

Diocesan Justice and Peace Group Asks:

Continue Nestle Boycott, for Now

Following is a statement from the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission on the recent announcement by Nestle Co. that it will comply with the marketing code adopted by the World Health Organization.

The International Justice and Peace Commission welcomes the initiative by Nestle Company to comply with the code of conduct adopted by the World Health Organization in May 1981.

A boycott against Nestle (the largest vendor of artificial infant formula in non-industrialized countries) and its subsidiaries was called four years ago by a coalition of church, health, and consumer groups to force the company to stop its aggressive marketing practices of infant formulas under conditions of poverty. Bishop Matthew H. Clark endorsed the boycott in May 1981. The international Nestle boycott committee which spans eight countries

has requested to meet with Nestle on April 7 to work out the necessary steps to end the boycott. According to Rick Hoyer of the Washington INFANT, the conditions are as follows: to clarify Nestle's interpretation of the code; for instance, article 7.4 states that no free samples may be distributed. In the past, Nestle has donated cases of formula and has interpreted this to be "scientific and factual information;" verification of the structures and methods Nestle's tends to use to implement the code; i.e., how are guidelines to be followed and whether there will be an announcement to discontinue sales commission to distributors, etc.; to establish a monitoring committee to follow Nestle's promotional practices. Nestle has publicly stated its willingness to set up its own committee but an independent monitoring committee is absolutely essential.

In July 1978, Nestle announced in a press release to terminate all direct and indirect media advertising. However, violations have been found in practically every Third World country where it operates. More than 30 violations alone have been found in the September to November months of last year.

"You can understand our skepticism" said Sister Regina Murphy, chairperson of International Nestle Boycott Committee.

The International Justice and Peace Commission asks all groups and persons to continue the boycott until that time when it is determined that Nestle is actually complying with the code. We will try our best to closely monitor the developments during the next few weeks and hope that the boycott can be ended in the near future.

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Insights In Liturgy By Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ [Image of a cross with a flame]

These Days . . . These days are more than sitting back, watching while another dies and rises for us, in our stead in our place. These days are more than sighing in relief, thankful That once again it has turned out alright The end is happy the conclusion worth the waiting. These days, caught up in simple commands, capture us immerse us embrace us in death/life: Do this . . . Wash feet . . . Behold wood . . . Rejoice . . . Do this . . . break bread, pour out wine break flesh, pour out blood; his flesh, our flesh his blood, our blood His body, our body — One Body. Wash feet . . . bend down, bend over turn to another and another For we are a part not from but of Him who washes feet who bends to us and turns inside out. Behold wood . . . how strange: behold wood? not his body? Yet still, Behold the wood given meaning by hanging his body once, the Body now. Wood: bed of death tree of life sign of hope for us. Rejoice . . . Sing and exult: jump up! Burst forth life in the ground seeds that have died hearts that are cold. Push back the stones, Shake off the sleep and Dance! Death is no more There is only rock splitting earth shattering darkness destroying life his life, our life These days are more than sitting, more than sighing more than what appears to our watching eye. These days are definition insight meaning. These days are who we are who we hope to be — we who do this and rejoice!

Jews, Christians To Talk Together At Nazareth Event

Rabbi A. James Rudin and Father Michael B. McGarry, CSP, will lead a dialogue between Jews and Christians Sunday, April 18, at Nazareth College.

Rabbi Rudin is assistant national director of Inter-religious Affairs, American Jewish Congress and the author of "Prison or Paradise? — the New Religious Cults." The Paulist priest is director of the Paulist Center, chairman of the Catholic-Jewish Committee of the Archdiocese of Boston, and the author of "Christology after Auschwitz."

They will be joined during the afternoon-long event by Rabbi Shamai Kanter of Temple Beth El, Joseph G. Kelly, associate professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth; Dr. Cristine Bochen, associate professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth; and Rabbi Judea B. Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh. The program will open with registration at 2 p.m. followed by a keynote session also featuring Robert A. Kidera, president of the college, and Msgr. William H. Shannon, chairman of the Religious Studies department.

A series of workshops will begin at 3:45 p.m. on such topics as Anti-Semitism Today, Christian Theology after the Holocaust, New Religious Movements: a Problem for Synagogue and

Day of Renewal Father John Walchars, SJ, will lead a day of renewal, "Listening — The Best Answer," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at the Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Offering fee is \$4, and reservations are made by contacting the Cenacle, (716) 271-8755.

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