



"YOUR FATHER LIVED UP HERE LONG BEFORE THEY GOT THE ELECTRONIC CHIMES — BUT LET HIM TELL YOU ABOUT IT! HAROLD... HAROLD... HAROLD...?"

# Opinion

## Concern Begins Where We Live

Editor:

It becomes more and more evident that if we want a world of peace and fairness, we the people have got to become more aware and more active in helping to run the country... and our neighborhoods.

Recent action in regard to bus transportation for Catholic high school students outside city limits has reinforced this concept. Only when people respond to needs with voice and demonstration can they hope to obtain fairness for those being threatened.

We live in times when it is imperative that the young be trained with experience as well as with book theory. Students who have taken part in demonstrations and in speaking at public hearings are getting the knowledge and fortification to examine issues and to take appropriate measures. Boys and girls who have taken part in Youth in Government activities in Albany, in Girls State or Boys State, or on the Monroe County Youth Advisory Board — as students from our Catholic schools have done recently and during the year — have had invaluable opportunities and have made contributions.

Failing to recognize the value of people's response in the bus issue, a recent Times-Union (7-18) editorial criticized action as raising a "howl;" the editorial directed that we "not protest anew." Such a comment is not helping to unify the various elements of a city in need. The response by Sister Roberta of the Catholic Education Office to the situation left to us by the State Legislature is more constructive: parents, students, faculty picketed Senator Eckert's office asking for the reconvening of the legislature for the purpose of passing overburden funds. This action supports the public schools in their needs, schools with which all of our families are closely associated; and it supports the true interests of the city.

Helping to run the country does demand our caring, awareness, and action. It means giving some support to men and women

who are willing to take on government offices in the interests of their communities.

To help secure justice in the world, organization for third world and inner city concerns is necessary, but concern begins within the neighborhood and for the neighborhood where we live; it begins on all the streets of Rochester and on the streets and roads of our towns. Working toward a better world certainly means active participation, including action by the young in their school affairs, in community problems, and in world developments.

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## Uphold Traditions

Editor:

In late June the D&C published an article, "Sex Study — Church in Conflict." This study was commissioned by the Catholic Theological Society of America describing sex as "God's Ingenious Gift." The committee which included three priests, a nun, and a father of two, studied the old and new testaments for five years. Titled "Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought," was to be published by the Paulist Press in Ramsey, N.Y. June 24.

The Paulist Press also publishes: 1. Education in Love (used in the diocese as sex education, based on Father Marc Oraison who denies Original Sin), and 2. Moral Development, A Guide to Piaget & Kohlberg, which says on Page 96, the Catholic Church "is now seen not as a divine institution free from error but (just) another human institution with all the frailties and limitations." Quo vadis (whither goest thou), Paulist Press?

The seeds of a full-scale schism are growing in the Roman Catholic Church in America. First we had the "Call to Action" by a picked group who came up with over a thousand resolutions. Now we have a modern theological study by which it is suggested that acts formerly thought evil — premarital sex, adultery, fornication, masturbation, contraception, homosexuality, etc. — might be measured by a standard as defined by their committee. The erosion from within by dissenting priests, bishops, prelates and theologians is spreading confusion throughout the whole church.

Changes, yes. Confusion and turning from traditional guidelines, no. Wake up, American Roman Catholics, and follow Pope Paul and his teachings. He and he alone is the successor of St. Peter and the Rock on which the Church of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was built. Throughout history many Modernists have tried to change her but she is truth and the truth can never change.

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## Help Kids Go to Camp

Editor:

Camp Stella Maris is expecting to serve over 800 campers this summer from throughout the diocese.

There is a problem, however, because 95 children require scholarship assistance in part or in full so that a number of children in need can enjoy a week away at summer camp.

The breakdown of scholarship need is as follows.

Source	No Of wks.	Cost	Need Total
Monroe County Dept. of Social Services	36	\$40 wk	\$1440
Livingston County Dept of Social Services	3	40 wk	120
Urban Parishes	56	80 wk	4480
Other	—	—	474
	95		\$6514
Less scholarships rec'd to date			1550
<b>TOTAL NEED</b>			<b>\$4964</b>

We are writing to you asking your readers to help us meet our diocesan commitment to these children. An \$80 scholarship (gift) will provide service to one camper for one week; \$40 will provide a half week. Scholarships will help Stella Maris further its goal of preserving and strengthening family and individual life.

Please make checks payable to Camp Stella Maris, 50 Chestnut Plaza, Rochester, NY 14604.

We thank your readers for whatever they can do to help further Christian community among our young people.

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## "Good News" From Bishops

Editor:

Good news is to be shared and there may be many who would be relieved to hear of the following development at the past May meeting of the U.S. Bishops in Chicago. According to the June issue of The Mindszenty Report, two bishops — Archbishop Hannan of New Orleans and Bishop Losten of Philadelphia — addressed the conference on the same topic — the Marxist thrust within the U.S. Catholic Church. The majority of the bishops acknowledged the seriousness of the situation cited, so much so that "they agreed to draft a public declaration stating why Marxist Communism is erroneous and dangerous. The declaration is now in preparation." (All quotations are from Page 3 of the June Mindszenty Report.)

Bishop Losten "asked for a thorough investigation of what he called 'the infiltration of Communism into the American Catholic Church.'" Bishop Losten: "It is evident that Communism finds in religion today invaluable allies in its quest for global power and empire. The fantastic plan to turn the Church into an instrument of Communist conquest would be unbelievable if we did not see it all happening before our eyes." Bishop Losten charged: "...there are people on our staff of so-called consultants who take many trips to the Soviet Union or atheistically-dominated countries. They receive a certain amount of indoctrination and then return to poison our minds and the minds of the American Catholic public. Perhaps it is too late to turn the tide, but on the other hand, perhaps we are in the last period of time sufficient to change the course of history and inspire a cry to wake up." And Archbishop Hannan, referring to the Church, said,

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"The house is burning down, and it's time to get a fire extinguisher."

Some may ask what is "good" about such news as this. Two facts (at least). 1. The bishops' recognition of the status quo, and 2. their decision to take that first step toward coming, publicly, to grips with such a chameleon foe. May the Holy Spirit be with them.

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## Reversals Noted

Editor:

In response to the letter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, (June 19, 1977), regarding reversals by the Vatican which evolved directly from persistent "contrary actions," I offer the insertion of the Filioque clause into the Creed, the permitting of subsequent marriages after the death of a spouse, clerical celibacy. The concept of "universal bishop" was denounced by Pope Gregory the Great and made an article of faith under Pope Pius IX, and we could add many more.

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### Editorial

## Schools . . . Act Now!

If it were just some uncontrollable twist of fate that dashed the hard work of so many people in getting the private school transportation funds for city students living outside city limits, then there would be little to do about it now.

But the fly in the ointment did not land there haphazardly, it was placed there by political machinations in the State Legislature. And since the contrivance was planned it can be undone.

As Bishop Hogan pointed out in a letter to pastors last week, "We believe that the decision of the Senate not to act is steeped in politics. We believe that the students of Rochester — both in public and nonpublic schools — will be the victims of this lack of action."

The bishop asked all concerned to sign petitions to be sent to either Gov. Hugh Carey, State Capitol, Albany 12224, or to Sister Roberta Tierney at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road to be forwarded.

We do not have space here to review the recent history of the cut of the funds for transportation, their eventual restoration and all the argumentation, politicking, arduous work, and concern for students involved, but we hope it suffices to say that the State Senate was in error when it recessed until October without acting on the municipal overburden assistance for several upstate cities, including Rochester. These funds were the key to restoration of the transportation services since the city was to receive \$6 million, \$2.2 for schools. The Assembly had passed the measure.

So now it is incumbent on all to see that the legislature is reconvened — before October — to get this assistance through. It can be done. But it won't be unless all concerned take time to join the valiant efforts of our schools office to keep the transportation funds in the budget. And this is a statewide issue so not just city residents should write.

An alternate plan has been presented by Sen. John Perry through which the funds may be kept in the budget dependent on a guarantee by the state that the funds will be made available when the legislature reconvenes in October. But some members of the school board have indicated they are reluctant to act on a promise.

While this is a commendable effort and one that should be pursued, all concerned must continue working for the reconvening of the legislature.

It is unfortunate that school issues must be handled at this time of the year when so many are on vacation and when the hour is late. But if private school students are to have their just rights then it is imperative that action be taken now.

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