

Editorials

Good Reading

We've all either done it ourselves or have noticed a mom or dad doing it at Mass. With an arm around one of the tots, he or she will be using a finger to guide the child's eyes along a line in the missalette. Many children are learning to read in church, with their earliest literature the Word itself!

No matter what we read, it has its influence on us -- regardless of how intractable we may become with age. So it would seem dramatically true conversely that very young and thus very impressionable minds would be even more affected and shaped by early reading.

Thus the vernacular Mass may be having a healthy effect that even the framers of Vatican II may not have envisioned.

Detriment

When will they ever learn?

Disturbing indeed that James Watt has risen to his lofty position in government while he maintains a sheltered little boy's attitude toward minorities.

More disturbing it is that he arrogantly assumes that he can publicly ridicule blacks, Jews and crippled persons (and therefore by extension any group he deems beneath him and his peers).

Most disturbing it is that his assumption may be correct, at least the group of businessmen to whom he made his crude remarks found them good for a laugh.

Those who sense a less than warm regard for minorities on the part of the Reagan administration are upset that the president didn't fire Watt on the spot. To the contrary, anti-Reaganists they should be

happy he is keeping him on, most likely to perpetrate even more damage to the administration before he's through.

By Their Numbers

Significance: Of the 321 bishops attending the Vatican synod, the largest number, as might be expected, comes from Europe -- 73. But while there are only 18 from North America -- there are 46 from Latin America. And what may be even more unexpected, 45 of the bishops are African.

Add the two groups together, leaving out bishops from other areas, and it comes out even, 91-91. Could this be intentional?

One thing it reflects is the high proportion of Spanish-speaking people in today's Church. It also means that the Western influence of the Church may be diminishing somewhat in favor of Third World influences.

and Opinions

Devil At Work

EDITOR:

In 1973, the vicar of Christ, Pope Paul VI agonized with clear insight that "the smoke of Satan is in the Church" . . . the devil "is a living being which is perverted and which perverts . . . the No. 1 enemy, with unbelievable cunning."

He saw the germinated seedbeds for subverting the Catholic faith of priests and religious, and he saw their profuse blossoming during the U.S. bishops' "Call to Action" in 1976. The CTA was instrumental in engineering new and wider highways for various perversions, such as women's ordination activities, anarchistic collegiality for each of us, and sexual immoralities such as exposed by Father Enrique T. Rueda in "The Homosexual Network." Now we have "Catholic" organizations such as Dignity and New Ways Ministry devoting fulltime to promoting homosexual behavior as a gift of love from God.

During Dignity's fifth convention last year, a major question discussed was whether or not homosexual priests should have sex with their parishioners. This year's topics (Sept. 2-5) included "Building Support Groups for Gay Priests and Religious"; the archbishop of Seattle was celebrant for their liturgy in St. James Cathedral! The co-directors for NWM are Salvatorian Robert Nugent and Sister Jeannine Gramick, SSND, who boasted that NWM receives "tremendous amounts" of money from her order and the Salvatorians. The fruits of these and other demonic activities are in our classrooms and diocese sex education philosophies.

Efforts to sanctify homosexual behavior and gay liberation with false portrayals and speculative perversions about St. Maximilian Kolbe, by well-intentioned persons (C-J Opinion 8-31) are likewise demonic. Fellow prisoners and all documentation confirm that Father Kolbe was a political prisoner and was designated as such by the Red (not homosexual pink) triangle on his armband. Father Kolbe had nothing in common with the homosexuals in regard to either their orientations or their philosophies. (Further information: Franciscan Friars of Marytown and Panstwowe Muzeum Oswiecim). Lucifer and his legions are

supernaturally brilliant, perverting psychologists. Through primacy of faith in themselves and various self-gratifications, bishops, rebellious religious and condoning priests are rejecting the new Canon Law and Church teachings on religious life which the vicar of Christ recently gave to us. These have chosen dialogue rather than the obedience which Our Lord teaches is prerequisite for the holy spirit of truth. Consequently, they cannot see themselves in truth as wolves in sheep's clothing -- for them the devils cannot be so cunning as to outwit them.

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Women Can't Be Priests

EDITOR:

God is called "Father" because He gives life and He is called our Father because He gives us life. The Church is called "Mother" because she receives her life from God and brings children into the world through Baptism. Christ came into the world as a man because He also is a "father" and gives life.

Christ chose 12 men to be his apostles. They were to be "other Christs." They had to be men because they would be there to represent Him. They could not be women. They were the first priests of the Church. Consequently, it is impossible for a woman to be a priest. Christ did not even include His blessed Mother among His first priests.

A priest must be a man because he is another Christ. When people speak of the possibility of women being ordained to the priesthood, they simply do not know what they are talking about. They do not understand the priesthood. The pope himself does not have the power or the authority to ordain women to the priesthood.

Hence, when people speak of petitioning the pope to permit the ordination of women in the priesthood, they are simply talking nonsense.

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Pesticides, Leukemia Tied

EDITOR:

Within the period covered by the rise of modern pesticides, the incidence of

leukemia has been steadily rising. Figures available from the national Office of Vital Statistics clearly establish a disturbing rise in malignant diseases of the blood-forming tissues. In the year 1960, leukemia alone claimed 12,290 victims. Deaths from all types of malignancy of blood and lymph totaled 25,400, increasing sharply from the 16,690 figure of 1950. In terms of deaths in 100,000 population, the increase is from 11.1 in 1950 to 14.1 in 1960. The increase is not confined to the United States. In all countries the recorded deaths from leukemia at all ages are rising at a rate of 4 to 5 percent a year. What does it mean? To what lethal agent or agents, new to our environment, are people now exposed with increasing frequency?

Such world famous institutions as the Mayo Clinic admit hundreds of victims of the diseases of the blood-forming organs. Dr. Malcolm Hargraves and his associates in the Hematology Department at the Mayo Clinic report that almost without exception these patients had a history of exposure to various toxic chemicals, including sprays which contain DDT, chlordane benzene, lindane and petroleum distillates. Chlordane is often the main ingredient in weed killers. Lindane is used in restaurants as a deodorizer often.

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Communist Imperialism

EDITOR:

At long last one of the major crimes of the century has been dramatically exposed. We are indebted to the Ukrainian community for focusing the spotlight of truth on the Ukrainian Holocaust on the 50th anniversary of the mass murder. The Ukrainian Holocaust was, in fact, a famine imposed upon that country by Russian imperialists. Ukraine was the breadbasket of Europe. Prosperous, deeply religious and culturally advanced, it became a target of Communist expansion. Because these enlightened people opposed collectivization and regimentation their crops were confiscated and starvation imposed upon them. Six million to seven million human beings perished in the long, slow agony of starvation. Rights which come from God were usurped by an atheistic conqueror. Pope John Paul II, Oct. 2,

1979, in New York said:

"It is a question of the highest importance that in internal social life, as well as in international life, all human beings in every nation and country should be able to enjoy effectively their full rights under any political regime or system."

Inspired by the prophetic papal encyclical "Divini Redemptoris," the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation has issued a remarkable report on the subject of Red colonialism. It is based on scholarly research. The centerfold map of the world shows the nations colonized under communism, dates they became enslaved and Third World countries aligned with Soviet and Chinese colonialists. Ask yourself the question: "How many countries are enslaved?" Try to name them!

I have ordered a quantity of this extraordinary document. It will be my pleasure to provide a copy without charge to all who send a 4 by 9 envelope, addressed and stamped.

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Let's Protest Abortions

EDITOR:

"Words, words, words, I'm sick of words," the very appropriate complaint of Liza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," expresses perfectly the feelings of proliferers in the Finger Lakes area. The Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry claims they "have not had the opportunity as yet to engage in such a demonstration (anti-abortion), but the same concern for life prompted the office's endorsement of the peace rally." (C-J, 9-21-83)

These are strange, hollow words indeed when one considers that innocent, unborn lives are being sacrificed NOW, routinely, by abortion, at a hospital not 10 blocks from their office. A small group of dedicated pro-lifers has been protesting at that hospital every Saturday morning for over two years. There has been no outcry, no demonstrations forthcoming from the FLOSM against this wanton loss of innocent life.

Two requests from Birthright of Seneca County for assistance also met with less than an enthusiastic response. In one case, there was a meeting to attend, and in the other, not enough notification. Unfortunately, our girls do not always give us prior notice, and their needs are often urgent, very



"OH, COME ON, ADMIT IT! DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOUR DIET POP TASTE BETTER?"

urgent. It is difficult for us to understand such sincere concern for life directed against the Seneca Army Depot, when there is a deafening silence concerning the slaughter of innocents in one's own city. Continuing with the words of the song quoted above, "Don't talk of love, show me, show me now!"

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Sisters Do Many Services

EDITOR:

In the Sept. 13 Courier, a woman wrote that she was "ashamed of the Catholic sister at the peace camp at Romulus."

I have worked with a number of these sisters for three years and am very proud to be associated them.

In all aspects of their ministries they conduct themselves with dignity and respect and show this same dignity and respect to those whose lives they touch. They have brought peace to many as they work in the classroom, at Bethany House, Melita House, the Andrew's Center, missions in Chile, etc., etc., etc.

While I do not personally support many of the things associated with the Women's Peace Encampment, I do support the sisters who took the time and courage to publicly take a stand for peace, thereby providing a prayerful alternative to the tense feelings of the people in Romulus.

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Contribution Criticized

EDITOR:

It is my understanding that the Office of Social Ministry is at least partially funded by the bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal. Recently, I learned that an amount was given from the Office of Social Ministry to the Women's Peace Encampment at the Seneca Army Depot. It is my understanding that the Women's Peace Encampment was operating in the black and had over \$100,000 at their disposal for the work that they are doing. I fail to see the necessity of funding any activity at the peace camp when they have outside income and are already well endowed with funds. I am sure that many people would object to monies given to the Diocese of Rochester in the Thanks Giving Appeal being used for this type of activity particularly when it has cost the taxpayers in excess of \$200,000 because of the peace encampment.

As I look out my office window I can see the people that are in need of food and clothing and fuel going into St. Mary's Church for assistance from their pantry. \$350 would go a long way in helping St. Mary's church pantry through the winter months. Perhaps the Office of Social Ministry should stick to helping people who are in real need and not a group of women that have a \$100,000 surplus.

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