



"YOUR GUE WILL BE WHEN I SAY THE WORDS 'LOVE MATCH'—THEN YOU LEAP OVER THE NET WITH THE RING!"

**Editorial**

**Moon Talk**

"I am concerned that your rejection of me could result in the rejection of God."

The statement may have lost something in translation as the Rev. Sun Myung Moon speaks in Korean and a translator does the rest. The statement was reported by Religious News Service as part of Moon's speech to some 25,000 persons gathered at the Unification Church's recent doings at Yankee Stadium. No wonder thousands present left in mid-talk in a kind of Moon walk.

Moon has implied in other forums that he smacks of celestial nature. In his Yankee Stadium talk he also said that his so-called church represents "God's front line." Apparently in an effort to secure favorable publicity, adherents made much of cleaning up litter around New York City as part of the meeting. Convenient photos were staged showing Moonies quickly tearing down signs and posters after the gathering. Our photographer, however, presents evidence in this week's Courier that the Moonies apparently do not hold this area in such high regard.

Odd also that Moon's so-called "God's front line" should prove such pests to residents of an area town that they got themselves banned from soliciting.

Odd also that a sect that claims to have a message from God will not explain their religion. The Courier-Journal recently did a three-part series on the establishment of a Moonie effort in this diocese yet could not get any spokesman from that organization to explain their purposes here. Left to our own reasoning, we must conclude that the Unification Church is merely a fundraising effort for the greater financial glory of Sun Myung Moon. As example, the organization recently purchased the New Yorker Hotel in New York City for some \$5 million to add to its vast holdings. Unfortunately in this society, money and power travel together. Moon knows this.

Many strange things have happened at Yankee Stadium since it was built to accommodate the throngs who wanted to see George Herman Ruth swing at a pitched baseball. None, however, could be stranger than Moon bellowing in Korean while an interpreter passed on his visions of God, anti-communism and patriotism. He is not the first person, not the last, to realize that the combination means a fast buck. But to do so in the shadows of plaques honoring Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig! Blasphemy, pure blasphemy.

**Carey's Job**

The buck stops at Gov. Hugh Carey's desk.

The bill that would require parental consent before abortions can be performed on girls under 18 has passed both the State Senate and Assembly.

Now it is all up to Gov. Carey, who, according to Albany reports, is reluctant to sign it without greater signs of public interest.

If you think this bill makes common sense and should become law then let the governor know so. Write to him at the State Capitol, Albany, N.Y. 12224.

**Opinion**

**Let's Get Back To Basics**

Editor:

After reading in your issue of June 2, the letter from William A. Phillips in your letter section, all I can say is a loud and reverent "Amen."

He has hit the nail on the head resoundingly. I would add to some of his suggestions the following: Fasting from midnight to receive Communion; the bell-ringing three times instead of once at the Elevation; restoring the American and papal flags where now missing and many other things which have lessened the former reverence and brought on the present apathetic attitude.

Priests should be called "Father" rather than "Jim," "Jack" or "Joe". (Some of them have requested the nicknames, themselves, which I will continue to refuse to do.) I will also refuse Communion from a layman. I have seen many times, a priest, who after finishing shaking hands with a number of the congregation (the peace gesture), give out the Host without washing his hands.

Let the priest care for his flock and leave the politics to the laypeople. Historically, they make poor office holders. The Church, through many mistakes, not only is NOT getting the younger people in sufficient numbers, but is losing the OLDER people, who incidentally are the financial backbone of support.

Let's get back to the basics and forget the welfare projects, with few exceptions, and you will find that the Catholic Church will regain its stature. It has until recent years been the envy of other denominations. Do we believe we have the only true Church or don't we? Let's prove, once again that we believe in ourselves and the teachings of Christ.

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**Priest's Article Criticized**

Editor:

The opinions expressed by Father William O'Malley in the Courier of June 9 are incompatible with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Father O'Malley repeats the Modernist doubt that Christ had unlimited knowledge, even as man.

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Pope Benedict XV and the Holy Office reaffirmed by decree:

(1) "There was in the soul of Christ, during his life among men, the knowledge possessed by the blessed or those in glory."

(2) "The soul of Christ was ignorant of nothing, but that from the beginning it knew in the Word all things, past, present, and future, in a word, that it knew all things which God knows by the knowledge of vision."

In 1907, the Holy Office in "Lamentabile Sane" condemned the belief that Christ did not always have the consciousness of his messianic dignity.

The Church has recognized this Modernist belief as a resurgence of the Nestorian heresy. The Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431), answering the errors of Nestorianism, set forth the following clear teaching on the natures of Christ:

"We do not say that the nature of the Word became man by undergoing change; nor that it was transformed into a complete man consisting of soul and body. What we say, rather, is that by uniting to himself in his own person a body animated by a rational soul, the Word has become men in an inexpressible and incomprehensible way and has been called the Son of Man, not merely according to will or complacency, but not by merely assuming a person either. And we say that the natures that are brought together into true unity are different, still from both there is one Christ and Son; not as though the difference between the natures were taken away by their union, but rather both divinity and humanity produce their perfection of our one Lord, Christ and Son, by their inexpressible and mysterious joining into unity."

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**All Urged: Register, Vote**

Editor:

The Catholic bishops in New York State and especially Bishop Joseph L. Hogan of Rochester are to be commended for their efforts to increase voter registration in our state. The voter registration drive in Catholic churches throughout the state on Sunday, June 13, is an example of the kind of efforts concerned citizens must make to achieve increased voter participation in the political process.

I am extremely pleased that the Catholic Archdiocese of New York under the leadership of Cardinal Terence Cooke, has recognized the need for eligible citizens to exercise their precious right to the elective franchise. The right to vote and to be part of the decision making in the selection of this country's elected officials is a basic cornerstone of American democracy.

One of the most alarming statistics regarding voter registration in the Empire State is the drastic decrease in the number of registered voters in the past four years. Since 1972, the number of registered voters in the state has dropped more than two million, from 9.2 million to just under 7.2 million at present.

New York State, one of the nation's leaders in liberalizing opportunities for its citizens to vote, until December of last year required citizens to make a personal appearance at their local Board of Elections during weekday hours to register to vote. Enlightened leaders in the State Legislature led the drive to pass a Mail Registration Law which allows New York State residents to register and enroll by mail. This new law took effect on Dec. 1, 1975.

By the simple process of filling out a one-page form and returning

it by mail to the local County Board of Elections all those eligible to register in the state can now do so.

We, at the State Board of Elections have been seeking ways of publicizing and promoting wide distribution of mail application forms. It is through efforts such as those of the Catholic Bishops in New York State that the registration rolls will increase and all eligible voters will have the opportunity to have their voices heard in the political process.

I urge all readers in the Rochester Diocese to respond to Bishop Hogan's initiative by making the mail registration drive a great success.

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**Msgr. Vogt Tribute**

Editor:

Msgr. Joseph Vogt re-entered the gates of heaven 18 APR 1976, Easter Sunday.

Now, because we have lost him, because the saints have prepared his welcome, because he is returned to the ages because in losing him we have gained an eternal insight, now is the time to thank the good Lord for having given us Msgr. Vogt for just a short, short time. In peace may his soul rest forever.

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**Takes Exception To 'Medieval'**

Editor:

In reading the June 6 edition of the Courier, page 6, I noted that there was to be a Latin Mass offered in St. Michael's Church in the City.

Then followed a paragraph whose connotation was a bit confusing. It was in regard to the architecture of St. Michael's Church and how adaptable it was to medieval pageantry.

The Latin language was the official language of the Roman Church many centuries before the Middle Ages, and still is. Also the Tridentine Mass followed the Middle Ages.

If the implication was supposed to purport that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, because it is said in Latin, is medieval pageantry, it is absurd.

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**Review Available**

Editor:

For an interesting and in-depth evaluation of the Benziger program "The Word Is Life" readers may wish to contact CREDO, Post Office Box 66601, Houston, Tex. 77006 and request a copy of CREDO's review of the program.

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