#### COURIER-JOURNAL

# More Opinions

### Let's Set **Priorities** Editor:

1975 has entered, with its urgent and pressing conditions, with its décreed and "celebrations" of significance. I sense an urgency for us to "get with it," that is, in Paul's phrase "redeeming the time." I suggest we need to address concretely: International Women's Year; the Holy Year; the World Hunger situation; and the call by Pope Paul to a deep reconciliation with our Jewish brothers and sisters. These several and varied ob-servances and rituals can be learning moments, if we so choose to make them.

In his article "The Holy Year 1975 and its origins in the lewish Jubilee Year,"\* Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum provides rich food for thought, dialogue and action. Along with Leviticus 25, this article could well be the basis of Lenten discussions and liturgies, concretizing the themes of renewal and reconciliation we could also invite our lewish neighbors to share reflections.

The world hunger issue focuses on another arena in need of reconciliation the conflict between national and global interests. Will the proponents of triage represent our response to hunger of millions of brothers and sisters? Will we allow domestic difficulties to overshadow global needs and awarenesses?

The Holy Year, with its calls to renewal and reconciliation confronts us with radical and comprehensive challenges to conversion in thought patterns, and life styles.

May we not be nostalgic for pilgrimage, nor take refuge in extra prayers or exhortations, divorced from action. May we instead truly 'redeem the time, allowing the sharp sword of the Word of the Lord to open the wounds and reveal the causes of alienations, "injustice and division. Further Scriptural sources for reflection on the theme of reconciliation are: Matt 5:23-24: Eph 2:11-21; Col 1:15-22; Rom 5:6-11; Acts 7:23-29 and 2 Cor 5:17-21.

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whether they be moral or decisions regarding future goals in life.

Many of the gifts our children receive from us are-material things which are tangible and not lasting. Perhaps, the world would become a better one if we were to give more of the intangible — time, good example, genuine interest, concern, honesty, sharing, caring — with no strings attached.

I believe that if every family started this type of giving within the home and also reached out to others in the same manner, it would gradually affect the whole world. Yes, this example can spread and make "The Impossible Dream" come true.

> Mary McAlpin 636 Fairmont Dr. Webster, N.Y.

### She Counts Her Blessings

### Editor:

In reference to the letter (Courier-Journal 1-8-75) titled 'Oldster Feels Unwelcome", I'm going to try to reply as one oldster to another oldster in regards to her feelings toward priests.

I've always felt what I've given to the Church, I was giving to God. While not expecting it, He has repaid me with His mercy and Love. He is the One, I look to in my senior years (I'm in my 79th year). I do feel being able to attend Mass and receive Communion every day (if I desire) is so rewarding in addition, it is a daily opportunity to meet others and exchange "peace be with you."

Our priests are human and let's not make them feel sad, by ex-pecting more of them just because we happen to be oldsters. Instead let's thank God that we have these golden years to praise Him.

Perhaps herein lies the secret for happiness in our golden years - "Rather than expect from others, it is better to give of ourselves." There are many ways we can still give of ourselves in the Autumn of our lives.

I can think of no better way to conclude this than to say as the song says--"--and I fall asleep counting my blessings.

Mrs. Rose Mack Phillips Village

Wednesday, January 29, 1975

We send this message with every sincere hope that the recommendation of the De Paul Clinic's Advisory Board will be considered.

> Carroll Casey Chairman **De Paul Clinic** Advisory Board

### A Place To Start Editor:

As a high school teacher I was understandably interested in the opinions of eight high school seniors regarding the place of rules in the school environment in the Courier-Journal of Jan. 15. Not one student totally disagreed with the rule concept, and most noted the positive value of rules.

I wonder if they mean what they say. If they do, it will show up in their conduct in the classroom in the form of courtesy, attentiveness, positive participation, respect for their teachers and for each other. This is their challenge.

For us, as Christian teachers, the challenge is to become each day a little less unworthy of their respect, attentiveness and trust. To this end, I might suggest as a starting point considering the words of Sister M. Madeleva in the poem ('Christians'':

We Christians are tassels, on the hem of Christ's garment. Let us remember Who it is, Who acts in us. To heal those who

believe in Him; As they touch us.

Let us, then students and teachers, undaunted by our inherent human weakness and wearing the mighty armor of mutual respect and mutual (even if covert) authentic fondness assist each other in our challenges. Let's give it a try, starting today!

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Are Boycotts Justified?

Editor:

The several Courier-Journal news articles and photographs featuring demonstrations in support of the UFW boycott against the Gallo company have indicated considerable Catholic involvement.

Economic warfare at the local or at the national and in-ternational levels are certainly complex, and the possibility of

week) is a time to reflect on the many benefits our children derive from attending a parochial school. Our children have the same subject matter as their counterparts in public school. This is enhanced by a solid foundation in Christian values: love of God and His teachings; respect for themselves, for authority and, equally important, for one another. The children also are taught the meaning of selfdiscipline, not in an oppressive way, but in a firm, love-based fashion.

Our school, St. John of Rochester in Fairport, is somewhat unique in that it provides a Catholic education by an all-lay faculty. We would like to take this opportunity during Catholic Education Week to thank our dedicated teachers,

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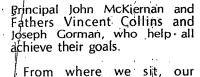
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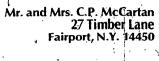
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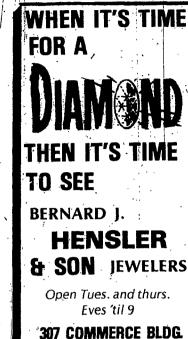
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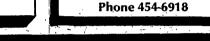
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