



"WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MENTION THE FROSTBITE HE GOT IN MIAMI!"

# Opinion

## From 1 Council To Another

**Editor:**  
Congratulations from all of us at Council 272 in Geneva to the K. of C. Home in Hornell for having the 4th Degree in honor of Bishop James E. Kearney on Saturday, April 23.

My wife and I are looking forward with great anticipation and hope to see and greet all our friends and relatives in Hornell.

We know that as in the past the Hornell K. of C. will do a tremendous job; we hope that we at Council 272 may be able to initiate a 4th Degree of our own in the future.

Our Score 77 members drive is relentless in our effort to meet our quota. On Feb. 24, we initiated 21 new members to our 1st Degree and 28 members into the 2nd Degree. We also are looking forward to our Knighthood Degree on May 22.

I'm hoping all our brother knights will sign a new member for our council. Increased membership means increased benefits to our church, community, youth and nation.

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## Fully God, Fully Man

**Editor:**  
Msgr. Shannon, in attempting to explain a modern understanding of the two natures of Christ (Courier-Journal, 2-23-77) begins with the question: what do we mean when we make the two-fold assertion that Jesus was fully human and fully divine? This has always been and always will be one of the greatest teaching mysteries of the Church. It is impossible to our human minds to fully comprehend the true meaning of this mystery.

Msgr. Shannon rejects what he refers to as the "false image" that Church teaching creates. But people create their own images. I've never imagined Church teaching to imply what he says it implies. I don't recall Church teaching omitting that Jesus "learned" suffering by experiencing it. Msgr. Shannon seems to imply that Jesus was divine only in His sinlessness, thereby committing the same error, in reverse, he accuses the Church of committing. But the Church has always insisted on Jesus' full divinity and His full humanity — except for sin.

As God, He had full knowledge of temptation, exhaustion, boredom, pain, grief, sorrow, passion, sexual desire and all other

human emotions. But until He lowered Himself by becoming human, He never experienced these as human conditions.

By making Himself like us He enabled Himself to feel these emotions as we all feel them. His sharing of these two natures made His "learning" experience all the more difficult. As God, there was nothing He did not know. He did not need to experience these trials, but accepted them as human "learning" experienced out of His unrequited love for us! How much greater the pain and suffering must have been for Him with His perfect knowledge, all the while knowing that, as God, He need not be going through all this.

And Jesus never stopped loving us! His passionate love for us make His sacrifices all the greater since He knew all along that many would reject his love in spite of his sufferings on our behalf!

So Jesus did "learn" obedience in the school of suffering. He learned by human experience what His divine nature already gave Him knowledge of. His Church has always taught this! Praise God!

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## A Devil? Of Course

**Editor:**  
I was really disturbed by the answers to the questions in RapAround, "Is there a devil," March 16, 1977.

Are these professed Catholics giving these answers or are they just students at Bishop Kearney High School?

These students show a lack of understanding concerning free will. There are many circumstances which develop a person's conscience and the person can form a good conscience or a bad conscience. Society can also influence how this conscience is developed. I do not have the space to go into the theology of the problem concerning good and evil.

It is a matter of our Faith that there is a devil, a very superior fallen angel and he has many with him. First you must accept the fact that God created very intelligent beings we call angels and some refused to obey God. These fallen angels try to interfere with our eternal salvation but they cannot force us to do anything against our own free will. These students are giving Satan power over us and show that they do not comprehend who God is and that no created being has power over Him (God).

God allows us to be tempted. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, in His humanity, allowed himself to be tempted. Jesus Christ is to be our example on how to combat the snares of the devil. We are to love God with our whole hearts, our whole minds, and our whole strength.

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## Statements 'Puzzling'

**Editor:**  
I find Msgr. William Shannon's article

# School Officials Hit City Board Plan

**Editor:**  
Open letter to City School District Board of Education.

We strongly oppose the tentative decision made by the Board of Education, Tuesday, March 29, endorsing a proposal to stop paying for busing students to private and parochial schools outside the city. Our opposition is based on the following:

1. This action represents another roadblock put in the path of the constitutional right of parents to send their children to a school of their choice.

2. City residents who already pay city school district taxes plus school tuition are faced with the possible added burden of financing transportation to their child's parochial school. This seems to impose a penalty on someone who lives in the city.

3. The fact that the first major cut suggested by the Board of Education affects the parochial school child who already receives only very minimal financial assistance. Rather than examining external programs perhaps the internal core expenses of city school district could be more closely evaluated (i.e., a saving of \$14,767 by simply buying cheaper breakfast trays).

4. This presentation by the Board of Education was made without any prior communication to the Diocesan Education Office which violates the open

Humanness of Christ (Courier-Journal 2/2/77) most puzzling to say the least. It appears to me that the Church teaches one thing and Msgr. Shannon teaches another on Christology.

At the onset, we all must surely agree that our Blessed Lord has two natures, one human and the other divine, which were united hypostatically to the one Person (suppositum) of Christ, Who worked through either nature as he deemed necessary. This one Person is, of course, God Himself, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. Thus we say at every Mass we participate in, "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, one in being with the Father." Our Lord could thus say of his divine nature, "The Father and I are one," and He could say of his human nature, "The Father is greater than I." Hence the two natures are mentioned, yet there is but one Person uttering them, God Himself. Grasping this, I cannot reconcile the fact how Father Shannon can assert that our Lord's sinlessness could not have existed "without a truly human struggle." If this were so, then we could ascribe a defect in God himself. But this is not possible. We have from the Council of Chalcedon the infallible statement, "He is perfect in both his divinity and in his humanity." Moreover, from the Second Council of Constantinople, we have, "He was filled with grace and holiness from the moment of his incarnation." Therefore, from these two truths alone one must admit that our Lord had no sinful temptations to overcome. And when looked at in depth, we learn that the only temptations were by Satan from without, to keep Him from the cross. Thus we

communication that has existed with the City School District in the past.

5. A major point that needs to be clarified and understood is that the State of New York reimburses the school district for up to 90 per cent of its transportation costs, the payment being made the following year. What this means is that in actuality the district would only be paying approximately \$44,000 for providing this transportation service. The initial outlay of \$441,185 would be made in 1977-78 but approximately \$397,000 would be reimbursed to the city school district by the state the following year.

We are united in our opposition to this proposal and urge reconsideration for the sake of preserving the American principle of freedom of choice for all.

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read in St. Luke, "When the devil had finished all his temptations, he left him to await another opportunity." These opportunities lasted for the next three years.

Msgr. Shannon also mentions that the beatific vision and infused knowledge of our divine Lord was a "fabrication of theologians." Now, this is a truly remarkable statement to make. In his attack against the Modernists, St. Pius X listed 65 errors that were incompatible with the Catholic faith. The 35th one reads, "Christ did not always possess the consciousness of His messianic dignity." Moreover, Pope Benedict XV continued against this heresy with, "From the beginning, it (Christ's soul) knew in the Word all things past, present and future; in a word, that it knew all things which God knows by the knowledge of vision." Pope Pius XII also states, "For hardly was He conceived in the womb of the Mother of God when He began to enjoy the beatific vision." Hence there can be no doubt on the knowledge of our Lord, whether by the beatific vision or supernaturally infused. It is also worth of note that these "theologians" and their "fabrications" are none other than the Supreme Pontiffs, saints, or both.

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## Editorial

# Happy New Year!

Probably what the world doesn't need is another "new year." We already have the start of the Church year with Advent; the traditional Jan. 1 fiscal year; the Chinese new year; the Hebrew new year, and, as if to make sure no date is missed, the anniversaries of the birth of each of us.

But in spite of all of that, and at theological risk, we suggest that we perhaps miss the most important "new year's day" of all — Easter Sunday. The day when we celebrate the greatest news event of all history; the resurrection of Jesus, abounds with metaphorical and factual lessons. Not only is there the explicit meaning of Christ's rebirth and our own but nature itself joins the rhythm. The hills indeed are alive with the music, as are the trees, the flowers, the full streams, the birds, the tiny insects (yes, the grubs), and even us. Literally and figuratively it is a beginning, a source, a liftoff into a whole new year of opportunity.

So, please excuse us, but we are unable to refrain from exploding, "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

# Cancer Mass

Father Joseph W. Dailey at Corpus Christi Church has come up with a most fortuitous and simple idea, a Mass devoted to the building of hope in the face of that sinister and so far unconquerable disease, cancer.

The first such Mass at Corpus Christi took place on Cancer Sunday with the entire liturgy devoted to the uplifting of the spirit of those victimized personally, the families of victims, or anyone interested in the cause of combating cancer. The cause is just and the response was gratifying — a "full house" with people coming not only from throughout the diocese but also from Syracuse and Buffalo.

The Mass was not a fund-raiser but devoted strictly to the spiritual aspect of the fight against the disease. The American Cancer Society assisted the parish and apparently feels this approach is a worthwhile weapon in the arsenal for the war against disease.

In all, a worthwhile, workable and important service and one which could easily be copied at other parishes on an annual basis.

# Thanks, U.S.A.

At a recent off-the-record dialogue with the press, the Iranian ambassador to the United States, Ardeshir Zahidi, revealed some of the amazing details of the Hanafi-hostage saga in Washington, D.C.

Because Mr. Zahidi asked no publicity on the matter, we cannot go into the matter but we feel we can pass along some of the lesson he imparted to the press.

When thanked for his role in saving the 136 hostages, the ambassador quickly responded, "No, it is you Americans who should be thanked. Day in and day out, year after year, you do things for everyone else and then almost refuse thanks. It is you wonderful Americans who deserve the thanks of the world."

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