

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

I have been advised repeatedly by concerned religious teachers that there is neither time nor funding available for them to teach

about (and perhaps to save) millions of unborn. With all honesty and with all due respect for the integrity and devotion of those who condone this attitude, I cannot accept this reason as a valid justification of diocesan hesitation and inactivity. After deep reflection, I offer my continuing response.

I have a 35-cent booklet, Our Lady and Vatican II, which contains the full account of Chapter Eight of the Constitution on the Church - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, in the Mystery of Christ and

the Church. I have not seen it or its clear and beautiful contents referred to, quoted, recommended or even acknowledged by modern religious teachers or in the colorful religion textbooks they use in day-school and CCD classes. And I suggest that it would require no more time and no more funding to teach and stress Chapter Eight in our Catholic schools than it now requires to omit it.

I further suggest that if our youth were taught Vatican II's Chapter Eight on the Blessed Virgin, in addition to the fine social action projects they now pursue, they could strongly and articulately reject the spokes-nuns who claim that the Church teaches "only" that all evil comes through womankind. They could repudiate the few but powerful nuns and priests who have recommended we support "continued first trimester abortions." They could resist the siren theology which constantly stresses humanity over divinity, and individual interpretation over absolutes and the Ten Commandments. They would refuse those who ask them to accept abortion and contraceptive sterilization on the grounds of "possible" damages to the psychological, emotional or economic health of the mother (her "total" health).

is urged by his mother to dress up in her clothing? Carr allowed as to how that report was accurate.

But, he defended, "It's just a bit of business done to get even with the step-father."

Unsavory business at best.

The critics charge that adultery, homosexuality, sex change operations, impotency and promiscuity, all part and parcel of "Soap" are not fit subjects for TV comedy series.

Carr sees "Soap" as another "All in the Family" which has dealt with most, if not all, of those things and which generated the same kind of phone calls from viewers back in the 60s which WOKR and ABC are now getting about "Soap."

One caller has promised to boycott the entire network - the same network, says the promotion manager, which showed "Roots," "Eleanor and Franklin," "Missiles of October," and which plans a blitz a la Roots to run for six consecutive nights for a total of 12 hours titled "Washington Behind Closed Doors" beginning Sept. 6. Based loosely on John Erlichman's book it will deal with Watergate.

"I cannot see a network," Carr observed, "coming from behind to be Number 1 with such prestigious programming to sacrifice it all for one half-hour situation comedy."

Viewers, he stressed, should see "Soap" for themselves before making a judgment. In spite of all kinds of misgivings that's the plan here.

There could even be more students who choose obedience over courageous dissension, and faith over doubt.

There is a necessity for those differing thoughts within a healthy Catholic Church, and I would not silence those who seem almost obsessed with it. But it is dangerous to stress and publish and recommend only dissension, while omitting the Magisterium of the Church, especially where the teachings of the Blessed Mother are concerned. For further information on how to obtain the booklet, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me: PO Box 8450, Rochester, N.Y. 14618.

Next week: Chapter Eight.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Ciaccio will celebrate the 57th anniversary of their marriage tomorrow, July 28, with a Mass at their home in Empire Boulevard, Webster.

Deaths

C. E. Farnung

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Charles E. Farnung of Pittsford last Friday in St. Louis Church with burial in Holy Ghost Cemetery.

Mr. Farnung died July 19, 1977, at the age of 77. He had worked in the trucking industry for more than 59 years and was a longtime member of the Truckmen's and Warehousemen's Association of Rochester and a pioneer member of the Rochester Transportation Club. He was a member emeritus of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation and a former member of the Chamber of Commerce board of trustees. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.

Survivors are his widow, Alice; two sons, Robert E. Farnung of Webster and John J. Farnung of Pittsford; a sister, Mrs. Clement (Katherine) Hanss; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; an aunt and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The music for the liturgy was planned by Sister Margaret Caufield, RSM, and sung by a group of sisters and priests under the direction of Father Benedict Ehmann.

A.H. O'Beirne

Andrew H. O'Beirne, a former traffic manager at Bausch & Lomb, died July 6, 1977, at the age of 78.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 9 at Corpus Christi by Msgr. John E. Maney and eight other priests, including Mr. O'Beirne's brother, Father John P. O'Beirne.

Mr. O'Beirne was with Bausch & Lomb for about 50 years. He was a member of the company's 25 Year and Early Settlers clubs, of the Chamber of Commerce and the Transportation Club. His friends knew him as an entertaining singer and pianist, and he also sang in the Corpus Christi choir.

Survivors include two sisters, Miss Marie A. O'Beirne and Sister M. Etheldra, SSJ; several nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews and cousins.

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AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

Campaigns by concerned citizens to have the forthcoming ABC comedy series "Soap" banned from the air before it ever debuts will have at least one definite effect, according to WOKR-TV program manager Jerry Carr.

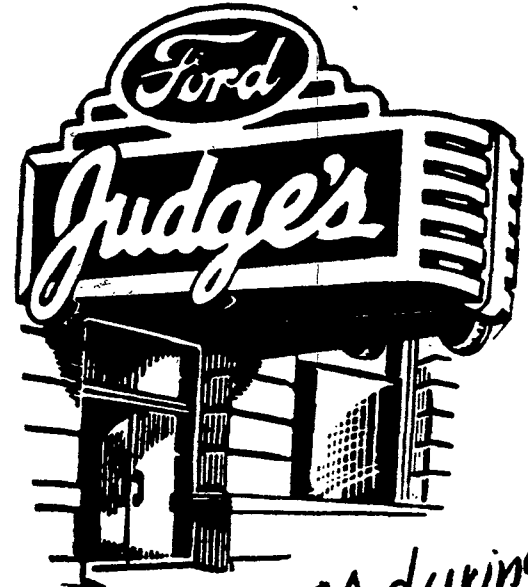
"Soap," predicts Carr, will garner the highest rating possible when it hits the TV screen in prime time Tuesday nights this September because its critics have generated priceless publicity.

Carr set to rest the rumors that the local ABC station would not screen the highly controversial sit com to be shown for 30 minutes at 9:30 p.m.

"Not true, not true," Carr said and then struck back at the critics, pointing out that much of what has been written about the series is exaggerated or distorted.

As an example he cited a report in which a woman of low repute allegedly seduces a Jesuit priest and in the church yet. The actual scene, Carr said, has the woman, a former classmate of the priest, coming to him for help which he gives. "They don't even touch Carr said.

What about the reported scene in which a transvestite



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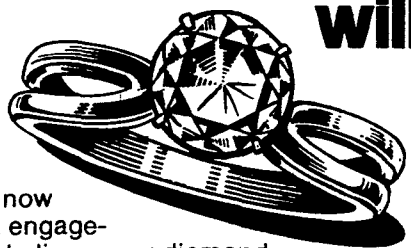
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