

More Opinions

'Open Letter' Sad to Read

Editor:

The "Open Letter to Newly Ordained Priests," nicely boxed in your April 12 issue, is sad to read. Sad for many reasons, but primarily the following:

1. I think it is highly improper for these people to congratulate the deacons for their coming priestly ordinations on the one hand, and then on the other, to use this same opportunity to push their own ideas about their alleged "call to priestly ministry." It is simply bad manners to cast a "poor little me" attitude onto such a joyous occasion.

2. The letter refers to "the institutional Church." There is only One Church, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Is the letter implying such a thing as a "non-institutional Church?" "The Church of Christ," says Pope Paul, "is not without a hierarchical structure, not without its own proper organization with finalities of order and obedience."

3. Pope Paul has said that the Church's "living teaching authority . . . has consistently held that the exclusion of women from the priesthood is in accordance with God's plan for His Church."

4. No one has a just right to be ordained, unless called by the Church. The Church does not call women to ordination. Therefore, women have no right to be ordained to the Priesthood.

I pray for my new brother Priests, for my sisters in Faith, that they may always show Christ's love for His Church in their lives, and for Peace in the Catholic Church, without bickering.

I hope my words will be taken in the sense in which they are intended — in Charity.

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Opposes ERA

Editor:

It would be deplorable if the Ad Hoc Committee on Women in Church and Society recommends that the Bishops' Administrative Committee support the Equal Rights

Amendment. This subject is under study for consideration at the Bishops' Administrative Committee at its May 1 meeting in Chicago.

If the preparers of position papers succumb to a deluge of NOW and IWY source material the Bishops could hardly make a proper evaluation of what the ERA would actually accomplish. All major Catholic lay organizations have opposed ERA; National Council of Catholic Women, the K of C and Catholic Daughters of America. It would be constructive if members of these bodies inform the General Secretary of the rationale of their opposition. Many organizations are now communicating their concern to the Ad Hoc Committee and the President of the U.S. Bishops.

In my own letter to all the Bishops involved and the Committee I am stressing the very simple and obvious issues which would require the Church to render to Caesar the things which are NOT Caesars:

(1) It would make abortion on demand a "right."

(2) It would place the Church squarely in conflict with the Constitution in the matter of equal rights of women to become priests.

(3) It would place our Bishops on the same side as the NOW organization which is trying to have tax exemption of the Church taken away.

I will gladly provide a list of names and addresses of all Bishops and Committee members to those who would like to help our representatives make a choice based on what is in the interest of the Church. A stamped envelope would be welcome.

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Nervous Service

Editor:

In regard to the opinion expressed by

Some women in HIS service

I have to admit that . . .

It made me quite nervous.

I learned very young that

I was different but equal

And HE calls us HIMSELF

To serve all of HIS people.

I believe we are the branch

And HE is the vine

And I can spread the "Good News"

Without consecrating the wine.

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We encourage readers to submit opinions but since we try to print letters from as many different contributors as possible we will publish no more than one letter a month from the same individual.

Bishop's Public Appointments

MAY 1978

2-4 — N.C.C.B. Spring Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago

5 — Division Directors Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

5 — Priesthood Ordination, St. Columba Church, Caledonia — 7:30 p.m.

6 — Feast Day Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Our Lady of the Cenacle Retreat House — 10:30 a.m.

6 — Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph Church, Cayuga — 5:30 p.m.

7 — Confirmation, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights — 2:00 p.m.

8 — Becket Hall Board of Trustees Meeting — 10:00 a.m.

8 Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Charismatic Renewal Group, Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

9 — North Region Annual Assembly Meeting, St. Margaret Mary's Rochester — 7:00 p.m.

11 — Division Directors Meeting — 9:00 a.m.

11 — Confirmation, St. Rose of Lima Church, Lima — 7:45 p.m.

13 — Knights of Columbus State Convention, Concord Hotel, Kiamjesha Lake, New York

15 — Clergy Holy Hour, Center for Continuing Education, St. Bernard's Seminary — 11:00 a.m.

15 — Confirmation, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville — 7:45 p.m.

16 — Regional Coordinators Meeting — Pastoral Office — 12 noon.

16 — Confirmation, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva — 7:45 p.m.

18 — St. Bernard's Seminary Board of Trustees Meeting — 10:00 a.m.

18 — Confirmation, St. Hyacinth's Church, Auburn — 7:45 p.m.

19 — Division Directors Meeting — 9:00 a.m.

19 — Finger Lakes Chapter, K of C Meeting, St. Patrick's School of Religion, Victor — 8 p.m.

20 — Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Diocesan Pastoral Council, St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen — 9:30 a.m.

20 — Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. John Fisher College

Baccalaureate — 4:30 p.m.

21 — Diocesan Missions Sunday, Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, WHEC, Channel 10, 8:00 a.m.

21 — Celebration of Eucharist and Homily and Dedication of new Parish Hall, St. Joseph Church, Campbell — 1 p.m.

22 — Clergy Holy Hour, Center for Continuing Education, St. Bernard's Seminary — 11:00 p.m.

22 — Confirmation, St. Joseph Church, Rush — 7:45 p.m.

23 — Concelebration of Eucharist and Homily with Priests of North East Region, Holy Trinity Church, Webster — 12:00 Noon

24 — Concelebration of Eucharist and Homily with Jubilee Class of 1953 and diocesan Priests, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester — 11:30

25 — Finance Committee Meeting — 9:00 a.m.

25 — Confirmation, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — 7:45 p.m.

26 — Division Directors Meeting — 9:00 a.m.

27 — Radio Message, Family Rosary Network — 7:00 p.m.

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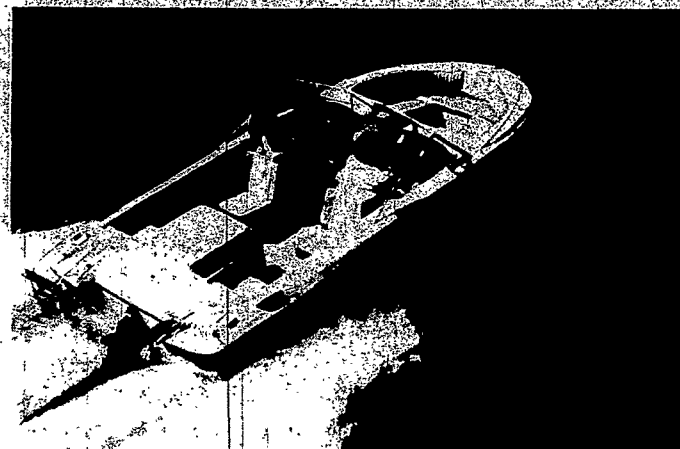
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