

Editorial

Needed: The Tools

Perhaps the most ingenious aspect of the Campaign for Human Development is the fact that it is able to loosen the chains of poverty right here in our own backyard as well as across the nation.

The annual collection, which takes place this coming weekend, Nov. 20-21, is distributed to national campaign headquarters (75 per cent) and locally (25 per cent). A national screening committee studies proposals from across the nation and makes grants — always with the purpose of aiding "self-help" organizations. The local 25 per cent is split up among the 10 regions of the diocese, according to the percentage that each contributes.

What are the CHD criteria for a "self-help" organization? It must have limited access to other sources of funds; it must be working toward financial self-sufficiency; its practices must conform with the moral teachings of the Church; at least 50 per cent of those benefitting from its activities must fall below the poverty level; its project should demonstrate a change from the traditional approaches to poverty by trying to effect some type of institutional change.

In other words, no handouts. Although such charity should not be alien to the Christian, there are other Church agencies established in that regard.

Last year \$104,567 was collected in this diocese. Of that, \$69,014 went to national headquarters; \$33,643 was retained for diocesan use. The other \$12,584 went for administration costs. Incidentally, although the Office of Human Development administers the campaign, it cannot receive any of its grants.

The local amount was distributed across the diocese to such groups as the Chemung County Health Coalition, which works for better health services; the Cayuga County Council of Senior Citizens; the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry; the Kinship Group Home in Steuben County; and others.

These are but examples. This diocese was further blessed this year with a \$98,000 grant from national headquarters for the Para-Legal Strategy to Effect Institutional Change, which will work to provide expertise farmworkers to monitor the U.S. Department of Labor's effort in dealing fairly with farmworkers across the state. Although the project is statewide, the Rochester office was the recipient of the grant.

The national campaign proudly states that "95 cents of each \$1" it received from the 1975 collection "went into self-help grants such as these."

All these facts and figures are strictly in the realm of accountability to you, the contributor. They are but cold symbols in contrast to the lives that have been touched, changed, uplifted; the hope reopened, the dignity restored, the opportunity to function meaningfully within society.

Members of the projects helped by CHD have remarked of their progress, "We did it together." Some of these projects are the refurbishing of an entire neighborhood in Cleveland, an organized fight to combat the causes and effects of brown lung disease among mill workers in South Carolina, an Hispanic Organizing Project in New Jersey. And there are many, many others.

"We did it together" includes not only CHD and the individual projects but also you, the contributor. You start the ball rolling and your donation this weekend will keep it progressing.

The Campaign for Human Development serves a second major purpose — it keeps all of us aware of the poverty that does indeed exist not only in what may appear to some as remote pockets across the nation, but also right in our own diocese. This lesson may be painful to accept but once it is, it is gratifying to realize that the Campaign for Human Development already exists to deal effectively with the conditions causing such problems. But it needs the tools to do the job.

Opinion

Detroit Planks Criticized

Editor:

Concerning the recent Liberty and Justice for All Conference in Detroit: Who selected the delegates from our diocese and whom did they represent? Did the lay members have voting power equal to that of the bishops? (We hope not.) Did the priests and nuns have voting power equal to that of the bishops? (We hope not.) Was there a representative from the Pro-Life groups? Was anyone representative of the laymen struggling to teach Natural Family Planning? Did anyone from the Rochester diocese speak against women in the priesthood?

We found that the plank on Human Sexuality used terminology which more closely resembled that of AASECT than the Vatican. AASECT is a sex education organization with Albert Ellis, William Genne, Sol Gordon (who wrote the filthy Sex-Comix published by Syracuse University and distributed by many Planned Parenthood clinics), Warren Johnson, Harold Lief, David Mace, Walter Stokes and Wardell Pomeroy (who wrote the filthy books *Girls & Sex* and *Boys & Sex*) on their Advisory Board. All of these people are either Humanist and/or SIECUS members.

With all due respect to the many hours of prayer and preparation expended by the Rochester delegation we hope that they voted with the above facts in mind, and that they voted with the Vatican declarations as their standards of decency. The social doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church have always been based on the avoidance of evil.

We did not find the social doctrines echoed in the proposed planks.

Thank you,

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Intercommunion Suggestion

Editor:

In the Oct. 27 issue of the *Courier-Journal*, the question of intercommunion was raised by Father Paul Cuddy in his weekly column. I am grateful to Father for his deep respect and love for the sacrament of the Eucharist and for his mention of the 1972 Vatican document issued by the Secretariat for Christian Unity entitled: "Instruction concerning Cases When Other Christians May Be Admitted

to Eucharistic Communion in the Catholic Church."

At this time, however, I would like to remind Catholics within our diocese that it is clearly because the conditions of the Instruction are subject to interpretation that the document "allows fairly wide discretionary power to the episcopal authority in judging whether the necessary conditions are present for these exceptional cases."

We are blessed, as indeed many dioceses are, with a well-stated pastoral instruction on Intercommunion. Bishop Hogan, in response to many requests on this subject and with the advice and support of the Diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, issued his instruction on Oct. 1, 1975 and requested that it be inserted in the Diocesan Guidelines and Policies binder.

To accurately and sensitively understand the question of intercommunion within our everincreasing sharings with other Christians, I suggest that concerned people study and reflect on our Diocesan Guidelines and Policies for Intercommunion. Each parish has a complete set of these pastoral instructions to facilitate frequent use by the local parish community.

John Cardinal Willebrands, in a note approved by the Holy Father and authorized by him for publication, stated: "We express the hope that the ecumenical movement will lead to a common profession of faith among Christians, and so allow us to celebrate the Eucharist in ecclesial unity, giving fulfillment to the words: 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.' (1 Cor. 10:17)"

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Schools Get 'Lip Service'

Editor:

Hooray for Kenneth O'Loane! His outspoken letter (C.J., Oct. 20) gives courage to those of us who have become disgusted with the "lip service" afforded to our Catholic Schools System.

The synopsis of the recommendations of the NCCB in the *Courier-Journal* of Sept. 29, including the five "planks" under education was really no surprise. It is a prime example of the aforementioned "lip service." It sometimes takes the form of ignoring the troubling Catholic School supporters.

Mr. O'Loane mentions the State Federation of Catholic School Parents. Said group is part of the

National Federation of Catholic School Parents, which is distinctly a lay organization. Perhaps the time is opportune for the *Courier-Journal* to investigate and advise its readers of this organization, its purpose and functions.

I might add that I appreciate the comments of Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, superintendent of schools, concerning the Urban Catholic Ministry Task Force and "consolidation" (Oct. 20, *Courier-Journal*).

However, said comments infer only that no definite plan has been formed and approved.

I had the opportunity to attend several Education Committee and Catholic Schools Sub Committee meetings of the North Region last year. A great deal of time, investigation and discussion was afforded to the future of Catholic Schools in the North Region. At the conclusion of these discussions, I was thoroughly convinced that "consolidation" in the very near future, was inevitable unless positive steps are taken very soon.

I wonder what the opinions of members of the other Regional Education Committees might be?

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NFP Training In Hornell

Editor:

Residents of the Southern Tier will be pleased to know that, in addition to Father Egan's pamphlet on Natural Family Planning, (C.J. 9-22), classroom instruction on NFP is now available in Hornell.

P.E.A.N. Workshop offers classes for married and engaged couples who wish to plan their families without the use of artificial contraceptives. The program consists of one instruction class, a followup and review session five weeks later and additional counseling as needed.

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