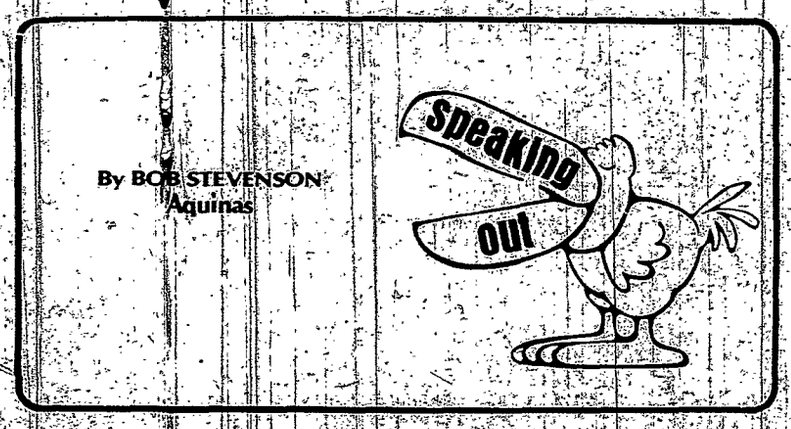


By BOB STEVENSON
Aquinas

Why do you stick out your tongue at a priest every week? Have you ever said, "Wait a minute, why did I do that?" after you had received Holy Communion?

In my mind, this method is an impractical and useless ritual, for which there is no real applicable purpose today.

The reception of the Eucharist on the tongue has its roots back in the ninth century. It was a reaction to the disrespect for it by the people who had previously handled it themselves. Later this new practice was carried even further because of the Lutheran principle denying the existence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread. Since Catholic education strongly emphasizes His presence and the importance of the sacrament, I feel these worries are not relevant.

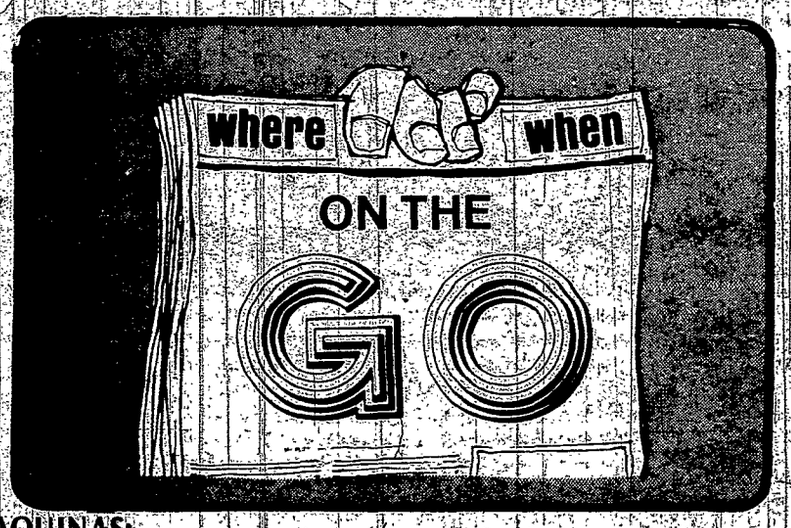
Receiving this way detracts from the understanding of Communion as a meal or celebration. At the Last Supper Christ broke the bread and handed it to the apostles, an event that the mass is designed around. Thus the practice is not what He intended it to be.

Besides being rather unsanitary, it also proves somewhat awkward at times.

Although the transition to the hand to hand idea is seemingly simple, it no doubt will require time to make the decision. Taking Communion in the hand doesn't involve shattering Catholic tradition to pieces but merely taking an archaic and meaningless ritual and giving it back the original meaning.

An extremely ample substitute for the present method, as practiced in Canada, among other places, is to have your hands, one across the top of the other with palms up ready to receive the host. You say "Amen" as usual, the priest slips it on to your hands. Then at that point, the host is picked up with your bottom hand and placed in your mouth.

Maybe this issue is not of great importance, but it can present a fundamental problem. If you feel as I toward the subject, just give the message to your pastor.



AQUINAS:
Monday, Jan. 12—General faculty meeting.

McQUAID:
Thursday, Jan. 8—Report cards.
Tuesday, Jan. 13—Registration opens for driver education.
Wednesday, Jan. 14—Parent-teachers meeting, 7:45 p.m.

NAZARETH:
Thursday, Jan. 8—Fashion show.
Friday, Jan. 9—Talent show presented by Student Council.

OUR LADY OF MERCY:
Friday, Jan. 9—Student dance.

Rap Around Coordinators

AQUINAS	Tom Rosica
BISHOP KEARNEY	Kathy Buonaccorso, Vince Tersegno
CARDINAL MOONEY	Carl Cichetti, Richard Dever
DE SALES	Lynne Crough, Karen Colizzi, Jody Lavin
McQUAID	Peter Radell, Dennis Adsit
NAZARETH	Pat Hartleben, Margaret Rimore
NOTRE DAME	Martha Ungate, Molly Fennel
OUR LADY OF MERCY	Mimi Zelter, Mary Ellen Crerand
ST. AGNES	Alicia delCerro, Karen Koster

Notre Dame Travelers

Elmira — Christmas holidays have barely ended and Notre Dame students are preparing for spring and summer vacation excursions.

Easter will be the time for the school's bicentennial excursion to Boston via the Benedictine Monastery in Weston, Vt.

The trip will include a visit to the popular Vermont ski resort of Stowe and then there will be five days of touring Boston, Plymouth, Hyannisport, Cape Cod and Salem.

The second excursion will take place during July and August. It is a trip sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study and will include two weeks of study in Paris, two weeks in a Basque fishing resort and visits to London, Tours, Madrid and Rome.

Aquinas Senior Wins Contest

Kevin L. Donovan has been declared the winner of the 29th Annual Voice of Democracy Broadcast Scriptwriting Scholarship Contest in Monroe County which is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies auxiliary.

Kevin's winning tape will be sent to the state headquarters in New York City for judging on a state level.

Kevin who ranks seventh in a graduating class of 259 students came to Aquinas on a partial forensic scholarship and has been active on the forensic team at school for the past four years. He is an outstanding student in math and science and is taking courses in advanced biology, physics and math. He likes basketball, tennis, finds time to read books and is active in the St. Helen Youth Club. He hopes to attend one of the state colleges where he will major in math or science.

Mercy Play Scheduled

"Peter Pan" will be presented at Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road, Jan. 14-17.

The play is sponsored by the Parents' Association and special group rates at 50c per ticket are available.

General admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students. For reservations contact Barbara Haefner at 671-2026.

Kearney Anecdotes

According to Bishop Kearney's newspaper "The Coronet", a fire drill was called during one chilly morning. It interrupted the physical examinations in progress forcing students Linda Russo and Janice Nunn to run outdoors in their bare feet.

The senior boys from the bachelor living class showed up outside in aprons because they had been slaving over a hot stove. Also, many of the school's door knobs received colorful touches because the art class was interrupted while creating various works with finger paints.

Photo by Susan McKinney

Chun-Wah Yu recalls his boyhood days in Hong Kong. Since living space is at a premium in the British colony his family lives in an apartment as do most of the citizens.

Of Things Chinese

By JOAN M. SMITH

Anyone who has attempted Chinese cooking knows the challenges involved.

Chun-Wah Yu, however, who is a native of Hongkong and a junior at Aquinas Institute, has the magic know-how of a Chinese chef. In fact, he puts his culinary knowledge to use as a helpmate to his brother in the family's East-West restaurant here in Rochester.

Chun delights in sharing his expertise with those eager to create Chinese delicacies, and while he discusses cooking he becomes absorbed in explaining the various methods of food preparation.

Another interest he enjoys discussing is soccer and he is quick to tell you his favorite player is Pele of the New York Cosmos.

As soccer is the popular sport in British Hong Kong, Chun began playing the game at an early age and is now a member of the Aquinas varsity squad.

Chun has been in the United States for three years and attended eighth grade at St. Monica's.

According to him English is taught in Hong Kong schools, but though it is necessary for the high competition for jobs the Chinese people insist on emphasizing their own language.

Employment is one of Hong Kong's greatest problems. Chun described it with a comparison to the employment situation here in the United States. "In the U.S." he explained, "where there may be ten applicants for a job opening, in China there are a 100 people for a job."

This state of affairs has an effect on the educational atmosphere in China. Chun described Chinese students as more serious about their schooling than most students because they are greatly concerned with job competition.

Entertainment in Hong Kong follows the American pattern. All popular TV programs come from the States, and "you wouldn't believe the movie houses," exclaimed Chun.

He watches TV for enjoyment and relaxation, but bemoans the fact there isn't enough soccer on the tube. Besides TV, he enjoys the snow, has tried ice skating which he finds challenging, but hasn't taken to the ski slopes yet.

The holiday season was a busy one for him because of the added rush of holiday diners at the restaurant. Chun remembered the Chinese New Year's celebration in Hong Kong as four days of festivities filled with the traditional noise of firecrackers. This Chinese holiday previously extended for seven days but now the people have to return to work on the fifth day.

The celebration color is red — red banners, red costumes, red decorations, even the children receive their "lucky money" gifts in decorative red envelopes.

According to Chun, the Chinese legend relates it was the color red and the exploding firecrackers which finally frightened away the ancient dragon monster.

Chun misses his parents and three older brothers who are in Hong Kong, but he doesn't see a trip back in the near future. New immigration laws have made it extremely difficult for Chinese citizens who leave Hong Kong for any length of time to re-enter the colony.

Chun intends to remain here to finish high school and then continue his education in science or engineering.