

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Power of God dismisses charges

The following letter was sent to Bishop Tonnas of the Diocese of Hamilton and a copy filed with The Champion.

Dear Editor:

After a year of silence I can once again write to you as I guess you know by now that all of the charges against me were either dismissed or I was found not guilty. Oh, the power of God.

I am also allowed back into the Catholic churches in Halton. In the past two weeks, I have attended the charismatic mass at Holy Rosary in Milton and at Holy Cross in Georgetown.

I must once again inform you, Bishop, that the charismatics are preaching and teaching the lost and lonely poor souls the ways of Satan.

They continue to turn their backs on the crucified Christ whose head is surrounded with thorns, whose eyes bulge with pain, whose arms are stretched out of their very sockets, whose back is a mass of bloody pulp, and whose sacred heart is pierced. They continue their chant to the devil ignoring Christ on the altar who waits patiently for them to give him honour.

The devil is a sneak, a coward, a liar, and confuses those poor souls. Father Mark Curtis said in his homily that it states in the Bible that it would be better to tie oneself to a millstone and cast oneself into the waters than to lead God's people astray. Oh, how right he is. I wonder how many poor people have been led astray by the charismatic movement.

Oh, how our Father must suffer when he sees his very priests, bishops, and even cardinals following the ways of the devil.

But there is hope that in the end the Immaculate Heart of Fatima will triumph and on that glorious day

Satan and all his evil followers will be casted back to hell and the charismatic heresy will be no longer.

And true peace will once again flow to the earth through the immaculate hands of our Mother.

We should all pray for that day.

**Lucia Amodeo
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Georgetown**

Editor's Note: Ms Amodeo recently faced various charges related to her public protesting of charismatic Catholic mass. She was found not guilty, or the Crown withdrew charges, on all counts.

Driving a privilege, says Duignan

Dear Editor:

Road collisions are the leading killer of young people aged 16 to 24 in Ontario. We have to start recognizing that driving is a tremendously dangerous activity. And we must ensure that drivers of all ages are properly trained before they hit the roads unattended.

The Ontario government's graduated licensing legislation will require all new drivers to gradually earn driving privileges by successfully completing tests at the end of each of their first two years of driving. This allows new drivers to gain valuable driving experience in low-risk conditions before obtaining full driving privileges. These steps will not only save lives but will save on insurance costs, health care costs and lost time at work and school — costs estimated at \$4 billion every year.

There is overwhelming statistical evidence that inexperienced drivers (regardless of age) pose a very

serious safety threat — not just to themselves but to other people on the roads.

Safety experts agree that it takes between two and five years to develop the full range of skills and judgement needed to avoid collisions. Because graduated licensing ensures that new drivers gain hands-on experience in lower-risk situations, I believe it offers the greatest potential to reduce new driver collisions, injuries and fatalities.

Strong support for graduated licensing has come from the opposition parties, provincial safety organizations and other groups, including the Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Ontario's coroners and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Additionally, members of the public were consulted during the summer of 1993 when an all-party committee invited citizens to comment on the draft legislation.

Those "countless suburban parents" who you suggested in a recent editorial are waiting for their teens to acquire driving licenses so that they can help out with chores would much rather have their teens alive and teach them to drive properly than hand over younger children to an inexperienced driver. I know, because I am one of those parents. Restricting a teen's ability to take his/her younger sibling alone to the arena, for the short term, will ensure that this same teen is around to see their sibling grow up.

I am dismayed that you feel a key problem of this legislation is that it would reduce teenagers' independence in our "car-oriented culture." In fact, there are many

transportation alternatives that are safer and more environmentally sustainable which can also lead to independence for youth, as well as adults, such as car-pooling, bus service, GO train service, and walking or biking to the corner store or local arena.

Perhaps it is time for everyone to recognize that driving is indeed a privilege, not a right, and that privilege should not be taken for granted.

**Noel Duignan
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Mind your manners my dear trustees

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to a recent story in *The Champion* with the heading, "Trustees going to Manners School."

Are we so unsure of our own leadership abilities?

Now the latest political correctness lesson includes a course from Ms Manners, trustee Diane LeBlovic, on how not to "trample" people's "rights" during board meetings.

Evidently, Ms. LeBlovic's "rights" have not been completely trampled. Indeed, she has trampled on and obtained what in her view shall be the correct way, at taxpayer expense, and has sent fellow board members to manners school for parliamentary training.

Is homogenization now a prerequisite at board meetings? And where else? What overprotected part of the universe is she representing anyway?

Aren't we glad anymore to receive people who can actually do things

no matter what their social graces, instead of wasting time, money and effort worrying about someone's perceptions of how things should be done correctly? By God, let's just get on with the job.

Sure, we can be concerned with how things should be done correctly, but aren't we all required, as part of our jobs, to fit in with others, especially those with whom we don't see eye to eye? Perhaps, except for Ms LeBlovic's "rights." Puleeze, stifle already.

What a petty, distorted mess and abuse of our fiscal trust.

After all this, it only seems fair for all of us to go back to school at taxpayers' expense, to learn how to correct our deficiencies. Perhaps, some of us will even learn how to handle criticism, in parliamentary fashion, of course! Shame! Bush league!

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