



Jubilarians

Basilian Fathers pose with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, center, on the occasion of a celebration of the Basilians' 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. A highlight of the observance was a concelebrated Mass at which Bishop Hogan presided. The silver jubilarians are Fathers Richard Sheehan, James Terence Forestell, William Young, Walter Scott, Robert Ritz, John Poluikis, Donald Mooney, William Hodgson Marshall, Eugene Malley, Richard Jeffery, Gerald Gregoire, James Enright, James Bowie and Michael Biondi.

Photo by Cindy Moll

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

Seems to me that I have heard that song before. No matter how soothingly it is presented, no matter how many doctors teach it, no matter how many colors are used to print it, in my considered judgement it is garbage. As I look back on this lengthy series, all the way back to January and the Humanist Manifestos, atheism and the Humanist Bill of Sexual Rights, the same names, the same organizations, the same philosophies crop up again and again. The same vocabulary of word concepts is repeated mechanically, almost hypnotically: self-awareness, effective communication, human person, group interaction, group dynamics, sensory-awakening, attitude restructuring, creative self-expression, interaction, values clarification, certified sex educator, the total child, sexual awareness, and experimental dimension.

If it weren't so destructive to young minds, if it weren't so damaging to a beautiful culture, if Catholic educators weren't nibbling at the edges of this Humanist/SIECUS/AASEC/Planned Parenthood approach to human sexuality, I might have smiled at its academic predictability. But it isn't funny.

Continued bibliography, magazines/journals favoring sex education in the schools starting in the first grade. Humanist Manifestos I & II signed by the late Dr. Guttmacher (Planned Parenthood), Kirkendall (SIECUS/AASEC), Kurtz (Humanist Magazine editor), B.F. Skinner (Humanist Magazine), Sol Gordon (AASEC), Friedan (NOW), and Fletcher (Euthanasia Council), and author of Situation Ethics among others. The Humanist Bill of Sexual Rights by Kirkendall (SIECUS/AASEC) and signed by Allen (NOW), Bell (SIECUS), Bergstrom-Walen (AASEC), Calderwood (SIECUS), Prescott (HEW), Sol Gordon (AASEC), Kurtz (Humanist), Labby (SIECUS) et al. I have read the comic books published by Ed-U Press of the University of Syracuse College of Human Development, and written by Sol Gordon (AASEC) "Ten Heavy Facts About Sex, A Survivors Handbook, VD Claptrap, and Protect Yourself From Becoming an

Unwanted Parent. Planned Parenthood and the American School Board Journal both recommend Gordon for young people. In addition I have an ASBJ order blank for copies of the pornographic SHOW ME, with photos of very young children discovering themselves by playing with their genitals.

Playboys: Interview with Calderone (SIECUS); the Journal of Pastoral Care's article Sexual Revolution Its Impact on Pastoral Care by Mace (SIECUS/AASEC); Redbook's When Women Love Other Women by Calderone (SIECUS); the PTA's Sex Education and the Young Child by Calderone (SIECUS); and Sexology Magazine with Kirkendall (SIECUS/AASEC/Humanist), Guttmacher (PP), Rev. Genie (National Council of Churches, SIECUS & AASEC), Money (SIECUS/AASEC) and Pomeroy (author of Boys & Sex, Girls & Sex, and a member of both SIECUS and AASEC). Masturbation, A Study Guide For Professionals by Johnson (SIECUS/AASEC), Sexual Behavior Magazine with editors Guttmacher (PP), Schiller (AASEC), Cadpaille (AASEC), and Lief (SIECUS/AASEC) among others.

Their philosophy? That I am only one protesting parent; the majority of parents favor sex education starting in the first grade. That parents are incapable/inadequate teachers. Doctors/educators are the best judges of a child's maturity. All home-inspired pet terms, if the teacher finds them unacceptable, are to be eliminated in the classroom; children must be taught how animals copulate, and encouraged to discuss intercourse, wet dreams and fantasies in class. Sex must be taught (even over parental objections) in public.

Sex is fun. Our bodies are sources of pleasure. Morals change with changing situations. Abortion is a woman's right. Homosexuality is a normal life-style alternative. The Vatican positions on premarital sex, masturbation and sterilization (including the recent and explicit Vatican warning against the Principle of Totality and/or the Principle of Material Cooperation) are outmoded, pre-technological and unsustainable. The Vatican positions on abortion and contraception are unreal in today's world. Intra-family relationships must be discussed openly and candidly in classrooms. Adoption must be discussed openly and candidly in the classrooms. Masturbation is a form of self-discovery and must be discussed openly and candidly in the classroom. Children must be taught to make their own decisions. Natural Family Planning is too complicated to learn, much less to teach. There are no rights, no wrongs, no absolutes.

I am only one parent but I say it's garbage.

Discrimination

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people employed in the county couldn't afford to live there.

Sloane was in Rochester to speak at the annual meeting of the Housing Council.

The suit in New Jersey could set a precedent, Sloane said in a news conference, and he thinks that the New York State Court of Appeals would reach the same decision in a similar case.

Sloane noted that the restrictions in some municipalities in Middlesex county required minimum lot sizes of 40,000 square feet, setbacks of 100 feet, and even minimum floor areas. Such restrictions, the court agreed, effectively prohibit lower cost housing and therefore discriminate against those with lower incomes.

NCDH has begun another suit, Sloane reported, designed to force the four federal agencies that regulate lending institutions to establish anti-redlining regulations, something they have not done in the past. Redlining is the practice of lending institutions refusing mortgages for certain neighborhoods.

Sloane pointed out that he considers anti-redlining action to preserve the urban areas just as important as the need to increase housing opportunities in the suburbs. He said that any conflict between the two activities is a "fake controversy."

While noting that housing discrimination is "somewhat less severe than it was," due to federal legislation and public awareness, he said that now discrimination has "gone underground," and is more difficult to identify.

Rule

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In its study of Missouri and Massachusetts restrictions on abortion the court "passed up an opportunity to reconsider the inaccuracies and errors" of its 1973 decisions, he said.

The earlier ruling basically was that the constitutional right of privacy establishes pregnant woman's right to choose whether she shall bear the child. The overturned state laws requiring parental consent were similar to the one Gov. Carey vetoed recently. About 26 states have similar laws.

CORRECTION

A photograph captioned "Dual Anniversary" in last week's Courier-Journal showed Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (not Richard) Reichart.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

How do you account for North Ireland?

Now, that opens up vistas: its present violence, the Orange Lodge, Ian Paisley, the IRA, the British, the Catholic-Protestant hatreds, the incredible oppression of Catholics by the Ascendency. You probably mean: "What's the fighting all about?" Recently, Leon Uris wrote a novel, "Trinity," about Ulster. The period covers 1885 to 1916, but by flash backs, gives the famine of the 1840s. Reviews of the book have been glowing from some critics, qualified from others. The book costs \$10.95 so I got my copy from the Public Library. Once started reading I could hardly set it down.

You liked it?

Let me qualify. The story is gripping. It is about a people oppressed as slaves. The means of oppression were through the economic laissez faire surpassing the times Charles Dickens wrote about during England's industrial revolution. The story focuses on three families, hence the title, "Trinity." The Catholic Larkins, the Presbyterian MacLeods, and the Ascendency Hubbles who control wealth and employment and manipulate power by engendering fear and fanaticism through the Orange Lodges. The story presents the seizure of Irish lands; expulsion of the Irish owners; the distribution of their lands to an alien people who became the over-lords of Ulster. The aliens, hated by the Catholics, were ruthless in retaining political and economic power to keep the native Catholics enslaved. All this is from the research of an American Jew, Leon Uris.

Well, is the present conflict religious?

Yes, and no. The present conflict

is rooted in a terrible history of oppression of Catholics. Yet it is not primarily doctrinal. Catholicism which is under attack, but it is against a group who are staunchly Catholic, and existing in their native land. If Ulster Catholics were Jews or Mormons, the same oppressions would be imposed. It is a matter of preserving jobs and political power for Ulster Protestants only.

What of the Catholic Church?

The Church does not come off well in "Trinity." The historic loyalty of Catholics to their priests stems from the days when the priests were champions of the people. But Irish Bishops tended to sympathize with the British government, and many of the clergy reflected the spirit of their bishops. But the religious clergy, especially the Franciscans, and also the Carmelites, Dominicans and Jesuits, held the hearts of the people because they were in sympathy with native aspirations, and they gave absolution and the sacraments and understanding even to excommunicated patriots, which the regular clergy did not.

You qualify your praise of "Trinity?"

Yes. In the first place I do not believe that every Ulster Protestant is a rogue without a spark of Christian virtue in his soul. It is true that passions have been inflamed by rabble rousers like Rev. Ian Paisley. But even if masses can be manipulated to hatred, individuals in masses have sparks of genuine goodness. Then, the book is so saturated in parts with sex that a suspicion arises that this is to help sell the book. The nasty four letter word is overworked, as an expletive, adjective, noun and verb. Uris previously publicized a beautiful pictorial book which sells for \$24.95, entitled "Ireland, the Terrible Beauty." In it he manifests his uprightness against the Catholic Church regarding authority, sex, marriage, contraception. This hostility comes out in "Trinity."

Do you recommend "Trinity?"

To the squeamish, no. To the more hardy who also know how to make distinctions, yes. The book probably will do more to form American public opinion regarding present day North Ireland than all the magazine and newspaper articles for a year. It is number 1 on the Best Seller list.



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