

More Opinions

Appreciates Ad Service

Editor:

After reading Anne S. Fentemacher's article on "Verification of RG&E's Service Representatives" in the Sept. 15 issue of the Courier Journal, I wish to express my opinion in the following paragraphs:

Being a new home owner, the problem of verifying service representatives and meter readers was answered in the article. It gave me a solid format in asking for identification and strengthened my thoughts that a public utility works for the good of the public.

The picture pass and phone number for verification are a positive means of identification and I hope other public utilities will follow RG&E's policy of recognition of its service people.

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Back Missions, Not UNICEF

Our Catholic missions which embrace this globe direct such projects as irrigation ditches, and systems; medical clinics, food distribution, agricultural assistance, spiritual guidance, youth and advanced education, pre-natal care, library construction, disease and pest control, transportation, fish hatcheries, home service clinics, printing shops, day care, and clothing centers, to name just a few.

May we suggest that our Catholic schools, Catholic religious personnel, and Catholic laymen offer extended support to these truly beautiful people of God and leave the support of UNICEF to those whose morals embrace (or profit from) abortion and sterilization.

UNICEF includes depopulation as a part of their social services; any nation receiving some help

receives depopulation as well. UNICEF does not deny this. They fund and support bizarre abortifacient and sterilization research throughout the world at leading universities.

The Vatican has declared that no Catholic can support or encourage (or propagandize) abortion. So may we suggest that Catholics support the missions instead of UNICEF, as the missions perform ALL the services offered by UNICEF except the destruction of human life and with less advertising.

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Fit Priorities To Liturgy

Editor:

I read with interest Sister Josepha Kennedy's article in the Sept. 29 issue of the Courier Journal.

In fear and trembling, I dare to disagree slightly with Sister.

However, with so many demands on parish monies these days, a mint-condition organ in tip-top repair has to be considered a major expense.

Speaking for our St. Pius X parish is presumptuous, I suppose. But most of our money supports our school. We have sponsored two refugee families, one from Laos, one from Vietnam. Each Sunday our parishioners give to relieve World Hunger.

So, in our churches, where we have the Real Presence, we really don't need silver-tongued orators in the pulpit and high-priced musicians, instruments and choirs. We have all we really need — in the tabernacle. We seem to be in an era of going back to the old, old church. The first 12 of us. I'll bet there wasn't even a good harmonica player in the bunch. And who would have led the singing? Thomas, with his wishy-washy tones? Peter, with his fish-monster voice? They had the Real Presence — and the Good News — and so do we. How much money do we have to spend for the icing on the cake, the tinsel on the tree — which is what our church music is? I'll admit that it would be nice, but is it vital?

As for me, I will continue to play with the ability He gave me on the instrument He loans me. And if I hear a few sour notes, hear a couple of clunking foot pedals and skip over a few notes that don't work, I'll remind myself that a child is being educated, some family has a chance, someone is eating a little bit better with the money that might have otherwise replaced me and my harmonious(?) friend. And the congregation — grins and bears it. Well, bears it, at least!

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AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

One either likes comedienne Nancy Walker or one doesn't. And since the response here to that diminutive actress is negative, I thought it only fair to try to be particularly open-minded in analyzing the merits of her own new show, aptly titled "The Nancy Walker Show" and seen at 9:30 p.m. Thursdays over ABC.

Sooo, the good points: first, Miss Walker happens to be a very talented woman and as an actor's agent she is convincing. Secondly, William Daniels who co-stars as her sea-faring husband is even more talented, having graced the Broadway stage, films and random TV shows for years. End of praise. There is nothing subtle about this new Norman Lear production and the episode I saw went out of its way to irritate with a script that featured an hysterical actress, a neurotic daughter (a show regular played gratingly by Beverly Archer) and a tiresome homosexual (Ken Olson) whose shtick is—in addition to his predilection for the same sex spelling out certain words.

As Nancy's assistant, Olson rooms at her house which causes the returning husband who has an amorous reunion on his mind some consternation.

The ultimate problem, however, may be that it is difficult for the viewer to see Miss Walker in a clinch after years of being exposed to her relative charms as MacMillan's housekeeper, Rhoda's mother and owner of Rosie's diner. Oh well, I still wish her luck. Anytime a middle-aged woman with a face like a boiled potato can rise from second banana to star on her own show there must be something to shout about.

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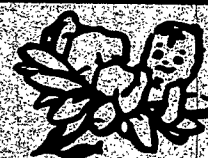
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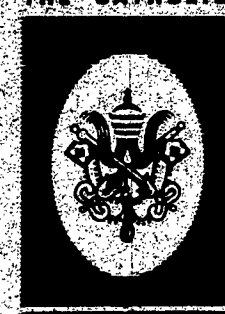
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