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'Evangelize Families'

By GERARDE E. SHERRY

The immediate agenda for the Archdiocese of Miami is the Evangelization of families, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy told an over-flow congregation at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday.

The People of God had come from all parts of South Florida to attend a Commitment Rally called by the Archbishop to inaugurate a five-year program of Evangelization. The people responded by filling the Cathedral to over-flow for a shared Liturgy and a get-together in the Cathedral Hall immediately afterwards.

ARCHBISHOP McCarthy was the chief concelebrant, assisted by Auxiliary Bishops John Nevins and Agustin Roman, retired Bishop Joseph Green, former Ordinary of Reno, Nevada, and a hundred priests of the Archdiocese.

Every culture and ethnic group was represented and took some share or participation in the Commitment rituals—and the emphasis was on personal reform and renewal. Among the prayers of the Faithful, we also heard "Por todos aquellos que nunca han escuchado o experimentado el Evangelio del Señor, para que seamos nosotros Sus mensajeros de paz a través de nuestra invitación al amor. Rogamos al Señor."

During the homily by Archbishop McCarthy, a pageant unfolded in the Sanctuary, with representatives of the Catholic community depicting various stages of the Evangelization program. There was a lay family representing families within the Archdiocese; there was Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins standing right beside them to



Evangelization of the family in this, the Year of the Family, is the first phase of a five-year evangelization program under way in the Archdiocese of Miami (See story on this page). This week's Voice contains an eight-page Special Section on the family, Pages 1B through 8B.

represent the family which is the Church Archbishop McCarthy told the huge gathering that "our immediate agenda is to concentrate on the evangelization of families."

"Families are the precious 'little churches' as the Pope calls them." He said, "The family atmosphere largely determines and supports the spiritual life of the individual. It is within the family that one learns to relate to others and to God Himself. In the family one experiences and acquires and preserves virtue and forms a sense of values.

"IT IS IN the context of family living that most of life's events are encountered, evaluated, endured and responded to. The families are the cells of the parish, of the Archdiocese, of the Church, of society. It might be said that the parish is as healthy spiritually as its families are and, conversely, it might be said that the families are as healthy spiritually as their parish is. The quality of family life is of immense importance to the members, the parish and the community."

The following are other extracts of the Archbishop's homily:

"We are rallying you to a united campaign in which each individual, each family, each parish, each convent, each rectory, each society, each movement, each organization, each community will play a part. Each will make a fresh effort to raise the level of their religious lives.

"Each will endeavor to conform yet more perfectly to what the Gospel is asking of us as we try to follow Jesus ever more faithfully in faith, in prayer and in living the Christian way of life. In this united apostolate, we will also reach out to share His teachings, His blessings, His hope and His peace and His joy with those who do not know Him, or those inactive Catholics who walk with Him no longer.

"WE WILL BE attempting to renew our Catholic lives and the society in which we live by a long-range program of prayerful evaluation of every phase of Catholic living—family, parish, personal, schools, movements, organizations, neighborhoods, communities at large. We will be looking at our present behavior, our practices, our policies and asking whether they square with what Jesus wants. This will be a methodical review.

"The good things we find, we will thank God for. When we find improvement needed, we will to the best of our abilities take practical steps to assure that improvement. In a sense, it will be like a five-year examination of conscience made by the entire Archdiocese. A five-year period of retreat and renewal.

"The second basic thrust of our evangelization program will be reconciliation. This means we will be making a very earnest effort to warmly invite those members of the

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1500 Attend ABCD Kick-off Banquet

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By GEORGE KEMON

Over 1500 people, the largest gathering ever served at a banquet at the Omni International Hotel, met to kick off the 1980 ABCD Drive.

Representatives from every parish in the archdiocese, ABCD staff workers, and many clergy converged in the huge banquet hall to hear words of thanks and hope for this year's success from a variety of archdiocesan people including Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Bishop John J. Nevins, Bishop Agustin A. Roman, Msgr. John O'Dowd, Coordinator of the charities drive, Fr. Neil J. Flemming, Priest

Coordinator, Dr. Moises Hernandez, last year's Fund Chairman, and Director of Medical Services at Mercy Hospital, and from James Ward, head of the chair family who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

JIM AND EDITH WARD, of Plantation were selected by the Archbishop to honor the International Year of the Family, and to act as chair family to represent the parishes.

Ward, a former mayor of Plantation, and father of 7 children, including two adopted, was most laudatory in his praise of the efforts of the workers last year and the surpassing of the goals set for 1979.

Bishop Agustin Roman spoke briefly on the history of the Church

in Florida, noting that 300 years ago the Church came here to assist in human rights and charity even then. He spoke both in Spanish and English as did Dr. Hernandez.

Archbishop McCarthy spoke briefly and touched on the many projects and programs now going on in the diocese including 3 homes for the aged, 2 nursing homes, 2 high schools, and all manner of human and social services extant in the archdiocese.

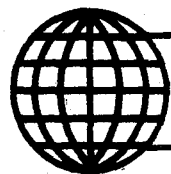
THE SOUTH Florida Spiritual Leader was applauded frequently as he spoke, and he was lavish in his praise for the work done to go over the top in last year's drive.

This year's goal of 3.25 million

dollars, the Archbishop stated, was not much more than last year's considering the rate of inflation and other economic factors, and hoped that the parish teams would do even better than last year.

There were no pledges taken or kits handed out at the Monday night dinner—only a tribute to the more than 1500 people who make the ABCD drive such a success every year.

The dinner to be held Tuesday night at the International Hotel is a working dinner for regional purposes as are some 10 more dinners to be held through the drive period in different parts of the archdiocese.



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Collection Helps Azores

FALL RIVER, Mass. —(NC)— To help victims of the New Year's Day earthquake in the Azores Islands, Bishop Daniel A. Cronin of Fall River authorized an emergency relief collection to be taken up in all diocesan parishes Jan. 6. Thousands of Azorean immigrants live in the Fall River Diocese. More than 50 people were reported killed and more than 300 were injured by the earthquake in the Azores.

Ayatollah Takes Out Ad

NEW YORK —(NC)— Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has urged that Christians of the world ring bells for the oppressed nations, not for the hostages held in Iran. His statement appeared in an advertisement in the New York Times Dec. 30 and called Carter "vanguard of the world's oppressors." Khomeini said, "How good and appropriate that you ring the bells according to the order of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ in support of the oppressed nations..."

Kung Told to Quit Faculty

STUTTGART, West Germany —(NC)— Bishop Georg Moser of Rottenburg Stuttgart has told Father Hans Kung to leave the Catholic theology faculty of the University of Tubingen, an official of the Baden-Wuerttemberg state education ministry said. Bishop Moser delivered the demand Jan. 2 after the confirmation on Dec. 30 of the Vatican's declaration that Father Kung can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian or teach as such.

Cardinal Stabbed, Robbed

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil —(NC)— Unknown assailants stabbed and robbed Cardinal Vicente Scherer, 77, of Porto Alegre and left him naked in a ditch outside the city when he could not meet their demands for more money. The attack on the cardinal, who is recovering in a hospital, followed the bombing of a church, death threats to another bishop and a break-in at a Catholic school by burglars.

Pope Warns of Nuclear War

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— "Absolutely unimaginable destruction of human life" awaits the world if peace cannot be achieved, Pope John Paul II warned Jan. 1 in a homily marking the 13th annual World Peace Day. The pope's first public pronouncement of the 1980's contained a grim assessment of the world's future under continued threats of nuclear war.

Bishop Calls IRA 'Frankenstein'

LONGFORD, Ireland —(NC)— Bishop Cahal B. Daly of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, preaching at Mass in Longford, called the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) a "Frankenstein out of control."

Medical Missions Re-elect Sister

NEW DELHI, India —(NC)— Sister Godelieve Prove, a Belgian, was re-elected superior general of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries during the society's general chapter in New Delhi. Sister Denise Elliott, a U.S. citizen who has worked in Africa for the past eight years, was elected assistant to the superior general.

Ministry to U.S.S.R. Families

KINGSTON, N.Y. —(NC)— An 18-month old program directed from a home in Kingston aims at supporting hundreds of persecuted Christian families in the Soviet Union by recruiting Christian families in the United States to write monthly to them and to pray for them. The director of Persecuted Church Commission Inc. is Paul Krempl, a

former speech therapist who turned his part-time program into a full-time ministry.

Campaign for Radio Ministry

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Several Protestant and Catholic groups are in the midst of a campaign to stop the Federal Communications Commission from implementing a proposal to deregulate the radio industry. One concern is that the proposed deregulation would lead to the discontinuation of religious programming on radio except for pay.

Loneliness of Aged Increasing

UNDATED —(NC)— The "ageless and worldwide" problem of loneliness is increasing among Americans, according to Jesuit Father Francis A. Sullivan, who suggested means to alleviate the unhappiness and other distress caused by it. In the Homiletic and Pastoral Review he said, "It has been said that the best antidote for loneliness is the realization that you are loved, that someone cares for you, you do matter to someone."

15 Million Hungry Kids Died

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— During 1979, the International Year of the Child, 30 youngsters died each minute of malnutrition or related causes, Vatican Radio said Jan. 3 in a report from the Italian missionary news agency, AIMIS (Agenzia Informazioni Missionarie). That meant 15 million hunger-related child deaths in 1979.

Priest Dies Ringing Out Warning

ANGRA DO HEROISMO, Portuguese Azores —(NC)— The village priest at Santa Barbara of Terceira Island was buried in the ruins of his church as he rang the bell to alert villagers to the New Year's Day earthquake that killed close to 60 people in the Azores. Radio Azores did not mention his name, but said the priest was 43.

Headline on Women's Ordination

MILWAUKEE —(NC)— The recently ordained auxiliary bishop of Milwaukee criticized a story on his views concerning ordination of women which appeared on the front page of the daily Milwaukee Journal Dec. 26. Bishop Richard J. Sklba wrote a letter to the editor which appeared in the Journal Dec. 31 expressing "my displeasure at the headline that accompanied the account of a brief telephone interview." The headline said, "Bishop still favors ordaining women."

Mother Teresa So Moved

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio —(NC)— Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa "was so moved by the poverty she saw in the Diocese of Bellary (India) that she decided to establish a community there in a matter of moments," and Indian bishop said in an interview with the Catholic Exponent, newspaper of the Youngstown Diocese. The Diocese of Bellary is so poor that "90 percent of the people do not have one full meal a day," Bishop Ambrose Yeddanapalli said.

Boston Covenant on Harmony

BOSTON —(NC)— A covenant of justice, equity and harmony has been signed by 225,000 Boston area people, according to a Boston newspaper. The covenant, a response to racial tensions in the city last fall, was launched Nov. 19. The Archdiocese of Boston reported that all 225,000 covenant cards and olive branch pins had been given out.

Indians Skirmish in Brazil

BRASILIA, Brazil —(NC)— Sporadic skirmishes have taken place between Xavante Indians and white settlers in the Matto Grosso province of Brazil as the Indians try to dislodge farmers from a newly opened plantation on land traditionally belonging to the tribe. Church and government agencies have defended the Indians' right to the land.

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Special Dutch Synod Still Mystery Event

By NANCY FRAZIER

VATICAN CITY (NC) — When the seven Dutch bishops and six other men gather at the Vatican Jan. 14 to open the "particular synod," the key word will be "community" in a now divided church.

Discussions at the still somewhat mysterious synod will center on the factors that cause breaks in a church's community life and the possible routes toward a new, stronger unity.

It is a discussion which may provide benefits to Catholic churches in nearly every modern-day Western country. But it will be a discussion conducted with a particularly Dutch outlook and flavor.

CONFLICTS OVER morality issues, theological controversies and liturgical reform "are not Dutch problems, they are universal problems," said Henk Kouwenhoven, press officer for the Dutch bishops, at a Jan. 4 briefing in Rome.

The major problem facing the church in the Netherlands — and the reason Pope John Paul II agreed last May to convene the special synod — is that it is "lacking community" among bishops, priests, Religious and laity, said Kouwenhoven.

Asked what might be the "most sensational" cause for this lack of community, Kouwenhoven replied, "That's a good question for the bishops."

But some of the reasons for the divisions within the Dutch church have been well documented in the press over the past few years.

Centering mainly on a conservative-liberal split among the bishops, they involve a variety of theological, pastoral and disciplinary issues. These include seminary training, lay ministries and in-

terpretations of church teaching in some areas of doctrine and morality.

Key players in the Dutch drama have been Cardinal Jan Willebrands of Utrecht, the most influential Catholic churchman in the Netherlands and regarded as a liberal, and Bishop Jan M. Gijzen of Roermond, a conservative who said in early 1973 that there was an impending "schism" in the Dutch church.

Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and head of the Dutch Bishops' Conference, was chosen by Pope John Paul as one of the presidents-delegate of the synod.

The other will be Archbishop Godfried Danneels of Malines-Brussels, Belgium, although the Dutch church had originally expected that a cardinal would be named to that post.

Besides Bishop Gijzen, the only other Dutch prelate considered a conservative by Dutch standards is Bishop Adrian Simonis of Rotterdam. But a Vatican official once described Bishop Simonis as "about 40 degrees to the left of the most liberal U.S. bishops."

The Vatican-approved theme — "The Pastoral Work of the Church to be Exercised in the Netherlands in the Present Situation" — sheds little light on the concrete content of the synod, and an "agenda" distributed Jan. 4 was sparse on details.

Part of the reason for the mystery surrounding the "particular synod" is its unprecedented nature.

In 1965 Pope Paul VI issued norms describing three kinds of synods of bishops — general synods, held every three years on a specific theme and attended by delegates from around the world; extraordinary synods,

called to address some special issue and attended by the presidents of all bishops' conferences; and special synods, called to confront an important problem affecting a particular country or group of countries, and attended by the bishops of the country or countries involved.

The Dutch synod would

fall under Pope Paul's description of a special synod. No such meetings have been held since the 1965 norms were issued.

The post-Vatican II Catholic Church in the Netherlands has rarely been shy about breaking new ground, and the Dutch bishops seem anxious to

explore this new type of synod.

"The synod desires to complete its task in faith in God the Father, in fidelity to his Son, Jesus Christ, and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the building of the church and the good of men," they said in closing the synod agenda.



Dominican Dutch theologian Fr. Edward Schillebeeckx greeted after his meeting in December with the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

Less Centralization Urged

ROME (NC) — Father Edward Schillebeeckx has called for a less centralized church and warned against "the danger that the church is identified with the pope." The call came in a Jan. 7 interview with the Belgian-born theologian published in the Rome daily, *Il Messaggero*.

Father Schillebeeckx, who spent three days at the Vatican in December before a panel investigating his ideas, also defended fellow theologian, Father Hans Kung, and said that there are "too many popes" in the Roman Curia, the church's central administration.

"One must remember that in the first centuries the local churches were the fundamental, vital and primary centers of the church," he said. "Now the local church is being revitalized because there is less need — I don't say no need — for a centralization in Rome."

Urging Pope John Paul II to perform his ministry in a less public way, Father Schillebeeckx added, "The

papacy in the future must be exercised in a less centralized manner."

Regarding Father Kung, the Swiss-born priest teaching in West Germany who was censured by the Vatican in late December, Father Schillebeeckx was strongly supportive.

"Kung is completely orthodox when it comes to Christology and the question of the Trinity," he said. "His is an interpretation of dogma, not a negation."

"PERHAPS SOME theologians negate it," he added. "This is not the case with Kung."

Father Schillebeeckx said it is "normal" that there is a "conservative tendency" within the official church, since it is charged with

safeguarding the faith.

Similarly, "a certain tension between the magisterium (the church's teaching authority) and theological research" is normal, he said. "What is not normal is a hypertension in which confidence is lacking."

Church authority in modern times could be exercised in a "democratic form," the theologian said. "The power of Christ is the church, in the faithful and in the magisterium. One cannot say that the power rests solely in the magisterium."

Father Schillebeeckx said there are "too many popes" in the Curia and that the cardinals working in the Curia have more power than other members of the College of Cardinals working elsewhere.

Pope Is On Best-Dressed List

NEW YORK (NC) — It's a basic wardrobe, limited mainly to white robes, but the pope wears it with impeccable style, says the Fashion Foundation of America in naming Pope

John Paul II the best-dressed statesman of 1979.

While it didn't say if white robes would be the next style trend, the foundation did say the pope is "impeccable in his appearances."

OFFICIAL

The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointment:
THE REV. JOSE P. NICKSE - to Administrator of Christ the King Parish, Miami, effective January 8, 1980.

Sisters Council Meet

The meeting of the Sisters Council of the Archdiocese of Miami will be held at Mercy Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 13, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Sisters of the Archdiocese are invited.

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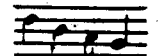
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Bishop Roman Makes 'Retreat' With Migrant Workers

In Mexican villages on the nine nights before Christmas, people commemorate Las Posadas, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their vain search for a resting place in the town.

The ancient ritual had a special meaning in Indiantown this year for citrus and vegetable harvesters who "found no room at the inn."

APPARENTLY there

was a surplus of laborers in the groves at Christmas time. The Martin County Sheriff hounded the families of workers who made their homes in cars parked along the banks of the St. Lucie canal. "I don't know where they will go," Sheriff Holt was quoted, "but they cannot stay here." The makeshift walls of plastic sheets and tarpaper must come down; the families move, abandon-

ing an old couch under a tree in their open-air living room.

Each evening, after dark, Indiantown's farmworkers gathered and walked in procession, carrying candles from house to house, knocking at each door and asking in song for shelter. From inside the homes a gruff rebuff was sung.

The ritual concluded each night with a little celebration when one family proudly made reparation for the old refusal by giving lodging to the Child.

Bishop Agustin Roman prepared for his Christmas by spending three days 'on retreat' in Indiantown. Making his own "posadas" he visited the people whom the University of Florida Law Review calls "The most economically and socially deprived segment of the population in the United States..." Mornings found him in the citrus groves. The workers are accustomed to being pursued daily by groups of proselytizers but their Catholic Church can become invisible once they migrate from their small Spanish communities in Texas. What a welcome surprise then, to find a Bishop coming to visit them at their work. Clambering down from the trees with their fifty pound bags of citrus they

gathered around Bishop Roman to pray the Angelus with him. His pastoral concern embraced them and they returned his warmth.

In the late afternoon he was their dinner guest in the little homes where as many as 25 people were crowded. Seven men proudly hosted him in the one-room apartment they share. Accustomed to share the cooking chores, each had prepared a specialty.

THE BISHOP was seated in the solitary chair while someone went to neighbors in the hovel to borrow seats for the Sisters. God, the cooks and the meal were praised. There were the inevitable photographs; one for each man, to be sent back home. "My children will honor you Father. They will never meet you, but your picture will have a place of honor in my home."

At night the little church was crowded as the farmworkers gathered with their pastor to 'do this for the recalling of Me.' With his special talent for popular presentation of the Gospel the Bishop enjoyed a rapt audience. On Saturday the men took a day off to be led by him in reflection and prayer.

VICTIMS THEY may be, badly used by indifferent

employers, separated from their families by the exigencies of making a living, powerless strangers among us, largely ignored by complacent fellow Catholics. The oppressive drudgery of their work, the squalid condition of their lodging recalled The Grapes of Wrath:

"There is a crime here that goes beyond denunciation. There is a sorrow here that weeping cannot symbolize. There is a failure here that topples all our success."

But seeing them in the Church, so, at home, being guided by their pastor, immersed in fervent prayer, strong in their unselfconscious piety, graced by their faith, recalled not Steinbeck but the 16th century poet Fra Giovanni:

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within reach, is joy. There is a radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see we have only to look.

Capitol Bldg. Chapel Needs Funding

The Religious Heritage Chapel, is to be placed in the new Capitol building in Tallahassee. While some materials have been ordered and a construction contract is about to be signed, it is still short of its goal of \$250,000 to cover construction costs.

According to Joel D. McDavid, Bishop of the United Methodist Church of the Florida Area, the total raised in cash and pledges as of December 15, 1979, was \$128,972,000. This leaves \$122,000 to be raised or pledged.

The Religious Heritage Council, Inc., will meet on Jan. 11, at Temple Israel, in Tallahassee to discuss ways in which the badly needed balance might be raised.

The historians, Dr. Michael Gannon and Dr. Samuel Proctor, have finished preliminary work and all information is in the hands of the architect, Nils Schweizer. The final historic document will be a brief statement of the history of religion in Florida to be available in the Religious Heritage Chapel.

Bishop McDavid stated, "This is going to be one of the most unique chapels in the United States, and one of the most beautiful. We will all be proud of our part in making it possible."

The result of an inter-faith project, the chapel will have 16 bronze plaques: 2 Black, 2 Jewish, 1 Indian, and the remainder Catholic and Protestant.

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This is the James Ward family in Plantation. They were selected by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy to represent all the parishes in the ABCD Drive for 1980. The Wards are members of St. Gregory's parish, and Mr. Ward is a former mayor of Plantation. From left to right are Christopher, Judy, Edith, Jim, and James, III, front row, left: Jennifer, Barbara, and Janet. Jim acted as Master of Ceremonies at the kick-off dinner held at the Omni International Hotel this week.



Abp. Edward McCarthy outlines ABCD goals to record 1600 people at kickoff dinner held at Omni, Miami.

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Being entrusted, then, by God's mercy, with this ministry, we do not play the coward; we renounce all sham-faced 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)

What Makes A Newspaper Catholic ?

BY GERARD E. SHERRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In these tension-ridden times of crisis within the Church and the world, one may well ask, given the requirements of both prudence and courage, whether the editor of a diocesan newspaper can still co-exist with the clergy, religious and laity in mutual respect and concern in promulgating the Good News.

It is a serious question because each has his or her own idea of what makes a Catholic newspaper Catholic. Each expresses a different interpretation of what is legitimate diversity outside of Faith and morals. There is the further complication in that some Voice critics want only their views to be the norm. Every other view is somehow an attack on the Magisterium or Doctrine, or the clergy or so on.

Still, there is a need for genuine and charitable dialogue going beyond self-interest; to overcome the temptation to compare one's superior wisdom and knowledge with the alleged ignorance of those being criticized; to genuinely accept the fact that no one has all the answers; that no particular group, be they clergy, religious or laity, has a monopoly on intelligence or sincerity.

Within the Diocesan Press the most urgent need is to explore ways and means to satisfy the people's right to know—while at the same time heeding the guidance of the Magisterium; exercising the freedom of the press—while at the same time practicing that prudence and courage that is an essential part of the make-up of a Christian journalist.

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Freedom of the press carries with it grave responsibilities—all the more so in relation to the Catholic Press. In this regard, we can never be completely free, for often we are limited by the demands of the common good—both within the Church and the civic community. And even where we might have extensive knowledge, we are still not completely in touch with all the reality of most situations.

We think it is here that we most often find ourselves at loggerheads with many of our clerical and lay critics. Some who have competence or some knowledge in the particular field of theology, find it hard to believe that lay editors can also

be competent or knowledgeable in this field. Yet the question that begs itself is “why not?” After all, if Catholic education in the past 50 years has had any meaning, our laity is bound to be better educated and better equipped both spiritually and academically to make the moral or value judgments necessary on the many issues of the day.

We believe that much of the tensions arising from the reading of Catholic newspapers lies in the inability of some critics to discern the difference between doctrinal error and legitimate diversity of opinion; to discern the difference between accidentals and essentials.

Only recently I listened to a group of clergy who complained that The Voice was printing items critical of the Church or its leaders. They said this was bad for their parishioners who really should not be exposed to such stories. These priest critics are not alone because there are a number of lay readers who agree with them. Still, we think that this is a dangerous rationale which portrays a false picture of the Church and does more harm than good. The Catholic people's right to information involves the joys and the sorrows, the trials and tribulations, the triumphs and failures of the Church. Editors would be repudiating their vocation to truth if they ignored the competent and legitimate critics.

Take, for example our recent publication of a story in which the Church's leading historian, Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, said Catholics were ignoring the Church in relation to contraception and abortion. Some pastors said it was disgraceful that The Voice should publish the item—that the Faith of their parishioners was threatened. Some lay readers felt the same way.

What all the critics had failed to understand was that Msgr. Ellis was not agreeing with the thesis of pro-abortion or pro-contraception. He was simply being a

competent analyser using the resources at his command to let the Catholic people know. But some clerics and some lay readers, somehow, immediately labeled Msgr. Ellis as anti-Church and negative.

The conflict between some theologians and the Magisterium of the Church is another case in point. We could surely make the Kungs and the Schillebeeckx non-persons, just as we could make our own controversial American theologians such as Charles Curran and Richard McBrien non-persons, by simply failing to allow their names in the Catholic press. In other words—they question some theological premises—hence, they don't exist. Is that the type of Catholic Press that we want? That's the way the Marxists and the Fascists operate their press—should we?

Not everything in the Church is bright and beautiful. It has its warts. And while the Catholic Press publishes most of the beauty of the Church, in truth it also has to sometimes publish the warts—and there's the rub! Some critics want only a one-sided picture of the Church. Yet that is a greater danger to the Faith than an honest presentation of “warts and all.”

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There is one final point that should be considered in all this. Why is there fear that somehow our Catholic people cannot face reality or adversity? Is our religious education—is our preaching from the pulpit—is our day to day spiritual growth—so deficient that we have such little faith, that we are not to be trusted? I would hope not, and I think not. But the problem remains and next week we will explore it a little further.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Fr. Kung and Justice

To the Editor:

It is difficult to understand the decision to silence Father Hans Kung. To question and to search for the truth is the right of all reasonable men and women, for a scholar at a university or for a school child learning how to think. We have been taught as Christians to put high value on human rights and social justice. Has Father Kung received justice?

Margaret R. Budenz
Miami

Where Is Greeley?

To the Editor:

Whatever happened to the Andrew Greeley column? I looked forward in anticipation each

week to the Voice carrying the views of this scholarly, forthright and courageous priest.

It is to be admitted that some of the Bishops and some of his priest colleagues don't like him but many of your readers do. He expresses the concerns of a good number of Catholics who are tired of mediocrity and the status-quo.

Father Greeley stimulated thought and stirred people into action. I was told a week ago that Father Greeley had been dropped from The Voice because conservative priests and lay persons didn't like him. Is this true?

Name Withheld
Miami

Editors's note:

Yes, it is true that the Father Greeley column has been dropped from The Voice.



Tongue Can Praise God or Do Harm

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

The frail bewildered woman kept the shameful news locked up in her heart for weeks. Finally when a dear old friend came for a visit, she brought out the shameful story of her son's abandonment of his wife and children for another woman.

The sordid tale told, she felt a certain relief and looked with gratitude on the kindly listener whose understanding lessened the bitterness and pain.

Two days later she met a neighbor while at the super market. This person, hardly more than an acquaintance, suddenly leaned close to her and oozed sympathy as she whispered, "Dreadful sorry for you and your son's trouble. Nowadays children..."

The woman did not hear the rest of the piercing speech. She had but one enveloping thought — her confidence had been betrayed. The secret disgrace was now a public disgrace. The friend who had lent such a solicitous ear proved that she had also a destructive tongue. And the burden of her sorrow became all the more heavy as she realized she dare not confide her personal matters to anyone again.

The tongue! Perhaps our Evangelization program in the Archdiocese of Miami should begin

with the tongue. The tongue primarily is meant to praise and glorify God and to communicate truth and love to neighbor but it can be the most destructive force in the Christian's day by day commitment to Christ. Exaggeration? Listen and ponder and perhaps mark your own bible with this comment of a cousin of the Lord, James the Apostle in his Letter (3:12).

"All of us fall short in many respects. If a person is without fault in speech, he is a man in the fullest sense, because he can control his entire body.

"When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide the rest of their bodies.

"It is the same with ships; however large they are, and despite the fact that they are driven by fierce winds, they are directed by very small rudders on whatever course the steersman's impulse may select.

"The tongue is something like that. It is a small member, yet it makes great pretensions.

"See how tiny the spark is that sets a huge forest ablaze.

"The tongue is such a flame. It exists among our members as a whole universe of malice. The tongue defiles the entire body. Its

flames encircle our course from birth, and its fire is kindled by hell.

"Every form of life, four footed or winged, crawling or swimming, can be tamed, and has been tamed, by mankind.

"The tongue no man can tame. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

"We use it to say 'Praised by the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers..."

From our own experience we know that the tongue can cause grief and work havoc in many ways, but betraying a secret is one of the worst. Some people simply cannot be trusted with a secret, even though their lips were "sealed" with a solemn promise to tell no one.

Why do so many treat lightly a sacred confidence? What defense can one make? Take especially the person who is about to whisper to you a certain matter which he himself solemnly promised another person not to reveal, but before proceeding, he seeks to bind you with the same kind of promise he is now shattering.

Suppose at that point you in-

terrupted him with the embarrassing reminder of his betrayal and asked him how he could stoop to such a low practice.

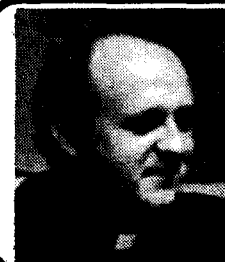
He would probably say no harm was meant. This is always said. It's part of the betrayal. A very honest person, when faced, would admit the truth, namely the temptation to gossip was too strong. And he was too weak.

It's easy to forget that the betrayal of a confidence is no more justifiable than the stealing of a person's money. When someone entrusts me with a secret, it does not become my property any more than his car becomes mine when I ride in it.

The fact that it is a common practice nowadays to tell secrets — to misuse the tongue — means that a great many people have hardened their consciences and blinded themselves to its evil.

To reveal an entrusted secret surely violates the commandment of God. No one can estimate how much harm is done. Evil spreads like wildfire and restitution is often impossible when a reputation has been damaged.

What a precious gift the tongue is. But what evil it can be responsible for.



Life Is Gift Direct From God

By Fr. DAN KUBALA

"In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. Through Him all things came into being, and apart from Him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in Him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it." (John 1: 1-5)

The above Gospel passage is one that is quite familiar to us all. I find it interesting that the Church proclaims this Gospel on Christmas Day and again on December 31. It is precisely on Christmas that we come to realize God's great gift of Life to the world, Jesus Christ. And again we reminisce and experience the end of life's age on the last day of the year.

ONE CANNOT speak of life without seeking to know its purpose and discover its source. To speak of

the God revealed in the Scriptures is to speak of the God of life. Indeed, in profound respect for God's name, Israel would simply use the word "life" to communicate the One in whom they placed their faith. It would be only a bit of useless information to count the incredible number of times the word "life" is used in Scripture, yet it is significantly in the simplicity that the meaning and message of Jesus could be summarized in His words: "I have come that you may have life more fully" (John 10:10).

A Christian cannot understand life apart from God. Our faith is a total response to the revelation of God as Life through Christ, who invites us to have life more fully. Yet, life is a gift from God. Life develops and personal identity is achieved in various communities, especially the family.

Faith reminds us of the value of

each human life and that Christ is the source of all life. For each time a new human life begins, God is revealing Himself, and the entire drama of creation and redemption is replayed. The scientist tells us of human development, but faith tells us that all life is precious because life is God revealing Himself. With faith, we come to appreciate more fully God's gift of life.

The Declaration of Independence states that among the rights with which we are all endowed by our Creator is the fundamental right to life itself. Certainly, this reflects the belief of our Founding Fathers that life is a gift from the Creator, and in Thomas Jefferson's words that were reechoed by Pope John Paul II during his visit to the United States, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

Life . . . God . . . faith . . . Celebration . . . These words are not independent, one from another. The richest meaning of each is found in how each makes more understandable the reality of the other.

The celebration of life motivates us to protect, sustain and enhance life at every stage and circumstance. The forces that endanger and destroy life are all around us — violence, terrorism, war, abortion, euthanasia. The threats that diminish life are also present — poverty, disease, ignorance, and alienation.

We know that God is revealed in and through life and that to diminish respect for life is to lose a sense of God's presence. To compromise life for anyone, to fail to recognize it in the unborn or the elderly, the sick or disadvantaged, is a failure to believe in all that God has revealed.

By FATHER JOHN DIETZEN

Q. Why can't something be done about the cards given out at certain funeral homes? I received one recently that prayed for "a drop of the precious blood on the devouring flames" of purgatory.

Our non-Catholic friends may be shocked at the idea of a merciful God consigning their kind and charitable friend or neighbor to "devouring

flames." (Fla.)

A. You don't have to be a non-Catholic to be shocked, not to say angered, by that kind of prayer.

Such expressions go far beyond the teachings of the church concerning purgatory and life after death, and it certainly is embarrassing to be placed in a position where one feels he should explain or defend them — which is, of course, impossible.

I'm sure the writer of the prayers meant

them to profess our faith in the power of the cross and of Jesus' saving death. But the intention got lost somewhere in the purple prose and an over-fertile imagination.

Your experience, incidentally, is one reason the church insists that all prayers intended for public use be approved before they are printed. This rule isn't always followed, unfortunately. Even when it is, bizarre and easily misunderstood expressions of the kind you question occasionally slip through.

Facing The Problem

By JERRY BARTRAM

The accusation, "You're ruining my life," coming from her son, John, shocked Margie. After her husband's death, life had been quiet for the family. There were just the three of them, mother, son and daughter.

Then suddenly John changed. He became sloppy and indifferent. "I was worried," Margie recalls. "He had changed so radically that the thought of drugs occurred to me."

At first she thought he was just going through a phase. Finally she mentioned her concern about John to her daughter, Laura. Laura said, "Mom it's just him."

"Then one day, his eyes appeared glazed. It was then that I knew there had to be a real problem. So I confronted him. He admitted he was on drugs. He would not tell me which drugs. I cried for hours. It was a nightmare," Margie says.

"Finally I pulled myself together. I told him he had to see a doctor. But he made light of the situation. Nevertheless, we sought medical help. I remained in the waiting room as John insisted on seeing the doctor alone. On the way home, he informed me that he had watched many movies and knew everything that was dangerous. 'You have to let me live my own life, Mom. I know what I'm doing. And, like I told you, I like the stuff.' It was obvious that our visit to the doctor was unsuccessful.

"John grew worse in the following weeks. I came to the point where I wished he would say, 'It's your fault, Mom. You are too domineering' or 'You didn't give me enough freedom' — something that would help me know why. For if I

knew why, then I could take some constructive action that would help him. But his only explanation continued to be, 'I really like the stuff.'

"Laura, too, tried to reach him. She was as unsuccessful as I. And we shared frustration. But the frustration and pain we felt was doing nothing to solve the problem. My whole life seemed such a failure that I wished it would end.

"Just as my thoughts were the darkest, I suddenly thought of Jesus. I recalled his suffering on the cross — his actual physical pain and worse than that, his mental anguish. Yet it was his great love for us that enabled him to endure this suffering. I realized he understood my pain. And he understood how much I love my son. He loved humanity so much that he forgave us unspeakable transgressions. So of course he understood and approved of my parental love. Perhaps the key to our problems lay within me. I would concentrate on my love for my boy and leave the rest to God.

"I had to let go and love John as he was. In effect, he had left me. But when Mary watched her beloved Son die, she, too, was alone for a while. Even though my pain was almost overwhelming, at the same time a certain peace enveloped me as I told God, 'He is yours.'

"Shortly after that, I heard about a family retreat. One evening I suggested to the children that we go. John was obviously not enthusiastic but agreed. The trip was terrible (it was a two-day drive). John nearly blasted me out with the radio at top volume. Laura got car sick. We were a sad bunch when we arrived.

"The next morning, a friend of

mine called and told me that someone had broken into our home and robbed us. I jumped to the conclusion that it must have been one of John's friends. He was terribly hurt at my suggestion. And I wished I had kept my thoughts to myself. We considered going back home immediately. Then I remembered my promise to leave things in God's hands. So we stayed.

"That evening, I saw John walking alone towards the woods. I caught up to him and asked him what he was thinking. 'I'm thinking about revenge,' he said and kept walking.

"I watched for him to return. A few hours later, I saw him walk slowly with an uncertain air into the chapel. We talked together little during the rest of the retreat. But shortly before we were ready to leave, he came to me and said that the aloneness had helped him put things into perspective. 'Do you remember when I went into the woods and told you I was concentrating on revenge? Well, it didn't quite work out that way. I could have used some stuff but I didn't have any. I wound up thinking about myself. And it wasn't pleasant. I broke down and asked God to help me. I asked him for a sign. When I came back and walked into the chapel, I saw the words, love your enemies, on a banner. It hit me. I knew I needed to love. But I don't even love myself. I can't begin to think about loving someone who has hurt me. Do you think I can make it, Mom?'"

"I held my son for a long time. I don't remember what we said. Time has passed since then. Our battle wasn't easy and it wasn't short, but we all fought it together and we won."

When Parenting is Difficult

By STEVE LANDREGAN

"How could this have happened? Where did we go wrong?" Paula and Eddie ask the question as they wait apprehensively and disbelievingly outside the intensive care unit where there 15-year-old daughter is being treated for an accidental overdose.

John and Martha ask it as they search for the reason their 14-year-old son ran away from home.

Louise asks it while trying to understand how her college freshman daughter could have flunked out of the university because drinking was more important than studying.

"Where did we go wrong?"

Parents of teenagers and young adults ask the question so often today that it has almost become a cliché. Many things can trigger the agonized cry. Drugs. A pregnancy out of wedlock. Alcoholism. A child whose total lifestyle is a rebellion against the values parents have struggled to teach.

Few families are spared some brush with youthful rebellion or rejection. It is never easy. It is always traumatic. It is often tragic.

How do you handle such situations? When parenting really becomes difficult...how should we respond as Christians parents?

There is no one answer. There is no right answer. There are some

answers. As a parent who has survived five teenagers, I have had some practical first-hand experience in dealing with difficult times.

As a deacon who ministers to others, I have shared in the suffering of parents and children attempting to work their way through the maze of hurt and embarrassment that can surround such incidents.

The first thing is to avoid overreacting. Dramatic condemnations, hysterics, hand wringing and blind accusations of self and others, accomplish nothing and leave bitter memories.

Try to look beyond your personal hurt and embarrassment and understand how your child is feeling. By reacting with "how could you do this to us," we are likely to open new wounds in our child instead of reaching out to heal the existing ones. Self-centeredness never healed a hurt.

Don't take on a load of personal guilt. Parents need only look around them to realize that pressures outside of the home are great enough today to counteract even the strongest family influence. Self-pity is a convenient way of hiding from reality by doing nothing. Where the blame lies is of secondary importance.

Finally, never stop loving your child. Never stop letting your child know that your disapproval of his

actions or her lifestyle is not a rejection of the child or a withdrawal of your love.

The bottom line when parenting is difficult is not to be found in psychology books or manuals for parents. It is to be found in the Gospel message of healing and reconciliation based on unconditional love.

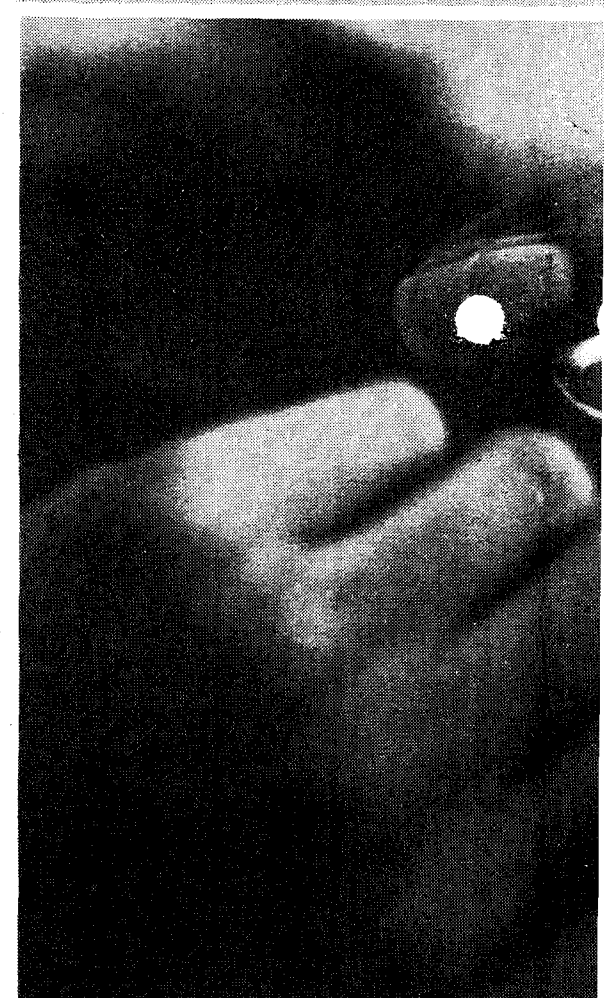
Parents are not God. They cannot take away from their children their God-given free will. They cannot prevent a young adult from living his or her own life.

Parents are not God. But they can and should imitate him in one important way. They can love unconditionally, without demanding or expecting anything in return. They can hope and they can forgive. A loving response to a difficult situation will do more to heal, to reconcile and to change attitudes than all the tantrums and recriminations in the world.

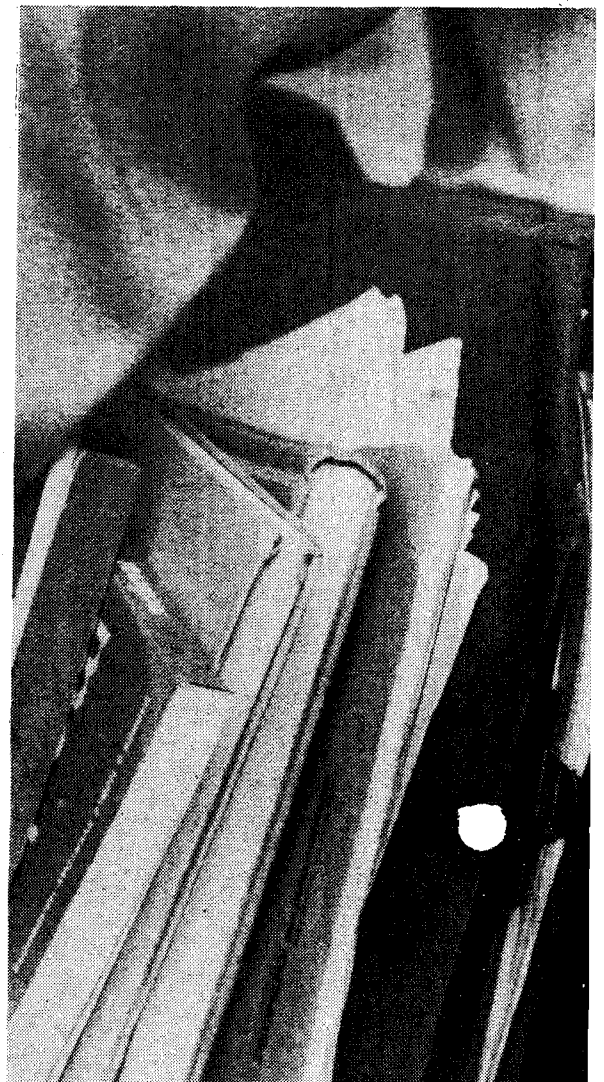
During his visit to the United States, Pope John Paul said in Chicago: "Let love for each other and love for the truth be the answer to polarization...let no one in the ecclesial community ever feel alienated or unloved, even when tensions arise..."

What he said of the church is doubly true of the family. When parenting gets difficult...let no one in the family ever feel alienated or unloved.

KNOW YOUR



DRUGS



ALCOHOL

How Others Can Help

By JAMES A. KENNY

Bill is 16 years old and the oldest of four. His father manages a clothing store. His parents have a stable marriage. Family life has been relatively warm and fulfilling. Bill was introduced to marijuana at 14. Now he gets "high" almost every day.

"I'm frightened," Bill's mother said to her neighbor. "Where have we failed? Somewhere we must have missed something as parents."

"Teens are hard years," reassured the neighbor. "You needn't have done anything wrong. Some kids have extra vinegar in them. Other kids, even from good families, are very susceptible to today's temptations."

"But I don't know what to do." Bill's mom began to cry.

"He's getting worse. Two weeks ago the school called to say they suspect he smokes pot on the way to school and gets there 'high.' He smarts off to his dad and me and acts like he knows it all. That's not like Bill. Other times he's quiet. He's pulling away from us."

"Then last night Bill's dad found some cigarette papers and funny pipes and a small sandwich bag of what I think was pot in his room. He smashed it up and confronted Bill with the pieces. Bill yelled back at his dad and ran out of the house. He didn't come home until just before breakfast. He grabbed his books in silence and went off to school. I hope he went to school." Mother sobbed. "I feel so helpless."

Bill's mother does need help.

She has already taken the most common first step. She is talking to her friend and neighbor. Our friends are our biggest resource. The support they can give us to carry on is even more important than any advice they may generate.

Bill's friends are important too. Bill is almost certainly part of a group of teens who smoke pot together. Sometimes, rather than trying to fight the peer group, it may be wise to get to know them better. Invite them over. Listen to them. Learn about pot. Why? When? How? Don't admonish them and they may tell you. I have never met a group of young people who did not possess many redeeming qualities, virtues like loyalty, generosity and cleverness.

Perhaps Bill can learn to meet some other young people. The best way is through activities like sports and crafts and travel, whatever interests him. The peer group is critical in determining teen behavior.

What about relatives? When things get tough in a family, look for some time out. Is there a grandparent, a cousin, an aunt and uncle with whom Bill can stay for a short time? This can break the vicious circle of family anger; it can also open up new vistas for Bill. A relative who had successfully conquered a drug or alcohol problem would be ideal.

Is there a teacher or counselor at the school who might take Bill under his or her wing? Bill needs a firm approach. Ideal would be a school person who met Bill each morning and checked for signs of pot use. If Bill were "clean," they would have a friendly chat. If not, Bill

would have to take all his lessons in a special room that day.

How about informal probation? Many probation offices have a program for teens who have not yet been formally charged for any offense. Since the use of pot is at least a misdemeanor, the probation officer might offer Bill some rules instead of filing charges. The rules usually include the forbidding of pot, forbidding certain friendships, and an evening curfew. The probation office acts to support the family.

Some communities have an active "big brother" program. An older male might provide some regular attention and support for Bill.

Some communities have a good mental health center with a wise addictions counselor. Often these people have been through an addiction problem themselves and can talk straight to teens.

Parishes can help by continuing to welcome Bill into their activities. He does not need to be criticized and excluded. Strict firmness is necessary, but that will need to come primarily from parents, school and perhaps the probation office. The parish must give Bill a smile and a pat on the back for all that is good and hopeful about him.

Mother's neighbors is the first step in her attempt to mobilize her informal resources. Families are not alone. There is a lot of love and support and control available to Bill's parents in the community. Sociologists call it an informal network. Christ called it his mystical body. I call it good sense.

Honor Your Father and Mother

By TOM LENON

Two winters ago the person who shoveled my snow on the morning after snowstorms was a vigorous 17-year-old girl whom we shall call Shari. One Sunday morning she asked if she could bring her boy friend, Kevin, over that afternoon. "He's feeling awfully bad about something, and I think he'd like to talk to you." I told Shari to bring her friend over that afternoon. They came about three o'clock, both looking gloomy.

While the snow continued falling, we talked for a long time. At the start, Kevin came right to the point. "My old man's a drunk. He's no good at all. Last week I got up one morning to go to the bathroom, and there he was sprawled on the floor unconscious. He'd been out drinking all night. I had to step over his body, and that just disgusted me."

Kevin's father, I found out, had been married shortly after high school. There were four other children, and for a while Kevin's father held down two gruelling jobs to earn enough money. Finally the strain sent him into a mental breakdown from which he never fully

recovered. As he drifted from one job to another and never made quite enough money, he began drinking more and more. Now he is an alcoholic. Things seem hopeless.

Kevin looked surprised when I turned to Shari and asked, "Are your parents perfect?"

She, too, looked startled, thought for a moment, then said slowly, "well...No. Mom loses her temper quite a bit and yells at us. Some Sundays dad doesn't go to church—which I think is wrong. And once in a while they both fight. But, gee, they never get falling-down drunk like Kevin's dad does."

"Listen, Shari and Kevin, your dad probably had youthful dreams of a happy future. Then things little by little went sour. He hasn't got any dreams left now, and he's hurting badly, just as you are. Yes, his behavior is disgusting—but he's not. He's a tragic person who needs all the help he can get."

Kevin was staring out the window. A tear slid down his cheek.

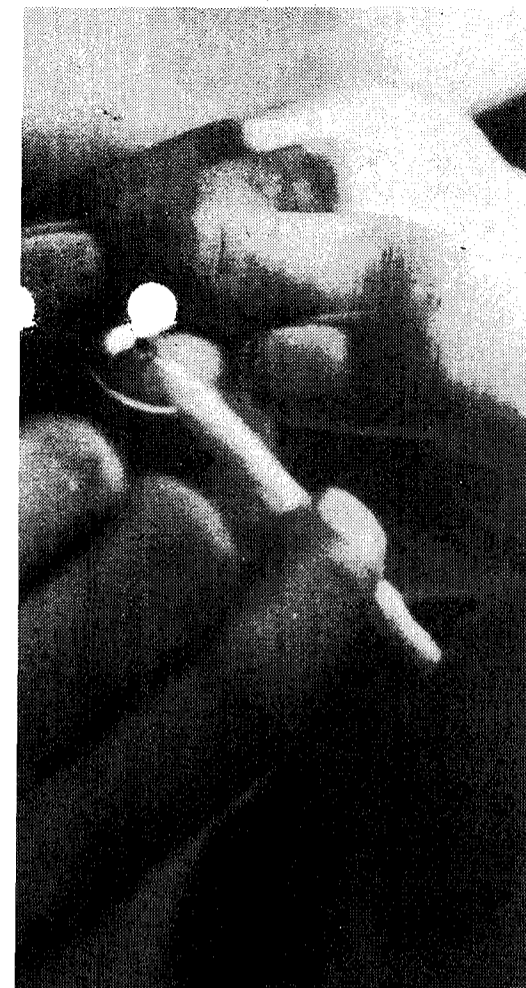
I began to reminisce. "Over 20 years ago a hit musical, 'Fanny,'

had a wonderful song in it. It wasn't your typical pop tune. The unusual title was, 'Be kind to your parents.' If my memory is correct, two fathers sang it to a teen-age boy and girl. It was a lovely song—and a good idea."

"But I hate him," Kevin burst out. "I really hate..." He began crying then, and he cried for a long time. When the storm subsided, we talked about all his father had been through and what might be going on in his head. We even talked about the possibility that he might never recover from his sickness. We talked about understanding and sympathy and the need parents have for children who are loving. "Your dad may not know it, Kevin, but he's depending on you and your mom and your brothers and sisters."

A little while later Kevin came up with the most important idea of all. He said, "I wouldn't be here now if it weren't for both mom and dad, would I?"

"That's right, Kevin. They gave you life. that the best reason of all to honor your father and your mother."



Full out of this world



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Training Days For Ministers

Saturday, January 19, 1980, a training day for prospective Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be given at St. Ann's Church, 407-439 Ninth Ave., S. Naples. The workshop will begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at 3:00 p.m. Registration / Lunch fee is \$3.00.

Pastors wishing to send candidates for training on that day are requested to submit those names (together with reservations and registration fees) in a letter to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of

Miami, 6301 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33138.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to be commissioned and function as a Special Minister of the Eucharist a candidate **MUST HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY HIS/HER PASTOR AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED A FULL DAY OF TRAINING.**

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

Nursing Workshops Set at Barry

A series of workshops and courses is scheduled this month at Barry College for Florida licensed nurses seeking to upgrade their education to meet relicensing law requirements.

Effective a year ago, the law mandates 24 contact hours for license renewal, and Barry has been in the forefront of institutions meeting the educational needs established by the law.

A "Living With Death and Dying" workshop is set for Jan. 11 and 12 providing 15 contact hours with a fee of \$55.00. A workshop on "Identifying and Dealing with Emotional Disorders" is set for Jan. 12 providing six

contact hours with a fee of \$25.00.

A course on "Current Issues in Nursing" starts Jan. 15 providing eight contact hours with a fee of \$30.00. A course on "Nurse in the Community: Theoretical and Practical Issues" begins Jan. 23 providing 15 contact hours with a fee of \$50.00. And a course on "Management for the Nurse in Charge" begins Jan. 30 providing ten contact hours with a fee of \$60.00.

Workshop and course times and other details are available from Carol Hutton, coordinator of nursing continuing education, at Barry College. Telephone 758-3392.

S. Florida Scene

Women's Clubs

St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women will hold their Membership Tea in the Atlantic Room, Atlantic Towers Apts., 1920 So. Ocean Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, on Jan. 17, at 2:00 p.m. All members and prospective members are invited. Mrs. Helen Mallon is Chairlady and Mrs. Madeleine Schock is Co-Chairlady.

St. Mary Magdalen Guild will meet in a body for Communion, Sunday, Jan. 13, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Refreshments follow. General Meeting, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Entertainment and refreshments before the meeting.

The Madonna Guild of St. Thomas More Parish, Boynton Beach, will hold its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Breakers on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Tickets are \$13.00 each. Reservations: Anne Connolly, 732-4537.

Chaplain

Appointed

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy recently appointed Fr. Kenneth Whittaker of Little Flower Parish, Hollywood, to be chaplain to the Catholic Educator's Guild. Fr. Whittaker will be introduced to officers and directors of the Guild at the January 23 meeting of the Board at Barry College.

Josephine Danrich, a pioneer member of the Guild has been appointed Corresponding Secretary by Guild President, Noreen Lahue.

S.F.O. Meets

St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Jan. 20, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Church, 621 Alton Rd., Miami Beach. The regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Card Party

The annual card party and Luncheon at St. Richard Parish Center will be held on Jan. 22, at 10:00 a.m. Tickets for party and luncheon are \$5.00 each. They may be purchased after Mass beginning in January, or call Lorraine Fulton at 238-6428.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of America, Ct. Holy Spirit, No. 1912, Pompano Beach, Fl., will hold their business meeting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Gardens, Pompano Beach, Jan. 11. Anyone desiring to become a member or to transfer, please call 941-5546.

Baby Shower

St. Lawrence Council of Women will sponsor their annual Baby Shower, Jan. 14, at 8:00 p.m., at 2200 NE 191 St., All invited.

Terts Meet

The monthly meeting of the Tertiaries of the Third Order of St. Dominic, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter will be held on Jan. 13. Novices will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Thompson Hall, at Barry College, followed by recitation of the Rosary in Cor Jesu Chapel, after which Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Visitors Welcome.

Year of the Child

Miss Nancy Pullman, Regional Coordinator, Governor's Commission for International Year of the Child and Palm Beach Board of Education, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Christian Mothers and Women of St. Jude in W. Palm Beach.

Following the 7:30 Mass on Jan. 16, Miss Pullman will present a summary of IYC efforts which culminates February 5. The Young Children of the parish will present a special musicale and refreshments will be served. Mrs. William Trimble, President of the Christian Mothers and Women of St. Jude extends a welcome to all newcomers and friends to join in the celebration.

Home Mass

Fr. John Madigan of St. Stephen's, Miramar will celebrate a "Home Mass" at the home of Anne Marino, 68 25 SW 12th St., Pembroke Pines, Jan. 17, at 8:00 p.m.

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DEADLINE TO SIGN UP JAN. 15... HURRY!



Kathy Henshaw, Coordinator of Primary Grades for the Island School of Religion (CCD) and Sr. Dolores Wehle, Principal of St. Mary Star of the Sea School are shown reviewing materials to be presented to parents of the Sacramental Preparation of their children.

Key West Parishes Set Sacramental Programs

The Churches of St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Bede and the Navy Chapel of Key West accept members of their parish communities to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist beginning in the Second Grade.

The preparation for these Sacraments includes formalized instruction in a classroom setting with an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and dialogue. The children learn of forgiveness and are introduced to the dimensions of faith, community, love, and the sharing of love with others.

Of primary importance is the part parents play in their child's life during this preparation. Therefore, St. Mary Star of the Sea School and the Island School of Religion (CCD) have planned a Sacramental Preparation Program in which the parents will become actively involved. The program will take place at St. Mary's School, K Building at 8 p.m. on the dates scheduled:

- January 15 Introduction to the Program on Penance
- January 22 History of the Sacrament of Penance
- February 5 Parent-Child Night on Penance
- February 10 Preparation for the Communal Penance Celebration.

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 April 15 Parent-Child Night on Eucharist

The Program will culminate with the celebration of First Eucharist on April 24 at St. Mary's 11:15 A.M. Mass; May 4 at the Navy Chapel's 9 A.M. Mass; May 11 at St. Bede's 11:15 A.M. Mass.

Vow Renewals

Couples celebrating their wedding anniversary during January, are cordially invited to renew their vows on Jan. 13, at St. Lawrence Church, at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Refreshments following the Mass. Bring your wedding photo albums.

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"IT IS IMPORTANT that each parish have a strong commission on evangelization to advise and assist the priests of the parish. This commission should, as the key to the entire parish effort, meet regularly and frequently. It will be the responsibility of the commission to be a center of parish com-

munication, to become familiar with the Gospel needs of the parishioners and of the parish and of the community in which the parish is located, to be a means of coordinating all evangelization activities within the parish, to give leadership in identifying and setting goals that respond to the spiritual concerns of the parishioners, in planning means of effectively responding to those needs, in implementing such plans and in monitoring and evaluating the progress of such planned programs.

"It will be helpful if the parish commission on evangelization has sub-committees to be responsible for the major areas of its activities. It must ever be kept in mind that a strong parish is not the end — it is but a means to the end — namely to glorify God in Jesus Christ and to serve the parishioners and their communities."

Mother Teresa Gets Even More

OSLO, Norway (NC) — Contributions by the Norwegian people to Mother Teresa of Calcutta reached 925,000 Norwegian kroner in early January and seem likely to top a million kroner (about \$200,000) soon, according to figures released in Oslo.

The million-kroner mark would make the voluntary contributions exceed the amount Mother Teresa recently received as winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Several years ago, as a result of strong disagreement with some of the Nobel Peace Prize selections, Norwegians began donating annually to an alternative People's Peace Prize. This year, however, the people's prize also went to Mother, Teresa a native of Yugoslavia who has become world-famous for her work among the poor in India.

Valuable Madonna Art Stolen

MADRID, Spain (NC) — Thieves walked away with a 13th-century madonna from the Church of El Pilar in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, as 1979 came to an end. This kept intact the 1979 record of one theft a day of religious art treasures in Spain, a country rich in Catholic traditions. The stolen madonna is worth millions to art dealers. In Mexico, meanwhile, police captured a gang of thieves who had ransacked colonial churches in Oaxaca state and stolen religious art worth \$4.5 million.

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St. Brendan Starts New Church

Groundbreaking kicked off the construction of St. Brendan's Church. In colorful ceremonies headed by both Miami's Auxiliary Bishops John Nevins and Agustin Roman, a liturgical reunion of parishioners and guests was held in the present church.

This was followed by a procession to the site of the new church, which is the East Corner of St. Brendan's Church complex, on S.W. 32 Street and 87th Ave., for the groundbreaking bi-lingual ceremonies by Bishop Nevins and Bishop Roman.

Msgr. Thomas O'Donovan, first pastor of

St. Brendan's joined Msgr. David Bushey, present pastor in the ceremonial shovel "digging" of the dirt, bottom picture, right. Msgr. Bushey then invited visiting priests, guests, school children and parishioners to take a turn with the shovel.

The activities climaxed with the cutting of a cake replica of the church to be, by Msgr. Bushey, Bishop Nevins and Bishop Roman, and all were invited to cake and soft drinks.

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Voice Sponsors Lenten Tour

The Voice will sponsor a 12-day Lenten Pilgrimage, leaving Miami March 13 and returning March 24. Father Michael Greer, Secretary to Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, will be the Spiritual leader.

Pilgrims will depart

Miami and other parts of Florida for New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to connect with Royal Jordanian Airlines 747 Jumbo Jet Flight to Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan — "The Gateway to the Holy Land." On arrival Amman pilgrims will spend a full day visiting the principal places of interest including Mabada and seeing Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the promised land and is buried.

THE FLORIDA Pilgrimage will drive through the mountains of Moab and down to the River Jordan; the route probably followed by the Israelites, crossing at Allenby Bridge continuing to Jericho, visiting the ancient and modern cities, the Dead Sea and Qumran before driving through the Jordan Valley to Samaria and Nazareth.

Three days in the Galilee area will include Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Capharnaum,

Mount of Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Mt. Carmel and Acre then on up to Jerusalem.

Five days in and around the Holy City of Jerusalem with visits to Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, the Temple area, Bethany, Emmaus, and Ain Karem. Mass will be celebrated daily at one of the principal shrines including Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Calvary and the Tomb of Christ, also the Way of the Cross from the Praetorium of Pilate to Calvary and the tomb of Our Lord will also be part of this Holy Land Pilgrimage.

There is also planned a free day in Jerusalem for private devotions or for optional day visits to Massada or to St. Catherine's Monastery at Mt. Sinai.

LEAVING Jerusalem to return to Amman there will be time for optional visits to the "Rose-Red City" of Petra or the ancient Greco-Roman City of Jerash.

Pilgrims will fly from Amman to New York and continue to Florida March 24. Persons interested in joining the Florida Holy Land Pilgrimage should contact: Holy Land Pilgrimage, "The Voice," P.O. Box 1059, Miami, Florida 33138; or

Catholic Travel Office, Suite 520, 1019 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Marriage Encounter Schedule

1980

- Jan. 4 - Passionist
- Jan. 25 - St. Vincent de Paul
- Feb. 1 - St. Vincent de Paul
- Feb. 8 - St. Vincent de Paul
- March 28 - St. Vincent de Paul
- April 11 - St. Vincent de Paul
- May 9 - Passionist
- May 23 - Passionist
- May 30 - Cenacle
- June 20 - Cenacle
- June 27 - Passionist
- July 4 - Passionist
- August 22 - Cenacle
- Sept. 5 - Passionist
- Oct. 10 - Cenacle
- Nov. 7 - Passionist
- Nov. 14 - Passionist
- Dec. 5 - Dominican Retreat House
- Dec. 12 - Cenacle.

Please Note: Oct. 10 and Dec. 12 are confirmed dates at the Cenacle and they replace the tentative dates of Oct. 3 and Dec. 5 which were listed on an earlier schedule.

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Day Care Center Blessed

Archbishop Edward McCarthy officiated at the blessing ceremony of the new building addition of Centro Mater Day Care Center at S.W. 4th street and 4th Ave. Joining the archbishop in the ribbon cutting, above, was Sister Margarita Miranda now assigned in Puerto Rico who established the center in

1968 to serve the recreation needs of young people in the area. The new 2-story building will add facilities for the caring of children under 5 years old. Archbishop McCarthy praised the work of the center for its concern of young children and in providing a Christian atmosphere for their well-being.



St. Agnes to Mark 25th

KEY BISCAYNE - Almost 30 years ago the first Catholic Mass was offered on Christmas Eve at the tip of this island. On Sunday, Jan. 19 parishioners of St. Agnes Church will observe the 25th anniversary of the church dedication.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. in the Spanish-style church blessed in 1955 by the late Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine.

Preaching the homily will be Msgr. George Cummings,

Broad Family Funds Series

Shepard Broad, Chairman of the Board of American Savings and Loan Association, and his family are funding the first annual Barry College Series for the Performing Arts scheduled early this year.

Shepard, Chairman Emeritus of Barry College, and his wife Ruth, their son Morris N. Brad, President of American Savings and their daughter Ann Bussel will continue a long association with Barry College by providing the funds toward the expenses of the series of four varied performing groups.

The series is being sold through season tickets in advance. The donation for the four performances in the advance sale is \$14.00 or \$25.00 for orchestra seats in the front of the auditorium.

pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Citrus Springs, who pioneered in the organization of the parish in 1952 when 40 families comprised the parish. Also participating will be other former pastors, and priests who have served in the parish community, including Msgr. Bernard McGrenehhan, pastor, St. Edward Church, Palm Beach; the Rev. Anthony Navarrete; Msgr. James F. Nelan, now retired; Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh and the present pastor, Msgr. James J. Walsh.

More than 2,000 persons are now members of the parish which includes both Anglo and Spanish-speaking families. Some 60 students are enrolled in the parochial school which provides classes in seventh and eighth grades. Late in 1974 parish priests moved into a newly built rectory.

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Bishops to Meet Here, Mull Hispanic Affairs

The Ad Hoc Committee for Hispanic Affairs, of the N.C.C.B. will have its annual meeting Jan. 22-24 at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach. The Bishops will arrive on the 21st and will be greeted by Archbishop McCarthy, who is a member of the Committee.

On Jan. 23 the Bishops will visit the office of the Southeast Pastoral Institute

for the Hispanics, to learn about the needs and problems of the Hispanic Pastoral in the S.E. region. The S.E.P.I.'s Director, Fr. Mario Vizcaino, will meet them at St. John Vianney Seminary, 87 Ave. SW and 29th St., Miami, where they will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. for the community. All faithful are invited to attend. After Mass a splendid

buffet will be served to all attending during which the community will have the opportunity to meet with the Bishops working for the Spanish speaking community all over the United States. Organizing these events are the members of the Hispanic Pastoral with the coordination of the Office of S.E.P.I.

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee are the Most Reverends Roberto F. Sanchez, of Santa Fe, N.M.; Patricio Flores, of San Antonio, Texas; Edward A. McCarthy, of Miami; Thomas A. Donellan, of Atlanta, Ga.; James S.

Rausch, of Phoenix, Ar.; Juan A. Arzube, Aux. of Los Angeles; William S. Skylstad, of Yakima, Was.; Paul B. Donovan, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Peter A. Rosazza, of Hartford, Conn.; John J. Snyder, of St. Augustine; And the consultants, Most Reverends Rene H. Gracida, of Pensacola, Tallahassee; Roger Mahoney, of Fresno, Cal.; Raymundo J. Pena, Aux. of San Antonio; Francisco Garmendia, Aux. of New York; Agustin Roman, Aux. of Miami; Gilberto E. Chavez, Aux. of San Diego, Cal.; Nicholas A. Walsh, of Seattle, Was.; and Manuel D. Moreno, Aux. of Los Angeles.

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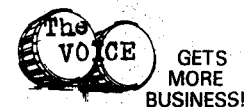
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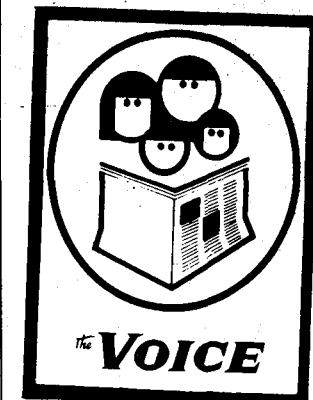
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LEGALS NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 79-7723

RE: ESTATE OF PHILIP SCHWARTZ, Deceased

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of PHILIP SCHWARTZ, deceased, late of Dade County, Florida, File Number 79-7723 is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3rd Floor, Dade County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. The personal representatives of this estate is DIANNE SCHWARTZ and PETER SCHWARTZ, whose address is 215 E. 84 St., Apt. 4K, New York, N.Y. 10021 and Weewah Road, Tuxedo Park, N.Y. 10987. The name and address of the attorney-for personal representative-are set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against this estate are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file with the clerk of the above court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not 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 of the above styled court 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 representatives, or the venue or jurisdiction of the court.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. DATED at Miami, Florida on this 20th day of December, 1979

PETER SCHWARTZ
DIANNE SCHWARTZ
As Personal Representatives of the Estate of PHILIP SCHWARTZ Deceased

First publication of this notice of administration on the 4 day of January, 1980
Of Law Offices of
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Telephone (305) 373-0602
1/4/80 1/11/80

LEGALS FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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LEGALS NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

RE: CATHERINE A. GRANNAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number 79-8931 Division 01

IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. GRANNAN 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 CATHERINE A. GRANNAN, deceased, File Number 79-8931, is pending in the Circuit Court for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Third Floor Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida. The personal representative of the estate is JOSEPH H. MURPHY, whose address is 1830 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida. The name and address of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. 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 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.

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ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. Date of the first publication of this Notice of Administration: January 4, 1980

JOSEPH H. MURPHY
As Personal Representative of the Estate of CATHERINE A. GRANNAN Deceased

LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH H. MURPHY
1830 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
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445-2551
1/4/80 1/11/80

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1/11/80 1/18/80 1/25/80 2/1/80

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It Was Fun Days for Kids (adults too)

By TONY GARNET

It started out as an activity of Sacred Heart School in Homestead to increase school spirit, stimulate communication between students and parents, while raising funds for the school.

They would sell cakes and cookies and lime aid—that's when the mothers got involved. They would

have a Bike-A-Thon—that's when the fathers got involved.

And because the school kids from kindergarten to eighth graders were bubbling with enthusiasm—that's when the Homestead business community got involved.

What's a bike or trike -a-thon without prizes. And since you couldn't ask a first grader to match his three-wheeler against a slick 10-

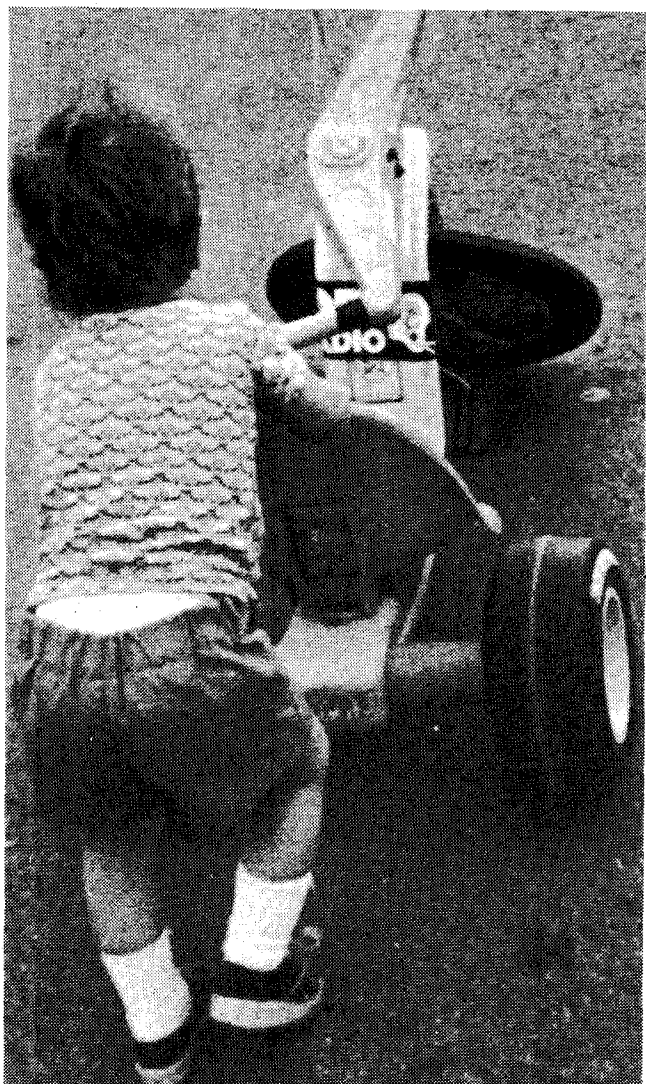
speed there had to be a class distinction—and each class had to have a prize. Lots of them.

So like Topsy the whole idea grew and grew and grew. It became a 2-day affair with everybody getting into the act.

Homestead Mayor Nick Sincore presented the school with an official looking Bike-A-Thon proclamation and cut the ribbon. Priests rode

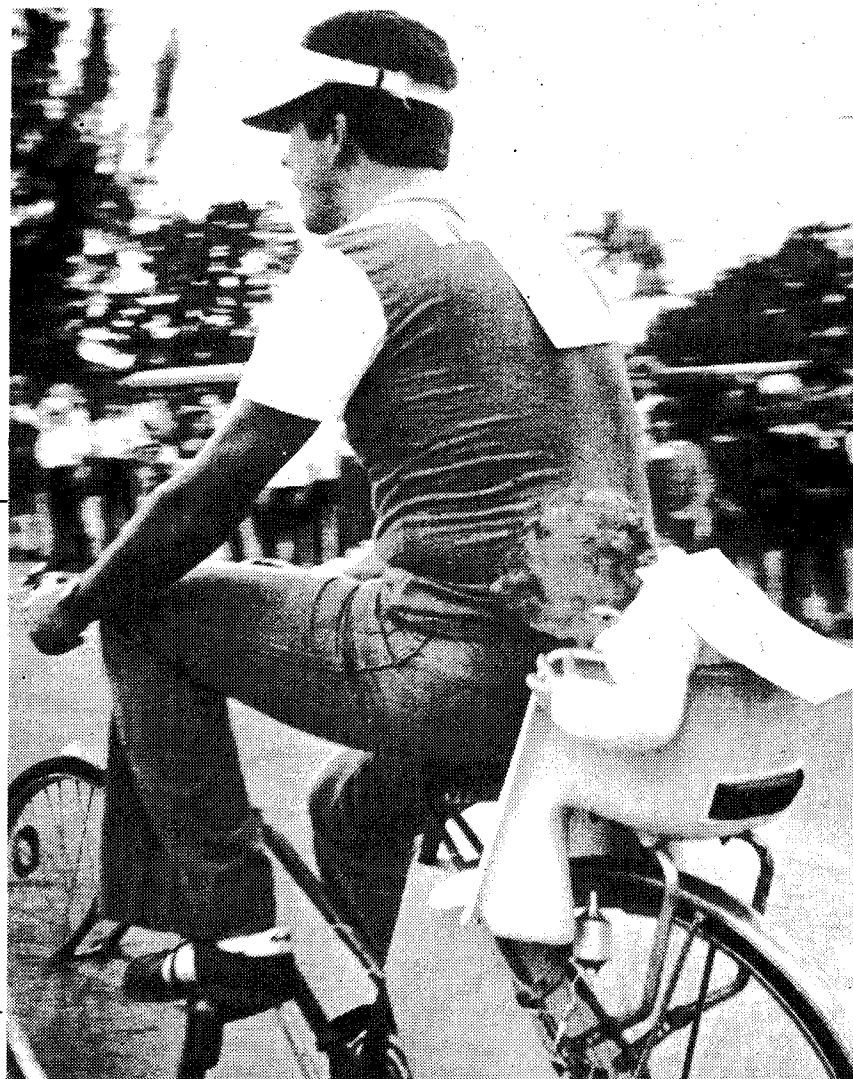
bicycles, fathers rode bicycles, teachers rode bicycles and yes, the kids rode bicycles.

"This whole program was beautiful", beamed Fr. Daniel Dorrity, pastor of Sacred Heart, "Our objective however, was to foster pride by having our children take an active role in their school community", he said.



WAIT FOR ME! The energy crunch can hit all ages. And in this instant it was pedal-power that gave out for our tail end contestant.

AFTER the first quarter mile watching the people whizz by, the steady drone of the pedal chain, wind protected by daddy's back... what's a fellow to do. After all Steve Nasser 2nd, is only 10 months old. Besides, this was a race for adults, with or without cargo.



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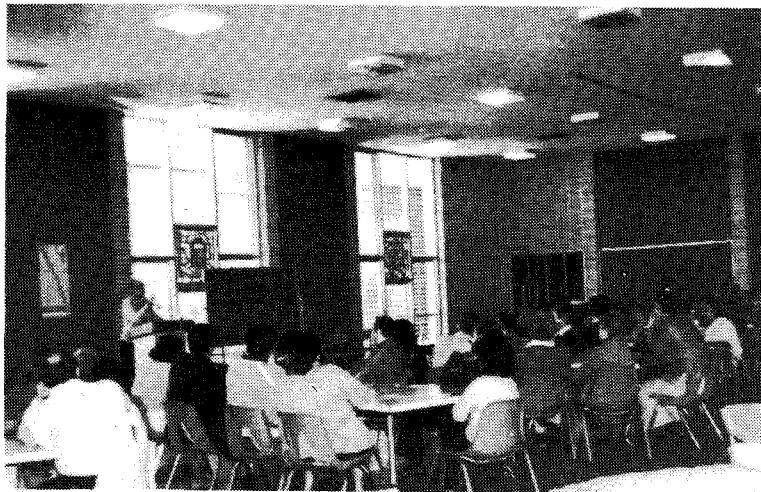
Los Encuentros Familiares se dividen en tres grupos. El grupo de los padres, el grupo de los jóvenes de 15 a 20 años y el grupo de los de 11 a 14 años.

Los adultos en este Encuentro Familiar estaban dirigidos por Humberto y Elenita Bustamante, Bebo Collazo tuvo a su cargo a los adolescentes y Bobby Alvarez dirigió a los menores. Aurelio y Aidita Estrada son los coordinadores de los Encuentros Familiares. Y como asesor espiritual está el Padre Florentino Azcoitia, S.J.

Cada grupo se reúne por separado hasta el final, cuando se unen todos para la despedida y la Misa.

El P. Florentino SJ, asesor de los Encuentros, dió comienzo con una Oración. Después Humberto Bustamante, quien dirigió este Encuentro con su señora, Elenita, saludó a los asistentes y empezó por presentar a los matrimonios reunidos las 3 preguntas tradicionales que motivan la reflexión: ¿Por qué vine al Encuentro? ¿Qué frutos espero sacar de él? ¿Cuál es el mejor medio de ayudarme?

Lo que más llama la atención es el interés de las parejas



Vista parcial del Encuentro durante una charla

mostrado en su profunda atención a los temas, preguntas y discusiones. Se hace palpable el deseo de todos de ganar algo para el mejoramiento familiar.

Los asistentes se separan de dos en dos para reflexionar sobre las preguntas y para discutir las por cinco minutos; más adelante durante el Encuentro las discutirán en la asamblea. De aquí se pasó a la sala de proyección donde se exhibió un corto cinematográfico de media hora, titulado "La Fábula", cuyo tema era la comunicación como fundamento de las relaciones humanas. El mensaje es de un alcance infinito que pudiéramos sintetizar diciendo que "el que por aislarse construye un castillo, éste acaba siendo su prisión."

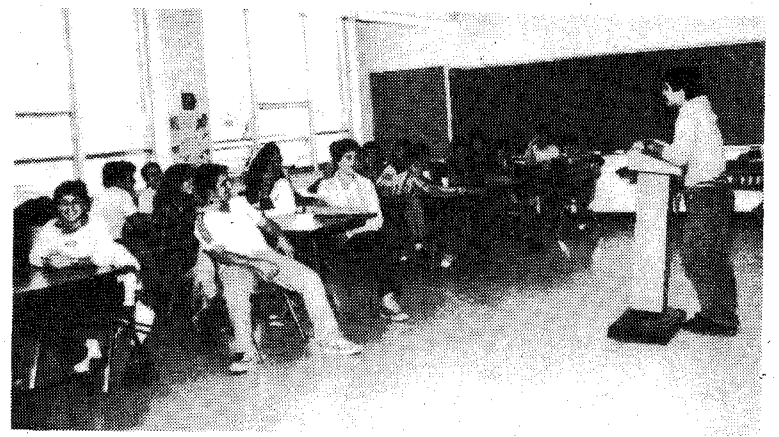
De regreso al salón de conferencias el P. Tino, como le llaman todos, incluyendo los niños, que se reúnen en otros salones, ofreció la primera charla que él mismo dijo podría titularse "Sobre la Iglesia". Expuso que hay muchos prejuicios sobre la Iglesia. Ca-

da uno tiene su opinión por que "en la Calle 8 hay muchos teólogos, está llena de ellos. Pero si se pregunta que es la Iglesia ninguno acierta a decir que es. Habrá quien diga que son los curas, otros que son las monjas y algunos dirán que es el lugar donde se dice Misa..."

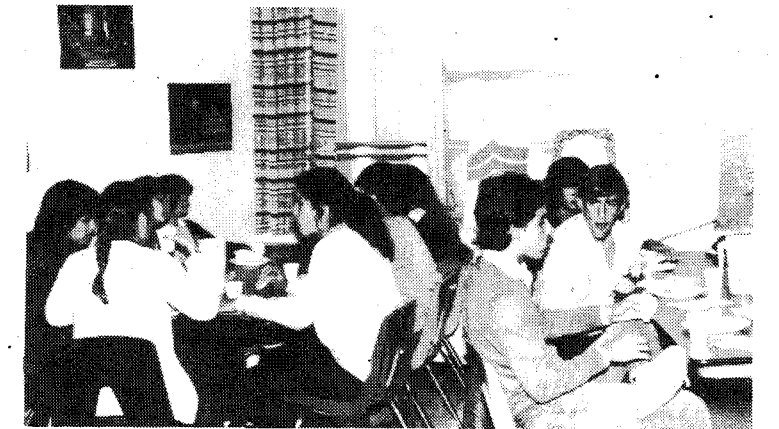
"Mañana tendremos un desfile para festejar el día de los Reyes Magos y la calle 8 se llenará de carrozas pero ¿es eso la Iglesia?"

Dijo el P. Azcoitia que en la mas simple teología explicaría que es la Iglesia...en la Biblia, ya el Antiguo Testamento nos habla de la Iglesia. Dios nos habla de ella, ya la está formando; y el Nuevo Testamento nos dice que Cristo su Hijo la edifica."

Toda la charla fue un himno a la presencia del hombre, genéricamente hablando, en la Iglesia. Todos y cada uno de los fieles son la Iglesia, unidos por la misma fe y el mismo amor a Dios. La Iglesia es la



BOBBY ALVAREZ dirigió el grupo de jóvenes de 11 a 14 años.



Grupo de Jóvenes de 15 a 20 años que hicieron el primer Encuentro Familiar de 1980 tomando su lunch.

gran Familia Cristiana y las familias, individualmente, son pequeñas Iglesias.

Hizo el P. Tino especial énfasis en el programa de Evangelización que, cuando él hablaba, estaba siendo inaugurado por S.E. Arzobispo McCarthy en la Santa Iglesia Catedral. Programa en el cual tiene un papel especial la familia. Primero evangelizándose a sí misma y después como evangelizadores de las otras fami-

lias.

Los beneficios que se derivan de los encuentros son muchos. No solo fortalecen los lazos familiares sino que muchos matrimonios y familias separadas, o al borde de la desintegración, se han reunido en bases más firmes y hoy, son pilares de estos Encuentros. La oración, aglutinante de todas las familias y de la Iglesia, debe ser también el tónico que nos mueva en este Año de la Familia y de Evangelización.

Bendice Arzobispo Nuevo Centro Mater

Centro Mater, paraíso de la juventud fundado hace doce años por la Hna. Margarita

Miranda ha sido ampliado y renovado con el laudable propósito de aumentar el servicio

que presta a la comunidad de la Pequeña Habana. Ahora además ofrecerá un Centro para el cuidado de niños de madres que trabajan. El pasado Día de Reyes, Fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor, fué bendecida la obra por el Excelentísimo Arzobispo de Miami, Edward McCarthy.

Retiro Espiritual de Federadas

Las Comunidades Federadas (Antiguos Miembros de las Juventudes de Acción Católica Cubana) llevarán a cabo una tanda de ejercicios espirituales bajo la dirección del R.P. Mario Vizcaino, Sch. P., en Dominican Retreat House (7275 S.W. 124th Street, Miami) durante el fin de semana del 15 al 17 de febrero próximo. El costo es de \$40 por persona. Por este medio se invita a todos los Antiguos Miembros de las Juventudes de Acción Católica Cubana a asistir a este retiro. Para reservaciones y cualquiera otra información, tengan la bondad de llamar a Leticia Alberiche, por las noches, al 858-3287.

Madre Teresa Premiada Otra Vez

OSLO, Noruega, —(NC)— Hace unos años, como resultado de la fuerte antipatía del pueblo por la forma en que se seleccionan los ganadores del Premio Nóbel, los Noruegos decidieron crear su propio "Premio del Pueblo Noruego por la Paz."

El dinero del Premio de los Noruegos viene de donaciones voluntarias y, según parece, se hacen después que el comité ha seleccionado al ganador. Es decir que si el ganador tiene las simpatías del pueblo es probable que las donaciones sean más cuantiosas.

Este año el Comité seleccionó también a Madre Teresa de Calcuta ganadora del Premio y las donaciones recibidas en los primeros días de Enero sumaban casi \$200,000 (unos 925,000 Kroners) según reportes de Oslo. Como todavía el ciclo de donaciones no se ha cerrado es muy posible que el Premio del Pueblo para Madre

Teresa exceda el recibido por ella con el Premio Nóbel de la Paz.

Comite Ad-Hoc

(Viene de la Pág. 1A)
de Phoenix, Ariz.; Juan A. Arzube, Auxiliar de Los Angeles, Cal; William S. Skylstad, de Yakima, Wash.; Paul B. Donovan, de Kalamazoo, Mich.; Peter A. Rosazza, de Hartford, Conn.; John J. Snyder, de St. Augustine, Fla.

También los Muy Reverendos Obispos Consultores del Comité: René H. Gracida, de Pensacola-Tallahassee; Roger Mahoney, de Fresno, Cal.; Raimundo J. Peña, Aux. de San Antonio, Txs.; Francisco Garmendia, Aux. de New York; Agustín Román, Aux. de Miami; Gilberto E. Chávez, Aux. de San Diego, Cal; Nicholas A. Walsh, de Seattle, Wash. y Manuel D. Moreno, Aux. de Los Angeles, Cal.

La Voz les extiende la más cálida bienvenida a los Señores Obispos visitantes.



Vista del recién ampliado edificio del Centro Mater que fué bendecido por El Arzobispo Edward McCarthy el pasado Domingo 6 de Enero, Fiesta de la Epifanía.

Rompe Record Apertura de ABCD

Más de 1500 personas se reunieron en el Banquete de apertura del ABCD, celebrado en el Omni International el pasado Lunes. Fué la concurrencia más numerosa que se ha servido en este Hotel.

Representantes de todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis, personal del ABCD, y miembros del clero convergieron en el enorme salón de banquetes para oír las palabras de gratitud y esperanza por el buen éxito de la campaña de este año, de un buen número de figuras de la arquidiócesis, incluyendo el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy, los Obispos Auxiliares John J. Nevins y Agustín Román, Mons. John O'Dowd, Coordinador de la Campaña, Fr. Neil J. Fleming, Sacerdote Coordinador, Dr. Moisés Hernández, Director de Servicios del Mercy Hospital y James Ward, ex-Alcalde de Plantation, quien actuó como Maestro de Ceremonias.

James y Edith Ward fueron elegidos por el Arzobispo para representar las Parroquias en el Año Internacional de la Familia. En su discurso, Ward elogió el trabajo desempeñado por los que laboraron en la Campaña del año pasado, quienes con sus esfuerzos lograron se sobrepasaran las metas propuestas para 1979.



El Obispo Auxiliar Agustín Román dirigiéndose a los asistentes en la inauguración de la Campaña ABCD de 1980 en el Hotel Omni. De izq. a der. en la Mesa Presidencial: Mns. John O'Dowd,

Obispo John J. Nevins, Padre Neil Fleming, Sr. y Sra. James Ward, Arzobispo McCarthy, Dr. y Sra. Moisés Hernández, Padre José P. Nickse y Mons. William McKeever.

El Obispo Agustín Román habló brevemente acerca de la historia de la Iglesia en Florida, haciendo notar que hace más de 300 años vino la Iglesia a hacer caridad y asistir en los derechos humanos aún en aquella época del comienzo.

El Arzobispo McCarthy

expuso la cantidad de proyectos y programas que se están llevando a cabo en la arquidiócesis, incluyendo tres hogares para ancianos, dos casas para convalecientes, dos escuelas superiores, además de la variada cantidad de agencias que ayudan en toda clases

de servicios humanos y sociales ya existentes. Fue interrumpido a menudo por los aplausos de la audiencia y expuso que la meta este año era de tres y medio millones, algo más que el año pasado, debido a la inflación y otros factores económicos, y que confiaba los

grupos parroquiales a quienes elogió cálidamente, lo harían aun mejor que el año pasado en el que lo hicieron muy bien.

Esta comida fue un tributo a más de 1,500 personas que hacen posible que la campaña ABCD sea un triunfo cada año.

Colocada Primera Piedra de St. Brendan



Los señores Obispos John Nevins y Agustín Román y el Pastor de St. Brendan, Mons. David Bushey abren la tierra para la colocación de la primera piedra del nuevo templo.

Con una hermosa ceremonia presidida por los Obispos Auxiliares Sus Excelencias John J. Nevins y Agustín Román se realizó la colocación de la primera piedra para la construcción de la nueva Iglesia de St. Brendan, que estará situada exactamente en la esquina de SW 87 Avenida y

Calle 32.

Una enorme multitud de fieles y amigos se reunió para el programa litúrgico que comenzó a las 3 de una muy bonita tarde. De la Rectoría salió la procesión de los obispos y sacerdotes hacia la Iglesia que estaba ya colmada de asis-

tentes, entre ellos los alumnos de la Escuela Parroquial, que también se verá beneficiada con esta construcción. Monseñor David Bushey, Pastor, dirigió la palabra a los fieles para agradecer su aporte y entusiasmo por esta nueva casa de oración comunitaria y presentar a los Señores Obispos. Monseñor Nevins inició las oraciones en Inglés y Monseñor Román lo hizo en Español. Luego la procesión partió hacia el lugar donde se levantará la nueva Iglesia y allí continuó la liturgia que fué bilingüe todo el tiempo. Los Sres. Obispos y los representantes de todos los grupos parroquiales echaron las primeras paletadas de tierra. Terminado el acto se ofreció un buffet a los asistentes cuyo número resultó difícil de calcular.

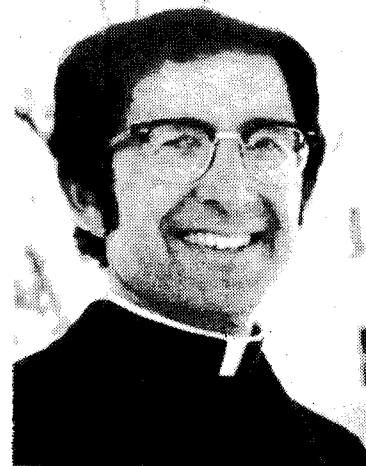
Entre los asistentes estaba Monseñor Thomas O'Donovan, primer pastor de St. Brendan y hoy Pastor de St. Gabriel en Pompano Beach, quien con Monseñor Bushey, también removió la tierra. Un gran número de sacerdotes asistió a la ceremonia así como un nutrido grupo de amigos de la Parroquia.

Comité Ad Hoc en Miami

Los Obispos que forman el Comité Ad Hoc para Asuntos Hispánicos, de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU., llegarán a Miami el día 21 de Enero con el fin de celebrar su reunión anual ordinaria, que tendrá lugar este año en el Seminario Mayor St. Vincent de Paul, Boynton Beach, durante los días del 22 al 24 de Enero.

El día 23 los Señores Obispos visitarán la oficina de la Pastoral Hispana del Sureste, en Miami, cuyo director es el Rdo. P. Mario Viscaíno, para conocer la problemática de la pastoral hispana de esta región. Después de la reunión, a las 7:30 p.m. los Obispos ofrecerán la Santa Misa para la comunidad y se invita a los fieles a asistir. Será en la Capilla del Seminario St. John Vianney, 87 Ave. SW y Calle 24. Terminada la Misa se ofrecerá una comida-buffet a todos los asistentes, durante la cual tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a los Obispos que trabajan en los asuntos Hispánicos en todos los Estados de la Unión.

Estos actos están siendo organizados por el equipo de la



S.E. Roberto Sanchez, Obispo de Sta. Fe.

Pastoral Hispana con la coordinación de la Oficina del Sureste de la Pastoral Hispana.

Los Muy reverendos Arzobispos y Obispos del Comité Ad Hoc son: Roberto F. Sánchez, de Santa Fé, N.M., President del Comité; Patricio Flores, de San Antonio, Tx.; Edward McCarthy, de Miami; Thomas A. Donellan, de Atlanta, Ga.; James S. Rausch,

(Pasa a la Pág. 4A)

Carta del Arzobispo

Muy amados mños en Cristo Jesús, Nuestro Señor:

El mes pasado anunciamos el comienzo de un gran esfuerzo Arquidiocesano de crecimiento espiritual a través de Evangelización. Por el proceso de escuchar y dialogar nos hemos puesto más al tanto, no sólo de las necesidades religiosas de nuestro pueblo sino también de sus maravillosas dotes espirituales tanto como de sus aspiraciones. Nosotros vamos hacia adelante con gran confianza en ustedes.

Mucho de lo que oímos se ha centrado alrededor de la Familia. El estado de la Iglesia se refleja en el estado de la familia. La familia es la llave para la evangelización. Por esta razón, proponemos inaugurar nuestro programa de evangelización uniendo todos los esfuerzos para afirmar, enriquecer y renovar las familias de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Esto, apropiadamente, ocurrirá durante 1980, el Año de la Familia.

Comencemos con esta plegaria:

"Ven Señor Jesús, Salvador y Dios Nuestro, ven a nosotros donde más nos concierne, somos más amados, atendidos y donde se nos hiere más profundamente — ven a nuestras familias.

Ven Señor Jesús, sánanos, enséñanos, ayúdanos, danos la experiencia de Tu amor para amarnos unos a otros.

Ven Señor Jesús, inspíranos a celebrar la familia como un regalo Tuyo.

Ven Señor Jesús, habita con nosotros especialmente en el Año de la Familia."

Yo quisiera expresar mi estimación y la de nuestros sacerdotes por las familias de nuestras parroquias. Los aplaudo amorosamente por su participación en nuestra vida de Fe juntos.

El Concilio Vaticano II (Constitución Pastoral Sobre La Iglesia en el Mundo Moderno) nos recuerda que, "El bienestar del individuo y de la sociedad humana y Cristiana está íntimamente unido a la saludable condición de esa comunidad, producida por el matrimonio y la familia." La familia es claramente la institución básica que garantiza la estabilidad y el carácter humano de nuestra sociedad.

Yo, junto a sus Pastores, aclamo la bondad de nuestros hogares Cristianos y los estimulamos a celebrar y dar gracias a Dios por esa bendición. Quizá estemos demasiado inclinados a vivir con nuestras debilidades en lugar de con nuestras virtudes. El Papa Pablo VI dice en su exhortación apostólica sobre Evangelización: "La familia tiene bien merecido el bellissimo nombre de 'iglesia doméstica'." "Esto significa," dice él, "que en cada familia Cristiana se hallan presentes los muchos aspectos de toda la Iglesia... la familia, igual que la Iglesia, es un lugar donde se trasmite el Evangelio y de donde irradia el Evangelio."

La familia es la primera escuela de virtudes, la comunidad en la que experimentamos la Fe, la oración y el sentido del amor. En la familia es donde primero aprendemos a relacionarnos con los demás, la comprensión paciente, la fidelidad y la generosidad en nuestro trato con el dolor y la pena. El hogar es la puerta abierta a la vida, el comienzo de todas las otras comunidades, la fragua donde se funde la fuerza para transformar el mundo en una comunidad de hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Por encima de todo, el hogar es el lugar desde donde fluye la gracia del Señor.


Amados, yo veo cuatro ingredientes como los esenciales para nuestras "iglesias domésticas" — nuestras familias:

1) Un Sentido de Comunidad, 2) Fe, 3) Oración y 4) Amor. Estas son las cuatro piedras angulares que mantendrán nuestras familias intactas y protegidas contra los embates violentos de una sociedad que muy a menudo es ajena a nuestro modo de vida Cristiano y es destructora de la tranquilidad de la familia.

Concluyendo esta primera carta de nuestro amor, una de las cinco que intento compartir con ustedes durante 1980, les ruego hagan tiempo como familia, para examinar nuestras vidas dentro del contexto del Evangelio. Redescubran cuan preciosos son unos para otros los miembros de la familia. Apresen la visión de las grandes esperanzas que el Señor tiene por Sus familias, de su maravilloso potencial para "alumbrar vidas". Miren inquisitivos dentro de sus casas y vean sus fortalezas y debilidades como una familia Cristiana. Yo los animaría, a desarrollar la práctica de dedicar una noche a la semana para quedarse todos en casa y experimentar una Noche de Familia juntos. Crezcan en conocerse, amarse, apreciarse, regocijarse, aprendiendo, apoyarse, y soportarse unos a otros. Celebren la bondad que tienen y tráigansela a sus vecinos y a su familia parroquial. Ustedes no son unas familias corrientes. Son familias del Reino, llamados a ser luces en lo alto de la montaña, la levadura por la cual crece toda la masa.

Con admiración y afecto, soy,

Devotamente suyos en Cristo


Edward A. McCarthy
Arzobispo de Miami

Jesús: el Gran Regalo de la Vida

Por P. Dan Kubala

En el principio existía El Verbo y El Verbo estaba junto a Dios y El Verbo era Dios. El Verbo estaba en el principio junto a Dios. Todo se hizo por El y sin El no existe nada de lo que se ha hecho. En El Había vida y esa vida era luz para los hombres. La luz brilla en medio de las tinieblas, pero no por eso las tinieblas hacen presa de la luz. (Juan 1: 1-5).

El pasaje del evangelio mencionado es muy familiar para todos nosotros. Yo encuentro muy bien que la Iglesia proclame este evangelio el Día de Noche Buena y de nuevo el 31 de Diciembre. Es exactamente en Noche Buena que nosotros realizamos el gran regalo de la Vida que Dios nos mandó al mundo Jesús. Y de nuevo nosotros recordamos y experimentamos el fin de la era de la vida.

Nosotros no podemos hablar de la vida sin saber su propósito y descubrir su principio. El hablar de las revelaciones que Dios nos da en las Escrituras, es hablar de la vida de Dios. Sin lugar a dudas en profundo respeto por el nombre de Dios, Israel simplemente usaría la palabra "vida" para comunicarnos que tengamos fe. Sería incontable el número de veces que se usa la palabra Vida en la Escritura, todavía es más significativa la simplicidad con que el mensaje de Jesús podría decirse en estas palabras: "Yo, al contrario, vine para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia." (Juan 10: 10)

Un cristiano no puede entender la vida sin Dios. Nuestra fe es una respuesta total de la revelación de la vida de Dios a través de Cristo, quien nos invita a tener una vida más llena. Todavía la vida es un regalo de Dios.

El desarrollo de la vida y la identidad personal se alcanza en varias comunidades, especialmente en la familia.

La fe nos recuerda el valor de la vida de cada ser humano y que Cristo es la fuente de la vida. Cada vez que la vida de un nuevo ser humano comienza, Dios se está revelando así mismo y todo el drama de la recreación y redención se repite. Los científicos nos hablan del desarrollo humano, pero la fe nos dice que la vida es un tesoro y que en ella se revela Dios mismo. Con fe, nosotros llegaremos a apreciar este regalo tan grande que Dios nos da.

La Declaración de Independencia declara que entre los derechos que nos han sido dados por nuestro Creador, el derecho fundamental es el de la vida misma. Ciertamente, esto refleja la creencia de

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Arquidiócesis de Miami

La Cancillería anuncia que el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy ha hecho el siguiente nombramiento:

El Rdo. P. José P. Nickse, Administrador de La Parroquia Cristo Rey, Miami, efectivo desde Enero 8 de 1980.

nuestro Padres Fundadores, que la vida es un regalo del Creador y en las palabras de Thomas Jefferson, repetidas nuevamente por el Papa Juan Pablo II, durante su visita a los E.E.U.U., se afirma bien este derecho: "El cuidado y la felicidad de la vida y no su destrucción, es el objeto legítimo de un buen gobierno."

Vida... Dios... Fe... Celebración... Estas palabras no son independientes unas de otras. El significado de cada una de ellas lo encontramos en como cada una hace que comprendamos más la otra. La celebración de la vida nos motiva a proteger, sostener y enlazar cada etapa y circunstancia. Las fuerzas que dañan y destruyen la vida

están alrededor de nosotros: violencia, terrorismo, guerra, aborto, eutanasia. Las cosas que hacen que la vida disminuya también las encontramos alrededor nuestro como: pobreza, enfermedad, ignorancia y alienación.

Nosotros sabemos que Dios está revelado en todos nosotros a través de la Vida y que la disminución del respeto de vida es perder la presencia de Dios.

Poner en peligro la vida de alguien, o el no reconocerla en los que no han nacido, o en los ancianos, los enfermos, o en las desaventurados, es dejar de creer totalmente lo que Dios nos ha revelado y Jesús nos lo ha dicho.

Programa más Antiguo en TV

GUATEMALA — La Iglesia en su Hogar, un programa Católico de charlas informales, cumplió recientemente 20 años de labor ininterrumpida convirtiéndose así en el programa religioso más antiguo de la televisión centroamericana.

Fernando J. García, un sacerdote jesuita español, ha salido al aire 1,430 veces siempre con un mensaje fresco, princi-

palmente para la juventud.

García, dedicado a la enseñanza y a las comunicaciones, tiene como meta darle un "sentido moral y cristiano a todos los actos de la vida" a través de sus transmisiones semanales y sus clases en varios centros docentes de esta capital.

Sus libros y discos tienden a buscar la comunicación y las buenas relaciones entre todos.

Consejo Hispano de K of C en Hialeah



La presente foto muestra una parte del grupo de Caballeros de Colón que fundaron el Consejo No. 7420 "Padre Félix Varela en la Iglesia Parroquial de San Benito en Hialeah. En el centro de la foto aparece el Rdo. P. José L. Hernando, Pastor y Capellán del Consejo y Frank Echeverría, Diputado de Distrito y Oscar A. Lay, Gran Caballero. Felicidades.

NACION

HARRISBURG, Pa. — (NC) — Sor Dolores Wilson, del Apostolado Nacional para los Inválidos, dijo a un seminario sobre el tema que los párrocos deben comprender la necesidad que tienen los retrasados mentales, niños o adultos, de la religión y los sacramentos, pues pese a su deficiencia, tienen muchos dones del Espíritu Santo y son parte de la Iglesia. Además, agregó la religiosa, nos enseñan la lección de la vulnerabilidad humana, como lo hacen también los ancianos, los ciegos y los sordomudos.

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Mons. Thomas C. Kelly, secretario de la US Catholic Conference, declaró que la rebaja en los programas estatales de vivienda económica en 1980 perjudica a los más necesitados. La oficina del presupuesto del gobierno propone fondos para 185,000 unidades, cuando el año anterior se financió a 517,000. El obispo quiere que se financie a 400,000 unidades, pues "en lugar de disminuir, aumenta considerablemente la necesidad de vivienda en el país."

Arzobispo Inaugura Programa de Evangelización

Mis queridos fieles:

Me uno a ustedes en esta ceremonia de promesa y compromiso y confiadamente pido a cada uno de ustedes se unan a mí, su Obispo, a sus Obispos auxiliares, a los Sacerdotes, Diáconos, Religiosos y demás fieles, al dedicarnos de nuevo a intensificar nuestra vida católica, a proclamar y a compartir nuestra fe católica y sus bendiciones con nuestros semejantes.

Confiado en su fervor y en su pleno respaldo, hará ahora lo que mi espíritu y conciencia dicta que debo hacer como obispo para animarles a que en este momento en que nuestra vida religiosa se encuentra en crisis, construyamos sobre la base sólida del pasado y sigamos adelante, con la gracia de Dios y la intercesión de María, fomentando la fortaleza y el crecimiento espiritual de nuestra arquidiócesis y de la comunidad a la que servimos.

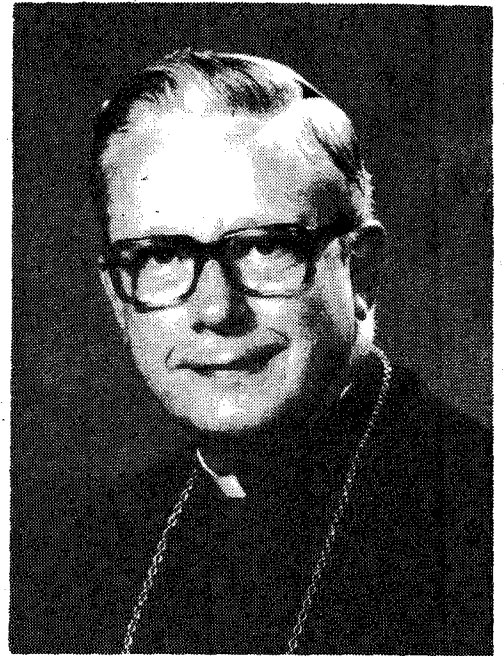
Les pido que tengan en mente que nuestro Programa de Evangelización se compone de dos partes. Primero, renovación, y segundo, reconciliación.

Trataremos de renovar nuestras vidas católicas y la sociedad en que vivimos, por medio de un programa de largo alcance de evaluación devota de todas las fases de nuestra vida católica, — la familia, la parroquia, nuestra vida personal, las escuelas, los movimientos y organizaciones, los vecindarios y la comunidad en general. Analizaremos

nuestro comportamiento actual, nuestras costumbres, y nos preguntaremos como se comparan a lo que Jesús espera de nosotros. Será un análisis metódico. Le daremos gracias a Dios por todo lo bueno que encontramos y, cuando encontremos algo que necesita arreglo, trataremos de hacerlo lo mejor posible. En cierto modo, podemos decir que será como un examen de conciencia hecho por la arquidiócesis entera, un retiro, un periodo de renovación que durará cinco años.

La segunda parte básica de nuestro programa de evangelización será de reconciliación. Esto quiere decir que haremos todo lo posible por invitar a aquellos miembros de la Iglesia que son indiferentes o que se han distanciado a que regresen al hogar y tomen parte activamente en su fe. Les daremos una cálida bienvenida y trataremos, cuando sea posible, de eliminar cualquier obstáculo que impida esa reunión. Al igual, trataremos de acercarnos a aquellos que no tienen religión ninguna y compartir con ellos las bendiciones que son nuestras por ser miembros de la Iglesia.

Juntos, mis queridos amigos, presentémosnos ante Nuestro Señor como lo haremos cuando vayamos ante El en la eternidad. Hagamos la promesa que contestaremos a su llamado, a las oportunidades que nos presenta el Espíritu y, con la ayuda de María Inmaculada, la primera portadora del Verbo, que por El, con El y en El, toda gloria será de Dios Omnipotente, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



Año de la Familia en Miami y en la Nación

¿Qué es el Año de la Familia?

El año 1980 ha sido dedicado por nuestra Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos a la celebración de los valores de la vida familiar, y además a la revitalización de la vida familiar dentro de nuestra iglesia y en la sociedad en general. El año de la Familia fué planeado por los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos de acuerdo al Plan Pastoral de Acción para Ministerio Familiar. Dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis en Miami, el área primordial en el plan de evangelización, es la familia. La Vida Familiar es el lugar más apropiado para comenzar nuestros esfuerzos en evangelizar. En los próximos años otras áreas tendrán el mismo énfasis.

¿Es este programa solamente por un año?

El año de la familia comienza y es planeado para los 80's — según los Obispos Americanos. Es una década para estudiar, investigar y planear durante la cual se desarrollarán ministerios familiares realísticos y duraderos. Durante esta década de la familia, los recursos de la iglesia deben usarse para el enriquecimiento de la vida familiar y al mismo tiempo dirigirse directamente a la opresión que existe en las familias hoy en día. La Arquidiócesis de Miami continuará formando y guiando las familias en los próximos años y a su vez haciendo énfasis en otras áreas de evangelización que serán comenzadas.

Exactamente ¿Cuál es el Plan de Acción Pastoral para el Ministerio de la Familia?

El Plan de Acción Pastoral para el Ministerio de la Familia es endorsed por los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos que se reunieron en Mayo de 1978 es un vehículo en que los esfuerzos de la Iglesia pueden hacerse efectivos en ayudar a las familias hoy en día a reconocer su misión y al mismo tiempo comprender la potencia dentro de la Iglesia en la sociedad. Títulado "Una Visión y Estrategia", el Plan presenta los dos, la Visión del ministerio en la familia, y la estrategia en llevarla a efecto.

El Plan reconoce la familia como la primera comunidad que afirma, soporta y provee interés y reconciliación, que todos necesitamos para crecer y desarrollar como Cristianos y seres humanos. Es de notar que el sobrevivimiento de la familia no debemos de aceptarlo como si nada, que los recursos de la Iglesia deben estar a la mano para el enriquecimiento y asistencia de familias en todas partes.

CALENDARIO GENERAL PARA EL AÑO DE LA FAMILIA

1979

Diciembre 1ro. Suministrar a los párrocos la primera Carta Pastoral de la Familia, (para ser usada oficialmente el domingo de la Sagrada Familia)

Diciembre 1ro. a

Febrero 15, 1980 Comenzar a establecer un planeamiento pastoral en las parroquias para el ministerio familiar. Este plan al ser completado, debe reflejar no solamente las necesidades particulares de algunas parroquias, sino la manera de enfocar dichas necesidades en el ministerio pastoral. Para poder determinar dichas necesidades se podrá conducir un programa de "escuchar" (Coordinadores de Vida Familiar deben ser nombrados para Febrero)

Domingo de la Sagrada Familia. - El 30 de Diciembre ha sido designado por los Obispos de la Florida el Domingo de los Niños, además de ser el Día de la Sagrada Familia. En la carta Pastoral

de la Familia nuestro Arzobispo nos pide que hagamos un gran énfasis en las "Noches de la Familia" y especialmente en el regalo que son nuestros hijos. Liturgias especiales y programas serán planeados.

1980

Enero - Comenzar nuestro Año de la Familia - Noches para la Familia - En el enlazamiento de la evangelización dentro de la familia.

Enero y Febrero - Responder a la parroquia si hemos "escuchado".

Febrero Carta Pastoral en relación a familias adoloridas; especialmente divorciados y separados católicos. Esto estará vinculado con la evangelización de los afligidos. Planear Liturgias y programas.

Marzo 8 Conferencia Arquidiocesana para Divorciados y Separados Católicos.

Marzo, Abril De acuerdo a los resultados en la parroquia, anuncie un plan de acción para ministerio familiar en la parroquia.

Abril 15 Se anunciará en toda la Arquidiócesis que las guías pastorales para preparación matrimonial tendrán efecto el 1ro. de Septiembre de 1980.

Preparación de Ministros

La próxima sesión para candidatos al Ministerio de la Eucaristía está fechada para el día 19 de Enero, Sábado del corriente año y tendrá lugar en la Iglesia de St. Ann, 407-439 Ninth Ave., South en Naples. Comenzando a las 10:00 a.m. y terminando a las 3:00 p.m.

La registración son \$3 que incluye el almuerzo.

Los Pastores que deseen mandar algunos candidatos para el entrenamiento deben someter el nombre de los candidatos junto al pedido de reservación y el cheque de registración en carta dirigida a Office of Workshop and Spirit-

tual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33138. Los cheques deben ser a nombre de Office of Workshop and Spiritual Life.

Los que desean participar de este ministerio deben saber que tienen que ser recomendados por su Pastor y ningún candidato será instalado como Ministro a menos que haya completado el día de entrenamiento que se requiere. Para alguna información adicional pueden llamar al teléfono 757-6241, Ext. 241 o 242 de la Oficina de Vida Espiritual.



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CIUDAD DE L VATICANO—(NC)—Pese a problemas financieros, el Vaticano aumentó los salarios de sus 3,000 empleados y las pensiones de 1,000 ex empleados, quienes además reciben descuentos en gasolina, alimentos y licores, y subsidios familiares. Es el primer aumento en diez años, y va desde un 25 a casi un 50 por ciento. Los promedios según categorías son de \$500 a \$1,000 mensuales, sumas similares a las que prevalecen en Italia.

CIUDAD DE PANAMA—(NC)—El Consejo Presbiterial de la arquidiócesis condenó "la represión brutal" del gobierno contra los estudiantes que protestaron contra la presencia en Panamá del depuesto Sha de Irán. También reprueban la campaña de la prensa por deformar la verdad en contra de la Iglesia porque defiende los derechos humanos. Denunció el arresto y tortura de dos líderes comunales, Alberto Quirós Guardia y Manuel Antonio Bernal, y la expulsión sumaria del fotógrafo de prensa chileno Carlos Reyes Manzo, quien trabajaba para la oficina diocesana de información.

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The Voice

Family Year Supplement

January 11, 1979

Love Letter No. 1

My dearly beloved in Christ Jesus, Our Lord:

Last month we announced the beginning of a great Archdiocesan effort of spiritual growth through Evangelization. By a process of listening and dialogue, we have become more aware not only of the religious needs of our people but of their marvelous spiritual gifts and commitments as well. We will move ahead with deep confidence in you.

Much of our listening has centered around the family. The state of the Church is reflected in the state of the family. The family is the key to evangelization. For this reason, we propose to inaugurate our evangelization program by united efforts to affirm, enrich and renew the families of our Archdiocese. This appropriately will occur during 1980, the Year of the Family.

Let us begin with this prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, our Saviour, our God, come to us where we are touched, loved, cared for and hurt most deeply — come to our families.

Come Lord Jesus, heal us, teach us, help us, give us the experience of Your love as we love one another.

Come Lord Jesus, inspire us to celebrate the family as a gift from You.

Come Lord Jesus, abide with us especially in the Year of the Family."

I should like to express my esteem and that of our priests for the families of our parishes. We lovingly applaud them for their role in our lives of Faith together.

The Second Vatican Council (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) reminds us, "The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family." The family is clearly the basic institution that guarantees both the stability and the humane character of our society.

I, along with your Pastors, acclaim the goodness of our Christian homes, and we encourage you to celebrate and thank God for that blessing. We are perhaps too inclined to dwell on our weaknesses rather than our strengths. Pope Paul VI says in his apostolic exhortation on Evangelization, "The family has well deserved the most beautiful name of 'domestic church.'" "This means," he says, "in every Christian family the various aspects of the entire Church are to be found...The family, like the Church, is to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates."

The family is the first school of virtue, the community in which we experience Faith, prayer and the meaning of love. In the family we first learn how to relate to others, we learn tenderness, joyfulness, self-mastery, patient understanding, fidelity and generosity in dealing with hurt and sorrow. The home is the open door to life, the beginning of all other communities, the forge in which is developed the strength to transform the world into a community of brothers and sisters



in Christ. Above all, the Christian home is the place where the Lord's grace is poured forth.

Beloved, I see four ingredients as essential to our "domestic churches" — our families: 1) A sense of Community, 2) Faith, 3) Prayer, and 4) Love. These are the four cornerstones that will keep our families intact and protect them against the violent waves of a society that is often alien to our Christian way of life and destructive of family tranquility.

As I conclude this first love letter, one of the five I intend to share with you during 1980, I beg you to take time as a family to examine your lives within the context of the Gospel. Rediscover how precious family members are to each other. Catch the vision of the great expectations the Lord has for His families, of their marvelous potential for "lighting up lives." Look hard within your households and see your strengths and weaknesses as a Christian family. I would encourage you to develop the practice of setting one night a week aside to stay at home and experience a Family Night together. Grow in knowing, loving, appreciating, enjoying, learning from, supporting and bearing with each other. Celebrate the goodness that is yours and then bring it to your neighbors and to your parish family. You are not ordinary families. You are families of the Kingdom, called to be lights on the mountaintop, the yeast by which the whole mass is leavened.

With admiration and affection, I am

Devotedly Yours in Christ.

Edward A. M. Cahill
Archbishop of Miami

Many Views of Family to be Confronted

By **STEPHENIE OVERMAN**
NC News Service

Will state family life conventions reflect opinions of single-issue coalitions or more broadly based viewpoints? Just what are grassroots views on the family—traditional families, homosexual families, single-parent families, dual-career families?

With only two state meetings held by the beginning of December no answers have been established yet, but White House Conference on Families spokesmen said they are optimistic that when state delegates convene at the National conventions in 1980 they will represent a broad spectrum of American beliefs.

SOUTH DAKOTA and Virginia are the two states which have held family life conventions and other states have had preliminary meetings.

The Virginia delegation has been labeled a "pro-family coalition" of anti-abortion and feminists.

White House Conference on Families officials called South Dakota's meeting more representative and added that they didn't necessarily foresee coalitions dominating future meetings.

John Carr, executive director of the White House Conference, said Virginia was not typical but that "there'll always be some people with special issues."

A **CONFERENCE** spokesmen, Becky Gables, said, "The possibility of a single-issue coalition is always there, but we've always stressed as much outreach as possible. We want the planning committee and delegate selections to be as representative as possible."

Most states plan meetings for late February or early March, with Oklahoma's Dec. 12.

The state meetings must be held by the end of March to send delegates and a list of issues to the national conferences in Baltimore, Minneapolis and Los Angeles in June and July. Regional hearings began in September and continue through January.

At the Virginia meeting Nov. 14, 22 of 24 representatives elected were from what the Washington Post called a "pro-family coalition" and the Post said members of the coalition predicted similar efforts to capture future state conferences. Twelve more delegates will be appointed by Virginia's Gov. John N. Dalton.

"I DON'T KNOW what they mean by a 'pro-family coalition,'" Dorothy Furey, program assistant for the Arlington, Va., diocesan

Family Life Bureau, said. "I felt we were the grassroots people."

Mrs. Furey, who represented the Family Life Bureau at the convention, agreed that 22 delegates were pro-family.

She said she was uncertain what interpretation of family the Virginia task force used, but her definition of a good family "is God's interpretation. His idea was a man and a woman and he told them to multiply, to have children. I can't believe there is anything better."

"Family" has come to be defined by some as any group living together and homosexual organizations have sought to change the traditional view of the nuclear family of one husband, one wife and children. These other definitions "are open to question in my mind," Mrs. Furey said.

IN **SOUTH DAKOTA** Nov. 15-16 "to my knowledge there was no special-interest group, it was a cross section of South Dakota, which is a very rural area," said Helen Yantes, who attended from Rapid City.

"Two issues predominated," according to Jean Smith, a state-level delegate from Rapid City. "One was the concern for the moral condition of the country and the family and the second was government encroachment and control of the family."

"Person after person said 'I believe in the nuclear family and I believe we have to be again a nation under God.' I was glad to see the thrust of the conference," she said.

However it was not an organized effort, Mrs. Smith said. "It blossomed into a pro-family, for God-and-country kind of thing."

HER HUSBAND, Gaston Smith, also a delegate to the South Dakota convention, said he was told by Jim Guy

Tucker, chairman of the White House Conference on Families, that people around the country are concerned about government involvement.

"He said the government is already involved in the family, that you can't undo a lot of that," Smith said. Smith added that many delegates had called the convention a waste of taxpayer's money.

They were concerned about the fairness of the proceedings and both the Smiths and Mrs. Furey of Virginia expressed concern that there was insufficient time to deal with the many issues related to family life.

The state conventions are only part of the White House Conference on Families. Regional hearings, the three national-level conventions and conventions and studies sponsored by other national organizations are also being held.

THE NATIONAL Conference of Catholic Bishops, for example, has designated 1980 as the Year of the Family and the 1980s as the Decade of the Family. A National Conference on Family Ministry and Family Education was sponsored by the U.S. Catholic Conference in October.

The Catholic Committee for the White House Conference on Families has been formed to support and encourage the participation of Catholic House Conference process and debate on family life" and "to help make it possible that the White House Conference hears from Catholic families in the conference, "to bring Catholic values to the White House Conference process and debate on family life" and "to help make it possible that the White House Conference hears from Catholic families with regard to their strengths and resources, their concerns and problems."



Many of today's "families" do not fit the traditional mold as exemplified by the Holy Family.

Letter To The Kids

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (NC) — "I have some skis and I plan to try them out..." the letter said. It wasn't a letter to Santa, thanking him for Christmas gifts. It was a pastoral message from Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield.

BISHOP Maguire's letter, read in parishes in the Springfield Diocese Dec. 28 and Dec. 29, was addressed "Dear boys and girls." The Bishop explained that he had singled them out because of the feast of the Holy Family which was celebrated that weekend.

HE HAD a request for them, concerning his new skis. "If you see me on the slopes, please don't come too close to me or ski by me too fast because I may be a bit shaky and wobbly."

THE BISHOP also asked the children to make a New Year's resolution to pray daily for their families and to "make a big sacrifice" by avoiding arguments at the dinner table each evening because 1980 is the Year of the Family.

IN CLOSING Bishop Maguire made a "most important point"—"I want all of you to know how happy I am to belong to your family."



Families in the Archdiocese of Miami must undergo real changes or programs, in themselves, won't matter.

Real Change Needed in Family

By TERRY REILLY

On Holy Family Sunday, we began the celebration of Family Year 1980 and the decade of the Family, the 1980's.

How can we celebrate all decade long, much less all year long. We probably are still recovering from celebrating one night long on New Year's eve!

Actually the dictionary tells us that celebrate not only means to celebrate or commemorate something with festivities and ceremonies but also make known publicly or to proclaim something.

Archbishop McCarthy has indeed proclaimed 1980 as our Archdiocesan Year of the Family as have all the other dioceses in the United States. The entire Catholic Community in America is looking to the Decade of the Family as an opportunity for research and renewal of Family Life. The World Synod of Bishops meet every five years and they will be meeting this year and addressing the subject of Marriage and Family Life.

THE FACT of the matter is all these Worldwide, National, Archdiocesan and Parish "celebrations", don't amount to a hill of beans unless something happens to families and the persons within families. I believe that all this truly is useless unless there is a real renewal or change for the better in family life not in general but

in a family unit — Your family, my family, the family of the rectory and convent in the parish, the family of senior citizens in retirement homes, the family of single parents and so on.

That's where Family Life is to be celebrated. As Christians we have an opportunity to proclaim our own goodness. This time is our special opportunity, maybe even an excuse, to look at our family and the families around us in our Catholic community. We'll hopefully be able to see the special charism we have been gifted with not only as a community of faith, but also as a family of the Lord in our own home. The use of the term "domestic church" by Pope Paul VI can be brought more to life in this next year and decade. It's first and foremost a chance to look upon ourselves and our own family members, spouse, child, parent, brother and sister and seek out the goodness in them and accept some of the things that maybe aren't so good.

There's a number of ways we can begin to do this and each of the ways require a precious commodity — TIME.

We need time to celebrate our family in our own home. Many families just never get around to taking time for themselves — with everyone going in different directions. They have so many other priorities that often the family takes the last priority. When the family in this

situation does come together, it's quite by accident, and even then they don't know what to do.

WE'D SUGGEST that you schedule family time together, possibly on a Sunday afternoon or at least one night during the week. Call it your Family Night or your Family Day. Don't let anything take priority over it. The Voice will be providing you with weekly ideas on how to spend this time together but don't be bound by it; feel free to be spontaneous. If it's a nice evening, go to the beach or to the movies or window shopping. Your time together. If you are uncomfortable with spontaneous prayer, remember that the Lord gave us the Our Father. The Rosary is an excellent prayer for families as well.

The most important thing is that you're together in a positive way, maybe talking and sharing about the family of the past, or about your future plans. Maybe you'll be involved in some type of learning experience together.

We've been having a Family Night for six years and it's been an essential part of our weekly routine. Monday Nights for us has been set aside and no one schedules anything else. It's our time to "be" a family. I'll guarantee that it's not all a bed of roses but more often than not, real growth occurs not only in the relationship with family members, but also personally. We rotate

the leadership of Family Night between the children and special patience is sometimes needed when the little ones are leaders. We know of dozens of families who are taking a Family Night together and are not only delighted with it but also grateful. Some wonder why they hadn't thought of it sooner!

ANOTHER WAY of spending time together is at mealtime. An ideal is to have one meal together a day; but if that seems unreasonable then try to shoot for 4 meals a week. There are a couple of guidelines to follow: 1) Don't watch television and share a meal at the same time. Let one another be the center of attention. Unfortunately, we know of families who are so tied to the T.V. that they watch it while eating on T.V. trays, so as to not miss anything. They really are missing a great deal themselves. 2) If no subject is being discussed, think of a sharing question like — "If you had to mention the best thing that happened to you today what would it be?" 3) Eat slowly and enjoy each others company.

There are lots of ways of spending time together and these are only a few. If you have Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles in the area, invite them to share in either family time or mealtime. Good family friends and the friends of the children could also be invited to join on occasion.

Just because children are gone from the household don't think you are no longer a family. Again plan special time with one another or good friends and as always pray together.

Your parish is planning lots of special activities for families during this next year. Be sure to keep abreast of them and participate. If you are unaware of those activities please call your rectory and ask about them. Many parishes are beginning to have monthly "parish" Family Nights. Others are having Family picnics for all the members of the parish for no reason other than spending time together. Many parishes are beginning Family Masses.

AS YOU CAN see there are all sorts of opportunities to take advantage of. What really is critical though, is that knowledge of the special love that God has for each of our little "churches" of the home. That love is there, it always has been and always will be — for us to recognize and celebrate. It's like the gulfstream that runs by the eastern part of our Archdiocese, we cannot see it, but we know it's there. We cannot feel the change unless we are in it, we know that it's always moving and changing, yet ever constant.

Do take time together and look again at the rare gift that the Lord gives us in one another.

Happy New Year!



Evangelization, the Parish, the Family

By MIMIREILLY

Back in 1978, at the spring meeting of the United States Bishops, the Pastoral Plan for Family Ministry was approved. Within the plan "1980" was designated as FAMILY YEAR. At that same meeting two other priorities were listed as well; they were Evangelization and Parish Renewal. Within our Archdiocese, the family year is the first phase of a five year Evangelization thrust by Archbishop McCarthy.

THESE THREE priorities, Family Ministry, Evangelization, and Parish Renewal gives me the craziest ideas. Why not water? Water brings life itself, and the Scriptures are full of symbolism concerning it. Water is liquid but water too can be steam or water can be ice. Yet all are water.

So it is with Evangelization, Parish Renewal and Family Ministry. To me Evangelization is like the thick, thick ice so solid, one easily walks on water. Miracles are expected by the evangelizer. To be evangelized is to be made solid in one's faith, hard as the thick ice of the northern

shores of say Alaska or Antarctica. Ice that thick is simply impossible to crush or break up. When one has become evangelized one is covered in white like the snow that covers ice. It is soft, gentle, still and radiantly beautiful.

For those of us that visit the north in winter the bite of cold can shake us inside and out but there is a great beauty and majesty about ice and snow. We all stand in awe and a good bit in fear of its power. Faith is the inner core of Evangelization, and once it's corner stone is layed, it's like the water that has become hard, hard ice. So thick, so hard, nothing can destroy it.

PARISH RENEWAL is quite another thing. One can't grab it like the hunk of ice that Evangelization was compared to. Parish Renewal too is water, but it is hot, so hot it floats away and can't be contained or held on too. That can be terribly frustrating. What is parish renewal? It's not programs, not numerous baptisms, nor marriages, or communions. It simply is not so easy. One sees it like the steam water off a boiling tea kettle but it just can't be contained. Parish Renewal happens when Evangelization

has taken its solid hold upon its people. Steam by its very nature is water that must move upward, must reach outward. It simply can't be contained or it will explode.

Parish Renewal is the same way. It by its nature must be given space to create, to experience, to expand, to develop and to energize. How often do leaders try to contain and hold the force parish renewal can be. How sad when one finds a parish that become luke warm because its leaders were fearful of too much hot "water". Fear is a great crippler in any form of renewal.

The third form of water is liquid and that fits family ministry to a tee. Especially here in South Florida we have so much of it we don't know where to put it all. You'll be hearing a lot about family this year in the parishes and in the media. Scientists feel all life in its many varied forms originated in water. Man himself or herself, the crown of God's creation, is made up of 97 percent liquid. What a mystery!

The family is the center of life itself. People are born into families and people die in families and what happens in between is what the stuff of

life is all about.

1980 has been set aside to celebrate Family and what we're all about. Yes, it's to celebrate the hustle, the bustle, the laughter, the tears, the fights, the quiet moments, the prayerful moments and the moments especially of love. Families are God's main way to reveal himself to us. Even Jesus experienced family life. From the liquid of water all life took its form one time or another and from the family all persons discover who they are and what is to be their destiny.

SOME FAMILIES become like water that stands still too long and is clouding or infested. Other families are fresh, cool, moving like a mountain stream. Some families are like the dangerous rapids with torrents of swirling whirlpools and treacherous water falls. Still other families are like a still, lovely mountain lake or like the gulf side of the lower Florida keys at sunset.

Which family is yours? Think about it. Most of us are some of all of these yet if we're truly honest most often we will fall on one general area. One ingredient

necessary for families to survive and become the life giving water that Jesus refers to in the Gospel of John, chapter 4 verse 14 is the living reality of Christ's presence within the home. With Jesus, our homes become holy and sacred and the living water Jesus speaks of, so eloquently in the Gospel of John. Water is always water, yet it can be experienced in different forms.

The living Christ is always Himself. Yet for us now He can be experienced through the Bishops themes of Evangelization, Parish Renewal and Family Ministry.

During this decade of the 80's especially now with so much uncertainty of world peace facing us, we have a greater need than ever to seek and find the living Jesus in our midst. For me the timeless words of St. Augustine are of great inspiration for us as individuals and for us as a community.

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure, to find Him, the greatest human achievement." That is what Evangelization, Parish Renewal and Family Ministry is all about.

Every Marriage Deserves an Encounter

By TODD and MARGARET OWERS

"We had good communication, but we were surprised by how much better it could be."

These remarks were from good friends of ours whose relationship we admired and who had just made a Marriage Encounter weekend. Their comments struck a nerve with us because deep down inside Todd and I had the same feeling. Ours was a good marriage but we silently believed our communication could be better.

In our dating and courtship days, we had always shared our hopes, our dreams, and our fears; and it was fun. This intimate sharing of our feelings had contributed to the warmth and respect between us, and in turn made us decide to get married.

BUT AFTER marriage, somewhere between the oldest child's first tooth and they oungest child's dirty diapers, we gradually forgot the importance of making time just to share ourselves. Even though we had never stopped talking, our conversations now more often centered on which bill needed to be paid, whether we should admit Red China to the U.N. or which child needed new shoes.

Without realizing it we

Family Therapy Seminar Set

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 16th at 8 p.m., Professor Roberta Gallagher, M.S.W., will hold a two hour seminar on "Family Therapy and Greater Intimacy" at Biscayne College's Center for Continuing Education located a block south of the Palmetto Expressway on

had drifted away from the warm, fulfilled sharings of our deepest feelings which had contributed so much to our closeness. And with a lessened intimacy, we noticed little irritations began to creep in: It drove me up the wall that Todd squeezed the toothpaste from the middle of the tube and did not put the cap back on. And I would want to screech while watching Todd eat dinner. He would eat all of his meat before eating any potato, which he would then finish before eating any vegetable—instead of eating the right way like I did by taking a bite of each helping as he went along.

★★★

Margaret and I had met on a Tennis court, and the first time we played she won. I didn't feel badly losing though because she handled it so nicely—she didn't "put me down" or make me feel less a man. She was the best woman player in the area and I admired her ability. Even more than that, I found myself missing her when we were apart, and longing for the times when we'd be together.

After several years of marriage though, the "rose-colored glasses" came off, and I, too, felt disillusioned. Where was that sweet tennis player who had helped me feel so good on the court? Now we rarely played together,

N.W. 32nd Avenue.

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How to organize family meetings to promote problem solving and decision making. Admission is \$3.00

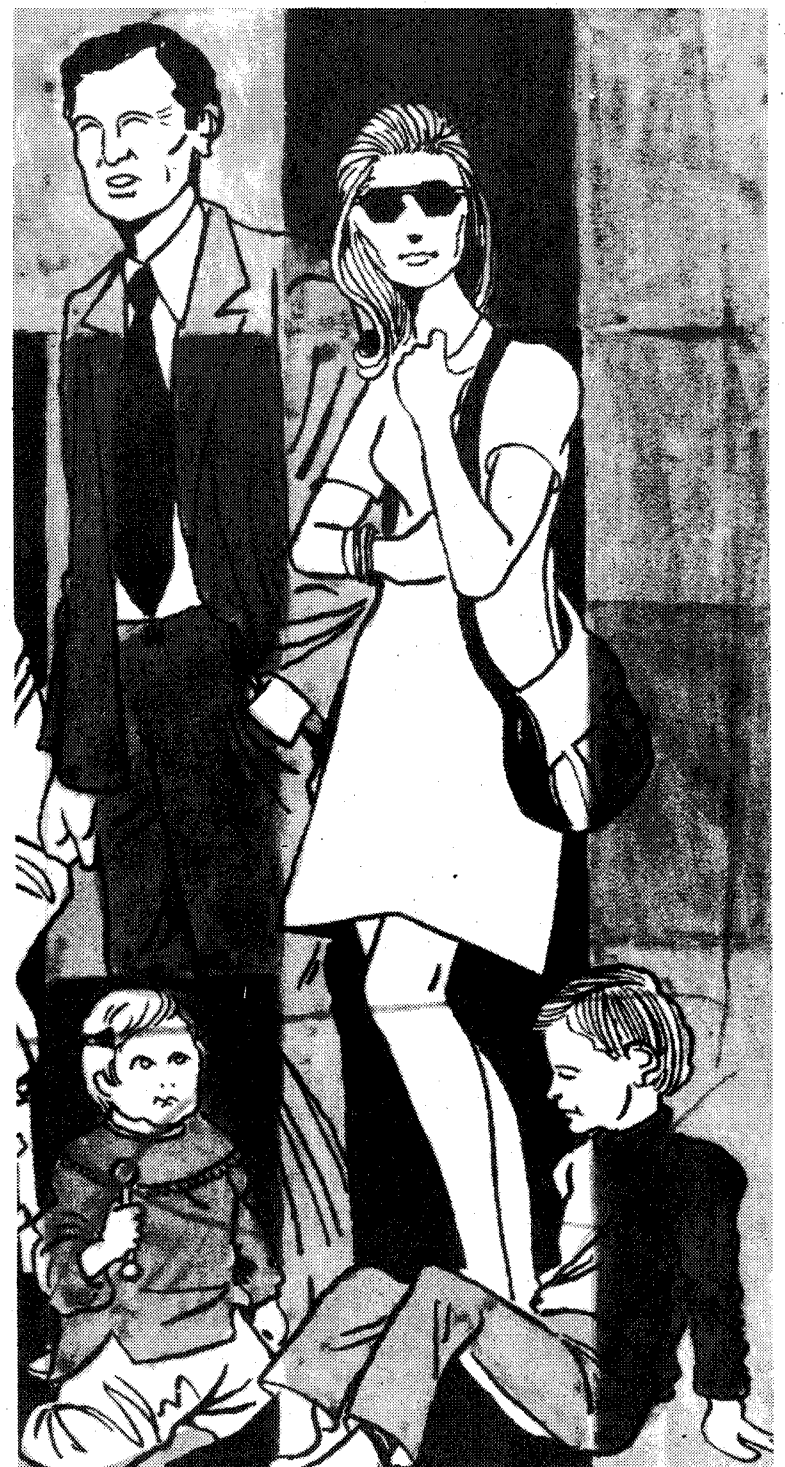
and the times we did play weren't that great. When we were playing mixed doubles and I'd miss an easy shot, her remarks would drive me up the wall. It was all I could do to keep silent and not get into an argument.

When we attended our Marriage Encounter weekend, we began to rediscover the qualities in each other which had attracted us in the beginning. There was a renewed joy and delight in our relationship.

We also began to deepen in appreciation of our Catholic Faith as the Sacrament of Marriage which we shared began to take on new meaning.

WHAT HAPPENS on a Marriage Encounter weekend? There are a series of informal talks given by one of three team couples and a priest. The presentations are moving, amusing, and personal. The purpose of each presentation is to inspire couples making the Encounter to become aware of their own feelings about various aspects of their marriage. The second step is expressing these feelings privately to each other through a technique called dialogue—a process made easier because the weekend presents the gift of time, free from the tensions, pressures, and interruptions so often present at home.

We still use the technique of communication we learned on that Marriage Encounter weekend, and the joy we originally had has blossomed in ways we never dreamed. We feel more confident in dealing with life's problems and crises because we are approaching them together with an increased love and respect.



Archbishop McCarthy Talks on the Family

Archbishop McCarthy's views on the family in launching his evangelization program in 1980:

Our immediate agenda, however, as I have said, for this coming year—once we have grasped the concept and developed the commitment to evangelization, once we have established the structures and working procedures—is to concentrate on the evangelization of families. Families are the precious "little churches," as the Pope calls them. The family atmosphere largely determines and supports the spiritual life of the individual.

It is within the family that one learns to relate to others and to God himself. In the family one experiences and acquires and preserves virtue and forms a sense of values. It is in the context of family living that most of life's events are encountered, evaluated, endured and

responded to. The families are the cells of the parish, of the Archdiocese, of the church, of society. It might be said that the parish is as healthy spiritually as its families are and, conversely, it might be said that the families are as healthy spiritually as their parish is. The quality of family life is of immense importance to the members, the parish and the community.

Each parish has received a packet of resource material to assist it in the renewal of its families and its family life programs. Please review this material carefully. Many parishes already have excellent family life programs under way. We are blessed in our Archdiocese with many excellent movements and organizations among both Anglos and Hispanics that respond to the strongly felt need of preparing for and supporting the Christian lives

of spouses and families. The Archdiocesan Family Enrichment Center is a highly valuable and able resource at the service of parishes as they develop their ministry to family life.

My beloved, I know you will agree with me that what we are undertaking today is utterly impossible without God's help. It will only be achieved by prayer and penance. This I entreat of you now—renewed family prayer. My brother priests, Holy men of God, I ask of you new devotion to Holy Mass, to the Divine Office, to preaching, to prayer together in the rectory. I ask the priests and Sisters and families to make of their houses true communities of shared prayer enriching our diocese. Again, I ask for volunteers who will fast and abstain from meat even when not required, for those who will abstain from alcohol or smoking—a united

front, storming heaven that we might have the grace of God.

My beloved, on this Holy Feast of Epiphany—the revelation of Jesus—I join with you as we commit ourselves to what is our calling together in the Lord, as "all of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image by the Lord who is the spirit." (2 Cor. ; 3.18). Our calling is expressed beautifully in the first Letter of the Apostle John the Evangelist: "This is what we proclaim to you; what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon and our hands have touched, we speak of the word of life... This fellowship of ours is with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ... Here, then, is the message we have

heard from him... God is light; in him there is no darkness... We walk in light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." My beloved, let us light up our lives!

To you I address the words of the Prophet Isaiah in the Epiphany reading: "Rise up in splendor, your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you... You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." Together, my beloved, together let us stand before the Lord. Let us enter his presence as we will when we stand before Him in eternity. Let us pledge that we will respond to the call, to the opportunities of his spirit, with the help of Mary Immaculate, the first bearer of the Word, that in Him, with Him and through Him, all honor and glory might be almighty God's, for ever and ever.

Public Policies and Families

The rights of families need to be reflected in national policies. Father Donald Conroy said during a regional hearing in Washington, D.C., held as part of preparations for the 1980 White House Conference on Families. Conroy is U.S. Catholic Conference representative for family life. Some fundamental threats to family life are to be found in the social and economic needs of society, Conroy said. "If a family is to truly thrive it is essential that its basic economic and social needs are adequately undertaken a national discussion of the family with a view toward new commitments to that institution if we as a country are unwilling to follow through with vigorous determination on previous commitments which we have made to meeting basic human needs." The prepared text of Conroy's Dec. 1 testimony follows.

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The U.S. Catholic Conference is deeply concerned about family life today. In our recent church-wide consultation on social needs, family life issues have been among those most frequently raised by our people. Through a process of listening and responding to these needs, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has enacted a Plan of Pastoral Action for Family Ministry which calls for a recommitment to the institution of the family. In this plan which we launched with a national meeting in Kansas City last month, we support the development of a governmental policy on families which is consistent

with the principles of Christian social justice. This same plan of action, I might add, encourages Catholic participation in the 1980 White House Conference on Families.

TO BE SURE, the family will continue to receive prominent attention by the Catholic Church. This is true not only during our domestic Year of the Family in 1980, but also on the international level. As you may know, there is to be a global synod of Catholic bishops meeting on family concerns in Rome this coming October.

There are two major points to which I invite your attention today: the need for a family-impact approach in public policy, and the importance of ensuring, within a public-policy framework, the fundamental rights of families to the basic necessities of life.

Permit me to expand upon these propositions briefly.

WE AGREE with many other witnesses before this panel that careful attention must be given to the influence of public policy on families. It is imperative to understand more fully both the positive and negative effects that public policy has on families. For example, here in Washington itself, neighborhood revitalization and development policies often are weighted in favor of affluent interests rather than poor families. This situation is not unique. It exists in part because there has not been a mechanism devised whereby public and private activities that affect families can be evaluated.

It is our hope that one of the outcomes of the White House Conference on Families will be the introduction of a new approach or policy to guide all legislation as it pertains to families. It could follow the suggestion of Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., that is, we could establish a national family policy declaring that it is the policy of the American government to promote the stability and well-being of the family. Social programs of the federal government then would be formulated and administered with this object in mind.

AS A RESULT of our interest in such an approach, we would underscore our support for the recent creation by President Carter of the HEW Office on Families. We are hopeful that this unit will provide an effective focal point for family concerns. Its task of developing and coordinating policies and programs which affect families is an extremely important and sensitive one. We trust that its mission will be successful.

The second major point I wish to address today in these hearings on families relates to the basic necessities of life which are prerequisites to the health and growth of families. Our concern here is based upon a religious tradition which holds that all human beings, because of their inherent dignity, have certain basic human rights. You may recall that Pope John Paul II, during his historic visit to the United States, spoke frequently and eloquently in

defense of the human person and the implications of this in the arena of human rights.

It is from this view point that we wish to assert that some of the most fundamental threats to the stability and vitality of family life are to be found in the social and economic needs of our society. If a family is to truly thrive it is essential that its basic economic and social needs are adequately met. Families simply cannot fulfill their proper role when their members lack jobs, income, food, housing, health care or education. And too frequently this is the case in our society.

Let me cite just a few particular examples.

THIRTY YEARS AGO Congress called for a "decent home in a suitable living environment for every American family." We know too well that we remain far from this goal. Middle income and young families cannot obtain suitable housing due to inflation, high prices and high interest rates; poor families simply do not have the income to buy their own homes and often live in substandard rental housing for their entire lives.

Today, health care for many American families is no longer viewed as an obtainable necessity but an expensive luxury. The average family must pay more than \$2,000 out of its annual budget to meet basic health needs. Health-care costs have escalated to the point where our legislators debate whether or not to hold the rise in health prices down to a 12 percent increase.

IN THE AREA OF JOBS,

we have adopted a national policy on full employment. Yet we seem unwilling as a nation to make this a meaningful public policy for more than 7 million Americans. And, as we all know, this situation will get worse in the coming months. The effect that persistent high levels of joblessness have had on American families is all too evident in the statistics of crime, drug addition and other social ills.

I mention these examples to emphasize the fact that the basic needs which are essential to family life have often not been met in our society. Government has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that these basic rights are not only recognized but are reflected in the enactment of our national policies and programs. As the Catholic bishops pointed out earlier this month in their statement on political responsibility: "Millions of Americans are still poor, jobless, hungry and inadequately housed and... vast disparities of income and wealth remain within our nation." These conditions are intolerable and must be changed if we are committed to fostering family life and building on its strengths and vitality. It makes little sense to undertake a national discussion of the family with a view toward new commitments to that institution if we as a country are unwilling to follow through with vigorous determination on previous commitments which we have made to meeting basic human needs.

The social upheaval of the past decade and a half has taken its toll on many of the institutions of our national life including the family. Despite change and the enormous pressures placed upon families, this institution more than most remains strong and resilient. We must learn to build upon these strengths.

We must marshal our energies behind policies that enable families to serve our society and our world. As Pope John Paul II reminded us during his visit to this city: "When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressures all of us must be willing to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the good of every person but also the common good as well..."

IN CLOSING, let me reaffirm the support of the USCC for the White House Conference on Families. We endorse your attempt to address the full range of social and economic concerns that affect families, and we will encourage others to constructively participate in this consensus building process.

What the Government Should Do

Public Policy Issues

Many public policy initiatives impinge on family life. Detailed treatment is impossible here. The following general principles should be guides to ensure that public policy in our country is truly supportive of the family:

1. Full economic productivity to assure the dignity of the individual by providing meaningful employment opportunities.
2. Employment, tax and income maintenance policies that provide the adequate income needed for families to realize a sound level of family stability and functioning.
3. Access to comprehensive health care.
4. Support for adequate housing programs in both the public and private sectors that make it possible for the family to have comfort and privacy at prices that are reasonable.
5. A range of services, educational and social, under both public and voluntary auspices, including the

provision for purchase of service from the voluntary sector, for example, family life education, day care, services to unmarried parents, emergency assistance, homemaker services, etc.

6. Economic policies that provide the financial basis to assure a range of services.

7. Monitoring legislation and regulations in the light of assessing their impact on the sound functioning of families.

Other Concerns

We have a special concern for the aging in America. Our senior citizens too often find themselves in a vulnerable position in our society because they are alone in an alien world. We all must have particular sensitivity to assisting older persons to be free, respected and revered persons living in dignity in an always grateful society. Love, respect and understanding should come from the family, friends and neighbors. Government cannot alone meet the needs of elderly people, but government can,

and must, help elderly people to be free from the oppressiveness of poverty, poor health care, inadequate housing, and violence to which so many of them are subjected.

We need to find the way for government to assure that these basic needs can be met by sound public policies that encourage and enable the continuance of elderly persons in the midst of their families. Too often services are not available to the elderly if they are part of a larger family unit. They qualify only if and when they have separated and remain in separate households.

We are equally concerned about the welfare of the nation's children. But here, again, because of poorly conceived public policy, services become available more readily to the child or youth when and sometimes only on condition that he or she is separated from the natural family and home.

Families are central to our value system. They transmit and they live out values. They are influenced

by contemporary values. The government, along with the other institutions of our society, should respect and seek to foster basic human values. Doing this would be a major support and encouragement to wholesome family life in our country. Such values would be respect for the worth and dignity of the individual, honesty and integrity in all aspects of daily life, individual responsibility, concern for our neighbor in need, a spirit of responsible freedom, promotion of justice, pluralism and voluntarism as essential to our society, responsibility for the broader community and the nation. Others could be mentioned but this should communicate the concept which we urge.

Conclusion

The American family is our primary national resource. Its strength is our nation's strength. We look to the White House Conference on Families to provide valuable leadership in further strengthening family life in this country.



Making Friends From Within the Family

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Its a new year, a new decade. Most of us are full of resolutions that will make us better people, better families. How about a simple one to be better friends to one another within the family? Let's not think about the obvious fantasy of every parent that the children will cease wrangling with each other and act lovingly instead. Let's look at ourselves.

If we ask ourselves if we treated our friends like we treat our children, most of us would have to come to the conclusion that we probably wouldn't have many friends left! But there is a lot to be

gained by treating our children like we treat our friends. After all, isn't that ultimately the relationship we want to have with them - very special friends? I think so. I know that as our children have grown into their upper teens we have very little power over them. And very little responsibility for them if we've done the job we're supposed to do. But we still have a very special relationship with them, as I hope we always will: we are friends.

THERE ARE some people who will not hear about being friends with their children. The two ideas simply don't go together in their minds. With the concept of parents and children the

only tie-ins they have are those of power and authority. And while those aspects are an important part of parenting, they do have their limits.

Certain basic common denominators are present in every healthy, nurturing relationship whether it be between husband and wife, parents and child or just two good friends. Being sensitive to these dimensions will make any relationship blossom. There are four that are especially important.

THE FIRST is mutual respect. Parents are often heard to complain that their children do not show them proper respect. It always sounds like a one-way street. But children do learn what they live, as the saying goes. Too often we nag, yell, hit, talk down to them, do things for our children that they are quite capable of doing for themselves. Do we have a double standard of conduct? Do we ever correct or berate our children in front of our friends or theirs? How would we feel if one of the children brought to our attention that we hadn't made our bed or picked up our dirty laundry while some person outside the family was present?

Children and adults are equals in terms of human worth and dignity. To establish mutual respect, we must be willing to begin by demonstrating respect for our children.

THE SECOND element of a good relationship is that of making time for each other, especially time for fun. Please note that the previous sentence doesn't state find time, but make it. There is

always time for what is important to us. (If you want to discover what is really important to you, look at what you spend your time and money on.)

Most families make the time to get all of the chores done. Saturday and some parts of other days are set aside for that purpose. Its a necessity. It's not as obvious that we need time just to be with each other, to talk with each other, to share fun times. We need time alone with every other member of the family and we need time with all of us together if we are going to be a family in more than name only.

The time that has been most valuable for us as a family has been the time around the dinner table each evening. We expect everyone to be there and they usually are. It's a time for sharing the events of our lives, the feelings we are experiencing, the ideas that are new and exciting, or old and troubling. I know that the time around the table has been the most significant time for creating our family, and good things like families don't just happen.

THE THIRD ingredient is a generous portion of encouragement. We have to build each other up. In a recent article in St. Anthony's Messenger entitled "And Now a Kind Word For Our Children" children are described as probably "the most put-down, badgered, corrected, scolded, unpraised members of society." Jane Pugel makes a great case for love, praise and faith in the goodness of a child being more effective than constant

criticism. I know that it's a whole lot more effective with me!

Somehow our need to teach our children gets focused on correcting the negative behavior. It's so easy to get caught in a spiral of negative criticism that just drags all of us down.

Scripture has something to say about it too. "Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them." Eph. 4:29. Encouragement consists essentially in minimizing the importance of mistakes while recognizing our children's strength and assets. Pass the Good Word!

FINALLY we need to communicate our love. All of us need to be loved and to be told that we are loved, often. Certainly we prove our love for our children over and over in all we do for them. But our sons and daughters can be starved for the sound of those words and the physical touch that often accompanies them. It isn't as though any parent decides to stop communicating his love. It's just that it can happen so easily if we aren't alert. Telling our children that we love them especially when it is unexpected needs to be encouraged.

Within the family, we are charged with the responsibility of helping each other grow, of bringing each other to wholeness. A change in attitude, a little change in thinking, can bring about small but significant changes in our lives, in our families.

Fill us with your love and strength, Lord. Make of us a more caring, gentle people.

Family Year Schedule

January: Kick off - Family Nights in the text of evangelization within the family.

January and February: Pastoral letter on hurting families; especially divorced and separated. This will be tied in with evangelization of the hurting. Plan parish liturgies and programs.

March 8: Archdiocesan Conference for Divorced and Separated Catholics, at Barry College.

March, April: Based on parish findings, announce plan of action for family ministry at the parish.

April 15: Announce, Archdiocesan-wide, that pastoral guidelines for marriage preparation go into

effect Sept. 1, 1980.

May: Pastoral letter on marriage, including seniors and young married. Plan parish liturgies and programs.

Sept. 1: Pastoral guidelines go into effect. Pastoral letter on pre-marriage. Plan parish liturgies and programs.

October: World Synod of Bishops meet on Marriage and the family. Media coverage and local celebration

October 5: Day of prayer for synod.

November: Pastoral letter on parenting, plan parish liturgies and programs.

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