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Pro-Lifers Parade for Unborn

WASHINGTON — (NC)— As tens of thousands of pro-lifers from across the country marched up Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue Jan. 22, one stopped to explain his position against abortion to a teenage girl standing at the sidewalk.

"For real?" she asked when he told her some women have abortions because the child is the "wrong" sex. The girl looked doubtful, but listened, and one more person heard the pro-life plea to save unborn children.

Pro-lifers at the seventh annual march hoped to find others listening to their call for an end to abortion and for a human life amendment to the Constitution to counteract the 1973 Supreme Court decision which overturned most state restrictions on abortion.

As they marched past the White House some expressed the hope that President Carter would hear their demands. Others vowed to make the pro-life issue heard throughout the 1980 elections.

When the marchers reached Capitol Hill they heard a message from one presidential candidate, Ronald Reagan, supporting the pro-life cause and calling for a human life amendment. Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.) delivered Reagan's message.

(THE VOICE has also learned that Florida's Sen. Richard Stone plans to co-sponsor the Human Life Amendment, the version backed by the National Right to Life Committee.)

The pro-lifers stood in a steady rain with temperatures in the mid-40s, umbrellas and banners covering the west side of the hill, as pro-life

senators and representatives cheered on the pro-life cause. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.), sponsors of a human life amendment, addressed the crowd.

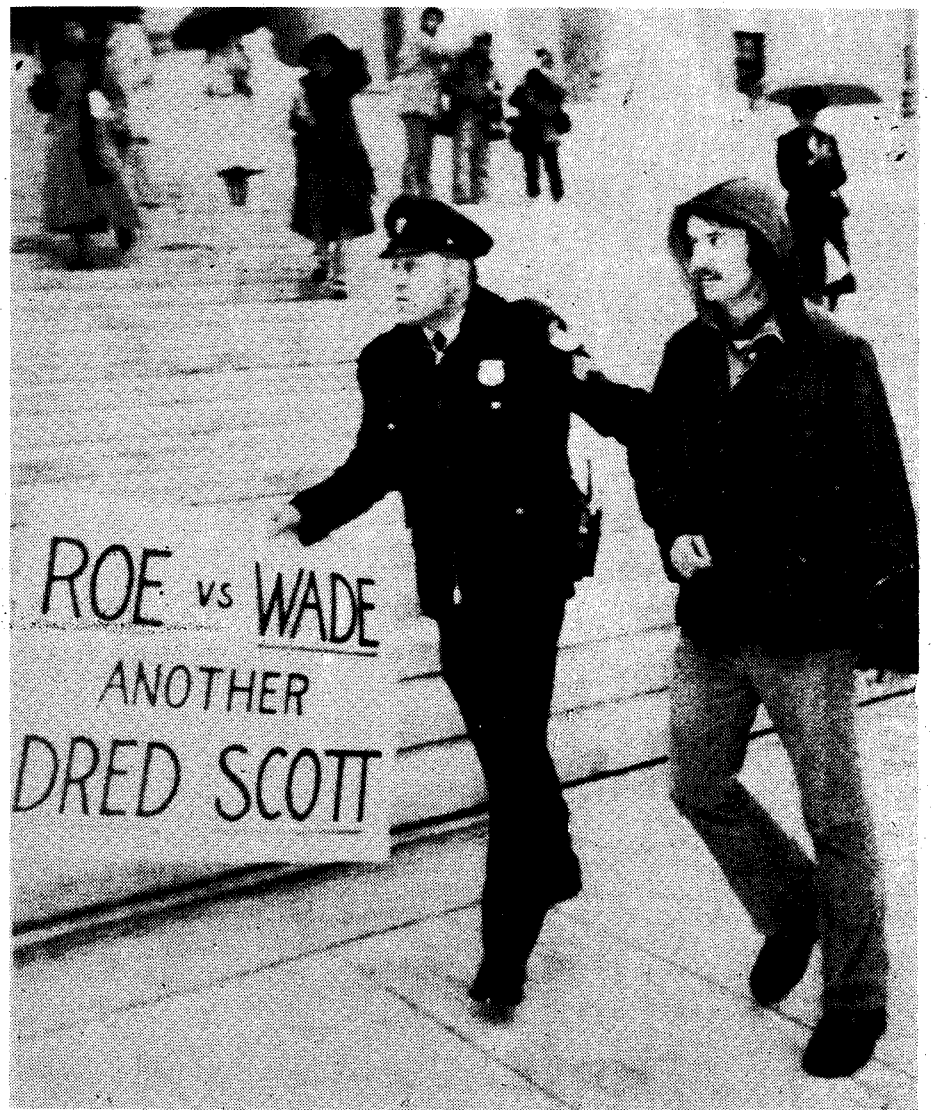
Dornan compared the Supreme Court abortion decision to the Dred Scott decision which said a slave was not a person. He said the court was wrong then and it is wrong on the abortion decision. The people of the United States will "tell those nine old men 'you were wrong and God will not be mocked,'" he said.

Singer Anita Bryant told the crowd she would "lend my voice with yours," on the abortion issue. Miss Bryant also lent her voice in song, singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and concluding the March for Life program with "God Bless America."

Quoting from Proverbs, Bishop Welsh prayed, "Rescue those being led away to death" and told those ready to march for life that God "himself will repay a man as his deeds deserve."

Busloads of marchers, some of whom had traveled 12-14 hours, spilled into the Ellipse. Organizers of the March said that the crowd was over 100,000 but estimates by U.S. Park Police said 28,000 and by the Capitol Police, 45,000.

Five Jewish organizations, led by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, called upon American voters "to send into political oblivion any candidate for public office who does not unequivocally declare his opposition to abortion on demand and the use of our tax money to finance this."



Bill Smith of San Diego, Calif., is arrested by Supreme Court Police Sgt. W.H. Black after refusing to leave the court steps during a one-man demonstration against the 1973 abortion decision. Smith had walked from San Diego to Washington on his pro-life crusade.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Ecumenical Service To Be This Evening

The Week of Prayer of Christian Unity, January 18-25, will close today, Friday, with a special Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5 p.m.

Catholics and Protestants from throughout the Dade County area will participate in the Ecumenical gathering which has as its theme, "Your Kingdom Come!"

ARCHBISHOP Edward A. McCarthy will give a welcome to the Ecumenical leaders and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. The Right Rev. Calvin Schofield, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida will read the Gospel, and the homily will be given by the Reverend Richard

Bailar of the United Church of Christ.

Others participating in the service include Dr. William A. Jones, Allapatah United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carroll Schuster of the First United Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables, the Rev. Demosthenes J. Mekras, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox, Archimandrite John W. Haddad, Pastor of St. Jude at Assumption, Byzantine-Melkite Parish, the Rev. Lloyd Whyte, Southern Baptist Association, Bishop William A. Baxter, Latter Day Saints (Mormons), Rev. I. Elligan, New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. Ludder, Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Father

Wadih Peter Tayah, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church.

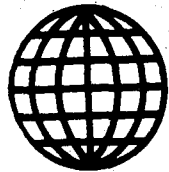
The service is sponsored by the Miami Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission in consultation with the leaders of the various Protestant denominations. Similar Ecumenical services have been conducted in other parts of the Archdiocese under the leadership of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission. In addition, several Catholic parishes have joined in with their Protestant neighbors in exchanging pulpits and prayers for unity.

In January 1908 at Graymoor near Garrison, New York, Father Paul Wattson, an Episcopal priest, began a unity prayer

movement which he called "The Church Unity Octave." The Octave was an eight-day period each January when Christians prayed for the unity of the churches in accord with the will of Jesus: "That all may be one."

LATER, Father Paul changed the name of the observance to "The Chair of Unity Octave" in order to emphasize the role of the Roman Church in any future unity of Christians. Among Orthodox, Anglican, and Protestant Christians a number of different prayer observances for unity were also widely observed during the first half of this

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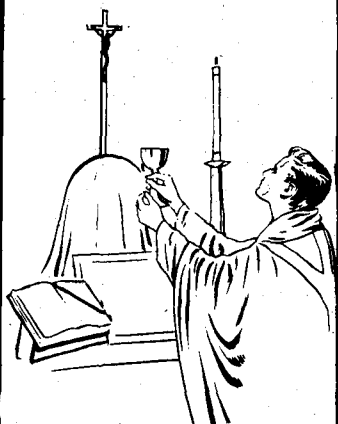
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Chavez Sues Radio Station

SAN ANTONIO, Texas —(NC)— César Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, has filed an \$800,000 slander and libel suit against San Antonio radio station KBUC and two of its disc jockeys, Jud Ashmore and Ricci Ware. The lawsuit alleges that the two radio announcers accused Chavez of being a communist and communist trained during broadcasts in June and July 1979.

Abortion Law Hit in Mo.

ST. LOUIS —(NC)— U. S. District Judge Elmo B. Hunter has ruled unconstitutional major portions of Missouri's seven-month-old but never-enforced abortion law. An aide to the attorney general of Missouri said an appeal would be filed. The judge ruled that portions of the law were illegal intrusions on a woman's right to consult with her doctor about abortion "free from state interference."

Pro-Lifers Criticize Judge

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Pro-life officials were highly critical of U.S. District Judge John F. Dooling's decision Jan. 15 striking down legislative restrictions on the funding of abortions by the federal government. "Nowhere in the Bill of Rights is there a right to the establishment of a mandatory medical treatment, and the judge's decision in no way succeeds in supporting that," said Gerald Bodell, an attorney representing pro-lifers in the case.

Uganda War Not Over Yet

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— The civil war in Uganda is not yet over because of the continuing problems of hunger, violence and confusion, according to a religious superior who recently returned from a three-week visit to four Ugandan dioceses. But Father Salvatorre Calvia, superior general of the Verona Fathers, told Vatican Radio that the Ugandan Catholic Church is alive and well as it begins its second centenary.

Managua Bishop Cites Frictions

MANAGUA, Nicaragua —(NC)— Speaking before about 100,000 persons at a rally for peace, Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua voiced concern that frictions still stand in the way of reconciliation among Nicaraguans. "The truth is that the forceful influence of peace remains an empty word as long as it does not stand upon the foundation of unity and order," he said.

Reform in Honduras Pushed

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras —(NC)— If Honduras wants to avoid the "anguishing convulsions" of other Central American nations, its leaders "must reform the unjust structures" that keep most of its people in poverty, said Archbishop Hector Enrique Santos of Tegucigalpa. Unless the political and business leadership promotes social justice for the workers and peasants, "violence will come from escalation by extremist groups that foster hate in society," he said.

Panama Reconsiders Shah Stand

PANAMA CITY, Panama —(NC)— The Panamanian government, which said the deposed Shah of Iran could stay in Panama as long as he wanted, is now reportedly responding to Iran's overtures for his extradition. Mounting public pressure, especially from student demonstrations and the ensuing protest by Catholic Church leaders against police brutality in dealing with the demonstrators, have contributed to the change, observers said.

Priest Dies in Czech Prison

LONDON —(NC)— Information about the death in prison under suspicious circumstances of Father Michael Gono, a secretly ordained priest in Czechoslovakia, have reached Keston College, the center near London for the study of religion and communism. "This was the third report received by Keston College in 1979 of priests dying in Czechoslovakia in obscure circumstances," said Keston News Service.

3,500 Mile Walk to Top Court

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Bill Smith walked 3,500 miles for life from San Diego to Washington, but found the last few steps the hardest. Smith was arrested on those last steps to the Supreme Court where he was charged with a misdemeanor for displaying a pro-life sign on the court's steps and with a felony for interfering with the court.

Film of Mother Seton Is Life

BALTIMORE —(NC)— Filming is to begin by the end of January for a television movie on the life of St. Elizabeth Seton, which will be shown May 11, Mother's Day, on ABC-TV. No announcement has been made as to who will play the part of Mother Seton.

Consumerism in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela —(NC)— The Catholic bishops of Venezuela are waging a campaign against the excesses of consumerism, sex in advertising, drinking and loafing on the job. "We must seek a society where dignity and solidarity prevail," the Venezuelan Bishops' Conference said in a pastoral letter to the country's 13 million Catholics. The bishops condemned "the insatiable thirst for having more, fed by an alienating propaganda in the advertising industry."

Socialism With Freedom Urged

MANAGUA, Nicaragua —(NC)— Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua said that socialism with freedom is the way to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots and avoid class hatred in Nicaragua. The archbishop also noted that there are Christians and Marxists in the pluralistic leadership of the government.

Pope Speaks to Seminarians

ROME —(NC)— Knowledge and intelligence are not routes to salvation if they are teamed with a closed mind and heart, Pope John Paul II told seminarians at Rome's Capranican College Jan. 21. "Only one who accepts his intellectual and moral limits and recognizes his need for salvation can open himself to faith," the pope said.

Pacifist Hands Pope a Letter

ROME —(NC)— A U.S. pacifist, Thomas Siemer, who broke ranks at a papal general audience Jan. 16 and handed Pope John Paul II a peace message, mysteriously disappeared several days later. Siemer was briefly arrested by Vatican guards as it was initially thought that he was trying to attack the pope. But all Siemer, 49, wanted to do was present the pope with a five-page letter in Polish.

Abbot Named to Head Basilica

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Pope John Paul II named Benedictine Father Giuseppe Nardin abbot of St. Paul's -Out Side-the-Walls, one of Rome's four major basilicas. Father Nardin, a 43-year-old Italian succeeds Father Giuseppe Turbessi, who resigned the post in October and died Dec. 5.

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Dutch Synod Covers Wierderanging Issues

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— The Dutch bishops' synod is not a bolt out of the blue. Its topics and directions highlight ideas at work in the Dutch church for several years.

This was one of the repeated themes emerging at a press conference Jan. 22 in which two Dutch bishops answered journalists' questions for over an hour.

Most of the questions focused on the synod topics of priestly celibacy, proposed divisions or new structures for Dutch dioceses, and rumors of Vatican-Dutch splits in the synod.

Dutch Bishops Hubertus Ernst of Breda and Johannes Moller of Groningen fielded questions in French and

Dutch, and occasionally in Italian.

In introductory remarks, Vatican press officer, Father Romeo Panciroli, noted that as of the morning session Jan. 22 the bishops had met a total of 36 hours. There were over 200 interventions in that time, he said.

Bishop Ernst said that dividing or restructuring Dutch dioceses, revealed as a synod topic Jan. 19, has been under discussion in the Dutch church for several years.

"The bishops' conference has created a commission to study all aspects of the question. It is composed not only of bishops and priests but also of (lay) experts in fields such as sociology, economics - because it takes

money to found a diocese," he said.

The question is not unique in the Netherlands, he added. "Even in Italy they've been discussing it a long time," he said.

HE REVEALED that in the synod, in addition to discussing possible creation of new dioceses, there had been alternative suggestions such as "regional auxiliaries, as in Westminster (England) or more autonomous auxiliaries as in Paris."

The discussion of creating new dioceses raised speculation that the move could open the way for a possible re-alignment of liberal-conservative strength in the predominantly liberal hierarchy.

Answering a series of questions about the Dutch bishops' stand on priestly celibacy and seminaries, Bishop Moller insisted that the bishops in the Netherlands clearly accept mandatory celibacy for priests and accept as candidates for the priesthood only men who show a commitment to celibacy.

"In 1969 the bishops said that for the situation in the Dutch church, a certain change (in celibacy laws) would be useful, but papal approval was needed," he said.

But as Pope John Paul II has spoken clearly against changing the celibacy requirement, "we as bishops can do nothing but accept his position," said Bishop Moller.

Bishop Moller also responded to the frequent charge that the Dutch bishops abandoned spiritual formation of priesthood candidates when they closed most of their traditional-style seminaries a decade ago. At the time, they consolidated priestly training into five university-related theological schools.

"At the moment of the erection of these theological institutions it was agreed that these alone could not provide complete formation," he said.

HE SAID that the bishops have emphasized communal living coupled with spiritual formation for the priesthood students studying at those schools.

Bishop Ernst and Moller turned aside several questions suggesting a split between Vatican Curia officials participating in the synod and the synod's Dutch participants.

They said the Vatican officials have been listening and learning.

"All the Roman Curia who are participating are now, I am sure, better informed about the Dutch church," said Bishop Ernst. "In the past we've had individual talks, now we are talking together."

At the same time a certain tension was revealed. Bishop Ernst indirectly criticized a Curia participant for having leaked some secret synod details to the press a few days earlier.

The Dutch bishops, however, retaliated with a few leaks of their own to fill out

the details on the controversial discussion over dividing some Dutch dioceses.

"We find that secrecy is needed in the exchanges. Everyone has to be able to speak openly," Bishop Ernst said.

"We strongly regret the leaks, and I can assure you the Dutch and other members will maintain their secrecy" from now on, he added.

Bishop Ernst also confirmed that Pope John Paul had not yet spoken during the synod. "He listens very attentively and tries to understand our hearts," he commented.

Bishop's Testimony Backs the ERA

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe of Jefferson City told a Missouri legislative committee that because of his belief in the equality and fundamental rights of every person, he supports the Equal Rights Amendment. He urged its passage by the state legislature.

In his remarks before the Senate Constitutional Amendments Committee Jan. 15, the bishop said passage of the ERA is necessary, "so that all of us can feel secure in our own hearts that women are not second-class citizens."

Bishop McAuliffe is chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in Society and the Church. His testimony Jan. 15 was his first on the ERA before the Missouri legislature. The Senate Committee passed the ERA and sent it to the full Senate for a vote.

The bishop distinguished the ERA issue from abortion. "ERA touches only those concerns or rights which both men and women share, and since men cannot bear children, ERA does not concern abortion...I believe

passage of ERA will not affect the passage of another amendment to the Constitution which proposes to protect the lives of unborn children, i.e., the human life amendment," the bishop said.

He also said he is convinced the ERA will not threaten the family. "Since the family is the basic unit of society, to pose a threat to it would be to go against everything that we hold dear and sacred. Full equality of the spouses prepares for the fullest personal development of each and should lead to greater personal fulfillment and satisfaction.

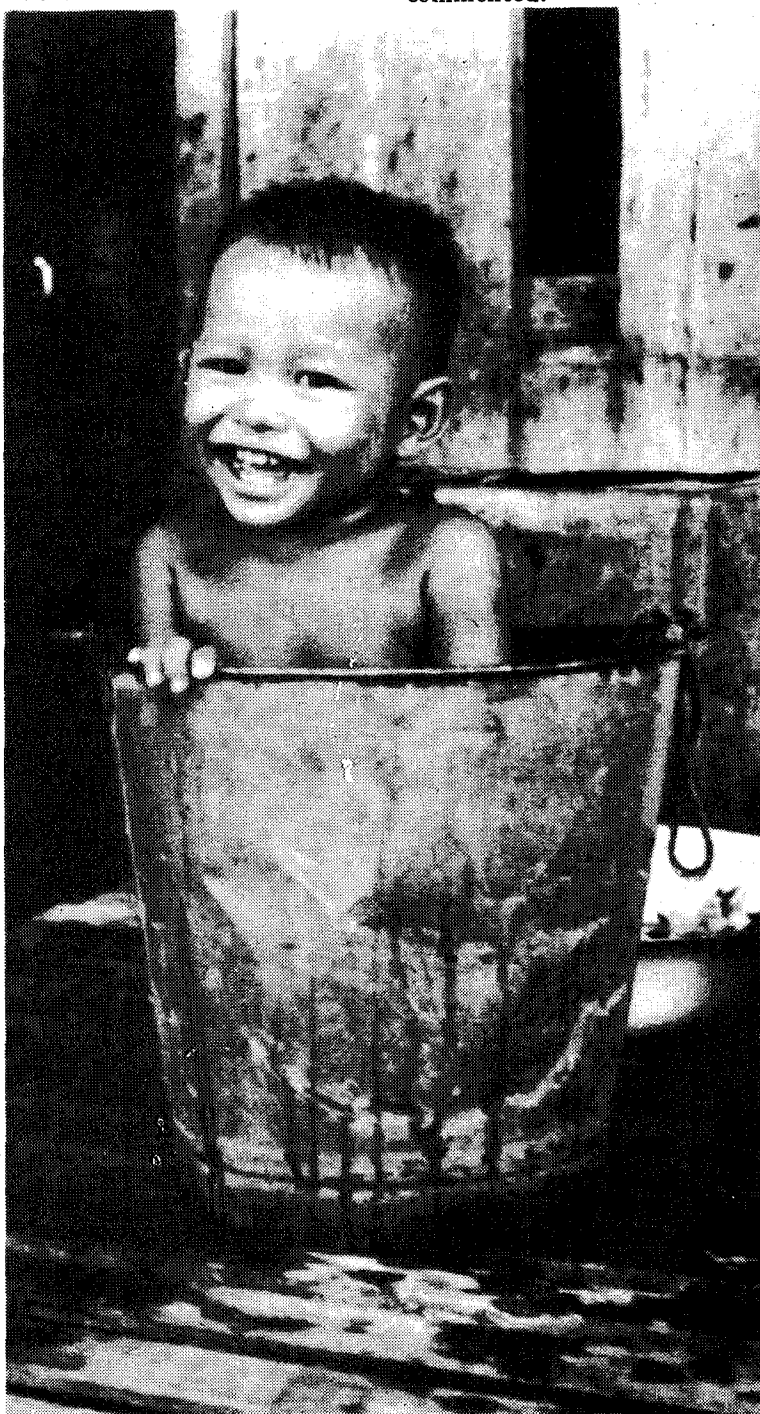
"I BELIEVE that women must be given due recognition for the gifts and talents that they possess as humans. Too often it seems their personalities are submerged in the general roles they are supposed to play. If we could just recognize them for what they are, there would be much less suffering and anxiety in the world."

He concluded with a plea that the ERA be passed, "because of the great good that will come to the women of this country...In the sight of God we are equal. Hopefully, by our actions, we will accept this principle."

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Appearing relaxed and ready to tackle the home stretch of the regional dinner meetings of the Archbishop Charities Drive for 1980, Archbishop Edward McCarthy, principal speaker, receives a standing ovation from guests and members at the speakers table, Dr. Ernest Visco, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Ward and Fr. James Connaughton, as the spiritual leader is introduced.

"You are beautiful people and I love you", the Archbishop told his appreciative audience at the Williamson Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale. He praised the support of the people in last years successful drive.

This year's goal of 3.25 million dollars was not much more than last year's considering the rate of inflation, the Archbishop stated, to maintain the programs and projects now underway in the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop reminded those present that we are really blessed far beyond our deserving, and that God has given us, in large measure, much happiness, talent and ability — happy homes and much of this world's goods. And we are grateful for all this and we try not to forget to thank our God for these blessings.

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ABCD Leaders, Regional Chair Families

Following are the names of families appointed by Archbishop McCarthy as Regional Chairfamilies. It is the responsibility of the Chairfamily to assist the ABCD-1980 Leadership of the 20-25 parishes in their area. Also listed is the partial list of parish ABCD Leaders who were appointed by their respective Pastors. Additional names will be listed as they are received from the parishes.

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St. Juliana, Rome Hartman, West Palm Beach; Doris L. Zmistowski, West Palm Beach.
St. Thomas More, Mr. Douglas O'Brien, Boynton Beach; Mrs. Anne Connolly, Boynton Beach.
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Biscayne College Gets New Head

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Augustinian Father Patrick H. O'Neill, 40, national director for higher education and campus and young adult ministries for the U.S. Catholic Conference, has been named president of Biscayne College, Miami.

Father O'Neill, who was active in campus ministry and teaching in Florida and Washington for 10 years before taking the USCC post in 1974, will take the position at the college by June 1.

Father O'Neill directs the development of the National Plan of Pastoral Action for Young Adult Ministry. He said he has been working on the pastoral plan for six years.

Biscayne College was founded in 1962 by the Augustinian Father, Father O'Neill said, in response to the

needs of Cubans resettling in the United States. The Augustinian Fathers had run the state university in Havana, Cuba.

One of the two campuses of Biscayne College is a language school, Father O'Neill said, which serves as "a focal point for the Cuban community."

He said he hopes to aim the college's direction at adults and at life-long learning, because the future of higher education cannot rely on just the 18-22 age group.

From 1969-19745 he was diocesan director of campus ministry in the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., and during the same period served as administrator of the Florida State Drug Program, which he had organized and developed.



Mrs. Karen Mackney reads a letter from Teheran to her fourth grade students at Our Lady of Victories School in Landisville, N.J. The letter was from Robert C. Ode, one of the American hostages held in the U.S. Embassy. Ode, a resident of Falls Church, Va., thanked the students for Christmas cards they sent to him and for their prayers.

Another Major Abortion Ruling Due Soon

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Seven years after its original ruling striking down most state abortion restrictions, the U.S. Supreme Court is due to make another major decision on the abortion issue.

This time it will take action on the question of whether legislation such as the Hyde Amendment limiting public funding of abortion is unconstitutional. The court already has agreed to hear oral arguments in a case from Illinois challenging such funding restrictions.

That, along with the Jan. 15 decision by U.S. District Judge John F. Dooling Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., which also struck down Hyde Amendment-style funding restrictions, puts the Supreme Court in the position of having to decide whether to uphold the lower court decisions or to issue a ruling attempting to define whether governments must fund no abortions, some abortions or all abortions for poor women.

What the Supreme Court might do is anyone's guess, especially in light of the complex nature of the Illinois case. The court, in accepting that appeal, said it wasn't even sure it had jurisdiction.

But pro-life leaders are confident, for a variety of reasons, that the court ultimately will uphold the

right of the federal government to restrict abortion funding.

One is the precedent established by the Supreme Court in 1977 when it ruled that the Constitution does not require states to provide abortion on demand.

JUSTICE LEWIS Powell wrote for the majority that the original 1973 abortion decisions "did not declare an unqualified 'constitutional right to abortion.'"

But he also indicated that states should pay for abortions that are "medically necessary." Thus a ruling on the federal restrictions could hinge on whether or not those restrictions are written so narrowly that some medically necessary abortions are being denied.

In the Brooklyn case, Dooling indicated that he thought Congress' interpretation of medical necessity was too narrow. He defined medically necessary abortions as those "that are necessary in the professional judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician, exercised in the light of all factors, physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age, relevant to the health-related well-being of the pregnant woman."

That language is substantially broader than

recent Hyde Amendment restrictions: that abortions be funded only in cases where the life of the mother is endangered, in cases of promptly reported rape or incest, or in cases where two physicians determine that severe and long-lasting physical health damage would occur if the pregnancy were carried to term.

And in the past few months, the Hyde language was narrowed even further when Congress last fall eliminated the third of those three categories.

In addition to the question of when abortions are "medically necessary," there is another issue that has nothing to do with abortion: whether the judicial branch has the power, under the Constitution, to tell the legislative branch how it must appropriate federal funds.

Robert Destro, an attorney with the Milwaukee-based Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, points out that Article One, section nine, of the Constitution reserves the appropriation of federal funds to the Congress.

Congress can set any rules it wants to determine how to appropriate funds, Destro said. And by defining how Medicaid funds will not be spent for abortions, Destro

contended, Congress is merely using its power to determine where to reduce the budget and limit federal spending.

"THIS COULD precipitate a real crisis between the courts and Congress," Destro claimed, comparing the issue with President Nixon's effort several years ago to "impound" money appropriated by Congress.

Destro added that the federal judge in Brooklyn rejected the argument, contending that Congress violated its own rules by passing the Hyde Amendment. But Destro contended that Congress did follow its rules and that the judge's argument is "specious" anyway because Congress can change its rules whenever it wants.

Other arguments being advanced by pro-lifers to uphold the Hyde Amendment center on whether the establishment of an abortion right gives everyone the right to have an abortion paid for; and on the question of abortion and free exercise of religion.

The U.S. Catholic Conference, in a friend-of-the-court brief filed with the Supreme Court on the Illinois case, argued that the 1973

abortion decisions did not create an "entitlement" to abortion. The court, the USCC said, merely made abortion a right.

Destro compared the abortion right to the right of freedom of the press. The freedom to start a newspaper is well established, but there is no provision that the government must pay for that right for people who cannot afford to start a newspaper on their own.

The abortion-and-religion issue is somewhat more complex. Dooling in Brooklyn rejected arguments that the Hyde Amendment was the establishment into law of the tenets of the Catholic faith, but he agreed that denying abortions to poor women can be a violation of a woman's right to freely exercise her religion.

Here too Destro makes a comparison, this time with the issue of federal aid to parochial schools.

If the government must provide funds for women who want freely to exercise their religion and choose abortion, Destro said, then why shouldn't the government also be required to provide funds for parents who want freely to exercise their religion and send their children to a parochial school?

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25th Anniversary of St. Agnes Church



ARCHBISHOP Edward McCarthy at the reception line with Msgr. James Walsh, present pastor, and Msgr. Bernard McGrehan, (center), St. Agnes' first pastor.

The community of St. Agnes Church, Key Biscayne, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church on Saturday, Jan. 19, with a concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving with Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy as chief celebrant and assisted by retired Bishop Paul Tanner, Retired Bishop Edward Joyce, Bishop John Nevins and visiting priests.

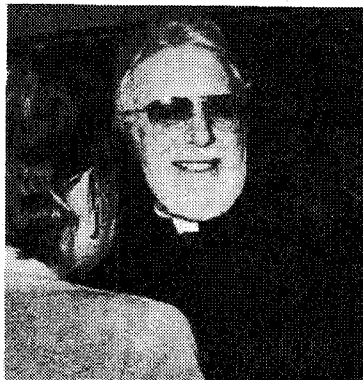
Former St. Agnes pastors Msgr. Bernard McGrehan, pastor of St. Edward, Palm Beach, Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities and Fr. Antonio Navarrete, retired, joined in the celebration.

Msgr. George Cummings St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church, Citrus Springs, who established the parish at the direction of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, was the homilist. He recounted the early history of St. Agnes parish with the first Mass being celebrated in the plush Key Biscayne Mashta Mansion.

The Spanish type St. Agnes Church, designed by the late Thomas J. Madden, was built by Msgr. McGrehan, first pastor, on land donated by the Mackle Bros., developers of Key Biscayne.

St. Agnes was recently redecorated under its present pastor Msgr. James Walsh. Highlight of the church interior is the stained glass sanctuary window, picture on left, designed by Conrad Pickel, Internationally known artist and sculptor, from an original drawing submitted by St. Agnes parishioner Mrs. Mary Jean Egan.

A reception followed the Mass in the parish hall.



MEETING old friends Fr. Antonio Navarrete, left, and Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, who served as pastors of St. Agnes were warmly greeted by their former parishioners.

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Arab-Israeli Cooperation Cited by Visiting Official

By GERARDE E. SHERRY

Contrary to popular opinion in the United States, "there is a large measure of co-existence between Jews and Arabs in the State of Israel," an Israeli, Arab-Christian said in an interview here.

Visiting Miami was Azar J. Artoul, Director General of the Olive and Tobacco Marketing Boards for the

they return to their homes without any restraints. Whatever terrorism takes place is inspired from outside the country and has as its main aim the breaking down of good relations between the Arab and Jewish populations.

"This is not to say that conditions are completely as we Arabs would like them to be. Last year's arrest of the Mayor of Nabules is a case in point. He was accused of

this support for the PLO, then so be it. But the Arabs consider it more important to sympathize with the cause of Palestine, rather than any particular group. We sympathize with those advocating a homeland, and we criticize the Israeli Government's attitude in tackling the Palestinian question, but we have shown that despite this, we can be loyal citizens of the State of Israel.

"There are three alternatives to be faced by the Palestinians on the West bank. The first is self-autonomy with a transitional period of five years. The fact is the Jews don't want to rule the over a million on the West Bank and the majority of Palestinians both there and in the Gaza Strip do not want Israel to rule them. The third alternative, of course, is the renewal of war. Nobody wants that—neither Arab nor Jew. But the danger of war increases because in the past four or five years the PLO has refused to recognize the State of Israel or moderate its belligerent stand against it.

"Israel's good will has been shown by its willingness to give up territory in its Peace Treaty with Egypt But the West Bank is important to Israel's security. However, as long as the threat of the PLO exists, Israel's security is endangered. That is why Israel wants to have a transitional period in which she can keep her army in the danger spots of the River Jordan."

Mr. Artoul said the Palestinians "want to rule themselves peacefully."

"The Palestinian Arabs want a civil state with real autonomy—a nation, if you like," Mr. Artoul said. "They want to build universities, to develop agriculture, and Israel is helping them in these areas right now. If the Palestinians don't want self-autonomy, and the PLO continues to refuse to take a moderate stand; and recognize that Israel is there to stay, then the only alternative is for the Israelis to continue to rule. Obviously, moderate Palestinians will have to shape the future. It is in their hands."

MR. ARTOUL said that the present situation obviously cannot continue forever. The alternative to peace is another war—and no one, Israeli or Arab wants that. In the meantime, one road to continuing peace is greater cooperation between Arabs and Jews, within the State of Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. Moderate forces on both sides are working towards peaceful co-existence for the present and eventual Palestinian autonomy.

being involved and supporting some Terrorist acts. What the Arabs and many Israelis complained about was the way he was treated. He was deprived of his office, being almost judged guilty before he had been tried.

"THE ARABS in Israel have always been proud of the fact that it is a Democracy, and this Democratic rule even applied to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. People are free to say what they like. They have freedom of speech, as long as it does not mean the freedom to incite violence. Most Arabs and Israelis agree with this—but the Mayor was unjustly treated and they objected strongly to it. The Government eventually drew back and reinstated him in his post."

Mr. Artoul said that one must differentiate between support for the Palestinian Liberation Organization and sympathy with the aims of some form of Palestinian State or autonomy.

"Less than two percent of the Arab population are involved in terrorism," Mr. Artoul said. "If you consider



Azar J. Artoul, Director of Israel's Olive and Tobacco Marketing Boards, says Arabs enjoy freedom in Israel.

State of Israel. Mr. Artoul is also on the managing board of the Israel Broadcasting Authority and toured the U.S. to speak on Israel's Arab minority.

"The world media often presents a negative picture of the conditions between Arabs and Jews, concentrating on alleged terrorism, whereas the actual situation is quite different," Mr. Artoul said.

"In fact, there is quite a lot of cooperation between the two groups inside Israel. There are more than half a million Arabs who are part of the general business and political climate, working in offices, have their own homes and are equal under the law—regardless of their religion.

"In the Gaza Strip and West Bank there are over a million Arabs also enjoying real freedom. Yes, they do have some problems with Jewish authorities, but they are mostly created through misunderstandings. Before 1967, the Arab population thought that Israel was going to destroy them, but they have found that is not the case. They cross over into Israel proper to work in factories, markets, etc., and

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MATTER OF OPINION

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

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

Man Obeyed the Voice

God spoke. Man obeyed the Voice. A being appeared from the dust of the earth, by which he was united to the lower world. The being was made of the breath of God, by which he was united to the higher world. The being was made of body and soul. Creation was one as God is one. Matter and spirit were united.

Behold man. Behold the key to the unity of creation. Behold God's last creative word. Behold the last chord in the symphony of Life. Behold Man. Behold the image of God. Behold ourselves. Destined to live forever. Intended by God to live forever with Him.

We have traveled a long way. All the way down to nothingness and all the way up to God. Let's see if we can bring it down to everyday life.

A first reaction could be, as we gaze lovingly at our photograph, "This is a very elevating theology. There is no doubt about it. We are made to the image and likeness of God. How lucky God is." A second reaction could be this: When we look at our neighbor we begin to have doubts. "It is difficult to see the image of God in him with his big nose and his flat feet."

Of course it is difficult. Whoever said religion is easy? But, easy or not, we must try to do it. Why? Because one is the image of the other. We cannot see a thing directly and say, "It is beautiful," and then, when we see its clear reflection in a mirror, say "It is ugly."

This person is made to the image of God.

Our neighbor is the image of God. just as much as we are. We may not like the way our neighbor walks or talks or combs his hair. We may not like his clothes. We may not like the things he said about us

behind our back. In short, we just do not like him (nor he, us, for the same reasons.) But we cannot say that we love God and say that we hate our neighbor, because one is the image of the other.

If we do not try to see this we are like the workman in the story who could not see Lord Nelson under the dust when he found the painting in the secret passage. We are forgetting that, under the dust out of which every person is made, there lies the image of God. Pious twaddle and nonsense? Try it for a week and see. Suppose we did this for a week. We meet someone and say:

"This man is made in the image of God. I cannot love God and hate him. Saint James tells us, 'Whoever says he loves God and hates his neighbor is a liar.'"

This person is made to the image of God. If we are a teacher, we will not give him perverted truth.

This person is made to the image of God. If he works for us, we will not defraud him. If we work for him, we will not defraud him.

This person is made to the image of God. If we are a lawyer, we will protect him from injustice though the heavens fall.

This person is made to the image of God. If we are a doctor, we will try to preserve the sacred gift of life. If we are a patient,

we will pay the doctor bill.

We cannot love God and hate our neighbor. If we hate him, we are like the man in the story who was so short-sighted that he sold a valuable art treasure for a foolish trifle. We are forgetting that, underneath the dust out of which every person is made, there lies the image of God.

With all our searching for a basis of world unity, we should begin here with the recognition of God's likeness in everyone, because everyone in the world is made in the image of God. What a difference it would make for world unity and world peace if everyone tried to see in his neighbor, not an enemy, not a bore, not a nuisance, but a creature made to the image of God.

Maybe we are being a little too subtle. Or is it that we are finally coming to grips with a major problem in human relations? Is most of the trouble in the world a question of false values? Is it that we do not see God anywhere but in ourselves? And, if so, is it not because we believe we are our own little God-destined to flout the true God through pride and avarice? A true recognition of the image and likeness of God is possible through a mirror. The only time it means anything is when we see it in our neighbor. When did we last see God?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Devotedly Yours'-- Thanks

To the Editor:

I thank you very much for printing Archbishop McCarthy's letters, Sincerely Yours, they are like a river of information for all of us who cannot reach him in any other way. It really makes me feel close to my Church which he represents everywhere he goes.

Sharing ideas, experiences and praying

together is vital for the growth of our Christian community.

Please keep printing Archbishop McCarthy's letters so we can follow Christ through him more closely.

Hilda C. Puente
Miami

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To the Editor:

A great many conservatives, contrary to your description, should be depicted as people who embraced unquestioningly, and adhered to, many liberal changes for years, until realizing that change is not always synonymous with good. It is true that these conservatives fear for tomorrow, but this fear is based upon the realities witnessed today.

Incurring liberal "advancements" seem to include greater numbers of Catholics who lack commitment to Christ and His church, tremendous decrease in religious vocations, large number of Catholics, since Vatican II, who have neither the background nor the inclination to question and subsequently determine their own absolutes (resulting in Humanistic indoctrination rather than the strengthening of Catholicism).

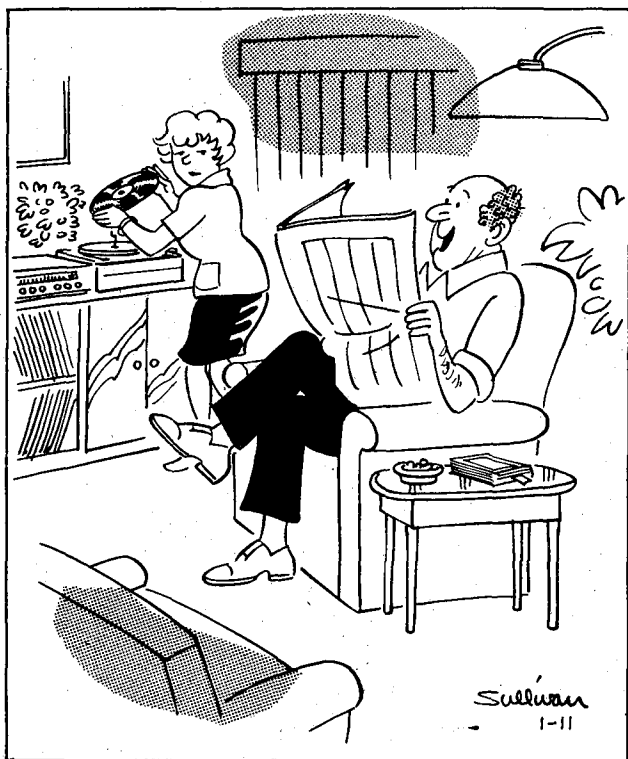
Liberal "change" seems to have reached the point of motivating some theologians to urge the questioning of the validity of Christ's Divinity (The Divinity of Christ, being the very basis of our faith), under the guise of Catholic education.

Is this action definitive of "the opportunity for spreading the Faith"?

Precisely what Divine truths do we espouse today? This seems to depend upon with whom you are speaking at the time. If we permit further destruction of the foundation of our Faith, what will be left? Do we then turn to SELF? Do we adopt the philosophy of many Catholics today, which seems to place man before God, which emphasizes the development of personal values based upon individual feelings, which presents a good SELF-image as the ultimate achievement in attaining happiness? Is this philosophy sustaining? Though I have tremendous faith in man, I can not bury my head to man's imperfection, rendering subsequent discontent.

If we are to bring souls to Christ, I fail to see how this can be accomplished through confusion and uncertainty of Faith!

Sandy Roberts
Miami



'EMILY, DIG OUT MY NEHRU JACKET!' THE POPE IS ON A LIST OF THE WORLD'S TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN.'



Devotedly yours,

By ABP. EDWARD A. MCCARTHY

My beloved in Christ:

Sometime ago, I received a letter in which the writer proposed, "Questions I have always wanted to put to a bishop, but have not had the nerve to ask." One question was about my personal spiritual life.

My experience last week bears on that. Twenty-six of us Bishops from the Southeastern part of the United States spent Monday to Friday on retreat at Our Lady of Florida Retreat House in North Palm Beach. The Bishops included Archbishop Jadot, the Apostolic Delegate, Cardinal Shehan, of Baltimore and all the Bishops of Florida. Father Dominic Maruca, S.J., professor of the Gregorian University in Rome, presented the retreat. We prayed morning prayers together at 8:00 A.M., had a spiritual conference at 9:30 A.M., celebrated the Eucharist together at 11:15 A.M., used the early afternoon for rest, private prayer and reflection, and had another spiritual conference at 4:30 P.M. On one evening, the singing group of St. Juliana's Parish, Palm Beach under the direction of Mr. Don Schafhausen presented magnificently the musical "The Witness," a stirring account of the life of Christ (I was the proudest Bishop in the chapel!). On another evening, we had a moving Penance Service asking the Lord's forgiveness of our failures in serving you, our people, and each of us received the Sacrament of Recon-

ciliation. Our seminarians sung at two of the Masses.

The Bishop were so pleased with the program, the facilities (and of course our Florida weather!) that they have already scheduled a similar retreat for next January.

In the course of my own reflections, I came to the conclusion that each Bishop has not only a guardian angel but three gremlins! I suspect you may have these three gremlins as well. I have named my friendly gremlins "Martha," "Frusty," and "Isol."

The first, "Martha," is named after the woman in the Gospel who was so busy about many things when Jesus visited that she had little time for what was more important, to converse with Jesus as her sister Mary did. My Martha gremlin is a genius at coming up with demands on my time that interfere with prayer and reflection. Even when free time opens unexpectedly, such as by a cancelled program, my pesky "Martha" will inevitably create an emergency to fill it.

For the moment, I call the second gremlin "You can't win" or "Frustration." "Frusty's" mission is to create insoluble dilemmas. He schedules events simultaneously - no matter which one you attend you will offend the people at the other. If you spend time seeing people in your office, "Frusty" nags you for not

being prompt in answering your mail. If you put in time at your desk personally answering your mail, "Frusty" nails you for not being out among your people. "Frusty" is involved in most decisions. I think it was Abraham Lincoln who said, "You can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but never all of the people all of the time."

Then there is the gremlin of "Isolation." "Isol's" job is to see that his victim is unable to develop the human relationships that are supportive and helpful in his ministry. "Isol" has many tricks: move a person around so he doesn't have time to develop lasting, supportive friendships; give him an occupational attitude that he may not reveal human weaknesses; put him in a state of life that will put fences around him; have him relating to so very many people that most of the relationships must be superficial. "Frusty" sees to it that there is never enough time to give priests, religious and faithful the attention they deserve.

Retreats are nice times to rout the gremlins - to climb Mount Tabor and from that lofty perspective see the daily frustrations shrink, to offer them up with the Eucharist, to regain serenity and strength in the company of Jesus.

I reflected how we need to be on guard lest, when we pray, we pray

before an impersonal bronze crucifix or a marble altar, or even the species of bread, rather than enter into genuine prayerful communion with Jesus, the person, Who is our life.

The Retreat Director reminded us that seldom do the Scriptures admonish us to speak to the Lord, but frequently we are told to listen to Him. Yet, how hard it is for us to be still and listen as we pray.

Maybe we need beware lest we relate to Jesus only as the babe in the manger, and neither Jesus nor we grow up to an adult relationship with the Man on the Cross. Sometimes we talk to Him or at Him as to the babe; we are sentimental, our piety is in pink and blue. Do we have the happy adult relationship - facing the real world together, real challenges but with zest and joy? Because, no matter what, we can't lose! We are following, we are in the company of, we are working with, we are supported by Jesus.

Thank you Lord for retreats! Retreats are powerful instruments of spiritual growth and conversion and peace. My beloved, have you made one lately?

Devotely Yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami



Peace Starts With Love of Neighbor

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

Love of neighbor? It seems like such a lost cause. The flood of hatred coursing through the boundaries of all nations. The long, unnerving quarrels in the neighborhood. The tensions and friction within the home.

Can you tell a Christian from an atheist where love is concerned?

Christ said yes. He stressed that "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." His genuine followers then would appear different because of their attitude to neighbor.

LET'S REVIEW the word neighbor again. Jesus was not talking only of friends and relatives. He meant those disagreeable next door people who never seem to sleep and have powerful vocal chords. He had in mind the black sheep in the family, the alcoholic who causes so much grief to his family, the friend who became a betrayer, the little old lady whose tongue does more harm than the alcoholic. He meant those who rejected him and put him to death and all those whose skin is not white.

In short, the Lord meant all those whom God has seen fit to create - whether or not they appeal to us or repel us, whether they like us or hate

us. All these "you shall love as yourself."

Why? For goodness sakes, why? In the long run, there's only one reason why. Because he commanded it. That's all. One might dig up other motives for loving, but this is the one that holds firm in all circumstances and among all people.

BECAUSE HE wants it this way. He makes love of neighbor a necessary condition for union with himself. And union with him is the only reason for our existence. It is, therefore, the unchanging will of the creator that we seek the good and desire the well being of everyone.

Sounds impossible? Well, it is impossible if we do not really understand what love is. Perhaps love is the single most misunderstood word in the language. We are forever confusing it with the emotions. We identify it solely with feelings. And the result is we are not dealing with love at all.

Love is an act of the will. It means in the negative sense that we do not desire harm or evil for anyone, no matter how much we have been offended. In the positive sense, it means that I wish them well and when possible seek their good.

NOTICE THAT the Lord

demands we love others "for his sake." In so loving another, there is no need to analyze one's personality for some charming quality or to glance at his color or study his character. A Christian can love his neighbor regardless of his personal characteristics, because of this one reason - he sees in his neighbor the image of God.

This is loving one's neighbor for the sake of God. This gets a little difficult here. Everyone is the image of God? The atheist who denies him? The shiftless, carefree father who neglects his family? The Ayatollah whose fanaticism leads to extreme cruelty? The Kremlin leaders whose gospel is the perversion of truth? The head hunting savage and the sensual person who lives like an animal?

Yes! We are all made to the image and likeness of God. All are immortal beings endowed with intelligence and freedom of will. Each has one and the same destiny - union with God in the never ending happiness of heaven. Each has the capacity to be transformed into a son of God and to share in the divine life.

HOW HARD for us to un-

derstand that we are all one family on earth. Every member is different to some degree, but in essentials we are all alike. This is so by nature, and it is intended to be so by grace.

Moreover Jesus made it so plain he was not dying for a few, but for all. His blood flowed as much for the leaders who put him to death as for the apostles who abandoned him; as much for the ignorant and uncivilized of ancient times as for the intellectuals and moderns of our day.

Love and neighbor comes more easily for those who have made the effort to take Christ at his word, to believe that he identifies with even the least significant among us. He says that whatsoever we do to them, either hurting or helping, he considers it done to himself.

THIS IS WHY we are constantly reminded to see Christ in others. And to minister to him in those people. Only this can explain why it is possible to love others and do good to them, even when they may be personally repulsive. We love Christ in them. We see him in them. As we treat them, so we treat him.

There will be no love and peace in the world, unless it starts with me and my neighbor.

On Death, Divorce...

by Antoinette Bosco

A few years ago I interviewed members of a group for Catholic widows and widowers. One woman and I were sharing stories about single parenting when she asked suddenly, "How did your husband die?"

"He didn't," I answered. "I'm divorced."

She responded, "Well, I didn't ask for my situation. God took my husband from me." Her tone was not judgmental, just matter-of-fact.

I answered, without embarrassment, "I didn't ask for my situation, either."

Maybe she understood what I meant; maybe she didn't. This incident points out what I often experience after 13 years of being divorced: the general attitude that, with divorce, you have had control of your life and marital situation, but, with death, you are an innocent victim, with God in control of your life.

That attitude, that divorced people are responsible, consciously, for their single state, while widowed people are not, is perhaps the major difference in the two situations.

However, whether the marriage ends because of death or divorce, in the aftermath both situations have much in common.

The person newly alone is usually angry or depressed, often because of a sense of helplessness, abandonment, of not being in control of one's own life, and fear of being alone. Both need to face the difficult responsibilities of not having a partner, a frightening prospect if this involves raising children alone. Each has to reassess the future, making decision about money, work, dating, family involvements with relatives from both sides. Each has experienced not only the loss of a spouse, but also the death of a way of life. Each may be confused about faith and God, feeling let down or abandoned and not at peace.

The end of a marriage brings a trauma regardless of its cause, but there are differences in the two situations. A research project at the University of Washington School of Medicine proved that the loss of a spouse registers a 100 percent stress impact on an individual, higher by far than the stress impact on people experiencing other serious problems, such as divorce, retirement or pregnancy.

The stress in understandable. While widowed persons sometimes face financial disruption, legal tangles dealing with property settlements, insurance and such, their major problems

are in other realms. They have to deal individually and as parents with loneliness, depression, the need to accept forced major changes affecting their entire lives, and the need to deal with the pain that is their legacy when a loved one dies.

Divorced persons have similar problems, but with enormous differences. For the divorced woman, the self-image damage, particularly if she is also a mother, is usually extensive. Initially, she wears "failure" as visibly as sack cloth and ashes, especially if she comes from a religious tradition holding to the absolute indissolubility of marriage. Experiences in her community, church, neighborhood and school can be negative, solidifying this identification with failure; and in her vulnerable position she can be disastrously shrunken into a weak person. She is usually living on a low income and often suffers the indignity of being considered sexually an "easy mark" by insensitive others.

For Catholics one prevailing difference in the two situations stands out. When trying to make decisions about the future, a widowed Catholic may include dating, knowing that he or she is free to marry again. A divorced Catholic, where no annulment has been granted, dates at a very certain risk to one's faith. If dating leads to remarriage, that new relationship is entered into without the church's blessing.

After pointing out some differences between the survivors of death and divorce, we come back to common challenges. Somehow, both divorced and widowed have to see themselves as persons who have experienced a traumatic end to one way of life and who must successfully pioneer into a new one. This takes courage, determination and "inspiration," which can come from faith, through friends and loved ones, and from one's own risk-taking.

Irene Hershfeldt, a widow, expressed this need honestly. She wrote:

"I believe that it is impossible to build anything in a negative atmosphere; yet a widowed person is supposed to do just that. While confused, hurt, angry and sad, one tries to rebuild a new life and establish a new role. It is nearly impossible to do. I feel a person must first discard the negative state of mind before any type of success will come. When things get bad enough, one does just that...I finally turned to Jesus. It took me four years, but I did it. I put aside my burdens, turned to him and responded to his touch. I haven't let go since..." (Marriage and Family Living magazine).

Those words could have been written by a divorced person. Death and divorced are both shattering and require time for healing. In time, the wounds can heal and the pain end, though for most, scars remain.



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Mother - Complete Woman

by Mary Bosco

My mother turned 50 in 1979. Laden with gifts, we, her city-dwelling children, took the long train ride to her suburban apartment for the birthday celebration. We arrived to find mother coming out of a full lotus position—the picture of yogic health. She smiled radiantly and ran to greet us. We looked at one another asking, "Do you believe this lady is 50?"

We had a full house for the party. Our home has always been the welcoming kind, where friends could visit, relax and share our Italian family warmth, while mother, immigrant's daughter, saw that our guests were well fed. On this birthday, our guests were an Irish priest, two Iranians, an Estonian-Canadian, a black couple, a Palestinian and a Jew. After dinner, my brother Frank broke out the guitars, the piano opened up and we made beautiful music together.

The world sees my mother, Antoinette Bosco, as an attractive, articulate professional who has written five books, authors national magazine articles, lectures at churches and universities, and is the campus expert on who's doing what and where (she is editorial director for university relations, State University of New York at Stony Brook). Her colleagues think of her as the idea person and planner of the next project. They can depend on her to do a thorough, accurate job. She keeps things running smoothly through consideration for others' feelings and recognizes the inherent worth of each individual. To me, she is the professional I emulate most and the woman after whom I model myself.

In my earliest memories mother was special because she was my pretty "mommy" and a successful author. At the same time, she was raising six children and creating a happy, healthy home for us. She could tie shoes, braid hair, bake pies and read books faster than anyone. She was tantamount to Wonder Woman in my eyes.

When I was about seven, I accidentally broke mother's favorite casserole dish while helping clean up after a backyard barbecue. Filled with grief, I was afraid to confess. She found me crying. "Mary," she said, in a voice overflowing with tenderness and consolation, "Of course I'm not angry. You were trying to help. You didn't break the dish on purpose." She hugged me especially tight, assuring me at my vulnerable moment that I was a normal person entitled to mistakes and a very much loved child. Just as she cherished and forgave me that evening, she has shown sensitivity and compassion for the needs and pains of others all her life.

As children we were bathed in the comfort of total acceptance, even when mother was angry at something we had done. If we were guilty of some transgression, it could not diminish her belief in the basic goodness of each one of her children. She set only one cardinal rule in our home—never should any one of us be deliberately cruel to another human being.

Every child, even within a close family, is as different from others as the crystalline structure of a snowflake. One of the wisest, most loving aspects of mother's approach to child-rearing was her recognition of each child's own significance and the pleasure she took in watching the growth and development of these unique, at times conflicting, personalities.

Sometimes, allowing us the room to explore our particular needs and desires caused unpleasant repercussions for mother: She spent many mornings in the principal's office. Yet, I suspect she felt a tinge of pride when the guidance counselor muttered under her breath, "The bright kids will always make waves." She took time to listen to our views and, if we held a reasonable position, she supported us, no matter how uncomfortable the battle. She respected our opinions

and avoided establishing roles for us, so we rarely had to fit someone else's notion of what we should be.

In addition to being a career woman and homemaker, mother is a human rights activist. Her involvement began 16 years ago when she marched with the Catholic Interracial Council for racial justice in housing and employment. Picket lines weren't popular then. In 1972, she was appointed to the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. As a commissioner, she led a health rights committee and authored a health rights bill. In the home mother created and in her dealing with others she values every human being—rich or poor, educated or not, with or without religion, black, white, purple or green. The watchwords are, "Love thy neighbor."

The awe I felt as a child for mother has shifted to a deep appreciation for her accomplishments, respect for her talents and admiration for her strength of character and goodness. She's a real lady—tangible and approachable, eager to share her thoughts and feelings.

I love her most not for what she has done but for her essence as a person—her ability to excite and renew her spirit through people and knowledge, to strive and hope for a better world, to seek change in herself and accept change in others. This is what makes Antoinette most beautiful, alive, fascinating and important. My mother...my friend.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I found it striking that Mary Bosco never mentioned that her mother is divorced. Upon asking for comment, Mary was surprised and said, "None of us ever through of our home as broken. Mother made it complete." Mary Bosco is taking graduate studies at Harvard Business School. She holds a master's degree in linguistics from New York University.)

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Single Parenthood

by James A. Kenny

It is 10 p.m. and quiet. The day has been happy, full of silly memorable events with the children. Mother is sitting alone in the living room. Three tears are chasing one another down her cheek.

Why would someone cry after a good day? Is mother crying because she is so happy? No. This mother is crying because she has never felt more alone. Two active children are growing up and there is no one else who cares about their clever comments and outrageous activities. There is no other adult with whom to talk.

Single parenthood is difficult in many ways. Most obvious is the financial burden of feeding and clothing children. If mother has a job, she must also pay a babysitter. Of course, mother may be eligible for Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) funds, but they provide only for minimum needs.

The physical burden is also real. Children are a 24 hour-a-day responsibility. No matter how tired a parent is, that parent must always be available to the child in times of illness or emotional hurt. Even harder is the need to respond properly to the child who constantly pesters. The single parent must do this alone, knowing he will not be relieved by a spouse.

The psychological burden may be the heaviest of all. Loneliness, feeling responsible all the time and having no other adult to talk to are common problems.

Single parenthood comes about through an unwed pregnancy, divorce or death. Although frequently censured, the unwed mother deserves support. She has given life, not terminated it, and is living out her commitment to motherhood under difficult circumstances.

In the case of divorce, the pain of an unpleasant separation has usually battered the parent's ego. Divorced parents blame

themselves and feel guilt and failure over their marriage breakup. They need help and attention.

When death takes the partner, the survivor grieves, often suffering diminished abilities and lack of energy. During the period of mourning, just getting through the day and caring for oneself seems like a momentous task. Caring for others becomes overwhelming.

No matter how single parenthood has occurred,

child rearing is a difficult task for one person. Single parents need community support.

Parents Without Partners (PWP) is a national group of single parents with chapters in most larger cities. The telephone directory may have a listing. Often ministers or undertakers will know of such groups. PWP can introduce a single parent to others in the same circumstances. Social activities, recreation, mutual aid and support may all be

provided.

Single parents can get together without a formal group like PWP. They have a difficult task in common and a meeting of minds may produce some sharing of the load. At the least there will be compassion and mutual understanding.

The basic need for some people is social. Perhaps they might try a pitch-in picnic where kids and parents get together out in the woods. Perhaps an economical

camping trip where three parents and their children venture forth together where no one of them would try it alone. Or perhaps an evening together for the parents without the children to share a drink and a quiet moment.

Single parents can help each other in concrete ways. One single parent can help another by watching the children when the parent is sick or has an emergency. Perhaps single parents can work out a mutual babysitting arrangement so they can be employed without paying half the money back in child care fees. Or perhaps they need to pool their home maintenance skills.

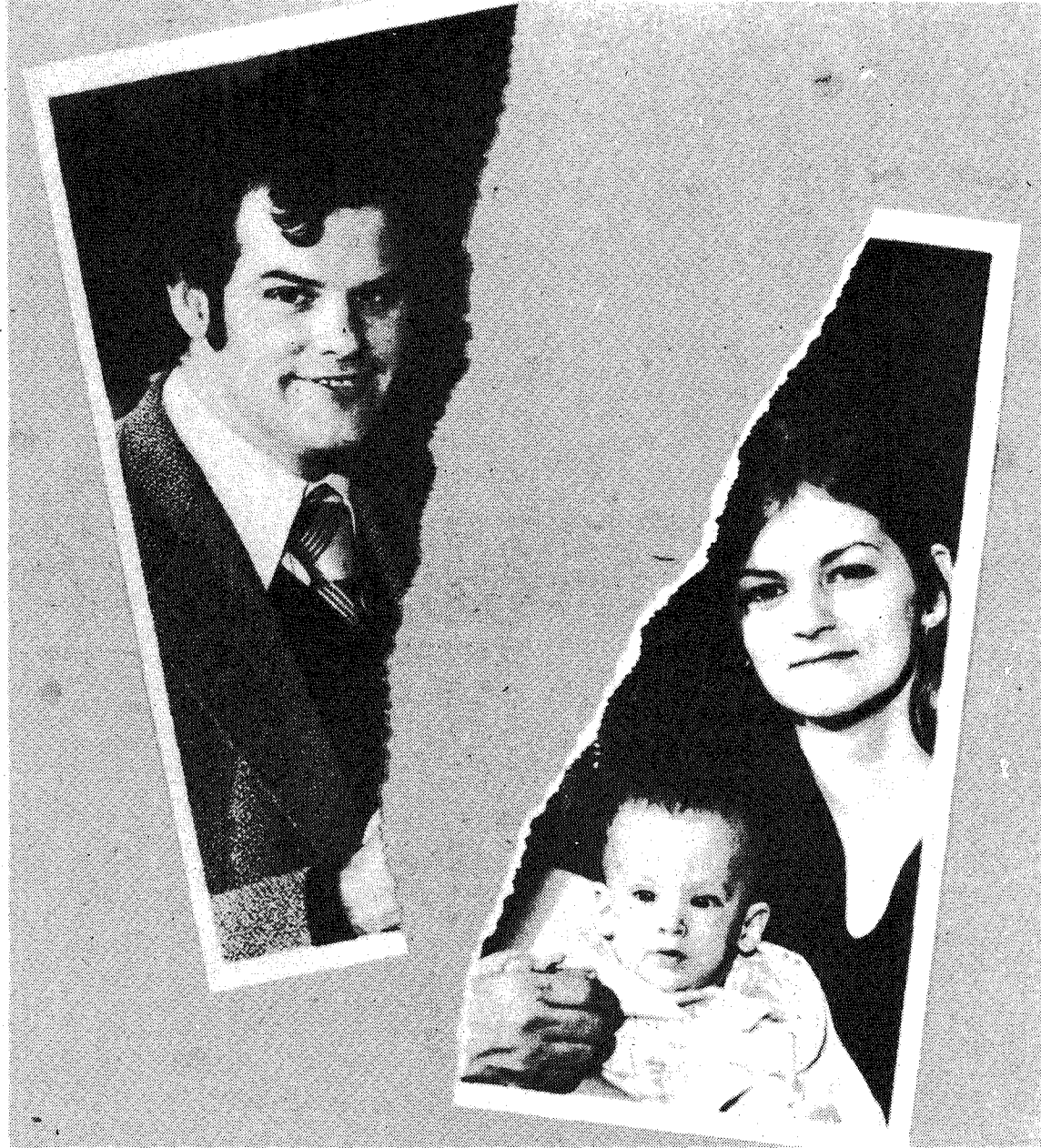
Single parents can find in one another what they have lost in a spouse: friendship, a pat on the back, the division of labor and someone to count on. It's worth the trouble to search out others in the same predicament.

How can those who have a helpmate support single parents? Try to put yourselves in their place. Try to experience some measure of what it must be like to raise children alone.

Find out who the single parents are on your block or in your parish. If you don't know, ask your priest. Ask your children who among their friends has only one parent.

Invite them to participate in your family activities. Remember them when you have a party. Take their kids along with yours to a ballgame. Invite the parent over for dinner or a cup of coffee. Make a special effort to include them in your social life.

Single parents often struggle alone with their problems rather than ask for help. Yet single parents need each other, and they and their children need community support. The community is not some anonymous entity. It is you and I. You and I need to reach out in many ways to provide support and love.



Love Your Neighbor

by Janaan Manternach

One day a group of Jewish priests challenged Jesus. They were known as Sadducees, a group of scholars who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus argued with them, proving from the Torah or Hebrew Bible that people do live on after they die.

All during the discussion between Jesus and the Sadducees a rabbi stood in the crowd listening. He was a scribe, an expert on the Torah. He was amazed at how well Jesus knew the Torah. He realized that Jesus had won the argument about the resurrection. Jesus had skillfully used the Sadducees' own arguments against them. The scribe was impressed.

The rabbi decided to ask Jesus a question. It was a hotly debated question among the learned rabbis. He wondered what Jesus would say.

"Which is the first of all the commandments?" The scribe asked Jesus. Jesus answered without any hesitation. "This is the first of all commandments," Jesus said, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Jesus paused for a moment. The rabbi smiled. The learned rabbi knew that Jesus was simply quoting the Torah (Deuteronomy 6,5). In fact, devout Jews repeat these important words more than once a day to remind themselves that God comes first in their lives. The rabbi agreed with Jesus that the first commandment for a Jew is to love God without reservation.

Jesus began to speak again. The rabbi wondered what more there was to say. "This is the second commandment," Jesus said. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus waited a moment to let his words sink in. Then he reinforced what he had said, "There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe was excited. He recognized this second commandment, too. It was taken from the Torah, also (Leviticus 19,18). He had heard it often during his life. But what excited him was

how Jesus combined the two commandments from the Torah into a single great commandment. The rabbi had never heard of anyone doing that before. He realized Jesus was saying that to love God necessarily means to love your neighbor. Loving your neighbor is the surest way to love God.

"Excellent, Teacher!" the scribe said to Jesus. "You are right in saying, 'He is the One, there is no other than he.'" Yes, "to love him with all our heart, with all our thoughts and with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves is worth more than any burnt offering or sacrifice."

Jesus smiled at the excited rabbi. Jesus was impressed with the learned man's knowledge and sincerity. Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the reign of God." It was Jesus' way of telling the Jewish scribe that he was very close to God.

From that day the learned religious leaders stopped asking Jesus any more questions in public. They were embarrassed. They did not want the crowds to see how much more Jesus knew than they did.



NEW COMMISSION — Sister Mary Amici, S.S.J., left, and Sister Marlene Payette, S.S.J., have been commissioned as Special ministers of the Eucharist with the assignment to distribute Holy Communion to Catholic patients at Mercy Hospital. Presiding at the ceremony was Father Richard P. Scherer, director of the hospital's department of pastoral care.



Family Weekend Experience, a program to develop close family relationships, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Enrichment Center, within parishes for parish families was held at St. Louis parish last weekend. Families camp out in their own "homestead" during daylight hours in the parish hall and return home at night. The fast moving, fun-filled weekend includes short talks, films, family activities and family discussions. There is time on Saturday and Sunday for games and sports, too.



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Handicapped Mass at St. Augustine's

St. Augustine's parish in Coral Gables hosted the monthly service and luncheon for the church of the handicapped, a non-denominational group which arranges for the transportation of the handicapped to a different denominational church each month.

About 130 people were transported to the Mass, at 11:00 A.M. Saturday,

January 19, by parishioners of St. Augustine's.

Fr. Michael Hogan, O.S.A., was the celebrant and homilist. An Italian luncheon, cooked by the pastor, Fr. Francis Lechiara, followed the liturgy. The ladies guild assisted with the luncheon and serving.

Many of the handicapped are confined to their homes most of the time and the monthly church service is their only social and formal religious event.

Other parishes recently hosting the church of the handicapped are: St. Rose of Lima, Visitation, and St. Catherine of Siena.

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'Looking After No. 1' Wrong, Youth Told

TORONTO —(NC)— Social justice, honesty and human sexuality are the overriding concerns addressed by the Catholic bishops of Ontario in their 2,000-word "Letter to Our Youth."

About 145,000 copies of the pastoral letter are currently being distributed throughout the province.

The bishops criticize the trend to "look after number one," saying it encourages injustice.

"Instead of trying to

'have more,' why can't we 'be more'?" they ask.

Sins of injustice of whatever kind — be they low wages, denial of basic human freedoms, exploitation of others, political corruption, the rip-off mentality, and so much else — are serious failures in our response to Christ," the bishops add.

Regarding human sexuality, the latter states that premarital sex, adultery, refusal to control homosexual tendencies, marriages con-

trary to church laws and artificial contraception are wrong.

They are sins because they are "rejections of the teachings of God and his church," it says.

Sexuality should be directed solely toward the partner in marriage, it adds.

FORMS OF self-centered pleasure seeking such as masturbation and drug and alcohol abuse are also wrong because they detract from the person's humanity, the letter says.

The bishops say they are not condemning "people caught up in such situations" but urging them to accept Christ's way with all the self-discipline and self-sacrifice required.

"True intimacy comes from commitment in love —

not in mere sex as a shortcut — to Christ, to family, to friends, in service to our brothers and sisters," they add.

The letter also stresses the need for honesty. The bishops criticize expressions as "don't get caught" and "see if you can get away with it," saying these are not the attitudes of Christ.

Christ calls each one of us to integrity, to honesty, to real fidelity to him, to ourselves and to others, to all that is truly human," the bishops add.

"Why not get caught

being honest, get caught being a man or woman of integrity, get caught being a disciple of Christ?" they ask.

The letter is addressed specifically to youth to give them "the guidance they need," said Father Angus Macdougall, executive secretary for the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The letter was nearly two years in preparation.

The bishops wanted to address the youth as members of the church and not in a condescending or patronizing way, said Father MacDougall.

Pope Pushes Ecumenism Efforts

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Pope John Paul II marked the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an appeal for renewed ecumenical efforts. "Christian unity is ever more urgent in our time in order that the church may develop its mission more effectively and give witness to full faith in the Lord and to proclaiming the Gospel," the pope said in his Sunday Angelus talk Jan. 20.

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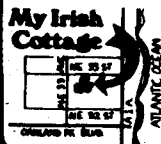
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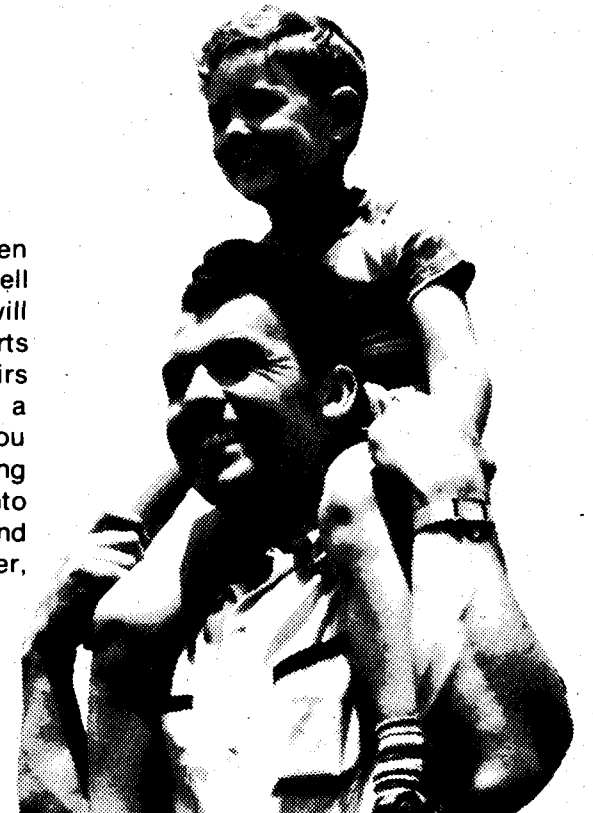
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Readers Respond to Recent Editorials

To the Editor:

Congratulations on your Editorial January 11.

Mary Longo
West Palm Beach

To the Editor:

Permit me to answer your question (Voice, 11 Jan. 80) What makes a Newspaper Catholic? Answer: Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church.

By that standard there is no room for Kung, Curran and McBrien in a Catholic publication except by way of condemnation. Rome has spoken on Kung (18 Dec 79); Curran dissents from Rome's code on sexual morality (Declaration on Sexual Ethics, 29 Dec. 75); McBrien asserts that John Paul II "seems to revert to an older hierarchical model of Church in which there is only one body of authoritative teachers" thus denying that the Pope and the Bishops united with him in hierarchical communion are the Magisterium of the Church. The McBrien quote is found in the Florida Catholic, 27 April, 1979.

These men do not express "a different interpretation of what is legitimate diversity outside of Faith and morals" (your words), they dissent in matters of Faith and morals. It is one

To the Editor:

It is indeed unfortunate that Andrew Greeley's column has been dropped from "The Voice". For many years, I have read, "The Voice," and few writers have been able to inspire so many to write or even challenge their thoughts. He offered food for the intellect.

Having been in the archdiocese of Miami for 20 years, and having attended Catholic schools, college, and having belonged to several parishes, I can attest that much "deadwood" continues to exist among our clergy. Sunday after Sunday, I have listened to sermons expressing the same basic thoughts, year after year. When was the last time confession was a truly religious experience? Year after year, I have continued to receive the same "three Hail Mary's and three Our Fathers" for penance. (Is this motivating religious growth?)

Priests continue to recognize only certain segments of the population and exclude others. All too often the singles, young adults and widowed are left out. Are they too, not important? When was the last time you felt involved sitting in the "Women's Guild" discussing the eternal plans for another rummage sale?

I can only agree with Fr. Greeley, that much "deadwood" exists among the clergy. As leaders of the Church, it is their obligation and respon-

To the Editor:

In regard to your editorial in this week's Voice:

I would be very interested in knowing what psychologists say are the differences between conservatives and liberals. Since there are priests in the diocese who are psychologists (I believe I'm correct about this), why not have them write an article in The Voice.

Perhaps the conservatives are reluctant to go ahead as fast as the liberals would like. However, I have seen some liberals who will not try to understand the psychological reasons why some people hold back.

I think the Church is going to have to accept the fact that we are all different. Some people are extroverts, and some are introverts.

Also, as a priest pointed out to me last week, some people are conservative in one thing, but not in another.

Christ, we are told, wants us to love each other. Perhaps in His wisdom conservatives and liberals were both put here, one to balance out the other. There can be extremes on both sides.

Nancy Howard
Miami

To the Editor:

The editorial "What makes a newspaper

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

thing to debate communion in the hand (rejected by the Bishops of the world on three different votes, Memoriale Domini 29 May 69) and quite another to deny Papal Infallibility, the validity of Catholic sexual morality or the nature of the Magisterium of the Church.

These men are not to be viewed as non-persons (your word); they should be viewed as non-Catholics, doctrinally speaking.

Cyril W. Burke, O.P.
Barry College

To the Editor:

We are cancelling our subscription to The Voice as of now.

For the eighteen years we have lived here, we have received this paper. The dropping of Father Greeley's column was too much to endure.

We are sick of the Catholic Press being merely the mouthpiece of the Hierarchy and conservatives.

Gertrude L. Ballou
Arthur D. Ballou
Miami

To the Editor:

Surely want to congratulate you for a fantastic issue. The middle spread about Drugs and alcohol was beautifully done. Sensible, poignant, to the point, down to earth — namely the kind of readable Christian journalism that both informs and motivates. If priests would preach and if catechisms would teach in that style, the central message of Christianity would be much more accepted and believed. Congratulations to the four writers, Lenon, Kenny, Landregan and Bartram.

Your editorial made my mouth drop open (In a diocesan paper?! Beautiful sunlight into a shaded room. Especially liked your last paragraph, and will look forward to next week's installment. Again, my congratulations to Archbishop McCarthy for being open-minded enough to let it go in. Surely a step in the right direction. I'm sure more people will actually read The Voice now, rather than just receiving it.

Please keep up the good work. We really do, all of us, need one another openly, fully and frankly.

Let me send this is before I chicken out.

Michael E. Lepp
Miami

sibility to update and grow with the Church and its members.

It has not been my intent to "put down" the clergy but rather stress their continued importance in guiding us to seek a more meaningful spiritual fulfillment in our lives with one another in accordance with Christ's teachings.

Naomi B. Scott
West Palm Beach

To the Editor:

Yes! Where is Greeley? When is the Greeley column coming back? It is a shame that we have people that are educated and should know better to be brain washed and see things the way our Bishops and Clergy want it. Sure, the truth hurts when Father Greeley tells it just as it is.

I agree that he expresses the concern of a good number of Catholics who are tired of "you do as I say", the famous words of our priests today. In fact, we had one Priest in our Parish that told us that while studying for the priesthood the priests were told to make us people "SQUIRM".

Please tell us if the column will be resumed or not so we will know what can be done to get it back.

Name Withheld
Miramar

To the Editor:

Your article, "What Makes A Newspaper Catholic" impressed me as being highly commendable in that it advocated dissemination of all the facts and opinions pertaining to the many complex problems facing the Church today.

However, the credibility of the article was completely shattered with the admission, printed on the same page, that the Father Andrew Greeley column has been dropped from The Voice, "because conservative priests and lay persons didn't like him".

A good Catholic newspaper must publish the barbs of a Greeley, the analyses of an Ellis, the questions of a Kungs, and the views of all the others who can portray the warts as well as all that is bright and beautiful in the Church.

The management of The Voice must make a decision as to whether it is to be truly a Catholic newspaper or merely a bulletin of diocesan affairs.

J. Don Galvin
Miami

Catholic?" I fear will add to the confusion, rather than dispel it.

Is a diocesan paper intended for specialists in theology, who can follow disputes and make mature decisions; or, for the Catholic people who look to the teachers in the Church for reliable guidance?

When the opinion of Msgr. Ellis on contraception and abortion is published in the Catholic press, with the comment that he is a recognized authority in History, does that not lend a certain air of approval to his view, unless, at the same time the disagreement with Catholic teaching is pointed out? If the opinion of Father Hans Kung is published in the Catholic paper, let it not be without the comment that his teaching has been condemned by the Church, if appropriate.

Christ refused to become embroiled in the disputes of the Pharisees. He did, however, point out their errors.

Speaking at Catholic University last October, Pope John Paul II gave us a clear and reliable pastoral norm: "It is the right of the faithful not to be troubled by theories and hypotheses that they are not expert in judging, or that are easily simplified or manipulated by public opinion for ends that are alien to the truth. On the day of his death, Pope John Paul I stated:

"Among the rights of the faithful, one of the greatest is the right to receive God's word in all its entirety and purity. It behooves the theologian to be free, but with the freedom that is openness to the truth and the light that comes from faith and from fidelity to the Church."

An excellent norm for the diocesan paper.

Rev. Herbert Kramer, C.P.P.S.
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Ft. Lauderdale.

To the Editor:

Congratulations on discontinuing Father Greeley's article. It's a big victory for Christ and His Church to realize the tremendous value of the written word, the shortage of time and space, and the stakes that are being played for.

We can do without the novel intellectual experimentation of Fathers like Hans Kung, Greeley and others. Let them use non-Catholic media to present their non-Catholic ideas. We are not so perfect or financially stable to give valuable space to controversial nonsense writers.

John Hrach
West Palm Beach

...More Response to Recent Editorials

To the Editor:

Were you aware that in the State of Florida you need your parents consent to get your ears pierced? Without such consent doctors and department stores won't do the procedure. You cannot have a tonsillectomy, an adenoidectomy or even a cut treated (unless you are bleeding to death) by any medical personnel unless your parents consent to it. But, you can have an abortion if you are a minor.

Under the Medical Practice Act passed by the States of Florida, a minor would have had to get her parents consent to have an abortion, or she would at least have to get a court order. The Civil Liberties Union went into court and said that violates a minors rights, and shocking as it may seem, the Supreme Court in a previous decision handed down a ruling that said any law which makes a parent's consent necessary (and

To the Editor:

I scrapped my own letter of inquiry to adapt the one I just read in the Jan. 11 Voice re: Father Greeley's column. That letter says it best.

I am saddened by your answer, first by a sense of deprivation, and then because it shows such lack of courage on the part of The Voice. I feel so strongly that instead of renewing my Voice, I will subscribe to a Catholic newspaper which is not afraid of Father Greeley.

Jean S.
Ft. Lauderdale.

To the Editor:

Three cheers for your editorial, "What makes a Newspaper Catholic". The one element that has hitherto made the VOICE more than just palatable is its diversity of opinion expressed by it's columnists.

Are we so weak in our faith that we are going to slam the window shut, that Pope John XXIII opened? The clergy who are concerned over

To the Editor:

I am sorry that such a splendid paper as yours — the only one in the area providing in-depth coverage of religiously oriented subjects, has dropped Fr. Andrew Greeley.

Fr. Greeley is an eminent, respected sociologist who is still trying to serve his brothers and sisters in the Church — along with the hierarchy, from within his Church. Many of his opinions and conclusions are based on scientific studies and data. We, the people of the Church, may not always agree with Fr. Greeley, but firmly believe we have a right to hear him — and, Fr. Greeley has a right to be heard. Scripture tells us that the Church is all the people — not just a select few.

Fr. Greeley is a prophet and the establishment has never cared for prophets — whether it be Isaiah, Martin Luther or Jesus Himself. Are we now to return to the mentality of the St. Thomas More and Martin Luther eras?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the key word is necessary is unconstitutional because there are instances when a minor has enough maturity to make certain decisions for themselves.

When will the government stop meddling? When will a parents right to protect their children be recognized. Certainly we realize that there are parents who are unscrupulous and uncaring of their childrens feelings, but the majority protect and defend their children and try to do what is right for the child. A parent has the right to protect its child from those matters that will physically and mentally hurt them, and a parent should be given the opportunity to help the child make a proper decision on so important a step in that child's life. Parental consent should be a prerequisite to any medical procedure, abortion or other wise.

Duane Karen Raimondi
Legislation-Chairperson
St. Lawrence CCW

"exposing such stories" to their parishioners might profit themselves from strengthening their own faith by daring to face both sides of an issues.

They might take a survey of the couples in their own parishes who are practicing contraception contrary to church teaching and find that Msgr. Ellis is understating the fact.

Hiding facts don't make them go away. Christ addressed the "issues" even when they were unpopular. He exposed the "sin" and gave us the choice to follow Him or it.

Janet Carnett
Jensen Beach

To the Editor:

I thoroughly appreciated every word of Carol A. Farrell's excellent article, "Making Friends From Within the Family".

I consider it important enough to copy it and mail to each of my three daughters-in-law, because I still consider the Mother the "Queen" of the home.

Mrs. C.R. Meyers
Lighthouse point

Censorship did not work then and the members of the Church will not accept it now!

Your January 11, 1980 editorial on What Makes a Newspaper Catholic is to be commended. However, on the same page you only partially reply to a previous letter-writer. I submit the question a second time. Yes or No. Was Fr. Greeley dropped because of conservative priests and lay people? Your readers deserve a reply to this question. If your answer is yes, then your editorial appears inconsistent with The Voice's action regarding Fr. Greeley. If your answer is no — then could your editorial have been in response to the Chancery?

I wonder if my last question ensures non-publication of this letter. Even so, do you think it possible that many other subscribers feel about it just as I do?

L.C. Robinson
Naples, Florida



Force my child to go to confession?

By REV. JOHN DIETZEN

Q. Perhaps you can advise me on a problem I'm having with my nine-year-old daughter. She received first Communion about two years ago and made her first confession about one and one-half years later. Although she receives Communion regularly, she resists confession. I have not made a big issue of it, but am hoping to persuade her to go during Lent.

Must I force her to go if she resists, or should I let it slide for awhile? (Canada)

A. Yours is a widespread problem of parents with their children these days. But we shouldn't be surprised since most adult Catholics are still attempting to discover just where the sacrament of penance fits into their lives in light of the newer understandings of the Eucharist, of our relationship to the church, and most of all of this beautiful sacrament itself.

No one, even a parent, should "force" another to receive any sacrament. It can do no real good either spiritually or psychologically. On the other hand, you shouldn't "let it slide for awhile." I think there is a middle way.

It is important that by your own words and

actions, you help your daughter understand a few essential things about sin and the sacrament of penance. (You perhaps need some little reading and study yourself in order to do this.)

One key truth forgotten by many who say confession is useless unless one has committed mortal sin is that all sin, even venial sin, is an offense not only against God but against all the church. It weakens and diminishes the holiness of all by lessening my own holiness and spiritual goodness in it. I injure the body of Christ and, to the degree of my sin, distort the image of Christ existing in all my brothers and sisters. I become part of a sinful church, and to be whole, to be honest again, I need not only the "private" saying to me: "We forgive you. In the shadow of the cross of Christ, let's undergo a change of heart, and try to be again the sign of his loving presence to each other."

Surely there are other ways that our daily faults are forgiven apart from confession. But even most of these relate closely to our ties to our fellow Catholics, for example, the penitential rite at Mass, Communion and good deeds we do for others. But the special encounter with God's

forgiving and healing love in the sacrament of penance brings him directly into the everyday realities of our guilt, our need for cleansing from sin, and our identity with the death and resurrection of Jesus in a way nothing else does.

These tremendous realities must be thought through and made our own if we expect them to become real to our children. I suggest you utilize one of the many good books on confession, geared for younger people, available from a Catholic bookstore or through a Catholic catalog you could borrow from your pastor.

I'm truly happy you want to help your child become more comfortable with the sacrament of penance. One of the giant priests and theologians of our time, Father Karl Rahner, spoke once of how many Protestant leaders today recognize the need of regular confession even when there is no mortal sin. He added, "With this situation facing us, would it not be very strange if we began to neglect frequent confession out of carelessness and a desire for comfort in the spiritual life?"

With thoughtful parents like yourself, maybe that is changing.

St. Lawrence Students Exhibit

The Voice caught an interesting exhibit of inventions re-created by some sixty students at St. Lawrence School in Miami Beach, at a showing in Hollywood Mall over last week-end.

The exhibit, the work of 7th and 8th grade students under the guidance of Mr. G. Winter, history instructor, ran

the gamut from indian ways to lunar conveyors, including the early train, the telegraph, the workings of a volcano, Fulton's steamboat, even period clothing — all made by hand and re-created with dint of a lot of hard work on the part of the young people. The kids tended their work and gave explanations to all who were interested.

Msgr. Delaney's Mother Dies

Mrs. Katie Delaney, Mother of Msgr. John Delaney, V.F., pastor of Holy Family Church in North Miami, died recently in Ireland. She was 84. Msgr. Delaney was chief concelebrant of Mass at Crossboyne Parish Church Jan. 7. Mrs. Delaney was one of the Miami priests' relatives visited by Archbishop McCarthy on his visit to Ireland last year. Msgr. Delaney said he was fortunate to be at his mother's side when she died. She is survived by three daughters and six sons, one of whom is Edward Delaney a famous Irish sculptor.

Fr. Wm. Ryan, 48

Father William A. Ryan 48, a priest of the Brooklyn Diocese, died here Tuesday after a long illness.

Father Ryan was known to the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Miami, where he helped the priests of the parish at the weekends, as well as assisted in other ministries.

A funeral Mass for Father Ryan was celebrated at St. Louis Church, Kendall, Wednesday, January 23. Father Ryan will be buried at Holy Trinity Church, White Stone, New York, in his home diocese of Brooklyn, tomorrow, Saturday, January 26.



Dr. Maurice F. Draye, Past President of the Serra Club of Broward County, introduces clergy: to his left is Fr. Gustavo Miyares, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, Msgr. Thomas O'Donovan, St. Gabriel Parish, Pompano Beach, Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, St. John Vianney Seminary, and Fr. James E. Quinn, Serran Chaplain, of Nativity Parish, Hollywood.

Broward Pastors Honored by Serrans

By GEORGE KEMON

The Serra Club of Broward County met at Harris International Restaurant in Pompano Beach last week to honor the pastors of Broward County — the nineteenth such annual event.

Also present was Bishop Robert F. Joyce, Retired Bishop of Burlington, Vt., annual winter resident of the Broward-Dade Area and a very popular clergyman among the parishioners of Broward County.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, Dr. Maurice F. Draye, past president, gave some interesting statistics with regard to the clergy vocation problem in the world day.

Dr. Draye noted that of the approximately 600 million Catholics in the world, 200 million — or one third of the world's Catholic population lives in South America. To serve that population there is only one priest for every 5,000 of the Faithful.

FURTHER, the Doctor continued, in the United States over 30,000 priests, brothers and nuns have been lost to the Church in the last decade.

Replacements? The Vocations-oriented group past president noted that St. John Vianney Seminary presently

has 70 seminarians. Of this number 28 hispanics will be ordained for South American countries — and 8 for the Archdiocese of Miami — these 8 men to try to fill the gaps in 40 parishes.

Dr. Draye spoke also of the main mission of the Serrans, the "31" club — a simple, but important means by which we may all participate in the prayerful need for vocations — the requirement? Each of us to go to Mass one day per month and pray for vocations. The Serrans have posters and prayer cards for this purpose and can be obtained in the vestibules of most parishes in the County.

Fr. Gustavo Miyares,

Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Miami spoke briefly about the Vocations problem and also outlined a Summer Camp Project to enable young men to spend a week-end, this Summer at St. John Vianney, to investigate the possibilities of selection of the priesthood as their life's vocation.

Bishop John H. Nevins, could not be present for the occasion and sent Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, of St. Vianney Seminary in his place. Fr. O'Sullivan spoke briefly on the subject, "Man's Understanding of the Sacred".

The dinner was attended by approximately 100 Serrans, guests and clergy.

Ecumenical Service Set

(Continued from Page 1)

century.

A French Roman Catholic priest, Father Paul Couturier, expanded the scope of Father Paul Wattson's Octave during the 1930's and named it "The Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Even in prayer for church unity, Christians were thus divided and isolated from one another. As a result of the Second Vatican Council, however, all Christians today are able to pray for unity during a common observance called "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," which is held every January 18-25 throughout the world.

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Open AA Meeting

There will be an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Friday evening, Feb. 1, at 8:30 p.m. at St. Augustines Catholic Youth Center, 1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables. (One Block East of Red Road at the U. of Miami). Newly released General Services Approved film "A.A. - Inside View" and Guest Speaker. Inter-group benefit sponsored by the Bethesda Manor Group.

Women's Club

St. Boniface's Women's Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1980, in the Parish Hall, 8330 Johnson St., Pembroke Pines, Fla. at 8:00 p.m.

★★★

St. Agnes Women's Club will hold a membership drive on Sunday, January 27. Following all Masses, Members will be stationed outside the doors of the Church to solicit new members.

★★★

The St. Mary Magdalen General Meeting will be held in the Social Hall on Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Father Dan Dorrity. Refreshments before meeting.

Card / Luncheon

Parties

St. Bernard's Women's Guild will hold their monthly Card Party on Friday Feb. 1, in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise. There will be table and door prizes. Refreshments. Men are invited to participate in the games. Donation \$1.25 Chairman, Mildred Chiodo, 741-5834.

★★★

"Fashions for the 80's", Nativity Guild's 19th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon, will be held at the Reef in Ft.

S. Florida Scene

Lauderdale, on Jan. 30, at 11:30 a.m. Mrs. John Md. Donnell is General Chairman. Reservations and tickets are available by calling Mrs. Russell, Locandro, at 962-2028.

★★★

The Madonna Guild of St. Thomas More Parish in Boynton Beach is presenting their annual Fashion Show with Fashions by Phyllis of Deerfield Beach on Feb. 5, at the Breakers in Palm Beach, at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served and prizes awarded. Tickets \$13.00 from Anne Connolly at 732-4537 or Anne Ferguson, 737-2792.

★★★

The St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women annual Scholarship Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held Feb. 9, in the Bal Masque Room of the Americana Hotel. Happy Hour begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$12.50 each, can be obtained from Nel Scefcyk, 932-8276, after 6 p.m.

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St. David's Women's Club will hold a luncheon - Fashion

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Show at the Holiday Inn, 1711 N. University Drive, Plantation, Feb. 2, from 11:30 a.m. (Cocktails) Fashions presented by Antioneete's Dress Shop and reservations to Madeline Boyle, 434-1564.

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Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will hold a card party at Madonna Hall, 430 N. "M" St., Lake Worth, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m. Dessert, door prizes, table prizes. Bring own cards. Donation \$2.00

★★★

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Holy Spirit, No. 1912, Pompano Beach, Fla., will sponsor a Dessert-card party on Jan. 26, at Noon., at St. Elizabeth's Gardens, Pompano Beach, Fl. Donation \$1.25 Refreshments.

Third Order, St. Dominic

The Dominican Laity, Third Order of St. Dominic, will meet Feb. 3, at Barry College. Novice instruction at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room of Thompson Hall. Rosary at 11:00 a.m. Mass, at 11:30 a.m. in Cor Jesu Chapel.

Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelites of Miami will meet at Villa Maria Nursing Home, 1050 NE. 125th St., N. Miami, at 2:00 p.m., Feb. 2, 1980.

Catholic Educator's Guild

On February 23, the Catholic Educator's Guild will pay tribute to all the directors of religious education and CCD teachers in the area at a luncheon to be held at the Reef Restaurant, in Ft. Lauderdale. Luncheon is at noon.

Sisters Council Set Blood Drive

January has been set aside by President Carter as National Blood Donor Month. The Sisters' Council is sponsoring a drive for voluntary blood donors. The Sisters of the Archdiocese through the Council are being asked to take on the program of contributing blood.

All sisters who can contribute are asked to go to John Elliott Community

Blood Center, 1675 NW 9th St., You may call the center at 324-8341 and ask where the mobile units are to be located from Jan. 27 through Feb. 5, and mention that you are representing the Sisters Council.

Widow(ers)

40-60 Widowers Club meeting will be held Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Nativity Parish Hall, 700 W. Chaminade Drive, Hollywood, Fl., Covered Dish Supper. All ladies to bring covered dish. Dancing. Call 987-4493 or 989-1910.

St. Theresa Social

The St. Theresa Social Club of the Church of the Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia, Coral Gables will have a special meeting Jan. 27, at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Spectrum Programs, Miami, Fl., will present a program on the Wise Use of Medication, and a Passport to Good Health. Refreshments, \$2550 each. All invited.

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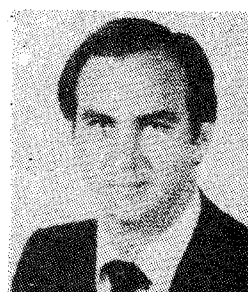
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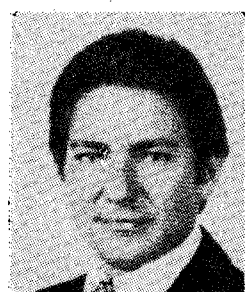
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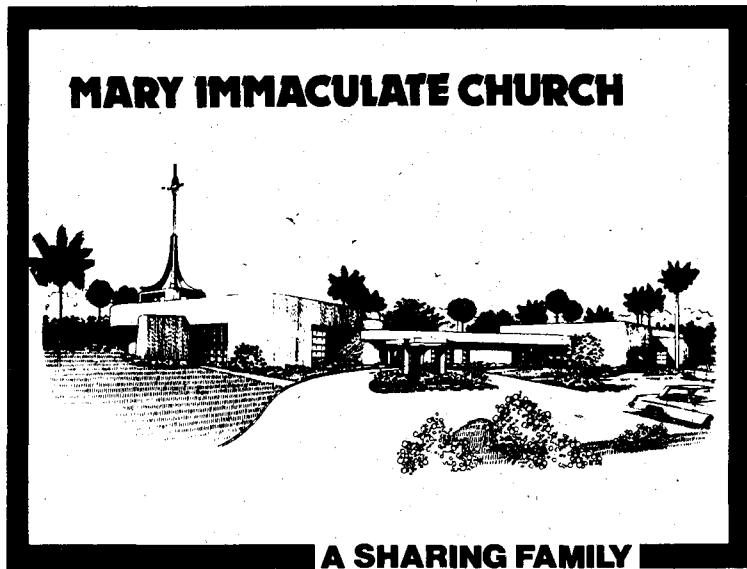
Mary Immaculate Begins Fund Drive

The Catholic Community of Mary Immaculate Church in West Palm Beach has started a fund raising program for construction of a permanent church and parish social hall. The million dollar fund drive is in the hands of General Chairman, Paul Kostenbauder. Joseph Shaw, Frank Schuler and Walter Steinheimer are serving as General Co-Chairmen.

Mary Immaculate Church was established in September, 1974 by the late Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll. Fr. Michael J. Devaney, O.M.I., is the founding and present Pastor.

Father Devaney said there were 57 people attending his first Sunday Parish Mass in the Cardinal Newman High School Chapel. Within two months there were 80 people in attendance. On its first birthday celebration, the small parish family had grown to 500 people. Today, some 738 families gather at Mass.

Services continue to be held in the Cardinal Newman High School cafeteria. One day, however, Mary Immaculate parish will be at



home on its own 3.8 acres on the corner of Spencer and Sequoia Drives.

The total 19,000 sq. ft. building the parish wants to build was designed by West Palm Beach Architect Richard San Giovanni, and is estimated to cost about \$964,000. "However," says Father Devaney, "We will build as much as we can pay for, and the various facets of the building will be acquired

in the order of the greatest importance to our parish family."

"We have an organization," says General Chairman Kostenbauder, "and we have a very definite time-table whereby we expect our goal will be achieved, and the building realized at an early date." He further commented, "The attitude of the parishioners seems to be

Special Minister Training Days

The following four dates and places have been scheduled for those wishing to become Special Ministers of the Eucharist:

February 9; St. John the Apostle, 451 E. 4th Ave., Hialeah (will be presented in Spanish)

February 23; St. Rose of Lima, 418 NE 105th St., Miami Shores (English)

March 1; St. Juliana, 4500 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach (English)

April 26; St. Coleman, 1200 South Federal Highway, Pompano Beach (English)

All workshops will begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M., but candidates are asked to come a little early for registration.

Pastors are required to write a letter of recommendation to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at the Chancery listing the

names of those they wish to attend the workshops and specifying the one to which they will send their candidates. A check covering the registration fee of \$4.00 per person should be enclosed with the letter of registration - recommendation; checks should be made out to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. Deadline for registration will be the Wednesday preceding each workshop.

We, gently, but firmly, remind pastors and candidates that the two Archdiocesan requirements for commissioning are the letter of recommendation and the completion of the full day of training. We would like to extend our thanks to all those who are serving in this field and also for your cooperation in following the requirements so faithfully.

Catholic Widows

Catholic Widows and Widowers Club will meet Feb. 4, at 8:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 3571 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale.

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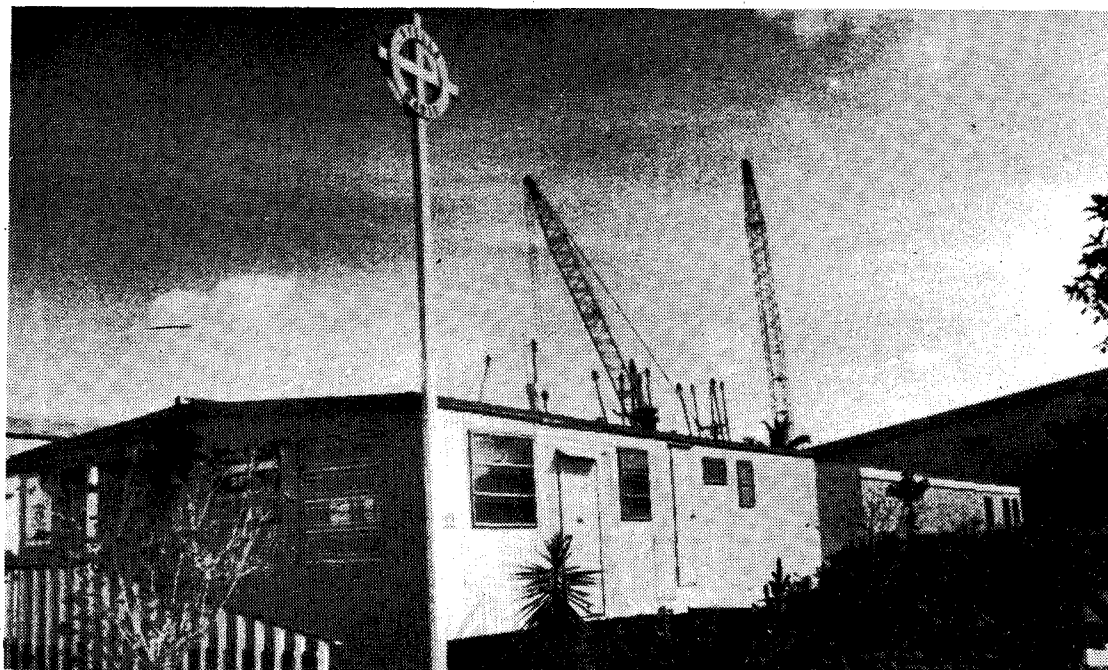
International Seaman's Center

Dedication of the "Stella Maris Center," a religious facility for seamen at the Port of Miami, was recently held. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Port Director Mr. Carmen Lunetta and Staff, Country authorities, clergy, captains, and crews of ships in port, and the St. Michael's School Folk Choir all were present at the dedication ceremonies.

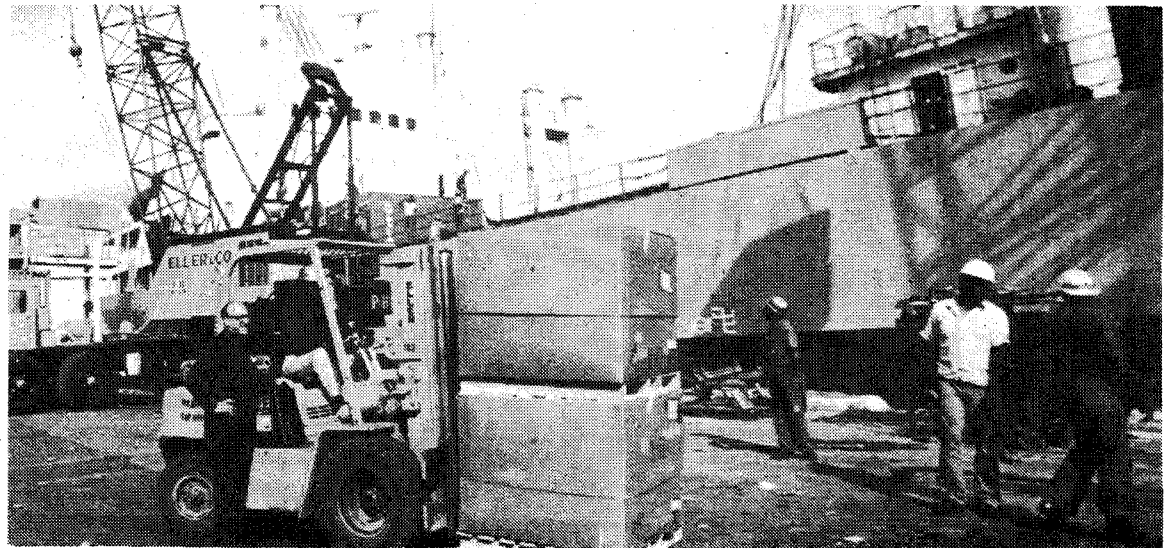
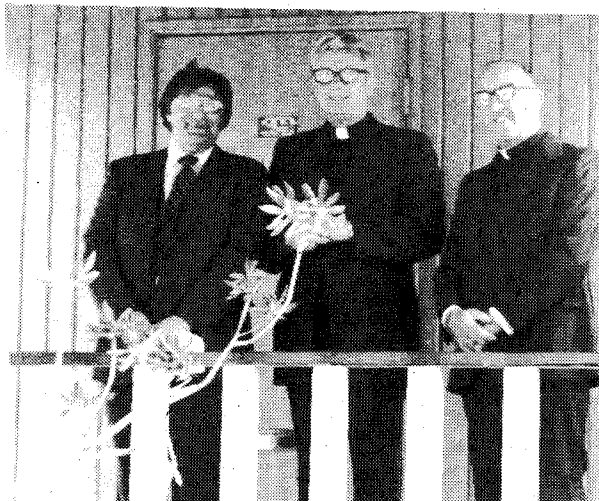
"Stella Maris", which means "Star of the Sea," is one of many such centers which have been located throughout the world to give the merchant seaman a haven of rest and opportunity to visit with fellow seamen, and to provide Christian fellowship and guidance while in port.

The facility at the Port of Miami is in line with the expansion and greatly increased activity in the Port, and is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami under direction of the National Catholic Bishop's Conference for Seafarers.

Fr. Jose M. Paz has been assigned as chaplain and the Center at 1275 S. American Way, in the Port, is readily accessible. Fr. Paz may be reached by calling 371-6272 or 649-1811.



The new seaman's center building, above, located in close proximity to the loading docks at the Port of Miami. Archbishop Edward McCarthy, bottom picture, tours the facilities with Port Director Carmen Lunetta, left, and Fr. Jose Paz, first chaplain. Right picture shows an active port as Fr. Paz meets seamen.



Nun's 50th Jubilee Near After Decades of Change

A lovely lady will celebrate a Golden Jubilee on Sat. Jan. 26 when a Mass of Thanksgiving to observe the occasion will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church, Naples.

She is Sister Paul Marie Robertson, O.S.F. who took her final vows as a Nun in 1930. Sister is a member of the faculty of St. Ann's School and director of the school library. Born in Connecticut, Sister was taken to Ireland when she was three years old. Her early childhood was spent in County Roscommon, her mother's birthplace. The family later moved to England. After Her mother's death, Sister returned to Ireland where she was educated by the Presentation Sisters in Dublin.

In 1927 Sister came to America and entered the Order of St. Francis of the Philadelphia Foundation. She continued her studies, earning degrees in Education Art and Library Science at Villanova and Providence Colleges. Through the years she has taught all grades of elementary education,

COMMENTING ON Pope John Paul II's expressed desire that religious return to wearing traditional garb, Sister said "While many Sisters now wear modern civilian dress, the Sisters of St. Francis prefer a distinc-

tive garb, modified from the old habit. An identifiable garb gives a richer, fuller identity."

As to her views on the role of women in a rapidly changing culture: "My philosophy has always been to be open to changes and trends of the times. Lay women now serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators and Ushers. Nuns enjoy a freedom and mobility undreamed of a decade ago. They are free to venture into new professions and new life styles. They retain their identity and family names. They take their place in the community at large in a wide variety of professional activities."

"I regard the education of the very young, during the years of character formation, the most important role of women in the home and in the classroom. We remember the lessons learned in early childhood all of our lives."

Sister added "I do not see women priests in the immediate future. However, I greet each day with an open mind. No one can tell what the future will bring. Perhaps in God's own time this will come about."

An informal reception will follow the Mass in St. Ann Parish Hall, Third St., So. and Tenth Ave.

Workshop on Family Life

A workshop on "Family Life" will be co-sponsored by the Religious Education Offices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami and the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida on Jan. 30 in North Miami and in Hollywood.

Paulist Press will conduct the sessions which will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, NW Fifth Ave. and 131 St. and at St. John Episcopal Church, 1704 Buchanan St., Hollywood, at 7:30 p.m.

"Paths of Life" is the theme of a comprehensive family renewal program of the Paulist Press designed to improve the quality of life for every family member from the youngest to the eldest. Published this year, during which Catholic Churches throughout the United States are observing a Year of the Family, it includes units on family enrichment, family healing, marriage enrichment, parenting, marriage preparation and single adult living. Paulist Press is making available a variety of books for participants and leaders as well as filmstrips and cassettes.

Fr. Paul Vuturo, Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education; and the Rev. Robert B. Cook, Jr., of the Episcopal Diocese, are the coordinators.

Carmelites to Staff New School

Fr. Vincent T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools announced this week that a contract had been finalized with the Carmelites' Eastern Province of St. Elias, and that Brother Michael Welch, O. Carm., had been designated principal of the planned Pope John Paul High School.

Brother Welch will arrive Feb. 1 and will have an office in the St. Ambrose parish area.

He will begin working with Fr. Kelly on curriculum

and planning.

At present a staff of seven Carmelites will be assigned and the staff added to as required in the future.

Housing is being sought in the Boca Raton area near the site of the high school.

It is expected that a foundation permit will be issued later this week. Hopefully, depending upon the Archbishop's schedule, a groundbreaking can be held the following Sunday, Feb. 3, 1980.

Pro-Life Counseling Course Offered

A 10-week course will be offered in the technique of non-directive counseling for anyone interested in becoming a Right-to-Life Line Counselor.

Life Line is staffed by

volunteers who give a few hours each month counseling girls and women with troubled pregnancies and related problems. You could help to save the life of an unborn child!

Charismatic Weekend

A Charismatic Weekend Retreat will be held at Dominican Retreat House, 7275 S.W. 124th St., Kendall, Fl., starting Friday Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m. Registration ends on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 11:30 a.m. Sister Judith Shield, O.P. Faculty member of Barry College and active in the charismatic renewal in the Miami area for 11 years will direct the retreat. For reservations contact Sister Peggy at 238-2711.

The Instructor will be Ann Marie Lucchese RNP. Guest speakers will include Mary Anne Maraist RN, State Right-to-Life President; Martha Heimbach RN; and Zonarae Hueller.

The course will be taught at Maurawood Residence, 900 54th St., West Palm Beach each Tuesday from 8-10 p.m. beginning February 5th. For more information please call Elaine Servais,

845-6516. Attention nurses: Life Line also needs nurses to do pregnancy tests. Can you give a few hours each month?

Gran Honor Para Iglesia De EE.UU.



William Cardenal Baum

WASHINGTON —(NC)— El Vaticano ha nombrado al Cardenal William Baum, de Washington, Prefecto de la Congregación de Educación Católica, sustituyendo al cardenal francés que ocupaba esta posición, Gabriel-Marie Garrone, que se retiró a la edad de 78 años.

"Este nombramiento es un gran honor para la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos" de acuerdo a las declaraciones

del Arzobispo John R., Quinn de San Francisco y Presidente de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos.

El Arzobispo Quinn manifestó que el nombramiento es también una gran pérdida para la Conferencia de Obispos. "Sin embargo agregó, no podemos sino reconocer la excelencia de esta posición a la que trae el Cardenal Baum su experiencia y su gran interés por los asuntos culturales y académicos."

El más joven de los Cardenales de los Estados Unidos queda ahora encargado de las directivas del Vaticano con respecto a Seminarios, Universidades, Colegios y Escuelas de la Iglesia en todo el mundo. Fue perito del Concilio Vaticano II, ha fomentado el ecumenismo — en su familia ha habido protestantes y judíos — y se ha opuesto enérgicamente al racismo y al aborto por considerarlos "violaciones de la justicia comunitaria".

El Cardenal Baum participó, la semana pasada, en las honras fúnebres celebradas en la Catedral de Washington por el eterno descanso de George Meany, a quien lo unió una larga amistad.

Inaugurada la Casa del Marino

Para aquellos relacionados con la vida de los puertos del mundo quizá sea conocido el nombre "Stella Maris". De todas maneras diremos que Stella Maris es un centro que ofrece a los navegantes por profesión un lugar en tierra donde encuentran un poco de calor humano y hermandad; amista y ayuda moral y espiritual ofrecida desinteresadamente.

La Arquidiócesis Católica de Miami a nuestro puerto, de gran actividad marina, y para ello hizo realidad el Centro Stella Maris de Miami, que también lleva el título en español de la Casa del Marino, situado en 1275 South American Way. Fue dedicado y bendecido el pasado día 17 por el Arzobispo de Miami, Edward McCarthy en una bonita ceremonia a la que asistieron autoridades del Puerto y eclesiásticas, del Condado y capitanes y tripulación de naves.

Hicieron uso de la palabra el Señor Arzobispo McCarthy, Rev. P. José M. Paz, Capellán del Centro y el Sr. Carmen Lunetta, Director del Puerto. Hubo también una



Su Excelencia Arzobispo McCarthy dirige la palabra a los asistentes al acto de dedicación del Centro Stella Maris.

recepción.

Entre sus facilidades el Centro cuenta con una sala de lectura, con diarios, revistas y libros, sala de televisión lugar para escribir y recibir y despachar correspondencia, información de todo asunto de interés para los marinos, consultas, ayuda y consejos para

sus problemas personales, una capilla para los que desean recogerse en oración y un Capellán que lo atenderá en sus necesidades espirituales, organizará Misas a bordo y visitará a los marinos hospitalizados. Por encima de todo esto es una franca amistad y una atención humana.

El Reinado: Promotor de Cultura Hispana

El Florida Hispanic Pageant Inc.; fue fundado el día 1º de diciembre de 1972 por un grupo de personas entusiastas y con mucha fe. Ellos fueron el Sr. Héctor Espinoza, y Sra. Lidia Espinoza, el Sr. y Sra. Trinidad García, Srta. Olga Triz y Sr. José Ortiz con el apoyo pastoral de Monseñor John McMahon, con el único fin de tener contacto con las misiones Católicas Rurales y unir más a nuestra gente de habla hispana que vive y trabaja en los campos agrícolas de la región. Por todo esto los propósitos por los que se ha formado esta organización son:

1.— Promover la cultura hispana en el sur de la Florida.

2.— Para reconocer públicamente los servicios prestados de una persona o personas, los cuales hayan contribuido al desenvolvimiento de la cultura hispana.

3.— Seleccionar una muchacha del total de los miembros participantes, los cuales son ejemplo de grandes cualidades de personalidad y dignidad.

4.— Para una mejor intercomunicación entre las misiones participantes y sus parroquias.

reinado grande que se celebra durante la segunda semana de febrero de cada año auspiciado por el Florida Hispanic Pageant Inc., todas ellas serán juzgadas bajo las siguientes bases:

Apariencia personal
Expresión en público
Personalidad y aptitud
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Sinceridad y claridad

Cabe enumerar que la mayoría de las señoritas que participan en sus respectivos reinados, trabajan en los campos agrícolas ayudando a sus padres al sostenimiento de una familia, que en algunas ocasiones se compone hasta de 10 miembros; algunas de ellas además, continúan sus estudios de High School durante la noche, para una mejor preparación, y los sábados imparten el catecismo entre los niños de su comunidad religiosa. Por lo tanto nosotros estamos orgullosos de ellas, ya que quieren dar testimonio de su fe, de su religión y de su valor para ejemplo de las demás, y para así poder poner en alto la cultura hispana y las virtudes que cada una lleva dentro de sí, contribuyendo a poner su granito de arena para cumplir con uno de los propósitos del Florida Hispanic Pageant Inc. (Pasa a la Pag. 3A)

Las Parroquias o Misiones participantes son las siguientes:

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Ntra. Sra. de la Paz
Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe
San José
San Pedro
San Isidro
Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe
St. Luke

El desarrollo del programa se lleva a cabo de la siguiente manera; cada año las misiones participantes organizan un Reinado Local en el cual participan jóvenes solteras de 15 a

21 años de edad que sean católicas practicantes miembros de las misiones, de buena moral y criterio; de entre ellas se elige a una que va a representar a su comunidad y a su misión en el

Los Hispanos y el Censo de 1980

Por Vilma S. Martínez,
Fondista y Directora,
(Paso Para la Defensa Legal y Educación Mexicoamericana)

El Censo de 1980 podría ser una oportunidad única para los hispanos que viven en Miami y en todo el estado de la Florida. Por primera vez en los 200 años de la historia del Censo, a toda persona se le preguntará si él o ella es de origen mexicano, cubano, puertorriqueño, o de algún otro origen hispano. Por primera vez, tendremos la oportunidad de ponernos de pie y ser contados.

Nuestra participación en el Censo es vital. Las estadísticas del Censo se usan para decidir las dimensiones de programas del gobierno federal que suman \$50,000 millones anualmente. Estos fondos afectan todo; desde los programas de desayunos escolares hasta la distribución de rentas públicas, desde los programas de educación bilingüe hasta los centros para jubilados. La industria pública y privada utiliza las estadísticas del Censo para desarrollar programas de acción afirmativa a fin de ase-

gurar el empleo de personas minoritarias.

1) La mayoría de las personas recibirán las formas del Censo por correo, las llenarán en casa y las regresarán por el mismo medio. A causa de este procedimiento, la Agencia del Censo no contará a muchas personas hispanas que viven en habitaciones del barrio que no tienen dirección postal. Si usted no recibe una forma del Censo, o necesita ayuda en llenarla, llame a la Agencia del Censo para asistencia. La forma cuya puede hacer una diferencia en el resultado del Censo.

2) Todas las formas enviadas por correo estarán escritas en inglés. En la forma habrá un aviso en español que dice que formas en español están disponibles, y le dará un número de teléfono al cual puede llamar, o una dirección a la cual puede escribir, para pedir una forma en español.

3) Hay una desconfianza elevada en el gobierno y muchos mexicanoamericanos y otras personas tienen miedo que la información obtenida (Pasa a la Pag. 3A)

Así Eran Ellos... San Juan Bosco

La vida de San Juan Bosco es una llena de heroísmo. Ante el sufrimiento y el dolor, ante toda clase de vicisitudes y durezas de su vida de campesino, se yergue la personalidad del santo. Muy temprano en su vida sufrió el primer dolor profundo que recogió su memoria prodigiosa para recordarlo siempre.

Tenía Juanito, así le llamaban dos años cuando su padre murió de una pulmonía fulminante a la edad de 33 años. Don Francisco Bosco adoraba a su familia; en sus últimos momentos llamó a su esposa, Margarita Occhiena para consolarla y recomendarle a sus hijos, Antonio y especialmente a Juanito, que era el menor de los dos. Había nacido dos años antes, el 16 de Agosto de 1815 en Castelnovo.

Antonio, aunque muy joven, se hizo cargo de las faenas del campo y cuando Juanito tenía seis años ya ayudaba al hermano a sostener la casa. Pero el hermano era muy exigente y algunas veces castigaba con golpes al niño si las cosas no salían bien.

A los nueve años tuvo un sueño que fué la revelación de su futura carrera. Le pareció estar en un prado junto a otros muchachos que jugaban, se peleaban y proferían palabras muy feas y blasfemas. El quiso darles una lección para que no ofendieran a Dios y la emprendió a golpes con ellos. En esto vino un respetable señor, con una señora a quien llamaba "Madre" y le dijo: "A golpes, no, Juanito, sino con mansedumbre y caridad te ganarás a tus amigos". El niño le preguntó quién era y cómo se llamaba y el señor le dijo: "Pregúntale a mi madre." Pero la señora no le contestó sino se limitó a enseñarle el grupo de muchachos que ahora eran unos corderitos que apacentaban alrededor de los dos personajes. Y añadió: "Esto harás con mis hijos". Ya despierto Juanito contó el sueño y Doña Margarita pensó que algún día su hijo sería sacerdote.

Juanito era muy despierto y con su buena memoria comenzó a aprender toda clase de trucos y malabarismos, acrobacias y otras mañas que luego le ayudaron a granjearse la simpatía de los muchachos y atraérselos para enseñarle el catecismo que el mismo estaba aprendiendo. El que quería ver la "función" tenía que aprenderse la lección. Y todos le obedecían porque les fascinaba la destreza de Juanito.

Entre tanto el Párroco del lugar, Don Calosso, se había interesado por el buen juicio y la inteligencia de Juanito y lo enseñaba a leer y escribir y otras materias. Esto no duró mucho pues los abusos de Antonio seguían y Margarita se preocupaba.

Doña Margarita decidió mandarlo a vivir con unos parientes pero estos no pudieron tenerlo y así fue a parar a casa de la Familia Moglia, en calidad de peón para trabajar en el campo con un salario de 15 liras al año. Así, a los trece años de edad comenzó Juanito a valerse por sí mismo.

En casa de Don Luis Moglia, Juanito dió muestra de su gran amor a la oración. Un día el señor Moglia llegó a la casa cansado y sudoroso y encontró a Juanito, quien había llegado unos minutos antes, arrodillado en oración. Entre admirado y burlón le dijo: Miren al señorito rezando muy

fresco mientras yo vengo todo sudado".

Juanito le contestó que acababa de llegar y que no costaba nada detenerse unos minutos para hacer una oración, aún en medio del trabajo. Y agregó: "Usted sabe que yo no rehuyo el trabajo y que rindo tanto como el que más. Si usted ora cuanto trabaja recogerá cuatro espigas por cada dos que siembre; sino logrará solo dos por cada cuatro sembradas. A partir de esto la Familia Moglia no tomaba la cena sin rézar primero.

La vida de Juanito en casa de Moglia duro poco tiempo y regresó a su casa. Antonio había cambiado mucho pero aún así tuvo que superar grandes dificultades. Don Calosso, el sacerdote que lo protegía, falleció dejándole a Juanito su pequeña fortuna pero él no la aceptó a pesar de que los parientes de Don Calosso le insistieron.

A los 15 años se fue a Chieri a continuar sus estudios para lo cual tuvo que hacer de criado, de sastre, de camarero y un sin fin de otras ocupaciones. Por las noches aprende griego y latín. En sus horas libres se hizo el amo de todos los jóvenes del pueblo, que lo seguían siempre.

Pasados unos años realiza su sueño y al fin Juanito es ordenado sacerdote y dice su primera Misa el día de Corpus Christi, en la Iglesia de su pueblo.

Doña Margarita está felicísima pero aconseja a su hijo diciéndole que no se preocupe de ella porque ahora su misión es salvar almas. Sin embargo, Juanito no se separó jamás de su madre mientras vivió y ella fue la mejor colaboradora en su gran labor apostólica.

Las anécdotas de la vida de Don Bosco son tantas que es difícil contarlas aquí pero es bien sabido que su sueño de los nueve años se hizo realidad y fué el gran protector de la niñez y la juventud. De los pobres y los enfermos necesitados. Con todo, también se buscó la enemistad de algunas sectas anticatólicas y siempre salió bien de los varios intentos de atacarlo y hasta de darle muerte.

Como muestra de su amor a la "Madre del Señor" que viera en sueños cuando niño levantó la basilica de María Auxiliadora.

Creó la Sociedad de San Francisco de Sales, conocida como Orden Salesiana; su famoso oratorio que era como un orfanato donde se educaron miles de muchachos que cada año, después de graduados se reunían el día del cumpleaños del buen Don Bosco. Organizó las Hijas de María Auxiliadora. De entre los jóvenes a quienes Don Bosco ayudara salieron dos que más tarde fueron canonizados: Santa María Mazarello y Santo Domingo Savio. Ayudó a levantar un santuario al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en la ciudad de Roma. Y una de sus obras de más fama fueron las escuelas salesianas (oratorios) para jóvenes pobres que esparció por todo el mundo.

Aún en vida Don Bosco fue agraciado por su Señor, pues Dios le concedió el don de hacer milagrosas curaciones con sólo decir una oración.

San Juan Bosco se destacó por su gran amor a la Sagrada Eucaristía impulsando la práctica de la Comunión frecuente. El día 31 de Enero de 1888 Don Bosco tomó su permanente Comunión al unir su alma con Jesús, su Señor.

Cardenal Defiende Los No Nacidos

NEW YORK —(NC)— El Cardenal Terence Cooke declaró en defensa de los niños no-nacidos que "una nación con la resolución de hacer que el hombre ponga los pies en la luna no debe tener temor de permitir que un niño por nacer ponga los pies en la tierra".

La declaración del Cardenal Cooke sobre "el escándalo nacional" del aborto legalizado fue una de las muchas experiencias hechas en toda la Nación con motivo del séptimo aniversario de la decisión de la Corte Suprema sobre el Aborto, el 22 de Enero. Gran número de líderes religiosos, y activistas Pro-Vida y profesionales simpatizantes con la causa Respete la Vida se unieron a estas demostraciones en todo el país.

En San Juan Bosco

El Sábado 9 de Febrero en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia San Juan Bosco tendrá lugar el tradicional "Baile del Amor" de la gran familia parroquial. Las papeletas de entrada están ya a la disposición de todos. Habrá buena música para todos los gustos. Pueden pedir más informes llamando al 649-5464.

Estudiantes Honrarán a Martí

Al objeto de rendir homenaje al 127 aniversario del natalicio del Apóstol de Cuba José Martí, se llevará a cabo la VI Parada Escolar Martiana de la Ciudad de Miami el mismo LUNES 28 DE ENERO, a las 10 de la mañana, partiendo del Parque Municipal situado en la Avenida Brikell y la Calle 6, con destino al busto ubicado en el Bayfront Park.

Esta Parada Escolar de Miami, es organizada por sexto año consecutivo por la Asociación de Escuelas Privadas Bilingües BIPRISA.

En el Desfile participarán decenas de escuelas públicas y privadas — muchas acompañadas por sus propias bandas rítmicas — así como escolares hispanos y norteamericanos.

Entre las Escuelas que ya han anunciado su participación se encuentran el Colegio La Luz, El Instituto Da Vinci, South Florida Military Academy, Inter American Military Academy, Colegio Loyola, Edison Private School, José Martí School, Sunny Day Nursery School, Seven Dwarfs School, Eastern Academy, La Progresiva, Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Angel L. Fuster, Colegio Arturo Montori, Boulevard School, Little People Nursery, Arrowhead Nursery, Gingerbread House, Cinderella Nursery, El Salvador y Lincoln-Martí.

OFICIAL

Arquidiócesis de Miami

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

El Rev. Michael Wolfe, T.O.R. - Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia de la Anunciación, West Hollywood, efectivo desde Enero 16, 1980, con la nominación de su Ministro Provincial.

¡QUE HIPOCRESIA!

Si la Ley declara inhumana la Pena de Muerte para criminales, muchos de ellos empedernidos, ¿qué título debemos darle a la ley que favorece la Pena de Muerte contra seres incapaces de cometer el menor delito?

La JAC Celebra Aniversario

Los antiguos miembros de las Juventudes de Acción Católica celebrarán el 52 aniversario de su fundación por el

Hno. Victorino, DLS., el día 9 de Febrero con una Misa en la que será el celebrante principal el Reverendísimo Sr. Obispo Auxiliar Agustín Román, comenzando a las 7 p.m. en la Ermita de la Caridad, 3609 South Miami Ave.

Después habrá un rato de esparcimiento y charla en los terrenos de la Ermita.

Incapacitados Hacen Donación al pueblo

MIAMI — Una institución que con frecuencia pide ayuda y se beneficia del apoyo que le ofrece la comunidad, ha devuelto estos favores al hacer su propia contribución. Las Industrias Goodwill del sur de la Florida van a donar 100 pal-

mas del tipo areca al Condado Metropolitano de Dade para formar parte de la jardinería ornamental del sistema de tránsito rápido Metrorail.

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Encuentros Familiares Agasajan Presos

Por el P. F. Azóitia, SJ,

Todo comenzó una tarde al enterarse Araceli Luaces que había un ex preso político cubano sin familia, ni amigos, seriamente enfermo en el Mount Sinai Hospital.

Se dirige al Hospital, con la Dra. Cecilia Alegre y allí conocen a Mario Bravo. Tez morena y recia curtida por 19 años en una cruel prisión. Su largo cautiverio parece no había sido suficiente y una embolia lo confina ahora a una cama en tierra ya de libertad.

El tiempo corría mientras Mario Bravo contaba, con sencillez de guajiro cubano y con reciedumbre estoica, las peripecias de una prolongada estancia tras las rejas por el sólo motivo de desear lo mejor para su Patria. Mario no se conformó con hacer un relato de su prolongado calvario, quiso hacer patente también los sufrimientos y angustias de algunos de sus compañeros de cautiverio.

Con voz entrecortada nos habla de Nicolás Morejón, 20 años preso, quien carece de una pierna.

No puede menos de hablar también de Federico Hernández, cuerpo robusto, pero que 37 días de huelga de hambre, como protesta por el mal trato, debilitan sus células cerebrales y quedan afectadas gran parte de sus facultades físicas.

La relación de Bravo acrecienta la idea de conocer y ayudar a estos cubanos, hombres desconocidos que llevaban en sus cuerpos las huellas inconfundibles de haber vivido años en las mazmorras comunistas.

Era necesario ponerse inmediatamente en contacto con el resto de los Compañeros ex presos políticos.

Nos dirigimos a la casa donde se encuentra un grupo a quienes un generoso cubano les había encontrado albergue.

La historia macabra se multiplica y va creciendo en todos una mayor admiración por estos nobles compatriotas que hacía sólo horas habíamos conocido. Era necesario hacer algo, se imponía el que pasasen horas felices los que tantas malas noches habían pasado por amor a Cuba.

El reunirlos a todos y darles una calurosa bienvenida fue un pensamiento que brotó al unísono de todos los que se iban poniendo en contacto con los ex presos políticos. Así brotó la idea del "party" navideño. En la Casa de los ENCuentros FAMILIARES después de una preparación de días, padres e hijos, reunimos a un buen grupo de ex presos recién llegados. La fiesta se celebró; hubo de todo. Santa Claus prodigando regalos, mucha música bullanguera acompañada por el retumbar de sartenes por falta de güiros y tumbadoras, la décima cubana, de tanto recuerdo, fue cantada por los mismos ex presos y la Guantanamera, algo típico que nunca falta en nuestra tertulia, dejaba oír su melodía.

Mientras todo esto se llevaba a cabo nuestro típico lechón y congri, en blancos platos de cartón, era repartido a toda la numerosa asistencia. Fue una tarde ideal en la que padres e hijos, entremezclados en un mismo fin, quisieron hacer pasar unas horas felices a quienes, por tratar de libertar a Cuba, se vieron encerrados en cárceles comunistas.



Varios ex-presos conversan después del almuerzo.



El grupo canta en los jardines de la Casa de Encuentros

Todo no se puede quedar en un sencillo "party"; la amistad comenzada en una tarde se acrecienta y juntos ahora en Miami nos ayudaremos mutuamente para seguir unidos en este exilio, hasta que suene la hora de nuestra libertad.



Araceli Luaces y Annie Tejidor con algunos de los ex-presos políticos cubanos.

El Reinado...

(Viene de la Pag. 1A)

geant, Inc.

El Reinado comienza oficialmente a mediados del mes de noviembre, cuando se reúnen todas las candidatas de las misiones para un día de reflexión como preparación espiritual que cada joven debe tener para desempeñar bien su papel, ya que este reinado no es un concurso de belleza, sino más bien una valoración de sus cualidades espirituales y morales, así como también sirve para el desenvolvimiento personal y ejemplo para su comunidad.

Así también y por separado se reúnen los padres de las jóvenes y los representantes de cada misión, siendo este día de reflexión muy provechoso tanto para las jóvenes como para los padres, porque además de la instrucción religiosa impartida, se tratan temas relacionados con la familia, sociedad y vida actual y preparación para el futuro; este día de reflexión se seguirá llevando a

cabo cada año como parte principal de este evento.

El día del Reinado, el comité del Florida Hispanic Pageant, Inc. entrega una placa de honor a una persona o personas, o institución que hayan prestado su ayuda para el desenvolvimiento de la cultura hispana en la región, para dar reconocimiento público de la labor prestada en favor de la comunidad, y así cumplir con uno de los propósitos del Reinado.

Para seleccionar los jueces, el Comité del Florida Hispanic Pageant, requiere que las personas que se elijan para este trabajo, sean católicas, que no sean miembros de ningún comité local de las Misiones participantes o que trabajen directamente con alguna de ellas, que sean personas de criterio responsable, también se eligen personas de la vida religiosa o de la vida social en general.

Sabía Ud. que...

...La Parroquia más remota en EE.UU. está a sólo tres millas de Rusia?

En la Isla Little Diomedé, en el Estrecho de Bering, está la más alejada Parroquia de la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos, a sólo tres millas de la Isla Big Diomedé que es, a su vez, la más cercana tierra rusa al continente americano. El Pastor de esta Parroquia es el

Rev. Thomas Carlin, Padre Jesuita, nativo de Filadelfia, quien tiene a su cargo una comunidad de 125 esquimales.

Little Diomedé no es sólo la más alejada parroquia, sino que durante tres meses se encuentra completamente incomunicada del resto de la nación, ya que durante el periodo de Octubre a Enero no puede arribar avión o barco alguno.

El Censo...

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por el Censo sea utilizada por otros individuos o agencias gubernamentales. Pero, la información que obtiene la Agencia del Censo es estrictamente confidencial. No puede ser vista o utilizada por la policía, agencias de Bienestar Social, por el Servicio de Hacienda y Crédito Público ("Internal Revenue Service"), o por el Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización. Ni siquiera el Presidente de los Estados Unidos tiene acceso a la información del Censo. Si la Agencia del Censo se encontrara violando el requisito de confidencialidad, alguna forma de acción legal podría ser iniciada.

4) Las formas del Censo son complicadas. La mayoría de los hogares recibirán la Forma Abreviada, la cual hace 7 preguntas básicas acerca del sexo, edad, raza, fecha de nacimiento, estado civil y origen hispano. Uno entre cada seis hogares recibirá la Forma Larga que contiene preguntas adicionales. Una de esas preguntas es acerca de la ciudadanía, pero pregunta solamente si usted es o no es ciudadano norteamericano. No se le hacen preguntas adicionales acerca de su estado legal—por ejemplo, si tiene usted visa de estudiante o Tarjeta Verde (permiso de residencia permanente). A usted no se le pregunta de qué país es ciudadano. El propósito del Censo es de contar habitantes, no ciudadanos.

La YMCA Honra al Apostol Martí

La tradicional velada para honrar al apóstol de la independencia de Cuba, José Martí, que ofrece la YMCA Internacional "José Martí", 450 SW 16 Avenida, la noche del 25 de Enero del corriente a las 8 p.m.

Como en años anteriores, en esta ocasión se le otorgará el Diploma de Reconocimiento al Mérito Juvenil a aquellos jóvenes cubanos o de origen cubano que más se hayan desta-

cados en sus escuelas. Se ha preparado un hermoso programa en el que participarán los señores Armando Alejandro, Presidente de esta YMCA, Dr. Fernando Mendigutía, Vice Presidente, Dra. Delia Díaz Vilar, distinguida oradora cubana quien hablará sobre el Apóstol. La parte artística estará amenizada por el poeta Aurelio Torrente y por el conjunto vocal y de Guitarras de Lily Batet. El Padre José Nickse hará la invocación.

¡Respete La Vida!



ORACION

Padre Celestial,
Tú, que enviaste a tu hijo al mundo para que diera vida abundante, haz que nosotros, que gozamos de esa vida, recibamos con júbilo a cada criatura, que brindemos apoyo y protección a los padres y aquéllos que cuidan de niños pequeños. Concédelo por Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

De Colores Se Visten Las Flores

Por José P. Alonso

¿Sabes tú qué es un Cursillo? Te apuesto a que contestas bien. "Un cursillo es un curso normal de enseñanza" — me dirás — "condensado de manera que toda la materia sea tratada en un muy corto plazo de tiempo".

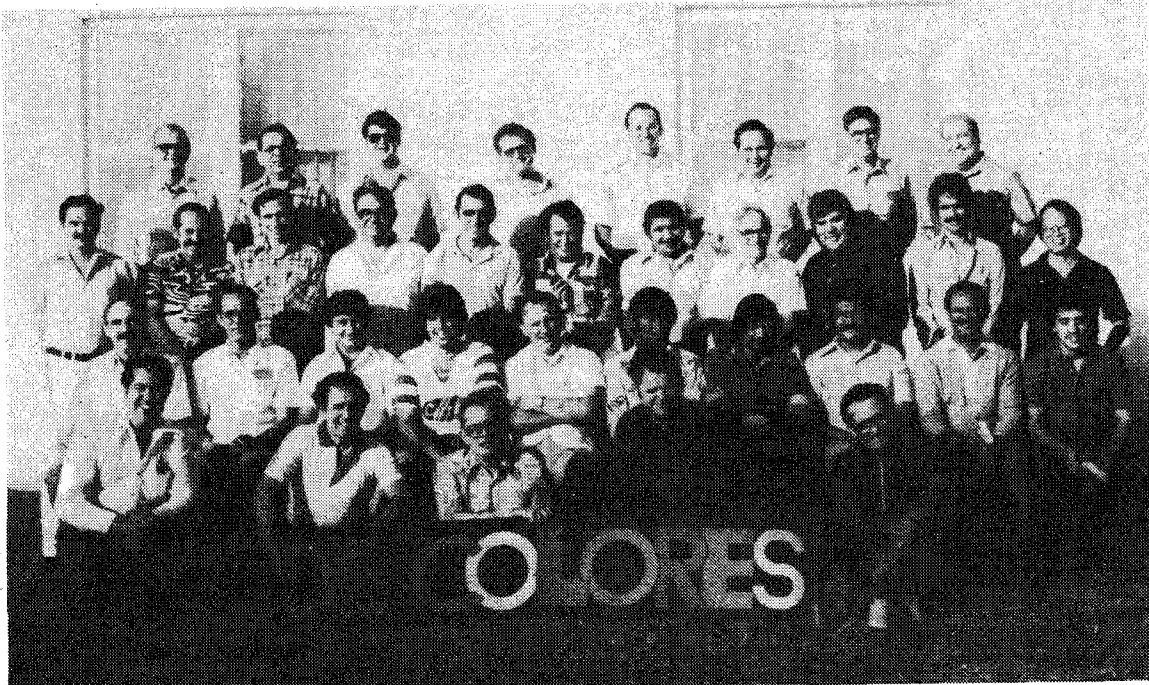
¡Perfecto! Pero que me contestarías si te pregunto ¿Qué cosa es un Cursillo? así con mayúscula. Dirás que si es con mayúscula es el nombre de algo relacionado con un plan de enseñanza, quizá importante; o alguna respuesta similar. Tengo que convenir en que es algo relacionado con estudio y que es muy importante... y muy divertido.

Mira si es importante que llegas al Cursillo, cansado de tu modo de vida, hastiado de todo, incluyendo la sociedad, con un bagaje abrumador de preocupaciones y conflictos; con una confusión total que linda ya con la locura y deseando padecer de amnesia para olvidarlo todo... y tres días después has aprendido a vivir, reconoces que tu no sabías vivir y que ahora todo "es" de colores como se visten las flores en primavera. Antes del cursillo cualquier propósito de empezar de nuevo sólo duraba tres, cuatro o siete días a lo sumo; ahora te das cuenta, porque lo llevas dentro, que este

cambio no es un nuevo intento; "sabes" que todo ha cambiado, "sientes" que hay en ti un "YO" distinto, no renovado sino "nuevo". Y comienzas a bendecir al amigo o amiga que te llevó al Cursillo. Y a lamentar el tiempo "perdido".

Una de las condicionales del Cursillo es ser sincero consigo mismo; pero esta condición, si no la tienes o si crees que la tienes, no importa cuando llegas, porque cuando salgas la llevarás impregnada en tu "NUEVA PERSONA" como llevas el color de tus ojos desde que naciste. Lo mismo sucede con todas las nuevas ideas y convicciones que adquieres con respecto a ti mismo y a los demás. Aprenderás a valorar cada cosa y el verdadero orden de las prioridades en tu vida. Tu familia, la primera, y la relación interfamiliar; y como consecuencia, la relación con esa otra gran familia que es la humanidad.

Quizás estés pensando que el Cursillo es una especie de "lavado de cerebro." Bueno, si tu eres de los que creen tener el cerebro "sucio" por lo que consideras una vida inútil, desperdiciada porque no has podido realizar aquello con que soñabas, te diré que si, que el cursillo te "lava el cerebro." En realidad, lo que hace el Cursillo es ordenar tus anhelos y encauzar tu vida de modo



El grupo de hombres que tomó parte en el Cursillo No. 103 H.

que tus metas sean más fáciles de alcanzar.

No me preguntes cómo es y en qué consiste porque cómo es y en qué consiste solo viéndolo podrás descubrirlo. Cada persona es distinta y es la persona misma, con su propio "cómo soy y en qué consisto", la que responde a estas preguntas y en su íntima y sincera respuesta radica el cam-

bio. Y debe tenerse en cuenta un factor muy importante: Ni una sola persona entre varios miles que han venido al Cursillo ha vuelto a lo que ella considera su vida anterior.

A pesar de lo serio del asunto, lo curioso es que todo se desenvuelve en un ambiente de risas y de alegre camaradería.

El Cursillo, cuyo nombre

completo es Cursillo de Cristiandad, ha hecho que todos los que han pasado por él hayan formado una especie de hermandad y esta hermandad es precisamente ¡lo más hermoso del Cursillo! Es ¡de Colores! y de colores se visten las flores.

Si anhelas una vida nueva, una experiencia excitante y duradera, ve al Cursillo.

NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

NACION

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Dos obispos coinciden en dar gran importancia a los laicos en 1980. Mons. James Casey, arzobispo de Denver, dijo que la visión de un sacerdote activista y un laicado pasivo está cambiando, pues "el pueblo comprende mejor lo que significa tener a Cristo entre ellos." Mons. Daniel Pilarczyk, obispo auxiliar de Cincinnati, prevé que los laicos contraerán mayores compromisos con la Iglesia. "al punto que para fines de 1980 existirá un ministerio seglar muy organizado y diverso, como regla y no como excepción." Ambos se refirieron al descenso en el número de sacerdotes como acicate a este interés seglar, sobre todo en defensa de la familia cristiana.

ST. PAUL, Minn. —(NC)— Por iniciativa del Comité Organizador de Trabajadores Agrícolas que boicotea a las enlatadoras de alimentos Campbell, Libby y McNeil porque mantienen bajos salarios y malas condiciones de trabajo entre 16,000 trabajadores migratorios en Ohio, Indiana y Michigan, las escuelas católicas de St. Paul y Minneapolis esperan unirse al boicot aunque sea un sacrificio. La Campbell cambia las etiquetas de las latas por deportivas para comprar equipo deportivo (las de primaria han ahorrado así unos \$10 millones en los últimos seis años). El boicot tiene el apoyo de la Campaña pro Desarrollo Humano, patrocinada por los obispos del país.

SEDALIA, Mo. —(NC)— En audiencias del Departamento de Agricultura sobre el futuro de la producción agrícola la Sor Stephanie Mertens, delegada de la Conferencia Católica de Missouri, abogó por el fomento y protección de la mediana finca familiar, frente a la creciente absorción de tierras por grandes corporaciones o especuladores, por culpa en parte de la legislación de impuestos. Sor Stephanie recomendó una política de impuestos y subsidios que mantenga la finca familiar "que además de producir alimentos, aunque sin grandes ganancias, cultive los valores humanos y contribuya con el Creador a conservar la vida."

MADISON, WIS. (NC)— En un ministerio a los católicos divorciados o separados, de los cuales hay 150,000 en el país, el obispo de Madison Mons. Cletus O'Donnell les invitó a volver a la parroquia, "a no sentirse en el ostracismo: os necesitamos". Dijo para acentuar su invitación que incluso pueden desempeñar el oficio de lectores o ministros extraordinarios en la liturgia. Los divorciados o separados, agregó, "constituyen uno de los mayores problemas de la iglesia, que requiere un esfuerzo pastoral extraordinario." Funciona en su diócesis un grupo organizado de ellos.

ALBANY, NY (NC)— Aunque no se puede culpar solamente al gobierno por una economía que perjudica a la familia, opina Sor Serena Branson de las Hijas de la Cruz, ciertamente podría aliviar la

situación que se presenta cuando ambos padres trabajan, mediante servicios para el cuidado de los niños, actividades después del horario escolar, seguros de salud y mejor asistencia social y un sistema de tributación favorable a la familia. Lamenta que por las prolongadas ausencias maternas del hogar los niños sufran en su formación. También hace ver que las parejas jóvenes no pueden ahorrar ante el costo de la vida y se sienten desanimadas, sin esperanza de adquirir casa propia. Se expresó así al ser nombrada delegada del estado de Nueva York junto con otros 15 dirigentes, ante la Conferencia sobre la Familia que patrocina la Casa Blanca.

MUNDO

SAN SALVADOR (NC)— El arzobispo de San Salvador Mons. Oscar Romero, hizo un llamado a la unidad por el bien común y pidió a los ricos y a las fuerzas armadas que apoyen las reformas prometidas en lo económico, social y detener la violencia; a los grupos de izquierda pidió que abandonasen sus tácticas de terrorismo, pues el pueblo busca un diálogo positivo. Presidió además una reunión con miembros de la junta y de los grupos moderados de oposición con el fin de reorganizar el gobierno. Los moderados habían renunciado quejándose de que el ejército y la oligarquía impedían las reformas en la tenencia de la tierra y otros cambios urgentes prometidos. Los izquierdistas prometieron una tregua si la nueva junta cumple.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC)— Radio Vaticano informó que aumentan las vocaciones religiosas de hombres en Polonia, donde en 1979 fueron ordenados 589 sacerdotes o sea un aumento del cien por ciento con respecto a 1971. En 1979 había en los seminarios y noviciados 5,845 aspirantes al sacerdocio, un aumento de 1,757 en comparación con 1971. El país tiene un gobierno comunista. Se estima que el 80 por ciento de la población practica el catolicismo, que cuenta con 20,200 sacerdotes.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC)— Radio Vaticano informa que las conferencias episcopales de los nueve países que forman la Comunidad Económica Europea se proponen fundar en marzo un secretariado permanente con sede en Bruselas, Bélgica, para coordinar sus actividades en los campos de la acción social y la ayuda exterior. Los países latinoamericanos fundaron hace 25 años el Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano que ha prestado una coordinación valiosa y preparó dos grandes conferencias.



Ballet Español en St. Joseph.

El Ballet Español de Fina Escayola, actuó con un resonante éxito en el Auditorium del St. Joseph School de Miami Beach, donde se celebraba la cena de Platos Internacionales organizada por Home School Association, cuya presidenta es Mrs. Maureen Ciccone. El acto fue ofrecido por la profesora Fina Escayola presentando sus alumnas en Ballet, y Bailes Españoles y al juvenil cantante José Alberto Alvarez. En la foto el Rev. Noel Bennet, pastor, felicitando a la profesora Fina Escayola y sus alumnas.