

Antidotes for the fear epidemic

Why have we had so much emotion, and some irrationality, in several local election campaigns? The question has several answers.

The publisher of a major Midwestern daily newspaper said in a recent commencement address:

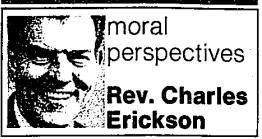
"We in newspapers are seeing an increasing level of fear in the populace." He spoke in detail of massive issues (such as nuclear waste) which bother people deeply. He said we are losing our faith in the future, which we have held for centuries.

One example was a caller angry at the newspaper for saying that the screen displaying data from a computer memory bank does NOT cause cancer. Fear makes some people feel they are dead right in what they "know" when they are actually irrational.

There is an increasing doubt that technology can solve all problems. It even causes some of the most frightening ones. We trusted technology to give us a better future, and finding that faith empty creates fear.

FEARS ABOUT massive concerns pop out in local confessions and issues. They have no rational relationship to our local voting, but we react to little issues with emotions sneaking in from other worries.

Another source of fear is a feeling



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that we have no control over affairs that matter a great deal to us. Representative government leaves us frustrated when elected officials don't vote "our way."

They know perspectives and consequences we haven't thought about, so we shouldn't be in direct control. Right at home, where we could find facts, we immobilize ourselves with a bad habit.

This habit, born of fear, carries over into local concerns where we again substitute opinion for knowledge. Right at home, where we could find facts, we immobilize ourselves with a bad habit. School boards, local civic government and voluntary organizations are the only places left where we experience democracy. Here we are directly involved and not dependent on representatives.

Again, however, we have a habit of

paying attention to news only about state and national issues. Instead of getting into personal relationships with leaders, we carry over our suspicion and fear from representative government into local democracy.

AMERICA NEEDS renewed dedication to personal trust. We have had more than enough of Watergate "fall-out" of being suspicious that all leaders are scoundrels.

The place to begin is at home where we can know the leaders we elect. The way to begin is to relate to them as people and stop jumping to conclusions. The decency of society rests with the people. Institutions and structures don't make decisions, people do.

Our local leaders are as hungry for rational discussion of issues as any one else. We should not be afraid to feed this hunger.

We are fearful of losing control. So each of us acts as if we have already made the important decisions in the privacy of our own minds. If we step back from our fear, what we really want is a voice in our destiny.

This means we want to share in seeking truth and acting with realistic facts. Cooperative involvement will replace prejudice with experience and emotion with reason. Personal conversations displace fantasy as we discover shared concerns and varied options. The hope of a better tomorrow lies in personal relationships which create trust instead of fear.

Taube named

Fr. Sylvester Taube has been appointed to represent the Detroit chapter of World Wide Marriage Encounter. In making the appointment, Cardinal John F. Dearden announced the appointment would be effective immediately.

Fr. Taube will coordinate priest chaplains for the weekend encounter experiences and act as a liaison between the coordinating committee of World Wide Marriage Encounter and Family Life Office of the archdiocese.

Burbach heads church board

George Burbach has been elected president of the congregation of Lutheran Church in West Bloomfield. His vice presidents are Gerald Katterman, David Schwink and Hazel Rusch. John Lund will act as treasurer for the coming term.

Elected to the board of lay ministry, along with the Rev. Donald F. Jung, pastor of the church, are James Gale, Sharon Birnbaum, Gerda Treglow, Gilbert Long, Duane Randall, David Katterman and Schwink.

Susan Wakk has been inducted as president of the church's youth league.



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Pastors
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E.W. Dunn
Phone 442-2000

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Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon
• Evans C. Bentley •

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School: 11:00 am

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Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills
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Nursery Care Provided

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Earl R. Eckhart

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422-1150
Worship & Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.

"The Person with a Grievance"
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Worship Service
11:00 AM

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546-9777

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Church School 10:00 am
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Minister: John W. Bley

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9:30 AM - Sunday School

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 am
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11:00 A.M. - Family Service
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Eucharist

The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis The Rev. R. Scott Knight
The Rev. Edward A. King

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
10035 W. 14 Mile
Birmingham
SUNDAY
Family Learning Hour 9:15 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
644-8899

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Church Office - 474-6800
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474-0584

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TROY (at Adams)
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WORSHIP 11:00 AM
Minister
ROBERT H. BOYTE
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Southfield
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48024
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Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor
Richard L. Parr

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478-6520

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Church School 10:00 AM
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Wednesday Prayer 7:30 PM

Minister: Charles H. Beynon

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2517 Power Road
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Wednesday Prayer 7:30 PM

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