

# COLUMNS COMMENTARY

## Are current supplements meeting needs?

By Karen M. Franz  
Editor in chief

The *Catholic Courier's* editorial staff had a fruitful meeting last Friday with our publisher, Bishop Matthew H. Clark. It's rare — given the hectic schedules of bishops, reporters and photographers — that we have an opportunity to get everyone together at one time, so just arranging the meeting was something of an accomplishment!

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our ongoing efforts to improve the *Catholic Courier* and make the news it presents more useful to the people of the diocese.

We began the conversation by discussing the pros and cons of presenting a series of articles on a specific topic. But as we continued talking, the subject shifted toward an annual series of special sections on topics and themes of particular interest to the Catholic community.

Of course, we already present a slate of perennial supplements, including: Marriage and Family Life (February), Graduation (May), Health Care (coming up July 28, 1994), and Education (August 11). These topics — deemed throughout the newspaper industry to be of enduring interest and capable of generating additional revenue — have been on the calendars of the *Catholic Courier* and virtually every other newspaper for decades.

Our conversation on Friday, however, revolved around the concept of either adding to or replacing these traditional supplements with in-depth, multi-page, multi-story reporting on



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issues of particular relevance to Catholics *right now* — issues with so many facets that they cannot adequately be addressed in one lengthy page-one article.

We considered the possibility of forecasting toward the close of each year which issues and topics would be particularly relevant in the upcoming calendar year. Some of the topics that seemed likely prospects for such coverage in 1995 were: the future of Catholic schools; the evolution of parish ministry; implementation of our diocesan Synod; and themes in moral thinking and decision making.

A topic that generated numerous story ideas was Bishop Clark's suggestion that we take some time to profile the ways in which "ordinary" Catholics live their lives today. How, he asked, do Catholic corporate executives put their faith to work?

What's it like to be on welfare? How does a Catholic function as an official in the criminal-justice system? What's it like to be a pastor today?

That brings me to a series of questions I'd like to hear your answers to:

- 1) Have any or all of our standing supplements outlived their usefulness?
- 2) Would you terribly miss any one or more of them if it/they were eliminated?
- 3) Would changing the supplement topics each year — in response to changing circumstances in the church and society — be more useful than the standing set of topics?
- 4) Are you curious about and/or would you find it helpful to learn about the ways other "ordinary" Catholics live their faith amid the many challenges posed by modern society?
- 5) If we were to move to such a system for 1995, what other issues would you suggest for in-depth treatment? Or, on what issues do feel that you and other Catholics need more information?

**FRANKLY, I'M DISAPPOINTED** by the response — or lack of it — to my questions last month concerning humor and, specifically, humor about religious life and habits. Only a handful of people — and not a single woman religious — responded. Come on, sisters. Speak up for yourselves! Do you enjoy "Nonsense" and *Sister Act*, or don't you?

**WE HAVE RECEIVED** a lot of favorable response about our addition of "The Moral Life" by Dr. Patricia

Schoelles, SSJ, and we'd love to get even more feedback. Dr. Schoelles — who, as you know, is president of St. Bernard's Institute — also has asked for suggestions on issues, themes or topics readers would like her to address.

You may contact Dr. Schoelles at the institute or write to her c/o *Catholic Courier*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

**AMONG THE TOPICS** to be covered in July are: the ministry of altar service (July 21); and the diocesan proposal for health-care reform (July 28). As noted earlier in this column, July 28 also is the date for our health-care supplement.

Our bimonthly Parish Profile series will be dropping in at St. Mary's Church, downtown Rochester, on July 15 and the Community of the Blessed Trinity (St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott; St. Thomas, Red Creek; and St. Jude Chapel, Fairhaven) on July 29.

As some of you already know, we've been using the Parish Profiles as an opportunity to get out to the parishes to raise awareness about the paper and find out how we can better serve the Catholic community.

Jeanne Morin, our subscription manager, and I will be at St. Mary's July 17 and the Community of the Blessed Trinity July 31. If you're a member of either parish, we hope you'll stop for a moment after Mass to tell us how you feel about the *Catholic Courier*. Feel free to praise or to complain; hearing your input is the only way we can make the paper more useful for you.

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Last month's winner: Janet Kenjerski of Ithaca correctly identified Gene Hackman as the actor who starred in both *Hoosiers* and *The Firm*.

RULES: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT, JULY 15. Random drawing of correct entries to be held July 18 by Catholic Courier Representatives. Entries must be returned by mail to: Catholic Courier, Movie Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, NY 14624-1899. Winner will be notified by mail. Prize is one year of Wegmans Video Rentals, membership is free and is required. Prize is not exchangeable for cash or other merchandise.

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Holy Family St. Ambrose St. Boniface St. Rita's St. Theodore St. Stanislaus	St. Mary	Holy Apostles Our Lady of Mercy St. Stanislaus	The Aquinas Institute Bishop Kearney Guardian Angels Holy Family Home School Assoc. Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St. Anne St. James St. Michael's St. Stanislaus	St. Cecilia's St. Mark's	Good Shepherd St. Michael St. Thomas the Apostle
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### BINGO TIMES & LOCATIONS

**Aquinas Institute**  
1127 Dewey Ave.  
254-2020 Wed. 8pm  
**Bishop Kearney**  
125 Kings Hwy. S.  
671-1065 Wed. 8pm  
**Good Shepherd**  
3288 E. Henrietta Rd.  
334-3518 Sat. 7:30pm  
**Guardian Angels Church**  
2061 E. Henrietta Rd.  
334-1412 Wed. 7:30pm  
**Holy Apostles**  
6 Austin St. 254-7170  
Tues. 7:30pm  
**Holy Family Church**  
899 Jay Street 328-3110  
Sun. 7:30pm  
**Holy Family Home School Assoc.**  
899 Jay St. 328-4800  
Wed. 7:30pm  
**Our Lady of Mercy**  
600 Denise Rd.  
865-0775 Tue. 7:30pm  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
923 Portland Ave.  
467-2725 Wed. 7:30pm  
**St. Anne**  
1600 Mt. Hope Ave.  
271-3260 Thur. 7:30pm  
**St. Boniface**  
15 Whalin St. 271-1468  
Sun. 7:30pm

**St. Cecilia's**  
2732 Culver Rd.  
467-4286 Fri. 7:30pm  
**St. Charles Borromeo**  
64 Maiden Lane  
663-3230 Mon. 8pm  
**St. James**  
1119 Brockley Rd.  
482-9796 Thur. 7:30pm  
**St. Mark's**  
54 Kuhn Rd. 225-3710  
Fri. 8pm  
**St. Mary Lyceum Hall**  
Auburn 315-252-9545  
Mon. 7:30pm  
**St. Michael's**  
869 Clinton Ave. N  
325-4040  
Thur. 7:30 & 9pm  
**St. Michael's**  
320 S. Main St. Newark  
315-332-2297  
Sat. 1pm  
**St. Rita's** 1008 Maple Dr.  
**St. Stanislaus**  
1150 Hudson Ave.  
467-1472 Sun. Tue & Thur 6:15pm  
**St. Theodore**  
170 Spencerport Rd.  
429-6811 Sun. 7:30pm  
**St. Thomas The Apostle**  
41 Colebrook Dr.  
342-2323 Sat. 8pm

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