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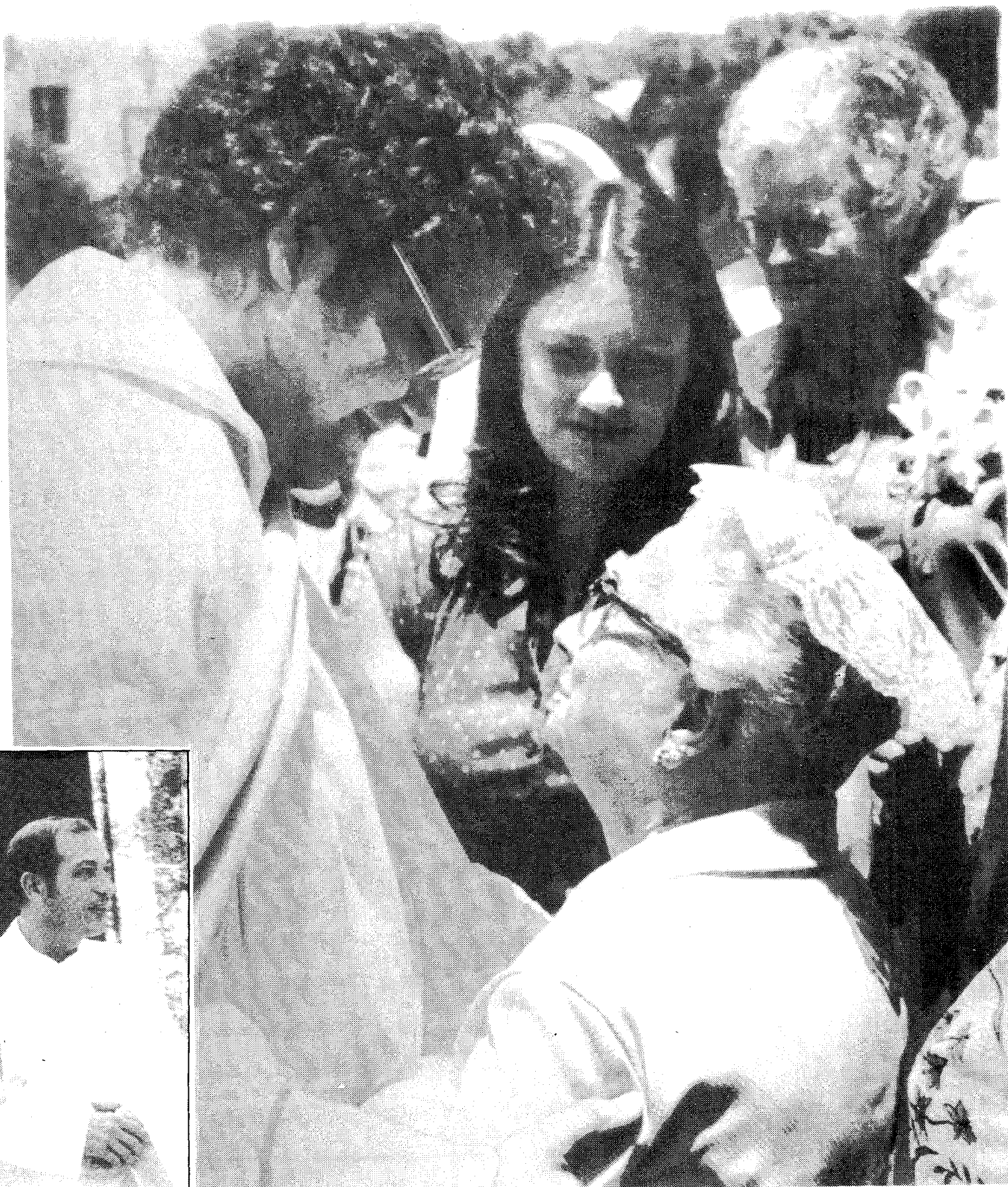
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3 New priests join the ranks

Father Robert Christman received warm greetings from relatives and friends, after his ordination to the priesthood last Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. So did Father Richard Velie and Father Stephen Hilley, below. At the end of the ceremony the three new priests received from Archbishop McCarthy their assignments as assistant pastors: Fr. Christman to St. Michael the Archangel; Fr. Velie to Little Flower, Coral Gables and Fr. Hilley to St. Hugh after a short period of study.



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How you can help world's poor

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My dear Friends in Christ:
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Yes, I write to you today to consider not the quality of our own lives, but that of

countless millions in other parts of the world. In these countries, such things as meat once a year and milk once a week are considered sheer luxury. These are people whom we do not see or hear about — people who con-

stantly live on the margin of life and who have very little hope.

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No contribution is better utilized or more productively spent than that which you give to Catholic Relief Services. As Christ fed the multitudes on the mountainside with a few loaves and fish, so each one of us is empowered through this annual appeal to make our monetary bread multiply in like manner to feed, clothe and shelter the multitudes of another world we do not know.

Hoping you will join with me in supporting Catholic Relief Services this Sunday, May 20, I remain,

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Archbishop of Miami

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Archbishop hits views on sex

(In the wake of Dade and Broward Counties' passage of sex education laws Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy has issued a further statement on the matter:)

The school boards of both Dade and Broward counties have recently approved new programs of sex education in public schools.

In response to the shocked dismay as well as innumerable requests by parents for further clarification and assistance in confronting the issues, we once again reaffirm our position that sex education cannot be taught apart from moral consideration.

We are sympathetic with the members of the boards, struggling with serious concern over the increasing teenage promiscuity, rising rate of birth of children out of wedlock and the spreading of venereal diseases. The debate and the response by the board of education may, in the long run, prove valuable for it served to alert us to alarming situations in our society.

We are appalled at some of the attitudes that were expressed in the exchange of opinions relative to the proposals. It is distressing that there are those who see no relevancy between morality and the use of sex. They implicitly or explicitly imply that the Ten Commandments and Judeo-Christian teaching are irrelevant. They fail to see the connection between irresponsible and immoral use of sex and the resultant degradation of the human person manifested in the misery of children living in broken homes, the suffering of divorced spouses, the using of men and women as instruments of sex

pleasure only. These advocates fail to see or refuse to believe that there are very grave implications in irresponsible and immoral attitudes towards sex as an experience that may be indulged in without any moral restraints other than protection against disease and children.

It was equally appalling to hear some espouse the position that the concept of responsible moral sexual behavior is old fashioned in our enlightened age.

The attitude that it is acceptable for children to learn about sex without receiving any moral guidance is a violation of human reason and experience. It is as ridiculous as saying that it is acceptable to teach a young person to operate an automobile without ever mentioning speed limits or other regulations designed for the driver's and other citizens' safety.

Even worse, having respected teachers explain how to engage in immoral practices such as abortion and contraception or homosexuality without touching on the question of morality would be similar to teaching a child how to shop-lift, vandalize property or write anti-semitic slogans as if these were neutral actions in which there is no moral accountability.

Ignoring moral values deprives the young person of a full, enriched understanding of sex in the context of true human relationship. It also deprives the young people of the needed support and encouragement in the most effective means of avoiding venereal diseases and unwanted children...namely, the use of

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— Abp. McCarthy



self control and personal responsibility.

Seat belts and crash helmets may make a contribution to safe driving, but even more effective is the teaching of good driving habits.

It does not make sense to approach the question of avoiding venereal disease and illegitimate children by demonstrating how to use contraceptives and abortion. Rather, the question must be raised as to whether children should engage in sexual promiscuity and fornication in the first place. This is nothing more than to teach a new morality... namely, thou shall use contraceptives...rather than the true morality: thou shall not engage in fornication.

There are those who will say that the public schools may not teach moral values because of separation of church and state. The problem is that by taking a neutral position on sexual activity and thereby assuming this is a normal practice, the public schools ARE conveying moral values. The dilemma, of course, is a weakness in the American public school system. It is contributing to a society where religion is separated from human life with consequences that are deplorable.

The decision as to whether or not the court should be involved in testing the constitutionality of the recent decisions of the school boards must be and will be given further consideration by all concerned parents. Certainly, it is at this time highly important that parents take a great interest in reviewing the contents of the courses being taught to their children and if they are not satisfied that they not hesitate to withdraw their children from the courses.

It is likewise essential that the family and the church provide the desperately needed moral values which are indispensable for the full development of the human person.

Perhaps a good result of the controversy will be to prod the parents to take much greater interest in what is going on in the public schools and not abdicate their personal responsibility to vocal and well-organized pressure groups which seek to impose their "morality" on all.

We earnestly implore school boards to be sensitive and responsive to legitimate concerns of parents who have the primary responsibility for the total formation of their children.

Protestant honored by Pope John Paul

BOSTON — (NC) — Pope John Paul II has named a leading Protestant theologian and ecumenist, and an old friend — the Rev. George Huntson Williams — a knight of St. Gregory the Great.

Churches sources said the naming of a Protestant as a papal knight is unusual but not unique.

In a separate action, Pope John Paul also named Michael Ettel, secretary since 1941 of the St. Paul-Minneapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society — an agency providing aid to youth and the poor — a knight of St. Gregory the Great.

The honor is given to persons known for character, reputation and distinguished accomplishment. Nominations are made by the local bishop.



Raquel and Ana Condo, Tessie and Micelle Aguirre and Cristina, Vivian and Ana Obeso, could not wait for the Happy birthday song, and the cutting of the cake on the occasion of the first anniversary of St. Agatha's parish building.

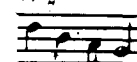
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 St. Joan of Arc, Boca Raton, June 2 at 11 a.m.

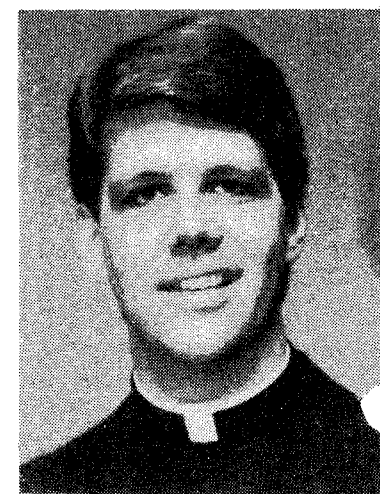
Training workshop for CCD teachers

PLANTATION— An orientation and training workshop for CCD teachers and prospective teachers will be conducted at St. Gregory parish hall from 7-9 p.m. on June 11.
 The Rev. Martin Cassidy, pastor, has extended an invitation to CCD teachers in area parishes to participate.

Marianist Brother to be Ordained

HOLLYWOOD— Brother William J. Meyer, S.M., formerly a member of the faculty at Chaminade High School, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Mary at noon, Saturday, June 9 at Nativity Church.
 Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on the Marianist Brother who recently completed studies for the priesthood at the Marianist

American Seminary, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. U.S. Marianists preparing for the priesthood at the seminary are enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at the University of St. Michael's College associated with the University of Toronto and the Toronto School of Theology.
 A member of the faculty at Chaminade from 1971 to 1976, the ordinand taught junior and senior English and Religion. He was active in developing and directing the Encounter program at the school.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Meyer, Merrick, N.Y., has a BA degree in Philosophy in English from St. Mary University, San Antonio, Tx.; and a master's degree in Religious Education earned at the University of Seattle.

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Blind, he 'sees' through music

By ARACELI CANTERO
Voice Spanish Editor

Jeff Zavak believes in seeing and he knows from experience that it involves all the senses.

He thinks very much like the wise fox in St. Exupery's tale, The Little Prince. For him too, "what is important is invisible to the eye." In fact that saying could very well be Jeff's motto, because although in his own way Jeff can see more than most people, he has been blind from birth. He was born premature and could

"I know I am only a human guy. I could give you the best I have and you could accept it gracefully or just tell me that I am no good," he says.

"Deep down, no matter what we do, or how big a deal we think we are, we are still human beings who are scared inside, I know I am. The only thing is that I try not to let too many people know," he says in a thoughtful tone.

"But that's the only way, in order to be a sign of hope and of faith and good example."

For those who know him, Jeff is all

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not breathe properly. "They gave me too much oxygen and damaged my optical nerve," he explains without a sign of bitterness.

Jeff has no knowledge of color, but he tries to understand it by what he feels inside.

"The various combinations of musical sounds remind me of experiences I have had in music, and the feelings they gave me. For me, these feelings are my colors," he adds.

Jeff is 24 and a musician. He plays the flute and the saxophone and last week he graduated from the University of Miami with a master's degree in performance of jazz. Now he would like to use his talents to make people happy, but he knows that the willingness on his part does not guarantee success.

that and more.

Every Sunday he plays at St. Augustine's Parish folk Masses, and he entertains at parish dinners, too.

Occasionally he shares his "wisdom" with the parish religious education students, and now he would like to find a job "without having to play in a bar. It would be kind of lonesome just playing for the pleasure of people..." He would rather talk to them and make it into a ministry, he says.

"I feel that my mission in this world is to tell people that there is someone who is interested in them," he explains. But as he looks ahead, his heart tells him life isn't going to be easy.

"Everything looks hard to me now. I know it would be a lonesome thing if I were to go on the road, with



Jeff Zavak plays the flute at St. Augustine Church folk masses

a band. And if I stay here, it won't be easy either," he says. "Whichever avenue I take it will look like a cliff going up, but I have the faith in my heart that God has a plan for me and He'll let me know."

Jeff speaks of watching TV and seeing movies, as anybody else would. "There is more than one way to see," he says. "You see with all of your senses, not just with your eyes. If you pay attention to everything, the way things feel, the way things smell, you become a lot more aware, you can see into people's heart and try to help them."

He is grateful to his parents for his "vision" and his understanding of life. When he was small, his father would discuss everything with him, even baseball, "so that I would have things to talk to other people about. Because if I just talk to others about things that are interesting to me, people would not want to stay around me for too long," he says, adding: "That's why it is important to take interest in others and to reach out."

"If you take interest in people, then, when you need them—not when you think you do, but when God feels you need someone, if you stick your hand to other people, then He'll send someone to take interest in you."

He says that every night he tries to read something from his Braille Bible, (special alphabet for the blind with raised dots on paper), and "I have to wake up in the morning and make up my mind that I'll keep trying." He admits that sometimes he gets scared. "but with the help of

God and of good friends, which mean everything to me, I know all will work out."

Now that he has graduated, Jeff is looking for a place to live. However, he sometimes dreams of going on a cruise ship as musician, "but they are afraid to take me because I am blind."

He feels very good about his six brothers and sisters in Toledo, Ohio, but especially my parents who gave me a great sense of my own individuality—too good a sense," he says with a smile. In fact he never knew he was blind until "a boy in school mentioned it to me," and I had to go home and ask mama," he recalls.

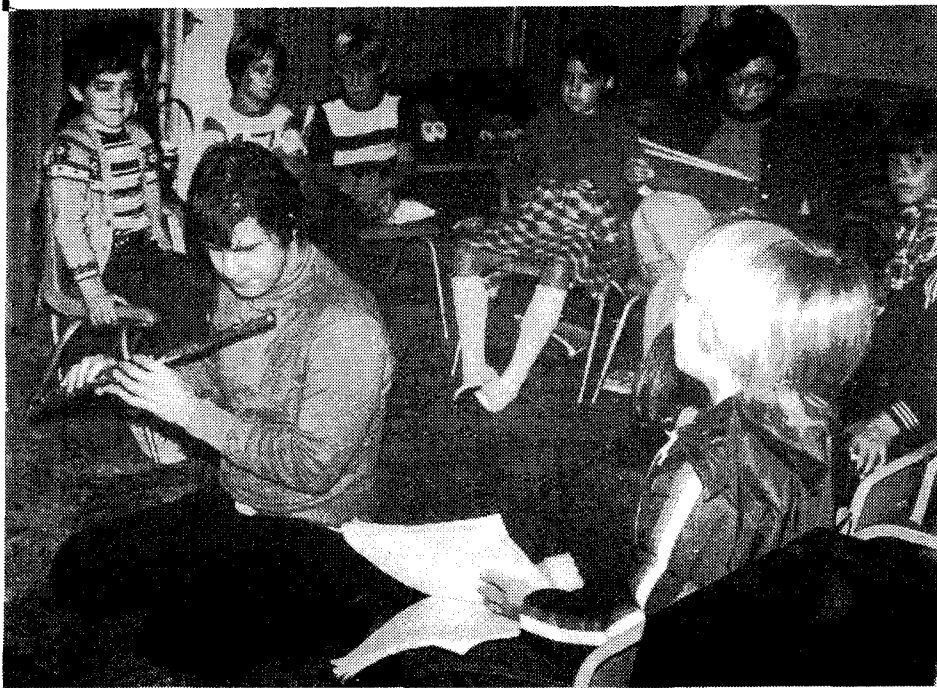
"I used to play like any other kid. Everybody at home would read to me and I always had several books going," he says.

"I knew nothing about walking sticks, then. They said to me follow, and I followed."

Except for some special education as a young tot, Jeff chose to attend regular Catholic school, "and it was the smartest decision that I'll ever make."

"There is nothing real simple about being blind," he says. "I know this world was not made for us. But anybody who has to hustle a little is more lucky, because having to hustle they'll get ahead," he adds.

"I used to think I had it knocked when I was younger, but as I grow older it gets scarier and harder, and I need you all, more than you'll ever know."



Occasionally Jeff plays the flute for the CCD children and shares with them his 'wisdom' about life.

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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)

The Boys of the Street

An anonymous Palm Beach County reader sends in to The Voice three newspaper clippings from three different papers, about three different seemingly unrelated stories. One clipping is from the Palm Beach Post, one from the National Enquirer and one uncertain, possibly even an old Voice clipping.

There was no accompanying letter of explanation, just the clippings.

And yet, a point does seem apparent from the clippings.

The Enquirer article is about the "boys of the street," as they are called, abandoned urchins, eight to 12 years old, who literally live in the streets of Bogota, Colombia, scrounging out a near starvation living, begging, borrowing, stealing.

"Please, señor, can you give me some money or food?" one nine-year-old pleads to a stranger, standing in rags from trash heaps, his shoes sizes too large, his near-sheared head an indication that he has been arrested. Pictures show one boy sleeping in a cardboard box, another, a cluster of kids huddled for warmth around a dog on the ground of a dirty alley, another a seven-year-old boy with a basket of trash he is trying to sell. His ragged jacket is four sizes too big, a hat down over his eyes—cute if it were not so pathetic.

A second clipping is about an eight-year-old girl held more than two weeks in jail because no agency apparently wanted to "process" her. Only when a visiting nun heard the child's cries and got involved was something done. But this was not South America. This was West Palm Beach.

The third clipping dealt with migrant farmworkers and, by implication, their children who suffer the usual deprivations of farmworkers. In it, Bishop John Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, Tex., makes a statement that could bear on the situation in all three clippings, that we should "shoulder the glorious task of welcoming Christ into our midst as he comes to us under the guise of our poorest brother... They are gorgeous opportunities testing our apostolic zeal."

In this, the Year of the Child, we must surely look into the eyes of suffering children everywhere and find Christ, whether in Palm Beach, Miami, or Bogota.

Jesus said if you did not do it for one of these, you did not do it to Him.

And there are very real ways of helping. Being sympathetic is not enough.

This week the church asks you to help through its Catholic Relief Services, an arm of the Church which each year provides millions of dollars worth of help to such as these children (and adults) described above.

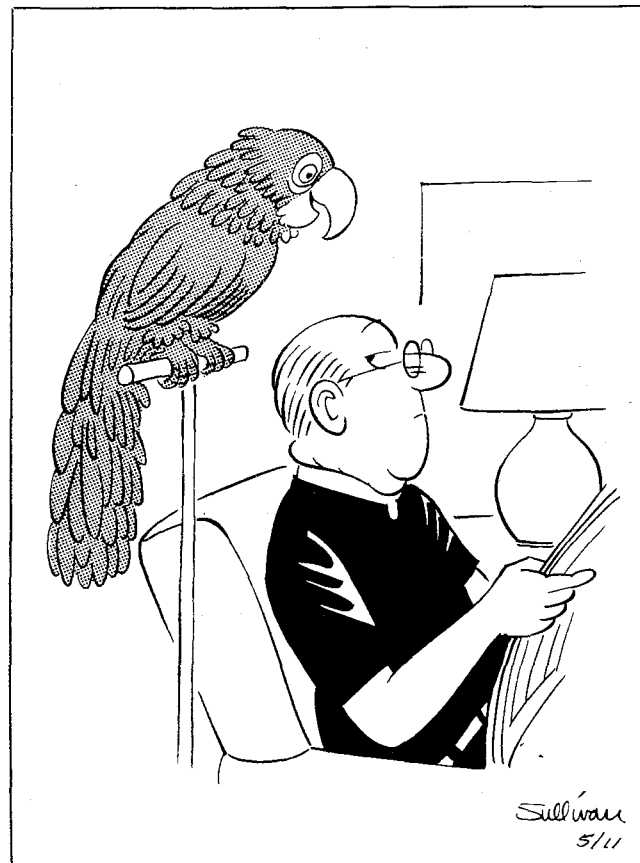
This is something to be proud of.

And yet we would ask more. Eight

million dollars amounts to only a few pennies per Catholic per year in this Country. Is that really enough, as we sit in air conditioned churches each Sunday and drive home in air conditioned cars, to give a few coins one Sunday a year?

There is no need to wallow in guilt that we are fortunate to live well in this country. But as Christians surely we can in love and gratitude be generous to the dispossessed of the world, not just this Sunday but throughout the year. Gifts are welcomed not only by CRS but by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as well as specific missions and charitable agencies which can be found in virtually any Catholic publication's advertisement columns.

Roberto, 9, of Bogota, tugging at the rope that holds up his pants, says, 'I need about 10 pesos a day to live (30 cents)... My mother? She doesn't want me at home. Father? I don't know where he is at. Please, señor...'



"WANNA HEAR A LITTLE GREGORIAN CHANT?"

Letters to the Editor

Farrell column beautiful

To the Editor:

Carol Farrell's recent article in The Voice is extra-ordinarily beautiful and poignant. How marvelously she conveys the most tender and sublime feelings about her devoted father and his death. I was deeply moved by her words and have sent copies to many friends and relatives.

Fr. Mike Flanagan
N. Miami

Dancing in Church?

To the Editor:

I was shocked after reading the article "Dancing before the Lord," in the May 4th issue of 'The Voice'.

Is Father Champlain yet another self appointed authority on the Holy Bible?

Hand clapping, hand waving, dancing or any other thing of this sort has no place during the dignity and solemnity of the Holy Mass.

Leo Marcusky
Miami

Catholic discrimination

To the Editor:

I usually cover each issue of your newspaper with a fine tooth comb. I did not miss Mr. Reed's answer to my letter about anti-Catholic sentiment and will reply to him with the following words:

"Apparently you did not read my letter in its entirety. I quoted from Rev. Greeley's book, CATHOLIC AMERICA, specifically stating that Catholics are not any more discriminated against, than any other minority group in this country. All you have to do, Mr. Reed, is to check into the history of this country's blacks, Jews, and all of the Europeanese, American Indian, and all recent minority groups entering our country, such as the Haitians, and many of the Hispanic peoples."

Leslie Anne Casden
Miami Beach

Greeley lacks charity

To the Editor:

We at home enjoy "The Voice". It is our favorite weekend reading...Too bad we have to find more often than we wished to, Father Greeley's comments.

Self criticism is O.K. up to a point, but Father Greeley goes far beyond that point. Dirty clothes should be washed quietly at home and not in public...sometimes we wonder if Father Greeley is with us or is against us.

Jesus Christ taught humility and charity...he lacks both. And these two virtues are the cornerstone of Christianity.

Jorge Galban and Family
Miami

Greeley not out voice

To the Editor:

I cannot understand the stance of Father Greeley. He seems to be setting himself up as our enemy, a rival rather than a loyal member of the Church. By questioning the leadership of Our Holy Father, he is indirectly denying the competence of the authority which elected him.

It is precisely to guide the Church that a person is made pope. Father Greeley has put himself at variance with that guidance if not in opposition to it. He is a scandal to the Church and should be silenced. Our job is to rally round Our Holy Father, support Him and uphold His authority — in a word obey Him, which precisely is what we priests must do. Father Greeley is not our spokesman.

Fr. Thomas J. Cleary, C.S.SP.
Lighthouse Point



Catholics returning to their churches

By REV. ANDREW M. GREELEY

For the Catholic church in America, which desperately needs some good news, there at last seems to be a break in the clouds. Not only has the decline in church attendance definitely stopped, but there seems to be an upswing going on, an upswing which is particularly noticeable for people between 30 and 45 and for Catholics of Irish ethnic background.

Each year the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) studies some 1500 American families in its "General Social Survey." These families are typical of the American population, selected by the best sampling techniques currently available. I have been monitoring Catholic church attendance at two-year intervals because the combination of two studies smooths out the fluctuations which may be due to sampling error and also provides more than 700 Catholic respondents on which to base one's estimates.

In 1972 when the General Social Survey was begun some three-fifths of the Catholics in the country were going to church every week (or "nearly" every week). In the '73-'74 combination, the rate declined to 49 percent, approximately the same proportion found in the 1974 study on which we based our report, "Catholic Schools in a Declining Church." (The two studies were independent of one another, so the similarity of the rates confirmed the

accuracy of our estimate.)

In the 1975-71976 combination, the attendance level declined sharply again to 44 percent, a combined decline in the early '70s of 17 percentage points.

However in the '77-'78 studies the trend was reversed, climbing back to 49 percent. There are more than 1500 respondents in the combined samples so that the chances are less than one in a hundred that the increase does not reflect a change which has occurred in the general population.

THE INCREASE is not a function of an increase in complete disaffiliation — an increase in the number of those who said that they were Catholics at one time but are no longer Catholics. This rate remains constant at about 16 percent.

The increase also seems to be concentrated at the age level between 30 and 45. At both time "2" ('75 and '76) and time "3" ('77 and '78), attendance rates for those under 30 and those over 45 were virtually the same — 31 percent for those under 30 and 60 percent for those over 45. However, for the in-between group, the rate at time "1" was 54 percent, at time "2" 34 percent and at time "3" back up to 50 percent.

The figures for those in the "middle years" are based on some

800 respondents at the three time points. The "U" curve then is unlikely to be a sampling artifact and represents (at about the odds of one in 20 of being wrong) and actual "U" curve in the religious practice of Catholics in the "middle years."

The increase is more likely to have occurred among college attenders, up seven points between time "2" and time "3," than among non-college attenders, who have increased four points. It is most striking among those of Irish background, whose increase in weekly (or "nearly weekly") church attendance is from 51 percent to 61 percent. The non-Irish increase was only five points, from 43 percent to 48 percent.

Irish church attendance is back where it was in the early '70s and is in fact much further ahead of the rates of the non-Irish than it was eight years ago (57 percent to 53 percent at time "1" and 61 percent to 48 percent at time "3"). The Irish change, however, cannot be called statistically significant, although the fact of the Irish margin over others is indeed "significant."

THE RETURN to church of many American Catholics cannot be attributed to a change in their thinking on sexual morality. On the contrary, the proportion seeing nothing wrong at all in premarital sex has increased from 28 to 37

percent (though there is no change in this from time "2" to time "3"). It would appear, therefore, that the "return" is more likely the result of the ability of an increasing number of Catholics, particularly the college-educated, the Irish, and those in the middle years, to harmonize church attendance and rejection of the church's sexual ethic. (I hasten to add that I report this phenomenon but do not necessarily endorse it.)

Is the "return" for real? I am inclined to think it is for two reasons. First of all, those in the middle years do not undertake a return to church lightly. If it was a major decision to drift away, then it is an equally major one to drift back. One does not want to have to go through such agonizing again. Secondly, much of the return is probably attributable to a mellowing of old angers. After a certain age in life one does not want to go through the anger experience again.

I would not want to suggest a celebration. The church has survived a major crisis; it is picking up some of the people who had walked away. (But there are a lot more who have not returned.)

I will end this column as I always end such reports: when, oh when, is the Church going to begin monitoring itself so that trends of the sort described herein can be better understood?



So your mother doesn't work...

By DOLORES CURRAN

I was cleaning the oven — cleaning the oven, for crying out loud — when the phone rang and I heard my son say, "Oh, no, she isn't working. I'll get her." Since cleaning the oven is one of my least favorite chores and I was up to my elbows in carbonized rubber gloves, I looked at my son hostilely and hissed, "What do you mean, I'm not working?"

He shrugged and said, "You aren't in your office."

It's my fault, really; this attitude that I'm working when I cross the doorway into my office at home and not when I'm toting laundry, scrubbing floors, or patching jeans, because I frequently say to the family when I have a big deadline, "I'm going to work today," and they know it means writing.

So I make the same error society does that angers the at-home

working woman so much: that of undervaluing her work. Children say, "My mom doesn't work," and everyone knows what they mean. Teachers say, "We need two chaperones to ride the bus for the field trip. Whose mothers don't work?" And a few children reluctantly raise their hands.

And that's really what I want to address here, our abominable practice of expecting those few mothers who don't work outside the home to take on the volunteer and organizational work for the many who do. We ask them to be den mothers, room mothers, and mothers of any child whose parents aren't at home after school.

We expect them to pass the cancer envelope, to run the bazaar, and to organize kiddy league soccer. We presume they'll be available to meet planes, to stand in line at the

post office and to take care of all other details in our institutional life that have to be done between the hours of 9 and 4.

Why? Because we work. And they don't. At least they don't work according to society's definition of the word: from 9 to 4 with a paycheck.

All women work. Let's get that up front and do what we can to dispel the idea that only those out in the world are working women. Bob Peters, a former Stanford All-American football player and ex-Marine signed a contract with his wife to stay home and take care of the children and home for four months while she worked as a school secretary.

Let's hear it in his words. "I really didn't realize it was so hard. I'm in good physical condition...but since I've been doing this, I've lost 10

pounds that I didn't want to lose. It's because of the running around, getting up early and staying up late. It's folding the last load of clothes and trying to figure out where to put it all — that's kind of a trick."

He added that he wants to call attention to the fact that "Mom's job is not one of viewing one soap opera after another and hosting Tupperware parties." And he says the President should appoint a national commission "to promote a renaissance of respect and admiration for mothers everywhere."

Most at-home mothers I know don't care about that. They'll settle for being called working mothers. They'll settle for serving their share of Girl Scouts, precinct work, and fund raising. Most of all, they'll settle for not being asked to something because, "I know you don't work" Because they know they do.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

A feeling of dislike

By SALLY WALL

From time to time, most of us experience feelings of dissatisfaction with ourselves. We don't like the way we behave and often that feeling stems from a very real knowledge that we are capable of behaving better.

Worse yet, which of us hasn't known a person who actually disliked us? In our most vulnerable moments such a person can seem to steal our sense of well-being. We wonder if something is wrong with us. A seed of insecurity is either planted or fed.

WHEN THESE negative experiences happen only occasionally, we usually can set them aside. The wholeness of our personhood isn't threatened by temporary emotional ups and downs.

But if we habitually dislike ourselves, feel inadequate and live in lonely separation from others, we must take the matter seriously, for we're overlooking unique gifts which exist within each one of us.

Haven't we ever disliked someone upon first meeting and then, with longer acquaintance, come to appreciate them in a new way? Perhaps our dislike of ourselves results from a rather superficial acquaintance with who we really are.

TO KNOW OURSELVES requires respectful attention. We need to look into our depths, not be afraid to see the deficiencies and frailties, the strengths and the talents, the failures and the triumphs that make us human. And then, we

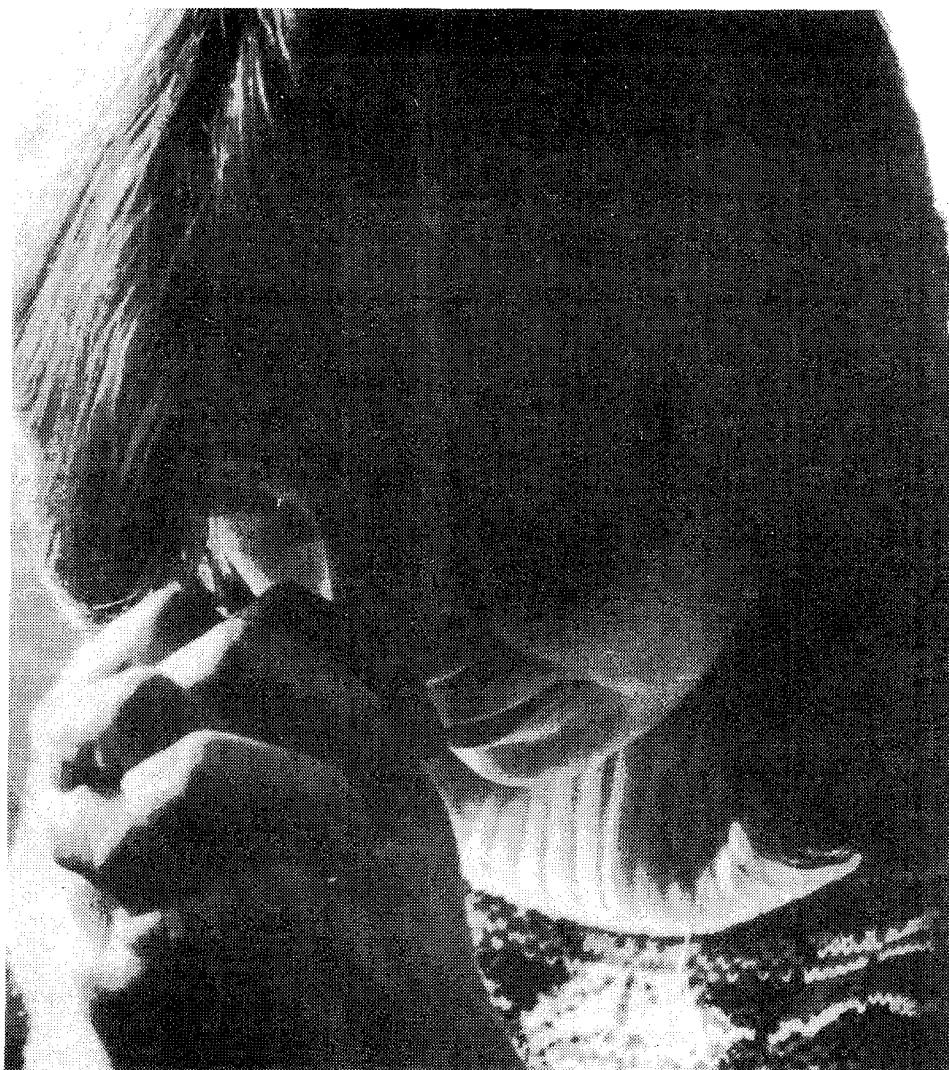
need to have compassion. Compassion exists as well for ourselves. Before we can love and forgive others, we must first have learned to love and forgive ourselves. Before we can appreciate strengths, talents and virtues in others, we must have learned to appreciate our own strengths, talents and virtues.

When we make mistakes, quite often they have a funny side. Laughing at oneself can take the edge off. Laughter is reconciling, healing.

AND WHEN WE HAVE done something we find difficult to forgive ourselves for, we should remember that God has told us over and over again that his forgiveness awaits us. We have only to ask. If God can forgive us our most serious transgressions, surely we can forgive ourselves.

We should constantly reach for perfection, but we should realize that we will be reaching throughout life. And each of life's experiences, whether our choices have been right or wrong, will have taught us something. The key we should look for within ourselves is: Was I trying to make the right choice according to the Christian principles I hold? When things go wrong, for whatever reason, we must be able to stand up again, console ourselves with the realization that with God's help, we will be able to take forward steps. In the goodness that is within us, God exists. He has, after all, made us in his own image and likeness.

WE ARE WORTHY to be loved



To know ourselves we need to look into our depths; to see deficiencies and frailties; the strengths and talents; the failures and the triumphs that make us human...

because our Creator loves us. In the words of the psalmist, "It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb. You know me through and through."

St. Paul assures us, "This is what love is, it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us." He who made us and knows us best, loves us.

With such realizations we can begin to change our habits of self-depreciation. We can choose to express the best in ourselves and

learn not to be ashamed of the small gifts we offer. A simple willingness to smile may seem a priceless gift when shared with someone who is lonely.

WE CAN LOOK for good responses from others and turn aside hurtful attitudes. We will find we are liked because we like, and loved because we love. And finally, our longing for perfection will be satisfied when, at the end of life's journey, we behold the Lord who is love beyond anything we can possibly imagine.

Marvelous Experience

—a children's story

By JANAAN MANTERNACH

One day Jesus decided to go into the mountains. He wanted to find a quiet place to pray. But he didn't want to go alone. So he asked his three closest friends, Peter, James and John, to go with him.

As they climbed the mountain, they talked about what was happening in their lives. A week earlier they had been at Caesarea Philippi. There Peter had said he thought Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. There, too, Jesus had told his friends he would have much to suffer in the coming weeks. He said his enemies would capture and kill him.

All this was puzzling. Peter, James and John hoped Jesus would explain things more today. But as they climbed, Jesus said little.

By afternoon they reached the top of the mountain. They sat down to rest and eat. Soon Jesus slipped off to pray. His friends were tired and went to sleep.

Suddenly something woke them. They were startled at what they saw and heard. They had never seen or heard anything like it. It was such a marvelous experience that they could not talk about it for many months. Only after Jesus' resurrection did they share with the world what that experience on the mountaintop meant to them. This is what they told.

When they woke up, they said, Jesus seemed filled with light. His face was bright, like the sun. His clothes were dazzling white.

Two men were talking with Jesus. One was Moses. Moses had died centuries before. He led the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt into the desert and freedom. Moses met God on a mountain, perhaps this very mountain. There God gave him the law and commandments.

The other man was the famous Hebrew prophet, Elijah. He, too, had lived long ago. The Bible said he did not die like everyone else. God took him to himself in a flaming chariot. The Jews of Jesus' time expected Elijah to come to prepare the way for the Messiah.

Peter, James and John stared with amazement. What did this mean? Was Jesus the new Moses, the Messiah? Was Elijah there to make this known? What were they talking about with Jesus?

The disciples listened carefully. Jesus was talking with Moses and Elijah about what would soon happen in Jerusalem. They were saying Jesus would die there, but that he would pass through death to a new life. He would lead his people to new freedom with God.

Peter, James and John were frightened. They were confused by what was happening. Not knowing quite what to say, Peter blurted out to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! We'll make three tents, one for you, one for Moses

and one for Elijah." Jesus did not answer.

Then a huge white cloud settled over the mountain. Jesus' three friends knew the cloud was a sign of God's presence with them. It was on the mountain when God gave Moses the law.

Peter, James and John bowed low to the ground in God's presence. As they did so, they heard a strong voice coming from the cloud. "This is my Son," said the voice of God. "I love him very much. Listen to him." They knew God was talking about Jesus.

The disciples were afraid, but happy. They were confused, yet things were beginning to make more sense. They were filled with wonder and awe. They remained bowed low in reverence.

Jesus touched each one of them on the shoulder. "Get up," he said gently. "Don't be afraid."

They looked up startled and glanced around. Moses, Elijah, the clouds were gone. They saw only Jesus. He stood there smiling at them.

As they walked down the mountain Jesus and his friends were silent. Each pondered what had happened. Peter, James, and John told no one about their marvelous experience for a long time. Only after Jesus died and rose from death to new life, did they speak about what happened that afternoon on the mountaintop. Only then did they understand who Jesus was.

Portrait of Nun as artist makes colorful picture

AKRON, Ohio — (NC)— Because Sister Carol Joy Cincerelli is such a busy artist, you might be tempted to tack the phrase "Have easel, will travel" after her name.

And because she creates colorful cloth banners with clever one liner — one says, "And how a message from your maker: love one another" — you might be tempted to call the humility of Mary sister the church's one-woman answer to Madison Avenue.

YET EVEN after that, you still don't have a complete portrait of the artist as nun. Most importantly, as educational consultant to the Regional Board of Catholic Education in Akron, Sister Cincerelli not only proves art and religion are related, but also brings out the religious artistry in others.

She offers special art services to groups, assists new teachers and evaluates existing programs in the region's schools.

A consultant for four years, Sister Cincerelli said she provides many kinds of services for teachers, for parish groups, for children. And at the core of them all, she adds, "is the way to bring together art and religion."

Her office is a com-

ination workshop and art gallery, a splash of color composed of cloth banners, posters and drawings.

"I draw, I paint, I sculpt. But I avoid using oils," said Sister Cincerelli, a member of her order for 20 years... "They take too long to work with and I am too impatient."

She also is too busy, it seems. Besides the task directly related to her job as consultant, Sister Cincerelli always has artwork jobs on the side. For instance, she has designed the Christ Child Society's official banner and has created murals on the office walls of an area pediatrician.

Recently she completed a project on the floor below her office, in the sanctuary of St. Paul Church. Behind the altar she drew a mural depicting Christ's life. During each week of Lent, she painted in a different portion of it. "With each week," she explained, "people could see another part of Christ's life portrayed." Finally, she "snuck into the church on Holy Saturday" to paint the risen Christ.

EVEN WHEN it was only partially completed, the mural drew many comments and compliments from parishioners. Well aware of what people were saying, Father Thomas Koegel, the

pastor, quipped from the pulpit one Sunday: "We're going to have to stop complimenting sister. She is in danger of losing her salvation."

"Besides that," he added, "we might have to pay her."

Sister Cincerelli is currently preparing a series of children's art textbooks for learning Concepts, Inc., and Ohio publishing firm. According to Sister Cincerelli, the series will build on itself, one art technique at a time. The textbooks for older children will combine many of art's basic techniques, she added.

Children in the fourth grade and beyond need to be as free in expressing themselves as they were earlier in life, said the nun who has taught school for 15 years.

"As children get into the fourth grade, they begin covering up their art papers," she noted. "When they get to the fourth grade, they get into many heavy educational concepts; some of the fantasy from before is gone. They place restrictions on their own work. Before they were proud of their artwork. Their parents would hang it up on the refrigerator."

"Somewhere we lose them" said the nun-artist, and she wants to recapture that suppressed artistry.



Sister Carol Joy Cincerelli

News briefs

Women petition Bishops

CHICAGO — (NC)— A coalition of 13 Catholic women's and social justice groups has asked the U.S. bishops to seek repudiation of a section of a Vatican declaration which says women cannot be ordained priests because they do not physically resemble Christ. The women in the coalition presented a petition to Bishop Michael McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., chairman of the bishops' Committee for Women in Society and the Church, and asked him to bring the issue to the full body of bishops during their meeting.

Ecumenical competition

CHICAGO — (NC)— Catholics and Protestants are ready to worship together, and both would benefit from a "little competition," said Father Hans Kung in an interview with U.S. Catholic magazine. Advocating increased participation by Christians in the eucharistic meals of other denominations, Father Kung said he would like to see the free-market principle at work among Christian denominations.

Refugees may drown

WASHINGTON — (NC)— On June 1 the U.S. refugee program will run out of money, the movement of Indochinese refugees from host countries in Southeast Asia will stop; those countries will probably begin pushing "boat people" back out to sea and many will drown. That is the scenario painted by the State Department, voluntary groups involved in resettling refugees and congressional supporters of the program. These people are pressuring Congress to speed up passage of a supplemental appropriations bill.

23 Demonstrators killed

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — (NC)— At least 23 people were killed and about 70 wounded May 8 after police fired on demonstrators gathered at the cathedral of San Salvador. The demonstrators were supporting the anti-government People's Revolutionary Bloc. The Archdiocesan Office of Social Justice called the shooting "a massacre of peaceful people" and said bloc demands were just.

Cursillo spreading

LOS ANGELES — (NC)— The Cursillo Movement continues to spread its message of Christian commitment worldwide, Eduardo Bonning, co-founder of the movement, reported. Bonning was in California for a regional reunion of cursillo members and to confer with the state cursillo coordinators in Los Angeles. The movement is particularly strong in the United States, he said.

Bishops push Congress

WASHINGTON — (NC)— The U.S. Catholic Conference has urged Congress to approve preferential trade rules to help the world's poorest countries. Preferential treatment is needed to help those nations compete "in the markets of industrialized countries," according to Father J. Bryan Hehir, USCC associate secretary for international justice and peace.

Pope to terrorists

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II made an impassioned plea for peace and an end to terrorism on the anniversary (May 9) of Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro's death at the hands of the Red Brigades. He said the Christian Democratic leader's kidnapping provoked worldwide protest against "the blind and irrational violence which, with the killing of the illustrious statesman, humiliated humanity in its basic requirements of truth and justice."

YWCA-abortion link

TORONTO — (NC)— Catholic cooperation with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Ontario will be "extremely difficult if not impossible" if the YWCA continues to join Planned Parenthood in advocating easier access to abortions, according to a statement issued by Ontario's 25 Catholic bishops.

Papal pool planned

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II, the youngest and most physically vigorous pope in modern times, is going to have a swimming pool. Initial work has been completed on a 40-foot by 82-foot pool at the papal summer residence in Castelgandolfo, south of Rome.

Conflict in Ireland

WEXFORD, Ireland — (NC)— Social conflict in Ireland was blamed on the un-Christian competitive nature of the consumer society by Bishop Peter Birch of Ossory. People are worried about the great number of official and wildcat strikes in the country, which indicate how easily anarchy can take over, said the bishop.

1 High school, 5 teen Eucharistic Ministers Special

By RAQUEL RODRIGUEZ Eucharistic Ministers.

Immaculata-LaSalle High School has made archdiocesan history by becoming the first high school in the Archdiocese of Miami to commission its students to be

The symbolic event took place in what was the school's Twentieth Anniversary Mass, concelebrated by Archbishop Edward McCarthy and Auxiliary Bishop Agustin

Roman, May 8 in the school cafeteria.

THE FIVE students who were commissioned by Archbishop McCarthy were: Bill Davis, Esther Maria Gonzalez, Rodolfo Gonzalez, Ileana Melian, and Kristin Tomonto. Also commissioned with the students were three ILS faculty members: Edward Asper, Social Studies and Religion teacher; Frank Gonzalez, Guidance Counselor; and Sister Elizabeth Worley, SSJ., Science Department Head.

The eight newly-commissioned ministers underwent intensive training under the guidance of Father Arthur Dennison, Religion Department Head at Immaculata-LaSalle. Each individual was asked to relate instances in his or her life in which Christ's love was revealed; Mother Theresa of



New Eucharistic Minister, Esther Gonzalez gives Communion to English and drama teacher Johnnie Wadley in a special ceremony and Mass at Immaculata-LaSalle High School.

Calcutta was used as a primary example of what it

means to be a representative of Christ today. The task of the Eucharistic Ministers will be to distribute Communion at the school Masses and to transmit Christ's love to all with whom they come into contact.

According to Father Dennison, the individuals who were chosen to be Eucharistic Ministers have demonstrated an intense seriousness of purpose about their faith and have proven themselves responsible leaders within the community. All have freely given of their time to help the Church grow and spread Christ's ministry of love.

Kristin Tomonto was overjoyed. "The most that I want to do in the Church at this time", says she, "is to give Communion... It's very encouraging that I, a sixteen-year-old, and other young kids can really do something to help a lot of other kids who question their faith."

And that is exactly what Archbishop McCarthy emphasized during the Mass. He said that the young people in the Church should not have to stand idly by, waiting until their forties to serve God and their community.

The newly-commissioned ministers will, as a solid group attempt to set an example for the rest of the school community. According to Esther Gonzalez, "Since I've been chosen to carry out such a task, I think that it will be much easier for me to set an example and to give in to peer pressure."


The fact that Immaculata-La Salle is the first high school in the Archdiocese to commission student ministers marks a high point in the school's twenty-year history. The anniversary celebration will continue throughout the week and will honor all past graduates and faculty of Immaculata-La Salle.

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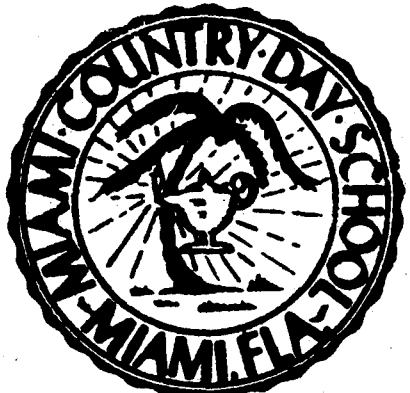
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Evangelization program scheduled for summer

LARGO, Fla. — (NC)— A special week of instruction, prayer and reflection "to help Catholic lay people become effective evangelists" is scheduled for the late summer in St. Leo, Fla.

Sponsored by the Catholic Family Missionary Alliance, the program is open to "all Christians who are serious about their commitment to Jesus Christ and are in regular church membership," according to Ron Lee, CFMA guardian director.

In announcing the program on evangelization and spiritual growth, Lee said, "We believe the most effective way to evangelize is by holiness of life. God needs a holy people willing to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit through the established church and movement of souls in prayer."

The week-long program will cover such topics as "how to give a talk," "kinds of prayer," salvation, God's love, suffering, healing, gifts of the Spirit, obedience and surrender to God.

The CFMA was founded four years ago by Mother M. Angelica of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. It now has more than 11,000 volunteer

missionaries in 43 countries. The group has established its own TV station in Birmingham and has more than 100 professionally prepared programs, "Living the Scriptures," featuring Mother Angelica.

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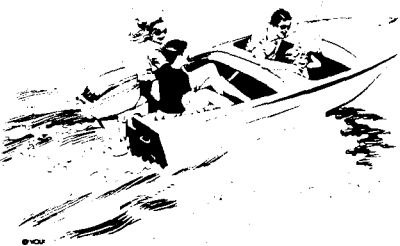
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Evangelization not taught but caught, priest tells meet

WATERTOWN, N.Y. — (NC) — "Fatih is like the flu. You don't teach it, you catch it," Father Michael Himes, dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y., told the bishops of New York State and their representatives at a conference on evangelization.

"Evangelization happens when two great moments click — when a person's faith wants to celebrate God's presence," he explained.

FATHER HIME'S keynote address to an audience of 125 persons — bishops, priests, deacons, and lay delegates, said the proper attitude for evangelization is not that evangelists are bringing something to others that they lack, but of "proclaiming something to you that you already have and perhaps have not noticed."

In the United States today, Father Himes said,

"There is an enormous collapse of conviction in the dignity of the human person." Americans "have become convinced that we are not innocent and we are convinced if we are not perfect, we have not right to exist."

Evangelizers, however, are proclaiming "You are not God." You are what you are and that's good. You don't have to be God to be good."

Paulist Father Alvin Illig, executive secretary of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Evangelization, talked about the practical approaches that can be taken in the task of evangelization.

Quoting a Gallup study on unchurched Americans, Father Illig reported that 41 percent of all Catholics over the age of 18 are no longer active.

The priest suggested diocesan and parish programs that may be used to reach such groups. Among his suggestions for the diocesan level was a one-day con-

vention to show how laity can play an effective role in sharing the Gospel, and also an occasional massive liturgy in a public stadium.

He suggested that parishes establish a core lay group for evangelization, conduct a census, and mail invitations to all residences to visit church or attend a social or education night. Mailings can also be used to invite residents to worship.

Father Illig noted the dominant part lay people must play in evangelization. "They do this by being witnesses," he said. "Their message is the same as St. Paul's 'See what Christ has done in my life. He can do the same for you.'"

A parish mission team consisting of a priest, two laymen who live in a rectory, and a nun and two laywomen who live in a convent, presented various techniques which they used in parish renewal programs.

They travel to parishes in the Archdiocese of New York to conduct their four-night renewal leading to the celebration of the Eucharist on the last night.

It's a Date

BROWARD COUNTY

Lauderdale Catholic Singles will sponsor a camping trip to Jonathan Dickinson State Park May 18-20. For additional information call 563-0185.

St. Bernard Women's Guild luncheon and fashion show, Saturday, May 19, Holiday Inn, 1711 N. University Dr., Plantation. For reservations call 741-7555.

St. Clement Women's Club rummage sale early in June in the parish hall. Donations needed include clothing in good condition, household articles, appliances, furniture. For pick-up of large items call 563-9220 after 3 p.m.

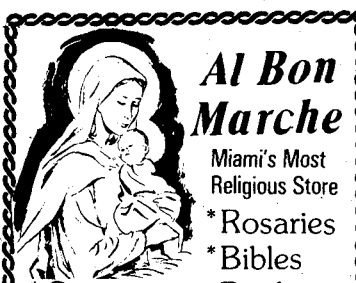
St. Stephen Catholic Women's Council will welcome new officers during 5:30 p.m. Mass in the parish church, Miramar, on Thursday, March 24. Dinner will follow at Tropical Acred, 2500 Griffin Rod., Fort Lauderdale. Miss Frances Perlinger is the new president. For reservations call 983-6904.

Lauderdale Catholic Widows and Widowers Club meets at 8 p.m., Monday, May 21 at the K. of C. Hall, 3571 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. For information call 733-4274.

CDA Court Holy Spirit dessert-card party, noon, Saturday, May 26, St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano Beach.

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K. of C. Ladies will sponsor a games party, 1:30 p.m. June 3, at the Council Hall, Marine Dr., W. Palm Beach. Refreshments.

DADE COUNTY

Christ the King Women's Club will install new officers during 10:30 a.m. Mass, May 20 in the church. Breakfast will follow at Quality Inn South. Vivian DeCarlo is the new president.

Our Lady of the Lakes parish will observe its 10th anniversary on Saturday, June 9 with a dance. Reservations may be obtained by calling 558-5210.

St. Rose of Lima parish CYO will serve a pancake breakfast after the Masses on Sunday, May 20 in the school cafeteria.

Holy Family Women's Club will present "Family Follies" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday May 20 in the parish hall, 14500 NE 11 Ave., North Miami. For tickets call 891-3933 or 891-7013.

St. Joseph Women's Club have welcomed new officers and installed Ann Hughes as president. The Rev. Noel Bennet, pastor officiated. The parish Friendship Club meets at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, in the parish center. Plans will be discussed for a day in Palm Beach on May 24. Luncheon at the Hotel Breakers, a visit to the Flagler Museum and sightseeing on Worth Avenue will be included. Bus leaves the church grounds at 10 a.m.

St. Lawrence parish Boy Scouts will serve a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 20 at the N. Miami parish. For tickets call 931-1914.

Holy Family Seniors Club will install new officers at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at Rocky Graziani's Restaurant. For further information call 891-6703.

Cathedral Women's Guild installation of officers during 9:30 a.m. Mass, May 20, in the church. Reception will follow in the Archdiocesan Hall.

St. Timothy Women's Guild have welcomed Mrs. Rosa Meschick as new president. The Rev. Michael Gigante, O.M.I., pastor, officiated at the installation of all the officers during a Mass in the parish church.

St. Hugh parish, Coconut Grove, presents Sister Agnes Gott of the Family Enrichment Center discussing "Concern for the Divorced and Separated" at 8 p.m., June 3 in the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

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Chaminade, Hollywood — Sat. May 19, 3 p.m. Nativity Church, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.
Madonna, Hollywood — Tuesday, May 22, 8 p.m., Nativity Church, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.
St. Thomas Aquinas,

Fort Lauderdale — Tuesday, May 22, 8 p.m., War Memorial Aud., Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Cardinal Gibbons, Fort Lauderdale — Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., War Memorial Aud., Rev. Vincent T. Kelly.

St. Brendan, Miami — Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m., Dade Co. Aud., Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Miami — Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m., Epiphany Church, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

Mary Immaculate, Key

West, — Thursday, May 24, 8 p.m., school aud., Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Belen Jesuit, Miami — Friday, May 25, 8 p.m., St. Michael Church, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

Msgr. Edward Pace, Miami-Friday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. Dade Co. Aud., Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Christopher Columbus, Miami — Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m., Miami — Dade College South, Auxiliary

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Immaculata-La Salle, Miami — Saturday, May 26, 11 a.m., St. Mary Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

Notre Dame Academy, Miami — Saturday, May 26, 2 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

Cardinal Newman, West Palm Beach — Sunday, May 27, 3 p.m. Frank Friemann Student Center, Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Archbishop Curley, Miami — Friday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., St. Rose of Lima Church, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy (Silver Jubilee graduation).

Carrollton, Coconut Grove — Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m., St. Hugh Church, Coconut Grove, Rev. William Williams, Raintree, Mass.

Rosarian, West Palm Beach — Saturday, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Margaret Tighe Machlin Theater, Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins.

Abp. to celebrate installation Mass

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal celebrant of the Mass in St. Jude Cathedral, St. Petersburg, when Bishop-elect W. Thomas Larkin is installed as second Bishop of St. Petersburg on June 28.

Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate in the U.S.

will officiate at the installation rites.

Bishop-elect Larkin will be ordained to the episcopacy by Pope John Paul II on May 27 in Rome.

Admission to the installation rites in St. Petersburg will be by invitation only in order to accommodate clergy, Religious and representatives of diocesan organizations.

Msgr. Walsh to get honorary degree

Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, will be honored by the Catholic University of Puerto Rico during commencement exercises on May 20.

An honorary Doctorate of Sacred Theology will be conferred on Msgr. Walsh who is observing the 25th anniversary of his ordination this month.

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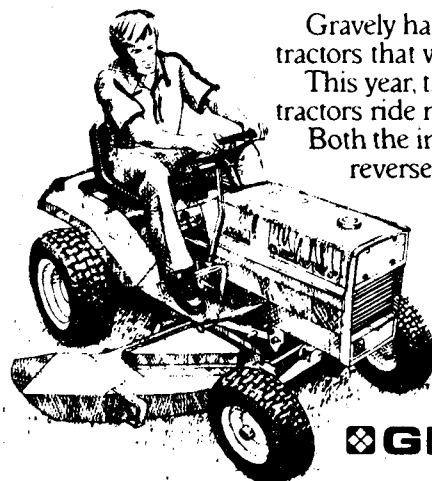
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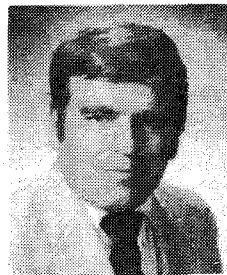
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Pre-Cana Conferences are also being held this month at St. Maurice parish, 2851

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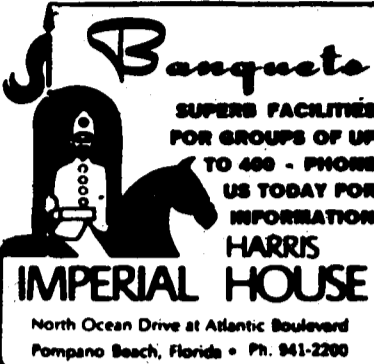
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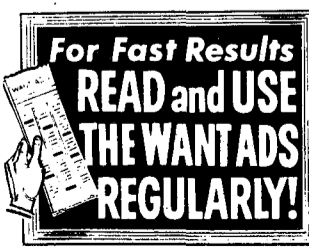
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Doctor warns of malignant individualism

DETROIT —(NC)— Warning members of the "me generation" against the dangers of malignant individualism, Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint told Mercy College of Detroit graduates they must focus on becoming caring persons for the sake of themselves, their families and society as a whole.

The black psychiatrist from Harvard Medical School said that unbridled selfishness among the people, including youth, has blinded individuals to their true nature and to the needs of society.

"Today, more and more people are saying they 'don't give a damn' to others. They are saying they are not their

brother's keepers," said Poussaint, who is associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard, director of student affairs and associate dean of students.

HE ALSO maintains a private practice, in which he said he finds the number one mental health problem is people not caring about each

other.

"Even though our nation was founded on individual rights, on individual freedom, that does not make the individual the basic unit of society. The basic unit of society is a group, it is a family, a community," he said.

Those who suffer most

from the "me-first, we-second" attitude are the young children, said Poussaint. Self-indulgent parents who have unrealistic expectations of self-fulfillment in marriage cannot adequately care, share and compromise so as to protect and nurture their children, he added.

"A family, a marriage, demand some degree of a sense of community, a sense of concern about the well being of others, and some sense of self-sacrifice, said the speaker. Today families are in danger because these elements are missing from so many of their lives.

Poussaint told Mercy's graduates, a majority of whom received degrees in nursing and allied health fields, that families — and to they — are the first line of health care.

"It is important for doctors and nurses to understand that the family plays a role in health care and that insofar as the family breaks down, we will have more problems with health care and with disease in society which the professionals will not be able to solve

LIKEWISE, the commencement speaker pointed out, the first-line social service agency in society is the family, and the proliferation of such agencies is in direct proportion to the breakdown of the family, requiring outside support to maintain its functions.

While agreeing that more day care facilities are needed in present-day society, Poussaint urged parents to provide basic education and socialization for their children within the family setting.

"As narcissism (self-centeredness) grows," warned Poussaint, "people search out and look for spirituality in superficiality. They turn to alcohol — and alcoholism is increasing — they turn to drugs and that's on the rise.

"People also turn to impersonal sex in search of something that never seems to be forthcoming because they are pursuing the wrong track, they are going down the wrong road to fulfillment. We can only be fulfilled through relationships to other people."

Broward Serra installation set

Entering its 19th year of activity, the Broward County Serra Club will install newly elected officers on Wednesday, May 23, at the noon luncheon banquet at the Harris Imperial House Restaurant in Pompano Beach. Retiring President, Dr. Maurice F. Draye, D.M.D., will receive the Past President's Award Pin in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated past services.

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“Comunidades ricas tienen deber misionero”

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC)— Las comunidades católicas que son ricas no deben preocuparse tanto de sus

dificultades económicas y con ello olvidar su deber de colaborar con las misiones, dijo el Papa al dirigirse el 11 de mayo a

representantes de Sociedades de Ayuda Pontificia a las Misiones.

La labor misionera, según

el Papa, debe esperar” pago para una subsistencia honrada.” y la ayuda debe de salir de las comunidades interesa-

das.

“Algunas comunidades, aunque suficientemente ricas, permanecen demasiado centradas en sus dificultades económicas y sus problemas, o están menos conscientes del deber misionero, mientras se sienten afectadas por la pobreza material de los países hambrientos,” dijo, urgiendo a sus oyentes el fomento de las vocaciones misioneras, que “se necesitan en todo lugar... y cuanto más en territorios de misión, donde por falta de evangelización audaz y sistematizada, las tierras permanecen vacías, o desgraciadamente son campo para las ideologías ajenas a la fe cristiana.”

Ora por Uganda

Durante sus breves palabras después del rezo del Angelus, el domingo el Papa pidió oraciones por los que sufren dificultades y peligros en Uganda, y por los asesinados allí en días anteriores. El Papa también saludó al equipo de balompié de Milán, que le respondió con vítores. Unas 50,000 personas se hallaban reunidas en la Plaza de San Pedro, y el Papa dedicó gran parte de su corto discurso a los niños y niñas que se preparan durante este mes de mayo para recibir la Primera Comunión.

Invita a los niños

“Al preparar a los niños y niñas para la Primera Comunión les introducimos en el mayor misterio de la vida cristiana,” dijo el Papa. “Les mostramos con grande es la dignidad del hombre y la mujer, su alma inmortal, que puede hacerse morada de Dios. Finalmente formamos en ellos la sensibilidad de la conciencia cuando la preparación a la Comunión va acompañada por el examen de conciencia, arrepentimiento de los pecados y el Sacramento de la Penitencia.”

El Papa urgió a los padres a “dar máxima importancia al contenido sacramental y religioso del acontecimiento y dijo que este debe tener lugar en las parroquias de los que reciben el Sacramento.

“Es un acontecimiento importante en la vida parroquial,” dijo el Papa, quien anunció que para satisfacer las peticiones de los niños y niñas de recibir la Primera Comunión de sus manos, invitará a todos los que la reciban este año en sus parroquias, a participar en una Misa en San Pedro, el 14 de junio, fiesta del Cuerpo del Señor, en que él mismo distribuirá la Comunión entre los jóvenes.



Felicidades bishop !!!

Con un abrazo fuerte, Cristina Barrera felicitó al obispo Agustín Román, durante la Ultreya del Movimiento de Cursillos el pasado

viernes. Al verla, todos los niños quisieron hacer lo mismo, mientras los papás miraban complacidos, pensando en la frase del Evangelio: “Dejad que los niños se acerquen a mí.”

En Ultreya de Cursillistas, gratitud y énfasis Emaus

Cursillistas de toda la archidiócesis acudieron el pasado viernes al salón parroquial de Nuestra Señora del Líbano, para participar en la tradicional Ultreya-comida que anualmente les une en el Saber

juntos sobre el progreso del Movimiento.

Y mientras los mayores escuchaban los discursos, los niños, corretearon por el salón y hasta hicieron fila junto al Obispo Román, para felicitarle con sus abra-

zos.

La Ultreya de este año fue dedicada al nuevo obispo Román, a los Diáconos Permanentes y el nuevo Asesor Sacerdotal del Movimiento, padre Romeo Rivas.

Todos estaban allí, y todos escucharon los chistes de Manolo Campa, las canciones del “Orfeón 4º Día” y las palabras del Coordinador del Movimiento Roberto

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Reafirma el arzobispo McCarthy posición sobre educación sexual en escuela pública

Con motivo de la reciente aprobación por la Junta Escolar de Dade y Broward de programas de educación sexual en las escuelas públicas, el arzobispo de Miami Edward A. McCarthy ha hecho la siguiente declaración:

Las Juntas Escolares de los condados de Dade y Broward aprobaron recientemente nuevos programas de educación sexual en las escuelas

públicas.

En respuesta al asombro general y a las innumerables peticiones por parte de los padres, de más aclaración y ayuda para enfrentar la cuestión, una vez más reafirmamos nuestra posición de que la educación sexual no debe ser enseñada separada de consideraciones morales.

Comprendemos a los miembros de las Juntas Escolares, por su seria preocupación sobre la creciente promi-

cuidad entre los jóvenes, sobre el crecimiento de los partos fuera del matrimonio y el desarrollo de las enfermedades venéreas.

El debate y la respuesta de la Junta Escolar, puede, a largo plazo, resultar valiosa al habernos alertado sobre situaciones alarmantes en nuestra sociedad.

Nos sentimos consternados ante algunas de las reacciones que fueron expresadas durante el intercambio de

opiniones relativas a las propuestas. Es doloroso constatar que existen aquellos quienes no ven conexión pertinente entre la moralidad y el uso del sexo. Estos, implícita o explícitamente afirman, que los diez mandamientos y la enseñanza judeo-cristiana no tienen valor. Dejan de ver la conexión entre el uso irresponsable e inmoral del sexo y la consecuente degradación de la vida humana que se mani-

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"... Podemos dar de comer..."

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

La calidad de vida en los Estados Unidos es una de las mejores en el mundo, y por todo ello le damos gracias a nuestro Padre celestial. A pesar de la subida en los precios de los víveres, en ningún otro lugar es la comida tan abundante. Somos muy afortunados si nos comparamos con otros países.

Hoy les escribo, no para fijarme sólo en la calidad de vida entre nosotros, sino para considerar la de millones de personas en otros países del mundo, en donde poder comer carne una vez al año y beber leche una vez a la semana es un lujo. Son países que no vemos y de los que se sabe poco, países que viven constantemente marginados y poseen pocas esperanzas.

Durante el año, tú y yo podemos llevar el amor de Cristo a algunas personas en esos países. Podemos hacerlo por medio del Servicio Católico de Socorro (Catholic Relief Service), una organización nacional que provee alimentos, ropa, hogar y asistencia a los que por todo

el mundo tan desesperadamente lo necesitan.

Este Servicio Católico de Socorro, pudo ayudar el año pasado a más de 18 millones de personas en 86 países, y lo hizo gracias a los 8.3 millones de dólares que ustedes contribuyeron a la colecta anual. Tal colecta generó 33 veces la misma cantidad en fondos, que permitieron la ayuda a víctimas del hambre, desastres naturales y guerras.

No existe mejor contribución que la que se hace al Servicio de Socorro Católico. Así como Cristo le dio de comer a la multitud con unos panes y peces, también nosotros podemos ayudar anualmente en esta causa para dar de comer, vestir y alojar a las multitudes de ese otro mundo que no conocemos.

Esperando que se unan a mí para respaldar al Servicio Católico de Socorro, este próximo domingo, quedo de todos,

Devotamente en Cristo,
Edward A. McCarthy
Arzobispo de Miami

Grupo parroquial ofrece consuelo a padres desconsolados

Para ayudar a los padres que han perdido a un hijo o hija, y sienten el vacío de la vida sin ellos, la parroquia de Santa Teresita en Coral Gables ofrece un programa en español, abierto a miembros de otras parroquias.

El programa sigue las orientaciones del Centro de Enriquecimiento Familiar, que ha establecido ya con éxito otros programas similares en inglés. Durante él, los padres se reúnen en pequeños grupos de reflexión, y oración donde otras parejas sirven de ayuda

y apoyo en el período arduo de la recuperación. El grupo se reúne el tercer sábado de cada mes, a las 3 p.m., en la parroquia, 1270 Anastasia Ave., Co-

ral Gables. Para información sobre el programa llamar a Rosa Amalia Portela 446-9950, Julia Mas 448-2577. Gladys García 754-2444.

Reunión ex-alumnas Salesianas

Tendrá lugar el próximo domingo 20 la décima reunión anual de las ex-alumnas salesianas de Cuba en el exilio.

El acto dará comienzo a las 2 p.m. en el local de la Agrupa-

ción Católica Universitaria, con una misa celebrada por el padre Armando Llorente S.J. Se espera la asistencia de los provinciales Enrique Mellano y Sor Nérida Méndez.



Elena y Marta Núñez, de la parroquia de Santa Cecilia en Hialeah, son los miembros más jóvenes del 'Orfeón 4º Día' que amenizó, con sus canciones-mensaje, a los cursillistas reunidos en Ultreya el pasado viernes.

En Ultreya de Cursillistas, gratitud y énfasis en Emaus

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Rodríguez, que agradeció a todos el buen espíritu, el entusiasmo, y la colaboración en el pre-Cursillo y post-Cursillo.

"Los más felices de entre nosotros son los que permanecen fieles reuniéndose en sus grupos, compartiendo la vida cristiana," dijo animando a todos a tener un grupo para compartir la fe.

"Lo que buscamos es

profundidad en la vida cristiana," añadió. Roberto informó sobre la casa de Emaus, "que está muy mal. Estos días con la lluvia criamos que la perdíamos," dijo. "Pero sabemos que si se destruye la casa, el Movimiento sigue," añadió urgiendo a todos el entusiasmo por levantar fondos para una nueva casa. Señaló la contribución de amistades, cursillistas y la de los jóvenes que han estado vendiendo camisetas 'de colores' para sacar fondos.

"La casa se logrará si Dios quiere," dijo Roberto. "Pero vamos a pedirselo al Señor y vamos a rezar, que es lo más importante", añadió.



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Festival del cine hispano en agosto espera más de 7,000 personas

Hace cuatro años, el Oblate College del Sureste, inició un festival del cine para "promover y reconocer el arte de hacer cine dentro de la comunidad hispana de los Estados Unidos."

Tal festival tendrá su cuarta celebración los próximos días 24 y 25 de agosto, en San Antonio, Texas, y ha lan-

Hispanos deben organizarse

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS (NC)—Los hispanos de Estados Unidos deben organizarse a nivel nacional y local si desean que sus hijos tengan igualdad de oportunidades en la educación, fue la conclusión de un seminario en el Fórum de Ex-Combatientes, la mayoría hispanos.

Funcionarios del mismo gobierno y dirigentes de organizaciones privadas insistieron en que sólo la presión política podrá lograr una educación de calidad, y esa presión debe aplicarse ante el congreso, las agencias regionales del gobierno, las asambleas estatales y las juntas de educación.

Hay más de 18 millones de hispanos en el país, la inmensa mayoría de fe católica. Una de las oradoras, Gloria Zamora, dijo que hay casi medio millón de jóvenes hispanos matriculados en universidades.

Seminario de Renovación Carismática

Organizado por la Renovación Carismática en el Espíritu, (rama hispana), tendrá lugar el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de mayo, en la cafetería del Seminario-College de Saint John Vianney, o seminario carismático católico de la vida en el Espíritu Santo.

El seminario será dirigido por el padre Antonio Navarrete y participarán además como conferencistas los padres Jorge García y Balbino Torres.

El seminario dará comienzo el sábado 26 a las 9 a.m. hasta las 6 p.m. y el domingo 27 de 1 a 6 p.m. Ambos días cerrarán con una Eucaristía. Para información 552-0246.

Comida bailable

El próximo sábado 19 de mayo, el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano ofrecerá una "comida-bailable" en el Hotel Everglades. La orquesta Impacto y el Conjunto 1800 amenizarán la noche. Para obtener los tickets pueden llamar a los teléfonos 552-1257 y 856-6080. No se venderán tickets en la entrada.

zado su invitación a "todos los realizadores de cine que habiendo experimentado la vida

hispana en los Estados Unidos, hayan logrado expresar sus experiencias, historia y

propia visión a través del cine.

Para el festival, que no es un evento de competencia, se aceptan películas de 16 y 35 mm. También videocassettes de 3/4 de pulgada, o en rollo de 1/2 pulgada y producciones de diapositivas, todo en cualquier idioma. La fecha límite para envío de producciones es el 15 de julio, 1979, de lo contrario no entrarán en el programa de exhibición.

El Festival del Cine de San Antonio, no pretende ser concurso, sino que establece sesiones de exhibición, día y noche en la Plaza del Mercado, y en el Teatro del Arte. El público, que en años anteriores ha superado las 7,000 personas, también hace críticas a las obras. Expertos de la cinematografía dirigen durante esos días talleres sobre cine. Las producciones todas se devuelven después del Festival. (Para información sobre envíos y participación, escribir a Adán Medrano, San Antonio Cine-Festival, Oblate College of the Southwest, 285 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216.)



Siempre hay gente en espera de su turno, para recibir ayuda en las oficinas de Inmigración de la Conferencia Católica de El Paso, Texas. En su mayoría son emigrantes ilegales. Los obispos Católicos de EE.UU. han pedido insistentemente al gobierno que ayude a los países vecinos en la creación de puestos de trabajo, que disminuyan la inmigración a este país.

Reafirma el Arzobispo su posición sobre educación sexual

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fiesta en la miseria de los niños que viven en hogares rotos, el sufrimiento de las esposas divorciadas, el uso de hombres y mujeres como sólo instrumentos del placer. Estos "abogados" dejan de ver o no quieren creer que existan graves implicaciones en las actitudes irresponsables e inmorales hacia el sexo, visto éste, como una experiencia en la que se puede entrar sin otro freno moral, fuera de la protección contra la enfermedad y los posibles hijos.

Fue también asombroso escuchar como algunos apoyaban la posición de que, el concepto del comportamiento sexual moral y responsable, es algo pasado de moda para nuestra ilustrada época.

La actitud de que sea aceptable para los niños aprender sobre educación sexual sin recibir ninguna orientación moral, es una violación de la razón y la experiencia humana. Es tan ridículo como decir que es aceptable enseñar a una persona joven a operar un automóvil, sin siquiera mencionar limitaciones de velocidad u otras reglas creadas para el bienestar de los conductores y demás ciudadanos.

Aún peor, el permitir a respetables profesores que expliquen como entrar en prácticas inmorales como la concepción o la homosexualidad, sin tocar la cuestión de la moralidad, sería semejante a enseñar a un niño, o niña, como robar en las tiendas, vandalizar la propiedad o escribir slogans anti semíticos, como si

estas fuesen acciones neutrales en las que no entra la responsabilidad moral.

El ignorar los valores morales priva a la persona joven de un pleno y enriquecido entendimiento del sexo en su contexto de las verdaderas relaciones humanas. También priva a los jóvenes del apoyo y estímulo necesarios para un mas efectivo medio de evitar las enfermedades venéreas y los hijos no planificados... el medio del control y la responsabilidad personal.

Los cinturones de seguridad y los cascos de protección pueden ser una contribución para la protección en el conducir, pero más efectivo aún es el enseñar buenos hábitos en la conducción.

No tiene sentido el enfocar la cuestión de cómo evitar las enfermedades venéreas y los hijos ilegítimos, demostrando como valerse de los contraceptivos y el aborto. Al contrario, debe uno preguntarse si los jóvenes deben entrar en la promiscuidad sexual y la fornicación. Lo contrario sería enseñar una nueva moralidad, que vendría a ser: "usarás contraceptivos," reemplazando así a la antigua "no fornicarás."

Existen aquellos que aún dirán que las escuelas públicas no pueden enseñar valores morales por eso de la separación de Iglesia y Estado. Pero el caso es, que al tomar una posición neutral sobre la actividad sexual, y asumir que esto es una práctica normal, la escuela

pública está transmitiendo valores morales. El dilema, por supuesto, es un punto débil del sistema de la escuela pública. Está contribuyendo a una sociedad donde la religión se separa de la vida humana con consecuencias que son deplorables.

La decisión de si los tribunales deberían probar la constitucionalidad de las recientes decisiones de las juntas escolares, es algo que deben tomar en seria consideración todos los padres interesados.

Ciertamente, es al mismo tiempo muy importante que los padres tomen interés en revisar el contenido de los cursos que recibirán sus hijos, y, si no los encuentran satisfactorios, no deben dudar en retirar a sus hijos de tales cursos. Es también esencial que la familia y la Iglesia provean los valores morales tan desesperadamente necesitados y que son indispensables para el pleno desarrollo de la persona humana.

Quizás sea una buena consecuencia de la controversia, el motivar a los padres para que tomen mayor interés en lo que sucede en la escuela pública y que no dejen su responsabilidad personal a grupos de presión mejor organizados y más vociferantes, los cuales buscan imponer su "moralidad" sobre todos los demás.

Encarecidamente imploramos a las juntas escolares que tengan sensibilidad y den respuesta a la legítima preocupación de los padres que son los que tienen la responsabilidad primaria de la total formación de sus hijos.

Mundo

• Terrorismo: Tema electoral en Italia

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— Ante los renovados brotes de terrorismo, el diario L'Osservatore Romano comentó que atentados como los de las Brigadas Rojas (contra la central del Partido Demócrata Cristiano) hacen de cada jornada "el día de los asesinatos." El terrorismo, responsable entre otros del secuestro y muerte del primer ministro Aldo Moro, es tema electoral para el voto de junio.

• Encomia Hans Kung encíclica papal

MILAN, Italia —(NC)— El conocido teólogo P. Hans Kung encomió la encíclica del Papa Juan Pablo II "Redemptor Hominis" (Redentor del Hombre) como heraldo de un nuevo humanismo cristiano "que a la luz de Cristo pone como centro al hombre, su dignidad, sus derechos individuales y sociales." El sacerdote, quien dirige el Instituto de Investigaciones Ecuménicas de la Universidad de Tubingen en Alemania, sugirió que el Papa se preocupe también por la renovación interna de la Iglesia. "una tarea inmensa por sus muchos problemas."

• A reunirse Institutos Seculares

BUENOS AIRES —(NC)— A mediados de julio se efectúa una reunión de institutos seculares de América Latina para examinar el papel que les asigna el Documento de Puebla, formulado por los obispos de Latinoamérica en su tercera conferencia general de febrero, y que pide una mayor participación secolar en las tareas de evangelización. En sólo Argentina hay 19 institutos, muchos de fundación europea.

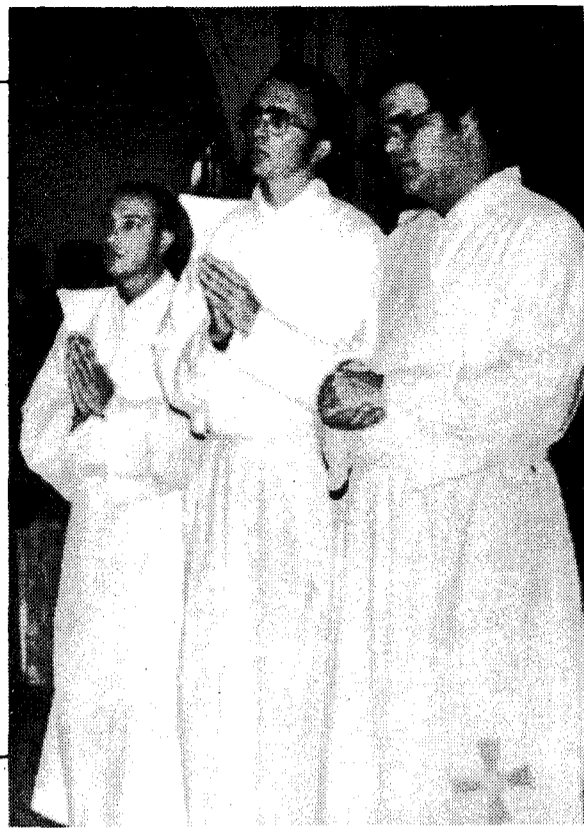
• Aclaración vaticana sobre escritos papales

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— En una declaración leída por la Oficina Vaticana de Prensa, el Papa Juan Pablo II critica a los católicos que militan en partidos izquierdistas, particularmente en el Comunista, por no ser consistentes con sus principios de fe y moral. Negaba así informes de prensa sobre un supuesto artículo escrito por él para el libro "El Papa del Rostro Humano."

• Detallan viaje del Papa a Polonia.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— Un anuncio oficial describe la visita de nueve días del Papa Juan Pablo II a Polonia como "una peregrinación a la tierra natal en el año dedicado al noveno centenario del martirio de San Estanislao." El santo fue obispo de Cracovia. El itinerario incluye visitas a Varsovia, donde llega el 2 de junio, a Gniezno, sede primada, con paradas de camino en varios pueblos; a la basílica mariana de Czestochowa en Jasna Gora, donde además preside una reunión de los obispos polacos; a Cracovia, de la cual fue obispo también, a Wadowice, su ciudad natal y al campo vecino de Auschwitz, de triste memoria durante los nazis. Después de una misa en Nowy Targ regresa a Cracovia para ir a la basílica de Mogila y regresar desde Varsovia a Roma el domingo 10.

Con un abrazo, sus compañeros en el sacerdocio dieron la bienvenida a los nuevos sacerdotes Robert Christman, Stephen Hilley y Richard Velie (a la derecha), después que éstos recibieron el sacramento por la imposición de las manos del arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy. La ceremonia tuvo lugar el pasado sábado en la catedral de St. Mary, y al concluir ésta, los nuevos sacerdotes recibieron su destino: Robert Christman, de asistente a St. Michael, Stephen Hilley de asistente a St. Hugh, y Richard Velie a estudiar español durante el verano y después de asistente a Sta. Teresita en Coral Gables.



Arzobispo Sánchez delegado USA al Sínodo de Obispos de 1980 en Roma

Por primera vez en la historia de la Iglesia norteamericana un obispo hispano ha sido elegido para representar a los obispos en el Sínodo Mundial de Roma en 1980. El Sínodo, que reunirá junto al Papa a obispos delegados de todo el mundo tendrá como tema 'La vida familiar'.

El arzobispo Roberto Sánchez de Santa Fe, fue elegido delegado al Sínodo de 1980, durante las reuniones anuales de los Obispos de EE.UU. en Chicago.

Según Pablo Sedillo, Jr. que dirige el Secretariado Nacional Hispano de la Conferencia Católica NCCB/USCC, la elección del arzobispo Sánchez, es un "hecho muy significativo. Es la primera vez que un obispo de una minoría en el país, es elegido como delegado. Los obispos de la



Arz. Roberto Sanchez



Pablo Sedillo Jr.

Iglesia universal podrán oír a un obispo que lleva la visión de la familia hispana en los Estados Unidos," dijo Sedillo, quien piensa que el arzobispo Sánchez llevará a Roma también el concepto de la unidad y el pluralismo de los hispanos en el país y los valores propios de sus culturas, especialmente

con referencia a la familia.

En una entrevista por teléfono con *La Voz*, Sedillo comentó sobre las reuniones de los obispos en Chicago y las calificó de positivas.

"Aunque no hayan salido grandes conclusiones, se nota

que se está desarrollando un nuevo estilo de liderazgo entre los obispos," dijo.

Informes en la prensa indicaron recientemente que las reuniones no habían producido noticias, y que gran parte de éstas se basó en la reflexión y discusión en pequeños grupos. Aunque el Presidente de la Conferencia arzobispo John Quinn, de San Francisco, hizo referencias a las reuniones de los obispos latinoamericanos en Puebla, presentándolas como modelo, su propuesta no tuvo gran eco.

60 organizaciones, sociales, políticas y cívicas, en la búsqueda de unidad entre los hispanos de EE.UU.

"A pesar de significar más trabajo para mí, es también un honor el que me hayan elegido, siendo representante católico," dijo. Sedillo señaló que que el Fórum sólo tiene tres años de existencia y está luchando por más unidad entre los hispanos. "Creo que han visto en la Iglesia una institución de confianza con la capacidad de agrupar y ser elemento de unidad", añadió.

Sedillo, que ha asistido ya a 18 reuniones del Episcopado de EE.UU., señaló que se nota que va entrando nueva sangre, con el nombramiento de obispos jóvenes más de avanzada "que traen nuevas ideas, cuestionan el por qué y para qué de las reuniones y buscan un modelo de Iglesia más pastoral".

Sedillo fue nombrado recientemente Chairman nacional del Fórum de Organizaciones Hispanas, que incluye a

"Dios Habla Hoy": nueva versión de la Biblia en español

NUEVA YORK.— La Sociedad Bíblica Americana anuncia la publicación este verano de una nueva traducción de las Sagradas Escrituras en español— lengua de cerca de trescientos millones de hombres, mujeres y niños, en todo el mundo.

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sión Popular, que es el producto de un equipo calificado de escrituristas y de traductores protestantes y católicos, será distribuida mayormente en el hemisferio occidental.

Titulada "Dios Habla Hoy", esta versión popular de la Biblia en español responde a la necesidad reconocida por las

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