

Archbishop at Easter

My beloved priests, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese of Miami:

On this Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, I offer you my joyful and affectionate greetings and blessings.

This is a very special time of celebration and thanksgiving and togetherness for us who are earnestly trying to live out in our times the new way of life created for us when the Lord died for our sins and rose for our justification.

At Easter time we recall an event that is not merely of historical interest. We recall an incredible miracle that goes far beyond proving that Jesus was authentic. At Easter we celebrate the events that have given us our very spiritual life and our future destiny. Easter is as significant for us as the day we were born. Easter marks the opening of a new world for mankind.

Easter, of course, was not a one-time event, not an ending but a beginning. It must ever reverberate through history. And at this time, in South Florida, keeping alive the transformation of the world that Jesus' Resurrection brought depends on us, on you and on me.

At this joyful Season of New Life, may I lovingly call on you to recommit yourselves to Jesus, under Mary's intercession, to your own spiritual growth and that of your family, to living faithfully the demands of the Gospel in relations with your neighbors.

Much of the misery in our personal and family lives, and in our society, would be relieved if we were more faithful to the Gospel of the Risen Saviour, if we refused to cede our world to the dismal forces of secularism and materialism that are so evident today in entertainment, business, politics, education and human relations.

As the early Christians, urged on by the word and grace and love of God, challenged and transformed their world, we must redeem our world of creeping neo-paganism by fidelity to our calling as bearers of the Gospel.

I sincerely believe that the Lord is giving us at this time a taste of the spirit of new life of Easter. Thank God, renewed interest in the Faith seems to be growing in our Archdiocese.

May each of us according to our own opportunities recommit ourselves at this Easter time. And I would ask that you invite relatives and friends who may have become indifferent to consider, at this Holy Feast, returning to the happy, active living of their Faith.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami



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Archbishop asks alienated Catholics to come back

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy has issued the following statement urging alienated Catholics to return to the Church, especially at Easter time:

"We all know that here in South Florida there are a number of moral problems which remain un-resolved — drug and alcohol abuse, breakup of family life, sexual aberrations, neglect of the poor and the elderly, white collar crimes, racial tensions, a general sense of loneliness among so many people, and many other difficulties.

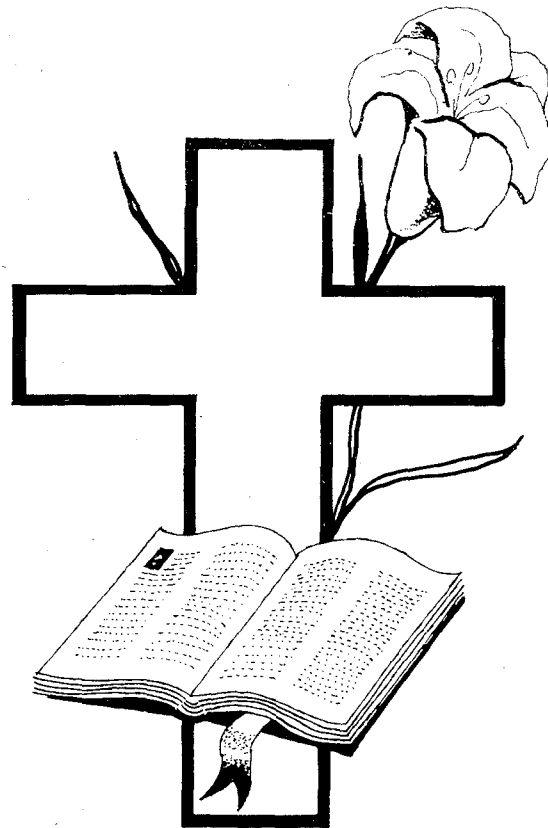
"But let us be realistic:

just about all of these problems reflect only one thing: a falling away from practicing faith in God, and obedience to His Ten Commandments.

"We are now in a holy time for both Jews and Christians— Passover and Easter— when God Himself came into human history to promise His abiding love for us and forgiveness to those who will re-form their lives. This is, therefore, a time for hope and new peace in every human heart.

"I urge all of you, especially if you have drifted

away from the Lord, if your life has become flat and meaningless, to come back to God now, to find a new life. You owe it to yourself. You owe it to God, Who created you and has never stopped loving you. Come back to Church during this weekend of God's reconciliation. Come back home to your roots, where you will find love and new friends. We have missed you. Do not be afraid. We want you to come back home. Let us join together, during this Holy Week, as one family—in prayer, in love, and in peace."



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Sherry Interviews Carter

By GERARD E. SHERRY.

(Sherry, executive editor of *The Voice*, was among a group of newspaper executives from the West Coast and South invited to The White House April 6.

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Tuition tax credits, prayer in public schools, human rights, and Palestinian autonomy were topics discussed by President Carter at an interview in the Cabinet Room of the White House.

The president denied reneging on campaign promises to support tax relief for parents of private school students.

"I HAVE always been concerned about the constitutional prohibition against the mixing of church and state and pointed out frequently during the campaign what we had done in Georgia when I was governor.

"We authorized a direct



President Carter

allocation of state funds to the colleges of Georgia, both private and public, on a per capita basis, beginning, I think, with \$400 per student, increasing it while I was governor to \$600 per student," Carter said.

"So there are some elements of aid to private colleges of which I strongly

approve. But to see a substantial amount of very limited funds for education going outside the public education system, I thought and still believe has been in error.

"This would have been an extremely costly proposal to the federal budget. And my objection was on that basis and not on constitutional grounds," he said.

ON THE QUESTION of school prayer, Carter said: "The Constitution, I think, has been interpreted by the Supreme Court in such a way that students should not feel a constraint to pray while they are in a public school. As a Baptist, not as particularly a president, I agree with that. I think that prayer should be a private matter between a person and God.

"There are constraints that are placed on students other than ordering a child to pray. If everyone else in the classroom is engaged in public prayer and doing it volun-

tarily, for a young seven or eight-year-old child to demand the right to leave the room is a difficult question to answer.

"But in general, I think the government ought to stay out of the prayer business and let it be between a person and God and not let it be part of a school program under any tangible constraints, either a direct order to a child to pray or an embarrassing situation where the child would feel constrained to pray. It is a difficult question to answer," Carter said.

The president defended his human rights policy in answer to critics of his new lease base pact with the Marcos government in the Philippines. The critics allege the Marcos regime is oppressive.

"WE HAVE made the human rights issue arguments as strongly as we could possibly make them with the Marcos government to the extent of even straining our relations with the Philippine

government. This has been done at the top level by me and also by others who work in the State Department itself.

"I don't think that our displeasure with meeting American-type standards on human rights protection ought to interfere with our consummating this agreement," Carter said.

The president extended his human rights theme, saying "I think for us to raise the banner of being deeply committed to human rights has been and has had an enlightening effect on the rest of the world."

"I think it has also reminded the American people about our own nation's principles and sometimes the arguments with the totalitarian regime that has several thousand people in jail without trial and without any charge, these arguments have made vivid in the minds of Americans that we are indeed better, or different— I think

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Pope takes tough line on laicization

By JERRY FILTEAU

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II strongly reconfirmed celibacy for Latin-Rite priests. In a major document he also indicated that he will not easily grant laicizations, dispensations from priestly life.

The document is a papal letter addressed "to all the priests of the church on the occasion of holy Thursday 1979." In it the pope said objections raised against priestly celibacy are based on criteria "whose 'anthropological' correctness and basis in fact are seen to be very dubious and of relative value."

The Latin Church continues to wish "that all those who receive the sacrament of orders should embrace this renunciation (of marriage) for the sake of the kingdom of heaven," the letter said.

In a shorter companion letter addressed to the world's bishops, the pope stressed "the brotherly communion of the whole of the church's episcopal college or 'body.'"

He asked bishops to intensify their unity with priests of their dioceses and urged "every possible effort"

to encourage new vocations to the priesthood.

BOTH LETTERS were linked in their titles to holy Thursday (April 12), the day on which priests renew their promises to their bishops, and bore April 8 (Palm Sunday) as the date of issuance. The letters were made public April 9.

In the 35-page letter to priests, the pope also placed strong emphasis on lifelong fidelity to the priestly vocation.

"It is a matter here of keeping one's word to Christ and the church," he said.

He rejected laicization as an easy answer to a crisis in one's vocation, but the words of the text do not rule out all possibilities of granting laicizations. The pope did not say what he will do with laicization requests, but his words indicated a tough line will be taken.

Laicization is a papal dispensation freeing a priest from his priestly duties and returning him to the lay state.

He urged priests to call on their resources of faith and prayer in moments of crisis "and not have recourse to a dispensation, understood as

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Pope John Paul II issued letters urging great unity and brotherhood between bishops and priests this week, just days after Brother Henry Lemocelli (standing center) and Hector Gonzalez-Abreu (kneeling) were ordained to the priesthood last Saturday in the Cardinal Newman High School gym by Archbishop McCarthy. At this point in the rite the men make vows of obedience and loyalty to the Archbishop.

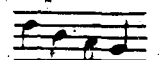
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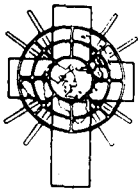
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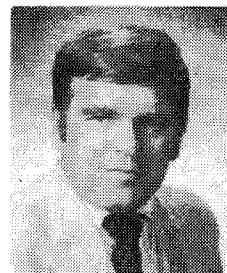
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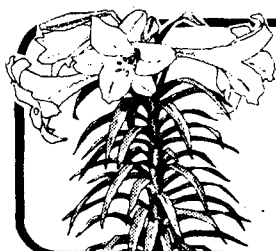
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Jesus unsuccessful in worldly terms

By FATHER JAMES V. SCHALL, S.J.

Good Friday is an awesome day. No other day requires of us the same kind of silence, aloneness. We fast almost by instinctive forgetfulness because we are absorbed in listening to John's account of Jesus' death.

Sometimes we can listen quietly to Bach's "St Matthew's Passion" or even the one based on John. We share in the special emptiness of the church when it is stripped at the end of the Mass of the pre-sanctified. Somehow we always feel that this all ought not to have turned out in quite the way it did. We are not wholly wrong in this. Christianity is not a determinism, but choice and counter-choice, so other ways were once possible, as Scripture has always implied.

THE HOLY WEEK liturgy recalls that lovely ancient refrain: "Christus

factus est obediens, obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis," Christ was obedient, obedient even up to death, to the very death of the cross. And this obedience seemed to lead to a kind of failure, to unsuccess.

Christ was an unsuccessful man in a way, an unusual way to be read. And we must speak discreetly of him, for it is not easy to recount his trial before the judgment seat, so clearly unjust, to judge who is responsible, who not. Christianity, however, does not allow us, even now, to sit by and watch. We were there, and somewhere amidst the crowds and principal participants.

When we look at the Calvary scene of Good Friday, we cannot but be startled that disappointment must have dogged the enterprise of God. Unless we think it all some kind of play-acting, — that Jesus really was not there or that he was some kind of

ethereal spirit— we know this shouldn't have happened.

Yet, what are we to conclude in our silent watching— on the fallibility of God, on the untractability of men? How could Christ have been so unsuccessful? God must be a little less than omnipotent, perhaps?

But, as we watch, we know the Christian tradition does not think him unsuccessful. When he cried out at the end that it was consummated, we know he did the will of his Father, that will which chose to redeem us only after the fashion of our freedom.

We watch Pilate there, being told he would have no such authority to execute were it not given him by his Father. We recall the supper the evening before when Jesus told his disciples he was going to his Father. There seems to have been a plan here, a rationale. We each are to be defined by what we think of this crucifixion. But what about the poor African or Chinese or Hindu who never heard of this scene? Yet, we know today there are men and states who work diligently to prevent this scene from being known. Principalities and powers still seem to surround it, for it remains the crucial scene for mankind.

Plato, the greatest of the Greek philosophers, had said, almost prophetically, that if a truly good man ever appeared on this earth, he would be hounded, scourged, gorged

and finally impaled. We can, of course, get angry at this, insist on creating a society in which such an event could not happen. Were we only there, we tell ourselves, it would have been otherwise. Some insist this is the lesson Christ came on earth to teach.

The starkness of Good Friday, like all of Lent, is meant to lead us to the Father. We shall find no other way but Christ's. The unsuccessful man did succeed, but another day is needed for this.

On Good Friday in about 29 A.D., a few minor Roman and Jewish officials put to death one Jesus of Nazareth, a carpenter's son, so it was said, though other claimed he was a king. That is the measure and

texture of his unsuccessfulness.

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and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, 33138 and register them for this workshop no later than Wednesday, April 25 or call 757-6241, Ext. 264 or 265.

To be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister one must have a letter of recommendation from his her pastor and have attended a workshop.

Sherry interviews Carter

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better — in our basic philosophy than those philosophies espoused in some other countries," he said.

CARTER SAID the issue of human rights has been raised to a high degree of intensity and "there are very few leaders in the world, in the 150 countries that now exist, who don't every day or every week have to remind ourselves — including me — to what degree are we violating basic human rights? To what degree are we earning the condemnation of the rest of the world? To what degree are we arousing the animosity or distrust or displeasure or disappointment among our own people because we violate those rights?"

On the question of autonomy for the Palestinians the president said: "As far as direct relations or consultation or negotiations with the PLO (Palestines Liberation Organization) are concerned, we will not do this unless the PLO endorses the United Nations Resolution 242, the basis of all our discussion and the resolution that has been endorsed by all the Arab countries as well as the Israelis and also recognizes Israel's right to exist.

"As long as the PLO's constitution and commitment are dedicated to the destruction of Israel we will not negotiate with them."

As far as the Palestinian people are concerned, Carter said he is eager to see them

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sifying of God's Word; it is by making the truth publicly known that we recommend ourselves to the honest judgment of mankind, as in God's sight. (2 Corinthians 4: 1-2)

He Lives! They Saw Him There

On the night after the sabbath, at the hour when dawn broke on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalen and the other Mary came near to contemplate the tomb. And suddenly there was a great trembling of the earth, because an angel of the Lord came to the place, descending from heaven, and rolled away the stone and sat over it; his face shone like lightning, and his garments were white as snow; so that the guards trembled for fear of him and were like dead men.

But the angel said openly to the women, You need not be afraid; I know well that you have come to look for Jesus of Nazareth, the man who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, as he told you. Come and see the place where the Lord was buried.

You must go in haste, and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead; and now he is going on before you into Galilee

where you shall have sight of him. That is my message to you. Where-upon they left the tomb, in fear and in great rejoicing, and ran to tell the news to his disciples.

And while they were on their way, all at once Jesus met them and said, All hail. With that, they came near to him, and clung to his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, Do not be afraid; go and give word to my brethren to remove into Galilee; they shall see me there.

They had not finished their journey, when some of the guards reached the city, and told the chief priests of all that befell. These gathered with the elders to take counsel, and offered a rich bribe to the soldiers; Let this, they said, be your tale, His disciples came by night and stole him away, while we were asleep. If this should come to the ears of the governor we will satisfy him, and see that no harm comes to

you. The soldiers took the bribe, and did as they were instructed; and this is the tale which has gone abroad among the Jews to this day.

And now the eleven disciples took their journey into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had bidden them meet him. When they saw him there, they fell down to worship; though some were still doubtful.

But Jesus came near and spoke to them; All authority in heaven and on earth, he said, has been given to me; you therefore, must go out, making disciples of all nations, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all the commandments which I have given you. And behold I am with you all through the days that are coming, until the consummation of the world.

MATTHEW

Letters to the Editor

On anti-Catholicism

To the Editor:

I have been saddened to read continuing reports of anti-Catholicism published in your newspaper, as well as in other Catholic newspapers. I wonder whether it is advisable to print such news at this time. It may instill unnecessary fear and suspicion among non-Catholics. I know of many good people of all faiths (on Miami Beach) who are working together to promote peace and understanding among the three predominant faiths: Jewish-Catholic-Protestant.

As a student of sociology, I came across the following paragraph from a book entitled: The American Catholic, c1977:

"Anti-Catholic mythology is not as pernicious as racist, anti-semitic, or sexist mythology. It does little

direct harm to the overwhelming majority of American Catholics, affecting directly only those well-educated

Catholics who aspire to enter into positions in the national, elite-dominated institutions."

Unfortunately, I have had the misfortune to hear anti-Semitic, anti-Black and anti-Latin remarks by parishioners in both the Protestant and Catholic churches (in Dade County and elsewhere.)

Prejudice still exists and does not exclude anyone who does not conform to the white, middle-class image. Catholics need not feel that they are any more discriminated against than any other group of Americans.

Leslie Anne Cadeen
Miami Beach

Bingo equals Money

To the Editor

In response to, "Named withheld" in The Voice dated March 30, it is obvious that this person is a Biblical scholar. I looked up the mentioned passages in Genesis and the first letters of Genesis 6:14-19, 7:5-22, and 15:15 did indeed spell M-O-N-E-Y. While Bingo was not

speeled out per se; in our present time Bingo is synonymous with money.

How appropriate to find M-O-N-E-Y spelled out in Genesis, because this is where Adam and Eve are mentioned and of course their most serious sin. Our human Weakness of greed is the result of that first sin and of course it is still with us today. Gambling is fed by this weakness and Bingo although seemingly an innocent social get-together, is nothing but rationalized gambling.

Jesus made it clear in Matthew 6:24 when he said, "No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money." The question is as Catholic Christians, who is it we will serve! Let us hope it will not be MONEY or its synonym.

John J. Prentice
Miramar

To fight hunger

To the Editor:

In a recent Letters to the Editor column, the problem of world hunger was addressed by a member of the Hunger Project, an organization which is raising awareness of the plight of the hundreds of millions of human beings who are malnourished.

Following upon a realization of this situation in a world which has the technology and the resources to solve the problem, comes a desire to do something effective to improve conditions. Acting in concert with others who are working to influence public policy realting to hunger can be very effective. The impact Bread for the World has had on legislation in the five years of its existence bears witness to this.

Bread for the World is a Christian citizens' movement whose members seek government policies that address the basic causes of hunger. Its major focus for 1979 is the revision of foreign aid legislation to promote greater self-reliance on the part of developing countries. As bill with this as its purpose, which the BFW staff helped to draft, has been introduced into the House with five cosponsors. Congressmen should be urged to support this measure (HR 2705).

The monthly BFW Newsletter provides timely information and mobilizes concerted action on hunger issues throughout the country. Bread for the World is now organized in Miami by Congressional Districts and there is an active unit at Barry College. A city-wide seminar on hunger will be held in the Barry College Library building on Sunday, April 22, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. The public is invited. For more information call 895-1856 after 5:00 PM. Speakers are available for parish organizations.

We can respond to hunger of such massive proportions by assuming responsibility to do what we can, which is more than most of us realize. What more powerful motivation could there be than His words, "I was hungry and you gave Me to eat"

Sister Ann Bernard Goeddeke, O.P.
Miami

Praises prison show

To the Editor:

As Secretary and editor of the newsletter for the Fort Lauderdale parent group known as The Lifeline for Children, Inc., I wish to commend you for your newspaper's recommendation of "Scared Straight", which appeared on Channel 6, Sunday evening on March 11th.

I watched the program in it's entirety including the talk shows both before and after with four of my teenagers and it was hard to tell who was more impressed, the kids or myself.

In this year of 1979 which has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of The Child, one would be hard-pressed to find a more meaningful or successful program to benefit teenage offenders that the one instituted and run by "The Lifers Group" of Rahway State Prison in New Jersey.

For the benefit of any who might have missed this program, will there be any chance of seeing it again the near future?

As concerned parents, if there would be any way for us to lend our support to initiating a program of this type for juvenile offenders in the States of Florida, please let us know.

Wilma Dorsey
Plantation



Resurrection a matter of proofs, faith

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

"Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will arise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before."

So spoke the enemies of Jesus after they had watched his burial and the great stone rolled in front of the tomb. For some hours they had greedily tasted the sweetness of their victory. It was almost too complete to be true...And yet in the midst of the gleeful chortling and backslapping congratulations, there came the chilling memory of a few nonsensical words, "After three days...."

Even in death they feared him. As the hours slipped by the echo of his prediction took the edge off their celebration. A ridiculous prophecy, of course, but a man cannot be too careful. The stakes are too high. No tricks can be allowed.

However, if they could only have witnessed what was going on in those hours among the apostles, they would have been deeply comforted. The apostles were huddled in the upper room in fear and disillusionment. Tricks or fakes were the last things they thought of. A

counter plot idea probably would have given Peter, who had sliced the ear off Malchus, a worse case of shakes. They were all too stunned to think at all, much less about future plans. The present was so blurred. How did it all happen?

With the last breath of Christ, their hopes, built so high, had drifted away. Gone were the dreams of the new kingdom. Their three year intensive preparation had no meaning now. Nothing made sense. Without Jesus, they numbly realized, there was no truth to teach, no light to spread, no strength to impart, no reason to live.

HOW COULD it have happened! So often he had confounded his enemies and easily avoided their vindictive hands. A mere word from him had given sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf. The motion of his finger had stilled the wild waters of the sea? Where did his power go so suddenly?

And the promises? The promises...how idiotic they sounded now... My kingdom is not of this world...I am come that you may have life and have it more abundantly...He that believes in me, although he be dead, shall live...I will raise him up in the last day...I and the Father are one...Take courage, I have overcome the world..."

Great and mighty claims. But

they made sense when miracle upon miracle indicated he had power over nature, over life and death, the very power of God. His enemies were never satisfied with all the evidence. "Teacher, we would see a sign from you," they kept challenging him.

And then came the solemn promise, the most shocking of all that had gone before. "the Son of Man will be in heart of the earth three days and three nights." After three days...

I suppose we will never understand the fact that while the enemies of the Lord paid strict attention to this astonishing prophecy, the apostles seemed to have ignored or forgotten it. And while the leaders of the people acted on it and took all precautions, the apostles continued to brood in an atmosphere of despair.

Then, Sunday morning. As suddenly as he had called Lazarus back to life a few days earlier, so Jesus came forth from the tomb. The news spread like lightning in an evening sky.

NOTE AGAIN the amazing contrast between Jesus' friends and enemies. The guards were bribed to lie that the apostles had stolen the body, while they slept. Astonishing as it is, the Jewish leaders did NOT DENY the Fact of the Resurrection.

On the other hand, the apostles

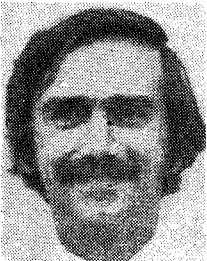
brushed off the first reports about the risen Lord as a foolish imaginings of some of the women. They dismissed the ecstatic testimony of Mary Magdalen as hysteria. The story of the two disciples who met Jesus on the way to Emmaus that very day did nothing to convince them.

The sign the enemies had asked for was given. The final sign. The unquestionable sign. They witnessed the power of God, power belonging only to God. They saw death conquered for the first time. The unbeliever's challenge had been accepted and answered. Still they refused to believe.

But all those whose hopes were founded on Jesus came to believe, as did countless millions in generations thereafter.

Thus the pattern of faith was set for all time. The person who closes his mind against Jesus Christ will not believe, no matter what the proof. NO matter what he sees or hears. The one who is determined to believe cannot believe. He has eyes that see not, ears that hear not.

However, to the sincere, open-minded person, belief in the Resurrection is based on such solid, unshaken proofs that he finds in it full confirmation of faith, the rebirth of hope and the everlasting reason for love.



Florida Knights say it with roses

By DICK CONKLIN

Why does a club or organization sometimes "catch fire" with zeal for a particular cause while others don't? What makes the members of a group unite behind a charity, or a project, or a national movement—with their time, energy, and financial backing? Perhaps the answer lies partly in the stated goals of the organization, but maybe more so within the individuals themselves.

A good example is the Knights of Columbus and the pro-life cause. Sure, you expect a Catholic fraternal society to support the right to life. But when a council gets squarely behind the effort to save babies—by directly helping a local pregnancy counselling service and the county pro-life chapter, that's involvement.

The Santa Maria Council, No. 4999 in Riviera Beach, invited a concerned couple to speak at one of their meetings seven years ago. That couple, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Maraist, were worried about a new nationwide effort then underway to legalize abortion on demand, and it had already surfaced in Florida. The Maraist's, a doctor and nurse familiar with pre-natal and post-natal child development, wanted the Knights to know what was happening. They showed some slides

that night— some interesting, like the one of the baby sucking his thumb while in his mother's womb, and some horrifying—the scenes of abortion.

The Maraist's got a check from Council 4999 that night—for \$1,000. That money helped the new Right to Life chapter in Palm Beach County get started, and some of it went to another local service called Lifeline, a group of volunteers who counsel distressed women over the telephone and often in person—and save babies.

But it didn't end there. Grand Knight Ed Joyce took the Maraist's around to other councils. They were invited to speak at the state-wide K of C convention the following year—right after the devastating Supreme Court decision. The pro-life program became a yearly event, and in each succeeding year the council has again matched the \$1000 for the unborn.

Recently the Maraist's (Mary Ann is now Florida Right to Life President) and several other pro-life leaders were on hand to accept check no. 7 from the Santa Maria Council—"Lucky seven" as Ed Joyce, now a district deputy, called it. "If this little council (240 members) can give

a thousand, imagine what some of the others can do!" The guest speaker that night was Col. Robert DeMarcellus, author and speaker on population matters, who described some of the current and future effects abortion is having on society. Also present to accept the gift was Ann Marie Luchese, the current Lifeline President, and her father, council Grand Knight Ray Bornemann. Attending from Boca Raton was Joe Massarella, editor of the Florida K of C News, and Don Raymond, Miami Beach, the Knight's General Program Chairman.

RAYMOND WAS also one of many K of C leaders present at the recent pro-life pilgrimage staged at St. Leo's College near Lakeland. The Knights worked with other pro-life organizations, the Catholic Council of Women, and the many parish Respect Life committees to plan a special rally and Mass, concelebrated by the five bishops of Florida.

The men of the Knights distributed over 4500 little stick-on roses to the people who came. The roses are also a key part of a fundraising campaign led by Florida K of C Pro-Life Chairman Barrett Haulman, Tampa. Haulman has been instrumental in raising money to help

Florida Right to Life and to urge active local participation by members.

Raymond praised Haulman's efforts in raising the consciousness of the Knights to the pro-life cause, including his legislative alerts to each of the state's 96 councils when important bills are under consideration. He emphasized the need for councils to adopt special "pet projects" in need of funding. "Don't just take money from the coffers", Raymond urges the Knights, "That's the easy way out. Hold a dance or a special project specifically for the pro-life cause." He gave as examples the pledge of Dade County councils to pay for a secretary and Broward councils to cover the telephone expense for the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

He again pointed to the success of the rose project. "One night four of us went into a restaurant filled with Shriners. Our waitress asked why we were wearing the roses, and we explained that they were a symbol of life, and we were Knights, all pro-life. 'I've seen those before and wondered what they meant', she said. 'Congratulations to all of you!' When we left there, she was wearing a rose too."

Wives to watch Ordination

By ARACELI CANTERO
Voice Spanish Editor

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla.—Inez Humphreys and her eight children will be looking on as Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy ordains her husband April 29 at 2 p.m..

So will 17 other wives from the Archdiocese. And all of them will know that in spite of the laying of hands by the Archbishop, their husbands are not becoming married priests.

The wives of the first group of Permanent Deacons to be ordained in the Archdiocese, on that day, they will process into the cathedral carrying the vestments to be worn by their husbands, as a symbol of their participation in the ministry of their spouses.

FOR TWO years now, these men have taken part in an intensive training which has required of them attending classes every Friday evening at the Seminary College of St. John Vianney and spending one whole weekend a month at the major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach. The program is bilingual with classes in both English and Spanish.

For most, the training has meant hard work and the sacrifice of other activities. But also a reaffirmation in their call to service.

"I don't think my life or my identity will really change with ordination, said Ray Ortega, from St. Benedict parish in Hialeah." To be a Deacon means to be a servant. It will give me an even deeper commitment to service of my brothers and sisters," he said during the last weekend at the major Seminary, before ordination.

"I've had a happy marriage, but this commitment will be an added dimension to my life," said Gerald Humphreys, of St. David, in Davie, whose eight children range from ages 11 to 34. President of a hospital corporation, his job took him to Houston, Texas, while on the first



Wilbur Rollins studies for Permanent Diaconate while Mrs. Laurette Moncsko, wife of a candidate, also attends session.

We are more concerned about being formally servants than about anything else.



Men from all walks of life to have new roles in service.

year of the Permanent Deacon Program, but he commuted back every Friday not to miss the classes.

"THAT COULD be considered a hardship, but you know, that was the highlight of the week," he said.

"If we were looking for convenience we would have stayed in the Holy Name Society," he added. He believes "the building of community with members of the group, with seminarians and members of the clergy involved in the program has been the most important thing.

While by reason of ordination, Permanent Deacons become part of the clergy, all men in the program expressed little concern about a change in identity.

"We become clergy by ordination but I see it as a legalistic term," said Humphreys. "We are more excited about being formally servants than about anything else.

"People do ask me whether I am lay or cleric, and I always say my name is still Dick Tourigny," said another from St. Luke parish in West Palm Beach. He believes the Deacon has to meet the expectations of the people he serves. "If I am called to a wake service and they are expecting a representative of the Church, I think I should wear a collar," he says.

For Richard Shaw, a grandfather, from St. Timothy's Parish the decision about "our garb should be up to the pastor for whom we work."

In fact all the candidates for the Diaconate have the support of their pastor and it is with them that father David Punch, Director of the Program, has discussed their progress the final contractual assignment and specification of their duties.

"BASICALLY the deacon is called to Christian services, at the behest and direction of the bishop," said Father Lawrence Lyons, S.S.E., from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary and Academic Director of the Program.

"We are trying to capture that spirit by taking advantage of the tremendous variety of gifts and

personalities we have in these men," and according to the needs, in the Archdioceses.

Although existing in the early Church, the Order of Diaconate disappeared in the Middle Ages and was restored in 1967 by Pope Paul VI through an apostolic letter which set down guidelines for the establishment of diaconate programs.

Deacons can distribute communion, baptize, witness marriages, conduct prayer services, preside at funeral and wake services (except for the Mass) and administer sacramentals. In addition to these liturgical functions they have charitable responsibilities to the poor, the sick, the aged, the young, the imprisoned.

"They are, in fact, the Bishop's men," said Father Lyons.

He and Father Punch stressed that the deacon's ministry differs from that performed by lay ministers in that Deacons are affiliated with the hierarchical Church through the permanent character of Sacred Orders.

The Vatican permits American Deacons to be 32 1/2 at the time of ordination. If single then he must take a vow of celibacy. If married when ordained, he remains so, but he cannot remarry should his wife die.

Besides the 18 students which will be ordained April 29, all of them married, there are in the program 11 other students which will start their second year in September. In the future ordination will only take place after completion of the third year.

Before acceptance into the program, applicants must undergo psychological testing, and a personal interview with the Director, and Father Roger Radloff, a priest psychologist of the Archdiocese.

ALL APPLICATIONS and personal records are then reviewed by the Permanent Diaconate Review Board and it is upon recommendation of members of the board that the names are sent to the Archbishop for final approval.

Before ordination the candidates must undergo an oral Canonical Exam, as required by Canon Law, It

is after positive result of the exam that the candidate petitions, to the Archbishop in his own writing, to be called to orders.

"Only when the bishop responds calling each one to Orders, can they be ordained," Father Punch explained. (Questions about the program can be addressed to him at St. Augustine Church 1400 Miller Rod. Coral Gables 33146.)



Future deacons read the Passio while Father David Punch, director, preside.

Candidates to be ordained April 29 are: Jose Alonso, St. Brendan; Manuel Canovaca, St. Michael; Norman Carroll, St. Anthony; (Ft. Lauderdale); Diego Chavez and Rodolfo Padron, St. John Bosco; Tom Gato, St. James; Jorge Gonzalez, St. Agatha Manuel Gonzalez, St. John (Hialeah); Gerald Humphreys, St. David, (Hollywood); Louis Johnson, St. Luke, (Palm Springs); George Mickwee, St. Maurice; Walter Monsko, St. Peter (Naples); Ray Ortega, St. Benedict; Wilbur Rollins, St. Louis; Richard Shaw, St. Timothy; Richard Tourigny, St. Luke, (W. Palm Beach) and Jose Garcia, St. Brendan

Priesthood was called a "Gift of Christ for the community" and celibacy not only theologically important for the kingdom but also has "great social meaning, in the present life, for the service of the people of God."



Pope stresses commitment

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an 'administrative intervention,' when the issue is "a profound question of conscience and a test of humanity."

The pontiff opened his letter by calling all priests "my brothers by virtue of the sacrament of orders."

"For you I am a bishop, with you I am a priest," he said.

HE ASKED priests to re-

read sections of Vatican II documents that highlight the common priesthood of all Christians and the essential difference between this priesthood and the ordained priesthood.

He emphasized church teachings that the priesthood is sacramental, hierarchical and ministerial. The priesthood is a gift for the Christian community which "comes from Christ himself,"

he said.

Because of their "likeness to Christ," the good shepherd," he said, "you priests are expected to have a care and commitment which are far greater and different from those of any lay person."

While noting that priests are engaged in a wide variety of activities, he added that "within all these differences, you are always and everywhere the bearer of your particular vocation."

"And this you can never forget, this you can never renounce, this you must put into practice at every moment, in every place and in every way," he said.

"The priestly personality must be for others a clear and plain sign and indication. This is the first condition for our pastoral service," he added.

The pope urged priests not to succumb to calls to be like other people.

"THOSE WHO call for the secularization of priestly life and applaud its various manifestations will undoubtedly abandon us when we succumb to temptation. We shall then cease to be necessary and popular," he wrote.

He said that priests must be "close to people and all their problems," but he stressed that this must be done "in a priestly way." Priests must be men of prayer and witnesses to "the perspective of eternal salvation" in their service, he added.

The pope called celibacy "a heritage of the Latin Catholic Church, a tradition to which she owes much and in which she is resolved to persevere, in spite of all the difficulties to which such fidelity could be exposed, and also in spite of the various symptoms of weakness and crisis in individual priests."

He insisted that in



treasuring the discipline of celibacy the church is not downgrading the value of marriage or "succumbing to a Manichean contempt for the human body and its functions."

"Celibacy is precisely a 'gift of the Spirit.' A similar though different gift is contained in the vocation to true and faithful married love," the pope said.

He closed by entrusting all priests "to the mother of Christ, who in a special way is our mother: the mother of priests."

Referring to "the wonderful and penetrating dimension of nearness to the mother of Christ" in the priesthood, he added: "I am referring especially to my own personal experience."

IN THE MUCH shorter letter to bishops, eight pages long, the pope said, "the gift of the sacramental fullness of the priesthood is greater than all the toils and also all the sufferings involved in our

pastoral ministry in the episcopate."

Bishops should renew their love for the priests "entrusted to you as the closest collaborators in your pastoral office," said the pope.

"Take care of them like beloved sons, brothers and friends," he continued. "Be mindful of all their needs. Have particular solicitude for their spiritual advancement, for their perseverance in the grace of the sacrament of the priesthood."

He reminded bishops of their unity with the priests in their diocese and their union with the rest of the bishops of the world in the college of bishops.

The pope especially asked bishops to foster vocations. "The full reconstitution of the life of the seminaries throughout the church will be the best proof of the achievement of the renewal to which the (Second Vatican) Council directed the church," he said.



read the Passion at the Chapel of the Major Seminary on Palm Sunday, I Punch, director of the program, and Fr. Lawrence Lyons, academic di-



Manuel Canovaca, is warmly greeted after receiving the Order of Acolyte recently, a step towards becoming a permanent deacon.



Migrants of the Delray Beach area process to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church behind Bishop Agustin Roman who lead the group on cries of "Hosanna" and "Long live Jesus Christ," on Palm Sunday.

St. Brendan's Family Festival

The Family Day Festival at St. Brendan's, Sunday, April 22, this year has special meaning for parishioners of the church. Public announcement of the construction of a new church plus a school expansion program will be made by Msgr. David E. Bushey, pastor, following a successful building fund drive.

A festive atmosphere will surround the church grounds 8725 SW 32 St., with rides, games, ethnic foods and entertainment from 11 am to 7 pm. Highlight of the day will be the burning of the 20 year mortgage on the present church.

"This", said Msgr. Bushey, "is our year of commitment."

Smoking debate at K of C Hall

The Knights of Columbus Council 3274, 270 Catalonia Avenue, in Coral Gables will feature a special program on the "Smoking Ordinance" and its special election scheduled for May 8 in Dade County. The program will be held on April 18 at 8:45 p.m. and everyone is invited.

Each group (the pro-smoking and anti-smoking) will be allowed to speak ten minutes, followed by a Question Answer period.

Any further information may be obtained by calling Michael Smyser, Community Services Director at 448-2038.

Clergy and Law classes slated

A special course — The Clergy and the Law — will begin at Barry College May 8.

Clergy face legal questions concerning their people, their physical plants and real estate, and other matters. To assist them the Barry College Department of Continuing Education has arranged for a series of workshops that will provide

information and legal counsel on six major topics.

The workshop fee for all six Tuesday sessions is \$75, and registration prior to May 4 is recommended.

Course details are available from the office of Continuing Education by telephone at 757-5072.

Smut does affect local community--porn fighter

"Any time somebody tries to tell you a sadly simplistic and ignorant cliché that pornography is an individual choice and has nothing to do with the community, think of this:

"We are all paying for it and we are all suffering from it."

Those were the words of Father Paul Murphy, national director of Morality in Media, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization based in New York, dedicated to stopping pornography through legal means.

Speaking before the Palm Beach Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women recently, he said smut is a \$4 billion-a-year industry which has greatly affected America morally, mentally and physically.

Fr. Murphy said grand juries in two states had concluded that 90 per cent of the nation's hardcore pornography is Mafia controlled.

"The so-called skin magazines such as Hustler, Penthouse, and Qui, have 16 million readers a month," he said. "The skin flicks or adult films have 780 outlets across the country averaging two million admission a week."

In addition, pornography reaches the public through the mail, films and adult book stores with "peep shows."

The industry's stock-in-trade is not merely risqué, he stressed, but is "the product

of the most diseased imaginations wallowing in filth."

The spread of pornography has led to increased promiscuity and sexual perversion, he said, pointing out that half of all teenagers in the United States are sexually active.

"The results is over one million teen-age pregnancies in the country each year with attendant abortions in the thousands," he said.

Murphy said that because pornography involves public, not private morals, every level of government has an obligation to control it.

"The only favorable answer to the problem is an informed and aroused public opinion, insisting on community standards and demanding enforcement of current laws," Murphy said.

He suggested those interested in stopping pornography join Morality in Media. The Palm Beach County chapter is headed by the Rev. Mike Kalpp, pastor of Berean Baptist Temple, West Palm Beach.

Easter Mass on television

Easter Sunday Mass for shut-ins will be celebrated by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at 9 a.m. April 15 on WPLG-TV 10.

During the Mass music will be provided by the choir of Holy Family Church, North Miami.

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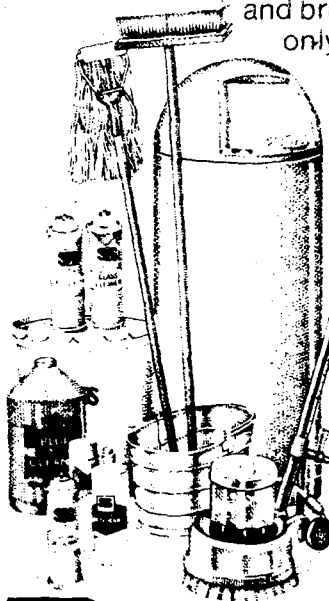
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Immaculate Concepcion parish, Hialeah, opened its 25th Jubilee Year with a groundbreaking ceremony for its multi-purpose building and a Mass of Thanksgiving recently. Doing the spade-work are the three pastors, Msgr. Jude O'Doherty, Msgr. Dominic Barry and Msgr. James Nelan, founding pastor. Also attending were Mother Damien, superior of Sisters of Mercy, Enniskillen, Mayo Dale Bennett and others.

Alcoholism help for your family

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems and to help others do the same. Although an outgrowth of Alcoholics Anonymous with the same basic structure, it is a completely separate organization.

Alcoholism is now recognized as a family disease which impairs the mental and often physical health of the family as well as that of the alcoholic. Al-Anon members help themselves by learning the facts about alcoholism and by working to improve their own attitudes and personalities through informal group discussions.

Alateen, the junior segment of Al-Anon, is designed for the 12 to 20 year old offspring of alcoholics. There is abundant proof that Alateen groups help their

members to accept alcoholism as a disease and reduce the bitterness toward the alcoholic and non-alcoholic parent.

The following groups invite you to become better informed about Al-Anon and Alateen. You are welcome to attend any of these scheduled day or evening meetings, or call 754-2583 for a group nearer to you.

Tuesday, April 17, 8:30 PM, HARMONY AL-ANON, First United Methodist Church, Old Cutler Road & Marlin Dr. (SW 182nd St.), Miami.

Thursday, April 19, 8:30 PM, NU-LIFE AL-ANON, St. Andrew's Church - Parish Hall, SW 144th St., & Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Monday, April 23, 1:00 PM, ODAT AL-ANON, Advent Lutheran Church, NE 2nd Ave. & 103rd St., Miami Shores.

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30

PM, WESTSIDE AL-ANON, First United Presbyterian Church, 121 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables.

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30 PM, NORLAND AL-ANON, Norland United Methodist Church, 885 NW 195th St., Miami.

State's bishops celebrate Mass; Graham attends

TALLAHASSEE— Florida Bishops concelerated a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral here Thursday, April 5. In attendance were Gov. Robert Graham, members of the Legislature and legal professions throughout the State.

Archbishop McCarthy was the Chief Concelebrant, assisted by Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Pensacola-Tallahassee; Bishop Paul F. Tanner of St. Augustine; Bishop Thomas J. Grady of Orlando, and Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins and Agustin A. Roman of Miami. Homilist was Jesuit Father Walter J. Burghardt, a celebrated theologian at Georgetown University in Washington.

"You are an incredibly powerful group," Father Burghardt told the governor, legislators, judges and lawyers at the Votive Mass, popularly referred to as the "Red Mass." "Since this nation was founded on law, this nation was founded on

you. It would be ironic if while dealing out justice in the standards of men, you were yourselves unjust stewards in the standards of God."

Father Burghardt probed the Old-Testament concept of justice, and applied his conclusions to the private lives of the lawmakers.

"The Bible tells us that God does not want all the elaborate sacrifices described in the Old Testament," Fr. Burghardt said. God tells the Israelites He wants their steadfast love and he wants them to execute justice.

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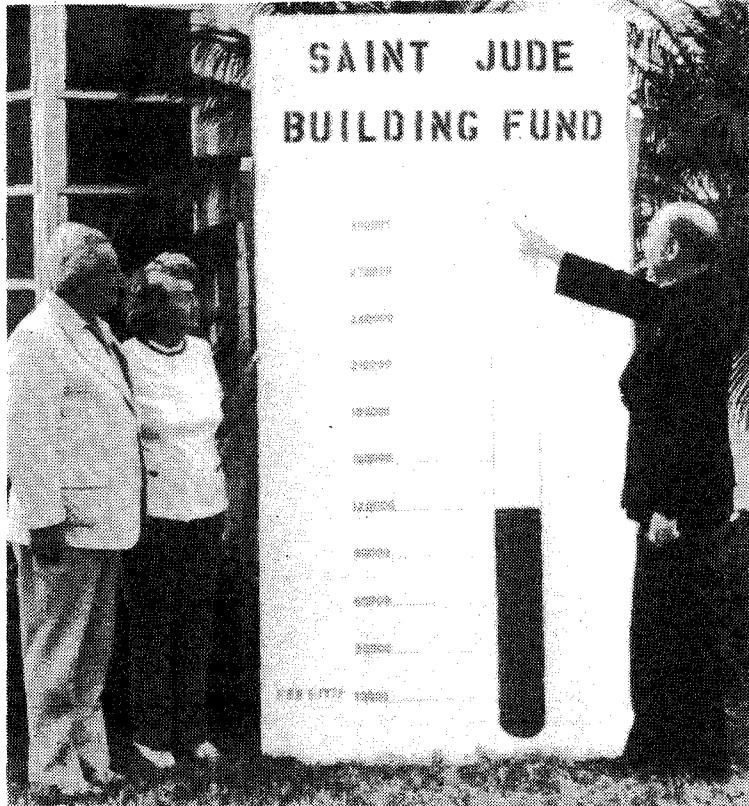
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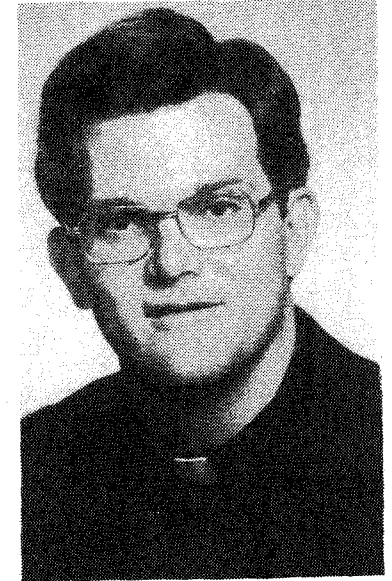
Hunger seminar

Lucille Bates, coordinator of the Florida Coalition Against Hunger, is scheduled to participate in a seminar at Barry College April 22 sponsored by the Miami chapter of Bread for the World.

The seminar will be in the first level of the Monsignor William Barry Library from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will include an audio-visual presentation on "Personal Responses to the Problem of Hunger" and dialogue with Ms. Bates and other speakers.



St. Jude Church, Tequesta, is part way to their \$300,000 goal for a new parish center to be used for religious education and social functions. Fr. Robert Hostler, pastor, and drive leaders Edward Ricci and Mrs. Denis Killane are shown sizing up their work.



The Rev. Mr. James Elliott O'Neal was ordained to the Order of Deacon by Auxiliary Bishop John B. D'Arcy of Boston on Saturday, April 7 at Pope John XXIII National Seminary for Delayed Vocations at Weston, Mass. He is the son of Sarah Ann MacDonald O'Neal and the late H. Hill O'Neal of St. Juliana's Parish, West Palm Beach. He is scheduled to be ordained next year for the Diocese of St. Augustine.

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of GLADYS A. HALDY deceased, late of Dade County, Florida, File Number 79-2398 is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3rd Floor, Dade County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. The personal representative of this estate is FIRST STATE BANK OF MIAMI, whose address is 7900 N.E. Second Avenue, PO Box 381298, Miami, Fl. 33138. The name and address of the attorney for the personal representative are set forth below.

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TUPELO, MISS—The National Federation for Decency says that it has received word that Noxell Corporation will pull their sex-oriented commercial ads for Noxema Shaving Cream from television.

The NFD had urged subscribers to their monthly Newsletter in January to write the company and boycott Noxell products until the ads were pulled. "We have been told by Mr. Bunting that Noxell is in the process of changing their ads. We hope that future ads will sell Noxell products on the basis of product merit instead of

cheapening and commercializing sex to do so," Wildmon said.

The effort against Noxell follows several successes by the TV citizens group lately.

Last spring the NFD boycotted and picketed Ford and Sears outlets after identifying the two companies as the second and third worst advertisers on television. Both companies disappeared from the NFD list of sex and profanity sponsors last fall following the boycotts.

And Campbells Soup, boycotted by the group in the spring of 1977, was now cited by the NFD as the sixty best programming sponsor in their latest report. "Only five other companies did a better job in program sponsorship than Campbells last fall, Wildmon stated.

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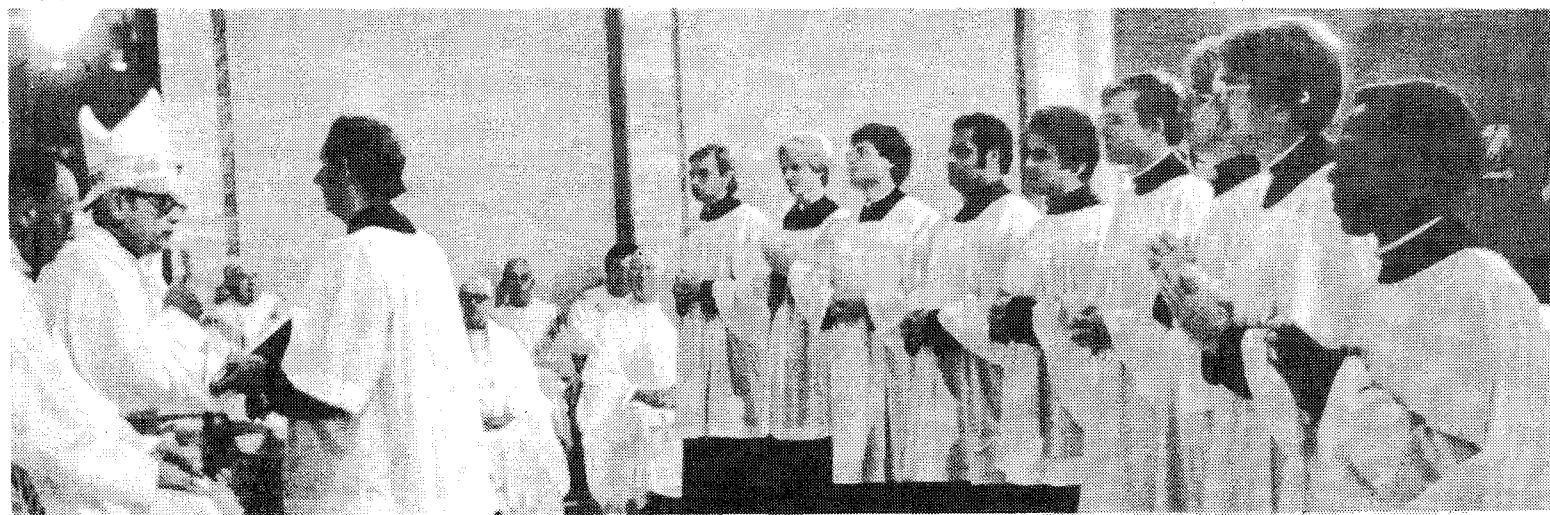
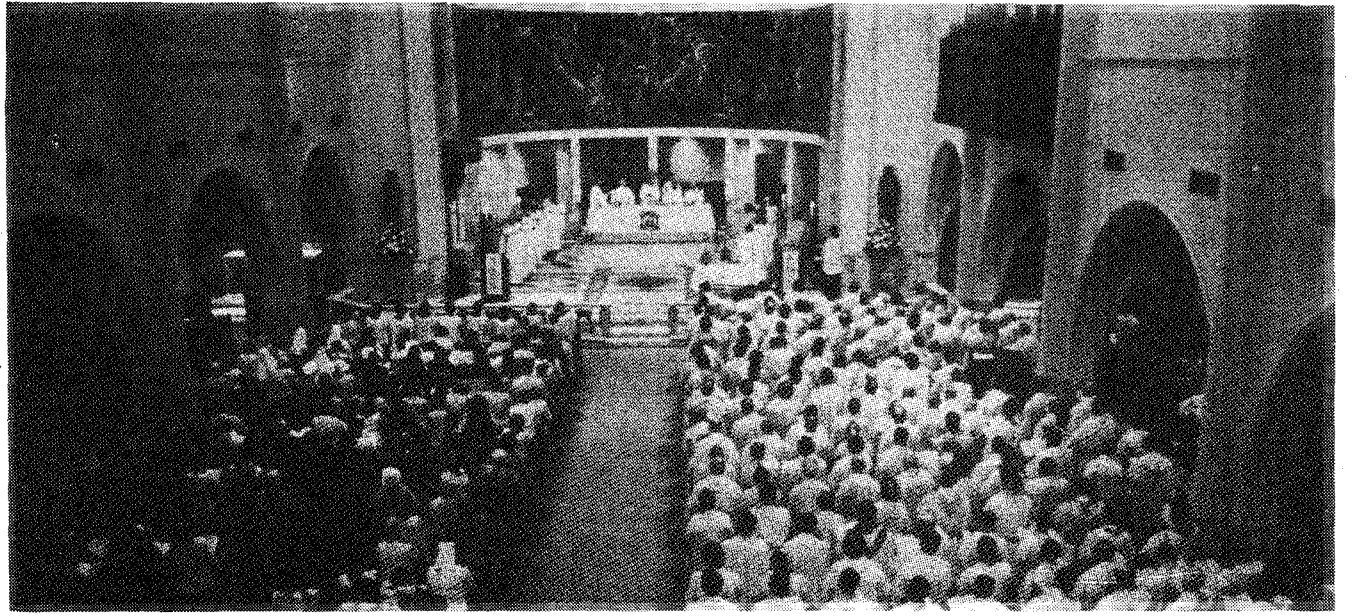
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Chrism and Jubilee celebration

PRIESTS from throughout the Archdiocese attended a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Chrism, where they renewed their vows and commitment to their ministry in an impressive ceremony held at St. Mary's Cathedral, and then joined in the mass for 16 members of the clergy who were celebrating their Golden and Silver Jubilee.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy was the main celebrant of the Liturgy with concelebrants Bishop John Nevins, Bishop Agustin Roman, Bishop Robert Joyce, Bishop Eduardo Dalmau, together with the attending jubilarians and priest deans of the Archdiocese. The Mass of Chrism concluded with the blessing of the oils by the Archbishop and distributed to the priests to be used in the administration of their ministry throughout the year.



STUDENTS attending St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, were presented to Archbishop McCarthy who accepted them as candidates for the priesthood during ceremonies in the Cathedral. The candidates for the priesthood represented the Archdiocese of Miami, Diocese of St. Augustine and the Diocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Priests fete Jubilarians

BUFFETED by barbs from toastmaster Fr. Laurence Conway, the honored jubilarians were hosted to an evening with their fellow priests at the Archdiocesan Hall, following celebration of the mass in the Cathedral. Ladies from St. Mary's Women's Guild provided the strong arms for the hundreds of dishes with the Roast Beef Au



Jus and it's related parts of the menu. The unscheduled cake presented to Archbishop McCarthy was an advance reminder of his birthday April 10, who is shown having no difficulty with the dignified single candle to the greetings from Bishop Agustin Roman, Fr. Conway, Bishop John Nevins and Bishop Robert Joyce.

El sacerdocio es para siempre dice el Papa

Por ARACELI CANTERO

Dirigiéndose a los sacerdotes del mundo el Papa ha reafirmado la práctica del celibato para los sacerdotes del rito latino, señalando que tal práctica es una herencia y tradición peculiar a la que la Iglesia debe mucho y en la que está resuelta a perseverar.

En carta pastoral, con motivo de la festividad de Jueves Santo, fecha en la que tradicionalmente los sacerdotes renuevan su compromiso, el Papa también reafirma la perpetuidad del compromiso sacerdotal como "don para el continuo servicio de los demás, según el ejemplo de Cristo."

"El sacerdocio no puede abandonarse por razón de las dificultades que encontramos y los sacrificios que se nos piden," dice el Papa en su carta.

"Como los apóstoles, hemos dejado todo por seguir a Cristo y por lo tanto debemos perseverar junto a El, también en la cruz," añade.

En su documento de 35 páginas, Juan Pablo II señala que aquellos que reciben el Sacramento del Orden según el rito latino, se comprometen a guardar celibato, libremente y después de años de reflexión y estudio, y de haber alcanzado la convicción de la posesión de tal don, para el servicio de los hermanos.

"Sólo después," dice el Papa, "se compromete uno a observar el celibato toda la vida... decisión que obliga no sólo por ser ley eclesiástica sino en virtud de la responsabilidad personal. "Guardar tal promesa es al mismo tiempo deber y prueba de la madurez interior del sacerdote y la prueba de verdadera fidelidad a uno mismo, a la propia conciencia y a la propia humanidad y dignidad," dice.

"Uno debe considerar todo esto, especialmente en momentos de crisis, y no recurrir a la dispensación—entendida como intervención administrativa, como si la decisión no fuese, al contrario, una cuestión de conciencia y una

prueba de humanidad," añade el Papa.

Juan Pablo II no hace mención directa sobre cómo tratará en el futuro las peti-

ciones de secularización por parte de sacerdotes.

En carta aparte, más breve, y dirigida a los obispos el Papa señala la unidad entre to-

dos encareciéndoles el amor a sus sacerdotes, la atención a su crecimiento espiritual y el fomento de vocaciones sacerdotales.

A los sacerdotes el Papa les dice: "Pienso en vosotros continuamente, por vosotros rezo y busco modos de unión espiritual y colaboración, porque en virtud del Sacramento del Orden que recibí de mi Obispo, vosotros sois mis hermanos."

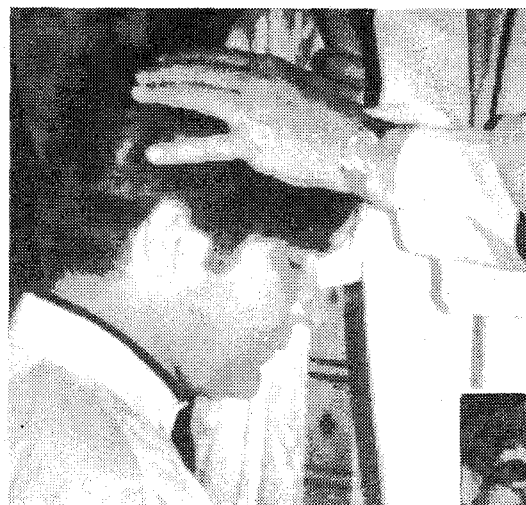
Dividida en 11 secciones y con abundantes citas de documentos de sus antecesores y doctrina del Concilio Vaticano II, la carta del Papa reafirma el carácter sacramental, jerár-

quico y ministerial del sacerdocio, señalando en varias ocasiones la diferencia no sólo de grado sino también de esencia, entre el sacerdocio del clero y el de todos los bautizados.

El Papa señala que el sacerdocio ministerial no tiene su origen en la comunidad "como si fuera ésta la que 'llame' o 'delegue'." "El sacerdocio sacramental es verdaderamente un don para la comunidad que proviene del mismo Cristo y de su sacerdocio," dice.

"Siempre y en todo lugar sois los portadores de una vocación particular... y esto no lo

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Por la imposición de las manos del arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy, el cubano Héctor González Abreu (arriba) recibió el sacramento del Orden, el pasado 7 de abril, convirtiéndose en sacerdote para siempre. Fue también ordenado el sábado, el Hermano oblató Henry Lemocelli. Los dos recibieron el abrazo fraterno de sus hermanos en el ministerio. La ceremonia tuvo lugar en el gimnasio del colegio Cardinal Newman, West Palm Beach.



Vendido el Visitante a Padres Oblatos

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—(NC)—El Visitante Dominical, el único semanario católico nacional en español, quedará bajo la dirección de una orden religiosa que ha trabajado por los hispanos en el suroeste por más de 130 años.

A partir del mes de julio, la publicación, hasta ahora a cargo del Sunday Visitor, en Indiana, vendrá a ser parte de la provincia sur de los Padres Oblatos de María Inmaculada

en su apostolado con los hispanos. Los Oblatos producen programas en español para la radio y la televisión y su universidad patrocina anualmente un Festival del Cine Chicano en San Antonio.

"Estoy convencido de que el periódico tiene que estar localizado en un área hispana," dijo Adán Medrano que dirige el Centro de Comunicaciones que mantienen los Oblatos.

Según el nuevo arreglo los

oblatos pagarán una cifra simbólica al Sunday Visitor y algunos de los gastos de traslado. "Ellos nos darán el nombre y los derechos del periódico," dijo Medrano. Durante sus cinco años de operación El Visitante ha tenido problemas económicos.

"Creemos que los lectores quedarán mejor servidos cuando el periódico esté situado en un área hispana, lo que no era Huntington," dijo Dennis Bednarski del Sunday Visitor.

Medrano indicó que el liderazgo hispano de San Antonio había ofrecido su apoyo y que los recursos culturales y educacionales del área serán valiosos para la publicación.

El padre Augustine Petru, provincial de los oblatos denominó la adquisición del periódico como "envío de Dios" a la orden, debido a la importancia de los medios de comunicación para la evangelización.

"Espero que seamos capaces de utilizar nuestra tradición y experiencia en la labor con los hispanos y lograr que el Visitante nos ayude a nosotros," dijo.

"El Visitante continuará reflejando las distintas corrientes de las comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos," dijo Medrano. Añadió que el reciente sondeo de Gallup sobre los católicos hispanos será una investigación valiosa para la publicación. "Queremos explorar el tema de las vocaciones en futuros números de El Visitante," dijo. "Las familias quieren vocaciones entre sus hijos... el estudio de Gallup indicó que la mitad de los padres querían tener vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas en casa," añadió.

"Pero el problema es que existe demasiada distancia entre la Iglesia institucional y los hispanos, y son pocas las vocaciones hispanas," explicó.

"El Visitante continuará siendo en español, porque el sondeo de Gallup indica que los hispanos quieren publicaciones en español," dijo Medrano. Añadió que con frecuencia los hispanos pobres no pueden leer en inglés. "Los oblatos siempre han trabajado al servicio de los pobres, y

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Durante el último fin de semana en el Seminario Mayor, antes de su ordenación, el 29 de abril, los 18 candidatos al Diaconado Permanente celebraron una Eucaristía, precedida por procesión de Ramos. La Voz, pasó parte del fin de semana con ellos en Palm Beach, pero a causa de la carta del Papa a los sacerdotes, nos vemos obligados a relegar nuestro reportaje de los diaconos a la semana próxima.

La Pietá: Madre de la Esperanza

Por ARACELI CANTERO

Sábado Santo. Sábado de la Soledad de María y de su esperanza. Sábado que trae a la memoria las palabras del libro de las Lamentaciones, que tradicionalmente la Iglesia ha puesto en boca de la Virgen para significar la grandeza de su sufrimiento: "Oh vosotros los que pasáis por el camino, mirad y ved si hay dolor semejante a mi dolor".

Frase que muy bien podría inscribirse junto a la escultura de bronce que, después de peregrinar de lugar en lugar en esta Archidiócesis, quedó hace poco colocada a la entrada del cementerio católico de Nuestra Señora de la Merced.

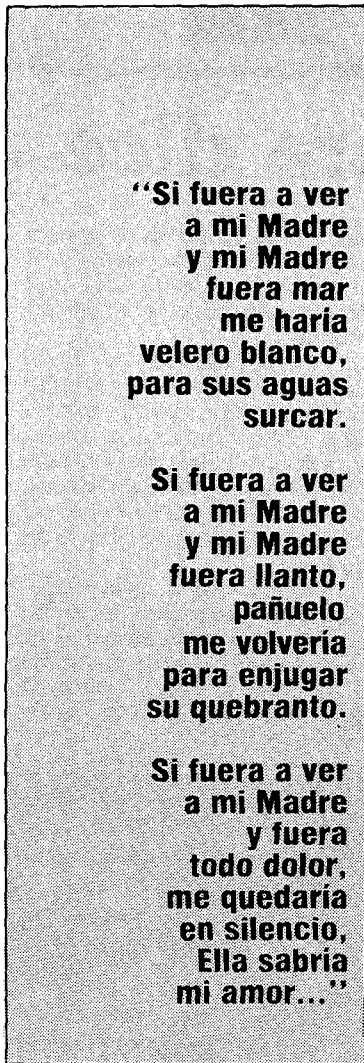
Y no es que la escultura carezca de valor artístico. Al contrario, es obra del famoso escultor de Croacia Ivan Mestrovic y reflejo de sus reflexiones durante los meses que pasó en la prisión de Zagreb, durante el régimen de Hitler.

Al comentar en 1956 sobre la inspiración de su obra, Mestrovic escribió: "Descubrí entonces que el hombre y la humanidad entera, sin distinción de raza o credo, sufre eternamente. Comencé a buscar el símbolo que más universalmente expresara el sufrimiento humano y decidí empezar "La Pietá".

Este tema de María con Cristo muerto en sus brazos, fue desde entonces para Mestrovic uno de sus favoritos. Son varios los ejemplares con este tema que se encuentran entre sus obras y poco antes de morir en 1962, Mestrovic acababa de terminar una de sus últimas versiones: La inmensa escultura de bronce que hoy se encuentra a la entrada del cementerio católico de Miami, Florida.

La imagen formaba parte de todo un monumental diseño que nunca llegó a ver la luz. Colocada originalmente en los terrenos próximos al Mercy Hospital en Miami, fue testigo durante más de 10 años, de las innumerables visitas de los exiliados cubanos a su Patrona Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, provisionalmente a unos pasos de allí.

La proximidad de estas dos imágenes no puede llamarse simple coincidencia. Especialmente si se tiene en cuenta que



"Si fuera a ver a mi Madre y mi Madre fuera mar me haría velero blanco, para sus aguas surcar.

Si fuera a ver a mi Madre y mi Madre fuera llanto, pañuelo me volvería para enjugar su quebranto.

Si fuera a ver a mi Madre y fuera todo dolor, me quedaría en silencio, Ella sabría mi amor..."

Foto Araceli Cantero

la "Pietá" había sido concebida por Mestrovic en homenaje a los mártires modernos del comunismo. Héroe como los Cardenales Midszenty de Hungría, Stepinac de Yugoslavia y Wyszynski, de Polonia. Figuras como el Arzobispo de Checoslovaquia Joseph Beran, el Obispo Francis X Ford, misionero de Brooklyn asesinado por los comunistas chinos y el obispo Patrick J. Byrne, delegado apostólico en Corea que murió durante su encarcelamiento en Corea del Norte.

Seguramente que de no haberle sorprendido la muerte a Mestrovic, los relieves de estos mártires habrían decorado el muro semicircular que cobijaba la imagen. Pero en junio de 1962, Mestrovic abandonaba su obra para siempre, al morir de un ataque al corazón, mientras trabajaba en su estudio de Notre Dame University, en Indiana.

Toda la vida de Mestrovic había sido una continua lucha por la defensa de la libertad y dignidad humana.

Mestrovic había nacido en 1883 en la provincia de Croacia, hoy Yugoslavia. Su niñez transcurrió en las tareas del campo, y durante el tiempo dedicado al cuidado de las ovejas el joven Iván se había aficionado a la talla de la madera.

Su alma de artista pronto llamó la atención de la prensa y su talento le obtuvo una beca de estudio en Viena.

Pero Mestrovic siempre se glorió de su origen campesino y consideraba la pobreza vivida en las montañas de Dalmacia como su más preciada herencia.

"Nosotros los campesinos", decía "nosotros que hemos aprendido a seguir el arado, sabemos confiar en que al tiempo de la cosecha nos llegará el trigo, o al menos grano suficiente para sembrar de nuevo. Nosotros sabemos tener fe".

Con el comienzo de la segunda guerra mundial, la vida de Mestrovic sufrió múltiples vicisitudes, y en 1941 el distinguido patriota fue arrestado y encarcelado por la Gestapo.

Los cuatro meses y medio de cárcel, hasta su liberación por intervención del Vaticano, le bastaron para gustar el horror de la guerra, "sin nada que hacer más que pensar", explicaba él años más tarde, "las ideas se agolpaban en mi mente y mi sufrimiento físico se unía al de no tener nada con que expresar mis sentimien-

tos". De aquellos meses datan algunos de sus más expresivos diseños, en pedazos de papel de envolver, escamoteados furtivamente de la prisión. Temas como el de Job, los profetas y

Convertido del judaísmo explica el Passover

Con slogans como "Jesús nos hizo kosher", y "todo lo que Ud. quiso saber sobre Jesús, pero temía preguntarle a su rabino..." Rachmiel Silverman y otros muchos del grupo conocido como 'Judíos por Jesús', dedican su vida a predicar la buena nueva del Mesías, especialmente entre sus hermanos los judíos.

"Nuestra meta es llevar a Jesús a los judíos," dijo Silverman ante unas 200 personas de los Encuentros Familiares, reunidas en el Seminario de St. John.

Silverman explicó para todos el sentido del Passover, y cómo lo celebró Jesús con sus discípulos la noche de Jueves Santo. También les pidió sus oraciones y respondió a preguntas. Señaló que como judío y también cristiano, cree en Dios Padre, en Jesús el Mesías e hijo de Dios encarnado y en el Espíritu Santo.

Le dijeron unos jóvenes, "si crees todo eso ¿por qué no te haces católico?"

"Porque al convertirme me acercaron a una Iglesia Protestante. Si se me hubieran acercado unos católicos, quizás hoy estaría aquí."

el dolor de María ante su Hijo muerto, que seguiría modelando hasta su muerte.

En 1972, 10 años después de la muerte del autor, la gigantesca figura de la "Pietá" junto al Mercy Hospital tuvo que ceder el puesto a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, que por fin tendría una ermita,

La imagen fue trasladada con gran cuidado al cementerio católico de Nuestra Señora de la Merced, en Miami y la que entonces vigilara la llegada de los que, forzados al exilio, abandonaban la patria, ahora está en vela cuidando el descanso de quienes ya llegaron a su patria del cielo.

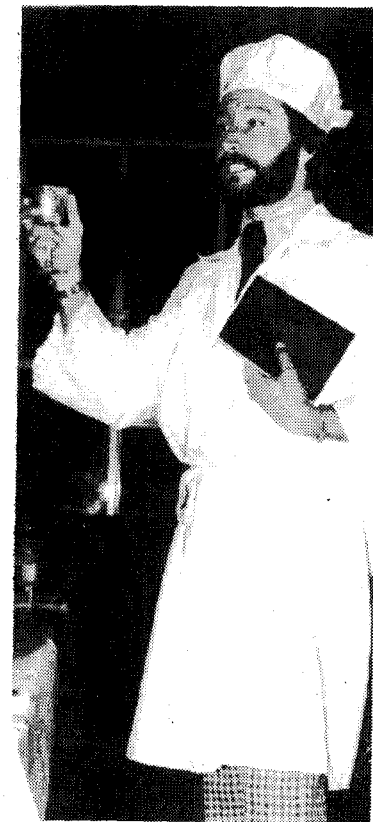
Allí permanece como símbolo de esperanza firme:

El mismo Jesús que sostiene en sus brazos es el que contemplaron sus ojos, ya resucitado y el que sirve de fundamento a la fe de quienes acuden al cementerio a orar por sus seres queridos.

Son muchos los que al pasarse por allí, visitan también a esta Madre del Dolor y guardiana del cementerio, y con cariño también a Ella le deja flores.

Algunos hasta le cantan con ternura; mas de una vez les he oído consolarla con esta canción:

"Si fuera a ver a mi Madre y mi Madre fuera mar me haría velero blanco para sus aguas surcar. si fuera a ver a mi Madre y mi Madre fuera llanto pañuelo me volvería para enjugar su quebranto. Si fuera a ver a mi Madre y fuera todo dolor, me quedaría en silencio; Ella sabría mi amor"



Rachmiel Silverman explica para los Encuentros Familiares el significado del Passover y la celebración de Jesús el día de Jueves Santo.



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Mensaje del Arzobispo

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Durante este tiempo de vida nueva, déjenme pedirles con amor que bajo la intercesión de María, renueven su compromiso a Jesús y al propio crecimiento espiritual y de la familia. A vivir en fidelidad las exigencias del Evangelio en las relaciones con sus prójimos.

Si fuéramos más fieles al Evangelio del Señor Resucitado, si renunciáramos a ceder ante las fuerzas del secularis-



mo y materialismo tan evidentes hoy en los pasatiempos, los negocios, la política la educación y relaciones humanas....

aliviaríamos gran parte de las desdichas de nuestra vida personal y de nuestra sociedad.

Como los primeros cris-

“Sean artesanos de la pastoral”

(Viene de la Pag. 1A) podéis olvidar, no podéis renunciar a ello, debéis practicarlo en todo momento, en todo lugar y modo...en esto consiste 'el arte supremo' al que Cristo os ha llamado, 'el arte supremo de la dirección de almas'.

“Por lo tanto, esforzaos por ser 'artesanos' de la tarea pastoral,” les dice, pidiéndoles que no caigan en la tentación de querer ser totalmente como todo el mundo.

“Aquellos que piden la secularización de la vida sacerdotal y aplauden sus variadas manifestaciones, sin duda nos abandonarán cuando caigamos en la tentación...Entonces dejaremos de ser necesarios y populares,” dice el Papa.

“En sentido práctico el sacerdote que siempre será necesario al pueblo, es aquél con conciencia del pleno sentido de su sacerdocio, el que cree profundamente, el que profesa su

fe con valor, el que ora con fervor, enseña con profunda convicción, el que sabe servir, el que en su propia vida practica el programa de las bienaventuranzas. Aquel que sabe amar desinteresadamente, que está cercano a todos y especialmente a los más necesitados,” dice el Papa.

Para acabar, el Papa escribe que los sacerdotes llamados a ayudar a los demás a una continua conversión, “tenemos que hacer lo mismo con nuestra vida.” Les habla de la

importancia de la continua formación interior e intelectual y les pide a todos una especial relación con María, Madre de los sacerdotes.

“Al inicio de mi servicio a la Iglesia universal,” termina diciéndoles Juan Pablo II, “os bendigo de todo corazón.”

“Aceptad esta bendición y las palabras del nuevo sucesor de Pedro—aquél Pedro a quien el Señor pidió, ‘Tú, cuando te conviertas, fortalece a tus hermanos.’”

ESQUEMA DE LA CARTA DEL PAPA A LOS SACERDOTES

1. Para Vosotros soy obispo, con vosotros soy sacerdote.
2. El amor a Cristo y a la Iglesia nos une.
3. Elegidos de entre los hombres, nombrados intermedios suyos.
4. El sacerdote, don de Cristo para la comunidad.
5. Al servicio del Buen Pastor.
6. El arte supremo: la dirección de las almas.
7. Servidores y testigos.
8. Sentido del celibato.
9. Prueba de responsabilidad
10. Cada persona a convertirse de nuevo.
11. Madre de los sacerdotes.

tianos quienes movidos por la Palabra, la Gracia y el Amor de Dios retaron y transformaron su mundo, nosotros debemos a través de nuestra fidelidad a nuestra vocación de portadores del Evangelio, salvar al mundo del creciente neopaganismo.

Sinceramente pienso que el Señor nos está concediendo en estos tiempos el poder gustar del espíritu de la nueva vida de la Pascua pues gracias a Dios, en la Archidiócesis, va creciendo el interés por la vida

de la fe.

Que cada uno de nosotros y según sus posibilidades renueve su compromiso durante este tiempo de la Pascua. Les pido también que inviten a amistades y familiares quizás alejados, para que durante estos santos días consideren regresar a la práctica alegre y dinámica de su fe.

Afectuosamente en Cristo

Edward A. McCarthy
Arzobispo de Miami.

Regresen a Dios ... no teman

En una declaración abierta para este tiempo de Pasover y Pascua, el arzobispo de Miami Edward A. McCarthy ha lanzado a través de los medios de comunicación una invitación a todos los alejados de la fe para que regresen a Dios, a sus raíces, a su fe.

“Estamos en un tiempo santo, tanto para judíos como para cristianos—La Pascua y el Passover—, tiempo durante el cual Dios mismo entró la historia humana para prometer su amor por nosotros y su perdón a todos los que quieran reformar su vida,” dice.

El arzobispo señala una serie de problemas morales aún sin resolver en Florida los cuales dice “reflejan solo una

cosa: el alejamiento de la práctica de la fe en Dios y la obediencia a sus mandamiento.

“A todos les encarezco, y especialmente a los alejados de Dios y cuya vida está sin sentido... a regresar a Dios ahora y encontrar nueva vida.

“Se lo deben a ustedes mismos y al Dios que les creó y nunca dejó de amarles. Regresen a su Iglesia durante esta semana de reconciliación. Vuelvan a casa, a sus raíces donde encontrarán amor y nuevos amigos. Les hemos echado en falta. No teman, porque queremos que regresen. Unámonos esta Semana Santa como en familia en oración, amor y paz” dice el arzobispo.

Se rechazan en el Vaticano peticiones de secularización

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO—(NC)—Juan Pablo II ha comenzado a rechazar peticiones de secularización por parte de sacerdotes, según informaron fuentes informativas en Roma. Las fuentes vinieron a confirmar las impresiones de analistas de la carta del Papa a los sacerdotes del mundo en la festividad del Jueves Santo, quienes interpretan que el Santo Padre adoptará una línea estricta en la concesión de dispensaciones del ministerio activo de los sacerdotes y su reducción al estado laical.

Un procurador general de una orden religiosa confirmó para NC. que había ya recibido el 9 de abril su primera respuesta negativa a un caso pendiente de secularización de un religioso.

Señaló que durante una reciente reunión de procuradores generales varios indicaron haber recibido respuestas semejantes.

En su carta a los sacerdotes esta semana el Papa indica que “en momentos de crisis uno no debe recurrir a una dispensación, entendida como intervención administrativa, como si la decisión no fuera una de conciencia y de prueba de humanidad.”

Durante los últimos 15 años del pontificado de Pablo VI se concedieron unas 2,000 secularizaciones al año. Durante el corto pontificado de Juan Pablo I se concedieron bastantes. Sólo en una orden religiosa se concedieron 7 peticiones.

Después de la elección de Juan Pablo II en el mes de octubre, los procesos de secularización sufrieron un notable paro, debido a que el Papa quería estudiar la cuestión.



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Con vítores de Viva Cristo Rey, y Hosanna Hijo de David, y con palmas en las manos, fieles de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, en Del Ray Beach, recorrieron los terrenos cercanos al templo presididos por el obispo auxiliar de Miami, Agustín Román. El Obispo celebró con ellos la Eucaristía del Domingo de Ramos. En la foto, junto a Monseñor Román el párroco padre Miguel Fernández.



Vendido Visitante a padres Oblatos

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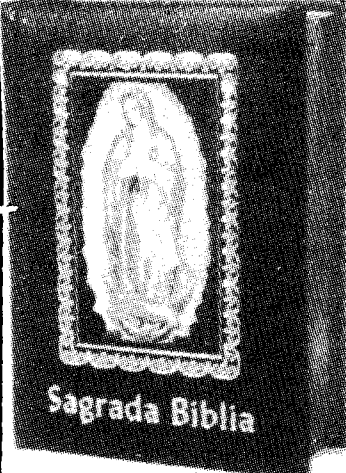
queremos mantener el mismo énfasis.

"La mayor necesidad está en las comunidades que no hablan inglés," dijo y comentó que los oblatos han decidido

comprometerse con la comunidad hispana, porque creen que ha estado abandonada demasiado tiempo. También señaló Medrano que El Visitante continuará cubriendo todas las regiones de la nación incluyendo

a los diversos grupos hispanos.

"Queremos estar abiertos a todos. Los hispanos quieren saber de la comunidad hispana total, y qué está pasando en la Iglesia."



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•LOS ANGELES, Cal. (NC)— El costo de los abortos financiados con fondos estatales sobrepasa más de tres veces la suma de \$11 millones asignada en el presupuesto de California, osea \$34.2 millones, según cálculos del personal legislativo. Esto a pesar de restricciones en las condiciones del aborto que puede financiarse, como los embarazos que resultan de incesto o violación, o ponen en peligro la vida de la madre.

•MILWAUKEE (NC)— El jesuita alemán P. Karl Rahner, conocido internacionalmente por sus obras de teología, declaró en una entrevista al recibir un premio de la Universidad de Marquette que aceptar la muerte es la culminación del libre albedrío en el ser humano. Estamos acostumbrados a la idea pasiva de la separación del alma del cuerpo, pero en sentido activo morir "es la entrega total de uno mismo... la voluntad de aceptar libremente" la muerte como el acto final de toda una vida, dijo.

WASHINGTON-(NC)— Más de la mitad de las 170 diócesis de Estados Unidos efectúan la colecta pro-medios de comunicación social el 27 de mayo, otras 34 la han pospuesto a otras fechas, y casi otro tanto no la recogerán del todo, aunque piensan contribuir de otros fondos. La fecha coincide con el Día Mundial de la Comunicación Social. Se trata de impulsar a nivel diocesano y nacional la difusión electrónica e impresa de lo que enseña, dice y hace la iglesia.

WASHINGTON-(NC)— El rector de la Universidad (jesuita) de Georgetown P. Timothy Healy dijo en un seminario lingüístico que los norteamericanos se vuelven "sordomudos internacionales" porque ni estudian lenguas extranjeras ni se esfuerzan por conocer la situación de otros pueblos.

Citó eventos en Asia para comentar: "El peor vacío en Asia Oriental se debe a nuestra ceguera con respecto a esos pueblos, nuestra interpretación errónea de su historia de su política y de su alma. Una nación de ignorantes, de ciudadanos insensibles, una nación de sordomudos internacionales, no puede cumplir con su cometido de defensora de la libertad," agregó.

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MOSCU—(NC)— La agencia católica de noticia de Alemania KNA informa que las Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas de Bélgica recibieron confirmación de que un embarque de 25,000 biblias llegó bien a Rusia y que los libros se han vendido. Si bien las autoridades rusas autorizaron exención de impuestos, requirieron que cada comprador dejara su nombre en un registro.

BOMBAY—(NC)— Los Cristianos de Bihar, un grupo organizado, dijo que el asesinato del misionero jesuita P. Francis Martisek el 19 de febrero ha provocado una serie de demandas de los cristianos para que el gobierno proteja sus derechos ante una ola de ataques contra misiones católicas y su persona. En un reclamo por escrito a las autoridades, los Cristianos de Bihar dicen que ese asesinato no es un caso aislado, pues otros sacerdotes y religiosas han sido apaleados, heridos o maltratados de diversas formas.

•CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC)— En su primera audiencia al aire libre —llegó a la Plaza de San Pedro en jeep—, el Papa Juan Pablo II. Oró ante 60,000 peregrinos por la paz en Uganda, lamentando "los encuentros sangrientos" en esa tierra. "Orad para que Dios alivie los sufrimientos de ese pueblo y lleve a toda Africa una paz estable", les dijo. Fuerzas opositoras del presidente Idi Amin, con la ayuda de Tanzania, invadieron Uganda. Libia envió ayuda armada a Amin.

•ROMA (NC)— El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo en su visita a la parroquia de San Bonaventura que la sociedad, la nación y la iglesia se levantan sobre los fundamentos que pongan los padres de familia, quienes a la vez reciben inspiración y guía en la parroquia. "Al perseverar en el vínculo matrimonial, queréis transmitir a los hijos junto con la vida, una formación cristiana", agregó.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— Un sacerdote identificado como el Padre Anania, párroco de la catedral de Lira en Uganda, fue muerto por un pelotón armado a fines de marzo, informa Radio Vaticana. El país sufre un conflicto armado entre fuerzas nacionalistas de liberación y las tropas del presidente vitalicio Idi Amin.



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“ La noche de su boda, Tobías dijo a Sara:
Somos descendientes de un pueblo de santos, y no podemos unirnos como paganos que no conocen a Dios... si yo me caso... no es para satisfacer mis pasiones sino para fundar una familia en la que se bendiga por siempre el nombre de Yavé.”

Libro de Tobías

La boda es un día, el matrimonio una vida

Por el P. JOSE L. HERNANDO
Párroco de San Benito

Pensar que el Matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica es una ceremonia, más o menos vistosa, sencilla o versallesca es tener una visión muy pobre del amor y desconocer totalmente lo que es el Matrimonio como sacramento.

Si casarse en la Iglesia es tener un escenario para enmarcar suntuosamente la ceremonia de la boda, el amor y el

matrimonio dejan de ser un misterio, para convertirse, a veces, en un espectáculo, si es

El matrimonio es un proceso, una invitación un desafío. No es algo que se da por hecho. Es algo que hay que

que no se reduce a una comedia.

La boda es un día, la luna de miel unas semanas, pero el

matrimonio es para toda una vida. El matrimonio es un proceso, una invitación y un de-

hacer y ganar todos los días, como el "pan de cada día" que pedimos en el Padrenuestro.

safio. No es algo que se da por hecho. Es algo que hay que hacer y ganar todos los días, como "el pan de cada día", que

pedimos en la oración del Padrenuestro.

Por ser el amor algo tan serio y misterioso hay que prepararse, hay que saber buscar, conocerse, esperar y madurar...

El Sacramento del Matrimonio es un misterio. Tan misterioso que San Pablo lo compara a la unión de Cristo con la Iglesia (Efesios 5,32).

El amor humano es tan

misterioso como la vida y la muerte, como la esperanza y la fe, como los sueños y los proyectos. El Amor es un Misterio, precisamente porque Dios es amor, y los que se aman permanecen en El.

Todos los Sacramentos son grandes, porque consagran con la presencia de Cristo los momentos y las realidades más

(Pasa a la Pág.3A)

El amor... y el matrimonio

Por GUSTAVE THIBON

Un día oí contar la siguiente anécdota: Un hombre visitó un manicomio. El psiquiatra que lo acompañaba le mostró en primer lugar a un enfermo que, presa de una tristeza incurable, permanecía postrado en un rincón de su celda.

—Este hombre—explicó el psiquiatra—se volvió loco porque no consiguió casarse con la mujer a quien quería.

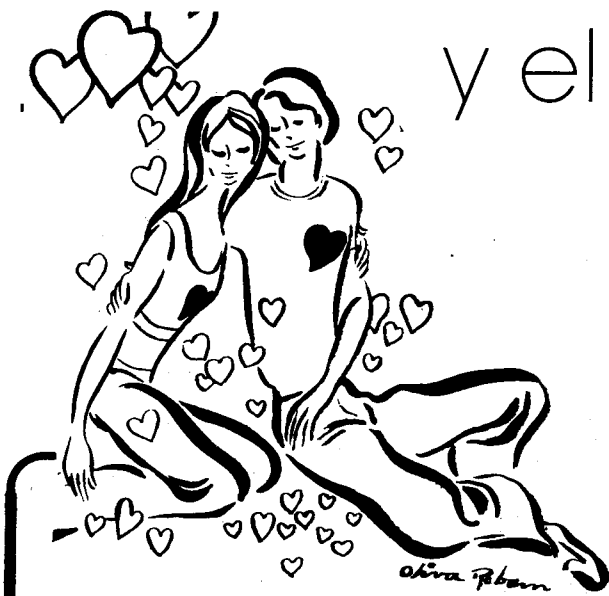
Pasaron a la celda siguiente, donde un "loco furioso" intentaba en vano romperse la cabeza contra las paredes acolchadas.

—¿Y ése?— preguntó el visitante.

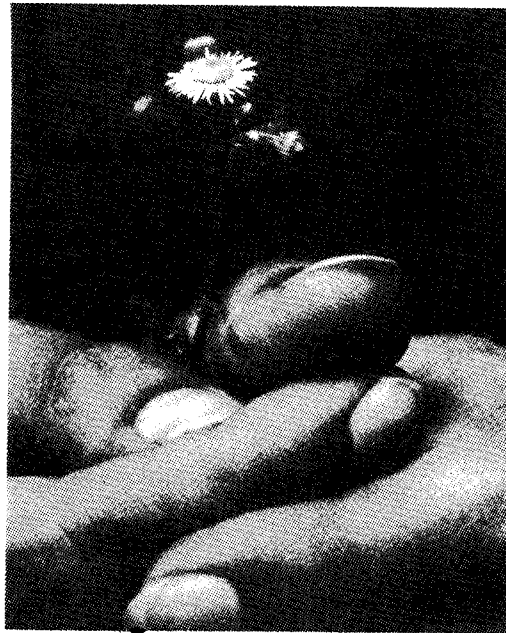
Y la respuesta fue:

—Este es precisamente el hombre que se casó con la mujer en cuestión: la decepción le ha hecho perder la razón.

Esta anécdota permite captar a lo vivo la diferencia que existe entre el amor y el matrimonio. El matrimonio nace del amor, pero por el hecho mismo de que compromete el porvenir, va infinita-



Más bien compararía yo el amor a la flor que nace de la frágil semilla confiada por dios al cuidado de los novios para su cultivo...



mente más allá del sentimiento de donde nace.

El amor, al nacer, es una promesa que nos ha sido hecha. Promesa de placer, de felicidad y de plenitud, provocada por el encuentro de un ser hacia el cual nos sentimos irre-

sistiblemente atraídos.

El matrimonio, en cambio, se apoya sobre una promesa que nosotros hacemos: pase lo que pase a nuestro alrededor y entre nosotros, gastaré toda mi vida a tu lado, permaneceré-

mos unidos en la felicidad y en la desgracia.

La primera de estas promesas no se cumple íntegramente, porque la felicidad perfecta no es de este mundo. La posesión, la costumbre, la monotonía y las pruebas de la vida cotidiana apagan el fuego, esfuman los sueños de aquel naciente amor.

Pero ésta no es una razón para anular la segunda promesa, la única que depende exclusivamente de nosotros, ya que hemos sido precisamente nosotros quienes la hemos hecho. Cuando el amor ya no nos arrebató bajo sus alas, nos corresponde a nosotros volver a encender el amor en nuestro pecho. Nuestra fidelidad no

debe depender de nuestra sensibilidad y de nuestro humor. "Casarse con una mujer — escribe Thierry Maulnier — es decirle: Te amaré incluso cuando ya no te quiera". Y esto quiere decir: te amaré con otro amor, más profundo y más puro; el honor, el respeto, la ternura, sustituirán aquel deseo ya extinguido y las ilusiones perdidas.

El gran error de las parejas jóvenes es el de creer que el día de su matrimonio entran en posesión de un tesoro inagotable, del que podrán gastar indefinidamente para su felicidad cotidiana. Más bien compararía yo el amor que nace a una frágil semilla que Dios confía a su cuidado para que la cultiven hasta que brote y florezca. La felicidad no se da de una vez por todas: se conquista día a día, a través de las luces y sombras, de las satisfacciones y de las contrariedades de la vida en común.

Porque el amor no es solamente un don, es también una exigencia. La atracción mutua, el egoísmo compartido, no bastan para unir por siempre dos seres y dos destinos: la unión verdadera se apoya sobre una donación común de los esposos a las realidades que sobrepasan la mezquina órbita de una pareja encerrada en sí misma: el amor y la educación de los niños, el trabajo compartido, servir al mismo ideal y al mismo Dios. Este es el sentido de la magnífica máxima de San Exuperio, que debería ser la divisa de todos los matrimonios: "Amar no es mirarse el uno al otro; es mirar, uno y otro, en la misma dirección".

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El matrimonio: una vida juntos

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trascendentales de nuestra existencia: el nacer con el Bautismo. El crecer con la Confirmación. El caer con la Reconciliación. El comer con la Eucaristía. El servir con el Sacerdocio. El sufrir con la Unción de los enfermos y el amar y procrear con EL MATRIMONIO.

Dios bendice el amor humano, pero exige que los novios aporten su fe, su madurez, su preparación y deseo de caminar juntos llevados de la mano de Dios.

El Sacramento del matrimonio es la consagración divina del amor humano: dos manos juntas, humanas y débiles, pero estrechadas por la mano

poderosa y amiga de Dios, que se hace compañía eterna de alegrías y de luchas en los caminos del amor.

El amor es la capacidad de darse y perdonar, de entregarse y esperar, de comprender y disculpar, de trabajar y luchar, de aprender y madurar, de llorar y de reír, de ayudar y de animar, de planear y soñar, de escuchar y de aportar, de callar y dialogar... Y todo esto JUNTOS Y SIEMPRE. Pues AMOR RIMA CON SIEMPRE.

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El amor, lo mismo que Dios, es diálogo y comunicación. Dios dialogando creó el Universo y nos comunicó su amor, su deseo de ser nuestro Padre y estar a nuestro lado.

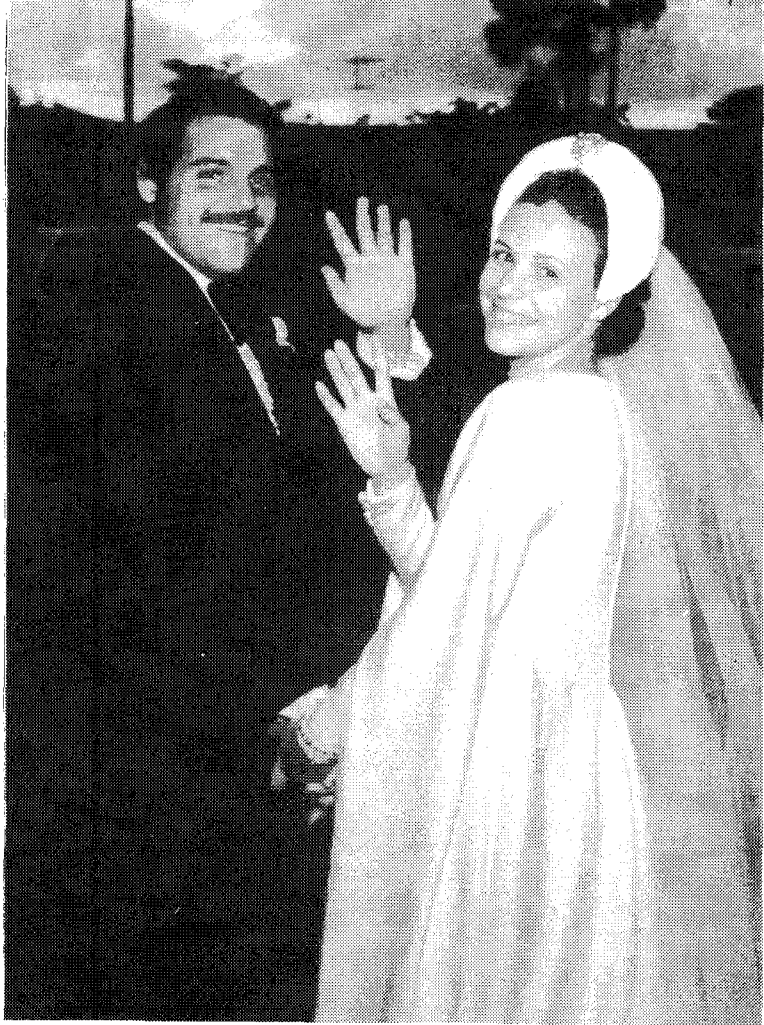
El Sacramento del Matrimonio consagra el inicio de un diálogo que debe crecer y seguir en mil formas de comunicación.

Cada matrimonio es una obra única, con originalidad, colorido y características diferentes. Es como una bella melodía que crece en intensidad y armonía y por más que la oigamos siempre nos suena diferente y nueva.

El Matrimonio supone compartir las experiencias más íntimas y primitivas de una vida: Los esposos comparten sus nombres, su privacidad, los alimentos, el lecho, sus cuerpos, la salud, la enfermedad, los sentimientos, las esperanzas, las inseguridades, los miedos, las manías y los defectos, las alegrías y los éxitos, las debilidades y los secretos, los lazos familiares, las creencias religiosas, la experiencia del embarazo, los hijos, pequeños o grandes, la ancianidad y hasta la suprema experiencia de la muerte.

El Matrimonio, como sacramento que consagra el amor humano, es demasiado grande para reducirlo a unos cuantos años. Es para siempre, "hasta que la muerte nos separe". Pero ¿en qué clase de muerte piensa hoy la gente? —¿en la muerte del disgusto, de la frustración, de la desavenencia, de la insatisfacción o la desilusión?— Todas estas muertes tienen un verdugo, siempre al acecho, preparado y bastante de moda: **El Divorcio.**

Dice la Biblia que "el amor es más fuerte que la muerte" (Cantar de los Cantares 8, 6). ¿Pero cómo lograr la consistencia, permanencia y eternidad del amor humano? —Mira al amor eterno, mira a Dios. Pues amarse no es mirarse el uno al otro, esto idoliza a los novios o esposos, y esteriliza todo amor, amar es caminar juntos, mirando hacia la misma dirección, aquella donde Dios está.



El Diamante es el Amor

Podéis tener gran habilidad social para hacer todo los amigos del mundo y ser influyentes, pero si carecéis de amor, vuestra vida juntos será como alianza hueca.

Podéis ser hábiles para hacer dinero, para construir y decorar la casa y pagar todas las cuentas a tiempo, pero si carecéis de verdadero amor, os faltará todo.

Ese amor del que hablo nunca es egoísta ni se siente ofendido. No alimenta rencores ni trata de devolver con la misma moneda.

Ese amor no es brusco ni acaparador ni susceptible. Si no que es paciente y equilibrado. Persiste en la generosidad y confianza y es sincero para expresar sentimientos y palabras. Está atento para detectar las ocultas necesidades del otro y listo para acudir en su ayuda.

Este es el amor que permanece y se enriquece con los años. En una palabra, son tres las piedras preciosas que brillan por siempre: fe, esperanza y amor, pero el diamante entre ellas es el amor.



Cuando el sacerdote bendice los anillos de los novios en el altar, lo hace entregándolos como un símbolo del amor y la felicidad que los esposos han de guardarse para siempre.

Los anillos de casados se llaman "Alianza". Recuerdan el contrato perenne y la unión que debe existir entre ese hombre y esa mujer, semejante a la unión de Dios con su pueblo, de Cristo con la Iglesia.

Antiguamente, cuando los estudios del cuerpo humano no estaban aún desarrollados, se creía que había una vena que

iba directamente del corazón al dedo anular de la mano izquierda. Así nació la costumbre de llevar el anillo de casados en ese dedo de la mano izquierda: Ya que no se podía entrelazar el corazón, se ponía el anillo en el dedo del que una vena especial llegaba directamente al corazón.

Los estudios de anatomía y del cuerpo humano han demostrado que no existe tal vena, pero la imagen no deja de tener su encanto y el mensaje sigue siendo verdadero: Donde hay un anillo de bodas hay un corazón que tiene dueño y que vive entrelazado con otro.



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Es por ello que lo primero que se debe hacer al fijar fecha de boda es acudir a la parroquia y hablar con el sacerdote, con preferencia la parroquia de la esposa, por lo menos dos meses antes de la fecha fijada.

El sacerdote entrevistará por separado a los novios, para constatar la motivación, preparación y libertad de cada uno. También exigirá el certificado de bautismo— de cada uno, donde encontrará también datos sobre recepción de

otros sacramentos— confirmación, comunión...

Los nombres de la pareja aparecerán durante cierto tiempo en el boletín parroquial para que la comunicación cristiana pueda confirmar que no existen impedimentos para tal matrimonio.

El sacerdote también debe exigir que la pareja reciba cierta instrucción religiosa sobre el Sacramento, o puede encaminarles a las Charlas Pre-Caná o al Movimiento de CAMINO del Matrimonio que se ocupa de dar a los novios tal preparación.

Con todo esto listo la pare-



ja puede ya planear la ceremonia de su boda, la cual no necesita de gran pompa sino de profundo sentido cristiano. En el caso de un matrimonio en que los dos novios no son cató-

licos, la Iglesia exige una dispensación del obispo local y la declaración, por parte del católico, de que no perderá su fe y que educará sus hijos en la fe católica. El no católico debe

ser informado de las responsabilidades de su cónyuge.

En caso de matrimonios mixtos resulta más recomendable no celebrar el sacramento dentro de una Misa.

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Cuando uno de los novios que piden el matrimonio no ha cumplido aún la edad de 19 años, deberán observarse las siguientes normas.

- La fecha de la boda no puede fijarse hasta después de haberse observado los pasos siguientes:
- Se establecerá un plazo obligatorio de tres (3) meses a



partir de la primera cita con el sacerdote.

- El sacerdote y la pareja deberán dialogar a fondo.
- Los padres del novio y de

la novia serán entrevistados por el sacerdote.

• La pareja deberá asistir a las conferencias de Pre-Caná, Camino, o cualquier otro programa que se reconozca como equivalente.

• Si surgiese alguna duda acerca de la capacidad matrimonial de los contrayentes, la pareja deberá referirse a un consejero profesional con miras a una evaluación.

• En cada caso el sacerdote deberá presentar en el Tribunal los siguientes documentos:

A. Investigación pre-nupcial.

B. Evaluación profesional, cuando sea necesaria.

C. Certificado de Pre-Caná o su equivalente.

D. Reporte personal y recomendaciones del sacerdote que está encargado de la boda estipulando la preparación de dicha pareja para el matrimonio cristiano. Si el sacerdote no es el Párroco, el reporte será contrafirmado por el Párroco.

El Tribunal autorizará por escrito el susodicho matrimonio y se lo comunicará al sacerdote que lo refirió.

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Permanecer unidos: nuestro objetivo comun

Por XAVIER SUAREZ

Rita y yo nos casamos hace dos años y después de todo este tiempo juntos, del nacimiento de dos hijos y mi establecimiento profesional, quizás haya llegado el momento de evaluar nuestro matrimonio y la preparación con la que entramos en él.

Un modo de hacerlo puede ser el comparar nuestras prioridades con las que nos ofrece la sociedad circundante.

Al mirar hacia atrás, salta a la vista que una de las cuestiones más cruciales en cualquier hogar —sin excluir el nuestro— es el del dinero.

Según el sistema de valores de la sociedad de hoy, las prioridades de la vida contemporánea parecen marcar cierta distorsión en los valores colocando el dinero y el sexo por encima de cualquier otra cosa.

Nosotros dos iniciamos nuestro matrimonio sin haber comprendido totalmente el peso que la cuestión dinero tiene en el ambiente que nos rodea. A ambos, se nos había aconsejado sobre la importancia de considerar, discutir y decidir juntos sobre nuestro presupuesto, y se nos había señalado también que muchos matrimonios fracasan cuando los esposos son incapaces de ponerse de acuerdo en el modo de compartir sus medios económicos con los miembros más necesitados de sus respectivas familias.

Pero el hecho es que la realidad es aún más dura de lo esperado de antemano. Descubrimos pronto que sutilmente, el medio ambiente ejercía presión para que ganáramos más y gastáramos más también. La presión que sentíamos por adquirir el standard de vida considerado propio de mi profesión de abogado, a su vez se convirtió en presión por evitar los hijos.

Porque a pesar de recientes artículos en la prensa en los que se proclama que en Estados Unidos el tener hijos está de moda, de hecho la actitud que se transmite en los medios de comunicación, y que re-

sulta evidente en nuestros contemporáneos, es que los hijos son una 'carga necesaria'.

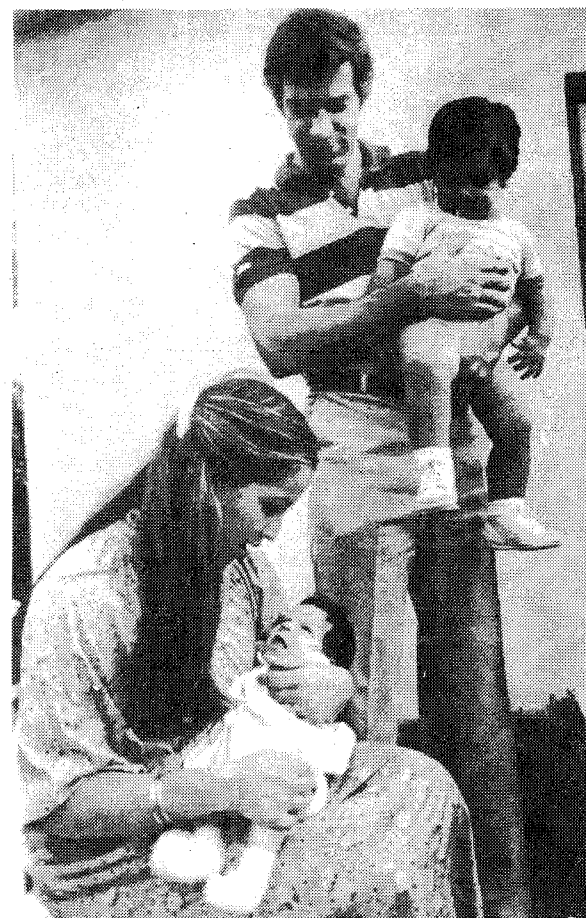
Esta mentalidad frecuente hacia los hijos junto con la presión por gastar y poseer más, nos hizo a veces ponernos a la defensiva, en las discusiones sobre nuestro estilo de vida.

Y es que nuestro estilo de vida ha resultado bien claro: Nuestro primer hijo nació nueve meses y medio después de la boda, y el segundo inició su vida en el seno de la madre seis meses después. Las responsabilidades hacia los hijos limitaron nuestra vida social y la participación en la vida comunitaria, y hasta el ir a misa resultaba en un ejercicio de paciencia para los que caían cerca de nosotros. Nos vimos forzados a vivir como familia, en una sociedad que vive cada vez menos como comunidad.

Después de dos años de matrimonio podemos concluir que ha sido importante mantener nuestras prioridades claras, aunque esto ha supuesto luchar contra el medio ambiente de la sociedad y amistades. La lucha por hacer de nuestra pequeña familia el centro de nuestra vida, y por mantener las cuestiones económicas a cierta distancia, ha sido constante pero también fructífera.

Hemos podido dedicar a nuestras familias y amigos íntimos, el tiempo que se nos habría ido en hacer más dinero y gastar más, y realmente no nos preocupa no tener televisión en color o echar aún en falta algunos muebles para nuestro nuevo hogar. Las amistades y las familias también han ayudado con muchas otras cosas que de otro modo habríamos tenido que pagar.

Cómo celula familiar aún joven, nos da pena observar que la sociedad moderna no nos da el apoyo que necesitamos para permanecer unidos. Las leyes sobre el divorcio permiten a los jueces el exigir intentos de reconciliación entre las parejas, pero desafortunadamente los jueces son dema-



Javier Suárez con su esposa Rita y sus hijos.

siado fáciles para conceder el divorcio bajo demanda. Al mismo tiempo el énfasis que los medios de comunicación y las artes dan al rendimiento sexual, no hacen más que alimentar en los esposos el instinto por nuevas experiencias sexuales. Finalmente, la infidelidad de uno de los esposos alimenta instantáneamente la infidelidad del otro, con lo que la mayoría de los divorcios de hoy desembocan en cuestión de semanas en nuevos matrimonios, y como consecuencia, los hijos acaban convirtiéndose en víctimas confusas al experimentar que cambian de padres como si cambiaran de ropa.

Ni nuestra Constitución, ni nuestras leyes reconocen a la familia como el elemento esencial en la construcción de la sociedad. El hecho quizás sea símbolo del fracaso de esta sociedad que no tiene como prioridad la unidad de la familia y prefiere, en cambio, exaltar el dinero y el sexo.

Por todo esto Rita y yo podemos decir que después de dos años de matrimonio y un 100% de crecimiento en nuestra familia, el mantener a la familia unida es una de las tareas más difíciles de hoy.

A los que están a punto de casarse, les aconsejamos que pasen largas horas estableciendo prioridades y fortaleciendo juntos su decisión de llevarlas adelante según el Evangelio.

Lo esencial: hacer altos en el camino

Vivo con una mujer a la que amo y a la que yo mismo escogí. Creía conocerla bien...y no sabía nada. Cada día que pasa me la muestra un



poco más. Me encuentro decepcionado. La esperaba más sumisa (!), más ordenada o un poco menos coqueta...

¿Cambiará? Quizás...¿La cambiaré yo? No estoy seguro.

Mientras tanto tengo ante mí un ser libre: alguien que me ama, pero que reivindica, que no está de acuerdo, que dice no, que toma iniciativas. ¡Va-

ya! ¡Es un descubrimiento con bien poca gracia!

Los años pasan de prisa, demasiado de prisa...¡Hemos cambiado!

No siempre tenemos los mismos gustos, ni mucho menos las mismas ideas. Pero eso, no nos impide llevarnos bien, en el fondo. Ahora conocemos todos nuestros tics, todos nuestros defectos. Y somos de tal forma cómplices de lo que somos, el uno y el otro, que una mirada, una sonrisa, es suficiente, en la mayoría de los casos para "desdramatizar" las situaciones. Tenemos nuestras riñas, nuestras disputas, como todos los casados. Pero nunca van demasiado lejos, porque verdaderamente nos poseemos el uno al otro. Y ambos ponemos en ello lo nuestro...

Una pareja necesita tiempo para encontrar su unidad, llegar a relaciones de cooperación, de reciprocidad. Eso se hace poco a poco, a través de todas las vicisitudes de la vida común, del enfrentamiento de los caracteres, de los problemas y de los acontecimientos. Lo esencial es hacer altos en el camino para comentar juntos el trecho recorrido.

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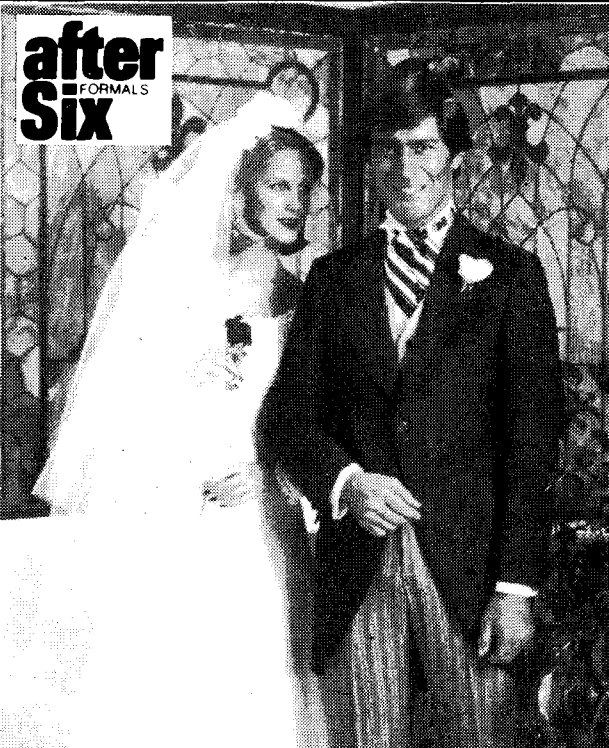
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¿Cuántos hijos?

La consigna que dio el Creador fue: Multiplicaos. Pero

eso no incluye necesariamente una multiplicación alocada, sin tener en cuenta criterio alguno. Hay que aceptar los acontecimientos tal como se presentan, reflexionar sobre ellos y preguntarse: "En esta situación (enfermedad, pobreza, vivienda...), ¿qué es lo más razonable? ¿Cuál es la voluntad de Dios?"

Tres principios guiarán la decisión:

1. **Generosidad.** Nada de cálculos mezquinos. El amor verdadero se da y se multiplica: llena el hogar de niños.

2. **Confianza.** Es difícil, por no decir imposible, a pesar del progreso de la ciencia, regular exactamente los nacimientos. Pueden sobrevenir

imprevistos, por ejemplo, unos gemelos. Tengamos confianza en la Providencia.

3. **Razón.** Reflexionad con sinceridad sobre los motivos serios de un mayor o menor número de hijos. Los motivos son:

— **La salud,** en particular de la madre. En general conviene dejar pasar unos dos años entre dos partos, para no fatigar demasiado a la madre. Hay que tener también en cuenta la salud de los hijos que van a venir, en especial si uno de los primeros es anormal. Consultad al médico.

— **Economía y vivienda.** En la miseria y en el amontonamiento, la vida familiar se degrada. Pero alguna pequeña dificultad no es razón suficiente para rehusar los hijos.

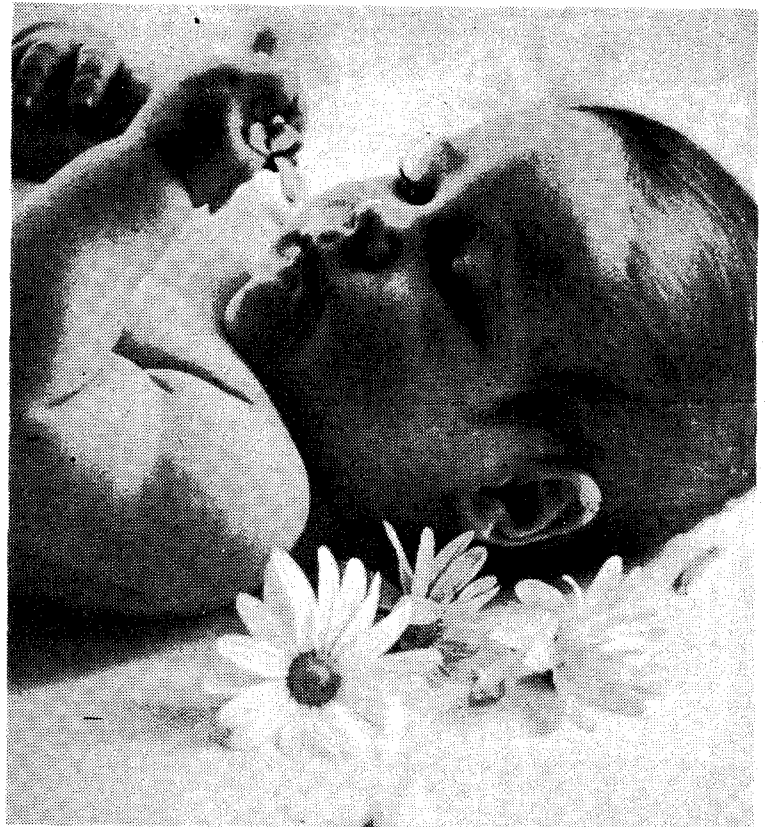
— **Educación.** Lo más importante no es la procreación, si no la educación, porque el alma vale más que el cuerpo. Conviene traer al mundo tantos niños como se puedan educar dignamente. Si vienen para perder la vida eterna, mejor es que no hubieran nacido.

Vuestro amor. Aunque las razones precedentes no justifiquen cierta regulación de la prole, no dejéis de consultar también vuestro amor. Una vida sexual normal, con nuevo embarazo, ayuda a veces a superar una crisis entre esposos o a evitar graves tentaciones y pecados. Prácticamente, después de cada embarazo, tratad juntos la cuestión, pedid si os conviene admitir un nuevo hijo. La decisión final os toca a vosotros, siguiendo vuestra conciencia, no la del consejero.

Los principios anteriores dan la respuesta a la pregunta: ¿Hay que aspirar a una familia numerosa? Hay familias numerosas "salvajes", en que los hijos nacen al azar del instinto, sin reflexión ni cuidado de la educación. No es un ejemplo imitable, ni mucho menos. Ni la Iglesia, con sano juicio, ni la moral, apoyan este tipo de familia.

Tampoco es partidaria del hijo único, en un hogar cerrado y egoísta.

Está por la familia en que se observe la Ley de Dios, que



es también ley de naturaleza. En unos casos se tratará de un hijo solo, en otros dos, cinco o diez. Los casos son distintos y

nadie puede juzgarlos, a no ser los esposos mismos, Dios y la Iglesia en su nombre.

También existe la ternura

La sexualidad humana no es ni una tara, ni un pecado. En el matrimonio, es la expresión carnal de una realidad espiritual: el amor que impulsa al hombre y a la mujer, el uno hacia el otro. Esta sexualidad es vivida diferentemente por los dos y marca profundamente todo su ser. No tiene el mismo sentido para los casados que para los solteros.

El acto conyugal no es el único medio ofrecido a los esposos para testimoniarse su amor y profundizar su unión. Existe también la ternura: esas mil pequeñas naderías, que van de la sonrisa al beso, de la caricia al regalo, de la mirada emocionada a la palabra gentil... que vuelven a dar alas al amor y vienen a iluminar la monotonía de la vida cotidiana. La ternura es una de las

múltiples formas del arte de amar: brota del corazón, es uno de los secretos de la felicidad.

La emoción amorosa es buena en sí: es el envoltorio apasionante que rodea a la unión carnal. Hay una "ciencia" que permite al hombre y a la mujer conocer una total plenitud carnal. Ignorarla deliberadamente, es privarse de grandes alegrías e ir a veces al encuentro de catástrofes. "Vuestro cuerpo es el arpa de vuestra alma, dice el poeta libanés Kalil Gibran, de vosotros depende hacer música dulce o sonidos confusos".

El amor de los esposos es el que da su profundo sentido a la unión carnal. Unirse sin amarse es condenarse a un infantilismo que las apariencias de virilidad exterior no hacen más que enmascarar.



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CAMINO es un curso intensivo de dos días de duración, basado principalmente en el diálogo sobre temas que

boda. Además del programa de CAMINO, para los novios, existen los ENCUENTROS CONYUGALES para los novios, otros matrimonios, médicos, psicólogos, sacerdotes. El diálogo se hace en grupos o por parejas y todos acaban con una experiencia viva de Iglesia y de comunidad.

Los jóvenes pueden después mantenerse unidos a CAMINO y seguir creciendo juntos después de la boda, en la fe y en su vida matrimonial.

Para participar en un CAMINO, las parejas deben solicitarlo varios meses antes de la boda, a través de uno de los sacerdotes de su parroquia. Los CAMINOS tienen lugar en el Seminario College de St. John Vianney.

matrimonios de cualquier edad que quieren hacer un alto en el camino y renovar su compromiso cristiano. Los encuentros son parte de la ayuda que brinda el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano.

Para información sobre el Movimiento: Rafael y Haydee de la Rosa, 266-4233.

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Cuando los hijos crecen las parejas también pueden encontrar apoyo en los Encuentros Familiares, movimiento dirigido también por matrimonios con la orientación del Padre Florentino Azcoitia, S.J. El Movimiento ofrece Encuentros de fin de semana en los que participan padres e hijos; retiros espirituales, y charlas formativas todos los jueves. El Movimiento tiene además, una pequeña casa de retiros. Para información: 751-2453.

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