

aggression and apathy that is focused on them and this is not easy."

Thank you, Father Peter. We will always cherish your memory.

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Why ponder U.S. critics?

To the editor:

On reading Bishop Clark's thoughts "Along the Way" on 9/11, would the Bishop tell us why he thinks any of us might want to learn anything at all from those around the world who say they understand and approve of what the terrorists did?

I think our diocese would be better advised to listen and learn from the Source of all Goodness, through His Vicar on earth, our Pope, rather than by listening to and "understanding" people who preach and practice such downright and atrocious evil.

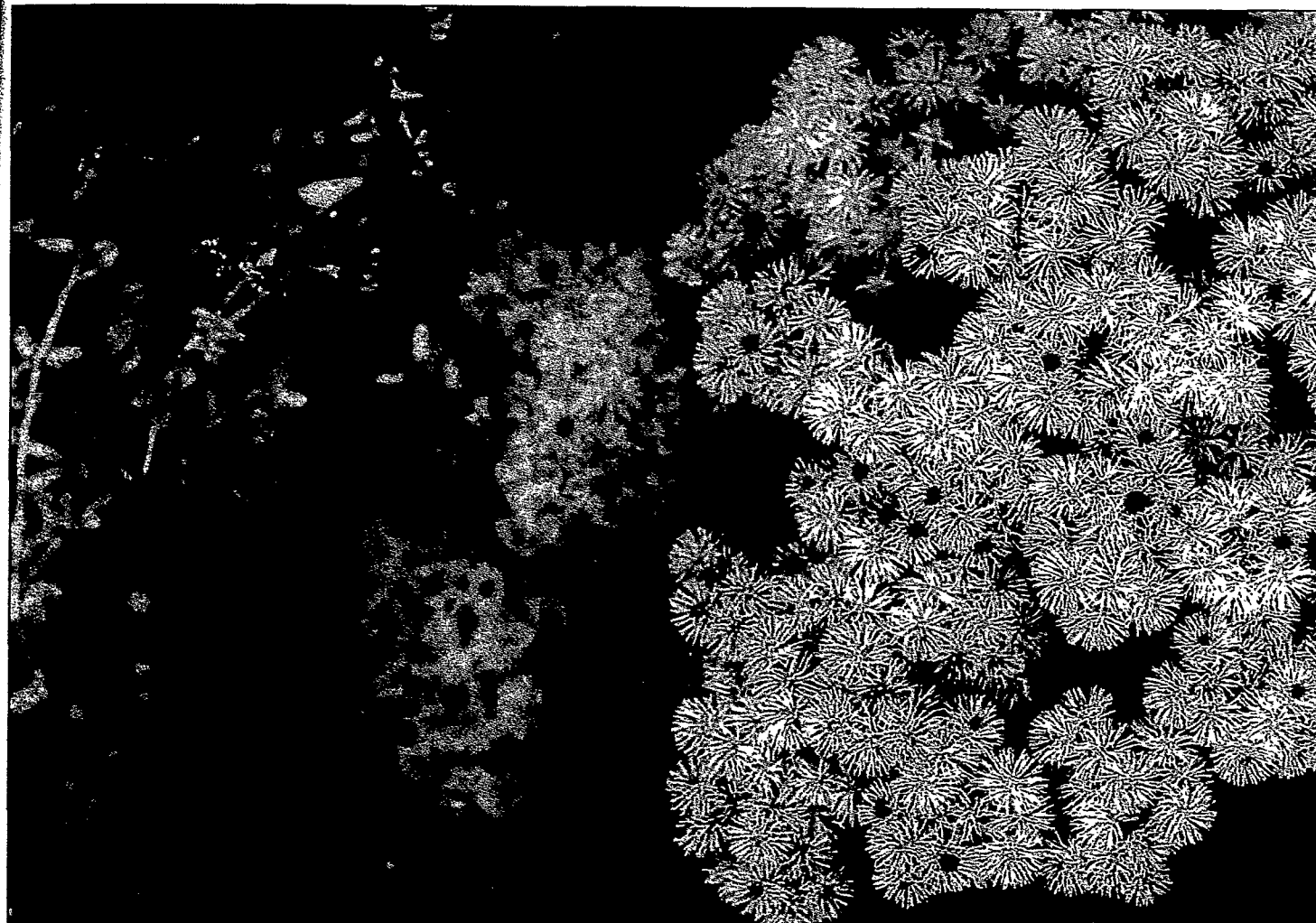
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Applauds perseverance

To the editor:

Again, I applaud Robert Bart's courage and confidence in Christ as he defends life (*Catholic Courier*, Sept. 12: "Wonders whether pacifists vote pro-life"). A person can become weary from the pain and agony of the world's rejection as he fights the pro-life stance.

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Karin von Voigtlander/Catholic Courier

ly detailed financial report each year. Why don't we receive a similar diocesan report that includes operating expenses for all cemeteries, *Catholic Courier* operating expenses and other related diocesan ministries that may or may not be separately incorporated? Why don't we receive salary schedules for pastors and administrators?

The faithful of the diocese are generous and willing to do what they can but they do not match the dollar contribution of other denominations and faith communities. Maybe we would be more generous if we had more involvement and more information.

The *Catholic Courier* should make this kind of reporting a WEEKLY priority.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past two years, the Diocese of Rochester has published a financial report as a supplement to the *Catholic Courier*. Activity for the fis-

cal year ended June 30, 2001, was reported in a four-page pullout section in the *Courier's* Feb. 14, 2002, edition. Information on the *Courier* itself was not included in that report, as the newspaper does not receive diocesan funding. The *Courier* is supported by subscriptions, which are primarily parish-paid, and by advertising sales.

Late priest was model

To the editor:

Father Peter Beaton for the past 48 years until his recent death was my teacher, confrere and friend. His personal commitment to human rights and issues involving justice and peace helped me appreciate the statement, "if you want peace, work for justice."

For 35 years my family experienced Biblical hospitality — food, lodging and great company — in his

Basilian communities. In 1967 he introduced Janet and me to L'Arche, one of the two communities that has impacted our adult Christian lives. One of your articles covering the Pope's Toronto visit featured L'Arche Daybreak.

L'Arche is a community that recognizes our common brokenness; then forms community with broken people establishing relationships of trust, hope and love grounded with the foundational pillars of compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and celebra-

tion, fundamental Gospel values. L'Arche's best known leaders are Jean Vanier, founder, and the great spiritual writer Henry Nouwen whose life was radically transformed by this simple community which impacted everything he wrote the last 10 years of his life.

Vanier urges us to mend our broken communities: "Forgiveness is at the heart of community. The leaders must be the sign and model of this forgiveness. They must know how to forgive seventy times seven all the

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