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## Bishops: Some Yes's and No's

WASHINGTON—(NC)— The U.S. bishops approved a pastoral letter on racism but failed to get enough votes to approve a change in liturgical language in two of the major items decided at the semi-annual general meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Nov. 12-15 in Washington.

The bishops also faced a number of financial questions: a 1980 budget, an increase in assessments on dioceses, a separate assessment to pay the expenses of Pope John Paul II's U.S. trip, and the question of whether the U.S. church would be asked to help lower the Vatican's \$20 million deficit.

In addition, the bishops were urged not to give special help to the U.S. Census Bureau in its efforts to count illegal aliens as part of the 1980 census.

And they decided to meet only

once a year, instead of twice, beginning in 1981.

Two motions to change male-only references in the liturgy gained majority approval from the bishops but failed to reach the two-thirds votes required for passage.

ONE MOTION would have deleted the word "men" from the eucharistic prayers which now read "it will be shed for you and for all men." The second motion would have allowed priests to change presidential prayers within the sacramentary, liturgy of the hours and the rites to avoid referring only to men.

If the bishops had approved the changes— which some priests already have made themselves — they still would have needed the approval of the Vatican.

The changes had been urged by the bishops' Liturgy Committee, headed by Archbishop Rembert

Weakland of Milwaukee, because "whatever can be done to alleviate any hurt or feeling of alienation of a large segment of the assembly must be undertaken."

But objections were raised by some bishops who disliked changing the words of consecration or allowing experimentation by priests.

The bishops' newest pastoral letter, a long but strongly worded document, calls racism "a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father."

It says recent gains in race relations through new laws and policies often have been "only a covering over, not a fundamental change."

It does not specifically mention groups such as the Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazis, but several bishops pointed to the resurgence of such groups as a reason for a strong statement from the bishops.

THE PASTORAL letter was approved 215-30, but only after an effort to send it back to committee to give it a stronger theological base failed.

Money questions came before the bishops in several ways, most apparently in a philosophical debate over whether the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and its civil action arm, the U.S. Catholic Conference, should continue a national "presence" at any cost or whether the two agencies' programs would have to be cut back in future years.

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## Our Boat People, The Drug Addicts

By GEORGE KEMON

The plight of the barbiturate addict in Florida is beginning to take on chilling similarities to the conditions of those Vietnamese unfortunates who must take to the open seas in a desperate effort to save their lives.

Therapeutic Communities of America, meeting in Miami Beach this week is concerned. The national consortium of drug-free treatment programs, meeting in Miami Beach has zeroed in on the dangerous plight of the barbiturate addict in Florida—and well they might.

ACCORDING to Msgr. William B. O'Brien, Director of Daytop Village, in New York, and president of the Therapeutic Communities of America in speaking at a press conference last Wednesday stated, "There is not a single in-hospital detoxification unit to serve barbiturate addicts in the entire state. This latest reminder of abject surrender by our National and State leadership in the face of a mounting drug crisis among youth comes on the heels of recent assurances by the White House Domestic Policy staff that a team is working to coordinate federal action towards meeting 'a drug

emergency" in Southern Florida to control what Representative Lester Wolfe of the House Select Committee has termed a "drug invasion of our shores", the Msgr. concluded.

Withdrawal from barbiturates can be deadly and it is hard to explain the flow of funds for aircraft, boats and electronic surveillance equipment while we are told there are no funds for a single in-hospital detoxification bed in a State the size of Florida.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has moved to discontinue funding in-hospital detoxification for barbiturate Addicts on the grounds that it is too costly. Treatment programs have been told that they can make contractual arrangements with individual hospitals and that there should not be too many problems.

But, there are problems.

Dade County which had a 10-bed detoxification unit saw that facility closed in May of 1979. Concept House of Miami was allocated five of those slots to detoxify opiate addicts but is unable to attempt detoxification of barbiturate addicts, for to do so outside of a hospital setting would be to

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A Young Cambodian girl gives her brother spoonful of rice at a refugee camp in Thailand. It is a Thanksgiving Day reminder of our own good fortune and the needs of so many others throughout the world. See editorial Page 6.

## Pope Will Visit Turkey

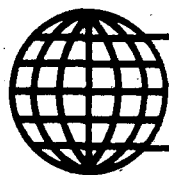
VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II announced Nov. 18 that he will visit three Turkish cities Nov. 28 - Dec 1 in a major effort to promote Christian unity with the Orthodox Church.

The trip as outlined by the pope will include stops in Ankara, the Turkish capital where he will meet with government officials in the predominantly Moslem nation; Istanbul, where he will visit Orthodox Patriarch Dimitrios I and participate in celebrations marking the feast of St. Andrew; and Ephesus, the site of an ancient Marian shrine.

St. Andrew, whose feast day is celebrated Nov. 30, is the brother of St. Peter and patron of the Orthodox Church. Ephesus was the site of the Third Ecumenical Council which began in 431. The council, in 433, formally gave Mary the Title, Mother of God.

Turkey, a secular republic of about 40 million people, will be the first country not having a predominantly Christian population visited by Pope John Paul. The pope has been to Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Poland, Ireland and the United States during his 13-month papacy.

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# News At A Glance

## U.S. Help Vatican Debt?

WASHINGTON — (NC)— The Catholic Church in the United States, which has sometimes been regarded as the source of a partial solution to the Vatican's financial deficit, will not be asked to send a specific amount to lower the deficit, said Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia during a news conference Nov. 13. "You can't impose anything on anybody," Cardinal Krol said after being asked whether the U.S. church would be told to help trim the Vatican deficit.

## Bolivia Saddens Pope

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II pleaded for a peaceful resolution of civil strife in Bolivia during his noon Angelus talk Nov. 11 before some 50,000 people in St. Peter's Square. "With deep worry I have followed in recent days the developments of the grave crisis in Bolivia, and with profound sadness I have learned of the violent tensions that have caused serious suffering and many deaths and injuries," the pope said. "I am close to the bishops who, with great solicitude, are working to overcome the danger of a lengthy and fratricidal struggle and to promote peaceful solutions."

## London-Vatican Ties Near

LONDON — (NC)— The apostolic delegate to Great Britain has been given diplomatic rights as the first step toward establishing full diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Holy See, The Times of London reported Nov. 13. The Foreign Office confirmed that the British government has agreed to regard the apostolic delegate and his counsellor as diplomatic agents and to treat his property and communications as those of a diplomatic mission. But it pointed out that this was being done on a personal basis and fell short of granting full diplomatic status.

## Bishops Ask Pope Dialogue

WASHINGTON — (NC)— A group of 27 American bishops said that there was little time to talk to the pope during his event-packed visit to the United States and that they had wanted to "dialogue with him on the issues which are of great concern to our church and nation." The bishops wanted to add their statement to one in which the hierarchy said that as a result of the visit by Pope John Paul II, members of the episcopacy rededicated themselves to "preaching the word in season and out of season."

## Communications Collection

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Money raised in the church's first national collection for communications programs probably will fall far short of the \$7 million it was thought would be raised, the U.S. bishops learned Nov. 14 at their fall general meeting in Washington. The bishops also fixed a date for future communications collections and approved the hiring of a professional communications campaign administrator.

## Sandinista's Prisoners

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — (NC)— After a meeting with the Catholic bishops, the Sandinista leadership and the government promised they would soon begin trials of pro-Somoza prisoners charged with crimes against the people. "These prisoners were our foremost concern," said Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua.

## Venezuela Bishops: Family, Peace

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— The family, catechesis and social justice were the principal themes when Pope John Paul II met with 15 Venezuelan bishops at the Vatican. The pope asked them to combat viewpoints on marriage and family life which ignore or obscure the key role of sanctified love.

## Bishops Condemn Racism

WASHINGTON — (NC)— The U.S. bishops overwhelmingly approved Nov. 14 a pastoral letter condemning racism as a sin, but only after rejecting an effort to send the letter back to committee "to make it better." During final consideration of the letter, some 60 amendments were added, several in response to criticism by some bishops that it did not have enough of a theological basis.

## Pope Appeals for Hostages

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Pope John Paul II called Nov. 14 for the release of those "who are at this moment being held, with violence, separated from their dear ones," but he made no specific mention of U.S. hostages in Iran. During his weekly general audience, the pope cited the cases of a 13-year-old boy kidnapped in southern Italy and a member of the Spanish Cortes (Parliament) kidnapped in Madrid.

## Vicar: Rome in Decline

ROME — (NC)— Rome has become a city where individualism, violence and social disintegration reign, Cardinal Ugo Poletti, papal vicar for the Rome Diocese, told the laity of the diocese Nov. 13. He said the diocese faces two crisis, one resulting from the decline in vocations, the other from the way in which the city has grown. Of Rome's 3 million inhabitants, "only a quarter live a consistent Christian life," he estimated.

## England Vocations Up

LONDON — (NC)— The number of vocations to the diocesan priesthood in England and Wales is increasing, according to figures provided by the secretary of the Bishops' Commission for Priestly Formation. There were 150 new major seminary students in 1979, in comparison to 112 a year from 1975 to 1978, he said. His report added that, without a rapid increase in vocations, there would be about 900 fewer diocesan priests in 20 years. The current number is 3,800.

## Priest Dead; Teen Held

GREENVILLE, Miss. — (NC)— Greenville police have arrested a 16-year-old boy and charged him with the murder of Father Eugene Chatagnier, 36, who was shot three times and left outside a car repair shop. Police said the youngster, Thomas Ray Jones, had one of the priest's belongings when he was arrested. Jones was being held without bond in the Greenville jail.

## Msgr. Higgins Honored

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Msgr. George G. Higgins, secretary for special concerns of the U.S. Catholic Conference, received the first interreligious award of Religion in American Life at a luncheon Nov. 13 during the meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Msgr. Higgins "is a role model for every clergyman in America," said Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, RIAL board chairman, in presenting the award. "He reflects honor not only on his own church but on all religion in American life."

## Peace in N. Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland — (NC)— The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has asked influential sectors of society to apply the call for peace in Northern Ireland made by Pope John Paul II during his visit in September. The call was issued in a pastoral letter read in all Catholic churches in Ireland and Northern Ireland Nov. 11.

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# Wear Habit, Pope Tells Superiors at Assembly

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— Nuns must give witness to their vocation by a total fidelity to the church, by living in community and especially by wearing the religious habit, Pope John Paul II said Nov. 14.

He was speaking to 630 participants in the annual assembly of the International Union of Superiors General during an early evening Mass in the Sistine Chapel.

"Fidelity to Christ can never be separated from fidelity to the church," the pope said in a homily which echoed many of the themes of his talks to Religious in Ireland and the United States.

Community life is an essential witness, he said, "because spiritual ties cannot be created, developed and perpetuated except through

daily and prolonged contact."

Pope John Paul said distinctive religious garb provides a "particular witness" and serves as "a sign...indicative of the choice you have made to consecrate yourselves totally to the ideals of the kingdom of heaven; the choice of poverty, gladly lived and loved in trustful abandonment to the provident action of God; the choice of detachment from every compromise with secularism; the choice of witness before the brothers and sisters of the world."

A PERSON attending the annual assembly (Nov. 12-15) said about 75 percent of the participants wore religious habits.

Speaking to the nuns as the leaders of religious institutes in 65 countries of the

world, the pope said he was aware of their "delicate and sometimes difficult — but also so precious — task" in the modern world since the Second Vatican Council.

"You must sustain and guide your fellow sisters in this post-conciliar period, certainly rich in new experiences, but also so exposed to errors and deviations, which you must seek to avoid and to correct," he said.

Pope John Paul praised the "positive evolution in recent years of religious life."

But he added that "certain concrete choices, even if prompted by good thought not always enlightened intentions, have not offered to the world the authentic picture of Christ which Religious must make present to men."

He also called on the superiors general to consider the topic of the next plenary assembly of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes: "The Contemplative Dimension of Religious Life."

"The accomplishment of your duties requires constant prayer, reflection, consultation, but also courageous decisions, conscious of your own responsibility before God, the church and the Religious who await this service," Pope John Paul said.

"Have faith!" he concluded. "Be always courageous in your religious dedication, not letting it be battered down by difficult eventualities, by the decrease in personnel, by the uncertainties which can burden the future."

MERCY SISTER Teresa Kane, president of the (U.S.) Leadership Conference of Women Religious who called on the pope to consider including women in all ministries of the Catholic Church during the pope's visit to Washington in October, was not present at the audience.

She had been in Rome for the meeting (Nov. 6-10) of councilors and delegates to the International Union of Superiors General but returned to the United States Nov. 11 to serve as the official LCWR observer to the U.S. bishops' meeting in Washington.

# Sister Kane Seeks To Meet With Pope

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Mercy Sister Theresa Kane, who asked Pope John Paul II to include women in "all ministries of our church" when he visited the United States, is seeking a meeting with the pope in Rome to discuss the issue.

Sister Kane, president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, returned from Rome to be an observer at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting Nov. 12-15.

SHE HAD BEEN one of five U.S. delegates to the International Union of Superiors General council meeting. Sister Kane also headed the Leadership Conference of Women Religious at its annual meeting between members of the conference and officials of the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes (SCRIS).

The LCWR executive committee has endorsed Sister Kane's efforts to obtain a conference with the pope, although attempts since the papal visit in October have proved fruitless. The conference had thought that a meeting could be arranged during the recent trip to Rome

but the College of Cardinals meeting held at the same time worked against those plans.

Sister Kane has avoided giving interviews since her address at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Oct. 7, but a statement was released by the LCWR saying she has requested and obtained support for the meeting from Archbishop John R. Quinn, president of the NCCB, Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States, and Cardinal Eduardo Pironio, cardinal prefect of SCRIS.

The statement said Sister Kane "hopes that a meeting with the pope will be held within the next few months. Among areas to be included in the discussion will be religious life in the United States and the participation of women in the church's ministry."

A spokesperson for Sister Kane said she has avoided speaking out because she wants the focus to be on the issue of women's ministry, rather than herself.

Pope John Paul did not respond directly to Sister Kane's call for full ministry for women when he addressed the women Religious at the shrine.

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## Thanks From Holy Land

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Your Excellency,

I have received the Good Friday Collection offerings of the good people of the Church of Miami for the year 1979 in the amount of \$24,173.38.

The Franciscan Friars of the Commissariat of the Holy Land are most grateful to you and to your people for the collection you have so generously taken up for the care of the Holy Places and the support of our missionary activities. Please assure your faithful people that they will be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the Holy Land Franciscans.

It is the continuous aid of your people that enables the friars of the Custody to help preserve the "Christian Presence" in the Holy Land, maintain the sites sacred to our Saviour's life, and work to improve the lot of the people now dwelling where Christ lived and worked. Without your concern and assistance our apostolate could not long endure.

So in the words of St. Paul, may the Lord "multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." (2 Cor 9:8)

Asking your Excellency to bless the work of the Holy Land, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. Matthew M. De Benedictis, OFM  
Commissary



# Florida's Boat People-Barbiturate Addicts

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endanger human life.

Adequate detoxification facilities are in pitifully short supply and for the indigent—practically non-existent. Yet, it is true that hospitals are reluctant to work with young addicts who need help but are perceived as pariahs, these are the kids who some Florida programs have had to fly to New York for purposes of saving their lives.

Thus, we see the Federal Government holding back vitally needed funds and a State government which, thus far, has not seen the need to restore a vitally needed service for its youth.

THIS IN A State which appears to be undisturbed by the fact that despite enabling statutes, it steadfastly refuses to transfer prison inmates with drug histories to community based programs, a move which national experience demonstrates will save young lives while sharply reducing costs to taxpayers.

Out of 23,000 people in Florida jails some 15,000 have

drug histories. Many of these young people can and should be treated in community programs at a cost of \$8.50 per day instead of the \$41.50 per day that prisons drain from the public coffers.

Despite the reality of contractual arrangements, the sad truth is that there are only 13 young people in the State who are being offered community based treatment instead of incarceration. In point of fact, after 5 years of contractual arrangements, only 3 women have ever been treated in a community based program.

Disc Village in Tallahassee, an excellent treatment program, has even offered to treat prisoners at no cost to the State and has been refused.

Florida like many other States seems to have millions to build and make prisons and jails which warehouse young people at great cost of which the taxpayer received little except the assurance that many prisoners receive a graduate education in crime. The TCA, according to



Msgr. William B. O'Brien, president of Therapeutic Communities of America and Director of Daytop Village, New York, gives dismal prognosis of the drug scene in Dade County.

Msgr. O'Brien will call upon the White House and the State House in Tallahassee to re-examine their priorities, and make a positive commitment to our youth, in this, the International Year of the Child.

TCA calls upon our

leadership to take all steps to ensure that a State, the size of Florida, maintains commensurate in-hospital detoxification resources in order to meet our responsibility to the growing number of barbiturate addicts.

MSGR. O'BRIEN, in an impassioned plea wound up by saying, "We urge the State of Florida to realize that its young people deserve the opportunity to achieve their potential in community-based programs and to fulfill the promise of rehabilitation by acting on current statutes

that till now have been mere words."

TCA speaks for 109 agencies in America whose client population level exceeds 12,600 young people, 3,307 treatment workers, 302 facilities, \$61 Million in treatment funding, in 23 States of the Union and Canada.

Here is a final, chilling statistic: there were 2,460 deaths from overdoses of drugs in young people in this country last year. One-third of that total came from Dade County, Florida.

## Fr. Andruiska Honored

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Homestead, will honor Fr. Vincent Andruiska, former associate pastor, with a farewell reception Nov. 25, from 2-4 p.m., at the new First National Bank, 1550 N. Krome Ave., Fr. Andruiska came to the parish in October 1975. He has been serving in the Miami Archdiocese since 1968. The priest has played a key role in the fund-raising for

the new parish hall now under construction.

Fr. Andruiska was assigned to St. Peter and Paul parish in Miami on Oct. 24. "He will be greatly missed by the parish and the Community," a Church spokesman said.

The church has requested that, because of limited facilities only those of high school age or older, attend the farewell.

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# Monument to Be Built For Deceased Priests

The Archdiocese of Miami is planning to erect a monument of the Risen Christ in the priests' section of Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery in northwest Miami and will be centered at the grave of the late Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, founding bishop of the Archdiocese.

The statue will be sculptured, according to Msgr. John Donnelly, "from South Carolina Balfour Pink granite.

"THE COLOR of the sculptured granite doesn't actually look pink but is more like a lovely beige," he added.

He said the granite is conducive to sculpturing and "the fine grain of the stone produces excellent features."

A plastic prototype model of the statue (see picture) will be altered in the actual granite rendering, he said, especially in the area of the right hand which will be raised from its present position.

The Committee estimates a 12 to 15-month period to complete the work.

"WE ARE previewing the statue of the Risen Christ during this month of November in which we remember our departed friends and relatives and especially our departed priests," he said.

The statue will be 7 feet, nine inches tall, mounted atop a pedestal for an overall height of 11 feet, seven inches. The statue and pedestal will be mounted in the center of a semicircular wall. There will be gold leafed scriptural inscriptions on the pedestal and parts of the wall.

The sculpture is by Kotecki Monuments Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Msgr. Donnelly is accepting donations (tax deductible) toward the cost of the priests monument. Send them to Msgr. John Donnelly; Archdiocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. 33138.



Interior of the Following Jesus Foundation Thrift Shop at 5828 SW 8th St., the Foundation is non-denominational and tries to assist all minority groups with emergency needs.

## ... To Fill a Need - Store Front Ministry

By GEORGE KEMON

"...Dedicated to the commonness of our Healing Lord, Jesus Christ, dedicated to "breaking down the walls of denominational divisions amongst all Christians" and "Sounding the call for Christian fellowship".

Thus are the words which give the reason for being of the Following Jesus Foundation — a store front ministry to the poor which struggles every day at 5828 SW 8th St.

It is a non-denominational foundation presently composed of Lutherans, Baptists, Greek Orthodox, and Catholics, on its Board and in close association with those Churches in the neighboring area.

While its director, Ted Horsey — also its founder — is a lay Catholic Evangelical Lay Minister, its involvement is mainly with other religions which have banded together to help the poor and needy, and Ted's Catholicity does not seem to make it a "Catholic" organization, any more than it is Lutheran or Greek Orthodox. Ted feels that the only way the foundation can survive is to be in fellowship and association with other denominations.

Following Jesus Foundation is a number of things to a lot of people. It is

used clothing and material things, cheaply bought to some, to others it is staple food, emergency rations so to speak to tide them over a rough spot, or to help until the food stamps come.

THE STATE welfare offices are located next door and many referrals come from them asking for immediate assistance for some one in need, or until the food stamps come, or other agency red tape has been accomplished.

The foundation provides bread, and canned staples, and issues them twice a week — or anytime in an emergency situation.

They help out with food such organizations as Camillus House, The Village, Riverside House of the Riverside Methodist Church, Overtown Day Care and Community Recreation Center, Ozanam Residence, Cornerstone Church Prayer Center, Needy Families Through Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Needy Spanish-American families through St. Peter and Paul Prayer Community, etc.

Each of these organizations receives bread daily in some circumstances, and what other food stuffs may be donated and available for distribution to them. Much food is distributed at the storefront every day. No one goes hungry.

The Foundation, among

its programs, has one for the shut-in. A phone-call frequently, just to check in with the shut in — or a visit with basic food to help out for a few days. A caring — and a sharing.

At this writing Ted is trying to finalize arrangements to feed a Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. Last year 82 people were served. This year it is anticipated there will be more. The turkeys and the fixins' have been obtained, what remains is a place to cook them, a cook to do it, and a place to serve the meal. "All will be found," says Ted, who has confidence that the Lord will provide.

THE FOUNDATION survives mainly on donations, its thrift shop from donations of clothing and furniture, food, in quantity from several different sources, or purchased from the meager budget. The shop provides a base for operations of all kinds. If Ted, or the foundation can't supply the need, they know who can — and volunteers get in touch with the right party who can help.

Recently the Foundation cut aid off to a group of Haitians whom they learned, also were being fed, and very well, by some of Gen. Somosa's Army people. The publicity they received was unfortunate because it



Plastic model of statue to be built of granite in Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery. Finished statue will be somewhat different from this model.

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# MATTER OF OPINION

Being entrusted, then, by God's mercy, with this ministry, we do not play the coward; we renounce all shamefaced concealment, there must be no crooked ways, no fal-

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)

## Christian Hope Is The Catalyst

Traveling as we did last week to various parts of the country, one gets the very definite impression of a nation drifting into a state of ennui—that sense of physical and mental emptiness. It seems to be engendered by an attitude of hopelessness in relation to domestic economy and a feeling of frustration over the turbulent international scene.

At home, the ranks of the unemployed are increasing at an ever-quickening pace. People at the bottom rung of society's ladder—the Blacks, many Hispanics, the Haitians, and the majority of senior citizens—are hurt first and the most. Food, clothing and housing are priced out of their lives. Still, the rich seem to get richer and the perennial gap between the haves and the have nots stretches wider every day.

While this is bad enough for our people, the international scene is far from encouraging. The terrorism and exploitation of human beings at the American Embassy in Tehran and the violation of elementary human rights by the Iranian Ayatollah Khomeini's regime; the constant threat of war in the Middle East; the wanton killings in Northern Ireland and the fratricide in Latin America—all this presents a picture of frustration and doubt. All in all, the tranquillity and security we have come to associate with the Thanksgiving season is hardly present.

Despite the pervading gloom ever present in our lives, Christians must have hope and optimism—hope in the Lord Jesus and the Faith that will sustain us in this time of travail. This hope and faith was never more evident than in Washington, D.C. last week at the Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. To many of the reporters present it seemed a dull uninteresting affair. Still, the Bishops discussed the problems of the day of food

and hunger, justice and peace, and came up with pastoral guidelines of possible solutions—based on active participation and concern by all the People of God.

The Bishops also went on record as opposing racism in any form, and pledged their support and cooperation in solving the economic problems now facing the country. Most of all, they urged the haves among us to be ever conscious and concerned about the have nots, whether they be in the ghettos of Miami or New York, or Pnom Pehn or Caracas or Managua.

We are reminded of the Bishops Annual Meeting of five years ago when they pledged that their personal example must be the inspiration for them to lead effectively in that time of crisis when similar internal and economic turmoil threatened us. As we have said many times before, critics of the Magisterium keep writing our Bishops off as an effective leadership group within the Church. Still, the Bishops always seem to come up with appropriate action, while the critics seem to only talk.

One of the actions taken by the Bishops five years ago could surely be emulated today. They suggested that those—including themselves—who were reasonably well-off should fast at least one

day a week. No real hardship will come to those of us who are well fed, and the savings can be passed on in our giving a little more to those who are in need. Perhaps, on this day of fast, we can also attend Mass or even slip into a Church for a few minutes of prayer that peace and justice will be restored to the millions at home and abroad who suffer economic or political oppression. The time for talk has passed. We all need to act.

We would wish this to be a very happy Thanksgiving for all our people. Alas, for many, it won't be. We can all thank God that we are alive and available in His service. Still, for many, it will be a cold, hard time. If we do, therefore, find ourselves affluent enough to celebrate, let us also be reminded of the million without food or shelter.

Our prayer of Thanksgiving must include a concern for them. We know it is a repetitious theme in these editorials, but it is a situation which becomes more aggravated every day. Like the psalmist, we can implore the heavens in union with the poor and the needy:

Listen, Lord, to my prayer;  
hear my cries for help.

I call to you in times of trouble  
because you answer my prayer.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Non-Catholic

To the Editor:

Although I am not Catholic, I very much want to add my deeply sincere congratulations to Pope John Paul II for his superb, epoch-making speech before the United Nations Assembly. Never before have I heard Pure Reason so eloquently proclaiming HUMAN RIGHTS and EQUAL RIGHTS for ALL HUMANITY. Here was a philosophy of morality backed by pure intelligence so unlike the raw sewage being spewed by certain South Florida "ministries" backed by arrogant ignorance—"the turmoil of troubled little minds"—dedicated to denying eleven percent (11 percent) of our population equal rights and, furthermore, with Hitler-like tactics would imprison them all...meanwhile taking one more step into insanity by denying Jews the right to heaven. Thanks to you, Pope John Paul II, you gave us Reason with Religion and high time for many of us were beginning to wonder if George Bernard Shaw might be more than half right when he observed: "Religion is the worst invention of man."

HUMANITY and added values embracing the Brotherhood of Man, Caring, Sharing, Freedom and Justice for all, he lighted the dark places of our minds with the insight that our present-moment need is to respect the dignity, the rights of each CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE regardless of race, creed, lifestyle or culture. To me, he was in essence saying: "THIS IS EVERYBODY'S WORLD! LOVE ONE ANOTHER!" a lighted pathway to enduring world peace.

Again, Pope John Paul II, I a non-Catholic, thank you for sharing your wisdom, your visions with us. When each one at the United Nations Assembly acclaimed you with standing ovation, I associated you with one of the "kings of the world," of which Emerson wrote: "Not he is

great who can alter matter, but he who can alter any state of mind. They are the kings of the world who give the color of their present thought to all nature and all art, and persuade men by their cheerful serenity that this thing which they do is the apple which the ages have desired to pluck, now at last ripe, and inviting nations to harvest."

Thank you Pope John Paul II for coming to the United States of America. Please come again soon. We need you. We love you.

Ray H. Cameron  
Fort Lauderdale

### Sister Teresa

To the Editor:

There is only one similarity between Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Sister Theresa Kane Gender.

Mother Teresa is a humble, loving servant of God, who has dedicated her life to caring for the poor, sick and dying. She is valiant, and a true humanitarian.

Sister Kane with her overabundance of disrespect is no more than an ego seeker. Her insulting behavior was rude not valiant. A bride of Christ? No way. Her's was not a search for glory in the true faith, but rather the search for a false crown of self glory.

Mrs. Sara Quinn  
Palm Beach Gardens

### Sr. Kane--Wrong Place

To the Editor:

In discussing Sister Theresa Kane's address at the National Shrine in Washington, many of us seem to have lost sight of the real issue.

In my opinion, Sister chose the wrong place and the wrong time to air her feminist views.

Mrs. Charlotte Leidy  
North Palm Beach



IT'S USUALLY A COED, BUT I SHOULD'VE FIGURED THIS WOULD HAPPEN WHEN WE PLAYED NOTRE DAME.





# Devotedly yours,

By ABP. EDWARD A. MCCARTHY

## My beloved in Christ:

I am in the air again, aboard an Eastern 727 on my weary way home from the meeting in Washington, D.C. of the Bishops of the United States. We have been meeting twice a year — in Chicago in the Spring and in Washington in November. Traditionally, the Fall meeting is scheduled during the week after elections so no one can accuse us of political maneuvering.

The agenda is usually heavy. There are many reports and proposals to study, long hours of speaking and discussion. The some 250 of us normally meet in general sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Committee meetings are held in the evenings or at mealtimes. Accredited representatives of the press, secular and religious, are admitted to the meetings, as well as priest, religious and lay observers selected from various parts of the nation. This year Gerry Sherry, Editor of *The Voice*, was among the newsmen present.

**WE ARE APPROACHED** in the halls by representatives of many interests, e.g. peace, women's rights, Chaplains for armed services, etc. We do have opportunities to pray together as well. A temporary chapel with reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is set up in the hotel and opportunities are offered there for daily Mass. Each session is opened by praying a portion of the Divine Office. We open the Conference with a concelebrated Mass — this year it was in the Byzantine rite. It is

traditional that on one afternoon we go as a group to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a liturgy honoring our Blessed Lady and national patroness. This year I was pleased to meet there Father Carl Morrison, a priest of our Archdiocese, who is studying Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in preparation for service in the Tribunal of our Archdiocese which deals with marriage cases. I also met with a young Cuban priest who will come to serve in our Archdiocese, and a priest of the Archdiocese who is on "temporary leave" — please pray for him.

It is customary for Archbishop Jadot, the representative of the Holy Father in the United States, to invite the Bishops to his home for a reception following the Mass at the Shrine.

The agenda of our meetings covers a broad range of subjects. There are some committees of Bishops doing studies and making reports and proposals to the general body on topics submitted to them. I recently completed my term of office as Chairman of the Committee on the Laity in the Church. I am currently serving on the Committee on Vocations and the Committee on Hispanic Affairs. We are planning a workshop to explain Latin culture and pastoral needs. We are thinking of surprising the Bishops with music, art and decorations to accompany the lecture. I also serve with Catholic Bishops who are in dialogue with University Presidents and with Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

It makes your head spin as you try to keep up with the concerns and proposals of the many Committees that reflect the wide scope of activity of the Church. There are Committees on Priestly Life and Ministry, the Permanent Diaconate, Seminaries, Vocations, Ecumenism, Liturgy, the Laity, Mission, Pro-Life Activities, the Charismatic Renewal, Evangelization, the Parish, Women in Society and the Church, Communication, Social Development and World Peace, Education, Migration, Liaison with Black Catholics, Doctrine of the Faith, Budget and Finance, and Hispanics.

At this meeting we approved, with some hesitancy, a pastoral letter from the Bishops on racism. I say with hesitancy not because there was any question about condemning racism, but because we felt the document needed strengthening by a little more work to deepen its theology and perfect its rhetorical style. We voted some proposed changes in liturgical translations intended to eliminate what some interpret as sexist language. The proposal narrowly missed the two-third majority required to submit it to the Holy Father. Some thought it did not go far enough. Others thought it opened the door to taking liberties with other liturgical texts. Others thought our people are beginning to object to constant change. Others thought the present language is no more sexist than the Declaration of Independence which states that all men are created equal.

We raised the diocesan

assessments that finance the work of the Church nationally (10 cents per Catholic). We issued statements pleading help for Cambodia and condemning the situation in Iran. We heard Archbishop McGrath, of Panama, give an excellent report on the Conference of the Latin American Bishops of Evangelization (the Archbishop's mother lives in Miami).

In response to a request of Bishop Rene Gracida, former Auxiliary Bishop of Miami, and of the Bishops of the Southeast, the Conference agreed to study the issue of capital punishment in preparation for a position statement from the point of view of Christian values.

And the Bishops of the Southeast Region of the United States agreed to make a retreat together in January at the Our Lady of Florida Retreat House of our Archdiocese.

The meeting really is not all work. It is also an opportunity for old classmates, or former neighbors, to get together. It is marvelous to hear the insight that came to any subject from Bishops of such varied backgrounds. This was my twenty eighth meeting. I have come home from each one newly inspired and grateful after this experience of the Church alive, active, sometimes struggling from its commitment to the Gospel of Jesus as it pursues its pilgrimage in the contemporary world.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*Edward A. McCarthy*  
Archbishop of Miami



## Rehabilitation - Survival of the Fittest

By DICK CONKLIN

You are a rehabilitation counselor living in the year 2001. You have just been informed that the world government has decreed that the earth is overpopulated relative to its resources. It has therefore decided that some people must be eliminated and that a priority listing must be made for that purpose. Since the government values the opinion of social and behavioral scientists, you have been invited to rank-order the disabilities listed on the board in order of expendability. Please remember that the decision has already been made that some people must be eliminated; your decision is only concerning which ones. You may refuse to participate if you wish. If you refuse, however, please remember that you have lost any voice in the matter and must accept the results.

E. Thomas Dowd, Associate Professor, Florida State University, in course, "Rehabilitation of the Severely Disabled."

**THE PLIGHT** of refugees in Southeast Asia has again raised the specter of mass starvation in a war-ravaged land where people have been cut off from the supply of food. While some observers wring their hands, awaiting what they feel is the

inevitable thinning of the population in an overcrowded part of the world, others argue that the food is available, and blame Communist governments for stopping the aid.

Over-population is a favorite bugaboo of the doomsayers. They say the world is overcrowded, there isn't enough room, the food supply is running out. The masses are too stupid to learn family planning or improved agricultural methods. Their premise is countered by those who cite the successful adaptation of natural family planning techniques in India and Central America, and recent scientific breakthroughs in food production.

An article in the magazine *Journal of Rehabilitation* by FSU's Dowd (see introduction) and William G. Emener of the University of Kentucky suggests an examination of such a defeatist attitude by members of the rehabilitation profession — people who work with the severely handicapped. They argue that certain world conditions are calling old values into question — values like "worth and dignity of the individual," "equal opportunity to maximize one's potential," "individual's right to make decisions and manage his life," and "coun-

selor's role as a helper, not a manager." In their article, they point out, "Americans are less willing to affirm human life in general, but are increasingly insisting that a life lived without a certain modicum of quality is not worth living. More and more, bureaucrats and other societal managers are making decisions that directly affect who shall live and who shall not. Thus far, these decisions appear to have been made largely at the extreme ends of the age spectrum, or in cases of those with overwhelmingly severe disabilities."

So Dowd and Emener have come up with a graduate level course called *Rehabilitation of the Severely Disabled*. Several disabilities were considered, including spinal cord injuries, blindness, deafness, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and multiple sclerosis. Near the end of the quarter all of the disabilities covered in the class were listed on the board and the students were asked to rank them in order of priority — starting with those who should be the first to die — "The most expendable".

The two instructors reported that the exercise generated "considerable discussion, some anger, and a little shock. Significantly, no one refused to participate." They felt

that the actual ranking was unimportant, but that the various criteria used by the students was. Since there was little agreement among the class, they recommended that the discussion be continued.

The authors leave little doubt on where they are coming from. They call rehabilitation counseling a form of survival training, and quote from a book, *Power: How to Get It and How to Use It*, and a *Psychology Today* article, "The Case Against Helping the Poor."

They close by suggesting that "rehabilitation professionals must immediately address themselves to these issues. The decisions are already upon us. If we do not involve ourselves in these decisions, others will make them for us. These others may not be nearly as enlightened as we." (emphasis added).

Perhaps these arguments, like those of a few maverick state representatives in favor of legalized mercy killing, don't have enough public support to succeed. But if we have learned anything from the past, we know that where public support is absent, public apathy may not be. Perhaps only vocal opposition from an aware constituency can avert a future holocaust.

## KNOW YOUR FAITH

# Family Planning

By DAN and EILEEN MORRIS

While divorce rates, "open marriage," living together, and casual sexual relationships make the headlines, a profound trend is growing quietly which has as much potential impact on the future of family life in this country as the headline-making developments.

**IN THE FACE** of what appear to be staggering odds against successful marriage in a do-ti-if-it-fees-good society, thousands of young couples are digging in their heels. Unlike their parents and even some of their friends, they are not entering marriage with a simplistic trust that everything will be O.K.

Less than a generation ago, that attitude toward marriage was perhaps realistic. Today, it is not. A fluid notion of woman's role in society and family has wobbled more than one marriage. Fidelity is questioned. Child rearing is often entrusted to day-care centers. Childbearing in some circles is a social sin.

"Let's take a hard look at what we're getting into and try to prepare for it," many young couples are saying. (Some bishops are demanding that couples apply at least six months in advance if they wish to be married in church. Sufficient time for instruction, understanding and preparation is their concern.)

Couples are seeking to answer important questions. Many of the most critical involve children. Do both husband and wife have career plans? If so, does this preclude children? For how long? If and when they want children, will the mother quit work temporarily, or a few years, or indefinitely?

Is it fair for a man to demand that his wife throw years of schooling out the window to stay home with their children?

We have friends who have launched a lifestyle which would have been laughed at not too long ago. Both skilled professionals, each works part-time and spends approximately equal time raising their young son. Problems they are answering, however, include fair distribution of household chores, consistency in discipline, and remaining in a comfortable routine.

One of their secrets, however, is that they knew before their marriage they would be facing these kinds of problems. They also knew that opening their relationship to new life would be an integral part of their life together. And in her wisdom, the church underscores the sacramental importance of receptivity toward children in marriage. (Either partner's private decision before marriage not to ever have children invalidates a marriage).

What place do children play in a marriage?

Almost any parent will say that children "teach" you patience, test your ability to live without sleep, and give you the courage to ask for a raise.

**FORTUNATELY**, children do much more than that. For one thing, they provide unbelievable insights into the nature of God and his love for us.

We agree with a friend who said, "I understood that God loved me before my daughter was born. But after she was born I couldn't believe how much I could love someone. I'd throw down my life in a second for her. And now when someone says God loves me, I realize that he loved me enough to give his only Son for me, and it makes sense. Awesome sense. That's a lot of love."

No author can articulate what depth of love a child's entrance into a married couple's life opens. Now parents as well as lovers and friends,

a man and wife relate to one another in an even more special way. And you soon learn that your children relate to one another in an even more special way, and that your children relate to you as a couple as well as individuals. You are not only Mom and Dad, but Mom-and-Dad — the essential stuff security is made of.

This reality thrusts upon us the opportunity and obligation to take a good look at our lifestyles. Will children — or more than one, two, three — force us to change a lifestyle we cherish? If so, is this a change we should make?

If we are reluctant to change our lifestyle for the sake of children, is this a selfish stance or a realistic and fair one? For example, would a change in lifestyle hurt others who depend on us?

On the other hand, does this mean giving us a third television set or a new boat or a vacation to Europe?

**COMMENTING** on parental lifestyles, Franciscan Father Bruce Ritter, director of Covenant House residences in New York City for runaways, once told us: "Sometimes a child's only hope is a change of family lifestyle. Maybe the mother will have to give up a job. Maybe they'll have to give up a place at the lake...but if they won't make the effort to see that a child gets the support, love and direct supervision that he or she needs, then all the money in the world isn't going to make any difference."

He's right. Obviously, every couple must be the final arbiter of what kind of life they lead and provide for their children. But Father Ritter underlines things crucial to nearly every couple's planning for their future as family: their willingness and ability to provide love, support and supervision for their children.



MANY YOUNG COUPLES entering marriage are taking into, Dan and Eileen Morris write. "These couples are asking: Do both husband and wife have career plans? how long? If and when they do want children, does this mean, for a few years, indefinitely to provide direct love

## Hannah's Prayer Answered

By JANAAN MANTERNACH

Hannah was crying. "Why don't you eat your food?" her husband, Elkanah asked her.

They had just come from the temple at Shiloh. There they had offered prayers and sacrifice to God. Now they were eating the sacrificial meal. For most pilgrims to the temple the special meal was a time of much joy.

Instead of enjoying the good food and drink, Hannah just sat there sobbing. She did the same thing each year when they came as pilgrims to the temple. Elkanah knew well why Hannah was so sad.

Hannah and Elkanah had no children. All their friends and relatives had children. Hannah was the only woman they knew who was not a mother. So instead of being happy, she was very sad. She felt God did not love her.

Suddenly Hannah got up from the table. She ran back toward the temple. Elkanah knew she

wanted to be alone with God. Hannah stopped at the temple door. Tears streamed down her face.

Then she prayed,

Hannah prayed a long time. She was moving her lips, but was praying silently in her heart. A priest named Eli was sitting nearby watching Hannah. He thought she was drunk because she was moving her lips but saying nothing out loud.

"How long are you going to stand here drunk?" Eli said to her. "Go home and sober up from your wine."

"I've had no wine," Hannah answered. "I am a very unhappy woman. I was pouring out my troubles to the Lord. I begged for me a child. All these years I have been childless."

Eli was touched by Hannah's sorrow. He was impressed with her trust in God. "Go in peace," Eli said to her. "May the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

Hannah went back to her husband. She

seemed happier. The next morning they returned to their home in Ramah.

Elkanah and Hannah were at peace. Not long after they came back home Hannah knew that the Lord had heard her prayer. She was pregnant. She would have a baby. She counted the days until her baby would be born.

The happy day finally came. She gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel. She was the happiest woman in Ramah that day. Elkanah was proud to be a father, too. Their friends and relatives dropped by all day long to congratulate Hannah and Elkanah.

When Samuel was three years old, Hannah and her husband took him with them to the temple. Hannah searched out Eli, the priest. "Do you remember me?" she asked him. "I was the weeping woman who stood near you praying one day several years ago. You thought I was drunk. I prayed then for a child. The Lord heard my prayer. This is our son, Samuel."

--story for children



# Birth Control

**KNOW  
YOUR  
FAITH**

By **FATHER DONALD  
McCARTHY**

The Catholic Church favors birth control. Does that sound startling?

Even though Pope Paul VI in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, renewed the church's alquient, continuous condemnation of contraception, he spoke in favor of "responsible parenthood," which implies "birth control."

**HE WROTE**, "Responsible parenthood is exercised, either by the deliberate and generous decision to raise a numerous family, or by the decision, made for grave motives and with due respect for the moral law, to avoid for the time being, or even for an indeterminate period, a new birth."

Many contemporary couples are struggling with the agonizing question of how to control births "with due respect for the moral law" in their method of family planning.

Twentieth century scientific and medical ingenuity has continually improved the chemical and mechanical contraceptive methods which attempt to prevent the act of marital intercourse from leading to the conception of a new human being.

But Catholic teaching has historically forbidden such tampering with the act of conjugal love. It respects this act of love almost as much as the new human life that may be conceived in it.

**POPE PAUL VI** based his moral reasoning against contraception on the inseparable connection between the two meanings of the conjugal act, the meanings of unitive love and procreative love. Hence a couple may not deliberately eliminate the procreative meaning of their conjugal act even though they are anxious to express their unitive love.

Church teaching, as repeated by Pope Paul, insists that such an anti-procreative intervention into conjugal acts violates the integrity those acts are meant to have in the divine design and corrupts them in a moral

sense. Medical science is now uncovering mounting evidence that contraceptive pills "corrupt" the marital act in a physical sense as well, doing great harm through dangerous side effects.

Logically, then, Catholic moral teaching can only admit of family planning efforts which leave the marital act intact and "un-corrupted." However, couples who have sufficient reasons to delay or avoid parenthood are free to choose to avoid expressing their love in conjugal intercourse during the relatively infrequent times that such acts are naturally fertile. This is natural family planning. Such couples respect the marital act and manifest this respect by foregoing it rather than frustrate it.

**HOWEVER**, even this natural family planning would still be immoral if undertaken for an immoral reason, namely, a selfish exclusion of the responsibility and privilege of parenthood. Pope Paul cited in his statement above the need for "grave reasons" to avoid procreation. These may be economic, physical, psychological, or even genetic reasons.

Many couples have sufficient reasons for at least a temporary practice of natural family planning but are beset by two kinds of fear, each of which may be more imaginary than real:

1. **THE FEAR** that natural family planning will weaken their marriage relationship. But couples who mutually agree to use this method can actually enrich their marital love — somehow their sacrifices of physical pleasure bear spiritual fruit. In a recent study at Catholic University in Washington, three-fourth of the couples practicing natural family planning perceived positive effects of fertility awareness upon themselves and their spouses and fewer than two percent would not recommend this method to others. A new book by Mary Shivanandan, "Natural Sex," likewise documents this marital enrichment.

2. **THE FEAR** that natural family planning will be unreliable. But during the same recent years in which medical research produced the contraceptive pill, it has tremendously improved the reliability of natural methods of family planning. The fact that many Planned Parenthood agencies teach natural family planning indicates increased confidence in this method. Couples who are properly instructed and mutually committed to the natural method need have no fears about its reliability.

**HENCE THE MINISTRY** of teaching natural family planning and the effort to learn it both manifest a profound care for marriage and family life. A rapidly expanding organization of couples professionally trained to teach natural family planning, the Couple to Couple League, now has 250 teaching couples in 42 states. The second edition of their handbook, "The Art of Natural Family Planning," appeared this fall. For information, write: Couple to Couple League, P.O.Box 11084, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211.

While the Couple to Couple League teaches natural family planning based on all available indications of fertility, the ovulation method, also called the Billings method, relies uniquely on one indication, the female mucous discharge. This simpler method was shown to be markedly less effective than the combined, or symptothermal, method, in a recent Los Angeles study sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. For information on the ovulation method contact: World Organization of Ovulation Method, Billings, 1400 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90015.

Both organizations are fulfilling a critical plea of Pope Paul VI for the ministry of family planning. "This is assuredly," he wrote wisely, "among so many forms of apostolate, one of those which seem most opportune today."

## The Bible Not a Handbook of Ethics

By **FATHER JOHN  
J. CASTELOT**

Many sincere people believe that the Bible furnishes answers for every conceivable human problem. All one has to do is find the right passage and the path one should follow becomes unmistakably clear. The fact is that the Bible was never intended to provide this service and, in many ways, it's a good thing that it doesn't. We would be reduced to mindless robots, never having to grapple with life's problems intelligently, freely, responsibly.

**THE BIBLE** is not a compendium of moral theology, a handbook of ethics. There are a few books, like Proverbs and Sirach, which give all sorts of specific advice on a wide range of subjects touching upon human conduct. But this advice is culturally conditioned; it covers many situations which were very real in biblical times but which strike us today as rather quaint, to say the least.

Cultures and customs change with time, and in our own day we have experienced a veritable cultural explosion which has left us with problems of which the biblical writers could not even have dreamed. What did they know of the disposal of nuclear waste, of industrial pollution, of genetic engineering, of population control, to mention just a few?

Take the problem of family planning. Do people have any right to plan in an area which might seem to be exclusively the province of the Creator? And if they do have that right, what practical steps will they make to plan (limit) the size of their families? Are there means which are licit and others which are illicit? Which are which? And if one means is licit, why should another be illicit, since both produce the same effect?

**THE PEOPLE** of biblical times simply did not consider the question at all. In fact, the every idea of family planning would have struck them as

utterly ridiculous. The only plan they made was to have as many children as possible—not because it was God's will or because it would have been against that will to limit their families, but because they wanted numerous offspring. In fact, children were accounted a blessing, a sign of divine favor, while childlessness was considered a curse.

In the culture of the day, this view made sense. When everything had to be done by hand, the more hands there were, the more work was done, and the more easily. Long before Social Security was introduced, children were an insurance against the loneliness and abandonment of old age. At bottom, the begetting of a numerous progeny could have been as selfishly motivated, consciously or unconsciously, as the refusal to have children is in many cases today. But this refusal is not by any means always a sign of egocentric pleasure-seeking. It is just as much culturally conditioned as the desire for big families in biblical days.

# Bishops: Some Yes's and No's

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Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, NCCB-USCC president, argued in an address opening the meeting Nov. 12 that the bishops had to maintain an adequate staff to respond to complex and demanding issues facing the church in the United States.

But other bishops indicated that cutbacks should be seriously considered so that assessments on dioceses for support of NCCB-USCC programs would not continue to rise.

The bishops then approved a 1980 budget and a 25 percent increase in assessments on dioceses, but

## Latin Masses

St. John the Apostle Church in Hialeah will begin having Latin Masses the last Sunday of each month, beginning Nov. 25. Traditional Gregorian music will be used in the Latin masses. Address is 451 E. 4th Ave., Hialeah.

only after agreeing to a special study to find ways to avoid further increases.

They also approved a new three-year planning process which they hope will address some of their complaints that good priority-setting is not taking place.

**LOOMING OVER** the entire debate was the question of whether the U.S. bishops would be expected to play a large part in reducing the Vatican deficit announced just a few days earlier by Pope John Paul II. Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia reported to the bishops Nov. 13 on the conclave of cardinals held at the Vatican to discuss its finances, and later told reporters that the U.S. church would not be asked to send Rome a specific amount toward the deficit.

The meeting took place only five weeks after Pope John Paul's historic trip to the United States, a subject which came up several times.

The bishops approved an additional assessment on their dioceses of two-thirds of one

cent per Catholic to meet a \$250,000 expense incurred by the NCCB in providing press facilities in the papal visit cities. Archdioceses and dioceses the pope visited were exempted from the special assessment.

And on Nov. 13 they considered but then sent to committee a statement by 27 bishops calling on the pope to take time for more "dialogue" the next time he comes to the United States. The statement was proposed as an amendment to a more general resolution on the papal visit.

The question about the 1980 census arose unexpectedly after a report on Hispanics delivered by Archbishop Robert Sanchez of Santa Fe, N.M. In response to a question, he agreed that census officials had a valid point about needing an accurate count, but said the church jeopardizes its reputation among Hispanics if it helps the census count illegal aliens and then finds that its information has been used to arrest and deport them.

cooperation with the census by encouraging people to register, but he said the church should offer no cooperation on the undocumented workers.

Also at the Washington meeting, the bishops probed two subjects in depth: the meeting last winter of the Latin American bishops' conference at Puebla, Mexico,

## Bloodmobile

A bloodmobile of the John Elliott Community Blood Center will be at St. John the Apostle, 451 E. 4th Ave., Hialeah, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 25.

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## Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter weekend will be held at the Dominican Retreat House, Kendall, on November 30. For information call The Family Enrichment Center, 651-0280.

and a document on the training of priests.

"The great challenge of Puebla is that it recognizes widespread poverty in the hemisphere as a condition of sin, the result of unjust distribution of wealth," the U.S. bishops were told by Archbishop Marcos G. McGrath of Panama City, Panama.

## Covered Dish Buffet

The St. Theresa Social Club of the Church of the Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia, Coral Gables, is having a covered dish buffet, Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Members are to bring covered dishes, free. Guests \$2.50

## Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Palm Beach No. 780 of W. Palm Beach will hold a card Party, Nov. 30, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Juliana's School cafeteria, 4500 S. Dixie Highway, W. Palm Beach. For tickets phone Eleanor Myers 965-2928, or Jennie Colgan, 967-7785.

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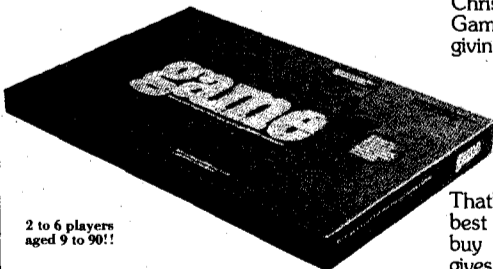
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### Parish Renewal

Fr. John Burke, O.P. will conduct a Parish Renewal at St. Clement's Church, 2975 N. Andrew Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Dec. 2 through Dec. 9. Morning Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 - 11:30 Dialogue in the Home (or School) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Dialogue in the Home (If not held in the a.m.); 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm. Liturgy of the Word. Call the Parish at 563-1183 or 945-2422 for more information.

## Palm Beach Leadership Seminar

Palm Beach Deanery is hosting a Leadership Seminar for all officers and members of the Palm Beach and East Coast Deanery Councils of Catholic Women. The Seminar will be held Saturday, December 1, 1979, 9:30 A.M. at Sacred Heart Church, Lake Worth, Florida.

Workshops will be held on 6 Commissions: Community Affairs, Church Communities, Family Affairs, International Affairs, Organization Services and Legislation.

There will be a \$1.00 registration fee. Please apply for reservations to Sue Blum, 1190 SW 20th St., Boca Raton, 33432 no later than Friday, November 23. The East Coast Deanery members are invited as our guests.



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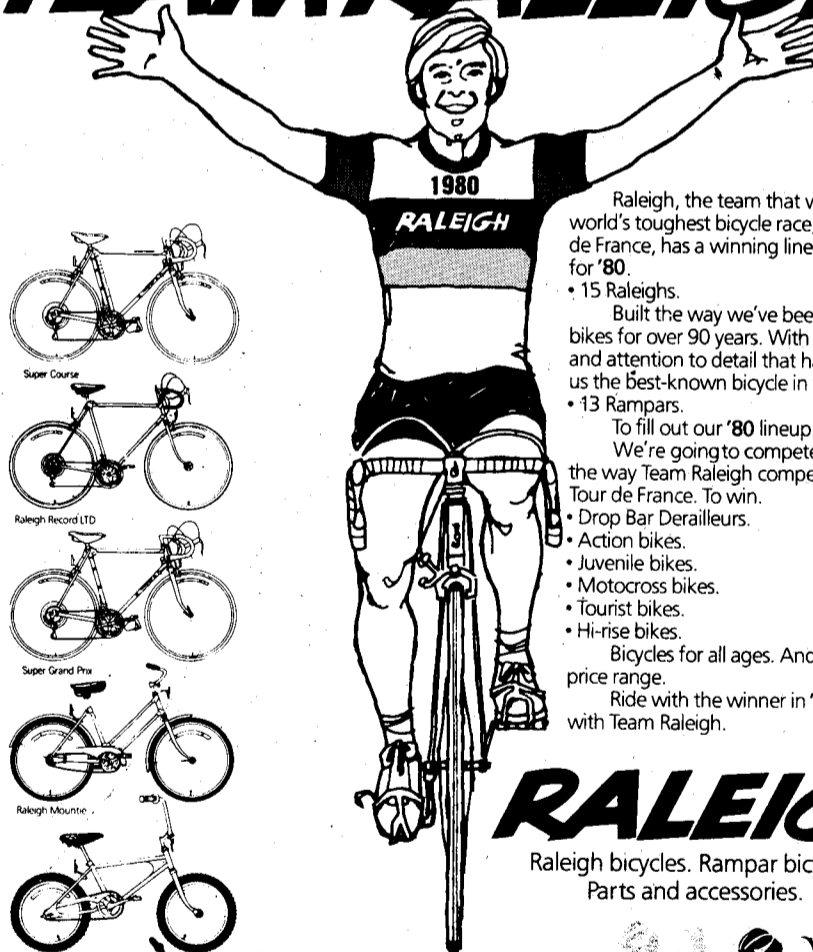
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In a surprise "Affirmation Ceremony", ten priests and religious were "pinned" by the women of the Palm Beach Deanery Council of Catholic Women at their Fall Meeting and Luncheon held last Friday at the Boca Del Mar Country Club in Boca Raton.

Mrs. Thomas D. Blum, Jr., President of the Deanery Council explained to them that "in the true role of lay ministry, it is now our turn to minister unto you."

"We give thanks to God for each one of you. We thank Him for calling each one of you by name into a consecrated life of service...and we thank Him for giving each of you the grace to say 'Yes!' to Him when He called."

Mrs. Blum then quoted Father Vincent Dwyer, Director of the Center of Human Development at Notre Dame University, who asserted in one of his Genesis 2 films, "Most priests and religious do not know how special they are! Given the opportunity, I would pin a sign on every priest and sister which says, 'God Chooses The Best!'."

"Most of you", Mrs. Blum continued "have probably spent your early adult years in the beautiful but somewhat narrow confines of a seminary or convent...and there is a custom that you have missed which occurs quite frequently among the Greek societies on secular, co-educational campuses. When



Surprised recipients "pinned" during Fall Meeting of the Palm Beach Deanery, Sr. Antonio Maher, R.S.M., principal St. Joan of Arc; Sr. Mary Victor, S.S.J., principal Sacred Heart; Fr. Charles Notobarolo, associate St. Joan of Arc; Fr. Michael Driscoll, O.Carm., associate St. Joan of Arc; Fr. Thomas Stack, associate Sacred Heart;

Bishop John J. Nevins; Fr. Laurence Conway, MACCW moderator and pastor St. Anthony; Fr. William L. O'Dea, pastor Holy Spirit and Fr. Christopher Stack, pastor Sacred Heart. At the podium Mrs. Thomas D (Sue) Blum jr., president.

deep affection and commitment are expressed, one to another, there is a beautiful ceremony called a "pinning service".

The presidents of the Palm Beach Deanery Women's Guilds were then invited to come forward and 'pin' their respective priests and religious with "blue-ribbon" signs, which read "God Chooses the Best!!!"

Approximately 118 women from the Palm Beach Deanery attended the all-day

meeting, hosted by the St. Joan of Arc Women's Guild, which began with a Eucharistic Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Ronald J. Pusak, V.F., Pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church and Dean of the Palm Beach Deanery.

The morning business meeting was stream-lined considerably with no oral reports on an experimental basis. All reports were written and published in the "Palm Beach Deanery Data" pam-

phlet in advance and distributed to all in attendance.

The highlight of the morning session was Dr. Mercedes Scopetta's well-received and inspirational presentation, "Lay Evangelization".

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Bishop John J. Nevins, whose topic was "The Role of Lay Ministry in the Church." Stressing the need for evangelization, he urged the women of the Palm Beach

Deanery "To begin with their very own families!"

Rev. Laurence J. Conway, Moderator of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, in his talk observed that "of prime importance in all of the work the Council does is the formative spirituality of every individual member, from which will flow, as a natural consequence, a life of love and service with Jesus Christ at its center and as its very foundation."

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## Women's Guilds

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The Women's Guild of St. John the Baptist will hold a "Holiday Disco" luncheon and Fashion Show on Friday, Nov. 30, 1979, in the Venetian Room, Pier 66., Ft. Lauderdale. Happy Hour and get-together at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Fashions by the Cotton Shop. Reservations deadline is Nov. 26, 1979. Tickets \$12.00 per person.

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St. Bernard Women's Guild Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held, Dec. 1, in the Penthouse of the Sunrise Inn, Sunrise Blvd., and A1A, Ft. Lauderdale, cocktails at 11:30 a.m., and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$10.00. Phyllis fashions will present show. For reservations call Mary Frency 741-8144.

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St. Jude Catholic Church Ladies Guild will hold a Christmas Party Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, at 2626 SW 3rd Ave., Miami. Arabian music, Arabian foods, Syrian Pastries, Arabic groceries, etc. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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St. Bartholomew Women's Club will hold a Bazaar on Sat. Dec. 1, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00

p.m. in the Parish Hall at 8001 University Dr., Miramar. The program will include shopping all day — gift wrap: Sat. 2-3 p.m. Children's shopping and gift wrap Sun. 2-3 p.m. Trim the tree 3:00 p.m. Santa Claus 3:00 p.m. Sun.

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The Cathedral Women will hold a Cake Sale on Dec. 2, in Archdiocesan Hall.

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St. John the Baptist Women's Guild will hold a Holiday Boutique at the Social Hall, 4595 Bayview Dr., Ft. Lauderdale, Sat. Dec. 8, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sun. Dec. 9, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Advent Retreat

St. Timothy's parish Youth Ministry Board will present an Advent Retreat on Sat. Dec. 1, in McDermott Hall. Sign in at 10:00 a.m. finish the day with 5:00 p.m. Mass. Lunch provided. For High School Youth only, grades 10,11,12. Facilitators: Fr. Daniel Crahan, Archdiocesan Lay Ministers and St. Tim's Youth Ministry Staff. Register with the parish now.

## Fun Festival

St. Mary's and St. Bede's parishes of Key West announce their annual Fun Festival, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A dinner will be held each evening. The Dinners will be sponsored by St. Mary's Parish, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas of the same parish, and St. Bede's Women's Guild. There will be a drawing at the close of each evening.

## Family Carnival

St. Helen's Annual Outdoor Family Carnival will be held Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, at 3340 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale. Hours from 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 12 Noon Saturday and Sunday. For more information call Carol Mullin 974-8002 or 972-7660, etc. 269.

## Youth Dance

St. Timothy's Youth Ministry Board presents a "Post Turkey Day Youth Dance" to be held Nov. 23, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., at McDermott Hall. Music by Music Express, Dress: Casual but Classy. Cost \$1.50 per person. Refreshments available.

## Alumni Reunion

The Marianist League of Chaminade High School is holding an Alumni Parents Reunion — the first of its kind ever held at Chaminade.

The event, particularly directed toward the alumni of the classes of 1976 through 1979, but all are invited, is to be held in the Chaminade Cafetorium, Dec. 8, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music will be provided by David Grant, Hors d'Oeuvres will be served. Admission is \$1.00 per person and door prizes will be awarded. RSVP by Nov. 30.

## Filipino Members

Filipino Members of the Legion of Mary and their friends are invited to a Social at the Gate of Heaven Legion House at 8700 NE 2nd Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Legion prayers will be recited at 3:00 p.m. For information call 642-6869.

## Christmas Events

A Christmas Handcrafts Bazaar will be held at the Church of the Little Flower, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood, Nov. 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sat. Dec. 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 2, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Santa pictures from 9:00 a.m. Sunday to 1:00 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts available during this time.

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The Patrician Club of St. Patrick's Church will hold its first "Santa's Gift Shop" for school students beginning on Monday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Dec. 21. The shop will enable students to purchase Christmas gifts for family members. Hours are set to coincide with Student lunch hour, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adults welcome to browse.

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The 9th annual Christmas Party for senior citizens will be held Dec. 7, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, 7225 NW 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla. Box Lunch, Entertainment, Door prizes. For further information call Mrs. Peter Buffone, 754-6346 or Mrs. Arturo Sallow, 893-3020.

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The Annual Christmas Party sponsored by St. Bernard's Women's Guild and Men's Club will be held for their members on Dec. 4. Mass at 7:30 p.m., Party in Parish Hall, Sunset Strip and University Drive. Men's club

will provide a Champagne Punch, women are asked to bring snack for buffet table.

Those attending are asked to bring a gift for "The Bridge" — a home for wayward girls ages 12-17. Call Judy Zieverink for information, at 741-1567.

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The Family Guild of St. Agatha Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar and Flea Market on Dec. 8-9, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall at 1111 SW 107 Ave., Miami, Fl.

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A Gala Christmas Dance for the benefit of St. Ambrose Church, Deerfield Beach, will be held Dec. 15, at 8:30 p.m. Donations \$12.50 per person. For information call 391-5581 or 427-1839.

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St. Jerome Women's Club will hold a Christmas Card Party, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1979, at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 2533 SW 9th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. The public is invited. Donation \$2.50 per person.

## Christ Child Celebration

St. John the Baptist Women's Guild will hold a Christ Child celebration, Dec. 12, at the home of Mrs. John Mac Donald. Donations will be for a charitable organization.

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# Three Families Share Supper and Joy



By  
**Terry  
Reilly**

I had always heard that the italians were family types. Lastweek that thought proved to be true.

John and Ginny Smaldino and their family are pulling up roots in Visitation parish and moving to Cooper City in West Broward County.

There was a one week delay between the time they had to leave their old house and move into the new one, so they stayed with us in the interim. John and Ginny are both very apostolic people, and it was a delight to have them here and see our two families melt together. I discovered one thing for sure; if you are underweight invite a good Italian cook to stay with you. I gained five pounds That is one "gift" that remains after they moved to their new house.

WE HAD a special experience one of the evenings when Tony and Ann

DeAngelo came over for a visit. Tony and Ann, like the Smaldinos, are Itlaian, and have been active in the parish for many, many years. Last year Tony was ordained for the permanent diaconate for the parish.

About a month ago Tony had a heart attack and underwent open heart surgery. By the Lord's grace he's well on the road to recovery.

This particular night was Tony's first night out. He and Ann knocked on the door, just as we were sitting down to eat supper. We added a couple of chairs and the three families enjoyed the meal and one another in fellowship.

After dinner and clean up we decided to pray together by reading Scripture and sharing a prayer of the heart.

That was also a special time. Ginny's eyes welled with tears of both joy and sorrow. Joy for Tony's health and sorrow for leaving the close community of Visitation parish. Ann sighed a sigh of relief over what had been a difficult and strenuous time through Tony's operation.

John was struck by the wonder of the deep joy that often follows suffering. All of this experience of the families really isn't just "Italian", but is rather "church". It was extraordinary, but at the same time out of our own experience. How often do we miss the chance to savor those special moments that come to all of us really quite regularly? We really don't have to look far if we slow down. Sometimes, I think, we get so bounds up in our own criticism of other persons and especially of ourselves that we fail to see the sign of goodness that God reveals to us.

IN THE FIRST Letter of Peter, the following counsel is given: "Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received." (1 Peter 4:8-10)

It's really not so difficult to have the great opportunity

of experiencing the "little" graces, the goodnesses of God. A natural place is when people come together in either joy or sorrow to minister and share with each other, A most natural place for these experiences are right in our own homes. We need to set stages by spreading goodness. This love will eventually return to us as we so often see in the almost immediate response children give us. There is great truth in a way of the words of Christ "The kingdom of God is at hand."

## Fr. Conway Speaks

At a special meeting recently held, Fr. Conway, Moderator for the Council of Catholic Women spoke to the Women's Guild of St. Peter's Parish, Big Pine Key, about the commissions and work of Catholic women.

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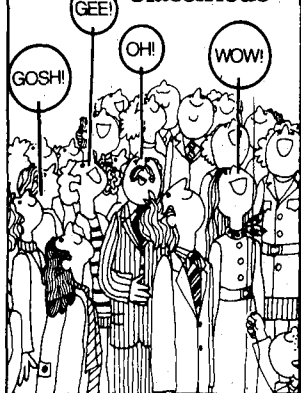
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RE: ESTATE OF VIRGINIA A. RUSSELL deceased

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 VIRGINIA A. RUSSELL deceased, late of Dade County, Florida, File number 79-7416 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 AUDREY JANE CLARK, whose address is 9532 S.W. 165th Street, Miami, Florida. The name and address of the attorney for the personal representative is set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against this estate are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file with the clerk of the above court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not set due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk of the above styled court to enable the clerk to mail one copy to each personal representative.

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## St. Bede Students Make Pledges During Liturgy

The Eighth Grade Class of the Island School of Religion (CCR) participated in an Investiture Ceremony during the Mass at St. Bede's

Catholic Church.

By participation in the ceremony these young adults made their first step in their preparation for the Sacrament

of Confirmation by making a public commitment before the Parish Community of their readiness to become adult Christians.

All the students took an active part in the celebration of the Liturgy. During the Liturgy the young adults presented a "Contract of Investiture" in which they agreed to cooperate in the parish program and to accept more responsibility in their families, Church and community.

In symbolizing their commitment to a service, each student presented a pair of felt hands with their name on one and a service on the other. They were attached to a banner entitled: "I have come to serve."

Following the celebration of the Liturgy, refreshments were served by the students to the Parish Community.

The young adults will now continue to prepare themselves to take the final step to be confirmed in the Christian Community, with the guidance of their teachers Sandy and Sue Barroso.

Participants were: Heather Berry, Alan Bouchard, Christine Carey, Jody Dutton, David Evans, Christine Gabriel, Troy Gibson, Cindy Gutierrez, Ann Henriquez, Hector Hernandez Daniel Kohlage, Moraima Menendez, Milton Mravic, William O'Connell, John Panico, Missy Pitlik, Patrick Plowman, Elizabeth Rioseco, Richard Sawyer and Lori Waite.

### Family Life Lecture

Guest speaker at the 3rd in a series of lectures sponsored by the Family Life Ministry of Visitation Church will be Msgr. Francis Fazzalero, Official of the Archdiocese Marriage Tribunal.

Msgr. Fazzalero will speak on marriage, divorce, separated and remarried Catholics — where they stand today and how is a Catholic marriage dissolved.

Open to the public, the lecture will be on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. in the church parish hall, 19100 N. Miami Ave.

### S.F.O. Meeting

St. Anthony's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will hold a meeting in St. Anthony's Hall, Fort Lauderdale, following Noon Mass in the Church, Nov. 25. All those interested in Franciscanism are invited. For information call 739-2619.

### N.F.P.C.

Natural Family Planning Classes will be offered at the Family Enrichment Center, on November 27, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., by Pat and Kathy Gent. Phone 651-0280 for information.



Standing left to right: Cindy Gutierrez, Richard Sawyer, Ann Henriquez, Christine Gabriel, Lori Waite, Sandy Barroso. Teacher, Sue Barroso, Teacher; Middle left to right: Patrick Plowman, Daniel Kohlage, Hector Hernandez, William O'Connell; Front left to right: Heather Berry, Missy Pitlik, Moraima Menendez, Elizabeth Rioseco, Milton Mravic; Missing are: Alan Bouchard, Jody Dutton, David Evans, Troy Gibson, John Panico.

## To Fill A Need - Store Front Ministry

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alienated many former Cuban clients who no longer come to the storefront haven for help.

It is mainly due to a lack of education and communication. The Foundation in no way was denying help to worthy Cubans or any other minority group. They were stopping the outgo of precious food to a group of people who, it turned out, did not need it and were throwing the food away.

Food that was extremely hard to come by and could have fed other deserving, poor people. Even some of the Haitians own countrymen who were really hungry could have benefited from the food, but the Haitians chose instead to throw the food away.

And, unfortunately, all were tarred with the same brush as often happens, and all suffered for the actions of a

few. The whole situation is to be regretted, but, Ted says, "I would do the same thing over again if the need arose. Our Mission is to help the poor, not to have our food ripped off and thrown away by people who laughed at our small efforts but took the food and destroyed it so no one could benefit from it."

**TED HOPES** that the other Cuban people whom the foundation sincerely wants to help will understand the situation and come back to the storefront for their needs.

How to get help from Following Jesus Foundation? Simple. A note from your welfare agency, or any agency who is trying to help you, a note from your pastor or minister stating the need. That's all. But, no one is ever turned away who has genuine need.

And that's the reason for being of the Foundation...to fill a need.

## Amor En Accion To Be On TV

Adriano Garcia and Alicia Marill, co-founders of "Amor en Accion" (Love In Action), a Miami-based volunteer group working among the poor in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Mexico, will be guests of THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 25, at 9 a.m. on WCKT-TV, Channel 7 in Miami.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY is a weekly program produced by WCKT-TV in cooperation with the Radio and Television

Center of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Garcia and Marill have spearheaded programs providing food, medicine, housing and rudimentary education among poverty-stricken Dominicans, Haitians and Mexicans.

On THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY, Marill and Garcia will explain the origin, membership and program outreach of "Amor En Accion" and will illustrate past and present projects with a color slide presentation.



During an inter-faith Thanksgiving Service held at Temple Beth Am South Miami, Msgr. John O'Dowd, pastor of Epiphany Church, received a plaque from Rabbi Herbert Baumgard for "30 years of service in the Southwest area" presented by pastors, ministers and Rabbis of the area congregations.

## Retreat for Priests

Nov. 26th - 30th, 1979; (Charismatic)

Retreat Masters: Father John Healey, Father Patrick Gaffney.

Location: Cenacle Retreat House, 1400 S. Dixie, Lantana, Fla.

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## Llenando Una Necesidad

Por George Kemon

"...Dedicado a la comunidad de nuestro Señor Reconciliador, Jesucristo, dedicado a "demoler los muros de la división denominacional entre los Cristianos" y "pregonar la llamada por la hermandad Cristiana".

Estas son las palabras que dan razón de ser a la Fundación Siguiendo a Jesús" un ministerio de asistencia a los pobres que luchan por su causa todo los días desde sus cuarteles en la 5828 SW 8va Calle.

Es una fundación no-sectaria compuesta de Luteranos, Bautistas, Ortodoxos Griegos y Católicos en su Directiva y en estrecha asociación con esas Iglesias de la zona.

Aunque su Director y Fundador, Ted Horsey, es un Ministro Laico Católico Evangélico, su compromiso y el de otras religiones que se han agrupado a este fin, es socorrer al pobre y al necesitado; la catolicidad de Tec no la hace lucir como una organización Católica tanto más que Luterana u Ortodoxa Griega. Ted piensa que la hermandad y asociación de todas las denominaciones interesadas en socorrer al necesitado es la única forma para que la organización sobreviva.

La Fundación Siguiendo a Jesús representa muchas cosas para mucha gente. Para unos es ropa usada y cosas materiales para ellos y el hogar, compradas muy baratas en algún caso; para otros es alimentos, raciones de emer-

gencia para ayudarlos en momentos de crisis o mientras comienzan a recibir los sellos para alimentos.

Las Oficinas de Bienestar del Estado están en el edificio contiguo y muchos vienen a nosotros referidos por ellos para asistencia inmediata temporal hasta que las complicaciones en la tramitación de los sellos alimenticios o ayuda económica les sea resuelta. La Fundación provee pan, alimentos enlatados de calidad y se distribuyen dos veces a la semana o inmediatamente en caso de emergencia.

Esta ayuda llega a instituciones tales como Camillus House, The Village, Riverside House de la Iglesia Metodista de Riverside, Overtown Day Care y su centro comunitario, Residencia Ozanam, Centro de Oración de la Iglesia Cornestone, Familias Necesitadas de la Iglesia Luterana del Buen Pastor, Familias Hispanas—Americanas necesitadas de la Comunidad Orante de Stos. Pedro y Pablo, etc. Cada una de estas organizaciones recibe el pan casi a diario y cualquier otro material alimenticio que pueda ser donado y disponible para distribución. Nadie se va con hambre; una gran cantidad se distribuye en el centro cada día.

La Fundación tiene un

programa para los inválidos o personas confinadas en su hogar u hospital. Basta una llamada telefónica para comprobar y una visita con comida básica para ayudar por unos días. Cuidando y compartiendo es la meta.

En este momento Ted está tratando de finalizar los arreglos para ofrecer una cena de Thanksgiving para aquellos que no puedan obtenerla. El año pasado distribuyeron 82 cenas pero este año piensa que puedan ayudar a muchos más. El pavo y los demás alimentos ya se han conseguido pero falta un lugar donde se puedan cocinar, un par de cocineros y un lugar donde servir la cena. "Lo encontraremos todo. El Señor proveerá" dice Ted confiado en la magnificencia de Dios.

La Fundación se sostiene con donaciones, con lo recaudado por su Tienda de Gangas, y alimentos en generosas cantidades de diferentes proveedores o comprados a precios muy reducidos. El centro provee una base para operaciones de todas clases. Si la Fundación no puede asistir en alguna necesidad ellos sabrán quien puede hacerlo y los voluntarios se ponen en contacto con la persona que ha de ayu-

(Pasa a la Pág. 3 A)



**CRIMEN Y CASTIGO.** ¿Les recuerda algo esta fotografía? Si algo les trae a la mente, deténganse un poco y mediten todo el mensaje que Aquel Crucificado Inocente nos trajo a nombre del Padre. Entre otras cosas, donde haya hambre, ponga yo pan. Porque pan y no otra cosa es la causa de que este niño camboyano haya sido condenado a colgar de una cruz por todo un día bajo el sol, castigo estilo Khmer Rouge, porque el hambre lo llevó a robarle un pedazo de pan a un soldado de ese ejército rojo. Antes de ser colgado fue golpeado repetidamente. Sólo la repentina presencia de algunos soldados tailandeses salvó la vida del muchacho.

## "Para Hablar Menos y Oír Más"

Pocas veces hemos tenido la oportunidad de asistir a una charla donde hayamos visto a la concurrencia tan atenta, tan magnetizada por las palabras del orador, como en ésta ofrecida por el Rdo. Padre Angel Villaronga en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia de St. Brendan, el pasado día 13 de Noviembre y a la que asistieron más de cien parejas en su mayoría jóvenes.

El tema de "La Familia y su Crisis". Muchos dirán que de esto se ha hablado bastante pero el P. Villaronga demostró que todavía queda mucho por decir y aún más por hacer. La audiencia, por su parte, nos enseñó que hay un interés nuevo en salvar esta institución que es la base sobre la cual descansa la sociedad humana, y que está ávida de una guía pastoral experimentada y sinceramente movida por el amor.

El P. Angel comenzó haciendo un recuento de las muchas comodidades de la sociedad moderna y como el afán de vivir sólo para el goce de estas comodidades ha ido

aumentando hasta hacernos esclavos de ellos." El automóvil, por ejemplo, ya no se usa para lo necesario sino para lo más trivial. Ya no se camina para nada. La televisión por otro lado, nos ha convertido en esclavos. Ella nos manda a usar estas marcas y usamos estas marcas, que después de ponernos tal loción nos damos una bofetada y nos damos la bofetada.

"Las crisis políticas, del petróleo, económicas, dolores, etc., se resuelven de una forma u otras, pero la crisis de la familia no se resuelve y cada vez se agudiza más porque no se hace nada por resolverla."

Comentó, las estadísticas sobre divorcios, parejas separadas, niños maltratados, etc. y la falta de calor y unidad en la familia como causa de estos males. No hay tiempo para el diálogo familiar. El tiene que ver el fútbol esta noche; ella la novela y el niño queda con sus problemas. "Pero la TV no sólo absorbe la atención sino que desmoraliza. Todo lo que se ve, los más de los programas,

están llenos de violencia, vulgaridades y falta absoluta de moral." El escándalo de la degradación en los deportes, la política, la comercialización de todo, se muestra como regla de vida; y la pantalla, que pudiera ser instrumento magnífico para la educación se convierte en un vehículo de desintegración moral, "porque los niños absorben todo esto de la televisión". Y los niños crecen...

La Sociedad toda da muestras de esta relajación de principios, "Ya los hombres no pueden tener canas. Tienen que teñirse el pelo si van a aplicar para un empleo. Si no se tiñe no lo acepta la sociedad. Y hay fatuos que creen llevados por los comerciales de perfumes, que esas cuatro o cinco hermosas modelos les van a correr detrás por toda la calle Flagler". Pero agrega que no sólo los hombres sino también las mujeres, hacen poco por edificar la familia y crear el ambiente de comprensión que los una.

"Las cosas más hermosas (Pasa a la Pág. 3 A)

## Obispos de Sto. Domingo Agradecen Ayuda

La Conferencia del Episcopado Dominicano envió la siguiente carta a su Excelencia Arzobispo McCarthy de Miami, agradeciendo la ayuda que la Arquidiócesis brindó al pueblo de Santo Domingo con motivo de la trágica situación ocasionada por los ciclones David y Frederick.

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Dios, Señor de todos y buen pagador, les premiará con creces su cristiana generosidad y su espíritu compasivo y magnánimo.

Con nuestro mayor agradecimiento y nuestros mejores deseos en el Señor,

Juan A. Flores S.  
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## Así Eran Ellos... San Andrés, Apostol

Su Fiesta es el 30 de Noviembre

Como seguidor de San Juan Bautista, Andrés estaba con él el día que Juan se encontró con Jesús entre la multitud y grito: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios;..." Más tarde los dos habrían de preguntarle al Salvador, "¿Dónde te hospedas, Maestro?" a lo que Jesús contestó "Vengan y vean por sí mismos". Lo siguieron y se quedaron con él aquel día.

Andrés corrió a su casa para decirle a su hermano Pedro que había encontrado al Mesías. Pedro le mostró interés en que lo llevara a presencia de Jesús y así lo hizo Andrés.

Andrés y Pedro eran de los pescadores de Bethsaida. Unos días después hallándose a la orilla del mar, Jesús se dirigió a ellos diciéndoles: "Vayan a la parte profunda y echen las redes".

Pedro le contestó: "Maestro, hemos estado pescando toda la noche y no hemos cogido nada". Jesús les repitió que echaran las redes. Ellos fueron y echaron las redes. Cuando intentaron levantarlas no podían por la enorme cantidad de peces que había cogido. Jesús les ordenó: "Siganme, yo los haré pescadores de hombres". Al instante ellos dejaron las redes y siguieron a Jesús. Andrés fue uno de los primeros cuatro apóstoles elegidos.

Andrés fue el que le dijo a Jesús que allí había un muchacho con cinco panes y dos peces cuando el milagro de la multiplicación de panes y peces para dar de comer a más de 5,000 personas que lo seguían.

Fue Andrés el Apóstol que predicó el Evangelio en lo que ahora es Rusia, Polonia y Grecia. Se dice que sufrió martirio en Patras muriendo crucificado en una cruz en forma de X. A San Andrés se le conoce como el Patrón de Rusia.



## Encuentro de Religiosas Hispanas Sobre Evangelización

Por Purificación Faure  
Religiosa Teatina

El Domingo día 4 de noviembre, en el convento de St. Joseph, Miami Beach, las Religiosas Hispanas tuvimos un encuentro para reflexionar y profundizar sobre el tema de la evangelización. El primero de una serie de reflexiones con motivo del Plan de Evangelización Arquidiocesano.

Estuvimos presentes 33 religiosas representantes de las siguientes comunidades: Teatinas, Marianitas, Compañía de María, Dominicas, Filipenses, Reparadoras, Claretianas, Oblatas de la Providencia, Religiosas de la Caridad del Sagrado Corazón, Teresianas...

Tras una reflexión sobre la dimensión personal de la evangelización: la responsabilidad de ser Evangelio... la necesidad de una profundización continua del mensaje..., dirigida por el P. Mario Vizcaino, y

después de un rato de oración personal, pasamos a discutir en grupos pequeños diferentes puntos sobre la Evangelización.

Algunas de las ideas más destacadas a lo largo de la discusión en grupos y las asambleas plenarias fueron:

"Es necesario que la evangelización brote de una auto evangelización constante... Una evangelización encarnada y adaptada a las necesidades del hombre concreto: raza, cultura, lengua, edad, situación social... es necesaria una evangelización planificada y coordinada para una mayor eficacia... creemos que es imprescindible que esta planificación se haga en conjunto, que participen en ella los agentes pastorales: sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos..."

...Pensamos que es de suma importancia que la evangelización sea el fruto de una iglesia UNIDA,...

Que la evangelización se haga comunitariamente y que fomente la formación de pequeñas comunidades cristianas en las que se pueda vivir la fe de una forma más

personal y personalizante..."

Sabemos que existen muchas dificultades en la evangelización y que son muchos factores los que intervienen en ella...pero si nos parece importante tener por lo menos claros ciertos objetivos a los cuales dirigir nuestros esfuerzos..."

Al final tuvimos una alegre convivencia, compartiendo la exquisita merienda que junto con la Religiosas Teatinas, nos prepararon las Hermanas Dominicas de St. Joseph.

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## "Amor En Acción" Ante Las Cámaras

Los fundadores de "Amor en Acción", Adriano García y Alicia Marill, serán los invitados al programa "La Iglesia y El Mundo de Hoy" que será transmitido el día 25 de Noviembre a las 9 a.m. por el Canal 7, WCKY-TV en Miami.

"Amor en Acción" es un grupo de voluntarios radicados en Miami que trabajan en beneficio de los pobres de Haití, República Dominicana y México. García y Marill han organizado programas proveyendo alimentos, medicinas, albergue y educación básica entre los abandonados por la fortuna en estos países. Trabaja-

jando íntimamente con oficiales de la Arquidiócesis, ellos están actualmente desarrollando lazos de "Diócesis Hermana con la diócesis de Port de Paix, en Haití.

El programa "La Iglesia y el Mundo de Hoy" es producido por WCKY-TV semanalmente en cooperación con el Centro de Radio y Televisión de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Y en este programa del día 25, Domingo, ellos explicarán el origen, ingreso de socios y metas de "Amor en Acción" e ilustrarán proyectos pasados y presentes con transparencias a colores.

## Niños Necesitan Hogar Con Urgencia

El programa de Hijos Temporales del Buró Católico de Servicios tiene urgente necesidad de personas especiales que puedan servir de padres temporalmente para niños que anhelan cariño, una familia y seguridad. Estos niños varían en edad, desde los 18 meses en adelante, y necesitan hogar por terminos también variables. Están separados de sus familias por distintas causas y es la meta del Buró Católico tratar por todos los medios de reunirlos con sus padres naturales en el más corto plazo posible.

Los padres temporales recibirán un pequeño estipendio para compensar el costo de ropa y comida que ocasionen. En tanto se puede considerar elegible a una persona soltera, los matrimonios son preferidos

para que los niños puedan disfrutar de una vida familiar completa.

Un requisito definitivo en los padres temporales es su capacidad para mostrar amor y compartir la vida hogareña con estas criaturas infortunadas. Deben mostrarles paciencia y comprensión porque a casi todos ellos le ha sido negado el cariño, la seguridad y la enseñanza, las cuales son derechos naturales de todo niño.

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Si es usted una persona especial y desea ayudar, por favor llame al Buró Católico de Servicios, teléfono 754-2444 para una cita.

## Aplicaciones para Aspirantes al Diaconado NOTA ACLARATORIA

En nuestra anterior edición publicamos un aviso de la Oficina del Programa para el Diaconado Permanente, notificando que ya se están aceptando solicitudes. La fecha anunciada no es correcta.

He aquí el texto correcto:

La Oficina para el Diaconado Permanente de la Arquidiócesis de Miami anuncia que ya se están aceptando aplicaciones para el próximo curso de 1981. El programa es de tres años de estudios antes de la ordenación como Diácono Permanente.

Los candidatos deben llenar ciertos requisitos básicos además de ser Católicos, bautizados y confirmados. Primero deben hablar de esto con su pastor y pedir que el someta su recomendación a la Oficina para el Diaconado. Deben tener 32 años de edad, por lo menos y si son casados, la aprobación de su esposa. También es necesaria la recomendación de otras dos personas y ser residente de la Arquidiócesis en los últimos cinco años.

Los interesados pueden obtener la planilla apropiada dirigiendo una carta de solicitud al Rev. Sr. George N. Mickwee, Director Asociado del Programa, La Cancillería, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida, 33138. Las planillas e instrucciones le serán enviadas por correos.

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# La Educación Sexual en Escuelas Públicas

Por Magaly Llaguno

Antes que nada deseo aclarar que no me opongo a que se le dé educación sexual a los niños, siempre y cuando se haga de acuerdo con la madurez psicológica de éstos y su capacidad para comprender dicha materia, y estén a cargo de ella maestros capacitados moral e intelectualmente. No solo lo que se dice, sino también la forma en que se dice y cuándo la dice quien la dice, determinan el que la instrucción sexual sea beneficiosa para el niño o no.

La aprobación de la educación sexual obligatoria para niños, de kindergarten en adelante, en las escuelas públicas, decisión arbitrariamente tomada por la Junta de Educación del Condado Dade, ha causado numerosas protestas por parte de los padres y con toda razón; sin embargo, esas protestas debieran haber surgido mucho antes. Primeramente, la educación sexual no es algo nuevo en nuestras escuelas públicas, aunque quizás muchos padres no lo sepan. Desde el año 1973 (por lo menos) se está enseñando como "educación sexual" a los adolescentes, en "highschools" públicos, los diferentes métodos de anticonceptivos (en detalle) en clases de "Hogar y Familia" y los recursos audiovisuales que se utilizan en muchos casos provienen de organizaciones como "Planned Parenthood" (Paternidad Planeada), principal promotora de anticonceptivos y abortos homicidas, (inclusivo para menores de edad sin consentimiento paterno) en el mundo entero. Por supuesto que en estos cursos no se les puede dar instrucción moral o religiosa a los jóvenes, puesto que es ilegal enseñar dichos preceptos en las escuelas públicas, por lo tanto, a pesar

de que muchos defensores de este tipo de "Educación" (sexual) afirman que ésta ayudará a reducir la incidencia de enfermedades venéreas, embarazos ilegítimos y promiscuidad entre los adolescentes; lo cierto es que lo contrario ha sucedido. En la práctica, el brindar a los jóvenes de ambos sexo (inclusive juntos en clase) instrucciones sobre cómo utilizar los diferentes métodos anticonceptivos, sin un código moral o religiosa, equivale a fomentar la irresponsabilidad y la promiscuidad aún más.

Como solución parcial a la oposición de los padres del Condado Dade a la instrucción sexual obligatoria, se ha propuesto a éstos que exminen los libros que se utilizarán para enseñarla; sin embargo, aún suponiendo que los padres pudieran exminar uno por uno dichos libros, esto no sería suficiente puesto que los maestros tienen el derecho a escoger libremente y utilizar material suplementario, incluyendo diversos libros y recursos audiovisuales sin el consentimiento o conocimiento de los padres. El en año 1973, el abogado y entonces Comisionado de la ciudad de Coral Gables, y la que suscribe, declaramos dos veces ante la Junta de Educación para protestar por los materiales y libros conteniendo enseñanzas inmorales, que habíamos encontrado en "Jr." y "Sr. Highschools" de Miami; sin embargo, la Junta de Educación en aquel entonces rehusó darnos garantía alguna de que los materiales y libros antes mencionados no seguirían siendo utilizados, y además tampoco hizo ningún esfuerzo por informarse acerca de qué otros libros de este tipo estaban siendo utilizados en nuestros colegios. Como bien declaró el abogado Robert Bra-

ke ante la Junta en aquella oportunidad, la mayoría de los padres no saben lo que se le está enseñando a sus hijos en lo que respecta a la educación sexual, pues el material suplementario no puede ser removido del colegio. Tampoco ahora podremos saberlo, ni tendremos garantía alguna por parte de esa misma Junta, de que nuestros hijos de enseñanza primaria no recibirán instrucción sexual precoz, inapropiada o inclusive inmoral, por parte de algunos maestros, que aunque posiblemente estén en la minoría, si pueden hacer un gran daño.

Es nuestra obligación como padres velar no sólo por el bienestar físico, sino también por el espiritual y moral de nuestros hijos, oponiéndonos activamente a la decisión de la Junta de Educación, que autoriza e implanta obligatoriamente, la educación sexual en las escuelas públicas para los niños del kindergarten en adelante, si usted desea, y como padres deben, cooperar en esta campaña, llame a la Librería Distribuidora Religiosa (642-7686) para que le envíen planillas, las cuales deberán ser firmadas y devueltas cuanto antes.

## Llenando una ...

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dar.

Recientemente tuvieron que suprimirlos los alimentos a un grupo de haitianos que también eran muy bien alimentados por ex-militares del Ejército del Gral. Somoza. La publicidad que se le dio al caso fue infortunada porque alejó a muchos cubanos en necesidad, que ya no asisten al centro en busca de esa ayuda, porque entendieron que la medida era también contra ellos.

Todo fue una falta o error de comunicación porque la Fundación de ninguna manera pensó negar su ayuda a buenos cubanos o de otro grupo minoritario. Ellos sólo trataban de detener la salida de alimentos a personas que en realidad no los necesitaban y los desperdiciaban. Alimento, por otro lado valioso, dado el trabajo que cuesta conseguirlos que pudiera haber servido para alimentar a otras buenas gentes en necesidad, incluyendo a muchos haitianos que no tenían otra ayuda.

Ted confía que los Cubanos y otros que por esta causa se han alejado sepan del malentendido y vuelvan, ya que la organización desea sinceramente ayudarlos en sus necesidades.

¿Cómo puede alguien alcanzar ayuda de la Fundación Siguiendo a Jesús? Sencillamente con una nota de una agencia de bienestar, o cualquier agencia de ayuda, de su párroco o de su ministro donde declare la necesidad que hay que atender. Esto es todo. Pero nadie ha sido jamás alejado si tiene una legítima necesidad.

Y esta es toda la razón de existir de la Fundación...llenar una necesidad.

## Nació con la caída del mercado



La muchedumbre hace línea a lo largo de la Calle 31 en New York aguardando una comida a la puerta de la Iglesia San Francisco de Asis. Esta comida gratuita comenzó en 1929 cuando la caída del Mercado de Valores inició la etapa económica más crítica que haya conocido el mundo, ha cumplido 50 años y se considera uno de los servicios de esta clase más antiguos en la Nación. Los Frailes Franciscanos estiman que ya han dispensado más de doce millones de sandwiches y cinco millones de galones de café.

## Fiesta Cristo Rey Bendición de Niños

La Parroquia San Roberto Belarmino, celebrará una Misa Solemne en la festividad de Cristo Rey, el próximo Domingo 25 de Noviembre a las 11 de la mañana, con motivo del Año Internacional del Niño.

El Pastor, Rdo. P. Nelson Fernández, invita a todos los hermanos del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano de la Arquidiócesis. La Santa Misa será concelebrada por los Padres Fernandez, Angel Villaronga y José Hualde.

Al terminar la Misa se dará la bendición a todos los niños asistentes. La dirección de San Roberto es 34 Calle NW y 27 Avenida.

## Para hablar ...

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y más sagradas no se disfrutan, se destruyen, se denigran", dijo el P. Villaronga.

"Hoy se va al matrimonio pensando que si no trabaja nos separamos" porque el divorcio es fácil de alcanzar. Hace algunos años atrás la propia licencia civil decía que "fulano y fulana desean contraer el 'santo' estado del matrimonio".

El matrimonio de por sí es sagrado. Aun antes del Sacramento ya lo hizo Dios santo cuando creó al hombre y le dio

una compañera, "porque no era bueno que estuviese solo" y serán los dos una sola carne", sellando así la unión definitiva del matrimonio. Porque lo que es uno no se puede dividir. Una sola carne significa una realidad nueva.

"Dejará padre y madre" no quiere decir irse a casa de mamá por cualquier motivo. Significa que hay que 'construir' la realidad nueva, la unidad de la carne en el espíritu hasta hacerlo uno sólo. En el espíritu no caben divorcios ni separaciones.

"Hay que reconocer que casi todos tienen una falsa noción del amor. Amor es un dejar continuo en favor del otro. Atender, comprender, vivir para el otro y el otro al uno. Es necesario tener en cuenta la psicología del hombre y viceversa y sucede que no se conocen uno al otro porque viven para su propia satisfacción individual. No ponen a Dios como árbitro de su unión.

"Si Dios no edifica en vano trabajan los que trabajan" por edificar el matrimonio. Se habla demasiado sin oír al otro. Mi problema, mi gusto. Se olvida el problema del otro, el gusto del otro.

"Dios nos creó con una sola boca "para que hablemos menos" y con dos oídos "para que oigamos más"

El Padre Villaronga matizó su charla con infinidad de imágenes que no sólo amenizaron el tema sino que lo hicieron llegar claramente a cada uno de los presentes. Terminó con una plegaria y bendición.

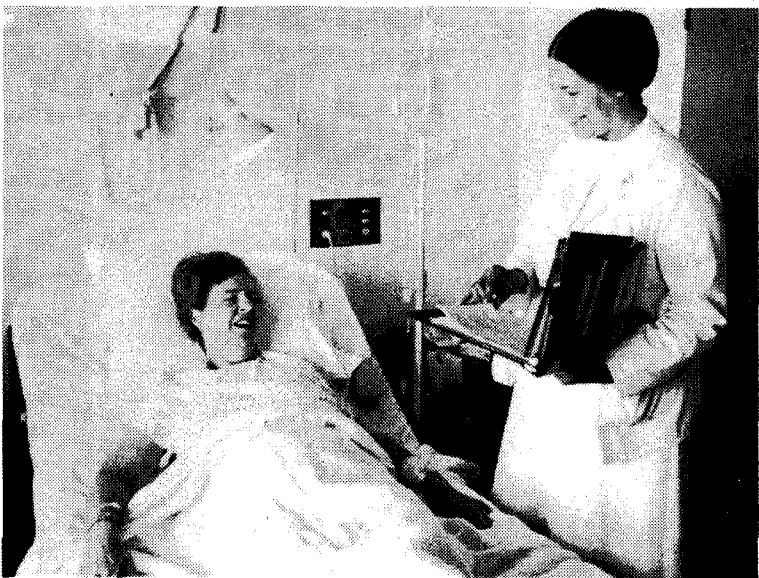
## NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

### NACION

WASHINGTON —(NC)— La asamblea anual de los obispos de Estados Unidos dedicó una prolongada sesión al estudio del documento de Puebla surgido de la tercera conferencia del episcopado latinoamericano en febrero, con el deseo de tomarlo en cuenta en su propia labor de pastores. El arzobispo de Panamá de Panamá Mons. Marcos G. McGrath, uno de los más activos dirigentes del proceso de consulta al pueblo de Dios que desembocó en Puebla, informó a los obispos de sus diversos temas y su impacto para la Iglesia y la sociedad contemporánea en Latinoamérica. Los pastores de ese sector de la Iglesia elaboraron 20 temas en diez días para dar una visión de la realidad de sus cristiandades, reflexionar sobre esa realidad según su misión eclesial, y aplicar a los problemas soluciones dictadas por el evangelio. Entre los temas esenciales que mencionó el arzobispo estaban: — La verdad sobre Cristo, lo que es

la Iglesia, el hombre en la perspectiva de la historia de la salvación; hubo debates sobre la teología de la liberación de la cual hay varias versiones que "necesitan tiempo para madurar." — Cuestiones temporales en los campos de la política, la economía y lo social. Se trató de las diversas ideologías y sistemas como el capitalismo y el comunismo; pero el documento dió directivas en el orden doctrinal solamente.

WASHINGTON —(NC)— En asamblea plenaria los obispos de Estados Unidos condenaron el racismo "como un pecado que dibide a la familia humana, empaña la imagen de Dios con respecto a ciertos miembros de esa familia, y viola la dignidad humana de los hijos del mismo padre," según reza la carta colectiva. Con más tiempo pudo mejorarse el texto, pero los iniciadores arguyeron que era el momento dadas las recientes manifestaciones del Ku Klux Klan y de grupos neo-nazis. Entre otros (Pasa a la Pág. 4A)



El MINISTERIO DE LA SALUD ES DOBLEMENTE EJERCIDO POR ESTAS DOS RELIGIOSAS. La Hna. Margaret Dynsky, (Izq.) que prefiere la llamen "Marge" haciendo su visita a una paciente en el Hospital General de Rochester, N.Y., donde ella es Residente Jefe. Es una de las cuatro Hermanas cirujanas



nos que existen en EE.UU. (Derecha) Hermana Susanne Ashton, médico residente del York Hospital, Pa. dice: "Yo trato de salvar la vida aquí en la tierra y salvar la vida para el Cielo."



Hermano Jesuita que tiene Faja Negra de 2do. Grado, Wayne Welling, es maestro de Karate en la Misión India de San Esteban Wyoming. El Hermano Wayne dice que "Trata de desalentar a aquellos que solo quieren romper ladrillos y aporrear gente."

## Noticias de la Semana...

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temas la asamblea postpuso una reforma de textos litúrgicos (para atenuar terminología masculina,) aprobó el presupuesto de sus organizaciones, la conferencia nacional y la U.S. Catholic Conference, y dispusieron volver a la reunión anual única (ahora celebran una en primavera y otra en otoño.)

WASHINGTON —(NC)— El arzobispo de Santa Fé, Mons. Robert Sanchez, pidió a sus colegas en el episcopado de Estados Unidos que "alienten al pueblo a registrarse en el censo nacional, pero no hablar específicamente de la cuestión de los trabajadores indocumentados." Al dar un informe sobre los hispanos en el país alguien mencionó el problema del censo de 1980, pues la Oficina del Censo ha pedido a varios obispos que ayuden en esa tarea ya que muchos de los indocumentados son católicos de ascendencia hispana. Los resultados influyen en la distribución geográfica de unos \$50 mil millones de asistencia so-

cial. Otra agencia del gobierno, el Immigration and Naturalization Service, anda a la pesquisa de los llamados "ilegales" o gentes que trabajan sin los documentos de residencia, que viven en temor constante de ser deportados. Las diócesis de Nueva York y Newark que tienen muchos hispanos han dicho que no prestarán edificios ni facilitarán traductores para el censo.

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Unas 30 de las 170 diócesis de Estados Unidos han hecho algo por seguir el "Llamado a la Acción" del bicentenario de 1976 sobre justicia social en el país, informó el presidente del comité correspondiente, Mons. Joseph Francis, obispo auxiliar de Newark. El llamado fué una serie de consultas populares a nivel comunitario para determinar programas de acción social. En el liderazgo nacional hay avances, pero es poco lo hecho en las bases pues "el espíritu de la sociedad se ha endurecido y se vuelve cada vez mayor la resistencia al cambio social," agregó el obis-

po en su informe a la asamblea anual del episcopado.

## MUNDO

MANAGUA, Nicaragua —(NC)— Los obispos y el gobierno se reunieron para tratar entre otros el asunto de los somocistas y ex-guardias nacionales presos desde el triunfo de la revolución sandinista, que se estima de 5,000 a 7,000 pero de los cuales ya han salido muchos libres; el gobierno estima que habrá unos mil acusados de crímenes contra el pueblo (generalmente matanzas y asesinatos). El gobierno prometió iniciar pronto los juicios bajo cortes imparciales, y mejorar las condiciones de las cárceles, ya pésimas bajo la dinastía Somoza.

ROMA —(NC)— El vicario del papa en Roma, cardenal Ugo Poletti, pidió a una asamblea de seglares que ayuden al clero a salvar a esta ciudad del individualismo, la violencia y la desintegración reinantes. De los 3 millones de romanos, tal vez una cuarta parte lleve una vida cristiana; faltan vocaciones al sacerdocio, las finanzas son pésimas y

de las 982 parroquias 70 no tienen templos, sino que rezan en sitios alquilados. Agregó el cardenal que el municipio espera otorgar licencias de construcción de viviendas para 200,000 habitantes más, pero que la crisis de vocaciones y de finanzas impide llevarles al sacerdote.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— El Papa Juan Pablo II pidió en una audiencia a peregrinos por "quienes en el mundo están prisioneros de la violencia, separados de sus seres queridos," y condenó "como hombre y como cristiano estos hechos estos hechos criminales que afectan incluso a niños." Han sido secuestrados en España el parlamentario Javier Ruperez, en Italia el niño Alfredo Battaglia y en Irán unos 60 empleados de la embajada de Estados Unidos.

ROMA —(NC) La agencia misionera Fides informa que la Iglesia comienza a rehacer su vida en Guinea Ecuatoriana después de diez años bajo la dictadura anticristiana de Francisco Macías Nguema, depuesto y ejecutado en setiembre. Además de perseguir a la Iglesia — obispos y misioneros expulsados, varios sacerdotes nativos muertos, miles de creyentes masacrados, templos y escuelas con-



La hermana Joan Ridley, miembro de las Misioneras Eucarísticas de Santo Domingo, La. y dedica su profesión a atender casos de pobres y oprimidos que la llevan con frecuencia a la Corte en defensa de ellos.

fiscados — el dictador dejó al pequeño país en ruinas; sus exportaciones de cacao y café fueron abandonadas por falta de gente. Un tercio huyó del país.

# Tio Sam Respalda Sus Derechos

## Folleto en Español Dice Que Hacer, Como y Donde

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Los hispanos que crean que contra ellos se ha discriminado y deseen que el gobierno federal tome alguna acción sobre esto, tienen un nuevo recurso para ayudarles. La guía de la Comisión de Derechos Civiles de los Estados Unidos, "Logrando que el Tío Sam Haga Valer Sus Derechos Civiles", ahora puede obtenerse en español, así como en inglés.

De acuerdo con el Director Ejecutivo de la Comisión, Louis Núñez, el manual de 44 páginas, para distribución gratuita, explica los derechos que la ley federal protege en la educación, el cumplimiento de la ley, la vivienda, el empleo, la votación y el crédito.

También cubre la discriminación en campos tales como los servicios sociales, el desarrollo de la comunidad y el uso de facilidades públicas, dirigiendo a las personas que deseen radicar quejas, a las agen-

cias apropiadas. La mayoría de las agencias federales tienen personal de habla hispana para ayudar a sus clientes y muchas tienen oficinas regionales.

El folleto contiene las direcciones de aquellas agencias que aceptan quejas radicadas a niveles regionales y locales, así como en las oficinas principales.

Las leyes federales protegen a cualquier persona en los Estados Unidos, no importa cual sea su ciudadanía o estado legal. Núñez señala que la guía contiene una breve sección sobre los derechos de aquéllos que carecen de la ciudadanía americana.

En la guía también se provee información sobre las opciones disponibles para un individuo o grupo, conjuntamente con ejemplos de organizaciones, tales como el Fondo Mexicanoamericano para Defen-

sa Legal y Educación (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund), que podrían ayudar a combatir el trato injusto por motivos de raza, color, religión, origen nacional, falta de ciudadanía, edad, sexo o impedimento.

La Comisión de Derechos Civiles es una agencia autónoma, con representación de los dos partidos políticos nacionales y funciones investigativas, que se preocupa por la discriminación y la denegación de la igualdad de protección de las leyes por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, edad, incapacidad u origen nacional.

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materia; tres comidas nutritivamente balanceadas al día y el cuidado y la supervisión de dedicados profesionales. Este Centro, como los otros Centros para el cuidado de los niños que patrocina el Buró Católico de Servicios, ha sido creado como respuesta a la creciente necesidad de servicios que respondan a una norma de calidad y bajo costo.

El Centro mantiene una política de "puertas abiertas": alienta a los padres a visitarlo cuando les sea conveniente, no hace distinción de razas y todos sus empleados son bilingües.

Puede visitar el Centro si desea más información o llamar por teléfono al 324-5424.