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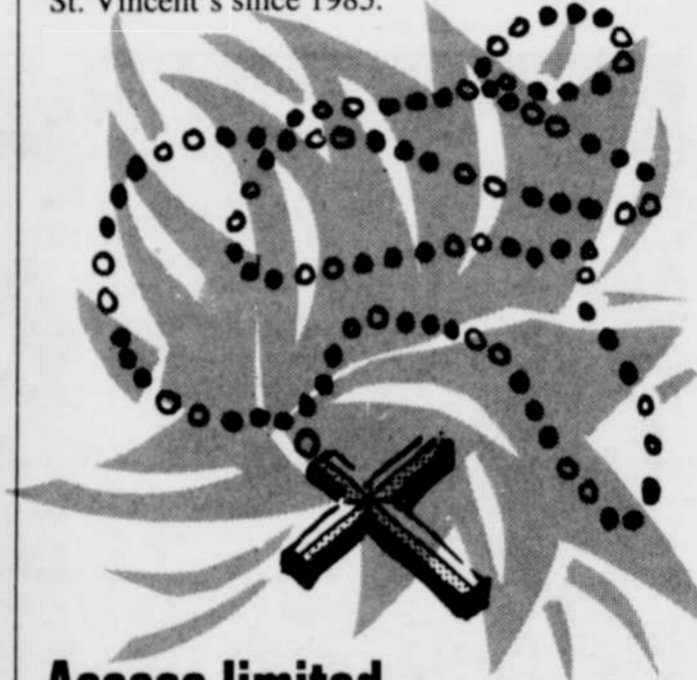
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**SPIRITUALITY**

**Dignity denied**

The Willamette Valley chapter of Dignity, the Catholic voice for lesbians and gay men, was evicted from its meeting place at St. Vincent's Church in Salem. The eviction notice came in the form of a letter to the Rev. Jim Jacobsen, president of the group, who is also a full-time chaplain at the federal penitentiary in Sheridan, Ore. According to Chuck Simpson, the chapter spokesperson, the letter prohibits Dignity from holding its Mass at St. Vincent's Church, and specifically prohibits Jacobsen from celebrating Mass for the group. Dignity/Willamette Valley had been holding Saturday night Mass and potlucks twice monthly at St. Vincent's since 1985.



**Access limited**

The Catholic bishops restrict access to a range of health services—including complete HIV/AIDS prevention counseling—for people of all faiths through the Catholic health care system, according to Catholics for a Free Choice's report, *The Catholic Health Care System and National Health Care Reform: An Overview*. As the health

care industry in the United States adapts to a changing market, the bishops are working to protect the ability of thousands of Catholic health care facilities to participate competitively, while continuing to follow restrictive church teachings. The report states that the bishops have obtained exemptions from New York state guidelines on HIV/AIDS prevention counseling, despite the fact that these hospitals receive public funding and treat both Catholic and non-Catholic patients. "Although the bishops are willing to treat patients with AIDS through the Catholic health care system, they are unwilling to help prevent the spread of [HIV and] AIDS in a realistic way through that same system. And, as Catholic health care facilities expand and merge with non-Catholic facilities, there is a danger that these restrictions may move with them," states Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice.

**Episcopals move on sexual orientation**

At the fall national policy-making convention of the Episcopal Church, approval of a number of friendly resolutions occurred. One resolution, "Develop Forms of Blessing Same-Sex Couples," calls for the church to prepare a report on "the theological foundations and pastoral considerations involved in the development of rites honoring love and commitment between persons of the same sex." A second resolution amends the church law to assure equal access to the ordination process, including one's sexual orientation. A third resolution reaffirms the church's support of civil rights based on sexual orientation. And a fourth resolution provides for the church to develop new educational materials to help youth and their parents "understand their sexuality."

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**Religious leaders disagree on initiative**

Idaho religious leaders disagree on the Idaho Citizens Alliance's discriminatory initiative [Proposition 1]. While the Idaho Catholic Diocese, the Episcopal Diocese, the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the Boise synagogue Congregation Ahavath-Beth Israel all oppose the initiative, some pastors and church leaders support the initiative.

Rick DeMichele, pastor of the Treasure Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, Idaho, has posted signs on his church reader board making sure people know he is opposed to gay and lesbian citizens. He says the signs say it all. One sign read "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." Another sign announced ICA petitions were available at the church.

But other members of the clergy stood up and expressed their opposition to the ICA initiative. On June 21, more than three dozen Boise religious leaders held a press conference to show that many

people of faith oppose the initiative.

"We ask other clergy to join us because we believe that discrimination is not an act of faith," explained the Rev. John Shaefer III, a priest at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity in Meridian. "We feel the ICA initiative is divisive and not needed in Idaho."

Bishop Tod Brown, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, said July 7 the initiative "would contribute to attitudes of intolerance and hostility in Idaho directed at homosexual citizens and is potentially discriminatory."

He added that he would not support any

effort to create a new protected class based on sexual orientation.

"The church considers only homosexual activity or conduct—not orientation—morally wrong," Brown said. "At the same time, the church teaches that homosexuals, like everyone else, have a right to respect, friendship and justice."

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