

# Bishop Clark

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 was a proper decision and not meant as a lack of regard for anyone."

He continued that "from the beginning, my intention at Sampson has been that I will speak to the very fun-

damental values we stand for in the quest for peace. One is the respect we must have for all human life from the very earliest moments to the very last.

"This transcendent reverence is only possible when we express an ongoing conversion or change of heart... I very recently have been inspired by Cardinal Cooke's legacy for us. I subscribe fully to what he said. I may not do it as well as he but my effort will be to bring such values to the public."

(Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York City died Oct. 6. He had been the head of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee and during his dying days made strong pleas for right to life causes.)

"It is a little disquieting to hear criticism on that score," Bishop Clark said.

The diocese has also received complaints from some who object to a \$350 contribution by the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry to the Women's Encampment for Peace last summer.

"I received a small number of letters from people about the appeal," Bishop Clark said. "Some say they object to the pastoral letter, some to my decision about Sampson and a few objected to the \$350 grant."

"I welcome anybody's views of what we're doing with the money. We gather and we try to listen with respect and a sense of responsibility. Because I invited these reactions, I try to understand them, although I don't always agree."

"While people may object to this or that expenditure, they approve of an overwhelmingly vast majority of our activities. We take seriously any critique we receive but at the same time, it is good to remind people that that relatively small expenditure was solely a one-shot grant and in no way part of an ongoing commitment."

"The Thanks Giving Appeal," the bishop said, "is so

visible a part of our life it provides a ready-made mode of protest. There are lots of people who are in disagreement with this or that — the vast majority registering their disagreements realize that to withdraw their contribution is not proper. Others have to pick up the burden to meet our responsibilities."

A persistent criticism of the rally in general, though not necessarily of the bishop's involvement, is that it is misplaced. Why not take the demonstration to Washington, D.C., where the nuclear decisions are made, many have asked.

Obviously, the rally aims to call attention to what its organizers feel is the storage of nuclear weapons at the Seneca Army Depot.

From his standpoint, Bishop Clark said, "By the very development of the letter ('Challenge of Peace'), done with a good deal of testimony from scientific and military experts from two administrations, the bishops have been in touch with the government. The kind of effort I'm making at Sampson and other bishops are making elsewhere are meant to complement that effort by exposing the issue to our fellow citizens and asking them to join us in this new initiation for peace."

"Part of our task," he added, "is to convince people that when we talk about nuclear conflict, it is not like the wars of the past — as terrible as they were. What is happening now — and there is powerful support for this among scientists and the military — is that we can begin wars but we cannot end them. This is a real danger, that there is no limit to nuclear exchange once initiated. In the interest of peace, we are committed to all we can to reverse the direction of that."

"Incidentally," the bishop noted, "the government has welcomed our efforts, as coming from moral leaders."

Bishop Clark had kind words for anyone who for some reason will be unable to attend he rally.

"I welcome the presence of anybody who goes there, but perhaps I haven't said it — I don't equate support of our

## U.S. Policy 'Misdirected,' Archbishop Quinn States

San Francisco (NC) -- Archbishop John R. Quinn, in a pastoral letter Oct. 10, characterized U.S. policy in Central America as "profoundly misdirected."

The archbishop said that the U.S. government "dramatically expanded" its military presence in Central American conflicts in July, and he warned:

"Many responsible persons in our own country express the fear that we are committing ourselves to a policy which will inevitably involve the direct intervention of U.S. fighting forces."

Archbishop Quinn urged, "The primary imperative of the moment is to stress the political course in El Salvador, not the military option and we should use our acknowledged influence with the Salvadoran government to define their efforts in primarily political terms."

## Right to Life

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 strated by the cardinal during his lifetime.

Legislative recognition awards will be presented to State Senators Frank Padavan (11th District, Queens Village) and James H. Donovan (47th Dist. Utica) and to Assembly Representatives Denis J. Butler (36th Assembly Dist., Long Island City) and Elizabeth A. Connelly (58th Dist. Staten Island), for their outstanding support of the rights of the unborn.

The cost of the conference

pastoral letter only by physical presence. I realize that for a great many people it requires an extraordinary effort to be there. It would mean a great deal to me if they offer prayers and activities of their daily life for the intention of support."

"United States policy toward Nicaragua has likewise been profoundly misdirected because of its insistence on pursuing military rather than diplomatic options," he added.

In the approximately 2,800-word pastoral, the archbishop also asked for archdiocesan groups to consider giving sanctuary to Central American refugees.

In a central section of the pastoral he outlined the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' positions on U.S. policy toward Central America. Among these are:

-- Outside military assistance from any source to any party in El Salvador intensifies the violence;

-- Salvadoran refugees, regardless of political philosophy should not be forced to return home

### Sarah Child

All in the Family



## When an Ounce Of Negativism Is Worth 50 Pounds

We hear much about the power of positive reinforcement. But sometimes I think the spur of negativism has it beat six ways.

A case in point is the friend of mine who recently ran her first marathon and did extremely well. The last couple of miles were torturous but by pushing herself she finished in excellent time.

The thing that kept her going, she told me later, was the taunt from the former man in her life who told her, "You're not the athletic type."

Similarly, a woman who was overweight in college never succeeded in losing any of her excess pounds despite lots of help and encouragement from her family and several doctors.

Then one day a nun in one of her classes offered the gratuitous information, "You're an endomorph. You were meant to be fat."

The student dropped 50 pounds.

My favorite story in this vein is the one about Mark Twain who as a novice writer received a letter from a publisher along with his rejected manuscript.

The letter advised him for his own good "to get into some other line of business." When his success did come, it must have been doubly sweet.

It is doubtful that in the above cases the people instrumental in effecting the positive outcomes had any altruistic motives.

But I'm not so sure about my mother who was a past master at using negative prods.

She helped me leave my first job as woman's editor at the Bradford Era, a medium-sized daily located 18 miles over the hill from our house. Though I had an apartment in Bradford, most weekends I went home (to

escape bluebirds on the apartment wallpaper).

I spoke often to my family about eventually trying for a better job on a larger paper in one of the cities in the next state.

"You'll never leave," Mom said. "You're afraid to go too far away from home."

Within year I had landed a general assignment position on a metropolitan daily, 130 miles away. Not the end of the earth but far enough to make a point.

My mother was also instrumental in pushing me toward the married state. All her hints that I wasn't getting any younger and how happy my younger sister was with her husband and babies had little effect.

Then one weekend my mother came to visit me and my apartment, finished stylishly, I thought, with Salvation Army castoffs. She looked around, tried not to touch anything and sniffed, "Since you're set on being an old maid the least you could do is invest in some decent furniture."

The thought of new furniture sans scars or fleas without anybody to share it with was singularly depressing.

Not long after, the man who was destined to become head of the house and I had a date.

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