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The *Catholic Courier* wishes to provide space for readers throughout the diocese to express opinions on all sides of the issues. We welcome all signed, original letters about current issues affecting church life.

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.

**Disparages  
letter about  
morality and  
'Topfree-7'**

To the editors:

After reading the letter printed in the last issue of the *Catholic Courier* (July 30: "Catholics must oppose 'violation of Christian morality'"), I was so relieved that someone with truly pious concerns brought to our attention the grave dangers regarding topless womyn (sic).

I must have been confused because I was under the impression that God created breasts not to be ashamed of, but to serve natural, healthy purposes. It's easy to forget that although topless men never intend to seduce, topless womyn are motivated by sinful, destructive intentions. It makes much more sense for womyn to self-consciously cover their chests even in uncomfortable heat while men freely remove their tops.

If we continue to hide our breasts, we are certain to keep them in a purely sexual realm where conscientious Catholics reveal them only in private.

Kimberly Krans  
Keuka Park



Sandro Botticelli painted "The Birth of Venus" in 1486 for Lorenzo the Magnificent, a member of Florence's Medici family, and a patron of art and scholars.



Clare Regan, a member of Rochester's Judicial Process Commission, has long been active in the fight against racism.

**Disregard 'liberal' views**

To the editors:

Rob Cullivan's piece (*Catholic Courier*, July 30: "Age doesn't keep activist from fighting injustices") on Ms. Regan left unanswered Ms. Regan's position on abortion, but I guess we can figure it out. Liberals with their

"better than thou" selective reasoning and selective morality will hardly ever be taken seriously — nor should they be.

Edward J. Lynd  
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**New school provides alternative**

To the editors:

It's sad to consider the state of our schools today. In a time when drugs, violence, and hatred are becoming commonplace in schools, the Supreme Court has recently prohibited prayer in school. Educators try to cope with the problems, but without divine help the situation only grows worse.

The truly Catholic school is the answer: A community of faith, formed by Gospel values, whose purpose is service of others. It is important that children not be cheated out of a thorough knowledge of their faith and not be taught a watered down truth. Love, respect, and obedience to the Holy Church, to parents and teachers as well as peers grow and develop natu-

rally in children who have been lovingly disciplined at home and at school during their formative years. The new Archangel School promises an opportunity for such development — academic, moral, and spiritual — without sacrificing the inviting facilities which help to make school a happy place for children.

Parents of Catholic families do not have to settle for incomplete education for their children. They have the right and the responsibility to find for them a school where the Truth is taught as Jesus taught it, with His same unwavering Love and Tenderness.

Colleen M. Richards  
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Newark

**City needs  
Christ today!**

To the editors:

What would the agenda look like if Christ was given the opportunity to visit Rochester for one day?

Let me think about that for a minute.

Maybe He could visit the site of Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic that will soon be constructed on 114 University Avenue — right next door to Planned Parenthood — how convenient. We know He would have a personal interest in this new construction because after all His father, Joseph was a carpenter. No, I think we should pass on that one for obvious reasons.

He could visit the inner city to see some sites — Hold on, He may get injured if a drug deal goes wrong.

Possibly go to the beach — Wait a minute. We wouldn't want Christ exposed to the Topfree 7's new freedoms.

I know, how about taking Him to a baseball game at Silver Stadium. We better hurry though, because we may not have this positive influence with us much longer.

The more I think about this, it is too bad that this is only a thought because it looks like we need Christ to visit ASAP!

Dianna Ives  
Simpson Road  
Rochester

**Hurray for writer**

To the editors:

Dr. Barbara Fredericks scores everytime she writes! This time she scored BIG TIME (*Catholic Courier*, July 2: "Including Planned Parenthood betrays truth").

Planned Parenthood has a new and much more appropriate name: PLANNED BARRENHOOD! Thanks, Dr. Fredericks!

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