



Archbishop's Christmas Message

"...May His Peace Bind Us All..."

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

The birthday of Christ our Redeemer has a compelling way of reminding us, His followers, that in our attempt to imitate Him we must come to grips with the problems of the world in order to save it.

The preface of the Vatican Council's "Church in the Modern World" begins with this very thought. "The joys and the hopes," it states, "the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these too are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. . ."

There was a time perhaps when Christians in a sense withdrew from the world. Perhaps it was this attitude noticed here and there in Christian history which caused some to accuse Christianity of regarding the world as evil. This charge is manifestly false, however, because the world is God's. More than that, it was into this very world that the Son of Man came in order to overcome the world and sanctify it.

He did not establish the Church for herself, but for the world. Hence His followers can never shirk their personal responsibility to bring the light of Christ into the darkness of the world and let it shine before all men. This conviction had such a firm hold on the fathers of the Vatican Council that they emphasized more than ever before the obligation Christians have to translate the message of Christmas into daily life, so that each of us, according to our abilities, will bring part of the solution to bear on the world's problems.

The world is indeed drenched in darkness today because of its mounting evils

— its poverty, hunger and racial tensions, its disregard of authority and attacks on the family and home, its senseless attempts to use war as a solution to human problems, its low price on human life.

Our thoughts at Christmas must go out also to the millions of refugees and exiles throughout the world who have been driven from their homes by the ravages of war and persecution. The quarter of a million Cuban exiles who have found refuge in this Archdiocese are a constant daily reminder of this world wide problem. During this holy season the words of Pope Pius XII are particularly appropriate: "The emigre Holy Family of Nazareth fleeing into Egypt is the archetype of every refugee family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, living in exile in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are for all time and all places the models and protectors of every migrant, alien and refugee of whatever kind. . ."

Christmas tells us once again that Christ "came to His own domain and His people did not accept Him. But to all who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God." We have this tremendous power in our keeping. But we need to do more than keep it. We must use it to bring Christ and His grace especially to those most in need. We must bring His principles and truths into every aspect of life, so that the world truly can be touched and changed by His redemptive action.

Unless we ourselves rediscover Christ in His Church, and especially in the Eucharist, we will lack the strength and the desire to spread the good news of the Gospel. I will be united with you, then, in the Eucharistic Lord this Christmas. May His peace bind us all. May His mission in the world become truly ours.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Coleman F. Carroll

COLEMAN F. CARROLL
Archbishop of Miami

Archbishop To Offer Christmas Mass In St. Mary's Cathedral

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll will celebrate Pontifical Mass at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day in the Cathedral of St. Mary, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Concelebrated Midnight Mass will be offered in the Cathedral where Msgr. David Bushey, rector, will be the principal celebrant.

Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at midnight on Christmas Eve in the Dade County Jail chapel by Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick. The bishop will also offer Christmas Mass at noon on Christmas Day in St. Anthony Church, Fort Lauderdale.

Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for the Spanish-speaking Peoples, will celebrate Mass at midnight, Christmas Eve, for

migrant workers in South Dade at St. Ann Mission, Naranja. Msgr. Walsh will also celebrate a Christmas Mass at 4 p.m. Thursday at the chapel of Our Lady of Charity on the grounds of Immaculata-LaSalle High School.

Shut-Ins in South Florida will participate in Christmas Mass which will be offered by Father Rene Gracida, V.G., Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Miami at 7 a.m. on Thursday on WLBW-TV, Ch. 10.

At St. Edward Church, Palm Beach, Msgr. Jeremiah P. O'Mahoney, P.A., will celebrate Pontifical Mass at noon on Christmas Day, a privilege accorded to him by his ecclesiastical rank as a Protonotary Apostolic.

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My Dear People:

I know you share with me the conviction that one of the most important works of a bishop is to provide priests for his people. This is a tremendous responsibility in any diocese. However, in view of the population growth being experienced in South Florida, this responsibility in the Archdiocese of Miami becomes all the more pressing and important.

I want you to know that for the past 10 years, your generosity in contributing to the annual collection for the education of our seminarians has been deeply appreciated. It is only through your continued effort that, with God's assistance, we shall hopefully be able to provide priests in sufficient numbers.

Wishing you the blessings of the Christmas Season and expressing the hope that yours will be a Blessed and Peaceful New Year. I am,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Edmund J. Connel
Archbishop of Miami

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Man Must Learn Peace, Pope Asserts

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Man must educate himself for peace at a time when it is claimed that "force alone clears the way for human destinies."

This is the essential message of Pope Paul VI's third annual message to the world for the celebration of the World Day of Peace, which is scheduled to be observed Jan. 1, 1970.

The Pope's message was released Dec. 12 and stressed that "peace is the true life and the ideal framework of the world of men."

In discussing the nature of peace and man's essential need for it to live and develop, Pope Paul stressed also that "peace is not really a static state which can be reached once and for all. It is not an immobile tranquility." He also pointed out that peace is not a "state of repressive, selfish inertia."

The Pope declared that "peace is not enjoyed; it is created."

To create peace, he went on, it is necessary, first of all, "to educate ourselves for peace." Almost as if he were trying to convince modern man that peace is a real value and need of man, the Pope spoke also of the opposite side of the coin, strife, and of how it looked as a reality today.

"Strife is the law. Strife is the force of success. And even, strife is justice. An inexorable law, this, reborn at every stage of human progress. Even today, after the fearsome experiences of the last wars, it is strife, not peace, that is thrust on us."

Violence and revolution, he continued are championed because they are inevitable and "force alone clears the way for human destinies."

Issue Raised

Is Nation As Whole Guilty In Massacre?

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Are the U.S. troops who allegedly massacred Vietnamese villagers any more guilty of the atrocity than the American people as a whole?

This question was raised in a statement on the incident issued by Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, director, Division of World Justice and Peace, United States Catholic Conference.

The incident occurred at Songmy, Vietnam, on March 16, 1968, when a platoon led by Lieut. William J. Calley Jr. was said to have killed a large number of civilians, including women and children. Lt. Calley has been charged with the murder of at least 109 persons and is facing a court-martial.

The statement said that President Nixon, in his Dec. 8 news conference, "shed some light on the issue by stating 'What appears was certainly a massacre, and under no circumstances was it justified. This admission helped clear the air, but certain fundamental

questions were left unanswered."

"What difference does it make," Msgr. Bordelon asked, "if the people were mowed down in cold blood or incinerated with napalm or blasted apart with bombs from a high-altitude B-52 attack? In other words, are the soldiers who did the killing almost two years ago any more guilty than the B-52 crews who continue to this very day to systematically destroy villages in the so-called 'free-fire' zones? Are they more guilty than those who order such actions? Or than the people of the United States who are ultimately responsible for public policy?"

"Such questions," Msgr. Bordelon continued, "point to a basic uncertainty in this war. It is so different from any war we have ever fought because we are not really sure who the enemy is. Nor are we sure that continued reliance upon military power will achieve freedom for the people of South Vietnam."

The Pope said that this state of affairs is "the great difficulty that we must consider and solve." Then he went on, saying:

"That strife can be necessary, that it can be the arm of justice, that it can rise to a noble-hearted, heroic duty, we do not deny. That strife can obtain successes, no one can contest."

However, strife cannot "constitute the illuminating idea of which mankind has need," he answered. "We say that it is time for civilization to draw inspiration from a concept other

than that of strife, of violence, of war, of oppression, to set the world on the way to true justice for all."

To achieve this, man must educate himself for peace and in fact he already is making some progress in this self education.

"We enthusiastically greet the efforts of modern man to give affirmation, in the world and in present history, to peace as a method, as an international institution, as sincere negotiation," he said.

A BIT of Christmas in South Vietnam is provided by a soldier as he decorates a tiny Christmas tree which was sent to him by his girl friend. Throughout Vietnam this time of year, Christmas trees, tinsel and other items of holiday cheer are sprouting from bunkers, howitzers and other incongruous places.



Christmas Mass Music Announced

Following is the special program of music which will be heard in the Cathedral of St. Mary during a Solemn Pontifical Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25.

PRELUDE: (One half-hour before Mass)
CHOIRS AND ORGAN

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... W. Held
Organ
- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen..... Traditional
- O Little Town of Bethlehem..... Brooks-Redner
Children's Choirs
- Silent Night..... W. Held
Organ
- Silent Night..... Gruber
Girl's Choir
- The Shepherds..... W. Held
Organ
- Angels We Have Heard on High..... Old French Carol
Children's Choirs
- The Kings..... W. Held
Organ
- Good Christian Men, Rejoice..... Old German Carol
Men and Boy Choirs

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come All Ye Faithful..... Adeste Fideles
Congregation and Choirs

Lord, Have Mercy..... C. A. Peloquin
Glory to God in the Highest..... C. A. Peloquin
Cathedral Men's Choir

OFFERTORY:

Magnificat..... Arr. P. Koch
Cathedral Men's Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy..... C. A. Peloquin
Lamb of God..... C. A. Peloquin
Cathedral Men's Choir

COMMUNION:

Puer Natus in Bethleem..... Gregorian
What Child is This?..... English
Combined Choirs

Praise God, The Lord, Ye Sons of Men.. N. Herman (1564)
Cathedral Men's Choir

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Joy to the World..... G. F. Handel
Congregation and Choirs

CHOIRS PARTICIPATING: Cathedral Men's Choir;
Cathedral Boy Choir; Cathedral Girl's Choir.
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Robert S. Fulton

Funeral Mass Is Celebrated For Priest

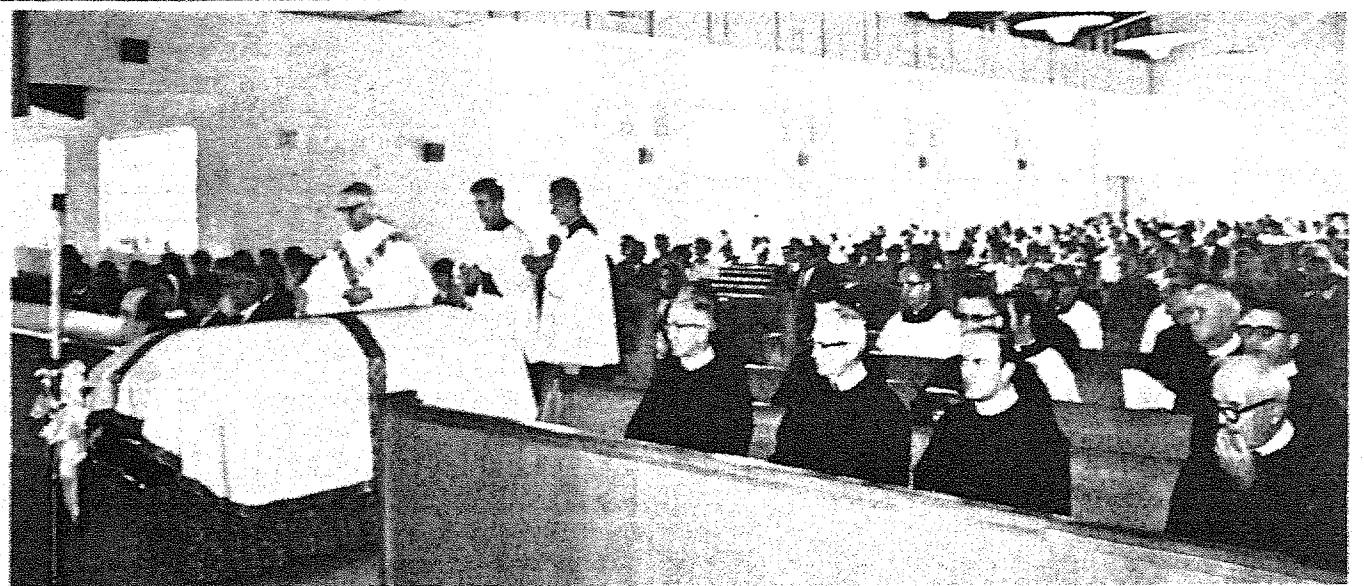
Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was offered last Friday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Father James Anderson, C.S.S.R., assistant pastor.

Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick was the principal concelebrant of the Mass for Father Anderson, who died at the age of 37 following a brief illness. Also concelebrating

were Father Rene Gracida, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Miami; Father Walter Dockerill, pastor, Visitation Church; and Father Joseph Coughlin, C.S.S.R., vice-provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers of Esopus, N.Y.

In his homily Father William O'Meara, C.S.S.R. reminded the congregation that, "God alone knows how to estimate the value of life. With His perfect knowledge both of our last end and of the motives that prompt our thoughts, words and actions. He is the only one who can pass judgment on our souls and tell whether and when they may be fitted to enter into life eternal."

"He to whom a thousand years are as a day. Who existed before the world was, does not need to measure the soul's merit by length of years alone. Into a lifetime of shortest duration could be crowded merit that would entitle the possessor to one of



BISHOP John J. Fitzpatrick blesses the coffin at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father James Anderson, who died

Dec. 10. The Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

the highest places in the Kingdom of heaven. For after all it is the intensity, the purity of love moving us to act that counts in the sight of God." the Redemptorist priest said. "And one act of perfect love could gain heaven for us if it were God's will to give us only time to perform that single act."

Father O'Meara said that Father Anderson, who served as a CYO advisor, literally "spent himself for the people he loved — the heart of flesh was not strong enough to hold the love it symbolized — silently and unseen his body weakened beneath the effort

Father Anderson ever engaged in His Father's business in the places where you saw him most frequently: the pulpit, the confessional, the sick room, the ball field with the young boys of the parish, the CYO meetings. He always showed himself a faithful imitator of his Master in preaching and instruction. Especially among the youth. He was tireless. What was his potential here only God knows.

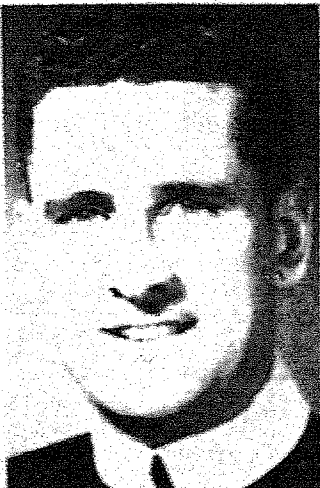
"His priesthood was short lived but will live long in the memory of all who knew him and loved him as a good friend, faithful son of St.

Alphonsus and of his Mother Mary," Father O'Meara said.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y. who was ordained June 21, 1964, Father Anderson was graduated from Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, Esopus. Named assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church nine months ago, he formerly served in McDonough, Ga., where he assisted in the building of a mission church and established an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter. His series of weekly broadcasts from nearby Griffin were featured in an issue of Extension Magazine.

Only two weeks ago he had accompanied seven parish CYO members to the national youth convention in Denver and also supervised the parish athletic program which included 12 Little League baseball teams.

Father Anderson, who was buried in Esopus, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Brooklyn; three sisters: Sister Marian Elizabeth, St. Cecilia Convent, New York City; Mrs. Marie Walker, Brooklyn; Mrs. Ann De Leon, Glen Cove, N.Y.; and two brothers, John, Brooklyn, and Michael, Bradenton.



FR. ANDERSON

Miami Beach Ban On Pornography

An emergency ordinance banning pornography on Miami Beach was passed Monday on a 6-0 vote of the city council.

The new law, submitted to the council by the Mayor's Advisory Committee to Combat Pornography, forbids "the promotion of obscene material contrary to the public health, safety, welfare and morals."

According to Leonard Rivkind, past president of the Miami Beach Bar Assn., committee chairman, the purpose of the ordinance "is to keep pornography out of the hands of our youth. We don't want filth disseminated on Miami Beach."

Booksellers, theater owners, play producers, actors and others who promote obscene material are subject to a \$1,000 fine or up to 90 days in jail if convicted under the ordinance.

Other members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee are Msgr. James J. Walsh, pastor, St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach; the Rev. Jonathan B. Coffey, rector, All Souls Episcopal Church; Dr. Lewis E. Naples, pastor, First Baptist Church; Rabbi David Rabb, Temple Beth Raphael; Dr. Solomon Lichter, principal, Miami Beach High; Mrs. Gertrude

Oka, wife of former Miami Beach Mayor, Mrs. Louis Glasser, 1967 Dade County Outstanding Citizen; Mrs. Fred Arthur, and Mrs. Edith Geiger, civic worker and associate of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

School Holidays Start Dec. 23

Christmas holidays for students enrolled in schools of the Archdiocese begin at the close of classes, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 5 according to the Archdiocesan Department of Schools.

Priest To Be Ordained At West Palm Beach

WEST PALM BEACH — The Sacrament of Holy Orders will be conferred on the Rev. Mr. Timothy J. Randall, M.S., by Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick during rites of ordination at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 in St. Ann Church.

A member of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette, the ordained is a native of Lowell, Mass., who attended schools there before coming to South Florida. He was graduated from St. Ann High School and attended LaSalette College, Altamont, N.Y., and LaSalette

Seminary, Ipswich, Mass., before completing his theological studies at Catholic University of America.

The son of George Randall and the late Margaret L. Randall, he has four brothers and three sisters, including Father Edward Randall, O.M.I., Brother Kenny, C.F.X., Sister Mary Randall, C.S.J., Sister Frances Randall, S.N.D., David and William Randall and Mrs. Margaret Madden.



NEW OFFICE of the Archdiocesan Catholic Service Bureau recently opened in Naples where Father John Nevins, assistant archdiocesan director, center, met with Father Laurence Conway, V.F., director; seated left; Miss Mary Durand, office director, seated right; Mrs. Elizabeth Manning, Director of Social Services, standing left; and Mrs. John Brady, ACSW, Coordinator of Services to unwed mothers.

Welfare Branch Is Opened To Serve All Collier County

NAPLES — Another regional office of the Archdiocese of Miami Catholic Service Bureau has opened in Naples and will serve the entire Collier County community.

Father Laurence Conway, V.F., pastor, St. Ann parish, serves as director of the bureau, which will continue the area services offered by the regional office in Fort Myers prior to the establishment of the Province of Miami and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Miss Mary Durand is in charge of the office.

Child welfare services in-

cluding adoption and foster care, and services to unwed mothers will be a large part of the agency's work.

At a recent meeting of the new-appointed board of directors, Father John Nevins, assistant archdiocesan director, emphasized that services now offered by the regional office were made available to the west coast community shortly after the founding of the Diocese of Miami in 1958.

He conveyed to local residents the best wishes of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll and expressed the prelate's regrets that his recent illness

prevented him from attending the meeting as planned.

Other board members are Paul Baschon, one year; William Tamplin, David Plaiff and Mrs. Thomas McBride, two years; and Maynard Schryver, Rosario Sosa, Francis H. Kullman, Jr., three years.

The new agency has already been approved as a member agency of United Fund of Collier County.

Theron Ridge is president of the board of directors; Timothy O'Connor, vice president; Edward Oates, treasurer; and Mrs. Magdalen White, secretary.

Prayer Plan Continued

NETCONG, N.J. — (NC) — With approval of a Superior Court judge, the practice of daily prayers in the Netcong Public High School will continue, at least until Jan. 6.

State officials sought a temporary injunction to restrain the practice, which involved reading from the Congressional Record the prayers offered by chaplains in opening sessions of the U.S. Senate and House.

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THE VOICES — Father James Kisicki narrates a portion of Ch. 7. Students from Barry and Biscayne Colleges, shown a television show, "The Peace of Christ," which will be shown on "The Church in the World Today" at 11 a.m. on company scenes suited to the holiday season theme.

Planetarium Provides New Ideas On Magi-Guiding Star

... And there in front of them was the star they had been rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was." Matthew 2:9.

The mystery of the star which led the Magi to Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Christ child, has long been a fascination to many.

Is it more fable than fact? Is this guiding light just a parable symbolic, but not scientific? Was there truly a star or some other heavenly phenomenon?

These and other significant questions have been probed and possible solutions offered by the Museum of Science. They are presented and vividly illustrated in the museum's space transit planetarium through Jan. 1, each day in several shows under the direction of William Heinman.

Under the star-studded, 45-foot high dome, you will be shown and told of evidence that Christ's birthday was not actually Dec. 25 and it came in the year 7 or 6 B.C.

You'll also learn why it is now celebrated on Dec. 25 and how that year of his birth has been estimated from study of various sources.

The possibilities that the wise men—not

three, incidentally — were led by a comet, meteor or nova (new star) are carefully discounted.

The climax of the show is the clearly illustrated suggestion that a rare — so rare it has not happened since — arrangement of planets formed the "Star of Bethlehem."

This well-prepared and skillfully-presented performance can appeal to many persons — those looking for scientific knowledge and those seeking religious inspiration.

The entire program is greatly enhanced by some fine seasonal music, lushly offered through an exceptionally-effective stereophonic system.

Particularly enjoyable is a presentation of "The 12 Days of Christmas" with a clever series of illustrations.

Shows are scheduled at 1:00, 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; 11 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The narration is in Spanish for a Wednesday matinee at 4:00 p.m. and the 8:30 p.m. show Sunday.

The museum is at 3280 South Miami Avenue.

Cardinal At White House

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Maximilian Cardinal de Furstenberg, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Eastern-rite Churches, met with President Nixon at the White House.

The cardinal was accompanied by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate in the United States.

The meeting, the White House said, was in line with President Nixon's policy to "maintain close relations with the Vatican."

President Nixon was received by Pope Paul VI at the Vatican last March. Following the meeting, the President intimated he was indicated at the Holy See that the Pope was not in favor of such an arrangement at present. In July the President announced he would not move toward formal relations but would maintain close contact with the Vatican.

After the meeting with the cardinal, White House secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said: "The President feels this procedure of periodic discussion and contact is working very well. He feels it is very important."

Cardinal de Furstenberg is in this country for a two-week visit to Eastern-rite churches.

Seek Holiday From Violence

DETROIT — (NC) — The heads of nine major churches in the Detroit area have announced support of a December moratorium program aimed at eliminating

violence from Christmas.

The church leaders urged parents not to buy toys of violence and to register disapproval to stores that sell them. They also asked for

contributions for relief of Vietnamese children victimized by war; suggested a day of fasting and prayer, and announced a procession and service for peace at a downtown church.

Ted Only Second In Parish Vote

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Sen. Edward Kennedy didn't get the most votes, but he still was elected. He's one of the 15 members of the parish council at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the Georgetown section.

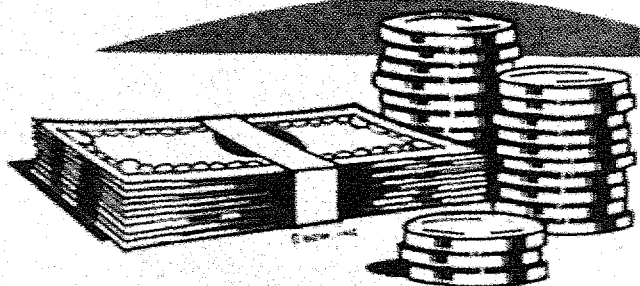
Sen. Kennedy, a resident of McLean, Va., who frequently attends Mass at Holy Trinity with his wife, Joan, received 227 votes but was nosed out by Don De Vol, a funeral director, who had 279.



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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Pope's Peace Plea Touches A Nerve; Compels Attention

So much has been said and written about peace in recent years that one does not readily expect to be impressed by further analysis or persuasion. Every public figure makes a series of peace talks, and yet conflicts rage on and new war threats appear, as if the subject had never been mentioned.

In the light of this jarring experience, Pope Paul's recent message on peace could have been expected to raise hardly a ripple. And yet in the public press his words seem to have touched a nerve and gained new attention for the subject of peace.

Pope Paul's talk, for one thing, was very realistic. He was dealing with the sordid facts of warfare and strife today and in the past. Even the usual papal style of long sentences and profound thoughts gave way to sharp, blunt, pointed phrases.

In a sense his plea was radical. He said we need to root out our time-worn approaches to peace by educating ourselves with a new and different viewpoint. Instead of continually talking about the need of peace while at the same time holding firm the conviction that violence and revolution in the long run will clear the way of human destinies, we must shift our view and come around to the realization that "peace is the true life and ideal framework of the world of men."

He contrasted peace and strife in their effects on man's life, and admitted that strife can at times be necessary, that it can be the arm of justice. But he emphasized that all our experience shows that strife itself cannot uplift mankind, cannot fire him with the positive, inspired ideas needed to create harmony in society. It is time, then, for mankind to look above force and violence and draw his inspiration from the hope offered by peace.

This is the approach civilization itself demands, and which until now man has been unwilling to follow. Pope Paul injected a note of optimism in his talk by praising those who have already adopted this new viewpoint. He called on individuals and organizations, leaders and followers "to walk resolutely along the path of the true and universal civilization."

The peace of Christmas will have a better chance of being spread around the world, if his words are heeded.

Cites 'False Issues' In Education Survey

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Father Andrew M. Greeley said the National Council of Catholic Men (NCCM) questionnaire on Catholic education contained several "false issues" and declared: "The Catholic educators do themselves no service, nor do they help anyone else by presenting such false alternatives."

Father Greeley, program director at the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago, was asked by the NCCM to do an analysis of the questionnaire — on priorities in Catholic education — which

it sent to its national panel of some 600 consultants, mainly businessmen and professionals.

In his analysis, Father Greeley noted that 51% of the respondents were willing to say that the Church "should" provide more educational opportunities for the disadvantaged, even if this meant the closing down of middle class schools. But only 23% thought that white Catholics "would support such efforts if it meant fewer schools for their own children."

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Truth Of The Matter

Faith In Eucharist Will Keep True Meaning Of Christmas Alive For Us

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

There are some paintings of the masters so perfect in every detail that if an amateur were to change them, even in the slightest degree, he would be met with a roar of disapproval. There are poems and works of prose and gems of sculpture so superbly executed and so well loved, just as they are, that if an incompetent were to revise or remodel them to suit his own mood, appreciative people would be horrified.

This thought comes to mind, as we are forced to

MSGR.

WALSH



think about what has happened to Christmas at the hands of amateur theologians.

It is impossible to re-tell the Christmas story in a more simple or beautiful manner than St. Luke did, so at least the Gospel version cannot be hacked to pieces.

However, not so gentle handling has been given to the personality of Christ and the meaning of Christmas.

It would have been expecting too much, of course, to have all men accept what the apostles and the early Christians believed without hesitation about Christ and His nativity. St. Paul time and time again reminds us that proud men, perhaps some perverse men and the easily deceived found it necessary to contradict the revelation of God and the teaching of the Church. Even then a caricature of Christ began to be circulated among a few, but it remained for more recent generations to rewrite the meaning of Christmas and explain away the divine character of the Redeemer.

Some time ago a man with a reputation as a scholar was given space in the papers to air his view that Christ was not what Christianity had always thought Him to be, but was primarily a political leader who bore little resemblance to the Lord of history.

There was no room left in his pathetic analysis for an infant in a manger and a virgin mother; for angels breaking through the night sky with the news the world needed.

A well known columnist a few years ago at Christmas time preached a sermon that did away with the need of Christmas at all. He wrote: "Today there are scholars who can prove Jesus was not a Son of God, and those who can prove he was. The matter isn't important."

Not a few Christian thinkers today, while considering Christmas important, deride the ancient conviction that the infant Mary laid in the manger is both God and man.

They have no time for the belief that the Christ Child is Son of God and Son of Mary, that He has a human and a divine nature, that He had, in a certain sense, two births, one from all eternity from the Father, the other in time from Mary.

As the person of Christ has suffered change and constant attacks at the hands of enemies and the well intentioned, so the meaning of Christmas has been twisted out of shape over the centuries.

A few hundred years ago, for instance, the Puritans did an incredible thing. They considered the celebration of Christmas a crime. Whoever dared to observe the day with reverence and to give gifts was severely punished by law. "The popish holiday" was exposed as a "work of the devil."

In our own days the meaning of Christmas has perhaps been more cleverly and completely obscured.

To many it is merely big business, a commercial bonanza, an occasion for office parties, a chance for a break in the early winter monotony.

We actually have to fight off this modern influence, so powerful and so universal, to keep clear the person of Christ and the meaning of His birth. If we keep listening to the Church, she will not let us forget the significance of the Nativity.

She will remind us that we can find the true Christ, the whole Christ, within the Church in His sublime doctrines, in all His beauty and goodness, God and Man, yesterday, today and forever.

Above all our preparation for Christmas should center on our meeting the real Christ in the Holy Eucharist. How can we possibly accept a pseudo-Christ, when we have the privilege of offering Him as a victim in the Mass, when we can cradle Him in our hearts in Holy Communion.

Mary herself, our faith tells us, was no closer to the real Christ on Christmas night than we can be when we receive Him in Holy Communion. This is the anchor, then, this faith in the Eucharist, that will keep us from the folly of the amateur theologians who would make God merely man and Christmas merely a day away from work.

THE VOICE of the People

Zeal Seen Lacking

Dear Editor:

True Christian awareness is to know the person of Jesus Christ and what His birth, life and death have meant for each of us individually as well as collectively.

I don't think most baptized Catholics have this awareness. This is the difference between the early Christians who had such zeal and ourselves. They felt the impact of Christ's life since they were close to the source. For us it may be more difficult since it takes a stronger faith but we know how highly Jesus regarded Acts of Faith.

If what God accomplished for us supernaturally through Christ were comprehended it would only be a natural reaction for us to want to make Him known, loved and served in and by others.

A deeper knowledge of Christ will surely lead to a love of Him and this will propel the true Christian.

Unless this love is understood I wonder if the stimulus of the Christian Awareness Weeks will have a lasting effect.

Mary Ahnemann

Troubled By Talks

Dear Editor:

In last week's edition of The Voice, a letter was published from someone who praised the Christian Awareness movement now being held in many of our parishes.

As someone who attended the sessions held at my parish, I disagree with the opinion expressed by the writer and would like to ask that equal time be given to this viewpoint.

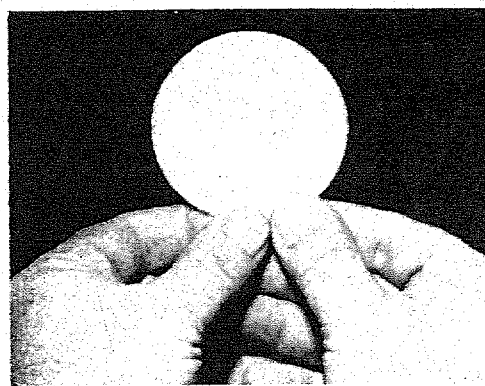
It was a deeply disturbing experience for me. I could not in conscience accept many of the opinions expressed by the

priest in charge. Instead of receiving the encouragement and help I had expected, I left the sessions troubled by the fact that so many of the ideals I had long accepted as a Catholic had been held up to scorn and ridicule.

Perhaps others share my viewpoint. In my parish, I know for certain that many people feel this way. In fairness to us, please print this letter so that we too may express our opinion.

Ramona T. Weaver
West Palm Beach

Guidelines On Liturgy For Religious



(The following guidelines for the celebration of the Liturgy for Religious Communities were prepared by the Liturgy Commission of the Archdiocese of Miami and are promulgated by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.)

OFFICIAL Archdiocese Of Miami Mass In Convents

Dear Father:

On the enclosed pages you will find guidelines and suggestions prepared by the Liturgy Commission of the Archdiocese for the celebration of Mass in Convents.

I am certain all of you share with me a pastoral concern for the well-being of our Religious and, of course, especially for their spiritual welfare. As the Council has so clearly stated, "the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time, it is the fountain from which all Her power flows" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, +10). Our Holy Father, Pope Paul, has said that liturgy is first "in intrinsic worth and importance for the life of the Church." Nothing is more evidently the center of Christian life than our public worship.

This takes on special meaning in the lives of Religious, for the Council has laid it down as a principle that "with zeal and patience, pastors of souls must promote active participation in the liturgy" and, in accomplishing this, "the condition of their people, their way of life and degree of religious culture should be taken into account. By so doing, pastors will be fulfilling one of the chief duties of a faithful dispenser of the mysteries of God; and in this matter they must lead their flock not only in word but also by example" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, +19).

These Official Guidelines should be of great benefit to you in bringing the celebration of the Eucharist to an ever more fruitful realization for our Religious. With this letter I am promulgating them in the Archdiocese of Miami with the wholehearted desire and trust that they will be implemented as soon and as fully as possible.

With warmest regards and personal best wishes, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ.

Coleman F. Carroll

Archbishop of Miami

I. Introduction

The meaningful celebration of liturgy requires the active participation not only of the celebrant but also of the community. Because of the legitimate desire of religious communities for contemporary liturgy, celebrants having the responsibility of presiding at liturgical services for religious are expected to observe the approved norms which follow.

The suggestions, recommendations and observations which follow are permissible, though not always operable and practical everyday, everywhere, either singly or taken together. Mutual understanding and generosity are needed.

In parishes where the shortage of priests or the number of daily Masses in the Church is such that no convent liturgy is celebrated, except infrequently and on an irregular basis, provision should be made for the celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy at least once a week for the religious community. Also, it would be most useful to the religious community to know in advance, for the sake of planning the liturgy of the day, the identity of the celebrant who will preside, given the legitimate differences of liturgical awareness which vary from person to person.

Inasmuch as the adaptation and use of space influence liturgical expression for better or worse, the following recommendations are made, mindful of the fact that varying physical circumstance will not al-

ways permit each of these various suggestions to be employed:

A. In order to foster the sense of unity it is preferable that no barriers separate the community from the celebrant. It is recommended, therefore, that communion railings be removed or reduced in size if this is practical. This alteration will make it more convenient on occasions when the religious community may gather around the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

B. Every attempt should be made, no matter how small the chapel, to have the altar facing the congregation.

II. The Eucharistic Liturgy

A. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. Authentic liturgical documents have already increased the importance of making a clear distinction, even by way of physical separation, between the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist.

It is recommended that on various occasions the liturgy of the Word be celebrated in a fitting room apart from the chapel. This more familiar atmosphere would be more suitable on the occasion of the dialogue homily.

2. Women religious have the right to read the Epistle.

3. Appropriate selections from non-scriptural writings or a period of silence might follow the Responsorial Psalm and be

inserted before the Alleluia, Tract, or Sequence.

4. The practice of a daily short homily (or pre-homily) is strongly encouraged. If a dialogue homily is to be conducted the celebrant and the community should be adequately apprised of the fact before the start of the celebration.

5. To foster an awareness of the needs, cares and pre-occupations of others and the world in which we live, petitions from the religious community are encouraged for the Prayer of the Faithful. In these cases the members of the community should be given sufficient advance notice to enable them to prepare their petitions.

6. If the liturgy of the Word is celebrated in a separate room, transition to the chapel should take the form of a simple procession. At this time the gifts could be brought to the altar by each participant or by representatives of the community. Relevant and symbolic items, such as a ballot on the occasion of elections as required by the community, could be appropriately included with the offering of the gifts.

B. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

1. Every effort should be made by the celebrant to foster a real unity and communication with the participating community during the liturgy of the Eucharist by his attitude of reverence and interest in celebrating for and with the community. As with Mass in other homes assistance around the altar by the community is a recommended practice to foster this unity and communication.

2. Full advantage should be taken of the variety of approved prefaces, eucharistic prayers and acclamations currently available.

3. Greater solemnity occurs when the Great Amen and the Lord's Prayer are sung. The prayer for the abiding peace of Christ can be more effective by using the greeting of peace according to its traditional or contemporary forms.

4. Wherever appropriate, the Eucharist should be received while standing. This action can be made more personal by prefacing the exclamation "Body of Christ" with the person's name.

5. The Eucharist should be received under both species as often as possible according to the approved norms (Cf. Liturgy Guidelines: Section 2, Chapter 10: Communion Under Both Species).

III. The Divine Office

When Lauds or Vespers are prayed as part of the Eucharistic liturgy these hours may be recited in the following manner:

After communion and silent thanksgiving three psalms are said. The chapter and the hymn can be omitted since Scripture readings have occurred in the Mass. The Benedictus or the Magnificat and their respective antiphons, and the preceding versicle are never omitted. The office ends with the collect and the priest concludes the Holy Sacrifice with the dismissal.

Variations are likewise possible when reciting the office in community: at Lauds and Vespers any one of the first three psalms may be said; psalms four and five of Lauds must be said since they set the tone for the hour of praise.

The method of reciting the psalms may also vary, e.g., a single person may read the entire psalm or it may be recited alternately

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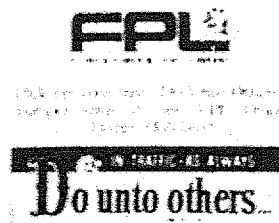
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Christmas Party Slated For Needy Youngsters

HOLLYWOOD — Children of migrant workers and other needy youngsters will be feted by the Italian-American Civic League during a Christmas party from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at 700 S. Dixie Hwy. Boys and girls from Pompano Beach, Delray Beach, and North Broward County will be bused to the party, where a wide variety of entertainment will include clowns and dance acts. Gifts will also be distributed and refreshments served. Samuel Coppola and Nat de Blasio are co-chairmen of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Rose Rossi, secretary.

Wasn't Fired But Resigned

VATICAN CITY — (NC) Msgr. Giovanni Sessolo had been fired as chaplain of the papal gendarmarie, a post he has held for the past 27 years. — The Vatican has branded as "totally false" a newspaper report which speculated that

Court Refuses To Bar Nativity Scene

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The U.S. Court of Appeals here has refused to block inclusion of a Nativity scene in a Christmas pageant in a public park within sight of the White House.

behalf of three clergymen, an atheist and an Ethical Society leader. Target of the suit is a life-size Nativity scene which annually is part of the Christmas pageant of the Ellipse, the park area between the White House and the Washington Monument. The

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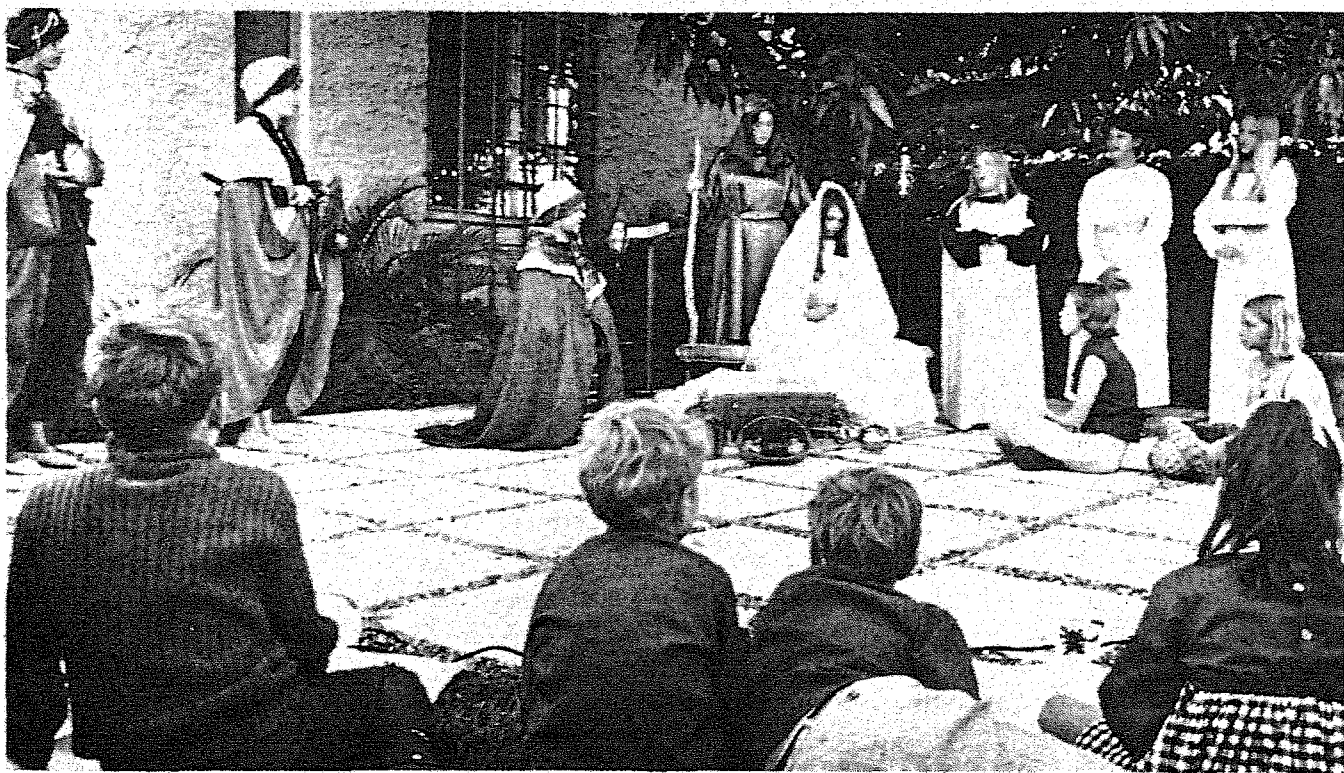
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Foreign Aid Cut Deplored

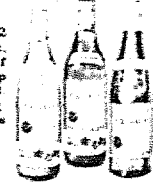
WASHINGTON—(NC)—A statement issued here by the Division of World Justice and Peace Division, United States Catholic Conference, deplored the pared down \$1.3 billion foreign aid legislation now being considered in Congress. The statement said the amount is "the lowest in history" and about 40% is earmarked for military assistance as opposed to economic development. The USCC division statement characterized the situation as a "U.S. failure to respond to the genuine needs of less developed nations" at a time when some experts "believe that real progress is being made, and sizeable capital transfers would be most productive now."

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Court Removes Block On 'Rock'

A circuit court ruling Tuesday that Broward County's ordinance banning "rock festivals" is unconstitutional gave the green light to the Rock Festival Dec. 27-29 at the Miami-Hollywood Speedway.

Judge William Mehrten's ruling in Miami ended any hopes Broward officials had held of stopping the event through a suit which was pending in Broward Circuit Court. Judge Stephen Booher had continued the case, filed by Broward County Solicitor James Geiger, which sought to stop the festival on grounds that it would constitute a public nuisance.

However, Judge Mehrten stayed the court proceedings in Broward and assumed full

jurisdiction of any further legal action that might stem from the case.

Festival promoter Norman Johnson said that he has specifically instructed his employes and contract people that alcohol and drug sales would be prohibited at his festival.

Judge Mehrten ruled that the ordinance, passed early this month by the Broward

County Commission, to ban rock festivals, was invalid because it did not define offenses it banned and because it left to the "individual discretion" of the police "just precisely what a rock festival is."

He maintained in his ruling that the ordinance "also deprives the plaintiff of his property without due process of law."

Meanwhile, officials in the Broward County Sheriff's Office began beefing up plans to police the festival and make sure anti-drug laws were strictly enforced.

Meantime, Miami attorney Martin Blitstein began pushing for a five-day rock festival in Dade County—preferably on the site of Interama—for the Easter vacation.

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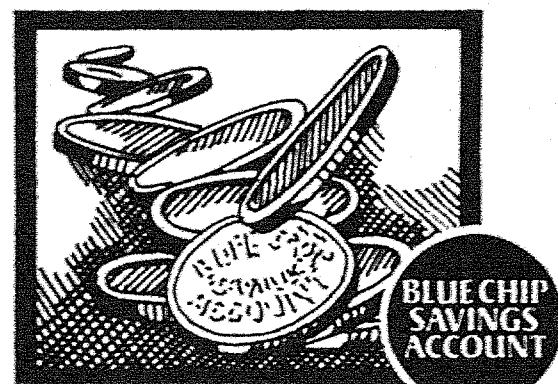
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Those planning to attend have been requested to notify the school office by phoning 624-2591.

Mrs. McBride Dead At 57

Funeral Mass was offered Tuesday in St. Rose of Lima Church for Mrs. Ellen F. McBride, who died last Saturday at the age of 57.

A native of Belle Island, New Foundland, who came to Miami 20 years ago from Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a member of the Villa Maria Auxiliary and the Mariannes Auxiliaries.

Mrs. McBride is survived by her husband, Eddie, with whom she resided at 1341 NE 103 St.; two brothers: Thomas O'Keefe, Preston, Ontario; and William O'Keefe, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and a sister, Mrs. Angela Hammond, Syracuse, N.Y.

Hospital Gets 20 Year Development Proposal

WEST PALM BEACH — The board of directors of St. Mary Hospital has received a proposal for a 20-year development program at the general hospital operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Alleghany, N.Y.

According to the firm of Perkins and Will, Washington, D.C., the three-month study would include a schedule of priorities in the development of the new facilities and estimates of the capital costs of meeting these objectives.

Edward Lewis was welcomed as the newly-elected



CHRISTMAS GIFTS for dependent children under the care of the Miami Catholic Service Bureau were readied by members of the Women's Auxiliary during a holiday

party. Mrs. Florence Bowers, Mrs. Mary C. Joffre, Mrs. Richard J. Keller, and Mrs. Thomas M. Carter.

Blessed Sacrament
A Christmas social under the auspices of the Woman's Club will be held in Reardon Hall from 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 28.

Villa Maria
Annual Christmas party for residents of Villa Maria

Around The Archdiocese

will be hosted by auxiliary members at 11 a.m. today (Friday) in the recreation room.

St. Vincent
Christmas party for children in the parish area will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20 on the grounds, 2000 NW 103 St. Father William Sweeney, C.M. will be joined by senior and junior counselors of the day camp in welcoming the young guests.

Coral Gables
Halsun Caravan will hold its Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 21 at the K. of C. Hall, 270 Catalonia Ave. All members of the K. of C. Alhambra are invited to attend.

St. Rose
A Christmas play will be presented by St. Rose School Players at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21 in the auditorium, 10690 NE Fifth Ave.

St. Bartholomew
Parishioners will sponsor a New Year's Eve dinner and dance at 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31 in the parish hall. Reservations may be made

by calling 987-6351 or 989-4440.
K. of C.
Annual New Year's Eve dance under the auspices of Holy Spirit Council, Hollywood, will be held in St. Stephen parish hall, West Hollywood from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31. Tickets are now available from members and reservations close Dec. 27.



CHRISTMAS: SYMPATHY AND LOVE

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

The following is the text of a letter received by Cardinal Cooke from Jean Cardinal Villot, Secretary of State to His Holiness:

Your Eminence,

POPE PAUL ASKS CARDINAL COOKE TO SPEAK FOR WAR VICTIMS IN THE HOLY LAND

Especially at the holy season of Christmas, the heart of the Holy Father goes out in sympathy and love to the families who are suffering as a result of wars in the Holy Land. The refugees among them already number more than a million, and this figure increases every day. For the most part they are forced to live miserably in tents, caves, hovels, in overcrowded camps and cities.

His Holiness asks Your Eminence, as President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, to be the voice of these voiceless ones, urging all men of good will, and their families, joyfully to share their abundance with the poor, inspired by the spiritual motives which Christmas evokes. As a token of love for the Infant Jesus on His Birthday, children should share with children, parents with parents, and priests, with priests, in holy emulation to relieve suffering and pain and to provide shelter and security.

Encouraging with paternal benevolence all the efforts made on behalf of refugees and the poor, the Sovereign Pontiff lovingly bestows upon Your Eminence, upon Monsignor John G. Nolan and his associates in the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, their devoted collaborators in the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and all generous men of good will who contribute to these praiseworthy works, His special paternal Apostolic Blessing.

With the renewed assurance of my high esteem and consideration, I remain

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Jean Cardinal Villot

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More than 50 persons will receive degrees during the first mid-semester graduation at Barry College at 8 p.m. today (Friday) in the auditorium.

Rev. Edward T. Graham, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and chairman of the board of trustees of Florida Memorial College, will give the commencement address.

Lose 10 lbs. in 10 days on Grapefruit Diet

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (Special) — This is the revolutionary grapefruit diet that everyone is suddenly talking about. Literally thousands of copies have been passed from hand to hand in factories, plants and offices throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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As Madison Ave. Says, It's A Time To Come To Life

By M. VIRGINIA DALY

"Come to life." That's the advertising campaign for Life magazine. The Madison Avenue men have placed the signs everywhere — in newspapers, on subway and buses, on roadside billboards. We read their ad. But do we ever think about it? Really think about what that sign means?

So we think it over . . . and buy Life magazine. Okay. But what then? The signs persist. And what do we do when we're still being asked to "Come to Life"? Since it's Christmastime, the answer seems obvious, the response a natural one. Turn to Christ for Life — to the Light and Life of the world. Christ, the Infant — in the form we all began life with. Jesus Christ, the Infant Savior.

But Christ came to life. He was here one thousand nineteen hundred and sixty nine years ago. Jesus has already come. The Father sent His only begotten Son into the world that He might give life, real Life, and Light to all mankind. That Infant grew to manhood. And with the Redemption, His life as the Father had deemed it, was fulfilled.

Christ was already here. Yet Dec. 25 rolls around every year and we celebrate Christmas — the coming of Christ. How does that work — the rebirth of Christ each year? It works through us. The Paraclete is ever with us, and through the Spirit, Christ is born again in us. We are able to project the Spirit of Christ through ourselves, as people of God, into the world at this season of Christmas.

BEGINNINGS

We too are born again. The Spirit of Christ is in us, and we are continually in the process of becoming. God the Father gifted Being into eternal becoming through us. Consequently, everything that happens to us is really a beginning. It's these continual beginnings, allowed us through the grace of God, which are the Spirit of Christ. And with Christ in us, we can once again "fly the friendly skies of United."

As with the birth of a child, the coming of Spring, the start of a new year, we know beginnings to be beautiful, joyous, exciting. So it is with Christmas — the perfect time to start anew . . . to shake off that in our life which has grown stale and stagnant. We can celebrate our own life and "come to where the action is."

And the real action is to project the birth of Christ into our times — which are ever in the process of becoming, or change. Here's the chance. Now. In this special season of the coming of Christ. A present-come, an ever-come, an always-come. And we must "Come to Life" . . . for dedication to life, zeal for living, real enjoyment and true appreciation of everyday is the truest form of prayer. As Wonderbread advocates, we must "make the most of our wonder years." And we can do it, for if we celebrate our own existence, we naturally celebrate the existence of Christ. And even though the celebration is more manifest now, it continues every single day of our lives.

Read the advertisements for Life on the billboards. Register the message. To "Come to Life" requires self-transformation. It means taking time to honestly work at the Spirit of Christ in us. To work at His coming this year as earnestly as we did when we were children. To prepare for Christmas as the earth prepares for the coming of Spring.

STOP AND LOOK

All this demands work simply because life goes by so very fast. We need to stop and take a look at it. A good hard look. We must figure out why Christ came to earth. Why God thought the process of human life so wonderful that He wanted His Son to take it on. This great mystery of life must be pretty special if Christ came to share and uplift it.

The way to figure out the continual coming of Christ is to know life fully. To "come to where the flavor is." To involve ourselves in life totally. To go out to every person we meet, participate in every situation we encounter, relate every vital experience we have and joyfully and confidently bear witness to the existence of Christ in our lives.

Christmas is a special time to fully "Come to Life." And if we forget, the advertising is all around us. The signs were created on Madison Avenue, but we're free to read them with our own meanings. And the message goes beyond now, beyond this season of Christmas.

The message goes into the everyday, for all the tomorrows we have. Coming to Life in the fullest sense, although we must constantly work at it, is what Christ's existence, and therefore our existence, is all about. And the greatest gift possible is the life of Christ in us. So celebrate Christmas! Celebrate Life!

It's a year-round Christmas Present!

Awarded Medal For Literature

CHICAGO (NC) — Catholic Church.

Father John L. McKenzie.

S.J. Scripture scholar and theologian, has been awarded the Thomas More Association's 1969 medal for "the most distinguished contribution" to Catholic literature for his book "The Roman Catholic Biblical Association.

Father McKenzie, professor of Old Testament studies at the University of Notre Dame, is a former president of the Society of Biblical Literature and of the Catholic Biblical Association.

MADONNA OF TWO CITIES — In this new Christmas painting by Virginia Broderick, the figures of Christ and Mary appear above time and place, and yet they unify the past — represented by a city of the Near East — and the present — represented by a modern city of the West. The picture also suggests that the warm humanity of Christ and His Mother provides a very real bridge of grace for man as he travels toward the wonders of heaven, in hope and faith.



THE VOICE

FEATURE SECTION

Here Are 20 Towering Figures Of The Sixties

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By FATHER ANDREW M. GREELEY

When a decade draws to a close it is necessary for columnists to make up lists of the important people and events of the 10-year period. It is as good as any



FATHER
GREELEY

other way to summarize what happened during the decade.

So with no apologies for my own prejudices, here are the 20 Catholics who had the greatest positive influence on American Catholicism during the 1960s (and they are not listed necessarily in order of importance):

1. John XXIII, Pope. Perhaps the greatest Pope since the Middle Ages and one of the greatest of all time. He saw which way the wave of history was going and he rode with it.

2. John F. Kennedy, American President. His election symbolized the end of the immigrant era and the acceptance of Catholics as full-fledged partners in the American enterprise. His Camelot myth brought light that was all too quickly snuffed out.

3. Robert F. Kennedy, U.S. Senator. Even more than his brother, the Senator represented for young Catholics the model for concern over social problems.

4. Leo Suensens, Archbishop of Malines. His ideas on the religious life, marriage and collegiality helped shape the work of the Vatican Council and keep the spirit of the council alive when many had lost heart.

5. Albert Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago. The unquestioned leader of the American hierarchy during the conciliar battles on the Jews and on religious freedom. His early death was a disaster.

6. John Courtney Murray, Jesuit Theologian. A prophet who lived to see his ideas vindicated and to be honored in his own time and among his own people. We shall not see his kind again.

7. Godfrey Diekmann, Benedictine Liturgist. Another prophet who sees his dreams come true—indeed, almost too true.

8. Joseph Fichter, Jesuit Sociologist. For all practical purposes he introduced the uses of social research for the solution of ecclesiastical problems.

9. John McKenzie, Jesuit Exegete. He is the best known and the most articulate of the band of Scripture scholars who revolutionized our understanding of the Scripture during the decade.

10. Robert Hoyt, Editor of the National Catholic Reporter. Whatever the mistakes of the NCR, it brought freedom of information and respect for human rights to the American Church. Many of us sleep more easily at night because we know the NCR is the court of appeal against tyranny.

11. Sister Luke Tobin, Mother General. She presided over the Conference of Major Superiors of Women during the revolution which swept the religious life.

12. Theodore Hesburgh, University President. More than any man he symbolizes the quest for academic excellence in Catholic education—quite independently of what happens at the Cotton Bowl.

13. Eugene Kennedy, Maryknoll Psychologist. With a little help from his book reviewers, his interpretations of the psychodynamics of Catholic psychologists. His ideas have also been extremely important in the reform of seminaries.

14. John Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit. He has presided with skill and patience over the mod-

ernization of the structure of the American hierarchy, at a time when many of his colleagues probably did not want to see anything modernized.

15. Dan Herr, Impressario. He has presided over the world of Catholic letters with lance in hand. Unlike many of his colleagues in the confused world of Catholic journalism, he has maintained his sense of humor.

16. Corita Kent, Artist. Her serigraphs kept alive a spirit of playfulness in a decade when there was very little play.

17. Paul Hallinan, Archbishop of Atlanta. A man who could really read the signs of the times, but who died too soon. We desperately need more like him.

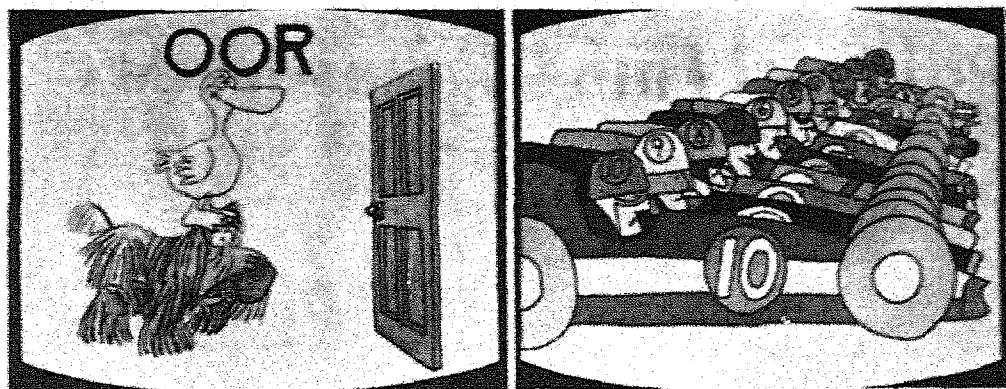
18. Hans Kung, Swiss Theologian. Although he is an arch-villain to many conservatives in Rome and elsewhere, Professor Kung is in reality a moderate. His lecture tour in the early sixties was a triumphal procession and his writings are evidence to many Catholics that theologians can be both orthodox and exciting.

19. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit Paleontologist. Even though he died before the decade began, Teilhard's intellectual influence has been pervasive in the Church and powerful beyond its boundaries.

20. John Egan, Chairman of the board of the Association of Chicago Priests. Msgr. Egan was the man on the scene when new ideas were taking shape three times in the last two decades. He was there at the creation of the family movements, the urban problem apostolate, and now in the development of priests' associations. That's a pretty good batting average.

When one looks over such a list of names, one can conclude that it may not have been such a bad decade after all.

I gave thought about a list of those who had a powerful negative influence, but I don't see how that list could be kept under a hundred.



Appearing Daily In South Florida

Sesame Street Taking 'Commercial' Approach

NEW YORK — (CPF) — Who would have thought that parents would be thanking TV commercials for educating their preschoolers, but those much-maligned, sometimes irritating "words from the sponsor" are largely responsible for the success — and even existence — of the widely acclaimed educational TV series for children: "Sesame Street."

A new approach to the training of preschool children, the program is presented at 10 a.m. daily in South Florida on Ch. 2 and Ch. 17.

The weekday, hour-long show, designed to teach children from 3 to 5 years of age letters of the alphabet, numbers, such concepts as "over" and "under," "less" and "more" and other bits of useful information that will prepare the child for formal schooling, has borrowed heavily from the world of TV commercials.

Mrs. Joan Ganz Cooney, executive director of the National Educational Television network's "Children's Television Workshop," which is producing "Sesame Street," discovered that TV commercials are a prime educator of preschoolers, so — she reasoned — why not use the TV commercial's format to teach?

Thus, "Sesame Street," now being carried on 190 stations around the country, is peppered with 12- to 90-second "spot" com-

mercials. However, these commercials sell not toys and breakfast cereals and candy but words and numbers.

Indeed, the style and pace of modern commercials has greatly influenced the style and pace of the entire "Sesame Street" program, which is filled with learning "jingles" and the repetition that has made TV commercials — although annoying — so effective as a selling force.

"Face it: kids love commercials," explains Mrs. Cooney. "Their visual impact is way ahead of everything else on television; they are clever, and they tell a simple, self-contained story."

In rounding up more than \$8 million from various government and private agencies to support the research and production that went into "Sesame Street," Mrs. Cooney frequently cited — and still does — the impact commercials have had on young learning habits.

"The one thing observers of young television viewers agree on is the attraction that commercials hold for children," she said. "Indeed, many children have learned to read from them."

"A friend of mine reports that she first discovered that her two-year-old could sing when he toddled into the kitchen and rasped out: 'Young again! Ivory makes my hands look young again!'"

"Sesame Street" — the name of this urban thoroughfare is taken from the magical "Open Sesame" from "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" — has as its hosts four residents: a Black schoolteacher (Matt Robinson), his wife (Loretta Long), a white teacher (Bob McGrath) and a candy-store owner (Will Lee), along with two baggy-pants slapstick comedians, a giant-sized, clumsy bird and "Muppets" Ernie and Bert.

Together they try to teach the youngsters everything from how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to where milk comes from, but frequently there is a "commercial interruption."

"This segment of 'Sesame Street' has been brought to you by the letter J."

What follows is a whiz-bang cartoon-type presentation designed to teach how the letter "J" can be used to form words like June, jail, Joe, judge, jump, justice, jammed and jar, complete with a commercial-type jingle.

Or another segment of the show is presented by the number 10, and another spot commercial comes on to show the youngsters how to recognize and arrive at that number.



SCENES from "Sesame Street" include comedians showing wrong way to hammer a nail (left, above) and "commercials" for words and numbers.

There's No Monopoly On Religious Games

NEW YORK — (CPF) — If you still think Bingo has a monopoly on "religious games," you should go directly to jail, and not collect \$200.

In recent years, an increasing number of board games, for adults as well as for children, have been created with titles like "Journeys of St. Paul," "Ten Commandments," "Bible Bowling," "Year of the Lord."

These games, non-denominational in content, have come on the heels of two specifically Catholic games, "Merit" and "Catechism."

All of the games have one thing in common: to provide some unusual recreation while offering a bonus prize: more knowledge of religious events, characters and beliefs.

"Journeys of St. Paul," for instance, gives the players an appreciation of the great amount of territory covered by St. Paul in his travels from Damascus, where he was converted to Christianity, to Rome, where he was beheaded.

The board for this game is a map of the Mediterranean area, and the object of the game is to be the first to move little figurines representing St. Paul and his friends, St. Titus and St. Timothy, along a winding route, with progress being determined by a toss of a pair of dice.

"Year of the Lord" is similar in format, with the playing board being a calendar featuring the various holidays and seasons of the Christian year, with players picking up some information on church seasons and saints as they go along the church year: from Advent to Pentecost.

"Ten Commandments" comes with a board map of the Holy Land, and the object is to collect all of the ten commandments, in card form, by performing certain "Good Samaritan" acts.

In "Bible Bowling," players roll marbles down a

miniature bowling alley. Depending on what hole the marble lands in, a card is selected by the bowler, who must answer a Biblical question to score points. For instance: "For six pins on your first ball, who is Barabbas?"

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DOOMED LEADER is portrayed by YVES MONTAND, center, in the film "Z."

Political Film 'Z' Deserves An 'A' For Its Great Story

NEW YORK — (CPF) — "It would be salutary if all sides that are at odds in our badly divided nation were to see this film as an object lesson in dehumanization by ideology."

That comment, by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, was one of many unanimously enthusiastic responses to a new film about political dissent and violence in a democracy.

Titled simply "Z," the French-made film is set in Greece, and although fictional, is based on the 1963 assassination of Gregorios Lambrakis, a moderate-leftist Parliamentary Deputy, and the subsequent investigation of the murder by a government magistrate who uncovers more than the ruling government hoped he would.

The assassination, rigged to look like a traffic accident, led to the fall of the center government and, ultimately, to the 1967 military takeover in Greece, where the symbol "Z" — Greek for "He lives" — is a sign of protest against the junta.

document and thriller" (Judith Crist); "A work of art," ("Time").

Nearly all of the people connected with the making of "Z" are in political exile from Greece, including the composer of the musical score, Mikis Theodorakis (who also wrote the music for "Zorba the Greek"), who wrote the music for "Z" and smuggled it to France while under house arrest.

Many commentators have cited "Z" as an effective object lesson in the dangers of the political party in power attempting to quell dissent on the grounds that such dissent harms the nation's strength in international affairs. One critic claimed "Z" presents a graphic "outline of the method and procedures of those on the Right who use a Leftist scare to undercut democracy."

Not a few critics see "Z" as a timely — although not intended as such — "answer" to Vice President Spiro Agnew's criticism of those protesting the present Administration's Vietnam policies.

The Catholic film office, in its commentary on "Z" — presented in the lead review of the latest "Catholic Film Newsletter" — suggested that the film "has a great deal of value for those adolescents who are trying to understand the world behind the headlines."

"It is about a kind of nationalism that justifies the use of criminal acts in attaining its objectives. It is about political corruption and human courage."

"It takes place in Greece but it could be anywhere, in these troubled times, from Czechoslovakia to Spain. Whether we like it or not, politics infringes upon our world, from the taxes we pay for the Cold War to the general uneasiness that exists in this country, as exemplified by young people demonstrating in the streets against various forms of injustice."

"Z" describes one kind of approach to stifling those with different political goals than one's own. It would be salutary if all sides that are at odds in our badly divided nation were to see this film as an object lesson in dehumanization by ideology."

The film office also commented that "whether the film is totally true to all aspects of the (Lambrakis) case or not, the average viewer will have no way of knowing. However, he will perceive it as reality because of the artistry of the film as it unfolds its bizarre story of intrigue...Its Greek-born director, Costa-Gavras, has made a political film that will appeal directly to the eye before the mind starts thinking about its implications."

Quickie Review

The Gay Deceivers

This is a humorous film about two "straight" young men (Larry Casey and Kevin Coughlin) who try to convince their draft board that they are "gay" in order to avoid induction.

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NCOMP RATING

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Praising the film for all other audiences, however, the film office continued:

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

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THE CHRISTOPHERS — Ch. 11, WINK
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12 NOON
FRENTE A LA VIDE — Ch. 8 WCLX
1 P.M.
FACE TO FACE — Ch. 12 WEAT "Let There Be Light."
2:30 P.M.
INSIGHT — Ch. 11, WWSM "Sam Computers Take Over The World."

5 P.M.
PRINCE OF PEACE CHRISTMAS SERIES — Ch. 11, WWSM Series also runs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Christmas day.
RADIO
Sunday
7 A.M.
CROSSROADS WING (12B)
8:30 A.M.
UN DOMINGO FELIZ WFAB (199)
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 With Father Fidelis Rice
11:15 A.M.
CATHEDRAL HOUR WLEZ (12B)
 Monday Through Sunday
1:30 A.M.
THE CHRISTOPHERS WINK (199)
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 Monday Through Saturday
4:45 A.M.
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DOOMED LEADER is portrayed by YVES MONTAND, center, in the film "Z."

Political Film 'Z' Deserves An 'A' For Its Great Story

NEW YORK — (CPF) — "It would be salutary if all sides that are at odds in our badly divided nation were to see this film as an object lesson in dehumanization by ideology."

That comment, by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, was one of many unanimously enthusiastic responses to a new film about political dissent and violence in a democracy.

Titled simply "Z," the French-made film is set in Greece, and although fictional, is based on the 1963 assassination of Gregorios Lambrakis, a moderate-leftist Parliamentary Deputy, and the subsequent investigation of the murder by a government magistrate who uncovers more than the ruling government hoped he would.

The assassination, rigged to look like a traffic accident, led to the fall of the center government and, ultimately, to the 1967 military takeover in Greece, where the symbol "Z" — Greek for "He lives" — is a sign of protest against the junta.

document and thriller" (Judith Crist); "A work of art," ("Time").

Nearly all of the people connected with the making of "Z" are in political exile from Greece, including the composer of the musical score, Mikis Theodorakis (who also wrote the music for "Zorba the Greek"), who wrote the music for "Z" and smuggled it to France while under house arrest.

Many commentators have cited "Z" as an effective object lesson in the dangers of the political party in power attempting to quell dissent on the grounds that such dissent harms the nation's strength in international affairs. One critic claimed "Z" presents a graphic "outline of the method and procedures of those on the Right who use a Leftist scare to undercut democracy."

Not a few critics see "Z" as a timely — although not intended as such — "answer" to Vice President Spiro Agnew's criticism of those protesting the present Administration's Vietnam policies.

The Catholic film office, in its commentary on "Z" — presented in the lead review of the latest "Catholic Film Newsletter" — suggested that the film "has a great deal of value for those adolescents who are trying to understand the world behind the headlines."

"It is about a kind of nationalism that justifies the use of criminal acts in attaining its objectives. It is about political corruption and human courage."

"It takes place in Greece but it could be anywhere, in these troubled times, from Czechoslovakia to Spain. Whether we like it or not, politics infringes upon our world, from the taxes we pay for the Cold War to the general uneasiness that exists in this country, as exemplified by young people demonstrating in the streets against various forms of injustice."

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The film office also commented that "whether the film is totally true to all aspects of the (Lambrakis) case or not, the average viewer will have no way of knowing. However, he will perceive it as reality because of the artistry of the film as it unfolds its bizarre story of intrigue...Its Greek-born director, Costa-Gavras, has made a political film that will appeal directly to the eye before the mind starts thinking about its implications."

Quickie Review

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11 p.m. (20) Family Honeymoon (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)
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12:30 p.m. (22) Seven Bridges For Seven Dollars (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)
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A Christmas Prayer

By LEILA DORNAK
Oakland, Texas

Dear Lord, this season of your birth fills me with the deepest joy and thankfulness. Picturing you as a tiny child in your mother's care calls out the tenderest emotions I know.

Yet it is with great sorrow that I remember how you were refused a warm room and a soft bed for your birth in the busy little town of Bethlehem. Even much later in your life you said that you had no place to lay your head.

How many doors must have been closed to you; how many windows boarded against you in your life? Even after your death, your friends locked themselves inside darkened rooms out of fear of the danger that might come to them from following you.

Lord, how many times have I turned away from those I might have helped, choosing not to notice their need rather than to give up any of my own time or pleasure? How many times have I locked my concern for others in a dark corner of my heart, fearing the cost and danger of involvement?

With deep shame I ask your forgiveness for these sins of a cold and timid heart, and your grace that from this day forward I may never think myself too busy or be too much afraid to offer help to anyone in need.

Help me to live with open doors and lighted windows in my heart so that the generous spirit of Christmas may shine out and welcome all who pass my way. Amen.



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Byzantine Christmas: Feast Of Re-Creation

By ARCHPRIEST
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St. Gregory of Nazianzus sums up the Eastern Christian view of Christmas in his famous statement that the Nativity of Christ "is not a festival of creation but a festival of re-creation."

The birth of Christ although an historical event is not an end but a means to the renewal, sanctification and re-creation of the whole universe. We commemorate not so much the birth of a child as the ultimate transfiguration of man and the whole created world. The world held in bondage by reason of man's perversion, this is the world Christ redeemed. Christ redeemed humanity and by taking humanity to himself he redeemed the world.

When the Word of God was made flesh he not only became the head of a new race; he became the Lord of a new creation. Christ in his flesh took the whole of creation into himself that it might share anew in Divinity. In Christ Jesus the universe was radically transformed; in his person the world was consecrated and sacramentalized — clay and stone, plant and animal, word and dance — our earth was redeemed, re-created.

While it is true to say that Christ redeemed humanity and by humanity he redeemed the world, it is equally true to say that Christ redeems humanity and by humanity redeems the world.

Objectively men were redeemed but in another sense that was only the beginning of a new world even until now.

CRY FOR REDEMPTION

By the power of his Holy Spirit working in Christians the world can rise anew. By reason of the love of God made known to it in Christ Jesus our world is alive now, in our day, with life and light. It fell by human failure; now it summons us with urgent summons to redeem it. The whole world is one great yearning cry — creation's unceasing — all for redemption.

And so Christmas is the feast of re-creation. It is the feast which bespeaks the continuing mission of Christ and his re-created followers to answer creation's continuing call for redemption.

Perhaps the best expression of this basic approach of the Eastern Christian to Christmas is the traditional icon of the Birth of Christ.

The icon of the Nativity contains two main lessons: it teaches the reality of the event — the indisputable reality of the birth of God into human affairs, the Incarnation of Christ, underlining by its details both the divinity and the humanity of the Word made



BYZANTINE ICON — This bronze and enamel rendition of the traditional Byzantine icon of the Birth of Christ is the work of an unknown Spanish artist. It was presented by Pope John XXIII to the St. Paul Center Byzantine-Melkite Information Bureau, Washington, D.C., where it is in the Collection of Eastern Church Art.

flesh. Secondly, the image indicates the effect of this wondrous event on the world and its ultimate re-creation in the reconciliation of all things on earth and in heaven. (Col. 1:20)

The sacred icon brings together all creation to join in the "happening" of Christmas, to render service and thanks — each in his own way. "What shall we bring you, O Christ, when you were born on earth for our sake; for each of the creatures who have their being from you, brings thanks to you: angels their songs, the heavens a star, the wise men gifts, the shepherds wonder, the earth a cave, the wilderness a manger, but we — the Virgin Mother." (Vesper sticherion)

SYMBOLISM

As we examine the icon carefully we notice that central to it is a swirling

assent to the wonder of the mystery. She sits, the living throne of the "king of all" and by the absence of the usual suffering of child-bearing proclaims the wonder of the Virgin birth and the Divine nature of the One she bears.

Dumb nature is also given a central position by the presence of the ox and ass, ever deemed important by the Church despite the fact that the scriptures nowhere mention their presence. Yet they appear in icons always in the center — representatives of the whole world of nature re-created by the coming of the Saviour.

Joseph is seen strangely dejected outside the central grouping. He is not the father and this point is emphatically made by separating him from the group. He sits troubled, doubting and worried against the blackness of the cave which reaches around him in his unbelief. He is struggling to accept the miracle that takes place before him.

REPRESENTS ALL

In the struggle St. Joseph represents not only himself but all of us, who with similar turmoil wrestle with the fact of the Incarnation which seems beyond words or reason. Wistfully he looks back over his shoulder to consider the holy scene. In many icons Satan disguised as a shepherd stands before Joseph and tempts him as he has done to many since, to disbelieve the Virgin birth.

The temptation of Joseph is balanced by the faith and belief of the Magi who approach on horseback, following the star and in another scene arrive at the foot of the manger to present their gifts and themselves, "the beginning of the nations," to the Lord.

Angels representing the celestial world carry out their two-fold function of adoration and glorifying the Savior as well as announcing to the unseen shepherds the good tidings of joy. The icon is usually completed by a most tender scene transmitted by the apocryphal gospels stressing the humanity of the Christ and his submission to the requirements of nature as he is carefully bathed by two midwives.

The icon of the Nativity of Christ is the visual rendition of the song of the Church at this feast: "The Virgin today brings forth the Transubstantial One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels give glory with shepherds and wise men journey with the star: because for our sake is born as a little child, God the Eternal." (Kontakion of the feast)

The Eastern Christian who venerates this icon proclaims the wondrous event of the "bringing forth of the Transubstantial One" and the attending re-creation of the whole universe which has now been set in motion by the "little Child-God the Eternal."

darkness, the mouth of the great abyss, the cave of Bethlehem, symbolic of the soul, the body, the world in awful and inexorable continuity struck by sin and hungering for the light of redemption to pierce the darkness. And light points out the Light which shatters the darkness! The star of Bethlehem casts its long rays down illuminating the One who broke the bonds and by his emptying himself of himself was born for our sake: the child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger — prefiguring the very cave-sepulchre and shroud of his death and burial.

Attending the new-born One is the Mother of God who occupies a central role and is larger in scale than the other figures. She is the "renewal of all born on earth," the new Eye, mother of all re-created mankind. She is mankind's great gift to the Incarnation. Through her, men give their

Pace on earth to men of good will — men of all faiths and no faith — is breaking through the strictures of prejudice, ignorance and apathy in an expanding ecumenism that brings the Angels' Tidings over Bethlehem somehow closer to reality on this Christmas Day of 1969.

A series of unity moves during the year soon to end is drawing Christians of diverse communions nearer to a oneness in Christ for their celebration of His birth. Reaching, as well, beyond the boundaries of Christianity, Jews and other non-Christians, atheists and communists are involved in the dialogue with all men which is a high aim of the Church in the modern world.

Most recent — and assuredly among the more significant — of the fraternal happenings is Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's new role of developing dialogue with communists and atheists. When he announced that he had resigned as Bishop of Rochester, the famed TV evangelist reminded newsmen that he is a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Believers, the papal agency for studying the causes and forms of atheism, adding that he planned to serve in that capacity.

OPTIMISM

On the inter-faith scene, progress and optimism prevailed at a four-day meeting of the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Group held during September in the Catholic Center at Baltimore. It was the ninth in a series which began there in July, 1965. Another meeting is planned for next February.

Agreements were reached earlier on the Nicene Creed and Baptism and the theologians disclosed that they hope to issue a joint statement on "Ministry and Eucharist" next year. Basic research on the subject has been completed and consensus reached on "fruitful approaches" to the problem which now looms as the major factor keeping Lutherans and Catholics apart.

More exceptional was the first national dialogue between Catholics and Southern Baptists held last summer at Wake Forest University, a Baptist institution at Winston Salem, N.C. The three-day conference was sponsored by the University's Ecumenical Institute which is headed by Brooks Hays, a liberal-minded layman who is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and an Arkansas Congressman.

It was an informal gathering of leaders interested in making a start



Ecumenical Target: Good Will To All



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toward reconciliation rather than official representatives of ecclesiastical groups. Principal focus of interest was "the unchallenged fact that we are brothers in Christ." No attempt was made to disguise theological differences of the heretofore estranged traditions, though members discovered how much essential Biblical faith they have in common. A resolution was adopted at the close of the conference expressing the unanimous wish to continue the dialogues.

ONE GROUP ALOOF

Until now, Southern Baptists have kept aloof from any involvement in the ecumenical movement. Its 11-million member communion remained the largest Protestant body not taking part in inter-faith activities. For centuries Catholicism maintained a like attitude until the Second Vatican Council swept away ancient barriers. The fact that the first move by the Southern Baptists was made toward Rome points up the leading role the Church holds today in the ecumenical movement.

This leadership was further brought out at the meeting between commissions of the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church held this year at Malta. Delegates were unanimous in praising the Council Fathers' Decree on Ecumenism as a fine theological work which should be known to members of all churches.

Though theological differences remain an obstacle to unity, the Malta commission affirmed that the only solution to the problems confronting Christianity is to have one universal Church spreading its Gospel throughout the world and thus giving greater effect to its teachings. Divine Providence, it was agreed, alone can ensure reaching that goal. The need for prayer for unity was stressed.

The meeting was the third in a series that began in 1967. The Methodist retreat house at Lake Junaluska, N.C. was selected for the fourth meeting to be held on August 24, 1970.

Perhaps the heart of the matter emerged at the Toronto Christian-Jewish Dialogue Conference last February when a Roman Catholic theologian and author, Father Arthur Gibson, had this to say: "Nothing can withstand the quiet stubborn good will of ordinary citizens. And equally nothing can be accomplished without that good will. And that good will has broken loose this weekend."

"Let us then follow the Christopher Movement principle and technique: if each speaks to but ten and each of those again to ten, a geometrically expanding wave can be generated."

Stark Simplicity Made It A Wonderful Experience

Concentration Camp Christmas

The third Christmas of World War II was aclimactic one for us who were prisoners of war in the Philippines. I was among more than 2,000 interned in the Los Banos Camp on the island of Luzon.

General MacArthur was keeping his promise to return. American planes had been bombing and strafing around us since September. They dipped their wings as they flew over our camp. And that, more than anything, kept our spirits up and helped to make our Christmas a merry one, at least a hopeful one.

We had no real news of how things were going. But the footsteps of our guards no longer smacked of victory as they tramped inside and outside the barbed wire fence. In the darkness they beat a message that seemed to say: "I'm sad ..., very sad ..., very sad ..." Surely the Japanese knew that their days of occupation were numbered, perhaps their very days of life.

No wonder our meals were cut down to a cup of watery rice, carefully rationed twice a day. In the Philippines, this is called lugao, but I can best describe it as wallpaper paste. Our lugao may have had some protein value at that. For we never could get all the worms and weevils out.

Picking the little livestock and stones from the rice was a job that kept many internees busy. It wasn't my job. I mended clothes. With the thread we pulled from the cloth of one old garment, we were able to hold together many another. But woe to the one who lost her precious needle!

LIKE THE STABLE

You may wonder how, crowded as we were into bamboo and palm-leaf barracks, we could celebrate Christmas. But we did! To begin with, our setting was not unlike that of the stable at Bethlehem. The part of a barracks, set aside as chapel had only a dirt floor. For windows, sections of sawali

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(woven bamboo) could be hoisted out. These, held in place with sticks, served as awnings.

Some of the imprisoned priests made a crude altar of salvaged boards. We had no candles, but improvised a lamp by floating a wick in a glass of coconut oil. The tabernacle was a tool box turned on end. Most essential



SISTER Rose M. McCormick of Maryknoll describes her Christmas as a prisoner of war in the Los Banos concentration camp, Luzon, Philippines, in 1945.

of all, a Filipina woman kept us supplied, at her own risk, with a few altar breads and enough wine for Mass.

Then, at Christmas time, we had a unique crib. Among the internees there was an artist. He was a Canadian Holy Cross Brother who had been stranded in the Philippines on his way to India. With the mud

of an ant hill, he made some crib figures.

Kneeling on either side of the Infant, Mary and Joseph were about a foot high. And on the feast of the Epiphany, three molded mud gifts made their appearance in front of the manger. From a distance, I thought the figures looked metallic. Set off by a bright blanket, surrounded with poinsettias and tropical greens, it was a crib that would have been considered beautiful any Christmas, anywhere.

You may wonder where we got poinsettias. Well, they grow freely in the Philippines, but there were none inside our fence. Fortunately, we had a friend among the Japanese on duty at the camp. He was a private soldier named Hatachi whom we had gotten to know because he could speak English. Hatachi San graciously brought poinsettias to the Sister who had the audacity to ask for them. Then she arranged them in vases made of bamboo tubes.

In spite of the blackout the Japanese allowed us to have Midnight Mass, provided no light would show. We didn't have much light to hide, just the one flickering oil lamp. When the hour came round, young Jesuits in the barracks next to us awakened everyone with a booming rendition of "Silent Night." I still wonder where they got the energy.

Their song had the effect of a church bell. People of various denominations gathered with us to celebrate the birth of Christ. The barracks was crowded and warm, for letting in air would have meant letting out light. An old Dutch bishop, who was also interned as an enemy alien, gave a homily that embraced all present.

Each year as I tend to get caught up in the decorations and celebrations of the holy season, I think back to the wonderful simplicity of Christmas in a concentration camp. I forget that I was hungry. I just remember that Christmas there was a very happy, holy day.

"As we celebrate Christmas with the thoughts of gifts and bright lights, let us not forget that God the Father gave us Christ as his gift to be our light. Let us pray that all men may receive His love and peace, especially those who have no gifts, no lights, no joy."

"That the image of Jesus dressed in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger will move us to seek Him in the poor, the despairing, the homeless, the faithless, and the sick, we pray to the Lord."

From the Prayer of Faithful, Feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

Who Was Real Culprit In Abominable Massacre?

By FATHER JOHN D. SHEERIN

Who was the culprit at the Songmy massacre? It will be many months before the guilt of the accused is judicially determined; meanwhile we have to remember that under American law, the accused is innocent until proven guilty.

From the confession of men like David Meadlo, however, we can be morally certain of the fact that a terrible mass murder of civilians took place at Songmy, and my firm conviction is that we can put the finger on the ultimate culprit. It is not Captain Medina or Lieutenant Calley or David Meadlo. The criminal is General War.

FATHER SHEERIN



I don't mean to absolve any and all of the accused of personal culpability on the ground that they were simply obeying orders. As St. Peter said, "We must obey God rather than men" and no man has any right to obey a military order that violates the law of God.

What I am saying is that behind every wartime butchery, behind every massacre of innocent civilians there is a primordial evil, the ancient custom or policy of inflicting injury on an enemy. It is a custom that provides the occasion for release of the worst savagery in human nature. It takes ordinarily decent boys and young men and brutalizes them.

The mother of David Meadlo, after her son confessed killing 30 to 40 men, women and children at Songmy, summed it up tersely: "I sent them a good boy and they made him a murderer."

No one today imagines that the human person is totally corrupt or totally incorruptible. There is evil in the best of us and human laws and customs are designed to prevent the "beast within" from breaking out in violence against his

neighbor. War, on the other hand, is designed to draw out of the soldier a maximum of destructive violence against the neighbor. That is the motive power of war, its elan, its frenzy and rage and hunger for vengeance.

As the Second Vatican Council said: "Divine Providence urgently demands of us that we shake off the age-old slavery of war."

Will we ever shake off this ancient habit? I have heard psychiatrists say that it is foolish to think we will ever radically change human nature, that it is just as natural for man to make war on members of his own species as to make love to the opposite sex. History seems to bear this out.

From Attila to Genghis Khan to Mao Tse-Tung, the pages of history tell the sickening story of massacre and slaughter, generation after generation. Murder seems to be an incurable human disease whether it happens in an Indian massacre, a Vietcong offensive, a pogrom, an Arab terror raid or an Israeli reprisal, a purge in Indonesia or an attack by an American Infantry platoon on noncombatants at Songmy.

If pessimists want to accept war as inevitable, so be it. That is their business. But I think that one can be a realistic optimist, especially if he is a follower of Christ, and refuse to believe that the human race is forever condemned to the slavery of murderous war.

The optimist can find therefore in all this present uproar about the Songmy massacre a very bright ray of hope. That is, that the American public has welcomed the Army's decision to make a thorough-going investigation of the affair.

From the historical viewpoint, this decision on the part of Government to investigate the incident may well be the first time in history that any government has ever taken such a step. It is altogether unthinkable, for instance, that Hanoi or Moscow would ever charge members of its armed forces with barbarism, and it is supremely encouraging that the American public did not oppose the investigation.

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"So, with inflation, tight money and high interest rates, don't be disappointed if you don't get everything you want!"

A writer in the New York Times concluded his article on the Songmy tragedy: "Only one thing seemed clear — That the lawyers for Lieutenant Calley would attempt to base their defense on the war, make the war itself and criminal and seek to win acquittal by 'convicting' those who devised the military strategy for Vietnam."

That may be, but my hope is that the American public will not only put the Vietnam War on trial but War in general. War as an instrument of foreign policy. The ultimate culprit is not a certain Captain or Lieutenant or Private but General War himself.

Decent Place To Live Is Natural Desire Of Man

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A recent five-nation tour of new towns and housing developments in Europe has convinced this "urban ministry type" that we in the United States are ignorant of the serious nature of our



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urban housing crisis. In this nation of wide open spaces and "purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain" people are moving at an ever faster pace into the areas of highest population density, our large metropolitan centers.

This is in part what is meant by the urban crisis. What is more, this phenomenon or urbanization is happening in all the western, industrialized countries and even in the developing nations of

Asia where industrialization has barely begun. The urban environment will play an increasingly important role in the development of all humanity.

According to pioneer new town planner, Heikki von Hertzen of Tapiola in Finland, the fact that the majority of the population of the world now lives in urban communities will change the face of human civilization.

"Environment," says von Hertzen, "has from now on, an ever more decisive significance for man as regards working surroundings, living surroundings, leisure time, mental health, sociological, economic and cultural matters. Today the cities of the world contain hundreds of millions of people who live and die in them, and thus the one and only milieu of their lives is urban."

URBAN BENEFITS

It is important to understand that people will continue to move into urban areas because they want the services and social benefits that can only be found in a large urban area. At the same time they want the green open spaces, quality schools and clean air theoretically available until now only in suburban towns.

We have no choice but to urge the Federal government to carry out its responsibilities so clearly enunciated in

the Housing Act of 1949: "to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family."

The record to the present is not very impressive. Writing in the December issue of *Christianity and Crisis*, Jack E. Patterson, knowledgeable Cities Editor of *Business Week*, reminds us of our failures: "Recent studies show at least 11 million substandard and overcrowded dwelling units in the country, about 16% of our total housing inventory. Metropolitan areas contain about four million of these units. In many areas adequate housing is deteriorating faster than it is being repaired or replaced. Special problems arise from the concentration of bad housing and poor people in the central city—familiar problems of crime, disease, and dependence that make up much of what has become 'the crisis of our cities.'"

Presidential commissions in recent years have

studied the problems of housing and future planning from all angles—with little visible effect. We have careful statistics to show that nearly one-half of all people in the United States in the year 2,000 will live in dwelling units that have not yet been started and on land that has not yet been broken. That time is barely 30 years away. The United States with its comparative affluence, technical marvels of moon landings and electric toothbrushes, atomic weaponry and public highway systems is seventh in the world in providing housing for its people—far behind Sweden and even Soviet Russia.

HAVE KNOWLEDGE

Mr. Patterson in the *Christianity and Crisis* article says the problem is not a lack of technological breakthrough. He quotes Boston architect Karl Koch, who invented a widely used pre-cast concrete building system: "We have innovations

plenty. But there is no indication that as a nation we are ready to pull in our belts to the extent that is necessary to make the country fit to live in."

The lack of decent housing for millions of our citizens and a worsening environment for all of us is at its heart a lack of motivation on the part of the American people. We already know from bitter experience that "telling it like it is" does not overcome resistance or build motivation. Churches can do very little to change the housing crisis directly, but they can do much by way of example and effective lobbying to provide this basic human right for every citizen.

There have been multiple suggestions of action for the organized church community:

- Seed money on a revolving fund basis could be made available to non-profit groups to bring their developments to the stage where fed-

eral assistance is available. This action also has a strategic value in increasing the numbers of people involved sufficiently in the problem to press for more realistic national and local housing development.

- Urban task forces on the diocesan and State level could mount major informational and legislative campaigns to press government to use its powers to overcome antiquated building codes and restrictive zoning legislation. New York State has already set up the Urban Development Corporation with similar powers, but UDC has been rather timid about making use of such power so far.

- The private sector of industry and national labor unions should be encouraged to take a serious look at new town planning for investment and development. Just 5% of building development over the next several decades in new towns would revolutionize our style of urban living.

May the Good Lord impart His blessings to you at Christmas.

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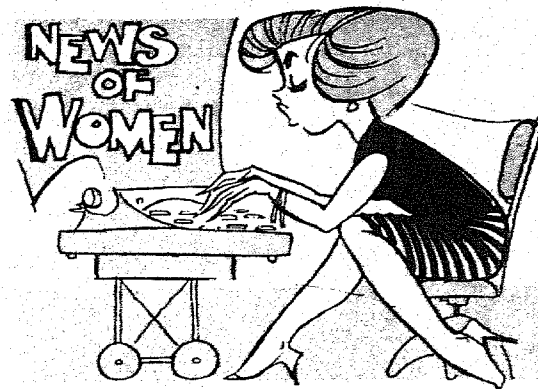
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Christmas Gift Shower Set For Children Of Migrants

FORT LAUDERDALE — Between 800 and 1,000 children of migratory farm workers will be showered with Christmas gifts and clothing next week by members of the Broward Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals, etc., have been collected by members in 28 affiliations in Broward County and Girl Scout Troops in local parishes have made numerous contributions.

According to Mrs. Bernice Knothe, deanery president, monetary donations were used to purchase gifts for the children who live with their families in the Range Line area.

The gifts will be distributed a few days before Christmas by members of the Christian Family Movement at Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission under the direction of Father Gilberto Hernandez.

water skiing and sewing.

Academy, Miss Zambrana is majoring in biology at Barry College and is planning to specialize in the field of biochemistry.

She has given many hours of volunteer time to teaching catechetics to children of migrant farm workers and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Her recreation hours are spent playing tennis, swimming and water skiing and her hobbies are stamp collecting and painting.

MARY ELLEN VERDON

Now enrolled at Loyola University, New Orleans, Miss Verdon was graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Carrollton, Coconut Grove.

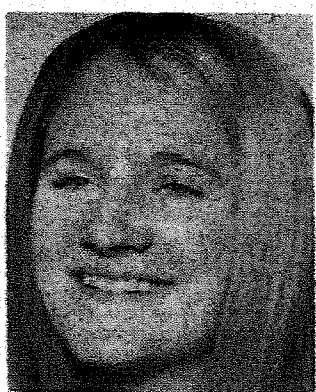
She served as a volunteer in the Head Start program and her sports interests include horseback riding and soccer.

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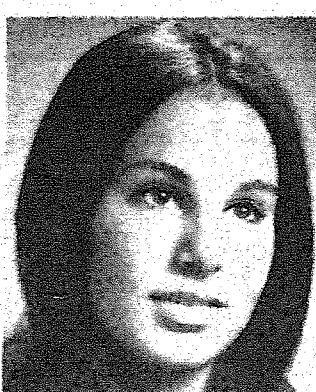
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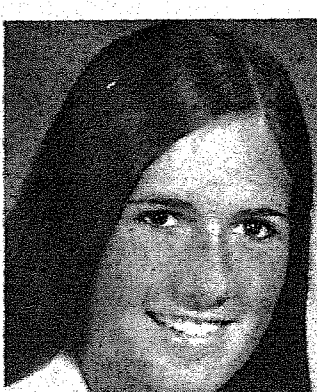
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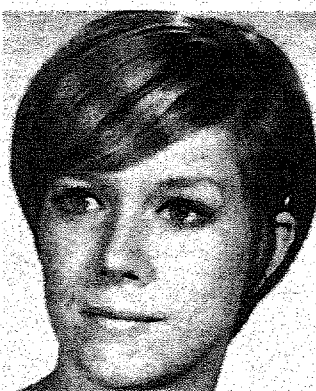
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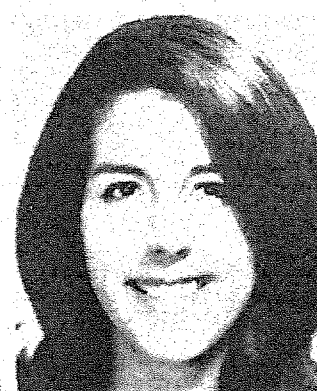
Patrice Nagel



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Maria Zambrana

Presentation Ball A Highlight Of Winter Season

Eight young women from parishes in the Archdiocese will be presented to the Archbishop of Miami during the Sixth Annual Presentation Ball on Sunday, Dec. 28 at the Indian Creek Country Club.

Mrs. Maytag McCahill of Miami Beach is general chairman of arrangements for the ball, a highlight of South Florida's winter season. Proceeds are donated to the Marian Center for Exceptional Children administered by the Sisters of St. Joseph Cottolengo. Music for dancing will be provided by Peter Duchin.

Those who will be presented to Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll have been chosen for the episcopal honor as a result of their charitable endeavors and for their outstanding scholastic records.

Receiving the traditional gold medal which bears the crest of the Archdiocese of Miami will be Elizabeth Margaret Bravo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine A. Bravo, St. Joseph parish, Miami Beach; Shaun Marie Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Louis Dillon, Assumption parish, Pompano Beach; Kathleen Arden Korge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Korge, SS. Peter and Paul parish; Paulette Marie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Lewis, St. Juliana parish, West Palm Beach; Patrice A. Nagel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Nagel, St. Paul the Apostle parish, Lighthouse Point; Kathryn Elizabeth Renick, daughter of Ralph Renick and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Renick, St. James Parish, North Miami; Mary

Ellen Verdon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Franklyn E. Verdon, Little Flower parish, Coral Gables; and Maria Elizabeth Zambrana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Zambrana, Epiphany parish, South Miami.

ELIZABETH M. BRAVO

A graduate of Notre Dame Academy now majoring in education at St. Leo College, Miss Bravo is a member of the Squirettes of Mary and the CYO, who enjoys bowling, swimming, skiing and tennis.

Among her special interests are piano, guitar and modern art. She is a student council representative and was a member of the Queen's Court of the Columbian Squires.

During her summer vacations she works at St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach.

SHAUN M. DILLON

Miss Dillon was graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale and has worked as a volunteer at the Kennedy Home for Retarded Children in Chicago.

She enjoys horseback riding and swimming and has a particular interest in music and art. For many years she has been a record collector. Her summers are spent in Fort Lauderdale and Chicago.

KATHLEEN A. KORGE

Now a student at the University of Florida where she is a sociology major, Miss Korge was graduated from Immaculata Academy.

Swimming, water skiing and horseback riding are her primary interests in sports and she has worked as a

volunteer in the Head Start program with migrant children and was an area leader in the Teenage March for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

She is a member of the CYO and during the high school years was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Distinguished Scholarship by the Florida Board of Regents. Miss Korge was also listed in Who's Who in American High Schools, was a member of the student council for two years and was president of her sophomore class.

PAULETTE M. LEWIS

A career in public relations is the goal of Miss Lewis, who was graduated from Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, and is now studying at St. Catherine College, St. Paul, Minn., where she has been chosen to be a princess in the annual Winter Carnival.

A volunteer worker with migrant children, retarded children and in the Mothers March for Crippled Children, she enjoys water skiing, swimming, dancing and skiing. She has a special interest in painting and in art, and plays volleyball, tennis and basketball.

PATRICE A. NAGEL

Now majoring in elementary education at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., Miss Nagel was graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School where she received student council service awards and served on the high school yearbook and newspaper.

She has donated many volunteer hours to Multiple Sclerosis, Heart Fund, and other charitable campaigns, and has been a counselor at Our Lady of the Hills camp, Hendersonville, N.C., where she taught arts and crafts, sewing, and dancing. She is an American Red Cross swimming instructor and a National Rifle instructor and includes among her sports activities sailing and canoeing. Last year she was a member of Girls State, and CYO.

KATHRYN E. RENICK

Miss Renick was graduated from North Miami High School and is majoring in clothing and textiles at Barry College.

During her senior year in high school she was a member of Burdine's Youth Board and did volunteer work with blind children. She was also a member of her parish CYO. Miss Renick enjoys

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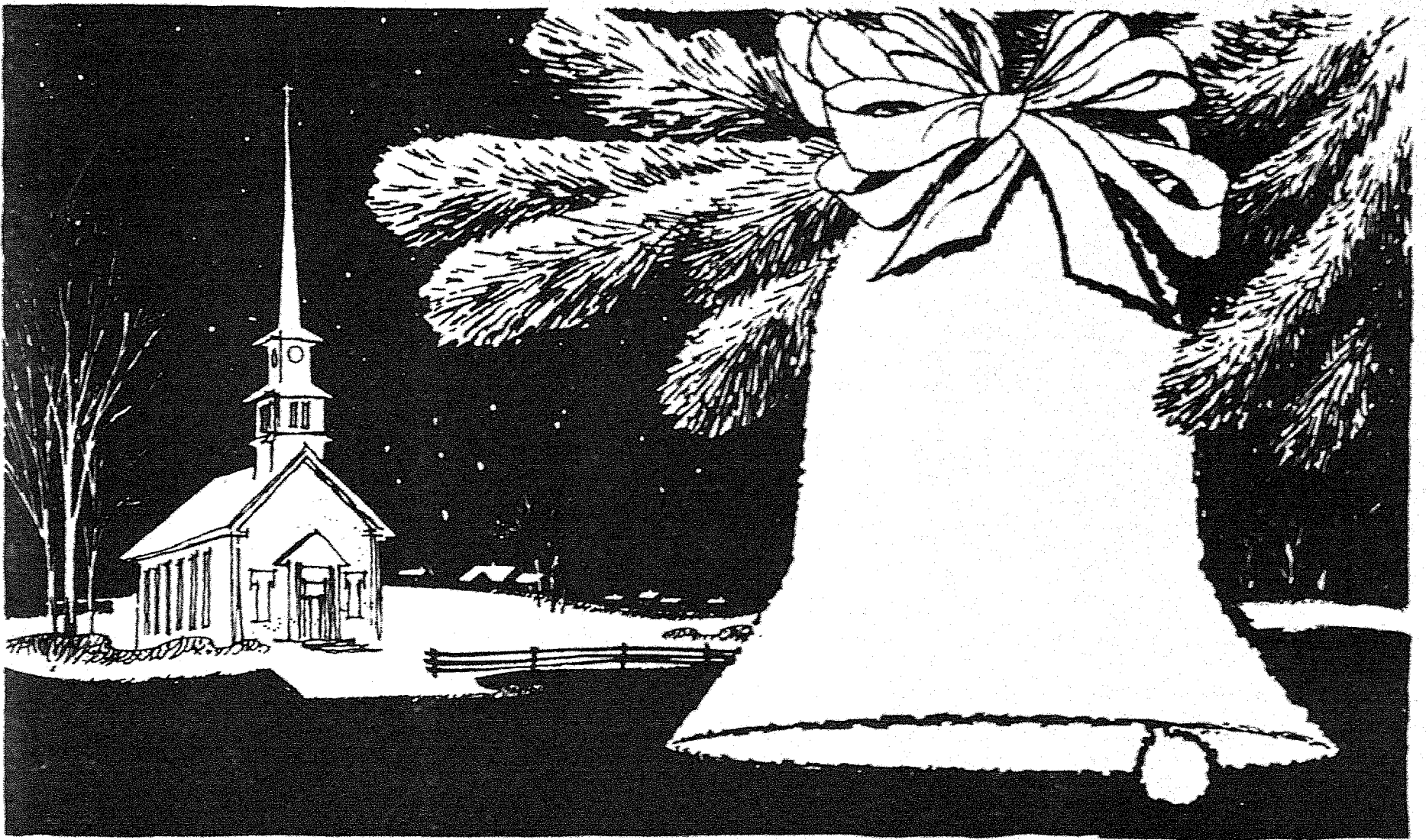
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Graduate Student Visits Miami

Catholic Schools Are Best In His Land, Says Japanese

The best education throughout Japan is in the Catholic schools, according to a 27-year-old graduate exchange student — who became a convert to Catholicism after attending a Jesuit College — visiting here in Miami.

Akimasa Matsuzaka, who goes by his Christian name Paul in the United States, explained in a Voice interview this week that the "high quality" of Catholic education on all levels in Japan attracts many people.

Paul said he decided to attend Sophia University in Tokyo — where he received his bachelors degree in psychology before he ever considered taking Christianity as his religion.

He comes from a family of Buddhists and had been "bouncing along" with no religion at all when he enrolled in college.

After several semesters, he decided that he should know something about Catholicism since he was studying at a Jesuit institution. "The summer after my sophomore year, I went on a trip to the mountains with a friend of mine and two priests from the university. We had many long talks and I found myself fascinated by the Catholic religion," Paul said.

Soon after that he decided to become a convert and join the ranks of the three-tenths of one per cent of the Japanese population which is Catholic.

After graduation from Sophia University, Paul went to work as secretary to a member of the Japanese House of Representatives (equivalent to the U.S. Senate) for two and a half years before winning a fellowship to study at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is presently hoping to receive either a grant or fellowship to continue his graduate studies in political science.

He would eventually like to "go into politics" in Japan he explained. When he returns to Japan, he will probably go back to work for the congressman he aided before.

From there he is not sure where his political career will lead. He explained that if he worked carefully and waited he might be able to run for the seat held by his boss when he retires. "If I can wait that long," Paul quipped.

In addition to his position with the congressman, Paul has had his share of political experience. When he was an undergraduate in college, he was president of the student body, and as a leader had an opportunity to meet and speak with Sen. Edward Kennedy and Sen. Edmund Muskie when they visited Tokyo in 1965.

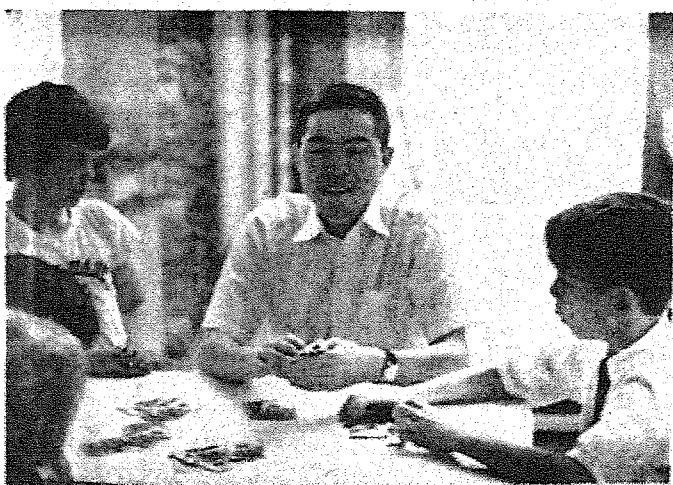
EXPLAINS UNREST

Discussing the present student unrest in Tokyo — which many feel will threaten the success of Expo 70 — Paul said it involved a small percentage — perhaps 10 per cent — of the total student populace, and that "most of them outgrow their militancy when they graduate from college and go out to work."

Paul worked for the election board during the last election when Carl Stokes was elected Mayor of Cleveland and found that an "interesting way to view

American politics."

He likes America, Paul says, but he "wouldn't want to live here. After all I am Japanese and I want to live in Japan."



JAPANESE GRADUATE student Akimasa Matsuzaka plays some card games with American youngsters who visit the Miami home where he is staying.

Florida Retreat House, North Palm Beach.

The teens will come from various parishes throughout the Archdiocese and will focus on the meaning and value of CYO programs.

Campus Leader

William M. Golden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Golden, South Miami, has been elected president of the University of South Florida chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

A graduate of Christopher Columbus High school, William is a senior majoring in accounting.

Oratory Glory

Twelve-year-old Andrew Irani, a student at Sts. Peter and Paul school, took second place in an oratorical contest presented recently at LaSalle Immaculata High Schools.

His topic was "Words Are Like Coins." He was awarded a trophy and his school also received a trophy for his delivery. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aspee Irani, 1777 SW 13th Ave.

Season's Spirit

Children of St. Rose of Lima school today (Friday) participated in a special Mass during which they brought gifts to be distributed to the children of migrant workers in Immokalee.

The gifts brought by the children—which were collected during the Offertory of the Mass—will be distributed along with food and gifts which have been collected during a special drive in the parish.

THE NOW SET

3 Students Chosen Outstanding

Three seniors from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy have been chosen as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1970 by the Outstanding Teenagers of America Foundation.

Elizabeth Renuart, Katherine Flaitz and Kathy Dion were nominated by the school for the honor and now will be judged by the foundation for state and national awards in the honor program.

The recipients of the honor are chosen on the basis of ability and achievement.

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Msgr. Pace High School was moved up to Class A this Fall. Now, maybe the Spartans are ready for AA, in basketball at least.

The Spartans scored one of their most impressive wins last week when they knocked off Class AA Miami Springs High, 86-73, in their first-ever meeting with an AA school. Not even the impressive Class B district championship of last year can compare with the magnitude of the Spartans' triumph.

The win made Pace 2-0 for the season, joining Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Curley as the lone undefeated teams still remaining in the young basketball season.

Billy Sheppard, figured as the Spartans' chief point-maker this season, was the key objective of the Miami Springs defense; so, Allan Killian took over the scoring honors, dumping in 30 points. Sheppard still came through with 16 while Pete Hertler, a newcomer to the Pace varsity, was second high with 17 points.

In the Spartans' opener with Pine Crest, Sheppard had 28 points, Hertler 16 and Mike Guilfoile 15 while Killian was notching just six.

Chaminade ran its record to 3-1 with an 84-66 decision over archdiocesan foe LaSalle. Dawn Tonkovich hit

for 30 points and Tom Kincaid added 20. It was the second straight loss for LaSalle, which had been knocked off by Cardinal Gibbons, 70-54, in its opener.

Gibbons followed with a 55-44 win over Belen to push Belen from the undefeated ranks. An 18-point performance by newcomer Bob Wertslein led the Redskins' attack in this one while Gary Hanrahan's 19 was high against LaSalle, with Wertslein adding 15 and Gus Crocco 15.

St. Patrick's had a successful week, registering a 71-69 win over Dade Christian and then knocking off Westminster, 73-55. Little Scott Simmons was again the big scorer for the Shamrocks, hitting 20 against Dade Christian and 32 against Westminster.

The wins boosted St. Pat's record to 3-1 and, coming over Class C opposition, established 14 as a strong contender for district honors when the Class C play-

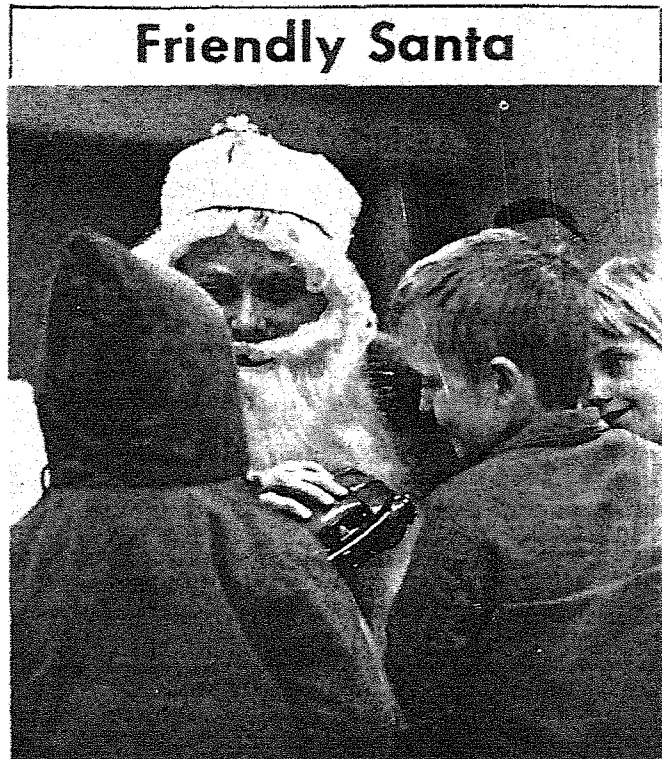
offs roll around. The lone St. Pat's loss was to Cass B Belen.

Belen, which was gaining momentum, saw its five-game win streak snapped by Gibbons. Julio Campa was high man for Belen in that game with 17 points.

Mary Immaculate of Key West came through with a big win in handing Deerborne School its first loss of the year, 63-60. Tom Ferguson's 27 points were high.

Christopher Columbus was still looking for its first win of the year as the Explorers were bumped by Miami Beach, 55-53, and then Curley, 74-54. Ron Nentwig continued his improvement, leading the Explorers in scoring in both games, getting 17 points against Beach and 16 against Curley.

The absence of returning starter Mike Flynn, continues to handicap the Explorers. Flynn was lost on a cracked ankle in the final football game of the season.



SANTA CLAUS brought toys and candies for underprivileged children from Ft. Lauderdale and Pompano Beach during a Christmas Party co-sponsored last Saturday by the Broward County Pro Parvulis Guild and the Miraculous Pitcher organization.

THE VOICE OF SPORTS

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Curley Quint Still Untested

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Despite a pair of comparatively easy opening wins, Coach Phil Petta of the Archbishop Curley High basketball team isn't quite sure what kind of a team he'll have this year.

"Wait until we play a couple of tough teams, then I'll have a pretty good idea of what we have," he said.

Petta has a pair of standouts in veterans Paul Taylor and Russ Meriedy. There's no question marks there. But there are in the other three starters who still have Phil in the dark.

"If I can just get one more scorer from the others, someone to take the pressure off the other two, then I think we'll be all right. Not great, like some of the teams we've had in the past, but all right."

The other three starters are 5-10 senior guard Roberto Ortiz, 6-3 senior center Edward Byrd and 6-6 junior forward Dwight Davis.

It's Byrd and Davis that Petta is counting on the most to come through.

"Byrd never had much experience before, playing behind Lawyer last year, while Davis is just up from last year's junior varsity. He can develop, though, as he's agile and jumps well."

Taylor and Meriedy have been the big guns for the Knights in their 64-58 win over Central and their 74-54 decision

over archdiocesan rival Christopher Columbus. Taylor notched 22 and 25 points while Meriedy had 15 and 22.

Davis had 9 and 5 in the two games while Byrd hit 8 and 5. Ortiz totalled 12 in the pair.

Petta is hesitant to predict the end of the glory days for the Knights, who had a string of five big years which included a regional second place finish in the state's Class AA playoffs, even though Curley was then and still is, a Class A school in enrollment.

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Prayer Of The Faithful Fourth Sunday Of Advent - Dec. 21, 1969

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. The Lord will come to bring light what is hidden in darkness. May he know us and assist us as we seek his light for ourselves and for all mankind.

LECTOR: The response for today's prayer of the faithful will be: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (1) That through prayer, penance, and service, all Christians will make ready the way of the Savior, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (2) That governments will be successful in their attempts to bring about peace and to alleviate suffering, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (3) That the prophetic voices in the Church will move us to turn our attention to the sufferings of Christ in his people, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (4) That injustice and tragedy will never cause people to lose hope for something better, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (5) For all those who are alone during this holiday season; for those in jails, convalescent homes and hospitals, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (6) For all those traveling during this holiday season, that they may reach their destinations in safety, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (7) That those who have died, especially our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners will experience for all eternity the joy and happiness of heaven, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

LECTOR: (8) For all of us, that our spiritual preparation for Christmas will take precedence over all other preparations, we ask you:

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.

CELEBRANT: O Father, you have loved us from the beginning of the world and you have given us a history which has led our people to your Son, our Savior and peace-builder. Hear our humble prayer and see our joyful hope in the coming of your Son. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Nativity Of The Lord - Dec. 25, 1969

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT: As we celebrate Christmas with the thoughts of gifts and bright lights, let us not forget that God the Father gave us Christ as his gift to be our light. Let us pray that all men may receive his love and peace, especially those who have no gifts, no lights, no joy.

LECTOR: The response for today's prayer of the faithful will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (1) For our Holy Father, Pope Paul, that his Christmas message will be heeded by all men, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (2) For the unity of all Christians who celebrate this birthday of the Savior, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (3) That the peace and promise of Christ will come to all nations and peoples, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (4) That the image of Jesus dressed in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger will move us to seek him in the poor, the despairing, the homeless, the faithless, and the sick, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (5) For those away from home and family this Christmas, our men and women in service, those in hospitals and prisons, and those who must work today, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (6) That the salvation brought by our Savior may come to all our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: (7) For all of us here that the celebration of Christmas may more perfectly unite us in love with each other and with Christ, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: O God, our Father, you have sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world. Grant us, your servants, the things we have asked for, so that we may effectively reflect that same light to all men. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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Pope Stresses 2 'Inherited' Truths: Primacy, Infallibility

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — In the great tempest, the words of the First Vatican Council are a life raft, and the two dogmas of papal infallibility and papal primacy are its inherited truths. Pope Paul VI told a general audience.

Two days earlier, in his discourse on the 100th anniversary of Vatican I, he said that the two dogmas have withstood "the wear and tear of time."

In his general audience talk the Pope said the pro-

mulgation of two two dogmas during Vatican I marked a "dramatic page in the life of the Church, and at the same time a page that is clear and definitive."

Papal primacy refers to the unity of the Church of which the Pope is not only the "apex and the expression" of unity but also the "visible foundation," he said.

"Infallibility likewise touches a decisive point in the life of the Church, of all Christians and of the world — revealed truth," the Pope

said. "Let everyone be concerned with it today more than ever."

In Vatican I, he said, the "supernatural value of revelation is reaffirmed as the word of God contained in the Bible and in tradition."

"The rationality and the supernatural nature of faith is defended as the reasonable adhesion to God and to his word, under the impulse of grace," he added.

"Finally, the superiority is defined of the revelation of

the faith over reason and its capacities, while declaring that there can be no contrast between truth of faith and truth of reason, since God is the font of both."

He said that the "reality" of the First Vatican Council has not diminished because the truths it affirmed "are very close to our modern mentality, even though they are impugned, discussed, experimented with and professed in full awareness in our times."

Christmas-Vision Of Hope

By FATHER JOHN T. CATOIR

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the (land) not a creature was stirring.

What a nostalgic fantasy! Creatures are restless and without peace everywhere. A tiny light from above is attempting to penetrate the smog. The clatter of distant machine guns interrupts the silence. Minority group leaders, union leaders, and silent majority leaders loudly protest in their own particular vision of the truth. Children turn away from baffled parents, like seasoned adults, feeling wise beyond their years; many of them ending badly.

The atmosphere is heavy with death. After 2,000 years of Christianity, we seem closer to the brink of disaster than ever before.

"Where is the Life we have lost in living?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"

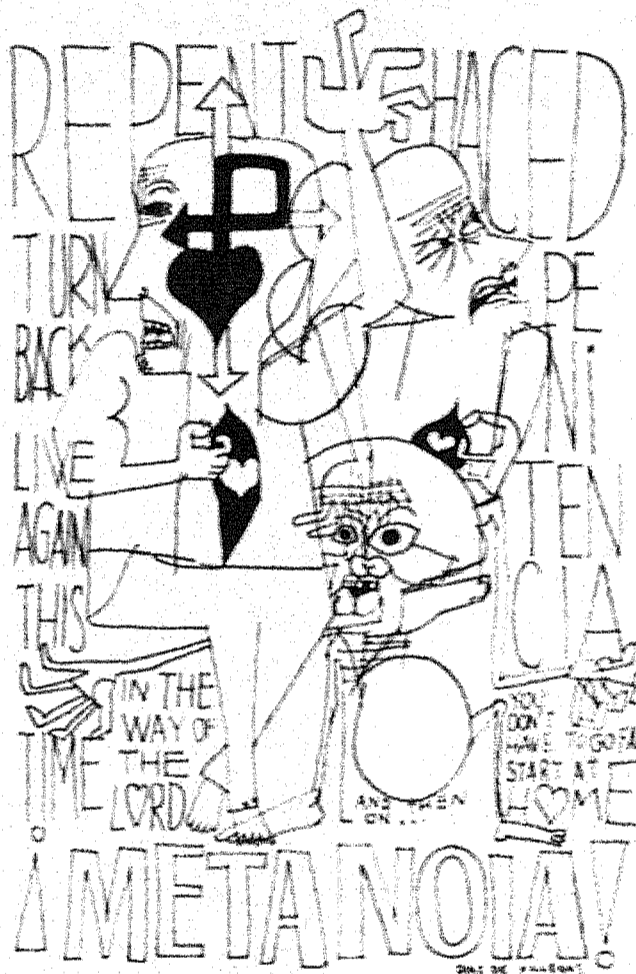
The cycles of Heaven in 20 centuries bring us farther from God and nearer to the dust. —T.S. Eliot

It takes a certain kind of faith to penetrate the moral pollution of our atmosphere, to see beyond the ruins of man. Christmas is more than a commercial holiday; it is a common vision of hope and joy. It points to something beyond the birth of Christ. A poem by Catherine de Vinck captures the idea:

There is a clearing in the woods,
a place without shadow, smooth
and stoneless, where you sleep
in tiredness of the heartbeat,
of the tune, sound, thunder
that lorded over you.
Beyond the dream, God stirs,
and you feel him like a wound,
like a burning word turning
in your side, like a lance
breaking open your breast.
You speak two languages,
but one rules over the other:
for the first is music, chant of light;
the other, sonority of appearances,
gong-beat of wild wind.

Motionless, move beyond the dream,
a night-long journey, your body
bathed in tears and sweat, roll
in dark, contracting tides.
What path, what sign, what call
shall bring you home
to the throne and pavilion of love?

God stirs; his signature, his seeing
flash through your life-centers.
You are both child and lover
and, with fingertips afire,
you touch him beyond the dream,
being and becoming, more surely.



This is the fourth in a series of drawings for the Advent season prepared especially for The Voice by Jose Diaz de Villegas.

Cardinal To Visit GIs Around World

NEW YORK —(RNS) — Terence Cardinal Cooke, for the second consecutive year, has scheduled an around-the-world tour at Christmas time in which he will visit U.S. troops overseas.

During the more than three weeks he will be abroad, the head of the Archdiocese of New York, who is also military vicar for Catholics in the Armed Forces, will visit seven countries in Europe and Asia.

Once again, the prelate will spend Christmas Day in South Vietnam.

The places the 48-year-old cardinal will visit include: Barcelona, Wiesbaden, Bangkok, Saigon, Philippines, Okinawa, MKorea, Japan, Guam and Hawaii.



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Hospital Standards Official Is Named

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Msgr. Harold A. Murray, director of the department of health affairs, United States Catholic Conference, has been appointed to the 20-member board of commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for a three-year term.

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Díos Tiene Sus Caminos

Por el Rev. ANTONIO NAVARRETE

Navidad! . . . ¿Qué tiene esta palabra que de tal manera conmueve al mundo? . . . En estos días las calles se engalanan e iluminan, los escaparates lucen sus mejores galas, los hogares parecen iluminados con sonrisas nuevas, en los aires cruzan en un continuo ir y venir las ondas que llevan prendidas música y apalabras de Cielo . . . ¿Qué significa todo esto? . . .

Un día Dios se hizo hombre y en la historia humana se abrió una página trascendental, porque el hombre protagonista de esa historia, adquirió el poder de llegar a ser hijo de Dios. A los que le recibieron, a aquellos que creen en su nombre, les dio poder de llegar a ser hijos de Dios — dice San Juan en su Evangelio. Jesucristo hijo de Dios por naturaleza; el hombre hijo de Dios por la gracia. Esta es la gran nueva, que el Angel anunciara a los pastores y esta buena nueva del Angel, nos la comunicamos los hombres mutuamente a través de los siglos y estas dos palabras Felices Pascuas, vienen a decir: "Te recuerdo amigo, que ha nacido el Salvador, el Ungido y deseo para ti sus bienes de Salvación. . .

Cuando la noche envolvía con sus sombras la tierra, al filo de la media noche el Hijo de Dios vino a la tierra. . . Sombras cubrían la tierra . . . sombras aun mas densas cubrían y atenzaban las almas de los hombres. Cuantas culpas y maldiciones y lágrimas amargas se habían quedado adheridas a la tierra . . . ¿Quien

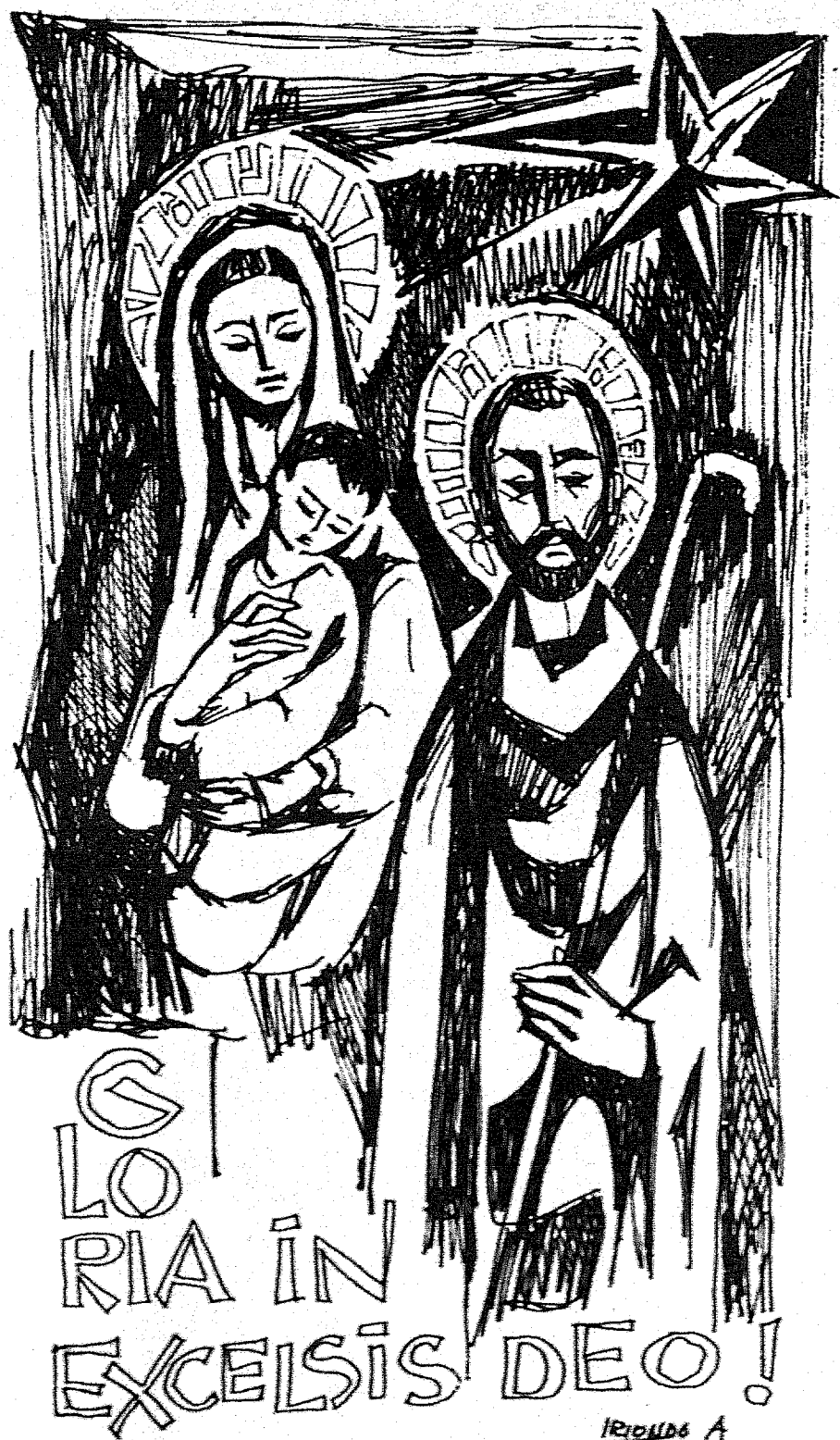
podría lavar esas manchas? . . . Dios baja a la tierra y esta siente su pisada . . . respira con alivio la creación y una suave brisa pasa por los bosques, por los campos, por las conciencias de los hombres de buena voluntad, por toda la tierra, como si un suspiro profundo se desprendiese del corazón de toda naturaleza. . .

¿Por qué no vino con pompa y majestad? — nos preguntamos los hombres. ¿Y por que había de venir con pompa? La pompa es algo exterior, pasajero . . . El vino con el Cielo que llevaba en su alma. ¿Dónde hay más luz y brillo que en el alma radiante del niño-Dios? . . . Luz y brillo que la noche más negra, no puede velar.

Si tu alma tiembla ante la majestad omnipotente de un Dios justiciero, el niño Dios disipará tus temores. El niño no espanta. El niño es amable, encantador; su mirada es luz y serenidad que hacen olvidar las preocupaciones y temores.

Cuando en estos días te acerques a la gruta del niño Dios, no te acerques con las manos vacías. A Dios no le interesan los dones materiales; dale algo de ti mismo.

Dale tus pecados para que él los perdone, dale tu corazón para que él lo llene de su paz, dale tu voluntad para que él la llene de su fuerza, dale tu inteligencia, para que él la ilumine, dale tus preocupaciones, tus deseos, tus temores, tus penas. . . .



Reflexiones de Navidad

Que la imagen de Jesús, envuelto en pobres pañales y descansando sobre un pesebre, nos mueva a verlo nacer en todos los pobres, los desamparados, los desesperados, los faltos de fe, los enfermos, los solitarios. . . .

Nos preparamos a celebrar la Navidad con la mente puesta en los regalos y las luces brillantes. . . . No olvidemos que Dios Padre nos dio a Cristo como su regalo para ser nuestra luz. Ofrezcamos para que todos los hombres reciban su amor y su paz, especialmente aquellos que no tienen regalos, que no tienen luces, que no tienen alegría.

Son muy lindas las figurillas de porcelana que adornan nuestro nacimiento hogareño. Pero recordemos que el verdadero Niño Jesús está naciendo todos los días en los niños que tienen hambre y que tienen frío, en los niños que no tienen un hogar donde poner lindas figurillas de porcelana. . . .

Que nuestros hijos no se eduquen, no crezcan, creyendo que el Niño Jesús es una linda figurita de porcelana colocada bajo un brillante árbol de navidad, porque podríamos estar conduciéndolos a una vacía idolatría. Las figurillas de porcelana se caen y se desbaratan con facilidad. Enseñémosle mejor a ver al Niño Dios en todos los hombres, los buenos y los malos, los amigos y los enemigos, los ricos y los pobres, los negros y los blancos. . . .

Porque para todos los hombres nació Cristo, no en un pedazo de porcelana, sino del vientre de una mujer, en una cueva de ganado, sobre un pesebre. . . .

En esta Navidad, construyamos el Nacimiento del amor humano en nuestro ambiente. El amor entre los hombres es el símbolo de la presencia de Dios en el mundo.

Que nuestros hijos tengan un hogar donde se sienta el calor de la navidad. Y los regalos, y la alegría, y la familia reunida en torno a una buena mesa. Y que todos juntos construyamos el nacimiento, grande o pequeño, para adornar nuestro hogar. Pero que a todos esos preparativos antepongamos nuestra preparación espiritual para la navidad. . . .

¿Pero estaremos poniendo mas tiempo y mas amor en construir el nacimiento de porcelana que en atender a los nacimientos vivientes que nos rodean? ¿Poniendo más amor en la contemplación de una figurilla que en los hombres de carne y hueso que están sedientos de amor, de pan, de justicia, o de compañía. . . ?

Y ese, que se siente solitario, o que clama por justicia o que espera amor, o que ha perdido la fe y necesita de nuestra solidaridad y nuestra compañía y nuestro amor y nuestra justicia, puede estar en Cuba o en Bolivia, en Ecuador o Harlem, o Coral Gables, puede ser pobre o rico, culto o analfabeto, puede estar en una cárcel, en un bar, en un cabaret o en un hospital. Puede estar, también, en nuestro propio hogar, a nuestro lado. . . .

Busquémosle y llevémosle el amor de Cristo, para que la verdadera luz ilumine nuestros corazones en esta Navidad. . . .

Dios nació sobre un establo, para que ninguna madre del mundo sintiera pena por la cuna pobre o modesta que recibía a su hijo.

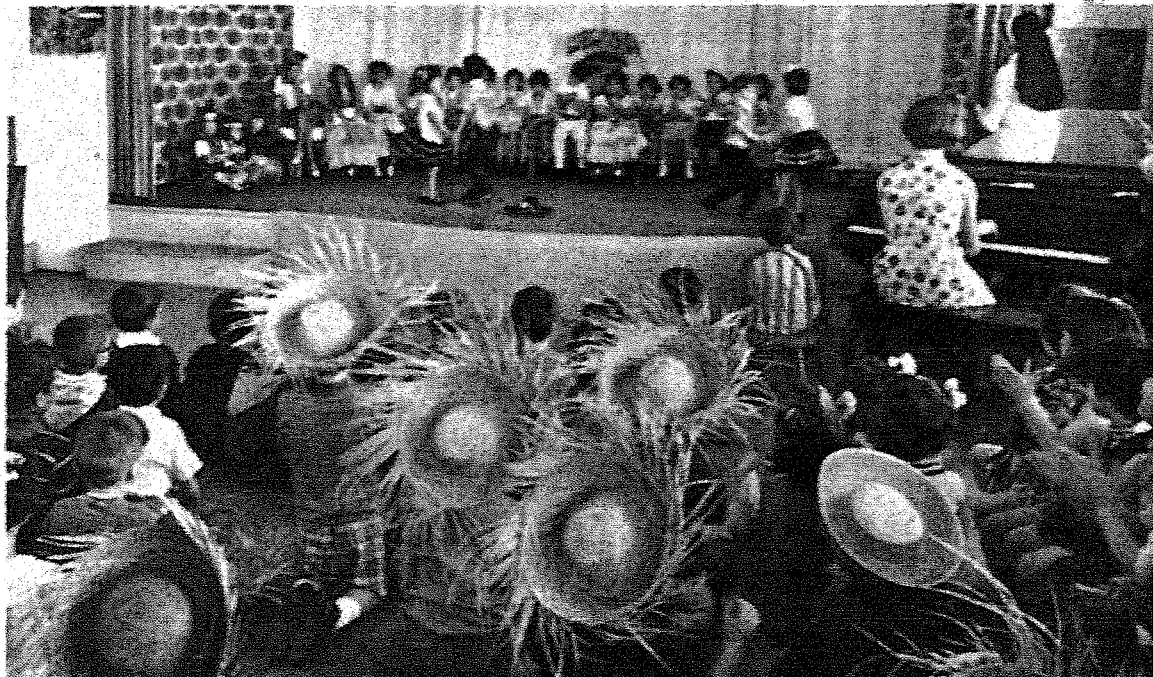


"La Sagrada Familia," de El Greco.
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Fiesta de Piñatas

La Semana de Cooperación Interamericana fue observada por los niños del Centro Hispano Católico con una fiesta de piñatas en la que los niños, siguiendo la típica costumbre latinoamericana recibieron sobre ellos una lluvia de golosinas al halar de las cintas que cuelgan de la piñata. Después participaron en una serie de representaciones artísticas sobre costumbres y bailes de los distintos países de Latinoamérica. La composición gráfica deja constancia de este esfuerzo tendiente a mantener viva en la niñez de origen hispano las culturas, las tradiciones y las costumbres de las tierras de sus mayores.



Necesitamos Cambiar Nuestra Actitud Frente al Cine

INFANTILISMO E INCOMPRESION

América Penichet reconoce que, una vez más, la OCIC ha sido "piedra de escándalo," por los premios o recomendaciones otorgados a películas de las llamadas "moralmente discutibles." Nos acordamos de "Un Hombre y una Mujer," del popular director francés Claude Lelouch y de la cinta muy comentada que aún no hemos visto, "Teorema."

Pero América Penichet cree también que el escándalo se debe a la mentalidad subdesarrollada que tenemos frente al cine y a la incompreensión hacia él, la cual no aparece respecto a otras artes. Mucho depende de la postura negativa de tantos católicos. "¡Cuidado con el cine!" "¡Es mejor que no vayan a cine...!" "Si la película es 'fuerte', es mala." Etc.

"Somos bastante infantiles de cara a la pantalla. Quisiéramos que las cintas fueran "para todos," aunque éstas sean de pésima calidad estética y aun inmorales por aspectos que no son precisamente los del sexo." (Solo lo relativo al sexo es inmoral?) "El sexo es en sí inmoral?"

"Ciertas personas (especialmente sacerdotes, anotamos nosotros) pretenden que el cine necesariamente debe ser "moralizador". Cuando no gana "el bueno" o no quedan moralejas, se piensa que la película fue mala.

"La Iglesia debe estar presente, y no ausente, en el mundo de la pantalla, recuerda nuestra interlocutora." "Y hay filmes, que aunque lleven alguna escena no muy de acuerdo con la moral (sería el caso de "Un Hombre y una Mujer), no por eso han de condenarse en absoluto. Por lo demás, pueden poseer excelentes valores." Lo importante es la formación del cineasta, el público al cual se dirige la

película (un filme puede resultar inconveniente para menores, pero perfectamente aceptable para mayores, de criterio).

Lo erótico — pese a que el término suena feo — no tiene por qué ser necesariamente malo. Hay un sano erotismo — señala la entrevistada —. Importa diferenciar, profundizar, no depender solo de una escena o secuencia.

Finalmente, se puede encontrar una explicación a ciertos premios discutidos de la OCIC, en los jurados que los otorgan. Se reúnen y, por mayoría, deciden que cinta debe ser galardonada. (Desde luego, son especialistas en cine, de criterio profundamente católico). "Cada uno piensa diferente." Se hace un escrutinio democrático...

LA CLAVE: EXPLORAR O EXPLOTAR

Actualmente se ha difundido un tanto la tesis de que lo "estético es moral." Unos la aceptan tal vez ingenuamente. Otros se rasgan las vestiduras.

América Penichet piensa que dicha tesis no se puede aplicar siempre, aunque tiene mucho de válido. Lo interesante es que la película — el director — sea seria y no una manera de explotar los instintos y bajas pasiones de la gente. Aquí parece radicar la clave: Cuando un filme explora ciertos aspectos del ser o acontecer, aunque estos resulten "duros" o "malos," no tiene por qué ser precisamente inmoral (el caso de "Bella de Día," de Luis Buñuel). Si explota algunas realidades (sexo y violencia, por ejemplo), entonces si será inmoral.

La Directora del Secretariado de la OCIC se queja de la incompreensión que tenemos frente al cine. Si es una obra literaria 'fuerte' pero de gran calidad estética, la perdonamos. Si se trata

América Penichet es un nombre conocido para los cubanos ligados al apostolado seglar antes del advenimiento del castrismo. Ella fue presidenta de la Junta Nacional de Acción Católica Cubana y después de consagrarse al estudio del cine, la jerarquía eclesial cubana la designó directora del Centro Católico de Orientación Cinematográfica de Cuba. Desde esa posición, América fue designada directora del Secretariado de la Oficina Católica Internacional del Cine para Latinoamérica.

Actualmente radicada en Lima, Perú, donde funcionan las oficinas de la OCIC, América Penichet está considerada como una de las más altas autoridades en materia cinematográfica en los círculos católicos. Ella lleva 20 años dedicada al estudio del cine y se ha especializado en la educación filmica y el mundo de la pantalla como fenómeno social.

A continuación ofrecemos una entrevista con América Penichet realizada en Colombia por el periodista Eugenio Gómez M. y aparecida en las páginas del Semanario El Catolicismo de Bogotá.

He aquí las opiniones de América Penichet sobre el cine y la actitud de los católicos de hoy ante ese arte:

de una pintura o escultura representando un desnudo o cualquier otro aspecto "inconveniente," la perdonamos. . . Tratándose del cine, somos implacablemente duros.

FARISEISMO FRENTE A LO SEXUAL

¿Solo lo sexual es inmoral? La pregunta parece de sobra y la gente culta se sentirá molesta con ella. Mas, desgraciadamente, para muchos el sexo es malo en sí y las cintas relativas a él son en consecuencia.

Puede tratarse de una equivocada formación moral o de una deformación... No pocos se escandalizan si en una determinada cinta surge un desnudo o si aparece una escena de alcoba. Pero si asisten a una película materialista, o que fomenta el aburguesamiento (egoísmo y provecho), se dan por satisfechos. Digase lo mismo de algunos filmes de amores color de rosa, donde se desfigura el amor, porque se lo vuelve demasiado fácil o baladí. Muchos padres de familia y educadores incluso recomiendan este último tipo de películas.

¿INFLUYE LA OCIC?

Con un poco de malicia le hemos preguntado a América Penichet si de veras influye la OCIC, es decir, si sus criterios son respetados y escuchados.

Con franqueza nos ha respondido que "no tanto todavía." Todo depende de cada país, de la gente, de los críticos. En un país con escasa o ninguna preparación cinematográfica, la gente no

se dan cuenta de lo que puede apartar la OCIC. Cuando en un país hay buenos críticos, estos preparan a la opinión para que se sienta la necesidad de asesorarse por autoridades como la que nos ocupa.

¿CONVIENE O NO LA CLASIFICACION?

Y ahora, una cuestión que crispas los nervios de algunos. ¿Conviene o no colocar en las críticas periodísticas la clasificación de la película? O mejor aun, una publicación que "quiera orientar moralmente," como dicen ciertas personas, debería anunciar "esta película es para mayores de 21, para todos . . . , etc.?"

Responde América Penichet que, tratando de constituir un público formado y maduro, la OCIC ha recomendado suprimir dichas clasificaciones. Por dos motivos, al menos. Uno, que no se puede encasillar a la gente. Las clasificaciones resultan arbitrarias. Por ejemplo, la capacidad para recibir una cinta no depende tanto de la edad. Hay gente que pasa de los 21 años y, sin embargo, aún no posee criterio para presenciar filmes que llevan esa clasificación.

En segundo lugar, es de esperar que los buenos críticos — estética y moralmente — den a los lectores elementos de juicio para que estos juzguen si es conveniente o no su asistencia, o la de los suyos, a determinada película. Cuestión de formar cristianos adultos y no de gente alienada o presionada que depende de una clasificación arbitraria que posiblemente no comprende.

Modificar Las Mentalidades Para Lograr la Paz'

Ciudad del Vaticano — (NA) — El Papa Paulo VI dijo que para lograr la paz es necesario primero modificar radicalmente la mentalidad y las ideas que gobiernan al mundo.

En un mensaje "Urbi et Orbi" (a la Urbe y al Mundo) donde exhorta a celebrar el primero de enero como Día Universal de la Paz, dijo el Santo Padre:

"Aquellos que estudian el gran ideal de la paz, descubrirán entonces que hoy, ya mismo, se hace necesaria una nueva educación ideológica, una educación para la paz."

Haciendo un urgente llamado a toda la humanidad para que se embarque en un programa de autoeducación para la paz, continuó diciendo el sucesor de San Pedro:

"Tenemos conciencia del aspecto paradójico de este programa. Parecería que encuentra su afirmación fuera de toda realidad, fuera de toda realidad instintiva, filosófica, sociológica o histórica".

Acoto luego el romano Pontífice que "decimos que es hora ya de que la civilización se inspire en otro concepto que no sea el de

la lucha, la violencia, la guerra, la opresión, de que embarque al mundo en la senda de la justicia verdadera para todos."

Paulo VI elogio los esfuerzos que cumple el hombre moderno por convertir a la paz en una institución internacional mediante la negociación y la autodisciplina en las disputas territoriales y sociales.

"Ya esta en plena discusión problemas de importancia para el triunfo de la paz," señaló el Vicario de Cristo.

Sacó a colación las conversaciones sobre la limitación del armamento nuclear, la coexistencia pacífica en una diversidad de ideologías y formas de gobierno.

El Papa dijo que confía en que una buena proporción de los gastos militares se dedicaran en el futuro a ayudar a los pueblos en proceso de desarrollo.

Paulo VI concluyó señalando que "la paz es la idea que dirige el progreso del mundo, es la concepción verdadera y fecunda de donde procede la mejor vida y la historia lógica de nosotros los hombres."

Sera en Australia Congreso Eucarístico Internacional

Ciudad del Vaticano (NA) — El Papa Paulo VI ha designado a la ciudad de Melbourne, Australia, como sede del 40 Congreso Eucarístico Internacional que se llevará a cabo en 1973, según un vocero de la Santa Sede.

Expertos del Vaticano señalan que es muy probable que el Sumo Pontífice se tras-

lade a Melbourne cuando tenga lugar el Congreso.

Paulo VI, el Papa que más ha viajado por el mundo que cualquiera de sus predecesores, ha estado presente en los dos últimos Congresos Eucarísticos realizados en Bombay (India) y en Bogotá (Colombia) en los años de 1964 y 1968 respectivamente.

Forma de Ecumenismo

Joao Pessoa, Brasil — El arzobispo de Paraíba, Estado noroccidental del Brasil, Mons. José Maria Pires sorprendió aquí con la práctica de una nueva forma de ecumenismo, al reunirse en el recinto de la catedral con numerosos sacerdotes de la conocida y poderosa secta local llamada "Macumba" (Vudú).

El sacerdote Macumba

(Babalorixa), Carlos Leal Rodríguez obsequió a Mons. Pires, una imagen de la diosa del mar (Iemanjá), conocida también como Nuestra Señora de la Gloria. El arzobispo al recibir el presente bendijo la imagen y al dador, a lo que este último respondió con elogios diciendo que Mons. Pires es "un verdadero representante del Padre Orixala Keys."

Misa en la Capilla de la Caridad

El Vicario Episcopal para la Comunidad Hispana de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Mons. Bryan O. Walsh, oficiará una misa de gallo la medianoche del miércoles 24 de diciembre para los trabajadores migratorios del Sur de Dade en la Misión de Santa Ana, en el poblado de Naranja, próximo a

Homestead.

El día 25, fiesta de Navidad, Mons. Walsh oficiará una misa de Navidad en la capilla provisional de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, en los terrenos del Mercy Hospital. La misa comenzará a las 4 p.m.

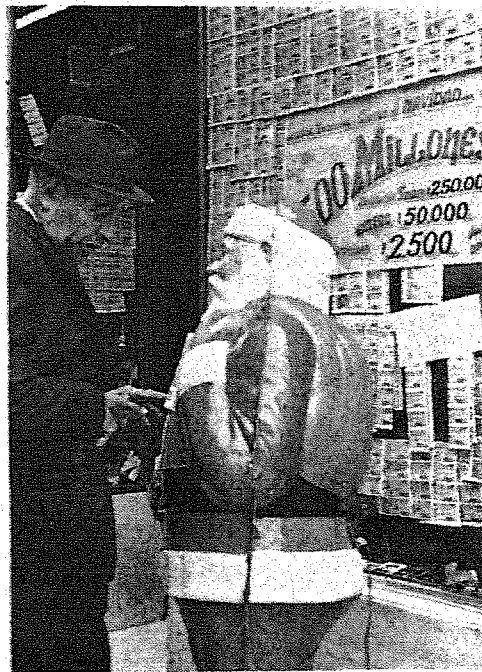
Develarán Monumento - Santuario

La maqueta del proyectado Santuario-Monumento a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre será develada el viernes, día 26 de diciembre, a las 7 p.m. en una sencilla ceremonia en los mismos terrenos donde se levantará el templo y centro cultural que edificarán los cubanos en el exilio.

La maqueta, de 7 pies de diámetro ha sido confeccionada siguiendo las instrucciones del Arquitecto José Pérez Benitoa, que diseñó el proyectado templo. El anuncio fue hecho por el Dr. José Miguel Morales Gómez, que preside el Comité Recaudador para la Construcción del Santuario.



En Japon, Con Candor Infantil



En Argentina, Comprando Biletos de Navidad

Navidad. En todas partes del mundo el pueblo se dispone a celebrar con júbilo y amor el Nacimiento del Redentor.

En esta parte del mundo, solamente un pueblo no podrá expresar su júbilo: En Cuba, el capricho de un hombre ha prohibido la Navidad como temporada festiva, con el afán de borrar las tradiciones cristianas y sustituirlas por la idolatría a su persona. Estas escenas típicas de la Navidad en distintas partes del mundo, no se ven allí. No habrá villancicos, ni regalos, ni juguetes para los niños. Se redoblará el trabajo forzado, porque así lo quiere un hombre que no admite más celebraciones que las que se dirigen a su persona.



En Estados Unidos, Cantando Villancicos

Noche de Navidad

El Instituto de Arte "América", que auspicia el Festival Folklórico "Añorada Cuba", presentará el Sábado 20 de diciembre a las 8 p.m., en el Dade County Auditorium de Miami, Noche de Navidad.

Noche de Navidad — conmemoración de la fiesta cristiana del Nacimiento del Redentor — será una Función de gran colorido artístico con estampas navideñas y el nacimiento en vivo por el elenco de "Añorada Cuba", bajo la Dirección de Raul Ballester, la actuación especial del cantante Pedro Román y la presentación estreno de la obra teatral "Hamburgers y Sirenazos",

escrita por Pedro Román, informó el Padre Chabebe.

"Hamburgers y Sirenazos" será llevada al escenario del Dade County por artistas profesionales, Mary Munné, Jorge Guerrero, Ada Bejar, Griselda Nogueras, Jorge Alejandro, Mario Martín y Miguel Milán. Pedro Román se revela como escritor polifacético en esta obra de gran inspiración y de matices encontrados, que, de seguro, harán sensación en el público de Miami.

La entrada general y donación es de \$1.50. Teléfonos de información: 634-9338; 633-6041; 635-8037; 667-7326; 534-5120; 374-7444.

Navidad en Exilio

Por MANOLO REYES

Dentro de pocos días será Navidad... día en que se celebra un aniversario más del nacimiento del Redentor, del Hijo de Dios, en un humilde pesebre de la ciudad de Belén.

Quisieramos que nuestras palabras fueran diferentes, pero el cúmulo de emociones que se han vivido en esta década en 1960 y que ahora toca a su fin, y que aun estamos viviendo, primando sobre ellas el deber ineludible con Dios, la Patria y el hogar, nos lleva a hacer correr la pluma de esta forma en estas líneas.

El día de Navidad, es un día de recogimiento, de dulce compañía hogareña para celebrar cristianamente el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Todos los hombres libres del continente, hermanados con los cubanos, tienen que experimentar un profundo recogimiento ante el espectáculo sombrío de una nación en el mismo corazón del Hemisferio, cuyo pueblo indomito y cristiano, sufre los rigores más intensos del comunismo.

Hay familias en el exilio que están completas, con todos sus familiares directos viviendo en estas tierras de libertad.

Hay otras que por la gracia de Dios han recibido al ser querido que esperaban después de haber transcurrido años de gestiones infructuosas o años pasados en las terribles cárceles políticas del castro-comunismo.

Pero hay también miles y miles de familias cubanas para los que el día de Navidad, día de recordación y recogimiento familiar, será un día muy amargo porque sus seres queridos fueron ejecutados en el ignominioso paredón, guardan prisión política o no han podido salir de la isla cautiva.

La Navidad es un día de amor y de oración. Dios en su infinita bondad envió a la tierra a su Divino Hijo convertido en hombre para vivir, sufrir y redimir a costa de su preciosa vida a todos sus hermanos del género humano.

Que haya amor en los corazones de todos. Amor hacia el que ya se fue emprendiendo el viaje eterno. Amor para el que sufre en las tenebrosas cárceles políticas de Cuba. Amor por nuestros hermanos que afrontan el terrible terror desatado en Cuba por los hijos del mal.

Y que haya también unas oraciones... muchas oraciones... miles de oraciones, que la oración es una línea directa con Dios y jamás está ocupada.

Si se anquilosa es porque nosotros no la usamos. Que nuestra oración navideña, saturada de amor y comprensión, se eleve hacia Dios rogándole que amigne el sufrimiento de los que padecen... que la libertad reine allí donde haya sido conculcada... y para que al fin se haga realidad a partir de esta Navidad, la sentencia eterna: "Gloria a Dios en las Alturas y Paz en la Tierra a los Hombres de Buena Voluntad."

Oración de los Fieles

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

21 de Diciembre

CELEBRANTE: El Señor sea con vosotros.

PUEBLO: Y con tu espíritu.

CELEBRANTE: Oremos. El Señor vendrá a traer su luz a lo que está oculto en las tinieblas. Busquemos conocernos a nosotros mismos, ayúdenos a buscar su luz para nosotros mismos, así como para todos los hombres.

LECTOR: La respuesta a las oraciones de hoy será "Ven, Señor, Jesús."

1. Que todos los cristianos preparemos el camino del Señor a través de la oración, la penitencia y el servicio. Te lo pedimos, Señor.
2. Que los gobiernos del mundo obtengan éxito en sus empeños de alcanzar la paz y aliviar los sufrimientos. Te lo pedimos, Señor.
3. Que las voces proféticas de la Iglesia nos muevan a fijar nuestra atención en los sufrimientos de Cristo en su pueblo. Te lo pedimos, Señor.
4. Que las injusticias y las tragedias no hagan perder a los pueblos la esperanza de algo mejor. Te lo pedimos, Señor.
5. Por todos los que están solos en este tiempo de júbilo. Por los presos, por los que están enfermos en los hospitales. Te pedimos Señor.
6. Por todos los que están viajando durante esta temporada festiva, para que lleguen seguros a sus destinos. Te pedimos, Señor.
7. Que todos los que han fallecido, especialmente nuestros familiares y amigos, y nuestros feligreses experimenten por toda la eternidad la dicha y la felicidad del cielo. Te pedimos, Señor.
8. Que antepongamos nuestra preparación espiritual para la Navidad a toda otra preparación para las fiestas. Te pedimos, Señor.

CELEBRANTE: Oh, Padre. Tu nos has amado desde el principio del mundo y nos has dado una historia que ha conducido a nuestro pueblo hacia Tu Hijo, nuestro Salvador y pacificador. Escucha nuestras humildes oraciones y contempla nuestra gozosa esperanza en la venida de Tu Hijo. Te lo pedimos por el mismo Cristo, nuestro Señor.

PUEBLO: Amén.

LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

25 de Diciembre

CELEBRANTE: El Señor sea con vosotros.

PUEBLO: Y con tu espíritu.

LECTOR: La respuesta de hoy será "Señor, es cucha nuestra oración."

CELEBRANTE: Al celebrar la Navidad con la mente puesta en los regalos y las luces brillantes, no olvidemos que Dios Padre nos dió a Cristo como su regalo para ser nuestra luz. Oremos para que todos los hombres reciban su amor y su paz, especialmente aquellos que no tienen regalos, que no tienen luces, que no tienen alegría.

1. Por nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Paulo, para que su Mensaje de Navidad sea escuchado y entendido por todos los hombres, oremos al Señor.
2. Por la unidad de todos los cristianos que celebran este nacimiento del Salvador, oremos al Señor.
3. Que la paz prometida por Cristo reine sobre todas las naciones y pueblos, oremos al Señor.
4. Que la imagen de Jesús envuelto en pobres pañales y descansando sobre un pesebre, nos mueva a verlo nacer en todos los pobres, los desamparados, los faltos de fe, los enfermos, oremos al Señor.
5. Por todos los que están lejos del hogar en estas Navidades, especialmente nuestros hombres en el servicio militar, y los que están recluidos en cárceles y prisiones, así como aquellos que hoy tienen que trabajar, oremos al Señor.
6. Que la salvación que nos trajo nuestro Salvador alcance a todos nuestros seres queridos ya fallecidos, a nuestros amigos y vecinos de parroquia, oremos al Señor.
7. Por todos nosotros aquí reunidos para que esta celebración de la Navidad nos una más perfectamente en el amor de unos a otros y hacia Cristo, oremos al Señor.

CELEBRANTE: Oh, Dios, Padre Nuestro, Tu nos has enviado a Tu Hijo para que sea la luz del mundo. Concede a nosotros, tus siervos, cuanto te hemos implorado, a fin de que nosotros podamos reflejar esa misma luz a todos los hombres, oremos al Señor.

PUEBLO: Amén.

EN MI CASA TOMAN BUSTELO



Guidelines On Liturgy

(Continued from Page 7)

by two individuals. A brief meditation may take place between each psalm; longer Scripture readings can be used and readings from other approved sources, such as Matins, texts of the Mass, and the ferial lectionary, etc., may be employed; the hymn may be replaced by a song or by appropriate music; a Prayer of the Faithful may be added before the collect if such a prayer was not used during the eucharistic liturgy.

IV. Other Sacraments and Sacramentals

A. PENANCE LITURGY

1. Religious should enjoy the same right as lay persons in the choice of a confessor. When canonical confessors are appointed, the assignment, in as far as possible, should be mutually acceptable to the priest and the religious community. Efforts should be made by the Office of the Vicar for Religious to provide an approved list of priests interested and competent in hearing the confessions of religious and giving them spiritual direction. Each religious community should then enjoy the right of requesting a particular confessor from this list.

2. The reception of the Sacrament of Penance is rendered more meaningful by its incorporation within a Penance liturgy similar to a Bible Vigil.

3. On special occasions it is recommended that several small communities come together for this penance liturgy, provided sufficient confessors are available. At all such gatherings sacramental absolution should be bestowed by the confessor only on those whose sacramental confession he has heard.

4. Provisions are to be made for the reception of this sacrament not only according to its traditional mode, but also according to the confession-counseling format for those who should so desire it.

V. Para-Liturgies

Religious are encouraged to celebrate Bible Vigils and days of recollection. "Share-ins" or group encounters on the vigil of a Sunday or feast day to meditate on the liturgical texts of the following day have been successfully tried. Again, these activities can take place within the same community or be conducted by groups of communities.

World Youth Assembly Scheduled For U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — (NC) — The world's youth will have their say about the world's problems in July, 1970, courtesy of the United Nations.

The World Youth Assembly, which according to a recent UN General Assembly resolution is to be part of the year's commemoration of the UN's 25th anniversary, will be held July 9 to 18, at UN headquarters.

The UN anticipates a valuable and constructive conference, a UN spokesman told a press conference. The youth assembly is to be funded by voluntary contributions, both from governments and private sources, and is expected to cost about \$700,000. An attendance of about 600 is being contemplated, with hope that, given the summer vacation period here, "more reasonable" accommodation may be found for the youth delegates on college and university campuses.

"It is clear that youth organizations want to be in the driver's seat," the spokesman said. Accordingly, about 28 established youth organizations are being consulted. They are to form their own planning committee for the assembly and draw up their own agenda.

The major part of the world's population in 1970 will

Front Page Drawing

Special Christmas drawings appearing on the front page and the centerspread of this issue of *The Voice* were prepared especially by Father Jose Luis Iriondo, OFM, of San Sebastian, Spain.

Father Jose is at the Spanish Franciscan Monastery in Miami, working on a typical basque scene mural for a Spanish restaurant in Miami.

He has painted murals and designed windows and ceramic mosaics for several churches and Catholic schools in many cities of Spain as well as Mexico and Ecuador.

be composed of those born since the UN Charter was signed in San Francisco in 1945. They form the generation which will "take over" the organization's search for "peace, justice and progress" — the basic theme of the UN Charter and designated by this year's General Assembly as the official theme for the anniversary year.



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Praise Jewish-Christian Document

By JOHN MAHER

—WASHINGTON — (NC)— U.S. Jewish leaders praised enthusiastically a document on Jewish-Christian relations made public by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, but the director of the Holy See's Office for Catholic-Jewish Relations deplored its premature publication.

The document, a working paper on how Catholics might improve Catholic-Jewish relations, urged Christians to understand the "religious significance" to Jews of the state of Israel, to exclude all intent of proselytizing and conversion in dialogue with Jews, to avoid reducing the Old Testament to allegorical significance, and to incorporate in Catholic schools' curricula the better understanding of Judaism that has been gained in recent years.

Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin, president of the Synagogue Council of America, called the document "most hopeful in its language and spirit."

The document was hailed as "courageous" in a statement made by Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the governing council of the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, director of the department of intercultural affairs of the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, called it "probably the most important document on Catholic-Jewish relations since the Vatican II statement in 1965."

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said: "I think the statement is a very beautiful reaffirmation of the point of view that has become increasingly evident in the Roman Catholic Church since the time of Pope John."

"The rejection of anti-Semitism and the call for greater knowledge of each other on the part of Catholics and Jews is an immeasurable contribution to reconciliation at a time of fragmentation and polarization here and abroad," said Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the department of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

Praise for the document also came from Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the commission on inter-religious affairs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A note of caution, however, was sounded by Father Cornelis Rijk, director of the Holy See's Office for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

Father Rijk told NC News Service that he is "very unhappy about the publication of this document in the New York Times," which carried a story on the document and excerpts from it. The priest expressed fear that the draft's publication will "create misunderstanding."

Father Rijk was on the commission that prepared the working paper. The commission also included Father Edward Flannery, executive secretary of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, and Abbot Leo Rudioff, O.S.D., of Jerusalem consultants of the Vatican Secretariat for promoting Christian unity.

Father Rijk declined to comment on individual passages of the draft "since this is not a final document."

Sister Donna Purdy of the Sisters of Zion, an assistant to Father Flannery, said that Father Flannery had said the final document will be substantially the same with a few minor changes.

Cardinal Shehan, a

member of the Secretariat for promoting Christian Unity, made the document public at a three day meeting on "The Image of the Jew in Contemporary Culture" at Loyola College in Baltimore.

One of the principal points of the document was a reference to the state of Israel. It said:

"In the wake of long generations of painful exile, all too often aggravated by persecutions and moral pressures, for which Christians ask pardon of their Jewish brothers, Jews have indicated in a thousand ways their attachment to the land promised to their ancestors from the days of Abraham's calling. It could seem that Christians, whatever the difficulties they may experience, must attempt to understand and respect the religious significance of this link between the people and the land. The existence of the state of Israel should not be separated from this perspective, which does not in itself imply any judgment on historical occurrences or on decisions of a purely political order."

This part of the statement was singled out by several of the U.S. Jewish leaders in their comments.

Rabbi Tanenbaum said: "What is unique in this document is a courageous, honest and truthful facing up to the special historic and spiritual significance of the land and state of Israel to Judaism and the Jewish people. While the document eschews taking a position on the political dimensions of the question, it represents a growth in the Church's effort to understand the growing consciousness of the Jewish people in their quest to understand the place of Israel in the life of the Jewish people throughout the

world."

Dr. Finkelstein said: "I think the reference to the state of Israel is indicative of a true understanding of the nature of Judaism in its relation to the Holy Land."

Dr. Lichten said that he was impressed by the statement about the state of Israel. "This is probably the first time," he said, "that an important Vatican document has linked our Jewish feelings to the land of Israel." He said, however, that he does not think the document, being religious and not political, would have any effect on the Mideast situation, although it will probably be hailed by Jewish people all over the world, including those in Israel.

After discussing the Jewish people's understanding of themselves and the necessity for Christians of reflection on the mystery of Israel, the document stated: "The dignity of the human person requires the condemnation of all forms of anti-Semitism, which, it said, 'is essentially opposed to the spirit of Christianity.'"

The document then went on to propose suggestions "that will apply to the principal areas of the life of the Church as well as to relations with Jews."

"Relations between Christians and Jews have for the most part been no more than a monologue," the document said. "A true dialogue must now be established."

"The condition of dialogue," it went on, "is respect for the other as he is, for his faith and religious convictions. All intent of proselytizing and conversion is excluded."

The document recommended meeting before God in prayer and silent meditation whenever possible and



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS — Cindy Wozneski wears a crown of greenery and candles, part of a holiday program conducted by Senior Scout Troop 78 of Miami. As part of the St. Lucia Festival, the oldest daughter wears the crown while serving traditional "St. Lucia" buns to the family. The custom is popular in European countries.

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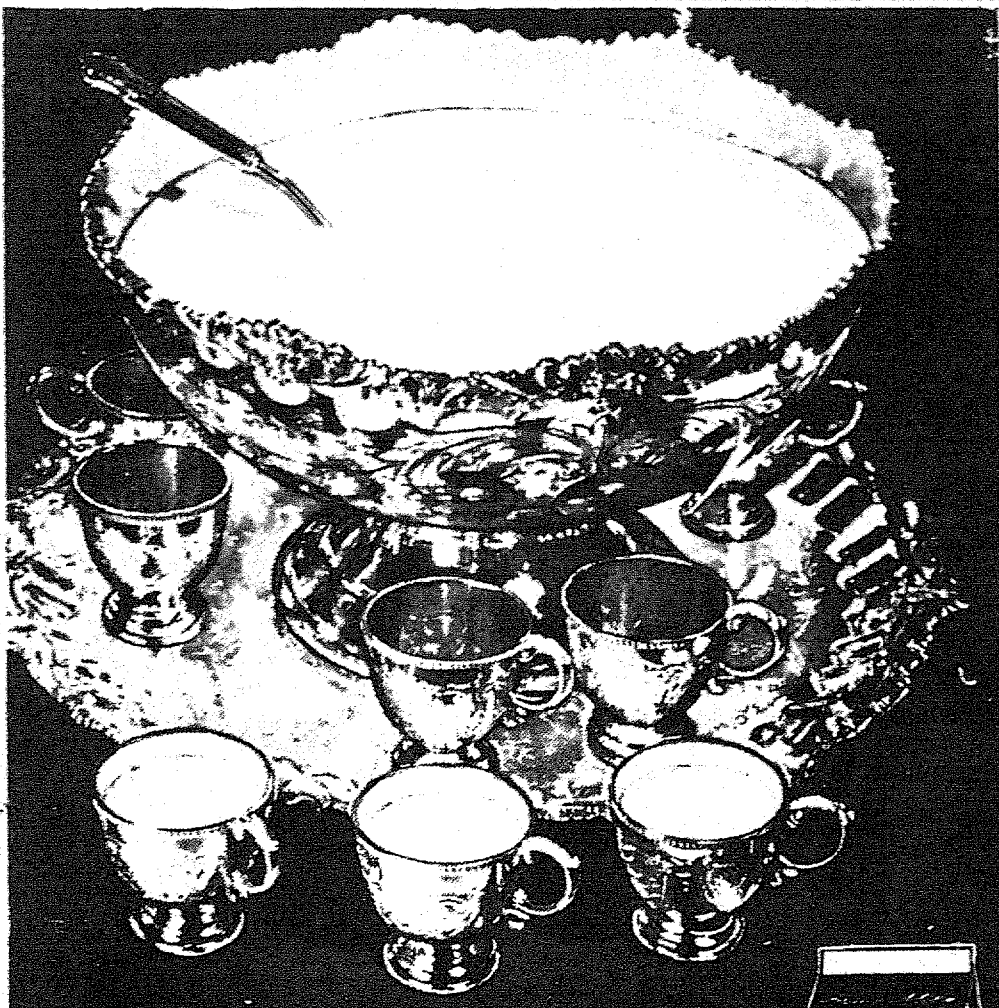
With regard to the liturgy, the document said:

"An effort must be made to understand better that the Old Testament retains its proper validity. This should not be denied by reason of the subsequent interpretation of the New Testament. The Old Testament should not be understood exclusively in reference to the New, nor reduced to an allegorical significance, as is so often done in the Christian liturgy."

The document warned against interpreting Biblical

texts in such a way as to put the Jewish people in an unfavorable light.

Several recommendations were made in the document with regard to teaching on Judaism in Catholic schools. "The Old Testament," it said, "should not be opposed to the New Testament in such a way as to make it appear as a religion of justice alone, a religion of fear and legalism, implying that only Christianity possesses the law of love and freedom."



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