



## Christmas, day of faith, hope

Dearly beloved in Christ:

The contrasts which thread our lives the year round never seem more painfully present in our thinking than at Christmas. While many are making greater efforts in this Season to spread the spirit of love in forgiveness and tolerance, we seem to be more aware of the evils of hatred in war and prejudice. Christmas in modern times wears a bold look of affluence, and yet during these days we seem much less capable of hiding poverty. Families now make extraordinary efforts to reunite scattered members if only for a day, but the darkened windows of broken homes seem to be more clearly noticeable. There are more smiles, more apparent gaiety, but also more loneliness and more despair.

Perhaps these heightened contrasts, about which we are more sensitive at Christmas, serve to remind us we are constantly in need of Christ and His saving message. For even while we gape with admiration at the marvels of science and watch its power change the way we live, we realize again and again that the evils around us and the weaknesses within us need a transcendent power. We repeat from deep conviction, "Come, Lord, and save us."

This is why Christmas is always presented to us as a Feast of Faith and Hope. Neither the eyes of the body nor the insights of science can tell us much when we look at the Crib. Faith must be our guide if we are to penetrate to some degree the paradoxes involved. Many centuries ago St. John Chrysostom underscored the role of Faith in Christmas when he wrote: "The Son of God, who is the God of all things, is born a Man in a body. He who holds the Heaven in His hand permits Himself to be placed in a crib. He whom the world cannot contain is confined in a manger. He whose voice in the hour of His passion caused the whole earth to tremble is heard in the voice of a wailing infant. The Magi, beholding a Child, professed that this is the Lord of Glory, the Lord of Majesty, whom Isaias has shown was both Child and God and King eternal, saying, 'for a Child is born to us and a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder'; and His name shall be called wonderful, counselor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace."

Christmas is also the Feast of Hope. All our efforts to recognize each other as brothers will be in vain unless we realize that God became Man, and thus Christ became our Brother. There is no hope that the oppressed and the despised

will be treated with justice and love unless we come to believe that we are truly children of God, members of the Divine Family.

We have reason for Hope only because Christmas began in Heaven and ends there. We have the Supreme Lesson of God's love for us and from this a thousand worlds could draw confidence in its future on earth and in eternity.

Let us make every effort, therefore, as we celebrate the birthday of Our Saviour, to bring His message of Faith and Hope to all whom we meet, especially to the sick and handicapped, to the aged and lonely, to those who may need to be encouraged in the conviction that God loves them more than all the world.

My prayer for each of you is that the Christ Child may deepen your Faith and strengthen your Hope and thus let you taste the genuine joy of this Holy Day.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Miami

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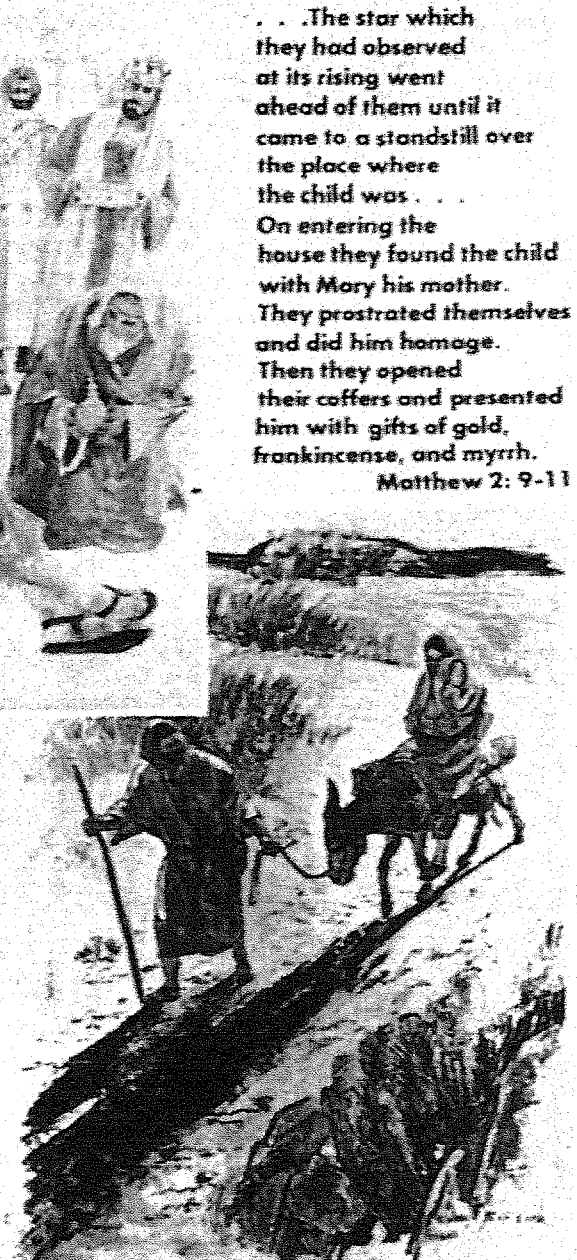




WHEN the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." They went in haste and found the baby lying in a manger; once they saw they understood what had been told them concerning this child. Luke 2: 15-17.

... The angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up and take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy Him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. Matthew 2: 13-14

Artwork by Richard and Frances Hooks from Taylor's "Bible Story Book" published by Tynedale House.



... The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. . . . On entering the house they found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2: 9-11

Cover artwork

The artwork depicting the Nativity which appears on page one of this issue of The Voice was executed by Olivia Robain, noted Cuban-born artist. His work has appeared in magazines and other publications throughout South America. Among the publications which regularly featured his work were "Vandades," "Carteles," and "Romances." In the United States, his work has been on exhibit in a number of galleries. He has won a number of awards from the Palette Club of Greater Miami and a number of other citations.



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# Pope wishes peace, prosperity

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope Paul VI wished the world a happy Christmas — including prosperity, solidarity, and peace and justice — almost a week before the feast.

He had a special thought in his Christmas greeting for Christians not members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Pope's major speech of the Christmas season was to be the one given Dec. 23 — to the traditional audience of cardinals living in Rome and members of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administrative offices. But the Pope stole a jump on his Christmas greetings in his noon talk Dec. 19 to thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope's first greetings in that talk went to the citizens of Rome, of whom he is bishop. To a city that is saddled with a \$2 billion municipal debt, without sufficient schools, and with a large unemployment problem and no mayor, the Pope said:

"WE KNOW that Rome is concerned with many political, social, administrative and cultural problems and we trust in the Lord that you citizens may be able to solve them in a modern spirit, for the good of the entire people of Rome, paying particular attention to the needs of employment, homes, schools and domestic well-being of various categories

of your fellow citizens."

Then he extended his Christmas greetings to the entire Church and to the entire world "to which we wish prosperity, solidarity, and peace and justice."

He added that "a special thought goes to the brother Christians who also celebrate the Christmas of Christ the Savior but who are unfortunately still not in perfect communion with our one and Catholic Church. We greet them with reverence and love and rejoice in knowing that we are together round the Crib of Christ who came into the world for our common salvation."

## Archbishop to celebrate midnight Mass



Archdiocese Students Sang Carols

## They sing it up in Orange Bowl

Some 1,500 children from Archdiocese of Miami schools

Orange Bowl and also for national television audiences sang the praises of the Lord before a record crowd in the last Sunday during the half-time show at the Dolphin-

Green Bay Packer game.

Led by Sister Joyce LaVoy, O.P., supervisor of music for the Archdiocesan

Department of Schools, boys and girls from fourth through seventh grades sang traditional Christmas Carols and then led the cheering for the game-winning Dolphins with an accolade chanted to the rhythm to the theme from "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"THEY were beautiful," Sister Joyce said of the youngsters who had been preparing for their 12-minute program for three months. "I told them not to do any cheering during the first half so as to conserve their voices for the half-time performance. All you could see from our east end zone section was the wild waving of gown sleeves by most of the children. Some waved their handkerchiefs and others banners which they had purchased before the game. But they really let loose in the second half," she commented.

Early planning for the event began in September. The following month of October was taken up with preparation of cassette tapes of the band accompaniment so the children could get accustomed to the beat. Then again, a color photo of the gown to be used for the performance had to be sent to all the schools well in advance so they could either be sewn or rented.

"Initial commitments from the parishes invited came so fast and furious," Sister Joyce said. "that we finally had to prune the

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Sister Joyce Led Choir

Christmas Midnight Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll in St. Mary Cathedral, Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

Representatives of various Religious Communities of Priests stationed in South Florida will assist the Archbishop during the Mass, which will highlight the observance of the Feast of the Nativity in the Archdiocese.

A special program of Christmas music will be directed by Robert Fulton, Cathedral organist and choir director, before and during the Mass.

Bishop-elect Rene H. Gracida will celebrate Midnight Mass for prisoners in the Dade County Jail in the jail chapel.

## Midnight Mass music at the Cathedral

Pre-Mass Concert

Cantata No. 142

"To Us a Child Is Born" ..... J.S. Bach

The Mass

Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei ..... J.S. Bach

Gloria ..... R. Proulx

Choral Fanfare —

"Fanfare for Christmas Day" ..... M. Shaw

Processional Hymn:

"O Come All Ye Faithful" ..... Traditional

Offertory:

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... J.S. Bach

Communion:

"Jesu, Thou the Virgin Born" ..... G. Holst

"Ave Verum" ..... W.A. Mozart

Recessional Hymn:

"Joy to the World" ..... Traditional

Organ Postlude:

"Toccata in D Minor" ..... J.S. Bach

St. Mary Cathedral Choir

Organist and Director: Robert Fulton

## Pope schedules 3 Masses Christmas

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI will celebrate three Masses on Christmas, including one in the Sistine Chapel and another at a small parish church on Rome's outskirts.

As he has done in past years, the Pope will begin his Christmas observances by celebrating Mass in the Sistine Chapel at midnight for diplomats accredited to the Vatican and their families.

At 8 o'clock Christmas morning he will drive to the Church of Santa Maria Regina Mundi at Torre Spaccata on the Via Tuscolana for his second Mass. The parish is in a working-class area.

After the Mass, he will return to the Vatican for an 11 o'clock morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the thousands of visitors who flock to Rome at Christmas time. At noon he will appear on the main balcony of St. Peter's overlooking the square to deliver his Christmas message and to impart his blessing "Urbi et Orbi," to the city of Rome and to the world.

The only other event on the Pope's Christmas week schedule will be his traditional audience with the cardinals living in Rome and other members of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administrative offices, on Dec. 23.

Some Vatican observers have suggested that at this audience the Pope might reveal his reform of the norms for the election of a Pope. The document is known to be ready, but its provisions and the time it will be made public are still shrouded in secrecy.

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# Early childhood aid unit formed

An Archdiocesan Commission for Early Childhood Development has been organized with Sister Marie Infanta, an Oblate Sister of Providence, as chairman.

Purpose of the new commission will be to coordinate all the efforts of the Archdiocese in the areas of early childhood development and to address themselves to the needs of South Florida communities.

According to Sister Marie Infanta, the particular interest of the Commission will be the establishment of additional early childhood development centers, including a 100-child center within a year in Miami's central Negro district.

ALSO SERVING on the Commission is Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for the Spanish-Speaking; Father John J. Nevins, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities; Father John McMahon, Archdiocesan Director of the Rural Life Bureau, and Ed Tucker, Archdiocesan Director of Community Services.

The Archdiocese of Miami already conducts three such centers, located in Perrine, Naranja, and Delray Beach.

The first member of a religious order to serve as a director of a federal anti-poverty project in Florida, Sister Marie Infanta formerly was program specialist for Child Development in the Dept. of Program Planning and Evaluation of the Dade County EOPI.

Of Spanish and French descent, Sister was graduated

from Xavier University, New Orleans, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and a minor in education. She earned her master's degree at Catholic University of America and in 1965 organized and directed a model Head Start school in the nation's capital. Since 1970 she has been Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese in the pre-school division.

She is a member of Miami's Interfaith Agency for Social Justice, the Archdiocesan Task Force on Urban Problems, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She is also secretary of the board of Town Park Village Housing Development.

Recently she was one of five South Florida women cited for their "outstanding work" in the community by "The Friends of the Community."



SISTER MARIE INFANTA

## Black priest-composer named to cultural post

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The top official of the National Office of Black Catholics has appointed Father Clarence Joseph Rivers to head the newly-created NOBC department of culture and worship.

Father Rivers, a composer and authority on contemporary Church music, intends to work with blacks of all religious persuasions who are interested in preserving and developing black culture as it pertains to worship, said Marist Brother Joseph M. Davis, NOBC executive director.

Father Rivers, a Cincinnati archdiocesan priest, has unique qualifications for the job, Brother Davis said. "A composer of contemporary Church music, he launched a revolution in American Catholic Church music with the publication of his 'An American Mass Program.'"

AFTER receiving a master's degree in philosophy from the Athenaeum of Ohio, Father Rivers studied at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Yale, the Institute Catholique in Paris and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He is the author of two books, "Celebration" and "Reflections," which collect together much of his thought on the relationships among worship, the arts and social concerns. A third book, called "Soul" will be released next spring.

According to Brother Davis, the establishment of the NOBC department of culture and worship is just

## Two sisters to celebrate anniversaries

SAN ANTONIO — Two Benedictine Sisters who formerly taught at Holy Family School, North Miami, will observe the golden jubilees of their profession and vows during ceremonies on Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the Priory Chapel.

Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin of St. Petersburg will celebrate the Jubilee Mass at 2 p.m. A reception will follow.

Sister Caroline Maertens, who served as prioress at Holy Name Priory from 1945 to 1951; and Sister Mary Grace, who was prioress from 1938 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1957, each served as principal of Holy Family School. Sister Mary Grace was the first principal in 1950 and was succeeded by Sister Caroline.

one of several new programs planned by the organization.

## Slevin rites in Ireland

The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated Wednesday in St. Patrick Cathedral, County Armagh, for Cecil Slevin, whose son is a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Father Patrick Slevin, pastor, St. Lucy Church, Highlands Beach, celebrated the Mass for his father, who died after a long illness at the age of 73.

In addition to his wife, Brigid, Mr. Slevin is also survived by two other children including Desmond, Warren Point, County Down, and Mrs. Erik Hughes, County Armagh.

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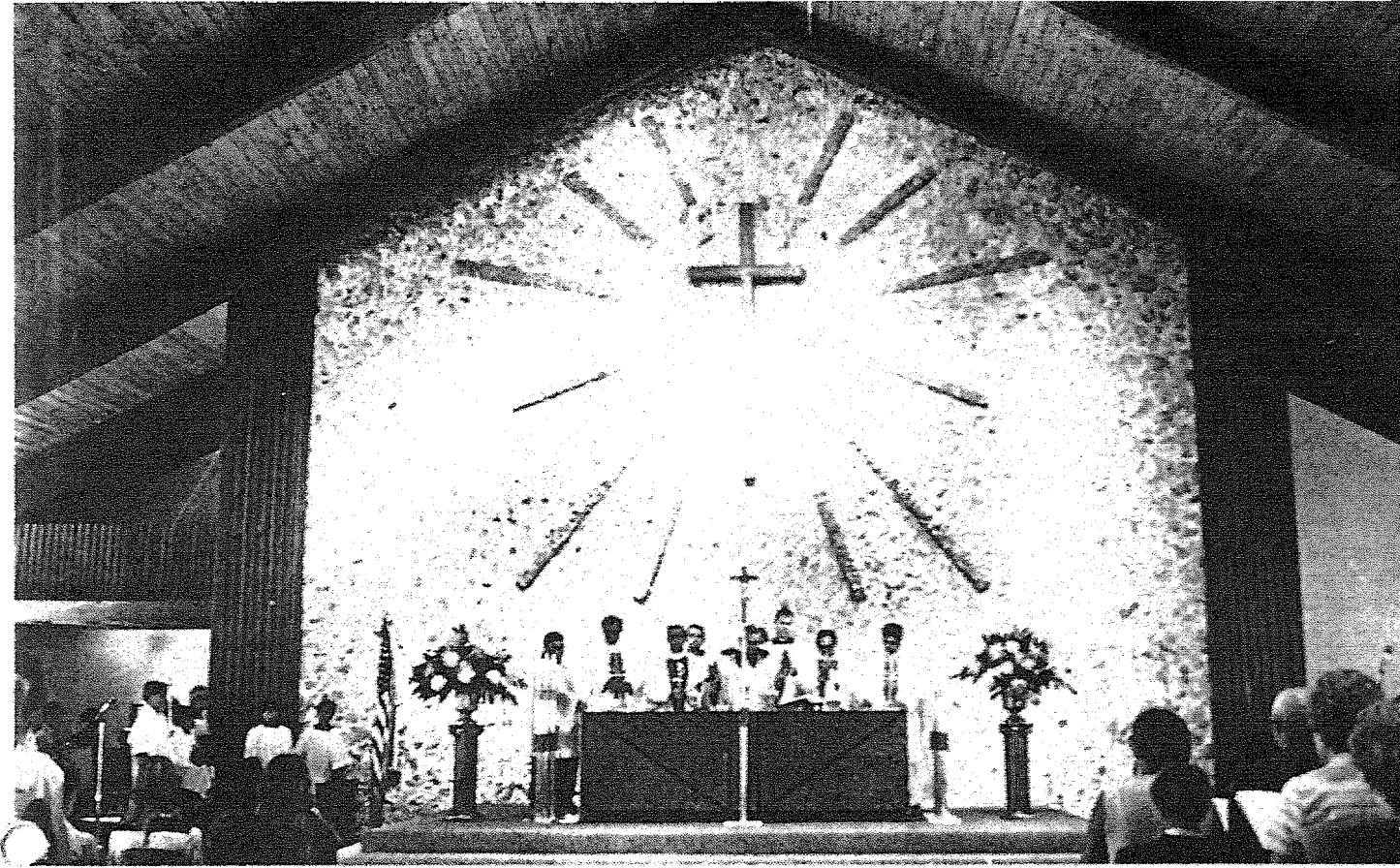
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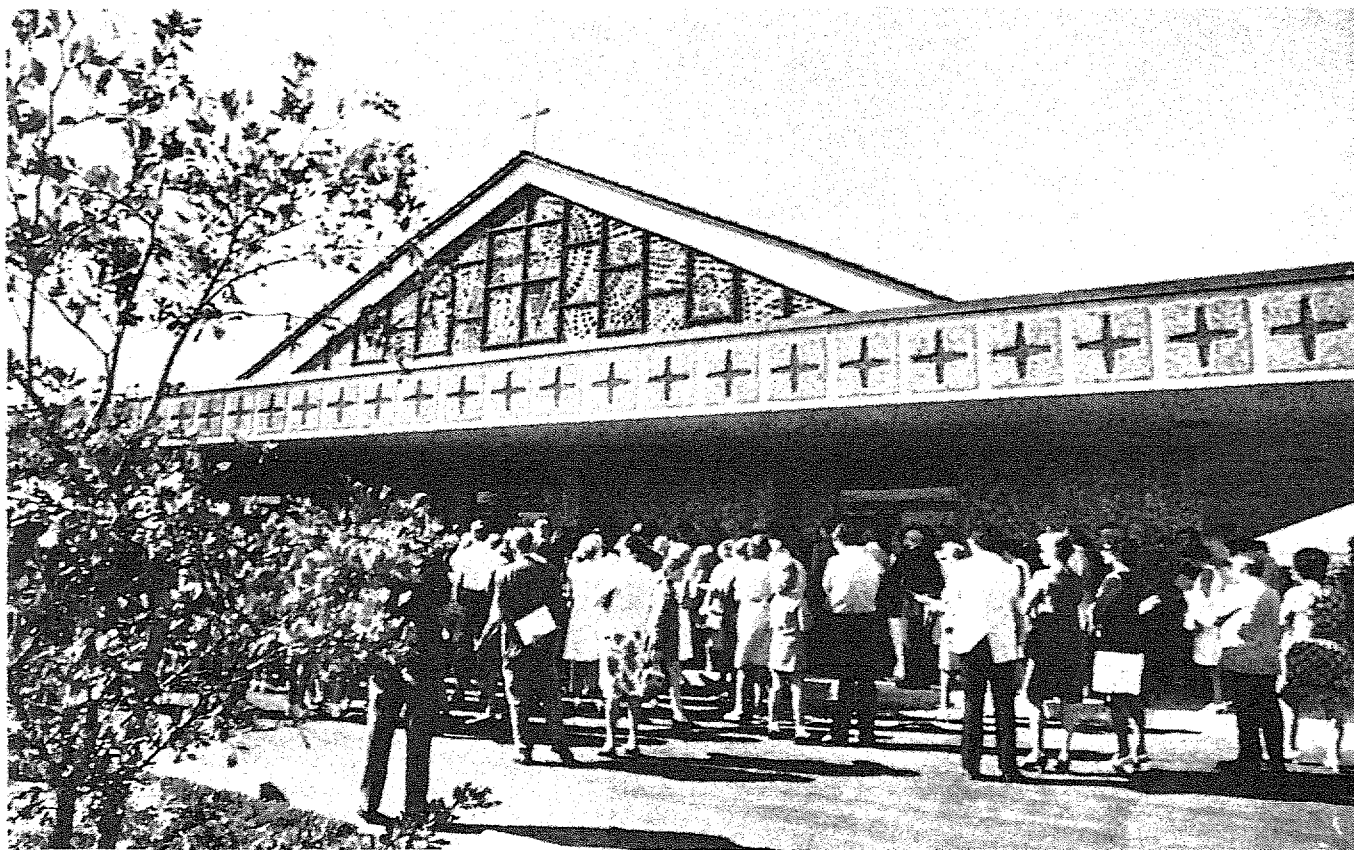
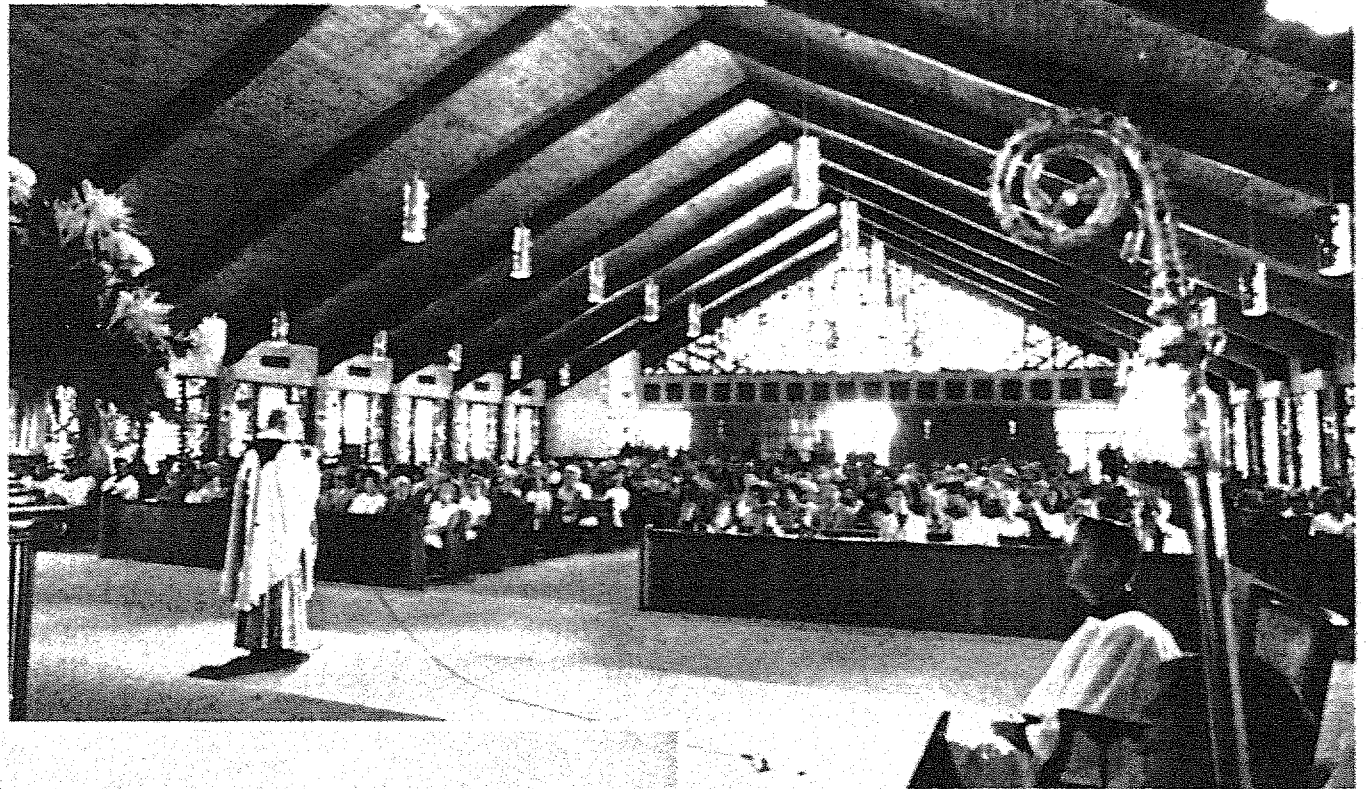


## A new church is dedicated

**DEDICATION** Mass was celebrated Saturday in the new St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll. Concelebrating with the Archbishop were Father James Kirshner, Sch. P.; Father Thomas Dennehy, pastor; Father Roger Holoubek, assistant pastor; and Father Salvatore Profeta.

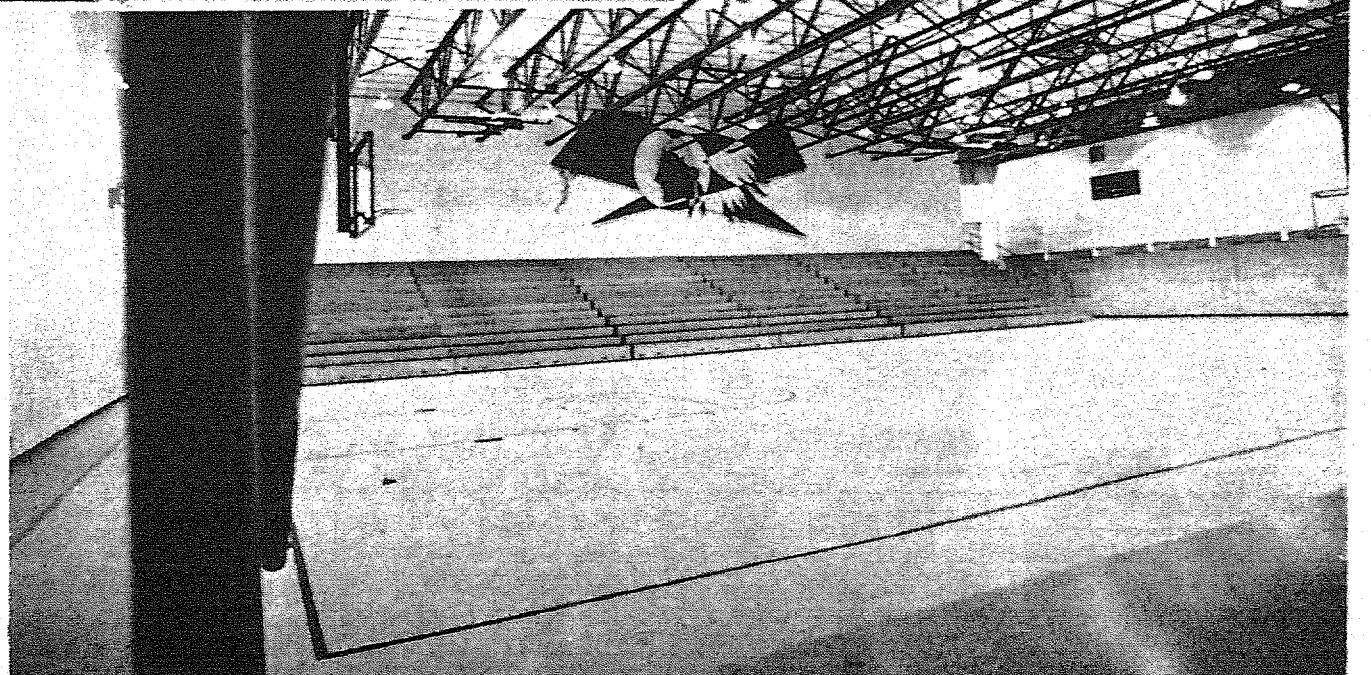


INTERIOR view of Broward County's newest Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist last Saturday as Archbishop Carroll spoke to the congregation assembled for the ceremonies of blessing.



St. John the Baptist baptizing Christ is pictured in the stained glass window in the front gable of the church which accommodates 1,000 persons.

New gymnasium and cafeteria at nearby Cardinal Gibbons High School was also blessed by Archbishop Carroll during rites last Saturday in Fort Lauderdale.





# Editorials

## The real spirit

Ebenezer Scrooge lives! The Dickens' character is hauled out of moth balls once again. But how do we remember old Ebenezer? Is he the self-centered skinflint symbolizing all we find that is mean in our world or is he the man who has undergone a change of heart symbolizing all that we hope the world can be?

Whichever answer we choose probably hits the mark about our own attitude toward things. It might also indicate how seriously we accept the idea of "Emmanuel" — "God is with us."

If, for example, our daily newspapers typify our world, we find that we are served a strange stew indeed. In recent weeks the stew has been thickened with advertising telling us about all the wonders we can buy — and surely should if Christmas is to "mean" anything. It is a stew bitterly seasoned with the news of yet another war and its aftermath of hate, bitterness and reprisals. Is this our world?

IS THIS ALL we can point to for the time and energy we have spent in this world? Is it truly accurate to say that all we can be is a world wearied at war between nations, between races, between members of the

same family? If so then the stew has lost its flavor and is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trodden under foot.

If Christianity is to have a place in the lives of men, if Christmas is truly worth celebrating, then it must be because we are moved to mark the memory of God looking upon us and loving us still. Loving us with the same love He has always shown. Loving us with the sign of His presence that is His Son. That loving presence is the gift we promise to give each other when we accepted membership in the mission of the Church. That loving presence is the promise of God to men that things can change. That loving presence forces us to cease saying "this must be changed" and urges us to say instead "I must change this."

With Scrooge we find that we have vision in the coming of Christ, and the stew which we might have thrown out becomes a holiday meal generously laced with signs of hope. That is Christmas. As we wish one another "Merry Christmas" let it be with the hope and happiness that God is with us, and let it be with the renewed promise that we shall bring Him to each other. If that be the case, then we wish you the Merriest Christmas possible.

## Ethnic racist image is found 'inaccurate'

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Peoples' image of the hard hat as an ethnic racist is not accurate, according to a survey by Father Andre M. Greeley and Paul B. Sheatsley.

"There seems to be no evidence of racism among white ethnics except in the Slavic Catholic group," they reported recently in Scientific American.

"To the extent that a backlash exists even in that group, it seems to be concentrated among the less educated people. The other three Catholic ethnic groups (Irish, German and South European) are, if anything even more integrationist than the typical Northern Protestant White — although less so than the typical Northern Jew."

THE FINDINGS were based on the fourth survey of racial attitudes taken in the last 29 years by the Chicago-based National Opinion Research Center where Father Greeley and Sheatsley work.

The survey disclosed that despite the last decade of racial strife, Americans support integration more now than they did in 1963, when the center's previous poll on race was taken.

Father Greeley reported that among the 1,500 persons surveyed, Jews were found to have by far the most liberal

racial attitudes. Next came Irish Catholics, followed by German Catholics, German Protestants, Scandinavian Protestants, Italian Catholics and Slavic Catholics were virtually tied for fourth.

The most bigoted group of all are white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, commonly referred to as WASPs. That category includes a large percentage of Southerners, but Father Greeley and Sheatsley found that the Southern group has made significant changes in racial attitudes since 1963.

The researchers said that in addition to Southerners, others who have changed the most during the last eight years are also those who gave the most bigoted responses in 1963. They are persons whose education stopped at grammar school, rural residents and unskilled workers.

THEY ARE still not as liberal, however, as college graduates, Northerners, and persons holding professional jobs, "but the difference is narrowing."

The highest pro-integration scores nationally are among people 25 and under, both in 1963 and 1970.

A pattern is emerging, the survey stated, and if it continues, it is expected that a majority of whites in every region will accept integrated

schooling in 1977.

Major integration issues were cited as neighborhood integration or open housing and intermarriage. By the time the next survey is taken, about seven years from now, both will be accepted by 60 percent of American whites, Father Greeley and Sheatsley estimate.

All segments of white society are becoming more sympathetic to integration, they added, with Protestants catching up with Jews, rural dwellers catching up with city residents and blue collar workers catching up with professionals.

Father Greeley and Sheatsley found some correlation between anti-integration answers and proximity of black neighborhoods, Italians, Slavs, Scandinavians, German Protestants and Anglo-Saxons who lived close to blacks were less likely to favor integration than the same groups who lived far from black neighborhoods.

WITH Jews, and Irish and German Catholics, the responses were more liberal when blacks were living close — the reverse of some other ethnic groups.

Whatever ethnic backlash there might be to integration, the poll found, "seems to be limited to people who have not finished high school."

## The Nativity



## Christmas a mystery, a glorious mystery

By MSGR. JAMES WALSH

However one may feel about Christmas, he recognizes it as a mystery. The believer glories in this, and accepts it as a challenge to probe more deeply into it. The non-believer, who cannot accept the doctrine, is forever puzzled by its permanence. This is the irritating mystery. Christmas should have died long ago. Fables fade. Folklore does not spread from nation to nation, from generation to generation and grow in intensity as education becomes more widespread. Myths do not cause bloody wars for centuries or turn brother against brother or make kings persecute citizens for treason.

What mystery have we here? How is it



MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

what Christ on earth was like. It is not through our idea of God, our pre-conceived notions of God, that we can know and judge the authenticity of Christ. It is rather through Christ, the words and actions of His brief life, that we can come to know God. Christ is the "The only true view of God's revelation."

No man in ancient history, however gifted in intelligence, had even begun to understand the person of God or His love and wisdom and power. Neither a Plato or

### The Truth of the Matter



ADORATION OF THE MAGI  
By the 16th century German woodcarver, Veit Stoss.

that Christmas will be furtively celebrated in 1971 in some small Chinese villages where the names and faces of missionaries are not yet forgotten? And in many places in Russia where the machines so carefully designed to pulverize such a myth cannot contain it in its maw?

How can it be that an enlightened world which was thrilled to see science teach men how to walk on the moon and to launch an incredibly long voyage to Mars and to wire the Heavens for sight and sound can still by the ancient, childish of God coming down to earth in the form of a baby?

PLENTY OF MYSTERY here. But it is one of those mysteries which send off shafts of light into dark corners of human thought. Men have had now two thousand years to think about it. The best minds have tackled the mystery, most to marvel in gratitude and adoration, other to lament man's gullibility and immaturity.

Christmas has endured because men of all races and varying degrees of talent came to believe that God did become Man, that the Creator appeared as one of His creatures, that he hid His majesty and power and wisdom in the disarming innocent appearance of a child.

If mankind has clung stubbornly to this belief, it is because they find in it a key to the very mystery of God Himself. Man has learned much of what God is like by seeing Socrates or a Homer or Virgil come close to conceiving how much God loved the

creatures He created. It took a cross, a plotted death, an apparently disgraceful end to a brief career of teaching, to remove some of the mystery of Divine love for men, for even the least of men. So many centuries after Christ made God known to us, we are still awkwardly fumbling with this massive truth, consoled and inspired by it, closer by far to God for it, but overwhelmed by its reality.

ANOTHER SHAFT OF LIGHT emanates from the mystery of Christmas. It reveals that a new set of values came into the world with the Christchild. In Christ, the Child and the Man, we find meaning in other mysteries — the mysteries of life and death, poverty and riches, love and hatred. In the new standards of Jesus, we learn what is important in God's view. He chose as His own the very things we shy away from — poverty, obscurity, pain, humility. He showed how all these can have value and be a source of peace and growth, whereas, for many, riches, comfort, fame and pride become enemies of happiness and render one's life sterile.

Men cannot let Christmas disappear. They cannot discard for long what Christ tells them of God, for then they plunge into the darkness of ignorance which plagued the world before Bethlehem. They cannot ignore his standard of values either, because they keep learning the hard way there is no hope of peace, and in this nuclear age, no hope of survival, unless they can learn and follow the values given us by Christ.

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# Christmas in the Holy Land

By MSGR. JOHN C. NOLAN

Christmas 1971 approaches, and once again Christians the world over think of the land where Jesus was born almost two thousand years ago — the Holy Land. In the City of David, Bethlehem of Judah, our Savior was born. What is that land like today? First of all, peace has not yet come to the birthplace of the Prince of Peace. Palestine remains today an area of bitterness and hate.

As we look at the simple people of the Holy Land, we see that they are almost the same as they were in the days when Jesus walked these hills and valleys. The carpenters of Galilee's villages still begin to teach their sons at a young age. Bethlehem's shepherds still tend their flocks in the same fields where one night long ago darkness was turned to light by the angelic "Glory to God in the highest!" But the land is not at peace!

If peace is to come to this land, it will only be as a result of understanding and justice — understanding one's fellow man arriving at just solutions to mutual problems. While politicians continue to argue and while soldiers keep guns trained on one another across the Jordan River and the Suez Canal, there are priests, sisters, and laymen dedicating their lives to bringing understanding and peace to the hearts and minds of the troubled peoples of Jesus' homeland. There is an untold story of the message of the Prince of Peace at work in the Holy Land. This Christmas my own thoughts are with these men and women and with the people among whom they work.

These modern-day peacemakers bring

the love of God to people who have had to flee from their homes — sometimes several times — because of the warfare which has plagued their land. As of June 1971, there were 1,468,000 refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). These simple Palestinians, Christian and Muslim, are ordinary men and women, but they are more like Jesus' own family and relatives, for their everyday life has changed little since the days of our Lord's life on earth. There are boys named Issa (Jesus, in Arabic) and girls named Maryam (Mary).

Today's peacemakers come from many lands. Sister Damien from India, one of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, visits an elderly Muslim lady dying of cancer in the heat of the Jordan River valley. The old lady asks Sister questions of this Jesus who was born so long ago just an hour's drive away in Bethlehem. Maria Pilar Bermejo, from Spain, and Aurora Manzanal, from the Philippines, help run libraries in Old Jerusalem and Bethlehem, where Christian and Muslim boys and girls gather after school.

Father Patrick, a Franciscan from Baltimore, helps in the delivery of special equipment for a school for blind refugees in the Gaza strip. Helen Breen, from England, organizes a distribution of shoes for children in the camps near Amman.

Mother Patrick, from Ireland, supervises a home for elderly Christians, Jews, and Muslims in Bethany, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Sister Elisabeth Marie, who has worked in Canada and Africa, supervises the Pontifical Mission Orphanage in Bethlehem. She is truly a mother to the Palestinian girls who grow up there. A skinned knee, a broken doll, an argument at school, thoughts and worries — all are brought to her each day.

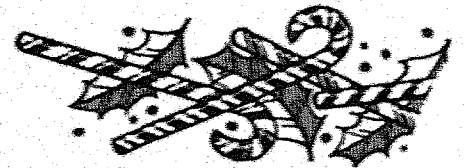
Mother Chiara, from Italy, brings hope to deaf and dumb children at the Ephpheta Institute in Bethlehem, built at the direction of Pope Paul VI after his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Father Giuseppe, a Salesian Father from Italy, teaches young Christians and Muslims the craft of woodworking and carving, and thus gives a new future to boys who have been forgotten.

My thoughts this Christmas also turn to the people 6,000 miles away, in the United States and Canada, who have made sacrifices to enable our modern-day peacemakers to carry on their work in the land of Jesus' birth. Orphans have homes; the blind are educated; seminarians and novices are supported; the sick and elderly are cared for — all through the generosity of men and women who seek to bring peace to this land of the Prince of Peace, even though

they themselves cannot be physically present in the Holy Land. But they are really present in a special way, for they are living out the message of Jesus, the message of love, through their interest and concern. Peace only will come by brother helping brother and by talking and working together.

This Christmas season will be another time of joy, but we should not forget the Holy Land, its people, and its problems. When we look at the representations of the stable and manger where our Lord was born, we must remember today's families of the Holy Land in their distress.

(Ed. Note: Msgr. Nolan is National Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and President of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.)



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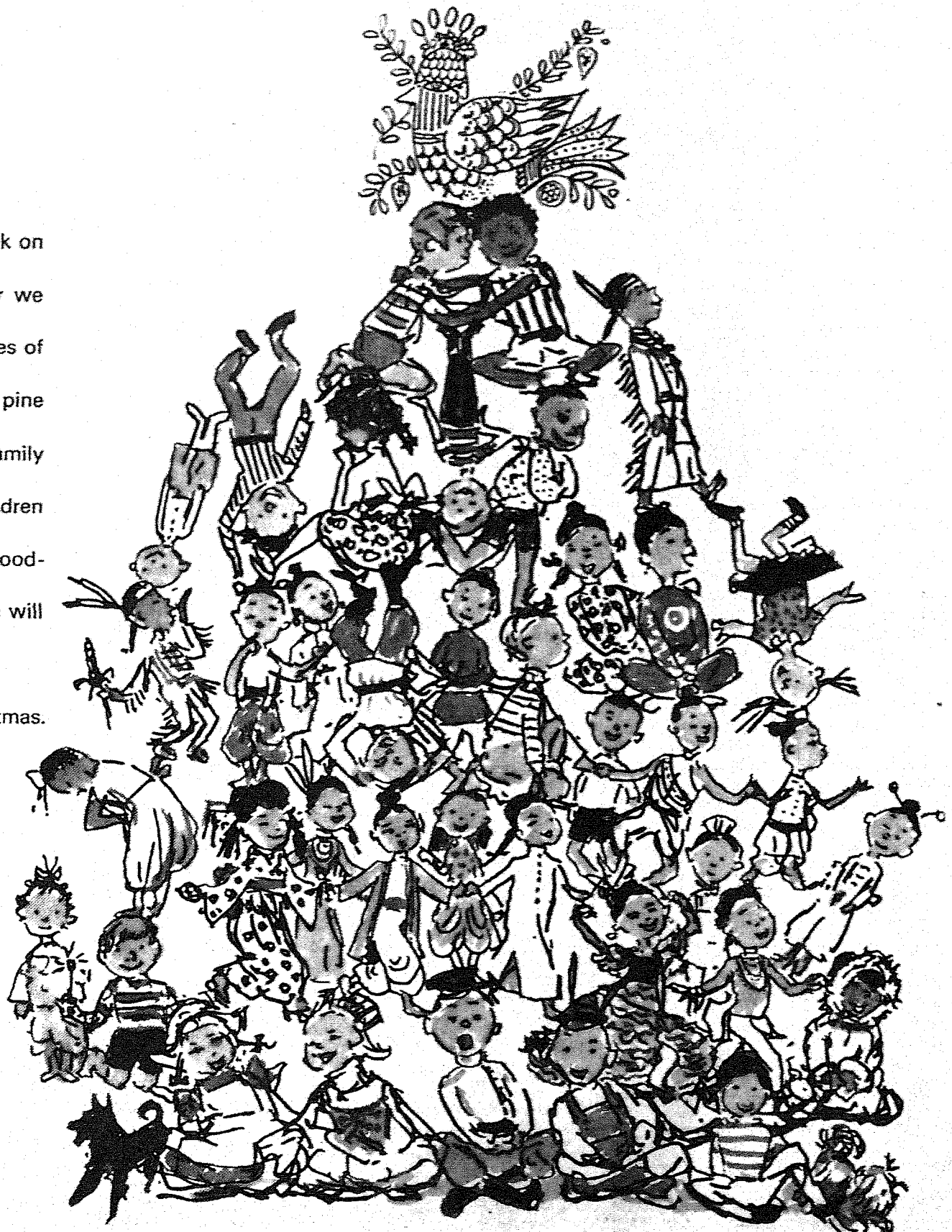
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JM wishes you and yours a joyful Christmas.

Jordan Marsh  
THE STORE WITH THE CHRISTMAS FLAIR





# Daycare centers keep children from the fields

By MITCH ABDALLAH  
VOICE NEWS EDITOR

Children at the day-care centers on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Immokalee, and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Mission, La Belle, are a little more fortunate than other migrant children in South Florida. They are receiving a preschool education and do not have to contend with the rays of the sun that beat down on their parents as they work picking crops in the fields.

Approximately 30 children, from ages two to five, at Our Lady of Guadalupe day-care center, have supervised recreation. They do not have to run through the fields at random while their parents go through the back-breaking

labor of picking vegetables or fruit. They have more than just the dirt to play with.

"THIS IS the problem," said Mrs. Leola Matthews, director of the center. "If the children were not here, they would be at home alone or in the fields with their parents."

The same situation holds true for La Belle, said Sister Dianne Zech, I.H.M. director.

While the buildings for both centers are being leased out by the parishes for a nominal fee, the operation of the centers is being sponsored by the Community Action Migrant Program (CAMP). CAMP provides the salaries for the full time staffs and equipment and material used by the children.

Despite the fact that there are some 68 children in both centers combined, there are approximately 60 migrant youngsters on the waiting lists.

"These children," said Sister Dianne, "go to the fields with their parents or are taken care of by their older brothers and sisters. Some of the farm-laboring mothers alternate in keeping the children while the other parents are working."

PRIOR TO coming to Florida from Michigan in August, Sister Dianne had taught the first and second grades in Detroit's inner-city schools. During the summer, she worked with migrant children, which is the type of apostolate she prefers.

"The kids are just beautiful and so eager to learn," she said. "We have more of a teaching-type schedule here as opposed to a nursery which helps the children learn the alphabet, colors, sizes and visual discrimination. Some things are taught in Spanish and other things are taught in English. Many of the black



NOT QUITE FULL enough with her first round of cookies, which she has already consumed, a little migrant girl makes her appetite known as she reaches for second helpings. The

children at Our Lady of Guadalupe day-care center receive two snacks a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Photos by Mitch Abdallah

children speak Spanish. It's amazing how they pick it up."

A large number of the children are from the quarter, the black area of La Belle. The other 50 per cent are Mexican-American.

"The basic goal," she said, "is to prepare the boys and girls for the primary grades."

Sister Dianne's day begins at 5:30 a.m. While she is getting the center ready, Jesse Cisnero drives to five different migrant camps to pick up the children. He also stops by trailer parks and settled areas of farm laborers around the city to pick up the youngsters.

DURING Cisnero's itinerary, Mrs. Ines Lovings is preparing breakfast for the children, while Sister Dianne's two aides, Mrs.

Dorothy Robinson and Mrs. Adelle Marroquin are getting the tables ready for lessons.

From a rural community herself, Sister Dianne understands the necessity for day care centers. "We've seen a great deal of growth in the children since they have been coming here. I really believe in the day-care center situation, especially when both parents have to work."

Asked what she considered the biggest problem, she said, "more space and more funds." She explained that the center is restricted to the number of children it can accommodate according to square footage available per child.

The center at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church has been open since September. The program there is basically the same as it is in LaBelle. The staff consists of Jose Villarreal, custodian and bus driver, Mrs. Thelma Adderley, cook, Mrs. Virginia George who teaches Spanish, and Mrs. Josephine Ayala, art and music teacher.

"WE ALSO have eight volunteers," said Mrs. Matthews and one certified teacher who comes in on Mondays and Thursdays to help plan the curriculum. The volunteers are from the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

"Everything we do teaches the children culturally," she said. "Diets proper to the English and Spanish tastes are prepared. We provide them with two meals and two snacks daily."

"In their language lessons, we teach them simple Spanish and English phrases. We read poetry,

rhymes and short stories to the children.

"The health department works with us very well. The parents sign release slips so the children can be given the necessary medical attention," Mrs. Matthews added.

A health department representative, a social worker and a nutritional expert visit

the center periodically to suggest ideas for the proper operation of the center.

This is the fourth year that Mrs. Matthews has been working with farmworkers' children. She began her work with the children as an aide a few years ago. She understands their problems, their

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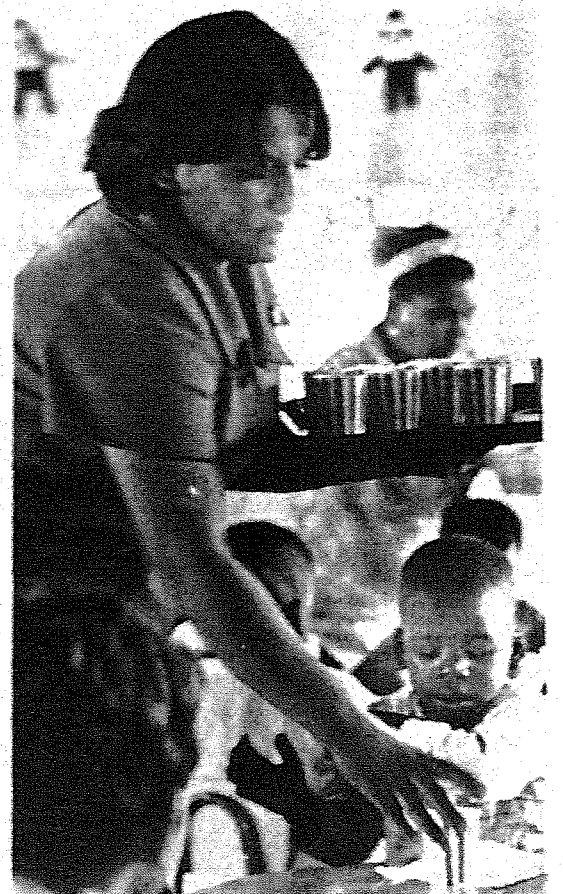
MAKING Pearl Lee Johnson happy is part of Sister Dianne's job at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Mission day care center, La Belle. Sister Dianne is director of the center.



TWO MORE IMMACULATE Heart of Mary Sisters, Sister Francis Papp and Sister Rita LaChance, admire banners which Mrs. Arturo Morrell has made for her third grade religion class. The two sisters, besides teaching religion to migrants in Moorehaven and Devil's Garden, have full-time duties in Clewiston. Sister Francis is director of religious education for St. Margaret Parish and Sister Rita is acting as a community resource person under the auspices of the Rural Life Bureau.



SUPERVISING outside play is part of Sister Dianne's obligations in LaBelle. She is assisted by an aide, Mrs. Adelle Marroquin, right.



AFTER A HARD morning of lessons and games, snack time is always welcomed at the Immokalee day-care center. Under the watchful eyes of one little boy, Mrs. Josephine Ayala carefully places juice on the table for the children.



CLAPPING TO THE BEAT of a little Christmas music, left to right, Mrs. Thelma Adderley, Mr. Leola Matthews, and Jose Villarreal are part of the staff which operates Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission day-care center Immokalee. Mrs. Matthews is director of the center.



# Early-visiting Santa thrills migrant kids

(See photos, page 10)

Santa visited three different areas of the Archdiocese a week early this year to distribute toys and candy to approximately 200 migrant children. Prior to Santa's coming the children were treated to cake and soft drinks.

In Delray Beach, 34 girls from Msgr. Pace High School sponsored Christmas dinner and spent the morning with some 75 children at the day-care center of Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission last Friday.

AFTER DINNER, the children went outside to break piñatas, which were created by Ann Alvarez, a junior at Msgr. Pace Her brother, Arthur Alvarez, came to the party dressed as Santa Claus. He was escorted to the playground in a Boca Raton Police car, with sirens screaming and lights flashing.

The Pace juniors were driven to Delray by Father Stephen Staudenmeyer, who teaches them. The students

are very concerned with sharing their Christmas joy and enthusiasm with the children," said Father Staudenmeyer. "It is an expression of their Catholicism.

Also present for the party were four Claretian Sisters who are in training for day-care center work under the direction of Sister Mary Clare Peterson, O.L.C.R., director of the center. The Claretians, also known as the Religious of Mary Immaculate, came to the center in November.

Prior to their Florida assignment, the Sisters had been operating a boarding house for girls attending Catholic University, Washington. Mainly a missionary order, the Claretians also staff schools and operate orphanages.

BESIDES their activities at the center, the Claretians, Mother Teresa, Sister Angeles, Sister Montserrat, and Sister Regina, teach religion to Confraternity of Christian Doctrine students in

Delray and at Lake Worth. They also give adult religious instruction to parents living in the migrant camps.

An order with its mother-house in Spain, the Claretians have 55 houses throughout the world and number approximately 600 sisters. The four sisters came to the United States in the late 1950s and early 1960s from Spain. Each sister works with a different group of children at the center.

For the first time in the history of the two groups, Knights of Columbus Council 4955 of Pompano Beach and the Deerfield Beach Lodge 325 of the Free and Accepted Masons sponsored a Christmas party for 77 migrant children in the KC council hall Sunday.

PRIOR to Santa's entrance into the hall, the children saw a puppet show and sang Christmas songs led by teachers and students from Msgr. Pace High. The

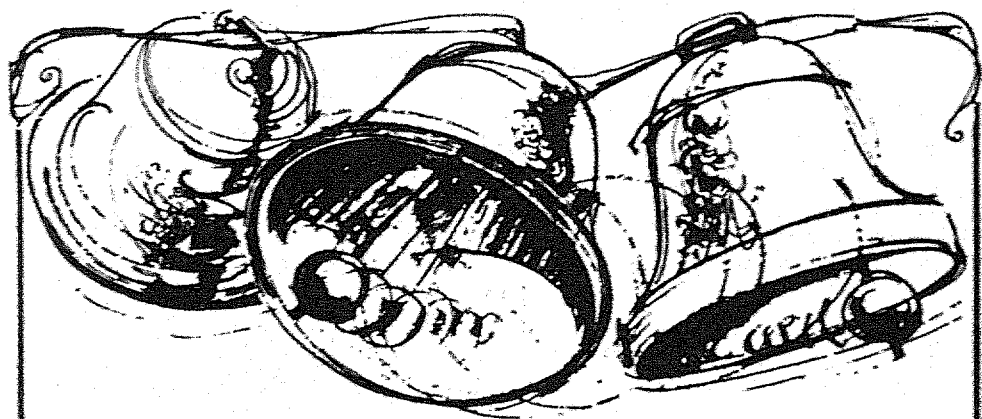
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16	1,200.00	1,027.71	26,891.88
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DURING A CHRISTMAS party sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4955, Pompano, and the Deerfield Beach Lodge 325 of the Free and Accepted Masons, migrant children take time out from their singing and eating to greet Santa (Ed Gross). The event was the first ever co-sponsored by the Pompano Knights and the Deerfield Masons.

A JUNIOR from Msgr. Pace High finds it difficult to prepare a pinata and also control the enthusiasm of a little girl, one of 60 who attended a Christmas party at Delray Beach.



A NEW ORDER of sisters, in training for day-care center work in the Archdiocese, participates in the Christmas party sponsored by juniors from Msgr. Pace High School for day-care center children at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Immokalee.

WOMEN and children in Sister Mary Anthony Hodson's Good News program present Bishop-elect Rene Gracida fruit and vegetables which he accepts on behalf of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

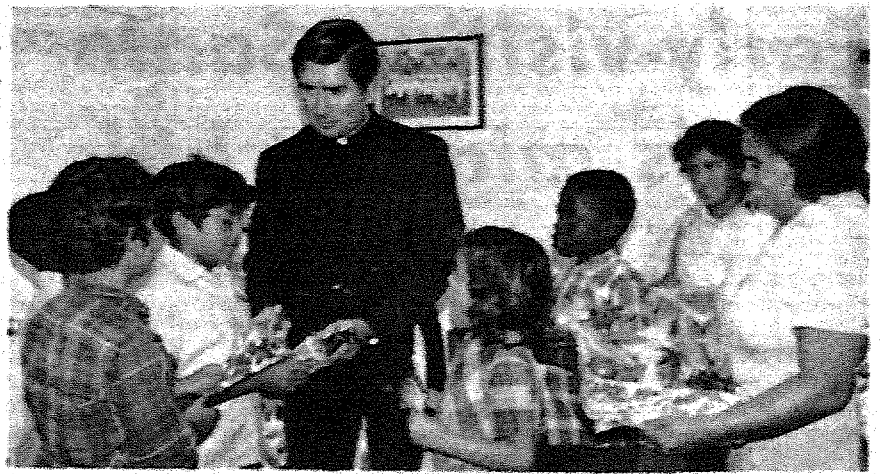
## The spirit of Christmas

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students, 10 girls in all, travel to Pompano every Sunday to teach catechism to the migrant children. Miss Maite Melendo, their religion teacher at Pace, coordinates the program.

The morning's activities began with the celebration of Mass by Father Cornelius McGrath, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission, Delray. Serving the children at the party were 10 members from the Masonic lodge and 10 Knights from Council 4955.

Albert Vincent, grand knight of Council 4955, said that the joint sponsorship of an activity such as this was important because "it serves to enlighten the community to the realization that both our organizations have the same anxieties and goals, namely, to know, love and serve our fellowmen."



ANXIOUS to join in on the fun, Sister Mary Clare Peterson, O.L.C.R., director of Our Lady of Guadalupe day-care center, tries to get one of the boys to throw her the balloon.



FOUR JUNIORS from Msgr. Pace High try to get acquainted with two little day-care center children at Delray Beach. Approximately 35 juniors from Pace prepared dinner, bought presents and made pinatas for the children.

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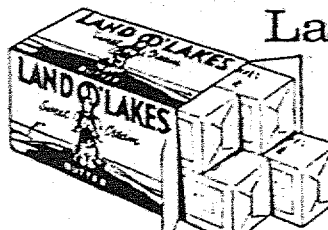


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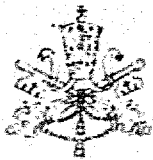


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## For real knowledge of the Church, one must possess faith

Western civilization has felt the need to classify the Church in some manner outside the orbit of the state, which seemingly lays claim to every prerogative of human society. What is the function and reason for existence of the Church in the modern world, a world which is secularized, "self-sufficient" and agnostic with respect to the various expressions of religion? What, in fact, is the Church? Is it a religious phenomenon, like so many others in the life of mankind, destined to crumble before the advance of science? Is it a spiritual tradition, a popular faith which has survived to this day because of the richness of its cultural and artistic heritage? Is it a cumbersome and pretentious social entity, now obsolete, which, at most, can give some stimulus to the horizontal or humanistic application of some precious evangelical maxims? To have real knowledge of the Church it is necessary to be in her, not outside; it is necessary to have the good fortune to be initiated in her supernatural experience; in short, it is necessary to have faith. But today a controversy has arisen within the Church herself, a controversy not without historical precedent. Beginning with the claim of restoring the Church to her original form, or to her authentic spiritual values, this controversy sees in the Church two constituent principles: the structures and the Spirit; or, we might say, the organic human body and the divine animation of the Church. We have no objection to that. The problem arises when the structure is accused of being unauthorized, temporary, useless, or so much in need of change that every criticism of it appears to be justified. Thus, structure, in this view, is an illegitimate or at least unnecessary derivation from the authentic formula of the apostolic Church; whereas the Spirit is charismatic, prophetic, free and liberating. We can only rejoice at the pre-eminence given the Holy Spirit. Amid all the materialistic stupidity prevalent today, diverting minds from spiritual realities, this precedence given to the appeal of the Spirit is worthy of favorable consideration. The Church, from this view, stands out as a religious fact par excellence. But this very fact, if it is not to be confused with superstition, spiritual subjectivism or collective excitement, must be brought back to the sphere of community faith from which it is derived and which it must help build up.

Speaking to a general audience, Nov. 24, 1971



We must give importance to the important things. Advent is here and we must pay attention to these loftier things which fill not only the specific moment of prayer but also the whole concept of life. To begin with there is time, the fatal measure of our present existence. The great panorama of centuries of history is opening up before us. Does this immense change make sense? Yes, man is progressing and advancing and always searching to fill his increasing needs and desires. He becomes more avid and hungers for the full life and secure truth. Knowledge, the lamp of the universe, announces a mystery. And here we are in the light of knowledge and faith, we who know the plan of time and history; we who have the key which reveals the meaning of things and above all, the meaning of our lives. It is this plan, this meaning, which has been revealed to us in an advent, a meeting with Christ who has come our way and made Himself master and savior of those who share the good fortune to meet Him. This decisive moment in the fate of humanity we call Advent, the coming. It merits the highest degree of remembrance, especially since this fact continues spiritually and repeats itself every year. This is the prophetic breath which the Church breathes and offers to an exhausted world. It is Advent which makes us a little silent and thoughtful; it restores us to prayer and hope; it makes us humble and solicitous to take steps towards the crib. On the way, brothers, on the way once more. With soft steps, the Blessed Virgin goes before us.

Speaking to Faithful in Saint Peter's Square, Nov. 28, 1971.

# You and Your Faith

## Sunday's Gospel

After they had left, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy Him. Joseph got up and took the child and His mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"Out of Egypt I have called my son."  
... But after Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: "Get up, take the child and His mother,

and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs upon the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and His mother and returned to the land of Israel. He heard however that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way, what was said through the prophets was fulfilled:

"He shall be called a Nazarean."

Mt. 2:13-15  
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## Peace Day—a most special aim

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul's annual World Day of Peace "seems to have reached its point of no return," according to an official of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace.

Vittorino Veronese, president of the Commission's Committee for Peace Studies, has said that the Day of Peace "is finding a place on calendars, and little by little is becoming a custom, as a special means of making public opinion aware of the immense problem of peace."

Pope Paul launched his peace days — observed on New Year's Day — in 1968 with the theme "The Price of Peace." In 1969 the theme was "Human Rights, the Road to Peace;" in 1970 it was "Education for Peace by Reconciliation," and in 1971 "Every Man Is My Brother."

In his message for the 1972 Day of Peace, Pope Paul pointed out that the recent Synod of Bishops emphasized the need to work for greater justice within nations and among them.

He singled out religious persecution as an important issue.

## 'Lead simple lives'

ROME — (RNS) — Cardinal Angelo Dell'Acqua, the papal vicar for Rome, in urging the city's priests, nuns, and seminarians to lead simple and blameless lives, asked them not to attend movies or plays not approved by Church authorities.

The cardinal administers the diocese in the name of Pope Paul, who is Bishop of Rome.

In his message, the vicar called on priests and religious to "offer an example of an austere life and of clear withdrawal from any compromise with evil, whatever its form."

"Your high calling, today perhaps more than ever, demands a more clear and explicit witness," he said.

Recalling the disciplinary norms still in force in the Diocese of Rome, Cardinal Dell'Acqua said that "in particular, it is urgent at the present moment to insist that priests wear clerical garb in public in a dignified way, and obey the prohibition against attending plays and cinemas not approved by Church authorities."

## Steps for peace

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — The Vatican had taken "concrete steps" to help stop the Pakistani-Indian war and to halt the growing violence in Northern Ireland, according to an official of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace.

Spanish Bishop Ramon Torella Cascante, vice president of the commission, cautioned, however: "Not all can be made known and not all have immediate, easily visible results."

Bishop Torella Cascante was speaking at a press conference at which Pope Paul's message for the 1972 World Day of Peace was announced. The annual Day of Peace, started by Pope Paul in 1968, is observed on New Year's Day.

The bishop was replying to a reporter who asked what concrete steps the Vatican is taking to halt the violence in Northern Ireland and the Pakistan-India war.

## Jesus and youth today

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Christ is not dead, as even hippie "I Love Jesus" T-shirts seem to testify, Pope Paul VI told a general audience.

The Pope did not exactly identify with the present Jesus People movement, but he did take note that "an interest in Christ exists in our modern world, which is so marked by denying or at least forgetting Him."

Referring to the youth movement in the United States the Pope said: "American magazines recently published photographs of young hippies wearing T-shirts on which are printed in large letters the words 'I Love Jesus.'"

"Why it is not clear. But then many attitudes of this paradoxical youth are not clear. Yet they show off in such a blatant manner as to create a fashion."

Pope Paul said that despite negations of Christ's and God's existence, He "resurrects more real and more alive than ever."

The Pope said that Jesus "occupies a strategic position on the two inevitable roads: one of which leads to man and the other to God. The result is that every time we try to concern ourselves with man — whether he be homo sapiens of the scientists and philosophers or the unhappy, miserable man, the child, the poor, the oppressed, the sinner, the man who suffers and who is desperate — we are led to seek Christ, the true man, the typical man, the good man, the free man, our man."

May God grant that we experience the profound truth of His own words: "In every human being in need of help and salvation, there am I, Jesus."

## Must heed problems

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — All Christians are obliged to pay attention to the world problems besetting man, Pope Paul VI told the new Iranian ambassador to the Vatican.

In a formal audience, Pope Paul received the credentials of Ambassador Mendi Vakil, who had previously served as Iran's representative at the United Nations.

The Pope said that although the Church's mission is above all religious, nevertheless, "God, who created man for an eternal destiny, obliges all of us to pay attention to his temporal destiny and to struggle so that the conditions of man's life correspond to his dignity at all times and in all places."

## Peking officials invited to see papal tour film

HONG KONG — (RNS) — Red China government officials have been invited by the Italian Embassy in Peking to view a film of Pope Paul's historic 1970 Far East journey, according to the Peking correspondent for ANSA, Italian news agency.

The Italian-produced film will be shown at the embassy on Christmas eve.

So far as is known, it will be the first time that any film of a Pope will have been shown in mainland China since the Communists took over in 1949.

The Pope's strenuous 10-day swing through the Far East and Australia, which included stays or stopovers in East Pakistan, Manila, Pago Pago and Western Samoa, Sydney, Djakarta, Indonesia, and Ceylon brought the pontiff to Hong Kong, the very doorstep of the Peoples' Republic of China.

In a homily preached at a Mass in Hong Kong, Pope Paul sent a message of "unity and of love" to Chinese everywhere.

The ANSA correspondent said Bishop Francis X. Chen-Ping Hsu of Hong Kong has seen the film and approved its use in Peking.

Observers see in this initiative another step by the Vatican to effect contact with the People's Republic.

Archbishop Agostino Casaroli, the pontiff's diplomatic "trouble-shooter," met the Chinese Ambassador to Yugoslavia during an unofficial visit to Belgrade last year. Other contacts through the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania have been reported.



# The meaning of this Christmas

By MOST REV. JOHN F. WHEALON  
Archbishop of Hartford, Conn.

Christmas of 1971. America and Americans, so they say, are quite confused about many things — about their nation, about religion, about values, about life itself. It is such general confusion that makes this Christmas quite important.

The ancient Greeks wrote about "the Labyrinth" — a confusing maze of passages. The only way out was to find the thread and follow it out. If in 1971 you are confused in the labyrinth of modern life, the thread to find and to follow out is, simply put, Jesus Christ. At Christmas of 1971, think carefully over what Christ means for human history and for your own way of living.

All history dates, backwards and forwards, from Jesus Christ. This means something. This means everything. The story of man, then, centers on the birth of Christ. Every time the date is given — every day, in every newspaper, every magazine, every book, every letter — there is a gentle reminder that the birth of Christ 1971 years ago was the central fact of all history.

Why was this birth so important? Because it meant God coming to this earth to live among men. The Gospel writers made it clear enough that this person had a human origin, but also had a divine origin. His close companions in life believed this eventually and expressed that belief with complete honesty and confidence. In later centuries

the Church set down in more precise theological terms a clearer understanding of the God-man. But in the New Testament the Gospel writers knew Him as the "Word-made-flesh," who lived among them and who lives on among all who seek Him.

Jesus, then, was true God and true man, come into this world in order to teach us the meaning of life and to give us a model for living. The God-man led the perfect life, with all virtues in balance, as a pattern for all men and for us in the 1970's.

We hear much talk about a crisis of belief. But there have been in history many crises of belief, and the worst have passed. The early Church had to face more basic problems. In 325 the Council of Nicea had to pronounce on the divinity of Jesus Christ. The Council of Ephesus, a century later, had to balance this teaching by asserting the unity of Christ as true God and true man. And 20 years later a third council, at Chalcedon, had to assert the humanity of Christ.

These early councils took place long before Christianity was divided. The authority and acceptance of those early councils, consequently, give reason for hope of Christian unity. For everything in faith, in a sense, comes from belief that God once became man.

This is what we mean by the Incarnation. Because we believe in the Incarnation, everything makes good sense. Without the Incarnation nothing in our Christian life or

liturgy really makes sense. And only if we accept fully the mystery of the Incarnation will we and the Church move ahead.

The importance of the Incarnation for our faith is shown in the recently-issued "Catechetical Directory." It lists 23 basic teachings. Christ Jesus dominates all of them. The Incarnation is all-important because Jesus Christ, Son of God, is First-born of every creature and Savior.

For any person who is in confusion or doubt about the meaning of life or religion, then, this Christmas has much meaning. Suppose that you, a Catholic Christian, are uncertain about the Incarnation. Then you will have no clear idea about why you were born, what happens after death, and about the rest of life in between. And if you are confused, you will be of no value as leaves in this lumpy, materialistic world. Doubt and confusion will reduce your faith to superstition, your hope to guesswork and your supernatural love to selfishness and sensuality.

Life will become for you not a meaningful drama but a meaningless, bored existence.

So many Catholics today are disturbed about changes in the Church. So many forget that this Church is the lovely bride of Christ — and a bride who, in ancient near-East style, never gets in the way of the groom — who never draws attention to herself but shows all attention to her husband. Such Catholics should nowadays be paying even greater attention to Christ and to the meaning of the Incarnation.

In the advanced and decadent societies of the world there is a weakening of a genuine religious sense. It seems once again that the "good news" of Christ is heard only by the poor of spirit and the humble of heart.

But you in 1971 need not be confused or uncertain. The Incarnation is your thread out of the labyrinth of modern living, and Christmas is a strong reminder of the meaning, the glory and the eternal greatness of your life in Christ Jesus the God-Man.



WALKING in the light of the historical event of Christmas, Christians can negotiate "the Labyrinth" of confusion surrounding much of life today.

## The promise fulfilled

By FATHER  
QUENTIN QUESNELL, S.J.

The angel Gabriel promised Jesus' mother that her son "will be great and will be called the son of the most high God" (Luke 1, 32). Mary knew that "son of the most high God" was a title that belonged to kings (2 Samuel 7, 14; Psalm 2, 7; Psalm 89, 27). Her son would be a king? Yes, the next words made it explicit. "The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was" (Luke 1, 32f.).

We don't have many kings today, except in stories and advertising and certain competitions. But in Mary's time, those were serious words. A girl who believed them would actually expect her son to grow up to be a king like David — and David had been a very great king indeed. It would be like a mother today believing a promise that her son would grow up to be a president like Lincoln.

Still, Mary must have wondered about that promise. It may have been true that her husband was remotely related to the ancient royal family of David. But it was also true that for several hundred years now no member of that family had actually sat on the throne. God had once promised King David that his descendants would never die

out. But in the sixth century B.C. the last Jewish king had been hauled off to Babylon, and history soon lost track of his descendants.

The land of Israel had to get along under governors appointed by the Persians, then by the Syrians, then under puppet princes of the Romans, none of them belonging to David's line. Matthew 1, 6-17 gives a list of names from David down to Jesus, and Luke 4, 23-31 gives another, but only fifteen of these names belonged to kings. No one can identify the rest.

Still, the Lord had promised, and the people believed Him. They longed for a king of their own great royal line. They knew that when such a king did come to take the throne, his coming would mean the end of the centuries of foreign rule. That king would be God's favorite, God's chosen, God's son. He would lead them even against the fearsome armies of Rome, and he would win.

This is what the angel's words would have sounded like to a girl in Mary's time and place. This is what her son would grow up to be. And so she was happy that "God has kept the promises he made to our ancestors" (Luke 1, 55). "He has come to the help of his servant Israel" (Luke 1, 54).

Her son would destroy those kingdoms which had lorded it over Israel. "He has stretched out his mighty arm and has seat-

ed the proud people with all their plans. He brought down mighty kings from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1, 51f.). Elizabeth looked at her and said, "How happy are you to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true" (Luke 1, 45). So the child was born and grew up under her care. How often during those years and afterwards must she have wondered when in fact this would all come true. She saw that crowds followed Him, but she also saw how little favor He had with the national political parties.

Mary never saw Jesus in the presence of the foreign governors or the local puppet kings until the day He stood before them bound and on trial for His life. She may have thought it was about to happen on the day when the crowds marched with Him into Jerusalem, calling Him Son of David. But within a week, He was dead. She finally saw Him called King — but it was in mockery: the reed scepter, the thorn-crown, the title "king of the Jews" nailed over His head.

Mary lived eventually to experience the happiness of her son's resurrection in the community of Christian believers. But for 33 years before that she had had to live in a faith that demanded more of her than it does of us. It all began the day she believed God's promise. It all came true as she learned to let God show her in His own way and His own good time how the promise was to be fulfilled.

## Christian family Christmas

By DOLORES CURRAN

Christmas, like Mark Twain's famous comment on the weather, is something everyone talks about changing but something nobody does anything about. One reason is that we have a herd instinct — we're waiting for several million Americans to change their holiday habits so our family can experience a spiritual rather than a cultural Christmas.

It isn't going to happen. Too many people don't realize that they are missing anything. The rest of us have to take the holiday in hand, strip it of its anti-Christmas nature and introduce a truly Christian observance in our homes.

Easier preached than practiced? I don't think so. If we really study our children, we'll find they have a greater affinity to the Nativity spirit than to the commercial one. True, they can be grasping little materialists, greeting each Yuletide visitor with, "Whadyabringme?" but if they are, chances are good their parents have stressed the present part of Christmas.

Basically, children are better givers than recipients. A child experiences great joy in making and giving something. It is when we deny him this joy by belittling crude, homemade presents that he himself is belittled. Stripped of the opportunity to give of himself, he seeks for himself.

How do we go about in a practical way furnishing a true Christmas spirit in our homes? Here are nine suggestions which will rather naturally fit into the American family culture.

1. Begin now with a family Advent ceremony nightly. Use some spontaneous prayers along with whatever printed form you use. (A new and good pamphlet is Advent in Your Home by Larsen and Galvin; 25; Liguori Publications, Liguori, Mo. 630670.)

2. Get out your crib set long before you get out your decorations. Each night at the close of your Advent prayers, we invite the youngest to dip in the box of crib creatures and draw one out. It is his privilege to place it in the empty crib as we explain the role of this piece in the Nativity, i.e. kings, shepherds, etc. We keep the infant out until Christmas Eve. (Aside — buy a plastic or otherwise non-fragile crib set so that your children may be encouraged to touch it, not threatened to keep away from it.)

3. Make use of a Jesse tree or symbols. These may be fashioned from construction paper or from a kit (Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn., 56321). Suspend one from a doorway or chandelier each morning and talk about the symbol: Jonah and the whale, the Burning Bush, etc. — not just to teach salvation history but to give our children a sense of the waiting experienced by the Jews

for so long. It also gives a sense of being a "new chosen people" which we often neglect to do.

4. Sing the sacred carols together. Unless they attend parochial schools, our children won't learn "Oh, Holy Night" and "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem." Rather they will sing of Rudolph and Frosty simply because they are "safer" to teach in a public school.

5. Encourage and help each child to create some distinctive gift. We have made decorated fly swatters, flower pot (tin can) pencil holders, original tree decorations, painted rocks, homemade candy (impure by any standards) and the like. It requires time and patience on your part but it emphasizes the giving of oneself rather than the buying.

6. Inaugurate an Epiphany observance. Don't allow children to think the celebration ends with Christmas but that it really begins there. Switch from Advent to Epiphany prayers the day after Christmas, moving the three kings a little closer to the Crib each day. Liturgical Press (address above) also has a pamphlet called "Christmas to Candlemas in a Catholic Home," 20.

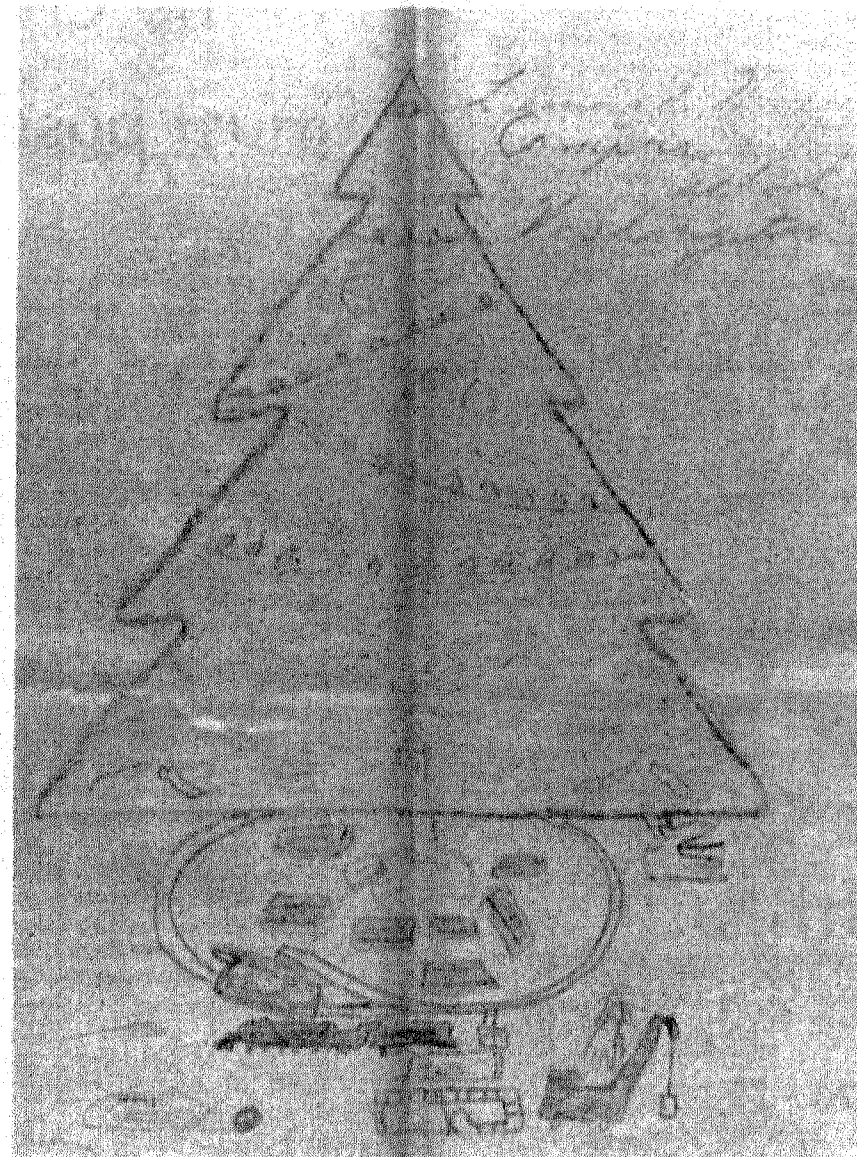
7. Read the real Christmas story together. I am saddened by the proliferation of non-Christmas Christmas stories in the supermarket. It's probable that our kids hear more about the Christmas Mouse than they do the Nativity. Get several different versions of the Nativity and read them aloud.

8. Stress the sharing nature of a truly joyous holiday by including those who are lonely, not just for the Christmas meal but for Advent prayers, tree buying jaunts and other holiday preparations. One older told me she received three invitations for Thanksgiving dinner and three for Christmas dinner and was ignored in between.

9. Keep the family together for observing the holiday as much as possible. We see an age-segregation trend developing — office parties, children's parties, cocktail parties — as if families can't celebrate Christmas together. Have a party yourself, inviting another family or two and stress the warm cohesive activities like carolling rather than drinking.

If we work at making Christmas more spiritual, it will be more memorable to our children than all the gifts they receive. We have to work at it, though, not just wish it were otherwise. It can't be left to chance or to those "other people" to change it within our homes.

(Ed Note: Dolores Curran is the author of "On The Other Hand," a weekly feature article from NC News Service. She was the only laywoman American delegate to the recent International Catechetical Congress in Rome.)



A CHILD looks at Christmas with joy and finds making and giving something, even a drawing, as a personal part of Christmas giving.

## Christ in His mysteries

By FATHER  
JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Christmas is an exhausting, but exhilarating feast for priests. The combination of extensive preparations for the day, long hours of confessions, and actual services on the holiday itself leave us bone tired, but happy and serene. I am sure many persons, especially parents of young children, must experience those same weary, but joyful feelings as December 25 draws to a close.

I regularly have one thought after Midnight Mass or between celebrations on Christmas Day. Why can't it be like this all through the year? Why can't people live everyday as they generally do on the Lord's birthday? Why not the same generous attitude, the same unselfish concern for others, the same peace on earth spirit? Perhaps I dream the impossible dream.

The fact remains, however, that some mysteries, invisible, yet tangible current seems to fill the air on feast days or seasons of the Church year. You sense it not only on Christmas, but also at Easter, to some extent on Pentecost and certainly during Advent or Lent.

Years ago Abbot Columba Marmion, in a book, "Christ In His Mysteries," which

greatly influenced my own personal life, explained this phenomenon in theological terms. "The mysteries of the God-Man," he wrote, "are not only models which we must consider; they contain moreover within themselves treasures of merit and grace."

Each mystery, re-presented every year in the liturgy, is, Marmion held, "a fresh manifestation of Christ for us, each has its special beauty, its particular splendor, as likewise its own grace. The grace that flows for us from the feast of the Nativity has not the same character as that which the celebration of the Passion brings us — we ought to rejoice at Christmas, to feel sorrow for our sins when we contemplate the unspeakable sufferings whereby Christ expiated them."

The Benedictine monk, then, sees the hand or grace of God behind the joy we know on Christmas, the new look and life at Easter, the lean-living of Lent, Pope's conciliar with that writer in this and have taught of-ficially that "the celebration of the liturgical years exerts a special sacramental power and influence which strengthens Christian life."

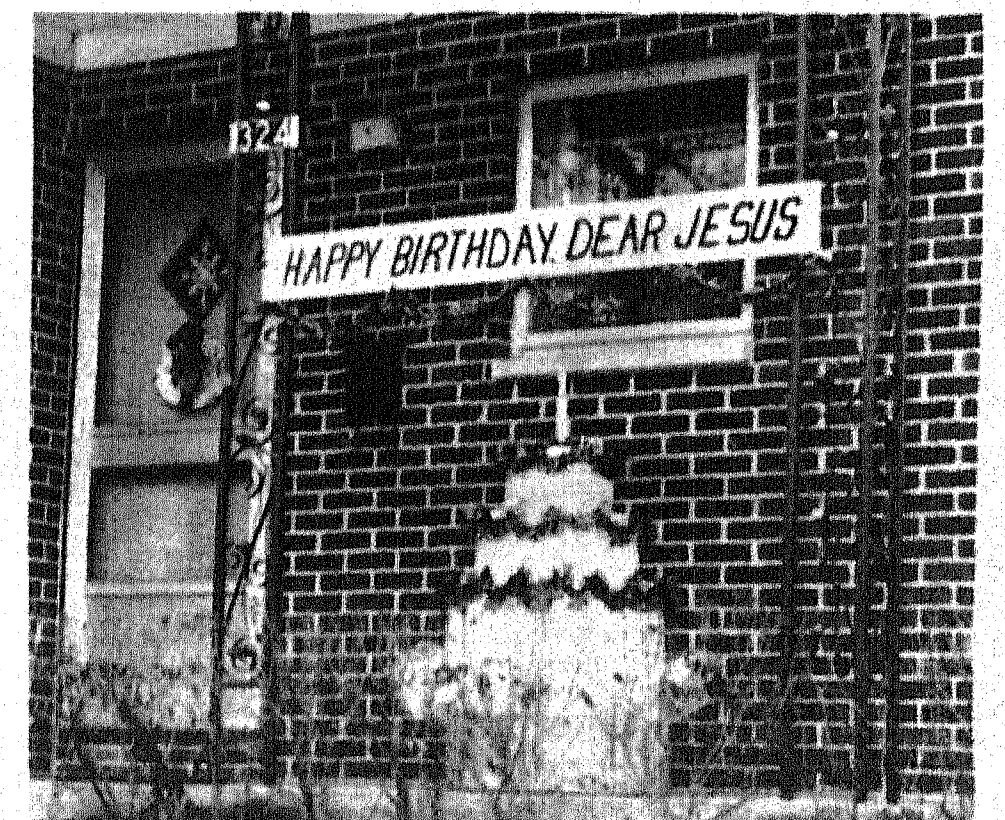
When the present Church calendar reforms were first announced, some men

seemed to jump at and concentrate on the elimination of certain popular saints. They unfortunately missed the real point. These revisions sought to restore the ancient and proper emphasis on Christ's mysteries, not to discourage or prohibit the legitimate honoring of saints.

As the Vatican II Fathers observed, over the course of centuries more feasts of saints were introduced than necessary. The renewed General Roman Calendar, which, incidentally, goes into effect throughout the United States on January 1, 1972, drops some saints and adds a few new ones.

However it mainly seeks to stress the Paschal mystery — Jesus' dying, rising, coming again — and achieves this through an underscoring of Easter, major feasts of our Lord, and Sundays. The saints still enjoy a place on the calendar, but always a second, or a spot, as it were, in the shadow of Christ their Lord and model.

Note to priests, especially. Introduction of the General Roman Calendar will eliminate some, but not all of the confusion which presently surrounds the lectionary and sacramentary (e.g. different dates for the same saint, Sundays of the year and after Pentecost). Those remaining difficulties should disappear with the publication of the translated Roman Missal (or at least part of it) in the not too distant future.



"WHY CAN'T people live every day as they generally do on the Lord's Birthday?"



# A priest's prayer at Christmas

(The following was written by a priest after reflection upon Christmases past.)

Lord, here it is Christmas time again and as usual I am ashamed of my reactions to Your birthday. As a priest, I should be filled with joy. After all, this Day heralds the beginning of the salvation of mankind.

But I have never known complete joy as a priest on Christmas Day.

It's not because the Day is busy: although as You know, from Christmas Eve midnight Mass until late afternoon today, I seem to be constantly on my feet with Masses, answering the telephone, preaching, greeting cheerful and smiling parishioners, and acknowledging the delighted well wishes of children.

What ruins Christmas for me is that I keep thinking of the people I do not see and do not know. Their loneliness, their quiet courage in just living through this Day, this is what bothers my soul so deeply.

Old people who are alone today except for their memories. Not only old people in institutions, but those who live alone in chilly and dreary apartments, most of them barely having the 98 cents it takes to buy "Christmas dinner and all the trimmings" at a local drugstore. But enough of them will eat there — alone, dressed in their somewhat Victorian shabby clothes. Even the waitresses who serve them will have sad eyes. Because waitresses have shattered dreams too.

**THE PRISONERS** in all the jails of the world: what kind of a day can this be for them? And the millions of people who are victimized by their governments: those millions in concentration camps, performing forced labor on frozen Siberian tundra; those millions in mainland China who do not even know that Today is Your birthday as they mouth the latest sayings of Mao under the hawk-eyes of local informers.

Children without homes: the unwed mothers, run-away teenagers, orphans, the loved little ones of migrant laborers, ghetto children.

The policeman, the fireman, the military man — alone and unsung and aching for someone they love to be near them

as they protect the rest of us.

The bums in the Bowery. Streetwalkers.

The sick in antiseptic hospital beds, surrounded by people professionally trained at least to pretend they care. Those poor nurses and doctors, who see so much suffering which seems needless, and have to maintain compassion in an atmosphere which would harden the heart even of a saint.

**SOME PEOPLE.** Lord, think that a priest is lonely on days like Christmas because of his celibacy. They think he misses not having his own family. Sometimes that is true. But most of the time, it is another problem that this Birthday of Yours creates: not that the priest has no one to love, but that he gave his life, his body and heart and mind and soul, to the task of loving others, of loving every person in the entire world — and yet he is prevented from reaching them. They do not know that there is a loving and gentle heart, ready to give them warmth and understanding and kindness.

O God, how hard it is to be a priest on Christmas Day! Don't spend any time comforting me, Lord, just go after those I cannot reach. Somehow, please Lord, somehow give them a moment's peace. Let them hear the flutter of an angel's wing and hear a heavenly voice tell them that You cherish them. It's been so long, Lord, since so many of them were told that anyone really cared.

Happy Birthday, Jesus.

## Greatest feast of the year

By JOHN J. WARD  
It's Christmas Day tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 25.

The Church observes the greatest feast of the year, marking the birth day of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind.

It was on the first Christmas day that an angel appeared to a group of shepherds and told them of the Nativity. At the same time, a star also led three Magi, the "Wise Men," to Bethlehem. The shepherds represented the poor and the Magi represented the rich. All offered their gifts to the Infant Jesus.

When He was eight days old, the Christ-child received the name "Jesus." He was circumcised according to the custom of the Jews. Jesus began His role of Mediator between God and man, shed-

ding His blood for the first time for us.

His mother presented Him in the Temple at Jerusalem when He was 40 days old.

All dates are reckoned from the day when Christ was born, in this day and age. This has been the continuous custom since the time of Charlemagne, although many rulers from the Fifth century had adopted the practice.

There is an error, however, of some four to six years, since Christ was born in the years 7 B.C. to 5 B.C. An error in the calculation of dates in later centuries produced this anomaly. So therefore, the Feast of Christmas is not 1971 years old, but rather 1,975 years, 1,976 years, 1,977 years or 1,978 years old.

## Pope greets young Americans

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI told 14 members of the White House Fellows that he hopes their special experience will enrich "the life of the community" and promote peace and justice among men.

The White House Fellows, a group of young American men and women who work in government for a year with the idea of returning to private life later, were received in special audience by the Pope on Dec. 18.

The Pope told his visitors that "dedicated and zealous efforts of young men and women are always a source of

new vigor and creativity for institutions."

He added: "Their ideals and energies are necessary for every organization, every society, every nation, because young people are especially sensitive to injustices and compassionate in the face of the affliction endured by so many."

Pope Paul told the young people that they are able to fulfill an important role for their country because they "are a part of that dialogue between the generations that is so essential for orderly progress and the establishment of authentic values."

## Priests 'part of brotherhood'

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Thirty-three newly-ordained American priests were told by Pope Paul VI to remember that they are "part of a fellowship, a brotherhood of priests who serve the Lord in every part of the world and in every generation of history."

Pope Paul received the newly-ordained priests and their families Dec. 18, to-

gether with the rector of the North American College, Bishop James A. Hickey, and Bishop-elect John Marshall of Burlington, Vermont.

"To you, mothers and fathers, we say: may the happiness of these days be with you always. Pray without ceasing for your sons and for all priests that they may be faithful to the end."

## Prayer Of The Faithful

Christmas  
Dec. 25, 1971

**CELEBRANT:** No woman, no man need be a stranger to God's Word. God's word has become man in Jesus. As we celebrate this joyful event, we ask each other now in prayer to witness to and plead for the concerns of people everywhere.

**COMMENTATOR:** Our response today will be: Hear us, O Lord.

**COMMENTATOR:** For the Church and all communities of faith, that they may manifest the good news of Jesus in their every breath and act, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Hear us, O Lord.  
**COMMENTATOR:** That Jesus, the Prince of Peace, may bless all nations and men with peace and well-being, we pray to the Lord.


**PEOPLE:** Hear us, O Lord.  
**COMMENTATOR:** For those who are alone when no one should be alone: for persons who are in jails, in hospitals and nursing homes, in refugee camps, in places ravaged by war, in ghettos and in slums, that the new creation we celebrate today may heal and free us all, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Hear us, O Lord.  
**COMMENTATOR:** For our friends and members of our families who cannot be with us this day, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Hear us, O Lord.  
**COMMENTATOR:** For those of us assembled here, that the joy and peace of Christmas may be echoed faithfully in all our thoughts and words and lives, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Hear us, O Lord.  
**CELEBRANT:** Father, on this day of Jesus' birth, every man, woman, and child on earth is in our hearts and consciences. Keep every one of them there always, and let the measure of our lives' success be the peace, equality, and solidarity we here achieve. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

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## Prayer Of The Faithful

Feast of the Holy Family  
Dec. 26, 1971

**CELEBRANT:** Experiencing the joy of Jesus being born into a human family and the family happiness of Christmas, we pray that unity, warmth, and love may be found in our own and all human families.

**COMMENTATOR:** Our response today will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** That the Church, the family of God, may promote the spirit of brotherhood among all peoples, especially among those communities that share the common name of Christian, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**COMMENTATOR:** For the family of nations, that all governments may realize we are one human family and develop programs that foster peace, unity and prosperity, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**COMMENTATOR:** That parents, recalling the love that gave life to their children, may continue to grow in wisdom and patience, thankful to God for their sons and daughters, we pray to the Lord.


**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**COMMENTATOR:** That children may recognize and appreciate that from their parents they receive gifts they can never lose, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**COMMENTATOR:** For families divided and separated because of death, misfortune, neglect, war and persecution, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**COMMENTATOR:** That the members of every family may live in the spirit of forgiveness and patience with one another in order to create in the home an atmosphere of understanding and caring, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**CELEBRANT:** Father, creator of family life, you gave us Jesus as our brother. Bless our own family and all families. Through this celebration today, may we experience that love and unity which overcomes all divisions and obstacles. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

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St. Robert Bellarmine, Miami	60.00

St. Rose of Lima, Mia. Shores	1,228.16
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St. Stephen, W. Hollywood	1,012.00
St. Thomas the Apostle, Mia.	175.00
St. Timothy, Miami	248.00
St. Vincent, Margate	1,655.00
St. Vincent de Paul, Miami	00.00
St. Vincent Ferrer, Delray Bea.	1,225.00
Visitation, Miami	540.00
St. Malachy	80.54

## Advice issued on measles

Reports of major measles epidemics in Pinellas and Brevard Counties have prompted the Dade County Health Dept. to make the following recommendations as regards the disease.

All parents are urged to review the immunization status of children under the age of 13. If they are not sure that their child has been immunized against measles (Rubeola), the child should be taken to the family physician or health department and immunized immediately.

Teachers, counselors, recreation leaders and other laymen in contact with groups of children should be

alert for any evidence of measles-like illness in the children with whom they deal. The disease is readily identifiable with high fever, cough, runny eyes and nose for several days, followed by five or more days of rash.

## India Catholics

NEW DELHI, India — (NC) — There are now over 7.9 million Catholics in India, an increase of more than 300,000 in the past two years.

Nearly 60 percent of this country's Catholics are concentrated in the two south India states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

# Help is directed to pupils' parents

COLUMBUS, Ohio — (NC) — Parents of nonpublic school students will get back part of the money they spend on their children's education under a new aid program approved here by the Ohio General Assembly.

"I am delighted that this new legislative assistance is directed to pupils and parents rather than churches," said David J. Young, legal counsel for the Ohio Catholic Conference. "This fortifies the constitutionality of the aid and gives added impetus to parental rights in education."

"I think it's great," added James Grit, Ohio representative of the Christian Reformed Schools. "I compliment the legislature on their action and their continued recognition of the value of nonpublic education to the people of this State."

THE NEW legislation got final approval from the state legislature Dec. 10. Ohio Gov. John J. Gilligan — who backed the bill from its incep-

tion — is expected to sign it into law in the next few days.

The new aid program for payments of up to \$45 per nonpublic school child twice annually. To be eligible for the payments — made through local public school districts — parents must pay at least that much per semester for each child enrolled in a nonpublic school.

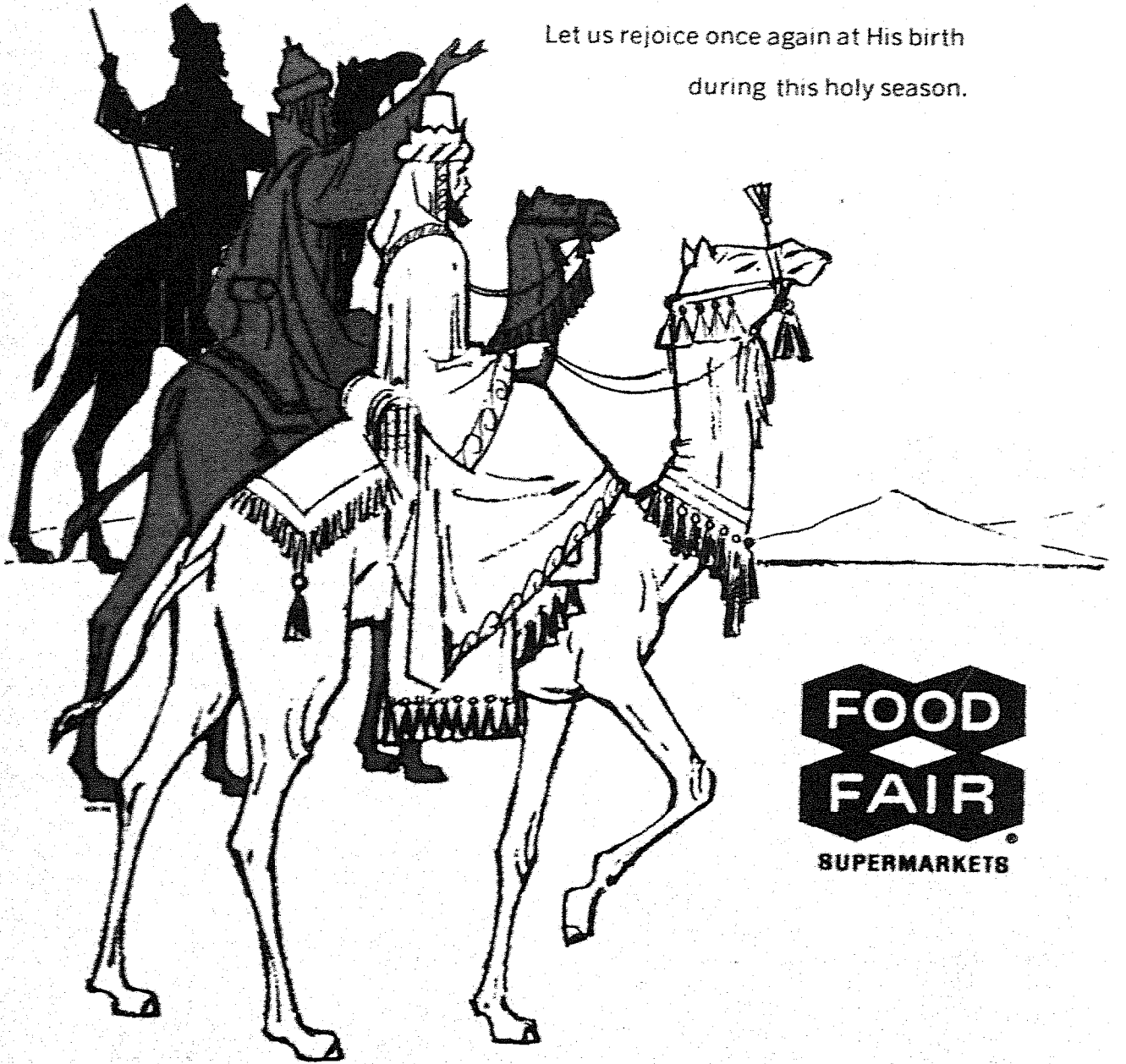
The General Assembly approved an additional \$13 per child to continue auxiliary educational services already available in the state. In agreeing to the budget-tax package for all state programs, the legislature has earmarked a total of \$61 million over the next two years for nonpublic parents and their children.

Nelson N. Harper, executive secretary of the Ohio Catholic Conference's education department, said the general assembly's action "has given all nonpublic school parents renewed hope for their school system."

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the star of Bethlehem bring you great joy as it did the Wise Men from the East as they followed its light in search of the Infant Jesus.

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## Christmas Mass celebrated by Pope to be on TV today

Christmas Mass celebrated by Pope Paul VI may be viewed by South Floridians at 6:10 p.m. today (Friday) on WFTV Ch. 23.

Commentary for the Midnight Mass of the Holy Father being televised via satellite from the Sistine Chapel will be in Spanish and English.

A repeat of the telecast is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day on Ch. 23.

At 12 noon on Christmas Day, Father John Vered, Archdiocesan Supervisor of Religious Education, will celebrate Christmas Mass on WPLG, Ch. 10.

## Film fare on TV

### SUNDAY, DEC. 26

7:30 p.m. (CBS) — **D-Day, The Sixth Of June** (1956) — Richard Todd and Dana Wynter figure as a pair of wartime lovers, their rather unsavory romance verging on a sympathetic argument for adultery (all's fair in love and war), and everything set against a mock-up background of the Allied invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944. (B)

9 p.m. (ABC) — **A Boy Ten Feet Tall** (1964) — Edward G. Robinson, as a crusty, gutsy old adventurer, takes a young companion on a danger-laced trek across the breadth of Africa. That's a long way, even for a kid 10 feet tall. Indeed, the story is pure hokum, the character acting way out of line — but the adventure is genuinely entertaining. (A-I)

### MONDAY, DEC. 27

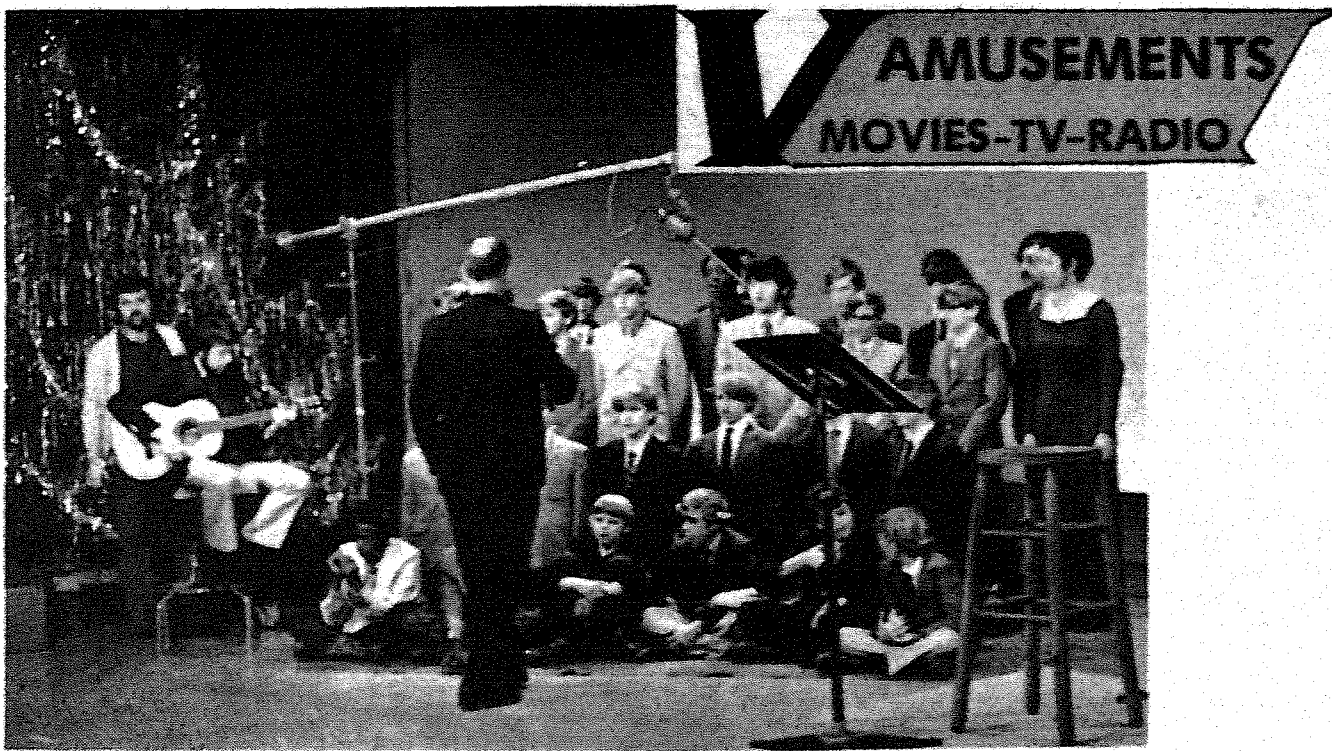
9 p.m. (NBC) — **Far From The Madding Crowd** (1967) — If you gave in and watched Part I on Christmas night, then you'd better settle down for the second half of British director John Schlesinger's challenging screen adaptation of the Thomas Hardy novel about early Victorian life in the West of England. Julie Christie as the tempestuous Bathsheba, Peter Finch as the staid Boldwood, Terence Stamp as the simmering Sgt. Troy, and Alan Bates as the sturdy Gabriel Oak are superb, and the lovely, brooding Dorset location (model for Hardy's "Wessex" novels) only adds to the proceedings. (A-II)

### TUESDAY, DEC. 28

8:30 p.m. (ABC) — **Maybe I'll Come Home In The Spring** — Repeat of a made-for-the-tube feature originally aired last February. Cute Sally (the Flying Nun) Field is a crazy, mixed-up teenager who runs away for a while; Jackie Cooper and Eleanor Parker pose as her flustered, uptight parents. Familiar TV potboiler fare.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 1

8:30 p.m. (ABC) — If by this time you're bowled over with Cotton, Sugar, Roses, and Oranges, then it's time for **The Feminist and The Fuzz**, an unlikely and generally unrewarding TV movie starring Barbara (Jeannie) Eden, David Hartman, and Jo Anne (Laugh-In) Worley. What the title says is what you get.



**BOYSTOWN CHOIR** under the direction of Father Day After Christmas" features the writer, John John Nevins will be heard during the "Church de Groot, Cheri Smith and Richard Rosetti, both and the World Today" program at 9 a.m., drama students at Miami's Barry College. Sunday, Dec. 26. An original play entitled "The

## Gabriel awards are suspended

LOS ANGELES — (RNS) — The Catholic Broadcasters Association announced here that it will suspend its Gabriel Awards program for one year due to a re-structuring of the association.

Father Karl Holtsinger, O.F.M., CBA president of the organization of Catholic radio and TV producers and distributors, said the association is enlarging its scope to include a broader representation of the total Catholic broadcast community.

This expansion, he added, will give greater significance to the 1973 Gabriel Awards.

The awards have been given by the CBA for the past six years — through national competition — to individuals and organizations for outstanding artistic, informational and educational achievements in the media reflecting Judeo-Christian principles.

## Inter-faith film awards committee

NEW YORK — (NC) — Jewish, Protestant and Catholic film agencies have announced the formation of an Interreligious Film Award Committee.

The committee will cite motion pictures which give a "perspective of the Judeo-Christian faiths, portray with integrity the predicament and hope of man, or his dependence upon God," the announcement said.

The committee will vote on film awards for 1971. Announcement of the award films will be made on an NBC television color special, March 27, 1972, devoted to the films and the artists responsible for their production.

The committee will award films in the categories of "general audience" and "mature audience." A special award of merit will be presented to an individual or group.

REPRESENTING the film agencies of the three denominations are Rabbi Henry Siegelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America; Jesuit Father Patrick J. Sullivan, director of the film and broadcasting division of the U.S. Catholic Conference; and the Rev. William F. Fore, director of the Broadcasting and film commission of the National Council of Churches.

The three said in a joint

statement: "We recognize that the creative process is a gift from God, and that the motion picture has great potential for communicating the standards, values and goals of our society."

"We believe that the religious community should take a positive attitude toward the film medium and should utilize every appropriate means of encouraging praise-worthy achievements within it."

## BANK HOLIDAY NOTICE CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 27, 1971, being a LEGAL HOLIDAY, the banks comprising the membership of the Dade County Bankers Association, Inc., will NOT be open for business on that date.

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# Ratings Of Movies On TV This Week

### FRIDAY, DEC. 24

9:30 a.m. (5) Just For You Part II (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
1:30 p.m. (6) Secret Of The Purple Heart (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) Christmas In Connecticut (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: Suggestive references and remarks; light treatment of marriage  
11:30 p.m. (10) Little Minister (No classification)  
11:30 p.m. (11) Belvedere Rings The Bell (No classification)

### SATURDAY, DEC. 25

12 noon (6) Kid Flitz  
1 p.m. (4) Children's Film Festival  
1:30 p.m. (6) The Buster Keaton Story (Family)  
2 p.m. (5) A Christmas Carol (Family)  
2:30 p.m. (12) The Bells Of St. Mary's (Family)  
4:30 p.m. (6) Denver And Rio Grande (Family)  
7 p.m. (6) The Buster Keaton Story (Family)

8:30 p.m. (10) Tribes (No classification)  
9 p.m. (5 & 7) Far From The Madding Crowd, Part I (No classification)  
11:15 p.m. (12) War Of The Colossal Beast (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

### SUNDAY, DEC. 26

12 noon (10) Anthony Adverse (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
2 p.m. (6) Denver & Rio Grande (Family)  
4 p.m. (4) 300 Spartans (Family)  
4 p.m. (5) The Stranger Of Blackmoor Castle (No classification)  
4:30 p.m. (6) The Buster Keaton Story (Family)  
6 p.m. (10) Father Goose (Family)  
6:30 p.m. (6) Denver & Rio Grande (Family)  
7:30 p.m. (4 & 11) D-Day, The Sixth Of June (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: Light treatment of marriage; tends to arouse undue sympathy for immoral actions  
9 p.m. (10) & (12) A Boy Ten Feet Tall (Family)

11:30 p.m. (11) Mother Didn't Tell Me (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:45 p.m. (5) We're No Angels (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

### MONDAY, DEC. 27

9:10 a.m. (5) Quebec (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: Tends to condone immoral actions  
1:30 p.m. (6) Esther And The King (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: Whatever Biblical values this film may pretend to possess are nullified by the deplorable fact that in its treatment the film resorts to excessive sensuality in dancing, costuming and situations  
4 p.m. (10) My Dream Is Yours (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
8:30 p.m. (12) Road To Bali (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents); followed by My Favorite Brunette (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
9 p.m. (5 & 7) Far From The Madding Crowd, Part II (No classification)  
9 p.m. (10) Silent Night, Lonely Night (No classification)

### TUESDAY, DEC. 28

9:10 a.m. (5) The Blue Panther (No classification)  
1:30 p.m. (6) Esther And The King (See rating Monday, 1:30 p.m.)  
4 p.m. (10) Night Unto Night (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
8 p.m. (4) What A Way To Go (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: What could have been a light-hearted comedy-satire becomes unacceptable because much of the costuming of the central character appears to have been chosen primarily for the purpose of stimulating prurient interest. High artistic purpose does not justify flagrant exhibitionism — even if only to ridicule it  
8:30 p.m. (10) Maybe I'll Come Home In The Spring (No classification)  
11:30 p.m. (10) Walk A Crooked Mile (Family)

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

9:10 a.m. (5) Alaska Seas (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
1:30 p.m. (6) Esther And The King (See rating Monday, 1:30 p.m.)  
4 p.m. (10) Nobody Lives Forever (No classification)

### THURSDAY, DEC. 30

9:10 a.m. (5) Desert Detour, Part I (No classification)  
1:30 p.m. (6) Esther And The King (See rating Monday, 1:30 p.m.)  
4 p.m. (10) Torrid Zone (Unobjectionable in part for all)

OBJECTION: Suggestive and double-meaning dialogue; lustful situations  
11:30 p.m. (10) Slaughter On Tenth Avenue (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

### FRIDAY, DEC. 24

9:10 a.m. (5) Desert Detour, Part II (No classification)  
1:30 p.m. (6) Esther And The King (See rating Monday, 1:30 p.m.)  
9:30 p.m. (4 & 11) The Gusha Boy (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:30 p.m. (10) The Hunchback Of Notre Dame (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

### SATURDAY, JAN. 1

12 noon (6) Kid Flitz  
1:30 p.m. (6) Hell And High Water (Family)  
2 p.m. (7) Journey To The Center Of The Earth (Family)  
3 p.m. (5) Night Freight (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) Ice Palace (No classification)  
4 p.m. (12) The Quiet Man (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4:30 p.m. (6) Prince Valiant (Family)  
7 p.m. (6) Hell And High Water (Family)  
8:30 p.m. (10 & 12) The Feminist And The Fuzz (No classification)  
11:30 p.m. (14) How To Be Very, Very Popular (Unobjectionable in part for all)  
OBJECTION: Suggestive dancing, dialogue and situations  
11:30 p.m. (11) Kid From Left Field (Family)

## RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

TV  
Saturday  
5:30 p.m.  
THE TV MASS — Spanish — Ch. 23 WFTV  
Celebrant Father Ricardo Castellanos  
Sunday  
7 a.m.  
THE CHRISTOPHERS — Ch. 11 WINK  
9 a.m.  
CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY — Ch. 7 WCKT — "The Day After Christmas," an original play written by John De Groot, production director of the Archdiocesan Radio & TV office.  
10:30 a.m.  
THE TV MASS — Ch. 10 WPLG — Celebrant Father James Flavin, O.M.I.



**REHEARSING** the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is Leonard Bernstein. The orchestra will celebrate Beethoven's birthday in a special program which Bernstein will conduct in Vienna. The 90-minute special will be presented Christmas eve from 9 to 10:30 on WTVJ, Ch. 4.

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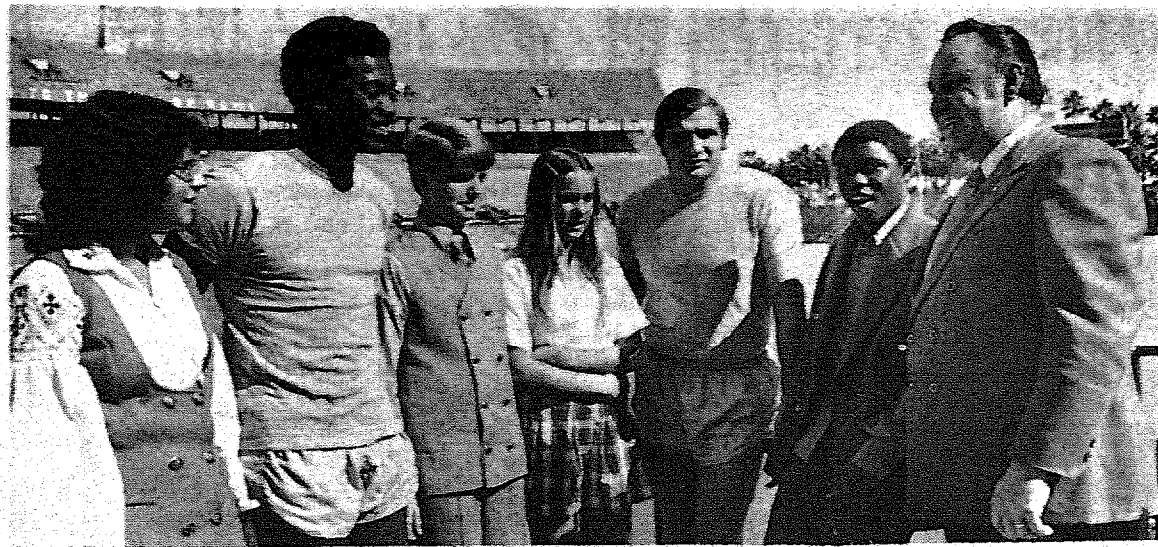
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## Dolphin award

TWO CATHOLIC youngsters were among four winners of the second annual Miami Dolphins Young Citizen award which was presented last week by Juvenile Court Judge Donald E. Stone (far right). Appearing at an Orange Bowl practice with Dolphin wide receiver, Paul Warfield and defensive captain, Nick Buoniconti, were the winners from left to right, Linda Hevia, ninth grader from Homestead Junior High; Casey Brady, eighth grader from St. James School; Lori Sorelle, eighth grader from St. Elizabeth School; and Nathaniel Wallace, eighth grader from Citrus Grove Junior High.

## CYO deanery sets up installation; national officers to confer here

In CYO action . . . South Dade Deanery officers will be installed Sunday, Dec. 26 during an evening Mass at Epiphany Church. Officers include: Alice Audie, (St. Theresa), president; Mark Isaia, (Epiphany), vice president; Nadine Goller (St. Timothy), secretary; and Jim Miller (St. Timothy), treasurer.

"The Heroes of Cranberry Hill" will provide the music for the dance to follow the installation from 8 to

11:30 p.m. Cindy Ewald, Epiphany CYO president, is in charge of both events.

National CYO officers will meet in Miami Dec. 26-29 for a series of informal planning sessions before their National Board meeting in Washington, D.C. late in January.

National president, Joe Staub will confer with Abe Malouf, vice president and Ernie Martinez, national regional co-ordinator. National secretary, Sandy Lombardo expects several dif-

ferent agenda items to be discussed. Among those topics will be the "FLASH" program upon which Sandy based her campaign.

St. James CYO is in the process of planning a "Thought Festival" for Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The "Festival" is the brainchild of St. James CYO president, Eddy Gomez. Both he and CYO Executive Director Bob Preziosi expect it to be a valuable learning experience for all who can attend.

## Alumni day

Alumni of Pace high school are scheduling an alumni day at the school, Monday, Dec. 27. Girl graduates will play a 7 p.m. basketball game, followed by an 8 p.m. game for the boys in the new gymnasium.

Refreshments will be served after the games in the recently-completed cafeteria.

## CYO scores

Nativity	57
Queen of Martyrs	46
Annunciation	40
St. Charles Borromeo	24
St. Louis	31
St. John Vianney	19
St. Catherine	28
St. Brendan	7
Sacred Heart	44
Epiphany	35
St. Timothy	55
Boston	20
Blessed Trinity	50
St. Martha	19
St. Theresa	55
St. Mary's Cathedral	41
St. Joseph	39
Immaculate Conception	28
WPBYM's No. 1	52
St. Clare	46
St. Francis of Assisi	47
St. Mark	14
WPBYM's No. 2	71
St. Vincent Ferrer	46
YOUNG ADULT	
Holy Redeemer	58
St. Rose	52
St. Monica	46
St. Elizabeth	79
Annunciation	2
St. Bartholomew	0

## Speech tourney at Seminary

Religious vocations was the theme of the third annual Serra Club speech tournament held last Saturday at St. John Vianney Seminary. Each student selected his or her own topic from the general theme of vocations.

Before two contestants were chosen from each elementary and high school to attend the tourney, local contests were held in the schools before student assemblies and parent-teacher groups to narrow the the competition.

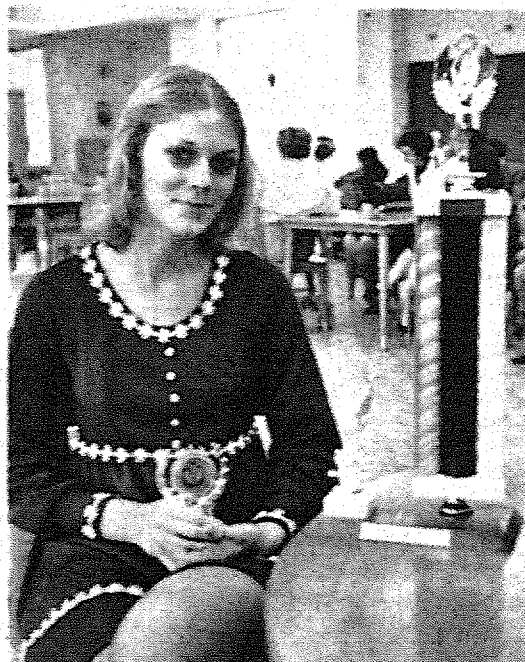
Cardinal Newman's Denise DeLong took top honors in the senior high division. Second place winner was Cathy McFadden of Cardinal Gibbons, and third place went to Gibbon's Judy Robb.

In the Junior high division, ninth grader, Sonia Pawluc of Lourdes Academy won first place, with second place honors going to Arlene Donolo, seventh grade student at St. Brendan School. Third place winner was Mary Puissegur, an eighth grade student from St. Gregory School, Plantation.

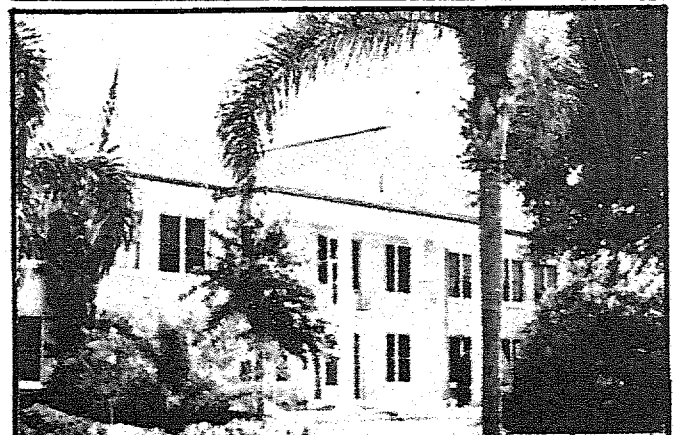
At the end of the contest, Father William Hennessey, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, spoke on the glory

of a vocation. George R. McKiever, a member of the Miami Serra Club, served as chairman of the event, which is sponsored

for the purpose of expressing the thoughts and opinions of young people on the subject of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



CAPTURING TOP honors in the senior high division of the Serra Club tourney was Denise DeLong of Cardinal Newman High School. The tournament was held Saturday at St. John Vianney Seminary.



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By Mitch Abdallah

# Cagers off to slow start, lack height

Lack of height seems to be the biggest problem confronting most of the Archdiocesan school basketball teams, according to coaches we've spoken to this past week. This is especially true of St. Patrick's over on the Beach. "We can't get up high enough to grab the rebounds," said coach Butch Stallings.

The tallest man Stallings has starting is six-foot Gary Lancer, center, a transfer from Curley High School. Most of his starters from last year have transferred to other schools. "Another problem we face," he added, "is depth." Opponents are wearing his boys out.

"We have a fairly fast ball club but we are short and thin. If we can fast break, we can stay in the game. In our outside shooting, we run hot and cold," coach Stallings added. "We're nothing under the boards." With a 1-5 record, St. Patrick's lone victory came against Fort Lauderdale Christian.

**CONSISTENT** shooting has come from guard Jim Whitelock, who has averaged 17 points per game. Center Lancer has averaged 14 points per game and Carol Steele, forward, 15.

Archbishop Curley's Phillip Petta has coached his boys to a 1-3 record, the one win coming against Msgr. Pace High last Friday. The tallest man Petta has starting is center Mike O'Neil who is 6'5".

However, Petta's team was plagued with a little sickness in the beginning of the season which has forced his boys to a slow start. "We haven't been shooting very well, either," he said. "Our biggest problem is lack of speed but our desire and determination make up for it," he added. The season is still young, and after Christmas, Petta hopes to run up the score in the win column.

With two wins, one against Miami Beach and the other against South Miami, Christopher Columbus has managed to break even in the won-loss column. The Explorers have lost to South Dade and Southwest. Their biggest problem is also lack of height, said Brother Kevin Francis.

Two of his boys have shown stalwart performance, Anthony Ard and Bob Bustamante. Both forwards, Brother Kevin has rated them as "exceptionally good." Columbus' biggest asset is its outside shooting and speed. Both Ard and Bustamante have averaged 20 points for the four last games.

Also with a 2-2 record is Belen Jesuit. Coupled with the problem of no height, Belen also needs some experience under its belt. Only two starters are back from last season, center Carlos Perez and forward Alex Puente. Perez is 6'6" and Puente is 6'2". Although the prepsters have been having trouble with their shooting, they do have good speed.

**CHAMINADE OF HOLLYWOOD** has been having its troubles also. With an 0-7 showing in the won-lost column, Lion coach Andy Tonkovich has been playing his boys minus three starters. They are Tom Carney, Dan Carney and Bob Bernard. All three are out because of injuries. "After Christmas, if everyone gets healthy again," said Tonkovich, "things may be better."

The toughest part of the Lions' schedule is playing eight clubs in the AAAA category. "Three of these eight will probably be ranked in the top 15," said Tonkovich. Lack of height also plagues the Chaminade coach. The Lions have been fouling out in the last quarter trying to play catch-up.

Presently undergoing a rebuilding stage, Immaculata-LaSalle has also been held back because of no height but coach Richard Hickox hopes that speed, conditioning and the desire to win will make up for that deficiency. Returning to the Royal lineup is last year's all-SAC player, Marcello Liorente. Coach Hickox is determined to make LaSalle "a winning and recognized team in the state of Florida."

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# Getting on the wavelength

By MARY ANN LINDEN  
Voice Staff Writer

A soundtrack of a current hit, "My Captain" plays in the background as a series of slides of everyday life are projected on the screen. This is a religion class project aimed at discovering Christ's presence in common life situations.

This one project at Immaculata-LaSalle high school is indicative of the change of emphasis on religious education — in quality, rather than quantity of education. As this new trend develops, many parents have a difficult and understandable confusion about the way religion is taught, according to Brother William Godette, religion teacher at Immaculata-LaSalle.

"PARENTS aren't willing to trust the professional religious educator like they do a doctor or a lawyer," The Holy Cross Brother explained. "They want religion taught their own way — the old way."

"Their way" was a fundamental, book teaching, following the question and answer mode from the catechism. Today, according to Brother William the latest Directory of Catechetics urges a wider variety of teaching methods, based on

the "hows" and "whys" of Christianity.

Implementing this idea, Immaculata-LaSalle students are leaping out into modern literature, looking for the evident signs of man's search for God. They're also studying modern art and music for religious themes.

IN ADDITION to slide and film presentations, according to the Brother, they've had panel discussions, tied in with the practical theory of religion.

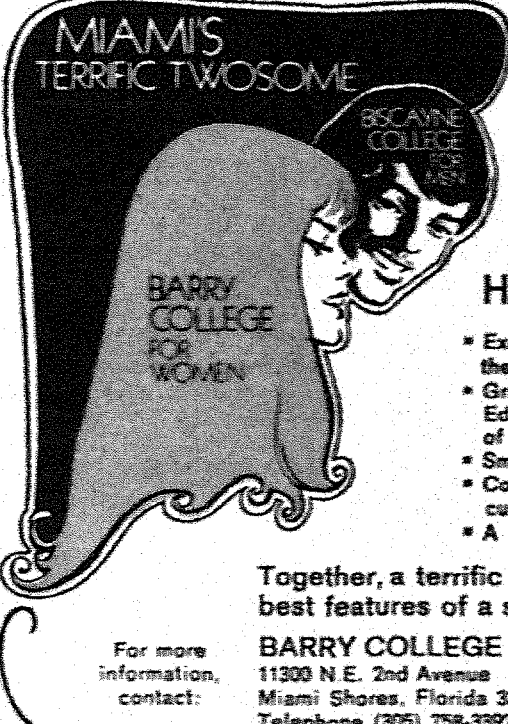
"I've always held that the only teaching going on is when learning is taking place" is a true one.

There has to be content — religion can't be taught in vacuum, but it must be taught creatively," Brother William explained.

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## Scholarships go to Redskins

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Two Cardinal Gibbons varsity football players have been awarded athletic scholarships to colleges within the Southeastern Conference. Gary Hanrahan, an offensive tackle and defensive end for the Redskins, was signed last week by Bear Bryant, the head coach at the University of Alabama.

After considering several offers, Hanrahan decided on Alabama and is the first Broward County player ever to be signed by the school. Also, John Emanski, another Redskin defensive player, has elected to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee.

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# Family Life directors hit anti-birth programs

WASHINGTON — Catholic family life directors in dioceses throughout the U.S. have called on society to "reaffirm its belief in the worth and significance of children."

In a statement issued to mark Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 26, they sharply criticized anti-child attitudes reflected in government-backed population control programs and easy abortion laws.

"At the present time, the United States Congress is considering legislation that would establish the two-child family as the American ideal. There is a genuine threat that the responsible decision-making of parents will be overridden," the statement said.

"Attempts are also underway to withdraw legal protection from the unborn

child prior to the 20th week of pregnancy. The child's right to life is being traded away for reasons of convenience or political expediency."

The statement, entitled "Children: Their Value and Destiny," was released here on behalf of the 150 diocesan family life directors throughout the U.S. by the Family Life Division of the United States Catholic

Conference. Msgr. James T. McHugh is Director of the Family Life Division.

Declaring that the "prime motivation" of all social policy concerning children must be "the child's good and his chance to develop as a unique and autonomous human being," the statement called for "a careful look at our whole fabric of law" to remove "inequities" and guarantee the basic rights of the child.

## Getting on the wavelength

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means instructors must come up with more stimulating material than rote memorization of catechism."

From this relaxed atmosphere on teaching religion, Brother William said, they hope to awaken the students to religious experiences in

everyday life.

"We hope to give them a favorable experience with religion in the schools, hoping they'll want to become more deeply involved with their parish work."

On special Holy Days, the school has held prayer days,

where students banded together in small clusters for meditation, and readings and joined later in the day for penance ceremonies.

"Religious education is in a period of transition in the school," Brother William said. "We have to get on the

youngsters' wavelength."

Expressing a desire to have adult education sessions to keep the parents informed on these new trends in education, the Brother said religion is based on a tripod — family, parish and school must have an equal part in education.



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Included in the weekend program will be workshops, small prayer groups, private counseling, liturgical celebrations and time for private prayer and meditation.

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### A New Year's meditation

Before me is a contemporary "holy card" which reads: "We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours." (Dag Hammarskjold)

As our thought turns to memories of the past year and anticipations of the new year, let us take a moment to ask ourselves what are the most important things we want to put into our "life's frame."

We may say happiness, security, and love are the ultimate fulfillments of life, but what are the basic needs and desires every human being strives to find, so these ideals may be reached? We could make a list of all we want of life. We would like to mention only three concerns we are all familiar with to show that these are the very things missionaries strive to give to the world's poor, and what your concern and support for the Church's missions makes possible, as the WORLD begins a new year.

First, is our health. Our ability to work, play, and be active depends so much on our health: physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional. We eat, dress, rest, exercise, and practice self-discipline to attain or maintain good health. We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Give us the physical and spiritual nourishment we need to live, to grow, to find fulfillment. Do we not toast, as on New Year's Eve: "To your health!"

Perhaps less obvious and less prayed for than health, but still a deciding factor in our lives, is education. Our work, social and cultural life styles, and financial security are results of our education. Our philosophy of life, our knowledge of God, our communicating with people and our handling life's situations have all been, and are, learning experiences.

And finally, our personal and communitive welfare. We want to live and work in good conditions. We want a good home life, neighborhood, place of business, financial security, peace of mind, and good things for ourselves and our families.

Like faith, happiness, and love, these blessings in life (health, education, and welfare) cannot be bought, but it still takes money to provide the means to these ends. And these are the means your money provides for your Church's missionaries in every mission school, medical clinic, relief center, seminary, and chapel.

The needs of the mission-poor may be vastly different from our own: our individual abilities to contribute help are also different. But we would beg each of you to examine your own blessings received and wishes for the new year, and to find in your heart the Love of God which reaches out to those not as blessed. We cannot choose the frame of the world's destiny, but we ARE held accountable for what we put into it. "When you do it to the least of these my brothers... you do it to Me."

Please begin the New Year by sharing the blessings of your life with the suffering-poor of the missions, that 1972 may truly be a year of peace, brotherhood, and grace. Send your generous sacrifice today. Thank you and God love you.

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### 'Fiesta de fe y esperanza'

Mis muy amados en Cristo

Nunca tanto como en la Navidad se hacen tan penosamente presentes en nuestros pensamientos los contrastes que marcan nuestras vidas durante todo el año.

Mientras muchos aprovechan este santo tiempo para realizar los mayores esfuerzos en la difusión del espíritu de amor en el perdón y la tolerancia, nos parece que percibimos más conscientemente los males del odio en las guerras y los prejuicios.

La Navidad en los tiempos modernos se viste con ropajes de lujo y riqueza. No obstante, en estos días nos parece más difícil esconder la pobreza.

Las familias realizan ahora extraordinarios esfuerzos para reunir a sus miembros dispersos, aunque solo sea por un día. Pero tal parece que las nubladas ventanas de los hogares destruidos nos golpean más fuertemente en estos días. Hay más sonrisas y más alegría aparente, pero también más soledad y desesperación.

**Q**UIZAS estos agudos contrastes, ante los que nos hacemos más sensibles en la Navidad, sirvan para recordarnos nuestra constante necesidad de Cristo y su mensaje salvador. Porque aun cuando nos asomamos maravillados ante los avances de la ciencia y vemos como ella tiene el poder de cambiar nuestras formas de vida, comprendemos una y otra vez que los males que nos rodean y nuestras propias flaquezas, necesitan de un poder trascendental. Con profunda convicción repetimos: "Señor, ven y sálvanos".

**E**S POR ello que la Navidad se nos presenta siempre como una fiesta de fe y esperanza. Ni los ojos del cuerpo ni la visión de la ciencia pueden decirnos gran cosa cuando miramos al pesebre. La fe tiene que ser nuestra guía si hemos de penetrar en alguna medida las paradojas envueltas. Muchos siglos atrás, San Juan Crisostomo manifestó el valor de la fe en la Navidad cuando escribió:

"El Hijo de Dios, que es el Dios de todas las cosas, se hace Hombre en un cuerpo. El, que sostiene los cielos en su mano, permite ser colocado en un pesebre. El, a quien el mundo no puede contener, es confinado a un

establo. El, cuya voz en la hora de la Pasión hizo trepidar la tierra, se deja escuchar en los gemidos de un tierno recién nacido. Los magos, al encontrar al niño, profesaron que éste es el Rey de la Gloria, el Señor de Majestad a quien Isaías había revelado como Niño y Dios y Rey eterno, diciendo: "Porque nos ha nacido un niño, nos ha sido dado un hijo que tiene sobre los hombros la soberanía, y que se llamará maravilloso consejero, Dios poderoso, Padre sempiterno, Príncipe de la Paz."

**L**A NAVIDAD es también fiesta de esperanza. Todos nuestros esfuerzos por reconocernos unos a otros como hermanos serían vanos si no comprendemos que Dios se hizo hombre y así Cristo se hizo nuestro hermano. No puede haber esperanza de que los oprimidos y los menospreciados sean tratados con justicia y amor a menos que creamos que somos verdaderamente hijos de Dios, miembros de la Familia Divina.

Tenemos razón para la esperanza porque la Navidad comenzó en los cielos y allí termina. Tenemos la suprema lección del amor de Dios a nosotros y por esto, millares de mundos podrían obtener confianza en su futuro terrenal y eterno.

**P**OR TANTO al celebrar el nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador, esforcémonos en llevar Su mensaje de fe y esperanza a cuantos nos encontremos, especialmente a los enfermos y los imposibilitados, a los ancianos y los que viven en soledad, a aquellos que necesitan ser alentados en la convicción de que Dios les ama más que al mundo entero.

**O**RACION por cada uno de vosotros es que el Niño Jesús profundice vuestra fe y fortalezca vuestra esperanza permitiéndoos así, disfrutar de la genuina felicidad de este Santo Día.

Devotamente vuestro en Cristo.

*Holeman J. Carral*  
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La Navidad no se celebró siempre y aún hoy quedan hombres y países que no la festejan, porque no la conocen o no pueden participar de la felicidad que el nacimiento de Cristo trajo al mundo.

Escribe Moises Alvarez Lijo

En el siglo III, aunque los cristianos celebraban los misterios conforme a las indicaciones del Divino Maestro ("Haced esto en memoria mía") y hacían de la Pascua de Resurrección la fiesta máxima de la cristiandad, no recordaban el nacimiento del Salvador. Fue por entonces que los obispos comenzaron las investigaciones para determinar con precisión el día del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor. En la siguiente centuria esa fiesta estaba ya incorporada. San Juan Crisóstomo, arzobispo de Constantinopla y Doctor de la Iglesia, dice, en 387, que hace menos de diez años la Navidad se festejaba. Por lo que podría ubicarse en esa fecha su incorporación a los faustos de la cristiandad. Pronto en Siria, Chipre, Alejandría, Jerusalén, la evocación de Belén alcanzaría igual esplendor. Es en ese mismo siglo IV que comienzan a celebrarse visperas solemnes y la adoración al alba y aun nocturna tiene lugar.

**No es fiesta para todos**

Pero no todos los hombres ni todos los países habrían de incorporarse de inmediato a la celebración. Porque más allá del imperio de Occidente o de Constantinopla quedarían, por los siglos, seres y regiones donde la Buena Nueva se desconociese. Diez siglos iban a volcarse sobre la tierra antes de que Colón plantase en suelo americano el signo de la Cruz.

**Los que no saben**

Aún hoy, en el tercio final del siglo XX, quedan hombres y países ajenos al regocijo universal de la Navidad.

Hay países semipaganizados, donde los cristianos, infima minoría, no han conseguido, todavía, hacer partícipes a todos sus hermanos de la jubilosa celebración. Hay

otros que conocieron y amaron por siglos la doctrina del Amor; y en donde, todavía, quedan hombres y mujeres que la practican y la difunden clandestinamente. Pero donde está oficialmente prohibida su exaltación. Países donde el odio de los dictadores solo parcial o esporádicamente tolera se rinda público culto a Dios.

**Los que no quieren**

Pero así como se puede sufrir de soledad en medio de la turbamulta, hay también quienes, gozando de la civilización cristiana — de los derechos, de las ciencias y de las artes que ella suministró a la humanidad — rechazan al Libertador, al que puso en los maderos de la cruz el alfa y omega de esa civilización. Y rechazan, lógicamente la celebración de su Natividad. O, lo que es peor, la distorsionan y la traicionan, convirtiéndola en fiesta pagana, donde los siete pecados capitales se conjuran para la bestialización del hombre.

**Los que no pueden**

Hay, naturalmente, hombres y mujeres que sienten y piensan cristianamente y quisieran celebrar la fiesta en el seno del hogar, junto a los seres queridos. Pero que por razones de servicio deben permanecer lejos de él: médicos y enfermeros de los hospitales, encargados de medios de transporte, agentes de usinas eléctricas, personal de seguridad, funcionarios de medios de comunicación. Y tantos otros que el ritmo incesante de la actividad retiene junto a su trabajo. Y ni qué decir de los enfermos, de los encarcelados, de los fugitivos, de los abandonados.

**Los combatientes**

Aunque haya unas horas de tregua

pensamos, igualmente, en la Navidad reatacada de los hombres en armas, de esos jóvenes que han sido enviados al campo de batalla y sienten la contradicción y el escándalo de esa lucha fratricida frente a la doctrina de paz y de amor del Salvador.

**Los miserables**

Y también en los relegados, en los marginados, en los que visten harapos y sufren hambre porque no ha llegado a ellos, en la acción concreta de la caridad, el socorro fraternal estampado en la leyenda angelical: "Paz a los hombres de buena voluntad".

En la India, en muchas otras regiones de Asia; en Africa; en nuestra misma América adulada por un desarrollo que no le llega: hay ranchos, taperas, chabolas — y a veces construcciones discretas — donde deambulan niños sin sonrisa alguna o yacen ancianos de mirada triste. Son los olvidados de la legislación, los descartados de la burocracia, los abandonados por familiares egoístas y cobardes. No habrá para ellos más que el reflejo de las luces lejanas o las migajas, tal vez, de un sobrante desperdiciado.

Verdad que "siempre habrá pobres entre vosotros". Pero cuando la pobreza se transforma en miseria, y esa miseria se roza con el esplendor de la opulencia, es que suenan a sordo los tambores del Sermón de la Montaña: es que la sociedad — que tal vez ha sabido desarrollarse y complacerse en el cambio de estructuras — no ha comprendido el Mensaje de la Navidad y está en los pininos de su realización.

**Para difundirlo**

Pero como es infinito el venero de gracia

## AUN NO ES NAVIDAD

que el Mensaje encierra, es posible que se produzca el milagro y que esta Navidad sea el comienzo de una recuperación. Para que en la pausa entre uno y otro estampido del descorchar de la champaña, de los silbatos y sirenas, de los cohetes y las bocinas: para que en la reflexión de la misa navideña y en el recogimiento de la meditación personal, aquellas voces se escuchen; y la mirada triste de los ancianos y la mueca sin sonrisa de los niños nos hablen con lenguaje duro y directo y nos expongan su dolor y su desamparo. Para que más allá del temor a los que mandan, de una concesión demagógica a los que aportan, de una adulación a los que influyen, de favor a los que votan, o tolerancia a los que protestan, la sociedad rescate su jerarquía de hogar común. Y se llegue — sin planilleos ni censos, sin decretos y sin fórmulas — hasta los últimos rincones de esas chozas que se empeña en ignorar. Y para que, en testimonio de esa fe cristiana que proclama, se acerquen a los olvidados, a los abandonados, a los que no tienen asistentes sociales ni canciones de protesta, y los incorpore al banquete de la vida — de toda la vida, la de aquí y la del mas allá — que comenzó hace mil novecientos setenta años "en la ciudad de David, llamada Belén, en Judea" con el nacimiento del Salvador y que ha de prolongarse, sobrenaturalmente, en la eternidad.

Cuando esa incorporación se haya logrado, cuando el esplendor de la fiesta — en los cuerpos y en las almas, con el hambre calmada y el espíritu elevado al Creador — alcance la tierra toda, recién entonces podrá entonar la sociedad, sin traicionarse a sí misma, el himno de gloria: "Ahora es Navidad".





Para los niños "migrants" de los poblados agrícolas de Immokalee y La Belle la Navidad llegó más radiante este año. Para ellos, la Archidiócesis de Miami ha construido sendos 'day care centers' (guarderías infantiles) en las misiones de Guadalupe y Reina de los Cielos. Ya estos pequeños no quedarán abandonados a su suerte mientras los padres van a trabajar. Ahora tienen durante todo el día techo y alimentación balanceada, salas y patios de juegos, cuidado esmerado y un futuro más brillante para un sector que como el de los trabajadores migratorios agrícolas, siempre ha sido uno de los más marginados dentro de la afluyente sociedad estadounidense.



## ¿Dios me atormenta para tentarme?

En esta sección contestamos a las dudas de orden moral que se desee someterlos. Rogamos a los consultantes no omitir nombres y apellidos — en letra de imprenta — lugar de residencia y documentos personales. Si se prefiere, responderemos al pseudónimo que se nos indique. Escribir a Voice, P.O. Box 1059 Miami, Fla. 33138.

**MARIA ELISABETH CARESANI.** — "Los sufrimientos ¿son o no pruebas que nos manda Dios? Dios es mi Padre, pero mi papa no está siempre pinchándome o pegándome para probarme".

Los sufrimientos, el dolor, son uno de los aspectos del problema del mal que apasionó a los santos Padres, sobre todo a San Agustín. Comienza el santo probando, con rigurosa lógica, que el mal, en cuanto tal, es falta, carencia, defecto del bien, que, éste sí es algo que existe, que es positivo. El mal, como usted sabe, entró en el mundo con el pecado original, acarreándonos el peor de los sufrimientos, la pérdida del cielo, la muerte, las enfermedades y todas las demás penas.

Otra verdad es que Dios — como buen Padre — sabe sacar bienes de todos estos males, pues es también Providencia. Un cristiano puede tomar los sufrimientos de cada día, ordinarios y extraordinarios, de diversas maneras. Los santos, por ejemplo, humildísimos como eran, los atribuían a la misericordia de Dios que, con el dolor, les daba oportunidad de expiar sus pecados en este mundo, en vez de hacerlo en el otro.

Lo cierto es que Dios desea nuestra felicidad, tanto en este mundo como en el futuro. El deja que los elementos de la creación ejerciten sus leyes. Al mismo tiempo le ha dado al hombre suficiente inteligencia como para prevenir esas mismas leyes y encaminarlas en provecho propio. Si en un

descuido el agua caliente le hizo alguna ampolla, recuerde también que, gracias al fuego, usted prepara la comida todos los días.

Los cristianos sabemos que en el estado precario — de emergencia, diría San Pablo — en que nos encontramos en este mundo, ocurren muchos sufrimientos físicos y morales. Enfermedades, pobreza, carencia de cosas necesarias, injusticias, muerte de seres queridos, ingratitudes, etc. Pero sabemos también, porque Él nos lo ha dicho, que esas tribulaciones, aceptadas con generosidad, van puliendo, modelando en nosotros la imagen de Cristo. San Pablo cuenta a sus amigos las tremendas tribulaciones que padecía: traiciones, azotes, naufragios, persecuciones, cárcel, etc. Y concluye: "Explo de alegría en medio de mis tribulaciones".

Tal es la economía del dolor, en la vida cristiana. No es propiamente, que Dios nos mande sufrimientos y penas para probarnos. Lo que sucede es que en el estado de cosas en que vivimos (después del pecado) los sufrimientos vienen solos. La diferencia entre el pagano y el cristiano es esta: Mientras el pagano rehúye sufrir por todos los medios, sin poder conseguirlo, el cristiano acepta el dolor como elemento indispensable de su perfeccionamiento.

Hay unas palabras de Cristo en el Evangelio que revelan al cristiano el secreto de la relación dolor-vida: "No fue necesario que Cristo padeciese y muriese y así entrase en su gloria?". Y si los cristianos han de ser otros Cristos, saque usted la consecuencia.

Pero ¡mucho cuidado! No hemos de caer en el ingenuo error de echar a Dios la culpa de los sufrimientos causados por nuestra falta de previsión, mala cabeza, torpeza, vanidad, soberbia y otras yerbas que producen tales o peores ahrojos.

## Ordenado en Cuba el Dr. Julio M Gomez

A la edad de 57 años fue ordenado sacerdote en la Catedral de La Habana el Dr. Julio Morales Gómez, figura ampliamente conocida en los círculos religiosos e intelectuales cubanos.

Antes de abrazar el sacerdocio el Dr. Morales Gómez fue por muchos años catedrático de la facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de La Habana, abogado con una larga y prestigiosa práctica de su profesión.

Fue fundador y presidente de la Juventud Católica Cubana y más tarde Presidente de la Junta Nacional de Acción Católica Cubana. La Iglesia lo distinguió con condecoraciones pontificias por su labor apostólica.

Cuando los agentes comunistas se apoderaron por la fuerza de la Universidad de La Habana, violando su autonomía, el Dr. Morales Gómez se unió a la inmensa mayoría del profesorado de la bicentennial universidad, renunciando a su cargo de catedrático.

Pocos años después era designado Profesor del Seminario Interdiocesano de La Habana, por lo que antes de ser sacerdote fue profesor de sacerdotes.

La ceremonia de Ordenación fue oficiada por el Arzobispo Francisco Oves, de La Habana el pasado miércoles, día 15. El Padre Julio Morales Gómez ofició su primera misa el jueves 16 de diciembre en la Iglesia Parroquial del Vedado.

Para unirse espiritualmente al nuevo sacerdote, sus familiares en Miami ofrecieron una misa en la Capilla del Centro Hispano Católico, que fue oficiada por el Padre Angel Villaronga, a la que asistieron sus hermanos José Miguel, Ricardo y Manuel Rafael, con sus respectivas esposas, Gloria, Bertha y Bijousa, varios sobrinos y la señora Mariana Gómez Arias Vda. de Obregón, tía del neosacerdote.



La Comisión Católica de Radio y Televisión ofreció un homenaje de reconocimiento a los técnicos, camarógrafos, locutores y productores que cooperan en la transmisión semanal de la Misa en Español a través del Canal 23. En la foto, desde la

izquierda, Tony Diégez, jefe de Producción; el Padre Donald Connolly, Humberto Estévez, director general del Canal 23; Mons. Bryan O. Walsh, Vicario Episcopal para lo Hispano; Sister Pilar, R.A., Azain Medina y el Padre José L. Hernando.

## ORACION DE LOS FIELES

NAVIDAD  
(25 de diciembre)

**CELEBRANTE:** No hay hombre ni mujer a quien la palabra de Dios tenga que ser extraña. La palabra de Dios se hizo hombre en Jesús. Al celebrar esta feliz ocasión, nos pedimos los unos a los otros dar testimonio y consagrarnos a las necesidades de los pueblos en todas partes.

**LECTOR:** Nuestra respuesta hoy será "Escúchanos, Señor."

1. Por la Iglesia y todas las comunidades de fe, para que manifiesten las buenas nuevas de Jesús en todos sus alientos y todos sus actos, oremos al Señor.

2. Que Jesús, el Príncipe de la Paz, bendiga a todos los hombres y pueblos con paz y bienestar, oremos al Señor.

3. Por aquellos que se sienten solitarios cuando nadie debía estarlo, por los que están en cárceles, hospitales y hogares de ancianos, en campos de refugiados, en lugares arrasados por la guerra, en ghettos y barrios indigentes, para que la nueva creación que celebramos hoy nos sane y libere a todos, oremos al Señor.

4. Por nuestros amigos y miembros de nuestra familia que no pueden estar con nosotros hoy, oremos al Señor.

5. Por los que estamos aquí reunidos, para que el gozo y la paz de Navidad se refleje fielmente en todos nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras, oremos al Señor.

**CELEBRANTE:** Padre, en este día del nacimiento de Jesús, cada hombre, mujer y niño de la tierra esté en nuestros corazones y nuestra conciencia. Que permanezcan siempre ahí, y que la medida del éxito de nuestras vidas sea la paz, la igualdad y la solidaridad que logremos. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, Nuestro Señor.

**PUEBLO:** Amén.

FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA  
(26 de diciembre)

**CELEBRANTE:** Experimentando el gozo de que Jesús haya nacido en una familia humana y la alegría familiar de la Navidad, oremos para que la unidad, el calor y el amor reinen en nuestra familia y en todas las familias, oremos al Señor.

**LECTOR:** Nuestra respuesta hoy será "Señor, escucha nuestra oración".

1. Que la Iglesia, la familia de Dios, promueva el espíritu de hermandad entre todos los pueblos, especialmente entre aquellas comunidades que comparten el nombre de cristianas, oremos al Señor.

2. Por la familia de naciones, para que todos los gobiernos comprendan que somos una familia humana y desarrollen programas que promuevan la paz, unidad y prosperidad, oremos al Señor.

3. Que los padres, recordando el amor que dió vida a sus hijos, continúen creciendo en sabiduría y paciencia, agradecidos a Dios por sus hijos, oremos al Señor.

4. Que los hijos reconozcan y aprecien que de sus padres están recibiendo dones que nunca pueden ser perdidos, oremos al Señor.

5. Por las familias divididas y separadas debido a muerte, infortunio, negligencia, guerra y persecución, oremos al Señor.

6. Que los miembros de cada familia vivan el espíritu de perdón y paciencia de unos a otros a fin de crear en el hogar una atmósfera de comprensión y amor, oremos al Señor.

**CELEBRANTE:** Padre, creador de la vida familiar, tu nos diste a Jesús como nuestro hermano mayor. Bendice a nuestra familia y a todas las familias. Que por esta celebración de hoy experimentemos el amor y la unidad que supera todos los obstáculos y divisiones. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

**PUEBLO:** Amén.

## ULTIMAMENTE dijo el PAPA



**NAVIDAD:** es tradición bella, amable, humana. La casa, la familia, los niños, advierten que Navidad es su fiesta. Que cada hogar la festeje con íntimo recogimiento, con la fidelidad del amor, con el disfrute sereno de reunirse, con la oración en común. Haced en casa un pequeño Belén para tener con vosotros a Jesús en ese día bendito. (Dic. 12-1971)

**PAZ:** pensamos que la idea de la paz es y debe seguir siendo dominante en el acontecer humano y que precisamente sea más apremiante, cuando y donde se vea impugnada por ideas o hechos contrarios. Ella polariza las aspiraciones humanas, los esfuerzos, las esperanzas. (Dic. 8-1971)

**CRISTO:** ¿qué interés notais vosotros por Cristo en el mundo? Existen ciertos signos curiosos y extraños: recientemente revistas americanas publicaban fotografías de jóvenes hippies vestidos con camisetas en las que aparecía escrito con grandes caracteres: "I Love Jesus". Habrá llegado el momento del slogan Jesús para esta juventud paradójica y despreocupada? (Dic. 15-1971)

**CARIDAD:** Sin ella los hombres se ven siempre tentados a replegarse con satisfacción egoísta o con desesperación en su miseria. Siempre hay personas que de hecho tienen necesidad de alimentos, vestidos, medicinas, trabajo, consideración, amor, personas que sufren enfermedad, prisión y la tremenda soledad moderna. (Dic. 16-1971)

Condensado por  
P. Ernesto Molano



# Around the Archdiocese



CHRISTMAS BELLS overlook the Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' Field in Bethlehem where Christ was born.

## Broward County

The Knights of Columbus Council of Plantation will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on

### Vast choir sings praises of Savior

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number down to conform to the space assigned to us on the field. It wasn't until the final week that we found out Mr. Joe Robbie was providing seats for the combined choir in the stands.

IN LATE November, the supervisor of music began a tour of the Archdiocese with personal visits to individual and groups of schools for local rehearsals. This was followed with area rehearsals.

"I was very pleased with

the performance of the children. The entire project reflected a great synchronization of effort," said Sister Joyce. "I can only say thank God for the marvelous teachers and the principals who worked so tirelessly with them. I'm very proud of all of them."

Sister Joyce also expressed her appreciation to the parents of the children, as well as the schools, who were instrumental in getting the children to the Orange Bowl by bus. Many of the schools had to borrow and rent the buses. All in all, the music supervisor said, the cost of transportation and the gowns ran about \$7,400.

Sister Joyce said she felt the experience the parochial school youth gained from this performance would remain with them into adulthood. "It's not the every day subjects such as history and geography that will be remembered," the Dominican nun said, "although they're very important, but a happy experience such as this when many years hence the child can say he sang in a choir when he was in fifth grade. This is a memorable occasion that years won't erase or dim."

"My satisfaction came from the sight of so many beautiful faces. I remember telling them that I wanted them to do three things to insure a letter perfect performance.

"First memorize the words and music. Second, when you get home sing your songs while looking into a mirror. If you don't like what you see, fix it up and if you don't like what you hear, fix that up, too."

responded to the president's entire request for \$6.14 billion."

The president vetoed 1970 and 1971 education appropriations bills, Marland said, not only to reduce education spending, but because "he was determined that money not be spent in ever increasing amounts on aid programs that had not been proven effective," and because Congress "had failed to respond to (his) call for reform, change and renewal."

Among administration-backed financial reforms Marland cited was revenue sharing, which he described as "a way of entrusting the states and localities with a larger share of the nation's responsibilities and a larger share of its resources."

U.S. bishops backed publicly at their recent fall meeting.

Marland said at the press conference a definite answer on tax credits should await the findings of President Nixon's school finance commission — the government body exploring various aid possibilities.

Marland's Dec. 15 Press Club speech, "A Year Ago This Week," was a personal assessment of his term as commissioner — which began officially Dec. 17, 1970 — and a defense of the Nixon administration's education policies.

IGNORING the muffled snickering of some of the reporters present, Marland said he wanted to clear up the stereotype that this administration is somehow lacking in commitment to education.

"I think the president and government have a good story to tell, and I don't think it's been told very well," he said, adding that he had "no axe to grind for anybody."

Marland said that while OE is operating in fiscal year 1972 "under the largest single budget in its history — \$5.35 billion," this figure "would have been nearly a billion dollars more if Congress had

## Official very concerned about nonpublic schools

By SUE CRIBARI  
WASHINGTON — (NC) — Dr. Sidney P. Marland Jr., U.S. Commissioner of Education, told a group of education writers here he is "deeply concerned" about the financial condition of the nation's nonpublic schools.

Speaking at a National Press Club luncheon during his first anniversary week as commissioner, Marland said the succession of nonpublic school closings might mean the end of a pluralistic educational system "and giving parents a choice."

Marland said the law and courts "at this time show very little freedom, in terms of policy, as far as direct aid to (church-related) institutions."

BUT he said he was "trying to promote to the maximum possible" the assistance-to-children form of aid, such as programs for the disadvantaged, textbook leasing and other services authorized by the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

At an Office of Education (OE) press conference last month, Marland said he personally favored assistance-to-children over education tax credits — an aid concept the

Friday, Dec. 31 in St. George parish hall. Tickets may be obtained by calling 735-1207 or 584-9663.

## Dade County

A New Year's Eve dance under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Name Society begins at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at 1180 NW 99 St. A live band will provide music for dancing and refreshments will be served. Reservations may be made by calling 696-1428.

St. Monica parish New Year's Eve dance begins at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 in the parish hall, 3490 NW 191 St. Buffet supper will be served and noisemakers provided.

Men's and Women's Clubs of Immaculate Conception parish, Hialeah, will host a New Year's Eve Dance at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 in the parish hall. A buffet supper will be served and music will be provided by a live band. Reservations may be made by calling 821-6379.

## Palm Beach County

"Exodus-71" will be theme of a New Year's Eve dance which parishioners of St. Paul of the Cross will sponsor beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the Breakers Beach Club, Palm Beach. Tickets may be reserved by calling 842-2716 in the evening.

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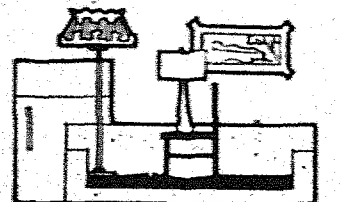
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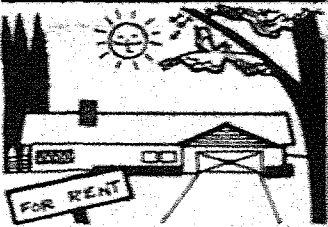
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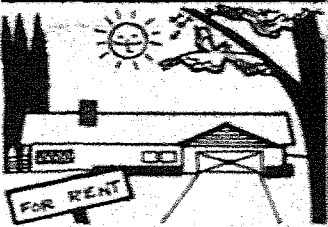
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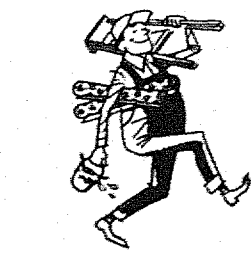
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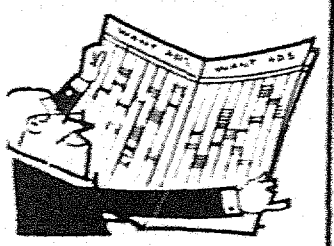
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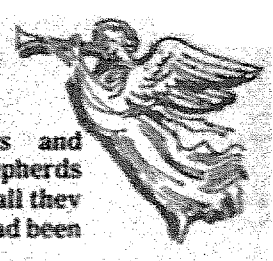
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While they were there the days of her confinement were completed. She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged.

THERE were shepherds in that locality, living in the fields and keeping watch by turns over their flocks. The angel of the Lord appeared to them as the glory of God shone around them, and they were very much afraid. The angel said to them: "You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you — tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests."

WHEN the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." They went in haste

and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger: once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds.

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen in accord with what had been told them. (St. Luke 2: 1-20.)

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## Vatican condemns terrorism, violence

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — The Vatican has condemned the terrorism and violence in Northern Ireland.

Without making a direct reference to the recent murder of a Protestant senator in Belfast, the Vatican news bulletin published a special note on the situation in Northern Ireland.

"The Holy See, basing itself on the teachings of the Gospel, has always condemned and condemns terror, violence, and intimidation from whatever source it may come and by whatever party it may be carried out," the note said.

THE reference was obviously to the admission of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) that it was

responsible for the killing of the Northern Irish senator.

The Vatican note said that it and the local episcopate "have always exhorted the interested parties to be aware that it is not through violence nor in the harsh repression of violence itself, but only in justice and in honor one can find an adequate solution to the grave problems of an historic political and social nature which are causing anguishing people on both sides."

## Daycare centers

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fears and anxieties. Prior to the operation which she now directs, Mrs. Matthews worked in the fields. And she was faced with the same problems which now confront the parents who have to depend on the day care center to care for their children.

She knows the feelings of a mother who has to go to the fields to work while her children are at home alone. "Things have improved a lot for the children and for the families as a whole," she said.

When asked her opinion of how the farm laborer's life could be stabilized, she recommended that training programs be established in industry so the migrants could find steady work and not be forced to roam the country. If this could be done, she added, it would help eliminate a number of the problems resulting from migratory labor.



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