

Editorials

Abortions for Sale

The first abortion clinic in Monroe County has opened in Irondequoit.

At \$195 a clip and considering the fact that some 3,500 abortions are performed yearly in Monroe County and that there are probably ripe pickings in the neighboring counties to which advertising will be directed, and that the procurement services of Planned Parenthood are readily available, it is easy to see the lucrative potential of such practice. But then the abortion team must have gleaned all of this from demographic study before coming to this area.

And such profits seem assured even though the clinic will offer such services only two days a week. Must be busy elsewhere the rest of the time.

But be assured, if enough money can be made here,

the office will be open more days a week.

Those who find abortions repugnant will have to suffer the new part-time neighbors. Nothing probably can be done legally — kind of like the pornographic shops we live with.

Maybe zoning regulators or Irondequoit town officials or the county Department of Health will have reason to limit such practices.

If not, we hope the rest of the community will practice restraint and not stage protests or the like which will give the operation any undue publicity.

No More Murders

The electric chair execution of Frank J. Coppola in Virginia together with the extensive front page and national television coverage bodes well for the human race.

Because of the deterrent value in the frying of a human being and the widespread promulgation of the

fact, there will probably be no murders in the United States, especially not in Virginia with Gov. Charles S. Robb calling the shots.

Once and for all time, the deterrent factor of capital punishment will be proved. And that was the reason for killing Coppola in the first place, wasn't it?

Hatch Debate

The Hatch Human Life Amendment may be scheduled for Senate debate this week. The amendment would nullify the Supreme Court decision of 1973 which liberalized abortion in the United States.

The amendment has been endorsed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark because it is the best attainable step in the drive to end abortion on demand.

Supporters are urged to write to New York's two senators, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, 100 State St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614, and Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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Black League Games Recalled

Editor:

As a boy growing up in Columbus, Ohio, my parents often treated our family to trips to old Red Bird Stadium to see visiting ball clubs from the legendary black baseball leagues. And as a boy, I thrived on the exploits of many of these stars. I once saw Luke Easter when he played first base for the Cincinnati Crescents and hit three home runs in one contest.

You can imagine my joy as a 12-year-old when the news about Jackie Robinson's signing was bared. Jackie Robinson, to most African-American youth at the time, was an extension of Joe Louis; a bona fide hero and somewhat of a Hercules. We believed that they could do all things.

I was deeply touched by the Courier-Journal's editorial on Jackie Robinson. I was equally moved by the nostalgia you jarred in me about the "boys of summer": Jackie, Campy, Big Newk, Pee Wee, Duke, Carl Furillo and Billy Cox. Bring on those Yankees! Duke will hit cleanup; Jackie will steal them crazy and Newk will set 'em on their heels.

I will stop writing now because my tears are clouding up my vision.

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Divine Evolution

Editor:

Science has finally proven that there is a God and that there was Divine Intervention in the history of mankind and they are not even aware of it. About five weeks ago came the news that a 4-million-year-old ancestor of man was unearthed in Ethiopia, reprecating the last one found, which they called Lucy, by about 400,000 years.

The remnants of this ancient Ape Man were of a male, 16 or 17 years old and

about 4½ feet tall. His bones provided impressive new evidence for what was once a radical evolutionary idea; that our primitive ancestors learned to walk upright before they developed large brains... the creature's cranial capacity was pitifully small." (Time Magazine, 6-21)

There is a law in the process of evolution which states that "the function always precedes the organ through which it is to be exercised."

It is therefore logical to assume that intelligence (mind) came first and that here is the answer to science's "missing link," and the proof of Divine Intervention.

"It is the spirit that quickeneth the flesh!" In the analogy in Genesis, we read, "And there was not a man to till the ground... and He breathed into his nostrils the 'breath of life' and man became a living soul."

This was the beginning of the Human Kingdom. The day that the highest form of matter reached up to the highest form of Spirit for fulfillment. The day that the Sons of God "came down" and their spirits fused with the souls of the Sons of Man, so that they would now have the chance to share in the divinity of their Creator and to establish His kingdom on this planet.

The brain in these primitive Ape Men now had to catch up with the new "heightened consciousness" which it had received. A consciousness which was now capable of abstract thought and thus the very rapid development and evolution of the brain and body of these very first humans.

Yes, here is the "missing link" and it can only be explained by Divine Intervention. And four million years later, the Human Kingdom has reached the moon but still has not reached the perfection of their Father in heaven, who gave them the ability to do it.

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Pacifism Dangerous

Editor:

Pax Christi, the Catholic

pacifist group, has a portrait of Christ hanging on the wall of the Immaculate Conception Church here in Ithaca.

However, the portrait appears to be a caricature of Christ as it presents our Lord as a thin-faced, anemic, emaciated-looking figure.

Contrast that portrait with the suffering, manly, dignified countenance on the Shroud of Turin.

Pacifism then indicates a distortion of religious principles.

Surely the policy of allowing oneself and loved ones to be completely at the mercy of an adversary, no matter how evil, violates moral conduct.

The Lord who told us to turn the other cheek also told us he came to bring the sword, not peace. Between these two statements we must work out our lives and, most importantly, our salvation.

While pacifists condemn weapons of war, they ignore the violence and aggression pacifism brings.

A tragic example is the genocide in Cambodia after the United States withdrew survival military aid to the anti-Communist forces there.

Similarly in Cuba and Nicaragua, mass executions followed a Marxist takeover.

Now the pacifists are contributing to the biggest takeover of all — the United States of America!

We must not let that happen!

As long as we remain strong, morally and militarily, we need not fear.

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Let's Sacrifice For Peace

Editor:

Stable peace will not come to the world, especially the Middle East, without our concern for suffering civilian victims, our prayers, and personal penance. Pope John Paul II, on his May visit to Fatima, describes God's

message about conditions for stable peace, given through Mary in 1917 in Fatima, as follows:

"And so, while the message... is a motherly one, it is also strong and decisive. It sounds severe. It sounds like John, the Baptist... It invites repentance. It gives a warning. It calls to prayer. It recommends the rosary... It is still more relevant than it was 65 years ago. It is still more urgent. And so it is to be the subject of next year's Synod of Bishops."

We are God's instruments of peace, but we "average people" have not fully invoked the power of the beautiful doctrine of the Communion of Saints which includes imperfect us, to wage peace! Victims of war, hunger and other injustices need to know we deeply and personally care, just to sustain their hope, while the resulting cooperation of God speeds the very difficult practical solutions sought by the more actively involved.

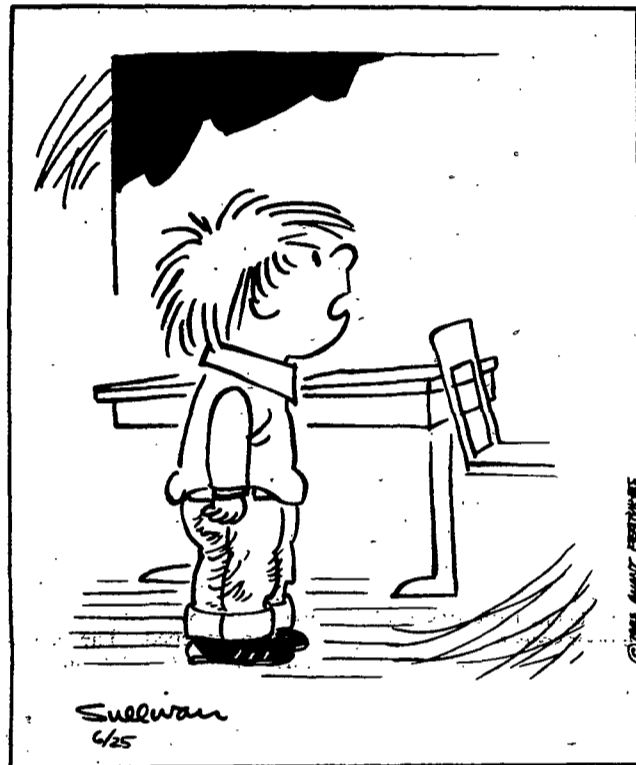
Let us pray, then decide to give up permanently some little thing we really enjoy (i.e., a cherished food or drink) and resolve to say at least one Family Rosary per week (many could select one of the nightly 6:30 broadcasts). Then write to the address below (anonymously if you wish) without telling what you've sacrificed, only telling that you've decided to do it sincerely, yet "not binding under pain of sin." If the response builds, your expression of concern and love will be transmitted to the Holy Father and to representatives of war victims, particularly now those in the Middle East on all sides. A major problem there is a homeland for the Palestinians. Remember that in the Bible, and at Fatima too, the degree of Divine help granted depends on "sufficient numbers" of people willing to respond to God's call. Will you respond? Write to W. Folger, 764 Newberry Lane, Webster, N.Y. 14580.

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Redemptorists Appreciated

Editor:

Congratulations to the Redemptorist Fathers at Our



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Lady of Victory-St. Joseph's Church on their 250th anniversary.

of Perpetual Help is offered.

In addition to this, there is the Notre Dame Retreat House staffed by the Redemptorist Fathers, a beautiful place for our spiritual and physical refreshment.

I am sure that all the people of our diocese who have been touched by the work of the Redemptorists wish to thank them and ask God's continued blessing on them and their future work here.

Last but not least, I remember those wonderful Redemptorist priests who have labored here in the past and are now enjoying eternal rest.

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On Wednesday, before each Mass, the novena of Our Lady

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