

Life, Liberty and Law



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[Third in a series]

Nineteen days before the United States Supreme Court voted to legalize abortion-on-demand (until the very moment of birth if the woman's mental health or her style of living might be affected by the birth) H.R. 254 was introduced to Congress. If passed, the bill would prohibit the United States or any state from enacting any law, constitutional provision, regulation, policy "or any other device" which would infringe upon the right of a woman to terminate by abortion an unwanted pregnancy.

In March 1975 another bill (HR5452) was introduced to Congress which would legalize homosexuality in public education, public facilities and other areas.

Both resolutions were introduced by New York Congresswoman Bela Abzug — who this summer was among the delegates representing the United States at the U.N. International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City. Sen. Birch Bayh who has chaired and strung out the Senate Hearings on the vital Human Life Amendment, and who has recently announced his bid for the presidency, was also in the American Delegation.

Well, thank God for the Vatican Delegation. And for the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

Bishop Ramon Cascaente who headed the Vatican Delegation was articulate in his remarks concerning the draft of the IWY World Plan of Action. He noted the real burdens of women and urged the U.N. to strive to eliminate, not human life, but human want, ignorance and fear. He urged corrective measures against dreadful living conditions, degradation, oppression, illiteracy and substandard maternity protection. He urged mankind to abandon the busy accommodation of evil, and to respond to the basic needs and responsibilities of womanhood.

Bishop Cascaente warned repeatedly that the Vatican has deep reservations about the IWY Plan for World Action. "We must build a world which will not be leveled down to uniformity," he said. "Man and woman were created with equal dignity by divine act and intention (and) to ignore this dignity in favor of a new 'unisex' stereotype would be a tragic impoverishment for mankind."

"The Vatican Delegation is concerned to see how, more than

'Senior Vacations' Brochure Available

A new brochure has been issued with information on the area's first senior vacation program which will open its second of seven sessions on Sept. 15. Goal of the 1975 program is to provide five-day recreation sessions for 250 adults 60 years of age or older.

Setting for the vacations is the YWCA Camp Onanda, West-Lake Road, on Canandaigua Lake. Each participant will receive maximum personal attention with a one-to-three ratio of staff to participants.

Cost of the leisure program is \$90, and contributions received to date will make it possible to provide "camperships" for 60 seniors unable to meet these costs, according to Frank Griffin, president of the non-profit Vacations for Seniors project.

once, the woman's maternal role is viewed as an obstacle to her fulfillment. We are anxious when we see maternity presented as a chiefly negative aspect of risk, and in a way which does not respect the moral principles that govern man's life and which the Catholic Church has the duty to reassert."

"The Delegation of the Holy See must then express its anxiety at the fact the Plan proposed for our study provides for no distinction of a moral order between the means of contraception and birth control which are advocated, and which only have to be efficient and compatible with cultural values (currently) prevailing in different societies. The Plan, also seems to accept implicitly the legalization of abortion; and it is well known that the Catholic Church categorically condemns abortion in the name of respect due to all human life from the moment of its conception."

I agree with the Vatican Delegation. The IWY Conference as well as some of the American Delegation, have thus far failed to recognize the sacred dignity of all human life. They have recognized only the cost. And the profit. They tend to ignore fundamental truths.

IWY stresses "freedom", and "liberation". The good bishop stressed duty, discipline, sacrifice and responsibility of humanity toward humanity.

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Next Week: The German Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Euthanasia.

Call Them Altar Servers

By LORRAINE DRAZEK

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Church here no longer uses the term "altar boys." The new phrase is "altar servers" because about half of the servers are girls. The youngsters are from fifth grade through high school age.

Msgr. William Roche, pastor, says, "It's a delight to see the girls up there. I think it's a sign that women have just as much place in the worship as men."

Most of the 900 parishioners

have supported the change, he said.

St. Catherine's also has women distribute Communion and give the readings. "I don't know why there wasn't a question about women lectors, while there is one about girl servers," Msgr. Roche said. He feels because of this that it is a "non-issue."

At Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Ithaca, the only thing standing in the way of girls serving is the instruction that technically prohibits girls from

saying Mass, Father John J. Glogowski, associate pastor, said. "It almost doesn't make sense. It's a law that no longer has a meaning in a sense. It ought to be removed."

He feels that it does not fit in with the direction the Church has taken. Father Glogowski said he has trained about 20 grammar school girls to serve but they only use their training if the assigned altar boys do not show up. The parish has about 40 altar boys.

ME Group Plans Vigil For Vocations

An unusual program of prayer for vocations, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community, will involve the Rochester Diocese on Sept. 5 and 6.

The organization has been staging a year-long prayer vigil for vocations, which incorporates a pilgrimage across the country with a special cross.

The hand-hewn cross was blessed by Auxiliary Bishop William R. Johnson in Los Angeles for the Marriage Encounter program on Dec. 24, 1974. Since that time, the cross has been carried across the nation and with it, according to the group, the "main thread" of the prayer vigil.

There has been at least one couple offering prayers for vocations and those in religious life each hour since the beginning of the Holy Year, the group noted.

The cross is expected to arrive in Rochester on Sept. 5. The following evening, Bishop John E.

McCafferty will celebrate a Mass for vocations at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8 p.m.

The organization has extended an invitation to the Mass to the general public.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the cross will be transferred to groups from the Queens-Brooklyn area in rites slated between noon and 4 p.m. in Auriesville. Again the group invites the general public.

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