

Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

'Caesar' Looms Above God And People

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 7:31-37, (R1) Is. 35:4-7, (R2) Jas. 2:1-5.

Last week's gospel about man's tendency to repudiate God's commandments caused me to lash out against the U.S. Supreme Court.



Fr. Shamon has put himself above God and above the people of this country. In 46 States, for instance, the representatives of the people had passed laws to protect unborn human life, but the Court struck them all down. By raw judicial power, tyrannical power, with no basis whatsoever in the Constitution, the Court gave youngsters and mothers the "right" to kill unborn babies.

The Court has systematically thrown God

out of schools, has relegated God to an irrelevancy. But worst, the Court, which used the separation of Church and State slogan to secularize schools, is now ignoring it to reduce the Church to a satellite of the government as in totalitarian regimes.

Last week I mentioned the National Labor Relations Board's attempt to unionize schools in the Midwest. I hadn't enough space then to develop the implications.

The NLRB is a government agency. In a Midwest Catholic school, a teacher was dismissed for promoting the sexual theories of Masters and Johnson among high school children. The dismissal was contested before the NLRB. The board charged the school was wrong in its action. Here is a matter that goes directly to Christian morality and the right of a religious school to say its teachers shall observe Christian morality. A government body is constitutionally incapable of resolving such questions. Yet NLRB tried.

Furthermore, unionization of teachers in Catholic schools could very well put such schools out of business. Non-government schools have no economic capability beyond the congregation's ability to support them. Their resources are as deep as their parishioners' pockets. They naturally exist on a more modest scale that is called for by unionized salaries in government supported schools. One of the marks of the religious school has always been a certain great measure of dedication and a certain element of sacrifice and contribution. You put government into these schools and you will force the schools into bankruptcy, and rob great Christian men and women of voluntarism — the chance to make a sacrifice for the Lord.

A final point: to what extent may the State interfere in a non-government school? Actually, very little. The State can impose only minimal requirements concerning education, such as sanitary and healthful environment, basic subjects like reading, writing, spelling, speaking English, the history of the country, its geography, its government, and the length of the school day and term. But that is about all.

If a child is in a school

meeting these requirements of law, there is no reason under the sun why he cannot obtain his just share of the tax dollar; and the school, reimbursement — not just for mandated services, but for the entire school program, for even the subjects are mandated. Should such help be given, the government's right to interfere in such schools is limited to the minimal requirements outlined above. Yet Caesar is putting himself above God and people.

Upon what meat does this our Caesar feed,

That he is grown so great?

Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world

Like a Colossus, and we petty men

Walk under his huge legs and peep about

To find ourselves dishonorable graves.

Now substitute the word Court for the word Caesar. The fault is not with the Court but with ourselves that we are underlings. For men at some time are masters of their fates — provided, of course, that they are not blind, deaf and dumb.

All in the Family

By Sarah Child

The Annual Zucchini Column

It's that time of year. Finally. The tomatoes have ripened. Our East Indian neighbors whose live-in grandmother has the golden touch has been sending over eggplants as big as watermelons and the zucchini patch is in full production.



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zucchini column. The Man Who Hoes the Weeds is responsible for this one. Having made pointed remarks about the zucchini and scrambled egg mixture I'd been serving up every third meal being terribly bland, he wondered aloud when he was going to get some more zucchini slices which are battered and fried and which incidentally take a lot of time to prepare.

Since I get lazier every year when it comes to cooking chores I figured it easier to come up with a new variation using the same ingredients as the battered slices but in a simpler way.

Thus, the third annual

Here is the result. I'm sure

somebody else has already fixed a similar dish, but they all thought it was an original at our house and that's what counts.

ZUCCHINI CRUMBED AND CHEESED

Saute one large or two small zucchinis (diced but not pared) in a tablespoon of olive oil (any cooking oil or margarine will do, but olive oil gives it a distinctive flavor) along with a large diced cooking onion. A non-stick pan takes even a smaller amount of oil. Do not cover or liquid will form.

When the vegetables are cooked through and are soft, add two tablespoons of grated parmesan or romano cheese. (You could use shredded mozzarella, munster or hard cheese you like.) Blend cheese in mixture and pour in pieplate or other shallow oven proof dish.

Top with a mixture of 1/2 cup of Italian seasoned bread crumbs and two more tablespoons of parmesan or romano grated cheese.

Bake in hot oven (about 400 degrees) for 10 minutes or until cheese bubbles and breadcrumbs brown.

Any leftover makes a delicious lunch, hot or cold.

Scout Info

Cub Scout School nights have been slated this week and next. The one hour meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at St. Louis School on Sept. 13, and at Good Shepherd School on Sept. 19.

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