

# More Opinions

## Chest Donation Seen Wrong

Editor:

Bishop Hogan's "United We Stand" plea for contributions to United Community Chest would have been appropriate five years ago, prior to the admission of Planned Parenthood.

The anti-Catholic bigotry and pressure tactics manifested by Planned Parenthood leaders when seeking admission to the Community Chest is proudly displayed in a binder in the library of their new Rochester office. Now with the additional pro-abortion policies of YWCA, Salvation Army and area hospitals receiving large sums from Community Chest, it is alarming that our bishop enthusiastically endorses the appeal.

For pro-lifers who are constantly confronted with the realities of abortion, it is sheer hypocrisy to financially contribute to groups who promote, counsel and perform abortion.

Historically, the Catholic Church in America has been in the forefront for its charitable endeavors. It is no coincidence that the first hospital in Rochester was St. Mary's. In keeping with this tradition, perhaps Rochester, like other dioceses, can inaugurate a Catholic Charities program, that could surpass the mere 9% Community Chest allocates to Catholic agencies.

Amidst the growing anti-life trends in social service agencies, we cannot sacrifice Catholic principles by voluntary, direct support of abortion. To make a "United We Stand" appeal is not worth the "Divided We Fall" inherent in moral compromise.

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## Sacred Heart Devotion Urged

Editor:

As the month of June approaches, what better way have we of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus than by the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in our homes and churches. In 1907, only three years after the consecration of the world to the Sacred Heart, St. Pius X commanded Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey to devote his entire life to the crusade of the Social Reign of the Sacred Heart by his enthronement in homes and institutions and by encouraging families to live their enthronement covenant by praying together, especially the family rosary. Fifty papal documents have endorsed this crusade, and God has blessed this devotion despite all obstacles.

This devotion, based on the requests our Lord made through St. Margaret Mary, puts strong emphasis on devotion to the Eucharist, Communion of Reparation and Eucharistic Holy Hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament or within the domestic sanctuary of the home. As the saying goes "A Sacred Heart home means a eucharistic family."

When Christ is enthroned in the home, He then becomes the king of the home and family where he reigns as a king of love and mercy. Certainly, this would be true renewal in an age when faith and love have grown cold in the hearts of so many.

Anyone interested in this simple dedication for their homes or institution can find pamphlets in any religious book store. Our

Lord in one of his 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary said, "I will bless the house in which the picture of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored."

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## Queen's Own Refugees?

Editor:

I heard President Ford say last week that we Americans are a compassionate, humanitarian

people. I agree completely with the President, and I would like government policy to reflect the feeling of our people.

Item 1. Research on animals using rubber bullets has been stopped at the Aberdeen, Maryland, Proving Ground because the bullets are lethal. While this indicates compassion for dogs, our government is supplying England with rubber bullets for use in Northern Ireland against people. The English, too, are noted for their love of animals, but they have never treated the Irish as pets.

Item 2. In February, 1974, the Queen's Own Highlanders were responsible for killing six unarmed civilians in Northern Ireland. This regiment is probably the most feared and hated of all the occupation forces in the Six Counties.

The 1st Battalion of this regiment has just arrived in the United States for further training at Fort Carson, Colo. It is not clear whether the Queen's Own men are to be made better shots or more humanitarian toward the people they oppress. To square with the stated policy of the administration not to interfere in the internal affairs of Britain's Irish colony, the Queen's Own will have to join the Vietnamese refugees here.

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## Why No More Parish Missions

Editor:

I would like to inquire as to just what has happened to the parish missions we used to have in our

churches? They were conducted by Missionary Orders. In my church, then under the guidance of the holy and charitable Father John H. O'Brien, we had a mission at least every two years; that was quite a number of years ago. The missions were an occasion of great devotion and were instrumental in bringing many lukewarm Catholics back to the faith. I can't imagine why this has been given up. In reading the Courier, I have not noted where any parish has conducted a mission in recent years.

Due to financial and family problems, we are not all able to go to the Notre Dame Retreat House. I am sure that if a mission was to be held at any of our city parishes, the church would be filled to capacity, just as in days gone by.

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