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Letters

Thank you, all community leaders, God bless Ed Miller

Editor:

After I read Ed Miller's letter to the editor printed on March 11, I felt compelled to thank all of the people in this community serving on boards, committees, and all organizations who are trying to make Sheridan a better place to live and, at the same time, dealing with problems and ignorant people.

You must have been born with civil duty in your blood to dedicate so much time, talent and treasure to often receive nothing but ridicule in return.

Thank you, one and all, for stepping up to the plate and making Sheridan a quality place to live.

I had delayed writing this part of the letter because after reading Miller's venomous letter, in which he states he spoke to the Sheridan City Council on March 3, I had the opportunity to watch that particular meeting on television.

First, let's address the Central Middle School property. This is a private transaction between Paul DelRossi and the Catholic Church.

How you have tried to drag Mayor Kinskey, John Bigelow, City Council, and Father Ogg into some kind of conspiracy that does not exist is simply wrong.

The only question that needs to be answered regarding the CMS property is why didn't the Holy Name Church have an opportunity to purchase the land and school from District 2 when the school still stood on the property?

How did Whitney Benefits acquire this property?

Was there a bid process? To my understanding, Holy Name Church was not the only organization that had interest when the school was still standing.

Second, Miller does not represent the Catholic Church, or any faith-based organization that I know. I am a relatively new Catholic convert but had been a "searcher" for many years until I found Holy Name Catholic Church.

I had no idea that it was Ed Miller's church. I can't believe nobody told me that. I didn't know it until I read Miller's letter where he stated he wanted "his" church back.

Not one part of his letter reflects the teachings of Christ. To disrespect Father Ogg, a man who has dedicated his life to God, is completely unacceptable.

Unfortunately, what Christ did teach us is that we have to love Ed Miller. Christ tells us to "love our enemies and people who have wronged us."

So even though Ed Miller is slanderous, an embarrassment to any church and this community, and simply a mental midget, we are to love him. This is what our faith teaches us.

I am not trying to grandstand here. I tried to discuss Miller's letter with him, but strangely his phone did not work. It was like it was off its hook after his letter was printed.

If one thought this was on purpose, it would be perceived as a bit cowardly. Anyway, back to the positive, thank you again, community leaders, and God bless Ed Miller.

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