

Editorial

Who's to Blame For Massacre?

The recent murder of civilians in a refugee camp in Beirut has jolted the world conscience...

While no one can countenance such a blatant and inhuman atrocity and while it is difficult to continue to consider this carnage...

First, as unseemly as it is that Christians were involved, and while their brutality should be condemned...

Second, the Israeli complicity was equally heinous — but still it would have been more effectively denounced earlier...

The result of all this wanton killing has been at least some vindication of Yasser Arafat, despite the fact that this criminal also has innocent blood on his hands...

Perhaps what propels such a massacre into the forefront of our minds is the numbers of victims involved. But it would be wise for us to remember that when we kill one innocent life in the womb...

The frightening fact, and one very difficult to cope with, is that we are all involved. The Nazis, after all, were only human beings.

And as long as we earthlings turn to violent measures to settle our differences, or to solve the problems of our society...

October

The Canada geese can be seen these days winging their way to their winter homes.

Last Saturday was the Harvest Moon, that full moon nearest the autumnal equinox.

The leaves are turning, plants are getting scraggy and the morning dew will soon be frost.

October makes it point; it quickens the realization of the order of things. Things begun in the warm rush of Spring are now slowing down to their golden period.

The poet William Herbert Carruth must have had such thoughts when he wrote:

"Some of us call it Autumn, And others call it God."

and Opinions

Sex Education Program Hit

Editor:

I would like to add a footnote to the excellent letter of Richard Hussar Aug. 11 on sex education, especially since the Courier-Journal reports a revised Education in Love sex education program will be implemented in Catholic schools this year.

This is interesting in view of the fact that in 1971 Bishop Floyd Bevin of Oakland, Calif. had issued a statement severely censuring our Rochester Sex Education Program...

It is also of interest that Msgr. William Shannon of Nazareth College has been charged with the "conscience formation" of the sex education teachers of the program.

What is badly needed is wholehearted implementation of Pope John Paul II's directives on sex education as contained in Familiaris Consortio.

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Editor's Note: Msgr. William H. Shannon responded: "To accuse a person of being a publicly-avowed dissenter would put that person in a dangerously vulnerable position..."

teaching of the magisterium. To deny that such dissent could ever exist in the Church is to make a mockery of freedom of conscience.

"The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote: 'Conscience is man's most secret core, and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths...'"

"I have not, to my knowledge, written a book in criticism of Humanae Vitae. In 1970, I wrote a book, 'The Lively Debate...'"

"This book carried a Nihil Obstat and an imprimatur together with the statement: 'The Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur are official declarations that a book or pamphlet is considered to be free of doctrinal or moral error.'"

USCC Aid Clarified

Editor:

Over the years, the Courier-Journal has published many fine articles on the plight of refugees resettled in Rochester through programs at Catholic Family Center...

In the Wednesday, Sept. 22, Courier-Journal, John Dash captured the emotion-fraught arrival of Haitian refugees from Ray Brook and detailed the continuing fears

of deportation. There was only one misconception I would like to correct. The last sentence reads: "The United States Catholic Conference will provide \$600 per month for food and housing for each Haitian while he awaits his hearing..."

This limited support makes it vital for refugees to find employment as soon as

possible. Fortunately, the Haitians are ambitious, industrious and eager to work at any job which will help them to become self-sufficient.

Again, many thanks to John Dash and all of you at the Courier-Journal for helping us to tell others of the needs of our newest and most needy arrivals.

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Sisters Mourn Fr. Reinhart

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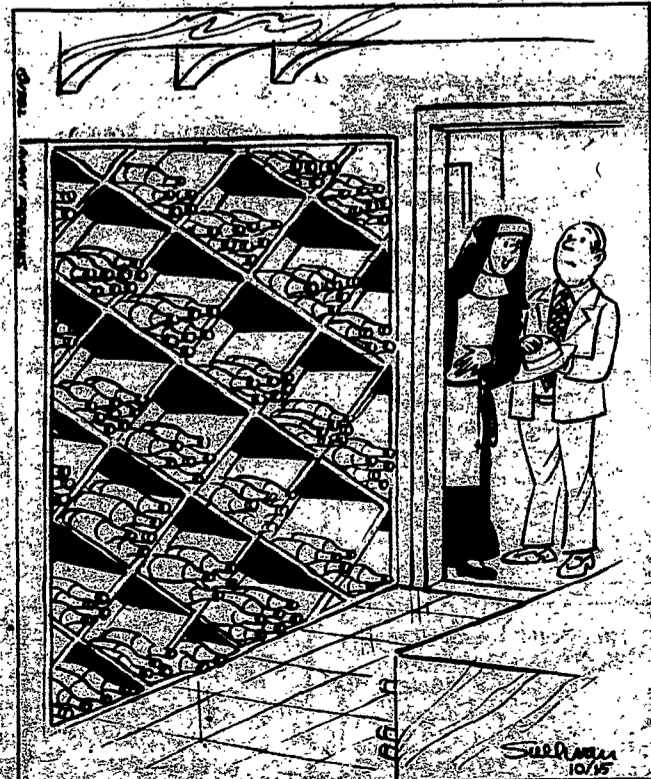
It was with shock and regret that we heard of the sudden death of Father Joseph Reinhart. He is remembered here for his interest in and dedication to the missions.

The Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil



October's Queen

October is the month traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a time of particular attention to reciting her rosary. This picture is entitled "Our Lady of Perpetual Help..."



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