

**Editorial**

# Only the Truth

St. John wrote "and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The truth, at least that concerning the events of the past couple of years in Washington, has been most difficult to come by.

There have been so many contradictions, so many coverups and coverups of coverups, so much plea bargaining, backstabbing, mistrust and distrust, and self-seeking that now it seems that the truth may never be known in its entirety.

For a while, the Senate Committee on Watergate seemed destined to do the job but this many-headed creature seems to have gotten in its own way. Still as things stand now with the White House obviously thwarting the Justice Department investigation, the Senate served an important purpose in alerting the American people to the width and depth of the corruption.

In recent weeks, the special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, began to emerge as the surest hope for coming up with the truth. Cox represented integrity at a time when the nation was thirsting for it. The government in disarray, a vice president admitting he is a felon, many other hitherto national leaders facing indictments, Cox and his boss, Atty. Gen. Elliott Richardson seemed to represent just that dash of New England puritanism that was needed to purify the pot.

Deputy Atty. Gen. William D. Ruckelshaus also had built a fine reputation in handling several touchy Washington jobs.

Where the President made his egregious error in forcing these men from government service is that he apparently did not understand that integrity in government has become the central issue in the minds of nearly all Americans. His actions showed that he is unaware of this and were more damnifying than all the secret deals and hidden tapes so far discussed.

The American people are scared and worried. The great principles of government which have always instilled pride are in trouble. They want integrity restored, not thrown out.

Right now this looms as more important than Richard M. Nixon. Or even Archibald Cox. It supersedes even the legal questions involved.

So when, amid the morass of all the confusion, planned and spontaneous, the simple truth emerged that the President had indeed lost touch with the people, the upsurge reached its unprecedented crescendo.

The truth and only the truth will suffice now to restore national equanimity.



"I HOPE YOU THANKED FATHER FOR BLESSING YOUR TREE HOUSE!"

# Opinion

## Mindszenty An Inspiration

Editor:

It was after a strenuous two-hour mass, that the frail Cardinal Mindszenty inspired the clergy of St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto on Sept. 22, 1973. The good priests of St. Michael's, concerned for the comfort of the cardinal after his long Mass (at which he distributed Communion to the thousands there), were anxious to give him some refreshment. Upon their return they were awed to see him on his knees in deep prayer. His life of prayer and penance was again manifest to the clergy and to those of us present.

You say in the Courier (10/17/73), "They don't make them like that anymore." Why? Let us learn from one of the living saints of our times and return to a more active life of prayer and penance.

Anyone interested in reading the inspiring official biography of his life, Cardinal Mindszenty the Man, will find it available at downtown bookstores.

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## More Than Handmaidens

Editor:

I write in reference to the article "Feminism, a Church Issue to St. Joan's Alliance," which appeared in the Courier-Journal (10/10/73). My main point of interest, in so far as this letter is concerned, is the manner in which the reference to the Legion of Mary is presented — "Some older women are satisfied with the Legion of Mary, which I don't deny is tremendous, but not every woman wants to be a handmaiden who cleans the Church." Granted, the article was about women, which perhaps accounts for the fact that the reference is only to women in the Legion of Mary. Lest any false impression of the Legion be obtained from that reference, I would like to make it clear that the Legion membership consists of both men and women, adults and youth.

However, the more serious matter concerns the "handmaidens who clean the Church." If you wish to call us servants (Webster's definition for handmaidens), that's fine — we certainly are at the service of the Church, generally through our pastor — but for much greater things than cleaning the church (but if the Church needs cleaning, we'd be glad to do it without

feeling that it was demeaning or irrelevant).

Members who are working in the true spirit of the Legion are engaged in innumerable works — from visiting the sick, lonely, shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals — to working with alcoholics and drug users, visiting the people in the most neglected and uncared-for areas, working with those in prisons — teaching CCD, bringing those who have strayed back to Christ, etc., etc., etc. You name it and most probably you'll find Legionaries doing it. Some priests feel that they really need the Legion to extend their own work. It's almost always a small group, working quietly and without fanfare and not looking for the result of their work — that's in the hands of Christ. We most assuredly are participating in the life of the Church in the very real sense of that term.

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## Better Lighting Needed at Church

Editor:

I would like to draw your attention to the lighting system at several of the churches for the evening services.

I find side entrances could stand a better light for people going out, especially now since evening are getting darker.

This is the case at not only one church. I attend several at the East end of the city where my children live.

I was at Good Shepherd Church in Henrietta last Saturday evening and could not help but compliment the priest on how well lighted his side entrance was, and said more churches should be like his. He told me he was having all entrances equipped with the same lighting.

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## A Loving View

Editor:

In this day and age when centerfolds are often the topic of conversation and observation, and relatives flinch at the idea of one of theirs appearing in one — I am proud to say that the O'Connor family takes a loving view of the Courier Oct. 24 centerfold — Tom O'Connor.

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## Thoughts On Prayer

Editor:

The celebrations of the feast days of All Saints and All Souls are like seasonal trumpet calls that proclaim the universal nature and truth of the Catholic Faith. They call us to prepare for the coming of our Redeemer. In his Sept. 26 general audience, Pope Paul VI asks — in a prophetic sense of time — that we prepare now for the coming of divine power during the Holy Year (1975), to manifest the Church's redeeming vocation for mankind.

The Holy Father asks that we renew the prophetic warning of St. John the Baptist which Jesus the Messiah repeats: "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Matt 4:17) He notes that in the history of suffering witnesses, "tears and blood of saints" that is of really faithful Christians are more eloquent apologetics than human words.

We are called to share in the redemption of mankind by prayers and sacrifice. The Church and many of the saints illuminate the ways to live in continuous prayer and sacrifice:

"Prayer is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as in joy." "Prayer is anything which elevates, anything supernatural, which enlarges the soul and unites it to God." (St. Theresa of Lisieux)

"... A true sacrifice unites us in holy communion with God ... that is why even mercy shown to our fellow man is not a sacrifice unless it is done for God." (St. Augustine)

"I exhort you... to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living, holy, pleasing to God — your spiritual service." (St. Paul — earlier persecutor of the risen, glorified Christ — Rom 12:1)

"Let the souls of Christians be like altars on each one of which a different phase of the sacrifice, offered by the High Priest, comes to life again, as it were: pains and tears which wipe away and expiate sin; ... we commit ourselves and all we have to God, in whom we find our rest." (Pope Pius XII)

"Jesus of the pierced Heart... you wish to have a share in your expiatory sufferings... we have entered into the Sacrifice which is renewed in every celebration of the Eucharist. Amen" (Father Karl Rahner; from Apostleship of Prayer, 6969 Strickler Rd., Clarence Center, N.Y. 14032)

"I desire nothing other than to live, to suffer for another fifty years for my brothers; to burn for all with these, Lord, with thee on the Cross." (Padre Pio, 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood)

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## Forty Hours Inspiring

Editor:

This letter is prompted by the 40 hours devotion to the Holy Eucharist which culminated last evening (Oct. 23) at St. Leo's Church, Hilton.

The complete program was inspiring, uplifting and generally well attended. Father Sylvester, who preached, touched our hearts with his down-to-earth homilies with messages for all.

More than one person was heard to say "I felt he was speaking directly to me."

Hearts were opened and made ready, I'm sure, as we read in unison our proclamation that Christ truly lives on our altars in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

My purpose in writing is to thank God publicly for Father Kolcek, the pastor, who makes this beautiful devotion possible in our parish each year.

The only sad note is the diminishing number of priests attending after receiving invitations, for reasons legitimate or otherwise.

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