STARVING THE KIDS

A recent cartoon by Horsey of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer showed a bare-footed woman, with the inscription "Third World" on her back, bowing before the Blessed Virgin saying, "Blessed Mary, I need to know which is the greatest sin: Bringing another few billion poor, starving children into the world? Or using the pill?" Not surprisingly, when the Santa Fe New Mexican ran this cartoon, it appeared alongside an article that praised the Sierra Club for its policies on population and the environment.

Rick Hinshaw of the Catholic League charged that the cartoon "belies a blatant bigotry not only against the Catholic Church, but also against the peoples of the third world." In defending the Church's teaching on contraception, Hinshaw blamed the cartoonist and the newspaper for their ignorance of the "greed, corruption and inept economic policies which have produced such abject poverty."