

Legion and Diocese Join to Help Viets

Through a unique joint venture of the area's Legion of Mary and the Diocese of Rochester, Vietnamese Catholics will be able, at least once a month, to confess, and hear Mass and spiritual conferences in their own language.

The Legion is now organizing the program through various diocesan and civic organizations.

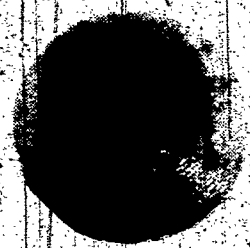
Father James Do Huu Linh, chaplain of Vietnamese refugees, whose base is in Buffalo, will hear confessions at three different locations in the diocese on Saturday, March 13.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Father Linh will be at St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester. He will then go to St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, for confessions from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. At 7 p.m. Father Linh will hear confessions at St. Michael's Church in Newark. A Mass in Vietnamese will follow at 8 p.m.

The Legion of Mary has agreed to provide transportation to any of the events to persons needing it.

The sites and times of the services are expected to change each month, according to the Legion president, Raymond Loyer.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

[Second in a series]

CAUTION: Today's column is not meant for children. Parental discretion is advised in this regard.

Briefly, some of the more prominent SIECUS positions on sex and sex education are: 1) Minors must have access to all contraceptive forms and devices without the necessity of parental notification or consent. This should be accompanied by radio and television ads for non-prescription contraceptives. Vending machines should sell contraceptives, and drug stores should provide pregnancy-test kits. (SIECUS believes the marketing potential is "enormous"). Harriet F. Pipel, LL.D., co-founder of SIECUS and legal counsel for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, believes that abortion services, in addition to contraceptives, should be available to all minors without regard to parental consent.

2) Free access to full and explicit sex information and education is the right of every person, including children. (Such visual aids as films and tapes depicting sexual intercourse, masturbation techniques for women; sex acts between same-sex consenting adults, physical interrelationships and fun-sex are recommended by SIECUS).

NOTE: To be explicit, according to SIECUS, the sex education process must utilize "saturation exposure" to the entire range of all types of human sexual behavior through the use of films. This should be in combination with small-group "interactions" in order to share attitudes, feelings, questions and fears aroused by the films. This method is referred to as SAR. Sexual Attitude Restructuring. Derek L. Burseson, Ed.D., (SIECUS director of Education Research Services and Publications) believes that the SAR process is necessary in order to re-educate and restructure human sexual attitudes toward a new morality. He feels it should be employed in the teaching of anatomy and physiology to adolescents and at many educational levels.

3) Any sex "encounter" or "interaction" regardless of the age or gender of the participants, is acceptable and even beneficial if the relationship is mutually satisfying and "non-exploitive." No

sexual "interaction" between consenting adults should be thwarted by law, religion or custom. Sexuality, according to SIECUS, is a person's birthright and it must be allowed to permeate all aspects of the personality as a major part of "self-actualization."

4) Masturbation (self-pleasuring) can be beneficial to a person's health at any age. Mary S. Calderone, M.D., co-founder and president of SIECUS, said in her Playboy interview, "Masturbation is self-regulating. There is no such thing as excess." Diane B. Brashear, Ph.D., a board member of SIECUS, believes that masturbation leads to improved self-knowledge and that to know oneself is a prerequisite for a positive self-concept and for self-esteem, important ingredients of the total mature personality.

5) Institutional explicit sex education must be taught without parental moralizing, and should be taught without moral values of any kind. There are no absolutes. SIECUS believes that institutional sex education is superior to home-centered sex education because of the "inadequacy and evasiveness" parents display toward sex. Parental ignorance, according to SIECUS, is a major problem.

New stuff? Not really. SIECUS began in May 1964, 12 years ago. A full high-school generation. And it will remain a strong influence on our educational system as long as we tolerate it.

NEXT WEEK: A "Bill of Sexual Rights."

Documentation sources available upon request.

Capitol Letters

The text of a bill entitled Determination of the Occurrence of Death begins, "The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: "I wonder how many people in the state understand the bill or are even aware that it is currently before the Assembly.

The determination of death has never been legislated but, rather, decided on an individual basis by the clinical judgment of a duly licensed physician, using the accepted up-to-date criteria of the medical profession. The American Medical Association House of Delegates has affirmed that this standard should continue.

The proposed Bill No. 7860C states: "A person shall be pronounced dead if, in the opinion of a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state, according to standards of current medical practice, such person has experienced an irreversible cessation of spontaneous respiratory and circulatory functions. If the use of artificial means of support preclude a determination that these functions have ceased, a person shall be pronounced dead if, in the opinion of a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state, according to standards of current medical practice, such person has experienced a total and irreversible cessation of spontaneous brain functions. For all legal purposes, death shall be deemed to have occurred at the time that the relevant functions ceased."

While the "brain death" statute will attempt to insulate the organ transplant surgeon, in particular, from malpractice suit, it must answer the concerns of those who realize that "brain death" may not always be a reliable determinant of death; that brain waves may not measure activity of all parts of the brain; and of those who question the wisdom of determining death

legislatively rather than by the individual, professional judgment of an attending physician.

New York State Right to Life agrees with the report of the Shapiro Commission issued Nov. 25, 1969, and joins with the A.M.A. and the National Right to Life in

opposing a statutory definition of death.

Please write your Assemblyman and ask him to vote "no" on Bill #7860C. State Legislative Office, Albany, N.Y. 12224.

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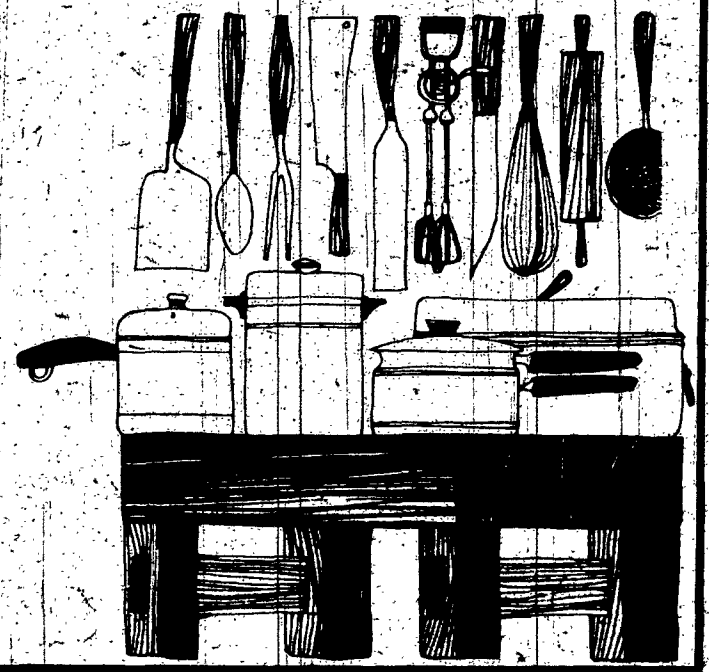
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Guatemala Emergency Fund Appeal

An unusual appeal for funds is being issued throughout the diocese this week to aid the victims of the recent Guatemala earthquake. The appeal is being coordinated by the Pontifical Association for the Holy Childhood.

Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the diocesan office for the society noted that contributions may be sent either to the national office in Pittsburgh or to the Rochester diocesan office at 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

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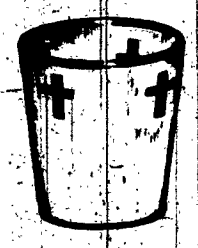
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