

Editorial

The Sheaves

When pollster George Gallup addressed the annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association earlier this year he said that one of the main weaknesses of diocesan newspapers was that they tended to ignore young people.

Gallup perhaps painted with a brush a mite too wide for many diocesan newspapers do have special sections or pages devoted to youth. The Courier-Journal, for example, presents RapAround weekly to create a bridge between the diocese at large and our students in Catholic high schools. At that same convention, this newspaper was granted the national first prize for youth coverage.

Gallup apparently was not making an easy criticism fashioned for a press get-together. Very recently at a Catholic clergy workshop on evangelization in Marriottsville, Md., he again touched on the theme. Among other things he suggested that what the Church should be doing is making "new efforts to satisfy the spiritual hungers of teenagers."

We agree. Thus RapAround has an ancillary purpose -- to encourage the young readers of RapAround to perhaps turn the pages and look over messages from the Holy Father, our bishop, to read news from throughout the diocese, our columnists, editorials on the relation of the Church to other facets of modern life. In short, to keep in touch with the Church while at the same time feeling part and parcel of it.

Gallup also had what he termed "good news" for those at the evangelization conference. He said that the proportion of adult Catholics in the U.S. population is growing and that more Catholics "feel better" about themselves and their religion. Of course, growth in numbers should not be the only goal of evangelization -- deeper commitment and quality is perhaps of more importance.

Thus if we follow the suggestions of Gallup and others that the Church should be more involved in outreach programs we should be concerned that it is not only in an effort to build up numbers but also to strengthen commitment to the ideals of Christianity. For if we do that we may find doves at the door.

CHD . . . It Works

Since 1969 when the Campaign for Human Development was started, this diocese has sent \$536,600 to the national CHD office and has received back \$525,100 in funding. Since only 75 per cent of the collection is sent to the national office, the other 25 per cent is kept to be awarded locally to worthy projects. It is easy to see that the collection does a fine job in meeting the problems of poverty close to home.

For instance, in 1977 \$77,220 was sent to the national office and projects in this diocese received more than \$120,000 in return.

The theme for this year's drive is "People Making a Difference." The difference is important -- the opportunity for the impoverished, the jobless, the older citizens living on fixed incomes to help themselves. The "people" are important. That's all of us. And we can make a difference by doing our share this Sunday at the CHD collection in our parishes.

Opinion

A Great Deal To Be Had

Editor:

Just a little note to express our feelings about the first of the Continuing Education Live-In Experience at St. Bernard's Continuing Education Center. It was tremendous! Sharing, praying, learning, relaxing -- what a wonderful three days. And what a wonderful amount of learning took place! Father Ed Malloy was organized, knowledgeable, insightful and affable. Very meaty presentations and deep discussions explored moral problems of today.

All of us feel that many of our co-workers could benefit a great deal from the use of the center and the experiences offered.

Signed:

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Feature Delighted

Editor:

We were delighted to come across your article and photo spread on St. Joseph's House of Hospitality (Courier-Journal, 10.26.77). St. Joseph's is a part of the Catholic Worker movement which was founded more than 40 years ago by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin on the Bowery in New York City. Inspired by the Gospel values of poverty, pacifism and justice, the people at St. Joseph's work and live among the poorest of the poor, involve themselves in non-violent action for social change, and work for peace and justice in a world of division and exploitation. In this day of power and affluence, we need this refreshing model of Church! We encourage that continued coverage and attention be given to the philosophy and activities of St. Joseph's and the Catholic Worker movement.

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Columnist Dedicated

Editor:

Regarding Life, Liberty and Law (Courier-Journal, 10/19/77): I contacted Mrs. Murphy about the information she presented. She was kind enough to respond immediately.

Speaking as an Episcopalian, I can only say that I wish we had a columnist as dedicated to the Faith as Mrs. Murphy is. Our Church would not be in the condition we now find so "popular." She is so right about Planned Parenthood, AAECT and SIECUS. These organizations are into almost every school and textbook, and their New Morality is not based on Christ or on Christ's teaching.

AAECT and SIECUS are actually recommended in many sex education programs. Education in Love included I Hope the parents of the Catholic school students appreciate what they have in Life, Liberty and Law, before it is too late.

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Prayer Letter

Editor:

Dear Lord, I never wanted to be a finder of souls. Not that I could not be, for I'm the worst kind of sinner. I pray that if you keep me from sin, from Hell's damnation and fire, well -- you got yourself a Missionary.

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Would Not Delay Baptism

Editor:

A short comment on your lead article, Nov. 2 edition, "Task Force Urges Confirmation Changes."

I'm a firm believer in infant baptism. If rules were changed and a baby was in my care, I would take it upon myself to baptize him.

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Lecture Tapes

Editor:

This is to thank you for the efforts the Courier-Journal put forth during our recent Magisterium Lecture Series. The lectures were very much a success, due in part to your help in getting the publicity out to our Catholic friends and neighbors.

We were fortunate to have the entire series recorded on tape. Any who desire a set of these tapes should contact Mrs. Gertrude Newberry at 160 Azalea Road or call her at 473-7475. Each organization should get a set and play them for their membership. The tapes would also be a nice gift for those who were unable to attend the series.

behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

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'Learn More About Fatima'

Editor:

On October 13, 1917, over 60,000 people witnessed the miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal. Earlier, in July, 1917, a miracle was promised by the "Lady of Fatima" as a sign to all for exactly that October date. Such a definite prediction drew the huge throng which included not only believers and the curious, but also reporters, unbelievers, and agnostics. Some of the reporters were there for the story of a non-happening that would put an end to the developing "Fatima thing." However, what they had to write was their own bewildered witness to a sun that danced abruptly and whirled about, spewing forth beautiful colors on all below, affecting all regardless of belief.

Yet more important to the world -- then and now were developments in Russia occurring at the time of the monthly apparitions of the Lady of Fatima (May-October, 1917). For from April to November, 1917 the Russian government changed from its first brief encounter with democracy to its enslavement to this day by communism. On July 13, 1917, the Lady warned that if people did not do as she requested, Russia would spread her errors, terrible wars would come, and some nations would be wiped out. Among the requests, she asked us to pray the rosary daily for peace and to pray and to sacrifice for all sinners. She gave explicit hope that we need not despair, that an era of peace will indeed come about when enough people fulfill her requests. However, we do not know whether this era will be for us and our children or for a future wiser generation learning from our tragic mistakes. The main point is that we the people have the option to be wise in this generation and to help earn that peace which currently seems impossible. We urge you to learn more about Fatima and to begin to pray for peace as requested.

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Article Disheartens

Editor:

The very fact that the Courier-Journal of Nov. 9 carried the story of Commonwealth's call for the Pope's resignation is truly disheartening.

Since when does a child ask his Father to resign? Does a Father become too old to remain the head of his family? Does Christ, Who placed Pope Paul in his lofty position, Who made him his Own Vicar, the Sovereign Pontiff, the Successor of St. Peter -- does this same Christ not assure St. Peter and his successors that He will be with them always?

honor except in his own country." All the world honors Pope Paul as the Pope of Peace and Justice. Please stop being disloyal, while pretending such great loyalty to the Pope. Be truly Catholic, if you dare. Don't kiss the Pope with the blistered lips of Judas, but with the kiss of affection for a Father deserving of praise.

Furthermore, since when must old people always be treated as though they were incompetent fools? This is constantly being implied in our society regarding both clerics and laity.

"Honor thy Father and thy Mother" is God's Commandment. I do not say to His Holiness, "Get out, old man," but rather, "Viva il Papa!" And to Commonwealth and to its supporters, I say, "Get out yourself; If you can't be a loyal Catholic, then get out."

Finally I suggest the Courier-Journal "get with it." Stop printing doubtfully orthodox trash, the theological speculations of this one and that, psychological analyses of the Pope -- a man chosen by God Himself. Print something Catholic for once. Who knows? You may one day call yourself "The Catholic Courier-Journal!"

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In Support Of Fr. Cuddy

Editor:

Re Father O'Malley's letter in the Nov. 2 edition in which he accuses Father Cuddy of slander, no less!

I do think Father over-reacted just a wee bit, even if he is a Jesuit. Anyone who is familiar with Father Cuddy's column knows he is incapable of the un-charitable actions of which he is accused. So, I certainly hope he doesn't take the time required to issue "profound apologies" all over town.

When I was a little girl I would sometimes go to my dear mother and acquaint her with the fact that I wasn't getting the recognition due me (I thought) by my friends, teachers, whoever. She'd tell me lovingly, "offer it up to Our Lord and His dear mother." I do likewise to Father O'Malley. Lovingly, of course.

To dear Father Cuddy I quote Victor Hugo: "Strong and bitter words indicate a weak cause." Keep the faith, Father.

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