



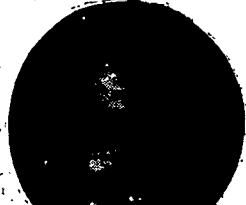
May 15 was a fine Sunday for a community get-together at A.M.E. Zion church, where the Mother Cabrini Circle put on a smorgasbord to raise scholarship money for black students in Catholic high schools. Tasha Matthewes, one year old, photo above, finds a bottle of milk to her liking, as she watches from Stacy McCuller's lap. Andrea Radcliffe, top right, is more of an eater. The group in the photo at right includes Sister Alice McLaughlin, Father William Spilly, Sister Mary John VanAtta and Sister Barbara Fox.



Food for Scholarships

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THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman, We have been reading with interest the account of the visits of the bishop and his entourage to the various diocesan missions. But someone brought up at one of our social gatherings the question as to whether or not the bishop might have better spent the money which it cost to make the trip (it had to be quite considerable) on the missions themselves. In other words he might have done better to simply send that amount to the missions involved and they would have been better off in the long run. Knowing that you were on the trip, I would like to hear your viewpoint on this particular matter.

(Signed) B.C.

Dear B.C., I do not intend to draw any real parallel with this Scripture passage, but I was immediately reminded of Judas telling Our Lord that the ointment which Mary placed on His feet might better have been sold and the money given to the poor. The point of the matter is that there are certain values which do not involve a dollar sign.

The bishop regards the diocesan missions (I think rightly) as a reach out or extension of the mission of the diocese. It is a living sign that our concerns for the mission of Christ are not limited to our particular territory but extend all over the world. For this to be a reality there has to be a definite personal connection as well as a monetary one. To merely send money would be indeed helpful but it would not clearly indicate that these people in far flung places are indeed an extension of the Diocese of Rochester.

I can assure you that the value achieved in bolstering

the morale of the people in these missions, both the Sisters and the parish team at La Paz, was worth far more than the money spent on the trip. People who have gone off to mission lands need very much to know that they belong to a greater group and when a considerable representative body from the greater group goes to them and reaches out with the hand of care and interest and "what can we do for you" then something very beautiful happens in those places and obviously the relationship or connection between the two Churches becomes ever more close.

This was particularly true when our group shared in the Parish Council Meeting and Report given by the team at La Paz. They told us with great joy how much they felt a part of Rochester and how pleased they were that we felt so much a part of them. This kind of solidarity does not bear a price tag and so I guess there would be a possible question in the mind of some as to what that price tag is or should be but on the other hand I think that the spiritual realities, at least as I experienced them, were far greater than the price of the trip.

Then of course there were the people who are being served in these Missions. When they realized that we had come half way down the hemisphere to see them, to talk with them, to share their concerns, it meant more to them than words can convey. They very obviously had a sense of being appreciated and loved and again this is something hard to put a price tag on.

I hope this answers in some part your question, although I'm sure that many will still wonder whether there is any kind of equality between the monetary expenditure and the benefits accrued. In my mind there is no question at all. Thank you.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

In 1969, about the time that Planned Parenthood/SIECUS sex education was being introduced into modern Catholic schools, Dr. Bernard Berelson wrote Beyond Family Planning, published by the Population Council. Dr. Berelson was at the time president of the council, under the chairmanship of John D. Rockefeller 3rd, and is presently listed as a member of the National Council of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, Research and Development Division of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

In subsequent columns I shall quote directly from Beyond Family Planning. In the meantime I respectfully suggest readers clip and save this initial column to keep in mind the following:

1. There is a quiet and powerful move on the part

of modern educators and politicians to force state-controlled "sex education" into all schools regardless of strong parental objections. It is interesting to note that many public schools across the nation have dropped the offensive "sex education" because of outraged parental pressure; 2. There is a parallel move by Humanists and some naive teachers toward the use of atheistic values clarification "strategies" which stress intellectual autonomy and individual choice over Christian absolutes and parental authority.

3. The number of women who work outside the home is increasing. 4. The massive UNICEF/WHO-funded research into all forms of human control (human experimentation, contraception, sterilization and abortion) is ongoing and virtually unopposed. 5. Divorces, premarital sex and teenage pregnancies are increasing. 6. There has been at least one resolution introduced to the U.S. Congress (HR 17513) which threatens to cut off US food aid to any nation which refuses our "family planning" pressures.

7. The current publicity surrounding the very real dangers of the pill and the IUD lags behind medical

awareness of those dangers by years. 8. Planned Parenthood attempted in Antigua (1975) and in the Barbados (1976) to distribute over-the-counter, non-prescription contraceptive pills to the "poor." 9. In the USSR, where life, contraceptives, and abortions are cheap, the government has introduced "more and better sex education" in all schools in order to increase a sagging population, now below replacement levels.

10. There are at least 60 Catholic hospitals in the US which now perform contraceptive sterilizations, based on very liberal interpretations of the "principle of material cooperation" and the "principle of totality" in direct violation of the Vatican's teachings which insist the disease cured by the sterilizing procedure MUST be a real and present threat to life, not an imaginary and remote possibility. The Vatican also specifically warns against both "principles."

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