

The Slot Man

**Chain Letter
Inexcusable**

By Carmen Viglucci



Many people in the diocese are receiving chain letters urging them to send on a certain prayer which in itself is innocuous.

However, the letter, which seeks no contribution in itself, goes on to play on people's greed by promising that financial fortune will befall the receiver if he passes it on to 20 others.

That is not the most reprehensible part of the letter, however. It carries a threat that if the receiver breaks the chain, ill fortune awaits. As in the case of a certain "Gen. Walsh" who "lost his life six days after receiving his copy" but who "failed to circulate the prayer."

It perplexes the imagination trying to figure how people have time for this nonsense; its fallacies are evident; but what is disturbing is that the implicit threat may be a source of torture for elderly people.

I have not seen the envelope used, but we can all end such inanity by calling it to the attention of postal authorities and by refusing to cooperate in any way with the senders.

Maybe I'm mistaken but it seems that voters in this year's election are being given more opportunity to get to know their candidates than at any previous time.

Local TV stations are to be commended for extra effort to bring the nominees before the public. Particularly laudatory are such television shows as WOKR's "Press Conference"; WXXI's "Meet the Candidates"; the morning WHEC Eddie Meath Show; and WROC's innovative "Free Speech."

With the abortion issue a kind of catalyst, the Courier-Journal also broke a longstanding tradition with surveys of candidates from throughout the diocese.

Our response was good with 56 of the 74 candidates replying. We feel it was a worthwhile endeavor and so do most of our readers who have commented. There is some question as to the necessity of a Catholic paper getting involved in politics, but we feel that an issue such as abortion makes it imperative for all people to get involved.

If you feel something should be done about the permissive abortion law, let your candidate know. You can influence his judgment.

If you want to go about it a different way, join the Right to Life Committee. This group, dedicated to electing public officials who are pledged to change the law, ran an ad in the Oct. Courier-Journal seeking members. If you don't have it, merely write to Rochester Right-to-Life Committee, Post Office Box 4763, Rochester, N.Y. 14612.

**PHILHARMONIC PREVIEW
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Twenty-six one-hour programs on the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra will be aired on radio station WBFB-FM, starting at 10 tonight, Oct. 21. The programs of music, commentary and interviews will continue on Wednesday nights through the entire Philharmonic season. Eastman Kodak is the sponsor.



Admiring blanket to be auctioned at annual Seton Branches sale, slated Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Rochester's new Holiday Downtown Inn, are some members of committee for the sale, which benefits St. Mary's Hospital. From left are Mrs. Joseph P. Gagliano, Mrs. Norbert Wrona, Mrs. Charles Kaiser, Mrs. William T. Whelehan and Mrs. Richard Agostinelli

Seton Sale Scheduled Oct. 28

Bargains which are real bargains will be carried out of Rochester's new Holiday Downtown Inn on Wednesday, Oct. 28, as the Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital stage their annual all-day sale.

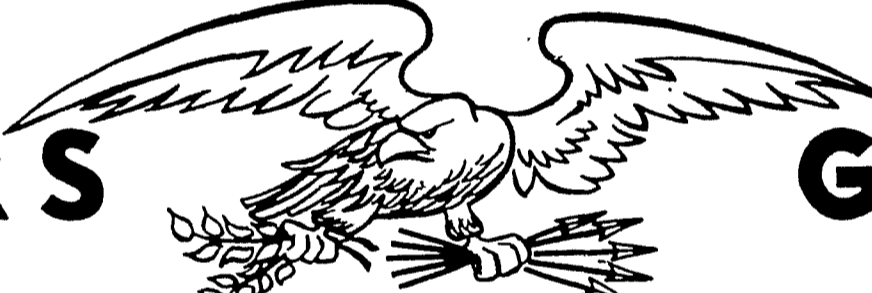
The sale, which last year netted more than \$13,000 for the benefit of the hospital, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program includes parking facilities beneath the hotel, baby-sitting services, two luncheon sessions (11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.) and a fashion show presented by B. Forman Co.

For sale, according to the committee, will be "a vast display of boutique items, Christmas decorations, decorator items for every room, a silent auction and a useful flea market which will delight every shopper passing through the huge sales rooms."

Mrs. Joseph P. Gagliano, committee chairman, said this week that the two luncheons have already been "completely sold out." She also announced that Master-Charge and BankAmericard cards will be honored at the sale.

Assisting Mrs. Gagliano on the committee are Mrs. George Johaneck, cochairman; Mrs. Fred Van Strydonck, secretary, and Mrs. James Taddeo, treasurer.

Assisting are the Mesdames Robert Monohan, Joseph Deane, Frederick Heier, Jack Young, Mark Goddard II, Raymond Mahar, Charles Kaiser, Mark Ortalee, Richard Agostinelli, Charles Porreca, Donald Polan, Arnold Hayes, Robert Robinson, Aynn Schuhart, Robert Bauer, Richard Maurer, William Whelehan and Norbert Wrona.



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