

# More Opinions

## Special Prayer

Editor:

Please give my prayer to all the children:

### PRAYER FOR MY FAITH

Oh Jesus, My Lord, My God, teach me to be a good Catholic Christian. Teach me to honor those worthy of my love and to love those honoring my Faith. Teach me now and forevermore, Amen.

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## Word for Sunday Appreciated

Editor:

Last week I attended a very interesting meeting at St. Mary's of the Lake in Watkins Glen at which meeting Father Albert Shamon spoke. I went especially to hear him tell of the new teaching of religion to our children. We were all impressed with this saintly priest's presentation. We laughed and we sensed his message of the importance of religious education.

The word I wanted to convey to Father Shamon is that I thoroughly enjoy his column in the Courier-Journal and we look forward to his "Word for Sunday." We also have two of his books and are looking forward to more "spiritual goodies" from his pen.

Thank God for priests like Father Shamon!

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## Don't Walk! — Write!

Editor:

Write for Water!

If you will "write a check for water," success will overcome the disappointment and frustration of the recent Walk for Water, in Rochester.

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Don't walk, just sit down and write your check, send your contribution now to Delta Labs:

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## View Seen Unstable

Editor:

As a non-Catholic Eastern Orthodox priest, I noted with interest the letter of Father John Robbins dealing with your Church's coming to grips with the new morality. Although Orthodoxy and Catholicism have definite areas of theological differences, the East has at least looked at Rome with the assumption that even if Rome is not Orthodox at least She is stable.

It is disheartening to see that you have clergy who see the moral position on homosexuality as being subject to reconsideration since its condemnation is no longer "with it." Your stability is in need of stabilization.

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## Sources Questioned

Editor:

Father John F. Robbins, in his letter to the Courier-Journal entitled "Gays serious about faith" uses questionable sources of reference regarding homosexuals.

One such source, U.S. Catholic, carried an article, "The Sad Dilemma of the Gay Catholic" written in August 1975 by a Mr. Brian McNaught, a homosexual.

Having read this article, I came to the conclusion that Mr. McNaught attempted to distort scripture while presenting the homosexual as a martyr persecuted by a heartless society.

Commonweal, another source of information referred to by Father Robbins, received an award for "Lunatic Foolishness," by columnist Father Andrew Greeley. Father Greeley bestowed this award to Commonweal because its deitors permitted Leo Pfeffer, a known anti-Catholic to write a vicious attack on the Catholic church in their magazine.

Also Father Robbins in his letter states that letters in the Courier-Journal, especially from the clergy do not represent the total picture regarding homosexuals. As Father Robbins puts it, "they read, rather, like a surgeon's manual from the turn of the century — all terribly interesting from an historical point of view, but you would hardly want to perform your operations from them!"

And what conclusion do we draw from that remark? Do we discard all Catholic teaching because it wasn't written in 1975? Situation ethics Secular Humanism might be the guide for the current Jet-set but it has

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hardly anything in common with the Catholic Church.

The Catholic church has always taught that sinners (homosexuals included) can best be helped by availing themselves of the graces provided by the Catholic church.

Daily Mass and Communion, frequent Confession, sensible fasting and of course constant prayer are available to those willing to carry their cross.

We do the troubled sinner a disservice by telling him (or her) there is another way.

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## What Father Hogan Meant

Editor:

Re Mr. Brian McNaught's letter on the "sinfulness" of homosexuality. I don't believe Father Stuart Hogan meant that the homosexual is automatically a sinner because he is a homosexual. I believe Father Hogan meant that if these unfortunate people engage in homosexual acts (thereby unnatural) then sin enters in.

All the meetings of homosexuals and mixed up psychiatrists will not change the truth.

I suggest Mr. McNaught listen more closely to Holy Mother Church and her faithful priests such as Father Stuart Hogan.

I suggest, also, that this, our Bishop's own paper, employ Father Stuart Hogan or a priest like him, to answer any questions your Catholic readers may have. The gentleman now "manning" the "Open Window" segment of this paper is, in my humble opinion, not the man for the job. The window may be open-but it's in sad need of Windex!

Thank you and God bless.

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### CWC EVENT

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual memorial Mass at the Nazareth College Faculty House Chapel on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. Father John McDonald, SJ, will be the guest

speaker. A brunch in Medaille Hall will follow. Mrs. Phillip Schneider is chairman of the event. Reservations may be made by calling the CWC office at 275-9173 by Thursday, Nov. 14.

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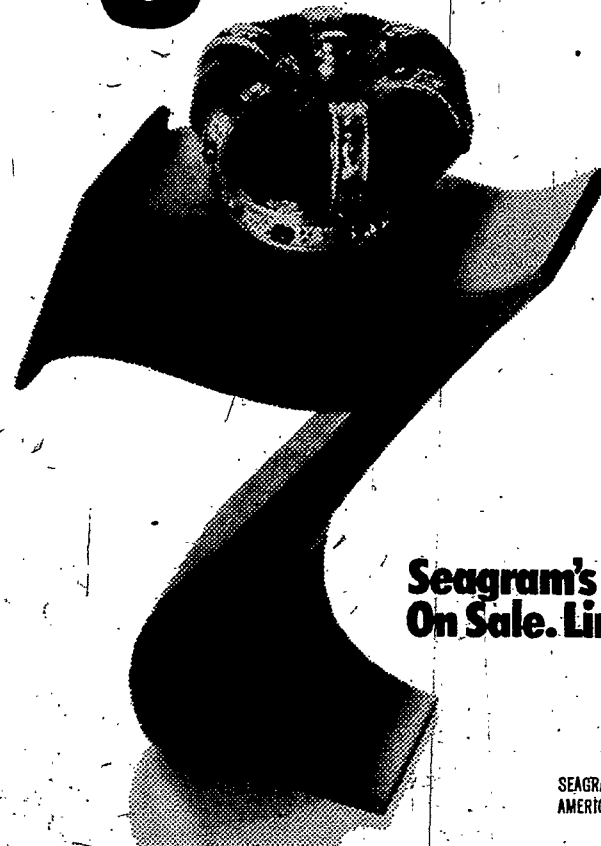
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