# Church cannot play down penance

De-emphasizing Penance would be a great mistake for the Church, especially during this materialistic age, Pope Paul VI told about 7,000 people at an Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Paul celebrated the evening Mass which included the ceremonial distribution of ashes. For the first time in his 12-year pontificate, however. he did not take part in the penitential procession which preceded the Mass.

In his homily, the Pope mentioned that many people would like the Church to drop r old penitential way of nking," and to present the Christian life as easy and plea-

"Has not the time come to allow for 'permissiveness,' to use today's terms, in the relationship between the world and the profession of Christianity?" the Pope asked.

Such lines of thinking, according to the Pope, "certainly contain elements of truth, but isolated from the organic and complete design and concept of Christianity they are incomplete and misleading, and can lead to serious errors. They can deform and cancel out the Gospel.

"The greatest of the errors of this kind would be to remove the Cross from the center of the faith and Christian life."

The Pope said it would be a "fatal mistake" to place trust in "economic and hedonistic well-being, in riches rather than virtue, in ideological and practical materialism which seems to resolve all personal, social and political problems."

Yet rejection of the materialistic view of life does not mean that the Christian's "penitential vision" is one of 'hopeless pessimism," the Pope maintained.

"On the contrary the Christian view is based on an orientation toward a better and higher end for our existence, the final possession . . . of the fullness of immortal life with

This final goal, the Pope concluded, must govern our temporal goals, "and not only those pertaining to economic goods, but to every other good of this our pilgrimage in time."

The Pope spoke in a weak voice and seemed tired during the two-hour service. Vatican sources said he did not participate in the procession because of the cold and chilly weather. It is also known that Vatican officials have been trying to cut corners at ceremonies and some public functions to save the Pope's energies during the heavy Holy Year schedule.

The procession and Mass,

usually held on Rome's Aventine Hill at the Church of St. Sabina, was moved to St. Peter's to accommodate Holy Year pilgrims. The penitential procession, in which seven cardinals and many bishops, priests, religious and laity participated, entered the Basilica through the Holy

Following the Gospel of the Mass, the Pope bowed low to receive ashes traced on the crown of his head in the sign of a cross by Cardinal Paolo Marella, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica. The Pope then placed ashes on the heads of the cardinals, bishops and canons of St. Peter's.

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DOCTORS PROTECT LIFE - Doctors in a special room at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City check a premature baby who is protected by the controlled environment of an incubator. The six to eight week old children in the room might be abortion candidates under the Supreme Court ruling of Jan. 22, 1973.

# MD hits 'social killing'

"If we give the mother the right to kill her unborn daughter because she is a burden, then sooner or later we must give the daughter the right to kill the mother when she has become a burden," said Dr. J. C. Willke.

Dr. and Mrs. Barbara Willke, R.N., internationally known pro-life spokesmen and authors, spoke to the priests of the Archdiocese and other groups this week and gave a lecture and slide presentation on abortion.

"WHEN PEOPLE start social killing as a solution for social problems, then forget solving all the other problems," Dr. Willke told the

The slide presentation traced the development of life from conception to birth, pointing to the "humanness" of the baby from the earliest moment of conception.

The doctor touched on the conviction last week by a Boston jury of Dr. Kenneth Edelin for manslaughter in an abortion case. That case involved the hysterotomy method of abortion wherein the womb is opened and the fetus removed directly. The procedure is the same as a Caesarean section for giving live birth except that after the umbilical cord is cut the fetu

is left to die rather than given life support care.

"Dr. Edelin opened the womb, separated the baby from the placenta, the baby breathed for five minutes in the womb - in other words was born - then drowned. The jury didn't like it," said Dr. Willke, explaining that in this case the baby had been born before being allowed to die, whereas in other abortions the Continued on page 20

### Bishops' spokeman praises verdict in Boston case

WASHINGTON - (NC) -The Feb. 15 conviction of Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin in an abortion-related manslaughter case was "a good verdict," said Msgr. James McHugh, secretary for pro-life affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) here.

Commenting on the controversial case, Msgr. McHugh said, "No one wants to see a rash of cases like this" or the "persecution" of doctors involved in abortions.

But, he said, the "only alternative" is "to establish some laws that will regulate the practice of abortion - and basic to establishing those laws is a constitutional amendment allowing states to make such

No constitutional amendment can "regulate abortion in detail," the NCCB spokesman said. "This will be ac- THE VOICE, P.O. Box 38-1059, Miami, Fla. 33138

complished by state laws. But in order for the states to be able to make such laws, a constitutional amendment is necessary."

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# Lent and the call to Penance

By FATHER THOMAS KROSNICKI

An emphasis on Penance extends to many aspects of the Church's life. The Word of God constantly summons the Christian community to Penance and reconciliation for it serves as a countercultural sign calling the wayward follower of Christ to a life style in accord with the gospel message. In addition to the challenging word of scripture, the Church has found many other means of calling her members to Penance.

LENT has traditionally been an important part of the liturgical year and penitential practice. In the past, ember days as well as Friday abstinence served much the same purpose. A daily examination of one's conscience, as advocated by many spiritual leaders, had been proposed as a salutary means of sensitizing the Chrisitan conscience to an pose and change of heart.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are perhaps the classical ways of penance for they are symbolic of the change of heart which is the essence of Chrisitan penance. In brief, by various practices the Church has always tried to emphasize that penance is an integral part of the Christian way of life.

For the Christian, however, there must always be a broader church-

penance. The Christian does not stand alone as he/she tries to live the gospel way of life. The sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist signify and make present the mystery of God's forgiving mercy; yet, the sacrament of Penance stands out in the long history of the Church as the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). It was primarily intended for those who have broken or strained their relationship of love with God the Father.

It celebrates, not the sinfulness of weak persons, but the mercy and forgiveness of God toward those who confess their sinfulness. Such kindness and mercy calls forth praise and thanksgiving on the part of the penitent and the Church.

VATICAN Council II has not only awareness of and need for continual pur- requested the revision of the sacramental Rite of Penance, but in its various documents also furnished positive indications for this renewal. From the various texts which the Council dedicated to the sacrament of Penance, it is possible to outline some of the concerns that the Council Fathers felt were important in order to make the sacrament of Penance THE central sign of reconciliation in the Church.

Three major considerations were:

oriented aspect to the mystery of (1) Sin is at the same time an offense. They were somehow to bring out the against God and an injury to the complete body of the Church; (2) In penance the sinner is reconciled both with God and with the Church; (3) The entire Church is involved with and works for the conversion and reconciliation of a member who has sinned.

The challenge proposed to those the Rite of Penance was not an easy one. and easy for the Christian community.

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll

above mentioned important aspects of penance. It was necessary at the same time to enrich the ritual expression of the sacrament which is so important to the life of the Christian community and the individual. Finally, it was important that a certain simplicity and brevity be maintained which would render the responsible for the liturgical revision of celebration of the sacrament practical

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# Mass slated today, for priest's dad

CORAL GABLES The Funeral Liturgy will be concelebrated at 10 a.m. today (Friday) in Little Flower Church for Carl T. Morrison whose son is an assistant pastor in St. Mark parish. Boynton Beach.

Father Carl Morrison will be the principal celebrant of the Mass for his father who was a convert to Catholicism and died at the age of 70 in Mercy Hospital following a heart attack.

Concelebrating with Father Morrison will be his cousin, Father Leslie Cann and Father Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocesan Director of CCD.

A native of St. Augustine, Mr. Morrison came to South Florida in 1923 and was for 50 years associated with Clark & Lewis, wholesale grocers.

In addition to his wife. Elizabeth, he is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Puccio, Mrs. Peter Cournoyer, Jr. and Mrs. George J. Henning, all of Greater Miami.

Interment will be in Our Lady of Mercy Mausoleum.



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# Charities Drive in final phase

Donations of the people of the Archdiocese to the ABCD last year provided assistance to literally thousands of unfortunate persons who were cared for by the five regional offices and some 35 programs of service and institutional care of the Catholic Service Bureau. Msgr. John J. Nevins pointed up this week as the annual campaign moved into its final phase.

Final reports from parishes will be made to Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll during dinner on Wednesday. March 12 in St. Mary Cathedral cafeteria.

MSGR. NEVINS. Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, who has been speaking to Sunday conregations in several parishes of the Archdiocese on behalf of the ABCD emphasized that "you and I know that there is darkness in everyone's life. Perhaps you have experienced that darkness in the past, or perhaps you are experiencing it now. Consider the darkness of those who are afflicted with the heavy cross of alcoholism or drug abuse, for which reason the Church supports such programs as St. Luke's Center for those on drugs and Bethesda Residence for alcoholics: or, the darkness of sin. that is a bad temper, the affliction of a difficult marriage: failure at school or business; or it may be the terrible darkness of loneli-

Recalling the visit of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India. to South Florida several months ago, Msgr. Nevins explained the interest of the internationally known nun in women prisoners to whom her community has a special interest, and revealed that Mother Teresa believes that the worst poverty of all is that of loneliness. "In particular," he said. "she was referring to elderly.

"In recent weeks you and I have read the articles in our daily newspapers which characterized the nursing homes where so many of our elderly citizens have been maltreated," Msgr. Nevins continued. "These nursing homes are to be found throughout the United States. It is sinful that these good people who helped to build the great nation that is ours today, who paid their taxes, who taught their sons and daughters to love God and neighbor, should be left to the darkness of loneliness.

"IN MY years with Catholic Charities I have met many of these good souls who have had very little to eat and no one to visit them. I have seen these venerable elderly whose own sons and daughters never attempt to visit them or write to them or help them financially in their old age. This certainly is not following the commandments of God," he declared.

### **Parish Pacesetters**

### St. David parish

Angelo Mendoza doesn't do his work for a reward.

But it comes to him anyway, mostly in the form of what he calls a 'spiritual uplift.'

HE DID receive an award from the St. Vincent de Paul Society two vears ago, for his work at the migrant camps distributing food and clothing collected by the organization: but although it was a surprise. he protested that there are many others who deserved it more.

Now a member of the newly-established St. David parish, Davie, where he is president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the native of Puerto Rico began his work with migrants while a member of St. Bernadette parish in Hollywood.

"I remember, it was about 12 years ago and I had gone to a day of recollection at St. Coleman parish. Afterwards. I decided to go to a nearby migrant camp, and I was flabbergasted to see the conditions people were living in." he said. THE WEST Broward barber.

who must now use crutches to help him walk, still goes almost every week to camps in Immokalee, Delrav Beach and Pompano, "to give them a spiritual talk and some kind



ANGELO MENDOZA

of material help."

"But it is hard to talk to people about spiritual matters when their houses are falling down.

Housing at the camps has improved since he first started visiting them, and so have the facilities for

Priests were having to cele-

brate Mass in the streets because there was no church or chapel for them, so Mendoza mentioned the problem to Archbishop Coleman F.

"THEN one day, to my surprise. I was invited to Delray Beach," he said. It was for the groundbreaking for Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission, which now is a

But the people still have needs, and Mendoza is doing a large part in filling them. He finds out what they need, and uses the money turned over to him by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to supply as much as he

The father of four children has also been active in the Knights of Columbus, the Legion of Mary and the Cursillo movement, and he spends time visiting the people in a nearby integrated, poor neighborbood helping them as he helps the migrant workers.

"I FEEL so good when I do this work - I don't do it for a reward,"

"It gives me a kind of spiritual uplift when I know I have done something for my fellow man."

# S. Fla. pilgrims to see Vatican

Vatican City - home of the Holy Father, site of some of the most valued art treasures in the world, center of activities for the 1975 Holy Year, and one of the most important and exciting stops for the participants in the official Archdiocese of Miami Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome. April 27 - May 5.

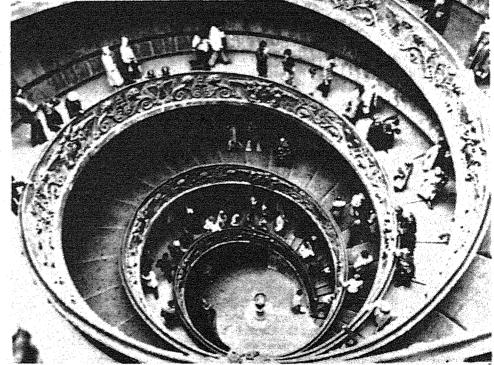
On the first full day in Rome, the South Florida pilgrims will spend much of their day sightseeing in the 100-acre independent state located within the Eternal City of Rome.

THE SISTINE Chapel, where Michelangelo spent so many years painting frescoes of the Creation and the Judgments, is but a part of the complex of Vatican museums the pilgrims will see. Raphael. Rubens, Van Dyck, Bellini. Titian and many other great artists are represented in the galleries of the Vatican museums. Centuries of art, commissioned by popes through the years, make the Vatican one of the great museums of the world.

The Basilica of St. Peter, where Peter is buried, is the only basilica located within the Vatican City itself, and its circular piazza is where thousands of faithful gather to hear the Pope and receive his blessing.

The event pilgrims will most remember occurs on the last full day in Rome - an audience with Pope Paul. Only authorized representatives of parishes will be able to accompany Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll to the audience with the Holy Father, which will surely be the high point of the Holy Year for those who attend.

THE AUDIENCE will be held in the Apostolic Palace, where the Pope has his apartments and offices. The Swiss



THE VATICAN MUSEUM, whose ornate staircase resembles a giant seashell as it ascends to exhibition hall levels, will be one of the Holy Year attractions for pilgrims visiting Vatican City. Museum hours will be lengthened more from March 15 to Oct. 31. The museum is usually closed on Sundays, but on the last Sunday of each month it is open and admission is

palace, which has seen additions by every pope since Nicholas V in 1455, who conceived of the idea of a palatial residence for the Holy Father.

Pope Paul VI has been responsible for restoration of the decorations on the Noble Floor and the building of a new museum, as well as plans for a huge new audience hall.

The pilgrimage, which is open to Catholics and non-Catholics, will leave Miami for New York and then Rome

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# litorial

South Florida's largest publication has spoken editorially on the Boston abortion case in which a physician was convicted for man-

The influential and widely read Miami Herald begins:

"The pity of the Boston abortion case is that is stirs once again an issue that was thought to have been settled two years ago when the United States Supreme Court ruled that states may not interfere with a woman's right to an elective procedure before the fetus is able to survive outside the womb."

The real pity is that such editorials get into print.

The one sentence above shows enough ignorance of the issue as well as contradictory reasoning to qualify it as being well in the forefront of your typical secular newspaper when grappling with pro-life issues.

The learned Herald writer allows that the Boston case has dared to stir up an issue that was

settled by the Top Court.

Well, heaven forbid that anyone should do such a thing as that! After all, our democracy is based on the idea that citizens will take rulings from its government like medicine that is good for them and never raise the question again. Or so the Herald seems to suggest.

Why, then, does the Herald constantly question not only the behavior but the rulings, the policies and rightness of all branches of governSecular press fuzzes up Boston abortion case

ment, including the Top Court?

The court has ruled, in effect, that the fetus in early stages of development is a non-person with no particular rights, even the right to life, except at the whim of the mother. The Supreme Court also once ruled in the Dred Scott case that black skinned people "owned" by white skinned people were not really people either and had no rights except at the whim of the owner.

Presumably, by the same sort of reasoning. the Herald considers that issue "settled." The editorial then refers to a woman's "right to an elective procedure . . . That, of course, is the whole question, whether abortion should be elective or not. At one time a white citizen could elect to kill a slave. Just a few years ago a blue eved German could elect to experiment on or kill a Jewish person. And calling the killing of a living entity inside a mother a "procedure" is like calling the execution of a prisoner an "administrative action."

The writer then refers to the procedure the killing of the fetus — "before the fetus is able to survive outside the womb."

The fetus in the Boston case was 24 weeks

And the fact is, in spite of the Supreme Court's learned ruling, which the Herald says it accepts as settled once and for all rather than stir up an issue, fetuses are viable, able to survive outside the womb, as early as 20 weeks by modern medical advancements, and very readily

able to survive by 24 weeks.

And the whole point of this particular case was that the fetus was viable. A Caesarean section was performed, the fetus was separated from the placenta and started breathing. At that point the fetus was actually a prematurely born baby, no longer attached to its mother. The doctor then allowed the baby to lie in the mother's open womb for at least three minutes and drown in fluid. This didn't qualify as an abortion, said the prosecution. The jury agreed.

The Herald also raised the business about the jury being mostly Catholic and the doctor being black. But the Herald also has shown pictures of Catholics and nuns supporting busing of students and other civil rights issues including those in Boston and knows better than to connect Catholicism with racial prejudice. The Herald also failed to mention that the baby whose right to life was being defended by the Catholic jury

was also black.

The Herald does not have to agree with the pro-life movement. But it ought to keep the issue clear and correct: The Herald and the Supreme Court apparently do not seem to consider an unborn baby to be a person, or to be human, and it is therefore all right to kill it if the mother wants to since it is a "personal matter."

The pro-life people consider people to be human while still in the mother's womb, and to kill them is to degrade all human life.

That is the basic issue.

The Voice The Holy Father



# 'Let us lift up our hearts... with joyful and secure hope'

### Moral strength urged

Pope Paul VI, speaking from his study window in his first Angelus message of Lent (Feb. 16), said organized crime, abortion, recession, inflation and unemployment should not discourage mankind.

"In many souls, even good and young, there is pessimistic sadness over every development of history in the making which recalls the methods and rivalries of pre-war day," he said.

Opening his arms wide and raising his voice, Pope Paul told the crowd in St. Peter's Square below: "Let us lift up our hearts with better ideas, with good courage, with joyful and secure hope. There are so many reasons to strengthen our optimism. We would be doing well to reflect on them. This is an hour for moral strength."

Pope Paul added: "We believers, we who are devoted to the leadership of the Church, have an extraordinary resource of spiritual and moral energy in the great and stupendous discipline of

Recalling that he was beginning a week of spiritual exercises, Pope Paul spoke of four pillars on which to build during this period of "religious springtime."

"First, that of deeper and more meditated Second, a little austerity to remember a neighbor's need of help, assistance, friendship, reconciliation . . . Fourth, great, true, humble confidence in the goodness of God, in the mystery of the Cross . . ...

Pope Paul added: "This has always been a time for fasting. The laws today have been some-



LENT BEGINS - Pope Paul VI bows his head to receive ashes from Cardinal Paolo Marella during a Feb. 12 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica marking the start of Lent. The Pope told some 7,000 persons at the Mass that de-emphasizing penance would be a mistake especially in this materialistic and permissive age.

what mitigated. But there still remain the obligation and the benefit of some mortification, of some renunciation, according to the type of work and the health of each nerson

### Pope asks priests' help

Pope Paul VI received the more than 250 parish priests of his See of Rome and spoke to

them intimately of problems arising out of pluralism and confusion.

The Pope linked himself, as bishop of Rome, his diocesan assistants and to the papacy by switching from the formal papal "we" to the familiar "I".

" I who am in this position and who hold this immense, burdensome responsibility am the first to beg you: help me, help me to complete my mission and see that I consider each one of you as indeed cooperators in our mission," he said.

Recalling that he was in this position as Pope "to serve," Pope Paul stressed two qualities required for the task: "firmness and kindness."

Speaking of the plurality of views arising within the Church, he warned:

"Only a slight ferment is needed to spread uneasiness, pessimism, dissatisfaction through the entire body. And these groups, who often clamor in the name of communion just to be outside of real communion, have a great responsi-

"They have good ideas, they have many reasons to criticize, to ascribe defects of our ecclesiastical organizations to me, to us, but we know that they have the enormous responsibility, which weighs on them, of being the defeatists of the harmony and law led by the Church."

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# Letters to the Editor

### Fetus does get aid...

EDITOR: I was appalled at the statements made by Thomas A. Horkan, Jr., Attorney and Executive Director of the Florida Catholic Conference in the Feb. 7 issue of the Voice.

His statements that the State of Florida's policy is to "deprive the pregnant woman of medical treatment as well as depriving her and her unborn child ci care and nourishment until after the child is born." is completely erroneous. True, the AFDC Program was set up to take care of women - with dependent children already born. However. Mr. Horkan did not do his research very well before making his statements, as he is apparently completely unaware of the many other programs offered by the State of Florida through the Health Department for the pregnant woman and her unborn child.

Under the Prenatal Clinic Program. I ne mother is given a complete physical examination and medical workup by competent doctors: special treatments, if required, are provided; vitamins and iron are supplied; food vouchers and food stamps are arranged for, when necessary, and the mothers are counselled on hygiene and diet. This is continued for the duration of the pregnancy and at no cost to the family.

After the child is born it is brought back to the clinic under the Well Baby Program for immunizations and examination to insure a healthy child.

So you see. Mr. Horkan, the State of Florida does help the poor pregnant woman, and in so doing gives her fetus not only life, but a good chance for a healthy one.

Very truly yours, Mrs. F. R. Storke Fort Lauderdale

### ...depends on county

Contacted by The Voice in regard to the above letter Mr. Horkan had the following reply).

The lady is fortunate to live in a county which uses some of its local tax funds to furnish medical and social services, which should be furnished by the state and federal governments.

Although on paper they are part of the State Division of Health. County Health Depts, are still controlled by the local county commission, and look

primarily to the county for funding whatever programs are offered. Each County has different programs because of the fact that the state does so little. Very few counties furnish financial help to pregnant women leaving this to the AFDC program

The State of Florida only gives Medicaid benefits to people on welfare, in this case in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. When Congress adopted this program it required only that there be in existence a "child Since Webster's dictionary defines the word "child" to mean a "young human being both before and after birth," many states furnish AFDC benefits to a pregnant woman. Not Florida of course. Most of the remaining states have been sued in Federal Courts: all but Florida have been ordered to pay the benefits. Thus the woman expecting her first child in Florida gets no welfare benefits from the state, financial or medical, until after the child is born.

Aside from humane motives, the lady from Broward County might well consider that her Federal tax dollars are going throughout the rest of the country to pay these benefits to unborn children and to pregnant women; but in Broward County, thanks to the administrative ruling of the Division of Family Services, her local property taxes are providing those services.

In many Florida counties, the services are simply not provided.

### Killing still wrong

EDITOR: While the subject of abortion is still being argued among the laity. clergy, and professional circles. I wish to add my contribution to this controversy.

First, the destruction of a human life at any stage of development is still a sin against the law of God and mankind. How does one differentiate the life of a fetus several months old as compared to a human life in its twilight years of 60 or 70 years old? The rationale of obliterating life on psychological grounds is at best a self-centered egotistical approach to the question of abortion. It has been said time and time again that some people who inhabit this earth would be better off dead both as a convenience to themselves and for the good of society. The student of any discipline knows the fallacy of this view. It is purely and unequivocally subjective. The fact is that since man (or woman) is

but the instrumentality of a life, the decision to sustain life is the Creator's.

Why have the Courts of the United States been so rejuctant to render the death penalty in capital cases? It must be because these wise men and jurors are invoking this great God who is at the helm of all creation

Secondly, to justify abortion on economic grounds is strictly conjecture. Those who have studied sociology and economics recall the theory of Henry Malthus Simply stated this theoretician said that our population increases at a faster rate than food production. If there is any truth to this theory it would appear that it is correlated to the use to which man is changing the environment If we deplete the potential from which our natural resources emerge then we are charting our own destruction. On the other hand, if man uses his technology to prosper and direct his effort in concert with the natural order of things, there should be no famine and deprivation. What may be amazing to some is that the Church has been leaching this for years.

In connection with the above, if one was lost for weeks in the deepest part of the Florida Everglades, he could sustain himself and survive with adequate water and food derived from the environment. Furthermore, in a land of plenty, we Americans are the most wasteful of all creatures. We waste enough food in a year to feed millions. In China, from 1946 to 1947, almost for two years, Chinese peasants would take our G.I. cans full of discarded food for their families.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines abortion as "born too soon, "miscarriage," "unsuccesful," However, the deliberate suppression of the fetus is the issue. Not only is this in violation of God's law, but also that of nature. In no genera of the animal kingdom is there deliberate abortion. from the single cell amoeba to the highly developed primates, except man

James Paollillo Ft. Lauderdale

### Greely is right

EDITOR: I may be the only reader of both the Voice and the Wanderer who philosophically accepts Father Andrew Greely. If I have any religion at all - he is a part of it

I am totally disgusted and horrified

by the thoughts of men such as Roberto Carballo. I also love Father Drinan which makes me totally out of touch with every attack on Father Greeley

Greeley's words. The conservatives, like the 'Wanderer' gang have no right to be taken seriously by anyone I hope such journals as will find better things to fill their religious news columns with than mythological accounts of a conservative revival," are the greatest thoughts I have read in a Catholic paper

As far as I am concerned Greeley's words are the greatest comfort I have had in a long time.

Along with John Mulloy, Greeley is one of the only Catholic writers I accept

Do keep printing him because I intend to wage war against the Wanderer, etc.

Greeley's article Poll backs changes of Vatican II is everything I

In any event stop printing filthy attacks against Greeley.

Elayne Gilbert Miami Beach

### Fight pornography

**EDITOR:** Former Senator Charles Keating is President of CDL (Citizens for Decency Through Law), an outstanding organization which is fighting pornography thru the courts. The problems in this area are tremendous but none more serious than the recent widespread publicity of XXX rated films. Each year the films get more and more horrible.

The newspapers and leaders of the community should act now. Cancer in the drinking water is no problem like this one is and the papers carry full ads on the movies. Despite what has been said. "Pornography can cause sex deviancy." This has been proven.

I hope you will print this to awaken the public to this massive problem. CDL's address is: Citizens for Decency Through Law, 450 Leader Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Phone (216) 241-0084. Write Mr. Keating and ask what help you can give. Money is important in this fight but public awareness and action is even more important

R. Gibbens Robichaux New Orleans

By Msgr. James J. Walsh



# Two good books about penance and Holy Year

I'd like to suggest two books for Lenten reading. As a carry-over from the thoughts expressed here last week about the reality of sin, let me mention first Father Bernard Basset's "Guilty, O Lord." And it has a subtitle, "Yes, I still go to confession.'

If you are familiar with the English Jesuit's essays and books, you will start this small volume with a smile on your face and sharp attention in your mind. This is so, because Father Basset brings to even the most serious of his works a very pleasing wit and, also, penetrating thoughts.

This book, as you can guess from the subtitle, is about confession and you must admit you haven't heard of a book on the Sacrament of Penance for a long time. That's a novelty in itself.

FR. BASSET explains this. He wrote: "The Sacrament of Penance is under great

pensation and resent all for years. changes, and those whose faith in the sacrament is fast fading language the emotional and away. I am a middle-of-the-spiritual meaning of the Sacra-roader, happy but mildly apment, "the unique means of prehensive; too many babies relief from anxiety and have been thrown out with the remorse." bath water these days.'

He quotes a Calvinist psychiatrist, Dr. Paul Tournier as saying: "There are around us vast numbers of people who are sick for confession." And he himself as a veteran retreat Master for the laity has witnessed constantly "the desperate need of so many to get things off their chest. The satisfaction of owning up, which so many of us knew in childhood, quickly becomes a habit and persists.'

Fr. Basset examines the origin of guilt, the role of conscience in our lives, the reality pressure at the moment in a of sin (and he always calls it changing world. Conflicting sin!) and what penance is all

theories, criticism, practices about. He tries to draw us to are causing much confusion more frequent confession, but and not a little misery. There not along the "grocery list" are those who loved the old dis- methods too many of us used

He explores in the clearest

A QUOTE from Gilbert Chesterton's Autobiography, strangely enough, sums up the great value of this little book. Chesterton wrote: "When people ask me, or indeed anybody else, 'Why did you join the Church of Rome?' the first essential answer . . . is 'to get rid of my sins.' For there is no other religious system that does really profess to get rid of neople's sins. It is confirmed by the logic, which to many seems startling, by which the Church deduced that sin confessed and adequately repented is actually abolished: and that the sinner really does begin again as if he had never sinned

. . . the accumulations of time can no longer terrify. He may be gray and gouty; but he is only five minutes old."

The second book I am recommending develops this idea of reconciliation with God. It is "Journal for Renewal," by Father Donald Connolly, a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami, known to many through frequent appearances on religious television shows. Fr. Connolly's book is one of the few books available on the Holy Year of 1975, but it is much more than that. He himself explains that "this book describes the history of past Holy Years and the purposes for the present one. Also provided is a summary of the basic teachings of the Church. The book was written to help sincere people establish or reestablish the roots which link them to God's love. He planted the tree of knowledge of His love in His revelations to mankind. A Holy Year enables us to eat abundantly of the fruit of this tree.'

THOSE WHO are planning to make the pilgrimage to Rome this year - and those who wish they could - will find the final chapter a valuable aid in getting the most out of the Eternal City. Here there are maps of Rome, descriptions of the Basilicas and constant il luminating references to ancient history which throw more light on the present.

John Cardinal Wright wrote in his introduction to the book: "Father Connolly links the spiritual values of the Holy Year with the upcoming anniversary of the origin of the United States and, therefore, the idealism, which, please God, will give it new moral vigor and purpose after too many years of executive embarrassment, judicial departures from the ethical principles of the Founding Fathers. and legislative confusion."

Two worthwhile books for Lent - "Journey For Renewal" and "Guilty. O Lord."

# Bullet whizzes by head policeman thanks God

counter stood relaxed, unemotional, expressionless Officer Michael DeJesus walked into the liquor store to ask if anyone knew anything about a robbery next door.

Suddenly the man's arm was straight out in front of him, holding the gun ne had just fired pointblank at the face of DeJesus, who stood threeand-a-half feet away, gun still in holster.

THE HIALEAH officer had been in gunfights before, during his eight years on the force, but this was new.

"I've been involved in numerous incidents," he said, "but never where I just walked into a store. said 'good morning' and bam!

DeJesus believes that it was God's love that saved him, and left him with only a bullet hole through his hat an inch from his skull to show for the events into the liquor store," from the accent obtained in of that day.

"I ALWAYS knew God loves us all, but He certainly proved it to me that day when He saw fit to save my life," he said.

when the shooting was all hammer cocked and ready story.

Before even going to the police station to file miraculously damaged charges against the holdup only his hat. DeJesus duckmen. he went to the ed behind a counter, which nearest Catholic Church - protected him from St. John the Apostle - to several more shots. Then

"I JUST had to stop an automatic weapon. and give thanks to God for giving me another day on ple in question were locked son is chaplain at Holy survived by her husband. three sons said.

Finding the church he ran out the door, bullets doors locked, he went to whizzing by him as he the rectory and asked ducked behind his car. Father Thomas J. Rynne, the pastor, to let him in, shooting and the arrival of after which the police of- support from other Hialeah ficer spent about 20 police officers, the robbery minutes "talking to God." suspects gave up.

The day's events had begun when DeJesus was mity of what had just hapdispatched on a robbery pened hit him. call to an address on Hialeah Drive. Arriving on DeJesus said, instinct and

ed a man standing at the wasn't heroics - it was shop where the people at all over. I requested perthat address were

the store. He didn't say I said, 'I'm going now' there was a robbery in progress, and based on his Father Rynne "asked me relaxed position and his would I please talk to a few attitude. I put my gun back of the school children.

DeJesus explained.

his hands at his sides and priest.

no particular expression on

his face. What he didn't

to shoot in a single motion.

he saw another man with

better get out, and get help

Figuring that the peo-

FINALLY, after more

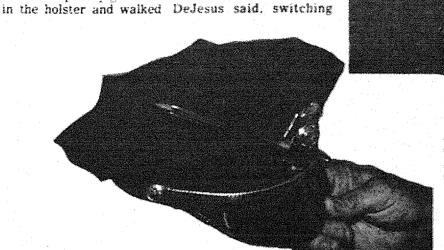
That's when the enor-

During the shooting,

After the first shot that

The man behind the the scene, he found the the desire to survive took business locked; so he ask- over "It wasn't training it door of a nearby barber just instinct. After it was mission to go to Church "He just said: the li- My sergeant said I could go quor store, and pointed to after I filed the report, but

LATER in the week.



And he didn't waste know was that the man had whole school was as- tion he received. any time thanking God a revolver in one hand, sembled, eager to hear the

"I wasn't prepared for an Italian-American home that, but I just told them day of the shooting, HE SAW one man in New York to an Irish that although I had always behind the counter, with dialect in imitation of the loved and served God, now I am really certain of it; and the kids really dug it. When he got there, the he said, recalling the ova-

His love of God and the belief that God saved him

### Funeral rite for mother of priest

The Funeral Liturgy was 83 and had been in ill was concelebrated in Pitts- health for the past year. burgh Wednesday for Mrs. Amelia C. Scherer whose this earth." the father of up in back and that he had Cross Hospital. Fort Charles Scherer; and five Lauderdale.

> Father St. Wendelin Church. She of Pittsburgh.

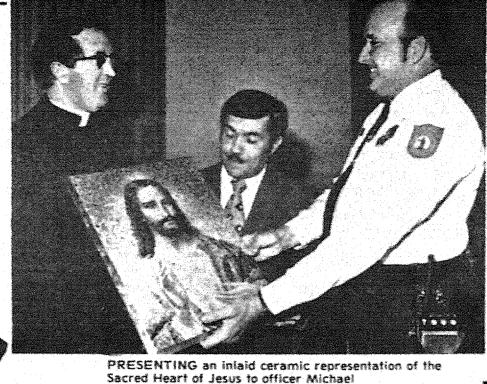
Mrs. Scherer is also other children including Richard four sons. John H., Charles Scherer was the principal E. Jr., William F., and celebrant of the Mass for Kenneth A. and a daughter, his mother at Pittsburgh's Mrs. Vincent Mosesso, all

has been carried over to his family, who expressed presented to DeJesus when he came home after the

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It was a picture of a policeman's hat, with their sentiments best in the DeJesus' number 11 on it drawing his 12-year-old son and a bullet hole through it. And the inscription: "Thank God the bullet missed you.'



Sacred Heart of Jesus to officer Michael DeJesus, on behalf of the ushers and lectors of St. John the Apostle Church. are Father Thomas Rynne, pastor; and Jesus Castillo, president of the Ushers' Club. At left is DeJesus' hat, showing the hole a bullet made during a shootout

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# Long Arm of Charity

Charity begins at home, but it doesn't end there in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Catholic Charities, whose centrai offices are in Miami, extends the long arm of love out to four regional offices in Broward. Palm Beach, Collier and Monroe counties

"In the Regional Offices." said Roger Schwinghammer, Assistant Executive Director of the Catholic Service Bureau, "a few people are going a long way toward meeting human needs.

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# ABCD

Service Bureau is for."

A married couple in Palm Beach County is having problems. There is a trained counselor available at the Catholic Service Bureau office ready to help.

An unmarried girl in Fort Lauderdale is pregnant. She can get counseling, medical, financial help and adoption services - and sympathy - at the Regional CSB office.

A young drifter in Key West is on drugs and has no place to stay. The Regional office will help.



FAMILY SERVICES is the central idea of the Monroe County. This causes CSB offices. Here Mrs. Peggy Haretos interviews a family in the Palm Beach County of-

### In Broward Monroe Collier West Palm Beach

a broken front door step and is lonely. The office there will send someone out to help - and visit with

"I felt, a few years ago," said Bill Vendric, social worker and director of the Palm Beach office. "that many of the problems of the community were after the fact. After a family was broken, someone would step in, for instance. So we focus on family services to prevent the broken family, to prevent the problem pregnancy and so forth before they occur.

OUR PURPOSE is to strengthen family life and help people live healthier happier lives." said Vendric.

The Regional offices provide, with a few variations, basically the same services, those centering around the family, family counseling, parent-child counseling, pregnancounseling and assistance including adoption, foster care of children of broken homes, marriage counseling and service to the aging.

"We also help with environ-mental needs." said Vendric. "With the help of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Salvation Army and other such agencies we help people who need food, clothing and shelter.

Our Auxiliary also does very fine work with the aged, transporting clients, acting as goodwill ambassadors, assisting in the ABCD campaign ... " he said.

Down at the other end of the Archdiocese is Lewis LaTorre, director of the Key West office. who was with the Division of Youth Ser-

"THE WHOLE Keys is unique because it is long and away from some of the major agencies such as there are in Miami. For instance, there is not one nursing home in problems, naturally, for some of the aged who need a home.

"Another thing is the young peo- agency for all county legal aid.

An elderly woman in Naples has ple who drift in here. They think this is a paradise down here. But they get here and find a lack of jobs, housing and living costs are high

> Some of the people are on drugs, some need emergency shelter and we try to help.

> "For some of them the best thing is to put them on a bus back

> But I think the thing we accomplish here." said LaTorre, "is providing many of the services that other agencies do not cover due to their bureaucratic structure. We don't have to have an act of Congress to get something done."

In heavily populated Broward problems typical of any large com- offices.

"THE PEOPLE who come to us." says Honold, former director of community affairs, of the Harrisburg. Pa., Archdiocese, "range from low income to high middleclass. A senior citizen can be lonely regardless of income, and a well-todo young girl can still get pregnant out of marriage.

'I think a Regional Office has a symbolic value in addition to its practical services, symbolizing the Church's presence in offering to help people of all colors and creeds who

"And another important aspect of the Regional Offices is in helping the whole community plan its broad array of services besides those we ourselves provide.

On the Guif side of the Archdiocese. Social worker Georgiana vices for three years before joining Lowe of the Naples Regional Office. says. "We get some of the people who just aren't eligible anywhere else. If the other agency can't help them, then they send them to us. It's a kind of a compliment I guess.

> THE NAPLES office, under Michael Monahan, delivers the usual family-related services but also has the distinction of being the screening



County, Thomas Honold, director, ADOPTION and foster care is a main service sees a broad spectrum of social offered by Regional Catholic Service Bureau

"Some of the people can afford to pay part of the legal fee." says Mrs. Lowe, "and some can't pay anything

"We also help with environmental needs. These things come up sometimes because of illness, unemployment, desertion, and where people need food, ciothing or shelter on an emergency basis." she said.

"The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps a lot on this. They have a warehouse of donated goods and they

help.
"Mr Monahan is also setting up a Big Brother program where we get referrals from schools on a kid who needs a male figure to spend time with Our Auxiliary ladies also do a great job helping run the warehouse and calling on the elderly," said Mrs. Lowe.

There is not much "fat" in the services of the Regional Offices, A few people and limited funding spread a lot of charity over thousands of people in need each year - people who would have been worse off if the long arm of love had not been extended out through the Regional Offices of Catholic

# Computer to streamline charities agencies

Computers helped man walk on the moon, and now the Catholic Service Bureau hopes computers will help man walk on earth with a few less problems.

Catholic Charities is going computerized.

"Computers won't make decisions," said Father John Vaughn, who is in charge of developing the system, "but will help people make them.

THE PROGRAM, due to start operating next January, will be more than a glorified bookkeeping system. It involves a whole management concept that will make the Archdiocese's charitable activities more effective and efficient - doing the most good for each dollar brought in through the ABCD push each year, according to Father

"The MIS (Management Information System) will also demonstrate the effectiveness of our agencies to clients themselves and to funding people," thereby bringing in more government aid so ABCD funds can be stretched

What's happening, according to Father Vaughn, is this:

For several years the population of South Florida has grown tremendously and, responding to those growing needs, Catholic Charities has grown. Its activities have become complex as a result.

So the MIS is being developed to monitor each agency's operations and their results so improvements can be made by eliminating ineffective areas and emphasizing those that work



PLANNING some of the ways the computer will measure the efficiency of the CSB agencies are Jesus Gonzalez-Pita, supervisor of accounting, Father John Vaughn, director of the computer project, Roger Schwinghammer, executive vice president of the Catholic Service

DATA ON such things as interviews with clients, those selected, what services are provided and results achieved will flow from the individual agencies to the central office for computer analysis and then back to the agency head so he can see what his agency is or is not doing in various areas of effectiveness and efficiency.

"One of the myths of social work," according to Roger Schwinghammer, assistant executive director of the CSB, "was that you

couldn't measure what good social work does. But you can measure it and you should.'

Once the criteria has been set up and systematized the flow will begin to the computer - the same one used for accounting and other functions by the Archdiocese.

With the help of God and a computer, people in need will continue to get the help they need through the problems and pressures of modern



# Indians deserve justice—but under law

According to New York Times columnist, Tom Wicker. Archbishop Jean Jadot played a "crucial" role in the settlement of the Shawano. Wisconsin affair. American Indian demonstrators captured the novitiate of the Alexian Bothers and held it for 34 days to dramatize their claim to its 262 acres. Reportedly, the property is to be deeded over to the Menominee nation for one dollar and future considerations.

WICKER wrote | Feb. 7th | that Archbishop Jadot, the apostolic delegate, advised the Alexian Brothers "that an empty novitiate was not worth a single life." The settlement was a triumph of good sense and humanity, as Wicker said, and it certainly contrasted sharply with Governor Rockefeller's brutal decision in solving the Attica impasse. "Nobody was killed on either side, the forces of law and order are being officially served and the Menominees will regain possession of a property they regarded as historically their own.

Just a minute, Tom Wicker! Are you not laying a bit too much emphasis on "property they regarded as historically their own?" Until title to real estate has been legally established, the fact that some claimant regards it as his own means absolutely nothing. He must first resort to due process. If Watergate proved anything, it proved that even the president of the United States is not above the law. Or as the old motto had it no man is a judge in his own case. The Palastinian freedom-fighters lobbing shells on Israeli towns dramatize their claims to real estate but do not

We have genuine sympathy for the Indians. Undoubtedly they have been victimized by our government in the past, and by land sharks who

establish the claims.

### Bp. Grady retreat set here

Florida's newest Cishop will conduct a Day of Recollection for priests of the Archdiocese of Miami beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 with the Bible as your guide at St. John Vianney Minor book, under the direction of Seminary.

Bishop Thomas J. Grady, recently installed as Bishop of Orlando and chairman of the Priestly Life and Ministry Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has accepted the invitation of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll to con- de Pau duct the spiritual sessions which will continue throughout the day and include lunch.

general meeting of the NCCB last Fall, Bishop Grady emphasized that the modern priest needs support from fellow priests and the laity. Priests years ago were trained to be "strong, independent individuals," he said, but now realize there is a need "for other people, for a need for affirmation, a need for support."

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A YOUNG Indian woman wraps herself in an upside down American flag as a profest at a National Guard checkpoint before the signing of an agreement to turn over an Alexian Brothers novitiate at Gresham, Wis., to Menominee Indians.

tricked the Indians. The courts, however, should not close their eyes to the violation of law in the

Indians' seizure of the novitiate. The justice Department has dropped charges against some 50 of the Indian defendants in the case of the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Public sympathy might incline the authorities to bypass the outbreak at Shawano.

The local inhabitants are happy to find that no bloodshed resulted from the takeover of the property but they are worried and anxious about what seems to them to be an unjust permissiveness. As they see the situation, the intruders seized a piece of property and were rewarded for it. Their fear is that the Menominees might repeat the performance and steal other properties in the neighborhood without just compensation there-

The Indians are not ready to content themselves with this "fait accompli." What they are striving for is to extract from the American government a recognition of the sovereignty of the 300-odd Indian nations. They should be heard. The United States has not recognized the Indian nations for many years but their case deserves a fair and honest adjudication. Which means that not only local inhabitants in Shawano might find their ownership of real estate overturned but thousands of owners in other states as well, all the way from Nevada to New York. To show that they mean business, the Indians have decided to present their case to the United Nations. So be it!

Justice for the Indians seems to be somewhat more convoluted a problem than Tom Wicker would lead us to believe.

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Whether what we face ahead is to be a real depression or only another precession. I do know is that right now there are many of those among us who are suffering. There are people out of work, people trying to get along on less than they need.

It means nothing to talk of the economy in difficulty, it is people in difficulty that is important. We must be concerned for one another.

It is a time for our talk of community to be translated into action. There are places relatively untouched but across the country there are people in distress. In our parishes we must begin to act to help those nearest to us.

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, there are regional centers being established where people can bring food and clothing. What is given will then be distributed to parishes so they may help people in need. The St. Vincent De Paul Society in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is asking for donations of money. It will be used to help those in need, in the archdiocese, in the nation, in the world.

IN A PARISH in another part of the nation, the pastor has established a fund to help families in distress meet their mortgage payments so homes will not be lost.

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demands that there be creative efforts to help families survive difficult times ahead. We hope that the economy will be restored to soundness, that the unemployment rate will be lowered, but until there is a sound economy, until the unemployed have jobs again, we must help one another.

In many places there are already organizations established to meet the needs. The St. Vincent de Paul Society. something to spare must support them.

BUT NOT every community has a St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities exists as a diocesan organization. What I am proposing is that individual parishes find a way to meet the needs of people within the parishes and within the community served by the parish.

The work does not need to be structured into an organiza-

SOME MAY say there are governmental agencies set up to help people in need. That is true and it is important that on all levels of government there should be help for those in

But what we face now is something different. There are people in need who bave homes, who do possess some material goods, who do not qualify for the kind of welfare aid that goes to people who are in a situation of complete destitution

They are not, in the usual sense of the word, poverty stricken. But their need, even though it is temporary, is a desperate need. They stand to lose possessions that are important to hem. They suffer hunger because they are temporarily out of work or, if not hunger, at least to face needs they cannot meet.

It is important that we as Catholics be concerned about the starving people in far off places in the world. The response Catholics have given to this need is remarkable and it shows we recognize that all men are our neighbors.

IT IS RIGHT that we should be concerned for the welfare of farmworkers and support their efforts to gain economic independence. Again Catholics have done well in supporting the cause of justice for people who have had little instice

We should not in any way diminish our support of causes that are far from us.

But we must add our responsibility for those who live in our own communities, who are our neighbors by proximity as well as our neighbors because we are all a part of humanity.

We all pray that the situation will not be long lasting. that unemployment will disappear, that once again there will be a sound economy.

But right now there are people who live close to us who need help. In every parish across the country it is necessary that we offer that help. Make certain something is being done in your parish and join it in every way you can. We must be concerned for one another and show our concern by acting.

"How it is done is not the important thing. The important thing is that it be done. There are people who need help. We must help them."

where it is already in operation can do much but it can do only what others help it do. Your support should be given to this organization so that it will have the material resources to accomplish what needs to be

Catholic Charities exist in every diocese. Again there must be special support of this work by greater giving. Where organizations exist to help those in need, those who have tion. It can be done very simply, perhaps by some organization within the parish that does not ordinarily have this function. It can be done by the pastor appealing to the people, forming a committee to facilitate the receiving of material goods and of money

How it is done is not the important thing. The important thing is that it be done. There are people who need help. We must help them.

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GOSPEL (Second Sunday of Lent; February 23, 1975). Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

The whole of the Scriptures can be summed up in the two-fold theme of promise and fulfillment. It is not quite as simple as it might seem, however, since in the promise there is already an initial fulfillment and in the fulfillment there is a further promise.

This is what emerges, at least, from a consideration of the first and third readings for this Sunday. The call of Abraham and the transfiguration of Jesus are related to one another respectively as promise and fulfillment. Yet each partakes of the nature of the other.

THE PROMISE element in Abraham's call is obvious. God assures the patriarch that he will become a great nation, that his name will be made great and that he will become a source of blessing for all the communities of the earth.

The author who composed this passage lived close to a thousand years later than the patriarch. Yet he saw in the traditions that had been handed down about this man the divine plan beginning to unfold. And the promise was already being partially fulfilled in his own day, in the glorious reigns of David and Solomon. He had no hesitation in recording the divine promise.

But the author also saw in God's call of Abraham a special gift. The divine appearance, it is true, is muted. There is no blinding theophany, simply the statement that the Lord spoke to Abraham. But this is already a transfiguration. In what had preceded this call we find only sin and the turning away from God. The conclusion of the first eleven chapters of Genesis is surely that man is incapable of saving himself.

THEN COME the divine words of comfort. If man cannot turn to God. God turns to man and speaks to him the word of promise. And already in the speaking is there an initial fulfillment.

The surest fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, indeed the fulfillment of all that had gone before, is, as we Christians believe, Jesus Christ. St. Paul, speaking of Christ, put it most succinctly when he wrote: "Whatever promises God has made have been fulfilled in him:



therefore it is through him that we address our Amen to God when we worship together" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

That He is the fulfillment of the promises is illustrated in the Gospel story of the transfiguration. Now we do have a blinding theophany, indicating that a climax is being reached in the story of God and man. Moreover, the divine voice

speaks now, not of what will be, but of what is: That is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests." The disciples now, unlike Abraham who went off on his journey, fall to the ground overcome by fear. The fulfillment is too much for

As the Christians came to recognize, the fulfillment realized in Jesus had to be extended to all mankind. Jesus must become the Son of God for us, for every generation of mankind. He must be listened to by all peoples.

BUT THERE is already a hint of promise that this will one day be so in Jesus' words of comfort to His disciples, "Get up! Do not be afraid." The fulfillment in Jesus was not intended to eliminate human activity, but to spur it on It was not intended to paralyze the human response, but to intensify it. And Jesus gives the promise in the encouragement to get up and get on with it.

The letter to Timothy specifies the encouragement as one to holiness of life. That sounds hard, and is hard. And if it depended wholly on our efforts, it would be impossible. But we are told that it depends on the grace "made manifest through the appearance of our Savior." In Him and because of Him we can have confidence that the promise, once made to Abraham and fulfilled in Jesus, will once again be fulfilled in all of us.

### Prayer of the Faithful

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Feb. 23, 1975

CELEBRANT: Christ, in His Transfiguration, gave us a glimpse of the glory we will share with Him. With hope in our glorious destiny, let us present our petitions to the Heavenly Father:

COMMENTATOR: The response today will

be: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That this celebration of Christ's Transfiguration may awaken us to a growing awareness of spiritual values, let us pray:

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That Christ's glorious manifestation may encourage us to persevere in our Lenten sacrifices and prayers, let us pray: PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That those who have lost their faith in these troubled times may return to the Church and regain the hope in the glorious meaning of human life, let us pray:

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That all Christians may be ever ready to listen to the voice of your Son, especially in this penitential time of Lent, let us

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That all of us may be transfigured by the grace and teachings of Christ in this Holy Year of renewal and reconciliation, let us pray:

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That the aged, the disabled, the poor, and all those in need will be assisted by our generosity to the Archbishop's Charities Drive, let us pray:

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, we have seen with the eyes of our faith the glory of Your beloved Son as His face shone like the sun. His Transfiguration is a call to a Christian renewal. May we accept the message of the Gospel, and transform our lives so that our hopes may be fulfilled in Your glorious kingdom. This we ask through the same Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.



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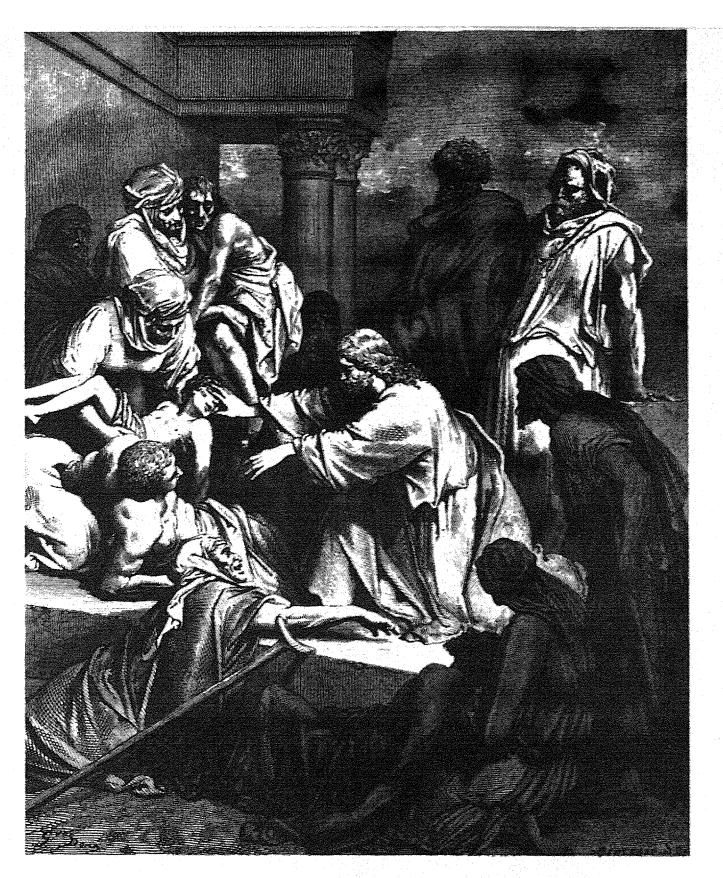


# Renewal and Peconciliation

—the Sacrament of Healing

"Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them."

From article by Father John Castelot. Christ performs miracles in this engraving by Paul Gustave Dore.



# A true emphasis on the Sacrament of Healing

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT, S.S.

All institutions, even sacred ones, change with the passing of time. Some of these changes involve a blurring of their original inspiration, a misdirection of their original orientation. They must frequently be redirected. A sacrament, like that of the anointing of the sick, can undergo a switch of emphasis — from healing, consoling, to forgiveness of sin in preparation for death. Today the true emphasis is being restored.

Each of the sacraments is an encounter with Christ. It is He who com3 to us in the various situations of our
nives. In the sacrament of the sick he
comes to us precisely as the Divine
Physician, the healer, the comforter,
the strengthener. He comes to assure
us of His concern, of His presence
with us in the loneliness which is so
much a part of illness. It is in this role
that he is presented to us in the
gospels.

The vast majority of His recorded miracles were acts of healing. They were in fact the sign of the inauguration of God's reign among men, as we read in this passage from the gospel according to Matthew:

"Now John in prison heard about the works Jesus was performing, and sent a message by his disciples to ask him. "Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another?" In reply, Jesus said to them: "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf bear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Mt 11:2-5).

Notice the emphasis on healing in this summary of His mission:

"Jesus . . . proclaimed the good news of God's reign, and he cured every sickness and disease. At the sight of the crowds his heart was moved with pity . . . He said to his disciples: The harvest is good but laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest master to send out laborers to gather his harvest.' Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and to cure sickness and disease of every kind." (Mt. 9:35-10:1)

Very often we emphasize Jesus' miracles as indications of his divine power. They were that, of course, but they were also manifestations of his love for suffering humanity. Notice, in the above passage, the words: "At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity." His heart went out to all: men, women, the young, the old, the blind, the mute, the paralytic, all who were in need of His warmth, His sympathy, His strength.

One of the most distressing elements in sickness is the psychological letdown, the depression. Even a common cold or an attack of the flu can send us into an emotional tailspin. And the more serious the illness, the darker the depression, the

loneliness, the need, not just for medication, but for tender, loving care. Left to ourselves at moments like these, we come face to face with our weakness and, yes, with our sinfulness. If the busy round of daily activity serves to distract us from too searching a self-examination, sickness leaves us little chance to escape. And we are miserable — until we turn to the Divine Physician and recall what He really came to heal. He cured physical ills, yes, but He was probing even more serious ills, and His power went out to them, too.

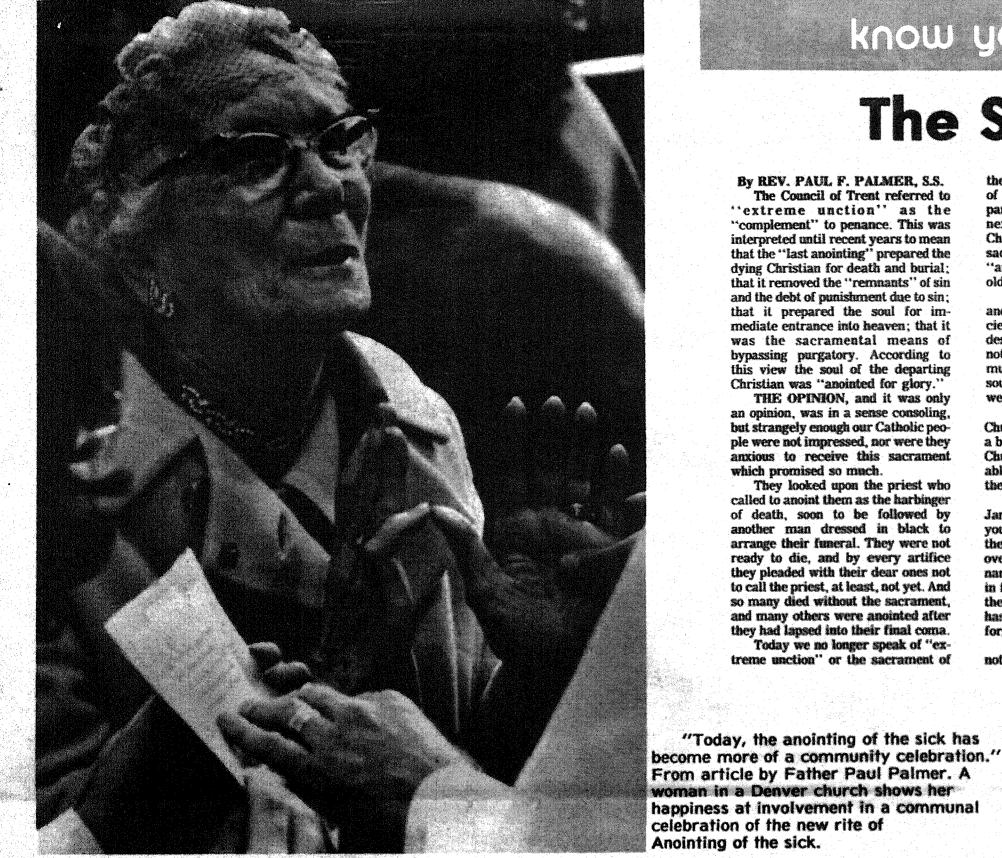
In the popular thinking of Jesus' day, there was a close connection between illness of any kind and sin. together with its instigator, Satan. There is a general sense in which this is true, of course, and Jesus did not bother to correct the popular notion by making the necessary distinctions. As it stood it was too valuable a notion for His purposes. For by curing physical sickness he demonstrated to His contemporaries that He had power over the forces of evil. specifically over Satan and sin. And eliminating the causes was much more important than curing the symp-

Jesus, then, was preeminently the Healer, the Savior, and his whole earthly career revealed this — in so many ways, from so many points of view. It is this same Jesus who is present to us in the sacrament of the sick and, in the final analysis, it is His presence that is most important. For even if we must go on suffering, we know that He is with us, that He cares

and comforts and strengthens, and what is perhaps the greatest part of our pain is eased. But does He know? Does He care? Listen to what the Scriptures tell us:

"Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our profession of faith. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness. but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need" (Heb 4:14-16).

"In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (Heb 5:7-9).



# The Sacrament of Healing

By REV. PAUL F. PALMER, S.S.

The Council of Trent referred to "extreme unction" as the "complement" to penance. This was interpreted until recent years to mean that the "last anointing" prepared the dying Christian for death and burial; that it removed the "remnants" of sin and the debt of punishment due to sin; that it prepared the soul for immediate entrance into heaven; that it was the sacramental means of bypassing purgatory. According to this view the soul of the departing Christian was "anointed for glory."

THE OPINION, and it was only an opinion, was in a sense consoling, but strangely enough our Catholic people were not impressed, nor were they anxious to receive this sacrament which promised so much.

They looked upon the priest who called to anoint them as the harbinger of death, soon to be followed by another man dressed in black to arrange their funeral. They were not ready to die, and by every artifice they pleaded with their dear ones not to call the priest, at least, not yet. And so many died without the sacrament, and many others were anointed after they had lapsed into their final coma.

Today we no longer speak of "extreme unction" or the sacrament of

the dying. There is but one sacrament of the dying, Viaticum, the Church's parting gift for the journey into the next life, the life-giving body of Christ. The anointing is now the sacrament of the sick, of those who "are dangerously ill due to sickness or old age."

Strangely enough the new rite of anointing the sick, modeled on the ancient rites which go back to the rite described by the Apostle James, has nothing to say about dying. But is has much to say about health: "health of soul, of body and of spirit, perfect

welling," so often the liturgy of the Church, the way the Church prays, is a better witness to the teaching of the Church than the speculations, profitable as these can be at times, of her theologians.

The litergy recalls the words of James: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer made in faith will heal the sick person, and the Lord will comfort him; and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him" (James 5:14-17).

THE FORGIVENESS of sins is not the principle purpose of the sacra-

ment — the sacrament of Penance is still the ordinary means of reconciling serious sinners. For this reason, the priest no longer anoints the five senses as the organs or avenues of sinning. Instead of this late medieval practice which mentioned only the forgiveness of sins, the priest anoints the forehead and the hands of the sick person, saying "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise

The sick person may not always be restored to "even better health, as the ritual prays, but if the faith of the priest and of the community is strong, the "prayer of faith" will at times ease the suffering of the sick person and the Lord will comfort and support the one who trusts in the grace of the sacrament. "The sick man will be saved by his faith and the faith of the Church which looks back to the death and resurrection of Christ, the source of the sacraments' power (see James 5:15), and looks ahead to the future kingdom which is pledged in the sacraments." (Rite of Anointing, No. 7)

The anointing of the sick is not an

elixir of life, nor an ever flowing fountain of youth. For in some cases the sickness will be long and burdensome, but in the words of Trent, "the grace of the Holy Spirit will comfort and strenghthen the soul of the sick person, by arousing in him great confidence in the divine mercy; encouraged thereby, the sick person will bear more easily the difficulties and trials of his illness." In this day, the anointing of the sick person could well be "an anointing for glory."

A few years back the dying Christian was anointed either at home with the immediate members of the family in attendance, or in a hospital room or ward with only the priest and a nurse. Today, the anointing of the sick has become more of a community celebration. The new rite of anointing provides for a public liturgy in the parish Church where the sick and the infirm are brought by relations to receive both the oil of anointing and the body of Christ.

More effective than any sermon or catechetical lecture on the sacrament of anointing will be the active participation of our people in what is coming to be called the "communal" rite of anointing the sick.

"Upon the eyes, the lips, the feet, On all the passages of sense, The anointing oil is spread with sweet Renewal of lost innocence.

Vials of mercy, sacring oils, I know not whence I come. Nor through what wanderings and tolls, To crave of you viaticum.

Yet, when the walls of flesh grow weak, In such an hour it well may be, Through mist and darkness, light will break,

> Ernest Dawson, "Extreme Unction," (19th century).

"It is more necessary for the soul to be healed than the body; for it is better to die than to live ill." -Epictetus (first century A.D.), "Enchi-

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# Healing is communal

But "healing" is a very relative term.

By MARY MAHER

One of the most meaningful events that I have taken part in recently was a communal sacrament of healing which was celebrated in a home for the aged. There was a tone of shared joy among those who received it. The spirit was one of gaity, not morbidity. Those who had received the sacrament were not in any immediate danger of death. They were sick and in need of the Gospel call to with self and others. Sickness calls us bind themselves to all others, sick or well, who are the Lord's body in time. I was reminded, as I stood there, of the hauntingly lovely words of a song done by Don McLean:

"Can you find my pain, can you heal it? Then lay your hands upon me now And cast this darkness

from my soul. You alone can light my

You alone can make me whole." "Crossroads"

The sacrament of healing is neither a magical guarantee of happy death. It is rather what its name says: a sign that healing is possible when one comes to the Lord.

We all long, whether sick or well, for some kind of healing. Life is the long process of becoming whole. We here in America have found healing an interesting theme for television. The Welby's and Gannon's are high on our viewing lists. Physical healing seems to remind many of us that there are levels within us which need to be cared for - levels of reconciliation to accept the stark fact that this life is both contained in time and yet is one of process and passage to fuller life beyond time. Dr. Elizabeth Kubler Ross has shown in her work, "On Death and Dying." how important it is to accept our own inner awarenesses

ing to accept them can heal us. In this sacrament we bring the fact of our illness and join our feelings of anguish with the strength of the church. The church present in the sign pledges and gives understanding and hope to the sick person. Man learns here to accept illness as a vital chapter in the healing of his whole person. Often it is only illness which calls us to notice how deeply our we learn the power that goes forth to bodies are one with our souls. In the us as men when we are one with midst of health we are often not Christ. We sense this power in a new physical well-being nor a ticket to a aware of inner states of our being. In way going out from ourselves as we sickness we may lose the physical become aware that we are indeed

about illness and dying. Simply learn-

through faith. The sacrament of healing binds together the many drives and forces, positive and negative, that make us so glorious as men.

This sacrament is especially tender for it comes to man when he feels very poor and dependent, in great need of God and his brothers in the Lord. It calls man to "tasks of courage, of honesty with himself, of perience to good account in the eligious sense, finally the task of integrating this intervention from without (which we call sickness) into the single overall meaning which a man has to find in his own existence." (Karl Rahner)

The communal aspect of this sacrament is important to emphasize. Administered in the presence of the sick person's loved ones, it is a call to them to give of their strength, their hope to their loved one. As the priest anoints the sick person and touches his body, each person present is invited to become aware of how he is called also to touch and to comfort the sick person. In all the sacraments control over our lives but learn to Christ's body in time - others need us accept and grow in other inner ways to give them healing!

# NATIONAL CATECHETICAL DIRECTORY:

# Relationship to Justice

By MSGR. WILFRID H PARADIS and SISTER MARIELLA FRYE, M.H.S.M.

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"Circumstances that call for a response of justice are different. The victims of injustice live in conditions similar to those who suffer from disasters and catastrophes - hungry, homeless, illiterate, without medical care. These conditions call for personal acts of mercy. tice, that is, the removal of social conditions that per-

traordinarily imbalanced distribution of power and wealth evident in the world today." (Populorum Progressio, 13 47 V-II).

Do you have any reflections on the responsibility of the Church to teach about the general principles of social moral ity in religious education?

Please submit your reactions and recommendations to:

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"Death so frightens and overwhelms most of us that in the beginning we either deny its reality and possibility or withdraw temporarily from others to sort out the matter in our minds."

From article by Father Joseph Champlin.

# Stages of Dying

#### By FATHER JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

"Who are those urging us to accept death? They are individuals programmed by the Puritan old world of guilt and punishment to regard suffering and death as necessities. In desperation they hold onto fantasies of life after death."

"But a new consciousness is emerging, relatively free of Puritan guilt, vigorous and life-oriented. To this liberated consciousness death is an end. There is no paradise, no heaven, hell or reincarnated life. Death therefore, is a greater tragedy now than ever before."

So wrote F. M. Esfandiary in "Sorry, We're Here for Eternity," an essay appearing in the Sept. 24, 1974 issue of The New York Times.

THE AUTHOR, apparently, takes a dim view of Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, the medical director of the Family Service and Mental Health Center of South Cook County, Ill. Physician-psychiatrist Mrs. Kubler-Ross has become famous through her book "On Death and Dying" (Collier Books, 866 Third Avenue, New York, 10022, \$1.95).

That enormously popular and helpful paperback details her work with terminally sick patients in Chicago and summarizes "that the dying have to teach doctors, nurses, clergy and their own families." In it she develops the now familiar five stages deathly ill persons generally pass through in their last days and hours. The final one is acceptance, an attitude Esfandiary finds objectionable.

Since we all must face our own personal deaths sooner or later and

will also in the course of a lifetime suffer those final moments with at least several individuals dear to us, the advantage of everyone having a familiarity with these stages should be obvious. Incidentally, people close to the dying tend likewise to experience some or all of the inner feelings involved with those five steps.

FIRST STAGE: denial and isolation. Death so frightens and overwhelms most of us that in the beginning we either deny its reality and possibility or withdraw temporarily from others to sort the matter out in our minds.

We look to doctors, nurses, clergy, relatives and friends to support the denial. "I feel better today." "The doctor says I should be home

soon." "Don't you think I am improving?" During this period we are consciously and unconsciously trying to build up the courage required to cope with our dreaded future.

SECOND STAGE: anger. "Why is this happening to me?" "How could God do such a thing? I have always been a good person."

"Why not him or her?" That envy, resentment, bitter feeling, rage stems from our inability to handle or change a painful situation.

The frustration strikes out at innocent victims, once again the physician, nursing staff, priest, relatives, friends. "Why don't you do something about this?" "How come you haven't been here more often?" Those attacked need great patience in these moments and the wisdom not to take personally that misplaced anger.

THIRD STAGE: bargaining. The patient (or person near to the dying individual) occasionally will make a bargain, normally kept secret, for an extension of life usually for a specified period. "I will do such and such, if I can be spared until my daughter's wedding."

FOURTH STAGE: depression. A sadness floods the dying person over the loss of past valued objects — family, job, finances, positions, etc. — and the impending separation which comes with death.

"Don't be sad" is a natural, but not wise way of trying to comfort the depressed patient. Instead, those close to the individual would do well to let him or her express that sorrow. Later, the dying person may speak less about the losses and simply remain silently sad. In those hours the gentle stroking of hand or forehand is often the best method of offering comfort and support.

STAGE FIVE: acceptance. Tired and weak, requiring much sleep and rest, at peace, not bothered by the outside world or interested in visitors, communicating normally in nonverbal ways, the dying person has not given up, but rather senses the pain is over, the struggle finished and waits with resignation and acceptance for the final long journey.

Those nearest the dying individual often need more assistance now than does the terminally ill person.

It should be evident to readers how a strong faith in the Christian message, promising life forever can make the passage from stage one to stage five easier and swifter.

### Discussion and questions

- 1. How did the Council of Trent interpret the sacrament of "extreme unction"?
- 2. How does the new rite of anointing the sick change this original concept?
- Discuss the anointing of the sick as a community celebration.
   Discuss the healing aspect of the anointing of the sick.
- 5. How would you justify the new rite for the anointing of the sick?
- 6. Cite instances from the New Testament to illustrate Jesus' motivation in the performance of miracles.
- 7. What is the greatest part of our pain?
- Discuss the five stages passed through by the critically ill and how the sacrament of healing can be of help at each of these stages.

# Catholic women map 'Stop ERA' strategy

members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women are putting their "Stop ERA" plans into full swing, with the first

Twenty-five representatives of Dade County Catholic women's clubs met to discuss the amendment, which they say attacks their basic ideas of womanhood and femininity; and to decide how best to legislature.

EARLIER IN the week, representatives of the Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami, met in Orlando to discuss strategy for the coming legislative term. United action to oppose the Equal Rights Amendment was agreed upon; as well as action supportpassage of a Human Rights Amendment, "cleaning up" television and urging Gov. Reubin Askew provide more

funds for the indigent aged. Pointing out that equal pay for equal already guaranteed by law, participants in the Miami meeting expressed the view that the Equal Rights Amendment would only take away the special protection which women now enjoy under the law.

DURING the meeting, the women were encouraged to distribute "Stop ERA" literature to everyone in their parish, and to hold coffees in their homes to inform people of their position and to collect contributions in order to fight the pending legilation.

Plans were discussed for a trip to Tallahassee April 7, the day the legislature opens its session, at which time the women will approach their legislators to state their position.

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ROME - INC - In a solemn ceremony for Christian Unity, Pope Paul VI said recently that disunity among Christians weakens efforts at achieving reconciliation and damages the force of the Chris-

Pope Paul celebrated a

Mass marking the close of

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Christian Unity at the

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Meanwhile, the women were en-

With just six weeks to go before the couraged to write their legislators and Florida legislature goes into session, identify themselves as members of the Council of Catholic Women's "Stop ERA" committee.

COUNCIL presidents were encourof a series of strategy meetings held last aged to contact city and county commissioners to let them know that there are women in the organization able and willing to serve on boards and commissions, where they can represent their viewpoint.

Members were urged to volunteer to encourage its defeat in the Florida speak at meetings of various organizations to discuss the Equal Rights Amendment.

Feelings ran high as member after member stood up to tell about the support the pro-amendment groups are getting and how little publicity the antiamendment groups receive.

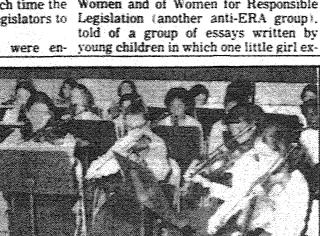
A COPY of a straw vote taken in five Florida counties was shown — a vote that showed a higher number of people against the amendment than for it in four of the five counties.

"You just don't hear about this kind work and equal rights to credit are of thing in the press, only the things that support passage of the ERA," one representative said.

It was pointed out that a group of Catholic women supporting the ERA has plans to pray on the steps of every state capitol building and sell pamphlets.

THE LEAGUE of Women Voters is urging Mrs. Reubin Askew to come out in favor of the ERA, it was announced. and the suggestion was made that the women write Mrs. Askew and urge her not to do so.

Mrs. Rosemary Botti, a member of the Metro Commission on the Status of Women and of Women for Responsible



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A REPRESENTATIVE from St. Michael parish stresses the importance of distributing anti-ERA literature among all the parishioners, during the strategy meeting of Council of Catholic Women.

pressed the desire to become a father when she grew up.

"This is contrary to our way of thinking, our idea of womanhood. We don't believe in dolls for little boys and fire

engines for little girls," she said. SHE CLAIMED that an effort is being made by a number of people to take sexual stereotyping out of textbooks in Florida, not only in public schools but in all schools which receive any state or federal funds.

Discussing a public hearing on rape which she attended, Mrs. Botti told of how both rape victims and ex-offenders said they felt they were victims of a society, in which men's and women's roles are becoming less clearly defined.

"The ex-offenders said they felt tremendous pressures from society concerning their role as men, and the vicitims felt looked down upon by society," she said.

Mrs. Thomas Palmer, who conducted the meeting, agreed with the

"The Equal Rights Amendment threatens men as much as women; it will take the dignity of men away," she said.

A second meeting to discuss progress and make more definite plans about the trip to Tallahassee will be held





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NYPD takes the rap again Report: in exciting police drama

James Mills' bestselling novel. Report to the Commissioner, pretends to be a journalistic record of a real investigation by the Internal Affairs Division of the New York City Police Department into the

Tidyman, but their willingness to try new approaches, to allow overlapping narrations. and to preserve Mills' terse yet frequently philosophical dialogue, results in a captivating film which challenges tradi-

### movies

seeming murder of a female undercover agent by an idealistic rookie detective: to support this fiction, Mills presents all his material just as it might appear in official reports or in transcripts of taperecorded interviews. The whole novel has the feel of a highly literate Dragnet, where fiction parades as fact and where the aura of authenticity and the subtle pleasures of narrative complexity propel the reader forward in an ever more Byzantine and multifaceted plot.

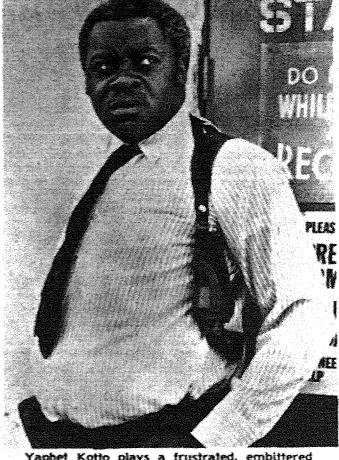
Adapting this enormously popular novel to the screen posed many difficult technical problems for screenwriters Abby Mann and Ernest (Shaft)

tional perceptions of law and

IN THE contemporary jungle of Report to the Commissioner, it is individuals who are all important; the games these people play are really life and death encounters. Especially notable is the work of the three principal performers: Michael Moriarity as the tyro detective Bo Lockley, Susan Blakely as undercover cop Patty Butler, and Yaphet Kotto as the experienced officer Crunch Blackstone.

Bo's really central confrontation in Report to the Commissioner comes, however, in a stalled elevator in Saks Fifth Avenue, as the young cop finds himself trapped with another black, a revolutionary and thug. Stick Henderson, played with real zest and authority by Tony King. The two hold guns on each other in a highly charged duel of wills. Stick is streetwise, and understands the hopelessness of their situation Sooner or later, he knows the law will blast the elevator to kingdom come, and restore order at Saks. Stick gradually shows Bo how they are both victims of a system; in his words, "They is them, and we is us. That's the way it is." This simple, existential wisdom is central to Report to the Commissioner.

Bo. Stick, and Patty are all victims not of maliciousness. but of greed and self-centeredness. Everyone in the Times Square precinct, cops and crooks alike, is so busy looking out for himself and his own advancement that the other fellow is inevitably damned. Report to the Commissioner is a complex vision of the claustrophobic urban hell. (A-III)



Yaphet Kotto plays a frustrated, embittered black cop in Report to the Commissioner, a rough-and-tumble action melodrama about the internal housekeeping in New York City's police department, a United Artists release.



sian Dinner Theatre of the Marco Polo Hotel, Collins at 192 St. Miami Beach. Clean, wholesome, and deeply nostalgic, the revue zips through two hours of wartime singing in deft mood changes from a rousing "We Did it Before" to bluesy "I'll Walk Alone" numbers. The group moves to the Sea Ranch, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, on March 4, to be replaced by The National Touring Company's production of "Godspell."

# 'Night Music' — tuneful, funny but too long

By J. HERBERT BLAIS

The crisp and colorful musical comedy, "A Little Night Music." now gladdening the Parker Playhouse, Fort Lauderdale, is such a delectable winner.

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it's understandable that everyone connected with it since its 1973 smash opening on Broadway wants to keep it going.

can begin to feel that he's had too much even of ecstasy.

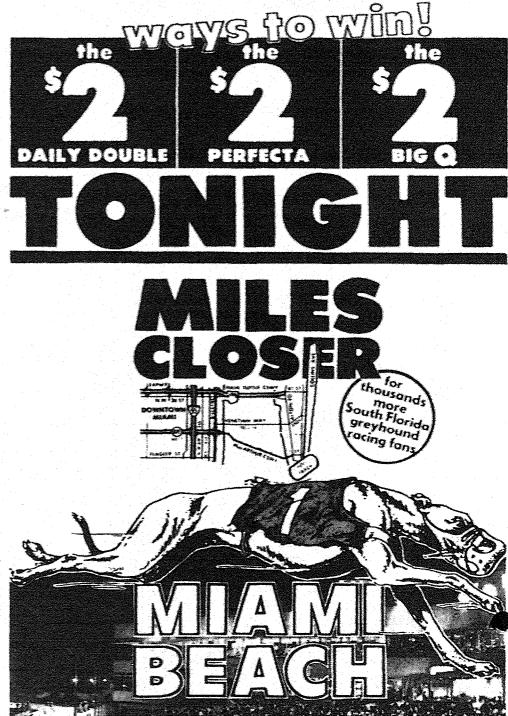
"A LITTLE Night Music" won Tony Awards in 1973 for book, score, and costume design. Perhaps the re-echoing raves it has received since then have deafened producers to faint pleas that they cut about twenty minutes off the end of Act Two.

Sondheim's waltzes are Ravellian, evocative. His comic tunes out-scintillate Gilbert & Sullivan. Suggested by an Ingmar Bergman film and laid in Sweden, "A Little Night Music" civilizes and refines the early 1900s French farce.

IT SHOULD be pointed out that, despite the fact that it's a great show, much of the plot deals with infidelity and adultery that the reader might find offensive.

Directed by Ruth Mitchell, this But in three concentrated hours one production flows musically through remarkable rolling-unit scene changes. merrily adding incidental triumph to triumph.

It doesn't need the presence of star Jean Simmons or the extra dimension of inimitable co-star Hermione Gingold to invite your attendance. But gird thy loins for an unexpected slump in the ending. Why don't they send in the clowns?



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# Historic convent site of drama

It would seem rather simple, to find a site in the Irish countryside suitable for filming a drama in which a tower plays a definite role.

Not so, according to Don Geraghty, Irish location manager for "In This House of Brede," dramatic "GE Theater" special starring Diana Rigg, to be broadcast on CBS Thursday, Feb. 27 (9:00-11:00 PM, EDT).

"We had a rather unique problem in that we needed an old tower near a building substantial for shooting indoor scenes as well," explains Geraghty, a Dubliner who knows the countryside of his native land far better than most of the country people do themselves.

"I investigated the possibilities of more than 80 convents and abbeys, including Kylemore Abbey up in Connemara, always keeping in mind the proximity to an airport and the architectural features necessitated by the script." "During the 10 days I spent scouring the country, I picked up quite a bit of advice from the convents and monasteries I visited as to where I should look next," continues Geraghty. "But the minute I saw Drishane Convent over the hill, I knew I was in the right place."

"The old castle," Geraghty explains, "was built in the mid-1400s by a landowner named Dermot MacCarthy, and since 1641 it's seen a chunk of bloody history.

"It was garrisoned in support of King Charles I of England at that time before it fell to a Wallis family. Then it was garrisoned again during the Fenian rising of 1867."

Now a peaceful site surrounded by welltended lawns where nuns stroll and teenage girls play the equivalent of American field hockey, Drishane has nothing but a square keep of ancient stones and a plaque outlining its origin as a reminder of its stormy past.

# television



DIANA RIGG stars as a sophisticated London widow who becomes a cloistered

## Wayne, Remick, Hawn in prime time films

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

8:00 p.m. (NBC) — THE TRAIN ROBBERS (1973) — There's a half million in stolen gold stashed away in the Mexican wastes, and how's the poor widow going to smuggle it home past a horde of avaricious outlaws? If she's as smart and shapely as Ann-Margret, she just might share her burdens with the Magnificent Seven rolled into one. John Wayne. That THE TRAIN ROBBERS seems so entertaining without vaguely approaching the best of the Wayne Westerns is an impressive indication of the Duke's unchallenged pinnacle in the basic genre of the American cinema (A-II)

9:00 p.m. (ABC) — HUSTLING — This promises to be the second season's earliest entry in the "How Daring Can You Get" category. "Technically antiseptic" division. The made-for-TV film, starring Lee Remick, is fashioned out of the prize-winning series of magazine articles (later a book) by Gail Sheehy, about the life and bad times of New York's street-walkers. Subject matter, ipso facto, suggests a mature audience.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

8.30 p.m. (ABC) — A FISTFUL OF DOLLARS (1967) — Pasta Western. This is a classic of its ilk, which isn't really saying much. The action is swift, the violence plentiful, and the vengeance Clint's. (B)

MONDAY, FEB. 24

9:00 p.m. (NBC) — BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE (1972) — Goldie Hawn and Edward Albert team with Broadway veteran Eileen Heckart in a sparkling adult comedy based on the long-running hit play by Leonard Gershe.

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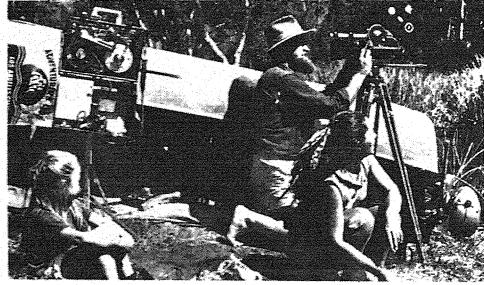
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All of the leads are excellent, and BUTTERFLIES would be a nice way for sophisticated adults to spend an evening. (A-III)

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

6:00 p.m. (NBC) — JOURNEY
FROM DARKNESS — Made for
television. This is an absorbing
melodrama about a young man
whose brilliant future is seemingly
crimped by the fact that he is blind.
Based on a true story and starring
Marc Singer as the young man,
JOURNEY traces the student's efforts to overcome the biases and
other obstacles in his path — he
wants to go to medical school and

become a practicing doctor. Kay Lenz does a nice turn as the beautiful, sensitive girl who helps take some of his cares away.

8:30 p.m. (ABC) — YOU LIE SO DEEP. MY LOVE — If the title doesn't put you off, then you fully deserve to watch this creaky (rather than creepy) chiller involving illicit romance, blackmail and betrayal, insane jealousy, attempted murder

 you know, the usual stuff of domestic drama these days. Don't couples just argue anymore? Don Galloway and Barbara Anderson star.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

8:30 p.m. (ABC) — SOMEONE I TOUCHED — Approach this one cautiously, and only if you and your teen-aged children are ready for a rather harsh, hard-hitting drama about V.D.

### **ABCD** broadcast

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Dear Father,

I've just turned 17 and all of my friends have their drivers' licenses. My parents won't let me get one until after I graduate. That's over a year away. I can't count on my friends to take me everywhere. What can I do to convince my parents to let me get a license?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed.

Actions often speak louder than words. If by the things you do, you show your parents you are able to act in a mature manner, it would probably make them think about your readiness to drive. Sitting down and discussing the matter with them on a person-to-person basis might also be a good idea.

Dear Father,

I'm a senior (girl) in high school I usually hang around with the same group of kids in school. We get along well and do many things together. But lately a couple of the kids have been using a lot of

profanity in their talk. It bothers me a lot. I want to say something, but I'm afraid I'll be put down for it. What should

Worried

Protesting

Dear Worried.

If they are real friends they will respect you for your opinion, especially if they know it bothers you. If they put you down for it, maybe you should move away from a group that is unconcerned about your feelings.

Dear Father,

I'm 13 years old and I can't figure out why I always have to belp around the house. Suggestions, please.

Dear Protesting.

Because you live there, being a part of the family. And at your age, you should be able to share in the responsibilities of the household as well as to share in the enjoyment derived from it. It is really a privilege to be a working part of the family. We all have a special part to play in building the family unit. Yours is as special as any other. St. Paul put it pretty directly when he said: "You are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it." (I Cor. 12:27)

# Sports big on youth calendar

By JOAN BARTLETT

'Around the World with Columbus' is the theme of the variety show tomorrow night at Columbus High School. Show starts at 8:30 p.m., preceded by a cocktail hour at 7:30. It's sure to be an enjoyable evening, considering the great talent to be presented.

In high gear, the Youth Club of Holy Spirit Parish in Lantana will be sudsing up any automobile

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they can get their hands on this Saturday, Feb. 22, in the parking lot at the church. Observe how a lot of elbow grease will "dissolve those stubborn stains

\* Be a sport! Competitions and dinner will be sponsored by St. Luke parish in Lake Worth at their Sports Day this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can attend Mass at the end of the day - right there at John Prince Park, Lake Worth Road entrance.

Basketball and cheerleading competitions will climax this Sunday as teams and squads from various parishes fight for the respective championships. Participating will be representatives from St. Monica, Annunciation, St. Timothy, Epiphany, Holy Family and St. Vincent parishes, as well as from Notre Dame Academy. The following events are scheduled in St. Thomas Aquinas gym: 1 p.m. — Young Adult Championship

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- Cheerleading Competition (CYO, High School Varsity and Junior Varsity)

- CYO Boys' Championship

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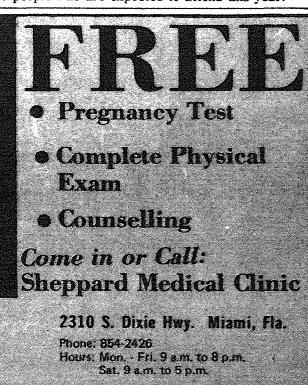
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missed again! Hang in there, gang, it's a basketball marathon set by the CYO to raise funds for the Arch-Bishop's Charities Drive. Although the marathon is scheduled for March 7-9, we're announcing it now because people are needed! Not only to play basketball, but to sell refreshments and tickets, officiate, keep score and a host of other duties. It would even help if there were some people left over to spectate. This is going to take place in the St. Rose of Lima school gym; if there be more details, you'll find them in this column soon. Meanwhile, how about getting your group, club, friends interested? Individuals are most welcome, too. Please call the Youth Activities Office soon, 757-6241, extension 260.

Since the basketball season will be dribbling off before too long, it's about time to be getting ready for CYO softball. Accordingly, two coaches' meetings are scheduled for Saturday. March 1, at which all CYO's planning on entering teams in this year's competition are expected to be represented. The first meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish in Ft. Lauderdale, while the second will be that afternoon at two o'clock at St. Timothy parish in Miami.

\* Arts and crafts show, science fair, livestock exhibits, and all kinds of musical entertainment: that's a pretty Fair picture - of the Dade County Youth Fair, that is - which opens this Thursday, Feb. 27, and runs for 11 exciting days at Tamiami Park, 107th Avenue and Coral Way. If you're entering an exhibit, good luck! If not, come anyway and see everyone's handiwork; listen to contemporary, Nashville and Gospel music; and just plain enjoy yourself and the other 349,-







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### It's a Date

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Reservations close today for the Jungle Queen Barbecue Cruise which ST. KEVIN parish, Miami, will sponsor on March 1. For further information call 223-5125 or 223-7420.

Country Jamboree sponsored by the student government association begins at 7 p.m. today at BARRY COLLEGE, N. Miami Ave. and 115 St. and continues through Feb. 22 beginning at 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Vocations Committee of NATIVITY PARISH. Hollywood. is sponsoring a trip to St. John Vianney Seminary leaving the parish grounds by bus at 9:30 a.m.

Casino Royale under the auspices of ST. LAWRENCE Council of Catholic Women, 2200 NE 191 St., N. Miami Beach, begins at 8 p.m. in the church annex.

Belated Valentine Wine Tasting Party will be sponsored by the CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB at 9 p.m. at Jeff glander's Club Room, 9962 SW 88 St. (Kendall Dr.)

Annual Archbishop's Burse card party sponsored by COURT PALM BEACH, CDA, begins at 2 p.m. in the Court hall, 537 Pine Terrace, West Palm Beach. Refreshments will be served.

Dessert Card party under the auspices of ST. ANDREW TOWERS residents organization is slated at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Towers in Coral Springs. The public is invited to attend.

ST. ANN SCHOOL, West Palm Beach, will benefit from a luncheon and fashion show at 12:15 p.m. at the Hotel Breakers. For tickets call 683-9544.

A dance under the auspices of the ladies of ST. CLARE PARISH, North Palm Beach, begins at 9 p.m. in the parish hall For tickets call 626-0914.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

Lenten Mission begins today in ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA Church, Key West and will continue daily at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Married couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this month will observe them during the 10 30 a.m. Mass in ST. JAMES CHURCH A social hour follows in the parish hall, North Miami.

Meeting of OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Women's Guild is scheduled after the 8 a.m. Mass in the rec-

Members of HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, Lantana, celebrating welding anniversaries this month will participate in the noon Mass and receive special scrolls

Spaghetti supper will be served by the Women's Guild of ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in McDermost Hall 5400 SW 102 Ave., Miami Special rates for children under 12.

MONDAY, FEB. 24

Their silver anniversary will be observed by MIAMI BEACH COUNCIL, K. of C. during 8, 30 p.m. dinner at Rocky Graziani's, Biscayne Blvd and NW 135 St. A special program is planned.

Next lecture in the Lenten Adult Education program at ST. EDWARD CHURCH, Palm Beach, will feature Father Killian McGowan, C.P., speaking on "The Bible and the Holy Spirit.

"Bible Brush-Up" programs begins at 7:30 p m in ST. JAMES parish, 601 NW 131 St., North Dade. Lecturers will be Father Gerard LaCerra and Father Francisco Acosta conducting sessions in English and Spanish simultaneously

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

'Stable Bread Box' booth staffed by parishioners of ST. MAURICE parish. Fort Lauderdale, will be a feature during today's Charity Day at the Hollywood Fashion Center Donations of a variety of breads are needed.

Friendship Club at CORPUS CHRISTI parish, meets every Tuesday at 3220 NW Seventh Ave., Miami and welcomes senior citizens for socializing, refreshments, cards, etc. Transportation is available if needed. For further informatton call &X-1301

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Dessert-card party under the auspices of the LADIES OF THE KNIGHTS of Columbus begins at 12:30 p.m. in the K. C. Hall, 3314 Old Dixie H'Way, Boynton Beach, Tickets may be obtained by calling 584-77%.

"Morality- What Is It?" will be the topic of Father John Haran, S.J. at 8 p.m. in ST. ROSE OF LIMA auditorium,



PATRONESS of the recent dinner-dance to benefit St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, was Mrs. Nelson Swift Morris shown receiving a plaque of recognition from Sister Margaret McManus, O.S.F., hospital administrator.

10690 NE Fifth Ave., Miami Shores. The same lecture will be heard at 10 a.m. on Feb. 27.

Next free health lecture at HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL. Fort Lauderdale, will feature Dr. Nathan Mayl speaking on "Face Lifts, Nose Jobs, and Other Enhancements." Reservations must be made by calling 771-7423 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27 Golden Age Club of ST. LOUIS parish meets at 10 a.m. in the parish center, 7270 SW 120 St., Miami.

Patriotic party traditionally sponsored by the Patrician Club of ST. PATRICK CHURCH, Miami, will also mark the

### NCCJ unit to honor three area leaders

Three community leaders will be honored at the 23rd annual National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Hotel Fon-

Recipients of the NCCI Silver Medallion awards will be Fred B. Snite, longtime benefactor of hospitals and instututions of higher learning, Harry P. Cain, Metropolitan Dade County Commissioner and David B. Fleeman, president, Fleeman Builders.

A member of St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach, Snite, now 30, served as a chairman of the Advisory Board and patron of the annual benefit dinner dance for St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, for more than 25 years. An honorary alumnus of Barry College, he is a longtime benefactor of Fullen Catholic University in Taipei. Taiwan and also served as director of the Board of Archdiocesan Catholic Charities in Chicago. He is a member of the executive committee of Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Business School of Notre Dame University

Former U.S. Senator Cain was Mayor of Tacoma from 1938 to 1945, served in the U.S. Senate from the state of Washington from 1945 to 1953, and was a Presidential appointee to Subversive Activities Control Board from 1953 to 1956. A World War II veteran he was promoted to the rank of colonel during the Battle of the Bulge and received battle awards from the U.S., France, Belgium and the USSR, He joined the First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. in 1957 and since that time has been a president, vice president, treasurer, director, trustee, advisor, or chairman in a large number of local, state and national civic organizations.

A member of the Board of Directors of WPBT-TV, CH. 2. Fleeman is the immediate past president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and former chairman of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee. An honorary vice president of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the aged, he formerly served as president of the Home Builders Assn. of South Florida and as a member of the board of Temple Israel. He is a member of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee and formerly served as vice president of the local Economic Opportunity Program. Inc.

### Annunciation sets renewal

WEST HOLLYWOOD - A Parish Spiritual Renewal begins at 7 pm. Monday. Feb. 24 and continues through Sunday, March 2 at Annunciation Church

The daily sessions conducted by Falher Brennan Manning, a Franciscan of the Thurd Order Regular, will be based on the former parishtype retreat.

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cornerstone laying of the church founded in 1926 at 11 a.m. at the Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach. For tickets call 534-6796. Fashions from Jordan Marsh will be featured as well as entertainment.

"Is Anything A Sin Anymore" will be the topic for the second in a series of Lenten workshops at 8 p.m. in EPIPHANY PARISH Hall, 8235 SW 57 Ave., Miami.

SCOUT LEADERS in the Lake Worth-Palm Beach area will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Madonna Hall, SACRED HEART PARISH, Lake Worth.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

COURT HOLY SPIRIT, CDA, will sponsor their monthly card party at noon in St. Elizabeth Gardens, 801 NE 33 St., Pompano Beach.

### Lent Adult Ed sessions set

Two more parishes have scheduled Lenten Adult Education sessions featuring well-known Archdiocesan speakers who are experts in their respective fields.

'Bible Brush-Up" is the subject of a Lenten lecture series scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24 in St. James parish hall, North Miami.

Lecturers during the bilingual program will be Father Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; and Father Francisco Acosta, who will conduct sessions simultaneously. Socials will follow the

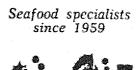
two-hour session. Interested adults, teenagers and friends are invited to participate in the program which has its first topic, "The Role of Scripture in the Life of the Church and the Individual

In St. Rose of Lima parish special programs are scheduled on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the auditorium, 10690 NE Fourth Ave.

Father John T. Haran, S.J., Professor of Moral Theology at the Archdiocesan Major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul. Boynton Beach, will speak on "Morality - What Is It?" on Feb. 26-27.

Speakers in subsequent weeks will include Father Thomas Foudy, S.T.D., Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the major seminary; Msgr. James J. Walsh. spiritual director, major seminary; Father Gerald R. Morris, S.S.L., Professor of Sacred Scripture at the major seminary: and Auxiliary Bishop Rene H. Gracida, a member of the Liturgy Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Similar Adult Education programs are also being conducted in other parishes of the Archdiocese including St. Edward parish. Palm Beach, on Tuesday evenings: and Epiphany parish. South Miami on Thursday evenings.



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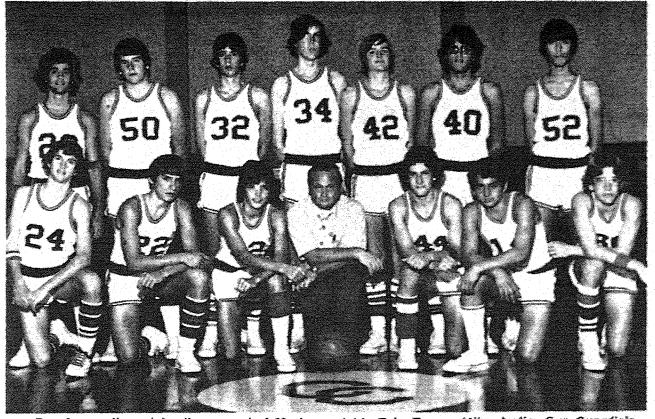
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right, Eric Evans, Mike Audie, Gus Guardiola, Coach Tom O'Neil, Ralph Ribero, Rick Palmer and John Callahan. Back row, left to right, Pedro Busse, Richard Reilly, Caesar Odio, Tim Sweeney, Paul Girten, Jorge Perez, and Bob Ibarra. In the County championship game Columbus lost to Miami Lakes High School, 61-48.

# riests hear abortion discussed

Continued from page 1 baby dies before coming out.

"THIS IS how absurd the abortion legalisms have become." he said.

He said the abortion issue can be looked at from a religious, social, legal or biological point of view and can be disputed from any of these

Concerning the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing abortions, Dr. Willke pointed out other Supreme Court decisions concerning human life that had been immoral and had been overturned, such as the Dred Scott decision making slaves "nonpersons" in the eyes of the law.

He noted that many state laws based on "viability," the ability of the fetus to survive

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outside of the womb, have nothing to do with humanness or personhood but with the state of medical skill which has moved viability from 30 weeks up to about 20 weeks at pre-

IN OTHER words, he said. the facts and logic are against abortion and it is a matter of educating the people to the facts so they will oppose it actively. He encouraged the priests

not to get weary of the issue but to educate their people with literature and from the pulpit.

"The abortion movement is not a movement of the people, it is an elitist movement," said Dr. Willke, author of the nationally know "Handbook on Abortion.

He traced the trend in American life away from arranged marriages to marriage based on mutual love, the separation of love and sex and procreation and finally the acceptance of open sex by much of society.

"THEN. SINCE we give people the right to do as they please sexually, we have to solve the woman's problem for her when she gets pregnant, so we give her the 'right' to an abortion.

### Bishops' spokesman praises verdict

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THE JURY in Boston had convicted Dr. Edelin, a physician at Boston City Hospital, of manslaughter in connection with an abortion he performed at the hospital Oct. 3, 1973. According to prosecution testimony. after separating the 24-week-old fetus from its mother's placenta, Dr. Edelin waited at least three minutes before removing the "male child" from the ulerus The prosecution contended that the child was still alive after separation from the placenta and therefore no longer a fetus but an already-born male child; and that Dr. Edelin's conduct in allowing the child to die was

manslaughter "The verdict of the jury," said Msgr McHugh. "is a good one because it supports the value of human life." He pointed out that Dr. Edelin had said in his own testimony that he considered the termination of the pregnancy only in terms of the wellbeing of the mother, not in

terms of the fetus "The jury in reaching a verdict expressed convictions widespread in American life. Msgr. McHugh said

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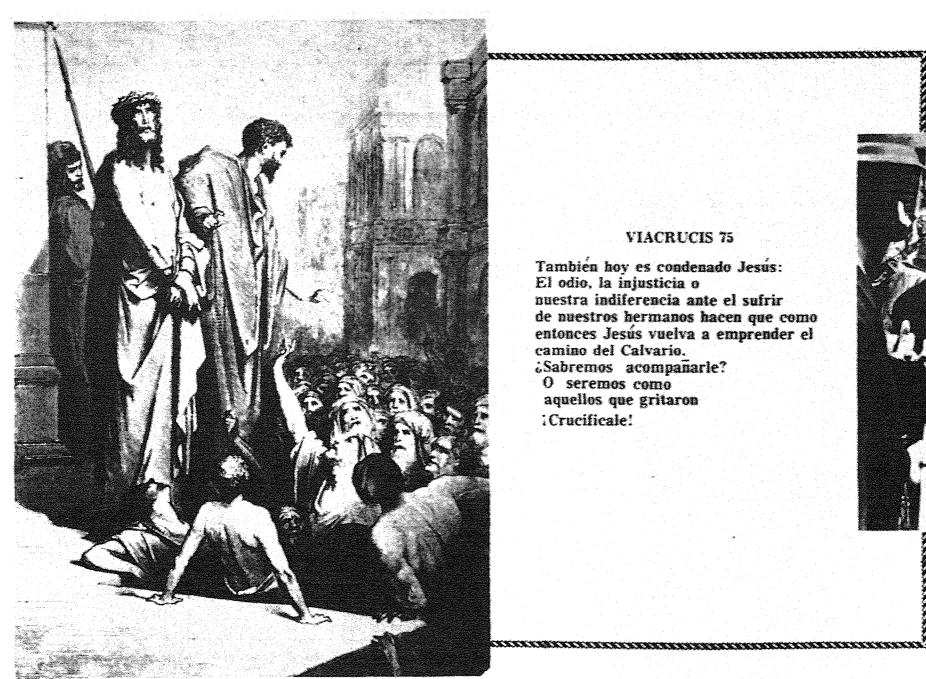
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También hoy es condenado Jesús: El odio, la injusticia o nuestra indiferencia ante el sufrir de nuestros hermanos hacen que como entonces Jesús vuelva a emprender el camino del Calvario. ¿Sabremos acompañarle? O seremos como aquellos que gritaron : Crucificale!



### CUARESMA 75

### Per ORLANDO O. ESPIN, PBRO.

Dice la Biblia que Dios creo el hombre a su imagen. Esto quizas nos lleve a pensar que por eso el hombre es el único ser capaz de razonar, de descubrimientos, y de inmortalidad. Todo esto es cierto. Pero me temo que eso no es lo más importante o maravilloso en este mensaje biblico. Para profundizar más en este pasaje de la creación, hay que recordar también que la Biblia dice que Dios es Trinidad. En otras palabras, tres personas que forman una unidad total y perfecta, por el amor. Y es a esta imagen que todos nosotros fuimos creados. Esto entonces quiere decir que ser hombre es ser "hermano", es ser forjador de comunidad por el amor. Esa es la maravilla.

QUIZAS no veamos la importancia o las serias consecuencias que tiene esta visión de la creación. Volvamos a Miami, como la semana pasada. Un vistazo nos muestra una ciudad dividida, donde impera el dólar, el consumo y el "aparentar". Los valores por los que vivimos todos los días (que NO son necesariamente los que repetimos con los labios) nos cuentan historias de matrimonios destruídos, hijos que sufren, de egoismos, rencor, intranquilidad, desespero, apatia,

No es un cuadro bonito, y menos cuando recordamos todas las infidelidades y dolores que guardamos secretamente. A esto podemos quizás añadir el cansancio espíritual de tantos que se dicen cristianos, y las hipocresias que a veces hay que resistir hasta en las mismas iglesias. Tristemente, esta es la realidad - o al menos parte de ella. La creación de Dios se ha roto en Miami (y en todas partes). No somos como Dios nos creó. No hay fraternidad entre nosotros.

Y habiamos dicho que ser hombre era reconocerse como creado a la imagen de Dios-Comunidad. para ser hermano y forjador de unidad entre los hombres. Como todo lo demás en la Revelación, esto NO es para ser guardado en un fichero mental, sino para ser VIVIDO en la realidad de todos los dias - la realidad de Miami, que no es ni fraterna ni comunitaria.

¿Qué hacer ante la realidad del mundo de los hombres? Hay que descubrir, con la luz de la Palabra de Dios, por qué la creación ha sufrido, y sigue sufriendo, tal ruptura. ¿Por qué se ha roto la imagen de Dios en nosotros? En otras palabras, hay que preguntarse en serio qué es el pecado y cuáles son las cadenas por las que me hace esclavo y por las que esclaviza a Miami. Hay que reconocer que todos somos frágiles y capaces de contribuir a la ruptura y al mal. y que esta

# Miles sufren porque tu comodidad es fruto de su miseria

contribución negativa (este pecado nuestro). tiene repercusiones que infectan a nuestra sociedad en todos sus niveles y en todas sus estructuras. O dicho de otra forma, como lo dijeron los obispos latinoamericanos en su conferencia general en Medellin. el pecado rompe al hombre y rompe también a la sociedad. liegando a institucionalizarse, a hacerse parte integrante de nuestra política. nuestra economia, nuestras escuelas, nuestras familias: nuestra sociedad.

Ante tal cuadro cualquiera puede ahogarse. Pero el desespero no es para cristianos. Nosotros creemos en la esperanza y en nuestra capacidad de contribuir a la recreación del mundo. Porque nuestro Dios. Comunidad Perfecta de Amor, ha intervenido y sigue interviniendo para liberarnos. y para liberar al mundo de la esclavitud del pecado y sus consecuencias. Como dice San Pablo, en Cristo todo se hace nuevo. Cristo es capaz hoy, por su muerte y resurrección, de re-crearlo todo a la imagen de nuestro Dios Comunitario - empezando por el hombre. Empezando por tí.

Ser cristiano, por lo tanto, es mucho más que cumplir con ciertas obligaciones, que ser decente, o que asistir al templo. Ser cristiano es aceptar el desafío de Cristo a convertirnos en verdaderas imágenes de Dios, del Dios-Comunidad. Ser cristiano es descubrirse como hermano, como agente constructor de comunidad. Ser cristiano es tener vocación de renovador del mundo - del mundo de Miami, a la imagen de Dios. Ser cristiano es nunca estar satisfecho con lo hecho, sino ser peregrino en busca de más. Ser discípulo de Cristo es ser libre de toda esclavitud, estereotipo, y preconcepción. Es ser quien proclame la libertad verdadera a esta sociedad rota por la división del pecado. Ser amigo de Cristo es desafiar a Miami a que nazca de nuevo, según el Evangelio.

ALGUIEN dirá que todo esto es un poco utópico. Estoy de acuerdo que esto es irrealizable para quien no tenga fe. Porque. para ése, utópico también debe ser el que, por amor a los hombres. Dios se haya hecho hombre y dejado crucificar. Utópico también le debe ser el mandamiento de amar al enemigo, de servicio a los pobres, de volver la otra mejilla. Y más imposible para el que no tiene fe es que los cristianos proclamemos como Dios a uno que se presentó entre nosotros como el obrero de Nazaret, nacido en pobreza, y muerto como criminal.

Estamos en Cuaresma, tiempo de conversión, de cambio. Quizás ya sea hora que nos empecemos a preguntar seriamente si creemos en un Dios que es Comunidad y en lo que esto implica en nuestra vida diaria. Tenemos va que preguntarnos si creemos en el Evangelio. si vamos a vivirlo o meramente a comentario. Si queremos que Miami cambie profundamente, y si estamos dispuestos a hacerio to a esperar que milagrosamente cambie por si solo. Tenemos que preguntamos si vamos a seguir a Cristo, si queremos ser imagenes vivas del Dios de amor, si estamos dispuestos a dar vida a una comunidad de amor entre nosotros. O si preferimos buscar justificaciones a nuestros miedos y nuestra mediocridad, queriendo que Cristo apove nuestra COBARDIA disfrazada de "realismo y

Mientras tu, cristiano, decides si vives o no el mensaje de la nueva creación, recuerda que la división y el dolor siguen en Miami. Mientras tu planificas tu "apostolado" recuerda que del corazón y las gargantas de miles de hombres y mujeres salen gritos pidiendo de Dios la liberación de sus vidas. rotas por cobardes. Que mientras tú te das golpes en el pecho esta Cuaresma y vas a tus

oficios religiosos, hay millones de niños (en el continente donde naciste que mueren de hambre e injusticias

Que mientras tu te preocupas por tu sacristia y tu "grupito" hav seres que mueren en la calle, aplastados por tu mediocridad. Que tu silencio y tu cansancio, que crees lan justificados, son armas con las que están asesinando a otros tras rejas de

MIENTRAS tu vas a tu club, te comes una buena comida, vives en aire acondicionado, tienes a tus niños en los mejores colegios, vistes la mejor ropa (ly todavia protestas por la economia! : mientras tu te crees buen católico, hay miles aqui en el sur de la Florida, y en todo el mundo, que sufren porque tu comodidad es fruto de su miseria. Mientras tú te decides, apoyas y contribuyes a que Miami siga rota por el pecado, a que la imagen del Dios-Comunidad no brille en Miami

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### Reevaluación

Ha comenzado la Cuaresma.

El miércoles de Ceniza dió inicio a esta etapa tradicional del mundo Cristiano.

En dias que vuelan rápidos, se conmemorará el Domingo de Ramos, cuando el Hijo de Dios, fue recibido con vitores y

Y luego se re-editará la semana de la Pasión y Muerte de Cristo.

Por todo ello el tiempo que estamos viviendo es de una gran importancia.

Hay quienes creen, quizás algunos de los más religiosos, que este tiempo es para ir a la Iglesia, visitar las estaciones como se hacía y se sigue tradicionalmente haciendo en la América Hispana, escuchar el Sermón le las Siete Palabras, y cumplir con el precepto Pascual de comulgar una vez al

Otros, los que quizás no estén muy penetrados por los principios religiosos, están ansiosos porque llegue Easter, para irse a la playa, hacer barbecues, picnics, dar un viaje de vacaciones fuera de Miami o hacer un piscina-party.

Creo que tanto unos como otros, esclavizados por la costumbre, siguen los cánones abiertos desde hace años, y quizás pierden de vista. el verdadero, el altísimo significado de la Cuaresma.

La Cuaresma no está para lucir el último traje en la recepción eclesiástica o la mejor trusa en la playa.

La Cuaresma es un alto en el azaroso camino de la vida para hacer un análisis de conciencia. La Cuaresma es una etapa de meditación, pero meditación profunda, a cabalidad, y de unión con Dios.

Recuérdese que Jesucristo, prácticamente en el inicio de este período, se fue al Huerto de los Olivos, y alli meditó, meditó mucho. Y sufrió, sufrió tanto que hasta sudó sangre, pidiendole al Padre Amantisimo que "si podia apartara de el aquel Caliz de amargura y de dolor."

Quizas con este ejemplo el Redentor nos estaba dando la pauta a seguir de hacer un alto en la senda cuesta arriba de la vida y efectuar una revaluación completa de lo hecho a fin de mirar con fuerza, con valentia. con decision al futuro y seguir nuevas sendas no de bienestar personal, sino de amor, amor hacia puestro projimo, amor hacia todos los demas, incluyendo nuestros enemigos.

En el mundo moderno el ir a una iglesia o el ir a una playa es a veces mucho más lácil, que sentarse tranquilamente en un rincon de la casa a meditar, a pensar, a analizar

La vertiginosidad de la vida moderna agola, desgasta, destruye en ocasiones la salud y hasta la vida del ser humano.

Los viajes, las salidas, las reuniones, los mitines, las exigencias demandantes del trabajo y la vida de estos tiempos, mantienen a la humanidad en un constante ir y venir, haciéndola a veces esclava del medio ambiente

Y en esos periodos constantes de la vida humana, no hay tiempo para sentarse a pensar, para hacer un alto y recapacitar.

De ahi que en ocasiones se tenga un estado tan grande de tensión que aun cuando se va a la cama por las noches, el cuerpo se encuentra en un estado de nervios tal que hay barbituricos, etc.

La recesión, la inflación, la depresión, el desempleo y el petróleo son problemas esenciales del mundo moderno. Pero mientras clavemos los otos en la tierra con todos estos problemas, que indudablemente son graves. menos tiempo dedicamos a mirar a las alturas y dejar que el pensamiento haga una evaluación libre, sin presiones, sin apuros, sin vertiginosidad de la situación y el momento que vivimos.

En esta desenfrenada carrera de boy hay que hacer una parada en firme. Y nunca mejor momento en esta Cuaresma que acaba de iniciarse. Dios nos invita, a través de su Hijo Jesucristo, a hacer una revaluación de la vida

No lo defraudemos pensando en el efimero hoy en los tentáculos asfixiantes de una prisa que nosotros mismos creamos

Detengamos el carro de nuestra vida.

Y meditemos meditemos meditemos mucho sobre las cosas de Dios, de nuestros hermanos ... y de nuestros

Solo la unión espiritual con Cristo, la unión espiritual con Dios, podrá hacernos verdaderamente libres . . . verdaderamente felices . . . y no prisioneros del tiránico ambiente de un mundo que se dice libre.

Por el P. JUAN J. SOSA ARTICULO III

El niño que nace en una familia que le ama, al sentirse amado, puede compartir ese amor con los demás sin problema ninguno. No crece en la soledad; por el contrario, se siente parte de una familia y participa activamente en las alegrías y las penas de esa familia que le ha aceptado. En esta participación, en este sentido de "amor en familia" se basa el Sacramento de la Eucaristia.

Como todo Sacramento, la Eucaristia es la actividad del Señor Jesús en la familia de la Iglesia. El niño capaz de distinguir el sentido del Sacramento y de participar en este misterio de amor comienza a participar más activamente en la vida de la Iglesia. Este es el segundo paso en su iniciación cristiana. Por medio de él, descubre que la fe se vive en común y comienza a responsabilizarse por vivirla asi al ser acogido a la mesa de los fieles.

LA APATIA EN LOS ADULTOS

Desgraciadamente, para muchos adultos este Sacramento no es el Sacramento del Amor y la Unidad, el Sacramento de la comunidad que se alimenta alrededor de una mesa familiar y que proclama la vida nueva del Señor. Para ellos, es el Sacramento de la Apatia.

Con tristeza podemos recordar la forma en que se ha usado este Sacramento. Se recibe una vez en la vida, vestido de blanco en un domingo de Mayo con otros niños, cuya gran preocupación es 'hacerlo' todo bien para salir 'bien' en las fotos. En muchos casos se ve como un premio por haber asistido fielmente al catecismo, un tipo de graduación de fin de curso que señala también el final de la preparación cristiana para

Esta es la gran tragedia de este Sacramento. Ya sea por falta de conocimiento o por falta de interés, la Primera Comunión se convierte a su vez en la Ultima.

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### **COMENTARIOS EVANGELICOS**

# La Transfiguración

Por el REV. JOSE P. NICKSE Jesus tomó consigo a Pedro, a Santiago, y a su bermano Juan y los llevó a un cerro alto, lejos de todo. En presencia de ellos Jesús cambió de aspecto: su cara brillaba como el sol y su ropa se puso resplandeciente como la luz . . . Se les aparecieron Moisės y Elias y Jesus hablaba con ellos. Pedro tomó entonces la palabra y dijo a Jesús: :"Señor, qué bien estamos aqui. Si quieres voy a levantar en este lugar tres chozas: una -para ti, otra para Moisés y la tercera para Elias."

Mt 17:1-4

Como podemos ver en la conclusiór de este evangelio, o sea, los versículos 5 á 9, la misión de Cristo termina en la cruz El monte de la Transfiguración está intimamente unido al monte Calvario. La gloria de la Resurrección es la respuesta de Dios ante la entrega de su Hijo Amado.

Pedro siempre es impetuoso. Utiliza su espada en defensa de Cristo. Pocas horas después, lo niega tres veces. Es el primero en confesar i Tu eres el Mesias!" Poco después Cristo mismo le dice: l''Quitate de delante de mi, Satanas!"

Maravillado ante la Transfiguración. Pedro de nuevo lanza su idea impetuosa. "Vamos a quedamos aqui." Vamos a olvidarnos del resto de los apóstoles. Vamos a olvidarnos del resto del mundo. Aqui estamos bien, pues nos quedamos.

¿Acaso no caemos nosotros en la misma tentación de Pedro? Al igual que Pedro, tenemos que bajar del monte porque hay un mundo que nos espera. Tenemos el mandato de Cristo de llevar el evangelio a nuestros hermanos. No ofrecida por el Comité de podemos vivir un cristianismo Los Cien. Oficiará el individualista.

Es muy fácil encontrar la gloria de O.P.

dificil encontrar a Cristo en el oprimido. en el anciano, en el niño anormal, en el pobre. Es facil encontrar a Dios en nuestras iglesias. Es más dificil encontrarle en el projimo. El que dice "Yo amo a Dios," y odia a su hermano, es un mentiroso. No es una exageración. Ni siquiera es original. Es el versiculo 20 del capitulo 4 de la primera carta de

Cristo nos enseña que para llegar a gloria de la Resurrección hay que tomar el camino del Calvario. Cristo baja del monte de la Transfiguración y finalmente entra en Jerusalen para enfrentarse a la violencia que nace del odio v del pecado. Sometiéndose con amor conquista la misma muerte.

Pedro llegó a comprender este gran su vida al igual que su Señor. Pedro de su Palabra y de su Cuerpo y Sangre, llegó a comprender por qué era im- como podemos esperar que lo hagan portante bajar del monte. Pedro llegó a nuestros hijos? comprender el mandato de Cristo de no revelar la Transfiguración hasta des- plo el futuro de su fe' pues de la Resurrección.

Un momento cerca de Cristo, como el de los apostoles en la Transfiguración, nos tiene que llevar a la acción apostólica. No podemos permanecer en la experiencia religiosa solamente. No podemos quedarnos en la montaña. Hay que dar testimonio de nuestra fe.

### Misa por presos políticos en Cuba

El lunes, 24 de febrero, a las 8:30 p.m. en la iglesia de St. Dominic, 5909 NW 7 St. se ofrecerá una misa por la libertad de los presos politicos cubanos Padre Avelino González.



Aunque se siga asistiendo a la celebración Eucaristica domingo tras domingo. triste ver como tantos cristianos aparentan participar en ella y no lo hacen. Se convierten en espectadores que observan pasivamente el regalo de amor más grande que Dios les ha brindado: poder participar de su propia vida por medio de esta acción que Cristo realizó hace 2,000 años y que se renueva activamente en cada celebración de la Santa Misa.

¿QUE ES LA EUCARISTIA?

Hablar de la Eucaristia es hablar de la Liturgia, es hablar de la oración pública de la comunidad de fe que se reune a 'dar gracias' a Dios. Precisamente este es el sentido literal de la palabra Eucaristía: DAR GRACIAS . . . por nuestra vida, por nuestra familia, por nuestra sociedad, por nuestra Iglesia, por la esperanza que representa la Resurrección del Señor, primicia de la nuestra...dar gracias en comunidad.

Y damos gracias aceptando con amor el regalo que Dios nos hace en esta celebración del domingo, un regalo que se recibe en dos formas:

Primero, por la Palabra. En la primera parte de la Misa escuchamos el mensaje que está encerrado en las Sagradas Escrituras: primero, el relato de la experiencia que la Iglesia de los primeros cristianos vivió, o la experiencia que otra comunidad de fe. el pueblo de Israel, viviera mientras esperaba la llegada del Señor. En el Evangelio. escuchamos el anuncio de la Buena Nueva de la Salvación que Jesús trajo a su pueblo y que predicó hasta dar su vida por todos los hombres. El sacerdote, como presidente de la asamblea, nos interpreta este mensaje dinámico y nos hace ver su relación con nuestras vidas.

En la segunda parte de la Misa, nos alimentamos con el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Reunidos en torno a una mesa somos testigos de la acción que el Señor realizó la noche antes de morir cuando quiso permanecer entre nosotros para siempre bajo estos signos tan sencillos: el pan de la amistad que se rompe y se comparte como debe compartirse nuestra vida con los demás: y el vino de la alegría que conforta nuestra vida. que nos ayuda a transformar nuestra condición humana en la esperanza de la vida eterna mientras peregrinamos con nuestros

### LA IGLESIA EN COMUNIDAD

La comunidad se construye airededor de Dios en el Cristo Transfigurado. Es más esta Mesa. El pueblo se alimenta con la Palabra y la Eucaristia. Celebra con alegria la Resurrección de Aquél que murió en una Cruz para enseñarnos a amar a los demás como El nos amó.

> El domingo, pues, es el día de la Resurrección, el día en que los cristianos nos reunimos en un lugar conocido por todos para festejar con alegria y gratitud la nueva vida de Dios que ya recibimos en el Bautismo y que ahora compartimos en la Eucaristia.

> El domingo es el primer dia de la semana; es el día en que nos fortalecemos en comunidad para poder vivir los otros seis días como cristianos auténticos, no sólo de palabras, sino de hechos. La Eucaristia, pues, es la raiz de esa vida cristiana.

Nuestra pregunta es la pregunta de siempre (la que haremos en el resto de estos artículos: Si nosotros no sabemos vivir la Eucaristia, si no respondemos a la llamada misterio de la misión de Cristo y entregó del Señor en esta vida, si no nos alimentamos

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# 'No se puede quitar la cruz de la fe'

La Iglesia no puede suavizar la penitencia, mucho menos en esta era materialista, dijo el Papa Paulo VI a una audiencia de 7,000 personas el miércoles de ceniza. Son muchos los que quisieran que la Iglesia sea muy tolerante con el pecado. "No se puede quitar la Cruz del centro de la fe y la vida cristiana," agregó.

#### DISCRIMINAN CATOLICOS A CHECOESLOVAQUIA

En Checoeslovaquia las monjas no pueden recibir diplomas de enfermeras en colegios del estado, aminció Radio Vaticana al comentar nuevas leves en esa nación comunista. Hay allí varias órdenes afectadas ahora, entre ellas las Hermanas de la Caridad y las Hermanas de San Carlos Borromeo.

#### LA SITUACION EN PERU

En una ciudad afectada por los motines sangrientos, el cardenal Juan Landázuri, arzobispo de Lima, hizo un ferviente llamado al sentido común y a la paz, pero pidió a los mandatarios no exigir del pueblo sacrificios que ellos mismos no estén dispuestos a soportar. En relación "a los cambios estructurales que viene realizando el gobierno, decimos que las renuncias deben recaer sobre todos, porque es posible tener autoridad moral para imponer sacrificios cuando se procede con el ejemplo de la austeridad." Los motines comenzaron cuando el ejército atacó guarniciones de policias en huelga. Se dice que hubo 100 muertos, muchos beridos y casi mil arrestados.

Al llegar de visita a sus misioneros de la Sociedad de Santiago Apóstol, en Perú, el cardenal Humberto Medeiros de Boston se refirió "a los días tan dificiles que vivimos todos," y expresó la esperanza de que al final triunfe la justicia social. La ciudad muestra las cicatrices de incendios, saqueos y otros desórdenes ocurridos la primera semana de febrero, cuando la multitud reaccionó ante la represión del ejército contra una huelga de la policia que pedia un reajuste de salarios.

#### OBISPOS CONTRA POBREZA EN VENEZUELA

Al declarar a 1975 el Año de la Familia, los obispos de Venezuela tratan de resolver problemas causados por la pobreza, la ignorancia, la influencia de las drogas, y el aumento en programas oficiales de control de natalidad; pero su enfoque es positivo, tratando de fomentar los buenos modelos de familia cristiana, y reclamando justicia social que aumente sus ingresos.

### MAS SACERDOTES DE HABLA HISPANA

Mons. Juan Arzube, obispo auxiliar de Los Angeles, pidió que se formen más sacerdotes en lengua inglesa y castellana, para que puedan atender mejor al gran número de católicos hispanos; alabó los esfuerzos de la arquidiócesis de Miami donde se inició un seminario de formación bilingue, y recomendó que otras ciudades con numerosa población hispana hagan lo mismo.

### SIN LUZ MORAL, ¿A DONDE VAMOS A PARAR?

El Papa Paulo VI ha dicho que la conciencia no se forma con simples principios psicológicos del pecado, la distinción entre bien y mal; insistió que la conciencia es la fuerza rectora de la conducta humana. "Sin la iluminación moral y su sensibilidad para distinguir la virtud o el pecado, a dónde vamos a parar?", dijo.

### NINAS ACOLPTAS?

Ha surgido una polémica sobre el empleo de niñas como acólitos para ayudar a la Misa. Mons. Thomas Lyon, de la arquidiócesis de Harford, dijo que los obispos podian autorizar la práctica sin necesidad de una reforma del derecho canónico; pero el P. John Rotelle, del secretariado litúrgico de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos, dijo que no era posible del todo. En algunas parroquias escasas de muchachos habían comenzado a aparecer "acólitas" hasta que intervino el obispo respectivo.

#### NOCHE MUSICAL EN COLUMBUS HIGH

Teresa Pons, cantante cubana de la Opera de New York y otros artistas entre los que figuran grupos folklóricos irlandeses, escoceses y escandinavos, darán vida y color al festival Alrededor del Mundo del Columbus High School. Sábado, Feb. 22, 8:30 p.m. 3000 SW 87 Ave. Entre los atractivos una "Danza del Fuego" al estilo de las islas Samoa.



Ciclistas de siete paises sudamericanos se detienen para rendir tributo de devoción a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo en Maipu, Chile, después de una carrera de 480 millas. Como ofrenda a la Virgen dejaron una biacleta que será obsequiada a un niño necesitado.

# Ayudar: Meta del ABCD

Service Bureau, recibieron campaña. ayuda el pasado año con los

Miles de personas bajo el bispo (ABCD), afirmó Monquias de la Archidiócesis cuidado de las oficinas señor John J. Nevins al regionales del Catholic iniciar la última etapa de la

Monseitor Nevins, Direcfondos recogidos en la Cam- tor diocesano de la campaña, paña de Caridad del Arzo- ha recorrido varias parro-

### ORACION **DE LOS FIELES**

Segundo domingo de Cuaresma

CELEBRANTE: Cristo, en su transfiguración, nos dió una idea de la gloria que con El compartiremos. Llenos de de esperanza en nuestro glorioso destino, presentemos nuestras peticiones al Padre Celestial.

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

- 1. Que esta celebración de la Transfiguración del Señor nos despierte a una conciencia más clara de los valores espirituales, oremos al Señor.
- 2. Que la gloriosa manifestación de Cristo nos aliente a perseverar en nuestros sacrificios y oraciones de cuaresma, oremos al Señor.
- 3. Que aquellos que han perdido la fe en medio de estos críticos tiempos regresen a la Iglesia y recobren la confianza en el sentido glorioso de la vida humana,
- 4. Que todos los cristianos estén siempre listos a escuchar la voz de Tu Hijo, especialmente en este tiempo penitencial de Cuaresma, oremos al Señor.
- 5. Por la libertad de los presos políticos en Cuba, oremos al Señor.

6. Que los ancianos, los tullidos, los pobres y todos los necesitados puedan ser asistidos generosamente a través de la Campaña de Caridad del Arzobispo (ABCD), oremos al Señor.

CELEBRANTE: Padre celestial, hemos visto con los ojos de la fe la gloria de tu hijo muy amado, su rostro radiante como el sol. Su transfiguración es un llamado a la renovación cristiana. Aceptemos el mensaje del Evangelio y transformemos nuestras vidas para que nuestras esperanzas se vean satisfechas en tu glorioso reino. Te lo pedimos por el mismo Cristo, Nuestro Señor.

PUEBLO: Amén.

muchos. En San Pedro, además de visitar la tumba del

apóstol y las excavaciones. podrán asistir durante el último día a la audiencia con el Santo Padre.

Peregrinación

de su estancia en Roma. los peregrinos del Sur de

Florida acompañando al Arzobispo Coleman F.

Carrol de Miami, visitară

Capilla Sixtina, obra maes-

tra de Miguel Angel, asi

como las innumerables

maravillas encerradas en

los museos Vaticanos.

Obras de Rafael, Rubens,

Bellini. Ticiano y otros

Podrán contemplar la

la Ciudad del Vaticano.

Durante el primer dia

a Roma

### Crucero al Caribe

¿Ha soñado Vd. alguna vez con un crucero por el Caribe\*

Pues deje de sonar y empiece a empacar, pues un crucero para dos y otros muchos premios pueden ser suyos si se toma la molestia de contestar unas preguntas.

En el próximo número de la Voz. 28 de febrero. encontrara un cuestionario. Sólo tiene que responder a las preguntas y decirnos en pocas palabras por qué le gusta o no mentando abora. Pensemos le gusta leer la Voz.

Si recibimos sus respuestas, quedará incluido entre los posibles afortunados del sorteo de premios.

Animo! - Y su sueño se hará realidad.

### **CUBANOS:**

hablando en favor de los

oscuridad es parte de la vida

de cada uno. Quizás le hemos

experimentado en el pasado.

quizás la estemos experi-

en las tinieblas de los que

llevan la pesada cruz del alco-

holismo, o la droga. Para

ellos la Iglesia apoya pro-

gramas especiales como el de

St. Luke Center para dro-

gados, o Bethesda para los

"Todos sabemos que la

necesitados.

-Envielo por correo aereo (25c) dirección en inglés: "The President, Commission on Human Rights, Palais des Nations Unies, Geneva, Swetzerland\*.

-Rogamos saque tantas copias como pueda del cupón en blanco, y las distribuya a quienes aun no lo han enviado. Solo un respaldo masivo a esta campaña redundará en beneficio para nuestros hermanos presos. Ellos ofrendan su vida, ofrezca usted su cooperación.

S. E. DR GHULAN ALLANA PRESIDENTE COMISION DE DERECHOS HUMANOS

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