

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

The Unwanting Mother, Part III. He was a Catholic priest. Young, attractive. He was active in youth groups and rap sessions. And one day he accompanied a pregnant Catholic teenager to an abortionist, waited for her and took her home. "It was the only compassionate thing to do," he explained. The single abortion-oriented book he had studied was Catholic intellectual Daniel Callahan's *Abortion: Law, Choice and Morality*. Callahan has been called the founder of the American Catholic Church, and his book is frequently quoted by Catholics who basically dissent from the Vatican Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (7/25/68), the Vatican Declaration on Abortion (11/18/74) and the Vatican Declaration on Sexual Ethics (12/29/75) in an effort to "clarify, accommodate or justify abortion and other secular values." (An effort by the way, that Callahan later said he did not intend.)

It is legal, of course, to destroy unwanted human life. The priest did not act against the law. As it

was not his hand on the surgical instruments, he did not perform the killing deed. He merely lent his support — following, he said, "the principle of material cooperation." (All American bishops have been warned recently by the Vatican against arbitrary application of both the principle of material cooperation and the principle of totality, especially in the areas of abortion and sterilization.) I did not then, nor do I now, intimate that the priest committed a sin as that, thank God, is not my prerogative.

The girl, too, as well as the priest, could justify her actions. With his support, she allowed the abortion but she did not perform it. She was well within the law. According to the United States Supreme Court, a woman can have an abortion if the continued pregnancy might alter her life style. (Supreme Court of the United States, 70-18 & 70-40, Roe v. Wade, Mr. Justice Douglas concurring opinion, page 7.)

The deed itself, the abortion, cannot be reversed. No miracle of man's triumphant technology can replace the tiny human being. No trick of human persuasiveness can erase the priest's decision. And blame will be placed everywhere. That part is easy, some Catholic schools with their silence on the declarations of the Roman Catholic Church and their Values Clarification injections; social pulpits which busily ignore the abortion issue; easy access to contraceptives which encourages sexual activity; Catholic sex education committees and steering committees with emphasis on non-Catholic membership; glossy glaring women's magazines which promote sexual pleasures; pharmaceutical companies and their profits, etc.

But wait a moment. Think about those millions who have demanded abortions and those who have contributed materially or surgically to the abortion binge. How will they handle their moment of awesome truth? For that moment will come. And how will we respond to the "cooperating" priests, parents, doctors, nurses and educators? How will we help the teenagers who once were so unwanted, and the leaders who maintained silence during the time of moral crises? When the sound of a baby's cry initiates in an adult a personal moment of horror what will we say then to reduce his agony?

It will be then — when the truths of human life force a recognition of divine absolutes — it will be then that we will need the graces of the Gospels and the compassion of Almighty God. The Gospels will be our only recourse. I suggest that we study them now in full strength not "with a grain of salt" as one nun suggested. Contrition and repentance are not radical demands of a storybook gospel. They are the necessities for our eternal salvation.

And that after all is why Jesus Christ became man.

NEXT WEEK: Continued

Altobelli to Be Speaker at St. Boniface

Joe Altobelli, recently named manager of the San Francisco Giants, will speak to St. Boniface Men's Club dinner Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Altobelli will be making his first public appearance at the dinner since being named Giants manager. He had been manager of the Rochester-Red Wings since 1971.

Tickets and information may be obtained from Bob Martin-473-3465. The dinner is open to the public.

CRAFT BAZAAR

A Fall Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be held by the Christ the King Rosary Guild Saturday, Nov. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the school hall. The sale of hand-crafted items is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Erika Schmitz. Proceeds will be used by the parish for church decorations and liturgical furnishings.

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Horseheads — In conjunction with the Mission Sunday appeal the students and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School organized a project entitled "Rake Dollars for India."

Sister Elaine Hollis, SSJ and the 7th graders initiated this program where students from grades three through eight solicited raking and other odd jobs from neighbors and relatives. A work contract form was developed and students contributed their contracted pay to the missions.

Sister Delanie, a former Nazareth College of Rochester student, will receive a shipment of common household medical supplies for use among her people in Kerala, India as the result of this effort.

FIRST AID

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and certified Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care card holders or instructors are needed by the Red Cross to help in local Swine Flu immunization clinics. Persons interested in volunteering may contact the Red Cross, 50 Prince St. at 275-9800.

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