

More Opinions

Greeley Column 'Biased... trash'

Editor:

In the Aug. 25 edition of the Courier-Journal, Andrew Greeley's column was by far the most biased and slanted piece of material I have seen for a long time. It is indeed surprising to me that the Courier-Journal would allow trash like this to be put into print.

I thought that the late President John F. Kennedy when confronted in Houston by the Baptist Ministers Association, served his Country, God and Church well by helping put this issue to rest. Then later, having been elected to the Presidency, he proved that the country would and could be led by a Roman Catholic without interference from outside forces (namely, the Papacy).

Greeley starts his article with, "Should Catholics be afraid of the Carter-Mondale ticket? You bet your sweet life they should."

He then goes on to berate Carter's Southern background, to giving his own private evaluation of the outcome of the Gallup Polls in November.

Greeley states that we, the Catholics, have no articulate spokesmen in the Democratic Coalition. Why should there be? What has the hierarchy in the Church done to promote this credibility that he speaks of?

I would not be proud of the fact that I would stay away from the polls rather than cast a vote for a Republican. This proves the inconsistency of Greeley's thinking, or should I say the lack of his being able to think.

He finishes with the warning that a country presided over by Carter and Mondale would be a difficult country for the Catholic Church and its people.

It is my opinion that a Catholic Church with clergy such as Greeley is in for greater danger of

destroying itself without the help of any outside force.

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Singers Needed For Choir

Editor:

The editor of *Jubilate Deo*, a 1974 publication of the U.S. Catholic Conference, writes: "Gregorian chant will remain the bond which in the name of Christ, will gather all peoples into a unity of heart, mind and voice. Such a movement toward unity, signified by a harmony of voices using a variety of texts, rhythms, and melodies, wonderfully manifests the diverse harmony of the one Church." Perhaps it is with such a desirable goal in mind that Father Benedict Ehmann, diocesan liturgist, is recruiting singers for a newly proposed choir. Its distinctive mark is to be its repertoire comprising Gregorian and music from the later centuries of the Church's rich tradition as well.

As Father Ehmann says, when one would do something to honor God, it must be "something beautiful." Words of praise set to spirit-inspired melodies of classical Church music have potential for great beauty; what is needed are more singers to add to the first nucleus formed last May (Father directed our novice efforts in Gregorian at a Latin Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June). Having had many seasons as Choir Director at St. Bernard's, Father Ehmann is able to educe from his group its best performance. Diocesan music lovers are fortunate to have the expertise of someone like him as a Director.

With numerous parishes represented, perhaps an aspect of the Church's "diverse harmony" referred to above could be realized. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin in mid-September at Holy Apostles. Father Ehmann may be contacted at the Rectory there, Tel. 254-7170. Also, Dorothy Florack will take

child counseling, preventive programs offered through the parishes and schools, counseling for the elderly, three inner city offices, a drug program and resettlement of refugees.

We do not duplicate but support the services provided by the Office of Family Life. Letters we received (probably as a result of your column) requesting information on Natural Family Planning were referred to Father Collins for reply. I hope this clarifies the situation, and many thanks for giving us the opportunity to do a little public relations! I hope your reader accepts our apology for any inconvenience that might have been inadvertently caused.

Sincerely,
James M. Maloney, ACSW
Executive Director
Catholic Family Center of
the Diocese of Rochester

Dear Mr. Maloney,
Thank you for the clarification, but the lady still needs some kind of further help from the Office of Family Life. We hope that will soon be forthcoming.

registrations, etc. at 621-7640. "Come and See." (In 1:39)

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Assertions Unfounded

Editor:

Father Greeley's column 8/25/76, has prompted me to write this reply. I take issue with his pompous generalization that "Catholics should fear a Carter-Mondale ticket." Why should we? It is a serious matter when a representative of the Catholic church makes accusations based on such flimsy evidence. It is one thing to state that Carter may have trouble with the Catholic voter. It is quite another to imply that he is prejudiced. For Father Greeley to assert this latter point demands hard evidence. It is not a credible argument to rely on Carter's birthplace or the religious affiliation of his staff. Father Greeley should review his case against this ticket. For I do not feel estranged from the "Democratic coalition."

I hope that people of all religious beliefs can transcend the barriers of their respective institutions. Look at the candidates, the issues and then vote; but vote. Refuse to follow Father Greeley's prediction; do not sit on your hands during this election year. Let Father Greeley speak and act as he chooses. I do not sanction his speaking for me.

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Let's Listen To Fr. Greeley

Editor:

I'm writing in support of Father Andrew Greeley.

In the Courier-Journal of Aug. 18 he states that his column may not be published much longer as he is a controversial figure — who has the courage to state things as they are. I concur with him on almost all his writings.

The parable in the Bible of the rich young man who asked Jesus, "Lord, what must I do to be saved?" and Our Lord said, "Give everything you have to the poor and follow me." The young man didn't, of course, and neither do the churches of Christendom. And they say they are followers of Christ. I find it hard to believe.

I'm a devout Christian and Catholic and have known some saintly priests and nuns, but I must admit it bothers me somewhat when I read of the Pope being flown to his summer palace by helicopter. When there are so many poor and hungry people in the world.

Please don't stop printing Father Greeley's column. His is like "a voice crying in the wilderness." Let's listen to it.

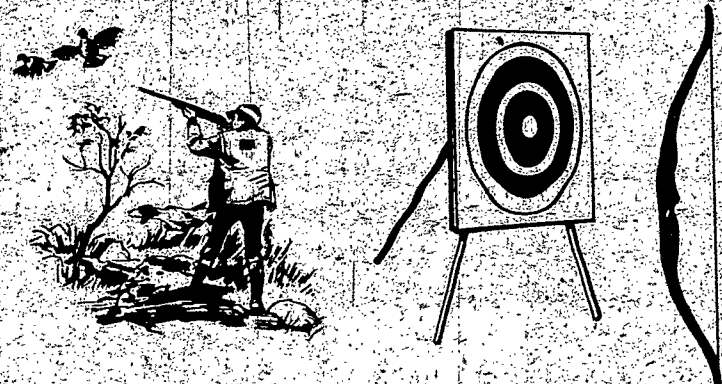
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NDU WOMEN

The Notre Dame Women's Organization will open its 25th year Saturday, Sept. 25, with a cocktail party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartzell of Lansdowne Lane. The Silver Anniversary luncheon, a testimonial to past presidents, will be held Oct. 19 at the Century Club, 566 East Ave.

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Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,
In a letter to you in the Aug. 25 Courier-Journal, a reader asked you to correct some misconceptions, and mentioned Catholic Family Center five times. Not once in your reply did you correct the main misconception: that information on Natural Family Planning should be sought from the Diocesan Office of Family Life whose Director is Father Robert Collins. It is true that both Catholic Family Center and Office of Family Life share space on the same floor and indeed collaborate on many Family Life Programs. We are pleased that the cooperation of the two staffs has enhanced the services offered by both agencies.


Perhaps this will give me the opportunity to inform your readers that Catholic Family Center is a family and children's agency, a member of Catholic Charities and a member of the United Community Chest. Our programs include counseling for problem pregnancies, adoption, foster care, and a group home for adolescent girls, marriage counseling, parent-

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