

Abp. Carroll makes appeal

## 'Cut red tape so Cubans in Spain may reach U.S.'

### Your generous help needed by seminaries

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Archdiocese:

Each year at the beginning of December, I write to ask your help in maintaining our Seminary Program.

The expense incurred by the Archdiocese in providing a qualified faculty and in housing and feeding our young seminarians is indeed enormous — this in addition to the upkeep of the buildings of both the Major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach and the Minor Seminary of St. John Vianney in Miami. As you must know from the mounting costs involved in managing your own parishes and households, this burden becomes heavier each year.

Our Major Seminary has significance not only for the training of Seminarians, but also for seminary-sponsored programs for the continuing education of priests and the training of lay teachers of religion.

With all these thoughts in mind, I appeal to you once again for support of our Archdiocesan Seminary Program. I feel that you have a deep personal interest in this matter. Providing for future priests is the concern and responsibility of everyone in the Archdiocese. I am most grateful for your cooperation in the past and beg you to respond with even greater generosity when the Seminary Collection is taken up throughout the Archdiocese Sunday, Dec. 10.

Asking God to bless you and your loved ones, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

*Coleman F. Carroll*

Archbishop of Miami



DO I have a vocation to the priesthood? If this youth decides that he does, two seminaries in the Archdiocese of Miami, St. John Vianney Seminary, Miami, shown above; and St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach, will prepare him.

An appeal that the Department of Immigration cut its red tape in order to allow Cuban refugees now trapped by regulations in Spain to enter the U.S. as soon as possible, was made this week by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

Speaking at the request of members of South Florida's refugee community, Miami's Archbishop urged that the more than 20,000 Cuban exiles forced by circumstances to live in Spain "be reunited with their families and loved ones immediately."

"Many of these people were under the impression that if they came out of Cuba by way of Spain they would be allowed to enter the United States. Because of a U.S. president's invitation to sanctuary, many felt they would be designated parolees, a special status assigned by the U.S. government to a majority of Cuban exiles, instead of requiring them to enter this country with visas assigned on a quota basis."

"FAMILIES are being split apart," the Archbishop said. "Children are being separated from their parents; husbands and wives are being parted, brothers and sisters are being forced from each other. At the rate refugees are now being permitted to come under the quota system, it may be many years before loved ones are united."

"It seems that allowing these people immediate entry would be the most humanitarian and moral thing the U.S. can do," Archbishop Carroll said.

Each month an average of 1,000 persons enter Spain from Cuba and 600 are admitted to the U.S. About 100 of these people come to the South Florida area. Numbers in Spain are increasing at the rate of about 400 persons each month.

Immigrant visas and pre-parolee status are the only basis for admission to the U.S. from Spain for the refugees. The pre-parolees are admitted to the U.S. without a visa but are granted parolee status on arrival, the same as those who come on the freedom flights or by small boats.

A LARGE percentage of the arrivals in the U.S. are pre-parolees, the majority of whom are persons over 55 years of age or under 14 years.

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PRESENTING the Humanitarian award to Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll is Fred R. Stanton who cited the Archbishop for his "compassion" toward the needy.

### Abp. Carroll is presented with humanitarian award

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll was given the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami at a \$100-a-plate dinner dance attended by enthusiastic civic and social leaders this week.

The award, presented by Association President Fred R. Stanton, cited the Archbishop for his "interest in the welfare of all people and his deep compassion for the suffering and his untiring efforts within our community to assist his fellowman in finding a better way of life."

Dr. Ben Sheppard, chairman of the award dinner, told those attending: "Those who are supporting this dinner financially couldn't have selected a better boss. We have a combination of two greats: a humanitarian and a great cause."

AFTER THE invocation by Rabbi Irving Lehrman, Master of Ceremonies Judge C. Clyde Atkins introduced Stanton, who said, "I looked up the background on Archbishop Carroll and I don't know how anyone could ever give the background on this man. It is unbelievable. We could not have come up with anyone more deserving."

Stanton described the growth of the Archdiocese to its present 560,000 Catholics and pointed to the related responsibilities of the Archbishop, "but the thing that intrigues me is the outside organizations he is involved in. He is involved in everything that needs someone like him."

"He established, seven years ago, the Marian Center for retarded children. To do this he brought nuns over from Italy because

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### '73 ABCD headed by Msgr. O'Dowd, Byrd

Msgr. John O'Dowd, V.F., Archdiocesan Director of the Census, and pastor, Epiphany parish, South Miami; and Miami banker William E. Byrd have been named to key positions in the 1973 Archbishop's Charities Drive.

Appointed as the Archbishop's Personal Representative and Coordinator for the annual campaign conducted throughout the eight counties of South Florida, Msgr. O'Dowd is also Vicar Forane of the South Dade Deanery and a member of the Archdiocesan School Board.

Mr. Byrd, a vice president and trust officer at Peoples First National Bank of Miami Shores, and a member of St. Rose of Lima parish, has accepted the general chairmanship of the drive, inaugurated 13 years ago by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll to provide for the continuing expansion and operation of charitable facilities of the Archdiocese which serve the community interests.

PRELIMINARY meetings with pastors of the Archdiocese have already been scheduled in deaneries by Msgr. O'Dowd on Monday, Dec. 11, in South Dade; on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in North Dade; on Wednesday, Dec. 13, on the East Coast; and on Thursday, Dec. 14, on the West Coast.

A native of Middleton, Ohio, who came to Miami in 1961, Mr. Byrd has been associated with the Peoples National Group of Banks for the past 10 years.

Graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1956, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1960. In 1965 he was graduated from the Florida Bankers Trust School and in 1969 from the National Graduate Trust School.

Now vice president of the Miami Serra Club, Mr. Byrd is a past deputy governor of the Florida District of Civitan International.



MSGR. O'DOWD



WILLIAM BYRD

and is president of the Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Patricia are the parents of two children: William, Jr., a student at Chaminade High School, Hollywood; and Elizabeth, a pupil at Madonna Academy, West Hollywood. Mrs. Byrd is a member of the staff at St. Rose of Lima School and serves with her husband on the board of the Parents and Friends Association of Madonna Academy.

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# Census totals expected to be ready in month

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## Boy choir to sing at the Cathedral

The All-Miami Boy Choir will be featured in a special Advent concert at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Cathedral of St. Mary preceding the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Last July the choir participated in the International Youth Music Festival in Graz, Austria, where it received an "excellent" rating.

Under the direction of Paul Eisenhart, who founded the choir in 1968, the group is sponsored by the Division of Musical Arts of the University of Miami School of Music.

Four of the boys have represented the Choir, the University and the City of Miami in Central America and in Europe at two international Boy Choir festivals.

In the past four years they have performed for television viewers, church, convention and civic audiences as well as with the University of Miami Choir and Orchestra and the Greater Miami Philharmonic.

Their program on Sunday will include the works of Lotti, Schein, Hassler and Faure as well as traditional seasonal selections.

On Dec. 17 at 5 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral music director, Robert Fulton, will be featured in the third program of the Advent music series.

Although the majority of census forms were being assembled this week by the central Census Office at regional halls, the deadline for return of completed forms was extended to Monday, Dec. 11. All returns must be made to the office in the Chancery on that day. This deadline applies to all parishes, including those which were granted extensions of time for various reasons.

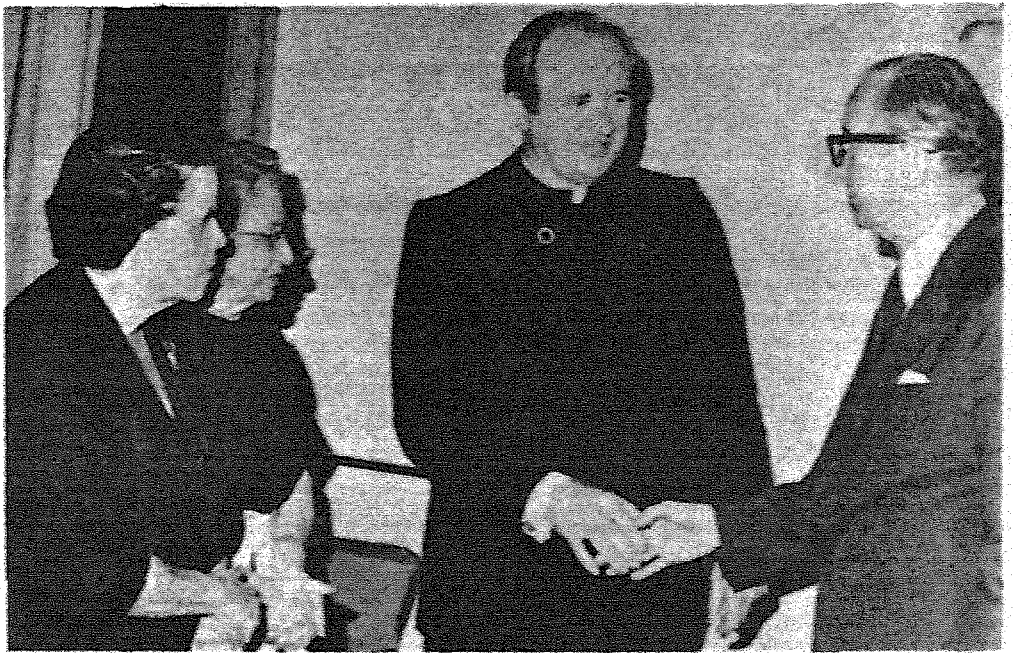
THROUGH the efforts of thousands of volunteers in the eight counties of the Archdiocese, the Census, the first since 1964, is being accomplished in only one month.

When the project began on Nov. 12, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll emphasized that the information was sought "in order to insure the spiritual wellbeing of all of the faithful living in South Florida.

"Many retirees have moved here from the North in recent years," the prelate pointed out. "There are many aged and shut-ins living among us who are not able to attend Mass, who are not able to shop or perform even the most fundamental tasks in life. To these people their homes have virtually become cells. The Census will enable us to reach these people."

The Archbishop also noted that the Census will answer many questions vital to the program of Religious Education now being conducted in the Archdiocese.

The Census was conducted in the 116 parishes and five missions of the Archdiocese with volunteers going from door to door and leaving Census forms only with Catholic families.



IN RECOGNITION of their extensive work for the education of Cuban children, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll and Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh were recently honored by Cruzada Educativa Cubana, an organization of exiled Cuban educators. Msgr. Walsh is shown accepting the awards from Dr. Vicente Cauce, Cruzada president; as Dr. Maria Gomez Carbonell and Dr. Mercedes Garcia Tuduri look on.

## Centro ready to help when airlift resumes

Coincident with the announcement that Freedom Flights for Cuban refugees will be resumed Monday, Dec. 11, Miami's Catholic Spanish Center indicated that it is ready to offer assistance to the exiles as it has been doing for the past 13 years.

According to Charles Bray, State Department spokesman in Washington, the United States has been informed by Cuba that the airlift can resume Monday to transport some 3,400 persons who are ready for departure.

NO LAST-MINUTE preparations are necessary at the Centro Hispano Catolico, located at 130 NE Second St., Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, the Spanish Center's executive director, told The Voice.

"The Spanish Center, which was founded by Arch-

bishop Coleman F. Carroll in 1959 for the specific purpose of welcoming new Spanish-speaking people into the community, is ready for the new wave of refugees and stands by to assist them in whatever manner it can," Msgr. Walsh pointed out.

Approximately 90 refugees will arrive in Miami aboard one daily flight, Bray said. Up until last May 12 when the airlift, sponsored by the U.S. government, was suspended by Castro, exiles came to Miami aboard two daily flights.

ALTHOUGH a master list approved by both governments contains some 27,000 names of prospective re-

fugees, it is assumed that many have left Cuba through other countries, have died, or have changed their minds about leaving their homeland. Names submitted by U.S. citizens whose relatives are still on the island account for another 120,000 persons.

## Break ground today for library, chapel

HOLLYWOOD — Ground will be broken at noon today (Friday) for a new library and chapel at Chaminade High School, conducted by the Society of Mary at 500 Chaminade Dr.

Expected to be completed in June, the new structure will cover 7,000 feet and house an expanding volume of books as well as provide space for audio-visual storage and librarian office space.

A separate chapel will also be constructed on the site adjoining the present school plant, which includes administration, faculty and classroom buildings, a gymnasium and cafeteria.

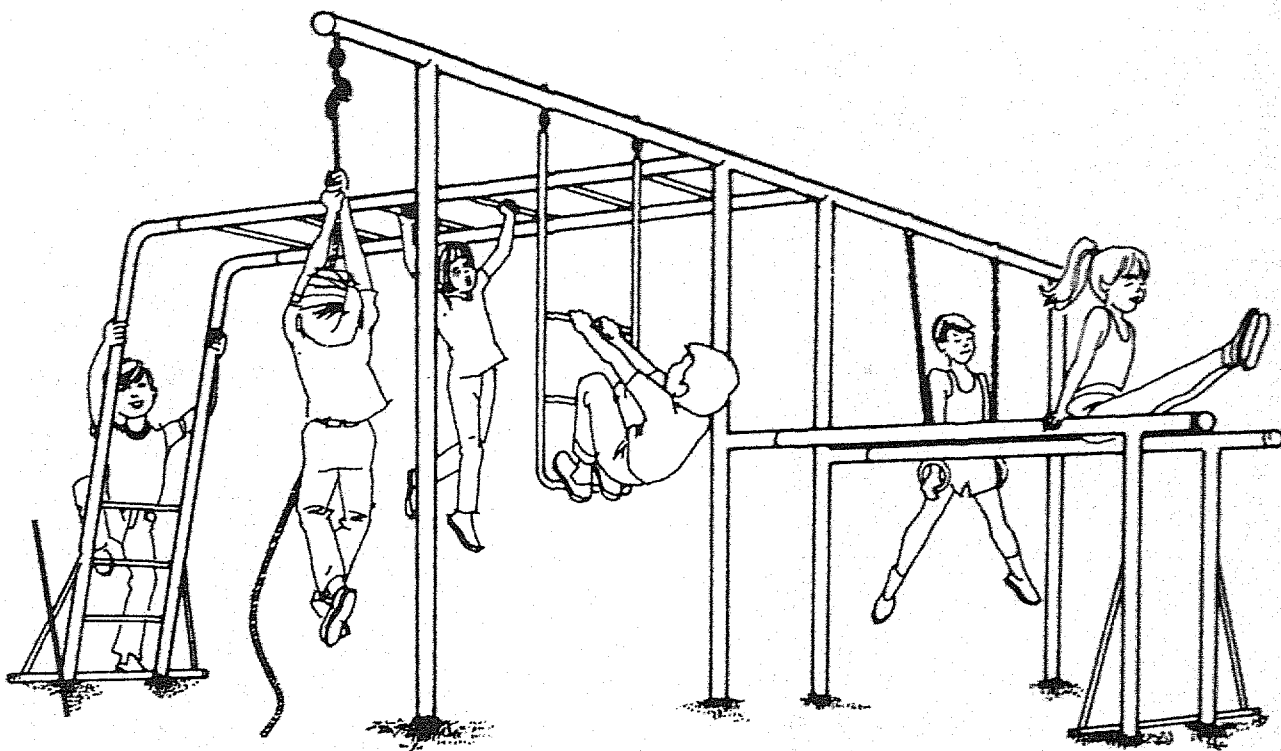
Established in 1964 at the invitation of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, the boys' high school is staffed by Marianist priests and Brothers.

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## Fr. Rausch USCC secretary

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Father James S. Rausch has been named general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC).

He succeeds Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary for the past five years, who has been named archbishop of Cincinnati by Pope Paul VI.

Father Rausch's election to a five-year term, effective Dec. 15, was announced here by Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, NCCB-USCC president. He was elected by a unanimous vote, conducted by mail, of the NCCB administrative committee and the USCC administrative board.

Father Rausch, 44, first joined the USCC staff as assistant general secretary in January, 1970. In March, 1970, he was named associate general secretary.

IN THAT position he has been Archbishop Bernardin's closest collaborator in administering the USCC, the national action agency of the U.S. bishops.

Cardinal Krol said he was "extremely pleased" to make the announcement and added:

"I feel confident that he will bring the same qualities of professionalism and priestly concern to his expanded responsibilities as

general secretary of both conferences."

Archbishop Bernardin praised Father Rausch for his "many talents and his dedication to the work of the Church and the conference." He said Father Rausch's qualities and experience "make him eminently suitable" for the new office.

Father Rausch was born in Albany, Minn., Sept. 4, 1928. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Cloud, Minn., June 2, 1956, after studies at Crusier Seminary, Onamia, Minn.; Sacred Heart Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and St. John's Seminary, Collegeville, Minn.

He also received a master's degree in education from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn., in 1963. After graduate work in economics at the University of Minnesota, he went to the Gregorian University in Rome, where he received a doctorate in pastoral psychology in 1969.

AFTER a year as an assistant pastor, he was a teacher at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud from 1967 to 1967 and at St. Thomas College from 1966 to 1967. He was a research fellow with the USCC Division of World Justice and Peace from 1968 to 1969.

He was editor of "The Family of Nations," a collection of articles on international social justice published in 1970. He is a member of the executive committee of the National Catholic Community Services (NCCS) and of the board of governors of the United Service Organizations (USO).

Father Rausch said he accepted the position of general secretary "with gratitude for the confidence placed in me by the bishops."

"I HOPE that I bring to the position of general secretary an awareness of the desires and expectations of the priests, Religious and laity in the Church in our country," he said. "I intend to be sensitive to these desires and expectations and the aspirations of all people of good will as I carry out these new responsibilities."

Cardinal Krol also announced that Archbishop Bernardin has been appointed secretary of the two conferences by their executive committees. According to NCCB-USCC by-laws, there must be a bishop secretary if the general secretary is not a bishop. Archbishop Bernardin will hold this post until the next election in November, 1973.

## Archbishop gets award from cerebral palsy group

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of their background. He also founded the Catholic Spanish Center here. He was the first chairman of the Dade Human Relations Board and received the Silver Medallion from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for work in human relations.

"And then you realize when you ask someone like this to help us raise funds to keep our Cerebral Palsy Center open that all he is doing all the time is trying to raise funds to keep his own endeavors going."

AFTER being presented with the award amid a long round of applause Archbishop Carroll said, "I must say that it is with a great deal of pride and humility that I accept this award, not for myself but for all the people that I represent, a considerable number of whom are the victims of one kind or another, a palsy or retardation."

"I have always looked upon those who are less fortunate than the rest of us, those to whom God has sent a cross of one kind or another, as his favorite children. I have visited the institutions which all of us came here this evening to assist in a material way, and I want to tell you that I am very proud to have been chosen for this award because of my interest in my fellowman, because I'm firmly convinced that I can't love God unless I love my fellowman no matter who he is."

"What you do here this evening undoubtedly required some effort on your part, required some caring — and you might at times become a little leary about those who approached you to help support materially a cause such as this. All of us ought to get down on our knees and thank God that we have the ability to help people."

"When you realize the efforts that are being made in an institution such as this where 70 to 100 children a day are being assisted, when you realize over 400 people a year receive this assistance because of the goodwill of so many people in this community who have the specific and definite and positive interest in this special problem, then I say we all have every reason to thank God."

"WE ARE blessed that we are first of all able to assist and secondly to have the desire to be personally involved and to become knowledgeable in what is going on in the

institution.

"I don't have before me the figures on what it costs annually to operate this institution. I know it's not a member of the United Fund. I can understand why. The United Fund gives Ben Sheppard \$28,000 for his drug program and thinks that will take care of it. We give him another \$180,000. I'm not complaining or criticizing, I'm stating facts."

"I'm sure all of us who are involved in the care of the needy know that the money the United Fund gives is not enough for the institution to survive. Furthermore there is much more satisfaction and much more desire to assist an institution in a personal way and know exactly what is being accomplished by that institution."

"I was very pleased to note in the report and to find out on my last visit to the institution they were willing to take children from three months to three years and give them special attention, loving care and devotion that does a tremendous good and a physical improvement as well as mental improvement for many children."

"A YEAR or so ago a group of doctors took 12 infants all the same age, six months, and put six in one room and gave them no attention whatsoever and put six others in another room and gave them all the care and attention they could shower on them. After a year they brought in a different group of doctors who knew nothing about the infants. The six infants who were left alone were declared mentally retarded and the six given the care were normal."

"They then reversed the procedure and those who had been retarded were given the care and they became normal and the healthy ones were neglected and they became retarded."

"This may not be true in 100 per cent of the cases but it is indicative of the fact that your institution can from the very early stages accomplish much."

"I'm sure there are some of you here who have had some experiences where you have noted the improvement due to treatment and care given to children and adults who are at the Cerebral Palsy Center."

"So my joy this evening is to have been singled out and honored this way and to

accept this reward and what it stands for.

"IT IS REASON for me to be inspired to continue the work to help those who are in need and is reason for me also to become more closely associated with your institution and to help as best I can in the years ahead."

Jack Schillinger, campaign chairman, in closing remarks said, "It gets harder to say anything as the evening goes on. Because you get your thoughts together and as each speaker speaks you say, 'Cross that out, cross that out...'"

"But I would like to say that you are the ones who should be proud. As the Archbishop pointed out our center has been growing. During the past year we were able to take 12 infants and place them in the new infant program. The sooner we can take the cerebral palsy child and help him, the more can be done for him. We also expanded our program, Spectrum, on the other end."

"Last year we had only three persons in our adult program. Now we have 26. These

people come in almost every day and participate in the activities, including the shelter workshop, and most of them are earning money for the first time in their lives. And when they go home with a dollar or a dollar and a half at the end of the week, they've done something. And they feel proud."

"ALTOGETHER we have about 500 people participating in the program, some full time, some occasionally. I really dislike using numbers or statistics because I'm talking about people. Children such as yours or your grandchildren. Or adults such as you and I. They are no different. They have the same feelings."

"And that is why I feel that you should feel proud — because it is financial aid such as yours that makes it possible to help our fellowman."

The benediction was given by Rev. Graham. Dancing followed, with music donated by the Sid Engel Orchestra.

## Michelangelo 'M' on Pieta

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Restoration work on Michelangelo's mutilated "Pieta" statue has revealed the initial "M" chiseled delicately into the left palm of the Madonna. It is regarded as Michelangelo's "signature."

Dr. Vittorio Federici, chief of the research laboratory for the Vatican museums, said he discovered the initial while working with an international team of art restoration experts who are repairing the damage caused to the "Pieta." It was vandalized in an attack May 21 by a hammer-wielding Australian of Hungarian descent, Lazo Toth.

THE assailant — now awaiting trial or other disposition of his case in a Rome

jail — broke off the Madonna's left arm and nose, and dented her veil and left eye.

Dr. Federici told newsmen that Michelangelo, then a youthful artist, had "signed" a "beautiful 'M'" in "clear, calligraphic lines," using the natural marks of the skin lines reproduced in the marble.

Until now, it was believed that the statue bore only one personalized marking by the sculptor — his full name cut into a strap draped across the chest of the Madonna, who is depicted holding the body of her son, Jesus, just after He was taken down from the cross.

The Vatican City daily, L'Osservatore Romano, quoted Giorgio Vasari, the

16th-Century architect, painter and biographer of artists, as reporting that Michelangelo Buonarroti signed the Pieta only after overhearing some visitors from Lombardy attributing the grouping to Cristoforo Solarini, a rival sculptor, also known as the "Hunchback."

IT HAS been said that, to preclude any further misidentification, Michelangelo "sneaked late at night" into St. Peter's Basilica, where the statue was on display, and inscribed his name on the marble.

Dr. Federici said he felt that the palm inscription "indicates a deep and tender affection which the artist must have had for the statue and the persons it depicts."

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The Bible will be the theme of Liturgy throughout the Archdiocese Sunday, Dec. 17.



## Archdiocese is taking part in 'Bible appreciation' year

An International Book Year proclaimed by the United Nations Organization is being observed in the Archdiocese of Miami and by Catholics throughout the world as a year of study of the Scriptures.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, designated by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll as "Bible Appreciation Sunday," the Bible will be the theme of Liturgy in churches and chapels of the Archdiocese.

At 9 a.m. that day on the "Church and the World Today" program televised by WCKT, Ch. 7, Scripture professors from the Archdiocese of Miami Major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul will be featured. Participating will be Father Philip J. Calderone, S.J. and Father Daniel Ford.

Christian Education Week, which began last October, launched the observance, which highlights the use of Scripture in catechesis and encourages reading of Scripture by all Catholics for spiritual enrichment.

"The basic aim is to increase the awareness of the parish community with regard to the mission given by Christ and that this mission is fostered and

realized through the spiritual growth obtained by prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture and the continued study of our Father," Father Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocesan CCD Director and coordinator of the observance, pointed out.

EARLY in 1973 Bible Appreciation programs arranged by the Religious Education staff of the Archdiocese will be presented in South Florida's parochial schools and during CCD programs throughout the Archdiocese.

A schedule of daily Scripture readings for the week is published in each edition of The Voice for the convenience of the faithful.

Early in 1973 Bible Appreciation programs arranged by the Religious Education staff of the Archdiocese will be presented in South Florida's parochial schools and during Confraternity of Christian Doctrine programs throughout the Archdiocese.

## Key '73 seen as turning point in Jewish-Christian relations

HOLLYWOOD — American Judaism faces a possible turning point in Jewish-Christian relations in an evangelical campaign known as Key '73, scheduled for the coming year and also sees anti-semitic threat looming Juan Peron's return to Argentina.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, meeting at the Diplomat Hotel here, said Key '73 "Could well become an historic turning point in relations between Evangelical Christians and Jews of the Magnitude of Vatican II, provides it is used as an opportunity to clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of conversion."

Key '73, he explained to the agency's top policy-making National Executive Council has been planned as a nationwide campaign involving more than 130 Evangelical, mainline Protestant, and Catholic churches and para-

eclesiastical groups, using all forms of mass media as well as personal persuasion to "call the continent to Christ."

RABBI TANENBAUM characterized the movement as the latest evidence of a growing evangelistic thrust that has been taking place in the U.S. over the past few years, and that has been shown previously in such movements as Campus Crusade for Christ, IntersVarsity Fellowship, Jesus Freaks, and Jews for Jesus.

Rabbi Tanenbaum made his remarks in the course of a panel discussion on the implications for American Jews and Judaism of the increasing momentum of evangelistic activity.

All three scholars expressed concern that conversionary efforts were beginning to have an influence on Jewish youth, especially those on college campuses. They pointed out that these efforts appeared particularly threatening to the Jewish community because they had arisen at a time when American Jews

and Jewish communal agencies were engaged in serious discussions about the implication of increasing rates of intermarriage, the need for a heightened sense of Jewish identity, and new ways to ensure Jewish continuity in a secular society. "We call on the Christian conscience to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitution for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people," Rabbi Tanenbaum declared, and added:

"AFTER THE NAZI Holocaust, which destroyed one-third of the Jewish people, and in the face of Soviet threats to carry out a program of enforced cultural

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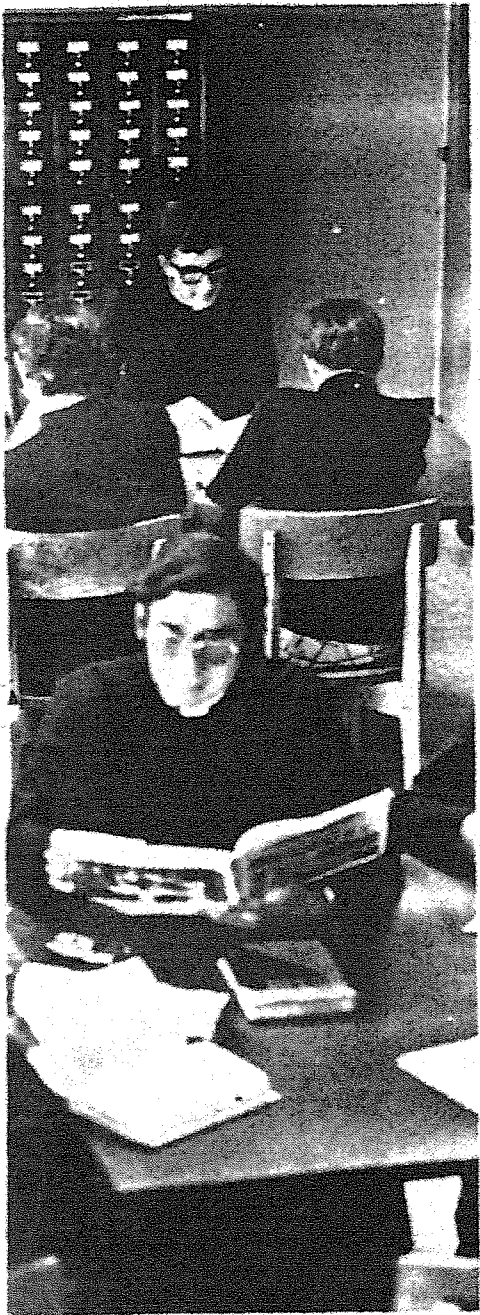
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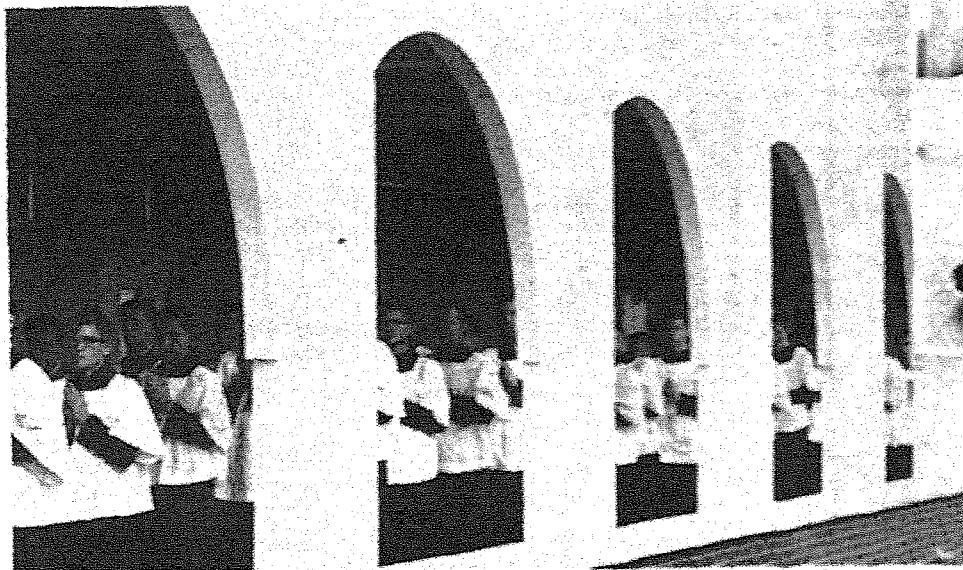
The annual collection for support of the Archdiocesan Seminary Program will be taken up in churches and chapels of the Archdiocese of Miami on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Today (Friday) at 11:30 a.m., Auxiliary Bishop Rene H. Gracida will be the principal celebrant of Mass in St. Raphael Chapel on St. John Vianney Seminary campus.

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# Editorials

## The humane thing to do at once — slash the red tape

Twice each week a small cluster of people, wearing tags and separated from the rest of the departing passengers, waits at Havana's Jose Marti Airport.

Apprehensively they while away the time until they board an Iberia Airliner which will take them to Spain and hopefully to freedom.

For these people, it is a difficult departure. Many are either very young or very old. They have given up their homes and all worldly possessions except what they wear upon their backs. They are leaving their friends and their native land behind.

But for these exiles who are headed for Spain — will there really be a new life, a life of freedom and opportunity? Yes, fortunately they will be free. But for some it will be the beginning of a time of trial and waiting.

These are the few who must remain behind while the rest of their group, mostly the aged and the young, are sent on to live in the United States. For some, it will mean saying goodbye to their children, for others it will mean parting from their spouses, their parents, brothers, sisters, or relatives.

THESE remaining few will not be able to receive work permits, in job-scarce Spain, except, in some cases, for the most menial work. For them, it will mean waiting. Waiting, in order to support themselves, for the check from relatives or friends who already have arrived in America. It will mean waiting for letters from their loved ones and, most of all, waiting for the visa, that in many cases fails to arrive.

These are the persons who are trapped in a labyrinth of U.S. governmental red tape, an impenetrable maze of rules and regulations into which they must made in order to seek the treasured passabe to America.

By a simple gesture of the U.S. government the sad plight of these people can be relieved.

We congratulate Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll for urging this week that the U.S. take immediate action to bring these exiles to be reunited with their relatives and friends.

We join the Archbishop in his plea that the government take the only moral and humanitarian step possible by acting with dispatch to grant these Cuban exiles the asylum that former President Lyndon B. Johnson promised in 1965.

## Latin American Bishops' Council lauded by Pope

SUCRE, Bolivia — (NC) — Pope Paul VI praised the Latin American Bishops Council (CELAM) "for its work during 17 difficult but fruitful years," and told its 60 members to further strengthen their efforts "through a calm, thorough revision."

Pope Paul lauded CELAM's many studies, services and projects, as well as its continent-wide coordination, since its establishment at a meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1955.

But he told its 14th general assembly here:

"Obviously these gains bound you to effect a revision that will make CELAM more responsive to the needs of the national bishops' conferences (of Latin America).

"It has the very definite mission of furthering community and service in Christ . . . as a sign and instrument of collegiality . . .

"It is essential, therefore, that all the bishops in the continent take CELAM as their own concern, and that the national conferences take up the resulting responsibilities."



Discards of society often make a collage showing the condition of its people. In a New York gutter sits stagnant water soaking up on ripped out pages with subheads "Down You Go" and "Farmyard"

and a once sharp, high-heeled shoe, a cigarette butt, a bottle cap, a plastic wrapper — all products of a modern society, of industry and of consumerism.

## Tax credit An overwhelming desire wins on parents to give rather than get

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — (NC) — In the closing moments of the legislative session, the California Senate passed a bill giving a tax credit of up to \$125 per child to parents of nonpublic school children.

The bill, sponsored by Leo McCarthy, a Democrat Assemblyman from San Francisco, was previously passed by the Assembly. It now goes to Gov. Ronald Reagan for signature.

THE BILL provides to a family with an adjusted gross income of less than \$15,000 a state income tax credit of \$125 for each child for whom tuition has been paid in a non-public elementary or secondary school. For families with adjusted gross incomes from \$15,000 to \$18,999, the bill provides tax credits ranging from \$100 to \$25 per child.

"Parent power was never more evident than in the last week of the legislative session," said Joseph P. McElligott, director of education for the California Catholic Conference, commenting on the passage of the bill.

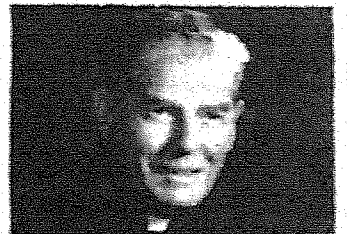
The Senate finance committee, which rejected the bill at the beginning of the week, was "deluged" with messages asking reconsideration. It reversed itself and approved the bill on the next to last day of the session.

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

If you are concerned because the Church in the past few years has shifted the emphasis during Advent from penance to joy, don't be alarmed as if this were one more bit of evidence that she is going soft and trying to run with the crowd to gain favor.

While enemies think of the Church as the "pie in the sky" promoter par excellence, she is in fact supremely realistic about earthly conditions. If you are over 30 years old, think back 15, 20 years. Try as you might to make Advent a little Lent, as was the intent, (and this was in keeping with the spirit of the times in past generations) our changing society caused excitement to bubble up in the home during Advent.

A mobile society separated loved ones, often by thousands of miles. But airplanes, and automobiles made travel rather easy, which meant families could be reunited. The



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salvation, says the Lord, the God of the Universe."

So here we are in 1972, and have to admit, if we look at it closely, that Christ as God's love in the world does make an impression, even on nonbelievers who may not be aware of it. The atmosphere is different in December. A spirit of self forgetfulness, more or less genuine, let's admit it, permeates society.

IT IS this attitude which the Church seizes on today to aid our preparation for Christmas. Let's overlook for the moment the fact that big business does move in on the Birth of Christ to dance to the tune of the cash register. In none of the other months of the year is there such a universal desire to give rather than to get, to share rather than to collect, to forgive rather than condemn, to love rather than hate.

The fact is that a great many people who can pass the poor without the slightest tinge of compunction during the year feel impelled in these days before Christmas to share at least a few dollars with them. Children, in preparation for Christmas, are seen in a different light in their innocence and simplicity, and one finds joy in giving them joy. As the birthday of Christ approaches, many Christians become more aware of their own failures to follow Him faithfully and feel stimulated to make reparation.

Young people who angrily left parents and home find it more difficult than ever to fill the vacuum in their hearts. Parents who have deliberately broken a home to follow a selfish interest find their conscience more restless and accusing. Loneliness among the homeless, the unloved, is never felt more keenly than at Christmas. Police records show that suicides at that time of year are higher than usual.

Why this change in atmosphere? Is God doing more to demonstrate His love? No, He has already given His Son, which is all His love. He can do no more. It is we who begin to change, if only for awhile. It is we who are drawn to share God's love in the world, to draw closer to Christ, to imitate Him a little in giving rather than getting, in thinking of others rather than of ourselves.

What a pity that on December 26 the atmosphere — unless we do something about it — becomes polluted with selfishness again.

### The Truth of the Matter

very thought of this not only caused careful travel planning during Advent for many away from home, but also charged the family with the spirit of happy anticipation. Penance, in the old often misunderstood sense of gloomy self-denial and overly serious attitudes, became increasingly unrealistic.

MOREOVER, gift-giving, card-sending, however we might complain of over commercialism, became a way of life. There was no escaping it. It took time and planning. Sometimes it was even fun. Always it was a joy to give a gift to a loved one, as if we were giving part of ourselves.

So, the Church, always reading the signs of the times, shifted the emphasis in the preparation for Christmas. Nothing new really, except emphasis. Everywhere it's stressed now on appreciating more the Father's gift of His Son to us: on understanding more clearly that Christ is God's love in the world.

In the liturgy of Advent, the Church rolls back the centuries to the first puzzling prophecies, and gradually we see the faint sketch of Him who is to come. As generations pass, the teachers of the Messiah are more deeply etched, and excitement in the world of the Jews and even the Gentiles mounted. The antiphons of Advent spell out this mood. "Be comforted, be comforted, my people, says the Lord . . . O, Rising Sun, splendor of light eternal and Sun of Justice, come to enlighten those who sit in the shadow; come Lord, come to save us . . . tomorrow shall be for you the day of

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# Science can't explain Mary's image on cloak

This story is not a legend. It is absolutely true and the proof is intact to this day. In fact the shrine of Guadalupe receives more pilgrims every year than do the shrines of Lourdes and Fatima combined.

Many of the pilgrims cover the last few hundred yards moving forwards on their knees until they reach the altar of the Virgin's self portrait.

The story begins with a poor Indian named Juan Diego. In December 1531 he was hurrying across a mountain pass on the outskirts of Mexico City to attend mass and receive instructions in the Catholic religion. Suddenly he heard a beautiful voice singing such as he had never heard before. When it stopped a gentle voice said, "Dear Juan, my humble son".

Juan was overawed at the sight of a beautiful lady. Her clothing was as radiant as the sun and the rocks around her feet reflected the same

radiance as precious stones. the ground shone like a rainbow and foliage resembled the finest blue turquoise, also, the branches of trees glittered like gold.



**DESFILE DE REINAS** in which members of Spanish-speaking missions in South Florida will participate is scheduled for Feb. 24 at the West Palm Beach Auditorium where Mr. and Mrs. Hector Espinoza, directors, are shown signing the contract with Ralph Boyes for use of the facility.

When Juan gazed on all the beauty and grandeur he bent his head in adoring respect and waited for the wonderful lady to speak again. She told him that she was the Mother of Jesus and she wanted a church built on the spot.

Juan went to the home of the Bishop in Mexico City. The Bishop, a Franciscan was a very holy man but he thought that the Indian had a wild imagination, nevertheless he was very kind and told Juan to call again some other time. The poor Indian was very sad because he felt he had failed in his mission.

The next day as Juan neared the mountain pass he saw the Lady waiting for him. He bowed his head feeling ashamed because the Bishop had not believed him. The Lady, who became known later as Our Lady of Guadalupe, listened patiently to what he had to say, then she told him to go further up the path where he would find a variety of flowers he was to

gather these and bring them back.

It must be noted that this event took place in December when flowers were not in bloom. Juan hesitated, then when he realized who had asked him to do this he carried out her instructions without further doubts. He was amazed to find an abundance of flowers, including lovely Castile (Spanish) roses growing on the frosted ground. The roses did not belong to Juan's part of the



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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## Mexican Americans begin four-day festival

Americans of Mexican descent in South Florida will observe the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe during spiritual devotions and festivals in various locations from Dec. 8 to 12.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 the feast of the patroness of the Americas. Auxiliary Bishop Rene H. Gracida will celebrate Mass at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Immokalee.

During the Mass, Sister Socorro Sosa, R.G., one of 10 Guadalupana Sisters serving in the rural areas of the Archdiocese, will renew her vows.

**BEGINNING** today (Friday) members of the church will honor their patroness with a Mexican festival known as Gran Kermes, which will continue through Dec. 12. At midnight on Monday choirs and Mexican mariachis will present a serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe in a program similar to that which is traditional at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, Father Cornelius McGrath, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission, Delray Beach, will celebrate Mass in the mission chapel.

An outdoor barbecue will follow on the grounds.

In Naranja in South Dade County, Father Jose M. Paz will offer an outdoor Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday on the grounds of St. Ann Mission.

A **FESTIVAL** featuring Mexican delicacies and dances will follow. Also included will be a sky-diving show by the Golden Falcons and a program of Latin American folk music.

Another feast day celebration is scheduled in St. Philip Benizi parish, Belle Glade, where Father Paul Saghy, pastor, will celebrate Mass at 1 p.m. on Sunday. An outdoor festival including

refreshments, games for adults and children, and dancing will begin at 6 p.m.

Mass concelebrated by Father Armando Balado, pastor, St. Margaret Church, Clewiston; and Father John Fink, assistant pastor, at 6 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, LaBelle will highlight the feastday on Tuesday. A dinner will follow, after which a queen will be elected to represent the mission at the Desfile De Reinas scheduled to be held Feb. 24 in West Palm Beach.

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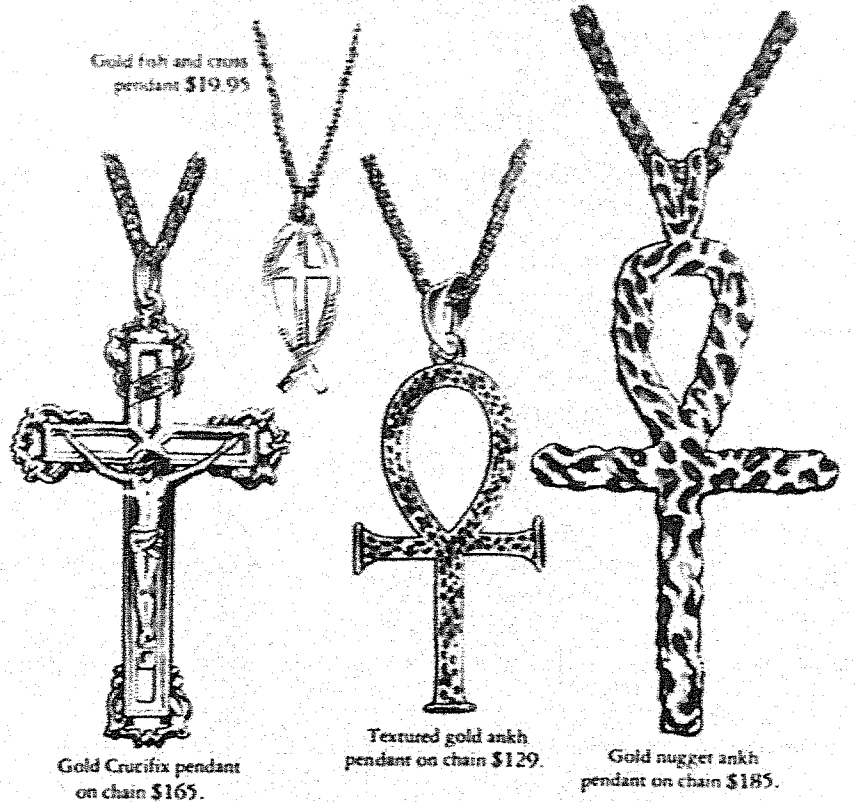
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Hollywood residents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henning recently celebrated 60th wedding anniversary.

## Couple marks sixtieth anniversary of marriage

HOLLYWOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henning observed the 60th anniversary of their marriage during a Mass of Thanksgiving offered last Sunday in Annunciation Church.

Father Salvatore Profeta was the celebrant of the Mass, during which the couple, who were wed in 1912 in Sacred Heart Church, Marengo, Ill., renewed their

nuptial vows in the presence of family and friends.

The Hennings, who came to South Florida in 1947 from Chicago, moved to Hollywood in 1966 from Miami. A former machinist, Henning retired last year after serving as a security guard.

A family dinner and reception at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Norma Spaeth followed the Mass.

## 1st person honored by pro-life group

A young matron whose father was one of Florida's leading opponents of liberalized abortion laws was the first person honored by

the North Dade Right-To-Life Chapter during a baby shower held Sunday in St. Rose of Lima parish auditorium.

Mrs. Charles Hayek, daughter of the late Dr. Edward J. Lauth and the late Mrs. Dorothy Lauth, was guest of honor during the surprise shower, first in a series planned by the Right-To-Life Chapter to emphasize in a unique manner the "wanted" and "unwanted" baby.

Some 100 representatives of local parishes were present for the shower, during which guests brought gifts for Mrs. Hayek's expected baby and made donations to the Right-To-Life Chapter for their campaign favoring "adoption not abortion."

## Right-to-life meetings set

Monthly meetings open to interested persons have been scheduled by the South Dade Chapter of Dade's Right-To-Life Committee at 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Dade Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 10301 S. Dixie Hwy.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Beverly Martin, president, P.O. Box 1485, Homestead, Fla.



FIRST PERSON to be honored at a Right-to-Life Baby Shower is Mrs. Charles Hayek of St. Rose of Lima parish.

Party sponsors included Candy Keener and Mrs. Mrs. Michael O'Neil, Mrs. Eileen Berry, Curtillo Motel, Thomas Palmer, St. Rose of ment; and Mrs. Mary Su, Lima Mothers Club, Mrs. Ivan and family, St. Vincent DiGiorno, Mrs. Lawrence parish.

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## Palm Beach County

Colonnades Hotel will be the scene of the annual Candlelight Ball sponsored by St. Clare parish, North Palm Beach on Saturday, Dec. 9. A social hour will precede 8 p.m. dinner. Music for dancing will be provided by the Mystics.

A benefit tea to assist the Pamplona Alta Clinic directed by Sister Mary Kenneth, O.P., on the outskirts of Lima, Peru, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Robert C. Vance, 801 Ponce de Leon Rd. in the estates section of Boca Raton. Members of St. Joan of Arc Guild will be hostesses. Tickets are available by calling 391-5586.

## Broward County

Christ Child Tea under the auspices of St. Anthony Woman's Club begins at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the home of Mrs. Ralph J. Scheu, 625 San Marco Dr., Fort Lauderdale.

A Christmas bazaar sponsored by St. Elizabeth Woman's Guild will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Dec. 9, 10 and 11, in the parish hall, 901 NE 33 St., Pompano Beach.

Their annual holiday party will be sponsored by Father Michael J. Mullaly General Assembly, K. of C. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 600 Knight Rd., Hollywood. A social hour, arrival of Santa, hot buffet dinner, and dancing are included.

St. Heary parish bazaar under the sponsorship of the Women's Guild will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today (Friday) and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) in the parish hall, 1001 NW 53 St., Fort Lauderdale.

"Christmas Wrapping" will be the topic of Mrs. Florence Mayer when she speaks to Assumption Guild members during their 9:30 a.m. meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Native Sun Motel. Gifts for patients at the S. Fla. Mental Hospital will be collected as well as donations for the "Adopt-A-Child" program of Catholic Charities.

The Guild will sponsor a Christmas tea at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Sea Ranch Lakes Beach Club. Proceeds will benefit Camillus House in Miami.

Members of the Broward Deanery of the Miami ACCW will participate in a special luncheon hosted by Church Women United of S. Broward at 12 noon, Thursday, Dec. 14, at St. John Lutheran Church, 2900 Van Buren.

Members of Blessed Sacrament Women's Club will be hostesses during a Christ Child tea from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the home of Mrs. Herb Campbell, 1502 NE 38 St., Fort Lauderdale. Friends and winter visitors are invited to attend.

Members of St. Bernard Women's Guild, their husbands, and guests will participate in an 8 p.m. Mass, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Roarke Memorial Center, Sunrise. A social will follow.

Mass celebrated at 9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, in Madonna Academy gymnasium, West Hollywood, will precede a Mother and Daughter breakfast. Fathers of students will serve.

A holiday ballroom dance sponsored by the Chaminade High School Mothers Club and Men's Club will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, in the cafeterium. Reservations may be made by calling 961-2263 or 981-2406.

A variety show will highlight a meeting of the Chaminade Mothers Club at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the cafeterium. Members and guests are invited to attend.

A square dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in St. Jerome parish hall, Fort Lauderdale, on Saturday, Dec. 9.

## Dade County

A Holly Supper will be served by Patrician Club members featuring gourmet food on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in St. Patrick parish club rooms, Miami Beach.

A special Christmas program and annual party will be hosted by members of St. Michael Council of Catholic Women on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the school cafeterium.

Hundreds of golden age members of St. Rose of Lima parish will be feted at a Christmas party from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, in the parish auditorium, 10690 NE Fifth Ave., Miami Shores. Members of the Young in Heart Club will be hostesses.

A Christmas grab bag will highlight the Dec. 12 meeting of Holy Family Women's Club at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Each member and guest is requested to bring a gift not exceeding \$1 in value. Entertainment will be provided and refreshments served.

Children of the Marian Day School will entertain Daughters of Isabella during an 8 p.m. meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at the K. of C. Hall, 270 Catalonia Ave., Coral Gables.

St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will sponsor its annual holiday party at 8 p.m., Monday Dec. 11 in the rectory, 2200 NE 191 St., North Miami Beach. Women of the parish are invited to attend the party during which gifts will be exchanged.

Women of St. Rose of Lima Parish are invited to attend the Christmas party of the parish Altar Guild, which begins at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 11, in the auditorium, 10690 NE Fifth Ave.

## Sisters' council names officers

Sister Joseph Ellen, I.H.M., Archdiocesan Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the elementary division, has been elected president of the Council of Sisters in the Archdiocese.

Also named during an election held at the Archdiocesan Hall Sunday were Sister Dorothy Thomas, O.P., Director of Religious Education, St. Maurice parish, Fort Lauderdale, vice president, and Sister Joyce LaVoy, O.P., Supervisor of Music in Archdiocesan Schools, secretary.

Officers were installed during a candlelight ceremony at Mass celebrated by Msgr. David Bushey, Archdiocese of Miami Vicar for Religious.

## Cenacle Retreat House to mark 10th anniversary

LANTANA — The 10th anniversary of the Cenacle Retreat House will be observed by Sisters of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle and retreatants on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Liturgy of Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of the retreat house. Florida's first retreat haven for women established at the invitation of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

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DEPENDENT children in South Florida enjoyed an early visit from Santa during the annual party of the Catholic Service Bureau Auxiliary (below). At right, amateur magician, Al Goodman offers to "bake a cake" on the head of Tracy Kent, a guest at the party.



## Carnival plans to have snow

COCONUT GROVE — Hwy. "Real" snow will be the highlight of the carnival, art show, auction and bazaar which will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, on the grounds of Carrollton School Convent of the Sacred Heart, 3747 Main

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# As curtain falls

## we reflect on

### the Vietnam drama

By FATHER JOHN B. SHEERIN, C.S.P.

A letter in the New York Times (Nov. 24) deals with history's verdict on the Vietnam war. Edward Sharp complains that most historians will call the American involvement "unpopular and senseless." He agrees that it is unpopular but goes on to say that our dislike of the war should not blind us to certain truths about the war.

For instance, he says that our presence in Vietnam has slowed the advance of Communism. "Rather than being useless and senseless, I believe the Vietnam war is essential to maintaining our best interests in the Far East." On first reading the letter, I thought it was a spoof but the writer is quite earnest and sincere.

Now that the war is ending, most of us want to forget it. It has been a painful humiliation for the U.S. A tiny peasant nation, without any air force, has fought the most powerful military machine in the world to a standstill. Whether we consider it a colossal defeat, a tragedy, a monstrous mistake or irresponsible act of war, most of us want to forget it and think of happier things.

**YET I BELIEVE** we ought to reexamine our entrance into the war in order to prevent future Vietnams. One factor that caused some Americans to support the war was slogans. "Not on bread alone does man live but on slogans."

This is all too true. Slogans and songs have more influence on our lives than we like to admit. The above-mentioned letter-writer, for instance, says that we went into Vietnam "to stop Communism." That slogan became a sort of war cry for many Americans. "Stop Communism!"

The slogan, however, was a lie. To be fair to the war-time Presidents, they never claimed that they sent troops to Vietnam "to stop Communism." The State Department carefully explained that we had no intention to dictate to the Vietnamese whether they should accept or reject Communism. That was their business, not ours.

President Nixon, especially, said that our purpose in Vietnam was to assure the Vietnamese freedom at the polls to vote as they pleased. Our aim was not to coerce them into rejecting Communism. Our purpose was to insure a free vote.

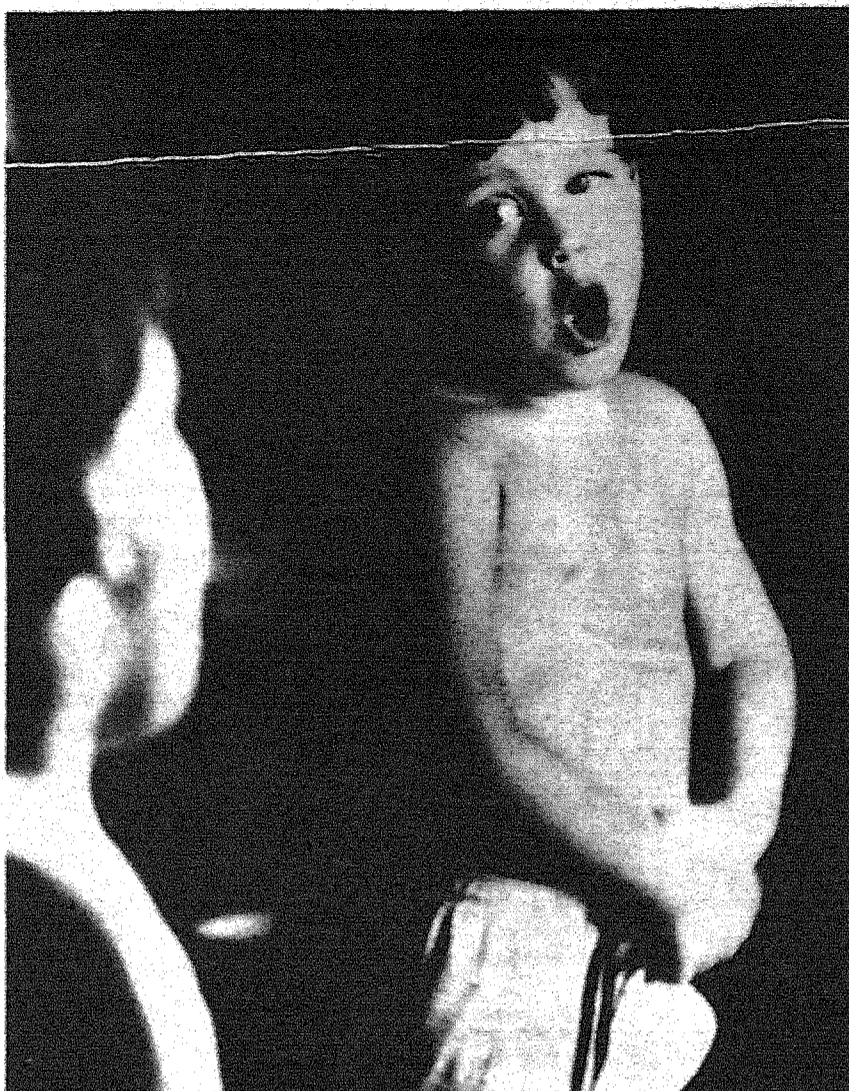
Another slogan that caused many Americans to support the war was: "We have pledged ourselves by signing the Southeast Asia Treaty to defend South Vietnam." Actually we made no such promise. The Treaty simply said that each signer would "act to meet the common danger in accordance with its constitutional processes."

**VAGUE LANGUAGE**, of course, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee wanted to play it safe so they recommended a restrictive clause prohibiting the use of U.S. forces unless Congress made a declaration of war. Then Secretary of State Dulles relieved the fears of Congress by saying that such a clause was unnecessary, assuring Congress that "we do not intend to dedicate any major elements of the U.S. Military establishment to form an army of defense in this area . . ."

The awful truth is that President Kennedy did dispatch 25,000 air, ground and naval forces to Vietnam. Why he did it is another question but his reason was certainly not obedience to any obligation arising from the Southeast Asia Treaty. Later President Johnson escalated the war because of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution. But the point is clear: contrary to the slogan, we had no obligation under the Treaty to defend South Vietnam.

The average person takes advertising and political slogans with a grain of salt. War, however, often blurs our judgment and the average man unfortunately does take slogans seriously in war time. Some of our best minds were taken in by the World War I slogan: "Make the world safe for democracy!"

The opinions expressed in these pages represent Catholic viewpoints — not necessarily THE Catholic viewpoint



Shout joyfully to God,  
all you on earth;  
Sing praise to the  
glory of His name;  
Proclaim His  
glorious praise.

Psalms 66: 1-2

## What we expect of priests

By DALE FRANCIS

One of the diocesan newspapers had an article in which a priest discussed the priesthood. He wrote, "In recent centuries a distorted concept of the Catholic priesthood arose and prevailed. It fashioned an image of the priest which could be maintained in a rigid ecclesiastical structure, but which is untenable today. In this distorted view, the more 'priestly' a man became, the less human he was supposed to be. He was imagined to be somehow 'above' other men, and because of his vocation, 'immune' to ordinary drives . . ."

I've come across the same basic idea in writings of other priests. It has been particularly expressed by priests who have left the priesthood, often by those who have gone on to attack the Church.

What all of them seem to be saying is that the Catholic people have not understood priests, that they have placed them on a pedestal, that they treat him in a way that suggests they are something more than human.

When I come to something like this I always wonder if my own experience is typical, whether my own observations are accurate. Yet I get around a great deal. Not only have I lived in many different areas but I am brought into contact with many people in other areas.

**WHAT I CAN SAY** is that I have seen no instances where the people treat priests as if they consider them somehow above other men. Now the vocation of the priesthood, that is something different, people honor this and maybe this is what confuses some priests.

One priest, who left the Church to propagandize against Catholicism, wrote with disgust once of the fact that a man held a door open for him. He was disgusted because he felt that man was treating him as if he were some kind of demi-god.

But lots of people hold doors open

for other people for lots of reason — I hold doors open for people with packages, men and women, all the time, and I hold doors open for people who seem to be in a bigger hurry than I am. So the gesture didn't have to mean anything but most certainly it didn't mean the man who held the door for him thought he was some kind of a demi-god. If he did it because he was a priest it was a gesture showing his respect for the priest's vocation. I could see where a priest might be humbled by this but angry or disgusted, no.

**ANYHOW**, my own experience has been that rather than judging priests as above other men, Catholics are all too often harsh in making judgments on them as men. I think back over my own experience and I can think of only one priest who was held in something approaching awe by the people of his parish. But that wasn't just because he was a priest but because he was a good and holy man and he had served the parish for 50 years and the respect they had for him was one of love of a man who had truly been their spiritual father.

But reading the most recent article I got to thinking what most people believe a priest should be like. What I'll say comes from my own opinion but comes from what I've heard other people say, too.

First of all, I think that most Catholics want their priest to be a man of spirituality. I don't mean by this they want him to be other-worldly. They just want to find in him a man who very obviously loves God. This isn't something shown by pious words, by a long-face, by long hours spent in prayer. They simply expect to find in the priest a reflection of love of God, something that is seen in his face and in his manner, something that somehow shines through. In short, they expect him to show he takes seriously his vocation as a priest.

In the same context, they expect

him to show this love in the liturgy he celebrates and in the homilies he preaches. Just as people expect a good carpenter to show he is a good carpenter by the work he does, they expect a priest at Mass and at the pulpit to show forth Christ. That's why he is a priest and they expect of him that he will be a witness to his commitment.

**THEN** the people expect a priest to be concerned for others. They expect him to be a man for others. The priests I've known who have been most respected have been men who came to know the people, who visited them in their homes, who came to them when they were sick or when they were troubled — or who would listen to them when they came to him.

I don't mean they expect him to work miracles to take their troubles away but that he is there to support them, to show his love and concern for them. The people want that support of love from their priest.

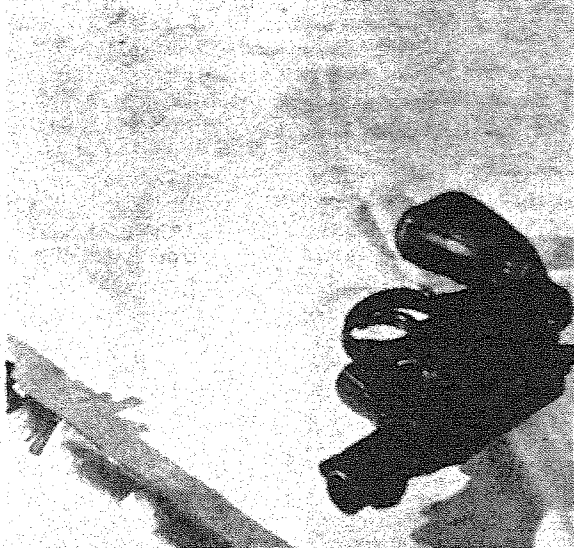
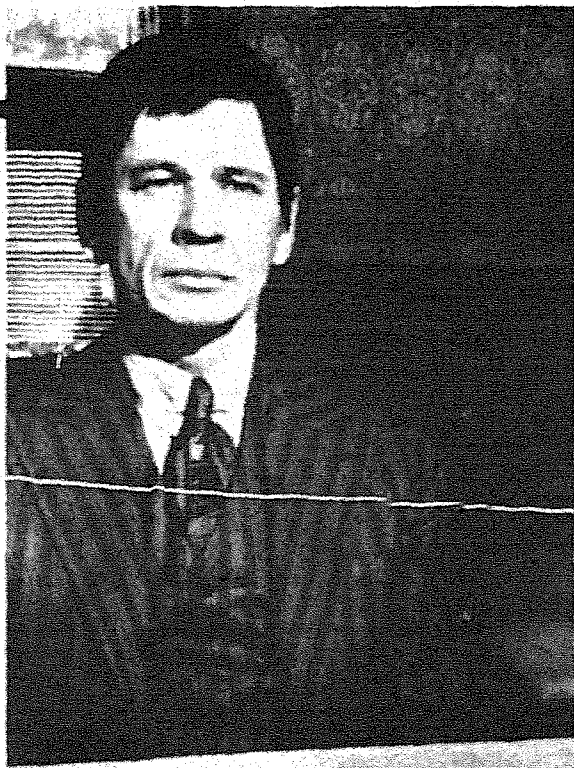
All of this is a part of what the ordinary Catholic hopes for from the priestly life but far from being, as this one writer said, less human, this is asking the priest to be more human, to weep and to laugh with them, to share their sorrows and their joys.

This doesn't mean the people want the priest to be just another one of the fellows. He isn't. He is their priest, their pastor. It is not that he is above other men, he is what he is, and they expect him to be who he is but to be this is a loving, human manner.

Writing this I realize it does ask a great deal of men who are priests, that it asks them to show a love of God that shines as an example, that it asks them to show a love for other people that is greater than most men show, that it is asking a witness of love of God and of mankind that is really beyond the expectations they have for other men.

But then why else than this would a man give his life to be a priest?

**IN THE VALACHI PAPERS**  
Charles Bronson, playing the role of the famous Mafia informer Joe Valachi, is initiated into the organization in a series of secret rites. Later a Mafia chieftain puts a price on his head and he turns informer.



## Though perhaps factual — A 'Godfather' it's not

This film about the revelations Joe Valachi, Mafia soldier-turned-informer, made to Federal agents in the early Sixties has the distinction, so the ads say, of being based on "fact, not fiction." This obvious allusion to the origins of *The Godfather* appears, unfortunately, to be the present film's only distinction.

Directed by Terence Young, an action film maker of some note (*Wait Until Dark*, *Thunderball*, *Red Sun*), *The Valachi Papers* has, first of all, the defects of its own sources: Joe Valachi was at best a tertiary figure, a driver for the bosses in the Mafia's New York activities of the Thirties through the Fifties.

Valachi's arrest on a drug rap and his discovery that Vito Genovese had placed a price on his head, the two incidents that led him to testify before the McClellan committee in 1962, seem to be the man's only claim to recognition.

ATTEMPTING to structure a film around Valachi's participation in those earlier events is an impossible task, made even more difficult by screenwriter Stephen Geller's decision to artificially interrelate each segment of the film with an official time reference. Caught between the conventions of the documentary and a fictional film's need to involve the audience in some identification with the characters, Young's usual fast-paced direction simply defuses itself into a violent series of repetitious,

undistinguishable Mafia-type initiations, rubouts, castrations, etc.

As Valachi, Charles Bronson struggles unconvincingly to bring some consistency and motivation to what one can only conclude is the unintelligible portrait left us by Peter Maas' book. Of the scores of recognizable figures from the history of New York's underworld, only that of Vito Genovese as played by Lino Ventura is believable.

In perhaps the film's worst performance, Joseph Wiseman as Salvatore Maranzano, the man originally responsible for uniting New York's five families, looks and sounds like a computer readout of a programmed Mafia chieftain.

Unlike *The Godfather*, *The Valachi Papers* pretends to some broader social comment on the nature of our political processes, a statement that would be disturbing in a film of more clarity and coherence. After Valachi returns to his cell having testified before the Senate crime committee, both he and the Federal Agent seem to conclude from some bits of conversation that Valachi's revelations have been a waste, that the members of the committee have used the hearings simply to advance their own political ambitions.

Such an undocumented assertion, coming as it does at the climactic moment of the film, causes one to wonder what, indeed, the makers of *The Valachi Papers* hoped to advance. (A-IV)

## Son of Blob

*Son of Blob* (Jack H. Harris) Even blobs deserve to ooze into their niche in movie sequels, and once again the creeping crimson mass has fun over-running Small Town, U.S.A.

The older yokels, it appears, are content to sit back and sip their beers as the shapeless menace slithers over them, while the younger generation is too preoccupied with fast cars and loud parties to notice the stranger in their midst. Blob, Jr., spares no one as it rolls on to strike panic in the local bowling alley where Robert Walker, Jr. is pinned with girlfriend Gwynne Gilford.

This fearless couple have consumed enough Jello in their lifetime, however, to remember how to stifle the invader with the same chilling device that Steve McQueen and company employed against Blob, Sr., 14 years ago. *Son of Blob* is nothing more than a glob of unrelated episodes geared to gleam smiles instead of screams from undemanding viewers. To this effect the actors in league with actor-director Larry Hagman improvise much of their material, and full-fledged comedians Godfrey Cambridge and Shelley Berman contribute delightful cameos. (A-II)

# 1776

*1776* (Columbia) is that rather rare example of a musical that takes as its subject a serious theme or historical moment and endeavors both to entertain and, pleasantly, to expose the significance of human events. Granted the subject matter of 1776 — the personalities, deliberations, disagreements, compromises and, finally, the courage of the members of the Second Continental Congress in their debate over the American Declaration of Independence — it would be positively unpatriotic to be too severely critical of the effort.

But though producer Jack Warner has retained most of the talent from the smash Broadway play the effect of this 1776 depends on how amused the viewer is by a Thomas Jefferson (Ken Howard) who must interrupt his composition of the famous document for a much-needed romantic interlude with his wife, or by a gout-ridden Ben Franklin (Howard Da Silva) who could

pass as the cutesyopoo original of the dirty old man; or by a John Adams (William Daniels) historically the prime agitator for independence who is as soft-hearted as he is blisteringly hard-headed; or, finally, by a comical court custodian (William Duell) who continually interrupts the lackadaisical proceedings with the charming exclamation, "Swe-e-et Jesus!" Granted the frequently serious subject matter, the general buffoonery of the principals will leave many viewers with a sweet and sour aftertaste. As light entertainment, 1776 is mildly diverting. (A-II)



**JOHANN STRAUSS** (Horst Buchholz) plays the "Tritsch-Tratsch Polka" while racing through the streets of Vienna in "The Great Waltz," now playing locally.

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**THE DIRTY GANG** (AIP) is an old-style motorcycle flick that tries its hand at being contemporary by the introduction of "lots o' sex 'n' violence." A group of rampaging bikers invades a western movie set and proceeds to terrorize and otherwise debauch the movie makers until ex-biker-turned-movie stunt man Michael Forest pummels the gang's leader to death in a bike duel. Perfectly awful. (C)

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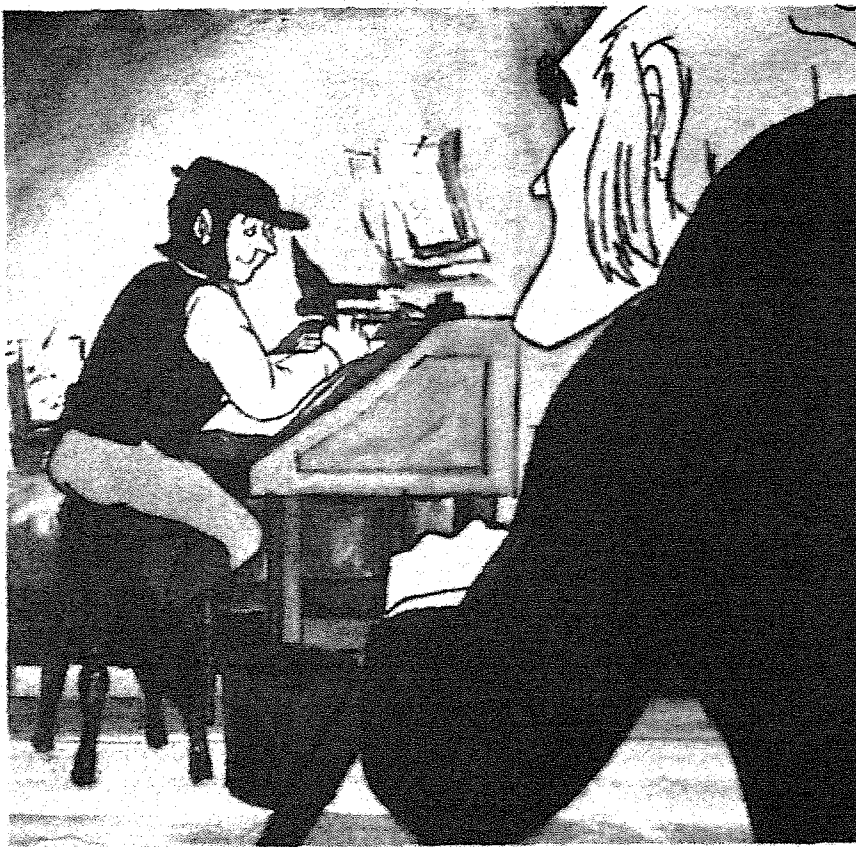
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# Bah! Humbug!

Refusing to join the spirit of Christmas, Scrooge, "that wrenching, grasping, clutching, covetous old sinner," keeps his loyal employe Bob Cratchit working late at his desk on Christmas Eve, in "A Christmas Carol," animated from the pages of the Dickens classic, to be rebroadcast Sunday, Dec. 10 (5-6 p.m.) on WTVJ Channel 4.



# Christmas specials begin to roll

Christmas is a very special holiday for Americans who, even amid all the commercialization of the season, still manage to keep alive the diverse richness of its traditions and rituals.

Public television has put together an hour-long program that shows what Christmas means to different Americans. It is a potpourri of new and old hymns, poems, and stories that illustrate some of the very personal feelings that are aroused in each of us by this season.

## Lady Sings Blues

Lady Sings the Blues (Paramount) is allegedly based on the autobiography of Billie Holiday, but from the movie you could never tell why Lady Day sang the blues with all that pain in her voice. Billie lived hard, and she certainly got back her lumps — and at least the film admits that much. But it does not say anything straight.

Rather, it reduces Billie Holiday's tragic life to a lamentable series of cliches, stereotypes and cheap movie-biography soap operatics. Director Sidney J. Furie does not help much by indulging in a variety of styles that range from the Amos 'n' Andy level on up (or down) to Super Fly. The result is an ill-conceived musical "tragedy" that comes off as a sort of Rhapsody in Chocolate. Yet Lady is worth seeing because it offers, in spite of itself, a performance that is truly and unexpectedly remarkable and fine.

As Billie, Diana Ross (formerly leader of the Supremes soul-singing group) not only manages to keep up with Furie's wildly erratic shifting of styles, but she succeeds in rising above the production to create her own vehicle, full of subtlety, genuine emotion, and daring interpretation. (A-IV)

A few of the highlights include James Earl Jones describing a slave's Christmas, Mark Twain's letter to his daughter about a visit from Saint Nick, and Burt Lancaster narrating Robert Frost's "Christmas Trees." Perhaps the best, though, is Grace Paley's story about little Shirley Abramovitz who gets the leading part in her school's Christmas play to the understandable distress of her Orthodox Jewish parents. Produced by Playhouse New York, "An American Christmas: Words and Music" will be presented on public television Saturday, December 23 at 8:30 p.m. (EST).

A more specialized look at the traditions of one section of the country can be seen in "A New England Christmas," a half-hour program filmed in Maine. It captures the nostalgia felt by a man who has returned to his childhood home to spend the Christmas season with his family.

It is a journey back in time as he recalls what Christmas meant to him as a boy on a small farm. If you like those Currier and Ives prints so traditional to this season, this is the program for you. It will be aired Wednesday, December 20 at 8:00 p.m. (EST).

And for those of us who can recall the excitement of the special Christmas radio shows that were our home entertainment in an age before television, there is the recreation of Norman Corwin's classic 1938 radio drama as the Theater of the Mind with a story that could only be visualized in one's own imagination.

Television would be hard put to create visuals to match this description of the attempt to destroy Christmas by the Devil and some of his more infamous followers — Nero, Ivan the Terrible, Lucretia Borgia, and Simon Legree. The cast is made of veteran radio actors showing us how they created illusions for millions with only their voices in a dramatic form that died with the birth of television.

This unusual televised radio show will be broadcast on Saturday, December 23 at 9:00 p.m. (EST) (Please check local listings for exact dates and times of broadcast in your particular area.)

# Prime time films featured this week

## SUNDAY, DEC. 17

9:00 p.m. (ABC) Portrait: The Woman I Love — A one-hour special historical dramatization of the circumstances surrounding the renunciation of the British throne in 1936 by King Edward VIII to marry a twice-divorced American Wallis Warfield Simpson. The teleplay stars Richard Chamberlain and Faye Dunaway in the central roles and covers the period from their first meeting to the abdication of the King. Paul Wendkos directed the special.

## MONDAY, DEC. 18

9:00 p.m. (NBC) — World Premiere: The Snoop Sisters — In this original, two-hour name-cast TV drama, sisters Helen Hayes and Mildred Natwick who write murder mysteries find themselves in the middle of the real thing when retired movie star Paulette Goddard turns up dead shortly after her daughter (Jill Clayburgh) has shared her fears for her mother's life with the quaint sisters. The supposed motive, a scandalous autobiography the movie star was writing. Minor characters in the drama include Craig Stevens, Art Carney, Lawrence Pressman and Fritz Weaver.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 19

9:30 p.m. (CBS) — Your Money or Your Wife — A made-for-TV suspense-comedy about a kidnap caper that backfires when TV script writer Ted Bessell and friend Elizabeth Ashley concoct a plot to carry off Betsy Von Furstenburg, a TV serial star whose marriage to a wealthy program sponsor has temporarily ended Bessell's writing career. The kidnapers, it seems, become the victim of their own crime.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

9:30 p.m. (ABC) — Weekend Nun — Described as a true story, this made-for-TV drama stars Joanna Pettit, Vic Morrow, Ann Sothern and James Gregory in a film about a young nun caught in a conflict between the responsibility of her religious commitments and the demands of her job as a juvenile probation officer.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 21

9:00 p.m. (NBC) Mayerling (1968) — Musby,

overlong, lavishly costumed "women's film" starring Catherine Deneuve and Omar Sharif in the "tragic" legendary tale of royal romance between Austrian Crown Prince Rudolph and his mistress Maria Vetsera. Has all the trappings of a real tearjerker, but comes big and empty, unintentionally underscoring how anti-human and futile a gesture is suicide. You won't shed a tear, so why waste your time? (A-III)

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# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR MOTION PICTURES Ratings Of Movies On TV This Week

**FRIDAY, DEC. 8**  
1:40 p.m. (6) President's Lady (See rating Monday, 1:40 p.m.)  
4 p.m. (5) Island Of The Blue Dolphins (No classification)  
4 p.m. (10) The Ugly American (Family)  
8 p.m. (6) Boeing, Boeing (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** A thread of vulgar suggestiveness seriously mars this sex farce

11:30 p.m. (4 & 11) The Burning Hills (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:35 p.m. (10) Mighty Joe Young (Family)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 9**  
10:30 a.m. (9) Kid Flick — I Married A Monster From Outer Space  
12 noon (6) My Cousin Rachel (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

## RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

**TV**  
Saturday  
5:00 p.m.  
**THE TV MASS — (Spanish) Ch. 23 WLVJ.** Celebrant Father Ricardo Castellanos.  
Sunday  
7 a.m.  
**THE CHRISTOPHERS — Ch. 11 WINK**  
8:00 a.m.  
**INSIGHT — WTVJ Ch. 4**  
9:00 a.m.  
**CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY — WCKT Ch. 7 — "Role of the Catholic College Today and Tomorrow" will be discussed by Fr. John Farrell, O.S.A., vice president, Biscayne College, with host Peter Buffone on Colloquy.**  
10:30 a.m.  
**THE TV MASS — Ch. 10 WPLG — Celebrant Father John Handraban.**  
2 p.m.  
**INSIGHT — (Film) — WINK Ch. 11.**

tionable for adults and adolescents)  
12:30 p.m. (11) Children's Film Festival  
1 p.m. (4) Children's Film Festival  
4:30 p.m. (6) Desiree (No classification)  
7 p.m. (6) Boeing, Boeing (See rating Friday, 8 p.m.)  
9 p.m. (5 & 7) Love Is A Ball (No classification)  
9 p.m. (6) My Cousin Rachel (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:30 p.m. (4) Loss Of Innocence (Unobjectionable for adults)  
11:30 p.m. (11) Caribbean (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:35 p.m. (10) Top Hat (No classification)

**SUNDAY, DEC. 10**  
2 p.m. (6) Boeing, Boeing (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** A thread of vulgar suggestiveness seriously mars this sex farce

2:30 p.m. (10) Texas (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
3 p.m. (12) Yellow Sky (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** Suggestive scenes and dialogue; offensive portrayal of a sacred action; excessive brutality  
4 p.m. (10) The Seventh Voyage Of Sinbad (Family)  
4:30 p.m. (6) Desiree (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4:45 p.m. (12) Fighting Kentuckian (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
5 p.m. (6) Boeing, Boeing (See rating at 2 p.m.)  
9 p.m. (10) Rio Bravo (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
9 p.m. (12) The World Of Suzie Wong (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** The atmosphere of a brothel which surrounds the development of the theme of this film is morally unacceptable for a mass medium of entertainment.  
11:30 p.m. (4) The Interns (Unobjectionable for adults)  
11:45 p.m. (11) The Blazing Forest (Family)

## MONDAY, DEC. 11

1:40 p.m. (6) Outlaw's Daughter (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) Love-Ins (Unobjectionable for adults)  
8 p.m. (6) Fear Strikes Out (Family)  
9 p.m. (7) A Shot In The Dark (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** This film tends to lose its comic perspective by excessive concentrations on suggestiveness in situations, costuming and dialogue

**TUESDAY, DEC. 12**  
1:40 p.m. (6) Outlaw's Daughter (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) The Lively Set (Family)  
8 p.m. (6) Love With The Proper Stranger (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
8:30 p.m. (10 & 12) Pursuit (No classification)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13**  
1:40 p.m. (6) Outlaw's Daughter (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) Pendulum (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
8 p.m. (6) Fear Strikes Out (Family)  
8:30 p.m. (10 & 12) Ever Man Needs One (No classification)

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14**  
1:40 p.m. (6) Outlaw's Daughter (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) Made In Italy (Unobjectionable for adults)  
8 p.m. (6) Love With The Proper Stranger (Unobjectionable for adults)  
9 p.m. (4 & 11) How To Murder Your Wife (Unobjectionable for adults)  
11:35 p.m. (10) Station West (Family)

8 p.m. (6) White Christmas (Family)  
9 p.m. (4 & 11) The Ambassadors (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** This purported spy-spoof is a morose exercise in vulgarity and suggestiveness  
11:30 p.m. (4 & 11) Tiger Bay (Unobjectionable for adults)  
11:35 p.m. (10) Zombies On Broadway (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

**FRIDAY, DEC. 15**  
1:40 p.m. (6) Outlaw's Daughter (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
4 p.m. (10) The Killers (Unobjectionable for adults)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16**  
10:30 a.m. (6) Kid Flick  
12 noon (6) Love With The Proper Stranger (Unobjectionable for adults)  
12:30 p.m. (11) Children's Film Festival  
1 p.m. (4) Children's Film Festival  
4:30 p.m. (6) Fear Strikes Out (Family)  
7 p.m. (6) White Christmas (Family)  
9 p.m. (6) Love With The Proper Stranger (Unobjectionable for adults)  
9 p.m. (7) Viva Maria (Objectionable in part for all)  
**OBJECTION:** On the surface this film may appear to be merely an exercise in risible comedy which needlessly makes light of promiscuity and occasionally lapses into suggestiveness. Closer examination, however, makes one wonder about the purpose of an obviously recurring element of religious ridicule. Is this ridicule of the Latin American Church intended to be a subtle attempt at an anti-Catholic theme? Ridiculous, though an effective propaganda device, is not the instrument of unbiased, fair appraisal. Moreover, particularly offensive to Christians is what appears to be the use of a Christ-figure in a realistically erotic sequence.  
11:30 p.m. (4) Mr. Sardou (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:30 p.m. (11) Tropic Zone (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)  
11:35 p.m. (10) The Informer (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)

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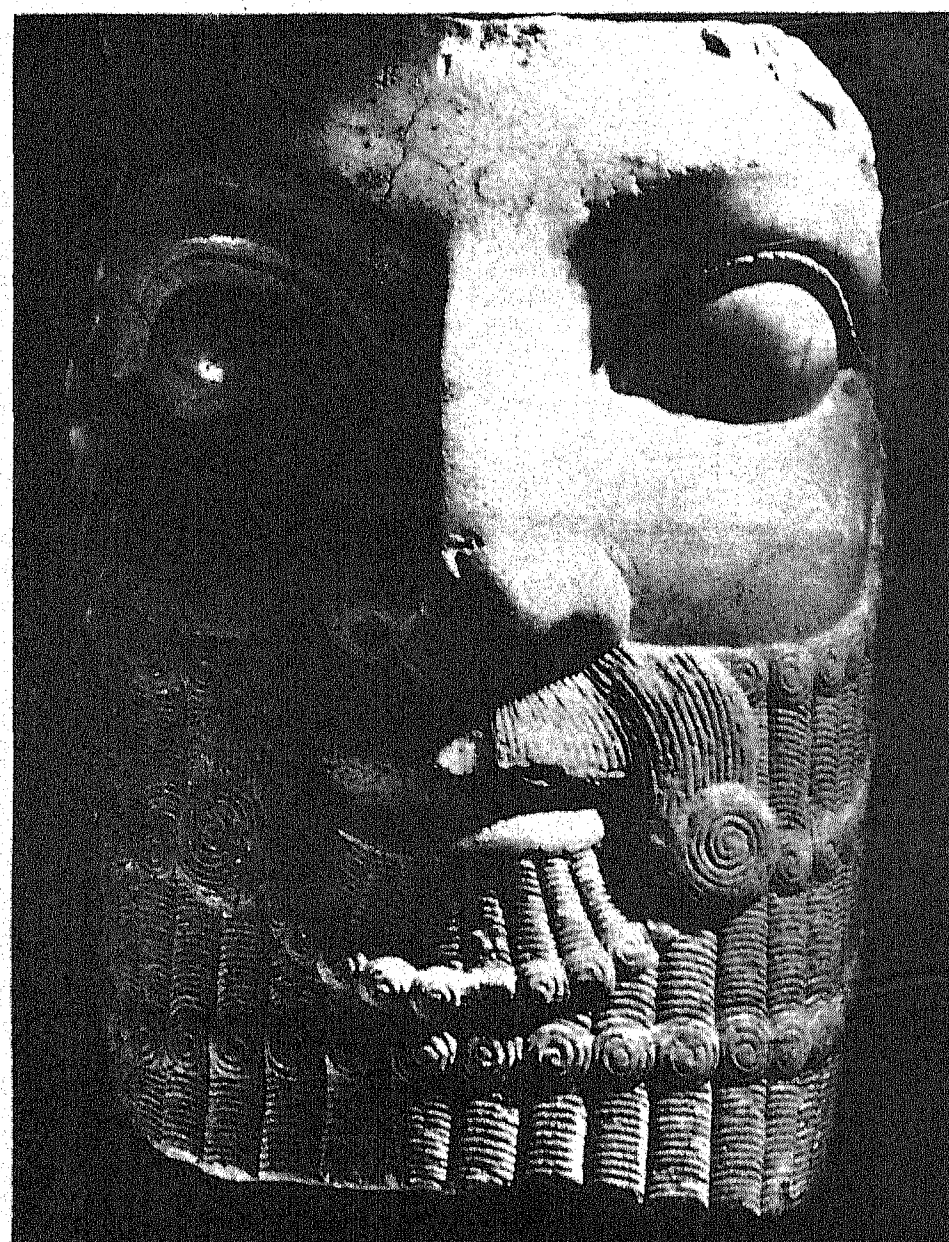
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"The story of God's people runs through thousands of years of history. In the course of the story kingdoms and empires, tribes and nations and peoples pass across the stage of the world." The head of a Persian king was carved from stone in Old Testament times.

# To be or not to be is NOT the question

(The question's how to be civil society)

By DR. LAWRENCE LOSONCY

All of us are probably philosophers and theologians at heart. When people like us go fishing or walking or partying, we also talk or think about "things." We, in front of our fireplace or alone with our thoughts, begin to do what the philosopher and the theologian do: we begin to ponder the meaning and the makeup of our lives. We begin to think about the order of things. We begin to reflect on the style and the manner in which we are living out our lives.

Without much effort, we begin to realize that our lives are made up of relationships with God and others, mostly others; we begin to note friendships; we ponder over love, love relationships, marriage, family, career, health, the past and the future. As Bishop Sheen noted long ago, we are the only creatures who suffer and enjoy in 3-D, for both our memories and our fears or hopes for the future crowd in upon the present.

OUR civil society, for all of its structures and functions, is composed essentially of us, people. It reflects our

essential concerns, which are needs for stable food and shelter, security, love, dignity, and a voice in what is to be done and how it is to be done.

Although we have fought many wars for the right to control our own destiny, we really cannot control our own destiny. We cannot even choose to be born nor when we shall die; we have no choice about the necessity of death nor about the many needs which constantly arise in us and around us.

In the face of such little freedom and such little control over ourselves as frail created humans, civil society can be viewed as our best attempt to do together what we cannot do alone. That is, through civil society, we meet collectively, if only temporarily, some of the most basic needs which confront us all.

We establish a certain level of food supply, shelter and legal protection, we set affairs into sufficient enough order to allow predictions and reasonable assurance about what will happen tomorrow and thereafter. Enough stability is created through civil society to support the love which is always springing up among people, and to make families and the rearing of children possible.

EACH TIME violent change occurs, as it is now for most of the world, civil societies find themselves deeply threatened. When they are threatened we are threatened. Fragile though civil society might be, it is humanity's only barrier against chaos and total helplessness.

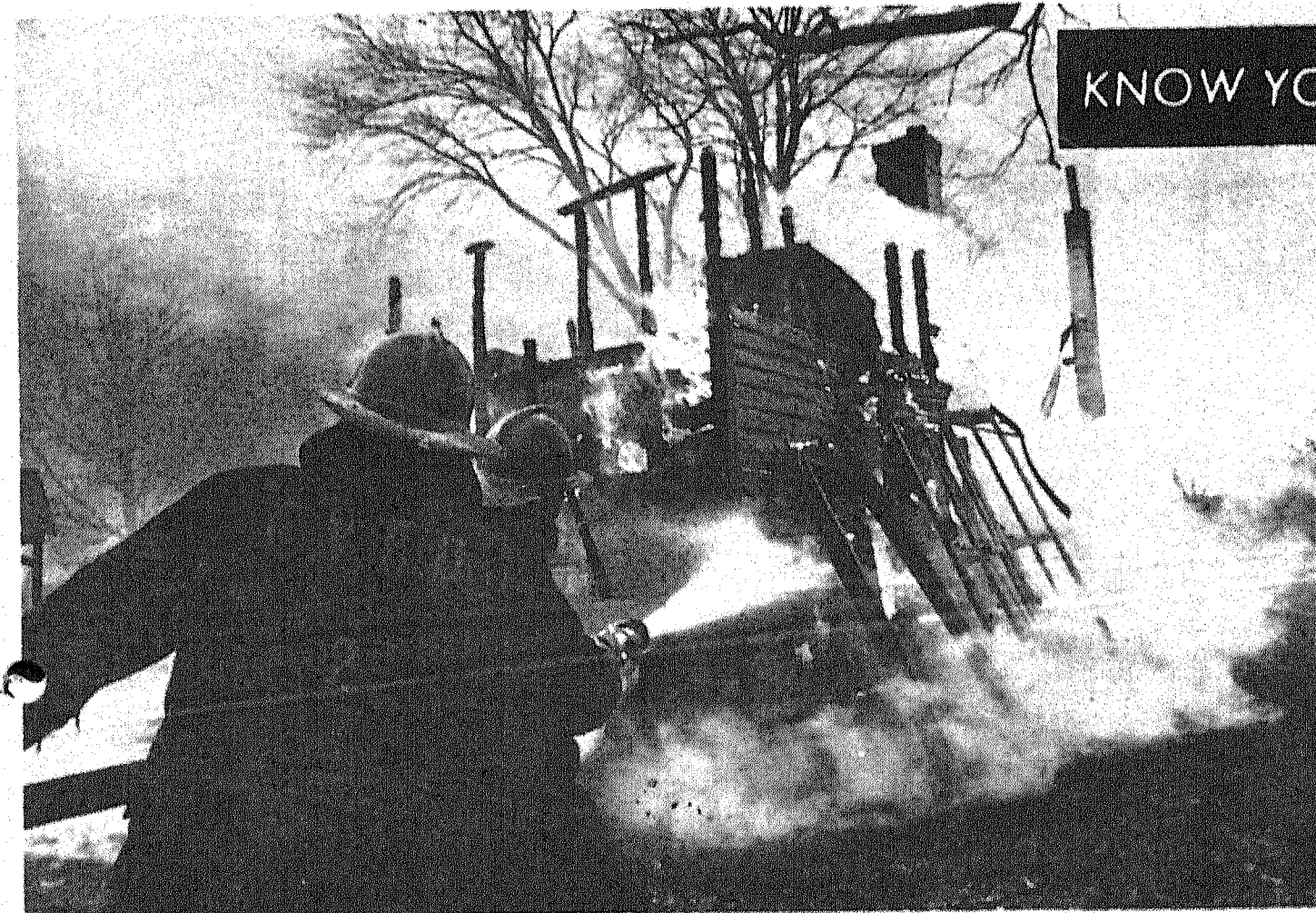
In our own case, it has taken centuries to advance to the point where all men, including our rulers, are subject to the law and equal under the law. As law breaks down, we fear the violence which could result. Civil society comes and goes in direct proportion as its citizens work to make it come or go. There is nothing eternal or even necessary about any one civil society. It will, in the last analysis, be what the people make it to be.

The experience of civil society can teach us things about God's People, a reality which is eternal and which is not entirely at the mercy of people. Experiences of living in a changing society can help us better understand ourselves as God's People, called through the Spirit of Christ to work for the creation of a more human society.

As we ponder our thoughts and stare into our fireplaces, a new, ever fearful fact will keep intruding upon our mind: human society does not just happen, we make it. This is not an option but a necessity.

The kind of civil society which we make will be a great factor in what kind of people we will be as God's People. The kind of people we are as God's People will be a great factor in what kind of civil society we make, for the vision, wisdom, and understanding we bring to the task is gained from being God's People.

The question civil society poses to us is not whether to be or not to be, but how to be.



"Our civil society . . . reflects our essential concerns, which are needs for stable food and shelter, security, love, dignity . . ." From article by Lawrence Losoncy.

## Music in worship

By FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

"Boost The Bodley Band!" This slogan appeared constantly on car bumpers, in newspaper advertisements, over radio stations — everywhere — around Fulton during the past year.

G. Ray Bodley is the local public high school and the community spent those months raising around \$50,000 to send its talented band, one of the United States' best, to Europe for an international music festival in Vienna.

The sponsoring committee, rather remarkably, did reach that goal and last July 4 busloads of some 80 teenage instrumentalists with their adult guides left our city for Kennedy airport in New York and a 747 trip to Germany.

They returned three weeks later with stories and slides about journeys via bus through several countries, the high band congress in Austria, and occasional concerts in cities along the way.

The people of Cortina, Italy, stole their hearts away. They performed in the city square there and the citizens of that northern Italian city liked everything they heard, then cried for more.

OUR YOUTHFUL ambassadors left Cortina with happy hearts, aware, perhaps unconsciously, that music knows no language barriers, that it is international by nature.

Good, quality music can dissolve other differences, too; it has the power of bringing classical and contemporary oriented Catholics together in one united act of worship. Moreover, instrumental melodies and appropriate songs can get to us, permeate our feelings, lift up our spirits when we pray.

A new document, "Music in Catholic Worship," published by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy (United States

Catholic Conference Publications Office, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005) makes those points in these words:

"Among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance . . . Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to community worship cannot be gained in any other way."

"Music, in addition to expressing texts, can also unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and

intuitions which words alone cannot yield . . .

Ideally every communal celebration of faith, including funerals and the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, penance, anointing and matrimony, should include music and singing."

"Music in Catholic Worship" is an excellent text and deserves reading, or better, study by every priest who celebrates and by every musician (organist, choir director or member, instrumentalist) who employs personal talents and training to enhance the liturgy. It represents an updating of the 1967 document, "The Place of Music in Eucharistic Celebrations," with the work of revision done by a committee on music for the newly formed National Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.



"Music knows no language barriers."

KNOW YOUR FAITH

## Quiz

1. Our lives are made up of relationships with — and others.
2. T. or F. — Civil society, for all its structures and functions, is composed essentially of people.
3. Through civil society we meet collectively some of the most basic — which confront us all.
4. The Old Testament story of God's Chosen People focused on the land of —. (a) Syria (b) Persia (c) Israel
5. T. or F. — Israel was always triumphant in her battles with other countries.
6. The New Testament authors seem more conscious of — than of governments.
7. T. or F. — A true Christian should involve himself in religious matters only.
8. — said, "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."
9. T. or F. — Good music has the power to bring people together in one united act of worship.
10. Music, in addition to expressing texts, can also unveil a dimension of meaning and —.

ANSWERS:  
1. (God) 2. (T) 3. (needs) 4. (c) 5. (F) 6. (people) 7. (F) 8. (Jesus) 9. (T) 10. (feeling)

This quiz based on the articles by Dr. Losoncy, Fr. Quessnell, Fr. Pfeifer, and Fr. Champlin.

## Discussion questions

(These discussion questions, from the Theme, Scripture, Catechetical and Liturgy articles, were prepared by Fr. Lawrence Losoncy, Ph.D., Director, Division for Adult Education, USA.)

1. Discussion questions for Theme article by Dr. Losoncy:

A. Do you agree that civil society is humanity's only barrier against chaos and total helplessness?

B. Most historians see three great sources for the laws under which we live and for the democracy which we enjoy: the Greeks, the Jews and Christianity. What has each of these three sources contributed?

C. What kind of civil society are you working for, and what do you consider as your most important contribution to this society?

D. Do you think our nation will survive for at least several more centuries? What kind of country will the United States be like in 2072?

2. Discussion question for Scripture article by Fr. Quessnell:

A. This article points out that in the past great nations have risen up, but later fell. Does this have any significance for our country?

B. What lessons can be learned from the Bible concerning civil society?

C. "Men work out as best they can their little political arrangements for living in some semblance of peace with other men." What is your comment on this statement?

D. The New Testament authors seem more conscious of people than of governments. What significance should we derive from this fact?

3. Discussion questions for Catechetics article by Fr. Pfeifer:

A. With the national, state and local elections now past history, what impressed you the most about the campaigning that took place? What did you deplore the most?

B. Did you encounter any priests or Religious actively involved in the political campaigns? What was your impression of their involvement?

C. Give your interpretation of the statement, "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

D. Should religion and religious education become involved in the political process in any way?

4. Discussion questions for Liturgy article by Fr. Champlin:

A. Many different types of music can be found today in liturgical worship. Of these different types, which do you prefer, and which do you think should be eliminated?

B. What significance do you place on music in your liturgical worship?

C. Do you think the changes in liturgy, especially musical changes, have been for the better? What has been the most beautiful liturgy in which you have participated this past year, and what role did music play in this liturgy?

## Christianity and civil society

By FR. QUENTIN QUESNELL, S.J.

The story of God's people runs through thousands of years of history. In the course of the story kingdoms and empires, tribes and nations and peoples pass across the stage of the world, rise and fall, come and go. Each one has its day — and disappears. The Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians; the Persians under Cyrus, the Greeks under Alexander, the Syrians under Antiochus.

Israel herself passes through many stages. From a barbarian league to a petty kingdom, to a beginning of empire, to collapse and exile.

Later she languishes for centuries as an insignificant province within larger political arrangements, until finally taken over by the Romans; then rebelling against them, she is finally destroyed at their hands.

THE BIBLE watches the long procession of civil societies and the ever-shifting patterns and strategies by which they continue to function. From the patriarchs to the kings, from nobles and elders, from wealthy oligarchical tyrannies to the rule of mobs running disorderly through the cities. There is rule by foreigners and by domestics, there are some few good rulers and many, many bad. The Bible has seen them all.

And the result? As was to be expected, a long enough look at any good-sized stretch of history produces some inclination to feeling

above it all. "The sun rises and the sun sets; and there is nothing new under the sun."

Men work out as best they can their little political arrangements for living in some semblance of peace with other men. Some of the arrangements are better than others, of course. But, so far, none of them is anywhere near perfect. "There will be wars and rumors of wars; and on the earth distress of nations . . . but do not worry. This is not yet the end."

And so the Christians of the New Testament tell one another to pray for princes and rulers in all lands that they may leave us to live our lives undisturbed. They do this even when the rulers over the earth at that time were men like Nero, Caligula, Domitian: men whom they knew only as tyrants and murderers, blasphemers and persecutors. Nevertheless, "Give Caesar," they wrote in the words of the Lord himself, "what belongs to Caesar."

THE ONLY arrangements for maintaining good order and peace which the first Christians had experienced were those which necessity forced on them. The question of who was to rule over what territory were settled by the force of arms in those days, with the rule of the stronger prevailing. The question of who was to benefit most under a given regime was settled in terms of wealth and influence, as

favours were bought and sold, and the rich became ever richer, while the poor were crushed by taxes.

Under such a system, it is not surprising that the details of government became largely a matter of indifference to people. There was no reason to expect that the next person to win power would be any better than the last ones had been. There was no cause for hope that simply throwing out one unjust invader would bring the kingdom of God in his place. War bred war and injustice bred injustice. So it had ever been.

What if the New Testament authors had envisaged the possibilities of a true democracy, where everyone cooperated for the good of all? Would they then perhaps have written more about the responsibility of good men to play an active role in the political process? We don't know.

What we do know is that the New Testament authors seem more conscious of people than of governments. The Bible wants all who possess the power and wealth of this world to realize that they are not true owners and masters, but only caretakers for God. It pleads for a fair share for all men of the gifts which God has given for the good of all. But, as to what system of civil society will best achieve this, it remains silent. It lets us know that we are our brothers' keepers, and leaves us to draw our own conclusions.

## The serious social obligations which all of us should fulfill

By FR. CARL J. PFEIFER, S.J.

Several weeks before the recent national elections I heard a memorable homily at my parents' parish in St. Louis. The young priest began very realistically, "If I were to preach today on my political views concerning the presidential candidates, I'm sure that hundreds of angry letters and phone calls would come to the rectory before evening."

There was immediate attention. People listened to what was to come next.

Without lauding or lamenting the fact that such a reaction was fairly predictable to the apparent mixing of religion and politics in the pulpit, he simply reflected with us on the Gospel for that Sunday.

Matthew (22:15-22), Mark (12:13-17), and Luke (20:20-26) all recount an incident of tense confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees, who, joined by the Herodians, approached Jesus one day in an attempt to trap Him into giving them grounds for discrediting Him. They asked a seemingly

honest question, "Is it lawful for a Jew to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

However Jesus answered, whether yes or no, he would alienate either the Pharisees or the Herodians who held opposite views on the subject.

Jesus' simple, direct response left them with nothing incriminating. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's" (Mt 22:21).

THERE WERE NO grounds here for either political or religious accusations. Publicly embarrassed the questioners quietly "went off and left him."

The priest made one simple point from this Gospel story. He did not go into the rather complex religious and political background implied in the account, nor did he comment on the contemporary American presidential campaign. He drew attention to what many of us had failed to notice.

Jesus may be seen as pointing out the serious social obligations borne by the indi-

vidual citizen. In fact He may be understood as stating that social obligation is as weighty as religious observance. In other words, you can't truly serve Caesar while losing sight of God, nor can you serve God genuinely without social involvement.

The balanced parallelism of Jesus' phrase — give to Caesar, give to God — seems to draw attention to the fact that religious observance implies social obligation, while commitment to civil society implies dedication to God. The priest's interpretation was pointed and meaningful, particularly in the light of the national elections.

In many ways it may have been easier for Jesus' first century Jewish listeners to grasp the close link between service of God and service of one's neighbor in civil society than for us twentieth-century American Catholics. Unlike the Jew who saw, and still sees, God's love coming to him because of his membership in the society of God's chosen people, the average American

Catholic adult grew up with a more individualistic view of religion. Priority was perhaps given to private devotions and personal obedience to the commandments as the means of saving one's own soul.

The Second Vatican Council, while respecting the many values preserved in the individualistic religious orientation of the past century or two, stresses the social aspects of Christian faith and life. Viewing the Church primarily as a "people," sharing with the rest of mankind the challenges of our times, the Council places greater emphasis on the believer's participation in the life of the Church community and in the civil society in which he lives.

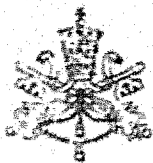
THIS SOCIAL emphasis is found in relation to religious education as well as in the areas of liturgy, ethics, doctrine and organization. "For a true education aims at the formation of the human person with respect to his ultimate goal, and simultaneously with respect to the good of those

societies of which, as a man, he is a member, and in whose responsibilities, as an adult, he will share . . . They should be trained to take their part in social life, so that by proper instruction in necessary and useful skills they can become actively involved in various community organizations, be ready for dialogue with others, and be willing to act energetically on behalf of the common good." (Education, 1)

Effective religious education needs to reflect the Church's present insight into its own identity as a community of believers working together to build up the common society of all men.

Fortunately the newer religion texts attempt to translate the Council's ideal into a practical guide for teachers and parents alike. They attempt to guide young and old alike to a more responsible service of God and their brothers — and this in terms of contemporary social and political realities. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

The Voice  
of  
The Holy Father



Pope  
Paul  
VI

(Following are highlights from current speeches and documents of Pope Paul VI. The Holy Father addresses himself constantly to the problems and needs of our age in an effort to help individuals form a right conscience.)

## 'Church's foremost need — presence of Holy Spirit in it'

By NC News Service

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — The Church's first and most important need is the presence of the Holy Spirit in it and in all its individual members, Pope Paul VI told a general audience.

At the same time the Pope challenged those who, invoking the Holy Spirit, "have become apostles of controversy, laicization and secularization."

Pope Paul began his talk by saying that he had been asked frequently what the greatest needs of the Church are today.

"The Church needs to be animated by the Holy Spirit," he declared. "By the grace of the infusion of this new life which comes from heaven, not born of earth, which the Lord gave to His Church on the day of Pentecost.

"This wind, this fire, this energy, this word, this richness, this interior power which is the Holy Spirit, the miracle of Pentecost, this, above all, is what the Church has need of today."

ALMOST in a litany form, the Pope listed the various aspects of the Holy Spirit in the guidance of the Church in the world.

"The Church needs the Holy Spirit, which is the animator, the sanctifier of the Church," he said.

"The Holy Spirit is the divine breath, the wind behind its sails, its unifying principle, its interior source of light and power, its support and consoler, its font of charisms and hymns, its peace and its joy, its pledge and prelude to blessed and eternal life."

Modern man, particularly, has need of the Holy Spirit, the Pope said, because he is caught by the "enchantment of an outward, beguiling and fascinating life, unfortunately often corrupted by the flattery of false happiness.

"Modern man needs to feel anew a welling up from within his most inward depths of personality, almost like a sigh, a poem, a prayer and a hymn, the praying voice of the spirit."

Pope Paul called out dramatically: "Living men, you young people, and you consecrated souls, you brothers in the priesthood, are you listening to us? This is what the Church needs. The Church needs the Holy Spirit. It needs the Holy spirit within us, in each of us, and in all of us together, in us the Church."

Then the Pope began asking questions about the present state of unrest and strife within the Church.

"How is it that this interior fullness has been weakened in so many spirits who say they are part of the Church?" he asked. "How is it that so many groups of militant faithful in the name of and under the guidance of the Church have become lazy and thinned out?"

"How is it that many have become apostles of controversy, laicization and secularization, as if thinking to find a freer means of expression for the spirit, or even placing more trust in the spirit of the world, than in that of Christ?"

The Pope went on with his questions, asking: "How is it that some have drawn away from, and even denounced as harmful chains, the bonds of ecclesial obedience and the jealous adherence to the community of the Church's ministry, on the pretext of living according to the Spirit, freed from the proper norms and forms of canonical institutions of which the visible body of the pilgrim, historical and human Church, even if it is mystic, must be made up?"

The Pope exclaimed: "If this were the true Spirit, we certainly would not extinguish it!"

Acknowledging that the "Spirit moves as it wishes," as St. Paul wrote, Pope Paul declared: "But we still wish once again to avail ourselves of the authority of tradition, expressed by St. Augustine . . . 'He is not of the spirit of Christ, if he is not of the body of Christ.'"



'GOOD POPE JOHN' blessed a crowd during a visit to St. Augustine church in Rome in October 1962, shortly after the opening ceremonies of the Second Vatican Council. A condensation of a forthcoming biography of the late Pope, focusing primarily on the "human qualities of the man," is appearing in the December edition of Reader's Digest.

## Church's 2 stands toward world

(One of a series of articles on Advent)  
By FATHER AL MCBRIDE, O.  
PRAEM

The Church must always take two stands toward the world (or culture).

The first is positive, working to expand the creativity of people and support the wholesome human achievements that occur. This is the Church's pro-cultural role. In the last 25 years, this side of the Church's task has received strong emphasis. Cardinal Suhard, in the late forties was among the first to summon the Church to back the causes in the culture that promoted the well being of people.

The Vatican Council, urging dialogue with the world, brought to full flower this pro-cultural stand. However, the Church is also a counter-cultural agent. Whenever it perceives a dehumanizing and de-spiritualizing element in the culture, it must stand against such behavior. In saying this I do not wish in any way to shadow out the Church's pro-cultural role. Her partnership with the new science and the new learning and the new social consciousness is exceptionally valuable and a true reflection of the Gospel.

BUT at the same time, we do have to recall that all is not well in Eden. We cannot ignore the snake. Advent every year brings us a reminder of the counter-cultural role of the Church.

John the Baptist is the exponent. He arrives on the scene wearing the symbolic counter-cultural clothing (a

camel's hair loin cloth) and eating the spare diet of grasshoppers and wild honey. He points out the purpose of the counter-cultural message, namely, to get ready to receive the Lord. Listen to his words:

"Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand. Give some evidence you mean to reform. I baptize you in water for the sake of reform, but the one who will follow me is more powerful than I." (Gospel)

It is one of the tasks of the Church to prepare the world for the coming of Christ into all of men's hearts. This is the missionary task of the Church. But when there are elements in human living that utterly oppose the possibility of receiving the Gospel, then the Church must speak out against these areas.

It is true the Church has joined forces with the culture against racism, injustice and poverty. But there are areas where the culture is ambiguous about moral issues and the Church may need to take more lonely stands.

WHAT are some of these stands?

(1) The importance of values in education. It has long been a fashion in education of recent decades to engage in what is called "value free" education. This means taking a detached view of the subject matter which is presumed to have no specific moral outcomes. Or if it does, the teacher is supposed to stand back, never show his cards, and let the student decide.

The result is that students have no real way to come to moral consciousness because the generation ahead of him has not had the decency to disclose its own moral commitment. The Church should speak against this moral cop-out and positively call for values to be communicated in education, whether in the independent or the parochial school. I am not asking for a declaration on method here. I realize the difficulties of value education. But a difficulty does not eliminate the possibility.

(2) The importance of asceticism in daily living. Our prosperity is making us a self-indulgent people. Jesus taught that the only way to Resurrection is through the Cross. And this Cross task is a voluntary one, not legislated. I believe the Church must appeal to the good will and freedom of the whole culture to embrace the ascetical ideal as an essential part of real living.

I do not wish to be misunderstood here. I am not calling for Trappists and Carmelites in every home. I am simply saying that a reasonable dose of freely chosen ascetical practice is an ordinary call of the Gospel, and a built in deterrent to the dead end of self-indulgence.

These are but two possibilities for a counter-cultural stance. They have a positive goal, namely, better human living and the joyous readiness to receive the presence of the Lord Jesus.

### Driving safely a duty

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Everyone who drives a car has an obligation "before God and man" to drive safely and not to endanger the lives of others, Pope Paul VI told officials of the Italian Auto Club.

"Brother is still killing brother," the Pope said, "not only in the hotbeds of battle throughout the world, but also on the highways when people disregard the strict observance of traffic laws."

The Pope's words had special significance for his audience because Italy has one of the highest incidences of traffic accidents in Europe.

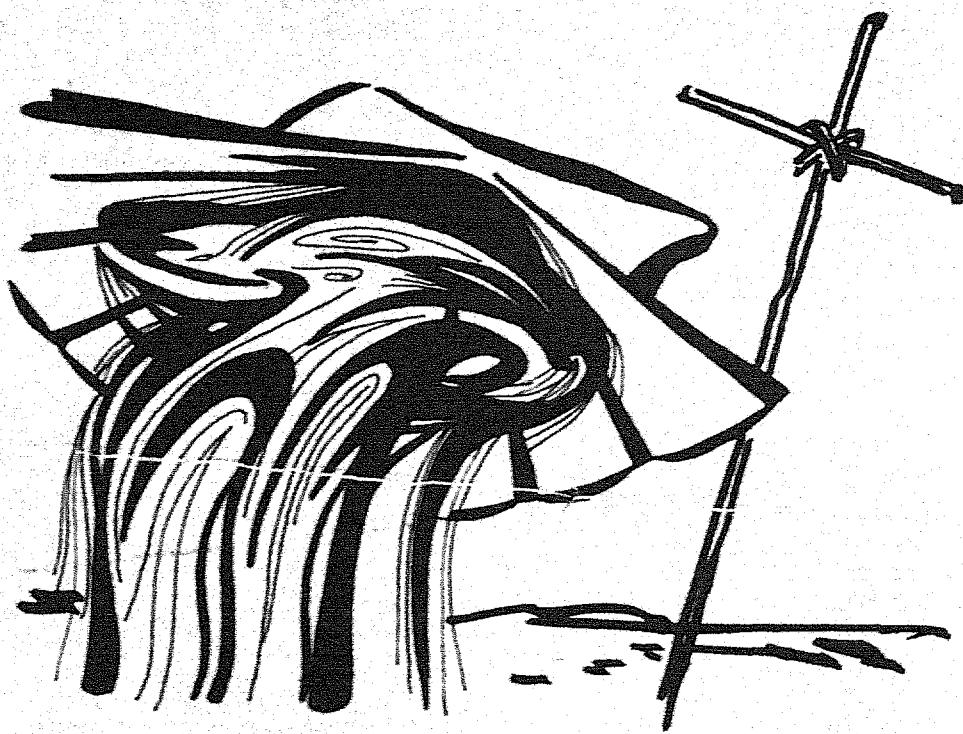
### 'Charity above bookkeeping'

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI told Catholic relief agencies not to be preoccupied with "book-keeping and technical results" in distributing aid and to "subordinate everything to charity."

The Pope gave this advice to the executive committee of Caritas Internationalis, the international Catholic charities organization, but did not specify any particular organization.

The Pope also suggested that Catholic agencies join Cor Unum, the Vatican's superagency formed in July 1971 to coordinate Catholic relief and development agencies and some bodies of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administration.

# You and Your Faith



## From Sunday's Gospel

Thus it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins . . . "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water: he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1: 1-8

# Prayer Of The Faithful

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8, 1972

**CELEBRANT:** Let us pray for the Church throughout the world that she may truly experience joy in the Lord in celebrating the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

**COMMENTATOR:** The response for today is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

**COMMENTATOR:** For our Holy Father, our Archbishop, Coleman F. Carroll, all priests and Religious, that they may ever teach devotion to Our Lady, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** That in these times of pressing need, devotion to Mary may flourish throughout the world, causing her Son to be known, loved and glorified and all His commands to be observed, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** That as the exemplar of both virginity and motherhood, Mary may firmly protect the dignity of all women against all who seek to destroy it, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** For all Christians and in particular for our parish, our families and ourselves, that we may ever more deeply imitate Mary as our model of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** For the sick, the poor, the hungry and the oppressed and for all the faithful departed, that they may truly experience Mary as a sign of hope and solace, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**CELEBRANT:** All powerful eternal God, direct our actions according to your will so that through the intercession of Mary Immaculate and by the grace of your Son, our good works may be multiplied. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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## Second Sunday of Advent Dec. 10, 1972

**CELEBRANT:** As we continue to prepare to celebrate the feast of Our Lord's Nativity, let us unite in petitions to Our Father in Heaven.

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

**COMMENTATOR:** For Pope Paul, our bishops and priests, that their lives of faith and hope and love may inspire us to a meaningful renewal of those virtues in our lives, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** For the leaders of nations, that the Prince of Peace give them the strength to work vigorously to spread His peace on earth, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** For all here present, that we may share in the celebration of this Eucharist that we may grow in the knowledge and love of Him who was born in Bethlehem, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMENTATOR:** For the needy, the sick and the lonesome, that Christ may comfort them in their sorrow, we pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**CELEBRANT:** Heavenly Father, grant us so to cooperate with the special graces of this Advent season that we may be prepared fervently to welcome Our Lord into our hearts this Christmas. We ask this through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Relationship with God

In addition to our own relationship with God there is another aspect of our Christian existence. God had formed a people which He calls His own. To be a member of this people means that we share in a covenant relationship with God. This covenant is basically a contract God has made between Himself and His people.

The Scriptures tell us that God is faithful to His contractual obligations, i.e. that He remains faithful, ready to help and continues to love us even at times in spite of ourselves. For our part we are called to respond to this love and faithfulness of God by being witnesses to His union with the world through our own mercy, love and faithfulness.

This week's Scripture reading will explore further the implication for us as members of the people of God.

Dec. 10	Genesis	9:8-17
Dec. 11	Deuteronomy	33:26-29
Dec. 12	Ezekiel	37:21-28
Dec. 13	Zechariah	9:9-17
Dec. 14	Romans	8:24-39
Dec. 15	Hebrews	8:6-13
Dec. 16	Hebrews	10:12-22

## Mary's at center of stage in Advent

By FATHER JOHN T. CATOIR

Advent is a time of special grace: it is a time which brings us closer to the mystery of the Incarnation, God's entry into mankind.

Mary is at center stage during this holy season. She is alone, silent and still, aware and spellbound by the swelling Life within her. It is not to glorify Mary that we consider her unique role in our Savior's total mission, though our love for her can hardly be disguised.

We have Christ's love in us and His love for Mary passes through us as naturally as the flow of blood in our hearts. Unless love itself glorifies a person, we do not consciously glorify Mary.

In our consideration of her youthful peace and joy, co-mingled with whatever feelings of discomfort and uncertainty must have accompanied her period of waiting for deliverance, we see not only Mary, we see ourself.

We, also, are the Christ-bearers in this world, and our perseverance in the darkness of waiting is not unlike Mary's advent.

**MOST** of us tend to lose sight of an important aspect of our lives. We are so caught up in the tyranny of daily chores, commitments, responsibilities, that we tend to view life in terms of racing, fighting, striving. We forget so easily that life is also waiting. There are seasons in the year and seasons in our personal lives; from the light green of spring to the brown crust of fall, our lives unfold.

The pain of childhood and adolescence is forgotten and submerged in the pain of adult responsibilities, and the simple joys we knew as a child are superseded by the more complicated needs we create for ourselves in our maturity. We see children and young adults, but we are too encumbered by our habits and character traits to see them in the context of their season. We hardly see ourselves in context; we hardly realize that in our frantic walk through life we are essentially in a state of rest, of waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Mary in advent, alone on the dimly lighted stage, is a symbol of that truth and reality. She is peaceful, aware of His coming, prayerful in her expectation.

**SHE** did not have all the answers about the future; she was not sure that she would succeed in her life. She was little, dependent, expectant and still; she was trusting and secure. She understood that perseverance in misunderstanding and loneliness is based on a strong faith.

For every pain that we must bear,  
For every burden, every care,  
There's a reason.

For every grief that bows the head,  
For every teardrop that is shed,  
There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,  
For every lonely, pain-racked night,  
There's a reason.

But if we trust in God as we should,  
All must work out for our good,  
He knows the reason.

The above prayer is not, strictly speaking, a prayer attributed to Mary, but it contains the elements of "seeing in darkness," which characterized her life and her fidelity.

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# The mad scramble for baby-murder money

(The following article was written by Matthew J. Buifia, M.D., of Fort Lauderdale, and is reprinted by permission of the author and The Journal of the Florida Medical Association.)

The book, "The Death Peddlers," an edited report of the Symposium on Implementation of Abortion held at U.C.L.A. in January 1971, aptly illustrates the dramatic departure over the last five years from the traditional medical position on abortion.

For thousands of years the medical prohibitions and ethical disinclinations toward abortion are well recorded. The medical aversion to attacks on unborn life were clarified for modern physicians by the 1948 Declaration of Geneva which followed the Nuremberg Trials.

While the memories of Warsaw, Dachau and Buchenwald were still vivid and indelible to most of the civilized world, destruction of the unborn as a means of achieving a happy, comfortable family life, controlling world population or eliminating illegitimate births was not seriously considered or even thought of by most people in the 1940's and 1950's.

In 1969, by a margin of only one vote, the New York State Legislature passed its current, liberalized abortion bill. In the two and one half years since its enactment, over 400,000 abortions have been carried out. It is possible that never before in world history has the casting of one vote caused the extermination of so many human beings.

New York State points with pride to its liberalized abortion law. It even permits widespread advertising for customers. Thousands of unsolicited flyers and brochures have fairly inundated doctors' offices throughout the country.

Much of the material reeks of flagrant huckstering and is of varying degrees of offensiveness. The prices quoted for "Pregnancy Termination" rise proportionately with the weight in grams of the fetus. A "sucking out" procedure, for instance, for an obviously small embryo is \$200 while a "salting out" of a 500-700 gram fetus could cost as much as \$400-\$500. While New York State allows these Exterminating Centers to advertise for their customers, there is no mention made of the victims.

Some abortion centers in their pitch for customers give the impression that coming to New York for an abortion can be a gala holiday associated only with a minimum of inconvenience and practically no discomfort. One such abortion facility in its color illustrated brochure shows the "spacious waiting rooms for family and friends" and gives such items of information as the times of limousine service from LaGuardia and Kennedy Airports.

AMONG the instructions to the patient are such as "Bring a sanitary belt." Another "It is advisable but not essential, to have someone accompany you." All of which can lead the unsuspecting patient to believe that having an abortion is about as dangerous as getting a haircut.

In New York State alone in its first year of legalized abortion experience, 62 live fetuses were sucked out, cut out, salted out or scraped out; 56 subsequently died in varying condition of indignity. Six of this number are evidently still alive as the New York Health Department could not find death certificates for them.

Are these complications of abortion? In such cases the attending physician has badly miscalculated the uterine size as will certainly happen to a physician of meager experience or one who fails to take the proper time to evaluate the patient and her condition.

In Maryland, an abortion case, resulting in the live birth of a baby who was placed in a refrigerator and later died was investigated by the U.S. Attorney's office. The finding of the hospital committee investigating the catastrophe was that the physician made a poor judgment in his original estimate of the gestation period. In 1970, in Maryland, three maternal deaths occurred as a direct result of the salting out type abortion procedure.

Abner Weisman, M.D., in a letter to the Journal of the American Medical Association published in the Sept. 13, 1971 issue, describes his office building in New York as the largest abortion center in the United States having legally performed 40,000 abortions in one year. Two clinics, each occupying an entire floor, worked incessantly around the clock. Operating doctors usually rotated to avoid the syndrome of "abortion fatigue."

AT THE annual meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists held in Chicago in May of this year, the stories were circulating that first and second year residents in obstetrics and gynecology in some of the New York hospitals were being offered \$4,000 monthly to help staff these centers.

It is not surprising that horrendous medical complications do occur. According to New York State Health Department records during the first year of the liberalized abortion law, 14 women died while receiving abortions.

It is certainly possible that there may have been more deaths as a high percentage of women leave New York to return to their home states where their complications would then occur.

The types of complications being seen and reported are startling. With the new technique of saline amniocentesis or salting out, the preferred method of extermination at 20-24 weeks gestation, the incidence of complications has been reported to be 20-24%. In one such case,<sup>2</sup> the physician failing to diagnose an intrauterine twin gestation, injected the hypertonic saline into the amniotic sac of only one twin with the result that the mother gave birth to one dead twin and one alive.

THE HEAVY salt solution usually causes the fetus affected by it to convulse and die in the uterus before expulsion. Complications with this salting out method have also been fatal to the mother as evidenced by reports of recent maternal deaths from inadvertent injection of the hypertonic solution directly into the mother's blood streams.<sup>3</sup>

The vacuum curettage or sucking out of the uterus for abortion purposes has its own special problems. Perforation of the uterus and aspiration of the bowel into the apparatus have been reported. Inadvertent but sudden suction of large quantities of blood from the uterine circulation may occur, causing a shock-like catastrophe.

A case report in Obstetrics and Gynecology -- June 1972 -- of an air embolism described how the misconnection of the tubing to a vacuum machine caused air under pressure to be introduced into the uterus during attempted termination of pregnancy by intended vacuum aspiration. The mother subsequently died.

THE LATEST figures from Great Britain reveal that maternal deaths occur four times as frequently with abortion as with pregnancy if allowed to progress to its conclusion.<sup>4</sup> Postoperative hemorrhages occur in 10-20% of patients aborted by suction curettage requiring readmission and hospitalization.

At the 1970 White House Conference on Children and again at the AMA House of Delegates meeting in the same year, the resolution declaring the "right of all children to be born healthy" was adopted.

It's most difficult in New York these days to be born healthy. Doctors are being paid sizable sums to cut up unborn fetuses with curettes, poison them with salt solution, suck them out with vacuum aspirators or surgically remove them from their mother's womb to be left in all probability to die.

THE ABORTION proponents after having exterminated hundreds of thousands of pregnancies in this manner have subsequently seen fit to report their findings that wholesale abortions apparently cause a reduction in infant deaths and actually improve perinatal salvage.<sup>5</sup>

Specious reasoning at its worst. It's great to die as a fetus before you can get old enough to die as an infant! It can also be said that the Vietnam War prevented 50,000 American boys from getting cancer.

Reports from the New York abortion centers would also lead the unwary reader to believe that the psychic trauma of this procedure is minimal. Not so, in my experience. I have personally cared for about 20 patients who were aborted in New York since the inception of its liberalized law. I have yet to see one who was not deeply affected by the experience.

"Brutal," "dehumanizing," "wouldn't want my dog to have one" were some of the comments of these girls. Recriminations, deep guilt, loss of self-respect were some of the feelings and symptoms encountered.

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# Presentation ball to honor five young women

Five young women from South Florida parishes will be recipients of distinguished achievement medals and will also be presented to the Archbishop of Miami on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Indian Creek Country Club.

Mrs. Maytag McCahill, Miami Beach, is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Ninth Annual Presentation Ball, which benefits the Marian Center for Exceptional Children. Music will be provided by Peter Duchin and his orchestra.

**SERVING** as co-chairmen of the arrangements committee are Mrs. B. Boyd Benjamin, Miami; Mrs. Arthur Gallagher, Chicago and Miami Beach; Mrs. Philip D. Lewis, Palm Beach; and Mrs. Ralph F. Peliaia, Fort Lauderdale.

Singled out for the honor of being presented to Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll in recognition of their charitable works on behalf of the Archdiocese of Miami and their outstanding scholastic records are Miss Patricia Ellen Armstrong, daughter of



Patricia Armstrong

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Armstrong, Annunciation parish; Miss Patricia Cooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cooney, formerly of Assumption parish, now residing in Weston, Mass.; Miss Rosemary Della-Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Della-Donna, St. John the Baptist parish; Miss Susan King, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William B. King, Nativity parish; and Miss Melissa Chloris Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mueller, St. Rose of Lima parish.

#### Patricia Armstrong

Now a sophomore at Florida State College in Tallahassee, Miss Armstrong is majoring in Elementary



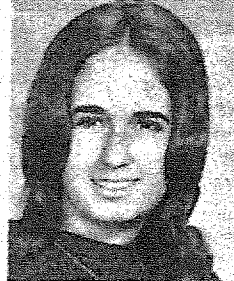
Patricia Cooney

#### Education.

During her years in high school she was a Big Sister, Vista Volunteer and served as a volunteer at homes for the aged. As a high school senior she was president of the Keyette Club at Madonna Academy.

#### Patricia Cooney

A nursing major at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Miss Cooney was a four-year honor student at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Her hobbies include



Rosemary Della-Donna

sewing, creative arts, photography, and sports.

#### Rosemary Della-Donna

Now enrolled at Westhampton College, Richmond, Va., Miss Della-Donna was a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the Regents School Academic Award in Science while a student at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Her special interests include cooking, needlepoint, stamp collecting, sports and



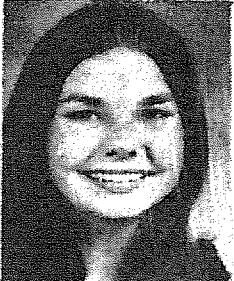
Susan King

music.

#### Susan King

A volunteer at the University of Miami Speech Clinic, Miss King is majoring in Speech Pathology at the University and looks forward to a career as a speech therapist.

During her years as a student at South Broward High School she won an award for the school's Most Valuable Swimmer. Her hobbies include painting, sewing, and reading.



Melissa Mueller

A graduate of Miami Edison High School where she was salutatorian of her class last June, Miss Mueller is majoring in German at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

Active in Philharmonic Symphonettes and Twenty Little Working Girls while in high school, she plans to be an interpreter or foreign correspondent. She includes in her special interests art, writing, and sailing.

## Papal cross and ring no longer owned by UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — (AP) — The United Nations no longer owns the diamond cross and ring donated by Pope Paul VI during his visit here in 1965, a spokesman said following reports that they were to be sold at public auction in Geneva.

The UN spokesman recalled that when the cross and ring were given to former UN Secretary General U. Thant Pope Paul had suggested that they be sold and the proceeds be used to help alleviate human suffering.

Bernet Galleries in New York.

The proceeds — \$64,000 — were shared equally by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The current owner of the cross and ring has so far remained unidentified.

After being exhibited for a time in the main lobby of the UN General Assembly building the spokesman's announcement said, the cross and ring, "with the express consent of the Vatican authorities," were sold at public auction at the Parke-

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**FIRST PLACE** — The Immaculate Conception CYO volleyball team, came in first in the North Dade Deanery and also took first place in the Archdiocese of Miami. From left to right, are: Kathy Keener, Diane Raymond, Mary Pearson, Sue Raymond, Cookie Elias (captain) Wendy Martin, Diane Cipullo, Karen Achhammer and Linda Morales (not pictured). Their coach is Sandee Gustafson. (center).



# VOICE of Sports

By Bob Preziosi

**ST. MONICA CYO** captured its second straight Archdiocesan Touch Football Championship with a 12-0 victory Sunday over St. James at the Northwest Boys Club field.

The Carol City team scored in the first quarter on a 5 yd. scoring toss from Jim Lewis to Bill Ewing to grab an early 6-0 lead. They didn't score again until late in the final period when Ewing hit Eddie Passaro with an 8 yd. touchdown pass.

"Defense was the key to our team's victory," explained St. Monica coach Tony Apicerno. The defense was led by defensive back Dave Alvarez. He had one interception and knocked down three passes, all of them on deep pattern attempts to St. James receivers.

**ST. JAMES CYO** will travel to Oliver Manor Nursing Home in North Miami Sunday night for the annual Christmas party that the CYO puts on for the home's residents. Each year at this time the youth group takes gifts and provides cheer at the home. They also visit the home during the year at other times.

Last week the CYOers visited the Asthmatic Children's Foundation bringing empty egg cartons and bottles that are made as therapy projects and then sold to raise funds for new equipment for the Foundation. The CYO'ers also collect and take redeemable coupons to the Foundation.

**THE "FIFTH AVENUE GARAGE"** will provide live music for a Dec. 10 Christmas Dance at St. Timothy's Hall, 5400 S.W. 102nd Ave., Miami. The dance is a joint project of St. Timothy and St. Thomas the Apostle CYOs. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the dance for \$1.25 per person. The dance is scheduled to run from 7 until 11 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Make plans now to get together with other CYOs for an evening of fun and friendship at St. Timothy's.

## Newman cops Sertoma Bowl

Cardinal Newman, scoring the game's only touchdown in the third quarter, defeated Winter Haven High School 8-3 to win the annual Sertoma Bowl.

Allan Rhine, voted the game's most valuable offensive player trophy, scored on a three-yd. burst. Tom Lucas' run gave the Crusaders a two-point conversion.

Rhine, Palm Beach County's leading scorer this year, had 92 yards in 22 carries to lead the Newman offense.

Newman's passing game also was clicking. Carl Johnson had three catches for 68 yards while Robert Coleman, who doubles as a defensive safety, had three for 48. It was Johnson's diving catch of a 25 yd. aerial on the Winter Haven three-yd. line that put the West Palm Team in position for Rhine's touchdown.

One of Newman's defensive standouts received the most outstanding player trophy. Middle linebacker Mike Kissner led the defense, which had five shutouts to its credit this season, with eight tackles and three assists. Coleman had five tackles and two assists along with an interception.

Winter Haven scored first on a 25 yd. field goal in the first half. It was enough until Rhine's score in the third period.

**IN FINISHING** its season bringing home the Sertoma Bowl trophy, Newman shows a 9-1-1 record. Excitement over

the victory is still high in West Palm Beach.

The Sertoma Bowl is an annual contest involving two highly ranked teams in the state. Last year Miami Central and Lakeland Kathleen played in the bowl.

The Bowl raises money for the Sertoma Civic Organization to improve recreational facilities and programs.

Chaminade's football season ended last Friday night when the Lions fell to Belle Glade Central 20-6 in the first round of the state football play-offs.

Size turned out to be the determining factor in the contest. Belle Glade was much bigger than the Hollywood players. The loss left Chaminade with an 8-3 record on the season, marking the ninth straight year that the Lions have been over .500. Eight of those years have been under present head coach Vince Zappone.

### Semi-final games

Hollywood Hills and Glades Central carry South Florida hopes of a state title into semi-final games this weekend. Hollywood Hills, second ranked in the state, takes on Merritt Island in a class 4A game. Merritt Island is the state's top ranked team. Glades Central takes on Milton in a 3A game.

### O'Neil leads Curley

Curley successfully began defense of the South Atlantic Conference Basketball title it won last year with a one-sided 91-49 win last Saturday night at the Miami Beach High gym over conference foe LaSalle.

As expected, the Knights were led by senior forward John O'Neil, who had 25 points. Frank Cerione added 20 to the winning cause.

"It was a fine team effort," remarked Knight's coach Phil Petta. "We were a bit ragged and sloppy, but I'm much more optimistic about the season now than I was before the first game." He said the big test will be this Saturday night when Curley takes on Miami Jackson.

This win was Petta's 200th in a varsity coaching career of 14 years. He won 18 his first year as a varsity coach in Michigan. Since then he's been at Curley.

LaSalle had won its opening game the night before. Mike Martinez' 27 points led the Royals to a 59-41 victory over Belen at the Columbus gym.

### LAST WEEK'S SCORES

La Salle 59, Belen 41.  
Curley 91, LaSalle 49.  
So Broward 74, Chaminade 72.

1972 VOICE ARCHDIOCESAN CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM			
Name	School	Best Class	Time
Dino Cardelli	Chaminade	Jr.	12:37
Allan Kelley	Curley	Sr.	12:46
Warren Lindsey	Columbus	Sr.	13:27
Joe Sabino	Pace	Sr.	12:48
Mitch Usheroff	Chaminade	Jr.	12:52
Ron Yoder	Pace	Sr.	13:13

**CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR**  
 Brother John Campbell — Chaminade  
 Brother Bernard Ruth — Pace

## All-Archdiocese Cross Country Team Runners

State triple AAA Champion Joe Sabino of Pace heads the 1972 Voice Cross Country All Archdiocesan team.

Sabino, a senior, ran consistently around 13 minutes and was under 13 at the State meet and the All-Catholic Meet.

Dino Cardelli of Chaminade, only a junior, had the fastest time in the Archdiocese this year. He had a 12:37 in the All-Catholic and a 12:22 at the St. Andrew's Invitational (a 2.4 mile course). Cardelli was second in the state 3A meet.

Allan Kelley of Curley is the third member of the team. The senior finished consistently at the top in meets all year. He finished 4th in the state 3A meet.

Ron Yoder of Pace gave the Spartans an excellent 1-2 punch. He was always on the heels of Sabino and is the fourth member of the team.

Mitch Usheroff of Chaminade and Warren Lindsey of Columbus round out the Cross Country Coaches dream team.

Speaking of Coaches, Co-coaches of the year are Bro. Bernard Ruth of Pace and Bro. John Campbell. Both coached their squads to excellent dual meet records, saw their teams finish 1-2 in the All-Catholic Meet and brought their runners to second place finishes in their respective divisions in the state meet.

Honorable mentions choices were: Carol Meyer, Chaminade; Carl Bendeck, Newman; Fernando Castro, Belen; Kevin Fischer, Gibbons.

Selections were made on the basis of votes cast by the coaches.

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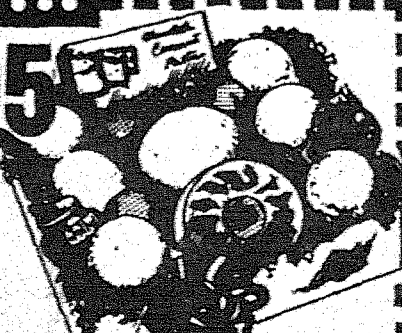
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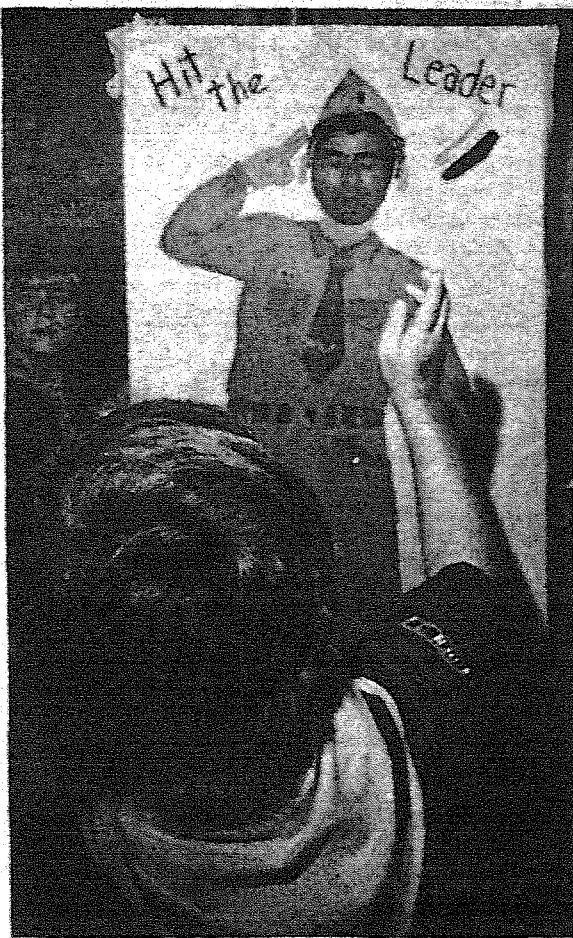
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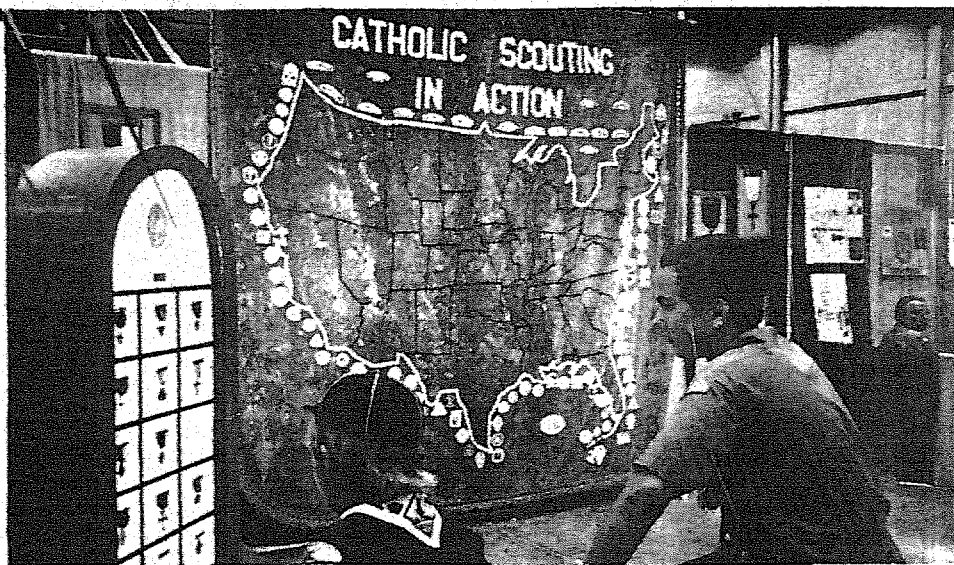
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**SCOUT LEADERS** catch it in the face (left) in the Pack 468 display at the Boy Scout Exposition at the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

**WINNING** the blue ribbon for the Archdiocese is one with merit badges surrounding the U.S. map. Boy and Cub Scouts look over the St. George medals that can be earned in scouting.



## Scouts display fun, skills in expo

One of 29 Blue Ribbons presented during the recent "Scoutout-72" held at Miami Beach Convention Hall was awarded to the Archdiocese of Miami Catholic Committee on Scouting.

More than 50,000 persons of all ages visited the exposition where some 300 different booths featured various phases of scouting ranging from displays of

handicraft and feats of pioneering skills to outdoor cooking and camping.

In its display the Catholic Committee on Scouting featured hundreds of patches from every area of the nation and designated as well where Catholic Scout Troops are active. In addition a stained-glass window effect highlighted religious awards available to Scouts of various faiths.

# It never rains in California, but pours on dreams

### IT NEVER RAINS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Got on board a westbound 747, Didn't think before deciding what to do.

Oh that talk about the opportunities, t.v. breaks, and movies rang true, sure rang true.

Seems it never rains in Southern California

Seems I've often heard that kind of talk before, If never rains in California But girl don't they warn ya

If pours, man it pours.

Out of work I'm out of my head, Out of self-respect, I'm out of bread, I'm underloved, I'm underfed, I-wanna go home.

It never rains in California But girl don't they warn ya

If pours, man it pours

Will you tell the folks back home, I nearly made it, Had offers but don't know which one to take,

Please don't tell em how you found me, Don't tell em how you found me, Give me a break Give me a break.

Seems it never rains in Southern California.

Seems I've often heard that kind of talk before.

It never rains in California But girl don't they warn ya

If pours, man it pours.

### 'Bike hike' set Saturday

Hundreds of South Florida teenagers participating in a "bike hike" for St. Jude's Hospital this Saturday, Dec. 9, will be joined by a disc jockey from WFUN radio station, also by a few clergymen.

Starting and finishing point for the hike will be Columbus High School. Matheson Hammock is the mid-point.

The bike hike is the brain-storm of a group of CYOers in South Dade. Peggy Moran of St. Timothy and Alice Audie of St. Theresa are spearheading the activity. They are being assisted by Mr. Dan Murphy and Mrs. Pat Davenport, both adult advisors for St. Timothy CYO.

**By THE DAMEANS**  
One has to admit at the start that there is nothing real deep or profound about this song. There are no hidden meanings or poetic nuances. The song is self-explanatory as the writer simply says what he means. I guess I ended up writing about it because I like it.

It is a very pleasant song musically, which makes the words appear not nearly as critical as they do if they are just read. The situation, which talks of the failure of an individual, is lightened not only by the music but also by the mild sarcasm of the key lines of the song "it never rains in Southern California it pours!"

**THE STORY** is familiar. Here is a guy who gets bored with life and is looking for some excitement and opportunities where he can make it big. Where does he go?

West, naturally. He has heard all that talk about "T.V. breaks and movies"

and besides that is the place where it "seems it never rains."

We are confronted here with an example of "the grass is greener on the other side" and don't we all know the itch. We have either dreamed about how things could be or have tried so many times for that utopia that you'd think we would learn.

So the guy heads west. Probably ever since the gold rush, California has loomed as the promised land, the land of milk and honey, with its coast, mountains, nice weather, fast living and the glamour of a Hollywood (no mention, of course, of the smog, earthquakes and traffic). No wonder then that he boards that westbound 747 and blows!

However, the next scene brings the dreams, the hopes of "never raining," down to reality. He is out of work, out of his head, out of self respect, out of bread, underfed and underloved — doesn't leave much to work with, does it? That must be a terrible feeling to be at the

bottom of the rung, knowing that things just didn't pan out and that all of those dreams have turned to failures. You don't feel bad enough about it yourself but you have to face someone from home and let them know that you have bombed out.

Just imagine the hassle the guy must have faced before he left — the people warning him that it wouldn't work out, telling him that

things are not like he thinks they are. On the other hand there must have been his determination that he could make it and that he was going to show them and then . . . flop! Rather than face all of the "I told you so" responses, he says "don't tell them how you found me," "give me a break" and spare me the embarrassment of being a failure.

Without stretching the

point too far, this song does sound like a modern version of Jesus' parable on the prodigal son, who in the end swallows his pride and follows through on the feeling of "I wanna go home." In "It Never Rains in Southern California," we don't find out how the story ends and are left with a sad, disillusioned individual who had been in search for that place where "it never rains."

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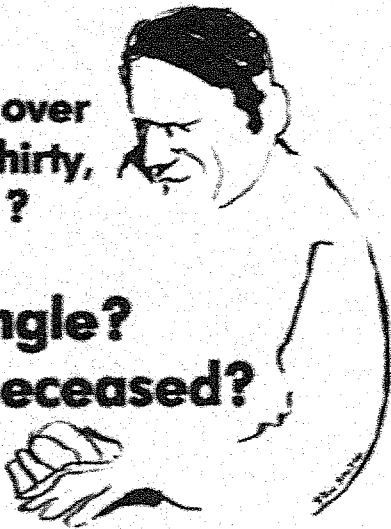
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# The Mad scramble for abortion lucre

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SOME of the single girls I saw expressed strong desires to marry, conceive and bear a child. One girl did just that — she married, became pregnant and bore an infant to replace the one she felt she destroyed. It is obviously easier to scrape the baby out of the mother's womb than to scrape the thought of that baby out of her mind.

Abortions in New York State bring estimated revenues of \$50 million yearly and two over the counter stocks are being pushed as speculation long term capital growth on the basis of mushrooming abortion revenues, according to an article by Howard Eisenberg, "The Mad Scramble for Abortion Money," in a recent edition of Medical Economics.

More and more concerted efforts are being made to force this lucrative atrocity on us.

In the June 1972 issue of the Journal of Reproductive Medicine, Robert E. Hall, M.D., a leading proponent for abortion liberalization, states incredibly that "medical attitudes will have to change. The performance of abortions must be recognized as a social responsibility on the part of the obstetrician. This writer looks forward to the day when religious, emotional and political pressures subside sufficiently to permit us to regard abortion as simply a medical means of dealing with unwanted pregnancies."

The commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," has been with us from time immemorial.

WITHIN tort law, modern scientific knowledge of fetal life has worked a dramatic revolution so that it is now clearly recognized that the unborn child in the path of an automobile is as much a person in the street as the mother.

In 1959 the United Nations unanimously adopted a "Declaration of the Rights of the Child" to supplement its "Universal Declaration of Human Rights." An essential reason for this supplement was clearly stated in its preamble, namely, that the "child by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguarding and care, including appropriate legal protection before as well as after birth."

The most recent discoveries in embryonic and fetal medicine allow us to know that from its very first day the unborn child is a complex and rapidly growing organism with its own unique genetic endowments.

By the end of the first month the child completes the period of relatively greatest size increase and the greatest physical change of a lifetime.

The month old embryo is 10,000 times larger than the fertilized egg. At two months the brain sends out impulses that coordinate the functions of the other organs and it has been possible to record individual electroencephalogram readings of brain activity. Since the absence of electroencephalogram activity is taken as a sign of death, why do we not consider signs of brain activity in the developing fetus as evidence that human life is present?

LET US NOT allow Florida to become another state that will sentence a half million unborn to total destruction. Let us instead pay heed to the past centuries of Judeo-Christian ethics, morality and justice when the life of the unborn was protected.

How many of us would be here today if our legislators of 50 years ago had authorized death sentences to the fetus by voting the abortion on demand ticket? The Playboy Philosophers, the Women's Libbers and the other hedonistic cults would be short on members now if the women who mothered them had their feticidal tendencies.

If the unborn can be killed in the womb any time the mother decides he is not wanted, what prevents us from exterminating the aged, the sick, the mentally or physically disadvantaged or members of objectionable minority groups when their lives become a burden to others?

In past years when the back room abortionist was convicted, he lost his license to practice medicine and faced a stiff prison sentence. As Rabbi Phineas A. Weberman

recently pointed out in a letter to the Miami Herald, we now appear to be legalizing murder and allowing it to be committed by qualified professionals.

Abortion is an atrocity. Society must present a better solution than this.

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## Jews ask Christians: don't push conversion

(continued from page 4)

and religious assimilation, which could destroy another one-third of the Jewish people, the whole question of efforts to convert the Jewish people out of the religious existence becomes a morally unconscionable position.

Rabbi Tanenbaum said "Christian leaders, including Evangelical leaders, have a valid theological alternative, which has already been accepted by substantial numbers of recognized Catholic and Protestant theologians and biblical scholars." Rabbi Tanenbaum maintained, "namely, that the Covenant of Sinai is permanent, and that Christianity must see itself not in terms of substitution, but rather in terms of being a complimentary Covenant to the Covenant of Israel."

Concerned over a possible use in anti-Semitism in Latin America, Dr. Seymour Lachman, chairman of the foreign affairs department of the Committee, told its executive council here that some of former dictator Juan Peron's supporters have been

## Students wins essay contest

NORTH MIAMI BEACH — Christine Fagnani, eighth grade student at St. Lawrence School, is the recipient of a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond for the winning entry in a recent contest conducted by the parish Council of Catholic Women.

making anti-Semitic remarks Dr. Lachman had just returned from a visit to Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Peron returned to Argentina in mid-November after 17 years of exile.

DR. LACHMAN said extensive assimilation and intermarriage, and lack of Jewish-sponsored schools pose a threat to the traditions of some 800,000 Jews living in Latin America.

He also saw economic distress for Jewish groups in Chile under the nationalization policies of Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Economic conditions in Brazil, with a government oriented toward improving living conditions of the middle class, have benefited its Jewish community of over 120,000 persons, Dr. Lachman reported.

Mr. Russell, who serves as President of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, is President and Chairman of the Board of the Russell Aluminum Corporation and a Director of the Pan American Bank in Hialeah.

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# Pide Arzobispo Carroll permitan entrar a E.U. cubanos en España

El Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll hizo una apelación al Departamento de Estado de E.U. para que pase por alto "el papeleo" y facilite la entrada en Estados Unidos lo antes posible, a miles de refugiados cubanos estancados en España.

Hablando a favor de la colonia cubana en Miami, el Arzobispo pidió que se permita a la mayor brevedad que los más de 20,000 cubanos

que están en España puedan "reunirse con sus familiares en Miami, inmediatamente."

"Muchas de estas personas tenían la impresión de que si salían de Cuba por la vía de España se les permitiría entrar en Estados Unidos. Debido a que un Presidente de Estados Unidos ofreció santuario y refugio a todo cubano que pudiera escapar del régimen comunista, esos cubanos pensaron

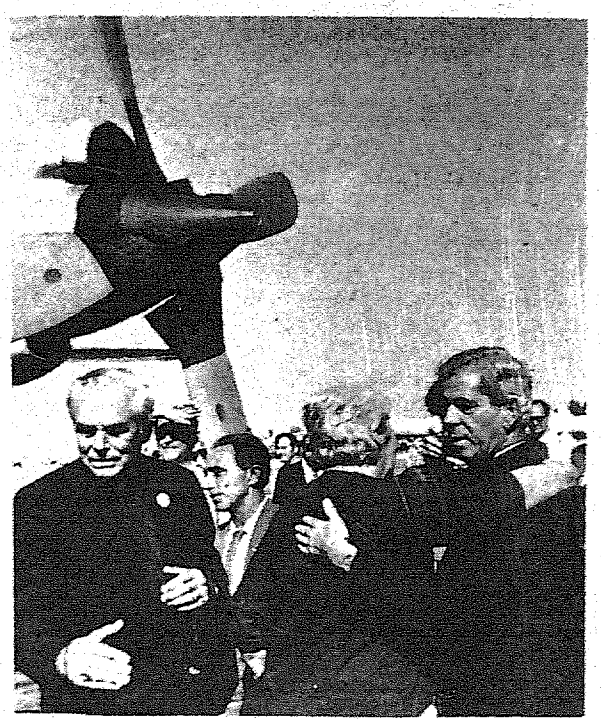
que a ellos se les permitiría entrar en el país con la condición de 'parolees', asignada por Estados Unidos a la mayoría de los exiliados cubanos, en vez de requerirles un visado sujeto a cuotas.

"Las familias han sido separadas. Y al paso que se están concediendo las visas, pasarán años en muchos casos para lograr la reunión de las familias.

"Nos parece que permitir a estas personas entrar inmediatamente en el país sería lo más humanitario y moral que Estados Unidos podría hacer", añadió el Arzobispo Carroll.

Cada mes llegan a España más de 1,000 refugiados cubanos. El número de los refugiados en España que obtiene permiso de entrar en Estados Unidos no llega a 600 al mes. El número de refugiados cubanos en España está aumentando a razón de más de 400 al mes.

Destacó el Arzobispo que los familiares de esos refugiados estancados en España tienen que pagar la mayor parte del sostén de los mismos, que calculándose a unos \$50 mensuales representa más de 16 millones de dólares al año escapándose de la economía de Estados Unidos.



El reinicio de los Vuelos de la Libertad significa una renovación de la asistencia material y espiritual a miles de recién llegados. Esa renovación se notará en las agencias de servicio social como el Centro Hispano Católico. Para el Padre José I. Hualde y los otros capellanes de la Casa de la Libertad, significará horas de asistencia espiritual a los refugiados que llegan desorientados. Palabras de aliento, de consuelo, de orientación. . .

## LA VOZ

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## Juguetes, regalos para los que llegan

El lunes se reinician los Vuelos de la Libertad (Varadero Miami), después de aproximadamente un año de receso. La llegada de esos cubanos que llevan largos años de privaciones y miserias en su tierra coincide con la celebración de la Navidad, época en la que todo estimula a la generosidad en el compartir.

Tradicionalmente, los mismos cubanos ya exiliados en Miami, organizaban cuestasiones de juguetes y regalos para los refugiados que llegaban. Este año, como el anuncio del reinicio de los vuelos llegó en forma inesperada, no hay nada preparado en cuanto a juguetes para esos niños que llegan.

Pero no podemos dejar que esos niños que no saben de las alegrías del regalo, del juguete y de la Navidad, lleguen con las manos vacías y no se les ofrezca un presente.

Si nos movilizamos estamos a tiempo para que al menos cada niño y cada anciano que llegan reciban un regalo de navidad. Un juguete, una golosina, un libro, una pieza de ropa.

A los que quedan en Miami esos juguetes podrían entregárseles en la tradicional fiesta

de Navidad del Centro Hispano Católico o en la fiesta de Navidad en la misma Casa de la Libertad. A los que siguen hacia otros estados, puede entregárseles a su partida, como un recuerdo de sus hermanos de Miami.

Este año, no había nada organizado para esperar a los refugiados. Pero estamos seguros que la generosidad del cubano responderá. Y que cada niño que llegue en estos días navideños, desde el mismo lunes hasta pasada la fiesta de reyes, recibirá un obsequio.

A esta campaña debe sumarse cada individuo y cada empresa de cubanos exiliados. Para facilidad de los donantes, cualquier obsequio puede llevarse al Centro Hispano Católico, en el corazón de Miami, o si se prefiere, entregárselo personalmente al Padre Hualde en la Casa de la Libertad. Una vez más, la respuesta será ¡Presente!

Llevemos una sonrisa al rostro de cada niño o cada anciano que llega de Cuba después de tantos años de terror, hambre y miseria.

Gustavo Pena



La Condecoración Humanitaria del Año (Humanitarian Award) fue otorgada al Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll por la United Cerebral Palsy Association de Miami durante un banquete destinado a recaudar fondos para esa Institución destinada a ayudar a las víctimas de parálisis cerebral. El pergamino presentado por el Presidente de esa Asociación, Fred R. Stanton honra al Arzobispo, "por su interés en el bienestar de todos los pueblos, su profunda preocupación por los que sufren y sus incansables esfuerzos por ayudar a sus semejantes a encontrar una vida mejor." En la foto, el Arzobispo Carroll, en un momento del homenaje, en charla con el congresista William Lehman y el Dr. Ben Sheppard.

## Develan hoy imagen de la Inmaculada

Una estatua de mármol de la Inmaculada Concepción, tallada por el renombrado escultor cubano Manolo Carbonell, será develada hoy, viernes, a las 9 p.m. en el local de la Agrupación Católica Universitaria, 720 NE 27 St. La imagen ha sido confeccionada en mármol de Piedra

Santa, Italia, seleccionado por el escultor en las mismas cavernas donde Miguel Angel extrajo el mármol para sus más renombradas obras. La estatua de la Virgen mide 5 pies, y está situada sobre un pedestal del mismo mármol, de dos pies de alto, lo que hace un conjunto total de

siete pies de alto. La ACU, que es una Congregación Mariana, ha querido celebrar esta solemnidad de María con una velada en la que harán uso de la palabra estudiantes y profesionales miembros de la Agrupación, así como su director, el Padre Amando Llorente, S.J.



El arbol de Navidad de la Casa de la Libertad. En esta foto tomada hace varios años, el Padre José I. Hualde, Capellán Católico de esa puerta de los refugiados cubanos, habla con niños explicándoles el significado de bellas tradiciones que en Cuba se quieren borrar. Hagamos que bajo este arbol haya esta Navidad un regalo para cada niño y cada anciano que llega del terror, el hambre y la miseria en Cuba.

## BREVES

¿Qué? — Misión de Navidad. ¿Dónde? — Iglesia de San Francisco Javier, 600 Lenox Ave., Miami Beach. ¿Cuándo? — Sábado 16 de diciembre, 8 p.m., domingo 17, 6 p.m. Consistirá en dos charlas por el Padre Angel Villaronga. El Padre Nelson Fernández, sacerdote de habla hispana de esa parroquia, exhorta a todos los fieles a que no vayan solos. "Que lleven a alguien. Un vecino, un amigo, un pariente, especialmente si es una persona que está apartada de la vida de la fe."

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Europa y no Centro Vasco. — La Reunión Anual de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Lourdes, de La Habana, se efectuará este domingo día 10, como oportunamente anunció La Voz. La misa será a las 1:45 p.m. en San Juan Bosco. Pero el almuerzo, que a las 3 p.m. iba a ofrecerse en el restaurant Centro Vasco, no será ahí, sino en el Restaurant Europa, 3622 Coral Way. Centro Vasco tenía que cumplir compromisos previos, y se vió imposibilitado de ofrecer sus salones. Más de 200 reservaciones ya vendidas y los boletos dicen erróneamente Centro Vasco. Entérese y corra la voz: Ahora es en Europa.

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El pack 575 — de Cub Scouts — del colegio San Peter and Paul ganó uno de los primeros lugares en la

pasada exposición "Scout Out" llevada a cabo en el Convention Hall de Miami Beach. Este pack presentó varios trabajos entre ellos, 'hobbies', colección de rocas y monedas, historia de la bandera norteamericana, etc. Solamente 31 exhibiciones, entre 201, obtuvieron el primer lugar. Los cubscouts que tomaron parte en la exposición fueron: Bernardo González, Francisco Quintero, Kenneth Rosander, Alberto Cardelle Jr., Fausto Alvarez, George y Louis Asbate y Freddy Gomez.

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La Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Apostolado anuncia la continuación de su cine club para mañana sábado, 9 de diciembre, comenzando a las 8:00 p.m. en esta ocasión, siguiendo el ciclo "La Psicología en el Cine" se proyectará el film — en cinemascopio — "Charley" protagonizado por Cliff Robertson. La proyección tendrá lugar en el auditorium de la Assumption Academy, en Brickell Ave.

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La festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe será celebrada este domingo, día 10, en la Misión de Santa Ana, en el poblado agrícola de Naranja, al Sur de Dade, con una misa que se efectuará al aire libre, bajo los pinarés que circundan la iglesia, a las 11 a.m., seguida de una fiesta

típica mexicana, en la que también habrá motivos cubanos y puertorriqueños.

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Se servirán comidas típicas mexicanas, cubanas y puertorriqueñas y habrá danzas típicas de esos tres países, así como una demostración de paracaidismo por los Alcones Dorados. Música bailable hasta el anochecer. La iglesia de Santa Ana está enclavada en la Calle 264 y Avenida 137 del S.W. Para llegar, por la Carretera U.S.1, desde Miami con dirección sur hasta la 137 Ave., donde se debe doblar izquierda. El Padre José M. Paz, párroco de Santa Ana, invita a la colonia hispana de Miami a sumarse a la fiesta de los trabajadores agrícolas mexicanos.

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Mañana, sábado 9 de diciembre, a las 8:30 p.m. la Galería Estévez inaugurará una exposición especial titulada "Navidades Cubanas" la que estará abierta hasta el 23 de diciembre, en 2520 Coral Way. "Por esta sola ocasión en el año y como lo hicimos en navidades anteriores, las obras expuestas estarán al alcance de todos los que deseen tener en sus hogares una ventana de fe sobre Cuba". Expresó el afamado pintor Estévez al anunciar esta exposición que agrupará obras de los más conocidos artistas cubanos en el desierto.

# Ella es nuestra Madre

## La devoción a María:

### RAZONES DE LA EXCELENCIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA

Ofrecemos una serie de artículos, que resumen un amplio ensayo de José María Sanjuán sobre el fundamento teológico y las manifestaciones prácticas de la devoción a Santa María, tal

como se han vivido y se viven en el pueblo cristiano. Ante ciertas falsas razones y pretextos, se impone afirmar que también hoy se puede honrar a la Virgen, y que son muchos los cristianos y no cristianos que desean hacerlo.

La fe de la Iglesia ha enseñado siempre que "el inefable Dios ( . . . ) eligió y señaló, desde el principio y antes de los tiempos, una Madre, para que su unigénito Hijo, hecho carne en ella, naciese en la dichosa plenitud de los tiempos" (Pío IX, Bula Ineffabilis Deus, 8-XII-1854).

Et Verbum caro factum est (Ioann. I, 14): Santa María, por gracia de Dios, fue hecha — después de su Hijo — la criatura más excelsa, elevada a la mayor dignidad que pueda darse: Madre de Dios. Y, en consecuencia, de ese bien infinito, que es Dios, recibe cierta dignidad infinita (Santo Tomás, S. Th., I, q. 25, a. 5, ad 4).

### LLENA DE GRACIA

La Iglesia entera, en respuesta a este obrar de Dios, no ha cesado de cantar en todos los siglos las alabanzas a la que es llena de gracia, tota pulchra, immaculada, santísima.

Resultaría molesto amontonar, como si de un alegato de defensa se tratara, las razones que muestran esa particular excelencia de Nuestra Señora y confirman en el gustoso deber de reverenciarla con un culto también singular. Bastaría considerar que Dios Nuestro Señor, por intermedio de su Arcángel Gabriel, quiso mostrar para siempre la excelencia de aquella Obra Maestra, que es María, llamándola *gratia plena*: la llena de gracia, en plenitud del don divino, honrada con toda riqueza de prerrogativas.

Oponer a esta munificencia de Dios

Todopoderoso, una escuálida consideración, que juzgue excesiva honra el culto a la Virgen Santísima, parece temeridad propia de espíritus mezquinos, antes que verdadera preocupación por la fe. ¿Qué sentido tiene el empeño por cortar y recortar los privilegios y devociones a María?

### MADRE DE DIOS, MADRE NUESTRA

Todo se lo debemos a Ella: Dios, que ha ensalzado tanto a su Madre Santísima, querido asociarla íntimamente en su misión salvífica. Nuestra Señora, redimida de forma tan especialísima — preservada en virtud de los méritos de Cristo, inmune de todo pecado, y de sus consecuencias —, ha sido tan amada de Dios, que El mismo la ha constituido en colaboradora singular de la obra de la redención del género humano. María, como enseña la Iglesia, cooperó en forma del todo singular, por la obediencia, la fe, la esperanza y la encendida caridad, en la restauración de la vida sobrenatural de las almas. Por tal motivo es nuestra Madre en el orden de la gracia" (Conc. Vaticano II, Const. Dog. Lumen Gentium, n. 61).

Esta doctrina aparece de uno u otro modo en la reflexión de los Padres: *mors per Evam, vita per Mariam* (S. Jerónimo, Ep. 22, 21; PL 22, 406); como Eva fue asociada a Adán para la perdición del linaje humano, María fue asociada a Cristo, nuevo Adán, para nuestra salvación. Ella es corredentora, asociada al Redentor. Y "continúa en el cielo su misión maternal con los miembros de Cristo, cooperando al nacimiento y al desarrollo de la vida divina en las almas de los redimidos" (Pablo VI, Credo del pueblo de Dios, 30-VI-1968).

María es en la Iglesia "la parte mayor, la parte mejor, la parte principal y más selecta" (Ruperto, In Apocalypsis, I, VII c. 12; PL 169, 10, 434). Hasta tal punto que el conocimiento de la doctrina sobre María es — en palabras del Papa — "llave de exacta comprensión del misterio de Cristo y de la Iglesia" (Pablo VI, 21-XI-1964, sesión de clausura de la 3a. etapa conciliar). Y su culto, contemplación amorosa de las maravillas que el Todopoderoso ha obrado en aquella que es "Madre del Hijo de Dios, hija predilecta del Padre, y sagrada del Espíritu Santo" (Lumen Gentium, n. 53). Es decir: medio esencialmente ordenado a orientar las almas hacia Cristo, y de esta forma unir las almas al Padre, en el amor del Espíritu Santo. "A Jesús siempre se va y se 'vuelve' por María" (Mons. J. Escrivá de Balaguer, Camino, n. 495).

### AMOR CON AMOR SE PAGA

El profundo significado de la Virgen en la vida de la Iglesia y en la vida de cada fiel, puede resumirse en una sola palabra: Ella es nuestra Madre. María, efectivamente, nos trae al Redentor, nuestra Cabeza. Ella nos corredeime: por su mediación nacemos a la vida divina, crecemos en la gracia, somos protegidos, curados, cuidados, fortalecidos. "Es una madre que no se hace rogar, que incluso se adelanta a nuestras súplicas, porque conoce nuestras necesidades y viene prontamente en nuestra ayuda, demostrando con obras que se acuerda constantemente de sus hijos" (Mons. J. Escrivá de Balaguer, Por María hacia Jesús, — Hom. 4-V-1957, Ed. Mundo Cristiano, Madrid 1970, p. 10).

"La misión maternal de María hacia los hombres de ninguna manera oscurece ni disminuye la única mediación de Cristo, sino más bien muestra su eficacia. Porque todo el influjo salvífico de la Bienaventurada Virgen en favor de los hombres no deriva de una necesidad objetiva, sino que nace del divino beneplácito y fluye de la superabundancia de los méritos de Cristo, se apoya en su mediación, de ella depende totalmente y de la misma saca toda su virtud: y, lejos de impedirlo, fomenta la unión inmediata con Cristo" (Lumen Gentium, n. 60). El culto a María venera en ella la magnificencia y grandeza de Dios, que ha ensalzado de modo tan maravilloso a su Madre: redundando directamente en gloria de Jesucristo. Así lo reconoció con maravillosa sencillez y humildad la Virgen: "desde ahora me llamarán bienaventurada todas las generaciones, porque ha hecho en mí cosas grandes Aquel que es Todopoderoso" (Luc. I, 48)

Jose María Sanjuán  
(ACEPRENSA)



Hoy viernes, 8 de diciembre, la iglesia celebra la festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María, día de precepto, con el deber de oír misa, por lo que los fieles deben consultar los horarios a sus respectivas parroquias. Es dogma de fe, definido por el Papa Pío IX, que la Virgen María, por singular privilegio de Dios y en previsión de los méritos de su Hijo, Jesucristo, fue desde el primer instante de su vida preservada limpia de toda mancha de pecado original. Esta celebración da pie a la serie de artículos sobre la Virgen María que iniciamos hoy en esta misma página "Ella es nuestra Madre". La devoción a María en su Inmaculada Concepción ha estado siempre profundamente arraigada entre los católicos de todas partes del mundo, de manera particular los de esta nación, Estados Unidos, y los de los países de origen hispano. Tanto Estados Unidos como España, tienen a la Inmaculada Concepción como su Patrona Nacional.

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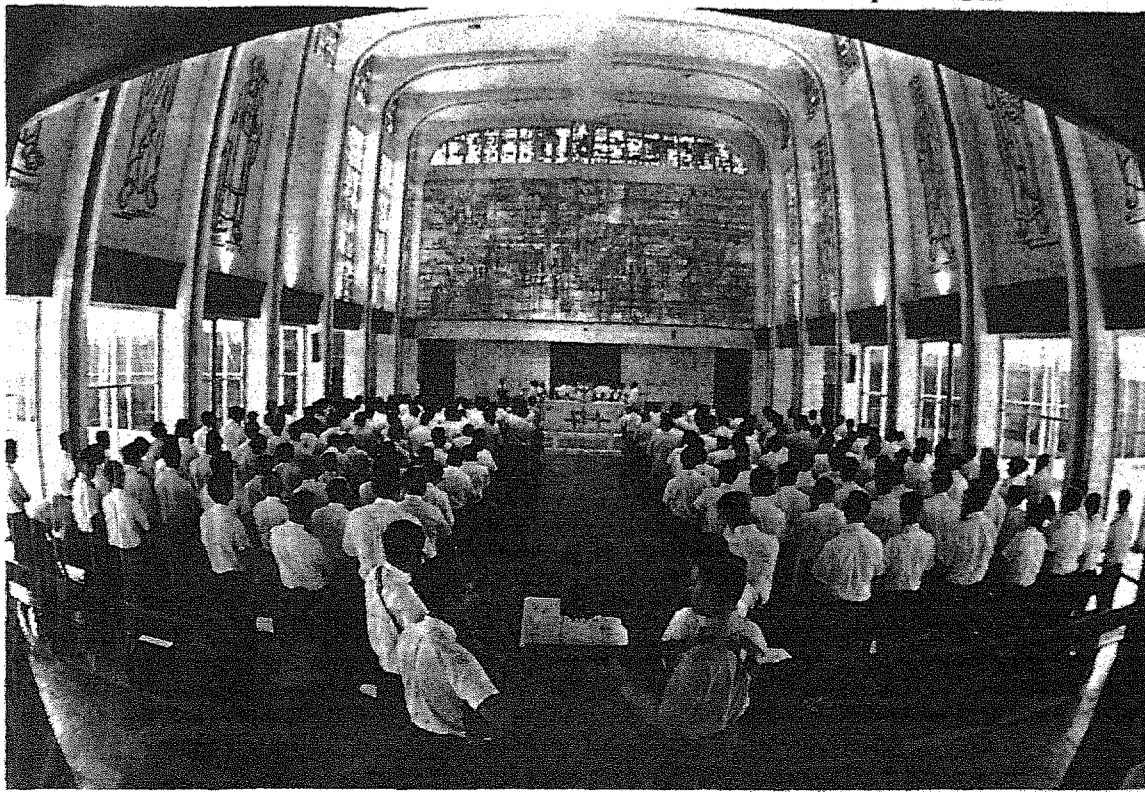
Sinceramente en Cristo,

*Coleman F. Carroll*

Coleman F. Carroll  
Arzobispo de Miami



El Arzobispo Carroll exhorta hoy a los fieles a contribuir generosamente al sostenimiento y formación de los futuros sacerdotes, las decenas de seminaristas que hoy estudian y se preparan para mañana atender las necesidades espirituales de la grey de Miami. En los dos seminarios Archidocesanos, el Seminario Menor St. John Vianney, en Miami, y en el Seminario Mayor St. Vincent De Paul, Boynton Beach, varios jóvenes, reciben la preparación intelectual y la formación espiritual que los llevará a ser en un futuro los abnegados sacerdotes de este Miami bilingüe y multicultural.



# La Semana

## Vuelos de libertad

Después de un año de receso, el lunes se reiniciarán los Vuelos de la Libertad Varadero Miami, y según el informe del Departamento de Estado de Estados Unidos se necesitarán unos 40 vuelos para traer a las 3,400 personas que tienen el permiso de salida de Cuba.

El reinicio de los vuelos trae un rayo de esperanza a centenares de hogares cubanos en Estados Unidos que esperan la llegada de seres queridos, personas que durante varios años han vivido marcadas dentro de un régimen de terror por haberse atrevido a expresar su deseo de abandonar el país.

## Ayúdalo a Vivir

'Ayúdalo a Vivir' es el lema de una campaña destinada a recaudar fondos para adquirir sillas de ruedas, piernas y brazos artificiales, aparatos ortopédicos, espejuelos, equipos auditivos, para ayudar a decenas de refugiados cubanos que son ciegos, sordos, o con otros impedimentos físicos, carecen de los recursos para adquirir esos equipos e instrumentos tan caros.

El lema Ayúdalo a Vivir fué ideado por el activo presidente de la Asociación de Viejos Útiles, Dr. Justo Regalado. Numerosas instituciones cívicas, religiosas y culturales de la población hispana de Miami están dando ya su calor a la iniciativa.

El banquero Bernardo Benes y el Director de la Agencia Empleo, Sergio Pereira, figuran entre los primeros impulsores de la idea. Tomás García Fusté será el director de relaciones públicas de la campaña y anunció que WFAB aportaría amplia colaboración publicitaria. En las reuniones iniciales de la Campaña Ayúdalo a Vivir se han sumado, entre otros, la Cámara de Comercio Latina, presidida por Luis Sabines; el Dr. Ismael Hernández, el Padre Emilio Vallina, el Rev. Lloyd Nox, la Madre Margarita Miranda, directora del Centro Mater; la Dra. Lilia Vieta, las señoras Paquita Aldrich, Aurora Botifoll, Millán Escagedo, el Serfoma Cubano y otras personas y organizaciones cívicas y privadas que harían interminable la lista.

Un grupo Cívico, el Council for the Advance of Cuban Americans tendrá a su cargo la administración de los fondos, a través de los banqueros adheridos a ese Consejo, bajo la dirección de José M. Alvarez, vicepresidente del International Bank. Greater Miami Coalition tendrá a su cargo la asignación de los casos, que podrán ser reportados por individuos o instituciones de servicio social. Oportunamente informaremos con mayor amplitud sobre la marcha de esta humanitaria campaña.

## ORACION DE LOS FIELES

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION  
(Viernes, 8 de diciembre)

**CELEBRANTE:** Oremos por la Iglesia en todo el mundo, al celebrar la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María.

**LECTOR:** La respuesta de hoy será 'Señor, escucha nuestra oración':

1. Que en estos tiempos de apremiantes necesidades, la devoción a María florezca en todo el mundo, para que su Hijo sea conocido, amado y glorificado y todos sus mandamientos sean observados, oremos al Señor.

2. Que como ejemplo tanto de virginidad como de maternidad, María proteja firmemente la dignidad de todas las mujeres frente a todos aquellos que pretenden destruir esa dignidad, oremos al Señor.

3. Por todos los cristianos y en particular por nuestra parroquia, nuestras familias y nosotros mismos, para que cada vez imitemos más fielmente a María como modelo de nuestra fe, caridad y perfecta unión con Cristo, oremos al Señor.

4. Por los enfermos, los pobres, los hambrientos, y los oprimidos y por todos los fieles difuntos para que conozcan a María como signo de esperanza y solaz, oremos al Señor.

**CELEBRANTE:** Todopoderoso y eterno Dios, dirige nuestras acciones según tu voluntad para que con la intercesión de María Inmaculada y la gracia de Tu Hijo, nuestras buenas obras se multipliquen. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento  
(10 de diciembre)

**CELEBRANTE:** Mientras continuamos preparándonos para celebrar la fiesta de la Natividad del Señor, unámonos en las peticiones a nuestro Padre en el Cielo.

**LECTOR:** La respuesta de hoy será 'Señor, escucha nuestra oración':

1. Por el Papa Paulo, nuestros obispos y sacerdotes, para que sus vidas de fe, esperanza y amor nos inspiren a una sentida renovación de esas virtudes en nuestras vidas, oremos al Señor.

2. Por los líderes de las naciones, para que el Príncipe de la Paz les de la energía para trabajar vigorosamente en esparcir su paz sobre la tierra, oremos al Señor.

3. Por todos los aquí presentes, para que compartamos la celebración de esta Eucaristía en forma tal que crezcamos en conocimiento y amor por El, que nació en Belén, oremos al Señor.

4. Por los necesitados, los enfermos y los desamparados, para que Cristo los conforte en sus angustias, oremos al Señor.

**CELEBRANTE:** Padre celestial, concédenos cooperar con las gracias especiales de este Adviento para prepararnos fervientemente a recibir a Nuestro Señor en nuestros corazones en estas Navidades. Te lo pedimos por el mismo Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

# Hacia la reintegración de los cristianos en la unidad

Extracto del discurso del Papa Paulo VI a los delegados de las Comisiones para el Ecumenismo (22 de noviembre).

"La falta de fe de muchos contemporáneos nuestros debe hacernos tomar una nueva conciencia de la urgente solución que está exigiendo nuestra actual situación de división: ¿No es la unidad de los discípulos de Cristo el gran signo que debe provocar la fe del mundo? ¿No es ésta la razón que movió al Concilio Vaticano II a pedir que se promueva una actividad ecuménica tal que la colaboración entre los católicos y los otros cristianos en materia social y técnica, cultural y religiosa, se organice "no solamente a nivel de personas privadas, sino también a juicio del Ordinario del lugar, a nivel de Iglesias o comunidades eclesiales y de sus obras"?"

El Concilio deseaba igualmente "que todos los cristianos, ante todas las gentes, profesen la fe en Dios uno y trino, en el Hijo de Dios encarnado, Redentor y Señor nuestro; y en común esfuerzo den testimonio, con mutua estima, de nuestra esperanza, que no será confundida. La colaboración de todos los cristianos expresa con viveza la unión que ya existe entre ellos y manifiesta de un modo más visible el rostro de Cristo Siervo". La doctrina del Concilio nos servirá de guía para descubrir los campos en los que es posible esta colaboración, las formas que puede adoptar, los obstáculos que debe evitar.

No podemos eludir, sino que unos y otros tenemos la obligación de asumir con lucidez y valentía, nuestra responsabilidad ante los no creyentes. Por desgracia, nuestras divergencias sobre el contenido del testimonio a dar, en la actual situación de división de los cristianos, impiden que la responsabilidad común se traduzca más en una actuación común. Cuanto más sea nuestra comunión, tanto más íntima será nuestra colaboración. Con las Iglesias ortodoxas, por ejemplo, estamos en comunión casi total, y las posibilidades de colaboración pastoral responden a los estrechos lazos que nos unen.

En cualquier caso, hemos de procurar que, en el ejercicio de esta responsabilidad común, reine la emulación espiritual

## Gran Dama Cubana

Por MANOLO REYES  
Corría el año 1966. Y regularmente llegaban al Sur de la Florida, dos veces al día, los Vuelos de la Libertad entre Varadero y Miami.

En uno de ellos, una dama cubana de blanco pelo, llegó a tierras del exilio, dejando atrás un siglo de vida en Cuba.

EN FORMA inesperada y muy jocosa, la dama Cubana, al poner pie en tierra de Estados Unidos, exclamó: "Quiero un hot-dog".

Al día siguiente, se compró un perro caliente de un pie de largo. Y alguien se lo llevó. La dama cubana prorrumpió en risas, cuando comprobó la forma en que se había cumplido el primer deseo manifestado por ella al llegar a tierras de libertad.

Esto sucedió hace seis años. En aquel momento de su llegada, la venerable dama cubana, señora Herminia Cape, viuda de Martínez, contaba 101 años de edad. Ella nació en 1865, o sea, en el mismo año en que el presidente estadounidense Abraham Lincoln fuera asesinado.

La señora Cape, viuda de Martínez, pasó tranquila y sosegadamente su cumpleaños, tan especial, en unión de muchos de sus hijos, nietos y biznietos que la visitaron en

Los planteles Immaculata-La Salle anuncian que el sábado 16, de 9 a 12 del día estarán abiertos para ser visitados por los padres de familia y los estudiantes (niños y niñas) en edad de comenzar el high school. La dirección es 3601 S. Miami Ave. Padres e hijos, invitados a conocer su posible futura escuela.

Para los padres de los alumnos del Colegio de Belén se ofrecerá mañana en los salones de ese plantel, un retiro espiritual. Lo dirigirá el Padre Azcoitia, S.J.

el Miami Convalescent Home. Un bello cake con la inscripción de 107 años fué cortado por la mano — aun de pulso firme — de la homenajeada.

Herminia Cape viuda de Martínez tuvo participación activa en la guerra de Independencia de Cuba. Según sus propias declaraciones me decía que todos los días tenía que entregar una cantidad determinada de balas a los mambises cubanos que luchaban por la libertad, la soberanía y la independencia de Cuba.

Continuó diciendo en conversaciones previas que ella era la única que en Santiago de Cuba conocía donde estaban los polvorines secretos del General Antonio Maceo. Así como el santo y seña para llegar hasta ellos.

ES DECIR... la señora Cape, viuda de Martínez, es una mambisa de pura cepa, que se excita de amor patrio cada vez que se habla o se le recuerda a Cuba.

Ahora ha llegado ya a la envidiable edad de 107 años. Probablemente sea la cubana de mayor edad en el exilio, probablemente sea la ciudadana de mayor edad en todo el Condado de Dade... pero a más de todo eso, la señora Herminia Cape, viuda de Martínez, es símbolo viviente de una gran salud.

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propia de hermanos animados por un verdadero amor y ansiosos de promover ante todo la extensión del reino de Cristo, su único Maestro y Señor, evitando toda vana competencia. Entre cristianos apasionados por la verdad no puede haber rivalidad; sólo emulación y amistad.

Damos gracias al Espíritu del Señor por cuanto ha realizado entre nosotros estos últimos años, por los grandes progresos conseguidos en el camino de la mutua comprensión y de la caridad fraterna. El que ha comenzado en nosotros esta obra maravillosa sabrá llevarla a feliz término. Con generosidad, con una confianza cimentada en la esperanza, debemos caminar siempre adelante *in nomine Domini*.

## Misas dominicales en español

Condado Dade	Sábados)
North West	St. Kevin, 4120 SW 125 Ave., 12 m.
Catedral de Miami, 2 Ave. y 75 St., NW — 12:30, 7 p.m.	St. Ana, 13890 SW 264 St. Naranja — 11 a.m., 1 p.m.
St. John Bosco, W. Flagler y 13 Ave. — 7, 10 a.m. 1, 6, 7:30 p.m. (sábados, 7 p.m.)	San Joaquín, Provisionalmente en Caribbean Elementary School, 11990 S.W. 200 St., South Miami Heights, — 12 m.
St. Michael, 2987 W. Flagler — 11:15 a.m., 7:15 p.m. (sábados, 8 p.m.)	Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia, Coral Gables, 1 p.m.
Corpus Christi, 3230 NW 7 Ave. — 10:30 a.m., 1 y 5:30 p.m.	South East
St. Robert Bellarmine, 3405 NW 27 Ave. — 11 a.m., 1 y 7 p.m., (sábados, 7 p.m.)	St. Kieran (Assumption Academy) — 1517 Brickell Ave. — 12:15, 7 p.m.
St. Dominic, 7 St. y 59 Ave., NW — 1, 7:30 p.m. (sábados, 7:30 p.m.)	St. Agnes, 101 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne — 10 a.m.
St. Vincent De Paul 2000 NW 103 St., — 6 p.m.	North East
Our Lady of the Lakes, 15801 NW 67 Ave. Miami Lakes — 7:15 p.m.	Gesu, 118 NE 2 St. — Downtown — 1 y 6 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 13400 NW 28 Ave., Opa Locka. — 12:15 p.m.	St. Rosa de Lima, 4 Ave. y 165 St., NE, Miami Shores — 1 p.m.
St. Monica, 3490 NW 191 St., Opa Locka — 12:30 7:30 p.m. (Sábados 7:30 p.m.)	St. Martha, 11450 Biscayne Blvd., 11:30 a.m.
South West	Hialeah, Miami Springs
SS. Peter and Paul, 900 SW 26 Road — 8:30 a.m., 1 y 7 p.m.	Blessed Trinity, 4020 Curtiss Parkway, Miami Springs — 7 p.m.
St. Hugh, Royal Rd y Main Hwy., Coconut Grove — 12 m.	St. John the Apostle, 451 E. 4 Ave., Hialeah — 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
St. Raymond, 3491 SW 17 St. — 8:30 y 11 a.m. (sábados, 7:30 p.m.)	Inmaculada Concepción, 4500 W. 1 Ave., Hialeah, 9 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
St. Brendan 87 Ave. y 32 St. SW 11:45 a.m., 6:45 p.m. (sábados 6:45 p.m.)	St. Cecilia, 1040 W. 29 St., Hialeah — 8, 11 a.m., 12:30 y 7 p.m. (sábados, 4:30 y 7 p.m.)
St. Agatha (Provisionalmente en Miami Coral Park High School) 12 m.	Miami Beach
St. Timothy, 5400 SW 102 Ave., 12:45 p.m. (7:30 p.m.)	St. Patrick, 3700 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach — 7 p.m.
	St. Francis de Sales, 600 Lenox Ave., Miami Beach — 6 p.m. (sábados 8 p.m.)

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# Guadalupe miracle holds true

# Cut red tape, urged by Abp.

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World so the Spanish Bishop would accept them as a sign.

Juan gathered these and brought them to the Holy Mother. She arranged them in his cloak and told him to take them to the Bishop. After a long wait Juan was ushered into the Bishop's room which he entered with great respect. He unfolded his cloak which was made like a priest's chasuble, and the roses tumbled to the floor. As the poor Indian stood there, his heart pounding and his eyes fixed on the beautiful flowers still bright with dew, that lay at his feet, he was aware that the Bishop had been moved by some miracle even greater than that of the roses.

He had dropped on his knees, lips parted in prayer. Tears glistened in his eyes as bright as the dewdrops on the roses. His transfixed gaze was turned not downward on the roses, but upward. Juan saw that the Bishop's eyes full of fervor and reverence, was fixed on his own humble self. Increasingly bewildered, the Indian looked at his cloak from which the mass of brilliant bloom had so recently been released. Its coarseness

was completely concealed. On it, in glorious tones, was an image of the Blessed Virgin, exactly as she had appeared to him on the mountain pass.

A contemporary historian recorded the fact that the Bishop had watched the miraculous image appear, as though done by invisible hands.

Bishop Zumarraga, for such was his name, arose from his knees and took the cloak from Juan, he was now anxious to carry out the wishes of the Blessed Mother and he had a small chapel

built on the spot. Later this was to be a grand Basilica. The cloak upon which God miraculously placed the image of Our Lady is enshrined in the Basilica and is perfect to this day.

Modern science has no explanation for the beautiful image. It has been examined by painters and scientists and all agree that no human hand produced it or could reproduce it. The picture is not painted, it is not sewed and it is not stamped. How the colours remain so bright after 400 years is a mystery.

## Dying must hear truth

MILWAUKEE — (NC) — "Wholesome, honest dialogue" with the dying is essential for all members of a hospital staff, according to a nun who has worked with the dying.

Sister Zita Marie Cotter told a meeting of hospital administrators here that she had learned the need for truthfulness while working at St. Christopher's Hospice near London.

ALTHOUGH St. Christopher's offered "the full

spectrum of medical science," she said it was viewed generally as a haven for dying persons. "It was geared to give caring, comforting, pain-relieving support," she explained.

Sister Zita said that hospitals and homes for aged can be of service to patients without going through extraordinary means of prolonging life.

"Much of this prolonging life is merely prolonging death," she observed.

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In practice, a family that arrives in Spain with a minor child, may send the child as a pre-parolee to relatives in the U.S. The child then claims his parents, who are admitted on compassionate grounds as pre-parolees. The waiting period in Spain for pre-parolees is now about a year and a half. All other persons, that is individuals or couples between the ages of 15 and 54 who have no children, must apply as immigrants.

In Spain, there are no camps, but people live in cheap housing. Their principal source of support is from relatives in the U.S. who also pay their passages from Cuba to Spain in U.S. dollars. It is estimated that at least \$50 per month per person is sent by relatives in the U.S., making a total of at least \$16 million a year that is sent to Spain.

REFUGEES travel on bi-weekly flights of Iberia airlines from Cuba to Spain. From Spain to New York, they travel on planes chartered by the International Catholic Migration Commission, Geneva, under UN auspices.

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The dedication of the new main office of American Savings & Loan Association of Florida, Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, was held on Dec. 1. Founded in 1950, the Association moved to its present location in 1953. In September of this year American Savings celebrated its 22nd birthday. According to its most recent semi-annual statement it shows assets of \$210,852,201. The dedication of American Savings' enlarged and remodeled main office marks a significant milestone in its history, according to its founder and Chairman of the Board and President Morris N. Broad.

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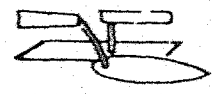
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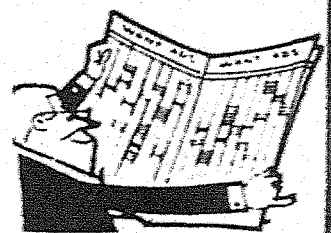
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