

**Editorials**

**162-A . . . Again**

This editorial should have a code reference, something like 162-A. An accompanying instruction should read, "Use editorial 162-A twice annually, the dates to be chosen to fit the need."

So, dear reader, if you have the feeling that you have read this before, rest assured that you probably have. For it is time to issue ole 162-A to remind our Opinion contributors of our guidelines editorially.

True, this may be a shameful waste of valuable space, considering that we run the Guidelines almost weekly on this page. But for some reason the guideline box seems to avoid the eye.

First, letters meant for this page must be addressed to Opinion. Not to any particular job title and certainly not to the editor by name. The present holder of that job is not too swift and once printed a personal letter from his mother on this page.

Brevity is the soul of wit and also the essence of making a point effectively. Keep your opinions to a

page and a half, typed double-spaced and you may move the world.

We are sincerely grateful that so many of our readers use this page, which often overflows. However, that we may print as many varied viewpoints from as many readers as possible we must ask that readers limit themselves to one letter a month. We cannot guarantee even then that it will be printed right on schedule, but your consideration on this matter will help keep the Opinion page lively.

We must insist that the letters include the name and address of the writer.

And, finally, the most important point of all in 162-A is to keep your opinion in good taste. No issue is served, no progress made, no good done when it is attempted in language that is offensive, vituperative or demeaning.

The reason that we are using this editorial at this juncture is in the last two weeks we have received letters that have ignored all these guidelines.

We ask, please be considerate of the guidelines, lest they become rules. And if you do you will be rewarded by not being subject to 162-A ever again.

**A Note of Thanks**

My dear family and friends of the Diocese of Rochester,

I want you to know my gratitude for all you did to make the installation of Bishop Clark such a memorable event. Indeed, it was a Spirit-filled celebration and your spirit of cooperation was most enthusiastic. Our guests from Albany were most impressed and were generous in their expressions of gratitude.

Good celebrations do not happen without a great deal of planning and sharing of talents. To list acknowledgements would risk the danger of omission of names deserving of credit. Just let me thank all of you who had any part in the installation — the committees who planned and organized and all whose cooperation made their plans such a splendid reality. I am proud of you.

Gratefully in Christ,

*Joseph L. Hogan*  
Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

**and Opinions**

**Readers Catch Error**

Editor:

I hope the mistake was that of a translator or typesetter and not the Pope's.

I'm referring to a paragraph in the text of the consecration Pope John Paul II gave at Jasna Gora that was printed last week.

It said, "How meaningful for me always have been the words that your Son, born from you, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of man, spoke from the height of the Cross, pointing out John the Baptist: 'Woman, behold, your son!' (Jn 19:26)."

Christ was obviously speaking about John His disciple since John the Baptist had been beheaded for quite some time.

I wonder how many readers discovered the mistake? If they didn't maybe they should forego a half hour of TV and read the Scriptures instead.

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Editor's Note: We are grateful to Ms. Herman for pointing out the error. She may be glad to know that other readers also spotted it and telephoned our office. We wish we could say "just testing" but we cannot. We passed along the error exactly as it appeared in L'Osservatore Romano. The mistake was obviously made in translation.

**Diocesan Unity**

Editor:

Congratulations to the Courier staff for the tasteful insert and excellent coverage of the installation of Bishop Clark.

Congratulations to the Installation Committee for the excellent planning and execution of the celebration. All of those in attendance and joining in the celebration via

television experienced a liturgy which was splendid in every way.

Surely such an example of diocesan unity would warm the heart of anyone and give great testimony of the kind of cooperation that is at the disposal of our new bishop.

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**Installation Great . . . but**

Editor:

The beauty of our bishop's installation cannot be expressed in words! My compliments to all who worked so hard to make it truly a prayerful gathering. Father Kennedy did a great job in lending his creative touch and letting so many others have a part. I am sure Bishop Hogan was pleased to see so many people participate — for it was he who helped give us the ability to become a more integral part of so many parts of our Church's ministry.

Every group within our Church community was represented and I have no complaint with that, but feel that those who were at the installation who are hearing-impaired or deaf should have been given better seating so that they could feel more a part of the ceremony. Bishop Clark was gracious to them during the reception and shows a deep concern for their needs and is anxious to work with them, as he is with all of us within the diocese. The fact that television coverage was not interpreted was not as important, I feel, as creating as much as possible the atmosphere and environment during the installation for those hearing-impaired and deaf persons who were there. Father Erdle did a good job interpreting, but conditions could have been better and the seating less distracting. These people need to be "heard" in our diocese and included in the fullness of our Church's liturgy and ministry. We are all deaf to people at times! Let us heed

the command of Christ "be opened" and pray that His Spirit fill us and our new bishop with the depth of His love so we can reach out to all people within our diocesan community!

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**'Action' Letter Seen Baseless**

Editor:

The statements in the letter from the Catholic Action Group, June 20, 1979, "Installation Site Protested," have, to say the least, very little basis in historical reality.

The Rochester War Memorial, like similar one in cities and villages in the area, was never "dedicated" to the fact that men and women . . . have taken up arms against each other. Those who supported this particular type of memorial were expressing concerns of sorrow, thankfulness and conscience.

A sizeable proportion of a vital generation of Americans had been wiped out or returned to us totally or in varying degrees, unable to carry on in the social progress of their communities. We sincerely hoped that such a memorial would, in the years to come, make available function and activities which these people would have appreciated and supported.

Perhaps this Action Group would have preferred — in an old tradition — an enormous statue of some general on a horse in a prancing warlike attitude, to "inspire" youngsters with military ideals.

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**Did Letter Tear or Build?**

Editor:

With interest I have been following your coverage of the new bishop of Rochester. I feel as though I know him without having yet met him. I noticed in the Courier, June 20, the Rochester Catholic Action Group publicly proclaimed

protest for the use of the War Memorial for Bishop Clark's installation. It seems one cannot speak and act out of a sense of justice without a deep love and care for even those one speaks against.

The Scripture records that if we have something against our brother we speak to him and if that doesn't work we bring in the Church Elders and then if there is still no reconciliation we bring the matter before the whole congregation. Since at least three of the signers of the protest work for the Pastoral Office, one right within the Pastoral Center, it makes me wonder if the concern expressed in the Courier was taken to the Planning Committee for the Installation before being brought to the whole Church of Rochester. Sometimes in the name of justice we can "skip steps" in living this out and thus leave ourselves open to becoming just clanging cymbals.

It also appears to me that in the 1970s we have a new form of artillery, not necessarily guns and bombs. All of us from time to time might ask ourselves if we are using the gift of free speech to tear down or build up the Kingdom of Peace, Justice and Love.

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**'Soviet Threat' Seen as Phony**

Editor:

In a letter of 3-14, Robert Bart said, "The Soviet Union outspends us in this area (the military) by 40 per cent." He expressed a similar opinion 5-23.

Our military takes about 24 per cent of our national budget. The USSR says that their military takes 17.2 billion rubles (25 billion dollars) 7 per cent of their national budget.

After more than 35 years of comparing US and USSR statements, I have found the USSR far more accurate than Washington. The same appears true in this case, for the following reasons:

(1) Not one Soviet person makes a single penny from arms production. While arms production is a heavy burden on most Americans, our "military industrial complex" reaps huge profits from armaments. What better way to keep the taxpayer shelling out and profits rolling in than to invent a "Soviet threat."

(2) President Carter says we cannot afford national health care. In USSR, all health, medical, hospital care is free. Financing education here is a problem. In USSR it is free through college. Maximum total tax

for a Soviet citizen is 13 per cent of income. Compare that with ours. Inflation here is rampant. USSR has no inflation problem. Our cities are in crisis and decay, some near bankruptcy. In USSR, no cities are in crisis. New ones are being built each year. Our national debt is huge and growing. The USSR has none.

If the USSR can do all this, yet outspend the US by 40 per cent on the military, the CIA should do something useful for a change — discover what kind of magic the Soviets use.

Nuclear missiles are considered the decisive weapon. The US has more than twice as many as the USSR. The US is the only nation to have used this weapon to destroy human beings.

Muhammad Ali visited the USSR last year. Upon returning home, he said, "Don't worry about the Russians starting any war. Somebody's got to mess with them first!" I too visited the USSR and it was only then — after seeing the evidence of the terrible destruction and loss of life they suffered in World War II — that I could fully understand the Soviet People's intense hatred of war.

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