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March 15, 1957

Mrs. John Dorr
30 East 37th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Dorr:

Our organizations (Division of Education of the Council of Liberal Churches and the Religious Education Department of the American Council for Judaism) are in the process of experimenting in the development of new material for use in children's worship services which, we feel, represents a unique and effective approach. We are writing to ask your participation and cooperation. Let us explain:

We are convinced that young children can participate in a truly religious experience by being given opportunities to develop their own insights with the guidance of adults. We believe that a group worship service might be made more meaningful by permitting the children to play more of a spontaneous role.

We are therefore interested in experimenting in the use of meaningful photographs which might inspire thoughtful and even devotional reactions by the young people. We have selected some 15 photographs from "The Family of Man" series for this purpose. One of your pictures is included in this group. We think it is an unusually fine photograph and one that will elicit the response we describe above. The photo is

a mother nursing baby (U.S.A.)

We should like to have your permission to reproduce this photograph as a card to be shown to groups under adult guidance. If you will supply an

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May we thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation.

Cordially,

Edith Hunter
Curriculum Editor
for the Division of Education
Council of Liberal Churches

Leonard R. Sussman
Executive Director
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New York Office: 99 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York

March 27, 1957

Miss Edith Hunter
The American Council for Judaism
201 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Hunter:

I have your letter dated March 15th, addressed to Mrs. John Dorr, in regard to a print of a photograph included in "The Family of Man".

Mrs. Dorr has authorized me to inform you that she will be most happy to send you a print (8 x 10) of the "Nursing Mother" for the purpose you described. I hope to be able to send you the print within 10 days.

It may interest you to know that this is also one of the pictures included in Mrs. Dorr's book "Mother and Child", which was sponsored by the Dorr Foundation and distributed around the world through the United States Information Agency and other international organizations.

The Dorr Foundation is pleased to send you under separate cover a copy of Mrs. Dorr's book, as I feel from the nature of your program that the message of her photographs would appeal to you.

Sincerely yours,
For The Dorr Foundation

Tine Everhard

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