

Life, Liberty and Law



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The Unwanting Mother - What Happened? Part I. It makes little sense to fight abortion/sterilization if we ignore primary factors which help create the social conditions in which these evils are cultivated. And it makes even less sense to concentrate joyfully on the visible social symptoms to the exclusion of both the primary factors and abortion/sterilization themselves. But it is wholly senseless to ignore all three — the primary factors, the social symptoms and the abortions.

Fighting abortion tooth and nail with our backs turned on the pregnant mother who suffers the very real pain of unwantedness is myopic. On the other hand if, in our social zeal, we view it as Christian compassion to refer her to a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic (a rather twisted application of the principle of material cooperation, against which Pope Paul VI recently warned all bishops) we have allowed ourselves to become accomplices with the abortion clinic in an act of evil. And although it is probably better to be slightly myopic than it is to be an accomplice in the destruction of even a single innocent human life, there is scant comfort in that.

Underlying the social symptoms — especially the abortions and sterilizations within Catholic families and/or hospitals are many primary factors. Among them are:

1) Sex education which stresses and teaches a "no right/no wrong" humanist attitude as in Walter Imborski's *Becoming A Person* Program (Imborski is a former Catholic priest who, as a member of the Executive Board of SIECUS, wrote the program which is now somewhat less popular in Catholic schools than it was originally); sex education which asks personal intimate questions of young children then punishes them for a refusal to answer; experimental sex education which integrates sex questions into existing school

courses, thereby eliminating parental awareness/guidance/option; and sex education which defines/teaches/stresses the child as a "sexual creature" instead of a creature created in the image and likeness of God with the gift of human sexuality.

2) Values Clarification courses/rap sessions which teach a "no right/no wrong" humanist attitude; those which present slanted/limited information "dilemmas" which encourage illogical conclusions (one cannot help but arrive at illogical conclusions when one receives from the teacher illogical information).

3) Social diversions which draw parents from the home.

4) Pornographic books such as *Show Me* (published by St. Martin's Press), which illustrates graphically oral-genital sex.

5) Experimental education which eliminates a sense of guilt or sin.

6) A naive failure on the part of parents to recognize humanism as a religion, and more importantly, their failure to stop it in the schools.

7) The trend away from the ample teachings of the Vatican. Many Catholic papers carry only brief excerpts. Many Catholic schools do not teach the Vatican positions on masturbation, homosexuality, sterilization, contraception, pre-marital sex and Original Sin. Marc Oraison, the French priest-psychologist who is quoted frequently in *Rochester's Education in Love*, accepts the first five as normal and/or healthy, and rejects the concept of Original Sin.

8) A tolerance which amounts to support in some Catholic circles of such organizations as Planned Parenthood and UNICEF.

To understand the suffering pregnancy, look to what the mother has been taught. To effectively help her through nine difficult months, to save her sanity in later years, to save her unborn baby, we must look to the disciplines of Christ. Many of us have let this slip.

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Dr. Boike has his doctorate from Florida State University in marriage and family counselling and has a

private practice in his field. Tickets are available for \$2 at the door and \$1 in advance from St. Paul's Education Office, 671-2110 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Deaths

Mrs. Slattery, Mother of Nun And Priest

After an extended illness, Margaret M. Slattery, formerly of Paige Street, died on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1976 at St. Ann's Home. A native of County Tipperary in Ireland, Mrs. Slattery was a member of St. Monica Parish from the time of her marriage to the late Michael J. Slattery.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 16 by 11 priests with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, and Father James F. Slattery officiating, at the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Mrs. Slattery is survived by four children: Father Slattery, Sister Jamesetta, SSJ, Mrs. James (Anne) Chatterton, and Mrs. Mark (Jo) Tuohy Jr., as well as 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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