

**More Opinions**

**Fr. Greeley  
'Hatchet Man'**

Editor:

For quite a while I felt Father Greeley was truly an inspired writer. Now all of a sudden he writes like a sick, old hatchet man. When he writes about how great the parochial schools are, that's fine. But when he rants and raves about what a God-less, nonacademic institution the public schools are (especially the city schools), I feel its a personal insult to my choice of where I want my children educated.

All of my children now go to public schools. Three of them were educated in the parochial grammar schools, two of them in high school, and because of a disagreement over the curriculum (strictly college preparatory), I transferred them to a public school (a city school).

THEY WERE NOT PULLED OUT BECAUSE OF THE TUITION COSTS. The courses offered at the public school more than met their academic and artistic needs. Their religious needs are filled with involvement in Youth Ministry, parish activities, family discussions (which occur often), about God, the Church, and our relationship with our fellowman.

The dedication and concern of the teachers has far surpassed anything I expected. There are truly GOOD people in the public schools and if GOODNESS IS A REFLECTION OF GOD, then HE must also be present among the teachers in public schools.

I WANT my children to go to public schools. I WANT them to mingle daily with blacks; I WANT them to know kids who haven't a dime for lunch, or who don't know who or where their father is, or sit next to a pregnant girl in typing who wants to keep and support her baby. I WANT them to have a Eucharistic Minister for a math teacher, an Episcopal deacon of science or a Presbyterian for English, or an atheist for study hall. I want my kids to go to Mass to worship the Lord on a holy day not because the whole class HAS to go together like robots, but because my kids are TOUGH ENOUGH CATHOLICS to go to the office with an excuse and TELL THEM they're taking an hour off to go to Mass.

Catholic schools are wonderful for those people who feel they need them for college preparation or to bolster up their children's (or their own in many cases) weak faith; but as for my family and many like us, we choose to follow the words of our Lord and not be afraid to "go out into the world and spread the Good News" by our Christian example.

So I say to Father Greeley, "Praise our God, praise our Church, praise our parochial schools, but leave your poison pen at home." It's unbecoming a

true follower of Jesus Christ.

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**Public Schools  
Defended**

Editor:

Apparently Father Greeley has set himself up as an expert on the rights and wrongs of public education. The statements made in his column June 28 raise serious questions about his credibility and knowledge of the public school system.

Father Greeley claims public school test scores have been deteriorating. This is not true. PEP scores have improved steadily since 1971. For example, in 1971, 43 percent of third graders were reading below minimum competence; in 1977 only 22 percent were reading below minimum competence. This is just one small example of the progress being made in city schools.

If Father Greeley would take the time to visit inner city schools, he would not refer to them as custodial institutions. This is an insult to our children, parents, and staff.

Father Greeley claims public schools do not want competition. Would private schools really like to compete with us? Would they be willing to lower their financial and scholastic standards and accept all applicants? Would they be willing to provide an appropriate education for all handicapped children? Would they be willing to provide alternative programs for disruptive students?

I personally don't oppose tuition tax credits and freedom of choice. But even with tuition tax credits, thousands of city children would not be free to choose a private school. Rochester can be proud of the fact that its public schools provide a quality education for all and are able to compete with private schools that practice selective enrollment and have virtually problem-free students.

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**Singer  
Praised**

Editor:

I am writing this letter as I listen to a record, a record so inspirational, I cannot describe it. The record is "May I Introduce You to a Friend", by JoAnne Hartman.

JoAnne is a beautiful person. I first heard her sing about five years ago, when my twin brother, the late Bill Givens played one of her albums. Bill was with WHAM and he recognized the same thing I do as I listen — purity of voice I chose to call it. Her voice is definitely straight from God. It is pure, strong, and full of hope.

I met JoAnne personally when Connie Givens introduced us at a concert at Nazareth College in memory of Bill. She has inner beauty as well.

The selections are ideal, the religious entwined with reality. I have always loved "St. Francis Hymn" and I thank the Courier-Journal for the opportunity (and privilege) to listen to it in my own home as well as in church. JoAnne sang that particular song at Bill's funeral Mass here at St. Patricks in Elmira, N.Y. Now almost five years later, it sounds even more beautiful.

Father Dan Wheeland, I

thank you for the joy of being able to listen to this recording again and again. May I suggest (I know for sure, Bill would) to all from Rochester to Elmira — do yourselves a favor — get the record.

Bill was so aware of local professional people. He used to say "You don't have to go all the way to New York City, etc., to hear and see professional entertainment. It is right in this area." He was right. JoAnne Hartman is an example. She is a pro.

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**SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER**

By Ed Sulewski

The costs involved in a funeral confuse many people. One reason is that different funeral homes may price funerals in different ways. The total costs, however, are usually comparable. They can be broken down into four basic categories:

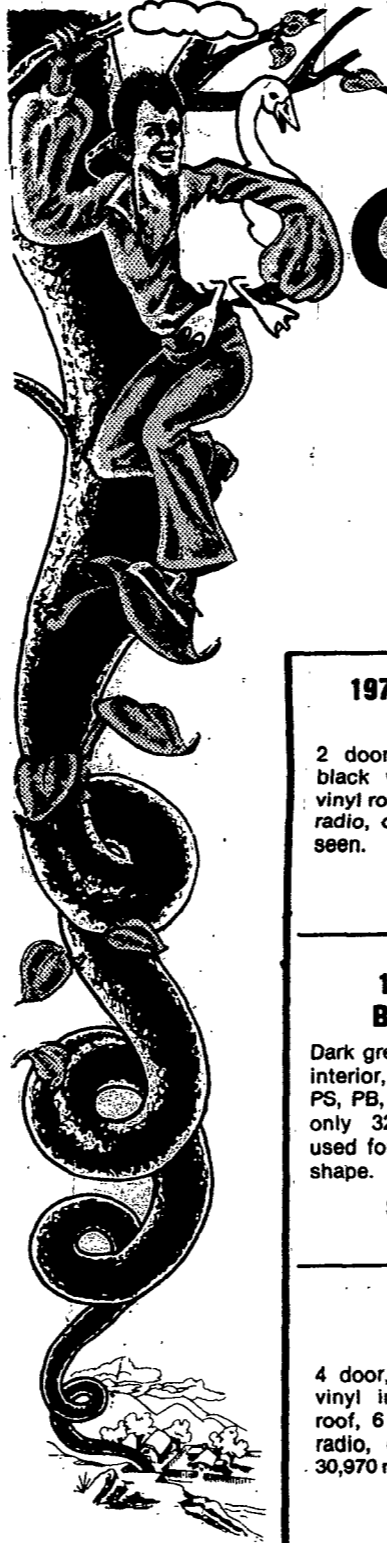
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The cost of the cemetery lot, opening and closing of the grave, services of an organist and clergyman are usually considered apart from the funeral home's charges. However, these arrangements can also be taken care of by the home, if desired. At the time of final arrangements, you are entitled to receive a complete itemized list of the services and their costs, which we will furnish.

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