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called for parity in government oversight of print and electronic media. The First Amendment applies to both equally. Government regulation is not necessary to assure that the media presents all sides on issues. There has been no "fairness" regulation of newspapers and their coverage of issues has differed little from TV or radio coverage. There is a multitude of media sources

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Regional conflict in the world:

Do you support a foreign policy that relies on dialogue, negotiations and development assistance rather than military force to bring about greater justice and peace in Central America?

DUKAKIS: Support. The Arias plan has achieved more for peace in one year than seven years of contra aid. I look forward to working with our allies in the region to achieve peace in Central America. In conducting foreign policy, I will exhaust diplomatic solutions before considering military options.

BUSH: (No answer checked.) Our role in Central America is the same as our role in other parts of the world. This role is to promote peace — but not peace at any price. In the case of Central America, our objective is not a peace that merely stops the shooting and entrenches a Soviet beachhead. Our main objective is the maintenance and establishment of governments committed to freedom and democracy, governments that respect human rights and the sovereignty of their neighbors. A peace that does not accomplish this objective is just another word for surrender.

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Do you support increased political and economic pressure on the government of South Africa to dismantle apartheid?

DUKAKIS: Support.

BUSH: (No answer checked.) The United States must balance its strategic interest in a stable, pro-Western South Africa with the equally pressing political and moral imperative to change South Africa's apartheid system. The long-range political interests of the United States will only be served by the elimination of apartheid. In the past seven years, we have worked to persuade South Africa to eliminate apartheid. We have pressed for a one-person, one-vote, multiracial democracy. To this end, we have encouraged dialogue between the government and representative leaders of all other racial groups. The United States program for a political settlement includes setting a timetable for ending apartheid, releasing all political prisoners, unbanning black political movements, and releasing Nelson Mandela. We also implemented the 1986 Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act. We must continue to use diplomacy for constructive change. The debate over sanctions was about means, not ends. Unfortunately, the political and economic effects of the sanctions have been marginal to negative: we believe the South African government has made little progress in dismantling apartheid and black South Africans have been set back economically. But sanctions are not a policy in and of themselves. Under present circumstances, I will not recommend further sanctions. Rather, we must continue to use diplomacy and negotiations for constructive change.

Ad limina

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itiation for Adults — give a picture of a diocese continuing to follow the path opened by the second Vatican Council, he remarked.

"I think this is a very objective report, a very positive report," Bishop Hickey observed. "I think the significant things going on in the diocese were touched on. So much of this (report) just says we are really keeping up with the spirit of Vatican II."

As for responses to the report, none were given in Rome, Bishop Hickey said. The visit was general in nature, and specific issues were not dealt with. As the various congregations study the report, specific responses might be sent to the Diocese of Rochester over the course of the next two to three months.

Bishop Hickey described the trip as a once-in-a-lifetime experience for him. He came to a deeper understanding of the Roman Curia and how it worked, and to a greater awareness of the universal nature of the Church.

But the key experiences for the bishop were the times spent with Pope John Paul II.

"That lunch, it was so much like a meal one would have in a rectory with a group of priests meeting informally, laughing and bantering on every topic under the sun," Bishop Hickey said. "I got a deeper admiration of the man. I came away totally convinced of the deep faith of this man, and with his sincerity and his humaneness. I guess that's the tops."

Annual Beaven Lectures to feature theologian

Maurice Wiles, a world-renowned theologian and writer, will speak about the dialogue among world religions when he delivers the annual Beaven Lectures at the University of Rochester in November.

Wiles will speak on "Interfaith Dialogue: The Heart of the Problem," at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. At 8 p.m. he will talk on "Interfaith Dialogue: A Possible Way Forward."

Both lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be in the University of Rochester's Interfaith Chapel on Wilson Boulevard.

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The Reagan/Bush Record on Death

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- 25,000 dead, including 3,000 children and 160 health workers, 11,000 war orphans, 250,000 displaced persons created by the Reagan/Bush financed and directed Contras in Nicaragua costing hundreds of millions of dollars.
- In the USA, every night 100,000 children are homeless, hundreds of thousands more are hungry. 20% of children have no health insurance coverage. The Federal Housing Program has come to a standstill in the 1980s, HUD's budget slashed from 7.4% of budget in 1980 to less than 1% in 1988.
- There are still 4,000 abortions every day in the U.S., a number that has increased in the last 8 years reflecting the increase in poverty.

More Poverty Means More Abortions

It is not enough to be anti-abortion. Indeed it is a contradiction to be anti-abortion while fostering a society that puts money towards war and turns its back on the poor.

As Christians, we are called to support a consistent life ethic — not to be single issued at the expense of our sisters and brothers in Central America and the poor and homeless at home.

To truly end abortion, we must work for a society that respects all life, that provides all with the opportunity for affordable housing, good health care, food, education, and comprehensive care of children's needs.

As Christians, we cannot, in good conscience, call the Reagan/Bush Administration Pro-Life!

Check the Record, Reagan and Bush are not Pro-Life!

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