

**Editorials**

**Mission Sunday**

We have in the past in trying to emphasize the necessity of supporting the annual Mission Sunday appeal, often listed what to us, at least, are startling statistics about American spending.

There is no denying that there would be some connection between the fact that we spend, for instance, \$7 billion on cosmetics while many in our country as well as in other parts of the world lack both physical and spiritual nourishment. We think it says something that we spend \$1.5 billion yearly on antidepressants while at the same time laying down \$129 billion for automobiles.

Such facts and figures should tell us something about our national life style and presumably a bit about what is wrong with the world -- or should that be the two worlds, the haves and the have-nots.

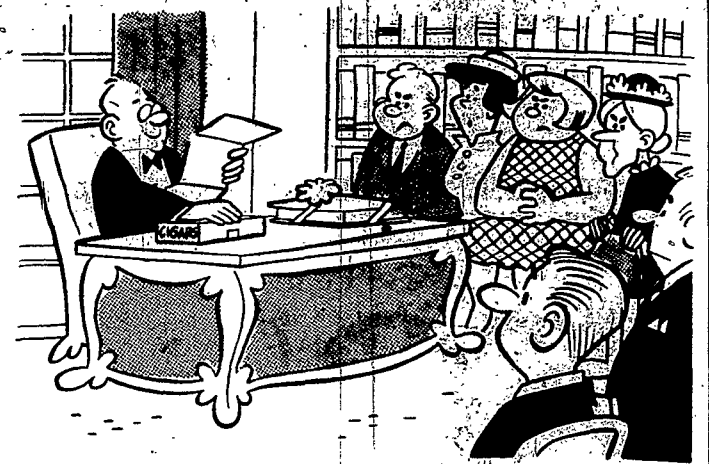
But though the missions need our financial aid,

there is more involved. What these missionaries do on the far-flung front lines of evangelization is imitate Christ. They preach the Good News as well as heal. The teaching may take place in a one-room, tin-roofed school house or in a university, it may be in a village square, a chapel, or over the airwaves; the healing may touch the body in a mobile clinic or touch the soul in one of the sacraments.

It was Christ's work when He walked the earth. It is our work today.

The world just lost a man who showed promise of becoming one of the great evangelizers of all time -- Pope John Paul. The rest of us must persevere in his name.

Yes, statistics are startling. Literally millions are served by our missionaries across the world. Yet, as pointed out by Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of missions, "When we speak in millions, the picture tends to cloud. The problems loom too large to be solvable or even treatable. The mission Church looks with the eyes and compassion of Christ at one hungry child, one jobless father, one elderly and lonely



"He didn't forget any of you. Cigars for the gentlemen, candy for the ladies and the rest for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith."

widow. They number in the millions to be sure but the invitation to Christ is extended with individual love and concern."

Thankfully, we all have the opportunity to join in that concern, in that work of Christ, with Mission Sunday this coming weekend.

**and Opinions**

**Now Shoe's On Other Foot**

Editor:

A Democrat and Chronicle editorial on Sunday, Oct. 8, moans about a New Jersey Supreme Court decision

that a newspaper reporter cannot withhold information sought by a defendant in a criminal case. Now that the press is being hurt, they are beginning to wake up, we hope and pray, to the principle that if one person's rights are trampled, eventually no



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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.

one's rights will be respected. The editorial hints that priests and doctors could be next in regard to confidentiality being invaded.

Too bad the secular press has not been as aware of rights before, that is until now, when their foot is being pinched, as it were.

They have shown little regard for the rights of the unborn and have done so much to promote so-called abortion "rights" which they and the NOW groups hope to lock into the constitution by passage of the ERA amendment.

They have also shown a singular lack of concern for the rights of parents of children in religious schools to their equal share of the education tax pie, trying to cloud the issue with "separation of church and state" rather than with the second part of the first amendment of our federal constitution, "or prohibiting the free exercise (of religion) thereof."

I suppose priests, doctors, etc., are now supposed to rush to the rescue of the secular press and their rights. The chickens are coming home to roost. Maybe, just maybe, the secular press will realize that unless they fight for the rights of all, even Catholics, all rights, sooner or later, will be taken away.

Otherwise, in the future, if it weren't un-Christian to do so, I might also be inclined to hold my sides from breaking with laughter, as I tell them, "I told you so."

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**Prayer For 'Sanity'**

Editor:

I have tried to word a prayer which I think is deep in most of our hearts. I would like to share it.

"Beloved Jesus, Savior of Mankind, grant us, Your people, the grace of sanity."

"The sanity that will

make us realize that Your true followers there is but one name we should seek to be known by, one name to live by, that of Christian.

"The sanity that makes us realize that a Christian is neither to 'the right' nor to 'the left' or in a splinter group setting itself apart. The Christian is right behind You, following the simple, unmistakable way of life You came to earth to live out and to leave us as a living example.

"The sanity that will make us understand that it isn't format of worship that is either to divide us or unite us. Only the common bond of loving and serving You, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and one another will draw us together as true Christians.

"The sanity to realize that pulpits, names and symbols are not what need to be changed, but rather that which in our individual souls is not in harmony with the Father's will.

"The sanity to realize that in the shape of table bread or a host, the Consecrated Bread is You, our Source of Love, of strength, of life. It is You. Therefore, let us come to you as often as we can.

"The sanity to pull back from all controversy so as to re-examine Your life here on earth. You, the Son of God, did not organize to become a deacon or a priest. Rather You chose to be the servant of all. You knew that the Father is quite capable of taking matters in His own hands in His own time to fulfill His will.

"The sanity to realize that only then, with an overflowing love for You, can our hearts reach out to our brothers and sisters in a sincere Christian love, either through the quiet hidden acts or the outgoing visible ones. There is room for all our expressions.

"Kind, compassionate, gentle Saviour, we love You. Help us in our hour of need. Unify us behind You. Grant us the humility of the true servant. AMEN."

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**Humanizing Our Society**

Editor

The annual meeting of the Community Chest had a very dynamic speaker, Bill Aramony, national executive of the United Way of America. He spoke on the role of the volunteer as one of humanizing our society -- people serving people across lines of race, class, and creed. He was certainly sincere, and like his audience, dedicated and concerned.

Unfortunately, the money they help collect is being misused. Instead of humanizing society, Planned Parenthood is using this money to finance the killing of human life before birth. Human life -- a treasured gift from God -- is now something to be accepted only when convenient. A whole generation of young people have been betrayed into accepting an inferior way of life.

For all of us who contribute time and money to the Community Chest, we know we are doing it in a good cause. Yet this acceptance of Planned Parenthood within the Community Chest has given respectability to their work. By helping the Chest reach its quota, we help, indirectly, Planned Parenthood.

I do not understand how this group became a part of the United Way. Why were they given this seal of approval? Can the leaders of our community, especially those responsible for allocation of funds, avoid studying this issue and coming to some decision? Our leaders in the community are now responsible for giving credibility to an organization which is helping to destroy family life.

If we truly love our neighbors we want what is good for them. We will not support any group which denies the preciousness of human life. May God send his spirit to guide our leaders. Let us support all who stand up in truth and love for the good of our society.

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**Not All Catholics 'Roman'**

Editor

It is wrong to say that the Pope is leader of the "Roman Catholic" church, when speaking of the "entire" Catholic church. "Roman Catholics" are only one "part" of the Church headed by the Pope of Rome. All "Eastern Rite" Christians are not "Orthodox". Many "Eastern Rite" Christians are also a "part" of the Church headed by the Pope of Rome. Together, the Roman "part" and Eastern "parts" combine to form the "One Holy Catholic Church" under the Pope of Rome.

Calling the "entire" Catholic Church by the name of only one of its "parts" (Roman Catholic) is like calling the "entire" United States by the name of "Texas" (since that "part" of the U.S. has the largest Territory) or calling it "California" (since that "part" of the U.S. has the largest population).

We all admit that "Roman Catholics" are the largest "part" of the Catholic Church, but they are still only a "part", not the "WHOLE".

If you still insist on saying that the Pope is leader of Roman Catholics, then (in fairness) you have a duty to also state that he is leader of the Ukrainian Catholics, Ruthenian Catholics, Byzantine Catholics, Maronite Catholics, Melkite Catholics, and other Eastern Rite Catholics. Anything less than this is such poor journalism that it would qualify for a mistake, known by reporters, as a "biggie".

Pope Benedict XV stated that, "The Church of Jesus Christ is neither Latin, nor Greek, nor Slav, but Catholic, and all occupy the same rank in the eyes of the Apostolic See."

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