Pope begins 80th year after stormy 79th

By JOHN MUTHIG VATICAN CITY - (NC) -Pope Paul VI, who began his 80th year Sept. 26, has experienced in the last 12 months the heights and depths of what being Pope is all about.

There is no doubt that Pope Paul at age 79 is still very much in control of what goes on behind the Vatican's walls.

But it is equally clear that the man who returned to Rome from Castelgandolfo in mid-September is older than the one who left the city last July-and much older than the Pope who directed the triumphant Holy Year in 1975.

The past 12 months in the Pope's life culminated with a simple birthday celebration

here Sept. 26. (The Pope prefers to celebrate his feastday, St. John the Baptist, June 24.) The celebration was even more austere than usual since the Pope's "usher," prelate of the antechamber Msgr. Oddone Tacoli, had died several days before at age 56.

It was probably the death of this close associate that prompted the Pope to tell pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at noontime on his birthday that "we have already reached

the vesper hour of our day on earth.'

LAST YEAR at this time, the Pope was in high spirits as he celebrated the crowning moment of any pontificate—the Holy Year.

And if the Holy Year is the summit of a pontificate, September in Holy Year is the pinnacle of the celebration.

Last September crowds of over 200,000 jammed St. Peter's Square at twilight one

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Respect Life Sunday reaffirms life's value

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Archdiocese:

As we celebrate Respect for Life Sunday, we reaffirm the value of life as a precious gift from God, the author of all life.

Ten years ago the Second Vatican Council clearly stated the basic principle of respect for human life:

"For God, the Lord of Life, has conferred on men the surpassing ministry of safeguarding life in a manner that is worthy of man. Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes."

Respect for Life Sunday presents an opportunity to affirm the priceless value of every person-the unborn child, the newborn infant, the young person, the mature adult, and finally, the senior citizen. Every human being has a right to life directly from God.

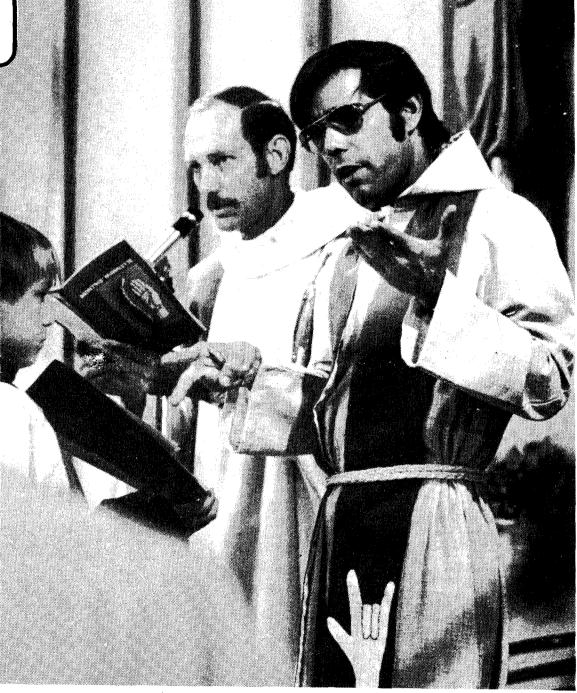
The Church's insistence on the dignity of the human person demands that we protect the rights of the unborn child. Abortion is the destruction of the life of a child before birth. It is a grave moral evil because it is a violation of the most basic human right, the right to life. Laws that permit the arbitrary destruction of human life—before as well as after birth—are unjust and immoral.

I am confident the spiritual efforts of the Respect for Life Program will bring to all a renewed understanding of the value of human life. Likewise, I am confident the education program will stimulate efforts to persuade our nation's leaders to restore the protection of the Constitution to the unborn baby.

In closing, I ask all of you in this church today to join in asking God's grace and assistance so that we may come to understand even more clearly the sanctity of life and our common responsibility to safeguard human dignity.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Coleman T. Carroll
Archbishop of Miami



Sign language is used to interpret Sunday Mass for the deaf by Father James Vitucci, director of the Archdiocesan Apostolate for the Deaf. Father Michael Kish (left) was the celebrant of

the Mass at St. Louis Church. The symbol on Father Vitucci's stole is the International Deaf sign for "I Love You." (Related story and pictures on page 3.)

District Serrans convene today

FORT LAUDERDALE- closing banquet at 7:30 p.m., when Otto Trott, Broward Paul the Apostle parish, Hundreds of members of Serra Saturday, Oct. 2. International, an organization of Laymen devoted to the Jamaica will be the principal promotion of religious vocations, are participating in the Fall district convention which opens today (Friday) at Hour and exposition of the the Hilton Hotel here.

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll and Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the guest speakers during the

Bishop Edgerton Clarke of celebrant of a Concelebrated Mass at 9:45 p.m. today following an evening Holy Blessed Sacrament which will begin at 9 p.m. in St. Pius X Church.

First general sessions convene at 9 a.m., Saturday,

Serra Club president, will Lighthouse welcome delegates to the South Florida meeting. Representatives of nine clubs in Florida and Jamaica which comprise District 30 of Serra will be present.

Dereck Sale, District 30 Governor, will serve as chairman of the meeting where delegates will hear Father Frederick Brice, pastor, St.

Victor, a former Broward Serra Club member; and Benjamin Gore, who is studying for the priesthood of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, discuss "Delayed Vocations-Seminarians."

Following a 10:15 coffee break, Dominican Father Urban Voll, rector of the Archdiocesan Major Seminary of St.

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New St. Vincent de Paul Store recently opened in Riviera Beach is under the direction of Mrs. Anthony Geary of St.

Francis of Assisi parish, shown outside the structure which has ample parking space and an air-conditioned showroom.

'Creative living seminar' set at Lantana's Cenacle

LANTANA-A "Creative Living Seminar" open to men and women, teenagers, and Religious is planned at the Cenacle Retreat House for the weekend of Oct. 8-10.

Described by Sister Arline Brent, R.C., as a "weekend that can change your life," the seminar provides directions for aiding individuals to become fully aware of their potentials, teaches them to learn what makes them "tick." and examines personal goals and motives, dividing the genuine from the false.

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"Contrary to much that has been learned in traditional Christianity, the average person DOES NOT like himself. Self-image can be so low that he actually hates himself. The goal of the Creative Living Seminar is to assist you to react positively to life's experiences instead of negatively; it presents spiritual reminders such as, 'Christ came that we would have life and have it more abundantly,' and that within the very core of you is a spark of the divine," Sister Arline pointed out.

Reservations for the seminar, which begins at 7:30 p.m. next Friday and concludes on Sunday afternoon, may be made by calling the retreat house at 582-2534.

Pope sends blessings to St. Rose CCD pupils

Rose of Lima parish and their families have received the blessings of Pope Paul VI in response to letters written to the Holy Father after they were confirmed earlier this year.

Jeffrey Bassett and Paul MacClure, two of 24 students in the Religious Education class of Mrs. Peter Buffone, wrote to the Pope expressing best wishes on behalf of the Confirmation Class.

In a letter to each of the boys, in which was enclosed a

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Two CCD students in St. small picture of the Pontiff, Msgr. G. Coppa wrote, "I am directed to express the gratitude of Pope Paul for your message of good wishes and prayers and have pleasure in that he communicating willingly gives his Apostolic Blessing to you and your family.

> Mrs. Buffone, who intends to encourage this year's class to also write to Pope Paul, also the Apostolic received Blessing.

Right to die' called road

VATICAN CITY-(NC)-Commenting on a "right to die" bill passed by the California legislature, the Vatican Daily newspaper told readers Sept. 2 that failure to defend the "right to life" is to "open the doors to euthanasia."

L'Osservatore Romano said in a brief editorial comment that the "right to die" bill "cannot fail to cause jealous custodians of their own lives and the lives of others."

THE PAPER asserted that failure to defend the principles of the preservation of life "means to open the doors to euthanasia and to opt for nonlife.'

This is so, said the paper, "no matter what the physical condition of the subjects and according to the real possibilities that are at the disposal not only of single individuals or families, but also those which the community is able to offer on the level of medicine and health care."

The California Catholic Conference, the organization of the state's bishops, had originally opposed the bill. But during the legislative process the bill was amended and numerous safeguards added. The conference then declared it would not take a position on the bill. California pro-life groups opposed the bill.

New Riviera Beach store opened by Vincentians

RIVIERA BEACH-Another store has been opened in Palm Beach County by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society now doing business on the Old Dixie Hwy., here, just one block north of Blue Heron Blvd.

A CBS and brick structure which features an air conditioned shopping area and a large warehouse in which refrigerators, furniture, TV sets, and other appliances are displayed, the store has been in the "planning" stage for the past five years and has been completed at a cost of \$56,515. The parking area, interior painting and landscaping were donated by one of the members who prefers to

remain anonymous.

Like the other 10 stores operated by the society in Dade, Broward, and Collier Counties, the new store has a variety of used articles, clothing, etc., available for those in low-income groups. According to Mrs. Anthony Geary, a member of St. Francis of Assisi parish, business has been "brisk" since opening day last week.

Throughout the Archdiocese of Miami St. Vincent de Paul stores provide pick-up service for donations which are sold in the stores.

Income derived is then used to aid the needy in the areas of medical services, funerals, food, rent, etc.

Charities volunteers, staff make reality'

WEST PALM BEACH— Commitment, competence, to euthanasia communication, and compassion are requisites for all persons associated with the work of Catholic Charities, Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh told guests during the annual dinner of the Palm Beach County Catholic Service Bureau.

Speaking to bureau staff members and volunteers, the Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, Msgr. Walsh emphasized that "Catholic Charities is an abconcern in those...who are straction-staff and volunteers make it a reality. What counts," he declared, "is the individual and group commitment to certain values and goals. Within the social welfare community we are the Catholic Church to serve people without reference to race, creed or color.

> "The Catholic community, in part, works out its salvation through its practice of brotherly love through serving suffering humanity. This must be an unselfish love of neighbor," Msgr. Walsh explained. "We must go into the highways and byways seeking all who need help. What is special about our work is that we have an organized, professional approach to solving human problems which demand professional competence and expertise."

Msgr. Walsh reminded guests that no one can be uninvolved whether staff or volunteer. A small group functioning well together can

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develop a self-complacency, he pointed out, adding that Charities, is, itself, a small group in relation to the whole Catholic community. "It is important to work with other groups and share a vision of the whole," he said.

One particular quality which Msgr. Walsh would like to see singled out as characteristic of the organizational structure of Charities is that of compassion, he declared. "It must be a dimension of life whenever individuals are placed situations involving misunderstanding or conflict.

New officers for Palm Beach CSB

WEST PALM BEACH-Officers of the Palm Beach County Catholic Service Bureau Advisory Board and Auxiliary were installed during the annual dinner.

Msgr. John McMahon, director of the Archdiocesan Rural Life Bureau, installed advisory board officers Richard I. Coon, president; Francis P. Geary, vice president; Mrs. G.J. Gaines, Jr., secretary; and Thomas J. Workman, Jr., treasurer. All had been reelected.

Mrs. Robert Ulseth, past president of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, installed officers of the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Carl Hussey is president; Mrs. Arthur Molnar, vice president; Mrs. Albert J. Luzietti, secretary; and Mrs. Robert L. Vickers, treasurer.

Dr. S. Jonas elected at St. Francis Hosp.

Stanley Jonas, M.D., has been elected president of the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital.

Other new officers are Dr. Ruben S. Zabaleta, secretary; and Dr. Robert Rosen, treasurer.

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By FRANK HALL Voice Feature's Editor

How does the Church respond to the deaf?

In the Archdiocese of Miami, the response is varied but one of the most vital aspects is by providing opportunities for hearing impaired people to participate in the Mass through the use of sign language.

With the utilization of interpreters, deaf adults and children can be integrated into parish life and the Christian community. For a deaf person to attend Mass without an interpreter is an extremely difficult situation because he is unable to understand the prayers, the music, or the homily.

Father James Vitucci, director of the Apostolate for the Deaf, participates in specially designated Masses and interprets the readings, responses, and homily into sign language. He is often accompanied by volunteer interpretors who sign the hymns and the readings. Refreshments are served following the Mass to provide socialization since the deaf frequently can not take advantage of the telephone for friendly conversation during the week.

ACCORDING to Father Vitucci, one of his major concerns is that members of the deaf community should be aware of the services provided by the Archdiocese.

"Unfortunately, not all our deaf people are enrolled in their local churches because they are unsure of how to communicate with someone from the rectory who does not use sign language. They are also sensitive to the fact that frequently, there is tremendous awkwardness on the part of hearing people in relating to the Father Vitucci points deaf.'

Because of this, Father Vitucci is appealing to all hearing people in the Archdiocese to inform any deaf neighbors of the pastoral and spiritual services offered.

"OFTEN, hearing people will be aware of a neighbor or a friend of a friend who is deaf and it would be a real service if the presence of our office could be made known to them by the individual. The deaf person could then either write to me at Holy Family Church, P.O. Box 610-687, 14500 N.E. 11 Ave., North Miami, Fa., 33161, or have a hearing friend call me at



947-5043 in Dade."

The deaf person would be put on a mailing list kept by Father Vitucci and be notified of any special activities planned for the deaf.

Of particular concern to Father Vitucci, is the names and addresses of deaf people living outside of Dade County. He would like to schedule Masses in sign language and other activities in both Broward and Palm Beach Counties and is vitally interested in being in contact with deaf people in these areas.

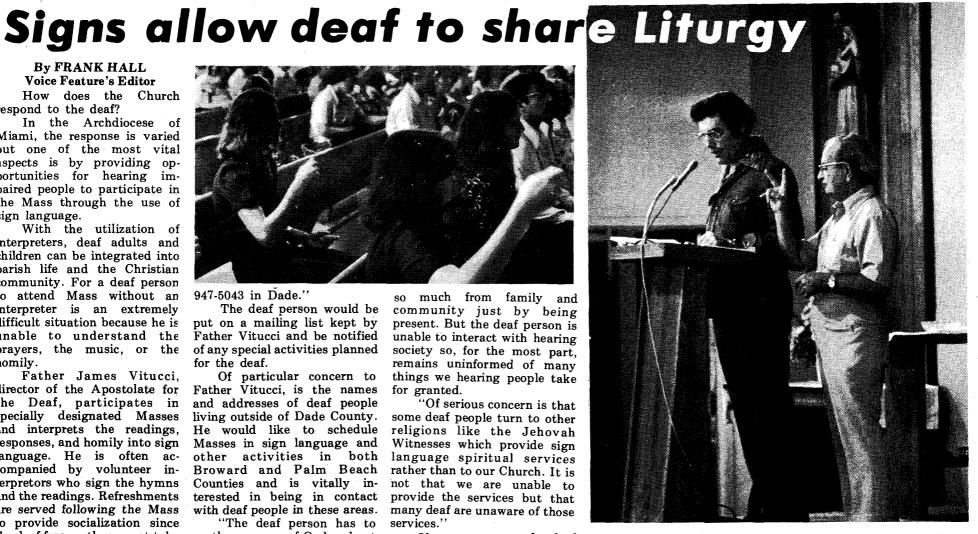
'The deaf person has to see the presence of God and not just hear it," declares Fr. Vitucci. "The State provides many services to the deaf but we are very responsible for providing the spiritual services needed. I really see the need for Sacramental education; to instruct the deaf in calling a priest in time of illness, in preparation for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

"I recently met a 50-yearold deaf woman who had been attending Mass all her life but had not been baptized. She didn't know exactly what baptism was or how to go about being baptized. That's why the deaf must be such a deep pastoral concern to all of us.

so much from family and community just by being present. But the deaf person is unable to interact with hearing society so, for the most part, remains uninformed of many things we hearing people take for granted.

'Of serious concern is that some deaf people turn to other religions like the Jehovah Witnesses which provide sign language spiritual services rather than to our Church. It is not that we are unable to provide the services but that many deaf are unaware of those services.'

If you are aware of a deaf person, why not pass this information on to them? It would be a sad commentary if deaf people lived next door or in the parish and were unable to participate fully in the liturgical life of the Church simply because no one ever told them.



At a Mass for the deaf (clockwise from top left) participants respond to prayers in sign language; parish lector James Schrenker uses voice while Anthony Rubano (deaf and from Fort Lauderdale) uses signs for the readings; Father James Vitucci, interprets the homily; singers Robert Tabbert and Lisa Zorovich lead the music.



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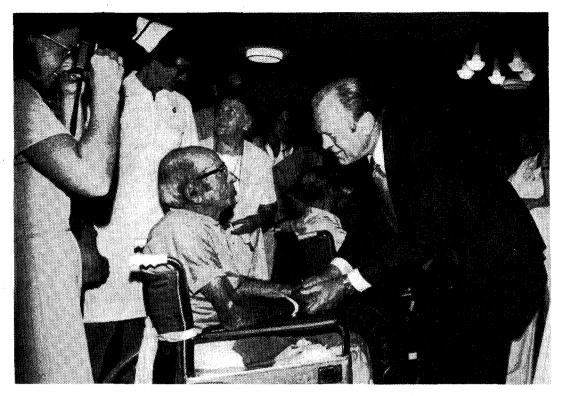
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President Ford greets a patient at Villa Maria Rehabilitation Center.

Nursing home solitude broken by special guest

All of a sudden, one day this week, there were cops and Secret Service men all over the place, police helicopters in the air and the street barricaded out front.

The place: Villa Maria. Archdiocese sponsored nursing home, usually a scene of tranquility and soft voices, elderly people rolling about in wheelchairs and whispering attendants.

But Monday was different. The President was coming.

Things being as they are these days, presidential security is a massive operation even for a 30-minute stop at a home full of sick and elderly.

Plain clothes policemen of the city of North Miami abounded. "I've been in this area 16 years and this is the first time I ever had to work in plain clothes," complained one officer, frustrated at the lack of response from people he had to turn away from the Villa grounds.

"But I always visit my mother here on Monday,' argued one lady at the en-

"Yes Ma'am," replied the officer, "You can see her after one o'clock.''

"But she's expecting me

"Yes Ma'am, I know but-" the argument continued, while out on 125th Street a couple of hundred spectators lined the barricades to catch a glimpse of The Arrival. Placards and chants proclaimed the cause of relatives of the residents, and Jews inside Russia. Overhead, a police chopper swooped about checking rooftops, and on a tall building two blocks away police were frisking someone who had been found there. And on the Villa roof a policeman peered constantly into binoculars.

Inside receptionist Carolyn

Haney was getting call after senior generation had built up call from people who had read the morning paper.

"Boy, the calls I am getting," getting," she said exasperatedly. "I have people calling who haven't been here to visit their relatives in two years who want to come in today. And all of a sudden we have volunteers you couldn't imagine who want to come in!'

And some were not too graceful when she gave them the word. "I'm glad I'm not sick," Ms. Haney quoted one of them as saying, "I'll never come there if I am."

Out near the entrance the Jewish group's chant suddenly grew loud, "One, two, three, four, open up the Iron Door! Five, six, seven, eight, let my people emmigrate!" He was arriving. A police car rounded the drive briskly, followed by the big black limousine, U.S. and presidential flags flying, followed by an open-top car with four G-men standing on running boards, like charioteers in modern Brooks Brothers suits, ties flying in the wind.

The door was opened and The Man stepped out to be greeted by Msgr. John Delaney, V.F. representing the Archdiocese, Sister Helen Mary, SBS, Sister Katherine Ann, SBS, and Martin Slavin, all of the executive staff, and

Inside, he spoke and shook hands with little old ladies and men in wheelchairs, nurses and said a few words about how the

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America and deserved to be taken care of and expressed his admiration for the fine facility Villa Maria was. Cookies and punch were served and a volunteer played the organ.

Back at the entrance 30 minutes later he shook hands all around, waved right and left, front and back, every possible camera angle, including the direction of the demonstrators, and ducked back into the big black Cadillac. Waving again and presenting what appeared to be a tired smile framed in the back seat window, he disappeared as the motor hummed and the small caravan rounded the drive and went out the back parking lot the way it had come

Helicopter and police vanished. Street barricades stood vacant.

A statue of Marv overlooked her garden near the entrance. People walked in from the street at will.

Now it was just another Monday afternoon at the Villa.



Carter to address Charities meeting

WASHINGTON - (NC) -Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter will address some 2,000 persons involved in social work in Catholic inmeeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities (NCCC) in Denver,

President Ford, the Republican candidate, was also invited but said "heavy demands" on his schedule "precluded" his appearance.

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spokesman also said it was 'not likely" that Ford's running-mate, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, would address the conference.

Carter's appearance was

announced here by Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, executive director of the NCCC.

Msgr. Corcoran said the candidates had been invited to stitutions at the annual discuss issues of "critical importance."

> Those issues, he said, include "social welfare policy generally, unemployment and the economy, welfare reform and income maintenance, the impact of the tax system on the distribution of income and the impact of federal policy on the family."

> The conference will be attended by executives and staff of Catholic Charities offices and others involved in Catholic social work.

Busing law scored

Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of research for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference (NCCB-USCC) said a report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on busing and school desegregation 'completely undercuts the position of those, in and out of the Administration, who would circumvent the clear intent of the Supreme Court's 1954 decision...by arbitrarily restricting the jurisdiction of the federal courts on the matter of busing." He said "the courts have acted on this matter only when confronted with clear evidence that school segregation was deliberately brought about by the illegal policies of local school boards or other government agencies in clear contravention of the intent" of the 1954 Brown vs. the Board of Education ruling.

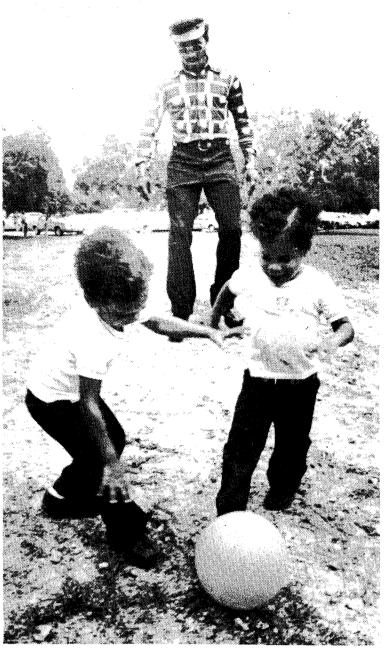
Clergy tourney slated Oct. 20

POMPANO tournament for Catholic clergy will be held this year Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Palm Aire Country Club.

Reservations for participating in the tournament, which concludes with a banquet, must be made by

BEACH writing to Father Paul L. The annual statewide golf Manning, pastor, St. John the Baptist Church, 4731 NE 28 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 33308; or Father Brendan Grogan, pastor, St. Henry Church, 1500 N. Andrews Ave., Ext., Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060, co-chairmen of arrangements.





Twins Matthew and Mark, Vietnamese, play ball with Daddy, Junior Glover.



Matthew Dorsey, Vietnamese, (right) finds a new friend, Michael Pinzer at Pavillion 7 in the park.

International Picnic

Adoptive families of Dade and Broward and their children from Asia had a picnic recently in "T-Y" (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park in Hollywood. They are part of an organization called Americans for International Aid and Adoption which is dedicated to helping cut

the cost and red tape and other problems for families wanting to adopt the cast-off children of the world. Head of the organization is Mrs. Phyllis Picardi of Plantation, 472-6769.



Michael Lo Piano helps daughter Gina, Korean, up to the water fountain.



Kim Visushil, Vietnamese, plays on her own.



Jane Hopkins, age 5, makes her little sister Hillary smile at her funny face. Both are Korean.



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A devotion for our times

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, after emphasizing the incomparable excellence of the Eucharistic Liturgy, the bishops at the Second Vatican Council assured us that "popular devotions of the Christian people are warmly recommended...especially devotions called for by the Apostolic See." (CSL No. 13)

One of the most popular devotions in the Catholic Church, a devotion repeatedly recommended by the Apostolic See, is the recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on Oct. 7. The month of October has long been hailed in Catholic devotional life as the month of the Rosary.

The Second Vatican Council, which so signally honored the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, began on Oct. 11, 1962, the day on which the Church then celebrated the feast of Mary's divine Motherhood.

The Rosary begins with the joyful mysteries. and the first of the joyful mysteries recalls the moment when Mary became the Mother of God. That moment has been commemorated for centuries by the recitation of the Angelus. The Blessed Virgin Mary became the Mother of God when "the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.

This happy association of the Rosary, the Motherhood of Mary, and the Angelus confirms

the growing and enriching awareness among the Catholic faithful that Mary was, indeed. associated with Christ in the mysteries of his life. It also confirms the conviction that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, far from distracting one from love of her Son, or detracting from his glory, "causes her Son be to be rightly known, loved, and glorified..." (Lumen Gentium,

This is so because in loving the Mother of God, we are imitating Jesus, her Son. In fact, true devotion to Mary, in the meaning it now has, began the day her infant Son, who was also the Son of God, first whispered "Mother" as he sought the shelter of her protecting arms. He has been the matchless model of the perfect love of Mary from the beginning of devotion to her. He will continue to be the incomparable exemplar of

love and devotion to Mary until all who are saved are united with him and with her in the glory of his kingdom in heaven.

Daily meditation on the mysteries of the life of Christ will enable us to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord. The Rosary enshrines many of the mysteries of the life of Christ. May our daily meditative recitation of the Rosary, during the month of October, make us more perfect imitators of Jesus' love of his Mother. And may that imitation imprint a glorious likeness of Mary's Son on our souls.

> John P. Haran, S.J. St. Vincent Seminary **Boynton Beach**

Haitians look to Congress

Even as the Haitian refugees languish in jails or outside idleness, unable to work while waiting out the possibility of being shipped back to the tender mercies of Baby Doc Duvalier, the Immigration Service announced last week regulations clearing the way for 66,000 Cubans in the U.S. to become permanent residents without the usual two-year delay.

But Rep. William Lehman states in a letter that a Congressional investigation last year revealed that the Haitians were being unfairly treated and that if the federal agencies did not correct this, the Dade Congressional delegation, including Dante Fascell and Claude Pepper, would do it through Congress.

Well?

Letters to the Editor

'Celebrate' the rosary

EDITOR: Msgr. James Walsh writes a weekly column in The Voice, which many of us find most enlightening, and rewarding. His last one, "After Hysteria a Rediscovery of the Rosary," deserves special recognition.

Before Vatican II the Rosary was so well known, and unequivocally understood in the Catholic world, that it was taken for granted. Outside of the Mass, the Rosary was the great, universal prayer of the faithful.

On the contrary, the secularization of the world, the loss of faith in the Church, the television temptations in most homes, the advent of the evening Masses, etc., has meant the virtual disappearance of those devotions, of which the Rosary was a part.

Thank God, there is still a solid core of faithful Rosarians. For the most part, nevertheless, they are conservative in their thinking and practice.

In order to rekindle the riches of the Rosary, and bring anew the theology of this prayer, according to Vatican II, a Congress was held recently in Rome: May 5-12, 1976.

The Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, spoke to the members of this Congress at the general audience on May 12; and said: "Following the tradition of our Venerable predecessors have always recommended the frequent recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary; in a very special manner we did so in our Apostolic Exhortation, 'Marialis Cultus,' of Feb. 2, 1974. Today, we once again urge and recommend the Rosary, a real evangelical prayer, as well as Christ

centered. We urge it most appropiately to all Christian families. We earnestly wish that when families meet for their common prayer, the Losary becomes their usual and chosen expression." (Marialis Cultus, n. 54)

This "Marialis Cultus" of Pope Paul became the center of the many discussions and papers at the Congress. The Most Reverend Master General of the Dominican Order. Vicente Father, Couesnongle, O.P., said in his discourse: "The Rosary is not a simple Marian devotion. It must be a light of the world. A light beyond the repetition of Aves, a light beyond the imagination that makes the principal portraits of the life of Christ live again. By letting us communicate with the heart of the One, who was blessed above all other creatures for having believed, the Rosary is thus a prayer that enlightens, and a light that prays.'

In the conditions of the rapid developments of today's society it is easy to say the Rosary if it concerns only the keeping of the beads in the hand, or to memorize the list of the fifteen mysteries. But it is very difficult to live, and even strongly exact it, if we really want to make it the true ex-

pression of our faith today. The promotion of the Rosary demands an aggiornamento in theology, not only in Mariology, in what we read, study, reflect. The aggiorthe Rosary namento ΟI demands also the knowledge of those to whom we have to speak, those that we must convince, enlighten, and answer concerning questions that their faith asks.

The Rosary of today must not be said, necessarily, and at all times, as it was done five, ten or twenty years ago. The "Marialis Cultus" does not deal Walsh, muchas gracias. with the change of the Rosary, as otherwise it would not be the Rosary. But what it is concerned about is the manner of Likes letters saying it. How much difference there is between the Rosary mechanically repeated and hurried through in ten minutes, and a decade "celebrated," for example, during a meeting of the Legion of Mary.

The Rosary belongs not only to the "saved," but to those living far from the live according to its rules. The Rosary must be the prayer of the adults, and not only of the children, or the aged. The Rosary is of the learned, and not only of uneducated people.

Almost everywhere in the world, young people have a new desire for true, silent, and shared prayer. There is a real "sign of the times." For them too, there must be a Rosary.

The Congress was a challenging invitation to new forms of prayer, to imagination, to fresh ideas and procedures of Rosarian contemplation.

A solemn concelebrated Mass of five cardinals (Philipe, O.P., Staffa, Pironio, Wright, and Furstenburg), with a number of bishops, and more than one hundred priests, committed to the preaching of the Holy Rosary, became the high moment of the Congress, at the Basilica of Santa Maria la Maiore, supra Minerva. At the termination of the Mass I saw Cardinal Eduardo Pironio, Prefect of the Congregation for Religious, on his knees and with beads in his hands, in front of the tomb of Saint Catherine of Siena. His Emminence Cardinal John Wright, Prefect of the Congregation for Rosary next to the sepulcher of Fray Angelico.

Father Angel Vizcarra, O.P. St. Dominic Church

to the editor

EDITOR: I just recently moved to Miami from Philadelphia and enjoy The Voice very much. Please include us on your subscription

I saw last week that you Church, to those who cannot had a page of letters to the editor but this doesn't seem to be a weekly feature. Am I mistaken?

> I really enjoy reading what other people in the Archdiocese are thinking and to see what priorities they have. It's a good way to get the feel for a new place. I hope you will continue this feature and that other readers agree with me.

> One last point: many times readers are isolated from a Catholic newspaper as well as from the Church. A letters to the editor page, I think, gives the small person a chance to be heard and a feeling that someone is listening (provided, of course, that the page is open to varied opinions). If the page can be a cross section of what people are thinking I also know it will enable priests and Religious to be more in touch with their people.

Sincerely. Ann Paul Miami

Nazis started anti-life drive

EDITOR: Not all the people who espoused Nazism the Clergy, was saying his knew the German War Machine was geared for a policy of extermination, but it is difficult To Monsignor Jimmy to convince those who had lost

close relatives and loved ones that it was possible not to

There are people, however, that argue that the Nazi Party was a good thing, but, for various reasons under the sun, it didn't come off the way it was supposed to. The same people will argue that killing six million human beings had its good points. They will give reasons like, the world was becoming overcrowded (overcrowded for them, that is), or the Jews were making too much money and nobody else could make a living, etc.

There will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth on the Last Day, and I believe the loudest sounds will come from people like these; but the same kind of faulty, selfish, uninformed reasoning is keeping the abortion machinery oiled. Fetal genocide is an application or extension of a Nazistic principle on the value of human life.

John Hrach Miami Beach



All letters to the editor must be signed. Names will withheld from publication upon request. The Voice reserves the right to edit letters within context for space considerations.

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Young look to this 'natural' saint

Therese Martin of Lisieux, France, who died in 1897 and was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, was born in 1952.

So say an increasingly large number of young men and women in Europe and America.

To them she is a contemporary saint. She is still 24 years old. Most of her photos show her in her early twenties. More important, her thoughts, hopes and dreams revealed in her penny copy books etch the sharp, colorful portrait of a highly sensitive, searching, stubborn girl with whom young people today claim, rather astonishingly, that they can quite easily relate.

Daniel Madded Columbia recently wrote of his visit to Lisieux where he interviewed many young men and women who had traveled there to pay their respects to Therese and to satisfy their curiosity about her home and convent.

HE SAID they were impressed with her "gift of communication." She knew how to dialogue with God and people around her without a that Therese was unbelievably opportunity of a pilgrimage to facilitator or group sensitivity

complained that young people today are out of touch, isolated, lonely. "She had a hot line to God which put her in instant touch with him.'

What seems to be Therese's most appealing quality to the young? Her naturalness. Her approach to God, as a child with a loving Father, her open, unaffected manner towards her sisters, indicated a spontaneous, mature person not afraid to take the risk necessary in dealing with others.

They stressed that people today seek the natural-they abhor the phony, the artificial. "Therese rings true."

Is it surprising that young adults in 1976 are turning to a French contemplative nun for guidance and inspiration in their lives? Not really. All this does not mean a rediscovery of Therese, as we speak of a rediscovery of prayer. She has never been lost sight of by older people around the world, who track mind: Carmel, even have followed her "little way" though she was too young. A of Christian living with gratitude and confidence. The younger people are learning for the first time that she is indeed the saint for our times.

HER MOTHER once said stubborn. Her whole life proves



The Little Flower, Therese

stubborness so noticeable in Leo hedged. But Therese enearly childhood was directed, however, into a single channel, the channel of love. It was toughened into a steel firmness limitations. She was full of of will in the pursuit of God which made a spiritual giant out of a young girl.

At 15 she developed a one though she was too young. A nun with her two sisters. She piled her hair on top of her head to make her look older and pleaded with the local bishop for permission to enter. When he told her to wait, she used the Rome with her father to stop sessions. By contrast, one girl it, and it led to great sanctity in the Pope and beg him to waive

an unspectacular way. The the rule of age entrance. Pope tered in a few months. Stub-

> She soon realized her admiration for the great saints, but their severe penances and exhaustingly long hours of prayer left her cold. She was too small for that type of greatness, she said. She couldn't read their thick, heavy volumes on the spiritual life. They gave her a headache. She settled for two books, which she just about memorized—the Gospels and the Imitation of Christ.

IT BECAME perfectly clear to her that the only way she could become a saint was

by just trying to be a good nun and carry out the duties of each day as best she could. This became her unchanging plan, and she brought all her stubborness to it. One thing more was needed. One thing more would always be essential. Whatever she did had to be done with the motive of love. This motive must be the most important element in her growth in holiness. She could live the Carmelite day, keep the rules, pray the ordinary prayers, make the ordinary sacrifices—and the motive of love would transform all these so-called little things.

FOR HER the love of God and the love of neighbor were a single love. "Now I realize that true charity consists in putting up with all one's neighbors' faults, never being surprised by his weakness, and being inspired by the least of his vir-

She said she never refused God anything, once she realized that love was all that mattered. She succeeded in doing this in the strict regime of Carmel, while experiencing painful temptations against faith, while suffering the ravaging effects of tuberculosis, which took her life at the age of 24.

(To be continued)

By Dale Frances

Pro-lifers too shrill; no one listens

Because I believed abortion should and would become an issue in the 1976 presidential campaign, I had hoped that from the campaign there would come a better understanding.

But that's not what is happening. Abortion is an issue but there is no understanding. The trouble is nobody's listening, everybody's shouting. When I say nobody's listening, I mean those who favor the pro-life cause as well as those who do not. The fault lies with both sides but because we are the ones who must convince others of the justice of our position, we are the real losers in the development of an impasse that polarizes

I UNDERSTAND our reaction. It is an emotional reaction, the news media says. And why shouldn't it be? When you understand abortion for what it really is, the killing of innocent human life, then how can you help but be emotional about that? And yet, because our purpose must be to end this evil, we must persuade others. You can't do that by shouting at

Some of the pro-life reaction has been unjust. It is true that Jimmy Carter does not favor the constitutional amendment to protect human life from conception that most of us believe is the only feasible solution. It is valid to contend he does not understand the basic issue, it is valid to make his position on the issue decisive in determining your vote. But it is wrong to make the jump from Carter's rejection of a human life amendment to the charge he is in favor of murdering unborn infants—as one demostrator's sign shown on the television news said.

The truth is that neither of the presidential candidates support what seems to most who favor the pro-life cause to be a solution. Gerald Ford's support for an amendment that would return the

question of abortion to the states would only bring us back to the chaotic situation that existed before the Supreme Court decision opened the floodgates. It would complicate the situation but it would not solve it. Yet, because his solution fails to meet the needs of the situation, there is no reason to doubt the sincerity of the President as there is no reason to doubt the sincerity of his opponent. Neither are pro-abortion but neither seem really to understand the reality of the situation.

IF WE WHO are pro-life have fallen into the fault of being too shrill, of attempting to shout people into agreeing with us, we aren't the only ones who aren't listening. Those who are willing that abortion should continue never really hear what we are saying.

The real difference between us is in how we see the infant in the womb. We see the unborn infant as a real human person. What other way can the infant in the womb be viewed? we ask. Science tells us that at the instant of conception all the qualitative determining factors are already present-the sex, the pigmentation of the skin, the color of the eyes, the texture of the hair. Unless illness, accident or act of man intervenes, that life already begun will continue only with quantitative changes, the same life through pregnancy, infancy, childhood, adolescence, youth, maturity, old age. It is life in continuum, the life in the womb human life as surely as the life outside the womb after birth is human life. It is so clear, how can anyone fail to see it?

BUT THERE are those who do not see it. Clear as it is to us, there are those who simply cannot adjust their minds to the concept of the existence of human life until after birth. We speak again and again, trying by logic, by scientific fact, to make others understand. But they are not listening. It is not perversity. It is not they are evil people willing to have human life destroyed if they knew it was human life. It is just they don't understand.

The Los Angeles Times editorialized. What is involved in the question of abortion, the editorial writer said, is a question of human rights. Exactly! That is what it is! You read on and you discover The Times is speaking of the right of the mother to destroy her unborn child. The infant, the editorial said, has rights only when it is viable, able to live outside the womb. And you realize they just don't understand.

There's the problem, getting people to understand that what we are talking about is the reality of human life in the womb. One columnist wrote that abortion is not forced on anyone. He was thinking only of the women who may or may not choose abortion. It just doesn't occur to him tnat the very essence of the problem is that abortion is always forced on someone—the infant who is destroyed. The trouble is he just doesn't understand that infant is someone.

WHEN WE SPEAK of abortion on demand, we are not heard. One woman columnist thought it meant only when abortion was requested. As evil accelerates and we hear now of abortions that are chosen because the mother has learned the sex of the child—and she wanted a boy and the baby is a girl-and we fairly scream the warning of what is happening to our people and nobody hears

Nobody is listening. We often are not listening enough to understand those who oppose our cause are not evil but people who don't understand. They don't listen to us and unborn babies die.

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Bishop Aboujaoude holds up map of Lebanon with Fr. Peter Tayah and shows area held by rightists and leftists.

Smiles gone in Lebanon, Maronite Bp. tells group

By ROBERT O'STEEN Voice News Editor

"You miss the smile in the face of the Lebanese people,' Roland Bishop Aboujaoude referring to his land which is now torn by civil war between Moslems and Christians and caught in the complexities of the Israeli-Araba conflict in the Mideast.

Delegate to the U.S. for the Maronite Patriarch in Lebanon, Bishop Aboujaoude was speaking to about 200 Maronite Catholics at Our Lady of Lebanon Mission in Miami as part of a national tour attempting to arouse awareness and support for the needs of his country and its 300,000 refugees.

"Lebanon is the only country where Moslems, Christians and Jews have peacefully existed together," he said. "It is the only democracy in the Mideast with a Christian impact."

Now, he said, that Lebanon is on the verge of collapse.

"In the meantime the Church and the people for over 15 months have been undergoing sustained and severe suffering," he said.

THE BISHOP showed

slides depicting pillaging, sacking, destruction, profanation caused to more than 85 cities such as Beirut, Tripoli, Damsur and Shekka, 73 churches, six monasteries and

convents, 21 schools, six hospitals, six charitable institutions—losses of billions of dollars.

"The state has been dissolved, the public administration dislocated and the army split," said the 46-yearold Bishop.

He cited the causes of the conflict as job discrimination, poverty, communist pressures, Arab state rivalries, the Israeli-Arab conflict and its Palestinian refugees many thousand of whom have fled to Lebanon where they have set up a quasi-state and increased the pressures already present.

United Nations failures in the Mideast have helped create the problem," he said, "and only they and the major powers can resolve it.'

Bishop Aboujaoude said the solution was for outside powers to stop providing weapons. He said they should intervene diplomatically and if necessary militarily without awaiting a request from the Lebanese government which is inefficient and makeshift under civil war conditions.

'ALSO PEACE will never come to the Mideast until the Palestinian problem is solved,' he said, adding that they have a right to land of their own. "However, the settlement of the Palestinians and the realization of a homeland of their own cannot be at the expense of Lebanon and the Lebanese who have become refugees in their own land.

'Lebanon must be undivided, for the conflict there is not a religious war despite the religious overtones that have been identified with it," he pointed out. "A united Lebanon and coexistence of the various religious communities best serve the development of human values and can safeguard the rights of each religious community.

The Bishop of the Maronite Rite of which there are 40,000 in America, said he had made official visits earlier this year to Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop Jean Jadot, the Pope's Delegate to

"I AM VERY grateful to Archbishop Bernardin for sending letters to all the bishops of the United States urging them to do all they can to give relief to Lebanon," he

At one point in his talk the Bishop held up a map of Lebanon and pointed out that all the area west of Beirut is now under control of the leftists, about 75 per cent, and the rest under the right wing, including most of

The program began with a Mass in the church which is being fashioned out of a former food store at 2055 Coral Way and is still considered a mission. After Mass, the congregation ate an austerity dinner at \$5 a plate, which they do each month, to raise funds for Lebanon relief, under the leadership of Father Peter Tayah. The slide presentation and personal account of the hardships, as well as a moving musical program presented by Father Mansour Labaky, pastor in a village that has been destroyed, and who is accompanying the Bishop on his tour.

Melkite hits report continued assignment to the

The top Melkite-rite churchman in Israel joined hundreds of Israeli Arab officials in denouncing as racist a report advocating tough measures to curb Arab population growth in Galilee and calling for the resignation of the Israeli racism and is full of hate" and government official who wrote

SPEAKING for "all members of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church," Archbishop Maximos Salloum of Acre said

Accuses Polish media of deforming statement

WARSAW - (NC) -Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, primate of Poland, has accused the Polish media of slanted reporting concerning a recent declaration of the Polish Bishops' Conference.

In a sermon here Sept. 26 the primate charged that Polish media "deformed" the bishops statement by reporting only sections calling for calm and a return to work after workers' strikes last June.

bishops' The full statement had also urged an amnesty for the strikers who have been arrested and restoration of their civil rights.

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"It is sad to see that the world of workers must struggle for fundamental rights against a workers' government," the prelate said. "The Polish people need to be governed by love and not by the police."

The primate is preparing to visit Rome at the end of October to discuss the situation of the Polish Church with Pope Paul VI and Vatican officials.

demanded the removal of its author, Yisrael Koenig, the interior ministry's chief representative in the Galilee region of northern Israel for 10

"The Galilee Arabs have proven their loyalty to the state ever since the dark days of its founding and at every opportunity since," said Arch-bishop Salloum in a letter published in The Jerusalem

"WE REQUEST the democratic state of Israel to denounce the memorandum and to remove Koenig from his post immediately," the prelate

Since publication of the archbishop's letter, Israeli Arab leaders in Galilee have called for a two-hour general strike to protest Koenig's

region. "Koenig Memo-The

randum" which had been classified secret, but was published in a left-wing Israeli newspaper, followed the March 30 Israeli Arab strike against land appropriations in Galilee. That strike touched off riots in which six Arabs were killed and scores injured.



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Attorney's insights on juvenile delinquency

system is intended to help kids grow up without criminal a job and help my family," or to records and with the ability to function emotionally and intellectually in society as free humans," said Nancy Wear that once a youth has been tried Johnston, assistant state and found guilty, there are a

consequences for certain ac-

MRS. JOHNSTON, an assistant state attorney since 1974, explained that juvenile delinquency, while increasing at an alarming rate, is not so much likely to be found among juveniles who have hobbies, special interests or who belong to legitimate youth groups such as the Squires. Rather, delinquency is often fostered in broken homes, where children have one or two alcoholic parents, or no parents, or otherwise live in an environment without love, permeated with fear and loneliness. Delinquency has its roots in a negative or nonexistent family situation.
"Ever-increasing numbers

of juveniles are coming into court with established criminal habits and without the necessary motivation to rehabilitate themselves. It is doubtful that any great number of these kids are 'bad seeds,' but are rather products of family, neighborhood and institutional environments that have provided them with little reinforcement for law-abiding behavior.

'Stealing and vandalism are the first manifestations of delinquency. 'I want it' is a phrase that describes the attitudes of a child. Only through training and experience can a well-nurtured child learn to live with frustration and delayed gratification. Mature adults have learned to live with these latter facets of life, recognizing that it is not possible to have now all that is desired or even needed. Mature adults have learned to plan for the future.

"PLANNING for the future, however, is not a habit for delinquent children. They do not even anticipate being caught, as seen by the numbers of junior burglars who are made on prints, although it is well known that finger prints are a dead-certain means of identification.'

Mrs. Johnston cannot recall a single delinquent youth naa any sona career ambition planned for himself. At best, according to Mrs. Johnston, a youngster will

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"The juvenile justice vaguely express a desire to "work on motorcycles," to "get get married and have children."

attorney in the Juvenile number of alternatives facing him. Depending on his past Addressing members and record and the seriousness of guests of the Columbian the offense for which he was Squires of Marian Circle 1364, convicted, he may be sentenced Mrs. Johnston added, "The to the state school at juvenile justice system is Okeechobee, the Dade Marine intended to teach young people Institute, the Try-Center, or that there are predictable other less well known



Assistant State Attornev Nancy Wear Johnston

Using Mini-Bikes) program guidance and counselling to being implemented by the help them distinguish between Allapattah YMCA.

DURING the question and

peer group pressures, lack the counsellor.

programs, such as the NYPUM maturity to make the right (National Youth Program decisions and have insufficient right and wrong."

Among the guests atanswer period which followed tending the meeting were Mrs. Johnstons' presentation, Howard Gnagi, grand knight; she stated that, "our junior Len Boymer, state squires high schools should be closed. chairman; John Donohue, 'In our junior high financial secretary; Bill Boyle, schools, students in their most chief counsellor of Coral Gables delinquency prone years have Circle 1223, and several squires no older, more mature students from that circle; Bob Schutte, to look up to. Junior high Marian chief counsellor; and students are subjected to many Kevin Seifried, civic-cultural



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Abp. McCarthy's first Spanish Mass here

Celebrating his first Mass in Spanish in the Archdiocese, Archbishop Edward A. Mc-Carthy visited St. John Bosco Church in the "heart of Little Havana" last Sunday.

Parishioners did not learn about their special guest until they saw him walk down the front aisle to the altar. It was a regularly scheduled 10 a.m.

The pastor, Father Emilio Vallina, expressed the joy of the parish at having the presence of Abp. McCarthy. Father Vallina recalled the beginnings of the parish under the leadership of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll who also visited the church many times in the past. Fr. Vallina pledged the continued support and cooperation of the parish to Archbishop Carroll and his new coadjutor.

At the end of the Mass, Abp. McCarthy addressed the congregation in Spanish, recalling that his first Spanish teacher, back in Cincinnati, had been a Cuban.

"It was through her that I learned about the great sufferings you have undergone because of your faith," noted.

He expressed his sympathy for the Spanish culture and added:

"NEITHER you or I have had the privilege of choosing the blood that would run through our veins because Divine Providence established that before hand. Nevertheless, that same Providence does allow us to choose the people we place close to our hearts, and I want you to know that you will always have a special place in mine," he added in clearly enunciated Spanish.

'But, I also want to ask you to keep a special place for me in your hearts," he said, reminding the congregation that they, as true sons of God, redeemed by the blood of Christ, must stay in unity; a unity that respects and shares the special gifts of culture and

"You, particularly, have all the gifts that I want to help you preserve and share, but at the same time I want you to receive and accept the gifts of other non-Hispanic groups so that together we may form a pluralistic community that will grow in sanctity.'

The Archbishop asked God to bless everyone, "the sick and the healthy, the burdened and those who live in peace, the young and the elderly, the good hearted and those who find themselves far from God.

"I PRAY that, united in love, in joy and in hope, we may come to know God well and love him deeply..."

Archbishop McCarthy then asked everyone to keep Archbishop Carroll and himself in their prayers and the people burst into applause as he was leaving the Church.

During the weekend, Archbishop McCarthy also paid an unexpected visit to a Family Encounter workshop being held at St. John Vianney Junior College Seminary.

"I heard the singing from the building I was in and couldn't help but come in to visit," the Archbishop told the 35 couples attending the weekend.

'I am very glad to find the Encounter movement in the Archdiocese.'He referred to his experience in Phoenix with the Marriage Encounter and his efforts to encourage families to stay home one night a week in





family prayer.

"It's unfortunate that our symbols. When I was young it was very easy to enter a home and immediately notice it was the home of a Christian because of the pictures on the walls. We don't see that so much today," he commented.

He then visited the children of the couples since the young sters were meeting in a separate part of the building according to their ages. In discussing the meaning of the

order to grow in faith and posters the youngsters had created, Abp. McCarthy said.

culture is becoming so im-talking about community and I poverished in Christian am glad to see that you believe am glad to see that you believe participants. The movement community begins to be experienced in the home."

movement originated in 1971 among the Spanish-speaking ties.

people in the Archdiocese. So some 40 weekend far, "I see you have been workshops as this one have taken place for over 2,000 also holds weekly formation talks and organizes retreats for The Family Encounter youth and adults as well as conducting recreational activiMeeting Spanish-speaking people in the Archdiocese, Abp. McCarthy (above) gives individual blessings as he greets participants after Mass at St. John Bosco Church.

Discussing posters drawn by teenagers, Abp. McCarthy (left) visits a Family **Encounter workshop being** conducted at St. John Vianney Junior College Seminary. To the left of Abp. McCarthy is Father Florentino Azcoitia, spiritual director of the Family Encounter Movement.

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Miami Ballet prepares for 'Nutcracker'

pany, founded in 1951 by its artistic director Thomas Armour, is celebrating it's 25th birthday this year. On Nov. 27, the company will present its first production of the complete "Nutcracker Suite" with Violette Verdy and Helgi Thomasson as guest artists and Bruce Steeg conducting the Miami Ballet Orchestra.

The purpose of the Miami Ballet is to present performances on the professional level and to use it for a training ground for dancers with the desire and the talent to go on with a professional

The company is conducted by a board of directors made up of Armour and co-directors, Martha Mahr, Renee Zintgraff and Robert Pike. The directors and dancers of the company do not receive any salary for their participation in the non-profit organization.



Preparing for the November performance of the "Nutcracker Suite," the Miami

Ballet rehearses every Saturday in Coral Gables.

In its early days, the minimum of decor so that there provide a live orchestra. Eight interested in ballet joined with company performed with a would be enough funds to years ago, a group of ladies

'Hispanic heritage week' plans wide ranging events

Hispanic Heritage Week will be observed from Oct. 9 to 17 in Dade County. The celebration salutes the commemoration of the "Discovery of America" and the historical Hispanic influence in the area.

A wide range of activities, from official ceremonies, receptions and gala dinners to concerts, festivals, art exhibits, lectures, theater and film festivals, highlight the week's festivities.

The calendar of events scheduled during the week includes:

OCT. 9:

10 a.m. to closing, Hispanic art show in the plaza of the Royal Trust Tower, SW 27th Ave., and Eighth St., featuring Hispanic American artists.

10 a.m. to closing, children's books in Spanish exhibit at 1450 Coral Way.

1-5 p.m., "Visions: Contemporary Guatemala,' exhibit of paintings, and sculptures of 18 Guatemalan artists at the Metropolitan Museum and Art Center, 7867 N. Kendall Dr.

6 p.m., SW Eighth St. cultural and folkloric festival, between 14th and 16th Aves... with musicians, singers, magicians, sidewalk cafes and other events.

6 p.m., NW mardi gras, neignbornood fiesta, 2370 NW 17th Ave. Tickets must be purchased.

OCT. 10:

10 a.m., Hispanic Heritage Week Mass at St. John Bosco Church, 1301 Flagler St.

1-5 p.m., Hispanic American festival at Watson Island. Traditional celebration with music, folkloric dances,



Mariela Eleta is pictured in traditional festive dress of Panama at Barry College's observance of Hispanic Heritage Week last year.

food and other activities.

2 p.m., festival picnic at Robert King High Park, 7025 W. Flagler St., with folkloric dances, food, and other ac-

"October 9 Cup," at Curtis Clemente Park, Park, 1901 NW 24 Ave.

Royal Trust Tower.

OCT. 11: p.m., art show of

Hispanic artists at Miami-Dade

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7:30 p.m., soccer game for the "Ecuadorian Fraternity Cup" at Curtis Park, 1901 NW 24 Ave.

8 p.m., Hispanic folkloric fiesta; music and dances from Spain and Latin America.

OCT. 15:

6 p.m., Cuban night music and dances at Allapattah YMCA.

8 p.m., music of Cuba, Spain and Mexico at the YMCA Jose Marti, 420 SW

OCT. 16:

10 a.m. to closing, Iberian Bazaar at Midway Mall with booths from Spain and various Latin American nations offering traditional foods, refreshments, music, entertainment, exhibits.

4 p.m., ballet at the Royal Trust Tower by the Cuban Academy of Ballet.

OCT. 17:

10 a.m., Wynwood festival 4 p.m., soccer game for the and parade at Roberto

7 p.m., guitar and singing 4-6 p.m., organ recital at recital in typical Cuban costumes at Royal Trust

Louisa Hofmann, president of the Miami Ballet, and together they formed the Miami Ballet Society for the purpose of raising funds to help support the company. The main fund raising event is the annual Miami Ballet Bal Masque.

THE LIST of dancers who have been assisted in their professional careers by the Miami Ballet Company reads like a list of who's who among dancers.

The Miami Ballet Company is the first regional company to present the entire four acts of "Swan Lake." Only one professional company in the United States, the American Ballet Theatre, includes the complete production in its repertoire.

"Swan Lake'' production featured worldrenowned artists including Violette Verdy and Edward Villella of the New York City Ballet; Karena Brock, Diana Weber, Terry Orr, Richard Cammack, Frank Smith and Bojan Spassoff of the American Ballet Theatre; and Patricia Linto of the Royal Ballet.

IN 1974, the Miami Ballet Festival Ballet, Desmond Kelly of the Royal Ballet; and Ben Stevenson, Charlene Gehm and Hiller Huhn of the National Ballet. That same year saw the Miami Ballet present a gala benefit with guest stars

Ben Stevenson, Edward Villella, Patricia Strauss, Darena Brock, Ted Kivitt, and many other famous dancers.

The outstanding Russian ballerina, Natalia Makarova, appeared in "La Sylphide" in April, 1976, along with Ivan Nagy of the American Ballet

THOMAS ARMOUR, founder and artistic director of the Miami Ballet is a native of Florida and received his early training with Ines Noel Armour of Tampa. His first professional appearance was with the Paris Opera, followed by a season with Bronislave Nijinska. After a season at the Opera house in Rio de Janeiro, Armour joined the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo with Leonide Massine touring North and South America for two years.

MARTHA MAHR was born in Buenos Aires and studied ballet with Maria Ruanova at the National Conservatory of Ballet, Music and Arts.

In 1949, she joined the Ballet Alicia Alonso for two tours of South America and several seasons in Havana. In 1957 and '59, she was soloist and assistant choreographer in the Greek Theatre, Los Angeles. Miss Mahr has taught ballet in Havana and Buenos Aires and is now teaching in her own studio in Coral Gables.

Renee Zintgraff was born in Asuncion, Paraguay. It was through her Russian mother, a former dancer, that she first became interested in ballet. After a childhood that was a panorama of travel between South America, France, Germany and Switzerland, the family settled in Miami.

Miss Zintgraff studied ballet locally and received her B.A. degree from the University of Miami. She is the director of the Academie du Ballet in Coral Gables, director of the Junior Miami Ballet, and co-director of the Miami Ballet.

Robert Pike studied at the Chicago Conservatory and spent two seasons with the New York City Opera Ballet. He is presented the complete ballet, also a member of the faculty of 'Cinderella,' with guest artists the Miami Conservatory and Gaye Fulton of the London co-director of the Miami Ballet.



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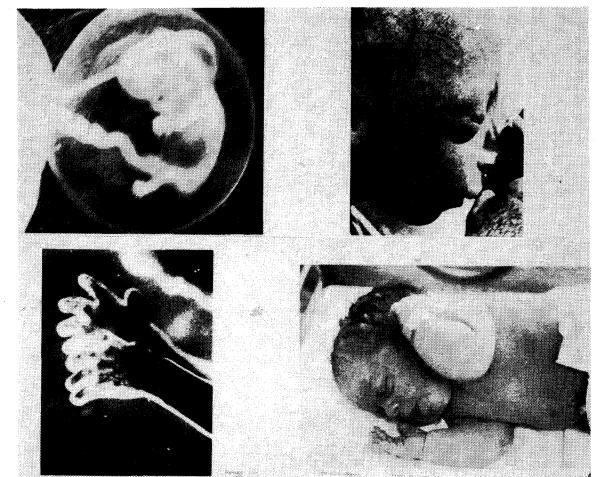
Excerpted from the 1976 Respect Life Manual (Part 1), prepared by the Bishops Committee for Pro-Life Activities, NCCB, as part of the annual Respect for Life Sunday

1976 marks the 200th birthday of the United States. However, we come to the celebration of our bicentennial burdened with a recent massive contradiction of our basic commitment to human dignity and human rights.

In 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the unborn child is not a legal person and that the life of the unborn child could be taken for virtually any reason.

The right to life is a fundamental human right. This right exerts a claim for recognition and respect by every person and by society. If America is to remain true to its basic heritage, it must restore constitutional protection to the right to life of the unborn child. The American bishops, along with other religious and civic leaders, have urged the passage of a constitutional amendment as the only practical way to accomplish this goal.

IN 1975 more than one million legal abortions were performed-and this figure continues to climb. The trend in abortion policy underway in this country reflects a permissive life style. The legal



From the moment of conception, the human being undergoes more physical change in its first month than at any period in its lifetime. After only 42 days (upper left) the fetus already is taking on the appearence of a small-scale baby. At 12 weeks (lower left) nearly all bone centers are evident in the

arms and legs. Later development (upper right) shows the facial features fully developed and responding to stimuli. After eight or nine months living quarters become cramped, the baby is born and becomes part of a new world.

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freedom is a positive good in our lives only if it is exercised in a responsible manner. The legal policy of abortion on request abandons responsibility on the level of law and encourages-

sanctions - irreseven ponsibility in other life contexts.

The problems with this are many. First of all, and most importantly, the legal policy of abortion on request fails in the fundamental obligation of justice in matters of human rights: the law withdraws any real protection for the right to life of the unborn child. As a result, the life of the unborn child is considered completely expendable for the sake of the personal and social well being or convenience of others. It would be impossible to think of a more irresponsible—indeed, barbarous-policy than one which allows the massive destruction of human lives as a means to other ends.

THE LAWS against abortion have been repealed, and no unborn child is safe. In a society governed by laws, the rights of all human beings must be protected. If protection is removed, as it has been from unborn children in the United States, one can anticipate that the natural rights of the non legally unprotected class will be violated.

Second, the law can fulfill its purpose of protecting human rights only if it adjusts

itself to the circumstances of modern life which threaten the integrity of the human person in specific ways. Today the technology of modern medicine has made it easy to invade the

womb and destroy the child.

The social instrument which

human society has devised to

strong is the law. If the law is not called into play to prevent modern medical technology from being used to destroy unborn human life, there is no way of placing limits on the technically efficient destruction of one million unborn human beings each year.

Third, the policy of abortion on request perpetuates the notion that abortion is a medically safe procedure. Abortion, whether performed legally or illegally, presents serious dangers to the life and health of the mother-and possibly even to the life and health of her future children, a fact of special importance to teenage girls who obtain abortions.

Fourth, the policy of abortion on request is not a necessary or beneficial ingredient in improving public health. In fact, the greatest strides in decreasing the abortion-related maternal mortality rate occurred while a restrictive abortion policy was in effect. Just as this difficult and serious problem responded to positive and constructive efforts in health care, so we should expect that lesser problems-e.g., the care of septic abortion patientswould also respond to programs of positive health care.

Fifth, the legal policy of abortion on request is irresponsible because it fails to achieve the function of law directed at preserving and promoting the public order. A civilized society is marked by its use of the instrumentality of law to protect such rights as life, bodily integrity, and property. The protection of basic human rights promotes protect the weak from the good public order.

Prayer of the Faithful

Respect Life Sunday

Celebrant: Today we have come together to thank Almighty God for the wondrous gift of life. Let us now pray that the value of life will be respected by all Americans.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For Pope Paul, for all Bishops, and the People of God, that we will be courageous in proclaiming the goodness and the beauty of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For the success of all Pro-Life Programs in the Parishes throughout the Archdiocese, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For our Legislators, that they will remember the right to life is the inalienable right to every American, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For Parents, who share with God the mystery of creation, that they will see their children as precious gifts from God, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For doctors, nurses, and those in the medical profession, that they will always be at the service of life, we pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. LECTOR: For the unborn, the young and the aged, that we will treat their human life with dignity and respect, we pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord of life, hear our prayer. Celebrant: Almighty and merciful Father, we thank you for creating us in your image and likeness. We thank you for sending us our Lord, Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Today we reaffirm all life comes from you. Help us to cherish, protect and sanctify life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Perfect God...

By DEACON STEVE LANDREGAN

How do you describe God?

I found the following description in the Theological Dictionary edited by theologians Karl Rahner and Herbert Vorgrimler:

"Christian philosophy and theology conceive God in terms of the analogy of being as absolutely holy, supreme, exalted above the world, personal, absolutely necessary, uncaused, existing of himself, and therefore the eternal and infinitely perfect being, who has created everything else out of nothing."

Sort of boggles the mind, doesn't it? For most of us who see our feet of clay whenever we put our shoes on, it is pretty difficult to identify with or even conceive of a being that is infinitely perfect.

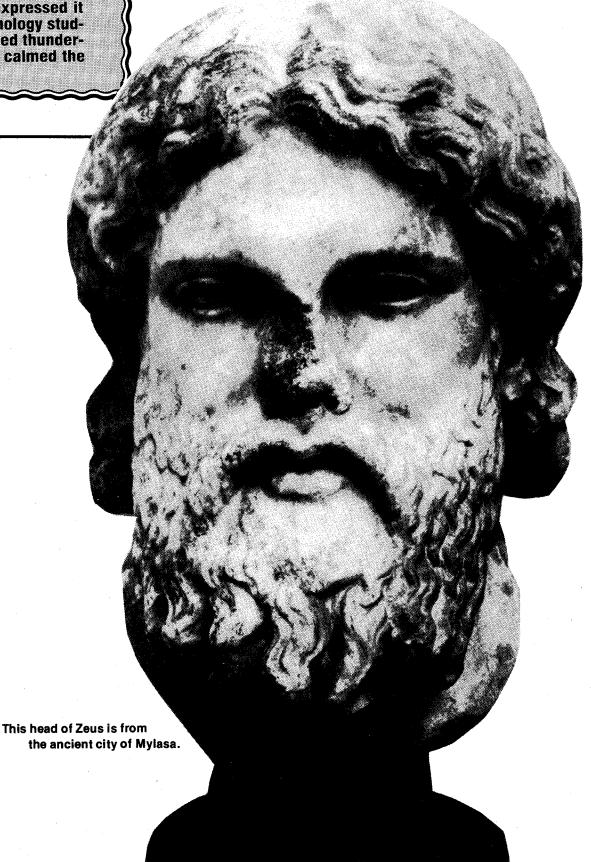
LET'S FACE IT. To be perfectly honest, it is impossible for men and women to adequately describe God. God is inexpressible.

The reaction of people to the recognition of this inexpressibility of God has been varied.

Israelites emphasized the holiness of God to which they responded with awe. The name Yahweh, which God gave to Moses (Exodus 3, 13-14) was considered so holy that it was never pronounced.

Philosophers describe God as being "wholly other" which simply means that he is totally different and distinct from humanity. The ancient pagans of Greece and Rome accepted the idea of a supreme being through the natural revelation of creation, the cycles of nature and the order of the universe.

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

...how can I relate to Him?

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PAGAN MYTHOLOGY also reflected the basic human drive to transcend the limitations of human nature with stories of men who sought and obtained immortality through the favor of the Gods.

Infinite perfection was not an attribute of most of the gods of pagan mythology whose legends reflect all the human passions.

It is precisely here that the Divine revelation to the Israelites raises the human understanding of divinity above pagan gods and goddesses who used and abused their divine powers to satisfy human lusts and saw men as expendable accidents of creation to be used as slaves and playthings.

The history of man is marked by two forces moving inevitably toward one another, both of Divine origin: God's self-communication of his divinity and man's call to transcend his humanity.

God's self-communication revealed to men that "wholly other-ness" viewed through the prism of humanity was distorted into a vision of a ruthless, unloving, cruel and vengeful super human potentate.

Only in Jesus, the fullness of God's self-communication, could man understand that infinite perfection is, in human terms, infinitely unselfish love, that to be perfect as God is perfect is to be compassionate as God is compassionate. (Cf Matthew 5, 48 and Luke 6, 36)

THE TWIN FORCES of God's selfcommunication and man's call to transcendence meet in Jesus who is at the same time God's ultimate self-communication and the ultimate means by which man can transcend his humanity.

God the Father calls us to perfection; Jesus, God the Son, reveals and personifies perfection; and the Holy Spirit enables us to achieve perfection.

How do you describe God? He is infinitely perfect, uncaused, absolutely holy and incomprehensible, and we will spend a lifetime contemplating the mystery of his wholly otherness, and never completely penetrate the veil.

To know God we do not need to penetrate the veil of incomprehensibility; we merely need to respond to Jesus' call to repent and believe in the Good News because the Good News is that in Jesus we can not only know God but also can share in his life.

God is involved in His peop

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

An important thing to remember about God's selfrevelation is that it was gradual, progressive; not instantaneous, complete once for all.

There is more than a little evidence that the patriarchs, beginning with Abraham, were not pure monotheists, in the classical sense of the term. They may have given their allegiance to one supreme God above all other gods, but those other gods were there all the same, and not as empty abstractions. The Israelites did not live in a cultural vacuum. Abraham was a polytheist to begin with, and his descendants spent centuries in an Egypt which knew many gods. And when, after the Exodus, their descendants took over the land of Canaan, they settled into a culture which was hardly congenial to pure Yahwism.

THE CANAAN religion, like those of many ancient world peoples, was a nature religion. An agricultural people, the Canaanites depended upon and lived in awe of nature's forces, especially those of fertility. Upon these forces depended the fruitfulness of their fields, flocks, herds, families. And so, in an effort to control them and appease adverse forces, they defied them, made them gods, worshiped them. The sexual antics of these mythical gods were looked upon as sources of fertility; the liturgy of the times called for imitation of these antics at the shrines dedicated to Baal and his consort, Asherah.

The Israelites, entering suddenly upon a new mode of existence, the agricultural, found this an all too practical religion, and the struggle between Baalism and Yahwism was long and bitter. The prophets were the champions of Yahweh, of course, but it was close to a losing battle over the centuries, at least until the

crisis of the Babylonian Exile.

BE ALL THIS as it may, the God presented to us by the inspired authors of the Bible is the God they knew. It was only natural that they should present him as the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the rest. But that is another question. Our point today is that the God of the Bible is not a personified force of nature. He is a person, with all the term implies. Poets can personify the sun, moon, stars, wind, and address them in glowing terms; they cannot make them persons. The ancients could personify the forces of nature, deify them even and worship them; they could not make them persons.

No one made the God of the Bible a person. He revealed himself, gradually, as a person, interested in his people and ruling all by his power. This is evident from the first page of the Bible to the last. The earliest account of creation, the Yahwist (Gn 2, 4b-3, 24), is a charming story, with God pictured in very human form, planting a garden, making a mud-man, directing a parade of animals for the man to name and to realize his aloneness, putting the man to sleep, extracting a rib (?), fashioning a helpmate for the man, walking in the garden and conversing familiarly with his children.

A CHARMING story indeed, and even naive in the eyes of the pseudo sophisticate. But it is not really naive or ridiculously primitive. This was simply the way people of that time chose to express profound truths, truths which we of a later age express more abstractly, more technically. We say God is a person; they showed him acting like a person, warm, interested, involved; in control, to be sure, but not despotic; concerned, rather.

This divine concern shines all through the Yahwist narrative. After the fall of our first parents, as the story goes, God must punish them and the tempter.

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We can relate to God

By ANGELA M. SCHREIBER

Clear, cool water-blue sky rarely captured even with an artist's brush-soft breeze that rustled the leaves-clean air unpolluted man's thoughtless touches upon the earthpeople wading in the river, their faces revealing the joy of the moment we shared with one another, with our Creator. The very water was special-the River Jordan. The land - Israel. The Lord's chosen land. The place he picked from all the earth to be born, to live his life, to climax his revelation.

No wonder, I thought, that this small part of earth

was his choice. Like a great patchwork quilt, Israel seems to have a little part of all the beauty of the worldlush, tropical foliage; gentle hills; rolling barren, sweeping desert, beautiful in its majesty and silence; great mountains, rugged and rocky, rising to the sky; the calm lake waters of the Sea of Galilee; the Mediterranean Sea, powerful, sometimes wild, sometimes rolling rhythmically, the sun making the white caps glisten like jewels against deep blue; summer heat to warm his creatures, cool evenings for refreshment. And an occasional snow bathes Bethlehem on a crisp,

winter day.

A PANORAMIC view of the perfection of creation. Yet I longed for more-I longed to see Christ, to touch him, to hear him. Christthe core of all perfection. And I envied those who lived in his time and knew him. Yet there is still the whisper of his presence that lingers in land — inhis native defineably-compelling, magnetic.

But there is something else in this land too-a history of the disunity between man and man-ruins that reach back through the centuries telling their stories of wars, destruction and breakdowns of civilizations.

And today as one sees young soldiers carrying guns, one realizes that man has not yet come to really understand Christ's message of peace and love. Again, in Israel one sees the world in capsule form as his chosen people strive to keep their promised land.

History tells us, too, that hope has burned brightly in Israel throughout the centuries. The journey begins with Abraham's arrival in Negeb and takes us through the centuries to Bethlehem where Christ was born. We travel the roads where his Word was spoken and walk the Via Dolorosa to his crucifixion, tomb and finally $_{
m his}$ triumphal resurrection.

lights the enkindled by new apostles, the flames grow in brilliance; Christianity spreads and continues reaching so that

finally, it may cover all of

SOME FOUR hundred years ago, a zealous missionary lit the flame in India-Francis Xavier, the Apostle of the Indies. From this Christian seed came a modern-day apostle of Christ.

A few nights ago, the sound of her voice over my television caught my attention. I stopped my household chores to listen and watch. Her face was strong, yet gentle; intelligence and alertness showed in her eyes. She was beauty. She is not young. Her features are neither dainty nor especially regular. But the zealousness that burns bright within her makes her astoundingly beautiful. She is Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

When she was asked why she chose to devote her life to helping others, sh replied, "It is Christ's way. He lived among us so that we would learn from him how to live. He said that each time we ministered to one of children, touching him." She continued, "I remember a very were old woman dying in the streets of Calcutta. I brought her to the hospital and we did what we could to make her as comfortable as possible - spiritually physically. A few minutes before she died, she thanked me. Her eyes at that instant



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And after resurrection, we begin a new journey with Paul. We follow him to Corinth, Ephesus, Asia Minor, Philippi as he flame of Christianity in other lands. As century after century passes, new lights are

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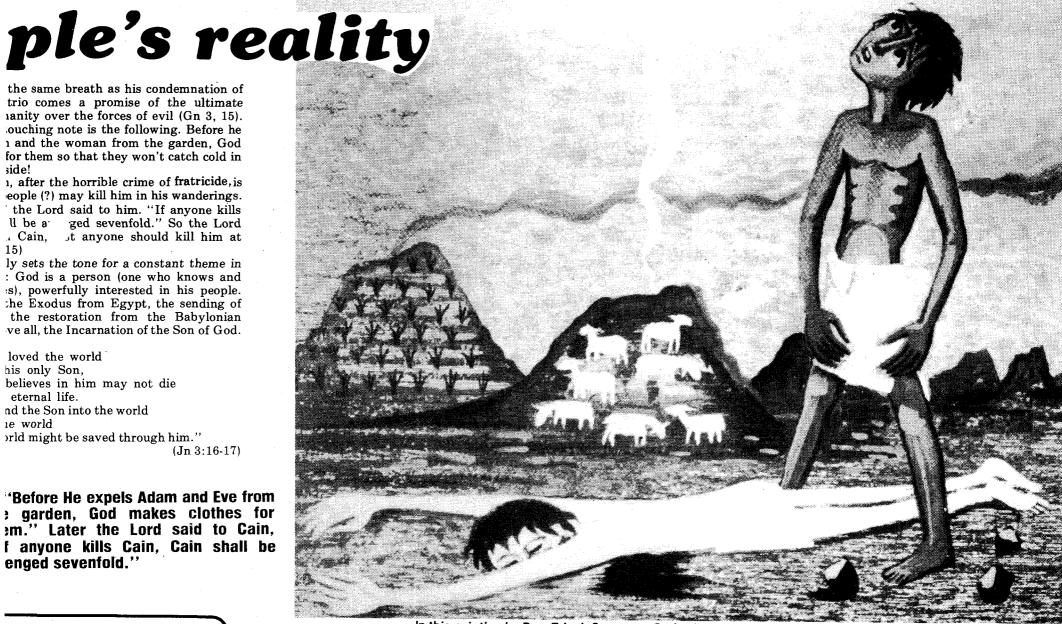
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were those of Christ.'

SHE SMILED, "What more could one ask for in this life than that? This is the kind of commitment I had to make. But, you know, each individual has to make his own commitment that is suitable for him. Our religious community reaches to those outside. Lay people, too, give their time and talents to those who need them. All people everywhere are a part of the mystical body. When you help someone else in any way, if you really look, you, too, will see Christ.

Since then I've thought a good deal about what Mother Teresa said. And I know that her image on my TV brought Christ into my living room for a little while. A glimpse of his perfection lives through Mother Teresa. His light shines within her. Yes, it is beauty; it is gth; it is joy; it is serenity; it is love.

Indeed, Christ's presence is not only found in Israel. It is all around us everywhere. And when we feel it from time to time, it is so compelling that we must reach to draw closer. We are awed by our brief encounters; sometimes we're even a bit afraid. But each instance reveals a little more of God's perfection. And as his revelation unfolds, its sweetness, power, and love brush us lightly preparing for a final embrace.



In this painting by Bro. Eric deSaussure, God calls to Cain following the murder of Abel.

By MSGR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

The letter which follows illustrates what I consider to be one of the major challenges facing the Church today: How do transform usually huge, often impersonal parish congregations into communities of truly interested, warm and caring Christian believers?

"For the past two years I have been attending a small non-denominational church in addition to going to Mass. I have discovered what it is like to talk about Christ, to share him with other human beings. I have grown much closer to their doctrine—yet I do believe in the people there. They are living every day for Christ-he isn't with them only on Sundays

"WHEN GOD shows me which of these last two areasdoctrine or honesty and fellowship—a church family is supposed to be stronger in, my decision will be made. 'Til then I continue to search and pray for the strength God

The Church proposes as an ideal what my torn and distressed correspondent seeks to find in practice at Catholic parishes. Article 62 of the Roman Missal's introduction, for

Split up the big parishes?

God through this non-Catholic Christian fellowship.

'I FIND THIS sense of community in some Catholic circles. I have seen it at retreats and in Catholic college centers. Yet it is not present in Sunday Mass-which is the first place it should be. As a community of believers, we are to strengthen each other in our common belief. Yet I feel and see no common bond with the people I sit next to on Sunday. We do not encourage each other verbally.

"I see this community developing in charismatic Catholic groups. Yet I hesitate to get involved in this. God's Spirit is much broader-he does much more than speak in tongues. Besides I think I need more emphasis on the greatest gift God has given me-Love, '1 Cor 13 love,' before want to go on to the others.

"I believe in the beginnings of the Catholic Church—in how she has been handed down in her doctrines. It is the local parish—the majority of Catholic people—I no longer have as much faith in. I see these people on Friday or Saturday night using our Lord's name every other sentence. And they certainly aren't speaking in favor of him! I ask God to show me how I am to have faith and trust in these fellow Catholics I sit next to. Are these really God's chosen people? Is the Catholic Church teaching them what God can do for them? Are we simply talking about love and not being love?

"In the non-denominational church I do not believe in

example, states:

'In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood: they give thanks to the Father and offer the victim not only through the hands of the priest but also with him, and they learn to offer themselves. They should make this clear by their deep sense of religion and their charity to everyone who shares in the celebration.'

An attitudinal change and increased awareness on the part of individual Catholics ultimately seems the answer.

"Charity to everyone who shares in the celebration" is merely a different, more technical way of describing people who truly care about others in the parish, who speak to them before and after Mass, who pray from the heart during the liturgy and who later eagerly volunteer to serve those in any kind of need. For such persons, their Sunday worship carries over into everyday living.

DIVISION of mammoth parishes into more manageable units, however, also appears highly desirable, even critically necessary. It is very questionable, if the kind of personally concerned Christians sought for by this letter writer would be evident and dominant in our extremely large churches. Needless to say, the God preached, worshiped and experienced in such settings may likewise strike many as cold, indifferent and impersonal.

Prayer of the Faithful

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Oct. 3, 1976

Celebrant: The family is the creation of our God. His loving concern is never absent; his desire to bless and protect is always present, as we direct our prayers to him.

LECTOR: Our response today is: Grant this, Lord. That God's plan for family life may not be marred by the selfishness or greed of individual members, we pray:

People: Grant this, Lord.

LECTOR: That parents and children may be inspired and encouraged by the example of the Holy Family to live with a spirit of cooperation and self-sacrifice, we pray:

People: Grant this, Lord.

LECTOR: That couples preparing for marriage may never forget it is a divinely given vocation which will affect for good or ill the lives of many, we pray:

People: Grant this, Lord.

LECTOR: That the victims of broken homes may look to God to make up for the handicaps they suffer, we pray: People: Grant this, Lord.

LECTOR: That Catholic couples may turn to the Vicar of Christ on earth to guide them in preserving the sacred purposes of marriage, we pray:

People: Grant this, Lord.

Celebrant: Father, we realize that every home needs your constant help. Grant that we may always rejoice in our dependence on you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Oración de los Fieles

VIGESIMO SEPTIMO DOMINGO DEL AÑO 3 de octubre de 1976

Celebrante: La familia es la obra de nuestro Dios. Como Padre él siempre cuida de nosotros: nos bendice, nos protege y escucha nuestras súplicas. Por eso con gratitud nos dirigimos a El.

LECTOR: La respuesta de hoy será, Padre, concede lo que te

LECTOR: Por la Iglesia, para que reine en ella el espíritu de familia, para que sea testimonio de comunidad de hermanos donde se ama a un mismo Padre y se vive una misma fe, rica en variedad de expresiones, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Padre, concede lo que te pedimos.

LECTOR: Por el Santo Padre y los obispos, para que sean siempre pastores para que el Espíritu Santo les llene de sabiduría para pastorear esta gran familia del Pueblo de Dios que es la Iglesia, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Padre, concede lo que te pedimos.

LECTOR: Para que la vida familiar no se vea obstaculizada por el egoísmo y la ambición de aquellos que viven bajo un mismo techo, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Padre, concede lo que te pedimos.

LECTOR: Para que bajo la inspiración y ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, padres e hijos aprendan a vivir en espíritu de cooperación y amor de unos por otros, oremos al Señor.

Pueblo: Padre, concede lo que te pedimos.

Celebrante: Padre, Tu nos haces sentirnos hijos tuyos, porque velas sobre nuestras necesidades. Haz que en nuestros hogares siempre sintamos tu presencia y que sepamos alegrarnos de nuestra dependencia de Tí. Te lo pedimos por nuestro hermano y , tu Hijo que contigo vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos, Amén.

Discussion

- 1. What does "perfection" mean?
- In Times past, what has been the reaction of people to the recognition of the inexpressibility of God?
- 3. How do philosophers describe God?
- 4. What was God's selfcommunication of his divinity?
- 5. How was man called to transcend his humanity?
- 6. In the Old Testament, read Genesis, chapters 2, 3 and 4. In the New Testament, read The Gospel of John, chapter 3, verses 1 through
- 7. Discuss this statement: "He (God) revealed himself, gradually, as a person, interested in his people and ruling all by his power."
- 8. Have you glimpsed perfection? Where? When?
- 9. Discuss the disunity that exists in the world today.
- What is beauty? Discuss.
- 11. Discuss this statement: 'When you help someone else in any way, if you really look, you, too, will see Christ."
- 12. When have you experienced the presence of Christ?



IF YOU LEAVE ME NOW

If you leave me now You'll take away the biggest part of me Oooo, no baby, please don't go

And if you leave me now You'll take away the very heart of me Oooo, no baby, please don't go Oooo, girl I just want you to stay

A love like ours is love that's hard to find How could we let it slip away We've come too far to leave it all behind How could we end it all this way

When tomorrow comes and we'll both regret The things we said today

If you leave me now You'll take away the biggest part of me Oooo, no baby, please don't go Oooo, girl, I've just got to have you by my side Oooo, no baby, please don't go Oooo, mama, I've just got to have your loving

> by P. Cetera (c) 1976 Polish Prince Music and Big Elk Music ASCAP

By THE DAMEANS

Chicago's hot-selling new single is a sweet, smooth number with an enchantingly strong melody. The words, while not very developed, still touch upon a theme basic enough to invite singing again.

The song focuses on lovers who are separating because of a quarrel. "If you leave me now, you'll take away the biggest part of me." The singer cries over that age-old experience: "If you leave me now, you'll take away the very heart of

Daytime has turned into night. The singer stands alone in the darkness wondering what will happen when morning comes. Will the dawn find things the same or will everything be different? He stumbles about uncertainly, not knowing whether to call or to be distant, contrite or demanding.

In the engulfing darkness, there is another experience-fear for self. Gradually, the man feels the frailty of human life. Every sound hollowly threatens him with death. With every fiber of his being, he promises himself he will never get caught in such a state again.

MOST COUPLES have been through similar experiences. In the darkness they have learned there is more to sight than physically seeing. There is a kind of insight which comes, revealing how important the other person really is. "We've come too far to leave it all behind...You'll take away the very heart of me." In the night, he discovers, to his embarrassment, how rarely he has spoken words of thanks and love. And worse yet, it occurs to him how little he has valued her feelings.

When a lover passes through such a

night, there is a silent conference that takes place within himself. That conference is always marked by dramatic promises in which a person vows never again to take love for granted. More importantly, if morning comes and she returns, he himself will make the necessary changes. He will compromise his way of living so she can understand how vital he considers their growth together. He will show her that he has learned to appreciate what he beholds in

WHILE A PERSON never really wants to seek out times like these, they are sometimes the most productive in a relationship. Often it is the time of struggle and forgiveness, separation and compromise, that proves whether a relationship can grow. Through nights like these, two people change from individuals into persons who are open to the terrible risk of becoming one.
"If You Leave Me Now" does not

say everything that is in this article. It simply touches on the struggle of blindness and light, aloneness and becoming one. It seems that the heart of the song is that basic experience in which a couple has more going for them than they've shown each other. They expect that tomorrow will reveal how painfully foolish they have been today.

Chicago's song is an attractive, simple piece that affords an opportunity to think about the many times we have been blind. If you wanted to discuss this song further, you might ask yourself how and why people hurt those closest to them. Do you think it is necessary for people to learn the hard way, through the times of darkness? How should parents and friends react: with distance or closeness?

Sentencing today for Rhodesia bishop

By ROBERT NOWELL LONDON - (NC) -

Sentencing was set for today. Friday Oct. 1 after Bishop Donal Lamont, of Umtali, Rhodesia, pleaded guilty to four counts of breaking Rhodesian laws. The bishop declared that as a Christian he could not uphold the country's "racist legislation."

Reports here on the threeday trial said that on Sept. 23 the magistrate rejected a plea by the bishop's defense lawyer that, because of the rapidly changing situation in the country, a legal provision should be invoked to delay sentencing for five years.

ACCORDING to the reports, which included numerous quotations from his lengthy trial statement, the 65year-old Carmelite bishop told Umtali Regional Magistrates' Court that he had defied Rhodesia's law and Order Maintenance "because I, like many of my colleagues, cannot reconcile my Christian principles with the racist legislation in Rhodesia."

Rhodesia's white minority government was trying Bishop Lamont on two charges of failing to report on nationalist guerrillas and on two charges of encouraging his missionaries not to inform on guerrillas.

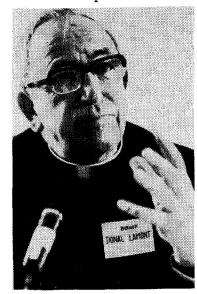
At the regional court level where the trial took place the maximum penalty on each count is 15 years, but the Rhodesian bishops' Justice and Peace Commission in Salisbury said in August that a penalty of more than five years on each count did not seem likely.

DURING the first two days of the trial, Sept. 21 and 22, Bishop Lamont read a 38page statement admitting that he broke the laws but blasting Rhodesia's whole system of apartheid, or strict racial segregation under white had to be preserved at all minority rule, as immoral.

to please God in my work, not and the mission staff. This men." And in an attack on the convinced me I had no alter-Rhodesian government he said: "Neither time nor numbers are on the side of those who rule and break the law. today. The civil administration seems to have lost all capacity for self-examination, for self-Rhodesia or show blind discipline, or self-regulation, and to my mind is heading for chaos."

incriminate colleagues.

The incidents which gave rise to Bishop Lamont's trial



Bishop Lamont

occurred when guerrillas threatened to destroy the Avila mission, 18 miles from Rhodesia's eastern border with Mozambique, if the staff did not provide more medical supplies, cameras, tape watches recorders. and clothing. Fearing for their lives, the staff left. The news of this spread, and other missionaries asked if they should close their schools, hospitals and missions.

"I NOW faced the real threat of having to close down all Church institutions and facilities in the diocese if I decided to report terrorists in the area," Bishop Lamont told the court.

He said he was pleading guilty to two counts of failing to report the presence of guerrillas and to two counts of inciting others to do the same 'because I had no alternative.'

'The good of the Church costs," he went on, "along with He told the court: "I hope the lives of innocent villagers native but to take full responsibility for my actions

> 'Which is better, to keep the missionary work going in obedience for the laws and ordinances of man?'

THE bishop also described Bishop Lamont, an Irish how one of his African priests, man from Ballycastle, County Father Alexander Sakarombe, Antrim, refused to make his was taken away by armed statement under oath. Thus he soldiers from church while he avoided being cross-examined was saying Mass and was and risking the danger of detained in "appalling" con-

Ecumenical music director named

Paul Storm, former director of parish music at Conception Immaculate Church, Hialeah, has been named Music and Artistic Director of Ecumenical Festivals of Greater Miami,

In his new position, Storm will be supervising and consacred music concerts in local 8106, Hialeah, Fla. 33012.

churches.

The first, Gounod's "St. Cecilia" Mass is scheduled for Oct. 24 at Gesu Church in downtown Miami.

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missionary being charged.

the before Shortly government filed charges in August against him, Bishop Lamont wrote a stinging letter the rebels' cause was just and

the government, not the rebels, the escalating throughout the country.

and the members of Rhodesia's Church could refuse its rebels a crime.

finding himself obliged to ditions for 11 days without parliament charging that it was ministry to the rebels when such an action would seem to that was chiefly responsible for place the Church on the side of violence governmental injustice and oppression. The laws under In his letter he said that which Bishop Lamont was charged make virtually any to Prime Minister Ian Smith asked rhetorically how the form of direct or indirect aid to

U.S. Church backs stand of bishop jailed in Africa

a list of church and civic leaders and religious organizations around the world supporting Rhodesian Bishop Lamont of Umtali.

In a letter to the Irish Carmelite bishop, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati. NCCB president, expressed solidarity with Bishop Lamont and the support of the Church in the United States in these difficult days."

right of the Church to speak to issues of justice and freedom be maintained." Archbishop Bernardin told his Rhodesian colleague.

There are many witnesses to the ministry of human rights throughout the universal church, but no one has spoken more courageously and acted more decisively than you," the archbishop said.

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ference said in a message to word and deed, throughout prayer and their admiration for your courageous stand for social justice over the years."

Bishop Lamont has also received the backing of the the U.S. Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Sisters of NCCB, Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of 'It is essential that the the Rhodesian Bishops' Conference, a number of U.S. congressmen and others.

The text of Archbishop Bernardin's letter follows:

"I write to express my solidarity with you and the support of the Church in the States. United States for you in these difficult days. It is essential that the right of the Church to speak to issues of justice and freedom be maintained. Your eloquent witness to justice, by

The president of the National Bishop Lamont, "The Irish your ministry and especially in Conference of Catholic Bishop hierarchy...wish to express these last weeks, recall for me (NCCB) has added his name to their solidarity with you in the statement of the 1974 Synod of Bishops in which we both participated. 'The integral development of persons makes more clear the divine image in them. In our time the Church Canadian Catholic Conference, has grown more deeply aware of this truth; hence she believes firmly that the promotion of Notre Dame de Namur, the human rights is required by the executive committee of the Gospel and is central to her ministry.

"There the U.S. Catholic Conference, witnesses to the ministry of human rights throughout the universal Church, but no one has spoken more courageously or acted more decisively than you. I recall with admiration the witness you gave during your visits to the United





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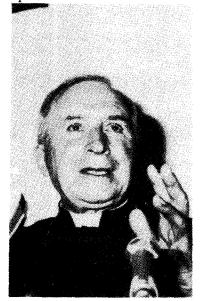
Key participants continue to meet on Abp. Lefebvre

Lefebvre to determine what further action he must take.

what Pope Paul is hearing from his visitors is far from good

Even after his Sept. 11 was said to be showing no signs conference. of making peace with Rome.

birthday, Pope Paul received an however, opened a new wound update on the situation in the in the Vatican's side.



At a press conference following a meeting with Pope Paul, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre described the Pope as speaking to him "strictly and at the same time fatherly."

Econe, Switzerland, headquarters of the tradionalist archbishop from Bishop Pierre Mamie of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg.

Bishop Mamie has been involved closely in the Lefebvre affair since 1974 when Vatican officials summoned him to Rome to discuss the Econe seminary, set up by Archbishop Lefebvre.

IN MAY, 1975, Bishop Mamie revoked the ecclesiastical approval which had been given on an experimental basis by his predecessor to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Pius X, a religious community founded by Archbishop

The day before meeting h Bishop Mamie, the Pope held a lengthy conversation and with one of the Church's newest

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VATICAN CITY-(NC)- cardinals, who was ordained a Pope Paul VI has met with key priest by Archbishop Lefebvre participants in the drama of and later succeeded the French rebel Archbishop Marcel prelate as archbishop of Dakar,

SENEGALESE Cardinal Rumors here indicate that Hyacinthe Thiandoum had just returned from Switzerland, where he had tried futilely at the last minute to convince Archbishop Lefebvre not to private audience with the Pope, make any incriminating the traditionalist archbishop statements at a Sept. 15 news

The traditionalist arch-On the Eve of his 79th bishop's press conference,

> A Vatican spokesman said on Sept. 17 that Archbishop Lefebvre lied during the press conference about what he and the Pope discussed at Castelgandolfo on Sept. 11.

> The archbishop answered that he would swear on a crucifix that his account of the audience was absolutely true.

> The Vatican press office answered by calling off further debate, thus leaving relations more fractured than they had been before the Castelgandolfo meeting.

> With negotations seemingly at a standstill, observers are wondering if the Pope will move toward formal excommunication of the arch-

> On Sept. 20, the Vatican's Doctrinal Congregation published a formal communication order for a group of illicitly ordained bishops in Spain and for the Vietnamese archbishop who had ordained them.

(The Vatican quickly noted, however, that the excommunication of Vietnamese Archbishop Pierre Martin Ngo-Dinh-Tuc was being revoked as soon as it was issued since the Vietnamese prelate had repented his action.)

But the Spain excommunications are quite a different story. Archbishop prudently Lefebvre has refrained from ordaining bishops, an act which would be considered instant schism.

Until episcopal ordinations take place, Pope Paul will probably hold off issuing a decree of excommunication until all possibilities for reconciliation are exhausted.

transigeance of the archbishop standoff the negotiations, observers are authorities. wondering if reconciliation has already become impossible.



'76 was a stormy 79 for Pope

(Cont. from page 1)

Pope Paul, the center of the jubilee celebration.

Since September, however, the Holy Year has ended and several hard battles have been

Pope Paul is very sensitive to public opinion, and the public crises of the Church become for him personal crosses.

So just as the exultant Holy Year air seemed to rejuvenate the Pope, the turmoil of recent months seems to have aged him.

The most painful crisis for Pope Paul has been the near schism of traditionalist Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

UNITY in the Church has been the constant preoccupation of Pope Paul VI, whose first encyclical letter, Ecclesiam Suam (His Church), in 1964 was on the Church in changing times.

Then there was the real schism in Spain of last January which is being continued today by a group of illicitly ordained bishops promoting an alleged But given the in apparition of Mary. The "apparition" has been officially Church in condemned

stunning defeats for the policies

of Pope Paul.

Last winter hundreds of Wednesday to pay tribute to thousands of Italians signed petitions aimed at abolishing Pope have, in fact, come from Italy's tough anti-abortion

And in June, more than 12.5 million Italians-most of them at least nominal Catholics-ignored the clear directives of the Pope and voted for Communists in parliamentary elections.

That same month the people of the Pope's own diocese sent a leftist leadership to Rome's city hall.

There were very personal wounds, too.

SEVERAL weekly Italian magazines displayed front-page caricatures of the Pope, an action unprecedented in recent years. The caricatures ridiculed the Vatican's recent document on sexual ethics and the Church's stand on abortion.

The most stinging attack came in an article claiming that Pope Paul had had a homosexual affair-an article given wide publicity only after the Italian bishops called further attention to it by their public protests.

The Church and the papacy have actually weathered this stormy year the morning.

Archbishop Lefebvre has From Italy came several been a media sensation, but there has been no stampede

toward the rebel archbishop's cause by conservative Catholics. Declarations of fidelity to the some unexpected sources.

ITALY Catholic parliamentarians were able last spring to halt passage of liberalized abortion legislation (although chances are slim that they can pull off a repeat performance this autumn).

And although the Italian communists chalked up record election gains, the Catholic party, the Christian Democrats, did not suffer the crippling losses which many had forecast.

A small schismatic group is operating in Spain, but the Vietnamese archbishop who initiated the schism by ordaining a handful of bishops illicitly has repented and been reconciled to the Church.

But these battles have been taxing. And even the Pope's closest collaborators admit that the Pope has aged noticeably.

They stress, however, that the Pope is suffering from no major physical problems, except for arthritis in the knees, which makes walking very painful for him, especially in

Mentally the Pope remains sharp and his memory for even small details continues to astound visitors.





It's a Date

Broward County

ST. JEROME Women's Club, will sponsor a luncheoncard party on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall, 2533 SW Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Proceeds will benefit parish and charitable projects.

Members the of CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS Club, meet at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4 at Blessed Sacrament parish hall. The group will sponsor a threeday cruise on Sunday, Oct. 8. For information call 772-3079.

BARTHOLOMEW Men's Club meets after 7:30 p.m., Mass Thursday, Oct. 7. A program by the U.S. Border Patrol will be presented.

Members of Catholic Daughters of America, COURT HOLY SPIRIT, will meet at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8 in St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano Beach.

A guest speaker on hair fashions will be featured during the monthly meeting of ST. HELEN'S Women's Guild at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6 in Fort Lauderdale. Recitation of the rosary begins in the church at 7:30 p.m.

Their third anniversary and National Catholic Daughters Day will be celebrated by CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of America, Court Infant of Prague, Hollywood, during 2:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 3 in St. Stephen Church, Route 441. New members will be welcomed during the Mass which will be offered by Father J. Chester Schwab, chaplain. CDA Courts from Key West to W. Palm Beach have been invited to participate. A dinner will follow at Briargate Restaurant.

*** A round and square dance under the auspices of LITTLE FLOWER Home and School Assn., Hollywood, will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 9 in the parish auditorium. A buffet supper will be served. Reservations may be made at the rectory

Palm Beach County

HOLY SPIRIT Women's Guild will sponsor a card party and social at 12:30 p.m., today (Friday) in the parish hall, Lantana. Guests are expected to bring their own car

Dade County

BOSTON Miami's COLLEGE Club meets at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Ramada Inn, 3941 NW 22 St. Guest speaker will be Joe Robbie, managing general partner of the Miami Dolphins. For further information call 251-9208 or 235-3278.

The monthly service for

the physically handicapped, sponsored by the Hialeah-Miami Lakes Ecumenical Parish Council begins at 11:15 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2 at OUR LADY OF THE LAKES Church, Miami Lakes. Luncheon and a fellowship period will follow a brief Bible lesson. A worship service is scheduled from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ★★★

VILLA MARIA Auxiliary will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Villa, 1050 NE 125 St., North Miami. Reservations may be made by calling 893-***

meet at 2:30 p.m., Saturday Oct. 2 at Villa Maria Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

JOSEPH parish, Surfside, will observe a Corporate Communion during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 3 First Fall meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4 in the interested persons in the North parish center.

College. Mass will be celebrated Father Grass. at 11:15 a.m. For further in-

The Society, a social club for widows and widowers, will meet at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8 at St. Louis Center. For further information call 274-0244.

*** fashion show under the auspices of ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE Mothers' Guild begins at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2 at Miami Springs Villas. For additional information call 888-9974 or 887-4190.

HOSPITAL MERCY Auxiliary members will be hostesses during a getacquainted tea at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the board room at the hospital, 3663 S. Miami Ave. New and prospective members are urged to attend. Current auxiliary project is a linear accelerator for radiation therapy in the cancer clinic.

A square dance begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, in HOLY FAMILY parish hall,



Nativity Church in Hollywood recently held a luncheon for new officers of its 500-paidmembership Leisure Club. Father James Quinn (center), pastor and founder-moderator of the club, welcomed the new leaders who are: Clarence Barnicle, president:

Roland Cukr, vice-president; Viola Kinzel recording secretary; Mary Schaper, financial secretary, and Caroline Boehm, treasurer. In addition to many activities and trips, the club meets twice a month and plans a monthly First Friday luncheon.

Animal blessing ceremony set

Annual blessing of the animals is scheduled at 2 p.m., LAY CARMELITES will Sunday, Oct. 3 on the grounds of the Humane Society of Greater Miami, 2101 NW 95 St.

Father William Grass. C.M., pastor, St. Vincent de The Women's Club of ST. Paul Church; Dr. Irvin Elligan, Covenant New pastor, Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Roy Strainge, pastor, St. John Episcopal Church, Hollywood, will bless animals brought by Dade Area.

The prayer of St. Francis St. Thomas Aquinas of Assisi will be read by Fred Chapter of THIRD ORDER Barrett of St. Rose of Lima Dominicans meets at 10 a.m. parish; and an outline of the life Sunday, Oct. 3 at Barry of St. Francis will be given by

Group singing will be lead formation call 927-3497 or 688- by Dr. Richard Mayer, D.O. and Dr. Elton Gissendanner will lead those attending in the MEMORARE pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

At St. James parish, North Miami, animals will also be blessed during a family fun day where a "Crazy Hat" contest will be featured for all A Fall luncheon and pets beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2 on the parish grounds.

Entertainment will be provided by the "Folk Singers" under the direction of Sr. Jovanna. Refreshments will be served.

North Miami. A chicken dinner will be served. For reservations call 947-8819.

A "Refresher Day" will be conducted at the **DOMINICAN** RETREAT House, Kendall, on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Father John O'Hara, Holy Rosary parish, will conduct the session. Babysitting services will be provided. Participants are asked to bring their Bibles. For additional information call Sister Patrick, O.P., at 238-

Newman Center schedules Masses

LAKE WORTH-Masses are now being celebrated at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays and Tuesdays) and on Sundays at the Newman Center of the Palm Beach Junior College located at 4201 S. Congress Ave.

Father Leslie Cann, Newman Center chaplain, is the celebrant.

Parish to honor Fr. Haber Oct. 3

LAKE WORTH-Redemptorist Father Lawrence Haber, C.SS.R., assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church at 11:15 a.m. in the parish for the past five years, is retiring from active service on Sunday, Oct. 3.

The priest, who will return to his community's monastery at New Smyrna Beach, will be the principal celebrant of noon Mass on Sunday. A farewell party in his honor will follow in the parish hall.

North Broward Women to meet

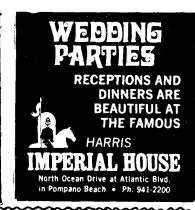
MARGATE— Affiliations of the North Broward Deanery of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Oct. 5 in St. Vincent parish.

Registration at 8:30 a.m. will be followed by coffee and business meeting at 9:15 a.m. Father Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocesan Director of CCD: and Father James Fetscher. assistant pastor, St. Louis parish, Miami, will be the featured speakers during the

Mass will be concelebrated church. Luncheon will follow at 12:30 p.m. where Father Frederick Brice, pastor, St. Paul the Apostle parish, Lighthouse Point, will be the guest speaker.

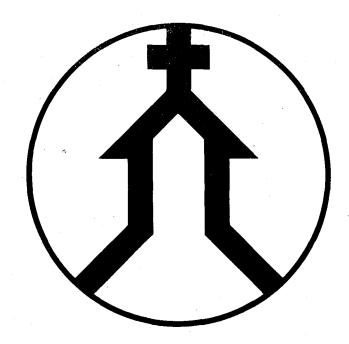
Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. J. Spinella at 987-3788.











'A call to action' to focus on Church

By JERRY FILTEAU (one of a series) NC News Service

Nearly 1,200 delegates representing Catholics of the United States will meet in Detroit Oct. 21-23 to formulate "A Call to Action"—a five-year program of social justice action by the U.S. Church. The conference is part of the U.S. Catholic "Liberty and Justice for All" program begun two years ago by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB). The delegates will vote on a wide range of justice proposals that have been drawn together by NCCB-named committees who analyzed 800,000 responses to a nationwide grassroots consultation. One of the eight general areas of concern to which the October conference will address itself is justice in the Church.

The future U.S. Church—as envisioned by proposals to be considered at a national conference this October-will give women equality with men in Church leadership and administration.

It will also have open accountability for all its property, assets, and financial dealings, equitable salaries and fringe benefits for all its employes, complete equality of opportunity for all minorities, and due process to handle grievances against the institution or its leaders.

Preparation for ministries will be guided by the principle of the people's right to competent pastoral care, and restrictions on married clergy and the ordination of women will be restudied in the light of their impact on that right.

The Church envisioned by the proposals will institute a national office for women—a proposal killed in committee by the U.S. bishops earlier this year—as part of a wide-ranging effort to assure that women achieve an equal status with men in the Church, that documents, catechisms and liturgical books avoid unnecessary sexist references, that ministries being performed by women be "identified and, where appropriate, formally authenticated," and that women receive the necessary training and opportunities to take roles of leadership and authority in the Church.

The proposals also view education as a top priority in the Church's mission. To this end they urge action so that the Church of the future will have a solid, integrated educational program based on consultation with the people regular evaluation, and equitable sharing of resources.

This vision of the Church—as an institution that not only proclaims justice but acts it out concretely in the way it allocates resources and treats women, minorities, and its employes-is one part of the overall justice program to be dicussed.

Other proposals that will be faced at the conference include recommendations for Church involvement in promoting international justice and justice in neighborhoods, work life, family, and cultural heritage.

The specific proposals for justice in the Church were drawn up by a writing committee headed by Archbishop John R. Quinn of Oklahoma City, Okla. The 13-member committee, which limited itself strictly to issues "related directly to the life and work of the Church," reviewed more than 350,000 requests for action from Catholics who got involved in nationwide parish and diocesan consultations sponsored by the U.S. bishops over the past year.

·Cardinal says:

'Church backs no candidates'

NEW YORK-(NC)-Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishop's (NCCB) committee for pro-life affairs, referring to "confusion" about the role of the Church when it addresses "basic human issues" in an election year, told a St. Patrick's Cathedral congregation here that "the Church is not endorsing or approving political candidates.'

The cardinal reiterated the statement of Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, NCCB president, after the recent meetings between several bishops and presidential candidates Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford that the Church neither endorses nor opposes either party nominee.

"IT IS TRUE that the Church does not favor one political party over another," Cardinal Cooke told worshippers at the annual Red Mass for judges and lawyers. The occasion marks the fall opening of the courts and is named for the color of medieval judicial

"It is true that the Church is neutral in these matters. However, it is also true that the Church is not neutral with regard to basic human rights and especially the right to life of the unborn child.

Cardinal Cooke said that because of the 1973 Supreme Court decision overturning most state restriction on abortion, an amendment to the Constitution is now necessary to give maximum protection to the unborn child. Such legal protection of human life at every stage of its existence is "imperative," he said, to guarantee freedom 'under God' in this country to everyone including unborn children.

'In the present tragic situation of abortion-on-demand," Cardinal Cooke said, "we cannot be neutral and we hope that the elected representatives of both parties will face up to this situation in the next

AFTER THE bishops' Aug. 31 meeting with Carter, the Democratic candidate, Archbishop Bernardin said the bishop had had fruitful exchanges with him on a spectrum of subjects but were "disappointed" that he does not support an anti-abortion amend-

After the meeting with Ford, he said the bishops were "encouraged" but "not totally satisfied" by the President's position favoring a states' rights amendment to restrict abortions.

They also said there were some disagreements between them and Ford on approaches to other social problems and mentioned a lack of "sensitivity" to some problems.

National stabilizing trend in school rolls continues

WASHINGTON-(NC)in Catholic school enrollments that has become evident during the past five years is continuing as the 1976-77 school year opens, Catholic school officials around the United States in-

A number of dioceses forecast increases, the declines projected in others are small and very few schools have been closed since the last school year ended in June.

Father Vincent Kelly, Superintendent of Education in the Archdiocese of Miami pointed out that, "The present desire for a religious education appears to be of greater importance to parents than heretofore.

"FULLY CONSCIOUS of the need for religious values and self-disicipline, parents in South Florida are enrolling their children in Catholic schools. Due to relocation of people in western portions of counties the demand is greater," Father Kelly said.

More and more Catholic elementary schools establishing kindergartens, both because school officials consider them educationally sound and because the officials want to introduce parents to Catholic education at an earlier stage in their children's lives. percent of Catholic grade school total of 55.

The ratio of religious to lay teachers in most areas remains what it has been for several years, about 40 percent religious to 60 percent lay. The higher salary requirements of lay teachers have led to increased costs and increased tuitions.

Several dioceses report the institution of a system-wide areas of the diocese.

Father H. Robert Clark, superintendent of schools in the Chicago archdiocese, which has the nation's largest Catholic system, said he expects high school enrollment to remain the same and elementary schools to have about a 3 percent decline. Catholics schools in the Chicago archdiocese had 215,500 pupils enrolled last

Msgr. James Feeney, superintendent of schools in the New York archdiocese, said 'we are actually projecting retaining the same population as last year or possibly a slight increase." He said some schools in New York City are considering reopening classrooms closed a few years ago.

Howard Jenkings, superintendent of schools in the New Orleans archdiocese, said enrollment is expected to be up by 1,000 students to about 70,000. There were no schools closed at the end of the last school year, he said, and the where people are clamoring for Catholic schools."

In Louisville, more than 90

program of evaluating the graduates are now applying for The trend toward stabilization performance of schools and admission to Catholic high several have appointed district schools, compared to about 70 superintendents to work more percent five years ago. Princlosely with schools in different cipals have conceded that busing may be a factor in the increased demand.

> "A new phenomenon" in the St. Louis archdiocese, Father John Leibrecht, school superintendent, said, is that 525 of the 5,200 ninth graders enrolled in Catholic high schools have come from public school eighth grades. The increase "is coming in county areas where integration is minimal in public schools," he

There will be 16 more kindergartens in St. Louis Catholic schools this year, for a total of 100, Father Leibrecht said. This development is evident elsewhere around the country. Dioceses where it is occuring include:

-Paterson, N.J.: seven new kindergartens for a total of

Cleveland: 11 new kindergartens for a total of 90;

-Peoria, Ill.: four new archdiocese has "many areas kindergartens for a total of 15: Pittsburgh: seven more for a total of 71;

-Brooklyn: 15 more for a



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By ELAINE SCHENK

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(Broward), or 833-1951 (Palm Beach area has been postponed Beach).

 Been playing volleyball or football in the Archdiocesan youth program? Remember

Your Corner

program will be held at all three locations from noon to 6 p.m. Don't forget to bring your plications can be obtained from the DYA office

Attention, Scouts: The Scouter Development Day originally scheduled for Oct. 23 in the North Broward-Palm

indefinitely. Stay tuned to this page for future announcements.

• So you thought "Inquiry" was something for adults only? Well, here's one designed strictly for teenagers. (Actually, this is a new CCD class in disguise.) It's conducted every Monday at 7 p.m. in the trailer at St. James parish. Discussions should be interesting; why not trek on in and see what's up?

Calling newspapers, telephone directories, magazines, etc! Sacred Heart CYO in Lake Worth announces a drive-in paper drive Oct. 10. Bring all unwanted paper to the church parking lot after the Sunday Masses. Much obliged.



Overtown Community-Recreation Center celebrated its second anniversary with a luncheon which included the Booker T. Washington Singers (above). Miami officer Jesse W. Hill, who is assigned to the area which includes Overtown, joined the singers for several songs. At the luncheon (below), Dr. Ben J. Sheppard, associate director of the Catholic Service Bureau, was one of the speakers and Father Ross Garnsey, St. Joseph's, Miami Beach, offered the invocation and benediction. The center serves the community through education, community service, recreation and cultural programs designed to include people of all ages ranging from pre-schoolers to young adults without regard to race, creed or color.

Schools destroying our children?'

During the youths' stay, our public schools and its effect counselors try to straighten out on a growing child is the theme should grow up treating people their problems and reestablish discussed by Dr. Helen Billings of Fort Lauderdale, a founder of the Montessori Institute of America, and guest speaker on "Crossroads," WJNO, 1230 k.c., radio for the month of October, beginning Oct. 3, at 5:30 a.m.

> In a series of five talks with the general title "Are Our Schools Destroying Children?," Dr. Billings, recently knighted as a Lady by the Knights of Malta, also president of the Mid-America Teacher-Education Center, Fellowships of Religion, Dr. Billings says the purpose of the

The outmoded system of Montessori system is to impress upon children that they as they want to be treated.

> In her "Crossroads" talks entitled, "Freedom with Restriction," "Whatever Happened to Commonsense?, "The Good Life," "The Challenge of Growth" and "The Child as an Individual," Dr. Billings cites certain harmful practices that are inflicted on the public school child. She condemns the rigid, conformist, competitive society in which the child is nutured, and recalls personal examples in her school career that have influenced her thinking today.

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Bridge gets 1,000th

a dropout from the 9th grade in school. Columbus, Ohio. She was having trouble with juvenile authorities so her mother gave her \$10 and a bus ticket to Miami where she had no relatives, no friends, and no job opportunities.

Carol is in her middle trouble. The Ohio law says you teens, blonde slender and cute, have to either work or go to

> from California living with us because her mother didn't want her and the lady said my mother could get in trouble for taking her in. So my mother gave us both bus fare down



quick here. I had \$10 in my pocket. Carol got a education in the ways of the world, but she is luckier than some. She found the Bridge.

She is not much different than hundreds of other teens dislocated from home and out on the streets who end up at the Miami Bridge, a run-to residence for runaway teens in downtown Miami. Carol's special distinction is that she is the 1,000th client of the Bridge since its opening two years ago.

"BUSINESS is good" Wryly said Charles Barr a counselor at the Archdiocese sponsored facility which handles the youths while attheir families or the authorities.

Carol (not her real name) had quit school and had gone to work but later could not find a

"I couldn't get along in school," she said with an apologetic smile.

"So the school people came around and told my mother that I would have to go to school or she would be in

"We met some boys at Lums and they said they would let us stay with them, with no

strings attached," she said. She stayed with one boy and then with another and ended up three days later at Bayfront Park where she met a boy who knew about the Bridge which is only two blocks from the park.

They helped me here (at the Bridge) in deciding whether I want to live my life out on the street or go back home and finish my education and make something of myself.

I thought I could work when I got here but I didn't tempting to reconcile them with have a work permit and couldn't get a job."

She said she also learned people didn't act the way she had expected out on the streets away from home. "Boys would come up and pinch you and act very forward like you were nothing," she said.

"I'm going home."

Counselor Barr said they have a more structured program at the Bridge than

some other institutions handling young people.

runaway

THEY HAVE chores to do "I also had a girlfriend here and a supervised three or four hour outing every afternoon so we know what they are doing almost all the time. At some agencies, the kids can go out for a long time and you get a lot of them coming back high," he said.

The Bridge, a former hotel, averages 15 youths in residence on a typical day and each stays an average of four days. Over half are from the Dade area and the rest from just about anywhere.

contact and rapport, if possible, with their homes, while giving them room and board away from the streets where, because of lack of money, they might end up getting picked up for stealing or prostitution or drugs.

Carol, asked where she would have gone if there hadn't been a Bridge, said:

"I guess I would have slept out on the streets."

17 local students are semi-tinalists

Seventeen students from high schools in the Archdiocese of Miami have qualified as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship awards to be presented in 1977. They are:

Cathy Garrell, Robert Cymbaluk, Mark Raymond, George Romagosa, Andrew Showen of Cardinal High School; Debra Anne De-Santis and Christine Schwendel. Madonna: Catherine McCormick and Ann Tunstall, Our Lady of Lourdes; David Hunt, Msgr. Pace; Thomas Bolf, James Butcher and George Savage, St. Thomas Aquinas; Alan Fernandez, Francis Secada and Stephen Smith, Abp. Curley; and Brian Carey, Christopher Columbus High School.

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World and Nation

Viet refugees ignored

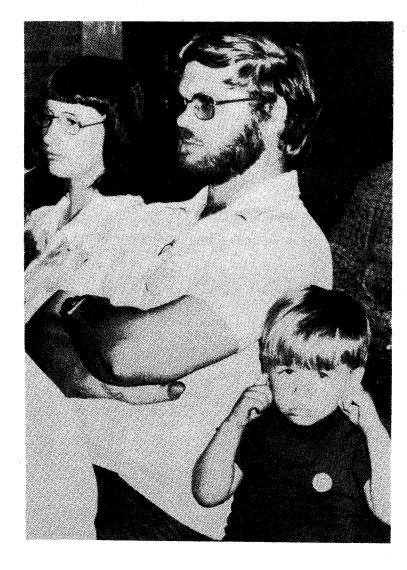
Large ships ignoring Vietnamese refugees in small boats in the South China Sea demonstrate "a shocking degree of moral callousness," Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC), said in Washington. According to news reports, ships no longer pick up refugees criss-crossing the South China Sea in search of asylum because they are not permitted to disembark refugees at the nearest port. As a result, some of these boats have sunk because of frail construction and overloads.

Bill may face veto

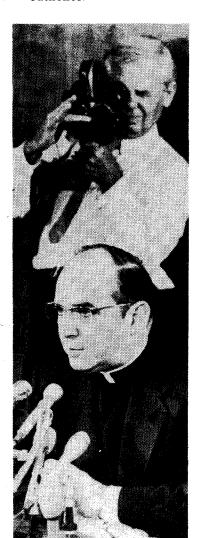
The House and Senate voted overwhelmingly and quickly to accept compromise wording on an anti-abortion amendment which has held up passage of a \$56.6 billion appropriation bill for months. But the bill, which outlaws federal funding of abortions except where the life of the mother is endangered by the pregnancy, faces still another hurdle—a possible veto by President Gerald Ford, who asked for about \$4 billion less than Congress approved in the measure funding the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare for their next fiscal year.

Sit-in nets arrests

Eight women have been charged with criminal trespassing after they were arrested while conducting a sit-in at an abortion clinic in Cleveland. The Cleveland Eight, as they jokingly call themselves, are members of a group called People Expressing a Concern for Everyone (PEACE). The eight women arrested range in age from 24 to 45. Six are Catholics.



CRITIC—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mindock of Manassas, Va., listen attentively to Italy's famed La Scala at a special Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Their son Peter registers his own opinion on some of the high notes.



A photographer films Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops, (NCCB) as he tells the press that the bishops have neither endorsed nor oppose a presidential candidate.

Surviving fetuses protected

A measure requiring doctors to take all reasonable steps to protect a baby surviving an abortion, was signed into law in Sacramento by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. The one-sentence bill, strongly backed by pro-life groups throughout the state, says that "a fetus born alive in the course of an abortion has the same right to medical treatment as any premature baby."

Kidnapped, found alive

Quoting a report from the Brazilian bishops, Vatican Radio announced Sept. 23 that the bishop of Nova Ignacu has been found alive in a suburb of Rio de Janeiro after being kidnaped. Bishop Adrian Hypolito, 58, was found stripped and tied up in a Rio de Janeiro suburb Sept. 22 after being kidnaped the evening before, the report said.

Position reaffirmed

The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has reaffirmed an earlier statement that the Catholic priesthood is not open to females, following reports attributed to an Episcopalian bishop that the Catholic prelate was reconsidering his stance. The reports said that Episcopal Bishop John M. Krumm of Southern Ohio told his fellow bishops that Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, NCCB president, has advised Episcopalians not to decide the women's ordination issue "on the basis of what we (Catholics) think." The Catholic archbishop allegedly said that despite the problems involved, "you may convince us."

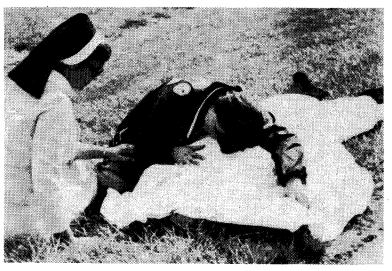
Bomb deaths hit

The killing of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier by a bomb explosion here was termed "a horrendous act" of international violence by Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Letelier, 44, and a worker companion riding with him, Ronni K. Moffit, 25 were killed by the bomb in the

morning of Sept. 21 at Sheridan Circle in Washington's embassy row. A third passenger in Leterier's car, Mrs. Moffit's husband Michael, was injured although not seriously. Letelier was Chilean ambassador in Washington from 1971 to 1973 under the Marxist government of the late President Salvador Allende.

Family's value stressed

Both President Gerald Ford and Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter stressed the value of family and neighborhood at a benefit dinner described as a "coming-out" party for Italian-Americans. More than 3,000 attended a benefit for the newly-formed Italian-American Foundation which will give visibility to issues of concern to Italian-Americans.



Stunned by the death of her husband, Mrs. David Platt of Virginia Beach, Va., clings to his sheet-draped body, as an unidentified nun attempts to console her. Platt had left his car to alert other motorists to a 16-car wreck when he was struck and killed by a hit and run motorist.

She must confess the same sin repeatedly

(Questions will be answered by Father Jose Nickse. Readers are invited to send questions to Father Nickse, The Voice, P.O. Box 38-1059, Miami, 33138. From these he will select those to be answered in this column.)

Q. I have a friend who, because she must repeat, in confession, a sin over and over again, feels so unworthy that she has decided not to go to confession and Communion. I

Area Serrans will convene in Broward

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Vincent de Paul, Boynton Beach, will speak to Serrans on "Growth in Spirit."

Bishop Charles McLaughlin of St. Petersburg, will be the principal celebrant of Mass at 12:30 p.m., in the hotel. Luncheon speaker will be Bishop Thomas Grady of Orlando who will discuss "Priestly Formation Spirituality of Serrans."

"Parish Vocations Clubs" will be featured when general sessions reconvene at 2:30 p.m., Saturday. Directing the program will be Mrs. Raymond Erazmus and Frank Hunyak, vocations committee, Annunciation parish, Hollywood. Moderators will be Father James Quinn, pastor, Nativity Church; Sister Celestine, R.S.M. Sisters of Mercy Novitiate; Sister Teresita, R.S.M., Immaculate Conception parish, Hialeah; Msgr. John McMahon, a member of the faculty at the major seminary; and Brother John Campbell, S.M., Chaminade High School.

"Catholic Influence on the Declaration of Independence' will be the topic of Joseph M. Fitzgerald, K.S.G., past president of Serra International, and of the Miami Serra Club, at 4 p.m.

Father Victor celebrate Mass and preach the homily to delegates at 8 a.m. Sunday in St. Pius X Church. During 9:15 a.m. breakfast, Msgr. John J. Nevins, rector, St. John Vianney Seminary, and Archdiocesan director of vocations, will speak on "The Role of Seminarians and Serra."

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am sure her sins are not serious. Who is truly worthy?

receiving Α. Before Communion we always say "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you." In a certain sense, the Eucharist also forgives our sins, for it is through our union with Jesus in this daily or weekly Communion that we are reconciled with the Father.

Six different times during the Easter cycle, the Church in the new Sacramentary asks us in the "Prayer over the Gifts" to pray:

"Make us worthy of your sacraments of love by granting us forgiveness."

When, however, we have turned from God and the Church and live in a state of required to confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and his Church through the sacrament of Penance.

There is always the danger of making our confession routine. A recent instruction from the Holy See calls for a completely new approach to infinite love for us, which heals

serious sin, then we are readings are recommended. Greater dialogue between priest and penitent is encouraged to help the penitent understand better his or her spiritual problem and make useful decisions for improvement.

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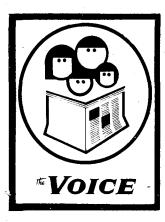
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El padre James Vitucci ha sido recientemente nombrado director archidiocesano del apostolado con los sordos, y su preocupación es hacer llegar a estas personas su deseo de ayudarles.

"El estado provee muchos servicios para los sordos, pero nosotros tenemos que ayudarles espiritualmente," dice. Cree que es importante ofrecerles preparación sacramental, consuelo en tiempo de enfermedad, compañía, interés...

De momento, él está trtando de detectar a los sordos católicos esparcidos por toda la archidiócesis. A todos los va inscribiendo en una lista y les avisa cuando organiza alguna

actividad para ellos. También va recorriendo las parroquias y celebrando Eucaristías con



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lenguaje de signos, o con la ayuda de intérpretes voluntarios. En el caso de los sordos la lengua es internacional,—si no se deletrean las palabras,—y pueden acudir lo mismo hispanos que polacos o anglos. Después de las Misas hay oportunidad de una pequeña fiesta de amistad—ya que ellos no pueden servirse del teléfono para conversar.

Quizás hasta el momento no muchos sordos se han incorporado a las diversas parroquias. Es por eso que el padre Vitucci hace una llamada para que todo el que conozca algún sordo se lo haga saber a él, llamando al 947-5043, o escribiéndole a la parroquia de Holy Family: Fr. James Vitucci, P.O. Box 610-687, 14500 N.E. 11 Ave. North Miami, Fl. 33161.



Sacerdote parasicólogo en Miami

El conocido parasicólogo, padre Oscar González Quevedo, S.J., director del Centro Latinoamericano de Parasicología (CLAP)del Brasil, llega a Miami desconocida ciencia.

Invitado a Miami por la revista Ideal, el padre González Quevedo dirigirá un II Curso intensivo sobre parasicología los días 4 al 8 de octubre. de 8:30

P.M. a 10:30 P.M., en la parroquia de St. Michael 2987 West Flagler St. El precio de inscripción en el curso es de \$20,00. Posiblemente también disertará en la University House No. 150 de la Universidad Internacional de la Florida, FIU el viernes 8. Se esta tratando de conseguir traducción simultánea para esta actuación. Para más información y suscripciones, llamar al 642-8959 - 649-4582.



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-Los Franciscanos celebran este año el 750 aniversario de la muerte de San Francisco de Asis.

En Miami, y con motivo de su fiesta, se celebrará una solemne misa en la parroquia de San Juan Bosco, West Flagler y 13 Avenida, el lunes 4 de octubre a las 8:00 p.m.

La Eucaristía será concelebrada por los padres franciscanos de Miami y los sacerdotes de la parroquia de San Juan Bosco, el párroco padre Vallina y monseñor Marinas. También asistirán miembros de la Tercera Orden Franciscana, grupo latino.

Durante Semana Hispano-americana en el Condado Dade

Misa de la Hispanidad en San Juan Bosco

Eucaristía memorativa de la Semana de la Hispanidad tendrá lugar el próximo domingo 10 de octubre en la parroquia de San Juan Bosco, 1301 W. Flagler, 10 A.M.

La Misa de la Hispanidad es uno de los muchos actos organizados por el Condado Metropolitano de Dade para celebrar la semana de la Hispanidad los días 9 al 17 de octubre, que conmemoran el descubrimiento de América por Cristóbal Colón y la influencia hispana en este continente.

Señalamos a continuación algunas de las actividades abiertas al público, que tendrán lugar durante los primeros días de la Semana de la Hispanidad. Completaremos el informe en el próximo número:

Sábado 9 de octubre: Exposición de cuadros de las hermanas Skull en el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami. Exposición y venta de Arte Hispano en el edificio Royal Trust Tower, 27 Ave. y 8 calle S. W., obras de Damian Girones, Siro del Castillo y Rafael Con-

suegra. Exhibición libros infantiles en el 1450 Coral Way (local del Club de mujeres cubanas). Obras de artistas guatemaltecos en el Museo Metropolitano de Arte, desde la 1:00 p.m. 2:00 P.M., Conferencia sobre la independencia del Ecuador, en la Biblioteca Pública Central, Biscayne Blv. No. 1; 4:00 P.M. Conferencia "El grito de Yara en la Ada Merrit School, 660 S. W. Calle 3; 6:00 P.M. — Festival Folklórico y Cultural de la calle 8 entre 16 y 17 avenidas; Carnaval en la "Norguesera", fiesta popular en la YMCA de

Allapattah, 2370 N. W. y 17 Ave. 7:00 P.M. Cena de Gala de la Hispanidad, Hotel Konover, 5445 Collins Avé.

Domingo 10 de octubre: 9:00 A. M. "Artesanía Española, en el Banco Barnett de Westchester, Coral Way y 87 Ave., S. W. Misa semana Hispano-americana en San Juan Bosco, 1301 W. Flagler. 10:00 A.M. Arte Hispano, Royal Trust Tower; "España 76," Banco de Miami, 100 E. y Flagler, Fotografías de España por aficionados. 4-6 P.M. Recital de órgano.

12:30 P.M. Inauguración de CAM-ART, artistas camagüeyanos; 7:00 P.M. "Artistas Hispanos en el Miami Dade Community College North.

8:00 P.M. Festival del Cine Español, por el Consulado de España, en el Teatro Repertorio Español, 2173 S.W. y 8 Calle.

Matrimonio" celebrará su Tercer Baile Anual el próximo 16 de Octubre en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de San Juan Bosco del 1301 West Flagler. El baile estará amenizado por la orquesta "SABOR 76". Para entradas llamar al 446-6577 o al 885-3058.

El Movimiento "CAMINO del

El Consejo 5110 Nuestra Sra. de la Caridad de la Orden de los Caballeros de Colón celebrará una comida en honor a los Ex-Gran Caballeros y la conmemoración del Grito de Yara.

La comida y baile tendran lugar el 9 de octubre en el Casablanca Hall, 855 S.W. 22 Ave. Para más información llamar al 444-4549, 885-4036.

en el mundo

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(NC)—Mons. Carroll T. Dozier, obispo de Memphis, criticó la venta de armas por \$6 millones que el Pentágono espera realizar este año, diciendo que a ese paso la Tierra quedará tan árida como Marte o la Luna. 'Hemos visto la lucha fratricida en sitios como Líbano. ¿De dónde vienen las armas, los tanques, los bazookas? ¿Es que no hemos formado nuestras conciencias de acuerdo con el Evangelio"? escribió el Obispo en un comentario aquí.

CZESTOCHOWA, Polonia—(NC)—Los obispos de Polonia han apoyado públicamente las huelgas obreras de junio en protesta por el alza desmedida de precios decretada por el gobierno comunista. Los obispos piden se devuelvan todos sus derechos a los obreros castigados por participar en las huelgas, y que se conceda amnistía a los encarcelados. "Las autoridades debieran escuchar la voz del pueblo." dijeron los obispos, al cabo de semanas de protestas populares.

LONDRES—(NC)—Un movimiento pro paz en Irlanda del Norte, nacido en Belfast al cabo de años de lucha fratricida, se extiende a Gran Bretaña, donde grandes concentraciones de pacifistas se han efectuado en varias ciudades como Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester y Birmingham. La primera ocurrió en Belfast el domingo siguiente a la muerte de tres niños de la familia Maguire al atropellarlos un auto de la IRA (Ejército Revolucionario Irlandés) reblede, que huía de una patrulla inglesa.

AVELLANEDA—(NC)—Mons. Antonio Quarracino, obispo de Avellaneda, dijo al regresar de una reunión catequista en Cuba que allí la Iglesia sigue con su labor evangelizadora, como lo prueban las ordenaciones sacerdotales recientes. La reunión trató de la instrucción religiosa de niños y adultos, de la liturgia y del apostolado de la familia," dijo. Agregó que entre los seminaristas hay muchachos de 18 a 28 años. Cuba vive bajo un rúgimen marxista desde 1960.

WASHINGTON-(NC)-La Congregación Vaticana de la Doctrina permite ahora que se digan Misas por difuntos que no sean católicos, siempre que la pidan sus parientes o amigos, el Obispo lo apruebe, y no se mencione el nombre del difunto en la oración eucarística—pues para ello tendría que haber permanecido en unidad con la misma fe

PUERTO PRINCIPE, Haití-(NC)-El gobierno viene criticando a los protestantes y sus ministros en Haití (forman un 10 por ciento de la población) acusándoles de ser "instrumentos de influencia extranjera" contra el Voodu y otras prácticas autóctonas. Las radiodifusoras locales también los acusan de competencia fuerte por la ayuda que sus propias radioemisoras reciben del extranjero. La mayoría de las sectas se oponen al Voodu como superstición.

"Falta la sonrisa en rostros libaneses..."

Por ARACELI CANTERO

Cada familia había puesto "su granito de arroz" y el resultado fue una sabrosa y económica cena en familia. Los comensales, los mismos de todos los meses: católicos maronitas de Miami. Pero esta vez presidía un Obispo. Venido desde el Líbano para presentar el caso de su país, el Obispo católico maronita Monseñor Roland Aboujaoude había querido asistir a la ya tradicional "cena de austeridad" de sus fieles maronitas.

Como es ya casi una tradición para los maronitas de Miami, primero compartieron todos el Pan de la Eucaristía, con una solemne liturgia que inauguraba la nueva Iglesia. Después compartieron el pan de la amistad y estrecharon lazos de fraternidad no sólo entre ellos, sino también con los hermanos que sufren en el Líbano; son ellos los que reciben los fondos que hasta ahora se han ido recaudando en Miami por medio de estas cenas: hasta el momento unos \$28,000.

Mons. Aboujaoude es el Vicario General del Patriarca católico de rito maronita, Mons Anthony-Peter Khoraiche y su visita a Miami el pasado fin de semana formaba parte de la gira por los Estados Unidos, Canada y algunos países africanos para presentar la causa del Líbano.

"Desgraciadamente no hablo español", comenzó diciendo el obispo, al constatar que la mayoría de sus oyentes eran familias cubanas de ascendencia libanesa.

"Mi misión es humanitaria," les dijo en perfecto inglés aunque cargado de acento extranjero. "Y antes de pedirles ayuda quisiera darles un análisis de la crisis libanesa, pero no una visión de político sino de pastor," añadió.

El obispo informó a los presentes sobre su recorrido por los Estados Unidos, visitando a prelados y oficiales del gobierno, reuniéndose con los distintos organismos de ayuda, y viendo posibilidades de obtener fondos y ayuda para las víctimas de la guerra en su país.

También agradeció públicamente la acogida prestada por los obispos de rito latino, y en particular del Delegado Apstólico Arzobispo Jean Jadot, y del presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal Americana Arzobispo Joseph Bernardin "por haber enviado

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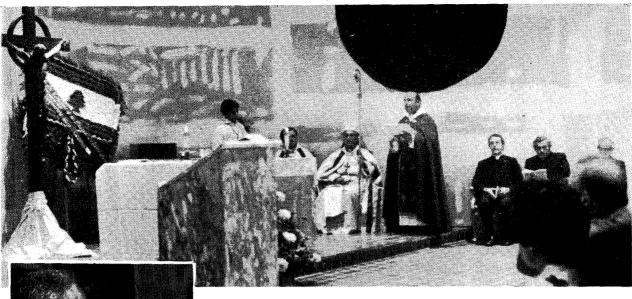
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del Medio Oriente con cierto impacto cristiano," dijo.
"Pero este Libano que

conocimos...está a punto de derrumbarse," añadió.
"Unas 300,000 personas

"Unas 300,000 personas quedaron sin hogar, más de 10 religiosos han sido asesinados y el saqueo ha causado estragos y destruido 73 iglesias, seis monasterios , 21 escuelas, seis hospitales y seis instituciones de beneficencia," dijo.

Reconociendo que existen en Líbano conflictos internos, el obispo afirmó que la guerra no es conflicto religioso sino político.

"Las causas del conflicto libanés son ante todo externas," añadió, especificando algunas, como el comunismo internacional, la rivalidad entre los estados árabes, el conflicto entre árabes e israelíes y sobre todo el problema de los palestinos.

El obispo enfáticamente opinó que los palestinos tienen derecho a tener un país propio, pero añadió "que el problema de los palestinos no debe solucionarse a expensas del pueblo libanés, que está convirtiéndose en un pueblo de refugiados a pesar de estar en su propia tierra."

"En los rostros de los

"En los rostros de los libaneses, se echa en falta la sonrisa y lo peor es que la ruina del país esta también invadiendo los corazones de los que antes se sentían hermanos" comentó con cierta tristeza.

Según el obispo fuerzas externas están aprovechando los conflictos internos del país, para crear tensión y están explotando los aspectos religiosos de la crisis. Para él la única solución al problema del Líbano radica en los grandes poderes internacionales.

El obispo señaló varias medidas en vistas a una solución de la crisis libanesa. Entre ellas el paro en envíos de armas; la intervención diplomática, o militar si es preciso, para lograr la paz, dar pronta solución al problema de los refugiados palestinos. También subrayó la necesidad de preservar el Líbano integro, ya que la co-existencia de los diversos grupos religiosos sería una riqueza, según el modelo pluralista de los Estados Unidos; y proveer ayuda económica, alimento y ropa, medicinas y facilidades para reconstruir el país. "Todo esto sin olvidar la oración por el Líbano," añadió el obispo.

Acompañando al obispo en Miami estaba el Padre Mansour Labaki, párroco de la Iglesia de San Elias en Damour, un pueblecito del Líbano hoy totalmente destruido a causa de guerra. Con ayuda de

flores presidió la Eucaristía. En la foto desde la izquierda el acompañante del obispo padre Mansour N. Labaky, el obispo Roland Abaoujaoude y el párroco maronita de Miami, padre Peter Tayah. El párroco de St. John the Apostle P. Thomas Rynne (católico romano), el Rvdo. Michael Husson, de la iglesia de St. George (ortodoxo sirolibanés), y Msgr. John Haddad de la iglesia de St. Jude (católico melkita). Abajo el obispo durante presentación.

Una bandera hecha de

diapositivas y de música, pues él es compositor de canciones litúrgicas en libanés y tiene varios discos en el mercado, el Padre Labaki, describió sus experiencias y los testimonios de fe de los libaneses, durante la destrucción de su pueblo, que él presenció.

A los fieles de la comunidad maronita de Miami el obispo les recomendó que se sintiesen fuertemente americanos, integrados y colaborando en el país, pero conservando un "rincón del corazón para sus antepasados, su cultura y tradiciones."

En los Estados Unidos hay hoy unos 40,000 maronitas. Todos pertenecen a la única diócesis maronita del país, dedicada a San Maron que cuenta con 43 iglesias y siete misiones, todas bajo la juridicción del obispo Mons. Francis M. Zayek, cubano de nacimiento pero de ascendencia libanesa. El obispo tiene su sede en Detroit y con frecuencia visita todos los grupos de su diócesis.

Los maronitas son católicos de rito oriental antioqueno, el mismo de San Pedro, y mantienen la comunión con el Papa. La misión maronita de Miami Nuestra Sra. del Líbano esta aún en construcción y se encuentra en 2055 Coral Way.

Comentarios evangélicos

Por el REV. JOSE P. NICKSE

pales-

una carta a todos los obispos de

rito latino de esta nación, in-

formando sobre la situación y

Mons. Aboujaoude, resumió la

situación del país y afirmó que un

25 por ciento se encuentra bajo el

control de los grupos de derecha,

mientras que un 75 por ciento

esta dominado por grupos de

país donde musulmanes,

cristianos y judíos habian sabido

coexistir, la única democracia

"El Líbano era antes el único

Valiéndose de un mapa,

necesidad del Libano."

izquierda—comunistas,

tinos...etc.

Algunos se acercaron, pidiendo que Jesús tocara a sus niños, pero los discípulos reprendían a los que los presentaban. Jesús al ver esto se enojó y les dijo: "Dejen que los niños vengan a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios es de los que se parecen a los niños. Les aseguro que quien no reciba el Reino de Dios como ellos, no se encontrará en él."

Marcos 10:2-16

Hace algunos años una de las revistas nacionales traía la historia de una familia que disfrutaba de unas vacaciones en uno de los parques nacionales.

Al final de cada día, la familia entera se reunía para intercambiar las impresiones del día. Una de las noches, a la hora de la reunión familiar, se dieron cuenta con espanto que faltaba la niña de tres años. Comenzó la búsqueda. El padre buscó por los bosques, en el fondo del lago, por las carreteras que atravesaban el parque.

¡Qué alegría cuando encontró a su pequeña hija jugando con el agua junto a un riachuelo! Mientras que la llevaba cargada de regreso al campamento la niña inocente le dijo: "Que bueno que me encontraste, ¿verdad, papá?"

Por supuesto que el padre no tenía palabras para ex-

presar la emoción de haber encontrado a su hija perdida. Pero, y con el pasar de los años, ¿sentirá ese padre la misma alegría al guiar a su hija por el camino de la fe? ¿Volverá a perderse esa muchacha quizás para no ser encontrada inmés?

En otras palabras, ¿sabemos encaminar a nuestros hijos hacia Dios?

"Dejen que los niños vengan a mí." ¿Nos preocupamos que nuestros hijos conozcan a Dios? Y para aquellos que no lo sepan, se le puede enseñar religión a nuestros hijos sin mandarlos a un colegio católico.

El hogar es la primera escuela. El hogar es semillero de fe. Los padres cristianos son los primeros y principales maestros de sus hijos. El ejemplo que los hijos no vean en el hogar será muy difícil que lo aprendan en la calle o en el colegio.

Tenemos que acercar nuestros jóvenes a Cristo. La juventud de hoy y de siempre tiene el entusiasmo y la energía que necesita nuestra Iglesia. Una juventud luchando por Cristo es invencible.

Septiembre es el mes de la catequesis. Juntos padres y maestros podemos enseñar a la juventud el camino hacia Dios. Que la Palabra de Dios llene los corazones de nuestros jóvenes y les guíe en medio de las turbulencias de nuestros tiempos.

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1ra. Misa en español de Arz. Mc.Carthy aqui

El arzobispo Edward McCarthy, nuevo Coadjutor de la Archidiocésis celebró este fin de semana su primera Misa en español aquí, visitando la parroquia de San Juan Bosco, en el "corazón de la pequeña Habana".

Los parroquianos no supieron de su visita hasta verle acercarse al altar por el pasillo central. Era la misa de las 10:00 a.m. que cuenta con un numeroso coro y gran asistencia de fieles.

El padre Emilio Vallina, expresó en nombre de todos la alegría de la parroquia por tener allí al arzobispo. Recordó los comienzos de San Juan Bosco, antiguamente un garaje, y el apoyo recibido del Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll quien numerosas veces les visitara en el pasado.

Al final de la Misa el arzobispo McCarthy se dirigió a los presentes en español, recordando las primeras lecciones de español recibidas en Cincinnati de una maestra cubana. "Fue ella la que

me transmitió todos los sufrimientos que ustedes han pasado por causa de la fe," les dijo

El arzobispo expresó su simpatía por la cultura hispana y su preocupación por la unidad y afirmó:

"Ni a ustedes ni a mi se nos ha dado el poder de elegir la sangre que corre por nuestras venas,—la Divina Providencia lo dispuso de antemano.

"Pero esa misma Divina Providencia nos ha dado la potestad de escoger las personas que ocupan un lugar en nuestro corazón. Y yo quiero que sepan, que ustedes siempre ocuparán un lugar especial en el mío y les pido que también yo pueda ocupar un lugar especial en los corazones de ustedes".

El arzobispo recordó que como hijos de Dios redimidos por la misma sangre de Cristo, hemos de permanecer unidos, respetando y compartiendo los dones de cultura y herencia recibidos de los antepasados.



Durante su primera Misa en español aquí, el arzobispo McCarthy escuchó las palabras de bienvenida del párroco de San Juan Bosco, padre Emilio Vallina. Junto al arzobispo el padre Gustavo Miyares, asistente en la misma parroquía. También saludó a los fieles, abajo, e intercambió breves palabras con los 'scouts' más jóvenes y su líder el Sr. Orlando Etcheverry.

"Ustedes en particular tienen todos los dones que yo quiero ayudarles a conservar y compartir, como también quiero que ustedes reciban los dones de otros grupos que no son hispanos, para que juntos formemos una comunidad en pluralidad y así crezcamos en santidad."

El arzobispo imploró la bendición del Señor sobre todos, "los enfermos y los sanos, los agobiados y los que viven en paz, los jóvenes y los ancianos, los buenos y los que están alejados de Dios," para que unidos en el amor, en el regocijo y la esperanza, conozcamos a Dios bien, y le amemos profundamente..."

También pidió a todos oraciones por el Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll y para él mismo, y toda la asamblea rompió en aplausos mientras él abandonaba el templo.

Minutos más tarde en el salón parroquial, durante más de una hora saludó a los fieles que sin cesar se le acercaban para besarle el anillo y pedirle una bendición. También disfrutó de un rato de folkklore y batió palmas al son de Guantanamera.

Al dispersarse la gente el Arzobispo comentó, "realmente esta es una parroquia bien activa."

El sábado el arzobispo visitó inesperadamente a los participantes en un Encuentro Familiar reunidos en la cafetería del Seminario Menor, donde él reside.

"Al oir la música y sus canciones no puede resistir la tentación de acercarme," les dijo.

Unos 35 matrimonios acababan de terminar el almuerzo y estaban disfrutando de un rato de música y folklore antes de reanudar el trabajo. En salones contiguos a la cafetería estaban sus hijos, agrupados en dos grupos según la edad. Todos estaban dedicando el fin de semana —al 'Encuentro Familiar'— un programa que trata de ayudar a la familia entera y que desde su comienzo



en 1971 ha beneficiado a más de 2,000 personas.

"Me da gran satisfacción saber que existen en Miami los Encuentros," les dijo el Arzobispo al hablarles de sus contactos con los Encuentros Matrimoniales y sus esfuerzos, en Phoenix, para que las familias dedicasen una noche a la semana al hogar y la oración en familia.

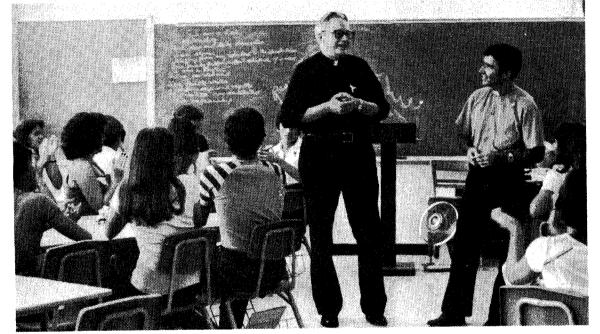
"Es una pena que nuestra cultura esté quedando tan pobre de signos cristianos," dijo. "Recuerdo que cuando yo era niño, era fácil distinguir los hogares cristianos por los símbolos religiosos en la pared."

El arzobispo también visitó a los jóvenes y conversó con sus dirigentes. Admirando los carteles en la pared, les dijo, "veo que habeís estado hablando sobre el sentido de "comunidad" y me alegra el que consideréis la familia como el lugar donde primero se vive ese concepto."

Antes de despedirse el nuevo coadjutor—saludó a los sacerdotes que trabajan en este movimiento, los jesuitas padres Florentino Azcotia y Eduardo

Campaña pro-vida

WASHINGTON (NC)—La semana del 3 de octubre marca el comienzo de una campaña nacional en defensa de la vida del niño en el seno de la madre, para lo cual el comité episcopal provida, ha distribuido a las 18,5000 parroquias católicas del país material impreso, fotografías, películas, folletos y formato de avisos para radio y televisión, sobre el tema del derecho humano a la vida desde el vientre materno. Los obispos cumplen así con un plan pastoral de 1975,



En su visita a los Encuentros Familiares, el arzobispo McCarthy conversó con los jóvenes y se ganó su aplauso. Junto a él, el padre Eduardo Alvarez, S.J.

"El Rosario es Cristo hecho carne"

Con motivo de la fiesta del Rosario el próximo 7 de octubre, ofrecemos una reflexión sobre esta forma de oración de tanta tradición en la Iglesia. Está tomada del libro "En la escuela de los grandes orantes" del padre Jacques Loew, autor de múltiples escritos de espiritualidad y por algún tiempo sacerdote obrero en Francia.

Había en la Edad Media una Lectio divina la de los iletrados, y de los simples. Se llamaba el Rosario. Sí, el Rosario es la Lectio divina de los pobres. Pero no el Rosario de las "Dios te salve. María: llena de gracia de repetición acelerada y sin tomar aliento. Este es la caricatura del Rosario de santo Domingo. La verdadera forma del Rosario, es la que el padre Lacordaire expresaba así: "No hav sino un libro, el Evangelio, v el Rosario es el resumen del Evangelio." En el Rosario, la Lectio divina de los pobres, se consideran los grandes misterios de Cristo, inseparable de su Madre, María. Los papas, entre ellos Pablo VI, recuerdan sin cesar el valor del Rosario, no por un tradicionalismo maniático agarrado al Rosario, sino para no quitar a los pobres—y a nosotros— una profunda manera de orar.

El Rosario es Cristo: miro a Cristo en toda su vida, desde los grandes silencios de la Anunciación, desde el gozo del Magnificat, hasta la Crucifixión, hasta su Ascensión, hasta Pentecostés. Pero es Cristo hecho carne, insparable de su Madre, en la que toma cuerpo, y que le acompañará discretamente, pero siempre presente en sus grandes horas. El Rosario con Maria nos introduce en las profundidades de la Encarnación. En quince misterios hay mucho que meditar. Es una meditación— en la que los misterios renacen en nosotros, enriquecidos con toda nuestra existencia.

En esta oración—a la vez lectura del misterio y oración—

cada "Dios te salve, María", adquiere, según los misterios, tonalidades distintas: gozosa, dolorosa y gloriosa. Con razón, el Rosario evoca la idea de un ramo de rosas de colores diversos. Hay en él una contemplación admirada de la divinidad de Jesús, concelebrando con su humanidad, inseparable de ella, al alcance de todos, en todo lugar

y en toda circunstancia.

Cuando yo trabajaba en el muelle de Marsella, como cargador, al principio oraba intensamente, muy valiente llevando sacos de sesenta o de ochenta kitos. Entonces oraba clamando interiormente: "Dios mío, ven en mi ayuda, porque no llegaré a las seis de la tarde, me habré muerto antes." Pero pronto, después de haber llevado sacos durante varios meses, oraba menos, porque me las arreglaba solo. Un día me di cuenta de que no oraba en absoluto. Entonces me impuse

rezar el Rosario, cinco misterios por la mañana y cinco por la tarde. Era difícil sacar el rosario del bolsillo para contar las Avemarías. Entonces me dije: "este montón de sacos serán los misterios gozosos; en este montón digo el primer misterio, la Anunciación, meditando en él; después vendrá el montón de la Visitación.".

El Rosario es, pues, la oración de las pobres gentes. Sería criminal quitar a los pobres su oración para reemplazarla por qué sé yo. Coincidimos así con el sentido de la oración del Shema Israel de la Biblia: "Lo dirásbrevísima oración: esta "Escucha, Israel, Yavé, tu Dios. es el único Señor"—, lo dirás de pie, acostado en tu casa, de camino, y lo repetirás a tus hijos....". El Rosario es así, repetir sin descanso las quince mayores maravillas que Dios ha hecho, y no es ninguna tontería sin valor.

Arz. Carroll 18 años de servicio



El 7 de octubre, fiesta del Rosario · tiene especial significado para el Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll y para toda la Archidiocesis. La fecha marca el aniversario de su instalación como ordinario de la entonces naciente diócesis, en 1958. Fue 10 años después en 1968 que Pablo VI elevo Miami a sede elevo Miami a sede metropolitana nombrando a Mons. Carroll arzobispo de la Archidiócesis de Miami. La fecha del 7 de octubre, es fecha de gratitud por 18 años de servicio a la Iglesia del Sur de la Florida.



Pablo VI cumplió 79 años el pasado 26 de septiembre, y dirigiéndose a los peregrinos que le felicitaban desde la plaza de San Pedro les dijo "haber llegado a la hora de vísperas de nuestros días en la tierra". Unas 15,000 personas se habían congregado bajo su ventana para el tradicional rezo del Angelus y el Papa les pidió ser "testigos, ahora más que nunca, del incomparable valor de la vida humana."

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"Somos los cultivadores de la gloria divina que es el hombre, y nos sentimos orgullosos de la dignidad de todo ser humano," les dijo.

Catequésis del Papa el 22 de septiembre

'Necesidad del hombre no sólo económica'

Se está hablando entre nosotros sobre una próxima Asamblea, de carácter nacional en Italia, pero de interés general para la Iglesia, dedicada al tema tan discutido, "Evangelización y promoción humana''.

¿De qué se trata? Se trata de confrontación de dos cosas fundamentales: la actividad de la Iglesia por una parte y el mejoramiento de las condiciones en la sociedad contemporánea, por otra. Es la confrontación que el Concilio, con su larga Constitución pastoral conocida ya por las dos palabras con que comienza "Gaudium et spes", ha injertado en el anuncio del mensaje evangélico al mundo de hoy. Y es una confrontación tan

radical, tan amplia, tan grave y apremiante, que pone inmediatamente en evidencia una enorme cantidad de problemas: son problemas que afectan a toda la vida de la Iglesia

¿Cómo se comunica a la humanidad la fe, entendida como la religión católica? Embebidos como estamos de tropocentrismo", esto es, de tendencia a dar al hombre el primer puesto, y para muchos, el único puesto en la escala de nuestros intereses, enseguida nos preguntamos ¿para qué sirve la fe, la religión?, ¿es útil al hombre, y en qué medida?, el hombre tiene todavía inmensas necesidades, grandes derechos: la fe, la religión, ¿le son útiles o no?; la "promoción humana" como hoy se dice, ¿se beneficia con la evangelización?, ¿con cuál?, ¿y cómo ? Resulta legítimo. todavía. más obligatorio este utilitarismo que domina prácticamente la filosofía y la política contemporáneas; el hombre está en el centro de nuestros pensamientos, pero ¿cómo se lo considera? ¿Sólo en las necesidades de su vida temporal o bien la visión global y superior de sus profundas y específicas aspiraciones?, ¿cuál es la verdadera salvación del hombre? ¿su verdadera felicidad?, ¿su predominante destino? La ciencia sobre el hombre, la verdadera ciencia sobre nuestra vida se acerca así al mensaje del Evangelio y lo interpela: ¿qué me das? La economía, la ciencia del bienestar que es la protagonista en la casa humana,

en la cocina principalmente, pide: ¡dame pan; tengo hambre!

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¡Cuánta fuerza de persuasión se encierra en esta cuestión clemental y universal! Cristo la comprendió bien cuando El mismo por dos veces multiplicó el pan para la multitud que no había comido;

Pero pongamos atención: para nuestro Señor que abre de par en par sobre el horizonte temporal el reino de los cielos, las necesidades del hombre no son solamente económicas ni terrestres. Quien desconoce el superior destino del hombre a un alimento trascendente, la Palabra de Dios, a un reino de Dios desconoce su verdadera estatura, lo rebaja a un nivel temporal y material y al final prjudica su verdadera salvación: 'no sólo de pan vive el hombre..." "buscad, pues, primero el reino de Dios y su justicia..." ha dicho el Señor.

Y así las dos finalidades del hombre: la espiritual y cristiana y la secular y arreligiosa, parecen colocarse sobre posiciones contradictorias que. con frecuencia, en la historia han motivado graves oposiciones. alguna vez con expresiones opresivas y persecutorias de parte de la que está armada de poder y de fuerza contra la defendida solamente por posiciones espirituales y por razones sobrenaturales. En la convivencia de una misma sociedad han aparecido dos concepciones distintas bajo ciertos aspectos irreducibles pero provindencialmente distintas: "dad al César...dad a Dios" y difícilmente ecuánimes y concordes. Una discusión secular se deriva de este dualismo, liberador en sí mismo para ambas tesis pero de no fácil observancia en sus debidos términos. Haciendo la historia de este inestable equilibrio entre Envagelio y mundo, entre Iglesia y Estado, tendremos que volver a hablar quizás de este punto

Lo que importa señalar en esta fugaz alusión es la tesis basilar de la citada Constitución pastoral "Gaudium et spes" en orden al tema que ahora nos interesa, es decir, la relación entre la evangelización y la promoción humana.

Obispo de Rodesia se declara culpable

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC)-Radio Vaticana informó que el obispo de Umtali en Rodesia, Mons. Donal Lamont, fue declarado culpable por una corte del gobierno de blancos, por negarse a entregar a "terroristas" negros en rebeldía. Podría ser condenado a 15 años

cuatro veces, una por cada acusación de que prestó ayuda moral y dio medicinas a guerrilleros en necesidad. El prelado ha recibido muestras de solidaridad de otros obispos y gobernantes por su defensa de los negros sometidos en Rodesia a políticas discriminatorias.

Respetad la Vida

3 de Octubre, 1976

A los Sacerdotes, Religiosos y Fieles de la Arquidiócesis: Al celebrar hoy el Domingo del Respeto a la Vida, reafirmamos el calor de la vida como un maravilloso regalo de Dios, autor de la vida.

Nuestro interés en la vida debe ser universal, desde el momento de la concepción, hasta la muerte. Donde existe el sufrimiento humano, sea en nuestro país o en cualquier parte del mundo, debemos estar presentes para ayudar. En su carta encíclica Pacem in Terris, el Papa Juan XXIII

"Si miramos la dignidad de la persona humana a la luz de la verdad divina revelada, no podemos sino apreciarla aún más; la sangre de Cristo redimió a la humanidad, por la gracia los hombres son los hijos y amigos de Dios y herederos de la gloria eterna."

Estoy seguro de que los esfuerzos espirituales del Programa Respeto a la Vida traerán un conocimiento renovado de la relación entre Dios y los hombres. Esperamos resulte en un aumento de la gracia de Dios y paz en los corazones y hogares de nuestro agobiado mundo.

Con mi bendición paternal, les saluda En Cristo,

Edeman J. Carroll
Arzobispo de Miami