

More Opinions

Support For Sisters

Editor:

I would like to comment in regard to Kevin Doran's letter of Nov. 5, 1975 referring to our ecclesial women of today. Thank God we have Sisters who are sensitive to the needs of the times; Sisters who are compassionate and not stoic to the suffering (whether it be mental or physical) to those they serve. Sisters who are brave enough to risk being ridiculed for justice sake. I thank God for the privilege of living with and associating with these "ecclesial women" who live and genuinely practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We should be proud that we have sisters who have learned to reach out of the structure in order to meet the human needs of the day which are: Love, Injustice, Loneliness, Misunderstanding, Kindness, Compassion, peace of mind and soul, and most of all **Humanness**. This latter one, a few may not understand for they are hung up in the structure of our social system and forget that human beings make up the Church. We are the Church and it's about time we do something about "Us".

We are no longer in modern times; due to our technological advances we have been forced into post-modern times; therefore we have to keep up with the demands of the day in order to survive. If we don't look ahead we will remain dead to ourselves. This is why I perceive the post-modern ecclesial woman of our day as our visionary strength of the future.

May I end with this: Sisters may you be courageous as your visions keep you changing day by day with the times. God bless you!

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Cartoon Criticized

Editor:

The offensive drawing on the first page of the Courier-Journal is very definitely in horribly poor taste. Do you think more of the beards and long hair of some priests than you do of a Cardinal who is respectfully requesting them not to look like weirdos.

I never thought I would see the day when a so-called "Catholic" paper would ridicule a Cardinal as not even a cheap magazine would do.

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Editor:

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Fr. Greeley's T Problem

Editor:

In a recent column (C-1, 10/22/75), Father Greeley writes not so much over the downturn in Mass attendance but over the inertia, apathy, and lethargy of the Bishops (a favorite theme of his). He is annoyed that no one seems to be trying to "find out what is going on." That figures, what with Fr. Greeley being the program director of National Opinion Research Center.

Father Greeley is apparently so busy writing that he doesn't have time to read. Recent syndicated articles have appeared in Catholic papers across the land disclosing that the reasons for the lessening numbers of Catholics at Mass are not liturgical and rubrical changes, but the Church's positions in regard to life, including abortion and contraception; the Church's position in regard to remarriage of divorced persons; and the position of the Pope's authority in the Church (and the Bishops' authority included, the Pope being a Bishop.)

If Father Greeley is so eager to discern causes of waning attendance at Masses, he might try to compute through his NORC the influence of his perennial criticism of the hierarchy. Does he estimate that he can continually disparage the Bishops without scandalizing the faithful?

Father Greeley is constantly criticizing the Bishops for not seeing the whole picture, which Father Greeley seems to find so easy to grasp. Of course, to see the "whole picture" takes a big eye (I). The parenthesis is not to indicate a footnote. Translated into that ancient language of egomania, it means — ego. Father Greeley is approaching a chronological and spiritual age at which he should be checking on the possibilities of glaucoma which reduces greatly the field of vision. He seems to be ever more limited to seeing what he thinks and writes.

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Volunteers Thanked

Editor:

I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked to bring the facts about the so called "Equal Rights Amendment" to the people of New York State.

With Almighty God's help, an informed citizenry defeated our State Level ERA. In some counties the victory ratio was as high as 3 to 1.

The next task is to urge our assemblymen and senators in Albany to rescind their ratification of the National ERA (1972.)

New Yorkers rejected the State ERA at the polls, now our legislators must follow through with a rejection of the National ERA.

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Post-Vote Questions

Editor:

In our society, the "in" thing to do to become educated is to ask questions. So, naturally, the "intelligent" and "sophisticated" people have already started questioning why the ERA took such a beating on Nov. 4. Now, since I am only of average intelligence and would like to better myself, I have come up with a few of my own questions:

Even in this land of freedom, just how many rights are we really entitled to? When we say, "God created all men equal" could it possibly mean that we each have a soul and that each soul has an equal opportunity to gain eternal happiness in heaven? Are we teaching our children to find "happiness" by doing only the things they like to do — or — are

we suggesting that true happiness comes from accepting God's will and making the most of the situation in which He created us? Can any of us define the word "success" without implying a certain amount of material wealth or status? Have so many marriages been falling apart because we haven't been accepting the true meaning of the word "love"? Could it still mean "sacrifice" to the point of dying for someone? Can a promise ever be only half a commitment? Are our men less masculine because our women are less feminine?

Did Christ pick His followers from the most prominent, the wealthiest, or the educated? Didn't He choose the very same ones to be His leaders? Did He suggest that anyone "go on strike" if things seemed unfair? Were we born without the "other cheek" to which He refers in the gospel? Did the women of His day "protest" when they weren't chosen to be apostles? Shouldn't they have if we wanted guidelines for our behavior in the face of "inequality" in the 20th Century? Do we still believe that the Bible is a book for all times and generations? Or are we, maybe, exempt from its teachings? And finally, did Christ take a public opinion poll before He died on the cross to find out how many people were in favor of it?

There, you see, I do have some

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