

More Opinions

Headline At Issue

Editor:

As a lawyer, words and phrases are a very important part of my life. I recently overheard a schoolboy's reply to his father who had inquired as to his marks. "Dad, I just barely failed math."

I wonder if this same schoolboy wrote the headline for the WHO article in the Courier's May 25, 1977 edition.

I have re-read the article and I find that the headline is so misleading that, if read alone, it is an almost complete reversal of the contents of the article. Msgr. Luoni "praised" only that portion of the report which reflected concern for the rural health sector, overpopulation and the family, but thereafter blasts the WHO for its dealings in abortion and artificial birth control.

Over the past few years, I have made it a habit to save Nancy Murphy's columns, and I very quickly found her March 30 and April 6 columns which are directly in point. Msgr. Luoni, in May of 1975, at the WHO assembly in Geneva stated, "Concerning the attitude of the Holy See to the WHO as a member (with UNICEF) of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, we deeply regret that the research of WHO-UNICEF in the field of human reproduction seems to be directed almost exclusively to medical technology not sufficiently guided by a sense of human dignity and moral laws. Also we note the increasing radicalization in WHO's recourse to birth control methods, the moral value of which is more and more questionable - we point out the serious violations of regulating births."

At the 1976 assembly in Geneva, Msgr. Geraud, papal delegate to the WHO assembly, stated, "While we note with favorable interest the brief mention given in your report dealing with Natural Family Planning, this positive element cannot conceal from us the serious WHO/UNICEF preoccupations. We express our fear frankly, and caution you that the Church teaches that we must take into account the natural sequence of the generative functions for the use of marriage in infertile periods only, and thus in this natural way regulate births without offending moral principles."

How can we fail to be concerned when we see WHO/UNICEF carrying out family planning programs everywhere? Are you not contributing to the deterioration of individual consciences and even to the deterioration of the meanings of essential words like life, health and well-being, when you mask abortion under the term 'interruption of pregnancy,' sterilization under 'health care' and punitive measures against large families as 'social progress'? Is this not a new form of tyranny?

In the May 25 article Msgr. Luoni criticizes WHO, UNICEF and the UN Fund for Population Activities, by pointing out the Church's opposition to unnatural methods to regulate births; describes as unacceptable a section of the WHO report which classified abortions

as one of the methods of birth control and on other points. Can there be any doubt as to the Vatican's attitude in respect to WHO, UNICEF and all the rest?

When, oh when will our Bishop and clergy and editors of the Catholic Courier stand up and act like Roman Catholics again and stop saying, "Dad, I just barely failed to tell the truth?"

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Editor's Note: The headline reader Doran questions read, "Vatican Lauds WHO But Not on Abortion." Reader Doran is substantially correct on the parts of the story he paraphrased but he failed to mention that the account also said, "Msgr. Luoni lauded WHO's consideration of health problems as part of a wider complex of issues in the integral development of man." He maintained that according to statistics 70 per cent of the world's population is in the rural sector, more than half under 25. "It is therefore necessary," he said "to encourage WHO efforts among those living in rural areas" ... Msgr. Luoni concluded by stating that despite "its just and necessary reservations, the Holy See's delegation pays tribute to the director general of WHO and its Family Health Division for their effort in favor of this institution (the family) ..."

Thanks Given Sr. DeChantal

Editor:

I would like publically to thank Sister DeChantal LaRow of St. Mary's Hospital for her prayers and efforts to keep St. Mary's Hospital obstetrical unit open.

This hospital values the sacredness of every life and we should be proud of the position they have clung to.

Sister DeChantal has shown our children what it means to be courageous and faithful to a moral principle.

We are blessed by the presence of the Sisters of Charity here in Rochester. We feel the influence of St. Elizabeth Seton and are joyful that God has answered our prayers.

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Hospitality House

Dr. Robert McLaughlin, chairman of the philosophy department at St. John Fisher College, will speak at an open meeting Friday night at the St. Joseph House of Hospitality. His lecture, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. June 24, is entitled Jacques Maritain and Personalism.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, Father Jerome Robinson, OP, will talk about his work as director of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries. Dan Condon of the house staff said it was hoped that these free, public lectures would be followed by other Friday events at St. Joseph's, in a proposed resumption of the old Catholic Worker traditions and format.



A great day of sharing: Looking on while Sister Eileen receives gift from Kevin Ouwelen; are from left representing Corpus Christi: Paula Berry, Maria DiPrima, Sister Claire, James Crespo, Scott Godden. Representing St. Ambrose: Tim Moore, Matt Hand and Tim Haggerty.

From One School to Another

BY JOAN M. SMITH

Corpus Christi School is battling to survive a crisis which in time may close its doors. But the school's administrators recently discovered they are not alone in the struggle. On Tuesday, June 14, a contingent of St. Ambrose eighth grade students, representing their class, presented \$250 to Corpus Christi.

It is traditional at St. Ambrose for the eighth grade class to present a gift to its school and while planning this project, Kevin Ouwelen came up with the idea of sharing the class's finances with Corpus

Christi. The idea, according to Kevin, sprung from hearing his mother, a member of the Catholic Federation of Parents, discuss Corpus Christi's plight. He relayed his idea to fellow classmates Timothy Moore, class president; Matthew Hand, class treasurer; Timothy Haggerty, a former student at Corpus Christi. This all took place on Thursday, June 9 and by the following Tuesday they had accumulated a sizable sum. The fund raising consisted of obtaining approval from the class to use a portion of the treasury which normally was used for the class's fun day and donations by fellow students who skipped

buying pop and doughnuts in order to contribute.

Sister Claire Ehmman, vice principal of Corpus Christi, happily greeted the St. Ambrose committee with "this is something else," though she was worried that their class would go without a fun day. The students, however, quickly put her mind at ease, stating they would have one, only on a smaller scale.

Sister Eileen Daly, who is replacing Sister Elizabeth Osta as principal, received the check and assured the young adults, "We can use all the support we can get."

This prompted the

delegation to make known its challenge to other parochial elementary schools to match St. Ambrose's gift or even to top it — they certainly wouldn't mind.

The boys were proud of their accomplishment but took it in their stride, agreeing that the primary satisfaction was in knowing they had inspired everyone at St. Ambrose with a good feeling.

Kevin best summed up the sharing idea. "We've had a good Catholic education so we felt that the kids at Corpus Christi should have the benefit of one."



THE OPEN WINDOW

Fr. Louis Hohman

who left the parking lot gate open but be the most compassionate, merciful and loving father toward someone who had fallen upon seriously evil ways.

What was Bishop Casey's outstanding characteristic? It was his unrelenting devotion to duty and loyalty to the Church. He was required as auxiliary bishop and later as Ordinary to make most of the tough decisions. He knew they would end up hurting someone — that was inevitable. But I never once saw him serve the cause of his own popularity rather than the good of the Church. Of many it has been said, "He fought the good fight." Of no one could that be more true.

And he was a humble man. Though he looked regal and imposing, especially in his episcopal vestments, he was deeply conscious of his own limitations and was almost addicted to consulting those he called "the pros" in the process of decision making. I think he sometimes got burned by that but he always shouldered the blame for mistakes himself.

Finally, he was a friend to many of us. We could not ask for a more loyal, generous or thoughtful one. The loss is ours.

"May he rest from his labors, for his works follow him."

BOAT RIDE

Senior citizens are invited to join a YWCA excursion Monday, June 27, that includes an old-fashioned steamboat ride on Chautauqua Lake. The \$20 price includes the boat ticket and bus transportation to and from Mayville. For further details: Ella Wheeler, 546-5820, ext. 271.

PROMOTION

John R. Pike of Fairport, assistant manager of the Red Cross accounting department, has been put in charge of the Rochester Regional Red Cross Blood Program. Pike, a 1966 graduate of St. John Fisher College, joined the agency in 1972.

Development Director Named

Mary Elizabeth Weidenborner of Alameda Street, a Nazareth College alumna long active in the affairs of her alma mater, has been named director of development at the college. On July 1, she will take over from George Walker, who has resigned to begin studies for the priesthood, President Robert A. Kidera announced.

Mrs. Weidenborner's professional career has included work as a production engineer and statistician. At Nazareth, she will supervise the annual fund drive and promote the growth of recently established donor groups. She has represented the alumni on various committees, including the Presidential Search Committee. She received an Outstanding Alumna award in 1976.

PLEASE HELP

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Some Thoughts to Consider

By Ed Sulowski

Not all people express their grief in the same manner. One may need to cry freely. Another will get by with few tears. One may find it healing to take a long walk where he can talk or cry it out alone or with his God. Another will talk or cry it out with man. The point is: When a person suffers, he must find some honest expression that is natural for him. He must find his own method of resolving his grief. One of the most important periods of adjustment occurs after the funeral is over and the house suddenly becomes lonely and desolate. This is another time for us to demonstrate that even though individuals may die, family and friends still remain. People often need other people to help them return to the main stream of life. Continue to visit with friends following the funeral. No. 15

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