

# More Opinions

## Support Urged

**Editor:**  
I urge full support of Bill 2016A-2461 now in the Education Committee of the State Assembly that would allow parents to remove their children from sex education classes in the public schools.

The present family living-sex education-health curricula are taught without sufficient regard for the varied stages in the psycho-sexual development of children. It is probable that private efforts of parents to remove their children from offensive portions of certain

of these classes will be canceled out in a few years by the expansion of the competency tests required at certain levels of high school. At present, these tests are limited to reading and math, but health curriculum is scheduled for inclusion.

Public schools must be made to reflect the true pluralism in American society. The teacher must have respect for the families represented before him in the classroom. Catholics form a good part of this pluralism and the public schools should not offend against us.

There are thousands of Catholic parents who have made the choice for public

education for our children for spiritual reasons as well as economic reasons. Parents of children in Catholic schools locally do not have a choice of avoiding similar programs of sex education. In all too many instances Catholic religious education in Catholic schools has been pitifully compromised. I make these statements after having examined Catholic curricula.

Here is a chance for all of us Catholic parents to unite in regaining our natural right to exercise control over the education of our children. For if we public school parents succeed in regaining control through this bill, it will be a big boost for Catholic school parents to extend their rights within the private school system. And, remember, we all pay for the public schools! Make your tax dollars count.

The sponsor of the Senate Bill (2016) is Norman Levy. The bill passed the Senate. The sponsor of the Assembly bill (2461) is Assemblyman Flanagan. The head of the Education Committee is Assemblyman Stavisky. Please! Let us work together for our children.

**Judith B. Echaniz**  
(Mrs. Jose M.)  
347 Barrington St.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607

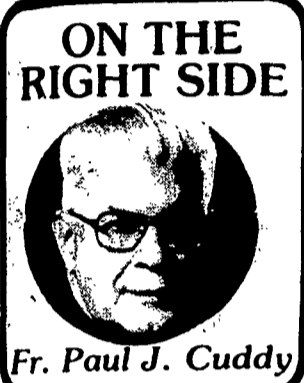
Once he gets a pen in his hand, his adrenaline glands begin to act up, and a fierce spirit of antagonism toward the Pope and Rome seizes his soul. It was this spirit that brought us together in contestation 10 years ago.

Yet his Avon parish is a surprisingly traditional and orthodox parish. The church is like a lovely village church of 20 years ago. Vigil lights glow in front of the statues of the Sacred Heart, Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Agnes, and even St. Anthony. (Large, \$1.50; small, 25¢.) Bingo nets about \$600 a week.

The Blessed Sacrament is in the place of honor, elevated atop the center of the sanctuary, while the presidential chair rests modestly on the sanctuary floor level. The celebration of Mass follows the liturgical regulations of the Roman rite. A fine adult chorale sings at the noon Mass, giving musical quality and a regard for tradition. A talented and more flamboyant Folk Group gives zest to the 10:30 Mass which many find spiritually profitable.

The parish school has nearly 200 engaging children. It is significant that the Sisters wear the veil in the class room, at the pastor's request. I wonder how he managed that. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "The habit is a visible sign of religious dedication." Sisters Patricia and Myra and faculty certainly are dedicated. I tested the 5th grade and every child knew the Act of Contrition, the Angel of God, and the traditional Morning Offering. How many Catholic schools or CCD groups do you know which can match that? The Sunday School is coordinated by an earnest Angelo LoCurto. He and his fine staff of teachers are no wild-eyed radicals, and have evident good success. A beautifully kept cemetery is a consolation to the parishioners.

I think that most of the parishioners regard the theological effusions of their pastor which appear in the Courier with a puzzled tolerance. His personal kindness and solicitude for his people make him well regarded. Grass Roots Catholics have retained a loyalty to the priesthood and to their pastors, which is a gracious fruit of traditional Catholicism. For this let us bless God; and let us hope that the kindness which the pastor of Avon has for his flock will soon extend to Our Holy Father, and even to the Roman Curia. Thank you for writing."



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

### ON THE RIGHT SIDE

**From an out-of-diocese priest:**

"The March 16 Courier Journal arrived. I wonder if you had the same queasy feeling I did in the juxtaposition of pictures of yourself and Father Atwell as 'The Odd Couple'... I thought of Father Leonard Kelly's sincere letter on Father Atwell's column against the Pope. He wanted to know how long this scandalous situation would go on. Well, if that editorial means what I think it meant, the scandal is going to go on for a long time... Fr. Kelly realizes that laypeople can read too. And they look for consistency or intellectual honesty among the clergy...."

### Reply—after two weeks caring for the Avon parish.

"In June 1957 I was driving home from Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas, to civilian life. Night was falling as I came to Waverly, so I stopped and asked for hospitality at St. James Rectory. Father Stuart Hogan was the pastor. As long as I can remember, Fr. Hogan has been having contestations with the Bishop's office. June 1957 was no exception. I remarked: 'Father Stuié, You always seem to be at loggerheads with the Chancery.' He chuckled: 'There just seems to be something about the Chancery that every time I come near it, a great spirit of antagonism takes over my soul.' That's priceless. May I quote you?' 'I'll be glad to have you.'

### MIDDLE EAST

A lecture program sponsored by the Womens Interfaith Coalition will continue next Wednesday, May 18, at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., with a slide presentation on religious traditions in the Middle East by P.M. Michele Daviau. On May 25, at Holy Name Church in Greece, there will be a panel discussion on Culture and the Role of Women in the Middle East. The meetings run from 11 a. m. until 1 p.m., and participants are asked to bring lunch.

## SID Meeting Scheduled

The Genesee Valley Chapter of the National Foundation for Sudden Infant Death has scheduled a business meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 at St. John the Evangelist School, 549 Humboldt St., Rochester.

Following the meeting, Dr. Werner Halpern of Rochester General Hospital will talk on grieving and the grief process. He is a psychiatrist and will answer questions and offer advice on coping with the difficult times associated with sudden infant death.

Anyone in need of transportation to the meeting should contact Arlene Clifton at 225-4652.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

For years we Americans have been told how well off we are in comparison to those in other countries. But we don't always listen.

Sometimes it takes the personal experiences of a friend or acquaintance or someone else whose values and standards and life style approximate your own to make you sit up and take notice.

In the past few weeks our family has been educated to the realities of life for the people who live to the south of us, from Selma, Ala., to Brazil.

We have been listening to the tapes sent back by the diocesan party headed by Bishop Hogan; we have read the stories and studied the photos which have appeared in the Courier-Journal.

From the youngest to the oldest, we have been appalled. Eyewitness reports about families who live out their lives under bridges in lieu of any other shelter, of the children fortunate to be given one meal a day, of a church soup kitchen which has only enough money to feed so few of the many hungry people who come to its doors, of disease that triumphs because of the combination of poverty and ignorance, of life so mean and narrow we can hardly comprehend it.

Throughout the reports, a ribbon of courage, love and

dedication wends its way through the horrors. It is the work of the sisters and priests of this diocese who share in the misery of the poor and hold out the only hope possible for so many deprived souls.

Listening to the reports, the little anecdotes, it is impossible to keep the symbols of our own American affluence from beating us about the ears in reproach.

As I heard one story about a homeless child fighting off a pig that was attempting to eat from the child's own plate of slop, I thought of the millions of us in this country who embark daily on a new high protein fad diet to reduce the flab.

Pictures of half-naked youngsters brought to mind the children of America who not only insist on \$15 denim pants but who sneer if the familiar orange tag is not attached to the back pocket.

I thought of already well-dressed women coveting a cotton knit wrap dress with \$3 worth of material in it but a price tag of \$80 accompanying the designer label.

I thought of custom-made golf clubs, the \$75 tennis sneakers, the brand name whiskey ordered at the bar, the futile dreams purchased in a cosmetics kit of basics at "only \$52.50 plus tax."

By the time this column is in print Mission Sunday will have come and gone. If for any reason your family failed to contribute or if you feel you really could give a little more or if you can see your way clear to doing without the hair-do, the choice bottle of wine or the new record album this week send your gift to the diocesan Missions Office, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

## Business in the Diocese

Kreag Donovan of San Gabriel Drive, a lawyer in practice here for 20 years, has been chosen as "boss of the year" by the local chapter of the National Secretaries Association. He is on the boards of directors of Rochester General Hospital, Rochester Mental Health Center and the Catholic Family Center and formerly served on the Catholic Charities board. He is a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School and is a member of the firm of Harris, Beach, Wilcox, Rubin and Levey. His secretary is Grace G. Calarco, an active member of St. Philip Neri parish.

### DOLL HOUSE

A doll house made by a local craftsman and furnished by the Young at Heart Seniors will be featured at the Holy Family parish festival June 3 and 4.

## Columnist Thanked

Editor:

Last week I called Nancy Murphy for details on some of the printed materials which she has been listing in her column, Life, Liberty and Law. Mrs. Murphy sent us her own typewritten bibliography with comments on the availability and prices of the items listed. The list has been turned over to our acquisitions librarian, and when we have obtained some of these things, I expect they will be extremely valuable in our work with students who need this kind of information.

Thanks to Nancy Murphy and her zeal for locating and disseminating the facts, the commentaries and the explanations of the experts on solutions to the problem of world hunger.

**Edward J. Hannan**  
Head Reference Librarian  
St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, N.Y.

## St. Joseph's Hospital

Editor:

I was born in Elmira. Back in the great depression days of the early thirties, I was a young girl going to school there and many people were out of work. It was hard times, but I remember St. Joseph's Hospital was helping out by giving hot food to many people out of work.

Now, I protest the possible closing of their obstetrical unit because my tax dollars go into New York State too, as you know.

**Helen Ruhmel**  
107 Short Hills Drive  
Horseheads, NY 14845

**Hicks**  
Home Heating Inc.  
271-7414 271-4650

**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**

# Grand Opening

**OF CLOVER POOL'S  
2 STORY SHOWROOM AT 1612 E. RIDGE RD.**

10 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY SERVICE POLICY

**ORDER YOUR POOL NOW AND SAVE**

15 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY AND CONSUMER SERVICE POLICY

**SEE OUR WEEKDAY & SUNDAY HOURS BELOW**

SPARCO

**For Those People Whose Pool Didn't Make It Thru This Winter**

**CLOVER IS OFFERING ITS SUPER POOL ONLY SALE**

EXTRUDED ALUMINUM  
**24' ONLY**  
Add Salesman For Special Cash Discount

**\$698**  
Reg. 750

**NOW OPEN**

**Clover Pool West**  
1227 Ridgeway Ave.  
254-0300  
(6 POOLS ON DISPLAY)

**Clover Pool East**  
1612 E. Ridge Rd.  
342-9787  
(4 POOLS ON DISPLAY)

**Both Locations Open Daily 10 AM to 5 PM • SUNDAY Noon to 4 PM**