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## Christmas Message

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

As we approach the Holy Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, Our Way, Our Truth, and Our Life, may I express to you my prayerful greetings of love, of esteem, and of gratitude.

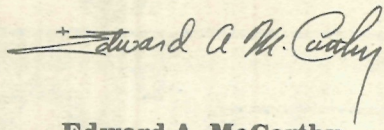
By Divine Providence, we are committed to each other as we work out our spiritual destinies in this life and pursue together, with Mary's help, our eternal happiness. As we stand together in awe before the Crib, I wish to express my admiration and my encouragement of your earnest efforts to be good Christians and good Catholics. I wish to thank you for the support you give each other in your parishes and in the little churches that are your families.

As we devote ourselves during the coming Year of the Family to deepening our spiritual lives by enriching our family lives, I beg the abundant blessings of the Christ Child on each and every priceless member of our Family of Faith — on parents, on children, on young adults, on the lonely senior citizens, on those who are troubled or alienated, on the people of Key West, of Naples, of Immokalee and of every part of our Archdiocese.

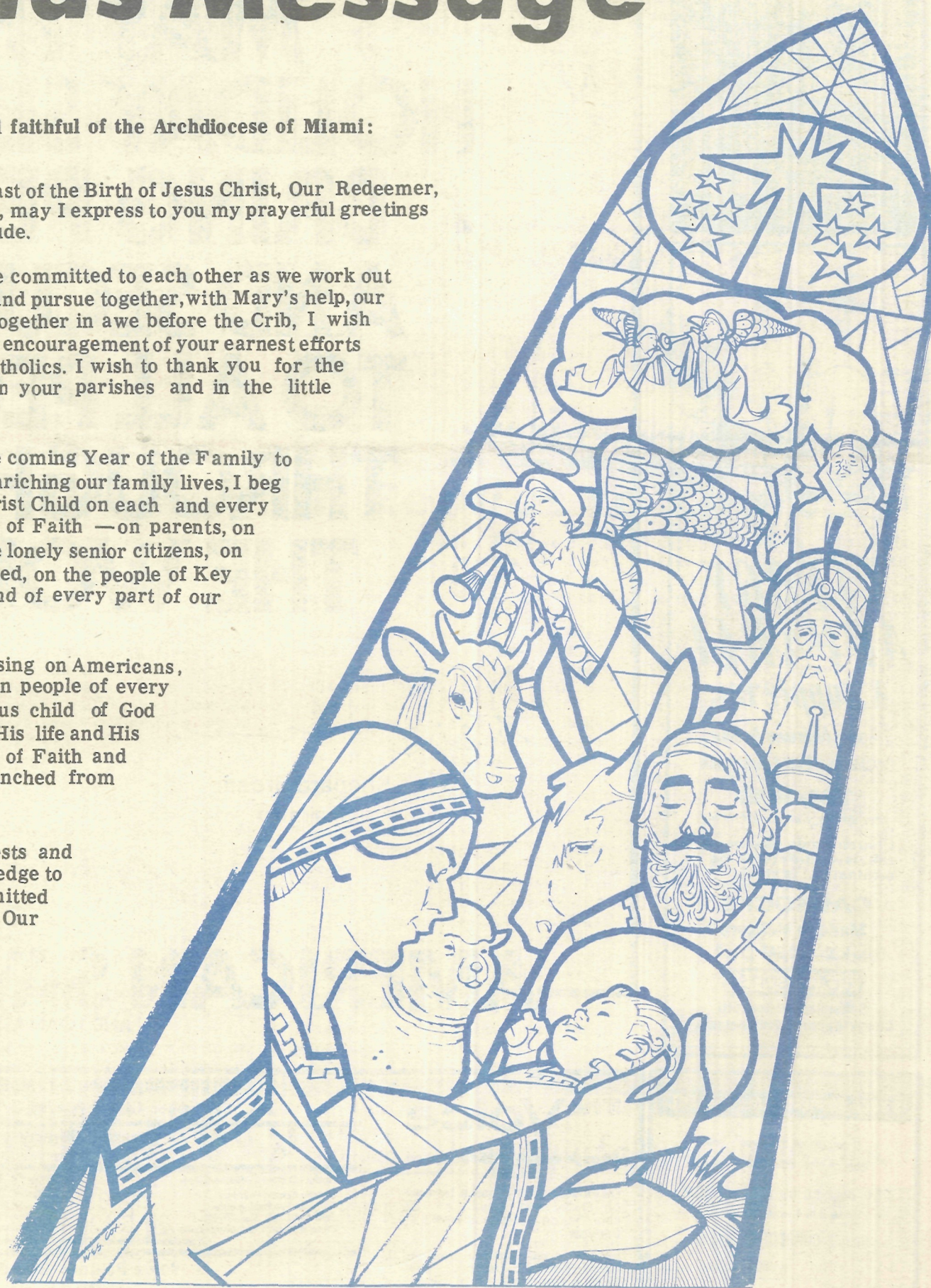
I beg the Christ Child's blessing on Americans, Hispanics, Haitians, Canadians, on people of every heritage. Everyone is a precious child of God called to receive and to radiate His life and His love in this pilgrimage together of Faith and Hope and Love which was launched from Bethlehem.

On behalf of the Bishops, priests and religious of the Archdiocese, I pledge to you our loving, prayerful committed service during the New Year of Our Lord 1980.

Devotedly yours in Christ,



Edward A. McCarthy  
Archbishop of Miami





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Pastors wishing to send

candidates for training on Jan. 19, are required to submit candidates names (together with reservations and registration fees), in a letter to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fl., 33138. Deadline for registration is Jan. 16.

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If you have any question please call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 757-6241 Ext. 241-242.

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## VATICAN DECLARATION

# Kung Cannot Teach Theology

Another Theologian  
Probed, Pg. 16

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Swiss theologian Father Hans Kung, "can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian and, as such, cannot exercise the function of teaching," the Vatican announced Dec. 18.

Father Kung's rejection of infallibility — the inability of the church or the pope to be in error in fundamental matters of faith and morality — was at the heart of the Vatican condemnation.

**THE DECISION** — made by the Vatican's doctrinal congregation and personally approved by Pope John Paul II — has church-state implications in West Germany where Father Kung is on the Catholic faculty of the state-run university of Tübingen.

Father Kung was warned on his views on infallibility in 1975, the declaration said, but the doctrinal congregation took no further action, "expecting in the meantime that he would bring his opinions into harmony with the doctrine of the authentic magisterium (official teaching authority)."

"However, up to the present time he has in no way changed his opinion... Instead he has recently proposed his view again more explicitly... even though this sacred congregation had affirmed that such an opinion contradicts the doctrine defined by Vatican Council I and confirmed by Vatican Council II," the declaration said.

Despite more than a decade of clashes between the controversial theologian and the Vatican, many thought Father Kung was prac-



FR. HANS KUNG

tically untouchable because of questions a condemnation might raise over his state-paid Catholic teaching post — and thus over the concordat between West Germany and the Holy See.

**OF MORE** immediate interest to the church at large was the implication that the condemnation would have for theological study and teaching.

In making the announcement before a crowd of journalists at the Vatican, Vatican press spokesman Father Romeo Panciroli emphasized views on Christ by French

Dominican Father Jacques Pohier or to just-completed hearings in Rome over the orthodoxy of Dutch Dominican Father Edward Schillebeeckx.

The degree does not affect Father Kung's standing as a Catholic or as a priest.

In West Germany, Cardinal Joseph Hoffner of Cologne, the president of the German Bishops' Conference said Dec. 18 that the priest's right to teach as a Catholic theologian had been withdrawn by his local bishop.

**THE LOCAL** bishop, Bishop Georg Moser of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, said he has asked university authorities to find a replacement for Father Kung.

Whether the theologian would lose his teaching post was not immediately clear, however. Sources in Rome speculated that a refusal by German authorities to dismiss him or a lawsuit by Father Kung to retain his state-paid post could conceivably start a major church-state fight over provisions of the West German concordat with the Holy See.

When contacted by NC News, several theologians teaching at pontifical universities in Rome declined to comment immediately on the impact the condemnation might have on theological teaching and research. Most, however, had not yet had a chance to read the full text of the declaration.

One, indicating that the condemnation had not come as a surprise, quoted a colleague as saying a few days earlier, "Kung is five times worse than

Schillebeeckx." Most theologians consider Father Schillebeeckx far more in accord with church teaching than Father Kung.

**FATHER PANCIROLI'S** comment that the condemnation was "completely separate" from the Schillebeeckx hearings or the earlier condemnation of Father Pohier did not assuage fears in some circles. One prominent theologian who declined to be identified by name said he feared that the declaration could "cause problems for future theological research."

The Vatican declaration was signed by the prefect of the doctrinal congregation, Cardinal Franjo Seper, and the congregation's secretary, Archbishop Jerome Hamer. It was approved for publication by Pope John Paul II during a meeting with Cardinal Seper Dec. 15.

The 1,200-word document carefully argued that previous efforts to persuade Father Kung to modify his teachings through other channels had failed, and that the condemnation of his teachings was a final step taken out of a sense of duty to the rights of "all the faithful."



## American Reaction

NC News Service

While some American theologians reacted with words like "disgraceful" and "appalling" to the news that the Vatican had condemned Father Hans Kung, others said the action by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was long overdue.

The theologians also disagreed over whether the Kung condemnation was directly related to the reign of Pope John Paul II and to the cases of two other theologians whose opinions have been questioned by the congregation.

**SOME OF THE** disagreement over the doctrinal congregation's action centered on the process it used before it issued the Kung condemnation.

Both Jesuit Father David Tracy, professor of theology at the

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## Theologian Replies to Church

"I am deeply ashamed of my church," said Father Hans Kung on the day the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that he can "no longer be considered a Catholic theologian" and cannot continue teaching.

The Catholic Church is still "conducting secret inquisitorial proceedings," said Father Kung in a statement issued in Tübingen, where he is professor of dogmatic and ecumenical theology at the university and director of its Institute of Ecumenical Research.

"Many people are scandalized," he said, "that a church which appeals to Jesus Christ and which has now begun to defend human rights defames and discredits its own theologians with such methods."

The Vatican condemnation centered on Father Kung's rejection of infallibility, the inability of the church or the pope to be in error in fundamental matters of faith and morality.

"In my recent book, now under attack, concerning the problem of

infallibility," Father Kung said, "I did nothing but repeat my old and as yet unanswered question, and at the same time I asked the pope to call together a commission of internationally respected experts which could clear up this matter."

The doctrinal congregation's statement was published with the approval of Pope John Paul II.

Nothing that his book "On Being a Christian" has not been the object of Vatican proceedings and that there has not been the object of Vatican proceedings and that there has been no church criticism of the views expressed in his most recent book "Does God Exist?" Father Kung said that "obviously all of this has been nothing but a pretext for silencing a rather irksome critic."

Pointing out that Dutch Cardinal Jan Willebrands of Utrecht had publicly defended Dominican Father Edward Schillebeeckx of the Dutch University of Nijmegen, who was recently in Rome for questioning by the doctrinal congregation concerning his orthodoxy, Father Kung said that

"certain German cardinals and bishops collaborated with the Roman inquisition in order to destroy the credibility of one of their own theologians in a surprise pre-Christmas attack."

**ON THE SAME** day that the Vatican condemnation was issued, Cardinal Joseph Hoffner of Cologne, president of the German Bishops' Conference, issued a statement critical of Father Kung's teachings, and Bishop Georg Moser of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, the diocese in which Tübingen is located, said he has asked university authorities to find a replacement for Father Kung.

Father Kung's statement continued: "After the pope had finally, after 350 years, conceded that the Roman Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had committed a fundamental error in the case of Galileo (the 17th-century Italian astronomer and physicist), now that same inquisitorial authority has resumed the same inhumane policies not only against me, but also against numerous other theologians."

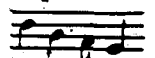
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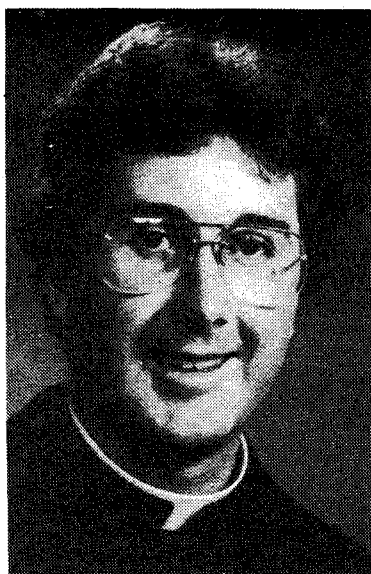
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The scholarship program, in existence at CUA for over four decades, will result in the dispersal of \$86,250 in academic aid this year alone. The program traditionally attracts top-flight academic candidates to the University from all over the United States.

To qualify for this scholarship, interested high school seniors must apply by February 1, 1980 of their senior year. Applications and information may be obtained from: Mr. Robert J. Talbot, Director of Admissions, The Catholic University of America, 110 McMahon Hall, Washington, D.C. 20064.



Rev. Mr. Terence Hogan

Terence Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan of Indianalantic, Florida, was ordained to the diaconate on December 18, at St. Vincent de Paul Major Seminary, by Bishop John Nevins. Reverend Mr. Hogan, a native of Washington, D.C., attended St. John Vianney Seminary, Miami, and received his Bachelor of Arts as well as his Master of Divinity degrees from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach. He is currently working at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Palm Beach Gardens and is a candidate for a Master of Theology degree.

# Bishop Says All Issues Interrelated, Weighted

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Although certain issues, such as abortion, can be given additional importance, no one issue can be singled out as the top or only priority of the American bishops because of the interrelated nature of all the issues on which the bishops have spoken, according to Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

Certain issues can be weighted more heavily than others because of their inherent value or because of historical circumstances, but none can be looked at in isolation, Bishop Kelly said in an interview.

HE MADE his remarks Dec. 11 a week after Sean Morton Downey, chairman of the Life Amendment Political Action Committee, strongly criticized the U.S. bishops for listing abortion as only one of more than a dozen issues of concern, and for urging Catholics to base their votes "on the full range of issues."

Downey, who had been a candidate for the Democratic

nomination for president, called the bishops' listing of issues "heretical" because it did not single out abortion, the one issue on which Downey says Catholics should base their votes.

Bishop Kelly originally had declined immediate comment on the Downey criticism as well as an allegation by Downey that the statement, titled "Political Responsibility: Choices for the 1980s" was part of a "deal" between the bishops and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) made at a meeting between Kennedy and Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York.

"There's no stronger pro-life presence in the country than Cardinal Cooke," responded Bishop Kelly about the New York archbishop, who is chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

"The idea that he would make a deal with anyone and sell short the abortion issue is unthinkable," Bishop Kelly added.

Kennedy is opposed by pro-life groups because of his stand favoring public funding of abortions and his opposition to an amendment to the Constitution banning abortion.

But most of the interview with Bishop Kelly addressed the "larger issues" behind the Downey criticism, revolving around the purposes of the political responsibility statement and the reasons why the bishops who approved it felt they could not single out abortion.

THE STATEMENT was issued by the bishops' Administrative Board, a group of some 40 bishops elected to represent the NCCB between its semi-annual general meetings. A similar statement was issued by the board early in the 1976 election year.

In addition to abortion, the statement lists issues such as arms control, capital punishment, food policy and housing and gives brief synopses of the bishops' positions on each.

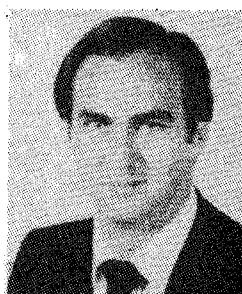
The church never wants to tell people how to vote," he said. "But we simply want the voters to keep all these things in mind."

Asked whether the political responsibility statement might be revised to better reflect the fact that some issues have more weight than others, Bishop Kelly said that would be a question for the entire Administrative Board, not just himself, to decide.

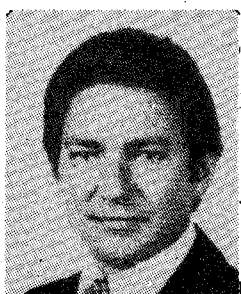
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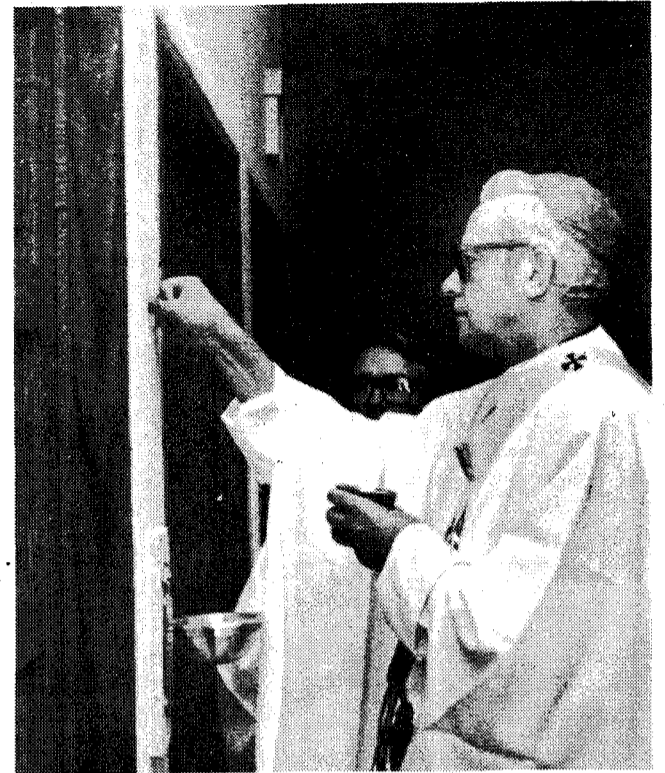
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# Archdiocese Growth - Two New Churches



## St. Kieran

Archbishop Edward McCarthy is shown dedicating the new St.

Kieran's Church located at 3605 S. Miami Ave., last week. The architecture of the church, designed in Gothic and Modern, will utilize the breezes off Biscayne Bay negating the constant need for expensive and

energy-consuming air conditioning. Fr. Daniel Barrett, pastor, addressing the fast growing membership gathered for the ceremony, thanked them for their "willing sacrifice in the building of this new house of the Lord".

Situated in the Mercy Hospital-Immaculata High School complex the new church will serve the new Carroll Manor building for the elderly as well as the parish area.

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## Our Lady of Divine Providence

With the altar as the centered focal point of the quadrant, the modern new multi-purpose Our Lady of Divine Providence Church was dedicated by Archbishop Edward McCarthy last week. Situated at Southwest 102 Ave., and Flagler St., the new church will serve the spiritual needs of one of the fastest growing area's in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop McCarthy was chief concelebrant of the Mass. Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh and Fr. Ernesto Garcia Rubio, pastor, were chaplains. Fr. Garcia Rubio is shown talking to an overflow of parishioners. More than 1500 attended the late afternoon ceremony. An outdoor buffet followed the formal services. There was music and folk dancers of Nicaragua, Honduras and Cuba entertained the crowd, to climax the day's activities.



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# Double Life As 'Bag Man' 12 Years

WESTBURY, N. Y., (NC) — For the past 12 years Anthony Carvelli, a member of St. Brigid's Parish in Westbury, has been living a double life.

Co-workers at the Nassau Public Works Department sewer disposal plant in East Rockaway know him as the jovial, genial father of four daughters, a man who likes people and enjoys his work. For 10 years Carvelli successfully concealed another aspect of his personality.

Only when a union newspaper profiled the chunky, 54-year-old employee did his friends on the job learn he had been moonlighting as Santa's secret agent, complete with bag of toys.

"I do it because of the kids," explained Carvelli.

"Seeing the joy on their faces is my reward."

Tony Carvelli feels special loyalty to the poor of his parish, and he considers his role as Santa Claus as a form of discharging a religious obligation.

"I'm so lucky I got this chance to play Santa. A number of years ago I nearly lost my eyesight with cataracts on both eyes. But I was fortunate to get the best of care."

After two sight-saving operations and nine months of convalescence, Carvelli emerged from his twilight world of distorted images. "During my recovery, I was totally dependent on others. I learned what it was to be helpless. I wanted to show my gratitude to God by helping others," he said.

**PLAYING SANTA** seemed like the best way of saying thanks. For the first two years Carvelli organized a one-man campaign to spread joy. He contacted merchants and persuaded them to donate toys and money, then he struck out on his own on Christmas Eve, visiting the homes of poor families.

In 1970 he decided to team up with St. Brigid's Council for Community Service, a group designated by the pastor to help the needy. "Operation Santa" suddenly mushroomed.

Church workers got more merchants, banks, supermarkets and friends to kick in "to make the season bright" for the area's poor children. Volunteers assembled at



Tony Carvelli, worker at a sewage plant, had "secret life" for 12 years.

Westbury Community Center a few days before Christmas to wrap, sort and pack food, clothing and toys.

Volunteer drivers mapped the route and chauffeured the red-robed Carvelli in a red van donated by a car rental company. Local social service agencies submitted names of families who needed Christmas gifts.

Santa was assisted by his own family, too. They helped store and pack donations at their home. Then Carvelli's daughter and a friend, acting as Santa's helpers, would carry the gifts to the poor. During the 12 years, Carvelli estimated he has called upon hundreds of families, rousing sleepy-eyed tots with his thundering ho-

ho-ho.

Besides these Christmas Eve visits, Carvelli handles other assignments as Santa. He makes his usual appearance at a parish party for handicapped young adults. This year he's also volunteered to visit local schools, pinchhitting for the Santa who normally covers the circuit. And before he puts away the Santa suit for another year, he'll visit the homes of friends on Christmas day to surprise their youngsters.

"I wish Christmas came every day," he said. "It's a wonderful time to be alive." Westbury children who've met Santa's secret agent would surely agree.

## Widow(ers)

The Catholic Widow (ers) will hold a meeting, Monday, Jan. 7, 1980, at 8:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 3571 N. Adrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. For information: 733-4274 or 563-8274

## Women's Club

The regular monthly meeting of St. Stephen's Council of Catholic Women will be held on Jan 3, at 8:00 p.m., in the Youth Building. Coffee and cake afterward.

## Pope to Have Busy Christmas

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Christmas holidays won't exactly be a vacation for Pope John Paul II.

As is customary for popes, he will have a heavy round of public activities during the Christmas season.

The highlight will be a midnight Mass Christmas Eve in St. Peter's Basilica, another Mass in the basilica at 10:30 Christmas morning, and a noon time Christmas blessing "Urbi et Orbi" ("to the city and the world") from the basilica's central balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The schedule of papal events released by the Vatican Dec. 15 also included:

o Tuesday, Dec. 18: a 6 p.m. Mass in St. Peter's for the university students in Rome, in preparation for Christmas;


o Saturday, Dec. 22: A meeting at 11 a.m. in the consistory hall with the cardinals in Rome, the pontifical family, and Roman prelates and Curia members to exchange Christmas wishes;

o Wednesday, Dec. 26, the feast of St. Stephen and an Italian and Vatican holiday: a noon Angelus over St. Peter's Square instead of the regular Wednesday general audience;

o Tuesday, Jan. 1, feast of the Mother of God and 13th World Day of Peace: Mass at 10:30 with the ordination of several bishops.

Notably absent from the schedule of special events put out by the Vatican was a visit to the Gesu Church in Rome on New Year's Eve.

Last year Pope John Paul resumed that once-traditional visit after a lapse of more than a century. It was generally assumed at the time that he was planning to again make it an annual event.



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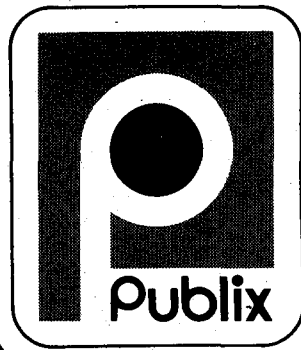
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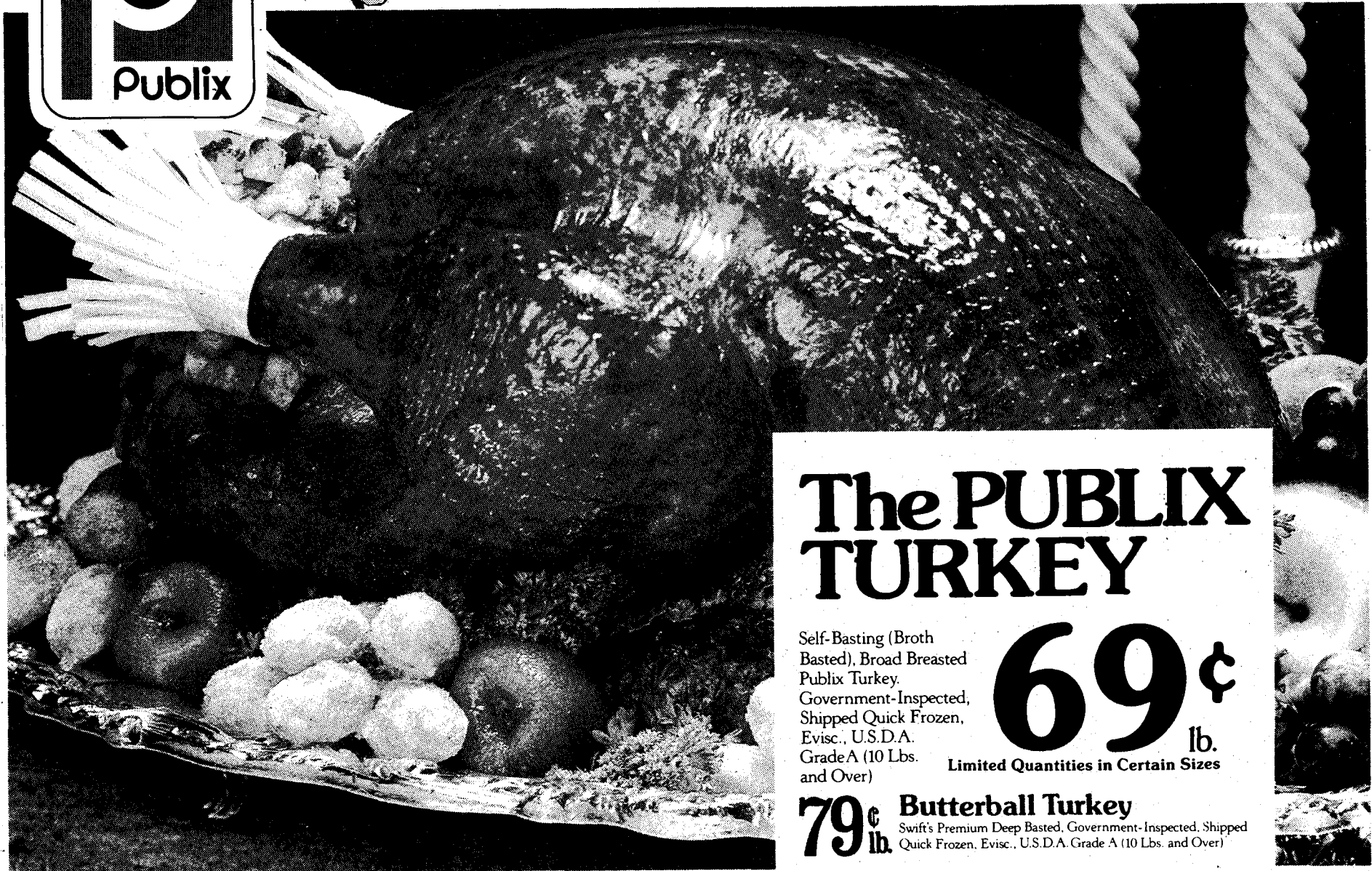
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# MATTER OF OPINION

Being entrusted, then, by God's mercy, with this ministry, we do not play the coward: we renounce all shameful 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)

## Were There Really Magi?

Were there really Magi who followed a mysterious star from the east to a stable in tiny Bethlehem? Did the wicked King Herod really make an attempt on the life of the infant Jesus and kill the baby boys of the town in the process? Did Joseph and Mary actually foil his plan by escaping to Egypt in the nick of time?

These are legitimate and understandable questions in an age like ours with its mania for historicity. However, they betray a mentality which narrowly equates truth with history, which says, in effect that if something is historical it is true. If it is not, forget it. This is unfortunate for there are many kinds of truth besides historical truth, which, furthermore, is not the most important kind of truth.

With regard to sacred Scripture, the bishops of the world reminded us, at the Second Vatican Council, that "in determining the intention of the sacred authors, attention must be paid, inter alia, to 'literary forms, for the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts,' and in other forms of literary expression. Hence the exegete must look for that meaning which the sacred writer, in a determined situation and given the circumstances of his time and culture, intended to express and did in fact express, through the medium of a contemporary literary form" (Constitution on Divine Revelation, par. 12).

Suppose that one could verify the historical reality of the Magi, the star of Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and all the other details of the birth narrative, where would that leave us? With a handful of fascinating facts surrounding the early infancy of Jesus. But was the author of Matthew intent on communicating such data - or did he have something much more important in mind? Careful, respon-

sible scholarship has concluded that his intention was profoundly theological rather than just interestingly biographical. To accomplish his end, he used traditional stories as a means of expressing a faith-inspired Christology.

Using "a contemporary literary form," one very close to folklore or legend, Matthew tried to answer questions like: "Who, in fact, was Jesus? What was his mission? How was he received?" Having such substantive issues in mind, he would undoubtedly be annoyed by frantic attempts to identify the star with a recorded celestial phenomenon, attempts which completely divert people's attention from the meaning he wanted to convey by the star as a symbol of messianic dignity, of royalty, of divinity, thus pointing to the identity of the child.

His narrative of the Flight into Egypt portrays in story form a truth expressed in another way in the Prologue to the Fourth Gospel: "The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it... To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him" (John 1, 5, 11). It is a story which, like all really good stories, is quite true to life. We know the kind of person Herod was. The Jewish historian Josephus has left us a rather authoritative account of his personality and career. Neurotic, paranoid, insanely jealous, he maintained his position on the throne only by dint of a reign of terror. Anyone who looked at all longingly at the throne was executed without further ado - and that included three of his own sons. The list of his victims, even within his own family, is appalling.

Against this background, the Magi would have asked the one question no one should ever have asked during his reign: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2,2). And his reaction is perfectly in character. What would the murder of village babies mean to a man who hadn't scrupled to execute his own sons?

Again, Egypt had long been the traditional destination for political refugees. But the evangelist had a much more serious reason for getting Jesus to Egypt. He wanted to identify him symbolically as the new Moses, the new Israel, coming out of Egypt in a new and surpassing Exodus. To this end he quoted Hosea 11, 1: "Out of Egypt I have called my son," which in the context, is not a prophecy at all, but a reminiscence of God's having liberated his people from bondage in Egypt. But even more importantly, Matthew wanted to proclaim the real identity of Jesus as God's Son. It is a profession of the faith of his community.

Jesus' return from Egypt is, in turn, a forecast of God's ultimate vindication of him in the resurrection. The new Moses, the renewed Israel, the very Son of God, Jesus is the object of the Father's loving care. On a broader scale, the story tells of the ongoing conflict between good and evil, of the incredible hatred and violence with which evil pursues good. It tells, too, of God's care for those who, in every age, have the courage to resist evil and risk everything in the pursuit of good.

By F. John J. Castelot.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pit Bull Disfiguration

To the Editor:

It has been written that out of chaos comes order and that adversity brings out the best qualities of men. I have had the shattering experience of determining this first hand.

I refer to the little boy who was attacked by the pit bull. The entire neighborhood community, country, and indeed humanity - has rushed to his assistance. We have received support from as far away as West Germany and Canada - as well as throughout America.

However, plastic reconstruction and funds for a scholarship will reach beyond \$300,000 and maybe more. I would like to thank the community for its support. Those who are unaware of the incident or wish to influence their friends may send funds to a legally constituted fund: The Frankie Scarborough Fund, Atlantic-National Bank, P.O. Box 3597, Hollywood, Florida 33023.

Ronald Milone Hollywood

### Praises Nun's View

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the wonderful views of Mother M. Claudia in The Voice this week.

It is indeed nice to know that there are still

many Nuns who have kept their vows and their habits of Religious. They are respected and really serving the Church by teaching the youth of this nation, some by taking care of the sick, etc.

It was hard to believe that Sister M. Theresa Kane was speaking for a large number of Nuns or women. I certainly would not like to see women priests - and I do not like to see Nuns without their Religious habits.

Edith Renuart Coral Gables

### 'Show' Is Not Over

To the Editor:

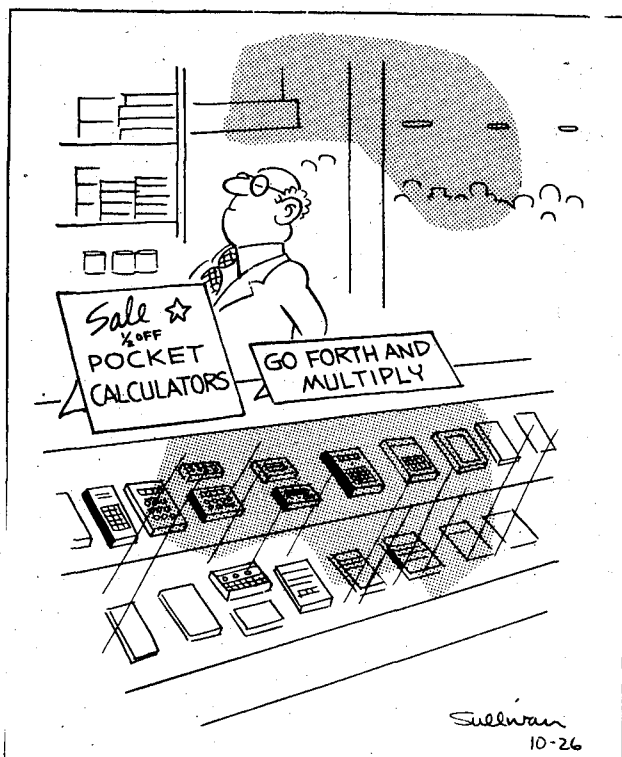
The Church's "show" as Msgr. John Tracy Ellis of Washington calls nineteen centuries of work and consistent teaching by the Church Magisterium is far from over. If anything, the curtain is about to go up.

I wonder if Msgr. Ellis considered the possibility that the brevity of His Holiness' remarks on birth control when visiting America were intended as a word to the wise?

It would be well for Churchmen who dissent with Church teaching to do so through their Superiors and Bishops, especially those Churchmen who through the grace of God are in a position to put on a show of their own.

Msgr. Ellis might be wise to reflect on Proverbs 28, verse 4.

John Hrach West Palm Beach







## Christmas Just Won't Go Away

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

However one may feel about Christmas, one has to recognize it as a profound mystery. The believer glories in this and accepts it as a challenge to probe more deeply into it. The non-believer who does not accept the doctrine, is forever puzzled by its permanence. This is the irritating mystery.

Christmas should have died out long ago. Fables fade. Folklore does not spread from nation to nation, from generation to generation and grow in intensity among all cultures. Myths do not cause bloody wars for centuries or turn brother against brother or make kings persecute subjects for treason.

What mystery have we here? How is it that Christmas will be fervently celebrated in 1979 in some villages in China where the names and faces of banished missionaries are not yet forgotten? And it will be celebrated in many places in Russia where the machines so carefully designed to pulverize such a myth cannot contain it in its maw.

How can it be that an enlightened world which was

thrilled to see science teach men how to walk on the moon and to launch incredibly long voyages into outer space and to wire the heavens for sight and sound can still believe the ancient teaching that God came down to earth in the form of a baby?

No end of mystery here. But it is one of those fascinating mysteries which send off shafts of light into dark corners of human minds. The human race has had two thousands years to think about it. The best minds have tackled the mystery, most of them to marvel in gratitude and adoration, others to lament man's gullibility and immaturity.

THE FACT is Christmas has endured because people of all races and varying degrees of talent came to believe that God became man. The Creator really did, appear as one of his own creatures, that he hid his majesty and power and wisdom in the disarming innocence of a child.

If mankind has clung stubbornly to this belief, it is because they find in it a key to the very mystery of God himself. Man has learned much of what God is like by seeing what Christ on earth was like. It is not

through our idea of God, our preconceived notions of God, that we can know and judge the authenticity of Christ. Rather it is through Jesus, through his words and actions in a brief life, that we can come to know God. Jesus has been called the only true view of God's revelation.

No man in ancient history, however gifted in intelligence, had even begun to understand the person of God or his love and wisdom and power. Neither a Plato or a Socrates came close to conceiving how much God loved the creatures he created. It took a cross, a plotted death, an apparently disgraceful end to a brief career of teaching, to remove some of the mystery of divine love for mankind. For even the least among us.

So many centuries after Jesus made known God to us, we are still awkwardly fumbling with this massive truth. We are consoled and inspired by it; we are closer by far to God for it, but still overwhelmed by its reality.

Another shaft of light emanates from the mystery of Christmas. It reveals that a new set of values

came into the world with the Christ Child. In Christ, the child and the man, we find meaning in other areas—in other mysteries. The mysteries of life and death, poverty and riches, love and hatred. In the revolutionary standards of Jesus, we learn what is important in God's mind.

HE CHOSE as his own the very things we shy from—poverty, obscurity, pain, humility. He showed how all these can have extraordinary value and be a source of peace and growth, whereas for so many riches, comfort, fame and pride become enemies of happiness and render one's life sterile and frustrated.

Mankind cannot let Christmas disappear. Men cannot discard for long what Jesus told them of God, for then they plunge into the darkness which plagued the world before his standard. They cannot ignore the likelihood of values either, because they keep learning the hard way there is no hope of peace, and in this nuclear age, no hope of survival, unless they can learn something of the mystery of Christmas and follow the values given by Jesus.



## Beta House Stars at Notre Dame Conference

By DICK CONKLIN

From time to time college campuses are the scene of intense debates on key national issues. A couple of weeks after Pope John Paul's visit to the Catholic University of America, a controversial "teach-in" on abortion was held there by the campus chapter of the National Lawyer's Guild. Then the University of Notre Dame sponsored a "National Conference on Abortion", which unlike the Catholic University event, was a well-planned attempt at bringing together people from both sides of the controversy.

Several topics were raised there that tried to find some common ground—circumstances surrounding the unplanned pregnancy, psychological factors, child adoption, public opinion, U.S. support of third world population programs, and others. Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the university and host for the three-day event, explained his motivations for holding the conference in a letter read to participants on the opening day. "Three years ago, during the presidential campaign", he recalled, "candidate Jimmy Carter spoke at Notre Dame. He had been under extraordinary pressure because of the abortion issue." Hesburgh then discovered Carter's personal opinion to be like that of many other politicians—opposition to abortion itself, but a reluctance to get involved in a reversal of the Supreme Court decision. After

assuring Carter that the issue was "not really his concern", but that of Congress, he suggested the idea of a Notre Dame conference on abortion to address the matter.

HESBURG'S REMARKS also mentioned the worry of other political candidates who claim to "agree 95 percent with catholic principles of social justice", yet face possible defeat in 1980 because of voter rejection of their pro-abortion records.

One of the conference speakers was Dr. Judith Blake, a social researcher and Professor of Population Control. She analyzed 1500 interviews from seven surveys and found that regular church attendance, not religious affiliation, was the most common characteristic of pro-life people. In other words, church-going Protestants and Catholics shared an opposition to the taking of unborn life, while non church-goers from most religions tended to take a more permissive attitude. (Interestingly, in states where pro-abortion U.S. Senators and Congressmen were defeated last year, political observers credited the dissemination of voting records to churchgoers as a prime reason for the election upsets.)

One of the most controversial persons at the conference was Dr. Bernard Nathanson, M.D., a New York City abortionist and author of a recently published book, "Abortion America". Nathanson, a former clinic director who now feels

"personally responsible for over 60,000 deaths", now is convinced that "human life exists in the womb from the very onset of pregnancy".

Nathanson also defended the Catholic Church's strong position in defense of life. "Look at the New England Church and the abolition issue. Look at the Quakers and Vietnam. Only in the abortion issue do people persist in saying its a one-sect issue, and that's not fair. They forget all the other issues. The Catholic Church has become the favorite 'whipping boy'. In 1968 (as head of a national abortion lobbying organization) we specifically planned to use the Catholic hierarchy to attack. We knew we couldn't afford to attack all Catholics, and the Pope was out of the question. So we deliberately decided to attack the middle layer of the church hierarchy, and we identified these Catholics with the anti-abortion issue and flayed and flogged them. It was very effective."

Finally, one of the most positive talks was given by two Orlando women, Judy Peterson and Kathy Perry of Beta House, a three-year old organization which helps pregnant women in a broad variety of difficult circumstances. The highly-successful Beta (Birth, Education, Training, Acceptance) currently provides pregnancy counseling and pre-natal care, houses 23 women aged 13-28, helps them obtain high school equivalency diplomas, provides job training,

child care, adoption assistance, and operates a self-help fundraising boutique.

THE ONLY negative response Kathy Perry received at the conference came, interestingly, from a woman who didn't attend the Beta talk. She accused pro-life counsellors of putting down the women and girls who come to them with a crisis pregnancy, by "rubbing their noses in it." Perry was quick to refute the charge with an explanation of Beta's pro-life philosophy. "We try to do everything we can to help them", she explained. "Women seek abortion to solve problems, and we first seek every possible avenue to help them. We even place brochures in the abortion clinics. After we have offered everything, we can, and she still decides to have an abortion, our door is still open, in case she wants to come back for counselling. You don't accomplish that by pushing a guilt trip on anyone."

I'm sure that conferences and seminars such as this one have their purpose, and an open exchange of views is always healthy. But for every "convert" like Dr. Nathanson, there are probably 100 people, maybe 1,000, who already hold pro-life views, but are so far uninvolved. They are the future Beta volunteers, letter-writers, financial contributors and campaign workers who can make a real difference in society. Many will come from the ranks of Dr. Judith Blake's "churchgoing Christians".



# KNOW YOUR FAITH

# The First Christmas

By WENDY SOMERVILLE WALL

The young girl was expecting a baby. These should have been happy months, the husband proud and eager, the wife loving, preparing for the event with joyful anticipation. There was much of that. But it was also an anxious time.

**EVERY YOUNG** couple prays for one thing above all else: that their baby will be normal. This couple, Joseph and Mary, knew from the beginning that their baby would not be "normal". He would not be normal in a most wonderful way: he would be special, sent by God, Son of God. Still, he would be like no baby ever born and they who had played easily with brothers and sisters and cousins and nieces and nephews and friends had no experience with such a baby. They wondered what he would be like. They wondered how they would care for him. How does one cope with a different child, no matter how splendid his difference?

**EACH OF THEM** had separately come to terms with their acceptance of God's will. Mary of Nazareth, a young virgin engaged to the carpenter Joseph, had been visited by an angel who told her "You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." "How can this be," Mary had asked the angel, "because I have never been with a man?" And the angel told her that she would be pregnant by the Holy Spirit, an idea so overwhelming that she did not try to reason with it. "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary, "let what you have said be done to me."

**JOSEPH ALSO** had struggled with incomprehension. When he discovered Mary pregnant, he wanted to break their engagement, though quietly with no denunciation of the woman. In a dream an angel appeared to him and told him that Mary had not betrayed his trust but had conceived while still a virgin and that her child "is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Joseph did as the angel told him and married Mary, but he sometimes sighed as he looked at her.

**THEY HAD** taken each other on faith. They had accepted Mary's pregnancy on faith. As the time drew near when the abstraction was to become the reality of a cooing, crying, kicking baby, they needed more than individual strength. They needed a mutual trust, a support system. They were in this together. They needed a mutual trust, a support system. They were in this together. They needed one another. They shared their feelings, telling one another it would be all right. Even before the birth of their child, they were a family, dependent on each other, protective of one another, moving away from what other people might think and into their own personal space of preparing for their child and their life together.

As if to give them room, God



Joseph and Mary knew from the beginning that their baby would be like no baby ever born.

separated them from their families. A decree was given by the Roman government and Joseph was ordered to go with Mary to the city of Bethlehem, home of his ancestors, where he and his wife would be registered in the census. They journeyed alone. Now they had only each other, no relatives to help. As they entered the city, teeming with travelers from all over, Joseph worried.

**MARY WAS TELLING** him the birth of the baby was imminent and they had no place to go. Tired and discouraged, blaming himself for the situation, Joseph went through the city seeking shelter. As he grew more and more concerned, Mary grew calmer and calmer. She was turning inward, focusing all her effort and attention on the one

central theme in her life at that moment. She was going to have a baby. Nothing else mattered. The details she left to her husband and to God.

**FINALLY** the anxious husband and the serene mother-to-be were told of a cave where animals were stabled. Joseph was relieved but upset by the surroundings and tried to make it as clean and comfortable as possible. Mary set about the business of giving birth, oblivious of any distraction, except to tell Joseph not to worry. "And she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

**THE CHILD WAS BORN.** In their euphoria the parents forgot their doubts. The future, whatever it held, seemed possible. They called

the boy Jesus. A star rose in the heavens, a beacon for shepherds in the fields to come and see the savior who had been born to them.

When the shepherds came, they found the Holy Family. There was Joseph, his confidence returned, already planning to teach Jesus his trade. There was Mary trusting her instincts as a mother, nursing her son and smiling lovingly at him. There was the baby, as beautiful as any child they'd ever seen, but a baby like other babies. Yet this night was unlike any other night. The difference would live in their hearts forever. It was as the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to men who enjoy his favor."

Such peace they had never known.



## KNOW YOUR FAITH

By EUGENE S. GEISLER

One of our older daughters, with her three children, has just visited us for a month. She lives far away and she can't come very often, so she comes for a long stay when she can. The three children are six, four and one. It's nice being grandparents because the cares and duties are all someone else's, and the grandparents have only to enjoy, enjoy. The children have an uncanny sense of returning the compliment. They also know how to enjoy, enjoy their grandparents.

**MIGHT ONE** say that children and grandparents were made for each other? I think so. Sometimes it doesn't work out that way, but all the possibilities are there for a love affair. The grandparents have the time and the wisdom and the money (it takes very little), and the grandchild has the need and the trust and the enthusiasm to go places and to do things, as the saying goes. Or to do nothing together, just so it is done together with love. How is it that the child does not see wrinkles or grey hair, and doesn't mind the slow pace? And he is so trusting that every smile begets a smile.

**OUR CHILDREN** when young beguile us and grandchildren in their turn beguile us a second time. It is even more evident the second time than the first that of such as these is the kingdom of heaven. Those three grandchildren are gone again, but they have enriched my life. I feel younger. I look forward to hanging around a while to

see them grow up. They have put new life into me.

**WE ALL NEED** the child for these very same reasons: to be enriched, to feel young, to have something to look forward to, to put new life into us. We are enriched because the child takes us beyond ourselves whether we are young, middle aged or old. We feel younger because the child tells us not to take ourselves so seriously. We have something to look forward to because the child gives us hope. There really is such a thing as a future. And the child puts new life into us because incarnates God's plan for us and our part in it. We aren't the whole cheese but neither are we nothing.

**IT IS NOT** difficult to see that every child needs a brother and sister for a full young life. It should be even more obvious that a couple needs a child for their self-development, self-fulfillment, and hopefully their self-transcendence. How do most couples get beyond selfishness if not through their children? It is only a little less subtle how old people need the child for the rounding out of life. The child represents God's plan for a future. The child is God's manifestation of his creative presence, of his pro-life attitude. In the hands of such a God, the old can rest secure in their own future.

**THERE IS A** passage in the Bible where Paul lists a number of evils and then says, "These are not so much as to be mentioned among you who become saints." If he lived today he would probably list abortion among those evils. Why shouldn't they be mentioned among you? Maybe it is because mentioning them makes them words, and words give currency to ideas, and in time we become used to the ideas.

# Children and Grandparents Are Made For Each Other



That's where I think we are with abortion today.

**WHO WAS THE** first to form the words "unwanted child? There is always somebody who wants that child. The child could hardly be more innocent. What reasons are there valid enough to snuff out innocent

life? What has become of us in a mere decade since six or seven men were enough to make abortion legal? How could such a thing happen without reference to all the people? Or has the plan been all along to let the people vote on it after they have become used to the idea?

We all need the child to teach us how to live and how to get to heaven. (In Jesus' own words: Unless you become like little children you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.) Who else will teach us littleness, purity of heart, trust, hope, dependence on God?

## Love Leads Us All to Grow in His Image

By WILLIAM E. MAY

One of the marvelous things about marriage is that in it a man and a woman are called upon and given the grace to grow together in a life-giving love. In expressing their love for each other, they can also give love to children, persons like themselves and summoned like themselves to a life of loving friendship with God. The love that husband and wife have for each other, in fact, is the soil in which new life is meant to take root and grow, to develop its capacities, to learn how to live.

Parents have the vocation not only of giving, in cooperation with God, the precious gift of life to children, but also, as St. Augustine said so well, of "nourishing this life

humanely and educating it Christianly." Children are not toys or pets, nor are they nuisances or pests. Like their parents, they are persons with a need to reach out and touch others and be touched by others. God has equipped them with the native ability to learn how to do this well, for he has made them in his image and likeness.

But in learning how to touch and be touched, they need help. They can also be terribly hurt and crippled. A major responsibility parents have is to provide the help their children need. They do this chiefly by the way they "touch" each other and "touch" their children, extending themselves, with heart and mind, body and soul, in acts of friendship.

The special, utterly unique and exclusive kind of friendship that the

parents are to share with each other —marital friendship —supports the special kind of friendship they are to have for their children and that their children are to have for them. They know that friendship is demanding and challenging, that it overcomes obstacles and is meant to help the other in recognizing shortcomings and growing to full stature. Because we have true friendship, we are ready to help one another in our struggle.

In being friends to their children, parents are to help them grow. At first they help by doing things for them, and throughout their lives they are always ready to do things for them when necessary. But, and this is most important, from their parents children learn how to do things for themselves. They become capable of managing

their own lives. They grow up.

The parent-friend now is to rejoice that the child is no longer a child, no longer helpless. And the parent-friend must now let go while still being in touch and ever ready to reach out if help is needed.

Growing in the kind of love whereby we have been and are loved by God never ends, not even for parents. They, too, need help in that greatest of all friends, God. From their children they, too, can learn how to grow. In giving friendship to their children, they receive; in pardoning their children, they are pardoned, in reconciling their children to them, they are reconciled to themselves; in ministering to their needs, they come to a deeper awareness of their own deepest needs, needs that can only be met by our heavenly Father.





Episcopal Bishop James L. Duncan of the Diocese of Southeast Florida is shown with Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at the monthly Christian-Jewish Dialogue which took place at St. Mary Cathedral Rectory last week. Bishop Duncan is retiring in January and members of the dialogue presented him with a plaque honoring his service to the Church and the Civic community.

### Brotherhood Dinner Chairman Named

William S. Ruben, Chairman of the Board for Jordan Marsh, has been named General Chairman for the 28th Annual Brotherhood Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 2, 1980 at the Omni International

Hotel.

Ruben is assisted by Dr. Henry King Stanford, President of the University of Miami who will serve as Awards Chairman. Both

Ruben and Stanford are former recipients of the coveted NCCJ Silver Medallions, Ruben in 1977 and Stanford in 1968.

### Carnival

Pace High School, 15600 NW 32nd Ave., Opa Locka, will hold a Carnival from January 10 through January 13. Hours 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 12:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Rides and attractions.

Philip N. Cheaney, President of First Federal of Broward will serve as Con-venor for the Broward Section of the Brotherhood Dinner.

Recently Ruben was honored by B'nai B'rith with its Humanitarian Award, a national honor given for career success and community service. He is a past chairman of the United Way and a current Board Member.

### Archbishop's Mass Schedule

Midnight Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 in the Cathedral of St. Mary, NW Second Ave. and 75th St.

Concelebrating the first Mass of Christmas with the Archbishop will be Bishop Paul Tanner, recently retired Bishop of St. Augustine and priests serving in the Cathedral parish.

A concert of Christmas music will begin at 11:30 p.m. featuring a Christmas Cantata by J.S. Bach entitled "For Us A Child Is Born," and congregational singing of Carols.

The Archbishop of Miami will also celebrate a Mass at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day in the Cathedral. The prelate will preach at both Masses.

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Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman will celebrate Midnight Mass on Monday in Spanish at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, 3605 S. Miami Ave. A Mass will be offered by Bishop Roman in Spanish for Broward Countians on Christmas Day at 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Church, West Hollywood.

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Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins will celebrate Midnight Mass at San Isidro Mission in Pompano Beach. On Christmas Day he will celebrate a Mass at St. Thomas More, at 8:00 a.m., Boynton Beach, and an 11 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, at Delray Beach.

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Archbishop McCarthy will celebrate Mass in St. Mary Cathedral at 11 a.m. on Jan. 1 for World Day of Peace.

### Christmas Telecast from Rome

A telecast of Pope John Paul's Christmas Midnight Mass from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome will be aired from Midnight to conclusion on Christmas Morning by Channel 7 in Miami and

Channel 5 in West Palm Beach.

Fr. Angnellus Andrew OFM, President of UNDA, International professional organization of Catholic Broadcasters will provide the English commentary.

### Jim Bishop on Archdiocese TV

Jim Bishop, internationally known author and newspaper columnist, will be the guest of THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY on Miami's WCKT-TV, Channel 7 at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

"The Day Christ Died" and "The Day Christ Was Born." His column is carried several times weekly in a score of newspapers across the country.

On THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TODAY, he will discuss the historical research and background for "The Day Christ Was Born."

Mr. Bishop is the author of twenty books including

### Official

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy has made the following appointment effective immediately:

REVEREND LEO DIONNE, OMI, to be Coordinator of the Apostolate to French Canadian Tourists.

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# "Light Up the Sky" --- Needs to!

(Light Up the Sky, by Moss Hart, Oakland West Dinner Theatre, 4850m Oakland Park West, Lauderdale Lake, Fl. 739-1800. Through Sunday, January 20, 1980.

By GEORGE KEMON

"Light Up The Sky", the current holiday offering at the Oakland West Dinner Theatre, should have a sub-heading, "Because it's dark here on Earth!"

Anyone who goes to this production believing that it is a comedy, as advertised, is in for a surprise. It is anything but. It is a depressing piece of theatre. No one came away laughing or recalling gag lines as they left the show. They just left and quietly so.

Why did Brian Smith choose this particular vehicle for a holiday bill? This play, albeit, skillfully acted by a very competent company belongs in the waning days of a long winter when we are all depressed anyhow — not during a season of hope and joy.

Jeanne L. Austin's "Irene Livingston" is excellent. She emotes beautifully, fools no one and does it very well. One wonder's if Frank Logan, who plays Owen Turner, is really

portraying Moss Hart?

"Sidney Black" our familiar favorite Bernie Friedkin, comes off like the Inspector in "Catch me..." It would be interesting to see Bernie play a part totally different from these two concepts. Is he becoming typecast?

Willis Knickerbocker who cries a lot, plays the part of the director and the "thespian" quite adequately. Gertrude Berman, does a great job in her allotted space.

The play is for another time, and not really akin to life we are living today. It is difficult to draw any parallels as suggested by the before play announcer, who, incidentally, should change his format — it's tired and not funny.

But we suppose that's because those who have been to Oakland West more than once are jaded.

The food was excellent. (Forrest, the rolls were hot, and the butter creamy!)

But, it's hard to fault Oakland West's efforts. The play is depressing, the acting is excellent, the food is the same. For this writer's taste, its still the best entertainment value for our hard bucks to be offered in this area.

## Ashkenasi Scores Again

By GEORGE KEMON

Schmuel Ashkenasi young genius of the violin continues to cut a sparkling swath across the musical horizon.

His performance of the Bruch Concerto for Violin and Orchestra played with the Miami Beach symphony under Barnett Breeskin last Sunday night at the Theatre of the Performing Arts on Miami Beach, was nothing short of brilliant. He never missed a note! His timing was superb, his feeling for the work is obvious. One would feel it was written for him.

The program opened with the Overture - The Creatures of Prometheus, a crowd

pleaser —no one ever really does badly. It's a choice morsel to set the tone for the evening.

Mr. Breeskin's handling of the Pathetique, the second piece on the program seemed to this writer to get off to a rather ragged start. The second and, of course, the third thundering movement were handily deft. We do suggest that the brass and horns were overloud and a bit harsh —however, this symphony, aside from the soft opening movement, is rather a tour de force for orchestra and Mr. Breeskin's interpretation is every bit as valid as the next conductor's.

All in all, it was a fine program, admirably played and well received.

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# Farm Labor-Decade of Struggle

By GERARD E. SHERRY

Heugla! Strike! Boycott grapes!

A decade ago these words generated impassioned pleas for justice for farm workers. California was the place where the struggle began, and millions from all over the world joined in the grape boycott, supporting diminutive Mexican-American Cesar Chavez, who led the struggle—which even now still goes under the banner of *La Causa*.

**THE GRAPE BOYCOTT** succeeded and in 1970 some 53,000 workers joined with the Chavez union, the United Farm Workers of America, enjoying the fruits of contracts signed with hundreds of grape growers in the San Joaquin and Nappa Valleys. Now, ten years later—and unbelievable as it may seem—the grape industry is no longer the major concern of the UFWA. Grape pickers under the union's contract have decreased to a mere 10,000.

This is not to say that the UFWA membership has declined. Indeed, it has almost doubled, and the union has branched out into California's vegetable fields, into nurseries, egg-producing plants and so on.

The UFWA membership now stands at 100,000 workers. Most of the contracts are in California. The one other major contract is with the Minute-Maid division of the Coca-Cola Company in Central Florida. There are also a few UFWA members in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona—but they work for subsidiaries of California growers and are included in home office contracts.

Chavez was in Florida a few days ago to give personal witness to the UFWA national boycott of Red Coach lettuce, a major California grower which has refused to sign the contract in the Salinas Valley.

**CHAVEZ TOLD** The Voice that two of the major problems for the union were:

- A sizeable group of mercenary, professional strike-breakers from Central America.

- Selective law enforcement by the U.S. Immigration and



Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, who discussed a decade of struggle with the executive editor of The Voice.

Naturalization Service.

Chavez says these mercenaries come mainly from Mexico and "they are controlled by the mob and recruited by organized smugglers to cross the border."

"When a grower gets into trouble in a strike with us," Chavez said, "I suspect he picks up the phone and calls the contact in Mexico or somewhere else and then brings in the strike-breakers. These are people who used to be farm-workers and who came back and forth into the United States for several years, made a little money, and then became self-employed. They might have bought a piece of land back home."

"These former farm workers have now hooked up with the professional smugglers controlled by the mob throughout Mexico. There is now a very sizeable illegal alien, professional

strike-breaking group of mercenaries who come into the U.S. and there is no way in the world you can appeal to them. We cannot get the Immigration and Naturalization Service to stop them."

"**THERE ARE** other types of strike-breakers who are illegal aliens, and they are brought in from Central America. They know what they are doing is bad—and in time we can get to them. Then the growers bring in young kids from the cities who are looking for adventure and we can get to them right away. But the professional strike-breakers do nothing but try to influence those in the field against the union. Why, we just recently discovered a guy from Central America who for the last six years has not worked in anything else except strike bound fields."

Chavez admitted that even in the UFWA there are some illegal aliens.

"When we organize at a farm, we don't ask the workers where they come from or what they believe in. We simply organize them and they become members. But when we call a strike, the INS will come in and raid our picket lines and pick up our members who are illegal aliens—but they will not go and arrest the illegal alien strike-breakers working at the farm."

"It is selective law enforcement. The INS says it has a policy of not getting involved in farm labor disputes. But what is the reality? They enforce the law when it concerns illegal alien strikers who are members of our union. If they were even-handed and picked up all illegal aliens including the professional mercenaries, we would win overnight. But the INS does not do that. It implies that if it enforces the law against strike-breakers, they would be accused by the growers of taking sides."

**WHAT ABOUT** the charges that the UFWA's troubles and lack of success with contracts was not so much caused by strike-breakers as union mismanagement? Chavez said:

"As I go around and look at other unions, we are not such amateurs. And as I look at the management practices of some of the growers, we really are truly pretty professional."

"Three years ago, we made a decision that we would have one of the best union managements in the country. We brought in a Franciscan Nun who was a professional administrator and we started developing a plan for the union, department by department. Then I went and took some management and administrative training from her and from others. I began to read and emphasize planning as part of the whole union operation."

"Then we set up a school at our La Paz headquarters in the Tohachapi mountains of California. We organized an educational and a training program for the workers. It really is a school. We have just finished our first year, having trained twelve contract negotiators and 35 union organizers."

"**WE HAVE** just graduated a class of par-legals and a class of field office administrators. In the process, we started a language department—with

English for the non-English speaking farm workers. So far, the school has concentrated on personnel from the headquarters and regional staffs. In February of next year, we will start educating the farm workers rank and file leadership. So far, our educational and training programs have been very successful. We have turned the whole idea of administration around quite a bit."

What about those who believe the UFWA is more a social movement than a labor union? Chavez replied:

"**We are probably both.** We have to operate as a union to take care of the things. But we are also dealing basically with immigrants and because of this, we have to do an awful lot of service work which leads to a great amount of community organization."

"To be able to maintain the union we need to do a lot of work on employer-employee relationships. These are included in our contracts. Then we have to go to the community where the workers live and begin to attack the problems there. They are the same problems that nag the workers when they are in the fields. Those are pretty standard now in areas where we have been established for awhile, like in the grape industry. It is like two unions. In the front lines we are making headway opening up new territory."

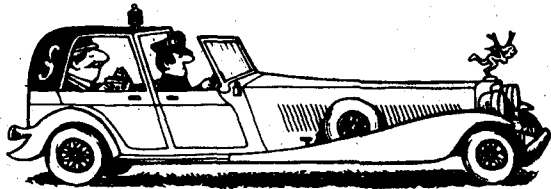
"**IT IS PRETTY** much like Delano fifteen years ago. The union in Delano does not now have that kind of fervor and we are not in the picket lines there everyday. We are a union first and foremost. We are still in our infancy. It is a similar situation to the first unions in this country. Long ago they had the problems that we are now experiencing. They solved them and so will we as we grow."

What about Delano and the grape industry? Why has the UFWA lost almost 80% of its grape picker membership? Chavez said:

"**The Teamsters** coming into the areas after our first contract expired in 1973 literally put us out of business—we came close to being wiped out. On April 15 of that year, we had 63,000 members. A day later, we were left with 2,700. They came in and we got ourselves into a fantastic fight over money and jurisdictional matters. Nearly three years ago we

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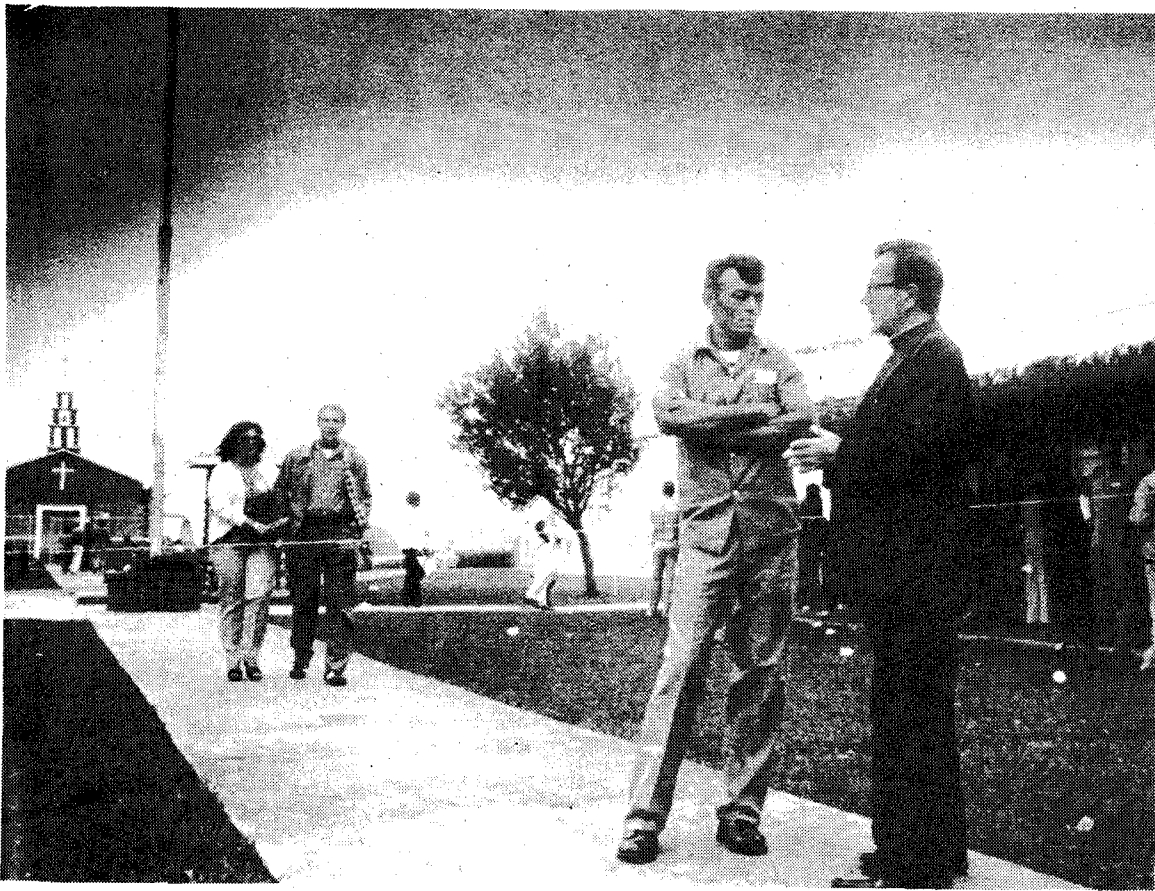
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## Theologian: Vatican Amicable

ROME — (NC) — Dominican Father Edward Schillebeeckx, declared Dec.

15 that he sees no reason to change his teachings after two days of secret church hearings into his orthodoxy.

Speaking to more than 150 journalists at Rome's Foreign Press Club, he said his two day sojourn questioning (Dec. 13 and 14) before a panel of the Vatican's Doctrinal Congregation took place "in a very amicable — perhaps too amicable — atmosphere."

He declined to link names of his questioners to questions they asked or views they expressed, pointing out that they were under strict oath of secrecy and would not be able to respond to anything he said.

Nevertheless the priest's comments provided a rare insight into the workings of a process that has evoked a

storm of protest in the Catholic World.

Those protests included petitions signed by scores of theologians in the United States and Canada, Great Britain, and Europe; a petition signed by more than 60,000 Dutch Catholics; and a television appearance in defense of Father Schillebeeckx by the Netherlands' leading churchman, Cardinal Jan Willebrands of Utrecht.

Father Schillebeeckx suggested it was public opinion pressure which had led the Vatican to issue an unusual press release the first day of the hearings, which named the members of the doctrinal congregation panel and emphasized that the procedure was a "colloquy" and not a "trial."

## American Reaction to Fr. Kung Ban

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University of Chicago Divinity School, and Father Richard McBrien, professor of theology at Boston College, said they thought that Father Kung was denied due process by the doctrinal congregation.

The declaration "shows that the congregation cannot be depended upon to allow a fair hearing," said Father Tracy, "nor does it seem willing to consult with the community of theologians in a case such as this."

Added Father McBrien, "Hans Kung never was allowed a hearing in which he would know exactly what the charges would be against him, who his judges would be, what documentation they would use, or whether he would be allowed counsel to attend with him."

BUT JESUIT Father Kenneth Baker of New York, editor of *Homelitic* and *Pastoral Review*, welcomed the Vatican's declaration and said that the doctrinal congregation worked with "patience and charity" with Father Kung before issuing the declaration.

"They bent over backwards to get him to change his opinions and he steadfastly refused," said Father Baker.

He added that the congregation used a lot of behind the scenes negotiating with Father Kung and that some members offered to personally mediate the dispute, all to no avail.

But another theologian who said that Father Kung had not been accorded due process, Father Charles Curran, professor of moral theology at the Catholic University of America, Washington, said that a condemnation like the one issued in the case of Father Kung should be made only as a last resort.

FATHER CURRAN, who himself has been "in correspondence" with the doctrinal congregation because of his controversial opinions, said that theologians can make mistakes and there may be

times when a Vatican condemnation of a theologian may be justified.

But he also noted that theology always will be on the "cutting edge" of the church because of its efforts to make the word of God more relevant to contemporary times.

"Theology needs support, it doesn't need condemnation," he said.

Of the theologians contacted by NC News, some said there was a direct link between the Vatican declaration on Father Kung and the cases of two other theologians whose views have been questioned in Rome.

BUT OTHERS, such as Father McBrien and Jesuit Father Avery Dulles, professor of theology at Catholic University, noted that the Kung case had been going on long before the election of Pope John Paul II, who, it is claimed by some, backs the current efforts to bring dissident theologians in the church into line.

"I don't see how you can divorce this from the other things that are happening," said Father Curran. "There does seem to be a pattern."

A Canadian theologian, Gregory Baum of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, was more explicit in linking the Kung condemnation with the election of Pope John Paul II.

"The Vatican is establishing a clearly-defined party line and is campaigning against Catholic theologians and the pluralism that has developed," said Baum, a former Augustinian priest.

FATHER BAKER also agreed that the Kung condemnation was linked to the election of Pope John Paul.

"If Paul VI were still pope, I don't think this would have happened," said Father Baker, who noted that Pope Paul tried to reason too much with dissident theologians while Pope John Paul has indicated a willingness to use his authority.

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# Farm Labor - Decade of Struggle

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finally had an agreement with the Teamsters, and they withdrew, but the struggle in the grape industry goes on. We never regained what we had organized.

"There is now no real union in the Delano area. A vacuum was created while we were fighting the Teamsters, and the growers took advantage of it. They did a number of things in attracting the farm workers. They raised the wages, not on a par with union wages, but not as bad as they used to be. They also loaded their fields with illegal aliens. They have a core of originally trained farm workers — they never keep hired workers more than one season — they keep rotating. They keep the workers locked up in camps on their property. They learned, those grape growers, how to fight us more than any other employers.

**"BUT WE HAVE** diversified and much of our membership now is in the vegetable fields, in egg-producing plants, mushrooms and still into some grapes. For example, we kept most of the wine companies in the Nappa Valley."

What about Gallo and the Gallo boycott which was called off? Chavez said:

"We won the representative election at Gallo, but that company has trapped us in the courts. We have been five years in litigation, and it will probably last another five years. The irony is that we are winning decisions at every level they go to, but they have got the money. Gallo is buying time. We will lose the strike, but will win the court battle at its final adjudication. But what good is it?"

There was at one time criticism of the UFWA Robert F. Kennedy Pension and Health Care Plan. Much of it came from union members. What is the status at this time? Chavez said:

**"THE ROBERT F. Kennedy Plan** is almost totally computerized now. The turn-around time is cut drastically. The workers, our members, criticized the benefits as being too low, and they picked everything to pieces. We could not get the benefits any higher because the growers did not agree to pay more into it. We have now 21 growers to more than double the benefits and so that probably is almost solved.

## Groundbreaking

A ground breaking ceremony, for St. Brendan's new church, for which a simple Liturgy has been planned, will take place on Dec. 29, at 2 p.m., on its grounds at S.W. 87th Ave., and 32nd St., in Miami. Msgr. David Bushey, Pastor of St. Brendan, extends his invitation to all the faithful and friends.

"I think our biggest problem is that the growers have taken to hiring management consultant firms in their dealing with our union — from contracts to benefits. Everything winds up in court. Everything winds up in near disaster. They start a big fight with us and stall every inch of the way. But you have to remember that it is no different in any other union these days. The growers are doing to us what they are doing to the industrial unions."

After fifteen years of struggle, is the union receiving the legislative and community support that it needs? Chavez was enthusiastic on two counts:

"The California Agricultural Labor Relations Act (1976) was the greatest thing that happened to us.

While it protects the growers, it also protects us and gives us legal clout for collective bargaining and union organization. We could never have consolidated our position into what it is today had we not had that law. Furthermore, if that law had been in existence in 1973, we would never have had the jurisdictional problem with the Teamsters.

**"AS TO THE community** — Church leadership is not as vocal in our support as it used to be — but then it was always the rank and file who did the witnessing for us — on the picket line and in the boycott committees. The Churches — Catholic, Protestant and Jewish are still in there helping us in the present lettuce boycott all over the country. Local priests, ministers, Rabbis and Sisters

are working with us as they have done in the past.

"On this lettuce boycott, we are now active in 18 major cities in North America, including Canada. It takes a while before people can find out, but one of the good things is that we still find the consumer is pretty much disposed to boycott. I would admit it is a little different than all the hoopla and noise that accompanied the grape and Gallo boycotts. Still, in a very quiet and direct way, we can get consumers to help us in our struggle. This is the tenth boycott we have had since we started, and all the previous ones were successful."

Has Chavez changed much in his fifteen years of Huelga, Strike and Boycott? He does not appear so. He is a little thinner than when he

started, and the 52 year old farm labor leader is certainly not in the best of health. Various physical conditions brought about by exhausting schedules and frequent and long fasting in behalf of his cause have taken their toll. He has a chronic back ailment, his legs are not as good as they used to be, and he has been in the hospital quite a lot over the years. But the spirit does not seem to have dampened. The enthusiasm is the same as of old — and his leadership of the UFWA is as firm as ever.

As he left this reporter, he had one request. He had been in and out of various Florida cities standing with others as a human billboard promoting the lettuce strike on the highways and byways — and all he wanted was to find a sauna for his aching back.



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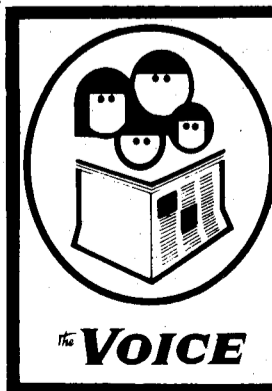
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IN RE: ESTATE OF ELINA PURPURA Deceased  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of ELINA PURPURA, deceased, File Number 79-8723, is pending in the Circuit Court for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Dade County Courthouse, Third Floor, Miami, Florida. The personal representative of the estate is ELIZABETH RICE whose address is 2367 S.W. 27th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33133. The name and address of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All persons having claims or demands against the 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 yet 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 to enable the clerk to mail one copy to each personal representative. All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file any objections they may have that challenge the validity of the decedent's will, the qualifications of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the court. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. Date of the first publication of this Notice of Administration: December 14, 1979.

ELIZABETH RICE  
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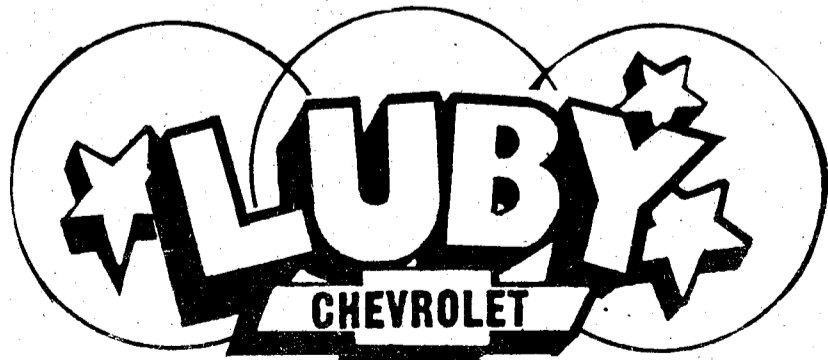
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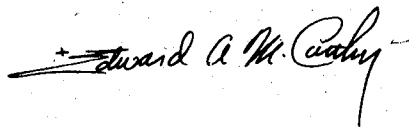
Como nos acercamos a la Santa Fiesta del Nacimiento de Cristo, Jesús, Nuestro Redentor, Nuestro Camino, Nuestra Verdad y Nuestra Vida, deseo expresarles mis fervientes saludos de amor, aprecio y gratitud.

Por la Divina Providencia, estamos comprometidos unos con otros a lograr juntos nuestros destinos espirituales en esta vida y procurar, con el auxilio de María, nuestra eterna felicidad. Mientras permanecemos juntos en reverencia ante el pesebre, deseo expresarles mi admiración y mis estímulos por sus celosos esfuerzos para ser buenos Cristianos y buenos Católicos. Deseo agradecerles el apoyo que se ofrecen unos a otros en las parroquias y en las pequeñas iglesias que son sus familias.

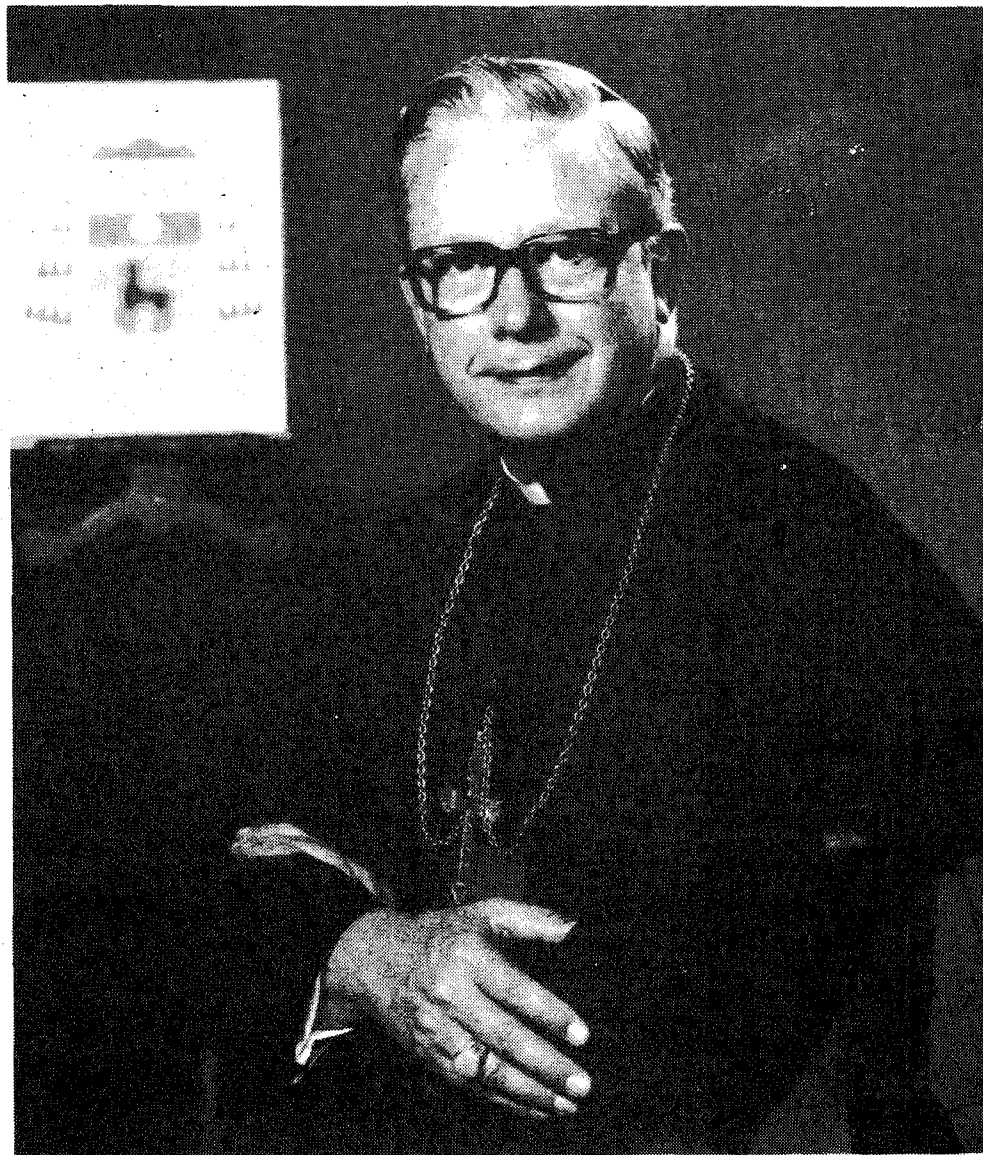
Cuando nos estamos dedicando a ahondar más nuestras vidas espirituales durante el próximo Año de la Familia, a través del enriquecimiento de nuestras familias, yo ruego las abundantes bendiciones del Cristo Niño sobre todos y cada inapreciable miembro de nuestra Familia de Fe: Sobre los padres, los hijos, los jóvenes, los adúlteros mayores y solitarios, sobre aquellos que padecen tribulación o alejamiento: sobre el pueblo de Key West, de Naples, de Inmokalee, y de cada pueblo de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Suplico las bendiciones de Cristo Niño para los Americanos, Hispanos, Haitianos, Canadienses y para todos los pueblos de toda herencia. Todos son preciosos hijos de Dios llamados a irradiar Su vida y Su amor en este peregrinaje común de Fe, Esperanza y Caridad que salió de Belén.

A nombre de los Sacerdotes, Religiosos y religiosas de la Arquidiócesis, les prometo nuestro amoroso, ferviente y dedicado servicio durante el Nuevo Año de Nuestro Señor 1980.

Devotamente suyo en Cristo



Edward A. McCarthy  
Arzobispo de Miami



## Honran Virgen de Guadalupe

El día 12 de Diciembre, Festividad de la Siempre Santa Virgen María de Guadalupe, título por el que ella misma se dio a conocer a Juan Diego, se honró a la Madre de Dios en la Iglesia Our Lady Queen of Peace en Delray Beach con una muy hermosa fiesta.

Comenzó la celebración con una procesión por las afueras de la Iglesia y la Solemne Misa a continuación en la que fue concelebrante principal el Rdo. P. Joaquín Rivera Pagán, ordenado el 8 de Diciembre en San Juan, P.R., para esa Diócesis y regresó para completar sus exámenes en el Seminario St. Vincent de Paul donde cursó sus estudios religiosos. Durante sus años de seminarista, P. Joaquín desarrolló su educación para el ministerio pastoral en Our Lady Queen of Peace, donde también participó en las reuniones de los grupos de ora-

ción.

Concelebraron la Santa Misa los Padres Miguel Fernández, Pastor de Our Lady Queen of Peace, Jorge Perales, Pastor Asociado de Inmaculata Concepción, Dionisio Oramas, Director Espiritual de St. John Vianney Seminary y Sergio Cabrera, Asistente de St. Cecilia y Mons. John McMahon, Director de Vida Rural de la Arquidiócesis. Los Diáconos fueron Angel Pagán y José Rodríguez, quien fue el predicador, ambos estudiando aquí para servir en Puerto Rico.

Durante el Gloria y la procesión del Ofertorio se efectuaron Danzas Litúrgicas Mexicano-Americanas y después de la Misa hubo recital de Danzas Culturales Hispanas y Norte Americanas. La Hermana Francesca fue la coordinadora de las Danzas Culturales y Litúrgicas., que amenizaron la festividad.

## Presidente de México Contra Abortos

CIUDAD MEXICO, — (NC)— El Hon. Sr. Presidente de México, José López Portillo, declaró en una conferencia de prensa que él siente que "hay más civilizados medios" para el control de la población que el "aborto barbárico", señalando así su oposición a la legalización de tal medida.

A preguntas individuales respecto a las declaraciones del presidente, los Obispos de México, que han estado llamando la atención del Mandatario sobre la nueva ola de promotores del aborto legal, dijeron que el Presidente estaba de acuerdo con los principios de la Iglesia y que ellos celebraban altamente su posición al respecto.

López Portillo recibió a 65 miembros de la Asociación de Corresponsales Extranjeros en su residencia de Los Pinos. A la pregunta de que si México contemplaba la legalización del aborto, respondió:

En mi opinión, no. Creo

que hay medios mas civilizados para el control de la natalidad que el aborto, al que yo considero un método bárbaro.

El código penal mexicano considera el aborto un crimen y los movimientos de liberación femenina y grupos de izquierda han estado tratando de introducir reformas en la ley. En noviembre pasado lograron que se pasara el primer proyecto de ley en el Congreso para la legalización del aborto. Sin embargo se oponen a que se use el aborto como medio de reducir el crecimiento de la población que es ahora de 3.5 por ciento, sino que se haga legal para evitar que las mujeres sigan arriesgando su vida en clínicas clandestinas sin la necesaria sanidad y supervisión.

Agencias del Gobierno estiman que el promedio de abortos en México es de cerca de un millón al año de los cuales mueren unas 10,000 mujeres por complicaciones. La dirigente del Frente por la Libera-

ción, Marta Lamas, expone que ellas "preferirían una maternidad voluntaria que fuera acompañada por una eficiente educación sexual y métodos contraceptivos económicos y seguros; y sólo en último extremo, el aborto legal."

Los miembros de los Grupos Pro-Vida y el Partido Acción Nacional y simpatizantes, introdujeron un proyecto de ley para modificar el artículo 4 de la Constitución. Para darle aún mas fuerza al derecho a la vida del no-nacido, la redacción del proyecto dice: "todo ser humano tiene el derecho a la protección de la ley desde el momento de su concepción hasta su muerte." Esta consideración subraya que el respeto a la vida es básico para el sistema democrático y la fibra moral de los ciudadanos.

La población de México ha crecido en unos 24 millones desde 1968. En 1973 el gobierno lanzó una campaña para in-

(Pasa a la Pág. 3A)



# San Juan Evangelista

Diciembre 27

Juan fué hijo de Zebedeo y Salomé — no Salomé la que tuvo parte importante en la muerte de Juan Bautista — nació en Galilea a las orillas del Lago. Zebedeo era pescador y como el también sus hijos; gozaba de una mediana posición económica ya que sus aparejos y barca eran de su propiedad y contaba con la ayuda de algunos jornaleros.

Santiago era también hijo de Zebedeo y por tanto hermano de Juan, quien era el más joven de los hijos y de los apóstoles. Estos dos hermanos y Pedro, pescador como ellos, se cuentan ser los más fieles seguidores de Cristo. Sin embargo, y quien sabepor qué misterio de Dios, Juan y Andrés, hermanos de Pedro, fueron seguidores de Juan Bautista y de aquí los primeros seguidores de Jesús. Por Andrés supo Pedro de Jesús y por Juan, Santiago.

Cuando Juan bautizó a Jesús en el Jordán, el joven Juan siguió al Maestro a Galilea, su tierra natal, y estaba presente cuando Jesús realizó el primer milagro, la conversión del agua en vino durante la boda de Caná. Después del milagro de la gran pesca, fue llamado por Jesús junto con Santiago, Pedro y Andrés a que lo siguieran para "pescar hombres". Ya no se separaron más de Jesús. Juan estuvo presente, más que ningún otro apóstol, en todo momento de la vida de Jesús, especialmente durante su pasión. Quizá a causa de esta lealtad fue que Jesús ante la muerte, le encomendara el cuidado de su madre y a su madre el cuidado del joven amigo. Después de la Ascensión, Juan sigue unido a Pedro y juntos sufrieron los azotes por orden del Sanedrín por causa de dar testimonio de Cristo en el Templo. Años más tarde aún estaba en Jerusalén y allí conoció a Pablo, quien dice de Juan: "es una de las columnas de la Iglesia". Después viajó a Efeso para llevar el Evangelio, de aquí fue enviado a Roma para castigo por sus prédicas y fue mandado a ser arrojado en una caldera de aceite hirviendo de la que salió ileso. Volvió al Oriente y de aquí lo expulsaron a la Isla de Patmos donde escribió el Apocalipsis. Libre del destierro regresó a Efeso donde murió, después de haber escrito su Evangelio, a una edad muy avanzada en el año 100 después de Cristo.

# San Esteban

Diciembre 26

En los primeros años de la Iglesia, habiendo crecido el número de los fieles, y a causa de unas quejas de los de origen griego de que se descuidaba el cuidado de sus viudas y pobres, los apóstoles seleccionaron a siete hombres de probada fe y conducta para que los asistieran en estos menesteres mientras ellos se dedicaban por completo a la evangelización.

Entre estos siete figuraba Esteban, "varón lleno del Espíritu Santo". A estos siete impusieron las manos orando sobre ellos viniendo a ser los primeros diáconos ordenados para servir a la Iglesia.

Esteban, lleno de gracia y virtud, hizo prodigios y grandes señales ante el pueblo. Por su defensa de la fe contra las falsedades que les imputaban algunos miembros de la sinagoga llamada de los libertos, Esteban fue aprehendido por las acusaciones de testigos sobornados. En su defensa hizo uno de los más brillantes discursos de la historia del Cristianismo (léase Hechos, 7, 2-53). Al oír todo cuanto Esteban les reprochaba, se llenaron de odio y gritaron contra él. Esteban lleno del Espíritu Santo, miró al cielo y vio la Gloriosa de Dios y a Jesús a la derecha del Padre, y exclamó: "Veo los cielos abiertos y a Jesús, de pie, a la derecha de Dios".

A una se arrojaron todos contra él y arrastrándole le sacaron fuera y le apedrearon hasta matarle. Presente y aprobando la ejecución se hallaba Pablo, quien se hizo cargo de cuidar los mantos de los verdugos y fue testigo de las últimas palabras de Esteban: "Señor Jesús, no les tengas en cuenta este pecado. Señor, recibe mi espíritu".

Se dice que en parte a San Esteban se debe la conversión de Pablo, por los méritos de su martirio.

San Esteban, Diácono y primer Mártir de la Iglesia, es el Patrón de los Diáconos.

# Perdón, Un Error....

En nuestra pasada edición de Dic. 14, en el texto de la Pág. 2 titulado "Misa y Procesoión a San Lázaro", falta una línea, de modo que debiera leerse así: "Estas tres Iglesias, pertenecientes a la Santa Madre Iglesia Católica Apostólica y Romana, son las únicas donde se venera la memo-

ria de San Lázaro entre las aprobadas para el culto de los fieles Católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, cuyo Pastor es el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy."

Las tres Iglesias referidas son: San Juan Bosco, Ermita de Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad y Santa Cecilia.

# Primera Piedra para St. Brendan

Se nos asegura que el Condado de Dade otorgará próximamente el permiso de construcción para la nueva Iglesia de St. Brendan, en la Avenida 87 SW y Calle 32. Para la colocación de la Primera Piedra se ha planeado una sencilla Liturgia. La ceremonia tendrá lugar, Dios mediante, el Sábado 29 de Diciembre del corriente año, a las 2:00 p.m. Mons. David Bushey, Pastor de St. Brendan invita a todos los feligreses y amigos a este acto tan importante.

La actual Iglesia de St. Brendan se construyó como parte del Colegio y hubo necesidad de adaptarla para el uso eclesiástico por razones económicas. Ahora, con la entusiasta cooperación de feligreses y amigos de St. Brendan, será una realidad el tan necesitado templo. Esto no solo facilitará el tener una casa de Oración con todas las facilidades que el culto requiere sino que permitirá la tan deseada expansión del Colegio Parroquial.

De la gran preocupación de Mons. Bushey por aumentar la capacidad del colegio hemos sido testigos. Sabemos de su tremendo pesar por no poder aceptar a todos los aspirantes que cada año buscan en el colegio de la Parroquia una educación cristiana. Roma no se construyó en un día pero se construyó.

# Coral Cubana Canta al Arzobispo

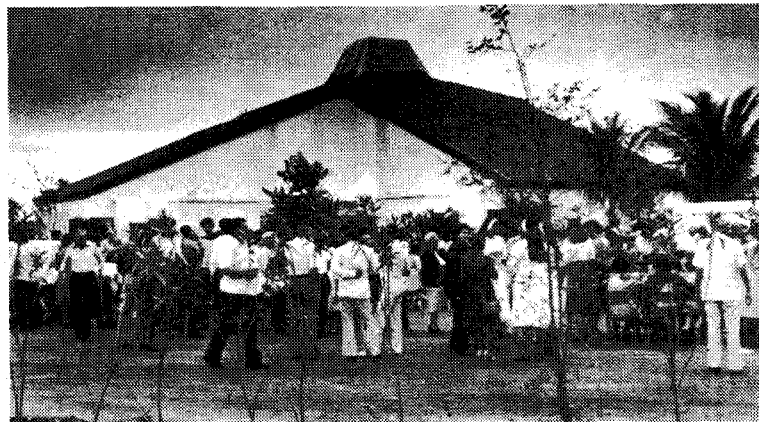
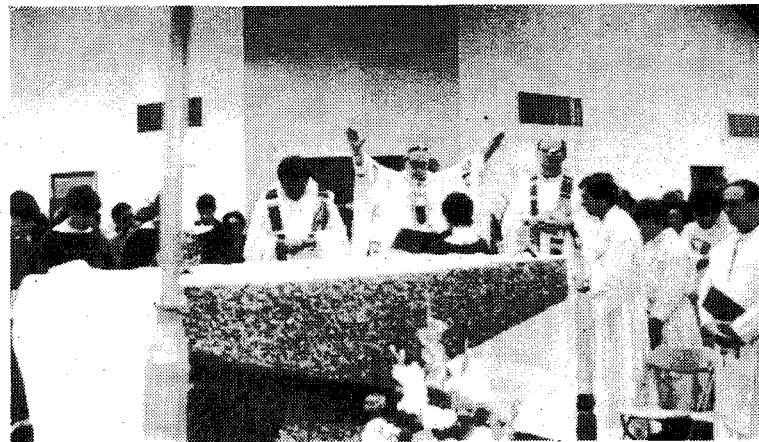
La Coral Cubana, que dirige la Sra. Carmen Riera, ofrecerá un homenaje musical al Arzobispo Edward McCarthy con motivo de la fiesta Navideña. El programa se compone de villancicos y canciones de Navidad y tendrá lugar en la residencia del Arzobispo el Sábado 22 de Diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. De aquí irán a la Ermita de la Caridad donde también le ofrecerán sus canciones a la Santa Patrona de Cuba y terminarán la jornada llevándose la música navideña a los internados en el Youth Hall.

El 25 de Diciembre, Día de Navidad, a las 2:30 p.m. por el Canal 7 de televisión, con motivo del Año Internacional del Niño, se exhibirá el programa "Navidad Alrededor del Mundo", que es un mensaje cantado por la Coral Cubana con villancicos de todos los países incluyendo Ucrania, Indios del Paraguay y Polonia.

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# Dedicación de Ntra. Sra. Divina Providencia



El pasado Domingo día 16 de Diciembre, a las 3:00 p.m., tuvo lugar la solemne ceremonia de dedicación a Ntra. Sra. de la Divina Providencia de su nueva Iglesia Parroquial. S.E. Arzobispo Edward McCarthy presidió la dedicación y la Solemne Misa. En la foto superior el Rvdo. P. Ernesto García Rubio, Pastor, sirve de capellán al Arzobispo McCarthy en la Misa, Monseñor Walsh también concelebra. En la foto inferior el exterior de la nueva Iglesia y parte del público que no pudo entrar dada la gran concurrencia al acto que pasó de 1500 fieles. Después de la ceremonia de dedicación hubo una fiesta con bailes típicos de Nicaragua, Cuba y Honduras y se sirvió un espléndido buffet para los asistentes.

# Biblia y Rosario Van Juntos....

Puede que muchos se espanten al pensar en rezar el rosario, pero Eugenia Acosta y John Mahoney, los editores del librito bilingüe, "Cómo Rezar el Rosario Bíblico (How to Pray the Biblical Rosary)", opinan que esta edición del rosario bíblico es realmente diferente ya que ofrece una nueva dimensión al rosario al señalar la íntima relación que siempre ha existido entre los misterios del mismo y las Sagradas Escrituras.

Los editores hacen énfasis en la flexibilidad y la espontaneidad de rezar este rosario basado en las Escrituras: "Los versículos bíblicos que aparecen después de cada Avemaría nos ayudan a ir más allá de una simple oración mecánica. No tenemos que reflexionar en cada uno de los versículos bíblicos cada vez que rezamos el rosario".

El rosario puede llegar a ser una poderosa oración que acerque al pueblo a Dios y al resto de la comunidad, señalan los editores.

Cómo rezar el rosario bíblico — How to Pray the Biblical Rosary está a la disposición del público en librerías religiosas o a través de Claretian Publications, 221 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. El precio es sólo \$1.50.

# Misa de Medianoche en Ermita

Monseñor Agustín Román, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami, celebrará la Misa de Medianoche, Víspera de Navidad, 24 de Diciembre, en la Ermita de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad, 3609 South Miami Ave.

Monseñor Román también celebrará una Misa a la 1:30 p.m. el Día 25 de Diciembre Día de Navidad, para los hispanos residentes en Broward County, en la Iglesia St. Stephen en West Hollywood.

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# Gloria a Dios en las Alturas....



...y Paz en la Tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad." Así "alababa a Dios una multitud del ejército celestial" (Lc. 2,14) después que el Angel del Señor se presentara a los pastores anunciándoles que no temieran, pues les anuncio una gran alegría destinada al pueblo entero. Hoy ha nacido un Salvador, que es Cristo y Señor, en la ciudad de David. Y esto les servirá de señal: encontraréis un niño envuelto en pañales y reclinado en un pesebre." (Lc 2, 10-12). Los pastores estaban gozosos y no dejaban de alabar a Dios luego que hubieron visto al niño como el ángel les anunciara.

Nosotros también debemos estar gozosos y alabar a Dios, porque el Mesías ha nacido.

El nacimiento de Jesús no es, un hecho que sucedió una vez hace dos mil años. ¡no! Es actual, de hoy, se repite cada vez que un hermano nuestro que no le conoce, o se ha separado de El, lo encuentra de repente en su vida, alumbrándola, llenándola de nueva significación. Se repite su nacimiento cuando abrimos los ojos a la Verdad y comprendemos que, aún llamándonos Cristianos, nos cuesta trabajo perdonar a otros, nos acordamos poco o nada de los sufrimientos de todos los hijos de Dios dispersos por el mundo; en Africa, Camboya, Sur América y aún en nuestra rica nación.

Nace Jesús en nosotros cuando dejamos de anteponer la comodidad y los goces personales al mandato cristiano "amaos los unos a los otros como Yo os amo".

Cristo ha nacido en nosotros cuando con El decimos "yo no he venido a ser servido, sino a servir" Y servimos con amor, alegres. La satisfacción que se experimenta sirviendo a un enfermo, o a un necesitado, no se puede definir con palabras, hay que vivirlas y viviéndola una vez, el gozo experimentado nos lleva a seguirla repitiendo. Este gozo es un pago parcial que Dios concede hasta que nos de el pago eterno. Y si solo por servir a un hermano en desgracia se siente tanta dicha ¡cómo será de infinita la que sentiremos en Su Gloria!

La Navidad es siempre motivo de alegría porque nos recuerda la promesa de la salvación en Cristo Jesús. Renacer: dejar el "yo" de antes para nacer de nuevo en un yo que sea "ellos".

Alegrémonos, gocemos y alabemos a Dios, que por Cristo somos su hijos.

Celebremos estas Navidades llevándole esa alegría también a otros. Cantemos con júbilo sano y vivamos estos días con moderación, ofreciendo a Dios algún sacrificio y una oración por aquellos que no pueden disfrutar de los bienes que tenemos. Por los que lloran, por los rehenes de Teherán, por los que sufren hambre y persecución; por los niños que no saben lo que es un juguete o un chocolate, por los matrimonios separados cuyos hijos anhelan una Navidad con dos padres, por los enfermos...

Alegrémonos pero recordemos que Jesús vino al mundo en la más absoluta pobreza para que no olvidemos a los pobres de este mundo. Disfrutemos los bienes que Dios nos brinda pero no los derrochemos para que lo que nos sobre pueda llegar a los que no han tenido nada en su vida.

Que el verdadero espíritu de la navidad ilumine nuestras vidas en estos días y cada día de nuestras vidas. Gritemos ¡Enmanuel, Enmanuel! ¡Dios está con nosotros. Dios está con nosotros! y pongamos nuestro mejor empeño en crear el Reino de Dios en la Tierra, en hacer "Navidad" cada día de nuestra existencia.



## Arzobispo Celebrara Misa Por Card.Arteaga



El día 28 de Diciembre se conmemora un año más, para hacer el primer centenario, del natalicio de Su Eminencia Manuel Cardenal Arteaga, quien fuera Arzobispo de La Habana y gloria de la Iglesia Católica y de nuestra Cuba.

Por este motivo se celebrará una Misa Solemne en su memoria oficiada por S. E. Edward McCarthy, Arzobispo de Miami, como principal celebrante, el propio día 28, Miércoles a las 8:00 p.m. en la Iglesia de San Juan Bosco, West Flagler y Avenida 13. El Rvdo. P. Emilio Vallina invita a todos los Católicos a sumarse a esta demostración de cariño al querido Cardenal Arteaga, que en Gloria esté.

### Presidente ...

(Viene de la Pág. 1A)  
formar, especialmente a la clase pobre, de los medios para reducir la natalidad. Esta campaña se conoció como "Paternidad Responsable", y el gobierno confiaba que con ella podría reducir la pobreza, el

éxodo de trabajadores a los Estados Unidos y el desempleo. La Iglesia Católica ocasionalmente hizo críticas a los esfuerzos del gobierno cuando en ellos estaban envueltas prácticas contraceptivas en pugna con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia.

## Programa de Misas de Navidad del Arzobispo

Misa de Medianoche celebrará el Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy la víspera de Navidad, Diciembre 24, en la Catedral de St. Mary. NW 2nd Ave. y 75 Calle.

Concelebrará con el Arzobispo en la primera Misa de Navidad, el Obispo de San Agustín, recientemente retirado, Paul Tanner y sacerdotes de la Catedral.

Un concierto de música de Navidad comenzará a las 11:30 p.m. interpretando la Cantata Navideña de J.S. Bach titulada "Nos Ha Nacido Un Niño" y canto de villancicos por la congregación.

El Arzobispo también celebrará Misa a las 10 a.m. el día de Navidad en la Catedral y predicará en ambas Misas.

### Encuentro Familiar

Los días 5 y 6 de Enero próximo se celebrará un Encuentro Familiar para la comunidad latina. Será el primero del Año de la Familia 1980. Si desea participar de este Encuentro Familiar, que tiene por objeto la unión de las familias y las buenas relaciones entre padres e hijos de 11 a 20 años, por favor, llame al teléfono 751-2453.

### Misas de Navidad de Mons. Nevins

El Obispo Auxiliar John J. Nevins celebrará Misa de Medianoche en la Misión de San Isidro, en Pompano Beach. El día de Navidad celebrará la Misa de 8 a.m. en St. Thomas More, Boynton Beach y a las 11 a.m. en Our Lady Queen of Peace, en Delray Beach.



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# Eucaristía Familiar en Naranja

El pasado viernes día 14 nos dirigimos a la Misión de St. Ann en Naranja, guiados por la curiosidad de saber cuál era la situación de los obreros del campo, que en años anteriores por la escarcha y al principio de éste por la huega del tomate, fue bastante mala.

El Padre Juan M. López, nos recibió como a viejos amigos, aunque lo conocimos aquel día, y nos informó que esta navidad estaba muy contento pues le era posible proveer cenas de Navidad para más de 300 familias y juguetes para todos los niños de las familias necesitadas. Estas cenas serán una sorpresa para los beneficiados pues se ha hecho todo en secreto. Varios voluntarios harán las entregas en sus camiones, con la ayuda del P. Juan y las Hermanas Guadalupanas. Durante todo el año le ha sido posible remediar las necesidades de las familias de la localidad pues se han recibido muchos alimentos y ropa, de muchos benefactores de la Arquidiócesis.

Es justo que se le dé honra a quien honor merece y aunque muchos de los benefactores no desean ser conocidos, podemos al menos citar a algunos, a quienes ni siquiera hemos permitido permiso para exponer sus nombres a sabiendas de que si lo hiciéramos, no nos lo concederían. Sabemos que el Padre López está muy agradecido a todos y lamentamos mencionar sólo éstos: Rvdo. P. David Russell, Pastor de la Parroquia de St. Louis, y la

Sra. Jeanne Hildebrand, de la misma Parroquia, que trabaja para los campesinos migrantes; Sr. Bill Saco, de la Sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul, de la Parroquia St. Michael the Archangel; Sr. Anthony Abraham, conocido agente de autos; Rvdo. P. Xavier Morrás, Pastor de St. Juliana, de West Palm Beach; Rvdo. P. Thomas J. Rynne, Pastor de St. John The Apostle, de Hialeah. Mencionamos aquí muy especialmente, aun en contra de su voluntad, a Mrs. Young, fiel benefactora de la misión, cuyo primer nombre no sabemos. También desea el Padre Juan hacer llegar su gratitud a todos los que en los momentos de crisis de las familias de la Misión, se han esforzado por aliviar las necesidades de sus hermanos en Cristo.

El día tuvo una culminación gloriosa y sorprendente. Gloriosa por la Eucaristía celebrada y sorprendente porque aunque sabíamos sería una Misa para matrimonios, ignorábamos que se trataba de una Liturgia Eucarística celebrada para los miembros de los grupos del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano de la Parroquia (somos miembros del Movimiento y por la cantidad de parejas con sus hijos que asistieron se celebró en el hogar de los hermanos Edgar y Nelly Borges).

Hemos de señalar la parte musical del acto, bellísima, que fue un acompañamiento de guitarras al bien ensayado coro compuesto mayormente de niños. Pero lo que más llamó

nuestra atención, fue el espíritu de hermandad, aunque común en toda reunión del Movimiento, entre estas familias pasaba de la común hermandad para mostrar un espíritu de total y sincera compenetración. Espíritu de verdadera comunidad Cristiana. Que Dios les mantenga siempre así unidos.

Otras de las sorpresas fue el respetuoso cariño, lleno de confianza, que le muestran al Padre López por todas partes. El es la dicha de los niños y mayorcito goza con los "ridos" que él les da en la motocicleta.

El Padre Juan "es uno de ellos", esto es lo que se adivina en sus relaciones.

Después de la Santa Misa hubo canciones, juegos para los niños y un intercambio de obsequios de Navidad como prenda de amor y solidaridad Cristiana.

Hemos olvidado decir, que antes de la Misa, estando aún en la Iglesia, fuimos testigos de una costumbre, que creemos sea Mexicana, y que es digna de mención: con motivo del próximo cumpleaños, lo dulce próximo años de Sanjuana Valdés, sus amigos todos se han venido reuniendo para recibir unas charlas de preparación antes de la fiesta de aniversario. El grupo de jovencitas y jovencitos fue muy numeroso y así le muestran a la festividad su estimación.

Regresamos más que complacidos de una misión que resultó más familiar que de trabajo.

# Albergue para María y José

Por P. Daniel I. Kubala

Uno de los pensamientos más cálidos de esta bella temporada es que la Navidad es la celebración de la vida. Aún en medio del alboroto y los apuros en los días antes de Navidad, nadie puede negar la alegría emocional que hay en nuestros corazones cuando nuestras familias se reúnen para celebrar la Navidad.

El Día de Resurrección, claro, es la solemnidad mayor del año. En ese día celebramos la nueva vida que Jesucristo ganó para nosotros. Pero esa vida todavía no la hemos experimentado y la esperamos con gran esperanza.

Navidad es la celebración de un nacimiento. Todos sabemos lo que hemos experimentado al nacer alguien. Sabemos la gran alegría de los padres y familiares cuando nace un niño nuevo: Esto es describir un milagro — el milagro de la creación mas grande de Dios. Como los ángeles, los pastores y los Reyes fueron a ver al recién nacido, así con orgullo van los abuelos, tíos, parientes y amigos que quieren ver la nueva adición a la familia.

Por casi 2,000 años los seguidores de Jesús han vuelto sus ojos al pesebre y han aprendido de nuevo el gran amor de Dios para el mundo. Aprendemos una gran lección de la vida en esta sencilla escena.

Tan bella y cálida como es esta escena, tenemos que recordar la razón por la cual tuvo lugar. José y María habían llegado al pueblo de Belén buscando un lugar donde quedarse. Los de las posadas no sabían que José y María iban a ser los padres de Jesús. Para los encargados de las posadas ellos eran unos extraños para quienes no había cuarto. José y María se vieron forzados a refugiarse en un establo.

No puede ser negado que nosotros, como la familia entera de la humanidad, hemos compartido el rechazo de José y María, y también algo de la

pena de que no hubiera ningún cuarto disponible para ellos en Belén. Podemos pensar "Si yo hubiera sido el encargado de la posada en Belén, les hubiera abierto mis puertas".

Durante los pasados meses la Oficina de Respeto a la Vida, en cooperación con la Oficina de Servicio Católico, ha comenzado un Servicio de Emergencia para Embarazos, uniéndose a los Servicios de otras partes de la Diócesis. Parte de este servicio es proveer refugio para muchachas y mujeres embarazadas que por una razón u otra necesitan un lugar donde quedarse. Igualmente, la oficina cuenta con personas mayores y sus soledades y miedos. Ellos también a menudo sienten el rechazo de José y María.

Debemos ser honestos y admitir que el espíritu de los encargados de las posadas en Belén, durante el tiempo de la visita de José y María, esta vivo todavía hoy. Pero también debemos confesar que algunas personas han abierto sus puertas y contestado a la llamada de Jesús, "Lo que tú hagas por el menor de mis hermanos me lo haces a mí". A estas personas les estamos muy agradecidos por su gran ejemplo.

Una de las cosas más difíciles es abrir las puertas de nuestra casa a un extraño. Hemos racionalizado nuestras actitudes a hacer preguntas como éstas: ¿Cómo será esta persona? ¿Cómo reaccionará nuestra familia? ¿Y qué de los niños? ¿Cuáles serán las consecuencias?

Nosotros, como Cristianos, no debemos vernos unos a los otros como extraños sino como hijos de Dios. Si tienes lugar en tu posada y estás dispuesto, a asistir a alguien con estas necesidades, por favor llama a nuestra Oficina de Respeto a la Vida (653-2921). Nuestros viajeros usualmente no pueden pagar el precio de la posada — pero ustedes pueden estar seguros de las bendiciones y recompensas de Dios.

## Obispo Hispano No. 10

WASHINGTON —(NC)— El Padre José de Jesús Madera ha sido nombrado Obispo Coadjutor con derecho a sucesión en la Diócesis de Fresno, cuyo Obispo es Mons. Hugh A. Donohoe.

El nombramiento del P. Madera, sacerdote de los Misioneros del Espíritu Santo, lo hace el número 10 de los Obispos Hispanos en Estados Unidos. Nació en San Francisco, California, en Junio 15, 1927 y fue enviado por sus padres a estudiar en México, ellos viven ahora en Guadalajara.

Fue ordenado al sacerdocio de los Misioneros del

Espíritu Santo en Ciudad México en 1957 después de sus estudios en Coyoacán. Enseñó dos años en el Seminario Menor de Tlalpán y pasó tres años en Ciudad México en Ministerio Parroquial después de los cuales P. Madera regresó a Estados Unidos. Enseñó en el Seminario de Los Angeles y era asistente y más tarde Pastor de la Parroquia Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe en Oxnard, California, durante quince años.

Los últimos tres años los ha pasado como Pastor de St. Lucy y administrador de Del Ray, Diócesis de Fresno.

# FELICES PASCUAS Y Un Año Nuevo Lleno de Bendiciones

## Día de Familia en Prisión de Belle Glades



El Sábado 15 de Diciembre pasado se concelebró una Misa para los 82 internados hispanos del Instituto Correccional de Belle Glades. Los concelebrantes fueron Mons. John McMahon, Director del Buró de Vida Rural de la Arquidiócesis y el Rdo. P. Paul Saghy, quien sirvió su ministerio en Cuba durante 20 años. Después de la Eucaristía, a la que también asistieron muchos reclusos americanos, se ofreció una fiesta con música Latino-Americana y comida Cubana. Familiares de los reclusos participaron de la ceremonia por ser Día de la Familia. P. Saghy celebra Misa en el Correccional todas las semanas.

## Programas Infantiles de Navidad

Este año se están celebrando mayor número de Actos Infantiles de Navidad que en años anteriores, según las noticias que llegan a nosotros. Justo al salir esta edición se habrá celebrado uno en St. Brendan con los niños de Primer Grado tomando para ellos la responsabilidad de la obra teatral. También el mismo día, se celebró la fiesta de Navidad de los niños de San Juan Bosco y se celebra otra el 21.

La Misión de Santa Ana También lleva la alegría navideña a los campos donde ya se han celebrado dos fiestas infantiles, los pasados días 18 y 19 y otra más que se efectuará el día 23, en las cuales han colaborado eficientemente los cursillistas de la Parroquia.

## MFC: Sagrada Familia

Como en años anteriores, el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano celebrará un Sacrificio Eucarístico y predicará el Aseor, Rev. P. Angel Villaronga. El acto tendrá lugar el día 30 de Diciembre próximo en los terrenos del Family Enrichment Center, ya conocido de todos, localizado en el 18330 N.W. de la 12 Avenida. La Santa Misa comenzará a las 3:00 p.m. Los exhortamos a que no falten a este compromiso con Jesús, José y María.