

Religion

Moral perspectives

Lottery ticket pitch annoys



I was going to write about littering but a recurring experience at a local grocery store just needs to be shared.

Every time I purchase something at the store, the cashier has asked if I wanted to buy a lottery ticket. And that simple question which created a whole series of greedy fantasies before my eyes is indeed worthy of public review.

What makes that concern for my pecuniary well being so unusual, is that they don't express any concern for my physical well being, my social relationships, the inner of my mind and heart, nor even the character of my faith.

JUST THINK how helpful the store would have been to me if the cashier would have noticed my purchases of milk and crackers and my receding hairline, and inquired sweetly "Have you pur-

chased the new formula X guaranteed to give you a full head of hair or double your money back?"

Or think how much the cashier would have assisted me in my proper responsibility for others if he noticed how I scowled when I got beaten to the line by a reckless car driver and inquired "Do you have enough love to keep you cool?"

Or consider how my spirits would have soared if I had been asked whether I wanted to purchase some ice cream because I obviously didn't have to watch what I ate.

And if the cashier had inquired about purchases to help control any anger or hatred I might have for whatever reasons who knows what great experiences might have developed.

NO, THE STORE was interested in none of that—only if I wanted to buy a lottery

ticket. And the cashiers tell me they're required to ask that of each customer under threat of dismissal, and the managers tell me it's a company policy they have to enforce.

But all of that is really beside the point, because as we all know, the lottery was designed and developed to help our state educational institutions and Chatham is just more aggressive in carrying out this civic responsibility.

It's really a good example of how we blend service and greed into a painless experience. I could have purchased a ticket out of my grocery budget and the only cost would have appeared as an increased food budget.

This aid and assistance in our practice of citizenship is noteworthy. With their careful attention to our greed and avarice, the chain is making it easier and easier



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for us to avoid our own careful accounting of responsibility, stewardship and the nature of our community.

That is, at least as long as it exists on asking only about lottery tickets.

1,200 Catholic bishops will gather

Some 1,200 Catholic bishops and delegates from every diocese in the United States will meet in an historic gathering, "A Call to Action," in Cobo Hall, Detroit, Oct. 21-23.

During the intensive, three-day meeting, delegates will debate, discuss and vote on proposals for a five-year plan of social action for the U.S. Catholic Church.

The conference is the culmination of an 18-month grass-roots parish and diocesan consultation program on social justice themes begun by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition, six national public hearings were held by the NCCB.

The consultation, which drew 700,000 responses from individual Catholics across the nation, developed the theme of "Liberty and Justice For All" as it applied to eight areas of human concern: Personhood, Family, Work, Neighborhood, Ethnicity and Race, Nationhood, Human-kind and Church.

Not only social concerns but corrective actions were sought from the respondents who participated mostly from the parish level.

THIS MASS of information has been computerized, analyzed and condensed into

eight working papers, one for each program category. It is these working papers that will form the basis for discussion.

Delegates will debate the recommendations based on the issues and actions developed by the massive data gathering process and by vote, will decide which ones to forward to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The ultimate result is expected to be the five-year social action plan for U.S. Catholic Church will undertake to help achieve "Liberty and Justice For All."

The October plenary session — first of its kind for the U.S. Catholic Church — responds to Pope Paul VI's recent document, "A Call to Action."

The program is in fact a new way of arriving at decisions in the Catholic community.

SISTER ALICE GALLIN, director of research for the Conference of Bishops committee for the bicentennial, said an "unstructured process" was selected for the church's nationwide consultation with its members.

Unlike most polling procedures in which individuals respond to specific questions or propositions the NCCB Bicentennial

related consultation provided individual Catholics with essentially blank sheets of paper and asked them to identify social action issues and recommend corrective actions the Church might take.

The only restriction was that issues/actions were to fit into one of the program's eight broad categories.

This factor, Sister Alice noted, "possibly colors but doesn't necessarily distort," emphasis on certain issues. She explained that interest in church support for and promotion of family, life and values, for instance, is showing up in two different categories: Family and Church. Another example is women's role in society and the Church, which is being registered under both Person and Church.

SISTER ALICE, an Ursuline nun who is professor of history at the College of New Rochelle, N.Y., said another unusual side effect of the NCCB consultation's "unstructured process" is minimal negative reaction when compared with conventional polls. After NCCB issues action were identified, participants were invited to indicate where they stood in a "strongly agree-disagree-strongly disagree" opinion scale.

"It follows," Sister Alice pointed out, "that people in favor of something will bring it up and indicate a positive attitude toward it. But if they are opposed to something, they probably won't bother to mention it, therefore providing no opportunity for others to indicate their preference—positive or otherwise."

Also of interest to Sister Alice is that more than 13,000 NCCB respondents could identify issues they felt the church should address, but could not suggest any action to deal with them.

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