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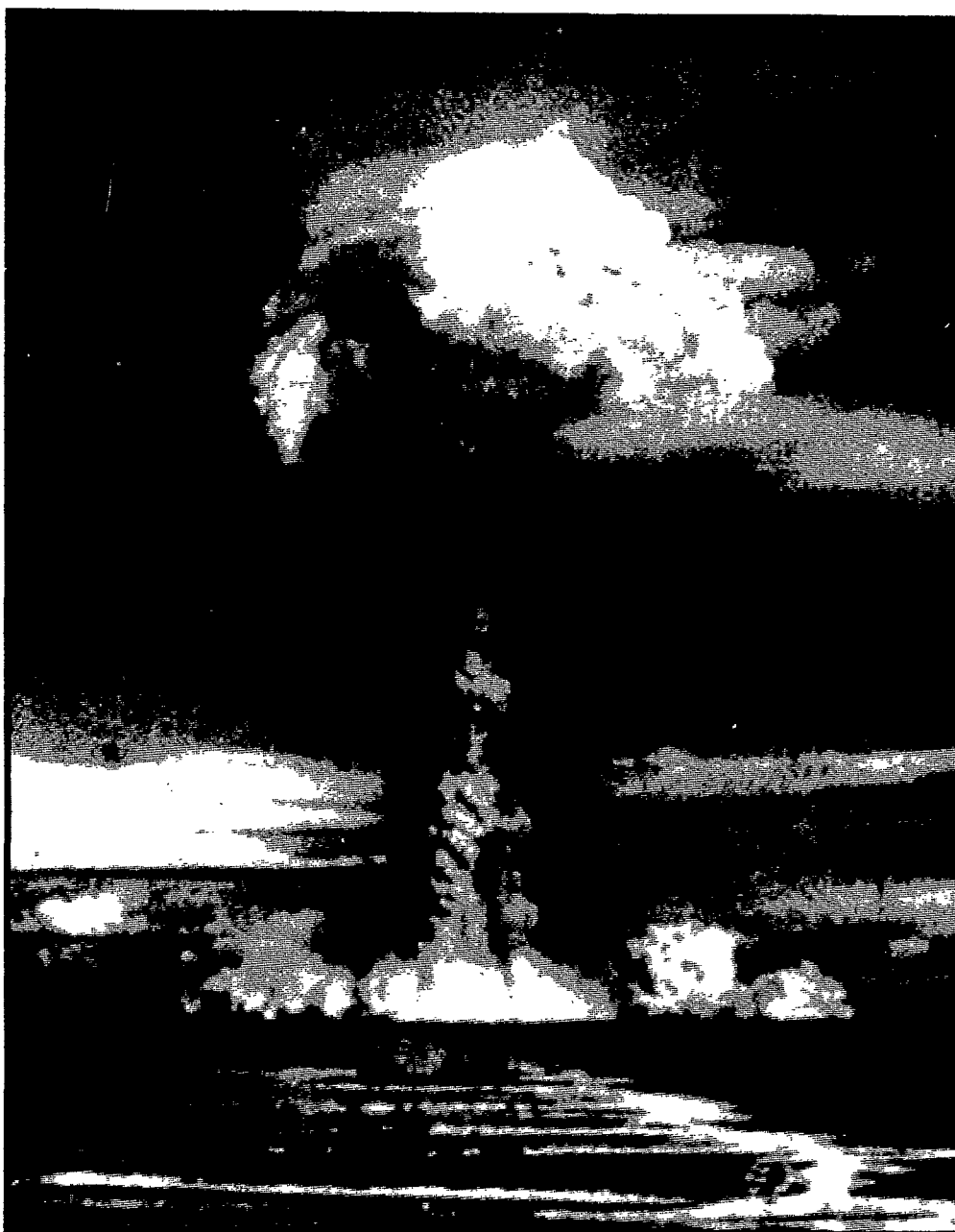
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Opinion



All deserve love, dignity

To the editors:

The circle of compassion which Christ bequeathed us excluded no one. We who are also heirs of Dachau and Hiroshima know all too well where we are led when we begin to allow the dehumanizing process of setting certain persons aside and labeling them.

It is sometimes difficult not to join the throng, not to cast a stone. Our belief that human life is holy and that each person is sacred is savagely insulted on every level.

I am grateful to our worthy Bishop for reminding us (*Catholic Courier*, Aug. 20: "Along The Way") of our Holy Father's emphasis on the respect and honor with which we are required to approach each person.

By both word and example Bishop Clark invites us to follow our church in striving to respect the "dignity of each person".

This is the way of love, the gentle compassionate love of Christ — Christ's love which we all need and in which we all share. Our Bishop calls us to share this love with every person in all situations.

Here, now, in the midst of the dehumanizing violence which daily horrifies us, let us listen, let us love.

Dorothy J. Barbehenn
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Set priorities for election

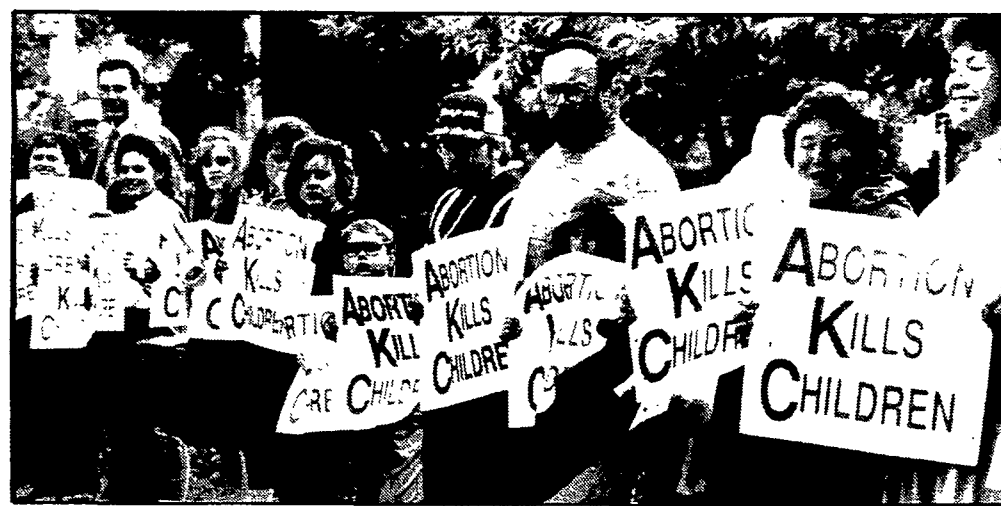
To the editors:

On November 3 Catholics across the nation will walk into their respective voting booths and vote for the candidate of their choice to represent them. Since this is a most serious obligation which can have the most dire societal consequences, Catholics ought to be cognizant of a couple of important points.

First of all, no Catholic in good conscience can vote for any pro-choice candidate. Since everyone knows that pro-choice literally means pro-abortion, and since to deliberately vote for such a person would make one an accomplice to the furtherance of abortion, then one most definitely would commit a mortal sin by doing so and quite possibly incur *ipso facto* excommunication — *latae sententiae*. This conclusion is drawn from the fundamental Catholic moral principle that "You may not do evil that good may come from it." Thus no matter what monetary good may come from a pro-choice candidate, the evil that would result far outweighs it.

Secondly, the principle of causality is ubiquitous — it operates everywhere including every segment of society. In other words, we will sow only what we reap. Our present perverse and polluted society is only a reflection of our so-called "free choices." St. John Bosco used to say that "The power of evil men lives on the cowardice of the good." Therefore, if we want a clean and decent society for ourselves and children, born and unborn, then let us put our priorities in their proper places. On November 3, let us remember the words of Our Blessed Lord, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto Me." Remember and vote Pro-Life all the way.

Richard V. Hussar
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File photo
Approximately 2,500 participants in last year's Rochester 'life chain' stood along a two-and-a-half mile stretch of East Avenue on Oct. 6, 1991. More 'life chains' are scheduled for this Sunday, Oct. 4.

Urges participation in chain

To the editors:

Dr. John Willke M.D., announced there will be another national life chain October 4, Sunday. So anyone who would like to take part in this demonstration call the Right To Life office — during business hours — and give them your name: 716/621-4690. People of any age are welcome in the life chain.

But if you will at that time be working toward getting pro-life candidates elected to office you will not be expected to omit those activities to take part in the national life chain. We can all help some way! God bless you!

Mary Rita Crowe
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Obituary erred on sister's parish

To the editors:

I read with interest the obituary of Sr. Frances Aloysia Remery in Aug. 6 *Catholic Courier*. It stated that Sister Frances entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Mary's Parish in 1931.

Sister Frances — born Regina Remery — lived in Clifton Springs. I attended school with her from first grade. We took violin lessons together in my home and played in the Clifton Springs School orchestra. Father James O'Brien was our pastor at St. Felix Church during these years. Sister graduated from the Clifton Springs High

School in 1931, valedictorian of her class. She entered the of St. Joseph immediately afterward.

I've had irregular contacts with her over the years. I would have loved to have attended her funeral but did not know of her death until a week after it had occurred.

I can recall at least six vocations in my lifetime originating at St. Felix. Beautiful things do occur in small parishes. Just wanted to set the record straight.

Catherine Goodman
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