

Your Grace

In the hand of
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Provincetown, since the turn of the century, has had two communities - one is an art colony of continuing vigor that has attained national importance. The other has been a fishing village that gave the local population a hard earned but independent life. The problem is now the shift from an economy based on fishing to a resort industry in which the local inhabitants function only for services ^{during a short season} using the art colony as a tourist lure. It is characterized by a loss of energy and initiative and faith among a once ~~simple~~ vigorous simple Catholic population. It is a clear example of people who have sold their birthright and the right to honest toil for the easy tourist dollar and the unemployment check for twenty weeks.

To add to this disorder of conscience, there is no central direction, no plan or unity between the

There has been no ~~real~~ ^{real} ~~deeds~~ ~~deeds~~ ~~dilemma~~ spiritual guidance ^{in this} emanating from the parish priest.

selectmen and their appointed town managers — there is no plan ^{years} to correct the excesses of greed and connivance of conscience on the part of the local population in their chase after the dollar. There have been only the issuing of stop gap laws of dubious legality and an expanding police force. ~~The police force~~

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The methods of the police force if not illegal (there are ^{currently} two cases before the superior courts questioning these) are unethical and their attitude has created an atmosphere of fear and ^{general} oppression ^{in the town} questioning their methods. This has brought threats of reprisal to myself and two other families from the chief of police.

Therefore it is with complete astonishment ~~that~~ ~~that~~ that I find the names of the two parish priests signed to the public letter that I submit to you; also with equal dismay that I submit a similar letter from the local chapter of the knights of Columbus. I submit these letters for ~~another~~ reasons - a strong just arm of the law, strong in the correct discharge of duty should need no testimonials. And lastly ~~and~~ ~~lead~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~ for the ^{local} Church to ally itself with such a controversial issue is rash and tends to scandal. It can only lead to severe divisions within the community that is made up of many faiths.

And ~~then~~ you may wonder about the personal reasons behind my letter. I can only say that as a Catholic

participating within both areas of the town (I am ~~also~~ an artist) I feel and sense a delicate and difficult situation developing. I came to Provincetown seventeen years ago to settle because both as an artist and as a Catholic I could affirm a community. Today because of personal reasons my family and I live part of the year in N.Y. part here in Provincetown. Part of the personal reason ~~was~~ for living in N.Y. is to provide a Catholic education for my two sons. Another part being that I teach at Hunter College in the Graduate Art Dept. I mention this latter because ~~as~~ as a employee of the City of New York one must have ~~the~~ clean hands ^{both} politically and morally.

I ask your Grace's help in this disturbing situation. Not personal help

Dept of
Education
of

against threats and defamation
but help for the town,
Help in ^{the} form of spiritual
~~decisions~~ guidance
and directives that
will ease the growing tensions
in the town, help that
and restore the faith
that the local pastor no
doubt wants but is unable
to attain.

As a result of a campaign against the result of the Province towners' greed and willingness to rent to all and sundry practice.

To add to this disorder there is no central direction no plan or unity between the selectmen & their appointed town managers. The only result has been the issuing of laws of dubious legality ~~and~~ to curb violence and an expanding police force using methods of dubious ethic. In their campaign against ~~the~~ the police have created an atmosphere of fear and general oppression ~~and~~ they are using a base ball bat to swing a gnat. Enclosed are the questionnaire about your subjects going beyond legal means to attain their ends-

and results of their ~~own~~ greed ~~and~~ lack

Enclosed you will find ^{a strange} two documents. ~~Appended~~ ^{Appended} by the President of the local Chamber of Commerce ~~and~~ as two letters that I have written to question the local situation ~~and~~ ^{and} a recent letter from ~~the~~ signed by both of ~~the~~ parish.

~~four~~

Joining forces with ~~the~~ police power
~~all~~ instead of law and
order.

priests. These documents
are in themselves irrelevant
~~except~~ as to the central
problem except as indications
of attitudes that are ~~developing~~
~~developing~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~community~~
developing.

^{Catholic}
The community as a whole
stands in need of a
spiritual leadership that
will guide it into paths
of faith lawfulness and
purposefulness. ~~At the~~
~~present~~ In the Catholic community

;) This ~~must~~ ^{can} come ^{only} from the
priest. In the working
together of religious ^{in an area}
communities ^{as this} must
come from the priest. At
this moment to misinterpret,
? - to act out of pride, to create
false situations can only
lead to division within
the community — can only
lead to which will further
damage a difficult
situation.

You may wonder why I
have taken it upon myself
to write such a letter!

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You may question as to why I write — to what end. I write seeing a situation deteriorate. Seeing the church with whom I struggle and ^{that} love loose ~~straddle~~ and respect and when the place there give scandal and dissention.
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~~and as servants~~ using
the art colony as a tourist
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initiative and faith
among a once vigorous
simple Catholic population.
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and their right to honest toil
for the easy tourist dollars
and the unemployment
check for twenty weeks