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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 for length as well as legal concerns. With respect to errors in submitted text, we will correct spelling only. Anonymous letters and the use of pseudonyms are unacceptable.

Mail letters to: *Catholic Courier*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your full name, phone number and complete address for verification purposes.

AIDS Quilt article shares lessons**To the editors:**

Thank you for your coverage of the AIDS Memorial Quilt display at the University of Rochester (*Catholic Courier*, April 14: "Quilt's visit benefits diocese's new AIDS efforts").

As a member of the host committee that organized the display of the Quilt on campus, I think it is very important that young people especially understand two lessons taught by the Quilt.

First, AIDS is a disease of the young. To think that one will not get sick and die, because of youth or because one is not a member of a group commonly associated with AIDS, is dangerous.

Secondly, if you do not know someone who has died of AIDS or who is HIV-positive, you will.

Through your coverage of this event, the *Catholic Courier* helped those who were not able to come to the UR field-house to experience some of the message of the Quilt.

Father Gary Tyman
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File photo

A portion of the AIDS Quilt was displayed at the University of Rochester's field house April 8-10. The quilt is an international memorial to the half million people who have died of AIDS.

The church has become more Protestant**To the editors:**

A few years ago there was an outbreak of counterfeit \$20 bills in the Buffalo area. One of our local news channels covered the story and interviewed one of the FBI agents. They asked him how people could detect a counterfeit bill. He astutely told them for people to get a real \$20 bill, study it, and that would be sufficient to detect the bogus bills.

The letter of March 31 by Joseph Placius who "disagrees with request on solemnity of Mass," recalled this news event most vividly. Mr. Placius and innumerable others in the Church are simply victims to undoubtedly the greatest crisis ever in the Catholic Church. But

the conditioning process has happened so gradually that not everyone is aware of it. I am sure that if Mr. Placius recalled how he worshipped as a young man and compared it honestly with the way he worships now, he would detect an enormous difference.

The one thing he would notice is that the present form of worship in the local parishes mirrors exactly the Protestant forms of worship as to be identical. To put it bluntly, what has happened in the Church since Vatican Council II is the completion of the Protestant Revolution; it was never a Reformation by any means. For any dispassionate observer who examines the facts in an ob-

jective manner, there is simply no argument whatsoever. How it could happen can be discussed and debated, but that it has occurred is simply a fait accompli.

In the picture coinciding with the letter of Mr. Placius, is evidence of the Immemorial Latin Mass that will never die. It was taken at Holy Name of Mary here in Rochester in 1988. The priest is Fr. Anthony Cekada and the two altar boys are my sons, of whom I am exceptionally proud. Readers will note that the Sacrifice of the Mass is taking place at the Altare Dei (the Altar of God) and not at a table with pumpernickel breads and who knows what upon it. Nevertheless, at Holy Name of Mary, as in almost all major cities in the world, the true Immemorial Latin Mass continues ad infinitum.

In the remaining institutional churches, every form of worship and every religion is welcomed. If, however, you subscribe to the Faith and worship such as it was before Vatican Council II, you are indeed treated as a pariah and even considered a non-Catholic. The logic behind this is truly astounding to say the least. For by placing traditional Catholics outside the Church, then, logically speaking you also place all the martyrs, saints, doctors and fathers of the Church outside with us.

Furthermore, when examined more closely, it will be noticed that a new religion has usurped the Catholic one, a religion whose pedigree is impeccable traced to Protestant and modernist origins.

Lex credendi, Lex orandi goes the ancient Catholic liturgical principle. The way you believe will be made manifest in the way you worship. I urge all intelligent Catholics to inform themselves in a more intelligent manner beginning with their common senses. Study the true Catholic Faith and the true Catholic Mass of all time. You have been sold a bill of goods and it is as bogus as a \$3 bill.

And if any reader insists on castigating traditional Catholics, I would simply ask them to be consistent in their logic and begin to study the fathers of their religion like Martin Luther, John Knox, Thomas Cranmer, etc. But to attack traditional Catholics in the name of the Catholic Church is quite demeaning and utterly preposterous.

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President's health care proposal provides coverage for abortion**To the editors:**

Are you concerned about how our government is spending our taxpayer dollars? I know that I am. I am concerned about how the president's Health Care Plan is going to work out. It covers the needs of many, but will it be enough? It also covers several things that I believe are unnecessary.

One of these is abortion. 22.3 million children have been aborted since 1973, when *Roe vs. Wade* became law. That is almost four times as many humans that were killed in the Holocaust. And the Clinton administration wants to spend millions of dollars on helping women do this!

It reminds me of a cartoon that I saw in a church bulletin. It showed a man in pain pleading with God to send us cures

to AIDS and cancer and whatever scourge that needed to be cured, but God only replied, "I sent you what you ask, but you aborted them all." What if that is true? What if one of those 22.3 million children was going to invent an AIDS vaccine. Or a cancer vaccine? We will never know.

I cannot urge you enough to write to your area politicians, whether it be assemblymen, congressmen, or the president, and speak out to them and tell them your thoughts. Remember, the politicians are supposed to do what we want them to do, not to spend their whole terms in office waiting to get re-elected.

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Publication reveals details of Clinton's plan**To the editors:**

"We are indebted to Phyllis Schafly whose office read through the Clintons' socialized medicine proposal, submitted to the U.S. Congress. The Clintons' speak constantly of this plan as giving citizens a choice in health care. A clue to the fallacy of this is evident when we consider the following. The word 'mandatory' is used 24 times, 'prohibit' 51 times, 'penalty' 59 times. Obligation is used 62 times, 'enforce' 90 times and 'limit' 239 times. Somehow this does not seem to jive with freedom of choice."

The title of the (publication from

which the above quotation is taken) is "Compulsion, Not Choice, In Clintons' National Health Plan." It is copied with permission by the publisher and Editor J.C. Willkie, M.D. from Life Issues Connection, 1721 Gailbraith Road, Cincinnati, Oh 45239.

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