

More Opinions

Morality Most Important

Editor:

The laws of God direct us in morality. The powers of hell suggest immorality. The devil entices leadership to carry out this evil conspiracy of pornography. Obscenity collaborates with witchcraft indirectly.

Society today is constantly attacked by misdirected free wills of non-moral persons who rebel against God's laws. Social chaos today is caused by rejection of our Creator and His laws. The laws of man must follow the Ten Commandments for a return to peace and the insured domestic tranquility we once knew.

Pornography advances the violations of human rights. Porn peddlers poison the once healthy minds. These corruptors and attackers of our children cannot be excused or pardoned from compliance with the law and the will of the majority.

Moral politicians serve the majority of a strong nation. A minority rule or dictatorship of godless government forces people into servitude, slavery and denial of rights.

A referendum would prove the morality of the majority. Non-moral judges only betray our nation and set scandal to the world, thereby aiding our enemies. Separation of Church and State does not mean an exclusion of God from good government because moral government is impossible without God.

Applied psychology would prove the adverse effect of pornography and drugs on disoriented or abnormal minds. Pornography contributes adversely to backward students. The capabilities of normal students are diminished also.

We need quality and purity in our literature before we can clean up water and air. We don't need paganistic entertainment to further the cause of hell. But we do need the grace of God for our eternal salvation.

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Let's Revert, Save Church

Editor:

RE: Article "The Crisis in American Catholicism" by Father Andrew M. Greeley, appearing in 5 May, 1976 issue of Courier-Journal.

The facts and figures presented in the above article should bring the hierarchy to their senses. I personally was brought up in a strict Catholic family and graduated from a Catholic school and, after marriage, raised four boys in Catholic training the same as I had experienced. However, all but one of my sons have stopped attending church (my youngest). This represents 75% of my successors not attending or contributing to support of church.

I do not wish to criticize or judge, but my good common sense tells me that the Church, i.e. cardinals, bishops, and especially priests, are extinguishing religious zeal. The Mass today is a mockery and a joke and an insult to adults in my age group. The laxity and permissiveness has created the fall in attendance. The sermons are given as if the congregation was composed strictly of children. The mystery and soul inspiration has completely disappeared. The old hymns are passe, new songs unknown by most have replaced the old soul-stirring ones I remember.

Let's wake up and discontinue this farce you still call Mass. Restore meatless Fridays, restore self-denial, restore the altar to God not the people — let the priest face the tabernacle, not the people. Let the priest again be the dominant figure of God's church, not a group of immature, newly married couples. Let the priest only handle the consecrated Host, not any volunteer from the congregation.

I say in all good common sense, if we do not revert within the next five years, the Catholic Church will be near extinction and bankruptcy.

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Vote Urged For Pro-Lifers

Editor:

As the primaries come into full swing and we begin analyzing the candidates for the November elections, we wonder how many of us, truthfully, have asked ourselves if the sanctity of human life issues exceed the usual mundane concerns that are invariably offered before the elections, then, are quickly whisked from our sight after them. Hopefully, it does, but, if not, it must be realized how crucial each and every vote is to thousands upon thousands of unborn children.

A vote for a candidate other than the pro-life one is a message that the blood letting should continue and the Supreme Court Decision of 1973 to legalize abortions was a wise one. If one does not even vote at all then he is trying to escape responsibility and is surrendering to the fight, admitting the decision should stand. Only a candidate who respects the sanctity of ALL human life at ALL stages and who will support a human life amendment deserves the vote of anyone bearing the mark of Christ. For as St. Augustine (Confessions I, xvii) says, "There is more than one way of sacrificing to the fallen angels."

A vote for life is the affirmation of our belief in and love of Christ Our Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles (3:15) St. Peter himself calls Him "the Author of Life." If we do not acknowledge The Author of Life, then it can be easily deduced just who is being served. But for many modern, intelligent people this talk of a personal devil may seem silly. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (Life of Christ—p. 54) says differently, "Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side."

We are created with a free will and can only choose what appears good to us in some way; we pray that the choice will be the easy one. It should be easy, with no trouble whatsoever. It may simply be an objective test to distinguish between the loyal and the traitorous.

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Let's Say More Rosaries

Editor:

Poor Mary? Let us say it is "we poor banished children of Eve" who are to be commiserated! Why should there be a letdown in our devotions to Mary? Should we not be more vigilant in saying her Rosary and in honoring her in every way we can, when we witness on all sides, the progress of evil — the deluge of immorality which is flooding the world and our country, in particular. Rather we should rush to Mary when we are weak and tempted; for what "Child of Mary" thinks it is merely sentimental to love and honor our beautiful Heavenly Mother!

We are on the perilous journey to Heaven, and she can lead us safely through all the pitfalls of life, till she places us in the Arms of our God. So, in the words of our own Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, I concur: "If I am to err in devotion to Mary, I hope it will be by excess, rather than defect."

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Supports NFP, Columnist

Editor:

A standing ovation and heartfelt gratitude to Nancy Murphy, for her recent series regarding sterilization. It is refreshing to hear the facts as they are, and reassuring to know that someone is willing to openly acknowledge and support the authority of the Pope.

We look to our Catholic hospitals to uphold and be faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ, through His Church. I believe the thrust of our efforts should be placed in the area of Natural Family Planning. It is the answer to those who seek a truly moral and completely natural method of determining fertile and infertile days. It provides the means to work in cooperation with the creative cycle as God has ordained it, rather than disposing of it at our convenience.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have undertaken the task of sharing the news of Natural Family Planning with others.

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Information For Book

Editor:

I would be grateful for information from your readers for a photo-documentary book I am preparing on this subject.

How, since Vatican II, American sisters have been fulfilling themselves in new roles as religious and women. This could be aside from traditional vocations like teaching or the sister could be carrying out such a traditional role but in an innovative way.

Your readers are welcome to send me names, addresses and telephone numbers of sisters together with a brief description of the unique nature of these vocations.

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Cancer Society Grateful

Editor:

We are very grateful for the cooperation you have shown in publicizing the programs of the American Cancer Society, Monroe County Unit.

This is a real and significant contribution to the cause of cancer control in our community. It helps our educational and informational programs, the publicizing of services available to the cancer patient and his family, and of course the fund-raising efforts that make these life-saving programs possible.

Thank you for your support.

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Jewish Anti-Catholicism Scored by Fr. Greeley

Reprinted from Newsprint, an ecumenical newsletter

Washington — Speaking in Washington at the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, the priest-sociologist Father Andrew M. Greeley said last weekend that current over-all relationships between American Catholics and Jews are "excellent." But Greeley urged his audience to take a close look at what he termed a "strong and powerful anti-Catholic feeling in the Jewish community."

He emphasized that, in his view, the majority of Jews are not biased against Catholics, but that the problem does exist and "has never been faced publicly and dealt with." It shows itself, he said, in a

tendency by Jews — as well as other non-Catholics — to ignore Catholic achievements in such areas as education and to downgrade the ethnic heritage of most Catholics.

Father Greeley noted that Catholics, for their part, have sought to overcome acknowledged anti-Jewish feeling in the years since the Vatican Council of the 1960s. But, he said, there has been no reciprocity from the Jewish side. The American Jewish Committee convention heard a report on the aftermath of anti-Zionism resolutions at the United Nations. The report said that the UN definition of Zionism as a form of racism brought out a surge of support among Christians for Jews and for Israel.

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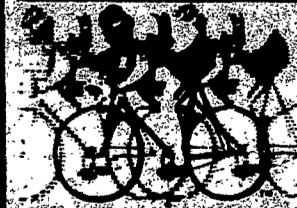
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