# esvocations are for everyon

VATICAN CITY—(NC)— Pope Paul VI has issued a call for religious vocations in which he also emphasized the ministries available to the laity, ncluding women and married

The Pope directed his message to Catholics in general for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to be celebrated Sunday, May 9.

"YOU KNOW that in the Church exists a unity of mission," the 78-year-old Pope to preach and evangelize (cf. "but its offices, its said, ministries, its services diverse."

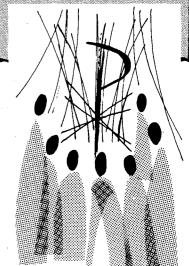
Referring to Christ as the first and greatest evangelizer, the Pontiff quoted Scripture:

"And there are other sheep I have...and these I have to lead as well. They, too, will listen to my voice' (Jn. 10:16). And how will they listen—we may ask with Saint Paul-if there is no one to speak, if there is no one

Rom. 10:14-15)? The voice of priestly vocation as Jesus, the word of God, the prodigious and perennial adliving word of the Father, is venture of evangelization.' always there. But it is also necessary-and this is a out above all in an unwonderful aspect of the mistakable manner, he commystery of the Church-that mented that "to be priests: 'By there be men and women to the power of the sacrament of take it up and repeat it. To orders...they are consecrated to transmit it and spread it, preach the Gospel...partakers parts of the world."

THE POPE praised the

Saying the priest stands enabling it to resound through of the function of Christ the every generation and in all sole mediator...They announce (continued on page 3)





A young mother smiles lovingly down on her daughter at the baptismal font, a symbol of Mother's Day in the modern world, following the example of Mary's presentation of Baby

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# Abp. Bernardin opens U.S. Bishops' meet

By JERRY FILTEAU CHICAGO - (NC) "Stand up and be counted on Catholic teaching," Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati told his fellow U.S. bishops at the beginning of their spring meeting here May 4. He also pointed to possible 'new areas of concern" they might have to consider.

The Cincinnati archbishop, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC), was in-

whose primary topic was a which is a canonically strucreexamination of the roles of tured body dealing with the bishops' twin national conferences.

The reexamination could lead to significant changes in the national priorities of the Catholic Church in the United States, but at the current blueprint in his pocket," one highly placed official told NC News.

THE BISHOPS' two troducing a three-day session conferences are the NCCB,

matters of faith and order, and the USCC, the bishops' civil structure, which handles such areas as social action, national legislative concerns, and

Archbishop Bernardin meeting the direction that such reminded the bishops that as changes might take was an the national conference they open question. "No one has the had a record of strong achievements in the social, doctrinal and pastoral fields.

But he also cited possible "new areas of concern" that (continued on page 24)

# 300 Catholic women convene in Miami

the 18th annual convention of away as Key West and Stuart. the Miami Archdiocesan evening.

Archdiocesan Director of Joseph Vocations, was the guest president; the three-day convention which Mrs.

More than 300 delegates to attracted women from as far treasurer; and Mrs. Bert Behar,

The sessions had as their Council of Catholic Women theme, "I have come that you were urged to "love the Church may have life and have it more and love the priesthood" during abundantly" and "Life, liberty closing sessions Tuesday and the pursuit of happiness." Mrs. Arthur Harlan was in-Msgr. John J. Nevins, stalled as new president; Mrs. Donahue, vice Bernice Mrs.speaker during the banquet of Knothe, recording secretary; the three-day convention which Mrs. Charles Roberts,

corresponding secretary.

SPEAKING ON the eve of the observance of World Day of Vocations throughout the world on Sunday, May 9, also Mother's Day, Msgr. Nevins told Council delegates, their husbands, and guests that there has hardly been a period in the world's history that is so much a woman's as the present Roberts, time, the age of Mary, Mother

Church.

"It is she to this very day who implores us to remain loyal and true sons and daughters of the Church, especially in these trying days," Msgr. Nevins

"I know that she would look to each woman for that ages, did not hesitate to stand defense of the Faith and every priest has always looked to his mother for the encouragement and sympathy as only mothers know how to give by nature and by grace.

"To assure vocations to the priesthood and the religious life during our lifetime, let us Asking you to join with keep in mind the basic quality of Mary Immaculate that should be in each Catholic

VOCATIONS THE director who also is rector of St. John Vianney Seminary told delegates that young people today cite absence of harmony in the home, and parents no longer practicing their Faith as the first two obstacles to

of God and Mother of the religious vocations and he noted that what is needed in every Catholic family is a solid, not necessarily exaggerated, reverence, respect and love for the Church and the priesthood.

When there is a strong family life, centered and based on Christian principles, there is always an increase of loyalty because it has been the vocations," Msgr. Nevins women who, throughout the stated. "You women, and especially parents and grandby their husbands and sons in parents, can do much for the Church of our time in fur-

(continued on page 4)

# Abp. urges vocations prayers

My Dearly beloved people:

of us to pray fervently for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As Chief Shepherd of the Church of the Archdiocese of Miami, I urge you to offer your prayers and sacrifices today and throughout the months ahead in support of those men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of God. I urge parents especially to

Our Holy Father, Pope homes must come forth the priests and religious of ages Paul VI, has proclaimed this clergy and religious who will past, have the same love and Sunday as World Day of lead the Church in future years. devotion for the Church of Vocations, and encourages all It is essential, therefore, that Christ. parents strive to have homes where Christian ideals and values are cherished and where the seeds of a vocation to the religious life will come to fruition.

It is true that we are living in difficult days, but I believe that it is a time when, with generous zeal and firm commitment, the young men and women of our era will prove

realize that from their very that they, too, like dedicated

me today in asking Almighty God to send forth sufficient laborers into his vineyard and wishing God's blessing on the families of our Archdiocese, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Coleman J. Carroll

Archbishop of Miami

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In Tallahassee, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll talks with Florida Reps. Van Poole, Fort Lauderdale; and Tom Gallagher, Coconut Grove; following a Red Mass for legislators and government officials.

## State officials attend Red Mass in capital

TALLAHASSEE-"It is Gracida freedom and because of the law we are guaranteed our freedom," Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami told a Florida's officials of government and legislators, in St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral

The Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical Province of Miami, which embraces the very seriously reflect on the entire state, spoke at the importance of the law." entire state, spoke at the conclusion of a Red Mass at

Smathers, Education Comand about 50 legislators were

of only through law that we have Tallahassee to participate in the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Archbishop Carroll emphasized that "in the making of laws we should realize that they congregation which included are to protect man, help him to achieve his goal in this life and to achieve his goal in the next.'

The Archbishop urged a "holy respect" for the law, noting that "it is important to set aside a day such as this to

During his homily Bishop which he presided as Florida's Gracida told jurists and prelates concelebrated Mass. lawmakers present that "you, Gov. Reubin Askew, who determine policy for the Secretary of State Bruce living and for those yet to be born, must aim at the lasting missioner Ralph Turlington good," as he pointed out their ethical responsibility to rise among the congregation of 500 above specific projects and persons who accepted the programs so they can "chart a invitation of Bishop Rene H. course that is humane and wise."

# 9 seminarians to be ordained as deacons

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ordained deacons by Arch Ohio. bishop Coleman F. Carroll: Thomas Sheehan, Rochester, Archdiocesan Major Seminary N.Y.; Leo Armbrust and of St. Vincent de Paul, Boynton Timothy Sockol, Immaculate Beach and are studying for the Conception parish, Hialeah; priesthood of the Archdiocese James Melley, Our Lady of the of Miami. parish; Charles

Nine seminarians will be Piano, St. Jerome parish, Fort ordained to the Diaconate Lauderdale; Jorge Sardinas, during ceremonies at 11 a.m., St. John the Apostle parish, Saturday, May 8 in the Hialeah; Kenneth Whittaker, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, Opa Locka; and The following will be Clarence Podgorski, Akron,

All are students at the

Through their ordinations Notabartolo, Little Flower to the Order of Diaconate, the parish, Hollywood; Timothy future priests will receive the powers which enable them to share in the priesthood. They may distribute Holy Communion, preach the Gospel, baptize, and officiate at graveside rites.

They may not offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass nor will they have the power to hear confessions since these are reserved for the last of Holy Orders-the priesthood.

During the summer the deacons will be assigned to parishes in South Florida.



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# 'Church has unity, but services are diverse

(continued from page 1) the divine word to all. They he added that deacons, which labor in word and doctrine, include married men, "occupied believing what they have read a special place...serving the and mediated upon in the law of People of God in communion the Lord, teaching what they with bishops and priests, believe, and practicing what particularly in the ministry of they teach' (dogmatic con- the divine word, teaching, stitution Lumen Gentium, 28). exhorting, preaching. As wise collaborators with the episcopal order, they must also held by men and women sanctify and guide their Religious "a privileged place. brothers and sisters in the Tobe consecrated to God: This faith, once they have preached

HE CALLED the position means to offer one's life in the

But immediately afterward the outposts of the missions, and to render the Gospel credible through many different forms of works of charity and through the witness of Christian holiness (cf. the already mentioned apostolic exhortation, 69).

"This is a most noble task which is offered to all, men and women, without any distinction. It is a vast field which lies open to the generous zeal and well-known energy of men service of the Gospel, often in Religious and to the dedication,

inventiveness of women deacons, consecrated persons or Religious," he said.

"In this variety of callings we missionary life, for the direct cannot forget the laity, who are proclamation of the Gospel of called precisely "to collaborate Christ the Lord." with their pastors in the service those who wish to carry out begun to increase.

particular sensitivity and their vocation as priests, lay people in the special and Finally, Pope Paul added, more arduous conditions of

Religious of the ecclesial community, by plunged steeply in the years exercising a great variety of immediately following the ministries, according to the Second Vatican Council. grace and charisms which the Recently, however, seminaries Lord is pleased to give them" have received more applications (ibid, 73). Nor do we forget and vocations in general have

# Pope's decision on visit depends on good health

ROME-(NC)-Pope Paul journalists attend the International Eucharistic Congress next before the event opens, Msgr. Walter Conway, executive secretary of the congress, said at a press conference here May 4.

Speaking to some 20

VI's decision whether or not to representatives, Msgr. Conway replied to a question about the Pope's presence by saying: "He August in Philadelphia will has been invited three times, depend on his health and will and people feel that his not be made public until shortly presence would evoke a great spiritual response. It is a matter that depends upon his health, and no decision will be announced until shortly before the congress.'

Asked what the Pope's role

Congress, he replied, "Cardinal (James R.) Knox, the papal legate, is scheduled to offer the closing Mass before 250,000 on August 8. I presume the Pope would do this if he attends."

When the monsignor said that Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco were scheduled to attend, one of the journalists said that this could be interpreted to mean that the congress will cater to the jetset. He replied that the congress is for everybody, including the jet-set, and continued:

"I do not think that term applies to Princess Grace. She is known as a devoted wife and mother, and she and the prince would participate in a



celebration of Family Day. With the cease-fire bringing a temporary halt to fighting in Beirut, When she is visiting her family a leftist gunman escorts his five-year-old son through a battle in Philadelphia, she frequently zone in the city's waterfront hotel district. Despite the cease-fire, attends Mass in Cardinal Krol's fighting continues and numerous people have been killed in

#### Official

#### **Archdiocese of Miami**

The Chancery announces that upon nomination by the Very Reverend Edmund F. Carroll, T.O.R., Minister Provincial of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Archbishop Carroll has made the following appointments, effective as of May 1, 1976: THE REVEREND EARL JENNINGS, T.O.R.- to

Pastor, Annunciation Church, West Hollywood.

THE REVEREND GEORGE WUENSCHEL, T.O.R. to Chaplain, Hospital and Nursing Home Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Miami.

# Vatican releases catechetics document

WASHINGTON - (NC) -The Vatican released a document on catechetics April 29 aimed at paving the way for fruitful discussions of the subject at next year's Synod of Bishops in Rome.

National bishops' conferences around the world are being asked for comments. In this country, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) will distribute the document and request reactions through its general secretariat.

Entitled "Cathechetics in Our Time, With Special Reference to Catechetics for Children and Young People," the 24-page document warns of the risks involved in the bearing on catechetics. renewal of catechetics, among them "the risk of breaking narrow the discussions that will with the past and the risk of fearing the future.'

NEXT YEAR'S synod topic, the document points out, will follow naturally from the theme of the previous one, held in 1974 on evangelization.

compared relationship between evangelization and catechetics to place the catechetical emto that existing between planting and watering, or extremes of the day. The laying a foundation and erecting a building.

sections dealing with various contemporary factors having a biguities or risks.'

But it does not attempt to take place next year; rather, it seeks to draw information from the national bishops' groups.

So the questions asked in the document will shape the discussions, but some hint of the shape of the meeting is in the text.

THE VATICAN intends phasis somewhere between the document points to "the soting a building. called catechetics of The document contains liberation," which it says is "not always without am-

behind...holding rigidly to pastoral programs mainly thodoxy but not with pedagogical orthodoxy."

precisely in this tension that derstanding in the Church," the document says.

Concerning catechetics and modern cultures, the study of the relationship is important, "for it enables one to get to the roots of many tensions and expectations...in the whole Church, and which are linked...with her catechizing instruction throughout their task, especially in regard to

But "others are lagging children and the young," it goes on.

On catechetics and liberty, concerned with doctinal or the Vatican notes "the right of thodoxy but not with every family to arrange freely every family to arrange freely its own religious life and to 'It often seems that it is decide the religious education of its children." It asks "What there arises lack of un-liberty is granted in your country for the Christian education of the rising generation?" and "How does catechetics in your country intend to promote liberation from social, political, economic and moral conditioning?'

THE DOCUMENT points out that all Christians need (continued on page 17)

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# Women hear pro-life talks by experts

The Bicentennial is pervading every area of American life, but there is at least one woman who can't get "psyched up" about it.

Dr. Gloria Heffernan, a Fort Lauderdale physician and Right-to-Life activist, speaking to members of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at their annual convention this week, said she could not wave a flag "when 1.5 million very young Americans are put to death legally each year."

CITING THE sexual revolution, courts, media, dishonest physicians, women's lib, certain sex education programs and weak moral teachings as factors in enhancing the abortion movement, she said, "Women are being exploited by the new morality. Momentary faithfulness is a cruel fraud perpetrated on women.'

During her talk, Dr. Heffernan showed slides of aborted fetuses which had been torn apart by abortion devices or left to die after being removed alive from the mother's womb.

Saying that women's lib has been beneficial in achieving job equality and raising the awareness of women's dignity, she attacked it for downgrading marriage and family and not taking responsibility into consideration.

"ALL THAT talk about

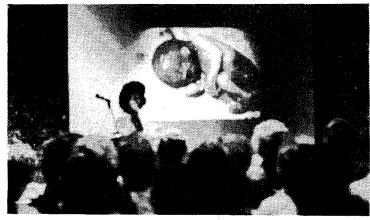
pregnant woman, that she should be able to decide whether or not to have her baby, is absurd," she said. "The pregnant woman already has her baby."

Speaking on death with dignity, Coral Gables attorney and physician Dr. Franklin Evans explained that the right of each person to die with dignity is a consitutional right protected by the Fourth Amendment and reiterated in court decisions from the early 1900's to the present day.

"The right to die needs no additional legislation," he said. The bills proposed in some state legislatures, including Florida's, "provide nothing that can't be done without them," he said. "The ultimate decision rests with the ph-sician, the patient and or the family. What constitutes death with dignity is the physician's responsibility, and it cannot be legislated.'

HE POINTED out that the Catholic Church has repeatedly taken the position that extraordinary means are unnecessary. He added that it has always been the right of the patient to refuse treatment for his own illness.

'There is little doubt in the minds of those following the situation closely that death with dignity legislation is the opening wedge to legalize euthanasia." he said, pointing a religion-oriented course. out that one of the spokesmen for the American Euthanasia Foundation has advocated active euthanasia for the their minds but that certain



Slides showing aborted fetus were featured during "Rainbow of Life" panel during closing sessions of the Miami ACCW convention held in Miami this week.

terminally ill, the hopelessly criminal and certain people who want to commit suicide.

He concluded with figures that show that doctors themselves generally oppose legislation, as the Florida Medical Association has done repeatedly.

Dr. Frank Hildner, a physician and frequent speaker at Pre-Cana Conferences for couples preparing for marriage, spoke of an illness in today's society called "let me do what I please and if I get in trouble it's somebody else's fault.'

HE POINTED out that about half of the people attending Pre-Cana Conferences are under 19 and that most have never had sex education in

Turning to problems of birth control, he said he knew he couldn't make people change statistics should be made available.

He showed a progression of medical journal reports about birth control pills and devices which pointed out the dangers of stroke and heart attack in women taking oral contraceptives and of rejection or complications for women using intra-uterine devices. And now, evidence shows that "the pill" may also cause liver tumors, high blood pressure, gall biadder problems and breast cancer, he said.

LATEST STUDIES show a link between the hormone estrogen, used in oral contraceptives, and uterine cancer,

Father Gerard LaCerra. Archdiocese of Miami director of CCD, spoke on the role of parents in formation of a child's attitudes and values.

'Quite often, parents have said that the school or religious education program will take care of their children's religious education. But the Second Vatican Council said that the parents are the main source of

religious education," he said.
"PARENTS MUST realize their role in the religious formation of their children," he said, citing statistics that by age 15 a child has spent 1,000 hours in church-related activity and 50,000 hours in home related activities.

"A survey of how effective Catholic education is, reached these conclusions: the school doesn't really make a great deal of difference, that parents are the greatest predicters of adult religious behavior; values and attitudes fostered in the school would most likely not survive if they conflicted with religious attitudes in the home; and when Christian values are operative in the home, when augmented by the school, positive growth took place," he

"We have to keep in mind that parents are the primary educators," he concluded.

Moderator of the panel was Father James Reynolds, Archdiocesan director of the Family Life Bureau and pastor of St. James Church.

# 'Love Church, priesthood,' Msgr. Nevins tells women

(continued from page 1) thering vocations to the priesthood and religious life by imbuing within the souls of our youth the spirit of Mary within the home.

IN HIS HOMILY during Monday's opening Mass, Father Laurence Conway, moderator of the Miami ACCW, spoke on the theme of the convention, pointing out that,

"We as Christian Americans can miss the central meaning of double heritage as our Americans and followers of Christ.

"For his life, given for us, poured out for us, becomes the source of our potential for overflowing to the brim. The abundant life, for us is not the abundance of things but rather the abundance of the spirit. Our

heritage celebrates more than 200 years and more than pitched battles and skirmishes, and more than the defiance of a king. Our heritage boasts rather of allegiance to a King, our eternal King. Our pursuit of happiness has a goal of eternal as well as temporary happiness. And the fullness of life, of which we have all received is indeed the King himself.'

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#### 1976 ACCW Convention

New officers of the Miami ACCW were installed during convention by Father Laurence Conway, moderator; and Mrs. Robert Ulseth, outgoing president, left. At right are Mrs. Arthur Harlan, president; Mrs. Joseph Donohue, vice president; Mrs. Bert Behar, corresponding sec'y; Mrs. Bernice Knothe, recording sec'y; and Mrs. Charles Roberts, treasurer.





Outgoing ACCW president, Mrs. Robert Ulseth, turns gavel over to new Council prexy, Mrs. Arthur Harlan, a member of the South Dade Deanery.

Honorary members of the Council and past presidents of the St. DCCW, Augustine left to right, Mrs. Denis Renuart, Mrs. Charles Pope, Mrs. Leo LaBelle, Mrs. J. Leo Gleason and Mrs. Thomas E. Grady; joined ACCW past presidents, foreground and right, Mrs. Thomas Palmer, Mrs. Wendell Gordon, Mrs. Edward Keefe, Mrs. Lou Unis, and Mrs. Dan McCar-





Deanery presidents for 1976-77 are Mrs. Helen Nowels, Jean Hammer, South Broward; Mrs. Jeri Spinella, North Central Dade; Mrs. Paula Morell, West Coast; Mrs. Helen Broward; Mrs. Marge Burns, Palm Beach; Mrs. Joan Mark-Adler, East Coast; Mrs. Eileen Gately, North Dade; Mrs. ham, South Dade; and Mrs. Frances Castillo, Monroe.



Toastmistress at convention banquet was past president, Mrs. Wendell Gordon.

**Hundreds** present for banquet heard Msgr. John Nevins, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, urged delegate to nurture religious vocations in their





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# ditorials

Because motherhood is the symbol of family love and devotion throughout the world, this Mother's Day Sunday might be a good time to think about life in the poor Third World nations as seen through the prism of motherhood in those underdeveloped nations.

Speaking eloquently on this is Father Jose Antonio Esquivel, S.J. who sees the Mother Mary in the poor women of Latin America:

Along the mountains, the roads and the footpaths of my continent of Latin America trudge our country women carrying on their heads jars and containers filled with water. Their faces marked by the sun and by toil. Women who know nothing of luxuries like a refrigerator or television, or even a movie theatre.

Their houses have earthen floors or perhaps bare table which knows nothing of varnish and is certainly not at all "in style.

Women of my continent smell of the earth. They know no other spices or liquids than the water that falls, running down upon and washing their undernourished bodies, and the few rags that cover them.

Their time is today, their life one of constant sacrifice and of trust in God.

Young faces aged by the sun and by labor. Like land that has been worked over, Veiny hands that know neither creams nor cosmetics. Deep eyes, serene, which know tears and know hope. They say, "we know nothing of letters nor of

some poorly placed boards. One or two chairs woven of willows and with four short poles. A

# Mary of the Third World

figures," but, yes, they know God. Out of a faith and a humility that would touch even the most learned of theologians.

Knowing these women with faces blackened by the hearth, with brawny muscles and with hoping eyes, I discovered Mary of Nazareth. Today it is said that devotion to the Virgin Mary is dying. They say "We are preocupied with the Third World, with its men, its women..." And it is in that preoccupation, there exactly, that I discovered a world which shouts and clamors for a dawn where we meet the person, without creams or cosmetics or artistic idealizations, of Mary.

There is no need to repeat what the Holy Scriptures say to us. Mary is that woman of the fields, with the calloused feet, with the forlorn eyes, but with hope, who knows the burden of the jar of water on her head, who "knows nothing of letters nor of figures," but, yes, of God.

Mary is the model of a mother, the model of the woman of the Third World.

The more we set about involving ourselves in the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of our continents, the more will we discover the Christ of today through Mary of the Third World.

If as Christians we are really anxious and desirous of involving ourselves with the poor of the earth, this involvement furthers our identification with Mary.

Our devotion to Mary, Virgin and Mother of Christ Jesus, will not diminish if in the Virgin, stripped of all external trimmings, we discover

Mary of Nazareth of the Third World. The Mother who suffers, who cries, who works, who hopes and who trusts, the handmaid of the Lord.

Hail, Mary, of the Third World, full of grace, you who know pain, know the anxieties and the subhuman conditions of your people, the Lord is with you, with all who suffer, who hunger and thirst for justice, who know neither letters nor

Blessed are you among all the women of our roads and pueblos. Of furrowed faces, of brawny muscles, of calloused hands, of forlorn eyes, but with hope.

Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Because without him, our life and the struggle for human dignity has no meaning.

Holy Mary, holy, a thousand times holy, by your life, by the times that you carry water, that you smudge your face at the hearth, trusting and hoping in God. He has made you Mother of God.

Pray for us sinners, for it is our fault, in one way or another, by our egoism and our envy, that you, joined with the rest of the women and men of the Third World, suffer subhuman conditions, totalitarian governments, wars and blood and hatred.

Now, so that we change, so that there be a conversion of man toward your Son.

And at the hour of our death, so that the Lord have mercy on all who have offended you, you and him, in our brothers, in the men and women of a world which is struggling desperately for Life. Amen.

# Happiness is following God's will



By Msgr. James J. Walsh

In the week "The Sound of Music" was shown for the first time on television, there appeared in TV Guide an article by Maria von Trapp, whose life was the subject of the film. She tells again of the time when she was a postulant in the convent and the Abbess repeatedly put to her the same question. "Maria, what is the most important thing in life?" And she would answer almost mechanically, "The most important thing in life is to find out what is the will of God and then go and do it.'

She concludes her article, written a generation after she left the convent and married, with these words. makes me truly happy is that all the millions and millions of people who have seen 'The Sound of Music' around the world are getting this message: the most important thing in life is to find out what is the will of God and then go and do it."

AND IT is the most important thing for all of us, without exception. No quest in life is so essential as the quest of what God wants us to do. In the days of more simple faith, this was better understood.

People sprinkled their con- wise men for guidance. versation with phrases like, "if God wills it" or "God willing." In recent years, however, in the New Testament. The Gospels emphasis on ourselves as free, are alive with the example of self-determining persons, full of Jesus. Whenever we hear him dependence upon even God seemed out of character with he did, how he acted, what our newly discovered dignity. attitude he took in this or that thought.

that independent and not very reasonable stand, thank goodness. God's will is being seen as a major factor; as Maria said, the most important thing in our life.

Granted that, how do we find out what his will is? In the will of my Father." So must vast areas of our life, in the we. The most important thing daily round, we already know in life. what he wants, what he demands. The Ten Commandments Moses carried for us. Prayer is the answer down from Mt. Sinai spell out here. We beg God to give us how man should approach both light to see. We need guidance God and neighbor. Ten beyond what we can find in Commandments—the will of God. The first three specify derstanding of a confessor. The duties to God, what he wants light of the Holy Spirit which from us. The last seven outline penetrates into areas unduties to our neighbor, how we are obliged to deal with him. Jesus put all ten into two-love necessary throughout life. God, love neighbor.

areas in our lives which need right direction. light and warmth and

He has given us his revealed truth, especially in the rights and privileges, such speak, we know it is God speaking. As we reflect on what Or so some, perhaps many, situation of life, we realize—or we should-that here is the We're swinging away from mind of God spelled out for us in the clearest way. Here is what he wants of us. Here is a vastly different value system that can be found in the world or secular history. Here is the will of God in revelation.

Jesus said, "I do always

THERE IS another way of finding out what he has in mind books or in the patient untouched by human wisdom.

This kind of prayer is Almost spontaneously, at the THESE ARE the divine crossroads of life, we realize guidelines, a map of life, an how inadequate we are to probe infallible directive for hap- the future. Prayer for light to piness. But there are aspects of know what to do about living which do not seem to be marriage or a vocation to the covered sufficiently in the priesthood or Religious life is a commandments. There are grey powerful means of finding the

In the US News & World reassurance in finding God's Report a few years ago, will. The Lord has not aban-Madame Chiang Kai-shek was doned us here. He does not quoted: "Life is really simple, leave us to ourselves or some and yet how confused we make

it. In old Chinese art, there is I pray only that God will make just one outstanding object, perhaps a flower or a scroll. Everything else in the picture is subordinate...

An integrated life is like that. What is that one flower?

'As I see it now, it is the will of God...I used to pray that God would do this or that. Now

his will known to me.'

The theme of the Sound of Music is happiness. No wonder the world has come to love it. But happiness cannot be found apart from God. It all comes down to this: If you make God's will your will, you find happiness...and keep it.

# Should I urge her togo to confession?

he will select those to be answered in this

Q. A member of our family is a very good person who goes to Mass every day. This is the problem. She just does not go to confession. I would say it is at least three years. I am timid in even mentioning it for fear it will start a quarrel.

A. A Catechism of Christian Doctrine used by the Church in Great Britain during the 19th century listed the following commandment of the Church: "to go to confession at least once a year. The fathers of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore (1886) prescribed that the same list should be included in the catechism for the United States.

The minimum of obligation is never the ideal, nor does it satisfy the earnest Christian in the pursuit of perfection. An intensification of one's encounter with Christ is achieved

(Questions will be answered by Father Jose Nickse, assistant pastor. St. Mary Cathedral. Readers are invited to send questions to Father Nickse, The Voice. P. O. Box 38-1059, Miami, 33138. From these Church encourages frequent confession as spiritually profitable.

> Nevertheless, spiritual growth is hindered by frequent confessions that are made in a

#### What is your question?

superficial and routine manner. There is nothing automatic or magic about Confession. Conscious motivation of penitence, humility, and desire to progress in the love of God is needed to assure growth in our spiritual life.

We should be very careful in judging or interfering in someone else's spiritual life. It is something that concerns the individual, the spiritual director and God. Sometimes we can do more harm than good by becoming self-appointed "spiritual directors." It would defeat the purpose of confession to have to quarrel over it.

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# **OPTIMISTIC PRIEST!**

"The people want to see happy priests and happy Brothers and Sisters..."

These are the words of Msgr. John J. Nevins, Archdiocesan director of Vocations, and rector of the St. John Vianney Minor Seminary. Msgr. Nevins is the fulfillment of his own words, a priest with a warm smile and ready laugh that punctuates his conversations, as in the one he had with The Voice this week before the Sunday which is World Day of Vocations as proclaimed by Pope Paul.

Throughout May, The Voice will be highlighting the various aspects of vocations in a series of articles. Next week: Sisters.

Q. You have been interviewed recently by the secular media on the state of the Church. What was your reaction?

MSGR. NEVINS: My reaction is it always has been that regardless of change in the Church, sometimes very necessary as with the Vatican Council, that we always have to have a positive outlook on the future of the Church and that we have to work positively to make the future bright. I'm afraid that the materialism and cultural changes today can have such a negative effect that our people today watching what's happening can get a

depressed outlook.

Our young people are hurt by the onslaught against the family and moral values. They go into vocations or professions and when they come out of the institutions what do they find? They find that society is not offering them much for the future and they get upset. They don't know what the future is

But I am optimistic. Part of the Vatican Council change is a renewal of the broad meaning of the word vocation, which means a calling to everyone for some kind of vocation and an increase in the involvement of the laity. There

is going to be a great future as a result of this collaboration between the priesthood and lay ministries along with the Brothers and Sisters.

Q. How will the increase in lay ministries and other changes in the Church affect the priesthood?

MSGR. NEVINS: If the lay vocations really take full effect the priest will have far more opportunity to practice the sacramental ministry, and this is in more demand today than ever. I find the young people who are supposed to be so alienated from the institutional church are actually (continued on page 8)



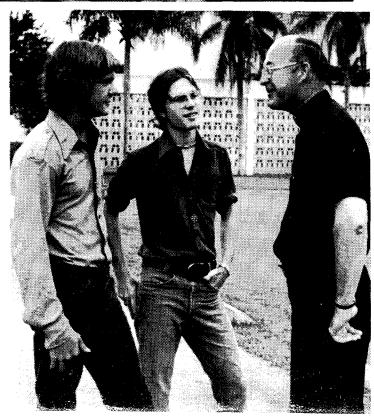
Msgr. John J. Nevins



#### Retreat for teens



Another in a series of weekend retreats for high school youths was held last week at St. John Vianney Seminary where Msgr. John Nevins, seminary rector, is shown above talking to the boys in St. Raphael Chapel on the spacious southwest Miami campus. Youths have an opportunity seminary life first-hand during their overnight stay at the seminary. At left, Neale Thomas and Chuck Maida of Jacksonville enjoy a ping pong game. At right, Msgr. Nevins answers a few questions for Paul Deegan, Christ the King parish; and Ray Colucci, St. Louis parish.

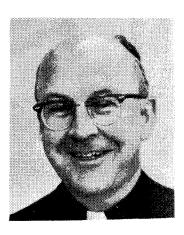


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# 'People want to see a happy priest'

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yearning for more spirituality. You can see this in the different prayer and spirituality movements that are growing today. Talking to the other







vocations directors around the country, they say the same thing.

Even the young people coming into the seminaries, which are now on the increase around the country and here, are more interested in spirituality. They are finding that the secular world and secular values are empty and that they need spirituality to fill their souls and to do things well whether they be priests or in lay vocations.

They know this and we know it but we have to give, as Christians, a positive image of our faith to encourage youth.

Q. Do you think the people's view of the priest is changing?

MSGR. NEVINS: I believe that the Catholic people want to see in their priest one who is completely dedicated to his commitment as a servant of our Lord in the church, a servant to the people. They want to see a priest who strives to be a holy priest. They realize that he has imperfections like anyone else and they are a forgiving people when they know that the priest tries. As I don't think that the Catholic people would ever look down on their priest, especially if he really loves them and they know he is the one who brings their sacraments to them.

They also know that their priest needs them. Especially since Vatican II tha priest needs the people and the various lay organizations. I believe that in this diocese the priests work very closely with their people.

Q. What do you say to young people who may be considering a vocation but feel it is not "in" to be a priest or Sister today?

MSGR. NEVINS: To certain kinds of minds I guess the priesthood would stand for everything contrary "modern thinking." And there will always be peer pressure against a young person considering a vocation. But if he is

honest with himself he believes that there is a real need for spirituality and the young people today would probably admit it if seriously asked.

But-they want to see a happy priest and happy Brothers and Sisters.

young person was challenged, with the statement. "You young people have so much excitement and have so much educational and technological advantages. Why is it that you don't come running into the ranks of priesthood and Religious?"

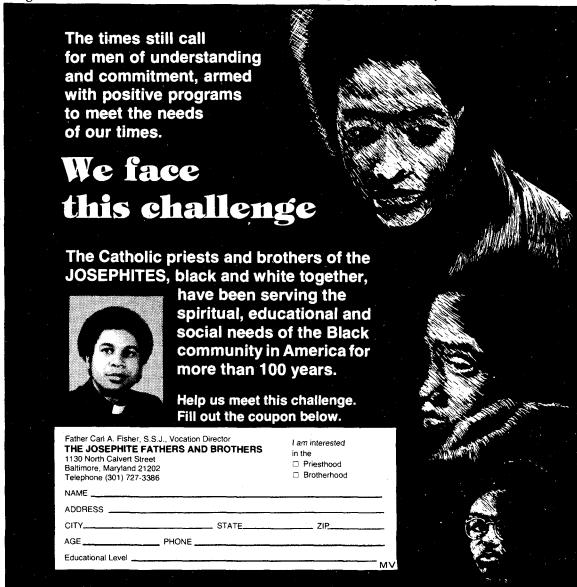
And this young person said very sincerely, "When we see that you are happy in your vocations, then we will come knocking at the doors by the hundreds.

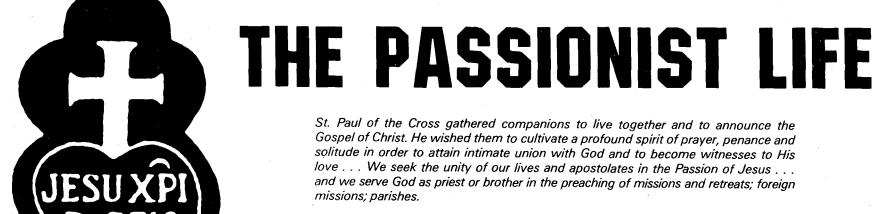
Our priests are the finest in the nation, but they are I recall recently when one pressured in today's world and they get tired at times and need support and prayers of their people. But we do have happy priests and Religious. We believe that when the people see that their priests are happy, and the people are happy, you have a great community.

Q. What can the people do

to foster vocations?

MSGR. NEVINS: Since this Sunday has been proclaimed World Day of Vocations by the Holy Father, I hope that we will all storm heaven with our prayers for vocations. And I hope that we realize that without priests, the leaders of our Christian communities, and other vocations there will be a lot of emptiness. So prayers and a positive attitude about the Church and about the future would help foster vocations greatly on this particular Sunday.





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# High TV exec rips family viewing plan

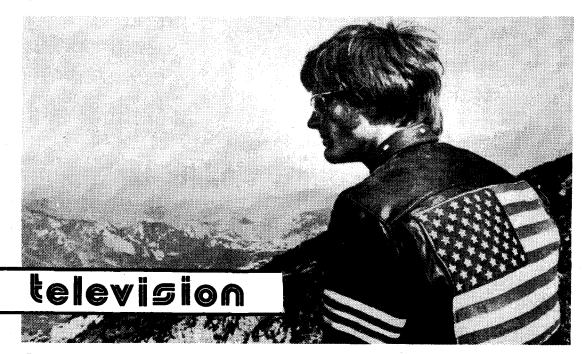
NEW YORK-(NC)-A television executive who has been the industry's most persistent and outspoken in-house critic has called the controversial family viewing plan nothing more than a charade.

In an interview with The New York Times, Donald H. McGannon, president and chairman of the Westinghouse Broadcasting company, criticized the television code of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) for being too

"The code is nothing," McGannon said. "Tell me one thing the code has done—given us family viewing time? Family viewing is a charade. We all know that children watch television after 9 o'clock and are being exposed to excesses in crime and violence while the networks carry on their frenetic competition for audience.'

The family viewing hour, which has been assailed by church groups including the U.S. Catholic Conference, was adopted by the three major networks and the NAB to limit adult programming in the early evening hours.

The Westinghouse executive also criticized the code, which sets standards of advertising, for permitting too many commercials, allowing time to feminine hygiene products, and for failing to adopt rules that would limit over-thecounter drug advertising without investigation of the products' value.



Peter Fonda sets out on a symbolic search for freedom in "Easy Rider," to be shown for the first time on TV in this area May 12 at 9 p.m. on Channel 4. Dennis Hopper and

Academy Award winner Jack Nicholson costar in the movie that reflects ideas of the young in the late sixties and the attitudes of the establishment towards them.

# Network slates fine family film

On Sunday, May 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (ET), the CBS Television network will present the beautifully photographed and poignant film THE YEARLING as a special family presentation.

Filmed in 1947 in Florida and starring Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman, with Claude Jarman, Jr., as their son, THE YEARLING is based upon a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings about a couple striving hard to wrest a living from the scrub more attached to it even as the country of Florida just after the Civil War. Their young son, Jody, is oppressed by the inroads upon the family's solitude of the frontier. And meager food supply. His when his father is bitten by a rattlesnake and, in a desperate attempt to save his life, shoots a doe in order to use its liver to lonely boy decides to raise the Miss

doe's orphaned fawn.

He becomes more and young deer's growing appetite begins to make ever greater mother and father at last come to the decision that they know will cause Jody grief.

Such is the basic plot of counteract the poison, the THE YEARLING. Peck and Wyman turn memorable performances as the parents. Miss Wyman, up to this film, had been limited for the most part to playing a pretty girl in comedies and mysteries, and her portrayal of the stern, unglamorous frontier woman gave her career a new and quite different impetus. Claude Jarman, Jr., is perfect

in other films, most notably INTRUDER IN THE DUST.

THE YEARLING has a wonderfully authentic look and feel to it, something that is perhaps indicated by its having won Academy Awards for art direction, interior decoration the credit for the film's success descend. (A-I) belongs no doubt to its director,

as the awkward, sensitive boy, Clarence Brown, a neglected and he went on to perform well American director whose work was of consistent high quality.

THE YEARLING, then, with its color, its excitement, and its honest sentiment, is a superb family film, that rare kind, considering all the synthetic horrors being foisted on us these days, that truly and cinematography. Much of entertains and does not con-

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# BIRCH INTERVAL:

#### Sensitive, beautiful story of a girl becoming an adult

Birch Interval is a charming and affecting film by Robert B. Radnitz, the producer of Sounder and Where the Lilies Bloom. It takes up an old theme, a young girl on the threshold of womanhood, but does so in a fresh and striking manner. Its setting is one far removed from the paths ordinarily trod in movies.

The time is 1947, and the heroine, 11-year-old Jesse O'Casey (Susan McClung), a New York City girl, confronts the emerging complexities of adult life in the tranquil. beautiful Amish country of Pennsylvania. Her widowed mother, off to study in Europe, sends her to stay with her Grandfather Strawacher (Eddie Albert) and her Uncle Tom (Rip Torn), whose family now lives in the old Strawacher home in the tiny village of Birch In-

THOUGH sorry to be

separated from her mother, Jesse is happy enough to be in Birch Interval because her grandfather's house and the lovely countryside around it have always, for the whole long span of her 11 years, represented peace and stability—a place that always remained the same. When she confides this feeling to her uncle, however, he cautions her gently, quoting the words of the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland: "Things are not what they seem."

Indeed, however peaceful the natural setting of Birch Interval, with the leaves taking on their familiar autumn colors, the human side of things is fraught with tension, some external to the family and some internal. Uncle Tom's wife (Ann Wedgeworth) is obviously discontent with the behavior of her moody husband, and even her grandfather does not know

quite what to make of the idiosyncratic behavior of his

Her father dead in the war, her mother in Europe, Jesse desperately needs the warmth and love that she had always counted on getting from her grandfather and from her Uncle Tom's family, but now she begins to realize that more is being demanded from her than when she was little.

THE CRISIS that brings this realization comes about when her grandfather is forced into an agonizing decision to cooperate with the authorities, who want to submit his son to a mental examination.

The acting is very good. Susan McClung is perfect physically for the role, and she holds her own with Rip Torn. who gives a fine, understated performance as Uncle Tom, and Eddie Albert, altogether winning and believable as



Susan McClung plays Jesse O'Casey, a girl who has a deep affection for her idiosyncratic Uncle Tom (Rip Torn), in BIRCH INTERVAL, a Gamma III release.

Grandfather Strawacher. Anne complishment. It is, moreover, Revere, absent from the screen for more than twenty-five years because of the notorious plague of the blacklist, contributes a superb performance as an eccentric old woman befriended by Samuel (Brian Part), Jesse's cousin, who shares his father's

independence of mind.

The film could do with a better defined form perhaps. Its understated quality, though in most respects one of its major to be episodic, a series of vignettes which really do not build to a climax.

Despite its flaws, however, Birch Interval is a rare ac-

and light. Besides the theme of Tom's growing emotional instability, there is the matter of his wife becoming pregnant by a neighbor, and there is also a scene in which Jesse is tormented by a gang of boys whose motives are obviously sexual. All this is done with virtues, does leave one a bit taste and restraint, however, unsatisfied. Then too, it tends and the movie as a whole provides thoughtful parents with much to talk over with their children. And how often does a picture like that come

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# Cole Porter songs make fun evening

By J. HERBERT BLAIS

Gifted pianist Randy Wandless helped the Players Repertory Theatre pull off the surprise performance of their season on Saturday.

Sitting in at zero hour for suddenly hospitalized musical director Warren Broome, Wandless, a Cole Porter devotee, zipped splendidly through a rousing opening night as accompanist for five Players who sang deftly and joyfully, "The Decline and Fall of the Entire World As Seen Through the Eyes of Cole Porter.

THIS FLORIDA premiere of the off-Broadway revue is distinguished as much by the clever choreography of Miami's Marilyn Laudadio as by the rediscovery, at the end of their prime musical talent.

"Decline and Fall" is the kind of fast-moving, fun-withmusic thing so popular in the American dinner theatre circuit. Its framework is the 30year career of songwriter Cole Porter. New material was added here by Lee Goldsmith, and original arrangements were added by Broome, who also serves as choral director for the Miami Opera Association.

Wisely assessing their individual skills, The Players lavish improvisational talent on the Noel Coward-like comedy pieces at which Porter excelled but few of which are remembered today. The show is replete with vintage songs many of us have never heard before.

THEY WERE welladvised to cut romantic ballads eighth year, that the Museum like, "Easy to Love," and, "At of Science group includes some Long Last Love," and they

resist giving more than passing reference to unforgettable melodies like, "I've Got You Under My Skin.'

In two departures from the New York script, Dan Duckworth does a beautifully sardonic "Where Is the Life that Once I Led?" and is joined by Wendy Dillon for a joshing "Don't Fence Me In."

Dillon delights her fans with. "Tale of the Oyster" and, "Missus Lowsborough-Good-

Ed Lupinski is the evening's slickest performer, handsome with star quality ease and subtlety. William Hindman and Flora Lerman give the quintet a professional



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# St. Anthony's -- 50 years of education



Students of the first year of St. Anthony's school, 1926, pose outside the original building with their teachers and pastor, Father

Michael Mullaly. The building pictured is still

By JODI BEYER **Broward County** Correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE-Like a seed that has blossomed with thick and interwining roots, St. Anthony's School is a source of history here. For 50 years these roots have been spreading and the fruits are plentiful.

This comparison was suggested by Sister Francis Elizabeth McDonnell, O.P., St. Anthony's principal. Personal memories, scrapbooks, year-books, pictures, and family trees support the comparison.

DURING the 1920's, with the need for Catholic education ever growing in Fort Lauderdale, Father Michael Mullaly, pastor, organized the plans and finances for the original two story building that would expand to the present St. Anthony School campus. This structure was dedicated in September 1926, and the school opened with 64 pupils in its six grade levels. Four Adrian Dominican nuns comprised the staff.

Father John J. O'Looney became the pastor of St. Anthony's in 1929. Under his "loyal and dedicated guidance," mentioned by dedicated many, the school continued to staff.' grow both in student number and structure. By 1939 St. grades one through 12, con-680 students.

was pastor the original section private organizations," she of the convent was built and said. later expanded. Portable classrooms were added and a at St. Anthony's is seen in the temporary cafeteria was history of the parents involved opened. The auditorium and in the school. The lists of gymnasium were soon con- parents assisting as teacher structed and plans were un- aides and room mothers over

derway in 1947 for a new the years are long. Likewise is church. After 1953 the Mon- the number of children of signor saw more structural alumni returning from all changes with a new wing for the directions to follow in the school, playground areas, and parking facilities erupting from names reappear time and time land purchases.

Monsignor O'Looney commented on his years as pastor: "All the people were very good and helpful. They saw they had to help and they did, through many sacrifices. It Catholic '55) attended grades was wonderful.'

In 1971 Father Lawrence J. Conway was appointed pastor of St. Anthony's parish. He is currently joined by five Adrian Dominican Sisters and 19 lay faculty members instructing 547 students from 14 parishes in eight grades. The religious atmosphere spreads through 16 classrooms, library and reference rooms, cafeteria, parish hall, gym, and administrative offices. One teacher echoing the sentiments of other faculty members, said that this atmosphere and training has 'encouraged and provides the fertile ground for positive change in the attitudes of the students as well as in many of the parents and members of the larger community who came in contact with the student body, faculty, administration and

In addition, the faculty, administration and staff of St. Anthony's School was serving Anthony's School endeavor to "cooperate and work with tinuing to do so until Central parents in helping their Catholic High (now St. Thomas children become creative Aquinas) was built in 1952. Christians who appreciate the This was also the year that the values of free, democratic Father was invested as society. We strive to encourage Monsignor. At that time St. the maximum participation of Anthony's enrollment totaled all parents in school activities and to utilize all available While Father O'Looney resources from civic, public and

Part of the flowering trend

parents' roles. The family again on class lists as, generation after generation, the value of education is associated with those values found at St. Anthony's School.

William J. Keith (Central one through nine at St. Anthony's and then Central Catholic upon its completion. 'I can see now that the education was far superior at the time," Keith reflected. "I am very pleased and quite here, that is amazing," fortunate to have been associated with St. Anthony's. The quality of the people and the discipline, though I did not Anthony's over the fifty year appreciate that then, helped one feel comfortable in the

quality of life in general is higher in a small community.

"THAT QUALITY,"
Keith continued, "is evident in cited by Keith were Tom Maus of Maus and Hoffman, Bill brother, Fred Keith ('53). The elder Keith had a goal in ninth did and graduated in the top ten per cent of his class. He now serves as a full captain in the Anthony's School: "The

small community. I think the graduates, Brian Piccolo and Chris Evert."

COUNTLESS students passing through St. Anthony's, perhaps to make the graduates." Among those their mark on history later, enjoy the many extra-curricular activities as well as academics Bondurant of the Fort offered. Pictures of school Lauderdale News and his activities reflect joy, anticipation, appreciation, and pride at sports events, field grade to attend Annapolis. He trips, fair days, and community projects. In their own words, the students commented on St.

#### Celebration is tonight

FORT LAUDERDALE-A celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of St. Anthony School will be held tonight (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Bahia Mar Hotel.

Reservations may be obtained through the St. Anthony parish rectory for the event, which will be attended by former pastor Msgr. John O'Looney; present pastor Father Laurence Conway, V.F.; alumni and friends of the school.

submarine.

What about the teachers? "one of the really fine people accomplish something." associated with St. Anthony's. West Palm."

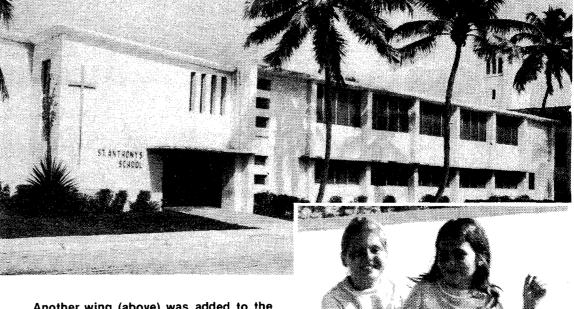
Keith is one of many graduates whose children of education to date, the attend St. Anthony's School now. "The education is still excellent today," he said, "and fortunately, still strict."

The principal, Sister Francis, referred to the interesting people and background of the school as well. There is a closeness, a unity commented. Many local and nationally known individuals have spent some time at St. period. Sister smiled, "We do boast especially of two of our

Navy in command of a nuclear teachers understand problems and help you solve them; the teachers are nice. Classes are Sister Mary Evangela, O.P. fun and interesting; we get a was mentioned by Keith as good education. I feel like I

For students to make these Many," he said, "still com-remarks, St. Anthony's has had municate with her today in to accomplish its many objectives. For Fort Lauderdale to allow St. Anthony's 50 years community has helped also. Keith commented: "I think the major contributor to the success of St. Anthony's, and a very dynamic force in Catholic education here in Broward County, has been Msgr. O'Looney."

> Where there was once no elementary parochial education between Gesu in Miami and St. Ann in West Palm Beach, there is now St. Anthony's in northeast Fort Lauderdale celebrating 50 years of growing.



Another wing (above) was added to the school in the 1950's under the leadership of Msgr. John O'Looney, who still resides at St. Anthony parish. At right, students of today pose a little more candidly in front of the school than did the members of the class of '26, some of whom are the grandparents of students attending the school today.

#### **CCD** heads adopt adult ed program

education planning and priorities will move rapidly toward adult and pastorally centered efforts, emphasizing faith formation and development of lay ministries, according to a national meeting of diocesan directors held here last

The National Conference of Diocesan Directors-CCD were challenged repeatedly toward a moratorium traditional CCD programs in favor of broader adult goals at their 40th annual meeting, which centered on catechetical implications of the revised rite of Christian initiation of adults. Father Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocese of Miami director of CCD, serves as secretary of the organization.

AT THE close of the meeting, the organization adopted three year goals, committing itself to adult education research, evaluation and upgrading of diocesan seminary administration, formation and collaboration with other national religious education groups.

In the meeting's keynote address, Father James Haddad, director of clergy education for the Archdiocese of Boston, called upon educators to develop an ease of style and ability to translate Christ's meaning in realistic terms, that are not elitist. "The center of Christian life must be worship, and meaning in worship which is neither theatre or extended sensitivity group.

Two hundred and forty administrators representing one hundred and twenty two dioceses attended the four-day conference, April 25-29.

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New parents Mini and Trini Garcia during service before shower and festivities.

# Baby shower marks 115th descendant

By GEOFFREY BIRT Palm BeachCounty Correspondent

DELRAY BEACH-Last Sunday (May 2) was Trini and Mini's Day at the Spanish speaking Queen of Peace mission church in the western farmland areas here.

Mini is young Mrs. Hermina Garcia, one of the 114 descendants of Dona Amelia Cortez, matriarch of the original Mexican-American family which came to Palm Beach County from Texas, and who was honored by her church and family last year.

During the past years, Mini has also been secretary to Msgr. John R. McMahon, Archdiocesan Director of the Rural Life program, with offices at the Queen of Peace complex.

Specifically, Sunday's celebration was a baby shower, since Trini and Mini are about

to give Dona Amelia her 115th descendant to welcome into her many times grandmotherly and great grandmotherly arms.

Trini is Trinidad Garcia, a son of another famous family of this parish. Typically, he has already moved out of the migrant stream.

First, there was a short all-Spanish service presided over by the pastor, Fr. John Handrahan, S.J. with Spanish hymns of praise accompanied by guitar, in a Church decorated by the Sisters of St. Clare. In his homily, Msgr. McMahon noted that in this area, Spring is the harvest time, but God also renews the generations. He told the large group of relatives and friends that "everyone present (was) here to thank God for his blessings" on the young pair and their "adventure in grace, through which a new person will soon enter this world."

# Future 'optimistic' for Catholic schools

feeling generated at the new Catholic Schools. National Catholic Education to Father Vincent T. Kelly, Miami  $\mathbf{of}$ Archdiocese superintendent of Education, who attended the meeting.

'It was the most supportive and positive meeting on Catholic education in the past 10 years," he said. "The atmosphere was one of optimism.

From talking with people at the convention, Father Kelly said, he observed that Catholic parents want a Catholic education for their children more than ever and that they seem willing to make the sacrifice to pay for the education.

He pointed out that the decline in Catholic school enrollment has tapered off, and formation."

Optimism about the future that in many areas, including of Catholic education in the South Florida, parents are United States was the overall requesting the establishment of

"Prayer activity Association convention held receiving special attention in recently in Chicago, according schools and parishes," he said. "Small groups meet weekly for a short session of prayerful thought."

> He added that lay teachers are becoming more and more involved in religious training and that lay involvement in Catholic schools is essential 'not only in supporting the program but in reflecting desirable moral values and curriculum goals."

Citing the need for preserving the various cultural elements, and for retaining the local parish school as a neighborhood institution, he con-cluded, "The Catholic school is considered the most reliable and effective means of Catholic

#### Farmworkers units -- 165,000 bad

Due to a typographical standard housing units. error in last week's Voice, a column on farmworkers by Msgr. John McMahon stated that there were 50,000 farmworkers in the area and that there are 165 sub-

The correct figures are 150,000 farmworkers and 165,000 substandard housing units for farmworkers in Florida.



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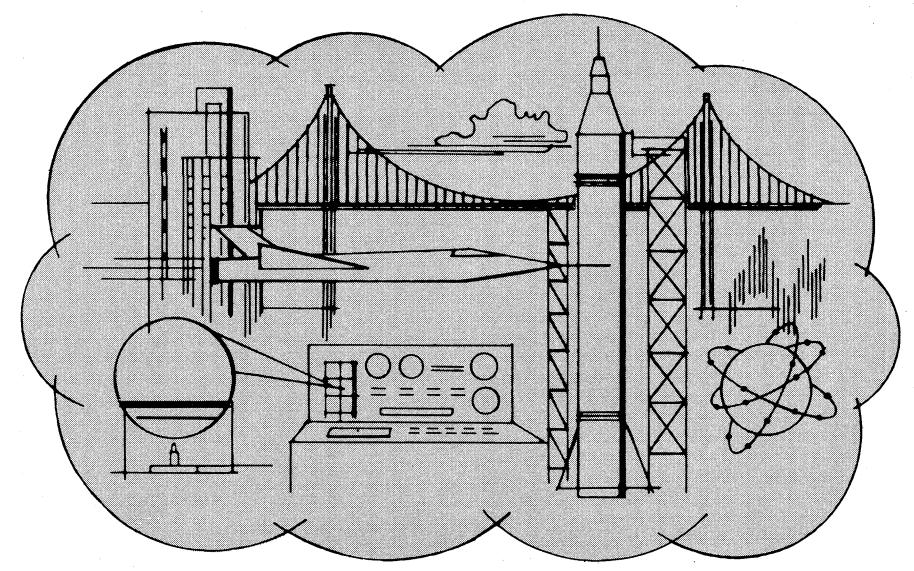
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"C.S. Lewis notes that the modern world of science prefers not to believe in... miracles."

# Wonders never cease

By FATHER DONALD McCARTHY

The New York Times magazine last September carried an article about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on the day of her canonization. The story began by portraying Ann Theresa O'Neil, a young wife and mother of four children who was cured years ago of acute lymphatic leukemia by prayers addressed through the intercession of Mother Seton.

Ann and her future husband Bob went steady for two years before somebody remembered to tell him about the miraculous cure of his future wife years before as a four-year-old child. His actual comment on seeing the newspaper clippings was, "are you kidding?" Perhaps the next reaction was a subdued whistle and the familiar proverb, "wonders never cease."

ONE PLACE where medical wonders never cease is Lourdes, France, site of the apparition of the Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette in 1858. Over the past 118 years, a sophiscated medical bureau has developed at Lourdes which examines patients before and after cures and singles out the five to 10 most extraordinary miracles each year.

Over 25,000 physicians have voluntarily participated in the work of this bureau including many non-Christians and non-believers. In one year the list included 47 medical school professors representing 11 major medical specialties and the best medical schools of Europe.

Medically documented cures at Lourdes are by no means the only modern miracles. Unfortunately many unfounded miracle claims are always in circulation and these tend to discredit miracles in general. The renowned British writer, C.S. Lewis, once pointed out that "most stories about miraculous events are probably false." But he was so conviced that some are not that he wrote his book, "Miracles."

C.S. LEWIS notes that the modern world of science prefers not to believe in a God of miracles. Many scientists prefer the religion called Pantheism in which God is a pervasive but inert principle of beauty, truth, and goodness. Pantheism has existed from time immemorial in India and elsewhere; in fact, Lewis feels it results from the spontaneous natural bent of the human mind. "The Pantheist's God does nothing," writes C.S. Lewis, "demands nothing; he is there if you wish for him, like a book on a shelf; he will not pursue you." The Pantheist God does not reveal himself in any way or concern himself with human affairs.

Miracles disturb the complacency of Pantheism by suggesting a living God who thinks and acts and writes his own script in human history. Alexis Carrell in 1902 learned this first hand. He found himself unwelcome at the Medical School of Lyons, France, because he sent a patient to Lourdes where she was cured of a tubercular abscess. Carrell thereupon transferred to the U.S. where his brilliant achievements at the Rockefeller Institute earned for him the Nobel Prize of Medicine in 1913.

THE MIRACLES of Jesus indicated that the Kingdom of God had begun. Miracles are less needed now than before the Church was founded because the Church itself has become the sign of the Kingdom. But they do continue to take place and thus show that the history of salvation has not yet come to completion.

In fact, miracles and sacraments are unique wonder-signs of the Church. While miracles point toward the new world of final resurrection and completed redemption in the end time, the sacraments represent here and now the historical acts of Christ's death for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life of mankind. The sacraments continually confirm that the Lord has already come and remains with his people.

Christians reject the sleeping God of pantheism as a mere impersonal abstraction. They experience the personal God Who entered history in the person of Jesus. The wonders and signs of Jesus continue to occur today a both physical and spiritual healings.

THOUSANDS of carefully documented miracles have been used to authenticate the canonization process of saintlike Elizabeth Ann Seton. But prayer in the name of Jesus daily produces new signs and wonders, not all of which are dramatic enough to pass the stiff medical requirements at Lourdes.

Moreover, every Christian can rely on the sacraments as ever present wonder-signs of divine love and spiritual healing. So whether or not Jesus also responds to specific prayers for physical healing, as he did for four-year-old Ann Theresa O'Neil, no Christian can hesitate to proclaim gratefully and exultantly, "Wonders will never cease."

One of Jesus' miracles was the resurrection of Jairus' daughter as depicted in this woodcut by Paul Gustave Dore.

#### By FATHER ALFRED McBRIDE, O. PRAEM

"Luke, our physician, sends greetings" (Col. 4, 14.) you

Luke, the doctor, joined Paul's second missionary journey at Troas. He had apparently been a world traveler prior to meeting Paul and was doubtless a useful companion helping Paul find his way around the Greek cities. The so-called "We Passages" (i.e., Paul and I) of Acts show how intimately Luke was tied the extensive missionary work of Paul. Most likely he began to gather the data for his Gospel during his stay at Caesarae Phillipi, while Paul was in prison there for two years. Possibly, he wrote the first draft at that time.

AFTER THAT sailed with Paul to Rome. Not only was he a doctor, but he also seemed to possess a fair knowledge of sailing skills (cf Acts 27) and he was a superb reporter. In his Gospel he built a literary bridge between the Jewish and gentile world. He addressed his works to Greeks and Romans and noted that his patron was a Greek named Theophilus.

Luke not only is a doctor, but writes like one who has access to the realities of life and the intimacies of people. Luke's account of the births of Jesus and John reflect the interests of a physician to whom such knowledge would be confided. There are many examples of the "physician's touch" that appear in his Gospel that do not show up elsewhere.

which the people went out to hear the sermons of John (Lk 3, 15).

story of the Good Samaritan

with its "first aid" episode.

Just as important for

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He often commented on the sense of wonder and marvel that Jesus induced in the people. He recalled that Jesus warned people that influence of his doctor's eye, it must also be noted that he pays an unusual amount of attention to the role of women in the Gospel story. This is evident in his accounts of the births of John and Jesus. It is he who records the dilemmas of Elizabeth and the beauty of

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OF JESUS

By STEVE LANDREGAN

Central to the message of Jesus is his preaching of the Kingdom of God. Without an understanding of the Kingdom, Jesus' preaching, his miracles, even his call to discipleship cannot be comprehended.

In order to understand the concept of the Kingdom we must ask ourselves what the Jews to whom Jesus proclaimed the kingdom understood by the term.

To them the Kingdom of God (or

Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew) meant the decisive intervention of God in history, particularly in the history of his chosen people. It was to be a period when man would once again live in harmony with God, with his neighbor, with himself and with the created world about him. The Kingdom would not be political or geographical but rather would

represent the reign of God.

SIN AND EVIL would be annihilated and justice and peace would prevail in the prophetic view of the Kingdom. There were, however, secular and nationalistic overtones to the anticipation, particularly in the centuries just before Christ. For some the coming of the Kingdom meant freedom from Rome, for others it meant revenge against Israel's present and former oppressors, for still others it meant restoration of Israel's former power and grandeur.

It was against this background that Jesus began his ministry by proclaiming that "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at

hand!" (Mark 1:15).

The Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus was a kingdom of the already and of the not yet. He preached that the kingdom was "in your midst," and told his disciples to pray to the Father "thy kingdom come." He used parables of the mustard seed, the leaven and growing wheat to

teach that while the Kingdom h broken into history that it had yet reach its fullness.

Jesus' miracles were signs of beginning of the kingdo milestones, so to speal on the ro to its fullness. They reveal Jesus the proclaimer of the Kingdom.

Hebrew had no word for mirac in our modern sense of the word. T Israelites did not have faith miracles. They had faith in God w was Lord of nature and of history. Biblical thought everything th occurred in nature was the handiwe of God.

THERE WAS no need for Je to explain miracles performed Jesus in terms of subjective, person experience. They were not e barrassed by miracles. They simp accepted them as manifestations God's power. To them Jesu miracles were acts of power mighty works.

The Gospels and the angelis recognized Jesus as the power of G entered into the world. T "authority" which is attributed him is the power of the Father.

Jesus' miracles or mighty wor were not meant to be spectacles sensational events. They were mea to reflect the power of God. Tl power demonstrated two importa things. Satan and his kingdom h been bound by the power of God, a the healing, restoring power of God reign had begun.

Within the Gospels, the freque instances of demonic possession we signs of Satan's bondage and of l capacity to bring about all forms

disorder.

Jesus' exorcisms, his expulsi of demons marked the beginning the end of Satan's power, or l bondage of the world. It was infallible sign of the coming of t Kingdom. "If it is by the finger

Ephesus, wh visited with he perhaps the Annunciation to Mary and her subsequent canticle, Virgin Mary to less ret John as her the Magnificat. As women seek a new role in the Church today, see Luke's they might well meditate on poetic and

# LUKE: Tell me docto

He alone comments on the "severity" of the fever of Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4,

WHEREAS MAT-THEW and Mark simply note that the daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead to the astonishment of all, Luke adds the homely note, "(Jesus) told them to give her something to eat" (Lk 8, 55).

It is Luke who tells the

psychological alertness or keeping up with the latest reports may not be the best way to be open to the arrival of the kingdom (Lk 17, 20). He sets the stage for Christ's parable on perseverance in prayer by writing, "He told them a parable on the necessity of praying and not losing heart" (Lk 18, 1).
THE WOMEN

While it is common to concentrate on Luke's

Luke's account of the "ministering women" (Lk 8, 1-3). Jesus imparts a new dignity and role to women. Not only will they learn the good news of the kingdom, but participate in its ministry as well.

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One of foils those BAD days

know your faith

By TOM LENNON

You wake up grumpy and know it's going to be a bad day. At breakfast your Dad bawls you out for not eating enough. In an exam you can't answer four out of seven questions. During the noon hour you slip in a mud puddle and get all

After school you and a friend have a fight and cuss each other out. At supper you have another argument with Dad, and this time both of you really get hot. By bedtime you're mad at yourself, at just about everybody you know, and at God too. A day of discord ends in bitterness.

WE ALL experience this lack of harmony at times. We sense that something is wrong with us. And when we see a TV newscast on almost any night we are certain that something is awfully wrong with the world at large. Many people are gripped by a sense of despair about the people of Planet Earth.

Can someone heal the wounds of mankind? Long years ago at the beginning of his public life Jesus announced, "The reign of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:15). To his Jewish audience this meant that God was stepping into human history to help people in a way that he never had before. In the kingdom of God sin and evil would be wiped out; peace and love would prevail.

But it wasn't to happen all at once (how well we know that now.). Jesus used the parables of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-31), the leaven (Matthew 13:33), and the growing wheat (Matthew 13:24-30) to show that although the kingdom of love had begun, it had yet to reach its fullness.

THE MANY miracles Jesus worked were signs of the beginning of the kingdom, and they showed he was appointed to announce the reign

of God. But these miracles were not meant to create a sensation or, as we would say, to make headlines. These mighty deeds reflected the power of God; the Jewish people did not regard them as hocus-pocus-magic, but simply as the wonderful works of their living, saving God.

When Jesus drove demons out of people, it marked the beginning of the end of Satan's power. When he healed cripples and lepers, it was a sign of the healing of mankind's wounds, the cure of our sinful selfishness and lack of harmony. When Jesus raised to life Jairus' daughter and the son of the widow of Naim, he revealed himself as the Lord of Life, who could overcome death.

Today the kingdom of love is still growing; the power of God is still at work in the world. But seldom does this power make headlines. More often it is found at quiet times in quiet places... when you patch up a quarrel...when you go to Communion or receive the sacrament of Reconciliation...when you straighten up your bedroom without being told to...when you say a prayer. Such everyday deeds are the wonderful works of love God brings to your life.

MANY YEARS from now you may notice that a long, slow miracle has occurred in your heart. It was happening, all unnoticed, in the ordinary events of everyday life.

Through the years, you were faithful, as best you could be, to the powerful God who was with you in the struggles, monotony, hardships, and sorrows of life. You hung in there, and love took root, and the kingdom of God grew within you. Someday, years from now, you may be surprised by the joy that fills your spirit and by the hidden miracle of love that filled all the days of your life, healing you and helping you to become a person who delights the heart of God.

God that I cast out devils, then the reign of God is upon us" (Luke

JESUS' HEALING miracles are signs of the restoration of harmony, the healing of man's brokenness, the reconciliation of man within himself, with others, and with God.

Sickness and death are remnants of man's brokenness and the bondage of Satan. Death is his ultimate stronghold (1 Cor 15:25) and Jesus raising of Jairus' daughter and the son of the widow at Naim reveal him as Lord of Life who overcame death...the strongest power of Satan.

The fact that Jesus didn't heal all the sick and raise all the dead in Palestine during his ministry reflects the tension of the already and the not yet of the Kingdom. Jesus' mighty works, his acts of power were anticipatory signs of the fullness of the Kingdom that is yet to come.

Faith is more than the challenge to believe. It is the challenge to follow, the challenge to commit.

The miracles of Jesus are signs of the Kingdom that accompany Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom. They invite men to citizenship in the Kingdom that is present and yet to come.

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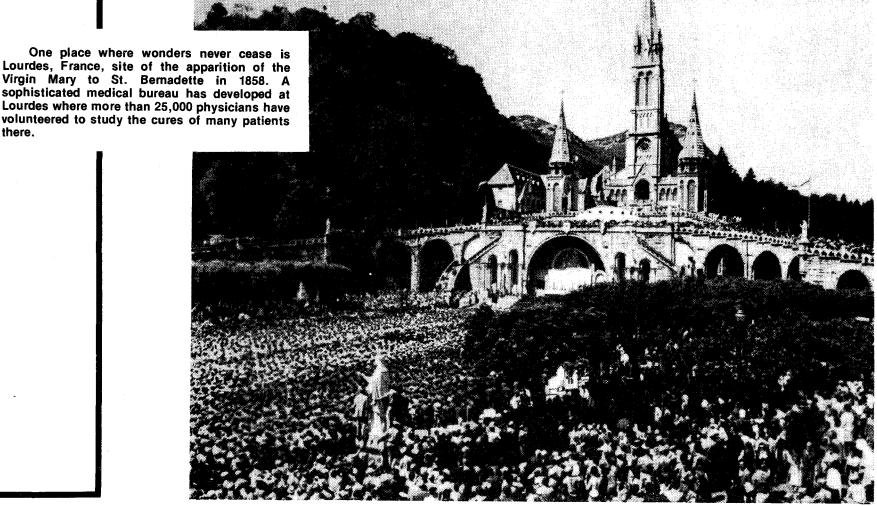
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# THE GOSPEL TRUTH



# The Good Shepherd gives his life



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Reading I, Acts 4:8-12 Reading II, 1 Jn 3:1-2 Gospel Jn 10:11-18

> By FATHER PEDRO LUIS PEREZ St. Cecilia Church, Hialeah

"The Good Shepherd Gives His Life for His Sheep." This Fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10:11) brings us the image of Christ as our Good Shepherd. He comes to share our human condition in everything but sin, and by accepting the sufferings and joy of the Paschal sacrifice he brings salvation to his sheep. He saves his Church from sin and

death.

Jesus does not want to be a conqueror or king, he comes as a simple and humble Shepherd, poor among the poor. His first visitors are the poor shepherds of Bethlehem. Let us not

forget that Jesus is God made man-the Lord who conquered death through his Resurrection.

The Spirit of the Risen Lord fills Peter with enough courage to proclaim the "Name of Jesus" and thus cure the paralytic man. Only in the Risen Lord can we find the salvation and the strength to be faithful to the Truth.

In his first letter, St. John stresses the "baptismal grace" that makes us sons of God and helps us to imitate

In the Gospel Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd because he gave his life to save all men.

Today the Good Shepherd challenges us to imitate Peter and proclaim him without any fears. Only in him do we find Life, and as Christians we are responsible to be witnesses of Christ's Gospel of Salvation, of his victory over death, by living in love, by forgiving, by serving others, by bridging the gaps of language, culture and nationality.

We must understand that there is one Church, the Church of Christ. We are all responsible for one sheepfold under the loving care and guidance of Christ, the Good

Today Christ, the Supreme Shepherd of the Church calls us to truly be one, to discover together the Truth and Love that unite us and thus give a good example of Christian life to those who are searching for meaning and hope in their lives. Each Christian can and should bring light through service and love, to those who are living in darkness.

Christ's victory is our victory. Christ came to serve us and to die for us because he knows his sheep.

Sunday after Sunday we gather to be nourished through the Word of God and the Eucharist. But, in all sincerity, is our community just a group of individuals, cr is it a family of faith and love where we, like our Good Shepherd, care and serve one another?

#### Prayer of the Faithful

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY** OF EASTER May 9, 1976

Celebrant: Almighty Father, you gave us your Son to be our Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gave his life for us and thus made us free from sin and death. Listen to the prayers of your people.

LECTOR: Our response will be: "Hear us, O Lord."

LECTOR: For our Holy Father Pope Paul and for the bishops who lead our Church, that they will always imitate the Good Shepherd in their service and love for their communities, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

LECTOR: Life is a gift from God. For an increased respect for the beauty and sanctity of life as we celebrate Mothers' Day, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

LECTOR: For those who were ordained to the deaconate, that they will serve the People of God with love, let us pray to the

People: Hear us, O Lord.

LECTOR: That more young men and women will answer with generosity God's call to the priesthood or Religious life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

LECTOR: For peace and harmony in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful Father, we trust in your mercy and love. Help us to always follow Christ our Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns forever.

People: Amen.

#### Oración de los Fieles

#### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA** Mayo 9 de 1976

Celebrante: Padre todopoderoso, nos enviaste a Cristo Tu Hijo como nuestro Buen Pastor. El Buen Pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. Cristo con su muerte destruyó nuestra muerte y nos dio nueva vida. Escucha nuestras oraciones.

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

LECTOR: Por nuestro Santo Padre Pablo VI, y por los obispos de la Iglesia universal, para que siempre imiten a Cristo, el Buen Pastor, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Escúchanos, Señor.

LECTOR: Para que al celebrar el día de las Madres recordemos la belleza y el valòr sagrado de la vida humana. oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Escúchanos, Señor.

LECTOR: Por los jóvenes que

fueron ordenados diáconos, para que sirvan a la comunidad con entrega y alegría, oremos al

Pueblo: Escúchanos, Señor.

LECTOR: Por un aumento en las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas en nuestra comunidad oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Escúchanos, Señor.

LECTOR: Para que en nuestra comunidad reine la paz y la harmonia, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Escúchanos, Señor.

Celebrante: Padre misericordioso, confiamos en tu amor y misericordia. Ayúdanos a seguir siempre a nuestro Buen Pastor, Cristo el Señor que vive y reina por siempre.

Pueblo: Amén.

# Gibbons priest named 'counselor of year'

FORT LAUDERDALE-Father Mike Flanagan, faculty member of Cardinal Gibbons High School, has been named Counselor of the Year for secondary schools.

According to Al Adamson, president of the Broward Personnel and County Guidance Association, Father Flanagan was selected for his community.

The counselor was honored

at the Association's yearly banquet held Monday, May 3, at Pier 66. The principal speaker, Earl Nightengale, delivered his address "Journey Into Meaning" to approximately 200 people.

Father Flanagan's award was the first given to a private secondary school counselor at the same time a secondary public school counselor was selected. In the past, three awards have been presented yearly, one each to secondary, middle and elementary school counselors, judged by the

Association's committee to be worthy of such notoriety.

Adamson noted number of parents and students who wrote letters of support for Broward County private Father Flanagan to the selection committee. The Association's president sees the number of parents involved as a "solid formation" behind the counselor's efforts.

"I'm doing what we were good rapport in the academic trained to do -counseling," said Father Flanagan. "And it's such a privilege at Gibbons, although I do a lot more than just school counseling.'

> His other counseling includes groups with shy people, married couples and alcoholics. He also celebrates Mass at Little Flower in Hollywood and serves as Chaplain of the local Knights of Columbus.

> As a certified school psychologist serving at Gibbons since 1969, he says, "I've tried to show what a counselor can do with a school, if given the opportunity.'



'Counselor of the Year' for Broward County private secondary schools, Father Mike Flanagan, enjoys an informal chat with

students at Cardinal Gibbons High School, where he has been a counselor since 1969.

pressed his philosophy in the cited counseling as "the best New York, Catholic University

Father Flanagan ex-banquet's invocation when he job in a school." He thanked in Washington, D.C., St. and asked for help to "cure the see our worth, for the sake of the lonely, the deprived."

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the Lord for helping counselors John's University in New York, Florida Atlantic University in blindness of those who cannot Boca Raton, and Heed University in Hollywood, Florida. He has also served as a counselor's past president of the Broward Personnel County cludes work at Iona College in Guidance Association.

# Catechetics document released by Vatican

(continued from page 3) lives.

"For this reason, in recent decades there has developed in the Church the awareness that all Christians always need to listen constantly to the word of God, so that each individual can know the faith in a way suited to his or her own spiritual needs and his or her own responsibilities."

But this does not mean that the importance of catechetics aimed at children can be downplayed, the document goes on.

"Indeed, it is precisely children that can often be one of the most powerful reminders to the whole Christian community and individual members of the faithful to be attentive to their own vocation and own educational responsibilities.'

document recommends that attention be paid "to the opinions and testimonies of the young people themselves, and in particular of the priests who devote themselves to their Christian education."

BECAUSE THE young embody society's hopes of continuity and renewal," the Church is concerned "that catechetics for the rising eneration should not f the risk of fashion and demagogy, but should respond to their expectations.'

The bishops are queried on their own experiences with the new catechetical situation that has prevailed recently.

'What steps are you taking to prepare catechists, priests, Religious and laity?"

"Are there catechetical institutes in your country? What has been their experience? What are their future which we proclaim is seen to be

are invited to reflect on Pope mutual condemnations among Paul VI's apostolic exhortation Christians...how can those to Evangelii Nuntiandi of last whom we address our preaching December, in which the Pope fail to be disturbed, disoriented, called for doctrinal unity.

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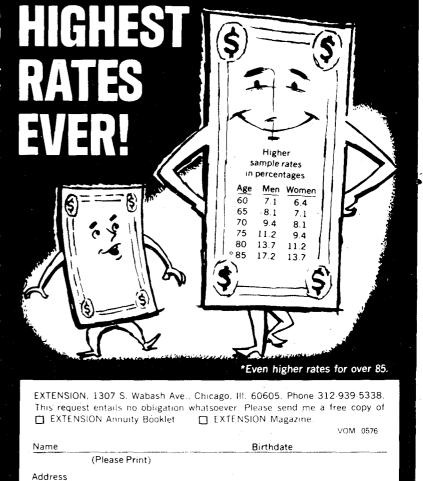
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# Abortion bills to be heard on House, Senate floors

this week was to be an important time for pro-life forces in the Florida Legislature as bills relating to abortion were scheduled to be heard on the floor of both the House and the Senate.

HB 1218, sponsored by Rep. Mary Singleton of Jacksonville, was to be heard on the floor of the House. This bill would require abortion referral agencies to furnish full information about abortion and its alternatives, and would forbid kickbacks between referral agencies and doctors performing abortions.

Its Senate companion bill, SB 43 sponsored by Rep. Phil Lewis of Palm Beach, was set for hearing on the floor of the Senate Wednesday afternoon. Also on the agenda were Lewis SB 43 and Tampa Sen. David McClain's SB 60, dealing with licensing of abortion clinics and forbidding abortions after the 24th week of pregnancy except in cases of danger to the life of the mother.

In other legislative action, Rep. Walter Sackett's Death with Dignity bill, withdrawn early in the session and then reintroduced as HB 3703, passed out of a Judiciary subcommittee and will go to the full Judiciary Committee in the near future.

The Judiciary committee is considered "friendly" to the bill, and defeated it by only a narrow margin last year. The Florida Catholic Conference has consistently opposed the bill as unnecessary and unwise.

Rep. Singleton's HB 1160, concerning experimentation on fetuses and preservation of the life of aborted fetuses, is set for hearings in the Human Rights Committee Monday, It was to be heard last week but was not.

HM 3110, sponsored by Rep. Ander Crenshaw of Jacksonville, urging the United States Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment giving the states the right to



determine abortion policy, will be scheduled for hearings passed out of committee and soon on the floor of the House.

#### PROPOSED IN LEGISLATURE...

Change National Anthem?- A memorial to the Congress of the United States has been proposed in the House urging that the National Anthem be changed to "America the Beautiful" and pointing out that the present anthem represents a brief moment of battle in history and "does not reflect the beauty, freedom, and spirit that is America"...

Driver Education for Private Schools- HB 3729 would authorize any private secondary school to establish a course of instruction in driver education; require it to meet standards and exempt the course from counting toward graduation. Private schools would be permitted to utilize their own personnel or contract with a licensed commercial driving school or certified instructor.

Homestead exemption for disabled- SB 1079 would exempt the homesteads of quadriplegics, paraplegics, hemiplegics, blind persons and other totally and permanently disabled persons who must use wheelchairs if they have been Florida residents for five consecutive years and if total income of all persons residing on the homestead is no more than \$9,800.





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Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll will preside at the 2 p.m. ceremonies where 154 undergraduates will receive degrees. Sister M. Trinita Flood, O.P., college president, will confer degrees at both exercises.

An Honorary Doctor of Education degree will be conferred on Mrs. Katherine La Belle, Nativity parish, Hollywood, during 5 p.m. exercises.

The commencement address will be given at the early afternoon graduation by Dr. Soia Mentschikoff, dean of the University of Miami Law School. Florida Supreme Court Justice Joseph W. Hatchett will

Almost 300 graduates will speak to those receiving

A pioneer in secular and religious education in South Florida, Mrs. LaBelle is retiring this year from the Broward County School System having been Director of Inservice Education and the Intern Program for the past two years. She is a past president of the St. Augustine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a life member of the board of the Miami ACCW, and is also a member of the Archdiocese of Miami School Board and a gold medalist of the Archdiocese.

The traditional Rose and Candle ceremony during which graduates and underclassmen exchange candles and red roses, is scheduled to be held at 8:15 p.m., Saturday, May 8 in the college auditorium.

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#### Retreat house sets programs

KENDALL-A Day of Reflection for women is slated Saturday, May 8 at the Dominican Retreat House, 7275 S.W. 124 St.

Father Jack Totty will be the retreat master. Reservations may be made by calling Sister Angela or Sister Patricia Lyn at 238-2711.

A "Refresher Day" will be conducted by Father Paul Vuturo, assistant pastor, St. Mary Cathedral, from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 12. Child care will be provided for the day. Complete details may be obtained by calling Sister Patricia Lyn, at 238-2711.

#### Im. Conception prayer vigil

HIALEAH - An All-Night Prayer Vigil for vocations will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and continues until 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. All parish Vocation Committees in South Florida are invited to participate.

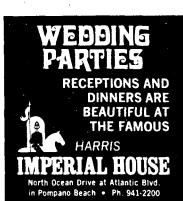
#### Kidneys discussed at Holy Cross

FORT LAUDERDALE-Kidneys will be the next topic discussed during another free health lecture at Holy Cross Hospitals at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12.

Guest speaker will be Dr. John M. Harper, urologist, a member of the hospital's medical staff since 1968.

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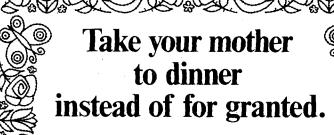
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## It's a Date

#### **Broward County**

ST. BERNARD Guild, Sunrise, will sponsor an installation dinner at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, at the Arrowhead Country Club. Reservations may be made by calling 733-4226 or 733-3998 (after 5 p.m.)

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Miss Cordelia Orlando will be reinstalled as president of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Guild, Women's Lauderdale, during 8:45 a.m. Mass in the parish church on Wednesday, May 12. Other officers are Mrs. Mora Freund, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Ambrams, secretary; and Mrs. Dolores Gustafson, treasurer. A reception and breakfast will follow at the Galt Ocean Mile

The Men's Club of ST. PAUL the APOSTLE parish, Lighthouse Point, meets at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13 in the education building.

\*\*\* A pancake breakfast will be served on Mother's Day in ST. MAURICE parish, Fort Lauderdale, after the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses by the Men of the Stable. The Men's Club dance begins at 9 p.m. today (Friday).

NATIVITY Home and School Assn. will sponsor a sock-hop at 9 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Buffet supper will be served. Reservations may be made by calling 961-6561. The annual Mother's Day breakfast in the parish will be served from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday.

#### Palm Beach County

Mrs. John T. Cunningham will be installed as president of ST. LUCY Women's Club, Highland Beach, during 11 a.m. Mass in the parish church on Monday, May 10. Other officers assuming duties include Mrs. John J. Deedy and Mrs. John P. Gormley, vice presidents; Mrs. Girard A. Dempsey, recording secretary; Mrs. Earl Totz, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Frank E. Biggs, treasurer. A luncheon meeting follows at Holiday Inn. Reservations must be made by calling 278-9783.

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Name Society of SACRED HEART parish, Lake Worth, will observe a Corporate Communion during 9 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 9. Breakfast will be served after the Mass and also after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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"Hello Dolly" will be staged by the CARDINAL NEWMAN High School Players at 8 p.m. today (Friday) and Saturday at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse, Palm Beach. A special Mother's Day performance is slated for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9. All seats are reserved and tickets may be obtained by calling the school at 683-6266 or between the hours of 4 p.m. and



First "Angel Awards" to volunteers at St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, were presented to Mrs. Carl Forster and Mrs. Edwin Wiegand by Sister Margaret McManus, O.S.F., hospital administrator.

#### West Palm CSB to discuss aged

WEST PALM BEACH-New and updated programs to meet the needs of the aged will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Service Bureau here, it was announced.

The Board has scheduled the meeting for 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at its headquarters, 106 South Clematis Street, West Palm

The CBS is also making plans to seek volunteers to help administer the programs.

9:30 p.m. on performance days.

#### Dade County

A special Mass and family picnic on Sunday, May 16, will mark the 20th anniversary of ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, North Miami Beach. Former parishioners wishing to participate should contact Mary King at 932-3560 or Julie Chesley at 947-4753.

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The annual art fair in ST. ROSE OF LIMA parish, Miami Shores, will be held, May 14, 15, and 16. Arts and crafts, paintings, sculptures, and handiwork of adult parishioners will be featured with works of students.

EPIPHANY Woman's Club will sponsor a Mothers' Day breakfast following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday,

May 9.

the Members CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB will meet at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 13 at 5055 SW 91 Ave. Refreshments will be served. Plans will be completed for a pool party at 9 p.m., Friday, May 14 at the clubhouse of Lake Point West Apts. \*\*\*

COURT MIAMI 262, Catholic Daughters of America, will receive new members during a special Mass at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8 in Gesu Church. Prospective members must be 18 years or older, a practicing Catholic, and have the approval of her pastor or Court chaplain.

\*\*\* Installation dinner of the

MARIANETTES, women's auxiliary of Marian Council KC, begins at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 15 at the Council hall, 13300 Memorial Hwy., N. Miami. Reservations may be made by calling 685-2315 or 893-1980.

\*\*\* ST. RICHARD Women's Club will welcome new officers during 9:30 a.m. Mass, Friday, May 14, in the parish church, Mrs. Kenneth Casey is president; Mrs. A.E. Arnason and Mrs. J.L. Hammer, vice presidents; Mrs. Charles Sacher, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Klemetsen, corresponding secretary; and Robert Howards, Mrs. treasurer. Luncheon will follow at the Black Angus Restaurant.

A plant sale under the auspices of MERCY GARDEN CLUB begins at 9 a.m. today and continues until 3 p.m. in the lobby of Mercy Hospital, 3663 S. Miami Ave. Included will be potted plants, hanging baskets and terrariums.

 $\star\star\star$ Mothers will be honored by CORAL GABLES COUNCIL K of C during a dinner and dance at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 8 in the Council Hall, 270 Catalonia Ave.

★★★ ST. LAWRENCE Council of Catholic Women meets at 8 p.m., Monday, May 10, in the school cafeteria, 2200 NE 191 St., N. Miami Beach.

Members MEMORARE SOCIETY, a social club for widows and widowers meets at 8 p.m., Friday, May 14, in St. Louis family center. For further information call 274-0244.

\*\*\* The Patrician Club of ST. PATRICK parish, Miami Beach, will observe a Corporate Communion on Mother's Day during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. On Tuesday, May 11, new officers will be installed during a coffee at the home of Mrs. Mary Foehrenbach, 655 NE 55 Ter.

\*\*\* Robert McKenna has been elected president of HOLY FAMILY Senior Citizens Club. Other officers are John Mann, vice president; Elizabeth McFarland, secretary; and James Comp, treasurer.



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# She helped others, now she will be honored

By MARJORIE L. FILLYAW **Local News Editor** 

FORT LAUDERDALE-For more than 30 years she's watched proudly as her students at various educational levels achieved academic recognition, but now it's time for Mrs. Katherine LaBelle to be honored for her many years as a pioneer in religious and secular education in South Florida.

When "Kay," as she is affectionately known among so many in Broward County and throughout the state, receives an Honorary Doctorate in Education at Barry College Sunday afternoon, well-wishers will recall her contributions to the CCD program in the Archdiocese of Miami, to the work of the St. Augustine and Miami Councils of Catholic Women, and her devotion to her vocation as a teacher in the Broward County School system from which she is retiring this

FOR THE past two years she's been director of In-Service Education and the Intern Program in Broward County, having served as principal of Nova Middle

#### Funeral for Mrs. Dietrich

The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated last Friday in St. James Church for Mrs. Cora R. Dietrich, 90, a member of Miami's first Catholic family.

A native of Miami whose grandfather William Wagner came here to fight the Indians in 1855, Mrs. Dietrich had been a nurse for Dr. Henry Jackson for whom Jackson Memorial Hospital is named. First Masses in the Miami area were offered in the Wagner Home located on what is now the site of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

She was a charter member of Corpus Christi Altar Society and Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and is survived by three daughters, the Misses Eleanor and Elizabeth Bindrim, and Yvonne Dietrich: two sons. Arthur J. Bindrim and Henry Dietrich; a sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Black: two brothers. Charles and Arthur Richards; four grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

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Elementary Schools and as principal of Westwood Heights School for 19 years.

She and her late husband Leo came to South Florida and Little Flower parish. Hollywood, in 1939 when the Church and the lay apostolate was still in its infancy here. From 1946 to 1948 she was president of the St. Augustine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women when the Diocese of St. Augustine included all of Florida east of the Appalachicola River. Since that time she's participated in almost every annual women's convention where she's always introduced as the "only Council president who ever gave birth to a child while in office.'

Recognized among past Council presidents and honorary life members of the board of the Miami ACCW during their Miami meeting this week, Kay is a member of the Archdiocesan School Board and was among eight women recognized for meritorious service to the Archdiocese of Miami in 1965 when 21 persons received gold medals from Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

The recipient of the Lumen Christi Award of the Archdiocesan Catholic Teachers Guild in 1971, Kay is a native of Chicago where she taught in the public school system after graduating from Rosary College. She subsequently earned a Master of Arts degree in education at the University of Miami and also took ad-

PHONE:

vanced graduate studies at the parishes University of Florida; the University of the Americas, Mexico; and the University of Southern Mississippi.

SHE IS listed in Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in American Women and Who's Who in International Women.

Kay feels that her greatest contribution to religious education was made in the early days of the Diocese of Miami when she assisted Msgr. R.E. Philbin, CCD Director in organizing the curriculum and implementing teacher-training courses in the 16 counties which then comprised the diocese.

'We traveled from Key West to Vero Beach, Kay, who was chairman of teachers, recalled.

'Over a period of four years it was a matter of Saturdays and nights-teaching courses to people who were reticent about teaching religion in their parishes to children enrolled in public schools."

"SHE ALSO served as president of the CCD Board in Little Flower parish and in 1970 organized a group of teachers to volunteer for a reading workshop in St. Francis Xavier

other derprivileged areas.

While an elementary school principal, Mrs. LaBelle taught educational psychology at Broward Junior College and served as a member of visiting teams of teachers and administrators for the U.S. Dept. of Education specializing in the area of migrant and Indian children. Not only did she travel to Switzerland for a workshop six years ago, but she has also been a consultant in school systems in eight states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. When Nativity parish was established and she found herself in that parish, again she volunteered and served on the CCD board.

"All of these years have been a delightful and adventurous career," the former guidance counselor and dean points out. "I've always gone to work with the thought that something exciting would happen during the day. Years ago if I had been fired, I think I would have kept going to work anyway.

AFTER frequent trips abroad to discuss and share ideas with her contemporaries in the teaching profession, Kay parish, Miami, as well as in is quick to recognize the

changes in education which have occurred since she began her career more than a quartercentury ago.

Meanwhile, her two sons and her daughter are looking forward to being in the audience when Barry College honors Kay on Mother's Day. Her eldest son Terry is a math teacher at South Plantation High School in Broward County; and her daughter Mrs. Jeanne Weyant, formerly a teacher, now lives in Kernersville, N.C. Son Terry is in his second year at Nova University Law School. Lay also has five grandsons.

What are her plans when she officially "retires" on June

"I'm going across the street to Nova University to be a consultant and teach undergraduates!" she said.



## Spring choral festival set at Immaculate Conception

HIALEAH-The 10th and Handel's Messiah. annual Spring Ecumenical Choral Festival will be presented at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 23, at Immaculate Conception Church.

Guest soloists will include Ruth Raffo, soprano; Jean Cummings, contralto; Frank Jacobs, tenor; and Brooks King, bass. Paul Storm is the musical director of the choral organizations which represent many Dade and Broward churches.

Included in the program will be selections from Faure's Requiem, Beethoven's Mount Olives, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Handel's Israel in Handel's Judas Maccabaeus, Haydn's Creation

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# Do your part to help at CYO convention

By ELAINE SCHENK

• Boy, did I ever mess up! If you read this column in last week's Voice, you probably were left with a confused view way of conventions in our area.

The Archdiocesan Youth Convention, to clarify, is scheduled for May 28-30 at the College of Boca Raton. How about contributing with a banner from your group? Do it

#### → Your Corner

on brown wrapping paper (48"x36") -- the money saved on materials can be sent to Overseas Relief Fund or a similar organization dealing with the hunger problem.

Your CYO might also wish to set up an expo at the convention. If so, please contact the Youth Activities office (757-6241 in Dade, 525-5157 in Ft. Lauderdale, 833-1951 in Palm Beach).

Last but not least, if your gang has any slides that show what activities you've been involved in this year, it would be a great help to the DYA if you could lend them for a slide show for the convention. Be sure to mark your slides so they can be returned to you af-

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• Sports is also the word of what was coming up in the at Lourdes Academy, where the girls' softball team has won the AAA competition of the Florida High School Activities Assn. By winning the district Dade and Region IV championships, the girls have made it into state competition at Tampa this week. The world will know that Lourdes has been here!

 All high school aged people are invited to come and have a ball at the mini-dance sponsored by S.O.L. at St. James parish. Music provided by a far out stereo, starts the evening at 7:30 on Saturday, May 8. There'll be refreshments and a good chance to socialize and get to know other teenagers. So bring your friends and be prepared for a great

> We'd like (continued on page 23)

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Talking with teen leaders from parish youth groups at the recent Leadership Training Program held at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, is Msgr. William Dever, Archdiocesan director of Youth Activities. Pictured with him, left to right, are Stephanie Tator (St. Louis parish); Larry

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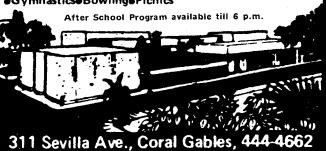
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# Sports Scene

# Schools excel in several playoffs

By GEORGE FORNASH

district, regional and state playoffs in high school sports. Action has been heavy in baseball, softball, tennis, swimming, track and golf and we'll do our best to fill you on as much of the activity as we

Cardinal Gibbons and Pace met in the District 8AAA baseball championship, both teams getting there with clutch performances. Pace used the two RBI's of Brian Nugent to edge Dillard, 2-1 and Gibbons rallied for three runs in the seventh inning to beat Key West, 5-4. The title game was another tight one with Cardinal Gibbons emerging the champs by a score of 2-0.

IN PACE'S final regular season game of the year, the Spartans' Mike Maitland turned one of the strongest pitching performances of the year as he hurled a one-hitter with 16 strikeouts in beating St. Thomas, 9-0.

LaSalle also closed their regular season with a victory, beating Marathon, 6-3 behind three RBI's by Roberto Vasquez. That's where the Royals' good fortune ended. however. Needing only one win in two games to clinch the Gulfstream Conference AA division, LaSalle lost twice to Westminster Christian, 6-0 and 11-2. Even worse news for LaSalle was a 1-0 loss to Coral Shores in the District 8AA playoffs. Mary Immaculate also was one run short of victory as the Mariners were defeated by Miami Christian, defending state champs, 3-2 in District 8A. Belen fell to Dade Christian in 8AA playoffs, 4-1.

Lourdes Academy and St. Brendan High had two successful weeks in softball action. Lourdes captured the 8AAA District title with wins over Gibbons and Hallandale High. Three hits by Oneilia Cano paced Lourdes in their 4-2 victory over Gibbons, and a 31 hit attack buried Hallandale. Nancy Chappel and Carol O'Domski each had five hits with Carol hitting a grand slam in the 22-7 rout. Lourdes then went on to win the Region 4AAA championship, 8-4 over Delray Beach Atlantic and earn a trip to the state tournament. Oneilia Cano's grand slam was the deciding blow. Lynn Scribner also had a home run for the winners.

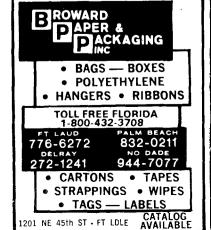
MEANWHILE, first year school St. Brendan refused to take a back seat to anyone as they rolled to district and regional championships in Class A. They won district by beating Gulliver Academy, 8-1

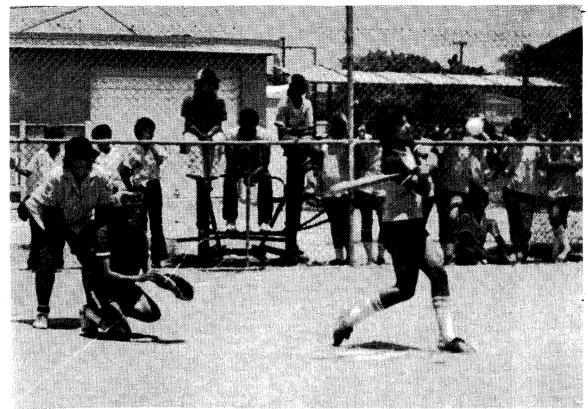
and Northwest Christian, 5-1. Spring is in full swing and Eileen Harris pitched a twowith it comes the large array of hitter in the championship game and Casey Moran hit a home run. The regional championship was a little tougher to come by as St. Brendan prevailed Westminster, 6-5 in 12 innings. Maureen Nolan's home run in the 12th was the winning blow. Jackie Pagley pitched seven innings of two-hit ball in relief. LaSalle won the opening game in district 8AA Everglades, 12-9 behind Lisa Perrottis' HR, but was eliminated by Dade Christian.

The state tennis meet was held recently and Curley's sophomore phenom, Blaine Willenborg, continued his mastery as he won the state No. 1 singles crown. He beat Adam Brock of Miami Beach, 7-5, 6-0. Jennifer Balent of Cardinal Gibbons reached the semifinals in girls' No. 1 singles before losing to eventual state champ Lynn Epstein of Miami Beach. Gibbons' John Evert reached the semis in No. 4 singles. Gibbons made a strong showing in both boys and girls competition, one of the few schools to do so. The Redskins' netters finished 5th in the boys and 3rd in the girls. St. Thomas finished 6th in girls and Cardinal Newman tied for 8th in girls' competition.

Pace and LaSalle made good showings in the District golf tournament. Pace had defeated the Royals 4-1 in their final dual meet as Bob Reese and Bob O'Shaughnessy each shot 40. However, the Royals turned it around as they finished one notch ahead of the Spartans in District 14, LaSalle finishing fifth and Pace finishing sixth. In District 16, Columbus finished seventh among teams competing and Curley came in tenth.

on swimming competition on of an essay contest sponsored district and regional levels as well as the district and regional track and field meets and a report on the First Annual Girls' All-Catholic Track Meet.





Girls from St. Timothy School were the victors winning team defeating the girls from St. recently in a softball tournament for Archdiocese elementary schools. Shown is the

James school.

# Students win many awards

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congratulate a number of outstanding high school and college students from the Archdiocese for their recent academic achievements. Margaret T. Condon of Cardinal Gibbons High and Michael Scwitalla, Columbus High, have both been named winners of National Merit Scholarships this year. And a former Lourdes Trigo, received the Presidential Scholar Award at Miami-Dade Community College commencement ceremonies last Sunday (May 2). A biology major, Lourdes hopes to go into medical research.

Meanwhile, up at Catholic University in Washington D.C, Michael T. Concannon of Hialeah has been elected to C.U.'s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, whose aim is to honor academically outstanding seniors in the University's School of Arts and Sciences. Michael will graduate this weekend with a bachelor's degree in economics-accounting

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Revving up already for

next year! You bet! Lourdes Academy students have elected their Student Council officers for 1976-77. They are Diane Weaver, pres; Marian Diaz Silveira, vice-pres; Katie McCormick, secretary; and Gina Thomas, treasurer. Here's to another great year!



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# Abp. Bernardin cites parish life concern

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they would have to decide whether, or how to discuss or act on, as a national body.

Among these, he said, are Seeking new ways of renewing parish life.

- Finding better ways to reach with the Gospel message "the millions of Americans who today are effectively 'unchurched."
- Meeting the pastoral needs of the estimated 6.6 million "Catholic children who are receiving no religious instruction.'
- "Programs designed to assist priests in the ministry of preaching, methods for implementing the principle of shared responsibility, the development of a new and updated apologetic..

All of Archbishop Bernardin's suggestions-which he emphasized were "only tengeneral tative and suggestions"—were derived from recent concerns expressed by the bishops regarding areas of national action.

On the question of defending Church doctrine, last year several bishops raised questions concerning the role of the NCCB Committee on Doctrine, asking whether it should be entrusted to respond to public attacks on Church teaching by theologians or by other prominent persons.

"FROM THE soundings that have been made," said Archbishop Bernardin, "it is evident that there are different opinions on this point, and that it therefore requires our further explanation."

While not offering a specific solution on the way to

approach such attacks, the NCCB president offered a view that bishops must stand up, sometimes individually and sometimes collectively, "in solidarity with the Holy Father and with the bishops of other countries in defending the Faith.

He cautioned, however, that such defenses must be 'well reasoned and presented in a way that people will understand," and that "we must also be sure that we do not

#### Bishops' Meeting Roundup

stifle legitimate discussion, especially in areas which are open to further development."

The question of restructuring parish life was raised at November by Bishop Albert Ottenweiler, auxiliary the present parish structures are too much like "institutions" putting out products and services, and not enough like "communities" designed to help people "grow in relation to one another.

Archbishop Bernardin noted that at the end of March Pope Paul VI also "remarked that it is essential for parishes today to 'make Christians feel once again that they are part of a Christian family.'

WITHIN the past six months there was a major

Bishop John R. McGann,

newly named bishop of Rock-

ville Centre, N.Y., urged the

bishops to follow up on the

statement with specific actions

such as voter registration

drives in their own dioceses.

bishops also took under con-

sideration action proposals

aimed at changing the ritual for

the ordination of married

permament deacons, to include

a formal affirmation of consent

to the deacon's ministry by his

wife and family; and to ask the

Vatican to allow deacons to

perform a number of blessings,

such as a blessing of throats,

asked to submit recom-

mendations to the NCCB

Committee on Vocations for a

set of Guidelines that the

committee intends to issue for

diocesan vocation offices.

The bishops were also

holy water, and ashes.

combat political apathy,

At the opening session the

Md., which suggested that onefourth or two-fifths of the U.S. population are "unchurched" or without any active religious the bishops' meeting last ties. Archbishop Bernardin's reference to the need for new efforts at evangelization, or Toledo, Ohio, who argues that preaching the Gospel, seemed to be using that symposium as a cue to the need for a major new evangelization effort in this country.

> The question evangelizing people anew is also one of the central elements in the document which the bishops were using as the basis for their reevaluation of the purposes of a national bishops' conference. That documentthe "Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops,' published two years ago (May 31, 1973) by the Vatican's Congregation for Bishopsmakes a strong point of the need for bishops to preach the Gospel anew to the unchurched and to nonbelievers.

> THE DOCUMENT deals directly with national bishops' conferences only in very brief form. But throughout it conferences of bishops are cited as supportive bodies that bishops can look to in facing pastoral problems in their own

> dioceses. The 6.6 million figure of Catholic elementary and high school children who are not receiving any kind of formal religious training-either in Catholic schools or in special religious education classeswas revealed recently in a study conducted by the USCC Department of Education. The study showed a marked decrease in the number of students receiving religious education over the past decade, and this fact is almost certain to attract considerable attention by the bishops in their

> meetings over the next several

#### aged top Bishops' Schools, agenda

CHICAGO-(NC)-Concerned for the aged, support for Catholic schools, and distress at American political apathy topped the agenda for action that U.S. bishops faced as they opened spring meeting here May 4.

The main focus of the meeting was the discussion of the purposes of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) as national bodies. But in addition the bishops had regular business to conduct, including numerous information reports from their various committees and several proposals for action.

In accordance with the newformat begun last November, the action items were presented to the bishops at the beginning of the meeting, but were not to be brought up for debate or a vote until the end. This leaves more time during the middle portion of the meeting for of programs study discussion

comment at its initial presentation was a much revised statement on Catholic schools. It was designed, said Bishop William McManus, auxiliary of Chicago and USCC chairman of the Education Committee, to "bolster the morale of those who have made such sacrifices" to keep Catholic schools going.

A hard-hitting document outlining society's rejection of America's rapidly growing elderly population also drew considerable interest in its initial presentation.

Bishop Maurice Dingman of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the USCC Committee on Health Affairs, noted that the statement seriously questions the adequacy of a wide range of government and private services for the aging.

IT NOTES that U.S. society "has come to take a negative view of the elderly" that encompasses not only a large number of serious in-

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PROVOKING the most justices, but also at its very root denies them the basic dignity of self-respect.

Apparently in an effort to insure that the statement could not be attacked by anyone who disagreed with its thrust, several bishops questioned some of the startling statistics cited in the statement, such as the assertion that an estimated one-third of the elderly who are in mental hospitals are there simply because they have no place else to go.

The proposed resolution on political responsibility, presented by Bishop Joseph McNicholas of Springfield, Ill., strongly urged U.S. Catholics to participate actively in the political process. It was intended as a more general resolution by the whole body of bishops, to back a far more detailed statement on political responsibility issued February by the USCC Administrative Board.

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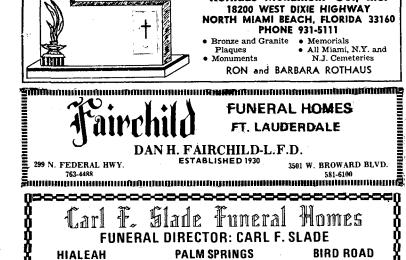
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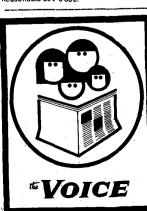
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Es una alegría que se sigue descubriendo y viviendo cada día, y que todos debemos compartir y llevar a nuestros hermanos, en la evangelización. Este es el deseo de Pablo VI que justamente hace un año, dirigió a toda la Iglesia una exhortación sobre la alegría cristina. De ella sacamos el siguiente extracto:

Es necesario un esfuerzo paciente para aprender a gustar simplemente las múltiples alegrías humanas que el Creador pone un nuestro camino: la alegría exaltante de la existencia y de la vida; la alegría del amor honesto y santificado; la alegría

tranquilizadora de la naturaleza y del silencio; la alegría a veces austera del trabajo esmerado; la alegría y satisfacción del deber cumplido; la alegría transparente de la pureza, del servicio, del saber compartir; la alegría exigente del sacrificio El cristiano podrá purificarlas, completarlas, sublimarlas: no puede despreciarlas. La alegría cristiana supone un hombre capaz de alegrías naturales. Frecuentemente, ha sido a partir de éstas como Cristo ha anunciado el Reino de los Cielos...

De ahí que los discípulos y todos cuantos creen en Cristo estén llamados a participar de esta alegría. Jesús quiere que sientan dentro de sí su misma alegría en plenitud: "Yo les he revelado tu nombre, para que el amor con que tú me has amado esté en ellos y también yo esté en ellos".

¿Es la alegría del reino de Dios que comienza ya aquí abajo y se abre con las bienaventuranzas?" Dichosos los pobres, porque el Reino de los cielos es



vuestro. Dichosos los que ahora pasais hambre, porque quedaréis saciados. Dichosos los que ahora lloráis, porque reiréis."

-Asamblea en Progreso-

Más de 1000 personas se espera participen en la Asamble Diocesana de Reflexión Apostólica que tendrá lugar el próximo sábado 15 de mayo junto a la Ermita de la Caridad.

"Queremos que sea un signo de unidad por parte de todos los católicos hispanos de la Archidiocesis," dijo Miguel Cabrera, coordinador del equipo de Apostolado Seglar que prepara la Asamblea. "Es un modo de responder a los deseos del Papa que nos llama a la evangelización, de ahí el lema de la Asamblea que es "CRISTO PARA TODOS."

La motivación de la Asamblea

ha sido la celebración del Congreso Eucarístico Internacional de Filadelfia del 1 al 8 de agosto, así como el evento del Año Bicentenario. "Es un modo de prepararnos juntos al Congreso," dijo Cabrera.

La Asamblea comenzará a las 7 de la tarde, con una reflexión de la carta de los obispos de Estados Unidos sobre El Congreso. Los participantes reflexionaran sobre las "Hambres de la Humanidad," tema del Congreso, y sobre la motivación de estas hambres hacia la evangelización. También profundizarán sobre el sentido del pluralismo y la celebración de



este Año Bicentenario en una nación que se confiesa "Una bajo Dios"

"Queremos que la Asamblea sea el comienzo de una nueva etapa para la Iglesia de Miami," dice Cabrera; "que nos marque a todos con un nuevo compromiso de evangelización de nuestra comunidad."

La cita para todos los católicos hispanos de la Archidiocesis es para el Sábado 15 de Mayo, 7.00 p.m. en el Auditorio de Immaculata -La Salle- 3601 South Miami Ave.

#### COMENTARIOS EVANGELICOS

Yo soy el Buen Pastor. El Buen Pastor da su vida por sus ovejas. Yo soy el Buen Pastor; conozco las mias y las mías me conocen a Mí. El Padre me ama porque yo mismo doy mi Vida, y la volveré a tomar. Nadie me quita la vida sino que yo la doy voluntariamente.

Juan 10:11-18

Cristo vino a enseñarnos a amar. No un amor del que ofrece el mundo sino el Amor divino que redime, santifica, llena el corazón de felicidad y paz.

El segundo domingo de mayo es el Día de las Madres. No es que haya que sacar un domingo del año para reconocer con amor y agradecimiento el lugar de la madre en el hogar. Pero, quizás hoy con una urgencia vital, se necesita re-descubrir el valor divino y humano de la maternidad.

Tan solo en un plano humano, la madre tiene un lugar clave en nuestra sociedad. Un estudio detallado de los problemas de delincuencia juvenil revela que muchos de los problemas de nuestgra juventud provienen de sus experiencias en el hogar. En estos días de liberación femenina, hay que hacer resaltar la belleza de ser madre. No hay carrera en el mundo que la pueda reemplazar.

¿Y que decir del plano divino? Dicen que Dios, al crear la maternidad sintió envidia de los hombres y quizo tener su propia madre. Quizo nacer entre los hombres para sentir el amor de una madre, de María.

Las madres cristianas, en unión de sus esposos, son las primeras que de palabra y ejemplo educan a sus hijos en el amor y el evangelio de Cristo. El hogar cristiano es el lugar donde se encuentra el verdadero Amor, el Amor que Cristo vino a traer al mundo.

Cristo como Buen Pastor guía y protege a su rebaño. Las madres cristianas también guían y encaminan los pasos de sus hijos hacia Dios.

Que este domingo nos recuerde que sin madres cristianas la labor de la Iglesia sería muy difícil. El núcleo básico de nuestra Iglesia y nuestra sociedad es la familia. Una parroquia compuesta de familias cristianas sólidas en la fe, en una parroquia unida y activa. Donde falla la familia peligra la sociedad y sufre la Iglesia.

Que Cristo como Buen Pastor mantenga unidas nuestras familias y bendiga nuestras madres.

#### Música hispana en el congreso

El Comité Hispano para el 41 Congreso Eucarístico Internacional ha desarrollado todo un programa de música litúrgica para la comunidad hispana que se prepara a la próxima celebración de Filadelfia, del 1 al 8 de agosto.

La música ha sido compuesta por el hermano Alfredo A. Morales, presidente del Centro de Estudios Pedagógicos de Santo Domingo, (Rep. Dom.) y actualmente se viene distribuyendo a unas 3,000 parroquias hispanas en todos los Estados Unidos. La musica iorma parte aeı programa litúrgico que durante meses viene preparando el Comité Hispano para el Congreso y que se centra en las Hambres de la Familia Humana. Grabaciones en casette, están a la disposición del público en el Comité Nacional Hispano, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. Washington D.C. 20005.

# ...nuestro mundo...

Su Santidad Pablo VI criticó enérgicamente la idea de que la confesión frecuente es una costumbre anticuada. Durante las ceremonias de canonización de un sacerdote franciscano conocido como gran confesor, el Santo Padre exhortó a los sacerdotes a ver la "capital importancia" de su ministerio como confesores. Más de 10,000 personas escucharon al Papa en su sermón sobre el sacerdote capuchino Leopoldo de Herceg Novi, Yugoslavia. El sacerdote, que murió en 1942, pasó hasta 15 horas al día confesando durante 40 años. Añadió el Santo Padre que "la confesión individual es una fuente de gracia y de paz, es una escuela de vida cristiana, y consuelo en nuestro peregrinar terreno hacia la felicidad eterna."

La legalización del aborto adquiere candente actualidad en la Republica Dominicana. El recien-nombrado Cardenal Octavio Antonio Beras de Santo Domingo advirtió que la propuesta hecha al congreso de legalizar el aborto en ciertas circunstancias podría desembocar en "un crimen abominable y horrible pecado." La Asociación Médica Dominicana, generalmente opuesta al aborto, ha cenviado un equipo de 65 médicos a las zonas rurales para ayudar a los campesinos en la planificación de familias y mejorar la higiene en general. Los obispos dominicanos declararon que uno de los mandamientos de Dios es "No Matar", y que el feto en el vientre materno es "Ya un ser humano".

Las próximas elecciones en Italia pudieran resultar en una victoria comunista. El Presidente Giovanni Leone ha disuelto el Parlamento italiano, abriendo las puertas a elecciones generales que pudieran traer al poder al Partido Comunista. Después de una reunión del Consejo de Ministros, se escogieron los días 20 y 21 de junio. La constitución requiere que haya elecciones en el primer domingo después de 45 días de la disolución del Parlamento. El Consejo también decidió convocar elecciones municipales en las ciudades principales, incluyendo la ciudad de Roma.

La Corte Federal de Boston está considerando la constitucionalidad de una ley del estado de Massachusetts que permite un momento de oración o meditación en silencio en las escuelas públicas. La Unión de Libertades Civiles ha presentado el caso en Framingham, la única comunidad en Massachusetts que ha desafiado la constitucionalidad de la ley. La legislatura del estado pasó una ley en 1966 permitiendo un momento de "meditación" al principio del día escolar, añadiendo la palabra "oración" en una enmienda del año 1973.

#### "Buenos Días Mama"

"Buenos días mamá," obra original del autor argentino Eduardo Puppo y mejor comedia de 1961, será llevada a la escena el próximo 15 de mayo por los jóvenes de la parroquia de San Hugo, Coconut Grove.

La obra, que trata de las inquietudes de varios adolescentes, será dirigida por Prudencio Nodarse, que llevó a la escena otras obras en Cuba y Honduras, y en Miami se inició con "La Sangre del Arzobispo", y

"Adolescencia." La parte musical está al cargo del joven Félix Lliraldi, quien ha compuesto e interpreta el tema musical de la obra.

La presentación tendrá lugar el sábado 15 de mayo, a las ocho de la noche en el Auditorium del Coral Gables High School, situado en LeJeune y Bird Rd. Para información y entradas, llamar a Alfredo Atelier, 643-1323.

#### Conferencia sobre bilinguismo

Tendrá lugar el próximo 15 de mayo en la Universidad Internacional de la Florida F.I.U. la Segunda Conferencia Anual sobre el Bilingüismo.

Organizada por la misma universidad y el comité nacional de Educación de La Raza, la conferencia se propone explorar los diversos temas que afectan a toda sociedad o comunidad bilingüe.

#### Ex-alumnas Salesianas se reunen

Tendrá lugar el próximo sábado 16 de mayo en la Iglesia de St. Michael la reunión anual de las Ex-Alumnas Salesianas de Cuba en el exilio. Quedan invitadas todas las ex-alumnas de diversos países actualmente en Miami. La reunión comienza a la tard presentes, procedentes de Roma, la superiora generalicia, Madre Leticia Galletti, con su secretaria y la presidenta de la confederación mundial de exalumnas, Sra. Raymonde Grimaldi Marsoni. La reunion comienza con una Eucaristía y ofrecimiento de flores a la virgen y concluye con una merienda.

Las sesiones comenzarán a las 9:00 a.m. para tratar los temas de la economía, educación y política en su relación con el bilingüismo. Por la tarde las sesiones tratarán del bilingüismo y su relación con los medios de comunicación, las Bellas Artes, la psicología y la educación liberadora.

Bajo no coste al público la conferencia tendrá lugar en el Athenaeum (AT) de FIU. Para información, llamar al 552-2600 (FIII)



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# MADRE

#### Por MONS. BOZA MASVIDAL

Hoy se habla mucho de la liberación de la mujer. Los cristianos tenemos en María, la Madre de Dios, el ejemplo de la mujer realmente libre en el verdadero sentido de la palabra: libre de toda esclavitud de pecado y de corrupción y elevada a un nivel al que no ha llegado hombre alguno.

Ciertamente la mujer debe ser liberada de toda injusticia, inferioridad y esclavitud, y el cristianismo ha tenido gran parte en esa dignificación de la mujer y debe seguir luchando por eso aún dentro de la misma Iglesia. Pero hoy muchas mujeres entienden esa liberación de la que tanto se habla, en un sentido completamente erróneo: como dejar de ser mujer y hacerse iguales al hombre, incluso en los vicios, y esto es un tremendo error.

El hombre y la mujer, quiéralo o no, son distintos física y psicológicamente. Distintos no quiere decir que uno sea superior o inferior al otro, sino que cada uno tiene su misión y su papel propio en la armonía de la creación. Y precisamente porque



#### 9 de Mayo día de la

madre

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distintos, son son complementarios: cada uno tiene lo que al otro le falta.

Hoy se nota en todos los ambientes, tanto de mujeres como de hombres, una desvalorización de la importancia de la misión maternal. Existe la idea de que la mujer que trabaja en la casa es esclava, y la que trabaja fuera es la que está liberada, cosa discutible, pues el trabajo fuera seguramente supone mayor sujeción a horarios, jefes, etc., en algo que no es propio. Si es necesario y conveniente que la mujer trabaje fuera, hágalo en buena hora, pero no consiste en eso la liberación.

Existe también la idea de que la mujer que trabaja fuera es la que rinde, la que es útil, y la que trabaja en la casa no hace nada. Refiriéndose a esto dice una mujer, Marie Madelaine Martinio: "Las mujeres de hoy que tanto se afanan en participar en la construcción del mundo. quizás no saben suficientemente que pocas tareas hay tan importantes como la de educar hombres. Y sus maridos no reconocen quizás bastante el valor de los trabajos de la madre, desde los más materiales a los más espirituales. Hay mucho que hacer para que sea reconocido el

mujer liberada

valor del papel de la madre." Tenga o no tenga un oficio, lo ejerza o no, una mujer que educa a sus hijos no está marginada en la sociedad, pues contribuye con mayor asiduidad y profundidad que cualquiera al desarrollo afectivo e intelectual de sus hijos."

Tampoco está marginada en la Iglesia. Se podría preguntar a los santos qué deben a su madre en el plano espiritual. O mirarnos a nosotros mismos y preguntarnos qué serían nuestras relaciones con el Señor si nuestra madre no hubiera abierto

nuestro espíritu a la Revelación.

Cualesquiera que sean los puestos que obtengan en las 'estructuras'' —¿serán más importantes que el de la madre que trabaja día tras días para hacer un cristiano de ese pequeño bautizado en quien habita la Santísima Trinidad?"

Verdaderamente, si todo lo que hacemos los hombres tiene, o debe tener, por fin lo humano, las madres están en el centro de la construcción del mundo, puesto que hacen directamente lo que otros no hacen más que indirectamente. Ahí radica el sentido profundo de la maternidad."

Está bien que la mujer trabaje, está bien que la mujer tenga cultura, está bien que la mujer asuma responsabilidades en la sociedad y en la Iglesia, pero, por favor, que no deje de ser mujer, y que no permita que la conviertan en "cosa", en señuelo de propaganda. Y de esto nos da ejemplo la Virgen María, que no fue "cosa," que fue plenamente Mujer, virgen esposa, madre, llena de gracia y de fortaleza.

# Fomento de vocaciones en Miami

#### Por ARACELI CANTERO

"Nadie puede negar que nuestra comunidad ha crecido en todos los aspectos, y es indudable que la Iglesia de Miami necesita servidores: hombres y mujeres que se entreguen totalmente a construir el Reino, en el sacerdocio, la vida religiosa o como laicos.'

Asi se expresaba el Padre

La vocación es algo esencialmente social. No consiste en un sentimiento, ni en un gusto, ni hay que esperar una llamada telefónica de Dios, ni se nace con una señal especial en la frente. El llama cuando da ojos para ver las mieses granadas que se pierden por falta de brazos.

Felipe Estévez a los pocos dias de haber sido nombrado asistente al director de la Pastoral Vocacional de la Archidiócesis.

El Padre ha tenido bien claro que la preocupación por el fomento de vocaciones, no es cuestion que atañe sólo a un director de vocaciones o al obispo o seminario, sino que "es responsabilidad de toda la comunidad".

Desde su nombramiento en Septiembre, el Padre Estévez no mitir a la comunidad su inquietud. Predicando cada domingo en las diferentes parroquias hispanas, sobre el tema vocacional, el Padre ha ido detectando personas que ahora forman parte de todo un equipo de animadores vocacionales. Son más de 30 en Miami y unos 15 en el área de Palm Beach, y se reúnen periódicamente para sesiones de formación y para

intercambiar los frutos de las distintas actividades en las parroquias. Varias han formado ya su propio comité vocacional, que a su vez trata de detectar jóvenes con inquietudes de servicio.

Son ya más de 50 los jóvenes, ambos sexos, que se benefician de la pastoral vocacional diocesana. Periódicamente se reúnen para retiros o tardes de reflexión. Para facilitar la atención personal a cada uno, se han dividido en grupos más reducidos, con un consejero adulto entre ellos. Estas pequeñas "células" o comunidades se reúnen con más frecuencia a compartir la fe.

"Es una oportunidad para que los muchachos vayan madurando en su vocación cristiana," dice Rafael Becil, que lleva una de las células. "Poco a poco van profundizando en su compromiso bautismal, en el llamamiento o vocación a la santidad y en sus exigencias como apóstoles. El grupo les ayuda a descubrir sus propias aptitudes, sus carismas y la dirección hacia dónde pueden orientar su vida."

Becil es profesor de Matemáticas en Kingloch Park Junior High, y compara la labor de la pastoral vocacional a la de los consejeros en las escuelas. "También los muchachos necesitan orientación en su vivir cristiano," dice. "Si para escoger una carrera piden avuda. ¿por qué no para decidir cuál será su vocación cristiana específica? Yo creo que todo el mundo se beneficiaría de una pastoral vocacional bien y tendríamos una comunidad equilibrada. Nadie puede ser feliz si no está en su lugar, siguiendo la vocación para la que Dios le llama."

"Primero de todo hay que cuidar la gran vocación de "ser hombre" y "ser mujer," sólo

despues se puede pensar en una vocación específica dentro de la Iglesia," comentaba el Dr. Huerta durante una de las sesiones de formación del equipo de animadores.

El Dr. Huerta considera la opción vocacional como la cúpula del edificio de la persona. "Si el edificio no está bien hecho no le pongan mucha cúpula, porque se. cae tarde o temprano," dijo, durante la charla sobre "condiciones humanas para la vocación"

Anteriormente, el equipo ha reflexionado sobre los temas de Vocación Universal a la santidad la pastoral vocacional hoy y vocaciones específicas: sacerdocio, vida religiosa, laicado.

planean jornadas vocacionales en las parroquias y se mantiene la conexión con más de 200 ancianos y enfermos que constantemente oran por esta intención.

La Pastoral Vocacional también implica a las religiosas y sacerdotes, a través de contactos y colaboraciones personales, o reuniones de reflexión, y toda la

animadores vocacionales.

tarea de los animadores trata de recalcar la importancia de que se den en la Iglesia vocaciones a la vida consagrada.

"No cabe duda de que la comunidad va tomando con-

ciencia de sus responsibilidades, dice el Padre Estévez; y en la, opinión de uno de los animadores, 'una comunidad preocupada es la mejor oración por el fomento de vocaciones.'



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# Hemos de ser evangelizados — Pablo VI

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"En este domingo dedicado como Jornada de Oración por las vocaciones, os hablamos en favor de una causa que es esencial y por lo tanto permanente y

TOGAS EN LA ERMITA

Por primera vez en la historia de Míami, la Virgen de la Caridad fue testigo el pásado sábado de la entrega de diplomas a 150 estudiantes del programa bilingüe de Biscayne College, que se graduaron en ceremonia que tuvo lugar en la Ermita. Entre ellos, Loli de Quesada quien aparece en la foto después de recibir su diploma.

decisiva en la Iglesia. Os hablamos tomando de nuevo en nuestras manos el texto de la exhortación apostólica sobre la Evangelización del Mundo contemporáneo, que os dirigimos al final del Año Santo, y os hablamos también bajo el influjo saludable de las palabras del Evangelio de hoy: "Tengo también otras ovejas... las cuales debo vo recoger, y oirán mi voz." Pero, ¿cómo oirán, nos podemos preguntar con San Pablo, si no hay nadie que les hable, si no hay nadie para evangelizar?

La voz de Jesús, la Palabra de Dios, la Palabra viva del Padre, siempre está presente. Pero también es necesario—y éste es el maravilloso misterio de la Iglesia— siempre es necesario que haya hombres y mujeres que reciban esa palabra con ansia de llevarla a los demás...

Para ilustrar la gran relación entre la vocación y la evangelización, el mismo Jesús, se nos dio como ejemplo, ya que durante toda su vida pública hizo oír su voz entre la gente de su país, siempre proclamando la buena noticia del Reino de Dios...

A nosotros nos toca, como creyentes, escuchar esa voz del

Señor, y llevar a otros para que también la escuchen. Aceptar esa Palabra, y entregarla a los demás, vivirla y dar testimonio de ella, ser evangelizados y a su vez ser nosotros evangelizadores.

Todo esto nace de un mismo compromiso, cuyos elementos son tan inseparables como las acciones complementarias de una misma misión.

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Queridos hijos e hijas, oremos pues todos juntos, ya que toda vocación Eclesial es un don de Dios, ya que El solo posee el tesoro de sus dones. Delante de nosotros se extienden numerosos caminos, pero nosotros sabemos bien que éstos permanecen sin

caminantes, por falta de personas que quieran servirse de ellos. La decisión no es sólo cuestión personal, necesita de la gracia que llama, ilumina y da fuerzas. De ahí que debamos orar: Te pedimos Señor que continúes bendiciendo enriqueciendo tu Iglesia con el don de las vocaciones. Te pedimos que sean muchos los que oigan tu voz y sigan llenando la Iglesia con la alegría, la generosidad y la fidelidad de su respuesta."

# Hispanos crean fondo nacional

WASHINGTON —(NC)—El Fondo Nacional para Becas Hispanas que dirije el Obispo Auxiliar de San Antonio (Texas) Mons. Patrick Flores, ha iniciado una campaña de recogida de fondos para triplicar el número de estudiantes de origen hispano en las universidades de este país.

"El número de hispanos matriculados en instituciones académicas superiores no responde al crecimiento de la población hispana," dijo el Obispo Flores. "Si seguimos en la misma dirección, las diferencias entre hispanos y otros grupos serán cada vez mayores."

La citada organización que dirige Mons. Flores afirma que hay unos 400 candidatos doctorales hispanos que pronto se verán obligados a abandonar los estudios por falta de asistencia económica.

La meta de tal organización, recientemente aprobada como "no lucrativa", es recaudar \$150,000 para este año escolar, y unos \$500,000 al año, en beneficio de hispanos.

Mons. Flores expresó la necesidad de "aunar esfuerzos a escala nacional" y explicó que hoy día los mexico-americanos, puertoriqueños, cubanos, e hispanos de centro y sudamérica

están repartidos por todo el mapa de la nación.

La citada organización tiene un carácter permanente y distribuye los fondos a nivel nacional, operando en coordinación con Universidades e instituciones educativas. Las condiciones para conseguir fondos son universales, según afirma el director ejecutivo Ernest Z. Robles de Riverside California.

A través de comités locales y regionales se identificarán posibles candidatos a recibir los fondos. "La resultante será toda una red de conexiones entre hispanos que ayudará a crear conciencia de las oportunidades de educación superior, disponibles a los distintos grupos," dijo Robles.

Otros miembros del comité de tal organización son Pablo Sedillo Jr., director del Secretariado Hispano de la Conferencia de los Obispos norteamericanos; el doctor Julian Nava, de la Junta de Educación de los Angeles, Gilbert Chávez Director de la Oficina de Hispanos del Departamento de Salud, Educación y Bienestar Social, y la Sra. Margarezt Garza de Cincinnati.

