

Editorial

She Tells It Like It Is

Barbara Ward has been perhaps the most effective voice in translating Pope Paul VI's magnificent encyclical "The Development of Peoples" into the rhetoric of the day-to-day, business-as-usual world.

Recently, at a ceremony at the Vatican marking the 10th anniversary of the encyclical, in which the Pope stressed the necessity of rich nations helping poor ones, Miss Ward, a British economist and author, was less than thrilled by the progress made since the encyclical was issued.

"Today, 10 years after Populorum Progressio," she said, "the division between the rich minority in the world and the poor majority is still rapidly growing. The situation of the majority has not noticeably improved."

In fact, she told an audience of cardinals and clerical members of the Roman Curia, the administrative arm of the Catholic Church, "the poorest billion people in the world are if anything poorer and a new danger has appeared on the global scene ... the threat that sheer lack of resources may make it impossible to give most of the six to seven billion people who will inhabit the world by the year 2000 the means of improving their lot."

Many feel that the encyclical was Pope Paul's finest and, along with his unceasing quest for world peace, will be among the high points of his tenure. Still, if Miss Ward is correct, the Holy Father has been ignored not only by the world at large, but by Christians and presumably by Catholics themselves.

Miss Ward pointed out that Christians "still live, in the main, in the world's wealthiest countries."

"Yet in the 10 years after 'Populorum Progressio,' these Christians have yet to show that conviction, example or sacrifice that our threatened humanity demands."

She called for an end to the arms race "which swallows \$300 billion in resources and services each year." The Holy Father has urged the same. She also called for greater conservation of energy and "a more modest material living standard in the rich nations, with leaders giving example to the mass of the people by voluntary cuts in their own standards, and thus helping to end the perpetual inflationary pressure for higher payments all around — a pressure which ensures high unemployment and prolonged recession."

"Fuller planetary sharing" is the phrase that best capsulizes the encyclical and Miss Ward's proposals.

True, not much progress will be made until governments and international business realize the necessity of such action, if not out of charity then ultimately out of the most basic of all reasons — survival.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, on his recent trip through the mission areas in Latin America, stressed the necessity of "mainland" dioceses to form community with their brothers and sisters in the rest of the world.

The Courier-Journal Filter Campaign grew out of that trip. Through it this newspaper hopes to find 1,800 families who will donate \$10 to buy a filter to decontaminate drinking water for 1,800 families in an impoverished section of Brazil.

We, of course, do not dare to entertain any thought that the campaign is an end-all to the problems faced by the children in Brazil. It is but a small step yet its virtue lies in the fact that it may raise the consciousness of dioceses to the utter despair many in other parts of the world face. If such people-to-people programs were practiced on a larger scale around the world it would not be long before official policy-makers would take heed.

Yes, "fuller planetary sharing" may be a lofty phrase but it can be seen working whenever people decide to help others, less fortunate than themselves. The sharing is not a mystical idea or an intangible thought. It is in our hands.

Opinion

WAXC on Abortion: Figures 'Appalling'

The following WAXC radio editorial was delivered on May 2 by John T. Sayre. We print it here to remind our readers that there are many people in our society who are worried over liberalized abortion and its grim statistics:

"We Americans are fascinated by facts and figures that reflect growth: a higher gross national product, a record harvest, increased sales, housing starts, exports to other nations. We regard these growth figures as an index of our national vitality. However, there is one set of growth figures that should not give us a feeling of pride. In fact, they are appalling. These are the statistics on abortion.

"In 1970, there were 193,000 legal abortions in our country. Last year there were over 1.3 million. The 1980 forecast is for 2.8 million abortions. That's a staggering ten-year growth rate of 1,451 per cent.

"Look at the figures another way. In the last five years, there were 5 million abortions. That's 10 times the number of Americans killed in all wars in our nation's 200 years and over a thousand times the number of deaths in the Vietnam War.

"We know that many sincere people believe in legalized abortion. They regard a woman's decision to bear, or not to bear, an unborn child as a private matter, between her and her doctor. Not a social issue. And you can cite the number of unwanted, neglected and abused children as one justification for the legal right to end the life of an unborn child.

"For those in favor of legalized abortion, consider the shocking increase in its usage. Surely we can find alternatives to killing millions of innocent infants. Abortion should not be a part of our growth industry.



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development of an enduring commitment to the Catholic lay apostolate. It seeks to arouse in its students a responsiveness to grace, enabling them to live always with, in and through Christ and to work to build up and strengthen His Church, whatever their individual profession or vocation might be."

The faculty of the college is appointed on a contract basis, with length of tenure negotiated individually. All contracts include the condition that public rejection or defiance of magisterial teaching by the Pope on any question of faith or morals, or of the authority of the Pope as head of the Roman Catholic Church, will be grounds for terminating the contract.

Part of the pledge of the college is as follows:

"... We pledge never to depart in letter or in spirit from Catholic truth as taught by the Holy Roman Catholic Church and its head, the Pope; we pledge total fidelity to the magisterium and to the Holy Father's authority as head of the Church; we pledge to uphold the highest Christian moral standards, for ourselves and for our students; we pledge faithful obedience to God's eternal law rather than subservience to any 'changing times.'"

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Bus Stand Criticized

Editor:

Your coverage, though brief, of the Sister Maureen tragedy indicated that you are both sensitive and well aware of your responsibility as editor of a special-interest newspaper. That is why I was non-plussed by your April 13 editorial protesting the cutting of busing private and parochial school students, which might almost have been called rabble-rousing. That, at any rate, is the effect that it has produced. I

see sections of it quoted and paraphrased in plaintive letters to the local press.

That is why I welcome this opportunity to set your readers straight on one or two points on which they are clearly laboring under misconceptions. They should know that the New York State taxpayer, whether he hails from Rochester or Town Pump, does not pay a mere 10 per cent of the cost of private and parochial school busing. He pays all of it. Some of these taxpayers are Catholic. Most of them are not.

I wish also your readers could somehow be restrained from pleading for private school busing on the grounds that they "thought the nation was committed to the education of all (emphasis mine) children." The nation is committed to the education of all children. That is precisely why the public schools were founded. All the children are welcome there. Fortunately, none are forced to attend. All are free to enjoy whatever "diversity of education" may suit their fancy.

Finally, I wish your readers could be induced to stop confusing the right to send their children where they please with the ability to pay for the type of education they prefer. We enjoy a multitude of precious rights in this country, among them the right to a private school education, and the right to own a Cadillac. A friend of mine has no greater desire for a private school education for his children than President Carter has for his. But he would love to own a Cadillac. Unfortunately he doesn't feel he could quite afford one. He would, of course, welcome contributions towards the car of his dreams. But he would never dream of proposing that his fellow citizens be taxed to provide him with this little luxury. So he just keeps on driving his Honda.

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Evangelical Takes Issue

Editor:

I read Bernard Survil's communication in the Courier-Journal, and I just couldn't help but react. With all due respect to him, I would like to define a few terms that he used.

The first is a word I extremely dislike, "proselytize." Mark 16:15 does not say, "Go ye into all the world and 'proselytize' every creature." The words are, "preach the gospel to every creature." Proselytizing means changing a person's religious affiliation. May I suggest that that is not what a missionary is supposed to do, and also that is not what evangelical missionaries are trying to do.

Let us also define what a missionary is. A missionary is one who works in a cross-culture situation telling others about the gospel of Jesus Christ, and how that they can have new life in him by receiving him into their hearts as their personal

savior from sin to God. (Ephesians 2, John 1:12) It says nothing of preaching seven sacraments, the pope, Mary, or anything else but Jesus Christ. That is what a missionary is, a bearer of good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

May I say also that, as a part of my studies and my background (18 years as a Roman Catholic), I would not hesitate to dialogue with Bernard Survil or any other Catholic priest on doctrinal issues, especially salvation, sanctification, glorification and the security of the believer. Also every evangelical missionary that I know would not hesitate to do the same.

We as evangelicals can do nothing less than preach the gospel as found in I Cor. 15:1-4; that same salvation Paul penned so well in Ephesians 2:8,9; that message of love from God to us, John 3:16. If Catholic doctrine happens to conflict with these teachings, then I'll preach the Bible every time.

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New College To Open Soon

Editor:

Readers of the Courier-Journal may be interested in a new Catholic college that is opening this fall near Washington, D.C. Christendom College is dedicated to full Catholic truth in higher education. Its students will live and work in a Catholic environment that will uphold moral standards, and they will be encouraged to participate in an active spiritual and devotional life.

According to the college brochure, "Christendom College seeks, as one of its primary reasons for being, to assist its students in the