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TO THE EDITOR:

As a doctor's wife and mother of nine, I was tremendously impressed with the August issue of the *QUARTERLY*. There were so many articles in it which we would like to send to other people; we were wondering if we could order ten additional copies of the magazine.

You are to be congratulated especially on the beautiful article by Monsignor Knott and the delightful address by Dr. Taylor. Father Ford's statement on the morality of "the pill" is excellent and we are writing to the NCWC for copies. There were other articles which were of particular interest, but most of all the whole tone of the publication was most encouraging.

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TO THE EDITOR:

In connection with the current agitation about "the pill" you might study the possibility of making available Pius XII's three great addresses in which he discussed what he himself called the *regulation of births*; that of 29 October 1951 to the Italian Obstetrical Nurses,* that of 26 November 1951 to the Italian Family Front, and that of 12 September 1958 to the 7th International Congress of Hematology. These addresses remain buried in the dusty tomes of the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* for 1951 and 1958. To my knowledge these three discourses have never been translated and published in this country. Many religious magazines still prattle off as Church doctrine positions that Pius XII quietly modified or qualified, and the present confusion of American Catholics is due, in no small measure, to our almost totally complete ignorance of Pius XII's own words addressed to three lay groups (two of them professional), not to theologians. In June of this year, Paul VI reaffirmed the "norms" of Pius XII. We deserve to know what these "norms" are in Pius XII's own words.

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*Our British cousins translated the Italian "Ostetriche" as "Midwives," which is not a term of opprobrium in England. In the United States, the effect has been deplorable; what could the Pope possibly say of importance to a bunch of midwives!