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## On The Right Side

Excerpts from letters which I wish had gone to the editor as well as to me

From a female collegian at St. Bonaventure's:

"Your July 28 self-interview on church music exposed a lack of aesthetic understanding and a tendency toward vague generalizations. I could not find in your article any specification of the type of music you and Father Ehmann feel to be 'in a state of utter collapse' . . . If anything, the new music and open celebration of Christ's feast have drawn more youth than repelled those of the older generation. Of course there is an occasional 'tawdry' piece. But face it, Father, even Beethoven and Bach loused up once in a while . .

"The danger in the Church is not the take-over by inept people,' but rather by those who refuse to open their minds to new things. I write this letter not in a moment of white heat, but after several nights of objective thinking. Please accept this as it is intended; a calm and hopeful constructive criticism of what I consider destructive bias . . . For heaven's sake don't make any more rash, close-minded judgments of something so vital to the holy celebration of the Mass."

Comment: Evidently St. Bonaventure's is developing an articulate laity, conversant with the Scriptures, St. Paul-wrote: "If a man be overtaken in any fault, you who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness . . ... (Gal. 6:1) I am grateful for her candor.

From a retired secretary of the chemistry department of

"The (Christmas in the Military) memories you delineate are quite familiar to me." The names are indeed different, but the atmosphere is the same. You see the only two brothers I had took part in World War I . . Well am I aware of the camaraderie that exists among those the military service has brought together . . . The fact that your boys of the Air Force have kept in such close touch with you throughout the years is ample evidence of the priestly care you gave them.

"To me the crowning feature of your letter is the phrase: 'Now, as grateful for my priesthood as at ordination 35 years ago.' . . . In these days it is difficult for us older folk to separate the wheat from the chaff. It is consoling to have our spiritual fathers come out flatfooted in exposition of what they stand for, and heartening to hear their expression of gratitude that God has chosen them . . . ?

Comment: What a sorrow that our people feel the need to be reassured by a priest that nothing is greater than his priesthood. The rest of the letter was equally beautiful.

#### From a Trappist:

"Keep up the good work in the Courier. The other day the Angelus helped me to realize the heinousness of the abortion law in a way I had not previously Picturing the familiar scene, 'Hail, full of grace!' and Our Blessed Mother's answer, 'How shall this be?' and then the impact of the words: 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us! The mystery of the conception, divine as well as human: and there is legal abortion in our State! May God have mercy on us . . .

Comment: The guards at Auschwitz became accustomed to the killing of the Jews in the crematories. Are we becoming accustomed to the killing of the unborn in our hospitals? May Trappist prayers help us all:



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JIMMY MORETTI

## Moretti Wins Grid Honor

Hornell — Jimmy Moretti is 'an outstanding little ballplayer in these parts," many are saying. He plays football for the Alfred University Saxons who rank second to Rochester in the State Sports Writers Association

Jimmy was named at quarterback on the Division III All-East team of the week. He was named because of his standout showing in Alfred's 34-12 defeat of RPI. The former Hornell High athlete fired four touchdown passes and reached the 3,000-yard career passing level.

Jimmy, now 21, and a senior, is a business major in addition to his outstanding football ac-tion which has followed him since he attended Hornell High. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moretti of Crosby Street. They are a very sportsminded family and the three other boys in the family have all played football. Their two sisters cheer

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# Hospital Holds Course On Diabetic Care

Hornell—An intensive course for health professionals on "Caring for Patients with Dia-betes Mellitus," sponsored by the Rochester Regional Medical Program in cooperation with the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Regional Health Agencies, was held at St. James Mercy Hospital.

Nurses and dietitians had the opportunity to correlate theory and clinical application through classes, clinical observation and participation in diabetic patient instruction programs, to enable them to be the resource persons for patient education and staff development in their own institutions.

In clinical observation, the participants were divided into three groups working on a ro-

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tating basis. In the smaller groups, they made rounds of St. James and Bethesda Community Hospitals and home visits with the nursing personnel of the Steuben County Health Department.

The course was designed to help the professional to understand the scientific principles of the management of diabetic patients, to become more skill-ful in the assessment of the planning for patient needs and the evaluation of therapeutic regime, and to understand the principles of learning and motivation as applied to education of the diabetic patient and his family.

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Pope Paul, in his MISSION SUNDAY MESSAGE to the world's Catholics, answers all these questions in one simple, yet profound, sentence: "We have GOOD NEWS!"

We have all heard this said before in one way or another, but we would like to share with you the Pope's own thoughts that follow this statement, asking you to read them very carefully, meditate on them and act upon them:

"Every one of us, by the very nature of his Christianity, must feel himself impelled to broadcast this GOOD NEWS to the ends of the earth. No one of us Christians - be he Pope, bishop, priest, religious or layman — can disclaim responsibility in regard to this essential Christian duty."

"Let us be very clear on one point: Christ gave his apostles a command which is so concrete and so explicit that it excludes possibility of uncertainty about His wishes. to the whole world (without exclusion of any part) and preach the GOOD NEWS to every creature (with no exception of race or time.)

"The GOOD NEWS is this: that God loves us; that He became Man to share in our life and to share his life with us; that He walks with us — every step of the way — taking our concerns as His own, for He cares about us; and that therefore men are not alone, for God is present in their entire history, that of peoples and that of individuals; that He will bring us, if we allow Him, to an eternal happiness beyond the bounds of human expec-

This is the GOOD NEWS we have to give to our world today, especially to those who suffer from suppression, war, despair, and disease. As the Pope says, "We possess the antidote to the pessimism, the gloomy foreboding, the dejection and fear, which afflict our time.'

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