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The Venerable Martin Sullivan
Archdeacon of London

"I am for Young People"

We ought to stop talking about youth with a capital Y and whenever we hear the word, groan because it has problems. We should rejoice that young people are with us and take our difficulties with them in our stride.

I am FOR young people . . .

We can't train youth to face the new age on the philosophy of the spinning wheel. Perhaps our own immaturity, our own failure, complacency, and carelessness, is reflected now, in their inability to cope. We don't help these youngsters by being angry, because they are not like us. To adapt the words of the musical "My Fair Lady," too many fathers can only say to their sons, "Why can't you be like me?" Why indeed?

[An] epitaph found on the tombstone of a cavalier soldier who, having sold most of his possessions for the Royalist cause, met his death on the battlefield against the Roundheads . . . reads: "He served King Charles with a constant, dangerous, and expensive loyalty." It is the challenge contained in this epitaph which more than anything else would evoke a response in the hearts of modern youth—service . . . which is costly . . . which brings reward in itself.

—From the July issue of "The Rotarian."