

More Opinions

'Bravo' to Fr. Faddoul!

Editor:

I say Bravo to Father Salem Faddoul for his letter in the Courier-Journal, April 27. It's about time that some priest, any priest, told it "like it is." Except for the heinous crime of abortion, too long has the Church pushed aside morals and doctrine for "mamby-pamby" ideas of love and rights.

I sometimes wonder if certain people know the true meaning of love. It's just about time that we put just as much emphasis on God's justice and doctrine as we do on His love. Speaking of love, didn't Jesus say "He who does the will of my Father is my brother, my sister and my mother"?

If we want true love, let's strive to do the will of the Father, as expressed through the wishes of the Holy Father. Even though perhaps not infallible, the Pope's statements are still the ordinary means of teaching faith and morals, based on centuries of tradition and scripture.

As an example, our Pope says no to the ordination of women, and our bishop turns around and favors women's ordination. What kind of example and leadership is this?

I truly feel, in spite of the Church's exhortation at Lent time that "deny yourself and take up your cross daily" such is fast becoming passe.

Paying attention to the declarations of our Holy Father (who is really Christ speaking as head of the Church), even though what he says may go against the grain, is in reality denying oneself and taking up a cross.

Not all who plead "yea, yea, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but "he who does the will of my Father."

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Questions For Readers

Editor:

The religious orders that were started years ago and now have the nuns of today were started for specific purposes. One for seeing that the children were given a religious education, another for nursing the sick, another for taking care of orphans, etc. The women who were inspired by God to start these orders also realized it was necessary for them to live in communities so that they could have their own chapel and different services to keep them close to their Source of energy.

Today the Catholic schools are being closed. The Catholic hospitals are being closed and even some of our priests are advocating birth control as there is no one to take care of the orphans. Why are the

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Catholic schools closing? They can't afford to keep open because they have to pay lay people to teach, there are no nuns to run them. The same goes for the hospitals, no nurses among our nuns to nurse the sick. Where are all of our nuns? What are they doing? For that matter, where are all our priests? What are they doing? They are living in their own apartments, driving their own cars, going to parties, going to Detroit to fight for women to be priests.

We never minded supporting our diocese while nuns were doing the things they were meant to do and priests as well. But we are beginning to feel like those who are refusing to pay their income taxes because they don't believe in supporting military buildup, abortions or whatever goes against their consciences. We don't feel that we want to support a diocese when the money goes for things which we don't care to support. Apartments, cars, liquor, cigarettes, trips for way-out liberal people. The only solution we have come up with is to send our offerings to someone like Mother Theresa of Calcutta or some other real spiritual organization so that we do not neglect the support of our own Roman Catholic Church. Are we wrong? If someone out there can convince us that we are, we would like their comments.

A Time To Listen

Editor:

I believe in growth and expansion and change but have been concerned as I read the Courier lately about the means used to effect these changes. My concern became acute as I read the May 11 issue. The word "action" appeared so many times and controversial subjects were debated in such "impressive" human arguments

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that my mind is bogged and my spirit heavy.

Are we so impressed by our own words and activities, so driven by our own desires, so motivated to change, that, like the Zealots, we have stopped listening to each other, stopped listening to the "still, small voice" of our Creator? The clamoring Zealots missed out in this way. Have we lost our belief that the simple prayer of faith will move mountains - and if mountains, certainly men? I fear our petty "actions" will "act" us off the planet and out of heaven.

I see a resemblance in the

handling of these controversial matters to the time of the Reformation when men lost patience and took it upon themselves to activate change. If men had trusted in the action of God through their prayer, rest and waiting, the painful separation of Christians may well have been avoided. And here we are, after many valuable history lessons, in the name of peace, unity and change making the same activist mistakes all over again.

Lovingly submitted in Jesus, our Brother,

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God... HE Is Good

Editor:

In regard to the article by Adelita Menges - "God as Mother" - which appeared in the Courier-Journal May 4. In my opinion, this article is a lot of nonsense. A father, when a mother is not present can act as mother and father, and vice versa. The points that Adelita stressed in her article do not convince me that God is feminine. But he is good, kind and loving to us all.

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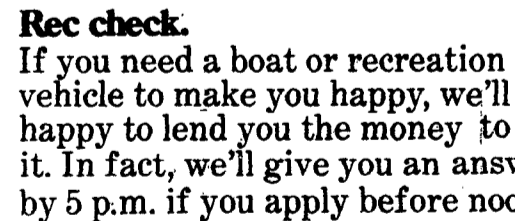
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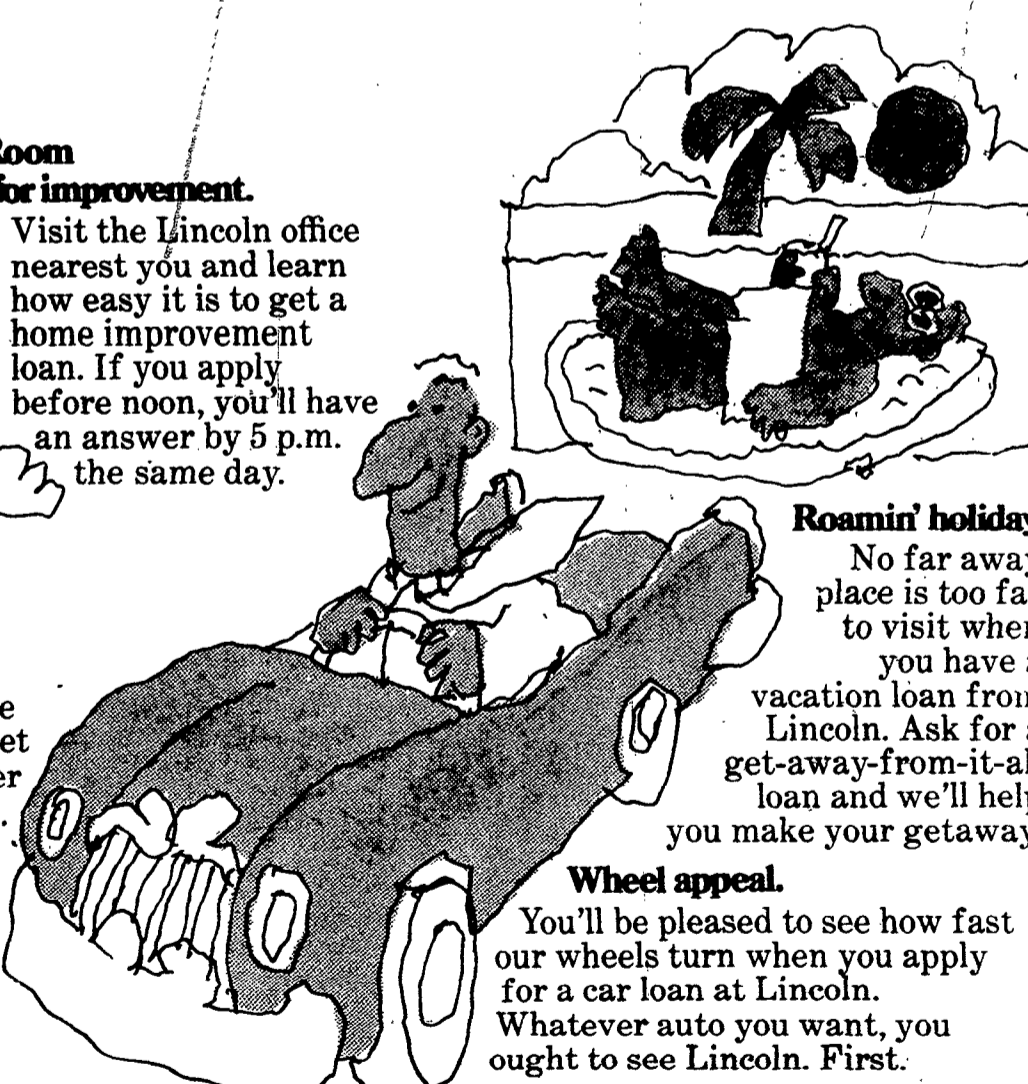
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