

## What Do You Think . . .

# . . . about Archie Bunker?

By CHARLES RANDISI  
A Saturday night ritual in many American homes is the 8 p.m. viewing of "All in the Family." Many schedule plans that will permit their standing date with the Bunker family.

As popular and as heralded as the show is, many have wondered about its effects on the viewer. Does it help people see the folly of Archie Bunker's bigotry, or does it actually promote his ignorance?

In either case, the show has one virtue. It unites families. Sons and fathers may laugh at or with Archie, but the important thing is that they laugh together. This brings up a more basic question than the previous one. This week I asked several people, "What do you like or

dislike about 'All in the Family'?"

Tom O'Connor, who has completed his studies at the College of Steubenville, Ohio, said that although he doesn't watch the show often, he thinks that the original boldness of the show was a step in the right direction. "I appreciate the humor of the show," he said, "but I disapprove of the way the working man is ridiculed."

The Teamsters' Union recently attacked the program on those same grounds. But one working man, who said that he worked for a heating installation company, said: "I like the show, particularly Edith. She can usually take all the insults Archie gives her, but Archie can only dish it out."

Steve Connolly, a former student who recently worked on Sen. Muskie's Wisconsin Campaign, also liked the character of Edith. He mentioned her innocence and sincerity as attributes. "I didn't like the show at first," he said. "I thought it was tasteless. But I guess it grew on me. I also think that people who would learn from the show really don't need to, and that, unfortunately, people who need to probably won't learn anything."

John Colombo, a graduate of Marquette University, disagreed. He said, "Although the characters are a little exaggerated, the show deals with real life situations. It is the program's ability to make us laugh at ourselves that I enjoy most. I know that I've learned from it, and I think



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that eventually much good can come from the show."



ARCHIE BUNKER  
some people can identify with Archie, others are antagonized by him. I really think the treatment of liberalism in the character of the son-in-law is better than the treatment of bigotry in Archie."

(Readers are invited to send in their opinions to Letters to the Editor.)



Dr. and Mrs. John C. Willke visit Rochester Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at his home in Victor during their stay in Rochester. They are authors of the Handbook On Abortion, a manual of arguments for the life of the unborn.

## The Opposition to Abortion From a Scientific View

By CHARLES RANDISI

"If a man loses reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all life."

Those are the words of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. That is part of the message of Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke, co-authors of "Handbook on Abortion," who visited Rochester last week to talk about abortion.

Dr. Willke, a gynecologist, and his wife, a registered nurse, met with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, spoke to college students, held a press conference, and lectured at the Towne House on April 24. Their trip was sponsored by Rochester Area Right to Life committee.

Their approach abortion from a scientific, non-religious standpoint. They use photographs of aborted babies, a tape of an unborn baby breathing, and documented facts to show the error of abortion.

"Many college students we have talked to say that the pictures are gross," Mrs. Willke said. "But they are no worse than pictures of My Lai or Bangladesh, and they are the truth."

The Willkes favor birth control as a means of preventing life. However, they see abortion as a method which kills life already begun.

New York State law allows abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy. Yet, Dr. and Mrs. Willke showed pictures of living babies born as prematurely as the 20th and 21st week.

"By the 12th week of pregnancy, the fetus begins to breathe," said Dr. Willke. "It is sensitive to stimuli from outside the mother, and can actually be taught to respond. At 10 weeks, the body is perfectly formed, and at six weeks, there is measurable brain activity."

"Since most doctors agree today that death occurs when brain activity ceases, perhaps we can extend the parameter to say that life begins when it starts."

The Willkes also described different types of abortion, using pictures of dilatation and curettage (D&C), suction, salt poisoning, and hysterotomy. The hysterotomy, which is like Caesarian section, is the least common of sanctioned abortion methods.

"In virtually 100 per cent of hysterotomies, the baby is born alive," explained Mrs. Willke. "Since 1 1/2 to 2 percent of legal abortions are hysterotomies, then approximately 3,000 living, crying, squirming babies were legally killed in New York State in 1971."

The Willkes then discussed the reasons for abortion. "With medical advances today," Dr. Willke said, "there should be no complications so serious as to prevent a

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## Religious Leaders Map New Campaign For School Aid

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders and representatives of nonsectarian private schools have organized a nationwide campaign to arouse support for federal tax assistance to the parents of nonpublic school children.

The program assumed increased importance in light of last week's court ruling banning Mandated Services Act aid.

Salvatore Musso, deputy superintendent of diocesan schools who attended the first regional meeting of Citizens Relief for Education by Income Tax (CREDIT) in New York, April 17-18, said that the meeting was primarily "to establish a modus operandi to get a bill out of the Ways and Means Committee on to the floor of the House and into the Senate where it can be enacted as soon as possible to benefit the parents of non-public school children."

Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel

Fr. Philipps Named Council Coordinator

Father John Philipps, associate pastor of St. Louis Church in Pittsford, has been appointed regional coordinator for the Pastoral Council in Southeast Region of Rochester, it has been announced by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The region comprises the parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Guardian Angels, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Victory, St. Anne's, St. Boniface, St. Bridget's, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, St. Thomas More, St. Louis, Good Shepherd, St. Catherines, Mendon, St. Paul's, Honeoye Falls and St. Joseph's, Rush.

of America, and chairman of CREDIT told the leaders of nonpublic schools that presently more than 30 congressmen have sponsored legislation which would grant the parents of nonpublic school children federal income tax credits for a portion of tuition costs, but all have been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

The most prominent of the tax credit proposals would give parents a credit against their income taxes, amounting to 50 per cent of tuition paid for each child, up to a maximum of \$400 per child.

Under the CREDIT proposal, to benefit from the tax credit, which is a reduction, as opposed to deduction, the parent must be a federal income tax payer with an income below \$25,000 a year. Musso characterized it as a plan for the average taxpayer. It will not affect the affluent or the poor who don't pay income taxes.

City Police To Hear Lucien Morin

County Manager Lucien Morin will be the featured speaker at the Police Holy Name Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Top of the Plaza.

The breakfast will follow 7 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church which will be celebrated by Father James Moynihan, police chaplain and chancellor of the diocese.

Tickets may be obtained from Sgt. Michael Lander at 342-6899.