

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

## A GOOD MOTHER'S CREED

"I BELIEVE THAT light and joy can come out of darkness and pain." A mother can say this credo because she has experienced it. Desperately, our world needs to learn this.

"I believe in the unseen." This is a part of every good mother's creed. What under heaven is more absolutely helpless than a newborn babe? Unlike an infant animal, left to itself, it would die in a few hours. A tiny wriggling bundle of helplessness that is a baby. But that is not a mother's definition of her child. Deep in the heart of that child are potentialities the world cannot see, but she sees them. She would say with William James, "A child is a bundle of possibilities."

THIS LEADS naturally to the next article in a mother's creed. "I believe in a second chance." The patience of such a good and loving friend is almost unbelievable. The average mother has an amazing capacity for believing, being disappointed, and going on believing and trusting again.

"I believe in the greatness and goodness." It is amazing and discouraging to note how many people really prefer greatness to goodness. Of course, there are many ambitious mothers, too, who think more of wealth and social position than of the deeper values of character. A worthy woman would rather have her boy good than to have him great. She is not pleased with advancement and success that come at the expense of moral quality.

"I believe that he who loses his life shall save it." A noble mother never thinks of herself first. If anyone needs to stay at home, she can do it, of course. If some little thrill or pleasure must be sacrificed, it is perfectly all right. "I am among you as one who serves," she could say with the Master. Spread out over a nation's population, that attitude would transform all life. Self-centeredness is a worm eating out the domestic and economic life of our society.

OF COURSE, no description of a mother's creed would be complete without this, "I believe in love." What good mothers have been glad to suffer for their children! The story could never be told. And the story of what such love has accomplished is a greater one still. Surely, mothers would repeat with Paul, "Now abide faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."

If we could accept this creed of our best mothers and live it, not only in our attitude toward our own children but toward all mankind, we should be "Not far from the Kingdom," for this creed is very near the faith and spirit of Jesus.



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## ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

THE OPENING of the Nevada Southern Student Art Show and Sale will be held this Sunday, May 14 from 1-5 p.m. in the Art Gallery and Little Theater of Grant Hall. Paintings, prints, and sculpture by students will be displayed and sold.

There will be a light show entitled "Total Environment" featuring the Three-Dimensional Art Design Class with the Brass Coyote and a musical group calling themselves the "Sioux Uprising". A group of pantomime performers will round out this program. Those attending will be offered sweet peas.

A Boutique Fashion Show will display the newest creations of Plywood Positive. Models will circulate among the guests.

A CERAMIC sale, with works by students as well as well-known local potters, will be displayed separately.

This art extravaganza is sponsored by Daedalus, the Student Art Club at Nevada Southern University. There is no admission fee. The public is invited to attend this show.

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This is another way of beating the rising cost of living (or should we say dying?). A beautiful metal casket, concrete vault, and all mortuary services, personnel, and equipment for a dignified funeral are included in the plan. No matter how high the costs of these services may rise in the future, persons enrolled in the plan pay no more than the contracted price. This plan is honored in all of the 48 states in Continental United States, Mexico, and Canada.

As payments are made on the plan, donations will be forwarded to any church or charity designated by the donor, in the name of that donor, totalling \$25.

J. David Hoggard, Sr., a Funeral Counselor for Bunker Brothers Mortuary has been named Representative for the Trust Plan in this area.

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# ALTAR CALL

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## "THE FUSE IS LIT"

Unheedingly, both Negroes and whites go along, ignoring the foreboding forecasts of a long, hot summer for 1967.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., makes predictions and his critics accuse him of fomenting riots.

Roy Wilkins points to current conditions as ingredients essential to summer riots, but when they happen, everyone will be asking: What started the riot?: Why do they burn, loot and kill?

Stokely Carmichael shouts, "burn, baby, burn" and when they burn, "he" is accused of inciting riot and we never question the fact that those who light the fires may have had a rationale of their own.

WHEN THE FIRE breaks out in Milwaukee, Wis., please find this column for a partial analysis made by a Chicago Sun-Times editorial writer in the feature section, "Viewpoint," April 23, 1967. The basic story tells of the heroic leadership of a Roman Catholic Priest, Father James E. Groppi. Here is what writer D.J.R. Bruckner says:

"What is happening in Milwaukee seems a repetition of so many sad stories, as Fr. Groppi and his Youth council produced an issue (Aug. 1966 demonstrations) which literally disturbed the peace of the community, his vociferous and extreme enemies started a campaign against him.

"The response to that campaign by officials and common people alike has been to criticize both sides, but the net effect has been a total movement of the community against the rights movement and a total increase in racial anxiety."

These then are the steps:

1. Mobilization and demonstration by Negroes and liberal whites.
2. Violent reaction by white bigots.
3. Organized movements, political and otherwise, against civil rights activity.
4. Racial anxiety in the Negro ghetto.
5. RIOTS!

WE COMMEND Fr. Groppi and join in his statements relative to the church, particularly when he states, "This question of civil rights will make or break Christianity in the United States."

Fr. Groppi adds "It seems to me, the survival of this church (St. Boniface, Milwaukee) and the whole Christian church, and of this country and others, and of myself and the black people and the whites, is at stake."

Indeed, inherent in the very nature of the church is the vital ingredient that would prevent the burning of our cities, but the only fire the church notices is the alleged fire of an after-death hell.

Whenever I read of a minister, Negro or white, who condemns marches, demonstrations, or urgent insistence for the rights of Negroes, I know that he holds in his own hand the match to light the fuse.

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