



CWC Singers

Adele Kent (left) and Ruth Fleischman will entertain the members of the Catholic Women's Club with songs from the musical Sound of Music, at a special meeting of the organization slated for Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in St. Ann's Home auditorium. Residents of the home and The Heritage will be the special guests at the program. A social hour will follow. Reservations are required. Further information is available through the CWC office, 277-9173.

Life, Liberty and Law

Nancy Murphy

For the most part Catholic parents are unaware of any but the most simplistic explanations of Values Clarification (it can be presented superficially in a most appealing and attractive way). Until one studies it, one does not see the chilling realities. In order to contribute to parental understanding of VC, I continue to share with you what I have found. This is the third in a series. Back copies are available for a stamped self-addressed envelope to me: P.O. Box 8450 Rochester, New York 14618.

I quote from Moral Development, A Guide to Piaget and Kohlberg by Catholic educators Duska and Whelan and published by the Paulist Press which also publishes Education in Love (a sex education series co-authored by a former priest and a member of the AAECT Advisory Committee, often used in Catholic schools in place of Vatican declarations). Two words are of importance here: heteronomy and autonomy. Webster defines heteronomy as a subordination to laws not of our own making; autonomy is defined as the possession of moral self-determination, a superiority of the individual in matters of faith and morality.

Duska and Whelan favor VC. (Page 14): "From about age 6 or 7, opportunities for peer cooperative activity will facilitate development of mutual respect and a movement out of heteronomous obedience. Duty is heteronomous obedience." (Page 25): "A moral education program in the family or school is shortsighted if its goal is compliance to rules. Setting rule compliance as a moral goal actually hinders moral development because (it) prolongs the period of moral realism where a child

does not subject rules to the critical examination necessary to gain his (moral) autonomy." (Page 34): "Justice has no meaning except as something above authority. At the lowest stage (of thinking) justice is what is law or what is commanded by an adult. At the next stage, equality overrules obedience; if commands are unfair, the children who are commanded should not carry them out. The child governed by considerations of equality may obey (or disobey) the command; any obedience (must be) self-chosen."

The Paulist publication then describes a contrived dilemma wherein a father, after promising his son Joe a camping trip if Joe saved the money, asks the boy to give him the money instead so the father could go fishing. Three teenagers were asked to read the dilemma to judge if Joe should give the money to his father. (Page 37): "Lynn, a 12-year-old, recognized the father's demand as unfair but felt the boy ought to give the money to his father to be nice. Peter, a 13-year-old, responded from a stage-two mentality: Joe should refuse. Jimmy, a 14-year-old, thinks Joe should give the money to his father as the father has the right to ask for it." The Catholic authors then denounce Jimmy as "a low stage in authority-justice relationships, retarded in his moral development. He (still) operates under a morality of constraint where things should be done because an adult commands them, and this is bound to cause problems for him in school and at home... he is probably from a very authoritarian family-structure."

(Page 39): "The most serious obstacle to moral development is the child's respect for and dependence on adults because it results in a morality of submission to their rules... (the child) must learn to internalize motivating principles." (Page 41): "The child (must) free himself from the influence of external forces (until) he is autonomous in his moral judgments."

That's Catholic teaching? No, it's Values Clarification.

Next Week: From Piaget to Kohlberg... it gets worse.

U.S. Dialogue Cautious About Statement

New Orleans (RNS) — Members of the U.S. Episcopal-Roman Catholic dialogue have issued an "initial response" to the recent statement on church authority by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. The ARCIC statement envisions "the see of Rome" exercising a unique pastoral position in a reunion of Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

The U.S. dialogue members said the statement "has been received with gratitude... but only an initial discussion was possible" at the regular dialogue meeting here. Comparing the statement on authority with previous statements on eucharist and ministry (the Windsor and Canterbury Statements), the U.S. theologians noted that the earlier documents "expressed areas of sub-

stantial agreement in matters of faith and practice already present in the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions... the principles in the recent statement, on the other hand, may not be fully reflected or even recognizable to all readers in the practice of either of our Churches at the present time."

The U.S. statement also

notes that the Venice statement (the latest ARCIC report) "treats questions of episcopate (oversight) and primacy more fully than certain other expressions of authority more directly involving laity and clergy (e.g. in the Episcopal Church, vestries, standing committees, conventions; in the Catholic Church, parish councils, diocesan pastoral councils, priests senates and national advisory bodies)."

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Assets	December 31,	
	1976	1975
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 110,975,147	\$ 165,693,137
Time Deposits	17,017,779	51,016,404
Investment Securities:		
United States Government	65,582,601	58,761,986
States & Political Subdivisions	95,976,031	98,072,007
Other	4,267,673	6,986,837
Total Investment Securities	165,826,305	163,820,830
Short Term Funds Loaned	165,312,174	62,200,000
Loans And Leases Less Unearned Discount:		
Commercial	232,735,364	239,725,605
Mortgage	248,420,820	254,910,078
Installment	197,766,816	183,168,781
Total Loans	678,923,000	677,804,464
Direct Lease Financing	7,416,252	7,363,142
Total Loans And Leases	686,339,252	685,167,606
Lease Losses	5,775,643	6,757,557
Total Loans And Leases Net Of Reserve	680,563,609	678,410,049
Bank Premises and Equipment	22,340,007	20,196,880
Capitalized Lease	31,515,151	
Accrued Interest Receivable	13,666,478	13,865,216
Other Assets	12,069,348	13,019,702
Total Assets	\$1,219,285,998	\$1,168,222,218

Liabilities

Liabilities	December 31,	
	1976	1975
Deposits:		
Demand	\$ 486,279,340	\$ 501,468,865
Savings	445,134,967	384,465,436
Other Time	76,085,616	120,904,877
Total Deposits	1,007,499,923	1,006,839,178
Short Term Funds Borrowed	81,095,096	69,103,536
Accrued Taxes, Expenses & Other Liabilities	11,585,967	14,952,726
Capitalized Lease Obligation	31,920,695	
Capital Notes	7,410,000	7,780,000
Total Liabilities	1,139,511,681	1,098,675,440
Shareholders' Equity		
Common Stock	37,500,000	32,000,000
Capital Surplus	25,000,000	21,000,000
Retained Earnings	17,274,317	16,546,778
Total Shareholders' Equity	79,774,317	69,546,778
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$1,219,285,998	\$1,168,222,218
Book Value of Assets Under Trust and Investment Division Administration	\$2,126,104,588	\$2,060,888,601
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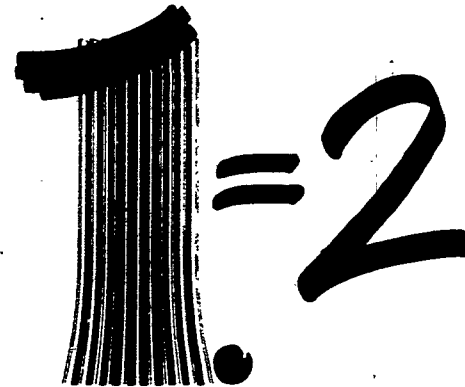
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