

## Life, Liberty and Law



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(Seventh in a series)

A year ago it would not have occurred to me to check the Catholic authenticity of any book published by Benziger. I would have seen it as presumptuous to check the authenticity of views expressed by priest-authors. I thought all Catholic newspapers expressed Vatican views. But I know better now. I check them all.

In the Benziger series Word Is Life, fifth graders are taught to ignore and disbelieve Peter's Confession of Faith (Matthew 16/16). They are taught instead what the modernists teach — that the Divinity of Christ became known to the Apostles only after the resurrection. They are also taught that Jesus had the same struggles within Himself as any human man; that Jesus had to grow and develop, and learn to make decisions (choices) until "as an adult He was truly His own man." Christ's supernatural truth, His Divinity, His omnipotence and His fulfillment of the prophecies are ignored in favor of the revolutionary man who was killed because he spoke against the Establishment.

From Morality for Moderns (1972) by Father Marc Oraison (whose earlier statements are found in one of the most widely used sex education manuals, offered by Catholic school systems): "A contraceptive technique is good if it prevents impregnation; (and) if it does no harm to the user... we must be liberated from taboos and outdated agonies of guilt; contraception can be a developmental experience."

"The idea of man's 'fall' from a supposedly superior state has been a dominant one until the modern age. We no longer see things as simply as that. We now know that there was no 'golden age' of man — no earthly paradise — no superior state from which we fell by 'sin'."

The message of Christianity (emerging) from the total dynamic biblical revelation does not consist of teaching morality. (It) does not lay down rules of human behavior. The dynamics of human behavior have always sprung from a search by man from within man. (We) must not attempt to allay human anguish by sending man. (We) Supposedly knowing Being who wields the authority of power.

"It is not possible to answer the question of premarital sexual relations in any absolute or simplistic terms, since different forms of premarital sexual activity have different moral values."

Former Paulist priest James Carroll, columnist for the liberal National Catholic Reporter, declared on his departure from the priesthood: "I am not married; I am not getting married; I am not in love with anyone and not on the verge of getting married. And I am saying NO to celibacy."

Father Charles Curran of Rochester, a professor of Moral Theology at Catholic University, no longer accepts the Vatican position on marriage, divorce, sexual morality, masturbation, homosexuality, premarital sex ("I'd probably agree with Betty Ford"), or

### SPRING BANQUET

Dundee — St. Andrew's Altar and Rosary Society will hold its annual Spring Banquet at The Dresden at 7 p.m. on May 19. The society asks all interested to call Vera Dombroski (243-8253).

even on the left! According to the old definition, sin is an act against the law of God. But today we define sin in terms of a dampening of our relationship with God. This new understanding lessens the importance of the act itself."

These gentlemen have the right to publish their opinions. But I question the judgment of Catholic educators who teach these not-so-Catholic opinions in place of the declarations of the Vatican, especially at the elementary grade levels. In truth I have not met a New York Catholic sex educator who teaches the Vatican Declaration on Sexual Ethics. Many have not even read it.

If modern American Catholic educators insist on teaching dissension from the Vatican, why don't they at least teach accurately what it is they wish us to dissent from? Why don't they teach accurately the Divinity of Christ (it did not evolve, it did not "develop") and the Magisterium of the Church and then if they can't resist, at the graduate school level present their Modernism?

I suggest we get back to the basics.

NEXT WEEK: The Vatican.

## New Brazil Cardinal Has Diocesan Ties

Two years ago Helen Lorscheider was reading through the magazine Latin America Calls when she noted a photo-feature on the elevation of a new archbishop in Brazil, Aloisio Lorscheider.

She dashed off a note to the **Agencies Split \$5,000 Grant**

Checks were presented recently to three local charities as a result of the Gannett Rochester/Press-Radio Club Charity Sports Award Dinner. Presented in the name of O. J. Simpson, this year's recipient of the Professional Athlete of the Year Award, \$5,000 will be shared equally by the Monroe County Unit of the American Cancer Society, The Genesee Valley Chapter of the American Heart Association, and the Lewis St. Center. Over the past 26 years, more than \$200,000 has been donated to local charities as a result of the Press-Radio Club's dinner each February.

magazine requesting the archbishop's address.

Soon the two Lorscheiders were communicating by letter, and to Miss Lorscheider's delight, the Brazilian-born archbishop turned out to be her third cousin.

And now the Lorscheiders are celebrating again. Cousin Aloisio is among the 21 new cardinals to be created in a consistory in Rome on May 24.

For the past year the Lorscheiders have been making plans to meet in Philadelphia at the Eucharistic Congress. Once the clan has gathered from the east coast, Florida, Rochester — and Brazil — they will hold a reception for the new cardinal.

Miss Lorscheider had hoped last summer to meet her cousin when he was in the States for a conference, she says. But scheduling difficulties prevented the two from getting together. Her brother,



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however, was able to meet the cardinal in Florida.

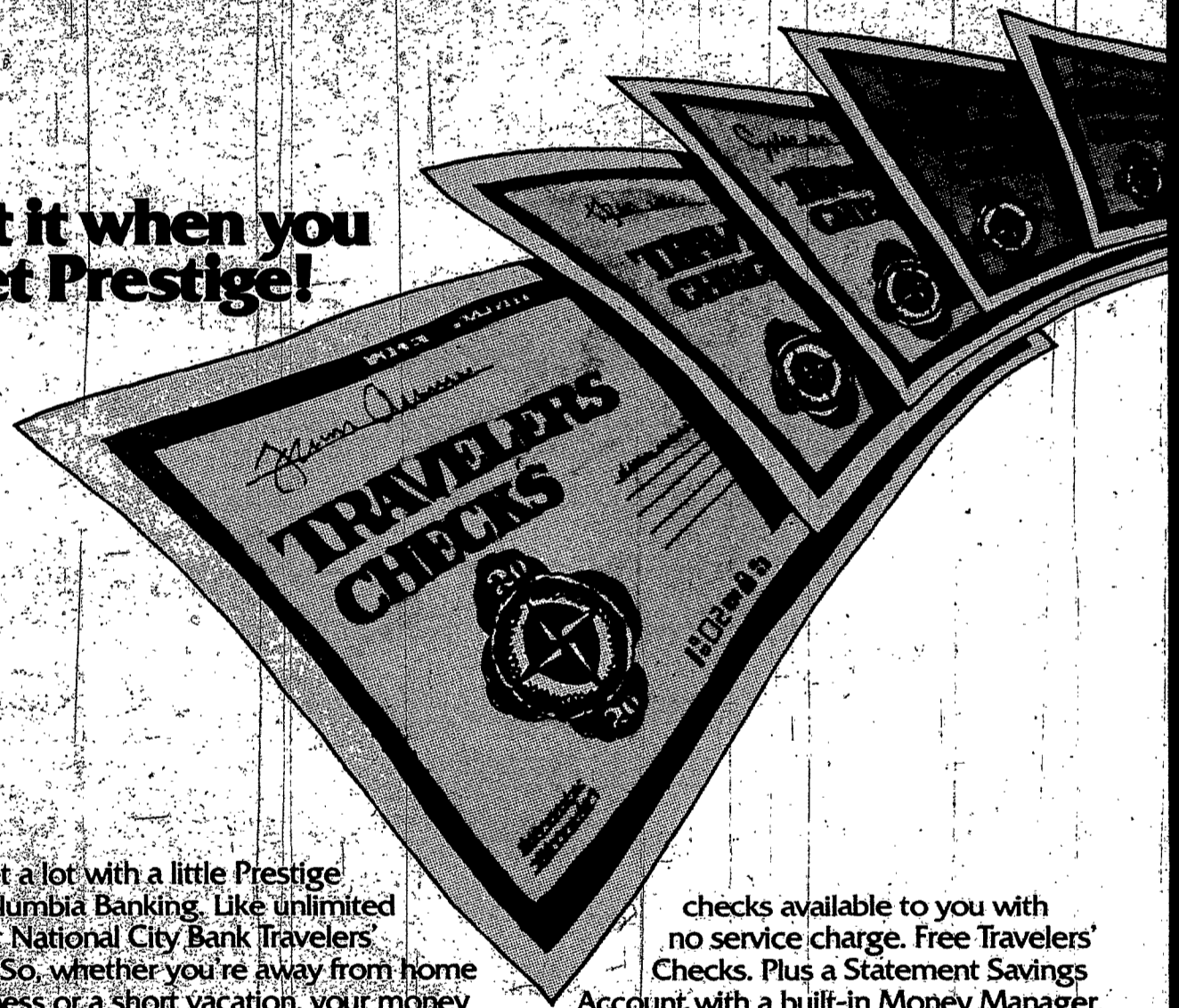
An active member of Old St. Mary's parish, Miss Lorscheider is the last to carry the family name in Rochester.

### BARBECUE

Weedsport — The 21st annual Memorial Day Barbecue will begin at noon on May 31 at the St. Joseph Church Hall.

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