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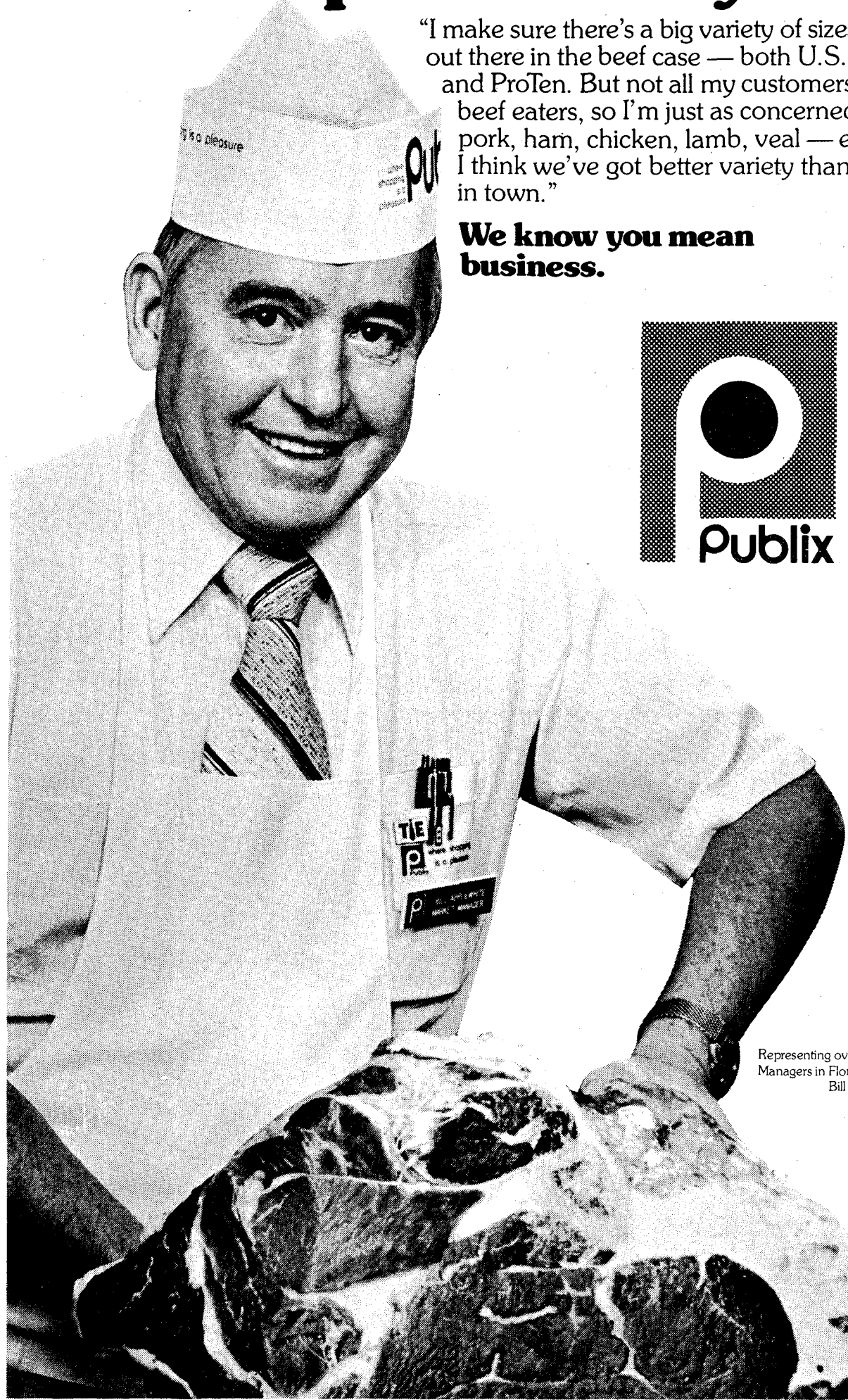
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An Archbishop is "leader among equals" with other bishops. He is given his title either personally because of special work for the pope, or because of the historical value of his diocese, or because he is placed as director of other bishops in a wide geographical area.

Archbishop McCarthy is the metropolitan ("chief" bishop) of the entire State of Florida, which means that he is "leader among equals" of all of the other dioceses in the State of Florida. (A Diocese means a territory under the leadership of a bishop.) The Dioceses of Florida are: Miami, Orlando, Saint Petersburg, Tallahassee-Pensacola, Saint Augustine.

Bishops-Designate John Nevins and Augustin Roman will act as assistants to Archbishop McCarthy.

The term "Bishop-Designate" means that one has been named by the pope to be a bishop but has not yet been ordained to his new role. The ordination ceremony requires the presence of three bishops to perform the proper liturgy of ordination. It is the ordination of a Bishop which confirms his authority to act in that capacity.

Official

The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments, effective March 12, 1979:

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN J. NEVINS, to Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Miami.

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NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS

Ordinations Set For Tomorrow

More than 10,000 persons are expected to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-designate John J. Nevins and Agustin A. Roman at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Metropolitan of the Miami Province (which covers the State of Florida) will be the chief ordaining prelate, assisted by Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, Texas, and Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Both are former Auxiliaries of the Miami Archdiocese.

REPRESENTING Pope John Paul II, from whom he will bring greetings, will be Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

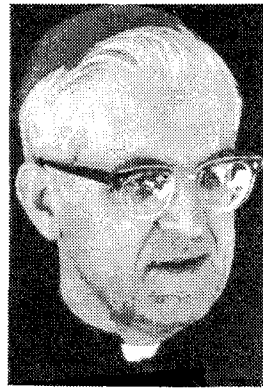
In attendance also will be about 15 Bishops from the United States, as well as representatives of neighboring hierarchies in Central America. They will be Concelebrants at the Mass, along with most of the more than 500 priests of the Archdiocese



Abp. Jean Jadot,
Apostolic Delegate



Archbishop
Edward McCarthy



Bishop
John Fitzpatrick



Bishop
Rene Gracida

who will attend the Ordination.

Ecumenical representatives from Protestant, Orthodox, and Jewish faiths will be present, as well as State and local civic officials.

Special charter buses have been arranged for the people of parishes outside the See city of Miami, and delegations are expected from all parts of South Florida. All are invited to the public reception for the new Bishops immediately after the Ordination ceremonies.

A UNIQUE FEATURE of the Ordination ceremony will be a special gift for the poor. The new Bishops have signified that they want no personal gifts to mark their Ordination. Rather, they urge everyone who comes to bring donations of non-perishable canned foods. These are to be placed in a special repository established at the Convention Center. The Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society will collect the gifts for the poor after the Mass and distribute them to the needy from their various

centers in South Florida.

Close circuit TV will be available for the over-flow crowd expected. Ushers for the ceremonies will be students from Curley High School, the Serra Club of Miami and the Knights of Columbus. The latter will also form a Guard of Honor for both the processional and recessional of the ceremonies.

Immediately after the Ordination Mass, Bishops Nevins and Roman will receive greetings from the

People of God in the Archdiocese.

The following Bishops are among those who have accepted invitations to the Ordination: Bishop Ricardo Surnach, Auxiliary of Ponce; Bishop Miguel Rodríguez, CSSR of Arecibo; Bishop Paul Hagarty, OSB, of Nassau; Bishop Michael Dudick of Passaic; Bishop Paul Tanner of St. Augustine; Archbishop Thomas Donnellan of Atlanta; Bishop Juan Arzube, Auxiliary of Los Angeles; Bishop Raymond Lessard of Savannah; Bishop Thomas Grady of Orlando; Bishop Robert F. Joyce, Retired, Burlington; Bishop Eduardo Dalmau, Retired, Havana. Basil H. Losten, Bishop Stamford; Abbot Fidelis Dunlap, OSB; Edgerton B. Clarke Bishop Montego Bay; Hugo E. Polanco, Archbishop Higuery, D.R.; Nicholas D'Antonio, OFM, Bishop-Vicar for Spanish Speaking New Orleans; Samuel J. Carter, SJ, Archbishop Kingston and Eduardo Boza Masvidal, Bishop-Vicar General, Los Teques, Venezuela.

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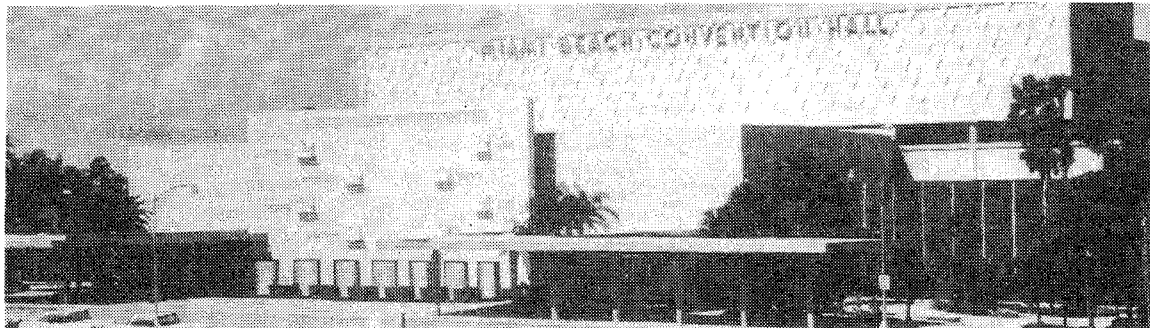
Un día de fiesta para toda la archidiócesis

Más de 10,000 personas asistirán mañana sábado 24 a la ceremonia de ordenación episcopal de los dos nuevos Obispos Auxiliares de Miami Monseñor John J. Nevins y Monseñor Agustín A. Román.

La ceremonia tendrá lugar a las 11 de la mañana en el Miami Beach Convention Center, con la participación de un coro gigante que añadirá al tono festivo de la celebración.

Presidirá el acto el Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy, metropolitano de la provincia de Miami (que abarca todo el estado de Florida). Le asistirán en la imposición de las manos sobre los ordenados los obispos John J. Fitzpatrick de Brownsville, Texas, y el obispo René H. Gracida de Pensacola-Tallahassee, ambos antiguos obispos auxiliares de la Archidiócesis de Miami.

En representación del Santo Padre, participará en la ceremonia el Delegado Apostólico de Su Santidad, en los Es-



tados Unidos, Arzobispo Jean Jadot. Unos 20 obispos de todos los Estados Unidos y otras naciones concelebrarán la Eucaristía junto con más de 500 sacerdotes de la diócesis.

Asistirán representantes de las iglesias ortodoxas y protestantes así como hermanos de la fe judía y representantes cívicos y del gobierno local y estatal.

Las parroquias han organizado el transporte en autobuses, para los que quieran asistir a la ceremonia en grupo. También se puede acudir en automóviles individuales y

participar en la recepción abierta al público, que tendrá lugar después de la ceremonia en los terrenos del Centro de Convenciones.

Un aspecto peculiar de la ceremonia de ordenación es la petición, por parte de los nuevos obispos, de que se sustituyan los regalos personales por donaciones para los pobres. Los fieles pueden llevar sus donaciones, de comida (en preservas) y depositarlas en los lugares que estarán marcados para ello en el Centro.

La asociación archidiocesana de San Vicente de Paúl se

encargará de recoger los regalos y distribuirlos después a través de sus centros en las diversas áreas del Sur de Florida.

Se establecerá circuito cerrado de televisión para facilitar la participación de todos en la ceremonia. Participarán como acomodadores y voluntarios los estudiantes de Curley High School, miembros del Club Serra y los Caballeros de Colón quienes además formarán la guardia de honor para la procesión de entrada y de salida.

Después de la ceremonia de ordenación los nuevos obispos Nevins y Román recibirán los saludos del pueblo.

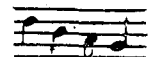
Son varios los obispos que hasta el momento del cierre de esta edición han confirmado su venida a Miami para participar en los actos, entre ellos: Obispo Eduardo Boza Masvidal, Auxiliar de Caracas; Obispo Ricardo Surnach, Auxiliar de Ponce, P.R.; Obispo Miguel Rodríguez, DSSR de Arecibo; Obispo Paul Hagarty, OSB, de Nassau; Obispo Dudick de Passaic; Obispo Paul Tanner de St. Augustine; Obispo Juan Arzube, Auxiliar de los Angeles; Obispo Raymond Lessard de Savannah; Obispo Thomas Grady de Orlando; Obispo Robert F. Joyce (retirado) de Burlington; Obispo Eduardo Dalmau (retirado) de Havana; Obispo Nicholas D'Antonio, Auxiliar de Nueva Orleans; Obispo Edgerton B. Clarke, de Montego Bay y Arzobispo Carter de Kingston Jamaica.

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El 13 de agosto de 1958, el telégrafo anunciaba una noticia histórica. La Diócesis de San Agustín, que en aquella época comprendía toda la Florida al este del río Appalachicola había sido dividida y el Papa Pío XII había anunciado la formación de la Diócesis Católica de Miami, con el obispo Coleman F. Carroll, entonces obispo auxiliar de Pittsburgh, como primer obispo de Miami.

En aquella época 16 condados del Sur de la Florida comprendían la nueva área eclesíastica que incluía 51 parroquias 65 sacerdotes diocesanos y 21 sacerdotes regulares quienes servían a las necesidades espirituales de 185,000 católicos en la sección más sudeste de los Estados Unidos.

La catedral de Santa María, que había sido dedicada un año antes en la avenida 2 y Calle 75, fue elevada al rango de catedral y en ella tuvo lugar la instalación formal del obispo Carroll, el 7 de octubre del año 1958.



Catedral de Sta. María - Sede del Arzobispo de Miami.

Poco después de su instalación, el obispo Carroll, conocido en toda la nación por su interés hacia los pobres y oprimidos, anunció planes para tres proyectos mayores:

El establecimiento de un seminario, la fundación de un periódico católico y el embellecimiento de la catedral.

El 7 de septiembre de 1959, el seminario de San Juan María Vianney era una realidad en la sección sudoeste de Miami. Un poco antes, el 20 de marzo, "The Voice", publica-

ción semanal de la arquidiócesis publicaba su primera edición.

El seminario mayor arquidiocesano de San Vicente de Paul en Boyton Beach, abrió sus puertas a la primera clase en el 1963, permitiendo a candidatos al sacerdocio en la Florida, completar sus estudios para la ordenación sin salir del estado.

Entre los años 1958 y 1963 la diócesis de Miami fue testigo de un tremendo programa de expansión, con la llegada de nuevos residentes llegados tanto del norte como del sur. A pesar de que la mayor parte de sus recursos, energías y esfuerzos, fueron dirigidos a ocuparse tanto de las necesidades materiales como espirituales de los miles de refugiados cu-

banos que llegaban a Miami, para escapar del yugo de la tiranía en la Cuba comunista, la diócesis mantuvo sus ritmos de servicio hacia los fieles de habla inglesa.

A pesar de que la Iglesia del sur de la Florida, llevó todo el peso del éxodo de los cubanos, antes de que el gobierno americano promoviera los programas de asistencia a los mismos, continuó aumentando sus parroquias, colegios e instituciones de caridad.

Al final de 5 años la diócesis tenía 94 parroquias y varias misiones servidas por sacerdotes regulares y diocesanos en los condados de Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, de Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee,

Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, y Santa Lucia.

El 8 de mayo, 1968, el Papa Pablo VI anunció el establecimiento de una nueva provincia eclesíastica, la cual incluía, además de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, las diócesis de San Agustín, St. Petersburg y Orlando. El obispo Carroll fue nombrado primer Arzobispo de Miami, y Metropolitano de la provincia. La nueva arquidiócesis de Miami, cedía ocho de sus condados a las nuevas diócesis y los límites fueron realineados para incluir los condados de Broward, Collier, Dade, Hendry, Glades, Martin, Monroe y Palm Beach, con una población total de 400,000 católicos, y 164 sacerdotes diocesanos y clero de 141 órdenes religiosas. Al final

de 1968, la Arquidiócesis tenía una población católica estable de 439,594 así como miles de visitantes durante la temporada invernal, además de los 200,000 hispanos residentes y cientos de obreros rurales emigrantes. Quince comunidades religiosas masculinas servían a la comunidad del sur de la Florida así como 900 religiosas de distintas órdenes.

En 1973 el 15avo. aniversario de la fundación de la diócesis de Miami, la arquidiócesis tenía 120 parroquias y cuatro misiones. La población total de la Arquidiócesis era de 588,543 católicos.

Durante estos años sirvieron como obispos auxiliares de Mons. Carroll, el obispo John S. Fitzpadrick y el obispo René H. Gracida, ambos sacerdotes diocesanos elevados de episcopado y hoy al frente de la diócesis de Bronsville, Texas y Pensacola-Tallahassee respectivamente.

En septiembre de 1976, el arzobispo Edward McCarthy vino a Miami como coadjutor con derecho de sucesión, del arzobispado Coleman F. Carroll quien falleció el 26 de julio de 1977.

En este 20avo. aniversario de la fundación de la diócesis de Miami, la población católica cuenta con más de 770,000 miembros atendidos por 485 sacerdotes diocesanos 700 hermanas y 50 hermanos. La arquidiócesis cuenta ahora con 130 parroquias en ocho condados del sur de la Florida así como 62 escuelas primarias, 16 secundarias y dos colegios de enseñanza especializada, así como infinidad de servicios sociales para la atención a los ancianos, enfermos, drogadictos, madres solteras etc. Cuenta también con un laicado dinámico y variedad de movimientos apostólicos, un programa para el Diaconado Permanente y para preparación de Ministerios Laicos.

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Destined to be a priest

The following is the text of a recent conversation between Bishop-designate John J. Nevins and Gerard E. Sherry, Executive Editor of The Voice.

SHERRY: When did you decide that you had a vocation to the Religious Life?

BISHOP NEVINS: Actually, that question has been asked so often by people, Not only because I have been in vocation work for the past several years, but throughout my priesthood, as far back as I can recall. Since my earliest age, about the age of four (because I was an alert little squirt) I have always wanted to be a priest — in grammar school, high school — I was active in sports, socialized a lot, went to outside college, but it was always my goal to be a priest. I never had anything else that I had a primary interest in — I was interested in communications, particularly in television broadcasting, but primarily I always wanted to be a priest.

SHERRY: What was your parents' attitude to this — parents see the general direction in which children go.

BISHOP NEVINS: At no time was there ever any pushing. If that's what you want — fine. Even throughout my high school and college in New Rochelle, they knew that I had a deep interest in the priesthood. They never discussed it very intently with me because they knew exactly what I wanted. They never really pushed me.

I was ordained in the Society of the Fathers of Mercy. They were, you would say, quasi-religious. We did take a vow of poverty. We were like diocesan priests living in community life. Our work was primarily missionary work, home-missions, establishing missions building up the parish. My first assignment after Ordination was in Glasgow, Kentucky, in the summer.

I went back for a fifth year of pastoral theology at the end of which time, the community itself had changed its whole format. It was then that I was encouraged to go to Miami. In 1960 there were around 63-65 diocesan priests. It was considered mission

territory. I have always kept the spirit of the Fathers of Mercy — preaching the mercy of Christ.

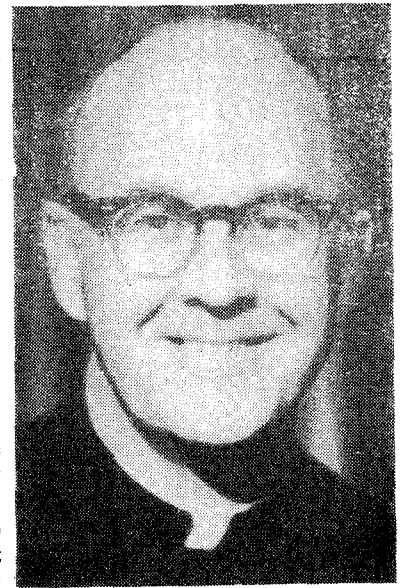
SHERRY: When you were in Glasgow, Kentucky, were you on the mission band?

BISHOP NEVINS: Yes, there were three of us Mercy priests. We had to travel on Sunday morning in three dioceses, which shows the

expansion of our work. We would take a turn on Sunday to go 52 miles from Glasgow to Salina, Tennessee, to celebrate Mass in an old Court House. There were only six parishioners, but during the summer it went up to around 50 because of tourism. Another priest would have to go to Mammoth Cave, and take care of Mammoth Cave and Horse Cave which are two major sites for caverns of our country, so I was taught a lot about the beauty of the people. I have a great love for people, so it's a home spot.

SHERRY: But, you're from New York.

BISHOP NEVINS: Yes, born and raised in New Rochelle. I think I was satisfied coming here because I saw a lot of missionary work,



and interestingly enough, I still see the same missionary work, even though it's a great Metropolitan area like Miami, or Fort Lauderdale or Palm Beach where they're still growing — there's great missionary work, but a different type.

SHERRY: When you got down here and you were a very young priest, was the transition difficult from a certain discipline in the Order — even though it was not a totally religious Order — vows of

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By ARACELI CANTERO
Voice Spanish Editor

Msgr. Agustin Roman is now a bishop, but to all who have known him he will remain the same: a zealous missionary priest with the heart of a country peasant.

He himself says so:

"As a peasant I have spent much time contemplating nature and reading its symbols. As a poor man, I never got many books to read, but learned anyhow. As a

Priest with peasant heart

"My concern is with this year's sowing for a good harvest... two or five years from now, who knows... the weather may be different, the harvest may have to be planned in a different way."

--Bishop-Designate Roman

Christian I learned to read in nature the wisdom of God.

"I CANNOT think of the future and where it will take me," he says. "I'm a peasant at heart and cannot think of five years from now.

"My concern is with this year's sowing for a good harvest, with working apostolically with archbishop McCarthy so that Christ may be better known in this area. Two or five years from now, who knows... the temperature may have changed, the weather conditions may be different and the harvest may have to be planned in a different way," he adds.

Born in the countryside of St. Antonio de los Banos, in the province of Habana, Cuba,

51 years ago, Msgr. Roman has spent the last 12 years of his priestly ministry as Chaplain of the Shrine of our Lady of Charity in Miami, where thousands have to meet him.

They also met his 91 year-old father, who takes pride in looking after the landscaping of the place.

With shovle in hand and wearing his peasant straw hat he talked to us about his son, whom he describes as a poor man always busy with the will of God.

Mr. Rosendo cannot explain his son's vocation, "since we seldom could afford going to church." Not that we didn't pray at home, but since we lived in the country, we

didn't know much about the priesthood," he adds.

While still home with his parents the young Agustin Roman finished primary school, and then moved in with his grandparents who lived in the village, and there he finished junior high school. Still with them, he travelled daily to Habana by bus to attend High School. When he finished, he taught for two years, so that his brother could finish his studies too.

Often during the weekends, the young Agustin would go home to help his father in the land. Papa Rosendo still remembers the conversation with his son during one of those visits.

"DADDY I WANT to tell you something," the 18 year-old boy said. "But I don't want you to be sorry or to say no. I just want you tell me if you like it: I would like to take the priesthood as my career."

"Have you really thought about it," papa Rosendo said. "It is a long career and a very recollected one. There are no amusements and you

really have to live for it," he added. "Besides, we are poor and I wouldn't want you to start and then leave it," he said.

"No, daddy, I don't plan to ever leave it," Agustin said. And that was the beginning of a long journey which took the teenager Agustin Roman to studies of Philosophy at St. Albert Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, Theology at the Seminary for Foreign Missions in Montreal, Canada, and back to Cuba in 1959, where he was ordained a priest in Colon, Matanzas by Bishop Alberto Martin Villaverde.

"Our bishop believed in sending his seminarians to study abroad, so we would experience other local churches and be enriched," Msgr. Roman recalls.

In Canada he came to know other attitudes and cultures but above all he learned to work as a team with other priests, an experience which continued during his first priestly assignment in Cuba. Until 1961, when he was

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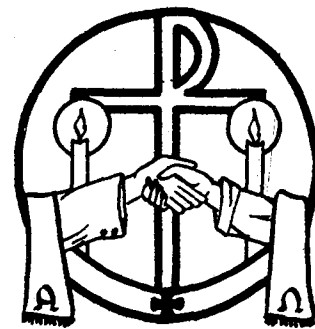
his mission, which has been conferred upon the college of bishops, obliges us to reflect upon the Church and likewise upon the world, at whose service God has placed us. In the Church we are the means for bringing life to the family of God, and we are called, like Christ and in imitation and following of him, to give service and sacrifice in daily immolation for the flock, at the same time ensuring for it security, communion, joy and all the gifts of the Spirit.



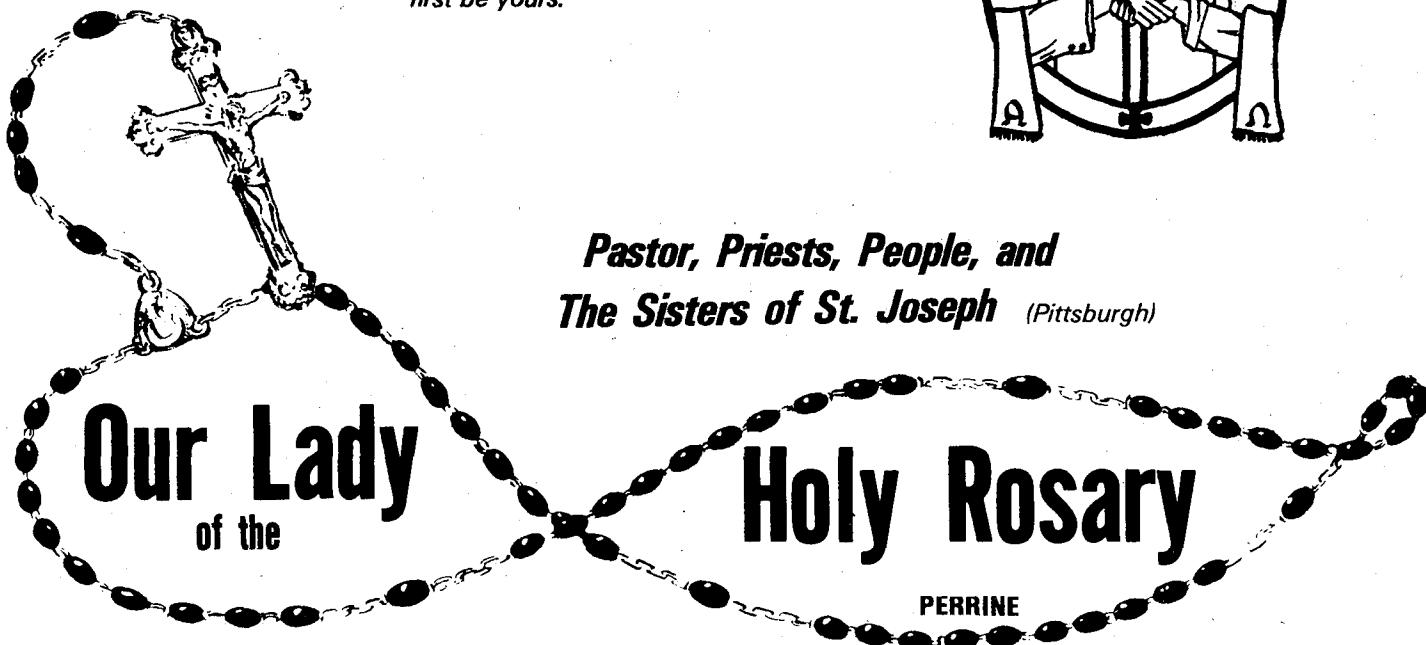
his is a wonderful, a tremendous, an exhilarating vision of our place in the Church; we must ensure the Church's unity * in the obedience and love of our dear sons and daughters! To be able to do this, we must remember that we have been in a certain way set apart, selected: "chosen to preach the Good News." (Rom. 1:1).

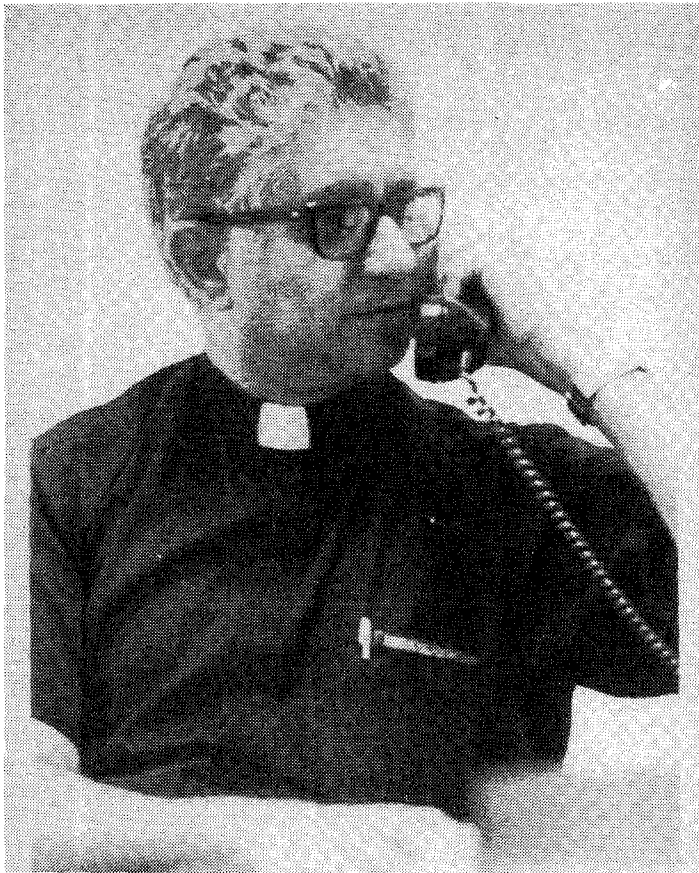
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Obispo Agustín Román

Por ARACELI CANTERO

Monseñor Agustín Román es ahora obispo y podrá lucir en su mano el báculo y sobre el pecho la cruz pectoral. Pero todos los que le conocen saben que interiormente seguirá siendo el mismo: un incansable mi-

sionero y un campesino de corazón.

Consciente de ser el primer obispo cubano de la nación, no toma el hecho como honra propia porque dice que "el Señor, ha tenido siempre como táctica el escoger lo pe-

Misionero y Obispo pero campesino de corazón

queño. Como tengo poco que dar, seguro que El tiene mucho que hacer conmigo," dice.

"Como campesino que soy, he pasado mucho tiempo contemplando la naturaleza y leyendo sus símbolos. Como pobre, nunca tuve muchos libros que leer, pero como cristiano aprendí en la naturaleza la sabiduría de Dios," comenta.

"No pienso en el futuro. Recuerdo que el campesino vive muy al día siempre y piensa corto: siembra la semilla para obtener el fruto, tiene la visión del momento, se preocupa que la siembra sea buena ahora porque de aquí a unos años puede ser que la temperatura cambie, e indudablemente entonces tendrá otras soluciones.

"Ahora, me interesa trabajar con el arzobispo, sembrar para que Cristo sea más conocido en esta zona..." añade.

Agustín Román nació hace 51 años en el puro campo, cerca de San Antonio de los Baños, Habana, Cuba. Desde 1967 ha ejercido su ministerio sacerdotal como capellán de la Ermita de la Caridad en Miami donde le han llegado a conocer miles

de peregrinos.

En sus visitas a la Ermita, los fieles también conocen a su padre quien a los 80 años, sigue incansable cuidando los jardines de la Ermita.

La cara curtida de este jovial campesino no puede esconder la semejanza con la del hijo sacerdote, tampoco el cariño y la admiración que por el siente:

"Es un hombre pobre pero ya desde chiquito, con la voluntad de Dios en todo," nos dijo Don Rosendo mientras podaba las plantas.

"Yo no sé de donde le vino tanta religión, porque yo no le llevaba a la Iglesia. No es que no rezáramos a nuestro modo, pero como estábamos en el campo no podíamos," nos dijo.

El joven Agustín estudió la primaria en el campo y tuvo que marcharse después al pueblo con los abuelos para hacer la primaria superior. Aún con los abuelos en San Antonio de los Baños, viajaba después diariamente a La Habana para el bachillerato y durante los dos años que enseñó en el Colegio de la Salle.

Pero con frecuencia visitaba sus padres en el campo y ayudaba en las labores de la tierra.

Su padre, a quien la familia llamaba Pipo aún recuerda la conversación con su hijo durante una de aquellas visitas:

"Pipo, te voy a decir una cosa, pero no quiero que te pese ni quiero que te opongas... sólo dime si te gusta o no. Yo la carrera que quisiera coger es la de sacerdote."

"Y tú lo has pensado bien, es una carrera muy larga y muy recogida... a mí no me parece mal que los hijos piensen una cosa, pero nunca que luego lo dejen, porque nosotros somos pobres y eso es muy pesado," le dijo su padre.

"Mira que es carrera recogida, sin diversiones ni nada y que hay que vivir para ella."

"No, yo nunca la voy a dejar, Pipo," repitió Agustín convencido.

Aquella conversación fue el inicio de una trayectoria que le llevó al joven Agustín a estudiar Filosofía en el Seminario de San Alberto en Matanzas, y Teología en el Seminario

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"Servir con misericordia" en su escudo y su compromiso

El sacerdocio y la entrega al servicio de los hombres y mujeres de su tiempo ha sido algo casi connatural para el Obispo Nevins desde su niñez.

"Siempre quise ser sacerdote", comentó durante una entrevista días antes de su ordenación episcopal. "Aunque me interesaba la televisión y los medios de comunicación, ya desde los cuatro años pensaba en el sacerdocio," dijo.

Sus padres le veían tan decidido que nunca se opusieron a sus deseos y con el correr de los años y la diversidad de ministerios sacerdotales, Monseñor ha ido profundizando la experiencia de su vocación.

Es esta experiencia la que comparte con sus seminaristas y con los jóvenes que participan en jornadas vocacionales en el Seminario—hace dos años le oímos predicar uno de esos días, y les decía en perfecto español:—"El sacerdote proclama ante el mundo una verdad de a puño. Le dice que es posible vivir con ideales, que es posible vivir por amor y que existe aún la capacidad de entregarse sin egoísmo."

Ordenado sacerdote en

1959, Monseñor Nevins, ha hecho vida durante 20 años, las verdades que predica.

Para él la vida del sacerdote dedicada al amor y al servicio "es una pregunta a la conciencia del mundo sobre los verdaderos valores. Es como un espejo donde los hombres que caminan y se gastan tienen que preguntarse constantemente sobre el por qué de esa existencia dedicada... porque lo ven reír y disfrutar, y trabajar con entusiasmo, y amar y sufrir junto a sus hermanos los hombres... Saben que camina con ellos por la vida y les comprende y les reta a una cualidad de vida superior, mientras les anima y levanta con su comprensión y su sonrisa ayudándoles a aceptar la invitación de Cristo a construir un mundo mejor."

Ahora Monseñor Nevins es Obispo Auxiliar de Miami y como tal quiere ante todo transmitir el espíritu del arzobispo McCarthy. Siente que en cierto modo tiene algo en común con él, y hasta se lo llegó a decir poco después de su llegada a Miami.

"Tengo entendido que, ar-

zobispo, Usted es persona accesible. Para mí es el mejor don que puede tener un obispo," le dijo.

Monseñor Nevins quiere serlo también y ayudarle en el desarrollo de sus programas además hacer realidad el lema en su escudo episcopal 'servir con misericordia'

"En la evangelización, me atrae mucho el ministerio hacia las personas que sufren, y son tantas las que encuentro en mi camino," dice. Cree muy importante el fomento de los ministerios laicales y de los diáconos permanentes, pero sobre todo se siente llamado a ser apoyo de los sacerdotes.

"Quizás resulte ser de la vieja escuela, pero pienso que si nos ocupamos de los sacerdotes de escucharles y atenderles, a la larga, el pueblo estará más contento.

"Porque si la gente ve a los sacerdotes contentos, al día y sociables, el resultado es una Iglesia vibrante y un pueblo firme," dice.

En su escudo, el color de fondo es el rojo vivo —que él llama rojo español, y dice que indica su relación con el

pueblo hispano, "porque los obispos y sacerdotes no lo son sólo en función de un grupo o una nacionalidad, sino de to-

dos."

Al mismo tiempo Mons. Nevins piensa que cada uno

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...Discusses the seminary

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poverty and so on?

BISHOP NEVINS: No, I think I was rather privileged in that sense because all my seven years at Catholic University—when we came back—we were geared by a priest in the spirit of our community, its prayer life. We were always mixing with diocesan priests and members of other communities from all over the world. I had a rather pluralistic type of education.

SHERRY: You went to at least one session of the Vatican Council. What do you see as the basic difference between pre-Conciliar times and the present?

BISHOP NEVINS: I would say that our approach—we have to share our ministry. We were always, prior to Vatican II, looked up to as the educated people of a community. Most of our people in the U.S. are educated—at least high school graduates. But, in other parts of the world, and still in Latin America, the priests are the big leaders of their communities. I think it's a sharing of our ministry—not to be afraid to share—always to be completely at ease with our image, identity and role in the Priesthood of Christ, always to share, shall we say to surrender and to allow them to work with us.

SHERRY: You've been involved in Seminary work for how many years?

BISHOP NEVINS: I have been in Seminary work for four years, although I have lived on the campus for five years—I was still Director of Catholic Charities when Archbishop Carroll made me his liaison for the Minor Seminary—so I have really been involved for five years.

SHERRY: What do you see as the difference between

the type of priest who is coming out of the Seminary now and the pre-Conciliar priest?

BISHOP NEVINS: Of course, we're emphasizing the principles or mandates of Vatican II. Pope John Paul II himself, after his election, spoke of the importance of the seminarians themselves being deeply involved and committed to the mandates of Vatican II. The principles of Ecumenism, for example, the understanding of Ecumenism while studying in the Seminary. During my day, members of other churches were very different people, not that we didn't love them or talk with or relate to them, but not to the depth of witness that we do today.

I pray that I can witness more in some way. I have always been deeply interested in Ecumenism. Many years ago I was on the Human Relations Board in this diocese. I have a great dream, and I hope God will grant me to see a part of it. I see the beginnings of a return of ourselves and our brothers, and I really pray that I can be a part of that. I ask the seminarians frequently to pray and also to participate in Ecumenism in Seminary life and as priests.

SHERRY: You have one problem which former rectors of Seminaries didn't have—the multiple culture problem. In this area you have the Hispanic culture which comes in, to which a Seminarian obviously has to expand as he goes along. Does this create any difficulties?

BISHOP NEVINS: I have found as a priest in Seminary life, and my brother priests at the Seminary have found, that we are very united in this effort. And, I say united because I believe that unless a faculty believes in the



Then-Msg. Nevens stands behind Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the late Archbishop Carroll when the famed nun was in Miami.

format that we are to take on at the direction of our Bishop—the late Bishop Carroll and the present Bishop—we do not appreciate the diverse cultures in relation to the Liturgy. We are not to be a priest for only the English-speaking or any other ethnic group, but for all the people.

I have found that our young priests and seminarians see in us a commitment that we are adapting and learning and appreciating their culture, and a difference has taken place in the past 20 years in our area of the United States. They are themselves completely transformed.

I have had many vocation directors visit our Seminary. They see the different types of seminaries in the United States. They see in our men a real integration, a real attempt to appreciate cultures

and, of course, to learn a language.

People say, why learn Spanish? Well, I think that as an educated person, a priest or any other professional person, has always been taught that it's best to know another language. In high school I was taught French. I don't know if it's the same today, but I think a priest should know another language.

Besides that, in my day we were expected to know Latin, Greek, Hebrew, all of which we had to take. Today we transfer it—not that Latin is excluded—but, our emphasis in Vatican II is to be able to spread the Gospel with such a broader vision, and what greater way is there if you have another language or three languages in which to preach the Gospel?

If the seminarians are

directed and motivated and encouraged by the head, which is the Bishop, to reach out especially to those who belong to our family first, and then we will reach out to those who are our separated brothers and those who have no knowledge of our Faith: I think they are finding it a challenge, because they have seen their priests have great love.

Secondly, they have seen their priests at the Seminary as hard-working priests. In our diocese our priests work very hard. Many of them have a couple of other jobs. I think that in itself we would like to alleviate as much as possible so that we can do a better job in a specific area.

SHERRY: You're the Director of Vocations. What are you doing different these days to encourage vocations?

BISHOP NEVINS: I was discussing this with our Vocation Directors in Region IV the other day. When we were processed for the Seminary, our pastor had to obviously play a big role, which is still the case. We had an admissions process which included your acceptance of records, academia and all of this. But, there was never really the in-depth relationship. I believe anyway, and I don't think I am wrong—this is where my social service training comes in.

I believe we could bring to Seminary life those who have been trained in that science. There are two things which are absolutely essential. First of all, an understanding of the family background. I don't recall until I went to the Seminary a parish priest—and I was 22 years old—entering my home.

So, I believe that for a Vocation Director—a full time person which I haven't been able to be—it's essential to get to know the family, to get into the family, to visit the family. I have done my best to the degree possible, to know the family. When I know the family background, when I know the type of family—their joys and sorrows—then I am able to relate to that

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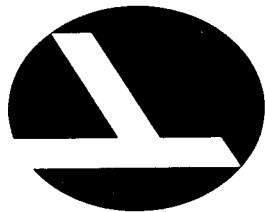
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Hizo de la Ermita lugar de encuentro

Durante casi doce años Monseñor Agustín Román ha ejercido su ministerio sacerdotal desde la Ermita de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, a donde miles de peregrinos acuden anualmente en busca de protección y aliento en la fe católica.

La devoción a la Madre de Jesucristo bajo el título de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad comenzó en Miami con la llegada del exilio cubano, aunque fue el 8 de septiembre de 1961 cuando llegó al aeropuerto de Miami procedente desde Cuba una imagen de la Virgen de la Carida, copia de la aparecida en la Bahía de Nipe a los tres campesinos en 1612. Desde 1961 y junto a esta imagen, el pueblo cubano en el exilio comenzó la celebración del 8 de septiembre festividad de la Patrona de Cuba.

La imagen comenzó un recorrido por los campamentos donde se encontraban los niños que venían de Cuba sin sus padres hasta que fue colocada más tarde en la parroquia de San Juan Bosco.

Desde el año 1961 hasta el año 1966 se celebró la festividad de la Patrona de Cuba siempre presidida por el Pastor de la Arquidiócesis, y fue precisamente en 1966 durante el sermón cuando el arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll invitó al

pueblo cubano a construir un santuario en honor de la Virgen de la Caridad. Se organizó un Comité Pro-Santuario y se nombró de Capellán a Mons. Agustín A. Román.

Desde 1967 comenzaron las peregrinaciones a la Ermita organizadas por la cofradía de la Virgen de la Caridad. Durante 11 años los devotos de los 126 municipios de Cuba han ido pasando por la Ermita de manera organizada. Las peregrinaciones son testimonio de la presencia del pueblo exiliado de cada parte y del cariño que en cada parte se siente por la Madre de Dios. El pueblo cubano como todo hispano ha encontrado a Jesucristo en los brazos de María como lo encontraron los pastores y los reyes del Evangelio.

Tres diferentes clases de actos se han celebrado en honor de la Virgen: las peregrinaciones que son la visita de cada municipio, las romerías que son la visita de las provincias, y la gran concentración del día 8 de septiembre.

La Ermita es la expresión simbólica de la jaculatoria tan frecuente en el pueblo cubano: "Virgen Santísima, cúbrelos bajo tu manto." La forma de la Ermita es la de la imagen aparecida en la Bahía de Nipe hace casi cuatro siglos y venerada



Monseñor Román invitando a los peregrinos. Al fondo la Ermita aún sin terminar.

en el Santuario Nacional del Cobre cuya réplica tenemos entre nosotros.

Las seis columnas son el símbolo de las seis provincias que no han dejado de peregrinar desde el comienzo. El trono del celebrante en la Misa es una palma cubana convertida en asiento. Los asientos del pueblo son los típicos taburetes que recuerdan los bohíos de nuestros campesinos.

Debajo del altar se encuentra la primera piedra de manera visible que fuera bendecida el 8 de diciembre de 1971 al comenzar la obra que en

honor de la Madre de Cristo le levantaron sus hijos. Esta piedra contiene tierra, arena y piedras de las distintas provincias de Cuba. Fue fundida con agua que llegó en una balsa en la cual perecieron los quince que salieron de Cua en busca de libertad. El mural pintado por Teok Carrasco muestra a Cristo en los brazos de María como centro de la historia cubana.

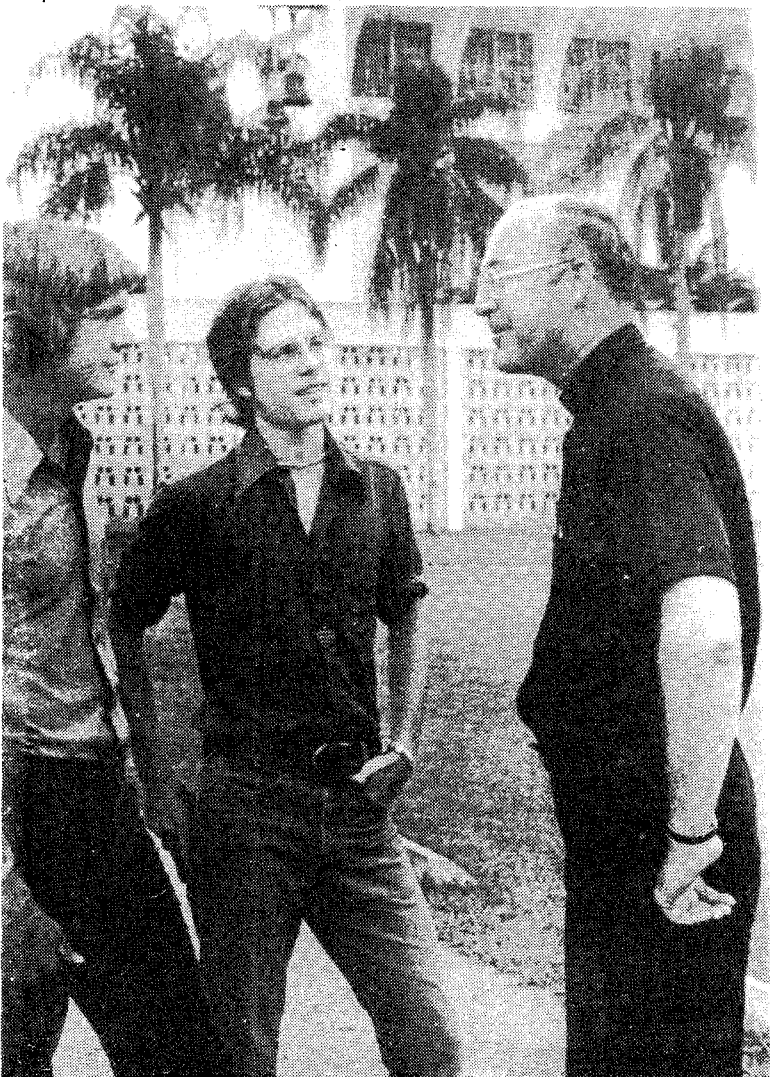
La imagen de la Virgen es como un llamado permanente a aprovecharse del gran regalo de la gracia que el Señor nos da a través de los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y de la Euca-

ristía a ambos lados del altar.

Este lugar ha sido el lugar de la oración. El lugar del encuentro de un pueblo desterrado con su Dios, donde cada día se ha rezado por los presos y el pueblo que sufre en Cuba.

El silencio interrumpido por el choque de las olas de los mares que van a Cuba, junto a las tierras generosas que han sido regadas con las lágrimas, del que pierde la patria, han hecho de este lugar, un rincón santo dedicado a aquella que prestara sus entrañas para que la humanidad y la divinidad se unieran en Jesucristo el Salvador.

Entregado a todos desde el seminario



Monseñor Nevins conversa con unos jóvenes en los jardines del Seminario College de St. John.

Durante los últimos cuatro años Monseñor John Nevins ha sido Rector del Seminario College de St. John Vianney y en el contacto con la diversidad de estudiantes ha hecho vida su convicción de que el sacerdote se debe a todos, no sólo a las personas de su misma cultura. Tanto él como el equipo al frente del seminario son testimonio para los estudiantes, del interés por la cultura de cada uno, de ahí que expertos de otras diócesis, descubren en los seminaristas de Miami, verdadera integración interés por otras culturas y por el aprendizaje de otra lengua, el español concretamente.

El Seminario Saint John Vianney fue fundado en Septiembre de 1959 por monseñor Coleman F. Carroll, D.D. primer obispo de Miami. En sus comienzos estuvo regido por los Padres Vicentinos. Desde 1975 la Arquidiócesis de Miami se ha encargado de su administración.

El Seminario se proyectó para estudiantes de escuela superior, con intención de ir aumentando progresivamente hasta llegar a un programa de Junior College. En 1976 se discontinuó el programa de escuela superior y, en 1977, se complementó el programa de los dos primeros años de College con la adición del programa de Senior College, ofrecido en colaboración con el Seminario

Saint Vincent de Paul, Boynton Beach, Florida. Ambos programas Junior y Senior, se están desarrollando actualmente en su totalidad en los terrenos de 33 acres del Seminario Saint John Vianney. El programa de Senior College está llevándose como centro anexo al Seminario Saint Vincent de Paul. En 1961, St. John Vianney fue clasificado por las leyes del Estado de la Florida, como una institución educativa no rentable, con la facultad de conferir títulos.

Además de aceptar como su fin principal el dar una educación preparatoria a nivel de College, a aquellos estudiantes que hayan manifestado que su objetivo en la vida es servir a la Iglesia Católica en el sacerdocio, el Seminario-College Saint John Vianney asume como responsabilidad propia y específica la formación espiritual e intelectual de los seminaristas dentro de un marco bilingüe y bicultural Anglo-Hispano. El Seminario-College también está comprometido en la prestación de unos servicios educativos secundarios para los ministerios laicales.

Para poder realizar este fin general, se establecen unos principios, básicos en conformidad con los señalados en el Programa de Formación Sacerdotal de 1976 de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos

Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

Con objeto de llevar a cabo su fin específico — educación bilingüe y bicultural— se toman las disposiciones pertinentes, de acuerdo con los distintos elementos que comprende un programa de college para estudiantes seminaristas: Virtualmente todos los cursos obligatorios se ofrecen en ambos idiomas, inglés y español, dando la posibilidad de tomar cursos electivos ofrecidos en uno o en ambos idiomas; la dirección espiritual y la orientación profesional se tienen tanto en inglés como en español; los ejercicios de piedad (celebraciones litúrgicas y paralitúrgicas) se tienen alternativamente en inglés en español; se estructuran algunos cursos como obligatorios a fin de establecer puentes intelectuales y de simpatía entre las dos culturas anglo e hispana y se espera que los estudiantes adquieran tal habilidad en ambas lenguas que se aconseja a todo estudiante tome un determinado número de cursos en su segundo idioma.

El Seminario Saint John Vianney está actualmente explorando la posibilidad de extender estos servicios educativos a los hombres y mujeres católicos que siguen los cursos para el ministerio laical bajo los auspicios de esta Arquidiócesis de Miami.

History of St. John Vianney Seminary

(Msgr. John Nevins has been archdiocesan director of vocations and head of the St. John Vianney College Seminary for several years).

Saint John Vianney Seminary was founded in September of 1959 by the Most Reverend Coleman F. Carroll, D.D., the first Bishop of Miami. Originally under the direction of the Vincentian Fathers, the Seminary has been administered directly by the Archdiocese of Miami since 1975.

THE SEMINARY, initially established to serve high school students, expanded its offering to include a junior college program. The seminary high school program was discontinued in 1976, and the two-year college program was complemented in 1977 by the establishment of a senior college program, offered in cooperation with the Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul, Boynton Beach, Fla.

Both the junior college program and the senior college program are presently offered in their entirety on the

thirty-three acre campus of Saint John Vianney Seminary, with the senior college program conducted as an extension center of the Seminary of Saint Vincent de Paul. Saint John Vianney Seminary was chartered in 1961, under the laws of the state of Florida as a non-profit educational institution, with the power to confer degrees.

GOALS

In addition to accepting as its major goal an undergraduate college education preparatory for those students whose stated objective in life is to serve the Catholic Church in the priesthood, Saint John Vianney College Seminary assumes as its specific responsibility the spiritual and intellectual formation of college seminarians within an

Anglo-Hispanic bilingual, bicultural setting. The College Seminary is also committed to the establishment of ancillary educational services for the lay ministries.

Guidelines for the accomplishment of the general purpose of the College Seminary are set in conformity with those outlined in the Program of Priestly Formation, published by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, United States of America, 1976. Provisions for the accomplishment of the College Seminary's specific goal—bilingual, bicultural education—are provided for

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Un campesino de corazón

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de Misiones Extranjeras en Montreal, Canadá.

En 1959 el joven Román regresó a Cuba y fue ordenado sacerdote en Colón por el obispo Alberto Martín Villaverde.

En Canada había profundizado su celo misionero y aprendido a trabajar en equipo, y la experiencia se hizo realidad en Coliseo-Lagunillas donde sirvió como sacerdote, mientras compartía la vida comunitaria con otros dos compañeros al frente de otras parroquias.

Nunca planeó dejar Cuba y aún recuerda el desgarrón que significó ser apresado a la fuerza y puesto en el buque Covadonga con 126 compañeros y el obispo Boza Masvidal.

"Yo nunca me he metido en política, siempre prediqué el Evangelio con todas sus consecuencias," nos dice al recordar su exilio.

"Creo que el gobierno quería debilitar a la Iglesia quitándole los sacerdotes. Muchos de nosotros éramos jóvenes," añade.

Después de breve estancia en España, el sacerdote Román regresó a Canadá y con antiguos compañeros se marchó a Chile de misionero. Allí trabajó con los indios araucanos y en contacto con su religiosidad el sacerdote empezó a reflexionar sobre su identidad cubana y sobre la

influencia africana en la religiosidad de Cuba.

Por su exilio, nunca pudo regresar a Cuba para profundizar su reflexión, pero ahora reconoce que el exilio ha sido ventaja. "Allí yo estaba clavado en una parroquia y sólo conocía a esa gente. Pero en el exilio, clavado en un solo lugar—la Ermita— he podido conocer a gente de los 126 municipios de Cuba."

Durante sus casi 12 años en la Ermita, Monseñor Román ha organizado un vibrante apostolado que se centra en la devoción popular del pueblo a la Madre de Dios. El está convencido de que la conversión del pueblo latinoamericano ha de empezar por María, "quien les llevará al Salvador en sus brazos."

En su báculo, el nuevo obispo lleva grabada la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad, Patrona de Cuba, aunque repite con frecuencia que se sabe obispo de todos.

"Me parece que antes me veía más como pastor, desde este corazón de peregrinaciones a la Ermita y sin ver más allá del Condado de Dade.

Ahora, estoy tratando, como obispo, de tener visión más amplia: hacia adentro de la región en la que tengo que trabajar en comunión con el arzobispo. Pero también hacia afuera, sintiendo con toda la Iglesia y la nación.

"Además he tenido la riqueza de ser llamado al episcopado en plena Tercera Conferencia de los Obispos Latinoamericanos. Casi pudiera decir que tengo los Documentos de Puebla, sobre Evangelización, como regalo personal de los obispos."

Desde su nombramiento, Monseñor Román dice que ha experimentado lo que es el Colegio Apostólico, la hermandad entre los obispos. Lo ha sentido a través de sus cartas estos días.

"Yo esperaba que fueran cartas áridas, formales, pero en ellas voy descubriendo hermanos," dice.

"Me dicen cosas hermosas, y cada uno a su modo me prometen oraciones, y escriben: 'Usted tendrá cruces, pero hágales frente, no se preocupe pues el Señor está con Usted. O también, 'este es momento difícil para un obispo, pero no le faltará el Señor, Animo!'"

Monseñor Román continuará en la Ermita de la Caridad porque piensa que el obispo debe estar encarnado donde está el pueblo. Dice que ha quedado tremendamente enriquecido por el contacto con la gente, y aunque tiene poco tiempo para leer, ha aprendido de la sabiduría sencilla de tantos como le abren el alma en di-

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"Quiere servir con misericordia"

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debe "estar orgulloso de la propia herencia cultural—los haitianos, los cubanos, los colombianos, venezolanos o cualquier otro.

Monseñor Nevins nació en New Rochelle, Nueva York, y durante los 19 años que lleva en el Sur de Florida ha podido experimentar el rápido crecimiento del área y su riqueza cultural. Está convencido de la importancia que tienen para los sacerdotes de la Archidiócesis, el poderse sentir a gusto en las diversas culturas, de ahí que bajo su liderazgo y bajo la visión del arzobispo, el seminario college de St. John va tomando más y más un cariz bilingüe bicultural.

"Creo que los sacerdotes jóvenes y los seminaristas van descubriendo en nosotros un verdadero esfuerzo por adaptarnos y, apreciar su cultura. El resultado es una verdadera transformación por su parte",

dice al hablar de su experiencia en St. John.

"Son muchos los directores de vocaciones que han visitado nuestro seminario, y descubren en los estudiantes verdadera integración y genuino interés por aprender otra lengua y cultura", dice.

"La gente se pregunta, por qué aprender español. Bueno, creo que un sacerdote debe saber otra lengua. Además en mis tiempos se nos exigía latín, griego, hebreo.... Creo que hoy después del Concilio Vaticano II el énfasis está en extender el Evangelio, y qué mejor que saber varias lenguas?" dice

Monseñor Nevins inició su formación sacerdotal con los Padres de la Merced, semirreligiosos dedicados a la labor misionera, y de quienes aprendió el amor a la pobreza y el espíritu evangélico.

Aún hoy cuando habla con los seminaristas trata de transmitirles ese espíritu, y les

dice "que no busquen siempre los lugares más ricos para vivir. Porque nos debemos a todos, ricos y pobres, y hemos de vivir según exige el compromiso cristiano".

En su juventud con los mercedarios pasaba fines de semana recorriendo varias diócesis con el equipo misionero y en 1960 cuando la orden sufrió una reforma total, al entonces joven padre Nevins se le recomendó incardinarse como sacerdote diocesano en Miami — aún considerada tierra de misión.

Por su formación amplia y variada, el cambio no significó gran dificultad, y él dice que siempre conserva el espíritu de aquella comunidad.

En su ministerio le interesa ser testimonio de los mandatos del Concilio Vaticano II, especialmente en lo referente al amor a los hermanos separados. "Siempre me interesó el ecumenismo y sueño que Dios me haga palpar algún fruto de esta tarea", dice.



Esta jovencita también quiso colaborar en 1967 en las tareas de la Ermita, sobre cuando se trataba de ayudar a Monseñor Román.

Biografía del Obispo Nevins

- Nacido en New Rochelle, Nueva York el 19 de enero de 1932.

- Padres: John y Ann Nevins.

ESTUDIOS

- Elemental y Secundaria: Blessed Sacrament Grammar y Blessed Sacrament High School en New Rochelle, Nueva York,

- Universidad: Iona College en New Rochelle; Universidad Católica de América en Washington D.C. (Licenciatura en Filosofía); cuatro años de Teología y el Quinto Año de Teología Pastoral.

- Ordenación sacerdotal el 6 de junio de 1959 en el Santuario de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C.

VIDA SACERDOTAL

- Coadjuto: Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Hialeah; St. Mary's Cathedral; Parroquia de St. Hugh, Coconut Grove.

- Administrador: Iglesia de St. Lawrence en North Miami Beach. Iglesia del Sacred Heart en Homestead; Blessed Trinity en Miami Springs.

- Párroco: Iglesia de St. Louis en Miami.

OTROS PUESTOS

- Director Archidiocesano de Caridades Católicas (1970-1975); Moderador del Consejo

- Archidiocesano de Mujeres Católicas (1964-1967), Moderador de la Liga de Policías y Bomberos Católicos del Gran Miami (1953-67 - 1969-78); Director, Educación Especial de la Archidiócesis (1969-1975); Miembro de la Junta de Consejeros de la Archidiócesis (1969-1971); Miembro de la Comisión Ecueménica de la Archidiócesis (1965-67); Coordinador y Representante Personal del Arzobispo para la Campaña de Caridad, (ABCD), (1969-1972); Director de Boystown de Florida (1970-1972); Director Archidiocesano de la Campaña de Promoción Humana (1970); Vicario Episcopal del Clero (1976-1978); Presidente de la Junta de Personal de la Archidiócesis (1976 al presente); Director Archidiocesano de Vocaciones (1976 al presente); Presidente del Senado Sacerdotal (1975-1977); Moderador del Club Serra de Miami; Representante del Arzobispo en el Seminario Menor de St. John Vianney (1974-1975); Rector del Seminario Menor de St. John Vianney (1975 al presente); Nombrado Prelado Doméstico por el Papa Pablo VI con el título del (Reverendísimo) Monseñor, el 25 de enero de 1974.

- Nombrado Obispo Auxiliar de Miami el 6 de febrero de 1979.



El obispo Nevins con un grupo de muchachos de Boystown en 1970

Bp. Nevins... Faith

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particular seminarian in a better way; whereas, in my day it was not the case.

SHERRY: Do you have much failure? We're always hearing about the ones who are leaving the Seminary—but we never hear about the staying power.

BISHOP NEVINS: We're going to see now. As diocesan priests we took over the Seminary four years ago, and this is going to be our first graduating class with a B.A. Degree through our Major Seminary. Most of them—some of them came in first or second year college—were trained by us.

I have often told the seminarians, and those who come to the Seminary, that whoever comes to the Seminary and decides to leave is never a failure. I believe that because there are men

who are diocesan-style truly. Interestingly enough, I have always emphasized the spirit of poverty. I teach them not to always look for the nicest places to live—we have to take care of all of our people, the rich, the middle-classes or the poor, and to live a style of life that would be the commitment of the Christian person.

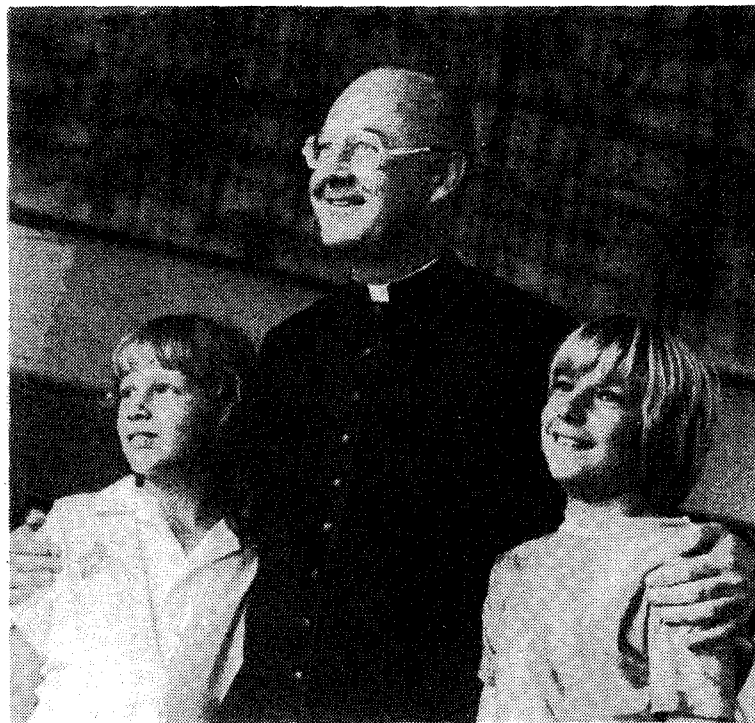
A diocesan priest must practice the spirit of poverty. We're not religious who surrender possessions, and so forth, with the vows, but we are to live a spirit of poverty. So, I see it in our men once they're trained through us, which is not an easy system. But, I have never found, by the grace of God, that if they decide it was not for them and left voluntarily, they have been bitter. And I think it's because they have seen in our house, really the grace of Our Lord.

I have never seen—and

you will find this strange in a society where we are concerned, because it is true, with materialism—a group of men who loved the prayer life and were committed to the Eucharist, once they have come to know the Faith better, I have never seen them come so close to Christ. We do not see our men, for example, come in with the basic, fundamental understanding of our Catholic Faith like you and I were trained. We were trained by our parents and teachers in basic catechetical form, which, by the way, is not all bad.

SHERRY: The ones coming in may have the Faith, but not an in-depth knowledge of it.

BISHOP NEVINS: This is why we must never be impatient. It means a retrenching and having to establish another course as basic catechesis, which before



Msgr. Nevins with Rudy Lind and Melinda Hering, vocations poster contest winners last April.

was something it was assumed you had to know. This is what we had to learn as

diocesan priests in our second year. At the end of our first
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Bp. Roman's long journey

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expelled from Cuba, he served as Pastor in Coliseo-Lagunillas, sharing some sort of community life with two other priests who served in other churches.

He had never planned to leave Cuba and he remembers the struggle of being arrested

and put into a boat with other 126 priests, including the Auxiliary Bishop of Habana, Eduardo Boza Masvidal.

"I have never gotten in to politics," he says. "I have always preached the Gospel with all its consequences.

"I guess the government wanted to weaken the Church by taking away the priests.

Many of us were pretty young," he says.

AFTER A brief stay in Spain, the young priest Roman went back to Canada, where with several old classmates he signed up for missionary work in Chile. In

the diocese of Temuco, under Bishop Bernardino Pinera, Msgr. Roman experienced the missionary church. It was there, too, that through the studies done by missionaries on the culture and religion of the Indians, he began to take interest in his own Cuban background and African influence in the religiosity of Cubans.

Being a Cuban exile he was never able to go back to Cuba to pursue that interest, yet he considers his exile an advantage.

"From my post in Cuba I could have only known the people in my area, but at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami I have come to know the people of the 126 municipalities in Cuba," he says. In Miami since 1966, Msgr. Roman served in St. Mary's Cathedral, as Chaplain of Mercy Hospital and at the Shrine, where he has developed a vibrant apostolate based on the popular religiosity of the people and their fervent love for the Mother of God.

Once a year, the people from the various municipalities of Cuba, visit the Shrine as a group. There Msgr. Roman has come to know them and to believe that the conversion of the Latin American people has to start with Mary," for it is she, who can best show them the Saviour in her arms," he says.

In his staff the first Cuban Bishop of the United States has had engraved the image of Our Lady of Charity, but he knows he's not bishop just for the Cubans, but for the service of all.

"Until now I saw myself perhaps as a shepherd of this Shrine, and did not see much beyond Dade County," he says. "Now I'm trying to feel more with the whole Church and this nation."

HE SAYS that during the last weeks he has come to experience the meaning of collegiality and his brotherhood with other bishops, mainly through the letters he keeps receiving.

"I thought they would be formal, but in each I keep discovering a brother. Each in their own way promises me his prayers, and they all talk to me from the experience of their task: 'It's not easy to be a bishop today, but have courage, the Lord will be with you,' says one. Another 'You will have to bear crosses, but you are not alone.'"

Msgr. Roman plans to stay at the Shrine because "a bishop has to be incarnated, right where the people are," he says. He knows he has been enriched by the contact of people and although he finds little time to read, he has learned from the "wisdom of so many, who open their hearts to me in spiritual direction."

He models his life after the former bishop of Cuba St. Anthony Mary Claret, with whom he identifies. "Because I can picture him in my own land, visiting the villages on his horse, sowing the Gospel"

Msgr. Roman also admires St. Paul because of his missionary spirit but he does not pretend to match his eloquence: "He likes theology but he feels more inclined to Catechesis and he thinks that as a secular priest he can draw the best from all types of spirituality without having to stick to just one. For him the regular catechesis of the Holy Father is a source of constant spiritual wealth.

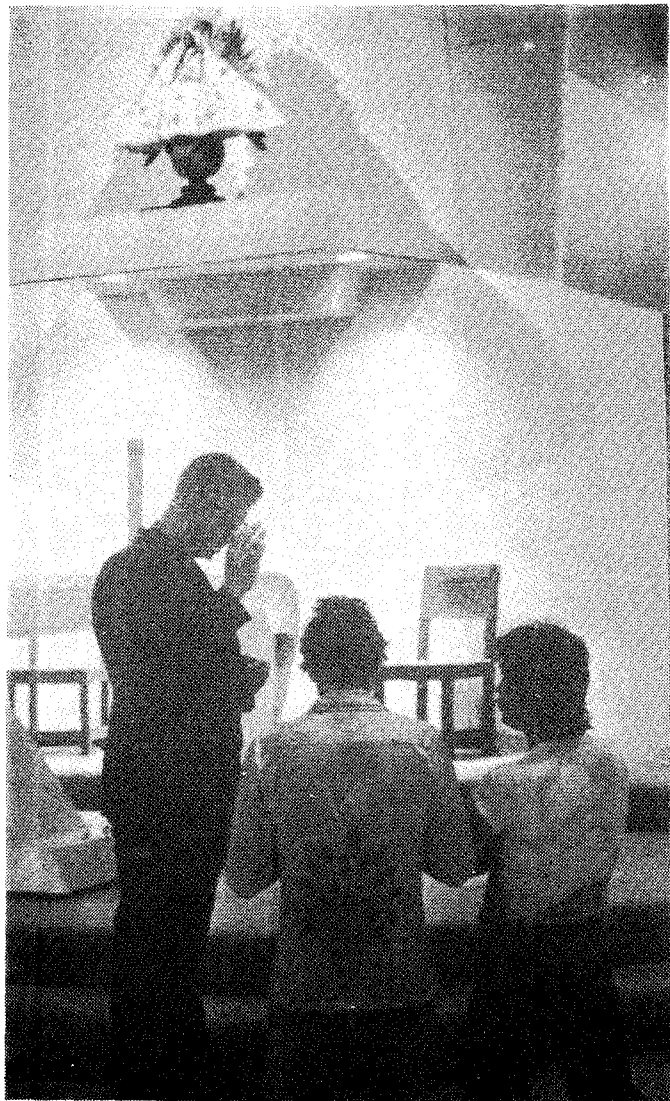
The new bishop, has no hobby but the Gospel, and he feels fortunate to have been called to the Episcopacy at the time the Latin American Bishops were holding their Third General Conference in Puebla.

"**I FEEL** the bishops have given me as their present, the result of two years of their work on evangelization. The Documents of Puebla are my episcopal gift, from them," he says.

Msgr. Roman is a Church lover. He recognizes in her all the images he experienced during his childhood in the country: the sheepfold, the flock, the tract land to be cultivated, the vineyard...

In the Church, he always felt at home, even if he suffered exile from his native land, and he believes that Miami holds a tremendous wealth for Catholics. "Tourists might want to come here because of the sun, the elderly because of the climate, but for Catholics there is something else," he says.

"One cannot conceive of the Catholic Church without its universality and in Miami with all its cultures and languages, we can experience the world in one city. "This is where I've been called to serve," he adds.



Msgr. Roman prays with two young men at the Shrine of Our Lady in southeast Miami.

Bishop Nevins wants to be approachable

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year we said, we have a fine program, fine men, but the fact is that when they come to us they really do not know the Faith very well.

The Holy Spirit is leading them to us, so we say, but he's telling us — now, you tell them, and tell them, and tell them and teach them. That's the difference between my day

and now—where it was assumed you knew your Faith and they would be shocked if you didn't. We must not be shocked. Not today. We have to be realistic.

SHERRY: What do you hope to accomplish as a Bishop?

BISHOP NEVINS: First, I want to carry out the spirit of our own Bishop. In some ways, in many, many ways, I'm like him. I believe that we must always be approachable. I'll always remember the day that I was asked as the President of the Senate of Priests to say a few

words to a gathering at the function after the Mass at the Cathedral. And I said to him, of course not knowing him too well, "I understand, Archbishop, that you are an approachable person," and I said, "there is nothing that is a greater gift to me for a Bishop to have as a virtue—to be approachable."

He is so approachable...no one is ever afraid. I want to be like that. I want to carry out his programs that he has asked me to help him in, which he will outline very soon for me. I

also have my own particular interests, too, which I think will also be part of my ministry.

I chose, as you can see in the Coat of Arms, to Serve with Mercy. In the evangelization of our people, I have a very deep, deep, deep interest to relate to the hurting people, and there are so many out there. I know we don't have all the answers.

Just this morning, just before I came to see you, I felt a deep concern for a family because they're breaking up — and the pain, anxiety, well—our parish priests have known what it is because they have gone through a lot of anxiety with similar cases. I want to reach out to them and to see in what ways we can reinforce our priests.

I have a deep interest in the lay ministries, the Permanent Diaconate, etc. I guess I am more for reinforcing our priests. I am of the old school in some ways that believes if you take care of the priests and help them, especially at the moments when they need a little extra listening to, hearing, helping them through their anxieties—which obviously are in every ministry—then, I believe our people will be happy.

That's the principle I work on. If you take care of your priests, then your people will be happier. When your people see your priests happy, content, up-to-date, and really relating to them—a vibrant

Church—simultaneously.

I will also reinforce my people. The background of my Coat of Arms is red. Spanish red—that means that I will relate to my Hispanic people, because our Bishops and priests are for all people, not just for one ethnic group or nationality. And, then, the emphasis of having a pride in my own background. I think they must have pride—the Haitians, of theirs, the Cuban of theirs; the Colombians, Venezuelans, and all the other great nationalities.

They should have a real identity of their roots, so to speak. They should not be ashamed of it. That should be part of our living and part of our living as a Christian. I hope, also, in Ecumenism. As I told you, I really want us to reach out to our brothers—they want us to — and I believe we're coming so close to it, especially with our Anglicans and our Lutherans.

I am always challenged by the love I have for our Baptist people. That goes back long before Vatican II. It goes back to my Kentucky days and when I was at Immaculate Conception, my first assignment, prior to Vatican II, I was invited several times to the Methodist Church there to the adult groups, the youth groups and so forth. I always felt at home. I know they have a love for Jesus. I'm sure on that basic, common ground of their love for Christ.

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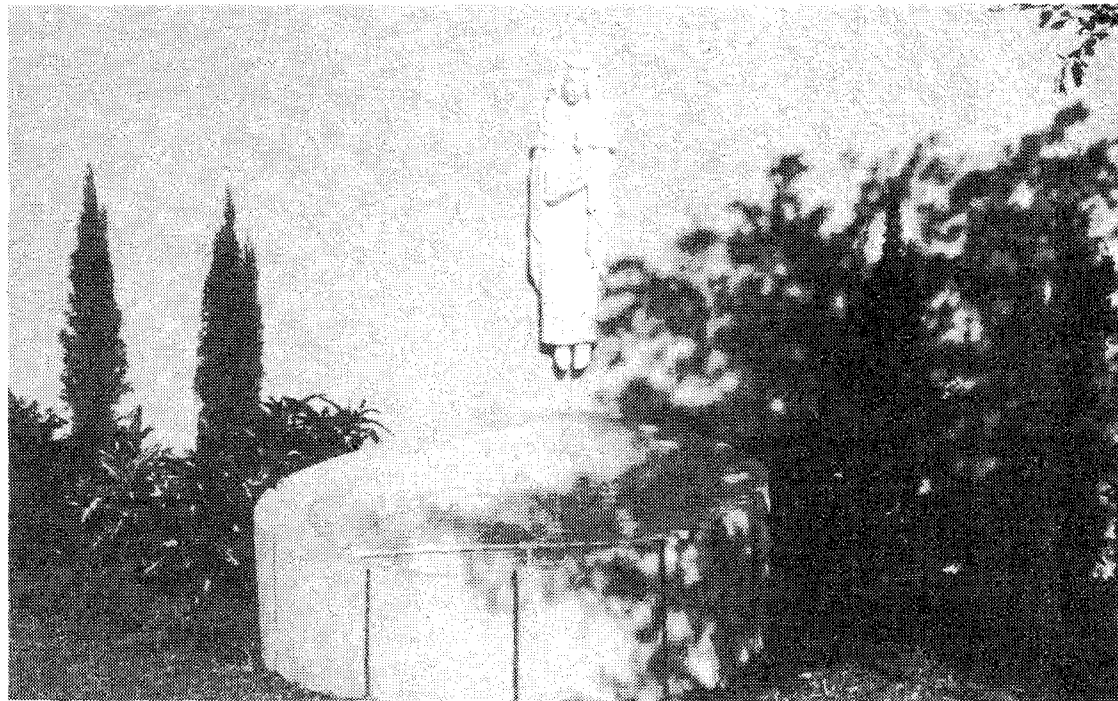
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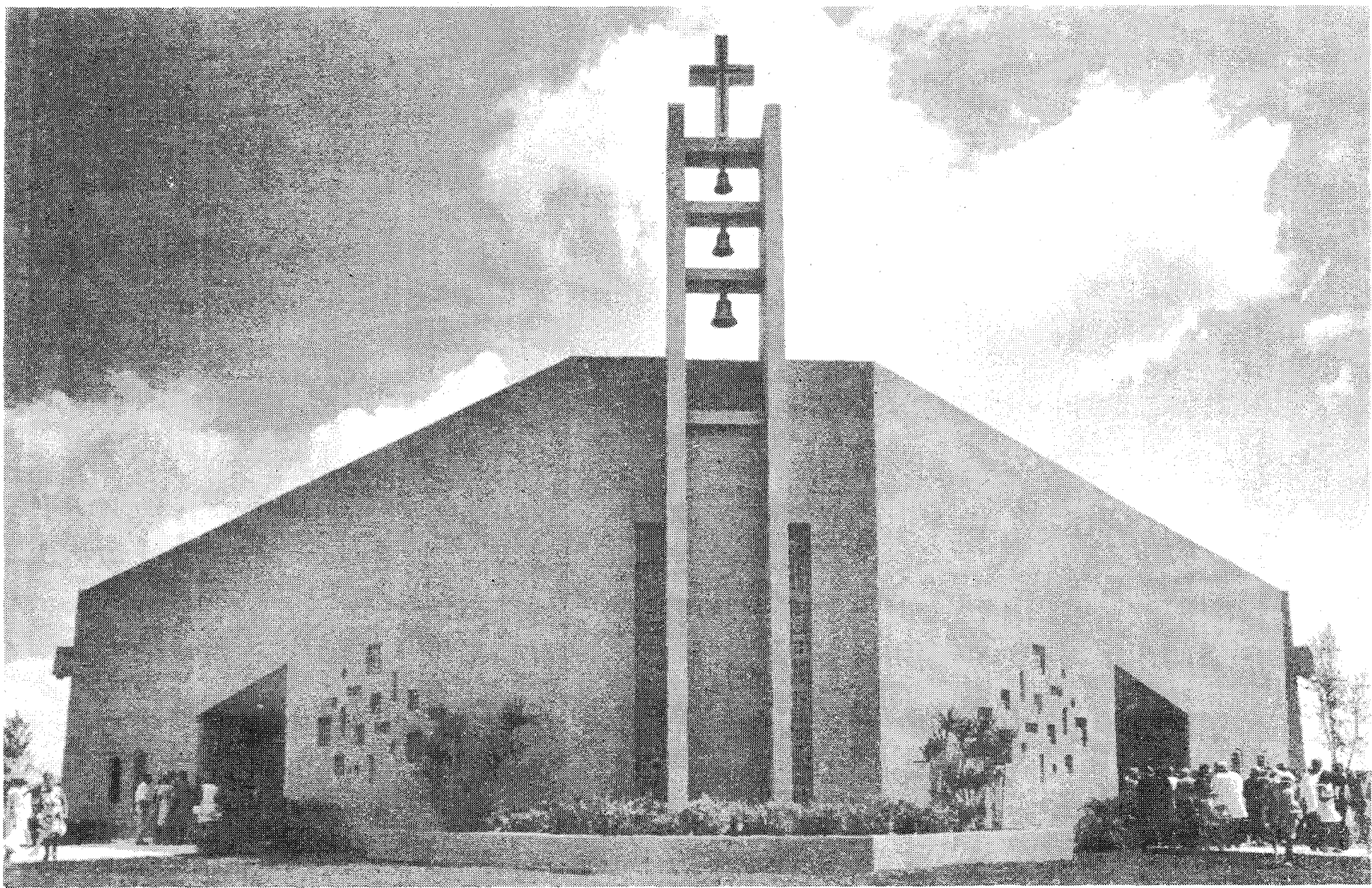
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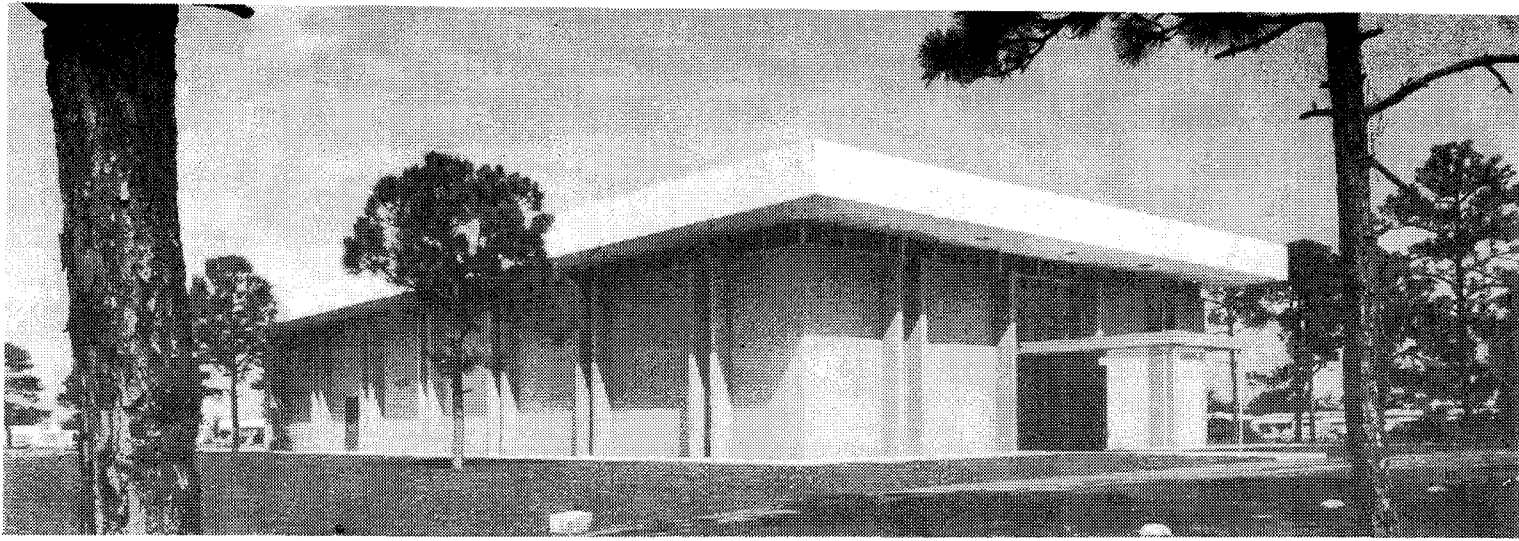
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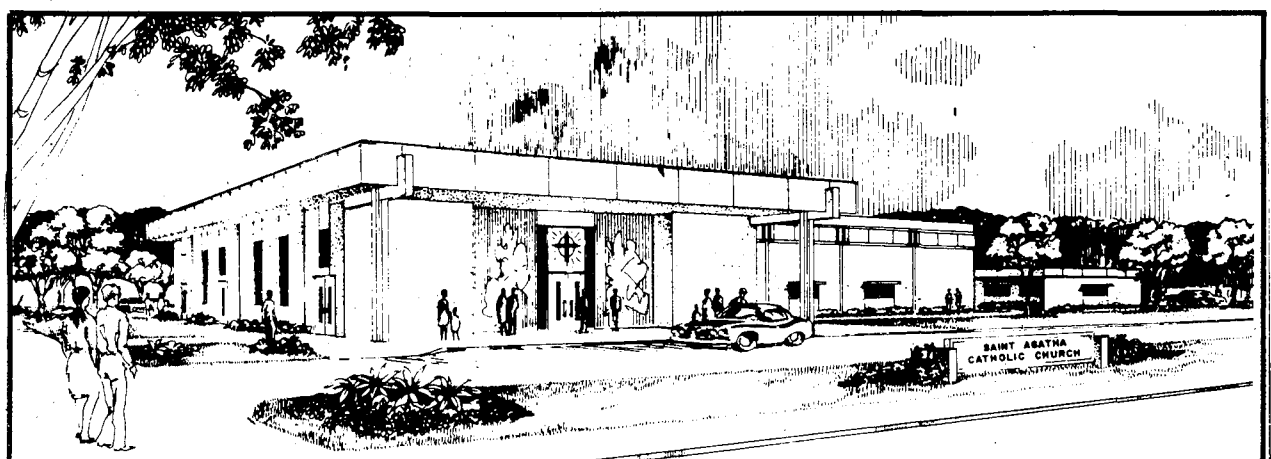
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Maestro, pontifice y pastor. En lenguaje moderno, se podría hablar de tres funciones del poder y la autoridad conferidas por Cristo en el obispo: guiar a la Iglesia al nivel del conocimiento, al nivel de la conducta y al nivel de respuesta de fe experimentada y vivida.

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Es un liderazgo sobre las acciones apostólicas y el estilo de vida de los cristianos el que asume el obispo.

Es, sobre todo, una proclamación y celebración de fe en el Cristo Resucitado lo que preside el obispo en la Eucaristía. En esta proclamación se unen todos los miembros de la Iglesia con su afirmación de lo que creen.

La Iglesia —Cuerpo Místico de Cristo— vive en unidad y crece a estos tres niveles de conocimiento, afirmación y conducta. Y vive en unidad porque vive reunida alrededor del Obispo, mostrando concreta y visiblemente la obediencia que presta al mismo Cristo.

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—Muy activo en la Acción Católica en Cuba desde los 16 años.

ESTUDIOS

Elemental: San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba.

Secundaria: Primer Instituto, La Habana, Cuba.

Filosofía: Seminario de S. Alberto Magno, Matanzas.

Teología: Seminario de Misiones Extranjeras, Montreal.

M.A.: Barry College, Miami

M.S.: Biscayne College, Miami.

VIDA SACERDOTAL - CUBA

• Fue ordenado sacerdote el 5 de julio de 1959 en Colón, Matanzas, por el obispo Alberto Martín Villaverde.

• 1959-9161: Párroco en Coliseo-Lagunillas y Pedro Betancourt. Director Espiritual de la Juventud Católica.

Expulsado por el Gobierno cubano el 17 de septiembre de 1961 con el Obispo Boza Masvidal y otros 132 sacerdotes. Salieron a bordo de un barco español, el “Covadonga”.

CHILE - 1962-1966

• Director Espiritual y Profesor del Instituto de Humanidades. Párroco de “El Espíritu Santo”, Temuco, (Chile). Director Espiritual del Movimiento de Cursillos en Temuco.

MIAMI - 1966-1979

• Coadjutor de St. Mary’s Cathedral. Coadjutor de la Parroquia de St. Kieran. Capellán del Mercy Hospital; Capellán de la Ermita de la Caridad.

• Nombrado Monseñor el 24 de febrero de 1974.

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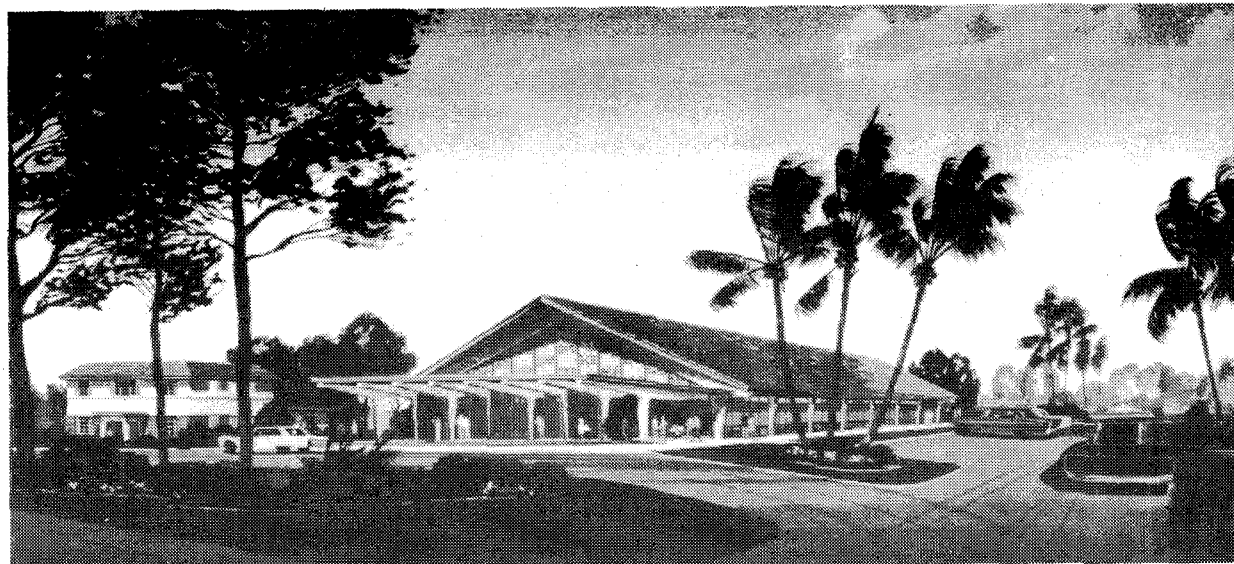
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn;


To place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, planted by the Lord to show His glory.

— Isaiah 61:1-3.

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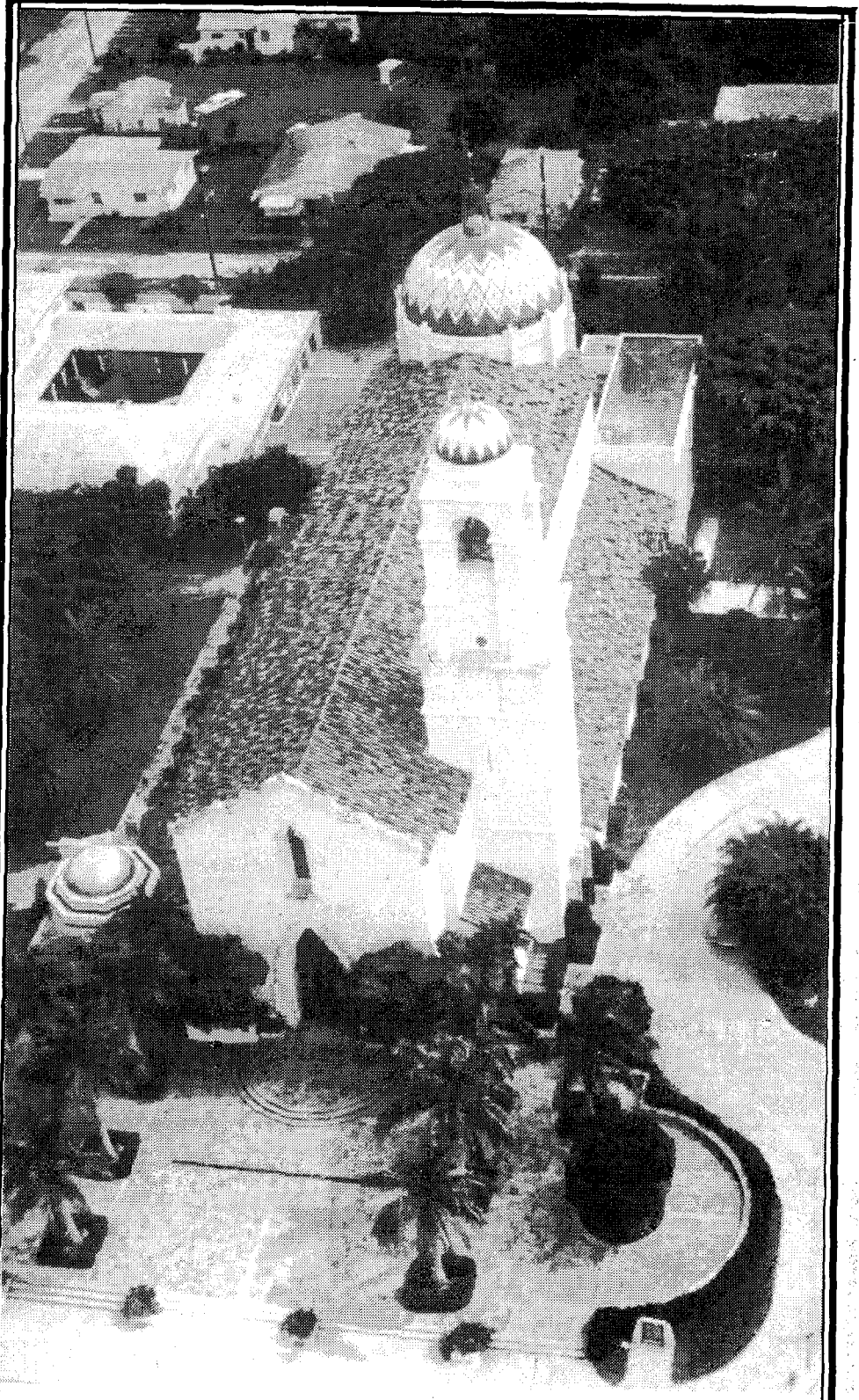
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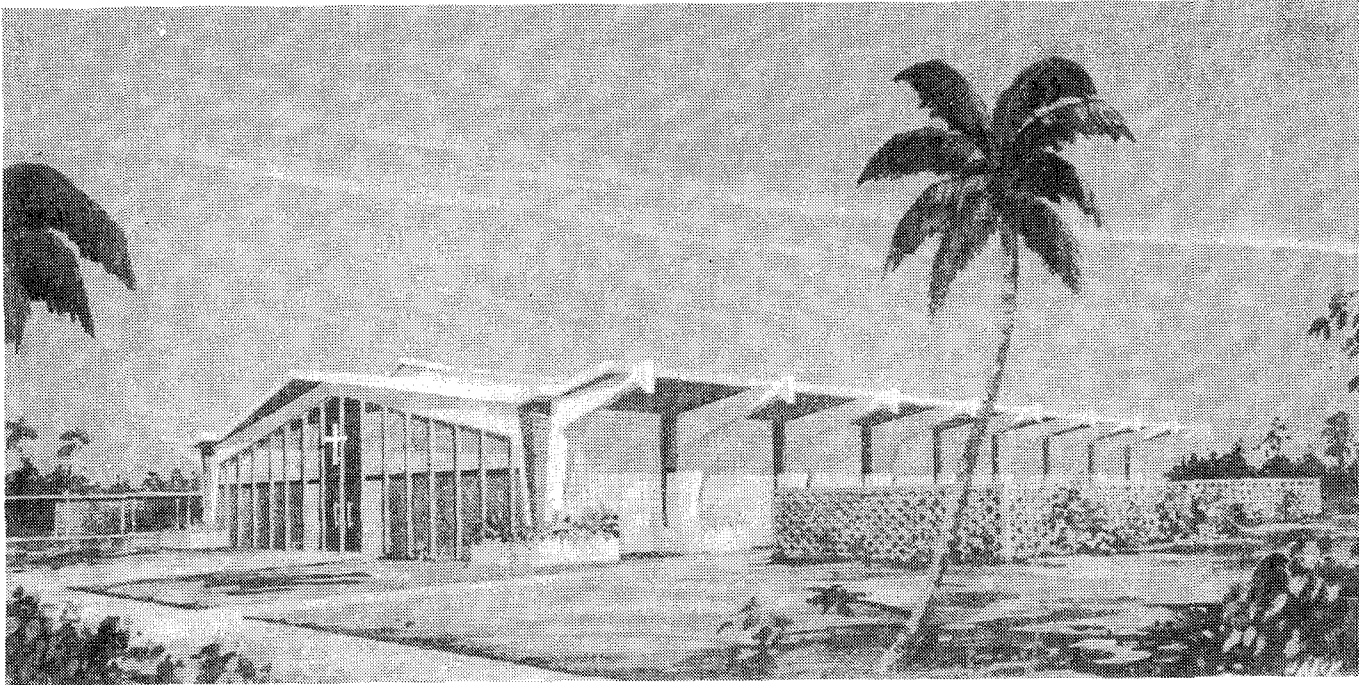
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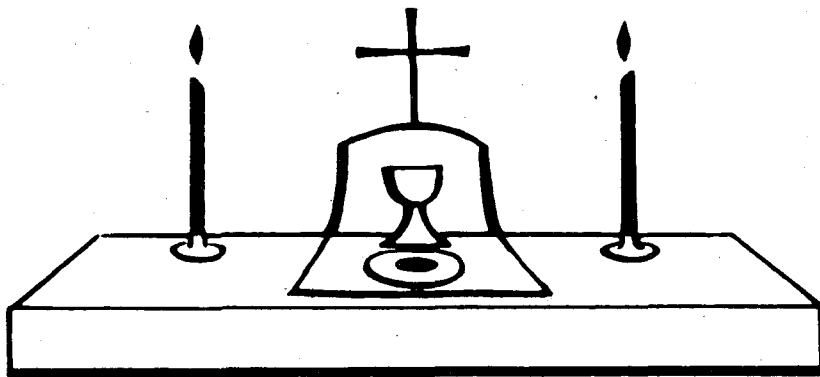
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History of the Shrine of Our Lady

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, a raging storm threatened the lives of three farm workers caught in its tempest in the Bay of Nipe in Cuba. Turning to God for help, they felt that their prayers were answered as they found floating in the water a statue of Mary holding the child Jesus. An inscription on the statue read: I am the Virgin of Charity. That statue became the object of popular devotion among the Cuban people who built a beautiful shrine for Mary in the city of El Cobre in the province of Oriente, Cuba. The Blessed Virgin, honored as Our Lady of Charity, became the Patroness of Cuba and symbol of Cuban faith and culture.

When Communism began its growth in Cuba, it forced the exile of thousands who refused to live under such a totalitarian system of government. Then on September 8, 1961, there also came into exile with the Cuban people an important symbol of their religious faith. For on that date, a statue of our Lady of Charity entered the United States from Cuba via the Panamanian embassy. It was a replica of the statue honored at the National Shrine in El Cobre. Since the arrival of that statue in 1961, Cubans have celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Charity on September 8th of every year.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1966, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami asked the Cuban people to build a shrine to honor their patroness. He donated land on Biscayne Bay for the project so that Mary's shrine could stand near the same waters that also bathe the island country of Cuba. In that shrine the statue of Mary which came from Cuba in 1961 would have its special place of honor.

Shortly after the conception of the project, a small chapel was erected. This original building stands today to the left of the Shrine, but it has since been remodeled into a convent for the Sisters of Charity who work at the Shrine.

The present Shrine building stands 90 feet high



Msgr. Roman and Sr. Maria Escala talk in 1973 as Shrine is being built in background.

with a width of 80 feet on a foundation of land that itself is 14 feet above the sea level. The building has a conical form which corresponds to the shape of the image of Our Lady of Charity. As Christians then gather in the Shrine, it becomes reminiscent of the ancient prayer of the third century Christian Church: "Under your mantle we seek shelter, Holy Mother

of God". Built in the shape of this mantle, the temple invites people, as it were, to enter within the heart of the Virgin, so that in it they can find the precious Word of God which lives there. The six columns which sustain the mantle represent the six provinces of Cuba with their 126 municipalities within those provinces.

Under the altar of the

Shrine, there is a stone made of earth, stone and sand brought from the six Cuban provinces, and cast with the water brought from Cuba on a raft in which fifteen refugees perished at sea.

John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia dedicated it to the glory of God and in honor of Our Lady of Charity on December 2, 1973.

Archbishop Carroll of Miami has said that this Shrine, named after the Patroness of Cuba, "would be to this area what the Statue of Liberty is to the Northeast of the United States." And in fact, the Shrine represents much more than steel, wood and cement. It stands as a monument to the religious faith of the Cuban people and their commitment to freedom. Their exodus to the United States and, in particular, to South Florida demonstrated the innate desire of Cubans to live in freedom—something they could not enjoy in their own native land. Today they still remember that island country in a special way at the Shrine. As the building is shaped in the form of Our Lady's statue, it is situated with its back toward Cuba so that prayers may be offered by the faithful looking toward Cuba.

When the project first began, many materialistic-minded persons criticized the plan as impractical and not really useful. Yet today even those critics in the past must marvel at how this beautiful temple came to be built through thousands upon thousands of small contributions—primarily out of a refugee community. All this happened only because so many trusted in God that He would help them erect this monument to faith and freedom.

From the time that the first small chapel was erected by Biscayne Bay, prayers have continually gone up to God both for Cuba and for all who love true freedom. What is most important for man is to be free spiritually, and man can only know this freedom when he has joined himself with God, as did the Blessed Virgin herself. The Shrine stands as a symbol that only when man is spiritually free can he hope to free the rest of the world around him. Christians come to the Shrine to seek this freedom from God and to honor Mary who is the Patroness both of Cuba and also the United States.

FOR THE WALL behind the statue of Mary, a mural has been prepared by Teok Carrasco, a painter who was born in Nipe, the place where the original statue was found. In the center of the mural appears the Virgin over the waters of Nipe and holding the Infant Jesus in her arms. The artist began the mural by painting Jesus but left it unfinished as he worked on the rest of the picture.

Later he completed the image of Jesus, so to symbolize that Christ is the beginning and the end of everything. All around the Virgin and Child appears a graphic history of Cuba depicting various characters in that history from the island's discovery to the present day. The centrality of the Christ figure in the whole mural shows that he is the center of that Cuban history, that Jesus alone is the Way, the Truth and Life.

The statue of our Lady holding out Jesus in her hands stands as an invitation for the faithful to look toward Jesus and to receive the two pilgrimage sacraments: Penance and Eucharist. The confessional is on the right side of the altar, as a reminder of God's merciful love and forgiveness. The tabernacle on the left side recalls for pilgrims the Eucharistic Supper. This tabernacle is made of carved mahogany, and its shape is identical to that of the Shrine. On its door one can read "EGO SUM", the Latin version of "I AM", the name God revealed for Himself in the Old Testament and the title also used by Christ in St. John's gospel.

The priest's chair was made from a Cuban palm. The chapel seats are the typical Cuban stool, that is, the stools of country folk made of wood and leather.

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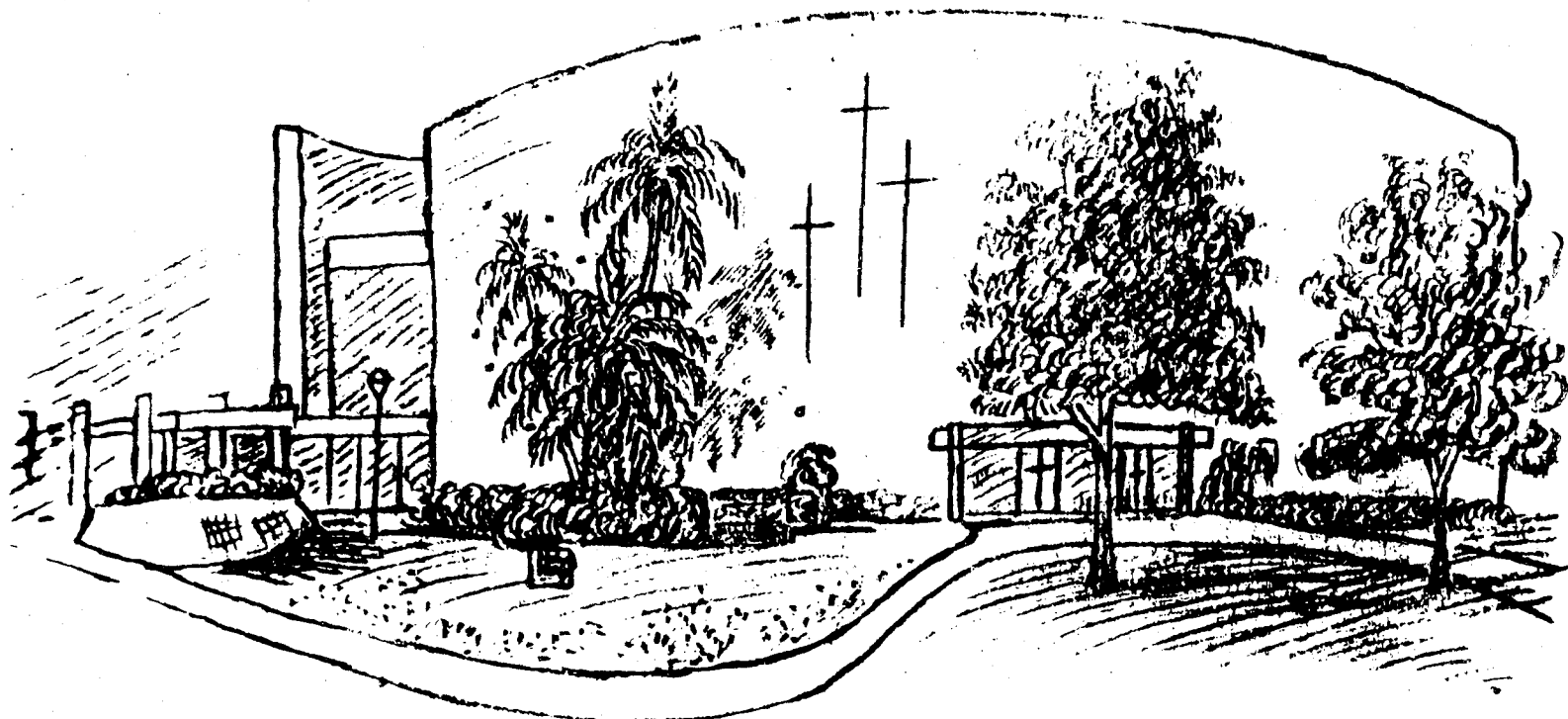
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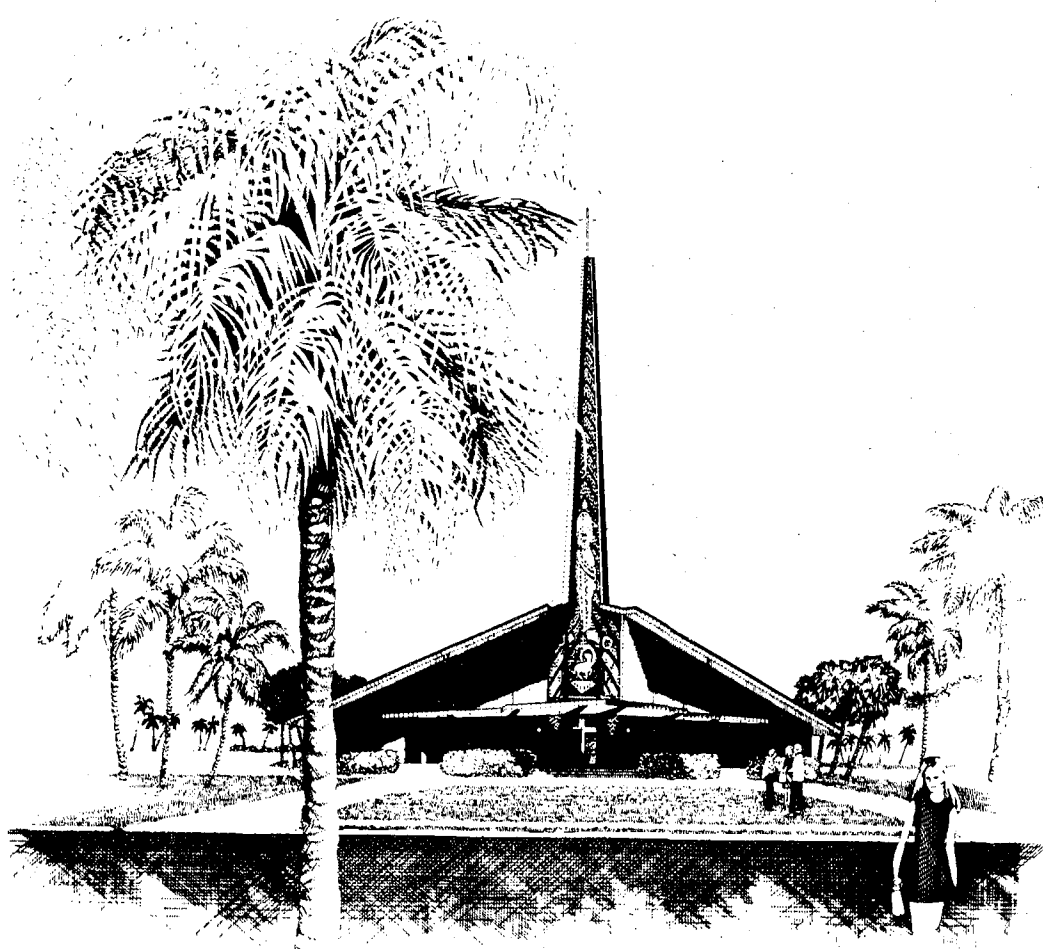
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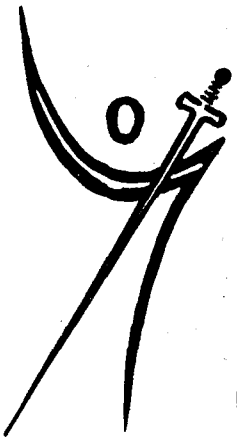
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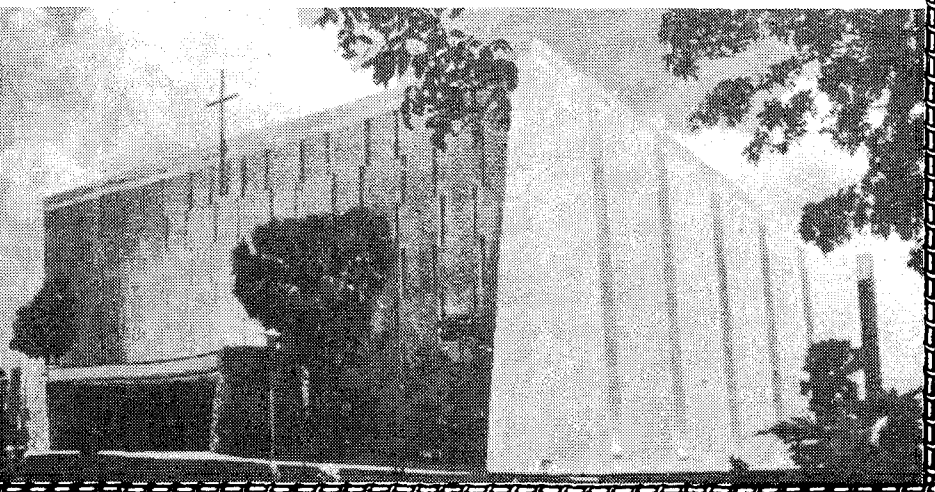
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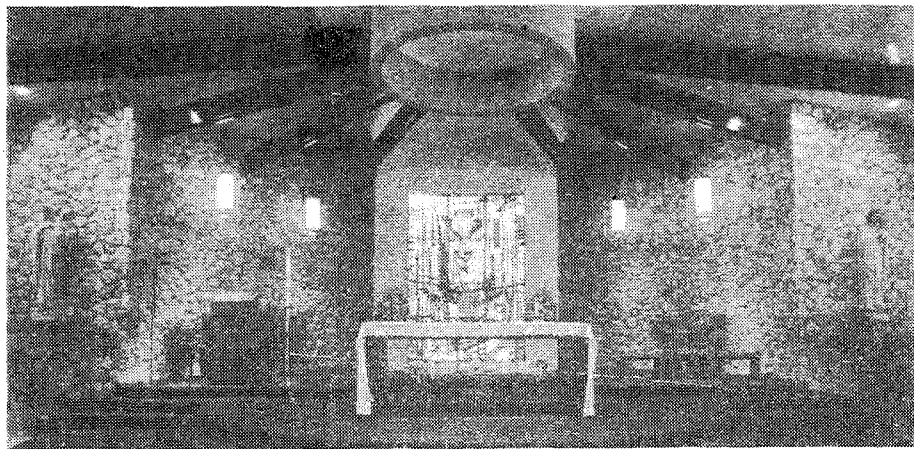
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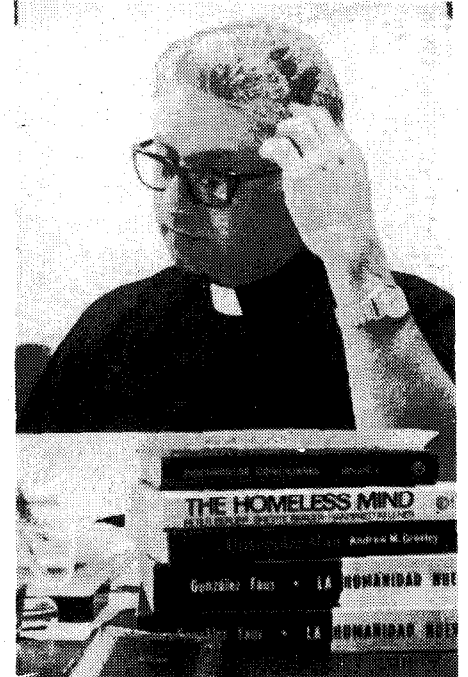
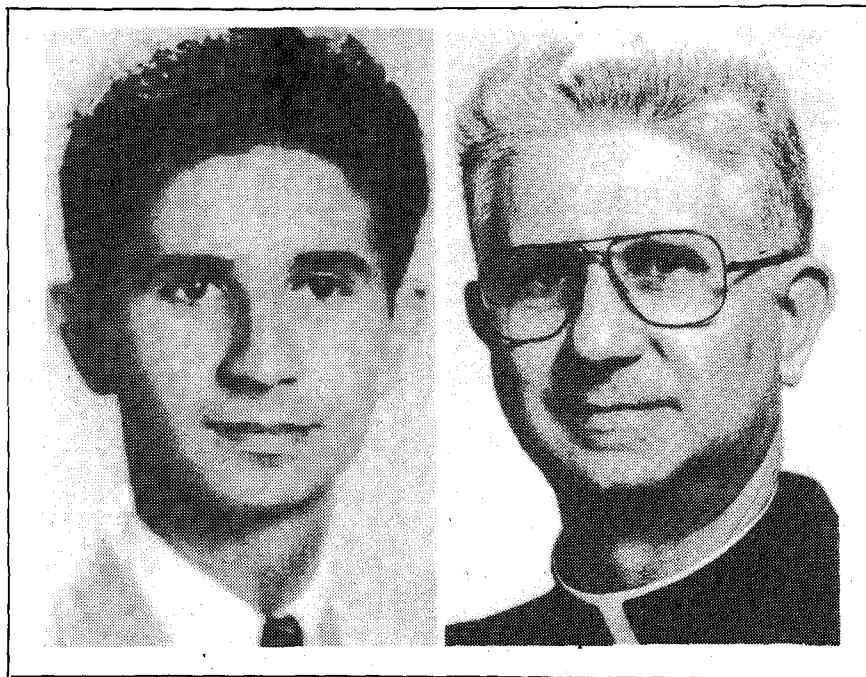
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Imágenes y recuerdos del Obispo Román

★ ★ Pictorial profile of Bishop Agustin Roman ★ ★



Incansable en su tarea apostólica, el nuevo obispo no deja de encontrar tiempo para la oración el diálogo y el estudio. En las fotos del centro el entonces joven Agustin Román al graduarse de bachillerato en 1949, y en 1979, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami.

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An expressive activist in his pastoral work and a studious missionary in his teachings of Christ, occupies the waking hours of the new bishop. Framed portraits, center, show Agustin Roman, high school graduate circa 1949 and Msgr. Agustin Roman, Auxiliary Bishop 1979.



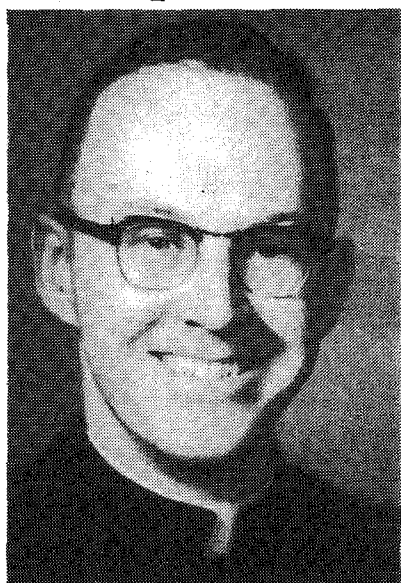
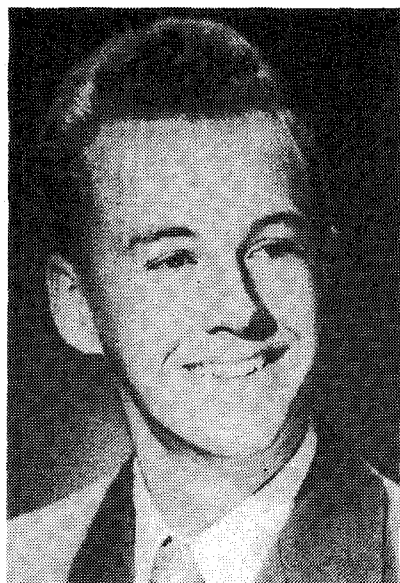
La fe del Exilio Cubano recibió nuevo impulso con la llegada de la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad en 1961. En las fotos, Monseñor Agustín Román, capellán de la Ermita de la Caridad, celebrando una Misa de campaña delante del edificio provisional. En 1966, durante la ceremonia de la primera piedra para la Ermita, el arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll y Mons. Román. A la izquierda Mons. Román durante una de las procesiones con la imagen de la Virgen. La ermita ya terminada al fondo.

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The strength of Faith for the Cuban people who fled the religious oppression in Cuba, was restored with the arrival in 1961, of the statue of their patron saint, Our Lady of Charity. The sequence of pictures show, Msgr. Roman as chaplain of the shrine, celebrating outdoor mass in the temporary building that housed the statue. In 1966 groundbreaking for the present permanent shrine was broken by the late Archbishop Coleman Carroll, shown with Msgr. Roman. And finally the annual devotional procession celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Charity.

Pictorial profile of Bishop John Nevins

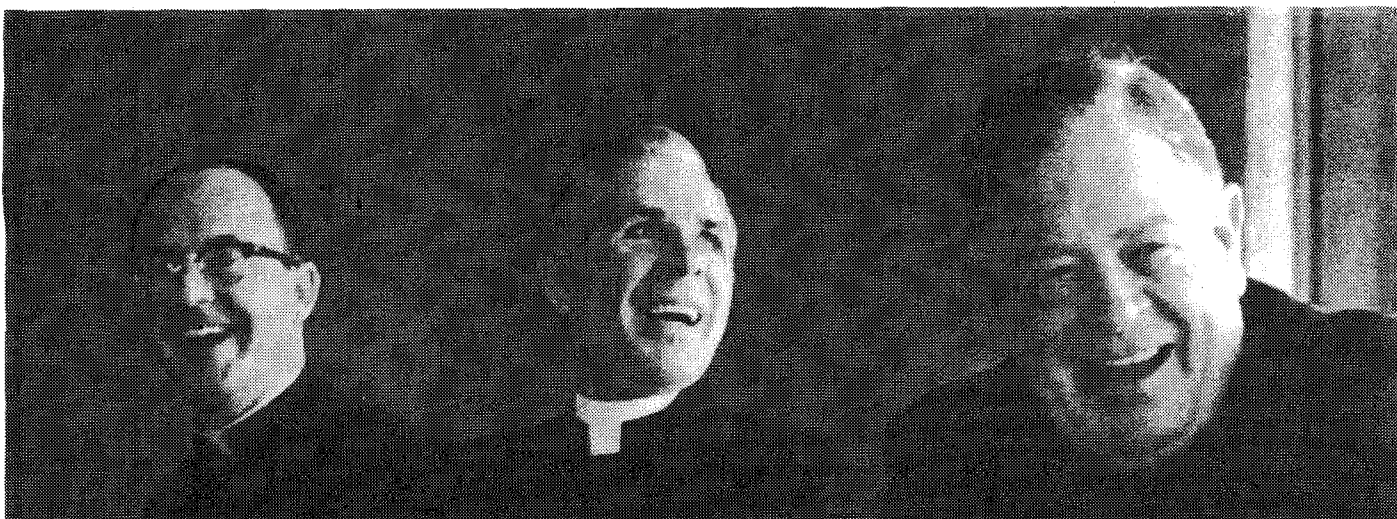
★ ★ *Imágenes y recuerdos del Obispo Nevins* ★ ★



Reliving the high school graduate and young seminarian, from the family album, left, could have evoked the candid expressions of our new Bishop John J. Nevins.

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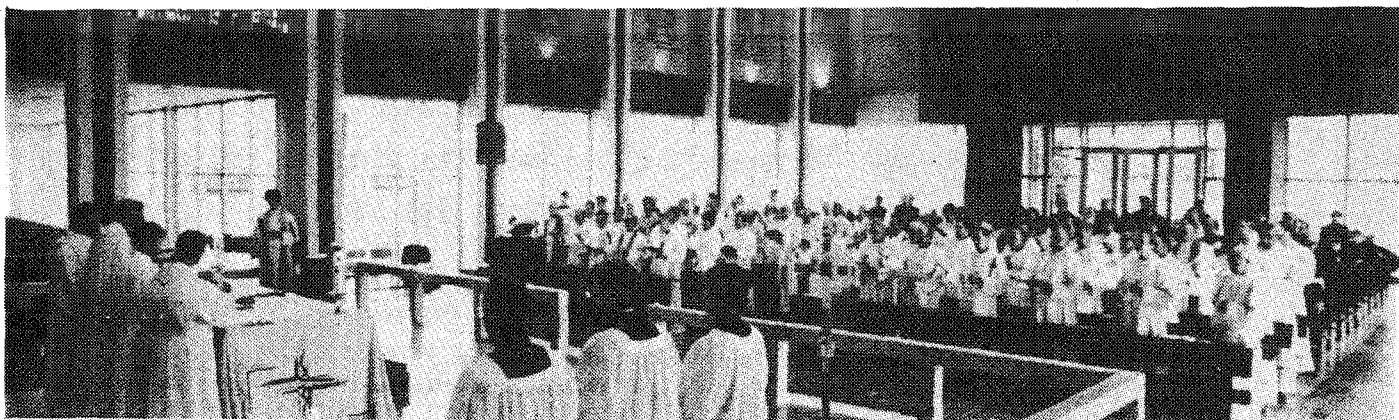
Tomada del álbum familiar, esta foto del joven seminarista John Nevins evoca la expresión del nuevo obispo auxiliar.



We like to think that the faces on the late Archbishop Coleman Carroll and Archbishop Fulton Sheen show the delight in watching Msgr. Nevins doing his expert Irish Jig to his own accompaniment, if he wasn't in the same picture. A highlight in Msgr. Nevins' pastoral work is St. John Vianney Seminary College where he is rector, shown talking to one of his seminarians and a scene of celebration in the college campus chapel.

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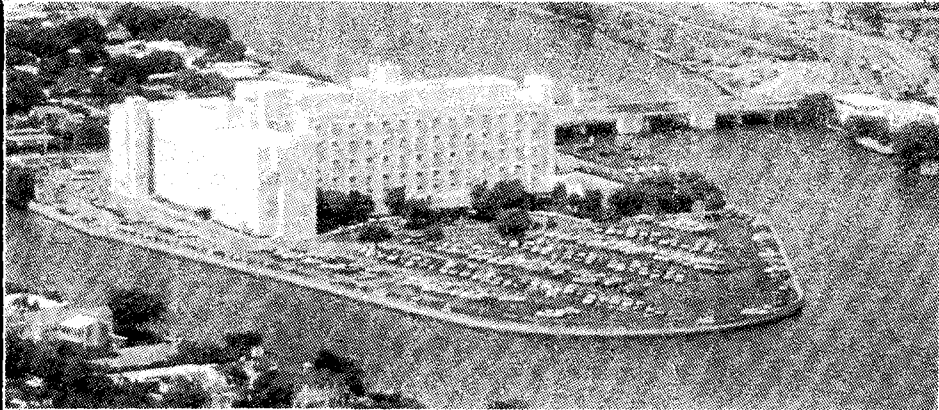
Junto con el arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll y el arzobispo Fulton Sheen, Monseñor John Nevins parece reírse de si mismo al verse en la foto a la derecha tocando el acordeón y a la irlandesa. A la izquierda, el nuevo obispo conversa con uno de sus seminaristas y abajo durante una liturgia en la capilla del Seminario College, donde ha sido rector durante los cuatro últimos años.





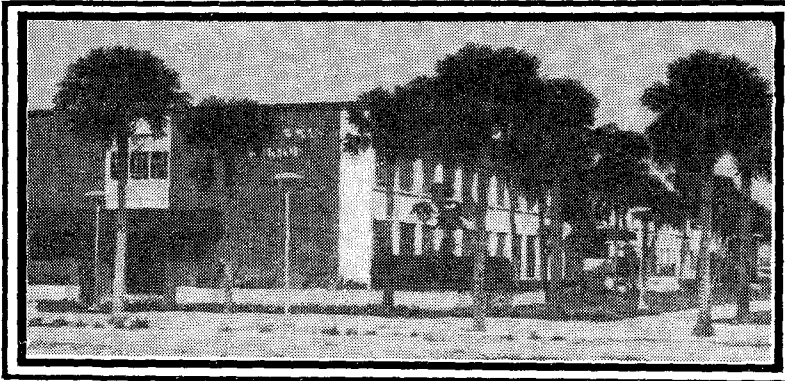
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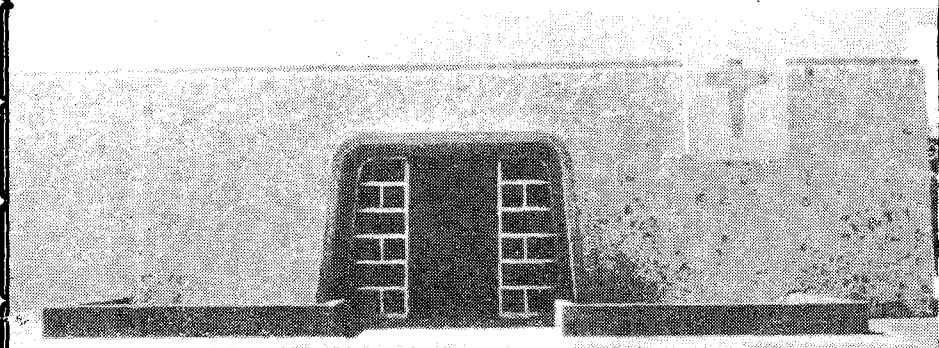


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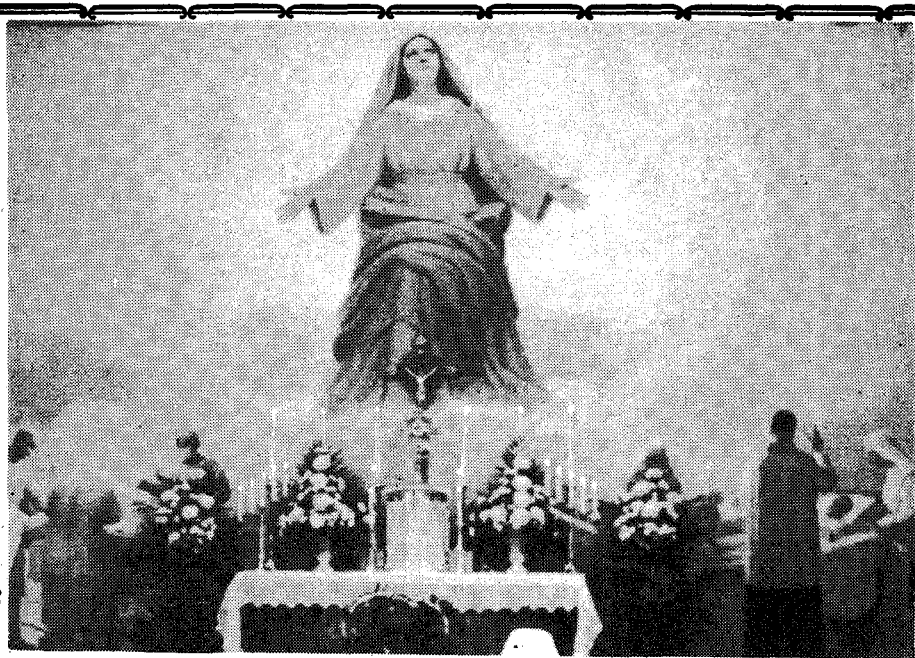
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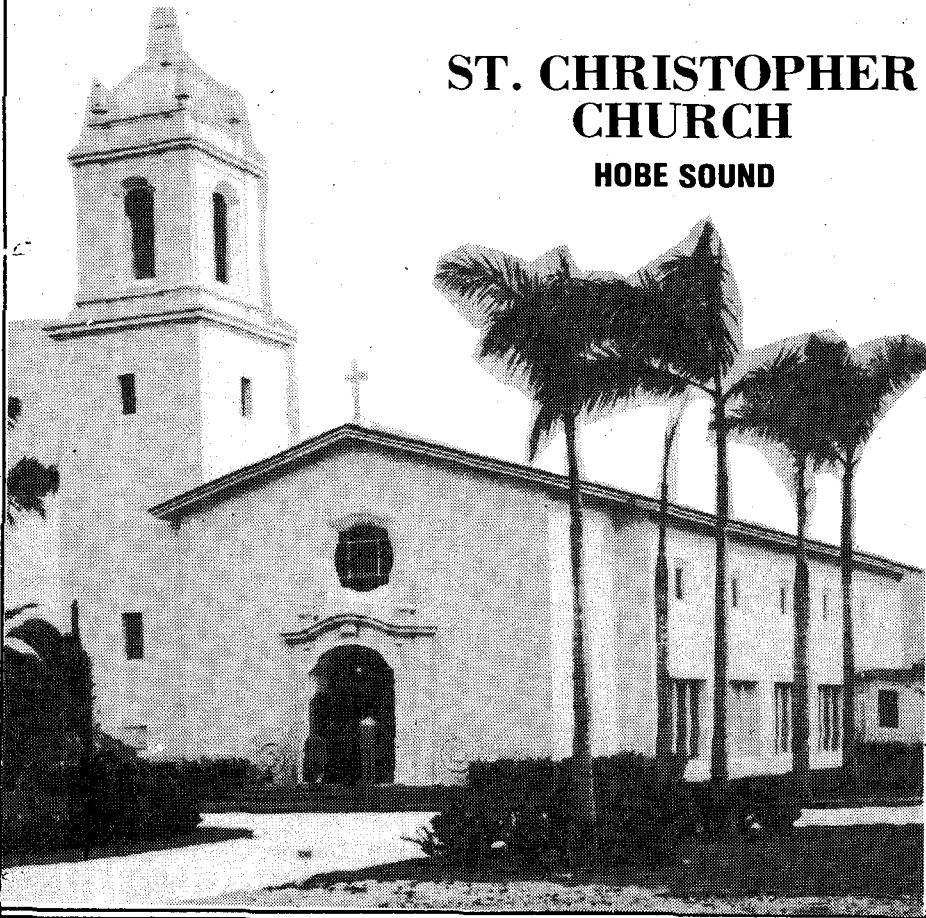
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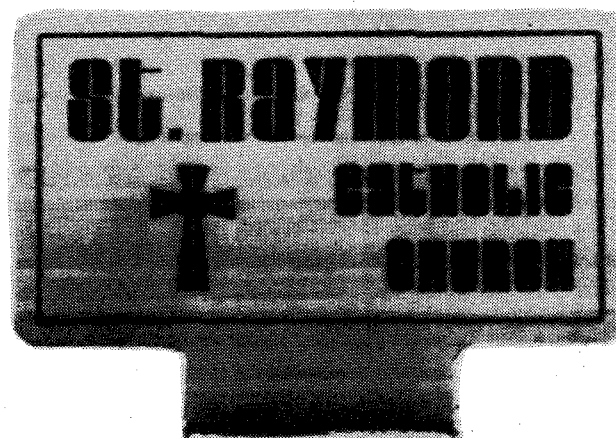
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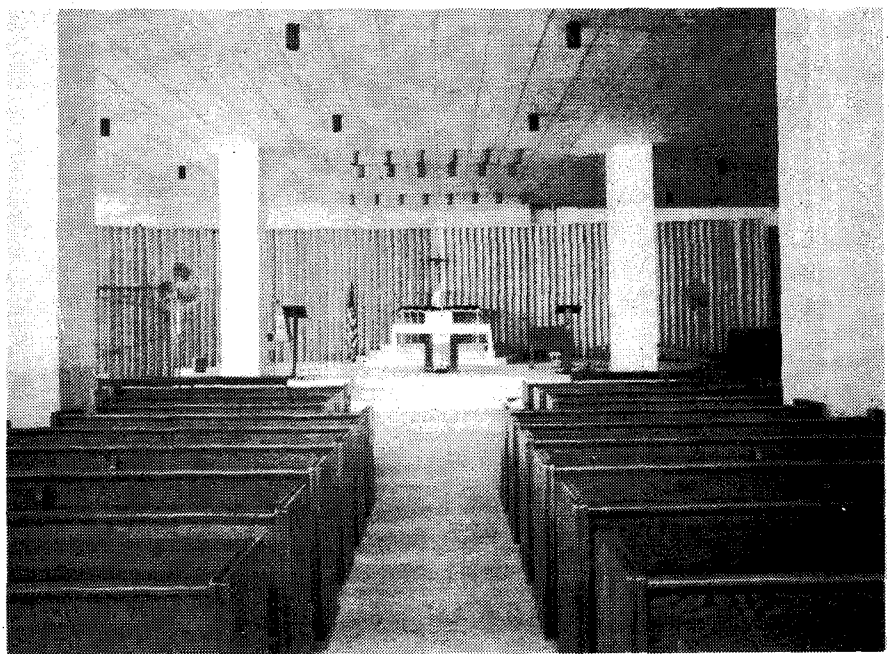
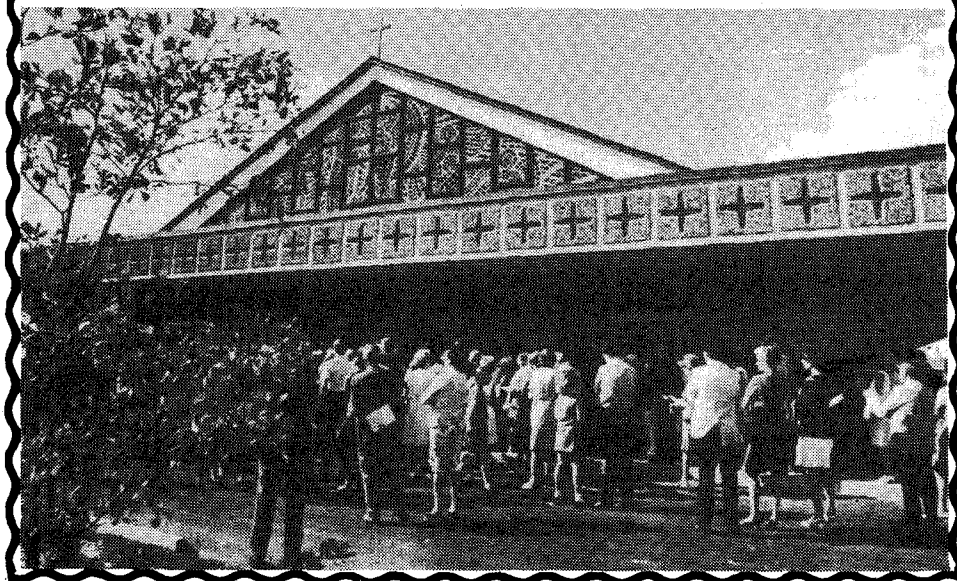
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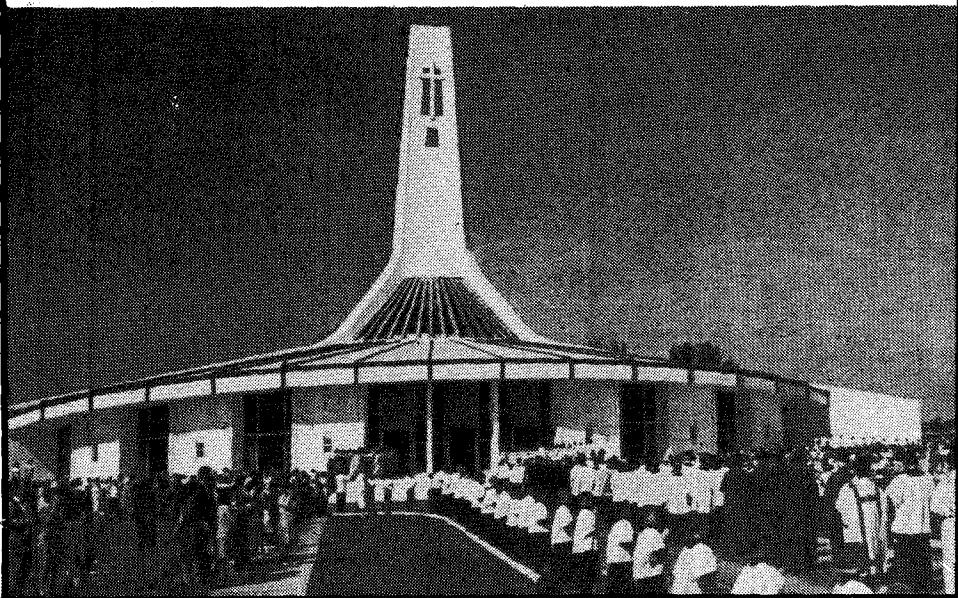
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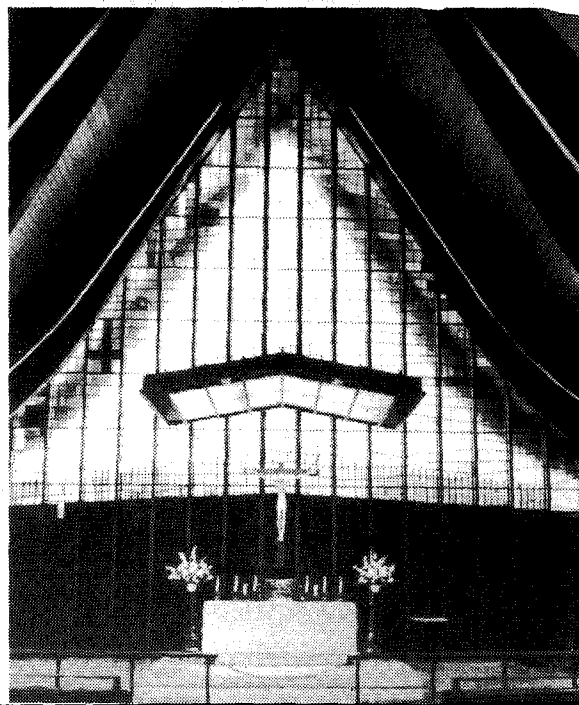
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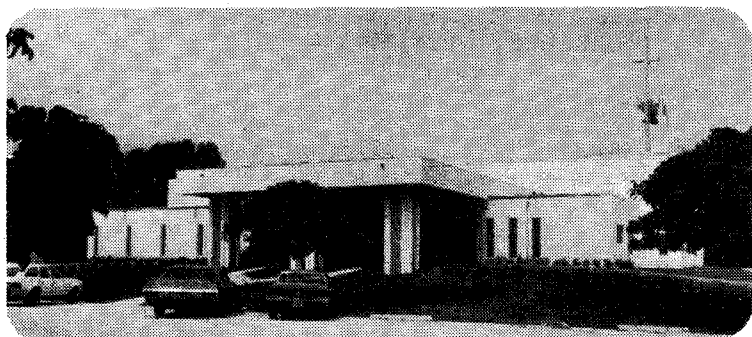
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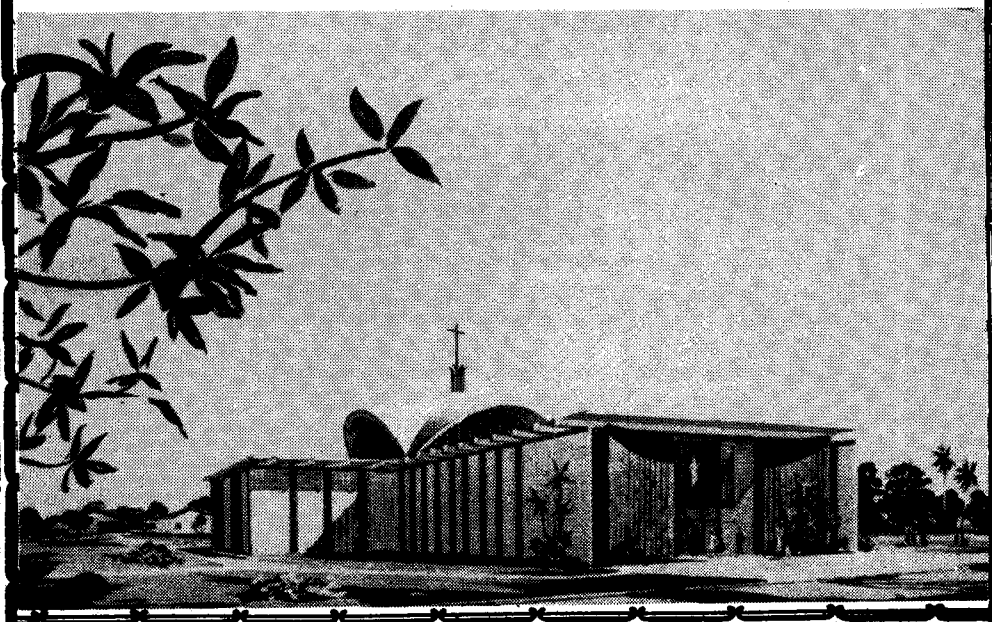
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Congratulations and Best Wishes
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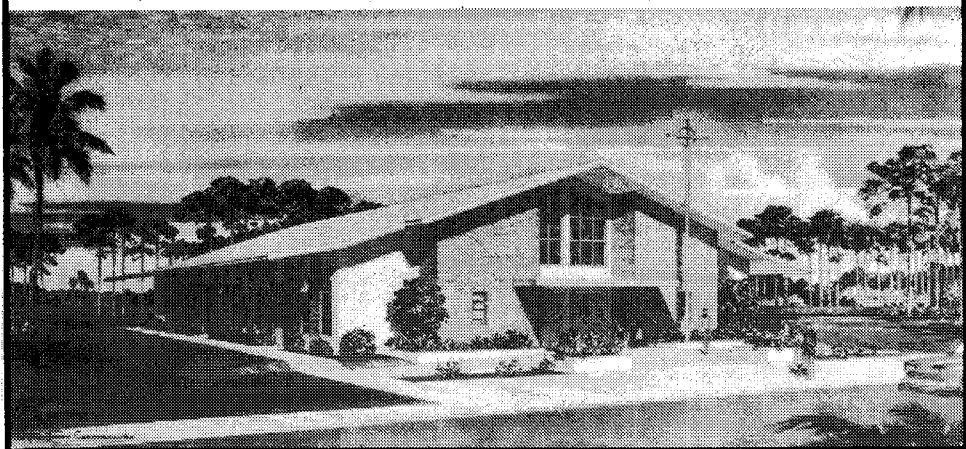
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Prayerful Best Wishes
to our newly elected Auxiliary Bishops
The Most Reverend John J. Nevins, D.D.
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The most Reverend Agustín Román, D.D.
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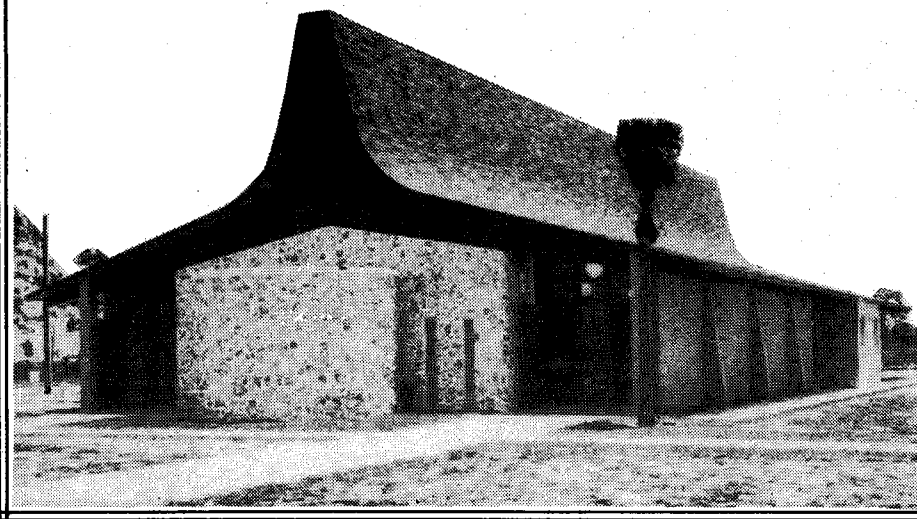


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HIGHLAND BEACH.

and their pastor,

Father Anthony J. Chepanis



History of the Archdiocese of Miami

On August 13, 1958, wire services flashed the historic news that the Diocese of St. Augustine, which at that time embraced all of Florida east of the Appalachian River, had been divided and that Pope Pius XII had announced the formation of the Catholic Diocese of Miami with Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, then Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, as First Bishop of Miami.

At that time 16 south Florida counties comprised the new ecclesiastical area which included 51 parishes, 65 diocesan priests and 21 Religious Order priests who ministered to the spiritual needs of 185,000 Catholics in the southernmost section of the United States.

THE NEW DIOCESE was served by four general hospitals, five central Catholic high schools, one Catholic college for women, one home for the aged, and a receiving home for children.

St. Mary Church, which had been dedicated just one year before at NW Second Ave. and 75th St. was elevated to the rank of a Cathedral and was the scene of Bishop Carroll's formal installation on Oct. 7, 1958.

Shortly after his installation Bishop Carroll, known throughout the nation for his concern for the poverty-stricken and oppressed, announced plans for three major projects. They were the establishment of a seminary, the founding of a Catholic newspaper, and the beautification of the Cathedral. On Sept. 7, 1959 St. John Vianney Seminary was a reality in Miami's southwest section. Earlier that year on March 20 *The Voice*, weekly publication of the Archdiocese, published its first edition.

The Archdiocesan Major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach opened its door to an initial class in 1963 permitting

candidates for the priesthood in Florida to complete their studies for ordination without leaving the state.

MEANWHILE THE Blessed Sacrament Chapel was completed at St. Mary Cathedral now resplendent in multi-colored and multi-designed Carrara marble from Italy in the sanctuary, stained glass windows throughout, and an 11-foot blue mosaic framed in travertine extends for an uninterrupted length of about 70 feet over the open arcade of semicircular chancel stalls. The mosaic, as well as the one wall of faceted glass in the chapel were executed in Chartres, France, by artist Gabriel Loire.

Between 1958 and 1963 the Diocese of Miami was witness to a tremendous program of expansion as new residents moved into the area from both the north and the south. Despite the fact that much of its energies, monies, and efforts were devoted to caring for the material and spiritual needs of the thousands of Cuban refugees who came to Miami to escape the tyranny in Communist-controlled Cuba, the Diocese continued to keep pace with the needs of the English-speaking faithful.

Although the Church in South Florida bore the brunt of the exodus of Cuban exiles for a full year before the U.S. government set up a program of assistance, it also continued to grow in parishes, schools, and charities institutions.

At the end of five years the Diocese had 94 parishes and several missions served by diocesan and Religious Order priests in the counties of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties.

ELEVEN ORDERS of priests and five orders of Brothers joined diocesan

priests staffing seminaries, schools, parishes, retreat houses, and a refuge for indigent men. The total number of Catholic colleges increased to three, high schools to 13, and hospitals to five.

Eight new parochial schools were completed and additions were constructed to 11 others. In addition 24 rectories were built and 20 new convents were completed to accommodate Sisters stationed in South Florida.

The Diocese also had within its boundaries three retreat houses, three homes for the aged, a cloistered monastery, a Spanish center, Centro Hispano Catolico in downtown Miami; the Chancery Building, The Voice Building, two cemeteries and one receiving home for children, a residence for unwed mothers, a children's home, and five regional Catholic Service Bureaus. A Radio and Television Commission was the first diocesan agency in the nation to inaugurate closed-circuit TV to schools.

Organizations of laity were active in the 16 counties of the Diocese and Newman Clubs flourished on the campuses of four secular colleges.

ON MAY 8, 1968, Pope Paul VI announced that a new ecclesiastical Province of Miami had been established which included, in addition to the Archdiocese of Miami, the dioceses of St. Augustine, St. Petersburg, and Orlando. Bishop Carroll was named first Archbishop of Miami and Metropolitan of the Province. The new Archdiocese of Miami yielded eight of its counties to the new dioceses and boundaries were realigned to include the counties of Broward, Collier, Dade, Hendry, Glades, Martin, Monroe and Palm Beach. A total Catholic population of 400,000 was served by 164 diocesan priests and 141 Religious Order

clergy.

The Archdiocese had 85 parishes and 10 missions within the eight counties as well as a large number of schools, and other institutions. Fourteen of 15 parishes in the new dioceses had been established by Bishop Carroll.

Three months later, Msgr. John J. Fitzpatrick, former Chancellor of the Archdiocese, was elevated to the rank of bishop and was the first priest of the Archdiocese to join the ranks of the U.S. hierarchy. After serving as Auxiliary Bishop of Miami for three years Bishop Fitzpatrick was appointed Bishop of Brownsville, Tex. and was succeeded by Auxiliary Bishop Rene H. Gracida.

At the close of 1968, the Archdiocese had a year-round Catholic population of 439,594 as well as thousands of winter visitors, more than 200,000 Spanish-speaking residents and hundreds of migratory farm workers. Fifteen communities of Religious Orders of men were serving in South Florida as well as 900 nuns of various Religious Orders. Twenty-one high schools and 59 elementary schools had an enrollment of more than 37,000 and the number of Catholic colleges had increased to four.

THREE RETREAT houses, including one for men, offered year-round programs and the number of general hospitals totaled four. The number of residences for the aged increased to five. Charitable institutions within the Archdiocese now included a home for children, a residence for dependent teenage girls, and one for boys, two homes for unwed mothers, a center for mentally retarded children and two day schools for mentally retarded youngsters. Two residences for working women, a refuge for indigent men, a Spanish center, and three novitiates for women.

On the 15th anniversary of the Diocese of Miami in 1973 some 569,543 South Florida Catholics were served by 236 diocesan priests, 209 priests and Brothers of Religious Orders, and 749 nuns. The Archdiocese had 120 parishes and four missions and had added to its roster of social services to the aged, two low-cost apartment complexes for persons on fixed incomes.

On Oct. 1, 1975 Auxiliary Bishop Gracida was appointed first Bishop of the newly established Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee which added a fifth diocese to the Province of Miami.

In September, 1976, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy came to Miami followed his appointment by Pope Paul VI as Coadjutor Archbishop with right of succession to the late Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll who died July 26, 1977.

ON THIS THE 20th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Miami, the Catholic population numbering more than 770,000 is served by 485 archdiocesan and Religious Order priests, 700 nuns, and 50 Brothers. The Archdiocese now has 130 parishes in eight South Florida counties as well as 62 elementary schools, 16 high schools and two special education schools. Senior citizens are served by three homes for the aged and three senior citizen housing projects with two more such projects now on the drawing boards. Three cemeteries are now located in the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

Social services, in continual expansion, now includes a center for alcoholic rehabilitation, a residence for ex-offenders, a run-to-home, and a recreation center.

During the past year Family Enrichment Center has been inaugurated as well as a Lay Ministry program, and a Community Relations and Public Information Office

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y prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God."

—Philippians 1:9-11.

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Congratulations
to Bishop Nevins and Bishop Roman
and Prayers
from the Priests, Sisters and people
of
St. Rose of Lima Parish
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with you....!***

"We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of His call, and by His power will fulfill all your desires for goodness and complete all that that you have been doing for

Faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in Him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

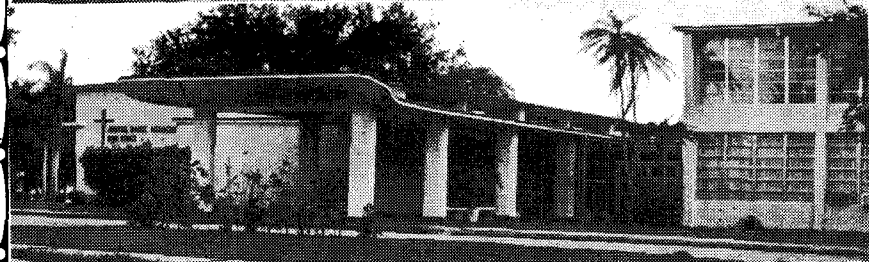
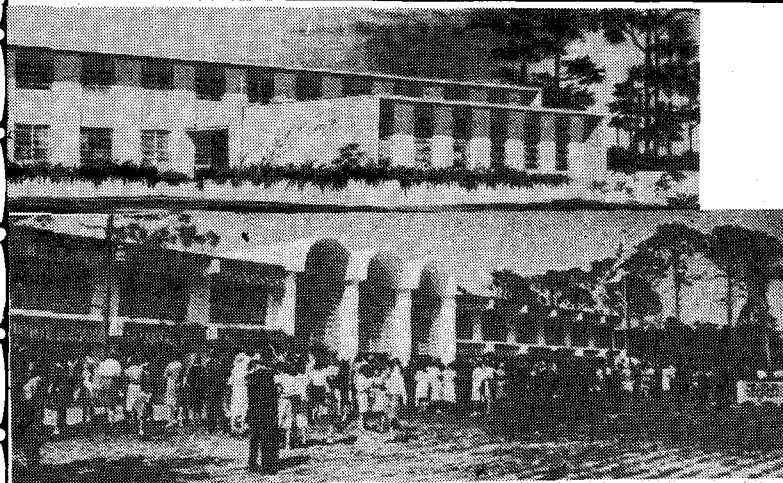
—2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

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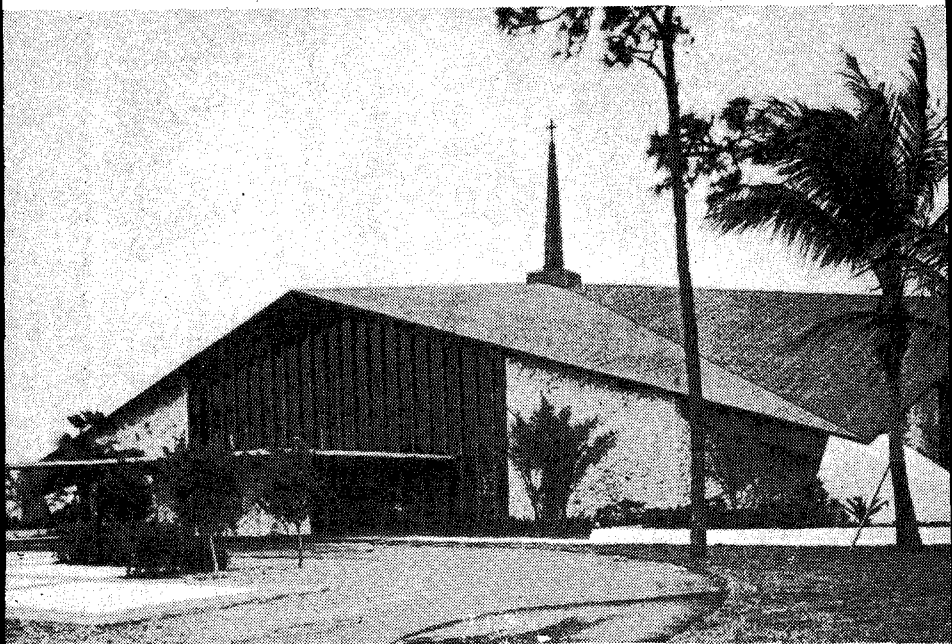
The sisters, servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary staffing Epiphany School, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, and Notre Dame Academy, offer their prayers and best wishes to Monsignor John J. Nevins and Monsignor Agustín a. Román on their elevation to

**Auxiliary Bishops
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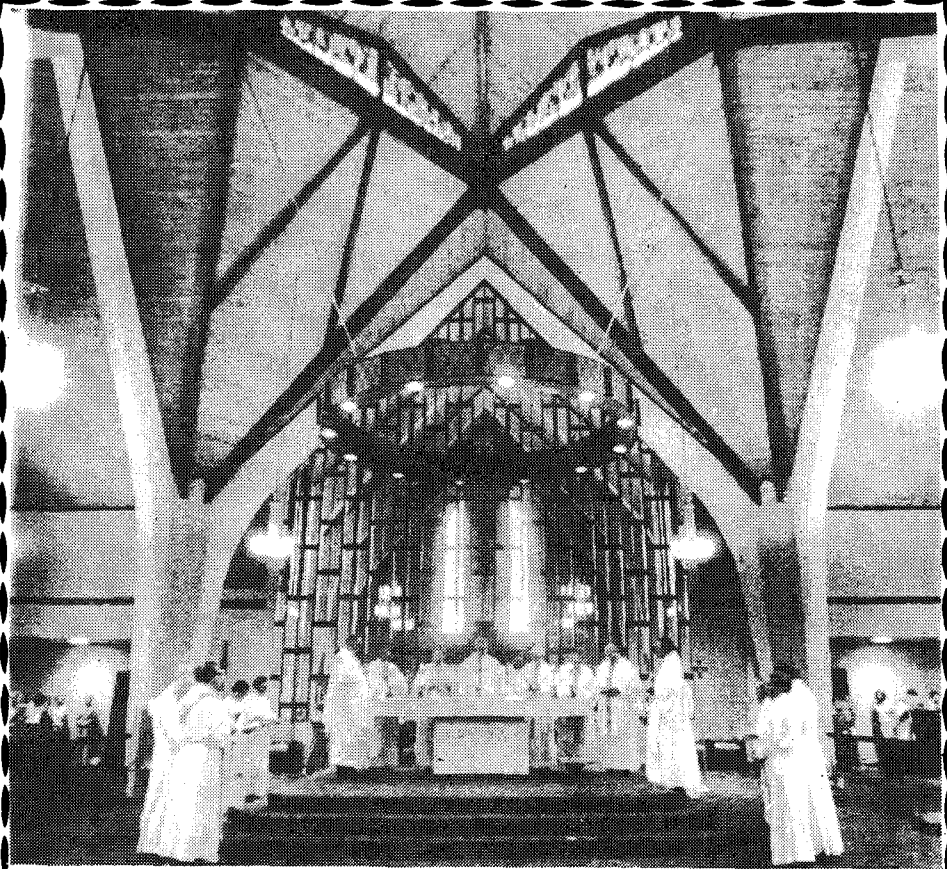


**CONGRATULATIONS
and BEST WISHES**

**BISHOP JOHN J. NEVINS
and
BISHOP AGUSTIN A. ROMAN**



**from
NATIVITY PARISH
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA**



"Be considerate to those who are working amongst you and are above you in the Lord as your teachers."

—1 Thessalonians

ST. AMBROSE CHURCH

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*The Redemptorist Fathers,
who gave the American Church
its first Bishop-Saint,
John Nepomucene Neumann,
offer congratulations and prayers
for our two new bishops,
Agustín Román and
John J. Nevins.*

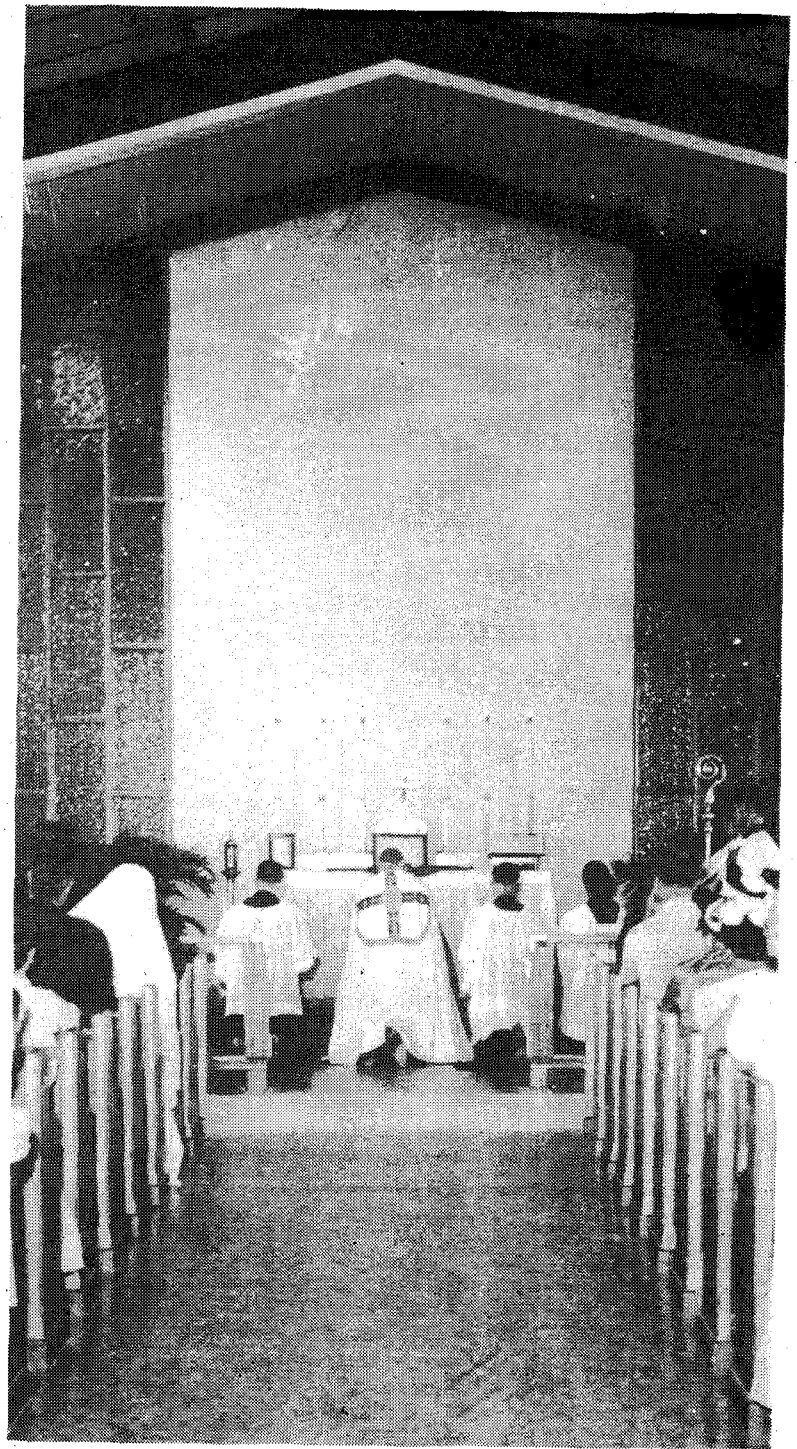
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*The Jesuit Fathers and Parishioners of St. Ann Church
in West Palm Beach join the faithful of the Archdiocese
in offering prayers and warmest congratulations to
our newly chosen Auxiliary Bishops, John Nevins and
Agustin Roman.*

*May God bless them in their work for
the Kingdom of God in South Florida.*

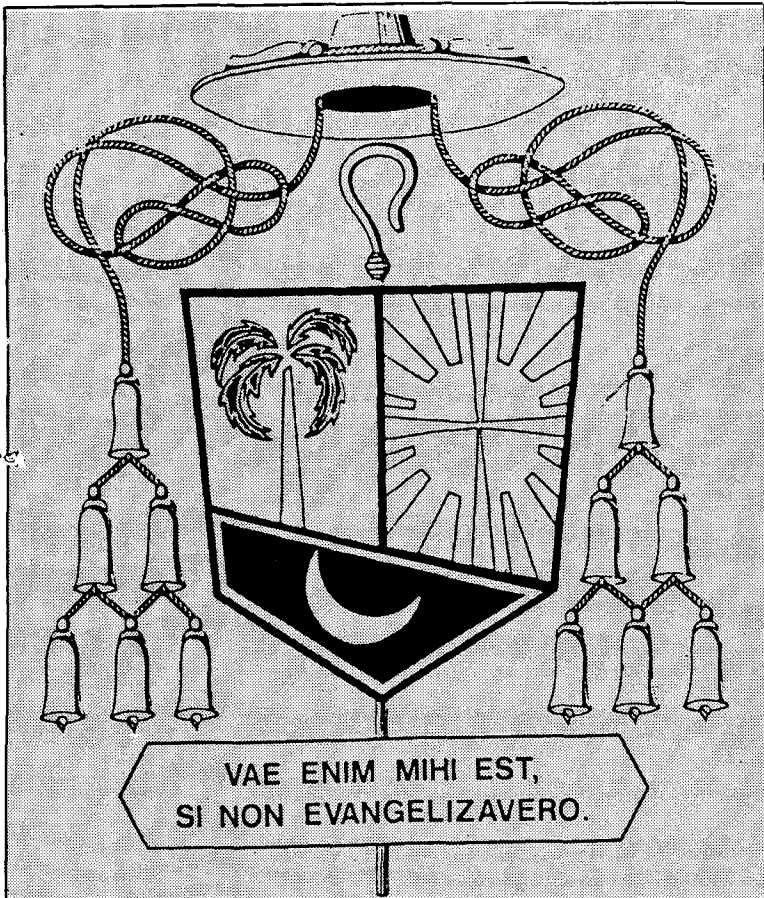


“How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of One who brings good
news, who heralds
Peace, brings Happiness and
proclaims Salvation.

“ISAIAH 52:7.

THE PRIESTS AND PARISHIONERS OF
St. Mary Magdalen

Jesús, María, la Patria en el Escudo Episcopal



Por Mons. Agustín A. Román

Han pasado los años, pero el recuerdo de mi niñez en el verde campo cubano salpicado de coloridas flores, que hacía alzar los ojos al cielo como buscando al autor de aquella maravilla, no ha pasado; permanece más vivo que nunca.

Allá en lo alto, bajo el radiante sol de los días, o bajo la plateada luna en la noche, se mecía la palma sobre todos los árboles con un donaire peculiar.

Hoy, por los caminos del destino, bajo el mismo sol y la misma luna, siguen mis ojos contemplando las palmas ahora en la Florida.

Este origen campesino ha

dejado en mi alma gran admiración por la naturaleza. Mi origen pobre, con escasez de libros, me hizo leer desde temprana edad en el lenguaje de los símbolos. La riqueza de mi fe cristiana me ha hecho arrancar de los mismos un mensaje con dimensión trascendente.

Al preparar mi escudo he sacado de la Biblia el grito de San Pablo a los corintios: "Ay de mí si no evangelizara", y lo he querido convertir en un eco que me examine durante mi vida de Obispo.

He querido colocar en mi escudo tres símbolos sacados de la creación: el sol, la luna y la palma, y con ellos he queri-

do simbolizar:

A JESUCRISTO, por el sol que dibuja con sus rayos la cruz redentora. El es la luz de las gentes, deseando así iluminar a todos los hombres con la claridad del Evangelio que brota del corazón de la Iglesia. La Iglesia lo expresa en la Liturgia de las Horas con estas palabras: "Oh, sol de justicia, a quien la Virgen inmaculada precedía cual aurora luciente, haz que vivamos siempre iluminados por la claridad de tu presencia".

A la VIRGEN, por la luna, que refleja la luz del sol en la oscura noche. La Madre de la Caridad que nos invita siempre a reflejar en la oscuridad de la Fe, la Luz y el Amor que brotan del Hijo Amado.

"El pueblo creyente reconoce en la Iglesia la familia que tiene por madre a la Madre de Dios. Y es en la Iglesia donde confirma su instinto evangélico según el cual María es perpetuo modelo del cristiano, la imagen ideal de la Iglesia" (Puebla 1979). Nunca olvidaré cuando aún pequeño me dormía en los brazos de mi madre y ella me señalaba con su mano la imagen de la Virgen con el Salvador en sus brazos. Aquellas fueron mis primeras catequesis. (San Antonio María Claret usaba estos mismos símbolos).

Al PUEBLO, por la palma, símbolo del escudo de mi patria e invitación bíblica a la perfección: "El justo florecerá como la palma". Con ramos de palma recibió el pueblo al Señor el Domingo de Ramos cantando: "Hosanna al Hijo de David Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor".

La Iglesia canta en la Liturgia de las Horas: "Aclame-mos con palmas de victoria al Señor que viene y salgamos a su encuentro con himnos y cantos, dándole gloria y diciendo: "Bendito eres, Señor".



Un campesino... de corazón

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rección espiritual. Su santo favorito es San Antonio María Claret porque "lo puedo ver en la tierra misma en que nací, recorriendo a caballo las ciudades... También porque vivió tiempos difíciles que le invitaban a retirarse en su palacio... Pero él escogió salir a sembrar el Evangelio".

El nuevo obispo auxiliar dice que no tiene otro pasatiempo que el Evangelio, y le gustaría darlo a todas las gentes. Aunque admira a San Pablo por su espíritu misionero no se le compara con su elocuencia, y hasta dice que más que la teología le atrae la catequesis. En espiritualidad, "hay tantas cosas buenas, que prefiero no casarme con nadie, sino sacar de aquí y allí lo mejor."

Para él son fuente de riqueza continua las catequesis del Papa.

Amante de la Iglesia, sienta que aunque exiliado de Cuba,

nunca se sintió extraño en la Iglesia. Su corazón campesino se alegra al pensar en las imágenes con las que la presenta el Concilio Vaticano II. Son las imágenes de la vida en el campo: el redil, la grey, la labranza o arada de Dios, la viña... "Con esas imágenes quién no es capaz de comprender a la Iglesia," dice.

El mismo predica siempre con ejemplos sencillos tomados de la vida de cada día. En todos ellos siempre se trasluce un matiz mariano. Porque en el corazón y en la mente de este nuevo obispo auxiliar de Miami, la Madre de Dios ocupa lugar especial.

Al preguntarle a él qué advocación de la Virgen es su preferida, él responde con gracejo: "No me importa como usted me la presente, ya sea Guadalupe, Regla, o la Inmaculada, son retratos bien lindos de mi madre, y a cualquiera yo le daría el beso".



El joven seminarista Agustín Román con su familia al empezar filosofía en el Seminario (1955) Junto a él su hermana Iraida y su hermano Nivaldo, sus padres Rosendo y Juana.

Bp. Nevins Biography

Birthplace and Date: New Rochelle, New York, on January 19th, 1932.

Schools Attended: Primary and Secondary: Blessed Sacrament Grammar and Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle, N.Y.; College: Iona College in New Rochelle; Catholic U. of America in Washington, D.C. (B.A. in Philosophy); four years of Theology at Catholic University, as well as a Fifth Year of Pastoral Theology.

Ordination: June 6th 1959 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Degrees: M.S.W. from the School of Social Service at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. (Member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers).

Assignments:

Assistant Pastor: Immaculate Conception in Hialeah; St. Mary's Cathedral; Saint Hugh Church in Coconut Grove; Residency: St. Michael the Archangel Church; Saint Patrick's Church in Miami Beach; Catholic Home for Children in Perrine; Boystown of Florida; St. Brendan's Church in Miami

Administrator: Church of Saint Lawrence in North Miami Beach; Saint Louis Church in Miami (Pastor)

Vicar Econome: Sacred Heart Church in Homestead; Blessed Trinity in Miami Springs

Other Positions:

Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities (1970-1975)

Moderator, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (1964-1967)

Moderator, Guild of Catholic Policemen and Firemen of Greater Miami (1963-67 & 1969-78)

Director, Special Education of the Archdiocese (1969-1975)

Member of the Board of Consultors of the Archdiocese (1969-1971)

Member of the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese (1965-57)

Personal Representative and Coordinator for the Archbishop for the Annual's Bishop's Charities Drive (1969-1972)

Director of Boystown of Florida (1970-72)

Archdiocesan Director, Campaign for Human Development (1970)

Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy (1976-78)

Chairman, Archdiocesan Personnel Board (1976-to present)

Archdiocesan Director of Vocations (1976-to present)

President of the Priests Senate (1975-77)

Moderator, Serra Club of Miami

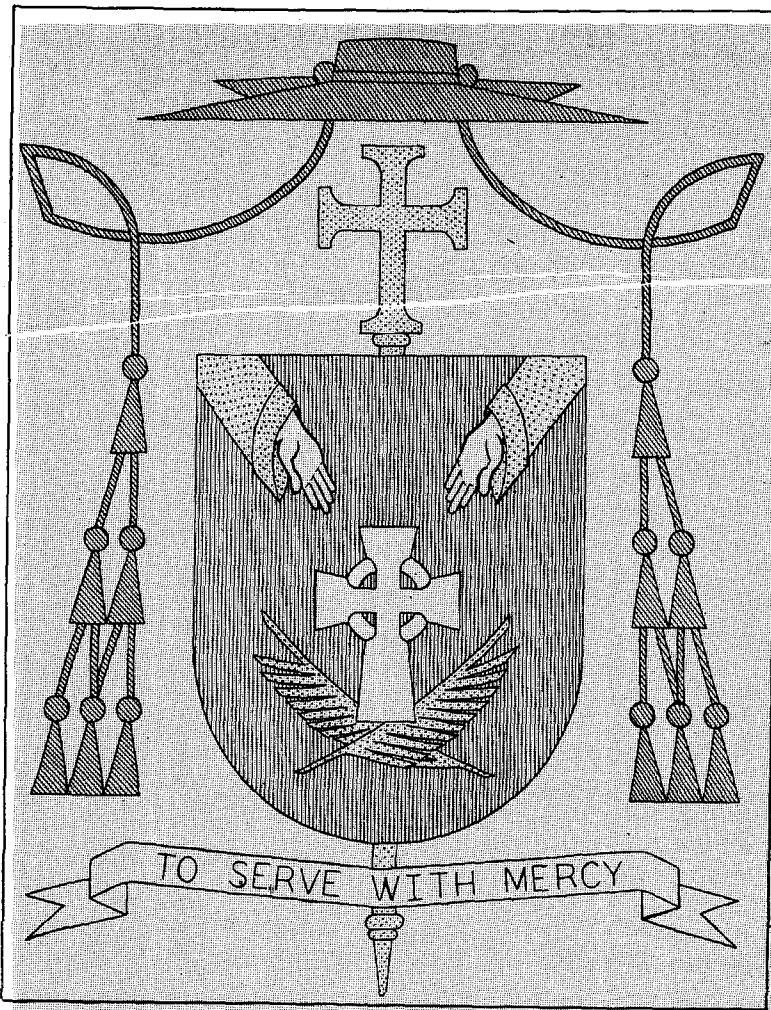
Archbishop's Representative to St. John Vianney Minor Seminary (1974-75)

Rector, Saint John Vianney College Seminary (1975-to present)

Named a Domestic Prelate by Pope Paul VI with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor on 1-25-74.



Notable Model—This 1940 Saturday Evening Post front page by celebrated artist Norman Rockwell, had a famous Miamian as one of its models: 9 year-old John J. Nevins peeks out right under the date April 27, 1940.



BISHOP NEVINS' Coat of Arms (left) pays tribute to various points of religion, family and belief. In full color portrayal, the shield is red, honoring the Spanish speaking of the diocese. On the red field is a silver Keltic cross, the cross a universal symbol of Christianity, the silver to reflect the light of truth of our redemption by Christ, the Keltic style cross to represent Irish culture, religion and the Bishop's Irish ancestry. The cross sits on two gold palm branches, one from the arms of the family Nevins, honoring his parents, and the other branch from the arms of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Two silver hands in gold sleeves extend a welcome, Bishop Nevins' main theme, that of the Prodigal Son who was welcomed with mercy and love as in the Bishop's motto "To Serve With Mercy." The shield is completed with a processional cross extending above and below and the green pontifical hat and 12 tassels signifying the rank of bishop.

On the Bishop's staff (right) is carved a symbol of the Immaculate Conception, patronness of the United States.

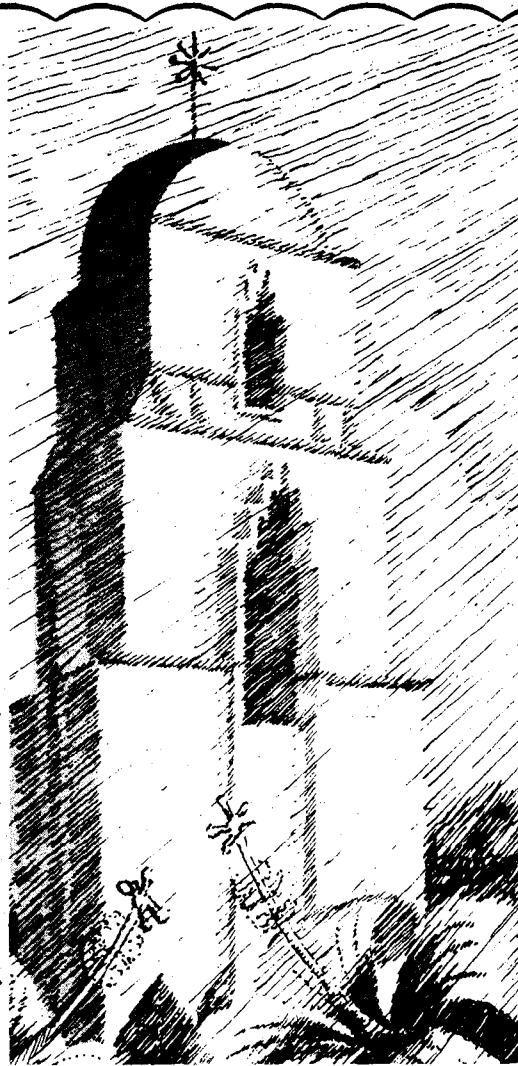


Congratulations

and prayerful best wishes
to Bishop John J. Nevins
and Bishop Agustin Roman



The Parishioners and Pastor of
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Plantation Key



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*with the assurance
of our thoughts,
our warm regard
and our prayers...*

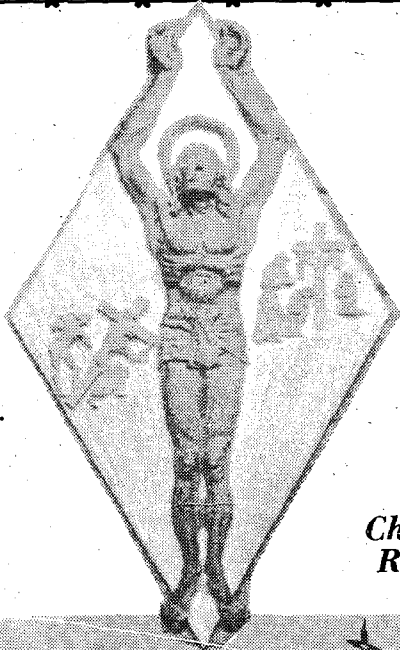
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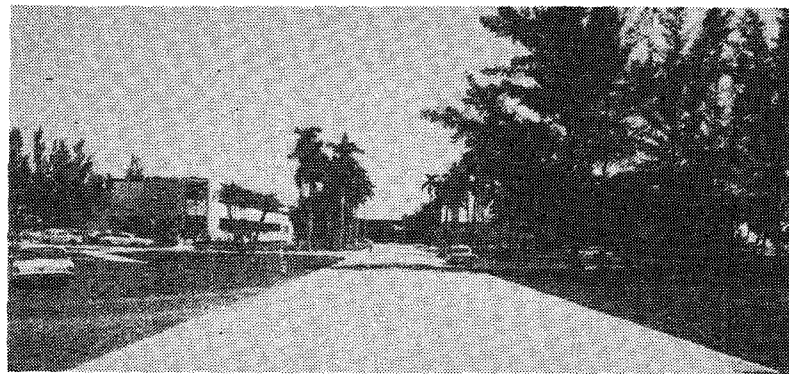
"Blessings..."

For you I am
a bishop,
and with you
I am a Christian".

— St. Augustine

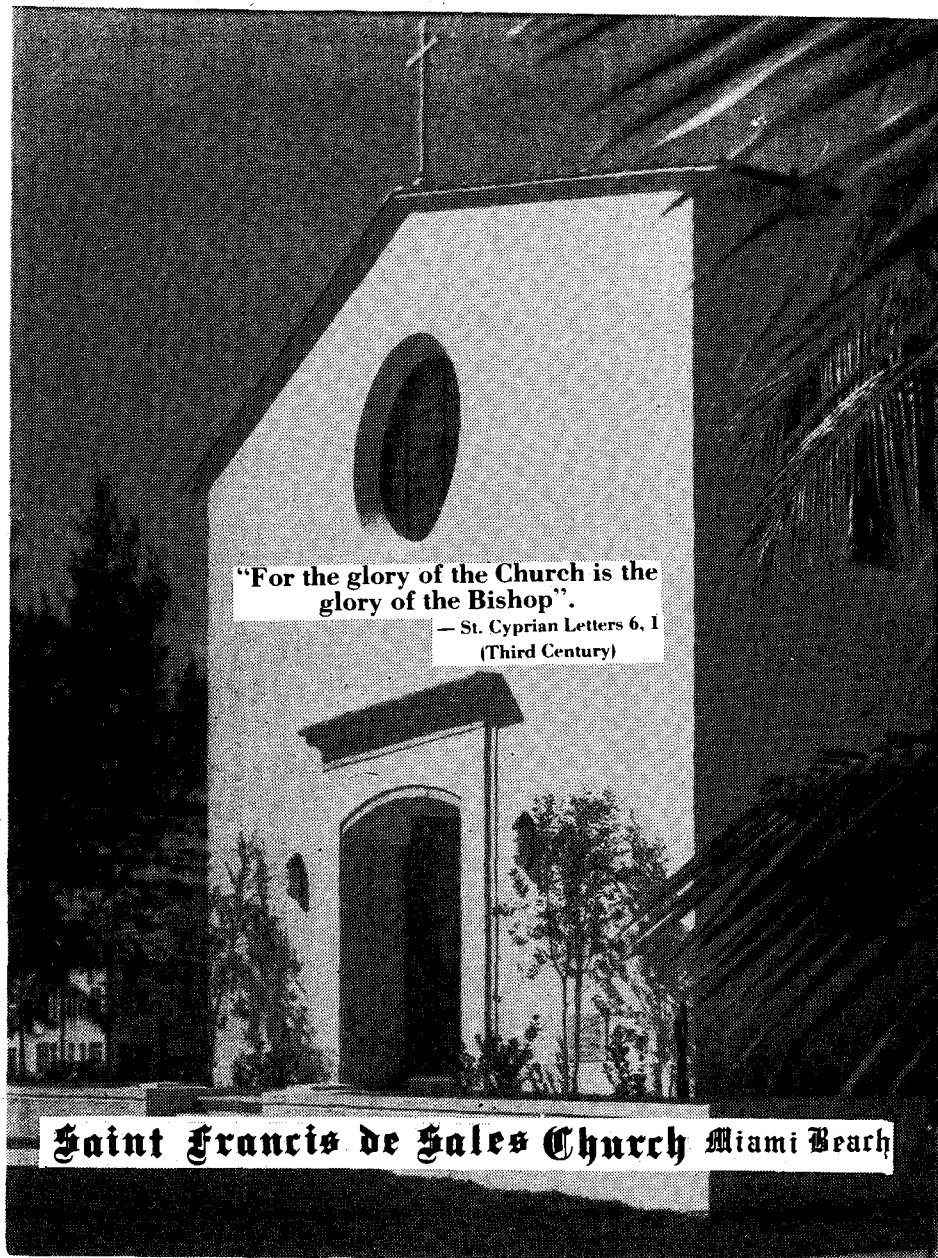


*Church of The
Resurrection
Dania*



The Administration, Faculty and students of Immaculata - La Salle High School rejoice with the Church of Miami on the occasion of the ordination of **Msgr. John J. Nevins** and **Msgr. Agustin Roman** as Auxiliary Bishops. We pray to the Lord that He grant to them the wisdom and strength of His grace.

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"For the glory of the Church is the glory of the Bishop".
 — St. Cyprian Letters 6, 1
 (Third Century)

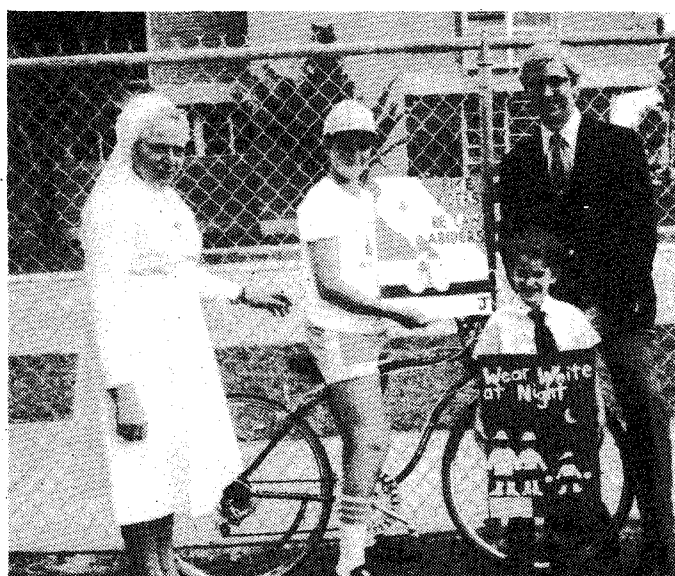
Saint Francis de Sales Church Miami Beach

"I must proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is what I was sent to do."

— Luke 4:43
 Jerusalem Bible

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"The Lord appointed a further seventy-two and sent them in pairs before Him..."

We offer our prayers and support to Monsignor John J. Nevins and Monsignor Augustin Roman on their elevation.

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¡Felicidades!

BISHOP AUGUSTIN ROMAN AND BISHOP JOHN NEVINS.



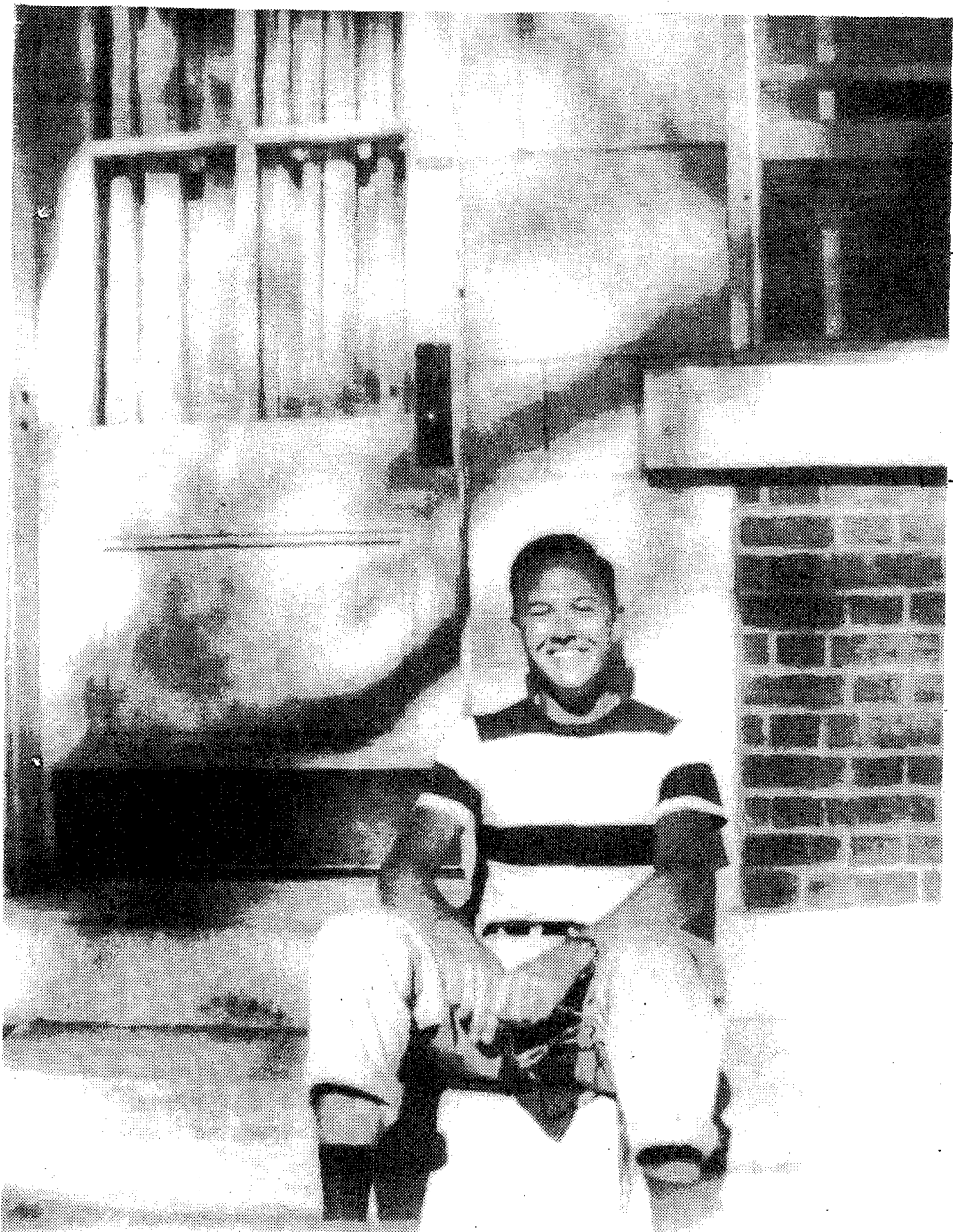
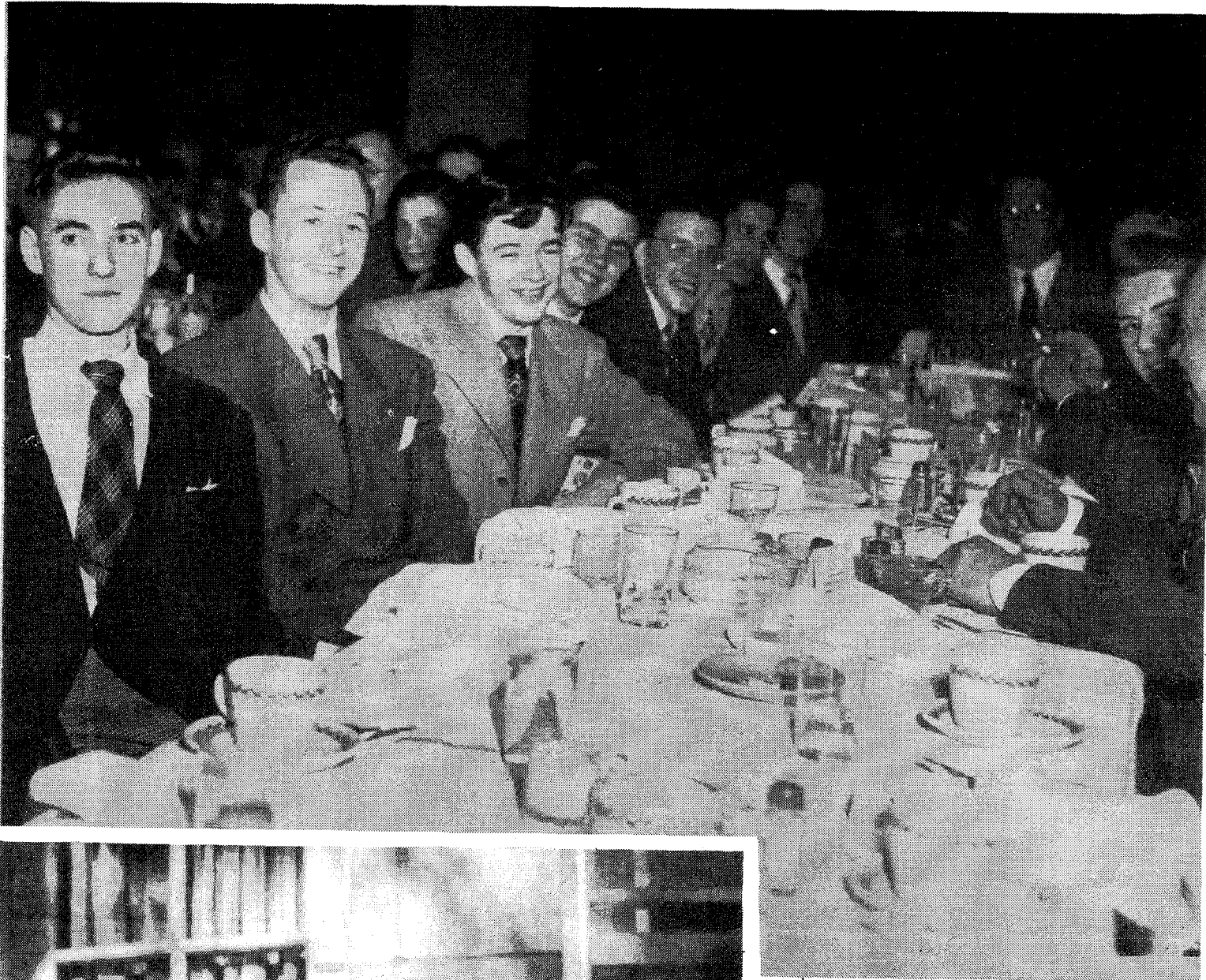
"The whole body of believers was united in heart and soul ...while the Apostles bore witness with great power to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (Acts. 4).

St. Brendan Parish

Miami, Florida

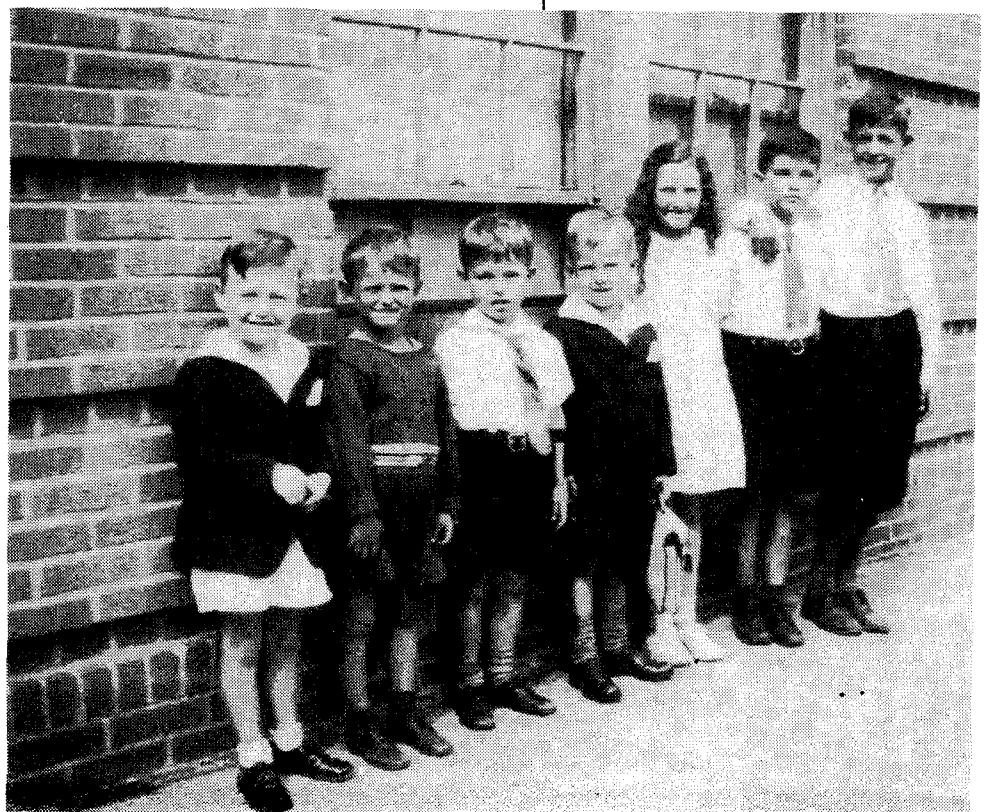
'TWENTY FIVE YEARS YOUNG'

The Bishop was once a boy...



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The meaning of the Episcopacy

In all of Christian literature, there is perhaps no writer who is more eloquent in explaining the meaning of the Episcopacy than St. Ignatius of Antioch (50-110 A.D.) In his famous seven letters, one finds not merely a precious legacy of early Christian literature, but also an exposition of the whole system of Christian doctrine as we know it today.

These letters of Ignatius (himself Bishop of Antioch) reveal a three-fold theme in regard to the office of Bishop: the Bishop as representing most perfectly Christ, the Head of the Mystical Body which is the Church; the unity of life and worship of Christians with that of their Bishop; and finally, the respect and filial obedience due the Bishop.

"OBSVIOUSLY," says St. Ignatius, referring to the Bishop (Ephesians 6), "anyone whom the Master of the household puts in charge of his domestic affairs ought to be received by us with the same spirit as He who has charged him with this duty. Plainly, then, one should look upon the Bishop as upon the Lord Himself." Elsewhere in his letter, Ignatius insists on the respect due the presbytery and the deacons, but for him, it is the Bishop who represents Christ par excellence.

A diocese is like a human body. The Head of the Body is the Risen Christ whose place is taken among us by the Bishop, the High Priest of the new temple which is the Cathedral Church. St. Ignatius writes how he accounts those as "happy who are as closely knit to (the

we function as Christians, we do so only in union with our Bishop. The clergy perform their function only on delegation from him, as the Bishop obviously cannot be everywhere at once. And when the People of God perform their functions, primarily when they assist at



Msgr. Nevins in procession with the late Archbishop Carroll.

Bishop) as the Church is to Jesus Christ and as Jesus Christ is to the Father!" As a result, he says, "the symphony of unity is perfect."

It is clear then, that when

the Eucharist celebration, they, too, are doing so only in conjunction with the one Eucharist of their Bishop. The Vatican Council II had this to say on Bishops:

As lawful successors of the apostles and as members of the episcopal college, bishops should always realize that they are linked one to the other, and should show concern for all the churches. For by divine institution and the requirement of their apostolic office, each one in concert with his fellow bishops is responsible for the Church. They should be especially concerned about those parts of the world where the Word of God has not yet been proclaimed or where, chiefly because of the small number of priests, the faithful are in danger of departing from the precepts of the Christian life, and even loving the faith itself.

"LET BISHOPS, therefore, make every effort to have the faithful actively support and promote works of evangelization and the apostolate. Let them strive, moreover, to see to it that suitable sacred ministers as well as assistants, both religious and lay, are prepared for the missions and other areas suffering from a lack of clergy. As far as possible, they should also arrange for some of their own priests to go to such missions or dioceses to exercise the sacred ministry permanently or at least for a set period of time.

"Moreover, in administering ec-

clesiastical assets, bishops should think not only of the needs of their own dioceses, but of other ones as well, for these too are part of the one Church of Christ. Finally in proportion to their means, bishops should give attention to relieving the disasters which afflict other dioceses and regions.

"Above all, let them unite themselves in brotherly affection with those bishops who, for the sake of Christ, are harassed by false accusations and by restrictions, detained in prisons, or prevented from exercising their ministry. They should take an active fraternal interest in them so that their sufferings may be assuaged and alleviated through the prayers and good works of their confreres."

In this diocese we should thank God for our Archbishop, for the peace and unity he gives his flock. We should also thank God for the gift of our new Bishops: John J. Nevins and Agustin A. Roman. In praying for them, it is also for the whole Church that we pray, not only as individuals, but as the People of God.

AS IGNATIUS reminds us: "If the prayer of one or two has such great efficacy, how much more then that of the Bishop and the entire Church!" (Ephesians 6).

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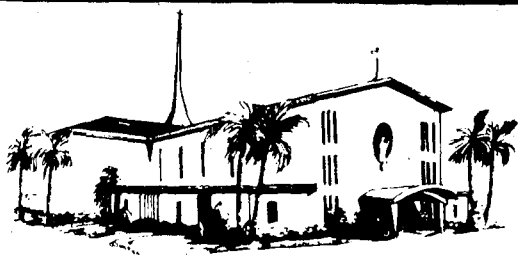
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IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNESTINE A. HILLY Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of ERNESTINE A. HILLY, deceased, File Number 79-1818, is pending in the Circuit Court for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 73 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. The personal representative of the estate is JOSEPH H. MURPHY whose address is 1830 Ponce de Leon Boulevard Coral Gables, Florida. The name and address of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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By: JOSEPH H. MURPHY As Personal Representative of the Estate of ERNESTINE A. HILLY Deceased

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: JOSEPH H. MURPHY 1830 Ponce de Leon Boulevard Coral Gables, Florida 33134 445-2551 3/23/79 3/30/79

1-LEGAL NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE #79-1040

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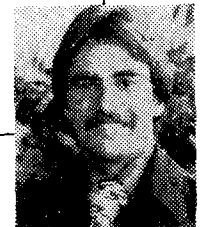
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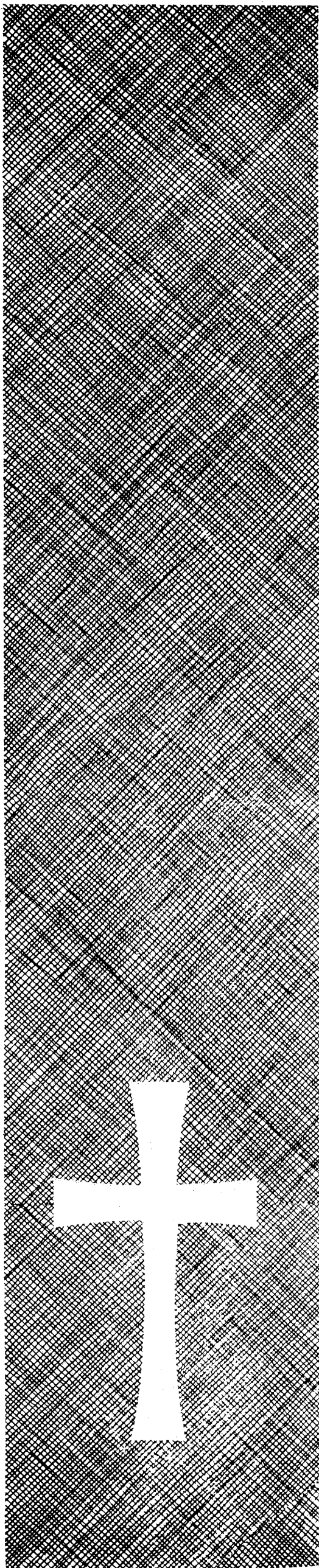
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