

# THE SLOT MAN

## Carmen Viglucci

Catholics concerned about the ragged pattern of life in these unstable days often find themselves uncomfortably isolated from their brothers and sisters.

When we protest abortion, we are painted as religious freaks, when we seek school aid, we are dubbed anti-American, when we complain about public pornography, we are depicted as censors, etc., etc.

If for one doesn't feel we are any different than any other group of Americans. There are people of many faiths involved in the above causes, particularly the pro-life movement. Still, pro-abortionists or so-called innocent bystanders tend to see the movement as strictly a Catholic one.

Whether they do this to lure anti-Catholic prejudice into the abortion and euthanasia camps is a matter of conjecture. But the point is that Catholics are made to feel uncomfortable in such situations.

That is why it comes as relief when someone from another persuasion speaks out on the ever-increasing rash of anti-religious incidents.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania recently condemned a "birth control comic book" funded by U.S. foreign aid money as "outrageous and distasteful use of U.S. tax funds."

According to Religious News Service, the senator learned that the comic book pictured the Virgin Mary with the caption, "Little Virgin, you who conceived without sinning, help me to sin without conceiving."

Schweiker said the Panamanian Health Ministry had obtained \$1,100 from the U.S. AID Office in Panama to purchase the comic book. RNS reports that the assistant administrator of U.S. foreign aid, Matthew J. Harvey, confirmed the whole thing. Presumably AID personnel will refrain from such sophomoric and insolent work in the future.

Sen. Schweiker, angry enough over the incident to demand "corrective personnel action to prevent any recurrence," is not a Catholic. He is a member of the Schwenkfelder Church, a Protestant group that originally

## Triduum Slated at Cathedral

A triduum of events commemorating the Holy Year and the feasts of the Sacred Heart and the patron saint of the diocese, St. John Fisher, will be held June 20-22 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

On June 20 a 5:20 p.m. Mass for the Holy Year will be celebrated. The Mass of the Sacred Heart will be held June 21 at the same time. Holy Year prayers will be said and an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart also will be recited.

On Saturday, June 22, at the 5:30 Mass of obligation, Holy Year prayers will again be said in addition to an invocation to St. John Fisher whose feast day falls on that date.

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## Scouts Need Furniture

Oretiana Council of the Boy Scouts has put out a call for living room and dinette furniture for the chaplain's quarters at Camp Massaweepee. Al Piccoli said if anyone has maple-type furniture to donate to call him at 254-0438 and he will make arrangements for the pickup.

Judge Hy Maas, a Jewish friend, speaking at the recent Columbian dinner, ribbed Father Francis J. Falletta. "He's trying to convert me and I'm trying to convert him. I sold him three Israel bonds and the best he could do was sell me a subscription to the Courier-Journal." Don't miss the interview with Father Alexander Schmemmann over Channel 21 at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25. One of the interviewers will be Courier-Journal columnist Nancy Murphy.

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## ANNUNCIATION SETS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Parish Council of the Church of the Annunciation will hold its annual General Assembly at 8 p.m. tomorrow, June 20, in the lower hall. The Council will make an accounting to the parish community of its past year of service.

There will be reports on the worship, education, human development, parish life, youth activities and finance committees. Newly-elected council members will be introduced. The pastor, Msgr. Albert Simonetti, invites all parishioners to take part.

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## Summer Session At RIT

We all know Rochester Institute of Technology has summer school programs in photography, arts and crafts, and printing . . . but, do you know that this summer RIT will also offer courses in computer science, mathematics, science, business, packaging, general studies (history, social work, psychology, philosophy, etc.) and community/junior college faculty development?

Registration for the daytime summer session will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 7-21.

For further information, call (716) 464-2205; or, come in person to the Summer Session Office Administration Building RIT's Henrietta Campus One Lomb Memorial Drive Rochester, N.Y. 14623

