



Forgione, Ms. DeBole and Father Reif with the new statue of St. Martin de Porres.

## Statue Dedicated

A statue of St. Martin de Porres, executed by Rochester artist Achille Forgiore, has been dedicated and placed in the lobby of St. Mary's Hospital.

The statue was commissioned by Ms. Sue DeBole of Rochester as a testament of her devotion to the Dominican "Father of the Poor," who was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962.

A hospital spokesman said

that Father John Reif, co-pastor of St. Rita's Church in Webster was instrumental in the commissioning of the statue.

St. Martin, a Dominican lay brother, exercised a ministry to the poor, homeless and sick in Peru during the 16th century. Although he never left South America, it has been reported he was gifted with bi-location, and also served the needy in Africa, Mexico, China and Japan, the hospital said.

## St. Agnes Parents Plan Annual Fete

The St. Agnes High School Parents Club will hold its annual January Pot Luck Dinner Jan. 30, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7.

Speakers will be Peg and Ange Turiano, program coordinators for the Human Life Commission. They will focus on family life in relation to teenagers.

Chairpersons are Anne and

Frank Sullivan of East Rochester. Others on the committee are Madeline and Eugenz Lilly and Christina and Gerard Beauchamp of East Rochester, Jean and John Arthur of Scottsville, Lena Flow of Pittsford, and Mary Anne and Gerald Van de Water of Chili.

The dinner meeting will take place in the school cafeteria.

## All in the Family

By Sarah Child

### Two Sides Of the Coin

Some things money could buy that I'd never want:

— A fur coat. I'm an animal lover.

— Diamonds. Tacky on anybody under 60.

— A pent-house suite. I get dizzy on anything higher than the third floor.

— Extended cruise. They serve seven meals a day and my waistline couldn't take it.

— A living room in white velvet. With a black dog?

— Gold plate service for 12. It would clash with the jelly glasses.

— An original Picasso. And take a chance that the youngest would try to improve on it?

Some things money could buy that I'd love to have or give:

— As many hospitals as Sister Teresa needs.

— Every book I ever wanted when I wanted it.

— My own cappuccino machine.

— A place to set up the typewriter on the coast of Maine, another on the Virgin Islands, a third off the coast of still undeveloped Calabria.

— The best lawyers for people who get short-changed because they can't afford decent counsel.

— A personal copy of John Ford's film "The Quiet Man."

— A wall-size reproduction of the "Adoration of the Magi" by Fr. Angelico and Fillippo Lippi.

— A biblical scholar to read scripture with.

— Food for the hungry, heat for the poor.

— A mountain top in Pennsylvania with running stream.

— A second dog.

# TO ALL — OF GOOD WILL

This message is relative to articles, which appeared in our local press (The Citizen, Auburn, N.Y. Wed., Jan. 2, '80)

At the very outset, let me make it clear, I have absolutely no quarrel with the local paper. Secondly, I am fully aware that perhaps, there are many others who are more gifted and more qualified than I, to write on such matters. I, nevertheless, hold myself obligated to write, since I have received a heavy volume of phone calls and have been stopped on the street regarding this matter.

Now to the point directly—

The cartoon by one Oliphant of the Washington Star seeking to equate John Paul II with Khomeini of Iran represented one of the grossest deceptions and fabrications, of the truth, I have seen in modern Journalism. I have several of this person's cartoons on file, and they seem to follow a definite pattern of bigotry, prejudice and a "Tass" "Izvestia" portrayal of the truth — In any case, the cartoon, seeking to impugn the world-wide accepted, striking, image of John Paul 2, as a genuine "Man of God" was indeed a dastardly and sickening affront, not only to every good Catholic in this country, but to non-Catholics and to all people of good-will as well. The gross insinuations of that cartoon would have been more grave had Americans not been able to hear and see, for themselves, on International TV, One whom the best people in the world hold to be the greatest Moral and Religious Leader of our Times — here are some statements by some of my High School friends and other adults, God love them — "What trash," "gross to say the least" — Father Shamon, "has the Citizen lost its integrity" — "garbage, first class" — Father Shamon "I couldn't believe my eyes" — "How corrupt can people become" — "a gross lie, should never be allowed in print" — "atrocious" — "Weren't you appalled" etc., etc. I said to myself — praise Jesus Christ — at the same time thinking of that old Radio Program — with the theme — "You can fool some of the people some of the time but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Oliphant, you had better check your notes — you who are unworthy to shine the shoes of John Paul 2: You should commit your notes to the cesspool from which you must have gathered them. And now, Oliphant, listen to someone else besides yourself — you might learn something. John Paul 2 — has ordered, no one to the wall. Khomeini has, John Paul 2 — has taken no hostages, never would, Khomeini has, John Paul 2 interceded for their release, only to be insulted by the fanatical Khomeini whom most of the Mohammedan World, with Sadat, have condemned. John Paul 2 never violated or would He, any just article of international law. Khomeini has shattered all law, even God's. John Paul 2 has forced no one and never will force anyone to accept Catholicism, because He knows enough Theology to know such a conversion would rest essentially on a person's free choice. Khomeini, considers all who differ sectally devils, even President Carter, etc., etc. — Oliphant, the best I can say for you, is from a student who said, "that punk must be mentally sick."

Readers were fortunate and the Citizen showed some logic by placing above the cartoon, an article entitled "Church Must Recognize Rights" with the name, Andrew Greeley, over the title. The Cartoon and the Article should be together for they complement each other perfectly — it was a stroke of some type journalistic acumen to have them together.

Please, understand, I am in no way attacking the Citizen, it simply presented Greeley as substituting for a Mary McGory and as to the offensive cartoon, maybe the paper by "syndicate" policy, has to accept such — as they come along, like the theatres, who in the past, were saddled with a "package" deal — I don't know. I am, for certain, attacking the Greeley article, which is saturated with gross assumptions, half-truths, misconceptions, puerile exaggerations, pre-fabrications, deceptions, a grave misapplication of historical events, out of genuine context, attempting ludicrously to render, a giant of integrity, Paul 2 as culpable and blameable for the burning of Rome by Nero and most of all a rehearsal of damnable lies, whether intended, or unintended.

Referring to the "examination" by Rome, of the Theological stature of the Dutch Dominican, Father Edward Schillebeeckx — the Andy Greeley article states: "Do you deal with a distinguished and famous theologian, whose physical condition doctors have diagnosed to be pre-credic, by dragging him before a heresy tribunal, especially a heresy tribunal presided over by another Dutch Dominican (Abp. Hammer) who (according to Andy Greeley) is an old rival... using his Roman position to settle an old vendetta with his more famous and more successful rival." I strongly object, as I would in a Court of Law to the Greeley terminology — for example "dragged" — no one is being dragged anywhere, by anyone, let alone John Paul 2, I strongly object to the exaggeration and deliberate overplay of the terms "heresy" tribunal for that wrongly limits the purpose of all such "examinations". There are a multitude of reasons for Vatican City seeking an expose of conduct and behavior from a member of its world-wide ecclesiastical personnel besides doctrinal conflicts with teachings of Christ as defended by the Church He established.

Again, I am appalled that the writer would dare to use physical debility as a principle of exoneration in any case — how ludicrous can these so-called intellectuals really get. I had a massive coronary, does that give me some priority, to do as I please, to do my thing, even if it violates Christ's thing. Does that render me immune to all sanctions, guidance, corrections, and necessary discipline. Does that and other superficial reasons release me from culpability when I am not in harmony with and accord with the Apostolic Tradition (Teachings of Christ and His 12 Apostles).

The writer is dealing with a stacked deck — assessing Abp. Hammer's position in this disciplinary examination, as of vendetta proportions is a nefarious gratuitous assumption, which I gratuitously and wholeheartedly deny. I go on record without hesitation or fear and confidently state that Abp. Hammer has a Conscience delicately attuned to God, as I find true of the vast majority of god-priests, who all realize that one day they must give an accounting to Almighty God and cannot afford to deal in such ecclesiastical chicanery.

If this is our attitude, Fr. Greeley regarding those in authority in your Church — I strongly urge that you get out of the Priesthood and not be so troubled by vendetta — tainted clergymen and such thoroughly inhumane Religious Leaders, as John Paul 2 and Abp. Hammer.

Isn't it colossally ironic, that so many of your writings are so generally unacceptable to the ordinary intelligent laymen, who are not, in the least, enchanted by our novel-bent "sputterings" — to say nothing of the sound and more brilliant members of the Clergy, whom I have often heard refer to your "rantings" with total and angered disgust.

Now to quote from the Priest, Sociologist and writer again — "What happens to John Paul's plea for human rights when the Church has... a trial etc." I answer to Fr. Greeley — absolutely nothing, not one darn thing happens to "human rights" for the simple reason, that "human rights" is absolutely not the issue here — let me clarify for Father Andy Greeley that the issue here is definitely and incontrovertibly this, whether one who projects himself or herself as a "bona fide" member of the personnel of the Church is in discard and at variance with the centuries — stated policy of the Church. Anything to the contrary is attempting to becloud the issue and pervert the truth.

There would be absolutely no violation of "human rights", if you were ordered by your superiors, to whom you made a vow of obedience, to clarify your position, if those in authority began to discover that your theological "wanderings" were becoming dangerously at variance with Christ and His teachings. The foregoing is critically true, especially if you choose to speak for the Church and draw vast prestige from parading in Her garb as an "Alter Christ" and one of her officers and spokesman.

If you were a member of Kodak, Xerox, Bausch and Lomb or General Motors, they would ask more of you than John Paul 2 does. If you refused to reflect the "policies" of those firms — they would never tolerate your disobedience or your contumaciousness, on the basis of some mis-carriage of "human rights" — never — be honest, you know what would happen, for the good of the firm — you would be fired with complete loss of identity with the firm.

Father Greeley — I may not have the intellectual acumen, God has given to you, nor the power of literary expression and style as you have. May I, nevertheless, humbly assure you, and that cartoonist, that John Paul 2 attacks error and preserves freedom, while Khomeini attacks freedom and creates error e.g. invasion of another nation's embassy, hostages, murders, violations of international law. None of these immoral actions can be imputed to John Paul 2, who is a saintly and scholarly leader of Christ's Church.

Please never lower yourself again to make such irresponsible statements as — "The process against Father Schillebeeckx was started during the time of Pope Paul VI, so the present Pope cannot be blamed for instigating it. But he must bear the responsibility for tolerating its continuation and for causing the terrible black mark on the church's world image created by the scandalous proceedings of the Congregation of the Faith." Be careful Father Greeley, when you begin to fire harpoons and assess "black marks" when the target is John Paul 2 because you may unwittingly destroy totally any credibility you may have in the literary or journalistic world. For I simply and humbly ask again — are you responsible to God for the protection of the Magisterium or "Teaching authority of the Church" based on those momentous words of Christ — to Simon Peter — "Whatsoever you shall ratify on earth shall be ratified in heaven — whatsoever you shall refuse ratification on earth shall be vetoed in heaven. Does the burden of that commission rest squarely on your shoulders or on the One who walks in the Shoes of the Fisherman, Peter — squarely on His shoulders and where is He in 1980 — He is in the Eternal City of Rome — and who is He — He is John Paul the 2nd — who is Simon Peter in 1980. He has the charisma — He is the 264th link in the linkage with Christ's and the Fisherman's century and 1980. Wasn't it John Paul 2, who has no regard for "human rights", who knelt at Auschwitz and Dachau and spoke those memorable words of striking compassion for, and salute to the Jewish Race for those terrible atrocities and inhuman tortures suffered by those people of God: I thought it was John Paul or was it Schillebeeckx, Kung, Baum, Davis, Curran or Greeley. I am certain, it was John Paul 2 who suffered in the shadow of Auschwitz and Dachau at the hands of the Communists.

The great and late saintly scholar, Giant of a theologian and true and valiant Warrior of the Church, Abp. Fulton J. Sheen said of John Paul 2 — He is a man with a "mystique" and no "politique" — that is why we love Him — He is the ecumenical spirit of our times — "He belongs to everyone and everyone loves Him — He is a man of God." He is the Fisherman — He is the Simon Peter in 1980 — He is specifically commissioned to safeguard the DEPOSIT OF TRUTH and the MAGISTERIUM OF THE CHURCH — not a Schillebeeckx, a Kung a Baum, a Davis, a Curran, a Greeley or an Oliphant.

God love You and Yours always, I do,

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I wish to relate everything mentioned in this article in rebuttal to an article in the Courier of the Rochester Diocese by Msgr. William Shannon of Nazareth College:

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