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And now let me introduce some of the exceptionally stimulating items in this our twenty-sixth issue:

The urgent problem of immodesty, one of the first symptoms of weakness of faith, as well as of diabolic activity.

Americanism — a subtle heresy in which our own brand of excessive and faulty nationalism is creating a world-wide danger to the traditional values and truths of Catholicism.

The present unexplainable, and obviously more than human, satanic assault on the Church.

But the theme of hope, in spite of all, is emphatically expressed by the leading feature of this issue — the life of Saint Catherine of Siena — a life proving in a crisis not unlike the present crisis of the Church, how God wins His victories.

And let us hope that this present state of the Faith is the darkness that precedes the dawn.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Bro. Francis, M.I.C.M.
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The **SMOKE** of Satan

by Barbara Nauer

No amount of pious training or pious culture will protect the faithful, or preserve them from the contamination of the age, if they are left inferior to non-Catholics in secular learning and intellectual development. The faithful must be guarded and protected by being trained and disciplined to grapple with the errors and false systems of the age. They must be not only more religiously, but also more intellectually educated. They must be better armed than their opponents — surpass them in the strength and vigor of their minds, and in the extent and variety of their knowledge. They must, on all occasions and against all adversaries, be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in them. (cf 1 Peter 3:15)

— (Orestes Brownson, 1803-1876)

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THERE IS SOMETHING that you need to be deeply worried about, Christians. It is a threat incomparably menacing and grave. I shall tell you about it here

by relating the stories of three of us, Catholics, who got ourselves entangled with this special menace, each of us in his own time and place and way.

We three — a devout layman whom I shall call Tom, a learned priest, and I — met only recently. We shared our experiences with each other not out of any deliberate effort to compare notes but just in the natural course of things.

The three of us have become involved in a particularly intense kind of apostolic work, the kind of religious activity in which it is natural for people to share portions of their spiritual histories as a way of explaining how they came to

education program which they saw for an insidious assault on public morals, Catholic morals especially. "The program was tame compared to what's in the schools now," Tom said at one point. "But back then it shocked people to pieces when they would look it over. So we had no trouble rallying the support of the community against it."

Tom's group planned carefully and intelligently. They were people of some means, and they did not hesitate to put large sums into advertising, door-to-door

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their present convictions about life. Our apostolate is the kind of setting in which persons are willing to admit to each other, "Sure I'm kind of different, spiritually — a 'heavy'. And here is how I got that way."

Tom's story first. A successful businessman in a large U.S. city, also father of a large family, Tom is one of those laymen who by his mid-forties has a long history of Catholic activism — in Young Catholic Family work, anti-Communism, Holy Name, parish council and more. He has plenty of political and ecclesiastical savvy.

In the mid-seventies, Tom and his wife and some of their friends decided to organize in order to block the entrance into their neighborhood schools of a sex-

canvassing and media coverage.

"We did everything right," Tom recalls. "And we even got lucky. The press gave us better treatment than we expected. And just when our own money ran out, we got a grant from a sympathetic group of religious people, non-Catholics."

At this point the speaker shakes his head and chuckles. "We even went so far as to pay house calls to all of the school board members, so as to be sure to have the wide majority of them on our side when the thing would finally be put to a vote. And they were solidly behind us, too."

When that sex-education program that was slated for introduction in that city system was finally called to a vote, did all