

Morality in Media Blasts Topless Dancing Decision

Morality in Media, the ecumenical watch-dog organization presided over by Jesuit Father Morton A. Hill, has tackled the recent New York Court of Appeals decision overturning the 1977 state law prohibiting topless dancing in licensed bars.

For the last two weeks, the organization's New York City "Media Hotline" has been voicing the opinion that that decision should be appealed.

The court's decision was not an unanimous one. The majority, Associate Judges Sol Wachtler, Jacob D. Fuchsbert, Hugh R. Jones and Bernard S. Myer, found that bare-breasted dancing in

bars by women was entitled to "at least minimal protection" as a "type of expression" under the First Amendment guarantee of free speech or expression.

Dissent, however, came from Chief Judge Lawrence H. Cooke and Associate Judges Dominick L. Gabrielli and Matthew J. Jasen.

Two days after the decision, the Daily News, in an editorial on the case, stated "It must be one of the most far-fetched readings of the First Amendment in legal history."

The editorial quoted from the minority report, penned by Judge Gabrielli, who said

that topless dancing has "little communicative content." And, "There exists no justification for disturbing the legislative judgment in this case."

Copies of that editorial were distributed last week by Father Hill.

His group's opinion is that the decision should be appealed on three grounds: in deference to the minority and because it differs from a decision by the Supreme Court; because it turned on an opinion of Judge Wachtler that the state did not prove it is dangerous to mix alcohol and topless dancing; and because while the state court treated the case as a First Amendment issue, "there is also a Twenty-First Amendment, according to which the states can regulate liquor traffic."

Media Hotline is a telephone number, (212) 870-3222, which carries a recorded message explaining Morality in Media's position on current events.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side.

Celibacy Integral To Priest

Bishop Matthew H. Clark sent a letter to his priests saying that it was his wish we make our annual retreat at Becket Hall on the St. John Fisher College campus. Usually I go to Auriesville for retreat, but since the bishop wanted it, I went to Becket. Of special interest to me were the seven seminarians, all in their early to ending 20s. They served the meals, cleaned the floors, did KP, made the beds. One each came from Canisteo, Fairport, Rochester, Canandaigua, Elmira, Victor and Cohoes. For us who prize stability, these men were a joy: nicely dressed, clean shaven, hair groomed as befits the male sex, cheerful, courteous, alert and intelligent. If these are samples of our future priests, let us bless God.

There is much talk about vocations to the priesthood. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, head of personnel, clues us in on vocations at every Confirmation. But I have strong convictions about seminarians and their training. It is one thing to enter the seminaries. It is another to persevere to ordination. The "Imitation of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis was a boon to me in my seminary days, and continues to be so today. I will send a copy to each of the seven seminarians, marking a special sentence: "Be not familiar with any woman; but recommend all good women in general to God." Women are attractive to all normal men. A seminarian may find a particular woman attractive, but his dedication must be completely to Christ and His Church.

Celibacy is the accepted state for priests of the Latin rite. The desire of a seminarian to marry must be sublimated, under God's grace, by the willingness to forego having a wife and family, in order to serve the Church and her people. St. Paul affirms: "I would like to see you free from all worry. The unmarried man is free to concern himself with the

Lord's affairs, how he may please Him; but the married man is busy with the world's demands, that he may please his wife. His interests are divided." No seminarian, or priest, may presume to trifle with a call from God by trifling with a woman.

Many good men go to the seminary and having given a vocation an honest test decide it is not for them. They leave and usually become valuable members of their parishes. Such was the case of St. Thomas More. He tested a religious vocation, decided it was not his, left the monastery, married and established a joyous Christian home and family. To have tested a vocation and found it not to be God's will is a good experience, and often an occasion which knits friendships with the future clergy, to the benefit of both.

That same "Imitation" directs, "Let your eye be single." A seminarian's eye must be kept faithfully on our Sovereign Lord to the service of His Church. This unswerving purpose takes some doing, and must be constantly reaffirmed by prayer, self-denial, sacraments, involvement and inspiring reading. Fifty years ago, while at St. Bernard's Seminary, I read "Ignatius Loyola" by Francis Thompson, author of "The Hound of Heaven." Then it seared my soul and character. I found a copy in the Becket library, donated by Father John Merklinger, and re-read it during retreat with the same thrill as from the first reading. The biography is simply narrated, to inspire any Catholic, especially a seminarian or priest, to keep his eye single, relating all things to God's glory, and to the service of His people. Young people who suspect that Our Lord may be beckoning to them, "Come follow me," might consult with their parish priests, or with Father Thomas Valenti, our new vocations scout; or even with myself, who, after 45 years in the priesthood, am even more enthusiastic about this vocation to the priesthood than on the day of ordination in 1935. God be blessed forever!

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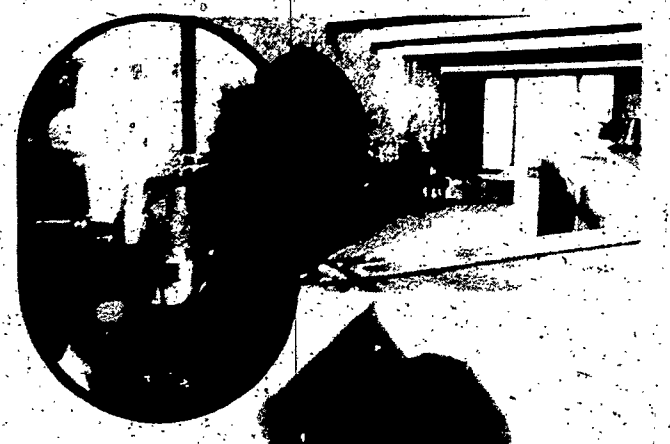
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