



FR. PAUL J. CUDDY
**On The
Right Side**

Sister M. Scholastica is one of the three Caufield girls who are Sisters of Mercy. Sister Janet is a missionary Sister at the Mercy Mission in Chili. Sister Margaret is the music instructor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Humbolt Street. Sister Scholastica, who just celebrated her silver anniversary as a Sister of Mercy is a Religious by vocation, a musician by avocation (all the Caufield girls have musical talent), and a degreed Registered Nurse by profession. She is one of the clearest articulators for the right to life for the unborn child. She is clear on weirdness of the N.Y. State Abortion law. Below are excerpts of a good letter Sister S. sent to state legislators.

"The Penal Law regarding abortion which was amended in 1970 has been open to much question, criticism on the part of many New York State residents.

"First of all the Penal Law which allows legal right for abortion up to 24 weeks of gestation contradicts the State Public Health Law. The P. H. Law requires reporting as a 'fetal death', any abortifacient act resulting in a dead fetus regardless of the length of gestation. Where the infant is born alive, according to the P. H. Law, a birth certificate is required and, in case the infant dies, a regular death certificate is required.

"Secondly, no provision has been made to care for 'legally' aborted fetuses who show definite signs of life following the abortion procedure. Consequently these 'non-viable' infants struggle helplessly for the life to which all men have a right! State law allows the perversion of health care because the law of the State says it is right. So the infant is left to die.

"In the first instance, logic would dictate that penal law should be created TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. New York State has allowed non-health related legislators to dictate a law which definitely has health implications . . . and this with little or no scientific evidence as to its validity. Public opinion is hardly a valid criteria for evaluating public health.

"In the second instance, medical, nursing, and para-medical persons are forced to stand by and ignore a helpless living infant; and fail to render the helping and healing assistance to which they have dedicated their lives.

"Regardless of my religious tenets, there are sufficient contradictions in medicine and logic to place the entire law in a state of question. As a nurse, I have dedicated myself to the promotion of health and the care of the sick, the helpless and the unfortunate, as have the majority of nurses in New York. Should we be asked to support such violations of our promises?

"I would recommend the following:

"1. Reinstate the Penal Law, Subdivision Three of section 125.05 in relation to justifiable abortion.

"2. Should No. 1 fail: a) insert a conscience clause in the present liberalized law giving all medical, nursing and para-medical persons the option to refuse to participate in any part of an abortion procedure; b) urge that all medical and nursing procedures be initiated and followed through to pre-



Special Day

For Jill Walsh and her grandmother, Mrs. Nora Quigley, First Communion day was an extra special day. Jill received her first communion in a dress made from material purchased by her great-grandmother in 1901.

The material had been saved by Mrs. Quigley, age 96, a resident of Aberdeen Nursing Home, Rochester for the special dress.

Jill received her first Communion from Father Roy Haggerty, at St. William, Conesus, June 6.

Thursday Deadline

Thursday noon is the deadline for news and photos for the Courier-Journal of the following week.

serve the life of living aborted fetuses."

The Legislature did not get around to acting on the proposed changes in the abortion law. The Fight for the Death people seem pleased. Statistics for the first six months of the law are: 478 unborn children destroyed daily with the blessing of the law. This is a ghoulous pleasure.

A reaction is setting in from thoughtful and horrified people. Groups have been formed to protect the unborn.

"Right to Life is a non-denominational organization which is as it should be: because abortion is a human being issue, not denominational.

**'Housing Week' Hit
As Political Gimmickry**

Housing Week, proclaimed by Rochester Mayor Stephen May for last week, met with stiff criticism from Father John Hempel of the diocesan Office of Human Development, who called the idea "political gimmickry." Father Hempel supported FIGHT, a local community action agency directed by Rev. Mr. Raymond Scott, in its refusal to participate.

Father Hempel noted that Housing Week was supposed to be "informational." "We've known about this need for housing for years," he said. "The real question is, what is the political structure doing about it?"

Father Hempel conceded that the Rochester city government was making a "real effort—the problem is the towns and suburbs," which, according to him, use zoning to prevent the creation of a mixture of low and moderate income housing with property already developed.

If this continues, he warned, "the next generation, which we

hope will solve some of these problems of race and poverty, will grow up isolated. We are sowing the seeds of war and discord right in our own neighborhoods, not abroad."

Father Hempel said that there is some question about what the Republican Party, "which controls the national, state and local governments, is doing with all this power it is supposed to have."

**Outdoor Opera
Begins Tonight**

The Johann Strauss opera, Die Fledermaus, will be sung at the Newark Rose Gardens at 8:30 tonight, June 30.

The Eastman School production will be repeated at 8:45 Friday and Saturday nights, July 2 and 3, in Highland Park Bowl. Rain dates are July 1 for Newark and July 4 for Rochester. The Opera Under the Stars program is sponsored by Monroe County.

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