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Dear Tim:

This is a little note in reply to your request for a note from me. I hope this is what you had in mind.

“Oh, yeah, well what about the time you....” How often has that phrase come into play during the heat of an argument? It’s an expression I feel some people might be saying about me when I take a stand to clean up the TV programming surrounding the times when children may be watching. To be honest, I don’t know of anyone, including myself, free enough of foul language that they could cast the first stone. Even my best friend, Father Olliver, dotted the air with a few off-color phrases when the tire wrench slipped and he hit his knuckles on the lug nut. But I did notice that he never repeated those phrases on Sunday when he delivered a sermon.

To me, that’s what the PTC is trying to do when we make all the noise about cleaning up TV. Just put adult programming in the proper time slots. In the “old days” you didn’t have to worry about the programming offending anyone. The TV set was a member of the family. You could laugh, or cry, or just relax together while you enjoyed the program. And you certainly looked forward to watching with the family. I don’t know about you, but some of the programming today is so embarrassing, I find it impossible to sit in a room with my kids and watch TV.... and my kids are in their 30’s and 40’s. So, how about putting shows in their proper place? That way, family shows can be enjoyed by the entire family. Now that stone didn’t hurt, did it?

With my best regards,



Tim Conway

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