

**Editorials**

**Mission Sunday**

Father Joseph F. Reinhart makes a timely point in the Mission Sunday story on Page 1 this week. The director of the diocesan Missions Office thoughtfully noted that "it takes faith" to donate money in these troubled times "to allow" the Church to use it where it is most needed.

Father Reinhart alludes to the remoteness of the many missions helped by the Mission Sunday contributions and adds, "I can assure you that the distribution is made as fairly as possible, and that without the help received by 900" mission dioceses the Church could not survive in those far-off places.

May we share with you testimony from the missionaries serving in some of those mission areas.

From Bangkok, Thailand: "It was my joy to ordain a young man this year on a plantation. There are about 50 Catholic families in the village. Many Buddhists came to see the ordination and the Mass. They are very friendly toward the Catholic religion, among the members of which they have some relatives. A Sister, formerly a government nurse, visits them regularly. She chose to become a nun after serving the government for the obligatory years. Her knowledge of medicine goes a long way to gain the good will of non-Christians."

From Miarinarivo, Madagascar: "Now that the car

has been overhauled, I am making up for lost time. I make visits almost every day, because there are some outposts which have not seen a priest for a whole year... Recently I walked for four hours in the noonday sun. That was tiring for my 72 years. But it had to be done because souls are thirsting for the Gospel."

From Mbara, Uganda: "Thanks to divine Providence, our young men are generously answering the call to the priesthood and in good numbers. We have been obliged to put off some, advising them to go to other secular secondary schools. But because of the atmosphere of these schools, many never come back to us. So we decided to embark on an expansion program, which means practically doubling the classrooms, the dormitories, the laboratories and libraries. The chapel and refectory are large enough to take in a large number of boys. When our program is complete, we hope to accommodate 250 boys instead of the 100 for whom Kitabi Seminary was planned originally."

And so on — from the Philippines, Burma, India, the Cook Islands — literally from around the world. So when we keep the faith and make that sacrificial donation that Father Reinhart referred to, we may be assured that it is going to real places to do real things for real people. It is our opportunity to share in the work of those dedicated missionaries who have devoted their lives to serving in such remote corners.

**Anwar Sadat**

The words do not exist to match the emptiness caused last week by the assassination of still another man of peace, Egyptian Anwar Sadat. Two scenes in

downtown Rochester might come closer as that awful afternoon wore down to its grim climax.

In McCurdy's, Americans gathered before the store's television sets and watched blank-facedly as commentators and reporters tried to package the happening for them. Middle class Americans stood stunned by the violence done to an Egyptian leader.

A youngish black man, wearing a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball cap, wiped a tear in the corner of his eye.

A woman senior citizen, in an inexpensive cloth coat and carrying a worn leather purse, seemed to rush up and asked, "Is it true? Is he dead?"

A distinguished-looking businessman answered, "Indeed, it appears to be, ma'am."

Then silence as the stunning import of the news left this small group of Americans speechless.

Across Main Street in Sibley's, the scene was repeated. A fortyish woman said to no one in particular, "What a good man. How could this happen?" One of her sudden acquaintances rejoined, "What are we coming to?" — a question asked many times that day.

Mr. Sadat has been described by many as the keystone of peace in the Mideast, and thus in the entire world. When a statesman of this type is lost, its impact is felt in all corners of the civilized world.

One only had to watch Rochesterians last Monday to know that.

**and Opinions**

**Conservatives Defy Church**

Editor:

We disapprove the spending of \$1.5 trillion on armaments in the next five years and the \$35 billion cuts which will fall most heavily on the poor. Combined with the tax cuts, it constitutes one of the largest redistributions of wealth in America's history. This shift in resources from low and middle income families to the wealthy is almost unprecedented in severity.

This criticism of Congress and the administration by the bishops of the United States in their Labor Day statement on social justice is titled, "Reflections on the current economic crisis in the light of the Church's social teaching," which is based upon one of the two basic commandments, "love thy neighbor as thyself."

What did they expect? Reagan and conservative Republican candidates like Sen. D'Amato have records,

in word and deed, of being pro-rich and anti-poor and anti-labor.

As a result of over-emphasis on abortion and tuition tax credits, many Catholics voted for conservative candidates who are opposed to the Church's social teaching.

Instead of merely deploring the acts of these despicable candidates, who voted for those cuts in education, nutrition, social security, food stamps, housing, employment and legal services for the poor, the bishops, through the Catholic press, should expose the voting records of these conservatives in both parties who vote against the Church's social teaching.

Only then will we know if the Catholic press and the bishops are really supportive of the Church's teaching on social justice, or if it will again be sacrificed in behalf of single issues and special interest legislation.

This would be factual information for the enlightenment of the voters, not partisan endorsement.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM JOB BURNOUT?

**Must Support Bond Issue**

Editor:

As much as I have supported previous rehabilitation efforts to help salvage individuals involved in criminal activities, it is abundantly clear that we have many criminals that need to be incarcerated in order to protect the public. Indeed, over the last several years, we in the State Legislature have been toughening the criminal laws, limiting plea bargaining, setting minimum sentences, cracking down on youthful thugs, tightening illegal gun laws and in general concentrating on ridding our streets of people who victimize our neighbors.

The time has now arrived when the public must act to support our efforts. The "Prison Bond Issue" on the ballot in November needs to be approved by the voters in order to eliminate overcrowding in the State Correctional Facilities and have space to put the convicted criminals. If the Bond Issue fails, our efforts to fight the career criminal will be hampered and there will be more people than there would otherwise be, out on the streets to mug, rape, steal and kill innocent people.

I'll continue to work to solve the basic cause of criminal activities, but we must also deal with the truly evil characters who prey upon some of the most defenseless and vulnerable people in society. That is why I support a YES vote for the "Prison Bond Issue" and urgently recommend all voters to vote YES on Nov. 3.

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**Two Books Commended**

Editor:

There are two exceptionally fine books recently published

which should be in every Catholic home and every Catholic high school theology class.

One is "The Consciousness of Christ" by Father William Most and the other is "The Anti-Christ" by Father Vincent Miceli.

Father Most, one of the top scripture scholars living today, refutes the prevailing errors on our Lord and brilliantly and breathtakingly reveals an astoundingly clear conception of God-Incarnate. Father Most is truly ahead of our times in Christological studies.

"The Antichrist" is tackled by Father Miceli, and in this masterful work the myths and misconceptions of the past are permanently laid to rest. This real "person" is on his way and is "now at work among the rebellious." Malcolm Muggeridge has written of this work: "I thank God that there are priests and teachers like Father Miceli to act as His intelligence officer, and ensure that the soldiers of Christ may know who are their enemies." And Cardinal Luigi Ciappi, the Holy Father's personal theologian, has written to Father Miceli and said, "Best wishes for a vast and fruitful acceptance. Your theme is so appropriate."

Two gigantic works of artistry that are long overdue and guaranteed to enlighten and gladden the heart of any Catholic who reads them.

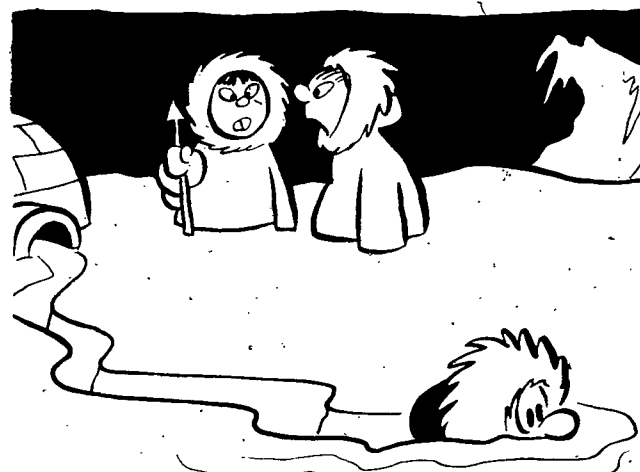
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**Good Days, Special Times**

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some very "special people" for some very "special times."

No endeavor ever has been more aptly named than Good Days and Special Times.



"Nanook's been walking to work lately to save money for the Mission Sunday collection."

I wish everyone might have experienced that most touching of all feelings — that of giving.

Recently, I had the good fortune to spend time at Camp Good Days and Special Times as a counselor. I went to the Adirondacks to give. And I discovered it was I who received. To work with these children afforded me the greatest feeling of well-being I ever have known.

I hope that this letter will cause others to be aware of and share with Camp Good Days and Special Times.

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**Reflections: Master's View**

Editor:

Lord: You see the composition of our everyday world. You KNOW the free will of the souls on earth can NEVER match the love You sought in Your Book of Commandments. When the pages are spent, the book closed, spare the innocent, the loving, the forgiving... and with a stroke of Your lightning... eternity will seal the still-wet ink of creation.

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