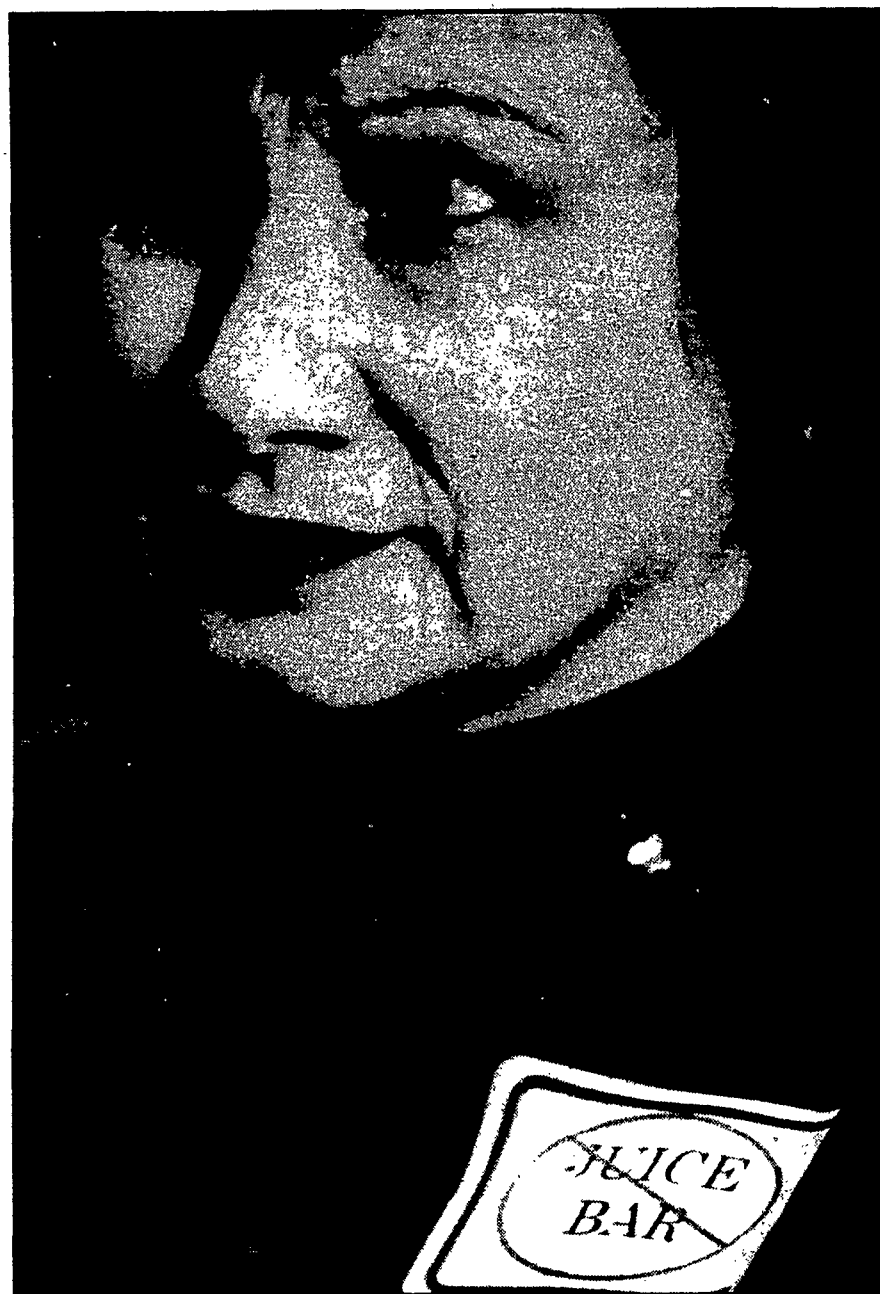
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Juice bar defeated

Claire Sementino, a parishioner of Most Precious Blood Church, Rochester, listens to Gustave DeTraglia Jr., a Utica attorney representing C&A Playmates, as he fields questions from the Rochester Planning Commission Jan. 4 about plans to open a nude juice bar at 1485 Mt. Read Blvd. More than 200 people attended the commission meeting to oppose the plan, which the commission subsequently voted down. A proposal to open a strip club at the same site was withdrawn in August in the face of similar opposition. Most Precious Blood parishioner Bernardine Gordon, who led the opposition, said the most recent effort failed because the owners "could not prove that this was going to benefit our neighborhood." Gordon said that her group hopes that someone will buy the former restaurant and put it to good use. "Then we'll have a big celebration," she said. "We've fought it twice. We don't want to have to fight it again."

Groups plan March for Life bus trips

The annual March for Life is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 22, in Washington, D.C. The *Catholic Courier* has learned of busses departing for the march on Jan. 21 from the following locations in the Diocese of Rochester:

St. Pius the Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Avenue, Chili; 10 p.m., preceded by a 9 p.m. prayer service; cost is \$45 per person, \$20 for students; for information, call 716/586-3956.

Wegmans parking lot, Clemens Center Parkway, Elmira; 11:30 p.m.; \$35 per person; for information, call 607/734-2680.

St. Jude the Apostle Church, 4100

Lyell Ave., Gates; 10 p.m., preceded by 8:30 p.m. prayer service; cost is \$50 per person; for information, call 716/482-7337.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd., Irondequoit; 10 p.m., preceded by 9:30 p.m. prayer service; cost is \$40 per person, \$20 per student; for information, call 716/342-3216.

St. Michael's School, 320 S. Main St., Newark; 10 p.m.; bus will stop at St. Mary's School, 25 Center St., Waterloo, at 10:30 p.m. to pick up additional passengers; cost is \$35 per person; for information, call 315/539-8860, or 539-3031.

Recognizing

★ **Catholic Family Center** was honored by the Child Welfare League of America with its 1998 National Outstanding Management Merit Award.

★ **Bill Lissow** of Mt. Morris has been appointed 1999 chair of the board of directors of Catholic Charities of Livingston County. Joining him as officers are **Mabel Treadwell** of Leicester (vice-chair), and **Mary Mineo** of Dansville (secretary). Appointed as board members were **Carol Arney** of Geneseo and **Frederick Daniell** of Caledonia. The appointments were announced at a dinner meeting Oct. 22 at St. Mary's Parish Center, Geneseo. At the same dinner, the Father William Trott Memorial Community Services Award of the Catholic Charities of Livingston County was presented to **Rev. Neil Frood**, pastor, York Presbyterian Church.

★ **Msgr. William Shannon's** book, *Reluctant Dissenter*, was eighth on The Catholic Book Association's Current Catholic Bestsellers December hardcover list.