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Although we cannot publish every letter we receive, we seek, insofar as possible, to provide a balanced representation of expressed opinions and a variety of reflections on life in the church. We will choose letters for publication based on likely reader interest, timeliness and a sense of fair play. Our discerning readers may determine whether to agree or disagree with the opinions of the letter writers.

We reserve the right to edit all letters. Mail them to: *Catholic Courier*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, New York 14624. Please include your full name as well as telephone number and complete address for verification purposes.



MEETING WITH THE POPE — Pope John Paul II gestures during a conversation with Russian President Boris Yeltsin at the Vatican Dec. 20, 1991. Yeltsin met with the pope, hoping to ease tensions between the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches.

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## Do not follow those who teach death

To the editors:

For the life of me I cannot understand why this nation is so bent on death instead of being a voice for the common good for all

... Do your readers know that Planned Parenthood is in coercion with the nation of China? I hope and pray we may see many more Carol Crossed's instead of people who are always writing letters against Pro-life people.

Whenever there is a slaughter, there

would have to be a rescue under the higher law, God.

The law cannot keep on arresting those who are trying to save the babies, when the guilty are the cause of the death of the babies.

And now we have Mr. Yeltsin in charge of all nuclear weapons in his country of Russia. Leaders who say they are dismantling warheads would have done it by now if they were sincere.

The best advice I could give anyone

is do not follow any leader who trains you in the ways of the afflicting death. Respect life, love life in yourselves and in others. I believe this to be sound advice and I am in agreement with dear Holy Father, John Paul II whose coercion is a service for good.

One day Planned Parenthood and leaders of nations will find out they cannot have it both ways.

**Bernice Kleinhammer**  
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## Americans treat babies like trash

To the editors:

America is discarding its babies sometimes for no more reason that we give for returning a newly purchased article to the store:

- I never should have "bought" it.
- My husband doesn't like (want) it.
- I have too many already.
- It's damaged (or it might have defects).
- It (having children or large families) is no longer fashionable.

We can't take a newly formed life back to the store, but we use other means to get rid of it. The so called "safe," "easy," "painless" methods usually consist of dismembering (D&E) or poisoning and burning (saline).

What value do we place on life? Every 20 seconds a car is stolen and every 20 seconds a baby is robbed of its life in the womb. Which bothers us more?

**Gloria Jenner**  
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## Fr. Bayer's chaplaincy noted

To the editors:

For 14 years Father Peter Bayer has been our Chaplain at St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary. As Chancellor of the diocese he had to make many business trips. Yet, Father never left without giving us the assurance we would have Mass each day.

When Father announced at Mass one morning he would be leaving and so summarized the outstanding events of those years. Here is a quote from his talk — "But most especially when we gather together each day at the Lord's table to be fed by God's word and

nourished at the Eucharist to sing the Lord's praises."

Father will be in our prayers and the remembrance of his kindness, his gentleness, his gratitude will linger with us.

Father's closing words that morning: "I call to mind today the words of Micah as we continue our Journey to the Risen Lord.

'Act justly  
'Love tenderly  
'Walk humbly with our God'"  
**Sister Catherine Quigley**  
East Avenue, Rochester

## Readers should join Right to Life in order to end abortion 'holocaust'

To the editors:

I want to congratulate the folks including many senior citizens for enduring the weather and the all night bus rides to be in the March For Life! Of course untold numbers rode many many miles days and nights — like ones I know from the Carolinas — and ones I don't know from past Kansas etc.

They do this to object to the fact that abortion is legal. When abortionists kill three babies ever minute in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, one wonders who are the brave; surely

not the abortionists. We especially know this when the fact is the abortionists never give any baby any anesthetic! Even when the common method the abortionist uses is to tear the baby apart piece by piece with a twisting pliers-like tool!

If you haven't done anything to put a stop to this American holocaust I'd like to suggest you join the Rochester Area Right to Life and at least support them financially if this is all you are able to do. Every little bit helps!

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