

More Letters

Cross Is True Peace Symbol

Editor:

In reference to the Courier-Journal article of (8-12-70) peace symbol.

Everytime I see this sign I wonder why it is supposed to mean something, but means nothing, because nothing but trouble has followed it.

We have the greatest peace symbol ever given man right in front of us but we turn our backs on it. These followers or believers of this so-called peace symbol do not know what peace means.

Love and peace are so misused and so poorly understood. The Ten Commandments give us the greatest meaning of love and the Cross is the greatest symbol of peace. Any other thoughts are just blind groping for something that isn't there.

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Elmira Heights, N.Y.

A New Look At Symbol

Editor:

I am a 14-year-old girl and to me the peace symbol means only one thing.

The outside of the peace symbol, the circle, means world unity. The world is all one. The inside is a dove's footprint. The dove, of course is the bird of peace.

The above, to me, is the only meaning of the peace symbol.

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Anti-Abortion Drive Urged

Editor:

I believe that the Courier should start an intensive campaign of education to educate people on all phases of the abortion issue.

Many people are of the mistaken impression that the fetus can hardly be called human until it approaches the viable stage and, in the first three or four months is nothing more than a mass of unformed tissue. This misconception must be changed by long and persevering instruction.

LIFE (April 30, 1965) carried the picture of a three and a half week old fetus and stated: "This embryo is so tiny—about a tenth of an inch long—that the mother may not even know that she is pregnant. Yet there is already impressive internal development. . . . This embryo has the beginnings of eyes, spinal cord, nervous system, thyroid glands, lungs, stomach, kidneys, and intestines. Its primitive heart, which began beating haltingly on the 18th day, is now pumping more confidently." This is the kind of information we must give the people.

We ourselves must promote a movement for the repeal of the present legislation.

—Rev. G. Stuart Hogan
Rochester

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Camp Maplewood Makes Summertime Easy



Elmira—Under the supervision of Sister Suzanne, youngsters in Elmira are able to enjoy the recreation and crafts in a day camp at the Notre Dame High School convent.

The program, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, lasts for six weeks during the summer, daily between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Called Camp Maplewood, it provides daily swimming at the convent pool, crafts, nature study, hiking, films and cook-outs. Youngsters from 6 to 10 can enroll at the day camp for from one week up to six weeks. The Sisters can handle up to 20 at a time.

Assisting Sister Suzanne are Sisters Mary Jo Brach, Mary Jo Fink, Virginia, Nathanael, and Jane Frances.

Above left, Sister Virginia Taylor, helps youngsters in crafts class while at right Bob Lambert, a senior at Notre Dame who helps out, and a rider prepare for splashdown.



The Slot Man The Layman's New Role

By Carmen Viglucci



Ordinarily, unsigned letters are rapidly flipped into the circular file but we received one recently we think worth sharing with you.

The writer complains about laymen distributing Communion and says that when he questioned others about it not one approved of the idea—"all resented it"—and only one had actually received from a layman and "didn't like it."

"We are supposed to be Christ's disciples, each one of us to bear our cross through life in imitation of Christ. Then why can't we receive Communion as mature adult Christians, not in a childish manner?"

"Why should some benefit to such a degree (by holding the host to put on other's tongues) while the rest of us are denied taking the Body of Christ in our hands?"

This takes a lot of answering. First, in 1968 the Holy Father polled the bishops of the world to find their thoughts on making it universal law for laymen to receive Communion in their hands. The majority of the bishops said "nay." The Pope then left it up to individual bishops to make their own rulings.

The U.S. bishops also decided against making any national rule of it and again left it up to individual dioceses. General permission came from Rome for laymen to give Communion if the bishop so chose.

There are three ways laymen can participate in the distribution of the Host — by distributing in the same manner as the priest; by receiving it in the hand from the priest; or by

reaching into the Communion vessel itself.

Many object to the latter on esthetic grounds, and perhaps because of health reasons. In any case, they decided not to authorize the laity to take the Host from the ciborium but to let chosen laymen distribute Communion as a substitute for the priest in the customary manner.

Because of the sanctity of the Eucharist it was further felt that those chosen to be "extraordinary ministers" should have proven devotion to the Eucharist and that careful attention be paid to their selection. Their names are sent to Bishop Hogan for appointment. Further instructions follow before the layman receive their assignments.

Solemn ceremonies in the Fall in Rochester, Elmira and Auburn with the bishop officiating will further emphasize the importance of this new duty of the layman.

Personally, I suspect a bit of envy cropped up and that's unfortunate. It shouldn't matter who is distributing it, the Host itself is the center of the significance.

I suppose any layman who wants to distribute Communion should contact his pastor and tell him. But if you get turned down don't hold it against him; he's got enough headaches already without finding a new one in what should be a joyous happening.

We all should try to maintain a spirit commensurate with the holy significance involved.

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