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## Lawyers Called To Be Prophets

Lawyers who are men of religion "are called to be prophets — the prophets of today's Liturgy — men who are disturbing, disturbing to the 'status quo' because they raise hard and unpopular questions about how true we are to our high ideals; because they are bold and doggedly persistent in demanding reform."

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy said this to the newly formed Catholic Lawyers' Guild of Palm Beach County at their first Red Mass at St. Edward's Church, Palm Beach.

ARCHBISHOP McCARTHY reminded the lawyers that this was the period of the year when thoughts

of most of the people turn to the ABCD, "a time when as a people we look into our hearts — we reflect on our responsibility of love and religion — and by our financial contributions commit ourselves through service to raising the standards of our society and our Church.

"Even more importantly," the Archbishop said, "it is a period of inaugurating a massive, spiritual renewal program in the Archdiocese. We are engaged in a great examination of conscience — asking every person, priest, Religious, lay, Bishop, family, parish organization — yes, profession — to search into their hearts — in the light of the teachings of Jesus — to ask how true we are, in our behavior, to our calling as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

"I am delighted that at this very time the good men who are engaged in the noble ministry of law would be organizing to ask in their turn how they can through their profession serve their fellow men, their God, even more effectively, with love, boldness, vision and Christlike integrity in the spirit of the Good News of the Gospel we profess."

Archbishop McCarthy said that the jurists and lawyers attendance at the Mass was a sign of consecration of their professional activity "to honor of God and to the service of his children, and to the sanctification of your own soul."

"FEW PROFESSIONS share with yours the dignity of being essentially the practice of a virtue," the Archbishop said. You are professionally dedicated to the virtue of justice. As the clergyman, by ordination, is fixed in a life of charity, the nun vowed to the virtue of religion, so you, by the demands of your high calling, are committed



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to the virtue of justice. The Roman lawyer, Celsus, said that an equitable jurist is something of a priest. Aristotle considered justice, (particularly legal justice, the justice a citizen owes his community,) the queen of all virtues — "more admirable than the evening star."

"But religion has taught us that there is still a higher queen, Love, the Love of God, and of fellow man; and love ennobles and transforms even justice. And, so today, before the altar, you seek to transform your professional passion for justice with a yet deeper love of God and of your fellow men, and you renew your determination to be motivated by a

sense of serving Him, with a Zeal and in a manner that will always be unquestionably pleasing to Him, unquestionably in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

"The pages of sacred scripture reflect that sense of law in the ministry of the Almighty, and with a sense of responsibility to Him. We are told the most important difference between biblical man and pagan man was that the biblical man always saw the revelation of God as manifested primarily in the changing events of history, not as a pagan, in the unchanging phenomena of nature. There could always be a

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Barry College President Sister M. Trinita Flood, O.P., has been selected for the "Florida Woman of the 80's Award in the Field of Education". The awards ceremony was at the Turnberry Isle Country Club, Feb. 6 as part of the Elizabeth Arden salute to Florida's Women of the 80's in six fields of endeavor.

## Dutch Bishops Push Order and Discipline

By JERRY FILTEAU

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Dutch bishops and top Vatican officials ended three weeks of meetings with a wide-ranging document aimed at restoring order and discipline in the Dutch church.

The 22-page list of conclusions from the 18-day Dutch bishops' synod bluntly insisted that the bishops are in charge of church doctrine and government.

It rapped "critical groups" who dissent from church teaching. It also said the synod members "are unanimous in rejecting" the so-called "third way" of celibacy combined with unmarried sexual

intimacy promoted by some Dutch priests and theologians.

The synod members sharply rejected intercommunion (sharing the Eucharist) between Catholics and Protestants. They insisted that general absolution without individual confession can only take place in extraordinary circumstances and under the stringent Vatican norms.

LAY PASTORAL workers were warned that they cannot replace priests or perform priestly functions. The situation of laicized priests in pastoral work will gradually be "regularized" in accordance with tough Vatican rules prohibiting former priests from

engaging in many church functions that are open to other lay persons.

The conclusions mandated a reform of Dutch seminaries and set up a commission to review current practices in Light of Vatican norms and propose recommendations by September 1981.

The bishops expressed agreement with the principle of splitting some Dutch dioceses and increasing the number of bishops in the country, a proposal that many observers believe means introducing more moderate-to-conservative bishops in the Netherlands.

On the other hand, the most

conservative member of the Dutch hierarchy, Bishop Joannes Gijzen of Roermond, was bluntly ordered to rejoin "with the other bishops in the area of Pontifical Missionary Works, Action for Lent and the Dutch Missionary Week."

Bishop Gijzen withdrew from these national fund-raising programs to show his disapproval of the programs being funded.

"The bishops are aware of certain difficulties existing between the bishops of Roermond and persons and institutions in the three-fold

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## Permanent Deacons Increase

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The number of permanent deacons in the Catholic Church in the United States rose by nearly 1,000 from 1978 to 1979, according to figures compiled by the secretariat of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate, increasing the number of deacons to 4,028 and the number of candidates to 2,515.

## Leaders to Hear the Kids

NASHVILLE —(NC)— Every Catholic over the age of 12 in the diocese of Nashville will have the opportunity to tell church leaders what problems today's families face during a survey on family ministry, with the results scheduled to be used for planning parish and diocesan programs during this Family year, 1980, and for other observances throughout the 1980s, as requested by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Clowns Perform Before Pope

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Clowns, jugglers and a woman contortionist performed circus acts for Pope John Paul II as a rousing finale to his weekly general audience Jan. 30. The performers were from the Darix Togni Circus Troupe.

## Mediation Effort Moving

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— The year-long papal mediation on the Beagle Channel dispute between Chile and Argentina has reached a new phase because delegations from the two countries have begun meeting jointly, the Vatican announced.

## 52 Priests Threatened

GUATEMALA CITY —(NC)— Fifty-two Jesuit priests were threatened with death by rightists and with expulsion by the military government after publishing a denunciation of large export profits they claimed were being made at the expense of the poor.

## Legal Aid for Latin Poor

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic —(NC)— The Catholic Church has opened a legal aid center for the thousands of immigrants from Haiti and for Dominican workers and peasants who have no money to hire lawyers, announced Bishop Nicolas Lopez of San Francisco Macoris, who heads the Justice and Peace Commission of the Dominican Bishops' Conference.

## Priest Backs Pageant

ATLANTIC CITY —(NC)— Franciscan Father John C. Frambes, 33, who has been associated with the Miss America Pageant since 1966 and served as the pageant's first chaplain last September, commented that his involvement has been an "inspiration because so many of these young women are faith-filled genuine people."

## Deregulation of TV Backed

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Voluntary prayer in public schools and the deregulation of the radio and television industries were approved as resolutions by the National Religious Broadcasters, an association numbering more than 900 largely Protestant and evangelical members.

## Kentucky Eyes Abortion Bills

FRANKFORT, Ky. —(NC)— Several bills placing restrictions on abortions are being considered by the 1980 state General Assembly, including bills prohibiting the use of public funds to pay for abortions and publicly-owned hospitals and health-care facilities from performing abortions.

## Polish Paper at the Vatican

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— An "Osservatore Rzymiski," the Polish-language version of "L'Osservatore Romano" will appear soon on newstands around the Vatican. The paper's first Polish edition will debut as a monthly publication.

## Vatican Family Committee

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— A former concentration camp inmate, Polish Bishop Kazimierz Majdanski, will serve as acting vice president and secretary of the Vatican's Committee for the Family. Pope John Paul II also announced the appointment of Auxiliary Bishop Paul Joseph Cordes of Paderborn, West Germany, as vice president of the Pontifical Council for the laity.

## Anti-Nuke Priest Sentenced

SPOKANE, Wash. —(NC)— Franciscan Father Louis Ladenburguer of Spokane, who served on the staff of Spokane's Peace and Justice Center, was scheduled to begin a 45-day jail sentence Feb. 4 for willfully trespassing at a naval base in Washington state to protest nuclear weapons.

## Evangelization of Latins

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Programs organized by Hispanics for Hispanics are currently underway in parishes, dioceses and other Catholic institutions in an attempt to evangelize the 15 million people of Spanish or Latin American origin living in this country, reported Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization.

## Ecumenical Celebration in Uganda

ROME —(NC)— Ugandan President Godfrey Binaisa has called for a joint Protestant-Catholic celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of Christianity in Uganda, following separate religious centenary celebrations marred by threats and violence from the ousted Amin regime.

## Oppose Uranium Refinery

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan —(NC)— The Catholic clergy of Saskatoon support local Mennonite opposition to the proposed construction of a uranium refinery, adding in a brief to a federal inquiry panel that "respect for people and their lifestyles" should be a major criterion in the decision.

## Bishop Knew of Hostage Ploy

(Undated) —(NC)— Among those Americans who shared the secret of the American embassy employees hiding in the Canadian embassy in Iran was Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, who along with two other clergymen had visited hostages in Iran at Christmas.

## Sister Quits Church Post

NEW YORK — Loretto Sister Ann Patrick Ware, declaring she now finds it difficult to serve as an "enthusiastic exponent" of official Catholic positions, has resigned from the staff of the National Council of Churches, on which she has served for 12 years.

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# Pastor Key to Parish Life - Bishops' Report

WASHINGTON (NC) - The ability of most parishes to develop a vital community with a clear sense of mission depends on the leadership of the pastor, according to an interim report by the Catholic bishops' ad hoc committee on the parish.

While the pastor remains the "central leader" in the vast majority of parishes, it is also true, according to the report, that today's successful pastors have developed a clear structure for sharing responsibility with others on the parish staff and with the parishioners.

**THE REPORT** acknowledged there are widespread misgivings about the usefulness of parish councils and that many effective parishes do not have councils. "Nonetheless," the report said, "we find that councils remain the best means of ensuring broad participation and accountability in the parish."

The ad hoc committee on the parish, chaired by Bishops Edward C. O'Leary of Portland, Maine, is charged with overseeing the project for parish renewal, which the bishops began two years ago to provide practical assistance to priests and parish personnel.

"It is our view that the renewal of parish life is a complex task that cannot be accomplished quickly," the report said, but requires at least three to five years of effort.

Certain critical issues, namely leadership, liturgy and spiritual development, the mission of the parish, and coordination of diocesan

services, must be addressed, the report said.

Pastors deserve special attention, it said, and should be helped in recognizing their leadership style.

Parish councils are most effective when they are organized as councils of ministries for apostolates rather than simply as a board of directors, the report said, adding the success of such councils depends on how well developed the ministries are.

"...It appears we need to adopt a more direct approach to the development of liturgy and preaching," the report said in noting that while most people's evaluation of the parish is based on the quality of liturgy, the liturgy is least often addressed in parish development programs.

Turning to the "mission of the parish," the report said that to the extent that the parish leadership is not clear about its long-range mission or short-range objectives there is likely to be less enthusiastic commitment by parishioners.

"On the contrary, where parishes have developed a relatively clear view of their mission to the wider community and church, there is much surer ground for inspiring enthusiasm, setting priorities and even generating financial and volunteer support by parishioners."

The report says there is some evidence that parish development will be effective to the extent it is a diocesan-wide effort, whether mandatory or voluntary.

"In stating these needs," the report concluded, "we are

assuming that the most basic resources for parish life are the Spirit of God and grace of the sacraments; the Word of

God and faith; the people of the parishes; the priests, deacons, religious and laity serving the parish com-

munity; and the whole church under the leadership of the Holy Father and the bishops."



Members of the handbell choir of St. Mary's Church in Newport, R.I., display their skills as they add their ringing tones to the Sunday liturgy. The bell choir, often heard in Protestant churches but an uncommon sight at Catholic Masses, is now a popular addition at the oldest Catholic parish in Rhode Island.

## Bishops Eye Birth-Death Issues

DALLAS (NC) - Bishops from the United States and Canada grappled with "gutsy issues" surrounding birth and death in an intensive two-day educational workshop on "The new Technologies of Birth and Death," Jan. 28-31 at the Dallas Hilton Hotel.

More than 120 cardinals, archbishops and bishops, including Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, attended the workshop which probed the medical, legal and moral dimensions of emerging issues of birth and death from the viewpoint of the Church's magisterium.

THIS WAS the first time such a large number of bishops had come together for study and reflection outside of their meetings. Every prelate in the United States and Canada was invited to attend the workshop sponsored by the Pope John XXIII Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, St. Louis, Mo. and funded by the Knights of Columbus.

Pope John Paul II, in a videotaped greeting to the prelates, praised the workshop as "a splendid initiate of the service of truth and service to the human person."

"Our task is to proclaim ever more effectively this sacredness of human life," the pope continued. But to do so, he stressed, members of the hierarchy "must understand the new opportunities and the new trends that are posed to the human person by ever developing technologies."

The bishops were presented with medical and legal background material on current topics such as in

vitro fertilization, contraception, artificial insemination, and definitions of death and brain death.

The moral and church positions on these topics were expounded by moral theologians and ethics experts. In small group discussions, the bishops were then given opportunities to discuss the material and question the experts on pastoral questions relating to specific issues.

## Pope to Visit Africa

VATICAN CITY (NC) - Pope John Paul II said he plans to visit Africa this year, and said the church in Africa is working "to help save the African soul."

"You must have felt that I wish to visit Africa...I can already tell you that I am thinking of undertaking the journey this very year," he told members of the African community in Rome at a special audience Feb. 2.

The pope did not say when he might go, but Vatican sources speculated that it would probably be March, April or May.

The pope said that he would "have to limit my journey at first to a few countries." He did not say

which countries. Pope Paul VI became the first pope in modern history to visit Africa when he traveled to Uganda in 1969.

Last summer there were rumors in Vatican circles of a papal African trip. At the time it was assumed that the trip would follow a visit to the Philippines, which was expected originally during the winter of 1979-80. But that trip has been delayed. The Philippines currently has tensions between the Catholic Church and the martial law government. It is generally believed that the pope will not visit Asia's only predominantly Catholic country until late in 1980.

In July he plans to visit Brazil.

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"more" or a "better" or a "further" in biblical revelation. For Christians this reached its climax in Jesus Christ who is the final word of the Father."

Archbishop McCarthy said that the lawyer "must constantly be at pains to re-appraise laws and the practice of law."

"He must be sure that in changing times, law serves man and does not subject him," the Archbishop said. "He must reflect, not the baser human prejudices for

human interests, but what is right before God (conforming always to the Eternal Law - the Will of God); to make every effort that laws are applied justly and humanely, Godly, in the Spirit, rather than the letter. He must also see that the services of the profession are equally available to the poor and the weak - as well as to the wealthy and mighty - conscious always that as Russell Kirk put it, 'Either justice is ordained by some power above us or it is mere expediency, the power of the strong over the weak.'"

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# Dutch Bishops Push Order and Discipline

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area mentioned," the document added. "They are asked to help seek a solution to these difficulties."

As anticipated by press releases issued during the synod, the bishops unanimously backed mandatory celibacy for priests and insisted that the priesthood is a lifetime commitment.

In the complex area of relations between the Dutch Bishops Conference and the individual bishops in their own dioceses — which the synod called "a particularly difficult problem" — the bishops set up a five-point program which includes praying together more and sharing ideas and concerns more fully.

One point was "to abstain

from declarations which can harm a confrere in the episcopate," a clear reference to publicly waged disputes, especially between Bishops Gijzen and others, which have plagued the Dutch hierarchy in recent years.

They also called for frequent exchanges between the Dutch bishops and Vatican officials to assure "mutual collaboration and trust."

The document repeatedly stressed the primary role of the bishops as teachers and pastors of the church.

The diocesan priests' council "is a consultative organ," it said, and "associations of priests, then, cannot be such as to obscure the hierarchical communion of their members with the bishops...If these associations take on the character of a union, they are incompatible with the structures and spirit of the church."

**C O N C E R N I N G** seminaries and schools of theology the bishops' role was also stressed.

Such schools must recognize the rights of the bishops, especially the local bishops, as "teachers of the faith and guardians of orthodoxy," the synod said. It added that they have authority over the naming and licensing of professors,

the schools' programs and "that which concerns the ecclesial atmosphere to be safeguarded, notably on the point of celibacy."

The reference to celibacy was taken as an indication that married ex-priests teaching theology in seminaries will no longer be allowed in the Netherlands.

They agreed with "the importance of a healthy emotional life" but rejected "a kind of 'third way,' lived as an ambiguous state between celibacy and marriage."

With regard to the laity, the synod members began with words of praise for "the

thousands of lay persons who, without remuneration, regularly participate in manifold ways in various activities in the areas of liturgy, social action, catechesis of children and adults, exchanges and mutual aid and the promotion of justice and peace."

**BUT THEY** particularly scored "critical groups," both progressivist and traditionalist, saying they often "provoke polarization and harm the exercise of the episcopal function and the communion among the faithful."

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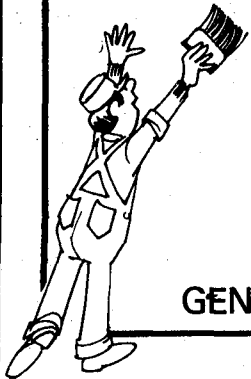
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## M.E. Schedule

Following are Marriage Encounter Weekends to be held through June 27:

Feb. 8, St. Vincent de Paul.

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## Arch Bishops Charity Drive

Over 900 enthusiastic supporters of the ABCD Drive attended the tenth dinner in the Drive series held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach on Monday Night.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy greeted representatives of all the parishes in the Palm Beach and Upper Broward County areas and spoke briefly of the aims, purposes and goals of this year's drive.

One of the highlights of the evening was an announcement by Fr. James Connaughton, pastor, St. Ambrose Church, Deerfield Beach, and chairman of the committee to erect the new Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, that groundbreaking for the new regional school had been held on Sunday, February 3, and that classes hopefully would be held in the new facility in September.

Fr. Connaughton also introduced Brother Michael Welch, O. Carm., of the Eastern Province of St. Elias, who will be principal of the School.

Brother Welch is already busy on curriculum planning and school policies.

ABCD Funds for two years will be allocated to the building of the school by the fourteen parishes involved.

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## 'Seagulls' Fly to Help Shut-ins

By GEORGE KEMON

If you will recall Johnathon Livingston Seagull —the bird who dared to fly higher — he was a blythe spirit, he wanted to be free to fly higher —higher than any other seagull had ever flown. And he did.

DOWN HERE on Earth — in Miami Lakes to be precise, there is a group — one of many — who try to fly higher. And they do. They are the Seagull Volunteers. They are selfless women who find time from their own schedules to visit nursing homes, retirement homes, extended care facilities and even private homes where our older people are to be found and who very seldom see an outsider or have a phone call, or any contact with another human in the "outside world."

These Seagulls have just completed sixteen hours of instruction. It required time and effort, and demanded

some responsibility on their part to spend this time —yes, to want to spend this time to learn how to better help our elderly and infirm and to be of use where they are really needed.

The program was conceived in 1973 by Protestant Social Services, a division of Christian Community Service Agency of Miami. The agency was concerned about the number of elderly residents in Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged, many of whom were confined or lonely and without family or friends to visit them.

After interviews with personnel at the facilities to learn what was needed, 85 volunteers were trained in 1973 and became the first participants in the program.

The Seagulls' became ecumenical and many churches "got into the Act." Now, with the Miami-Dade County area approaching 52 percent of Spanish speaking



Seagull Volunteers talk it over at Our Lady of the Lakes, Miami Lakes. There are 21 members of the Seagulls in the Parish. From left: Elsie Canalejo, Lil Maloney, Donna True, and Vivienne Kerr.

ethnic groups, the Gaviota Program in Spanish is being developed for similar services to these confined and lonely people.

The Seagull Program in Miami Lakes is sponsored by the Ecumenical Parish Council of Miami Lakes —and six churches are involved in the program: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic, St. Margaret's Episcopal, Resurrection Lutheran, Miami Lakes Congregational, United Methodist, which is the host church) and the Sunrise Presbyterian Church.

To each of the volunteers being a Seagull means they can bring something of the outside community's concern and caring. It means they can

share a talent with an older person who may need just a new "start" in a new direction. The Seagull volunteer becomes a new friend to the elderly —a new ally to fight loneliness —that all-pervading presence in so many institutional-type facilities.

The Seagull learns that she is welcome in institutions at any day or hour that does not conflict with their routines. And the Seagull learns early on that they must observe the rules and regulations of the institutions they visit —so they may continue to contribute in an atmosphere of felicity and helpfulness.

They do not intrude on the rules and regulations, policies and procedures of the places they visit —they learn the ground rules and benefit from the cooperation and scheduling of their own mission to the elderly.

Some Seagulls make articles for their friends in these facilities such as bathrobes, slippers, lap robes, foot warmers, etc. They run errands, take care of some simple chore on the outside that the elderly cannot accomplish. Writing letters, playing cards watching TV with their elderly friends are many of the myriad ways that the Seagulls fly higher and higher and higher.

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

tering 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)

## Catholic Press Taken for Granted?

In some circles it is fashionable to speak of the Catholic press as a second-class branch of journalism, scarcely to be tolerated. Critics cite a variety of reasons: it's not professional enough; it uses outmoded techniques and methods; Catholic papers are "house organs," that is, an extension of the Chancery; the reporting is not objective.

Behind these barbs is a hidden resentment that the Catholic press has survived, is renewed, does its work with vigor born of its period of trials, and all in all is doing a creditable job.

Not objective? Every night Walter Cronkite says: "That's the way it is." Complacent Americans believe indeed that is the way it is. Not at all. What it is is what CBS News shows us. (Read Halberstam's "The Powers That Be.") All secular media exercise their choice of what news to tell us. It's always their view. The Catholic press, in the words of Pope John Paul II, is called "to fulfill a special role of great dignity at the service of truth and charity." It is that charity that gives it unique Christian mark, a quality easily disregarded by a few journals which put "Catholic" in their name but are not.

The Catholic press does not have all the money it needs. Yet these magazines and papers are utilizing the new technologies, and employ talented reporters to search out new ways to present the Gospel message. (The NC News Service is investigating the possibilities of satellite communications, only to send out the story quickly and inexpensively.)

House organs? Yes, if by that you mean an extension of the teaching message of the Church. But if that means one-sided views, a cover-up, and unwillingness to confront some unpleasantness in the affairs of men in order to "tell the

good news to every creature"—no. What the Catholic press does resist is any one-sidedness that comes from a rigid, unswerving position, right or left. It is willing to be surprised by the acts of humans in the Church, often happily, sometimes unhappily.

Not professional? The ability of some skilled journalists from the Catholic press to enter other fields of communication only says that these men and women are considered good enough by seculars to utilize their talents. Alas, such movement also says that the financial support for the Catholic press is never enough. In a time of rising prices, the costs for postage and newsprint eat up so much of the subscription dollar that not enough is available to reward talent as it should be rewarded. Still, many journalists remain with the Catholic press from dedication and a conviction that what they do is important. And they are right.

The fillers and quotes your pastor uses to fill up space in the Sunday bulletins are taken from Catholic magazines and journals.

A Gallup Poll study made over a year ago reaffirms that the Catholic press is widely read by educated Catholics. It is for them the major source of information about the faith. Recent popes continue to give their support to it, and see it as a major source of Catholic renewal.

The trouble is that because the Catholic press does its job, it is taken for granted. Thus it still has to identify itself, defend itself, prove itself. That's good. It never takes for granted that Catholics are aware that they need it. Every new issue is another foray into the challenge of putting the New Wine of the Gospel into the new skins of contemporary culture. The Catholic press is never satisfied with last week's or last month's issue. Each new day brings another opportunity to restate the faith, apply it, examine it, or to relate it to the lasting needs of the family of faith it serves.

**Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan**  
Auxiliary of Greensburg, Pa.  
Chairman of U.S. Bishops'  
Communications Committee

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Adoption Article Praised

To the Editor:

Our compliments to THE VOICE and to Mary Kenny for her article, "Adoption Is An Adventure." (January 18th issue, page 11.) We found the article to be full of warmth and a real understanding of the adventure called adoption. As a four-time adoptive mother, we're sure that Mary has found, as have many of our members, that adoption is contagious and habit-forming!

We would love to have the opportunity to meet Mary in person and have her speak to our group. Again, congratulations on a beautiful article, well-written.

Wilma E. Dorsey  
The Lifeline For Children, Inc.  
Plantation

### Catholic Newspaper?

To the Editor:

With regard to Fr. Cyril W. Burke, O.P., Barry College, and his assertion that a Catholic newspaper is fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church.

By the time a dogma leaves the hands of the Pope, goes through translations, goes through various degrees of hierarchical levels, and finally out of the mouth of a parish pastor to the laity, I'm sure personal opinions by the clergy get involved, and in some cases, even misquoted.

The Pope may be infallible, but not the priests. So if some priests see confusion and question interpretations, or even challenge interpretations, we should be pleased. That seems better than blind obedience to error teaching via the pulpit. Should our fidelity to Church authority include obedience to those in error? Was St. Paul in error when he withstood St. Peter (the first Pope) to his face for not being straight-forward about the truth of the Gospel? (Gal. 2:11 - 14).

I can accept it on the grounds that the Pope is in total truth via the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Is that right or wrong? If a person, other than the Pope, has the receipt of the Holy Spirit, can that individual be right about a spiritual matter of faith and morals?

James C. Doty  
West Palm Beach

### Regret on Greeley

To the Editor:

I, too, regret your decision to drop Father Greeley's column. I hope if enough people wrote you might reconsider. Your decision was no doubt made because you received only desenting remarks. While I didn't always agree with father, I did have to think on why I didn't agree. This is very stimulating and while there are many fine columns in your excellent paper I wouldn't use stimulating to describe them. His column was a definite plus.

Also what ever happened to the theatre and T.V. reviews? I enjoyed them and the pop song digest. Should ad that I'm 50 years old so you'll see different ages enjoy all of your paper. Thank for your time.

Elizabeth Trent  
Ft. Lauderdale



"HE'S THE THIRD PERSON TODAY WHO LOOKED IN HERE AND BLESSED HIMSELF."





## Prayer Is a Must in Everyone's Life

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

No doubt about the revival of prayer. There is too much evidence to brush the phenomenon aside. People who never felt much attracted to prayer are now enthusiastic about it and dependent upon it.

At the heart of all this, of course, is the action of the Holy Spirit. New movements in the church in recent years provided the setting of prayer for many, but were not the cause of it. People simply opened themselves up to the Spirit, and then the grace of God took over.

IT SEEMS AS if there is one thing which prayerful people do have in common, namely, they have been convinced of the necessity of prayer. The necessity. Not merely that it is a "nice thing" to do or as in the case of some of the more popular cults today, it is relaxing, health promoting, tension relieving, fulfilling and so on. All these may indeed be good side effects.

But people who plan their day with a first place for prayer realize they can't do without it. It is necessary in their lives. They have to find time for it, and so they always do, no matter how busy the day. Those who start with the great prayer of the Mass every day have discovered that, as far as time goes, they are much better disposed and prepared to plunge into the

day's work because of the sacrifice involved in uniting with Christ in the Eucharistic celebration.

So those who are uneasy from time to time because they do not pray more or do not pray well need as a first step to realize its obligation in their lives. There are several reasons why prayer is an absolute must in life.

To keep straight with God is top priority. Regular, attentive prayer is a tribute which all creatures must render to the creator. It is demanded by justice, since God deserves the praise and reparation of his children. It is also demanded by gratitude, because there is no benefactor on earth comparable to our benefactor in heaven. Prayer, in fact, helps deepen our appreciation of God's goodness in our lives and makes us more aware of the countless gifts made available every day.

Moreover, we must pray for help, God's help. Jesus stressed, "You can do nothing without me." He meant it literally. There is nothing so pitiful as seeing a self-contained, self-reliant, self-confident person after many years of bossing people around and manipulating lives reduced by illness to utter dependence. He was living in the dream world of personal power and complete control, not

realizing that all that time God was supporting him with strength and health and vigor. And when an invisible germ clubbed him into dependence, the myth of self reliance exploded, and his little magic world with it.

WE ARE UTTERLY dependent upon God. There can never be such a series of situations, some of which we can handle completely alone, and others need God's help. We need his help for the next breath, to close a door, to start the car, to walk a block, to put on a shoe. If he ever withdrew his support we would be spiritual and mental basket cases.

In the area of Christian living, we cannot be loyal to Jesus and his church without the help of grace. We cannot resist temptation, even the mildest. We cannot bear witness to Christ at home or in public. All day long we need grace to control the temper, to restrain the tongue, to discipline the imagination, to banish jealous, vindictive thoughts. We simply cannot handle those problems alone. If some feel they are hopelessly lost in the bondage of these weaknesses, the problem has to be traced back to a lack of prayer.

Jesus did everything he could to assure us if we ask help we will get it. "Whatever you ask the Father in

my name will be granted you...Ask and you shall receive...seek and you shall find...knock and it shall be opened to you..." And he warned, "Unless you ask, you shall not receive; unless you seek, you shall not find."

FINALLY, we need prayer so much in our family, business and social life. "Give us this day our daily prayer" was not inserted into the Lord's prayer by a pious monk in the 9th century. It was the expression of human need as voiced by Jesus himself. He wants us to be convinced the Father is deeply interested in all our material needs. He wants us to know there is connection between the love of God and our food bill, between his interest in our salvation and in the education of our children, between his mercies and our failures at work, between his patience and the hundred things which go wrong at home.

So if we have a need — and who doesn't? — we pay God a compliment by seeking his help. If you have been saying, "Oh, I don't want to bother God for things like that," ask him to let you realize how foolish a statement that is.

Prayer is a must. The more firmly we believe that, the better balanced our lives will be, the more fruitful they will appear and the more peaceful our conscience.



## What Are the Duties of Permanent Deacons?

By REV. JOHN DIETZEN

Q. Since 1971, a number of men have been ordained permanent deacons in our archdiocese. Please enumerate the duties they perform as permanent deacons. This point is not clear to many Catholics. Do the deacons receive remuneration for acting in this capacity? (Md.)

A. It is not only in your archdiocese that Catholics are confused about the proper functions of permanent deacons.

Before I answer your question directly, it should be noted that liturgical functions of the deacons, especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, are intended to be a climax and a symbol of the other services they render to that community outside of the liturgy. This important point is made constantly by those who work in the training and supervision of the deacon programs.

The following liturgical functions are assigned to deacons by the church:

1. To function as deacon at celebrations of the Eucharist.

2. To function as celebrant to the sacrament of Baptism. (Anyone may administer the sacrament of Baptism in emergencies; deacons are officially appointed ministers of that sacrament by the church.)

3. To take Holy Communion to the sick in their homes, hospitals and other health care facilities.

4. To serve as celebrant of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This includes wearing the proper vestments, exposing the Blessed Sacrament, and giving the

blessing with the sacred vessel containing the Eucharist.

5. To serve as celebrant at wake services for the dead and at graveside burial services.

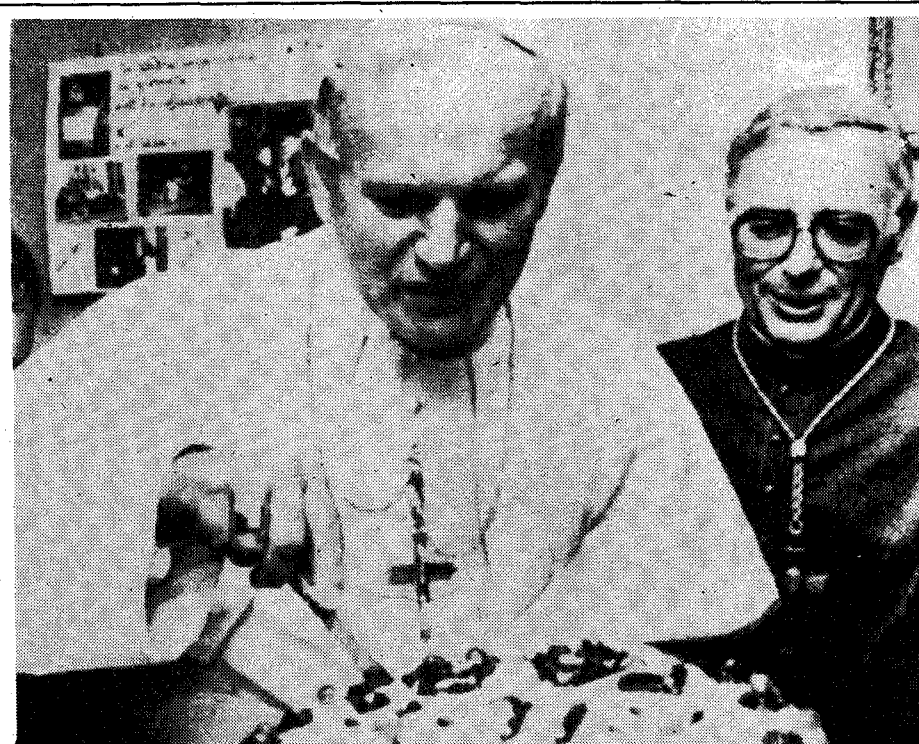
6. To officiate at marriages.

7. To administer the sacramentals of the church according to the rite indicated by the church. This does not include, however, blessing religious articles or the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise.

8. To assist in the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. (In January, 1975, the Vatican notified the American bishops that lay men and women who are special ministers of the Eucharist may assist the celebrant in distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday. In fact, if there is no priest and the ashes are already blessed, the lay ministers may impose the ashes by themselves. The Bishops' Committee on the liturgy then judged that if special eucharist ministers may do so, certainly ordained deacons may also.)

Deacons may also preach at celebrations of the Eucharist and other ceremonies. However, this function, as well as the faculty to officiate at marriages, must be explicitly granted to them by the bishop of the diocese.

Many, perhaps most, of the permanent deacons receive no regular pay for the services that they give. Policies concerning remuneration are established by the diocese and the institution in which the deacon serves.



Pope John Paul II slices a cake made for him by parishioners of St. Pius V Church in the Aurelia section of Rome. The icing reads "Viva Il Papa" meaning "Long Live the Pope."

# A Parish Can Reach Out

By CECELIA M. BENNETT

Through our combined efforts, our family can know wholeness again.

Imagine that your spouse has died, you have three young children to raise alone. You experience being single again, but there is a big difference. The difference is that you have become accustomed to sharing your life, your bed, your joys, sorrows, achievements with one you love. That sharing has brought parenthood to you, a welcome responsibility. Nevertheless, it is a responsibility and you had operated as a team as parents. Being alone is suddenly frightening. Your trust in others, in yourself is shaken. You feel angry, frustrated, confused and lonely. These feelings hang on. Will they ever go away? If only there were people to whom you could turn, people who understand and listen and move with you through the confusion and frustration that came with the death of your partner.

Our opportunities for these kinds of encounters are not in performing extraordinary acts, but in simply doing the ordinary things. We, as members of parish communities with Christian neighbors, can be present to families that have experienced the death of a spouse. We can be present not just during the time of the funeral, but weeks, months, even years after the funeral. We can be present at times when the family is forgotten, alone.

We can visit, listen, understand, comfort. Often, this takes doing something without waiting to be asked: carpooling children; shopping together; if necessary, helping the person develop new skills such as cooking or keeping household finances.

Again, imagine yourself alone with three young children. Your morning begin with an early rising, fixing breakfast and getting

everyone off to school and nursery. Then you get yourself ready and go to your full-time job. At five o'clock you battle traffic to get home. As soon as you come in the door, you begin dinner preparations. After dinner is finished, you help the children with their homework, do a load of laundry, see to baths, read a couple of bedtime stories.

How welcome would be the neighbor who would give the children a ride to school in the morning or who would be there in the afternoon when they come home from school. And how nice it would be if a friend would offer to babysit on a Friday evening. This would enable you to just relax or perhaps attend a meeting of the parish support group for the widowed. An invitation from friends to join them for a family Sunday afternoon picnic would also be welcome.

A man who has lost his wife often finds shopping for school clothes a most difficult task. The friend who offers to go along on the shopping excursion can turn a dreaded task into an enjoyable one. And why is it that couples who were friends stop visiting? Saturday evenings can be very lonely times for widows and widowers. Thoughtful couples will keep the friendship alive. They won't wait for an invitation. Instead, they will drop in unexpectedly from time to time. They will realize that they can help fill a Saturday or Sunday evening that would otherwise be lonely for their friend.

A parish can reach out by encouraging the formation of a support group for the widowed. It can encourage the participation of the single person in parish activities. Parish men's and women's organizations can consciously reach out to their widowed members by encouraging them to participate. A simple phone call inviting them to attend a function or offering them a

ride so they do not have to come alone can help make them feel wanted.

A parish can develop a youth ministry and religious education program that is sensitive to the needs of young people who have lost a parent. Parish liturgies and homilies that celebrated the value of family life in its different dimensions, sizes and forms can be a

source of affirmation to the widowed parent and family. A parish might sponsor a series of programs on death and dying that acquaints the parish community with the grief process and ways of ministry for the grieving on a short-and long-term basis.

Together our united efforts can make a difference, and bring us to God.



"Imagine that your spouse has died, you have three young children to raise, alone. You experience the fright of being single again; the unsettledness of a life that has changed. The partner who has shared your life, your bed, your joys, sorrows, achievements and the responsibilities for parenting is gone. You feel angry, frustrated, confused and lonely."

## Challenge of The Single Person

By FATHER JOHN J. BARRETT

We sat in a cafe on Unterder-Linden in tomb-like East Berlin, tired after the long wait standing at the border check-point and the somber walk between brick and barbed wire walls separating us from living West Berlin.

Over a refreshing cup, I studied Doris Revere Peters, smartly dressed, medium height, slim, blue-green eyes and some traces of grey hidden in the wavy brown hair. Years before we had met at the Waldorf in New York, again in Rome, Paris, Dusseldorf, and now in Berlin, at week-long sessions of the International Catholic Press Union. This woman was a competent professional journalist. But who was she, really?

"Well, before all else, I am a widow...and a mother," she laughed. "I have a busy life, and two marvelous sons worthy of their wonderful father."

As we talked, I learned that she was a New Yorker. She had met her future husband, Maurice Peters of Kansas in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was area director of the

Ford Motor Company. She was a personnel officer for American Smelting and Refining Company, her first job. They were married in Salt Lake's magnificent Cathedral of the Madeleine.

It was a happy marriage. They were blessed with two sons. Their future looked bright until the day polio struck Maurice and their boys. Only a year later, Salk made his great discovery. Paralyzed from the waist down the father was told he would never walk again, to which he replied, "The hell I won't." A couple of years of therapy in California enabled him to walk again and the boys recovered well. But for 10 years, the father and sons were together while Doris worked. "But it was a blessing in disguise," she says now, "for his influence was so great, his charm so infectuous, that he left his indelible mark upon them."

When they moved to New York, Maurice found an excellent position with Jaguar Motors, but he died suddenly of an embolism in 1962.

Doris said that losing him was the most difficult thing she had ever faced in her life. But she realized the boys' loss was unusually severe. Seldom do children have the

privilege of their father's company as much as their boys. She immediately recognized the need to keep their lives full. "The last thing Maurice would have wanted us to do would have been to suspend our lives. He would have expected me to go about the business of living and seeing to it that our boys followed suit.

"Obviously, I had to go on working. More than that, I had to build a satisfying, economically reasonable career. And I had to see that joy stayed in our lives. In looking after these essentials, I didn't have a lot of time to think about myself. In 1959, I had begun to write a weekly column for the diocesan press called 'Dear Doris.' As a matter of fact," she smiled, "it's still going strong. It's an advice column for teen-agers. I enjoy writing it now as much as I did in the beginning. You know, I get real joy out of doing something that helps other people. Four years ago, I took a temporary assignment with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to help with the promotion of its popular MS READ-a-thon. I just stayed on because I'm hooked on MS and this unique program which encourages grade school children to

read books 'for the need of others,' and which has netted the MS Society over \$20 million since its inception."

Doris kept steering our conversation away from herself, not on purpose, but because her interests lie much more with other people. She is, indeed, a happy woman. She had to rebuild her life and her children's lives unexpectedly when death claimed her beloved Maurice. But she held the key that unlocked the doors to life without him. The key could well be called "concern for those who depend upon me."

Today her sons are grown men and successful. Doris concentrates on her work, visits her boys and feels tremendous pride in their accomplishments. But she has yet another ambition, to write a book on spirituality. She predicts that it will take two or three years of research. "All my life I've had responsibility for someone. Now that I'm free...that sounds selfish, doesn't it? But I am finally free for a deeper spiritual life. Ten years ago I discovered the Focolare Movement and it gave me strength and freedom no other person has given...to live what I believe, my life centered in Christ."

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# God Calls Us to Remember

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

"A man who listens to God's word but does not put it into practice is like a man who looks into a mirror at the face he was born with: he looks at himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looks like. There is, on the other hand, the man who peers into freedom's ideal law and abides by it. He is no forgetful listener, but one who carries out the law in practice" (James 1, 23-25).

These words of James, leader of the Christian community at Jerusalem, point up a dangerous human failing: a short memory. If a person can't remember the date of the Battle of Hastings or just where he was and what he was doing when the news of President Kennedy's assassination broke, he is not thereby diminished as a human. But if he all too quickly forgets the agony of a hangover or the terrible remorse that depressed him after he had been unkind or dishonest, then the chances are pretty good that before long he will be once more trying to drink the rest of the party under the table or hurting people he loves or cheating at work. A little longer memory could have saved him a

great deal of unnecessary anguish. If it is true that a person who is ignorant of history is doomed to repeat its mistakes, it is equally true that one who forgets his own behavioral history is doomed to repeat its tragedies.

A short memory can wreak havoc in our own personal lives; it can do the same in our relations with others. It is distressing to see a congregation united as a family, a community of love, around the Sunday Eucharist, thrilling to God's word of reconciliation and forgiveness, exchanging a warm peace greeting and then, when they are invited to "go in peace," coldly ignoring each other as they jostle their way out of church and mouthing angry insults at anyone who delays their takeoff from the parking lot by as much as five seconds—short memories matched by short tempers.

Examples of the lamentable effects of a short memory could be multiplied literally ad nauseam. The immediate context of our reading from James suggests one more. The person who looks in the mirror and, minutes later, forgets what he looks like, is the one who hears God's

word, gives even more than notional assent to it at the moment, but never really personalizes it. Often such a person can very conveniently "forget," block out of practical consideration those parts of the word's challenge which would put his unselfishness to the test. It is so much more comfortable to select less demanding aspects of the challenge, concentrate on those and murmur contentedly: "What a good little boy am I!"

James singles out some really down-to-earth specifics and leaves no room for self-delusion: "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless. Looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself unspotted by the world make for true worship without stain before our God and Father" (James 1, 26-27).

"Looking after orphans and widows in their distress." Our hearts go out to a woman who loses a beloved husband and is left not just with profound sorrow and loneliness, but with anxious concern for her children and herself. The parish family, or a good part of it, rallies round with genuine concern, com-

fort and more food than can possibly be consumed on any one occasion. But a week after the funeral, who remembers, who cares? She is still desolate, alone, anxious, at her wit's end trying to figure out how to make ends meet, and who remembers?

The parish family may well be her only family. In the first letter to Timothy we read: "Honor the claims of widows who are real widows—that is, who are alone and bereft. If a widow has any children or grandchildren, let them learn that piety begins at home and they should fittingly support their parents and grandparents; this is the way God wants it to be" (1 Timothy 5, 3-4). That's fine, but suppose the only children she has are dependent on her—what then? Will the parish family remember? Will they remember the words of St. Paul to which they have listened so often reminding them that we are members of each other in the body of Christ, joined by a bond even more intimate than that of blood? Will they remember their sister in Christ? Or will short memories again rob them of their spiritual insight and leave people to their loneliness, their hurt, their gnawing anxiety?

## Jacob Mourns Rachel

by Janaan Manternach

The caravan was moving slowly across the desert. Jacob and his wife, Rachel, together with relatives and friends, were hoping to reach the town of Ephrath before evening. Rachel was pregnant. They all knew she would have her baby that day.

As the shadows began to lengthen, Rachel felt sharp pains. The caravan was still a long distance from Ephrath. Jacob urged the camels on, eager to reach the town before the baby was born.

Rachel's pains came more quickly and sharply. It soon became clear that there was no longer time to reach the town. Jacob stopped the caravan and, with the help of some of the men, he quickly put up a tent. He carried Rachel into the tent and placed her on soft straw. He was worried. He could see that Rachel was in great pain.

The nurse who was with them did everything possible to help her. By evening Rachel's pain was almost more than she could bear. The nurse told her over and over, "Don't be afraid, Rachel. Everything will be all right." But Rachel sensed that she was dying.

During the evening, in the tent beside the road in the desert, Rachel's baby was born. "You have a son," the nurse whispered in Rachel's ear. A smile crossed Rachel's pale lips. Her pain-dulled eyes lit up briefly. She was hardly breathing. With one last breath she whispered a boy's name, Benoni. With the name of her newborn son on her lips, Rachel died.

Jacob could not believe it. He broke down and cried. All night he wept. At times he tore his clothes and called out Rachel's name. He loved her more than anything in the world. Now she was dead, and just at the moment they had both been

looking forward to, the birth of their second child.

Jacob's eyes were still red with crying as the sun rose over the desert sands. He was wearing sackcloth, a very rough cloth. He poured dust over his head. He wore no shoes. He would not eat or drink anything, so great was his sorrow over Rachel's death.

At times during the day his friends watched Jacob sitting by himself. He could think of nothing but Rachel. He remembered how he had worked 14 years without pay to be able to marry her. He remembered the beautiful times they had had together. He remembered the hard times, too, the long years when they could not have any children.

Jacob could not bear to call his new son Benoni. The name carried with it the memory of Rachel's last hours of pain. So he changed the baby's name to Benjamin. It was a name he knew Rachel would like. It would remind him more of Rachel's strength and beauty than of her suffering.

The next day Jacob buried his wife beside the desert road to Ephrath. He set up a huge stone on Rachel's grave beside the road. It would be a memorial to Rachel. He wanted everyone who passed by to see the stone and remember his beloved wife.

Jacob's sadness over Rachel's death lasted a long time. He did not stay long in Ephrath, but decided to return to his father Isaac's home at Hebron. That is where his grandparents, Abraham and Sarah, had also lived. Jacob never married again. He treasured the memory of Rachel all the rest of his life. Finally when he was a very old man, he died.



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## Women's Clubs

St. Charles Borromeo Women's Club, Hallandale, will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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St. Gregory's Women's Guild will host a Day of Reflection on Thursday, Feb. 14, in the School Study Hall, at 200 N. University Drive, Plantation. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., followed by Mass. For reservations and information, call Mrs. Schneider, 581-3872, or Mrs. Wiescorekm 581-0609.

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St. Bernard's Women's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise, Fl.

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## S. Florida Scene

like to invite all area Catholic Women 16 and older, to an open meeting Feb. 19, in St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Hall, 740 Palm Trail, Delray Beach. The Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Information: Marguerite Wesley, Boca Raton, 395-1893.

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St. Matthew Women's Club will hold a meeting Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the school. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Doherty. The luncheon tickets for Feb. 23, are now on sale.

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St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will hold their Men's Night on Feb. 11, in the cafeteria at 2200 NE 191 St., Pot Luck Dinner and Derby Night. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Movies at 8:00 p.m.

For more information call Mrs. Connie Sclafane, at 651-7967.

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The Ladies Guild of Resurrection Parish will hold a "Las Vegas Night", Feb. 16, in the Parish Hall., 617 NE 2nd St., Dania.

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The Patrician Club of St. Patrick's, Miami Beach, will hold its 26th annual George Washington Fashion-Luncheon on Feb. 12, at 12:00 Noon, at the Doral Beach Hotel. Luncheon entertainment will feature the Winged Victory Singers and a Fashion Review by Jordan Marsh. Tickets: \$15.00 For reservations: 866-3979.

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The Cathedral Women's Guild will sponsor a white

elephant sale, and cake sale in the archdiocesan hall across the street from the Cathedral, on Feb. 10.

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St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual luncheon and Fashion Show in the Venetian Room, Pier 66, on Feb. 13. Social House at 11:30 a.m., Lunch 12:30 p.m. Fashions by Hazel Cannon, Inc.

### Family Night

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church will celebrate the Year of the Family with a Family Night, Friday, Feb. 8, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All families are welcome. Bring a snack and a flashlight.

### Sweetheart Festival

Holy Family Parish will hold a Sweetheart Festival Feb. 14 through 17, from 1 to 11 p.m. Bring the whole family and join in the fun-

## Fr. Schimmel, Pastor, Dies

Father Bernard Thomas Schimmel, C.M., 68, associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Miami, passed away suddenly in Philadelphia on February 1. Fr. Schimmel labored for thirty years as a missionary in Panama, as a parish priest in Brooklyn, N.Y., and in Miami for the last two years. The Mass of the Resurrection was offered in the Community Chapel of the Vincentian Fathers on Feb. 5th Fr. Schimmel rests in the Vincentian Cemetery at St. Joseph Minor Seminary, Princeton, N.J.

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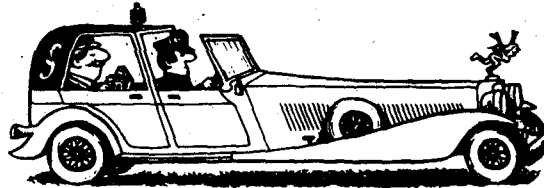
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### Marriage, Family on TV

"MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY", a WPBT Channel 2 Special on Religions' involvements with Marriage and Divorce in today's changing World, airs on February 17, Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. and Feb. 22, Friday, at 3:00 p.m. WPBT Gene Tiebloom hosts an hour Program with 3 panelists: Fr. Jose P. Nickse, Catholic Church (Director of Radio and TV Catholic Archdiocese of Miami) and Parish Priest of Christ the King Church, Perrine.

Rev. Kenneth Gangel, Professor and Chairman of Church Ministries, "MIAMI CHRISTIAN COLLEGE".

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The first session, on January 24th, was conducted by Mrs. Carol Farrel of the

Archdiocesan Family Enrichment Center. Parents participated in the discussion period which helped clarify their roles, thus enabling them better to carry out their vocation. Materials available provided direction for parents themselves, and also for children at the primary, intermediate, upper, high school, and college levels.

The second session held on January 31st was preliminary to the formation of parent "self-help" groups in the parish. Through input, discussion, and sharing of experiences, parents will be enabled to minister to one another and to their children.



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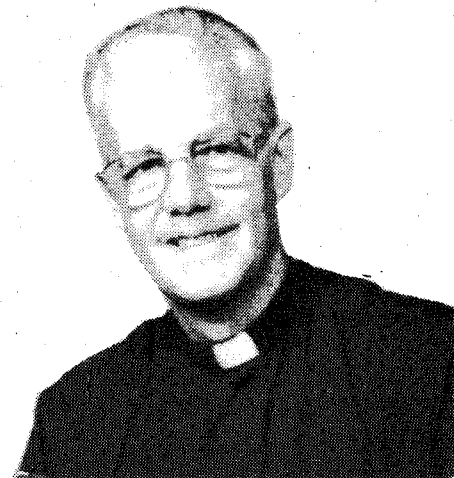
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# 50,000 Join Pope for Pro-life Day

VATICAN CITY (NC)— Nearly 50,000 Romans joined Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square to pray for life Feb. 3, as the Italian church observed the second annual Day of Life.

"When a person's right to life is violated, a blow is struck at the very heart of the moral and legal order, which has as its aim the protection of the inviolable good of man," the pope said in his noon Angelus talk from his apartment window above the square.

"The church defends the right to life not only out of respect for the majesty of God, first giver of every life, but also out of respect for the essential good of man," he added.

The pope said people

have a responsibility to "welcome life, to defend it, to promote it...offering your own generous collaboration to each initiative which favors its elevation towards more worthy goals."

The gathering in St. Peter's Square was one of many events scheduled throughout Italy Feb. 3 to demonstrate the Catholic Church's opposition to the 20-month-old liberal Italian Abortion Law and to other anti-life situations in the country.

The goal of the day, organized by the Italian Bishops Conference, was described by Cardinal Ugo Poletti, papal vicar for Rome, as a defense of "human life against all the threats that endanger it."

In Rome, observances had prayerful and political aspects. Archbishop Giovanni Canestri, vice general of the Diocese of Rome, and 15 priests concelebrated a morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

"We are at war! Archbishop Canestri said of terrorism in Italy, where there have been seven political assassinations in 1980.

"The number of those who have aligned themselves against the national community is difficult to calculate," he added.



Sister Beverly Bobola, O.P., Sisters Council president, leads the way in giving blood to help out with the current shortage, as Sister Arnold Bennedetto looks on. Many others of the 660 member Council will be following her example. Volunteers may call 342-8341.

## Play Review

### Cat On a Hot Tin Roof Simmers!

By GEORGE KEMON

"Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" — heavy fare at any time, has made its way to Oakland West Dinner Theatre.

Tennessee Williams plays are no puff balls. They don't lend themselves very well to little theatre production — perhaps it's

because people who attend this type of theatre expect the lightness of musicals or whimsy, at most. But, in taking a chance on "Cat" Brian Smith is taking a chance on Oakland West's regulars accepting the heavy play and thereby proving a point: A good play, with a good company should be able

to make it anywhere.

That "Big Daddy" hugely played by Joshua Sussman, is dying of cancer, seems moot — the whole family has cancer and its terminal. Big Daddy did not get the sympathy one with cancer should get. He comes on so strongly it was hard to empathize, or sympathize with his cancer.

Brian Smith's "Brick" was simply fine acting. There is no doubt in this reviewer's mind that any success "Cat" has will be due to the handling of Brick by Smith.

Darcy Shean, as the Cat, emotes so strongly in the first act that one wishes she would go away and leave poor Brick to his probably well earned alcoholism. The subsequent scenes give us the real reason for his drinking but at first blush, any man would turn to drink with the attacks mounted by the Cat.

Ann Gilliam as Big Mama did a fine job. She came through as Big Mama in every sense of the word.

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Ray Recchi, Ft. Lauderdale News  
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# Family Nights Help Bring Us Together

By TERRY AND MIMI REILLY

This lent, we have something very special we want to share with you concerning Family Nights. There will be a weekly format that families can follow to help them prepare for Easter to grow in love as a family and nurture family relationships.

So, what really is Family Nights? How did it begin? Why do families need it today? Will using Family Nights really make a difference in our family? Why should it be a weekly gathering? How can the whole family especially Dad and the teens be sold on the idea? What on earth is a Family Night anyway? Questions like these have popped out of our brain like hot pop corn itself, trying to anticipate some wonderings you all may be hovering about this new series. This week and next, before the series does begin, we'll try our best to fill you in as to the what, why and how to's of the coming Family Night series.

OVER THE YEARS, we have discovered in our own family with five children and friends families, there is a hunger. Living in a society that so strongly emphasizes the individual experience, there also is a yearning for a family experience as well. Yet, with so much emphasis on the individual and his or her needs, the family as a unit is often forgotten.

Within each of us is the longing to drink in family warmth and togetherness. There also is the desire for love, joy and peace as well as a real sense of family oneness that tug at our hearts as needs that want to be satisfied. We sensed an emptiness in families as well as a frustration to what was happening within and outside the home. Words were spoken, but no one hears: funny stories needed to be shared, but stayed within, little and big hearts. Laughter and tears were left unattended. It seemed there just wasn't the Time to spend together as a family. Instead, families were bursting apart at the seams with the hustle and bustle of business. An endless list of rushed breakfasts, school work, sports, lessons of this and that

committee and community meetings, scouts, 4 H, dentists, hair appointments, food shopping, telephone calls and doctor appointments crammed our days and weeks and were spilling over into years.

Family Nights came out of this very concern a little over four years ago. Years ago families were home every night and there were no T.V.'s to gobble up otherwise conversation time. Times are different now but realistically none of us would want to turn back the clock, but the fact remains, families need to take more time together. We were once told time is love, and believing that — Family Nights is our commitment once a week to say yes, we are important, and to set some time-love aside for each other.

FAMILY NIGHTS isn't the cure-all that will live and preserve our families and mold our leaders for tomorrow, rather it's a tool to build the relationships we have that are the closest, those of our own family. Striving to improve our family life is no easy matter and Family Nights certainly isn't the end, all, but it is something!

So, what is Family Nights? It's one night a week when the Family comes first. It's usually held at home and presents us with time to learn together, listen to one another and to celebrate love!

Jesus reminds us of His presence in our families with words from Matthew 18:20 "Where ever two or more of you are gathered in my name, I am there also." Family Nights brings us together on a regular basis to be in Christ's presence as a family. How truly priceless our own family is in God's eyes. Our families are his love nurseries that nurture, feed into, and feed from His church on earth.

Think about taking time this Advent; choose a night that's best for the family and circle your calendar to begin Family Nights. We've done it, so many of our friends have done it and yes, Family Nights does make a real difference in our home.

See you next week with some how to's.

# Catholic Women Convene Discuss the Draft., ERA

By JANE QUINN

ORLANDO —Florida Council of Catholic Women, met here Jan. 30 under the leadership of Mrs. David White of Jacksonville, province director /president, and discussed organization, communication, conferences and general unity.

Backed by four spiritual directors present from the five dioceses, presidents of five archdiocesan and diocesan councils jointly resolved that when the United States reinstates the draft, women should not be registered for it.

Mrs. Marie Palmer of Miami, who has been working since 1973 to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida, proposed the resolution on women and the draft. She also called for Catholic women to join the Stop-ERA lobby in Tallahassee when the Florida legislature convenes in April.

Mrs. Rosemary Gallagher of the Florida Catholic Conference in the state capitol was present at the FCCW plenary meeting to bring to the attention of the Catholic women leaders

legislation and matters of interest, including the state and national conferences on families.

Mrs. Donald LeFils Osteen, national president of Catholic Women, who was given a voice in by laws adopted at this meeting of the FCCW, called for Catholic women to be given a chance to be part of what she called "balanced" membership when the state selects its 51 delegates to the White House Conference on Families (WHCF).

Mrs. Gallagher told of an informal conference she

chaired recently with all interested groups in Tallahassee, including such groups as the National Organization of Women. No action was expected from this (Continued on Page 14)



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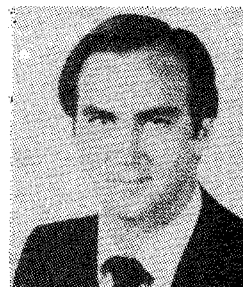
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# Catholic Women Oppose the Draft and ERA

(Continued from Page 13) meeting, she said, but the consensus was for delegate election, if possible, at regional meetings, if any are held by the state.

PETER O'DONNELL is Gov. Bob Graham's acting state coordinator for getting together Florida's delegation to the WHCF.

Thomas A. Horkan, Jr.,

executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference, has been urging O'Donnell's office to move on scheduling Florida's state conference. Since Florida has a large delegation which will have considerable input at the White House Conference, Catholics are interested, Mrs. Gallagher said, in participation in the state con-

ference preparing for the national one on families. The WHCF meets in June and July, 1980.

The leadership of the FCCW rotates according to adopted by-laws, which were revised at this annual meeting. Mrs. Robert O. McGill, Jacksonville, was chairman of the by-laws committee, assisted by other diocesan council presidents:

Mrs. Charles D'Asaro, Pensacola-Tallahassee; Mrs. Joseph Donohue, Miami; Mrs. Jean Gwaltney, St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Woodrow W. Hayes, Orlando. Mrs. Frank Filewicz, parliamentarian, was consultant.

Mrs. Raymond Hanley, legislation chairman for FCCW, outlined the need for more women to "develop

awareness with understanding, caring that enables, and structures that facilitate." She said "tunnel vision must be eliminated."

Father Michael J. Larkin, Jacksonville, FCCW moderator, agreed to the need to continue to educate the women on service. "Guilds are tired of being used as fund-raisers," he said. "Let's see if we can redefine their roles and give them service goals. If we do that we will attract more younger women to ministries they can identify with; we have to help the parishes. Let the practice of Christian ministries become the norm."

Father Laurence Conway, Miami ACCW spiritual director, was not at the meeting, the first he has missed since he has been counselor for the Miami Council. Other spiritual directors attending were Msgr. Irvine Nugent, Orlando; Father David O'Shea, Pensacola; and Father Claude Brubaker, St. Petersburg. Each gave short meditations at the luncheon at Sheraton Airport Inn.

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# Pope John Paul II H.S.

The new Catholic High School construction got underway this past week, following formal blessing ceremonies of the site of the new school on Military Trail in Boca Raton.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy who presided, told the gathered parents that "this is a rich day in the lives of our children and our children's children who will benefit through spiritual growth while attaining a solid education."

Noting the young people in attendance the Archbishop invited "you graduate students of the classes of the 1990's, if your grades are good, of course," to help "groundbreak" for the new John Paul II High School. Which they did with enthusiasm, as seen in the bottom pictures, left.

The new high school will serve the growing population of 14 parishes of upper Broward and lower Palm Beach Counties.

Pope John Paul II High School will provide for teaching of up to 2,000 students in the area and bring the students more in proximity to their homes.



## Marriage a Main Reason For Conversions-Survey

OAKLAND, Calif. (NC) - Marriage to a Catholic is one of the main reasons people convert to Catholicism, a priest-anthropologist said he is finding in a national survey.

Paulist Father Kenneth McGuire was in Oakland for two weeks in January to coordinate part of the national survey on evangelization conducted by the U.S. Catholic bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Evangelization.

He said he also has found that a common reason people return to the church is to assure a Catholic education for their children, while a frequent reason for leaving is that the church is boring.

**THE DIRECTOR** of the Paulist Institute of Religious Research in Washington, Father McGuire said these are merely preliminary observations and not conclusions of the study.

Father McGuire is working on the study with Dean R. Hoge, associate professor of sociology at the Catholic University of America, and Marianist Brother Bernard F. Strat-

man, administrative assistant for the bishops' evangelization committee.

The survey consists of 20 to 60 minute interviews with Catholics and former Catholics in seven dioceses: Oakland; Baltimore; Orlando, Fla.; Providence, R.I.; Detroit; Omaha, Neb.; and San Antonio, Texas.

The pollsters are looking for three categories of people: those who have left the church, those who have joined the church and those who have returned to the church within the last three years. For the purposes of the survey, anyone who has attended Mass two or more times other than Christmas, Easter, weddings and funerals is considered an "active Catholic."

The survey is the first of its kind in the Catholic Church, Father McGuire said. It is being made at a time when many Catholics have left the church, he said, noting a similar falling away in the mid-1800s.

"We have to work something out in the way of evangelization programs," Father McGuire said.



Catholic Schools throughout South Florida participated in Catholic Schools Week Feb. 4-8 with programs, visitations, liturgies and Displays such as this one at Palm Springs Mall in Hialeah. This year's theme was "The Catholic School — One of the Family."

Early indications are that "Catholics don't become Lutherans or Baptists or Presbyterians very easily. When they leave to join another church it's usually to join fundamentalist churches or sects like the Jehovah's Witnesses," he said.

And when people join the church "It's usually for the most practical reason," he said. Religious conversion stories are few and far between, he said. Frequent

reasons include: "I'm getting on in years and I want to do the right thing. I don't want to go to hell, I want to make my wife happy. I want a good school for my kids."

**DISAGREEMENT** with the moral teachings of the church is not a big reason for leaving, Father McGuire said he has found. "A high percentage of those who leave don't agree with the teachings of the church on

morality. But a somewhat similar number joining the church also say they don't agree with its moral teachings."

The survey has been finished in five dioceses, and by mid-February when all are complete, about 600 to 700 persons will have been interviewed. While such a survey would ordinarily cost \$200,000, the use of volunteers is keeping the cost down to \$25,000, the priest said.



## ¿Fallamos Como Comunidad?

Por Gerard E. Sherry

"Las Relaciones Euménicas han alcanzado una especie de punto de espera, una cómoda meseta de nuevas fronteras y respeto, pero quizá han disminuido en el celo para entrar en las más penosas fronteras del progreso continuado;" dijo el Arzobispo de Miami Edward McCarthy en la Catedral de Santa María, durante el discurso saludando a los representantes de otras creencias que participaron en el servicio religioso que marcó el último día de la Semana de Oración por Unidad Cristiana, y añadió, "si esto es cierto, es de lo más infortunado ante el Señor."

"Estamos fallando en el compartir los dones con los cuales pudiéramos enriquecer y purificar nuestras separadas vidas, esto por no decir de traerlas a ser una. Lo que es más, estamos literalmente creando escándalo, frustrando la oración de Jesús "Que todos sean uno como Tú, Padre, y Yo so-

mos uno, para que el mundo sepa que tú me enviastes." Dijo el Arzobispo.

"¿Pudiéramos preguntarnos si es la gradual secularización, el alejar a nuestro mundo de Dios, o el negarle a Jesús que el Padre lo envió, la causa directa de nuestra división? ¿Somos nosotros culpables de los problemas del mundo porque hemos fallado en unir nuestras fuerzas para resolverlos, porque la religión se ha vuelto más débil y más inefectiva en nuestra sociedad? ¿Es que, simplemente, un Reino dividido contra sí mismo no puede mantenerse?"

El Arzobispo hizo referencia a la carta de un lector dirigida al Miami Herald comentando sobre "la tragedia McDuffie observando cuán morlamente arruinada ha devenido nuestra sociedad y nuestra cultura" dice la carta "Nosotros, colectivamente, el pueblo de Dade County, debemos compartir la responsabilidad por ello. La clase de violencia que, como comunidad, nos infligimos a nosotros mismos, hace que

pero con diferencias en la creencia, lo que nos ha traído al estado en que nos encontramos? ¿Somos culpables ante el Señor?"

"Que sea esta una noche de celebrar seriamente la unidad que hemos alcanzado y de rededicación propia a los altos y tremendamente importantes principios del desarrollo ecuménico, de confesar humildemente nuestros errores y suplicar la gracia del Señor por un nuevo día;" Terminó el Arzobispo McCarthy.

Entre los que tomaron parte en el servicio estaban el Rvdo. Richard Bailer, de la Iglesia Unida de Cristo, quien ofreció la homilía, el Obispo de la Diócesis Episcopal del Sureste de la Florida, Rvdo. Calvin Schofield; Rvdo. Lloyd White, Asociación Bautista del Sur; Rvdo. Carroll Schuster, Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Coral Gables; Dr. William Jones, Metodista Unida; Arquimandrita John W. Haddad, Ntra. del Líbano; y muchos otros clérigos Católicos y Protestantes.

nosotros seamos nuestro peor enemigo."

"Como comunidad estamos permitiendo," dijo el Arzobispo, "que nos distanciamos más cada vez unos de otros, que nos volvamos más apáticos hacia el otro y más desconfiados unos de otros. Estamos creando la compulsión, el furor y la frustración que impulsa al individuo a apretar el gatillo, usar el cuchillo o blandir un instrumento como arma. Como sociedad hemos fallado en lograr que el sistema de justicia sirva su propósito, hemos permitido que nuestra caridad destruya la dignidad humana, fallamos en controlar nuestro democrático gobierno y nos molestamos unos a otros hasta que algo sucede. Como sucedió unas 350 veces en el año 1979. Esta es la suma de cuántos asesinatos hubo en el Condado Dade el año pasado; Arthur McDuffie fue una de estas estadísticas."

"¿Ha sido la desunión, la división, la disensión entre hombres de buena fé,

## Nueva Escuela John Paul II

La ceremonia de colocación de la Primera Piedra para la nueva Escuela Superior "Papa Juan Pablo II" tendrá lugar el próximo Domingo 3 de Febrero, a las 3:30 p.m. en el terreno de la escuela en Military Trail, Boca Raton.

S.E. Arzobispo Edward McCarthy presidirá la ceremonia y los catorce sacerdotes de las 14 parroquias interesadas se unirán en este evento.

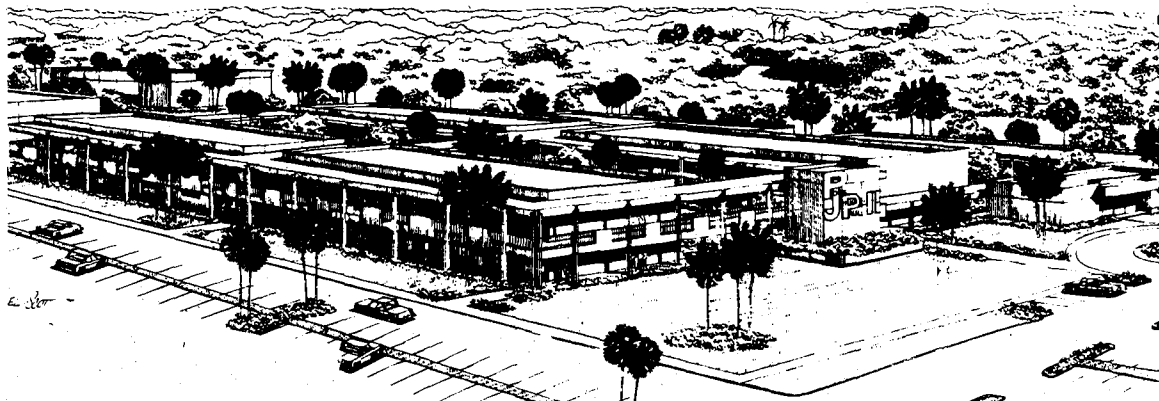
Se espera que la primera fase del edificio este terminada

para el comienzo del año escolar 1980-81, es decir, para Septiembre 1ro., para cuya fecha ya habrán sido aceptados los primeros alumnos que asistirán a ella. El Padre Vincent T. Kelly, Superintendente de Educación de la Arquidiócesis, dice que los exámenes se celebrarán tentativamente en Marzo 22 próximo en St. Joan of Arc, Boca Raton.

El Presidente de la Comisión para la construcción de la nueva escuela, Mons. Connaughton dice que la escuela abrirá con un mínimo de 36 aulas y 4 salas de administración, teniendo capacidad para 500 alumnos en esta fase del proyecto. Se anticipa que la Escuela contará con un sobresaliente grupo de profesores. Esta escuela viene a llenar una gran necesidad por el crecimiento de la población del sur de Palm Beach y el norte de Broward.

Actualmente todos los alumnos de la futura escuela son transportados a la Escuela Superior Cardenal Gibbons en Ft. Lauderdale y a la St. Thomas Aquinas de West Palm Beach. Algunos de los estudiantes tienen que viajar 20 millas para llegar a la escuela para lo que deben salir de sus hogares muy temprano en la mañana y regresar cuando el sol se está poniendo.

Cuando todo el proyecto esté terminado la escuela será capaz de educar unos 2,000 alumnos que estarán más cerca de sus hogares y al mismo tiempo liberará a las otras escuelas vecinas de manera que podrán atender su propio creciente número de matriculas.



El Arzobispo McCarthy tuvo bastante ayuda en la apertura de la tierra para la colocación de la primera piedra de la que será pronto la nueva Escuela Superior "John Paul II" en Boca Raton. Los Pastores de las parroquias de la parte baja de Palm Beach y la parte alta de Broward que serán servidas por la Escuela son de izq. a der.: P. Patrick Farrell, St. Andrews; P. Anthony Chepanis, St. Lucy; P. John Skehan, St. Vin-

cent Ferrer; P. Richard Murphy, Ascencion; P. Walter Dockerill, St. Marks; P. Vincent Kelly, Superintendente de Escuelas de la Arquidiócesis; P. Jack Totti, St. Jude; P. Wendel Schenley, Our Lady of Mercy; P. Frederick Brice, St. Paul Apostle; el Sr. Arzobispo; P. Donald Pusak, St. Joan of Arc y el P. James Connaughton, St. Ambrose. En su primera fase la Escuela tendrá 500 alumnos.

## Denuncia de Obispos

Caracas — La Iglesia Católica Venezolana denunció aquí la erosión de los valores morales y éticos en el país, en una declaración considerada una de las más fuertes en años recientes.

El Arzobispo de Maracaibo, Domingo Roa, dijo a nombre de la Conferencia Episcopal que "este país esta ahogado en alcohol" y calificó de ladrones a los que reciben un sueldo sin haber trabajado.

Afirmó además que la corrupción administrativa no se limita a los círculos oficiales y que la falta de rendimiento se debe a un "lamentable absentismo" en gran número de centros laborales.

Sin embargo, el prelado se mostró optimista con respecto a l futuro del país, la solidez de sus instituciones democráticas y del pueblo venezolano en general.



## Santa Escolástica

Escolástica era hermana del gran patriarca San Benito, y bajo su dirección fundó un convento de monjas benedictinas cerca de Monte Casino en Italia.

Benito la visitaba a menudo porque según se cuenta ella "nunca se cansaba de las palabras de Gracia que salían de sus labios". Sabiendo ella que estaba próxima su muerte, en ocasión de la que fuera la última reunión de los hermanos, ella le suplicó que no se fuera y se quedara haciéndole compañía esa noche. Benito sentía necesidad de regresar a su monasterio pero Escolástica puso la cabeza en las manos de Benito y rezó. Una violenta tormenta se desató en ese momento y el santo no pudo irse como deseaba de modo que tuvo que hacerle compañía a su hermana pasando la noche en conversación sobre temas espirituales.

Tres días después Benito vió el alma de su hermana yendo hacia el cielo en forma de paloma. Fue al convento y traajo el cuerpo de Escolástica a Monte Casino donde le dió



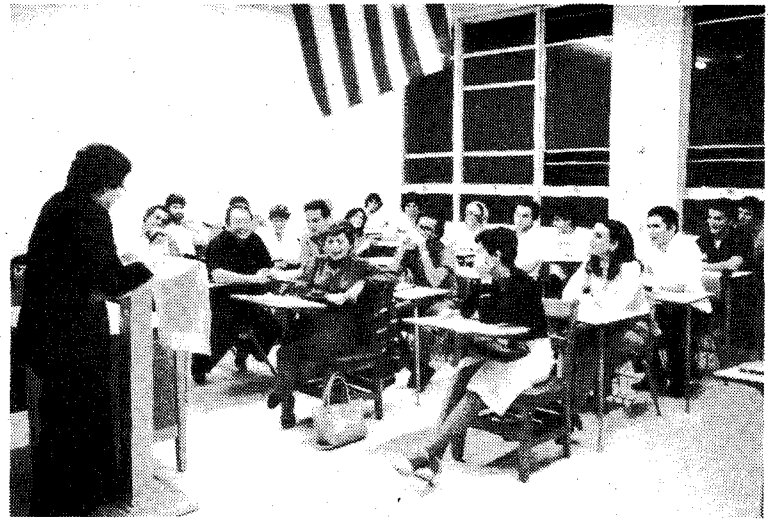
cristiana sepultura en una tumba que había hecho para él. Poco tiempo después Benito siguió a su querida hermana. Fue el año 547.

La conmemoración de Santa Escolástica es el día 10 de Febrero.

## Reflexión Sobre Exilio Cubano

Dios se ha revelado al hombre a lo largo de la historia a través de esos mismos acontecimientos históricos. El Antiguo Testamento no es otra cosa que la reflexión del Pueblo de Israel sobre las intervenciones de Dios en su propia historia. Historia de misericordia y Salvación de Dios. En cada hecho, en cada personaje, en cada gesto, Dios iba manifestándose, revelándose, dirigiendo al Pueblo... ¿Cuáles son los hechos históricos a través de los cuales Dios ha ido realizando con nosotros su historia de Salvación? ¿Qué significado tienen esos hechos desde una re-lectura evangélica de los mismos?

Estas eran algunas de las preguntas que queríamos contestarnos en este Seminario de Reflexión Cristiano-Teológica sobre el Exilio Cubano. Organizado por el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste y dirigido por el P. Virgilio Elizondo. El Seminario fue pensado como una invitación al pueblo cubano para reflexionar sobre su historia a la luz de la fe y la experiencia evangélica; para descubrir la revelación de Dios a nuestro pueblo concreto, desde su historia y su cultura. El Seminario se llevó adelante en las siguientes etapas. En primer lugar era necesario identificar los hechos históricos reconocidos como principales por el grupo. Hechos históricos que han constituido al grupo como tal, que son memoria común;



El P. Virgilio Elizondo ofreciendo su reflexión sobre el exilio

memoria que nos hace pueblo. Hecho históricos que han ido creando nuestro pensamiento, dando forma a nuestra idiosincrasia, construyendo nuestros valores culturales.

Una vez identificados estos hechos se trataba de discernir el significado de los mismos desde la perspectiva de fe: ¿Qué es lo que de hecho han dicho a nuestro pueblo en el pasado? ¿Cuál fue su influencia e interpretación religiosa de los mismos? ¿Cuál es su dimensión evangélica? ¿Qué significado tienen a la luz de la vivencia y actitud de Cristo? Por último como reinterpretar desde nuestra situación actual y a la luz de la experiencia evangélica, los valores de

nuestra cultura y nuestra experiencia histórica. ¿Cuál es el mensaje de fe que tienen a la luz del presente?

El Seminario se desarrolló con una metodología activa. Fue la experiencia histórico-cultural del propio grupo la materia de reflexión teológica.

Esta fue la primera experiencia realizada de una reflexión de este tipo. Esperamos que no sea la última. Esperamos que este primer paso abra camino a una profundización posterior que nos vaya llevando a una clarificación de nuestro papel en esta sociedad y en este momento concreto de la historia y sobre todo nos dé una visión de futuro como pueblo.

## OFICIAL

### SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATOLICAS

Este año en el cual inauguramos nuestro Programa de Evangelización, todos estamos muy conscientes de la maravillosa contribución al buen vivir que realizan las escuelas parroquiales de nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Las escuelas proveen una educación y una formación completa para nuestros niños y jóvenes, preparando vidas que serán dedicadas a elevadas normas morales, paz y felicidad.

Estamos orgullosos porque los graduados de nuestras escuelas tendrán una contribución especial que ofrecer a toda la comunidad, por el alto sentido de dedicación a los intereses de sus semejantes que se adquiere en las escuelas guiadas por la fe.

Yo me siento feliz rindiendo tributo a los Pastores, a los padres, maestros y alumnos que son los que forman el equipo familiar que es el secreto del triunfo de nuestras escuelas.

Edward McCarthy  
Arzobispo de Miami

La vida de una familia puede muy bien considerarse dichosa por el grado en que se han cultivado los valores, actitudes y sentimientos en sus hijos. En la misma medida, el grado de formación de los jóvenes en una escuela Católica determina la calidad del programa.

Sin embargo, si el hogar y la escuela están de acuerdo y unidos en el mismo proceso de formación, un hermoso natural y duradero desarrollo de preciosas y sagradas cualidades es inevitable. Nuestra gente joven estará entonces equipada con los instrumentos necesarios para servir a Dios y a sus semejantes.

Con estos pensamientos es que celebramos gozosos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas como un reconocimiento de que la escuela es una extensión del hogar. Ojalá la escuela sea siempre esa extensión de los esfuerzos del hogar.

Rvdo. P. Vincent T. Kelly  
Superintendente de Educación.

## Gruta para Virgen de Lourdes

Una gruta donde se exhibirá permanentemente la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes se está construyendo en los jardines de la Iglesia San Juan Bosco, con motivo del 122 aniversario de su aparición a la humilde Bernardette en Lourdes, Francia.

Para festejar a la Santísima Virgen en este aniversario se celebrará una Misa a las 10 a.m. y a continuación la procesión con la imagen para depositarla en la gruta.

También en los Jardines de San Juan Bosco se celebrará el festival "Noche Cubana", que contará con variadas atracciones como los kioscos, Buena comida, bingo todo el día y dos premios para los asistentes: un cuadro al óleo del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y un reloj de mujer o de hombre. Las papeletas serán de 75 centavos. Los fondos del festival serán destinados a completar la cuota de la Parroquia para el fondo de las Caridades del Arzobispo.

## Baile de Juan y María

El Sábado 9 de Febrero de 1980, el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano celebrará su tradicional "Baile de los Enamorados con Juan y María". Este año el baile será en el Dupont Plaza Hotel, 300 Biscayne Blvd., Way, en el downtown de Miami, desde las 9 P.M. hasta las 2 A.M.

## Feria en St. Charles Borromeo

Los planes para la Feria Campestre Anual de la Parroquia de St. Charles Borromeo, 600 NW 1st St., en Hallandale, siguen progresando. Será los días 29 de Febrero y Marzo 1 y 2 en los terrenos de la Iglesia.

Los organizadores nos dicen que los asistentes disfrutarán de doce diferentes aparatos

mecánicos de diversión, y que pueden adquirirse los tickets para los "rides" a precio de descuento si los compran ahora en la Venta Pre-Feria pero que esta oferta de 8 papeletas por sólo \$2.00 es solo para niños y jovencitos en los "teen". Pueden comprárselos a Dorothy Powell por el tel. 923-5844.

## Comida y Baile de Impacto

El Sábado 16 de Febrero se celebrará el baile del 7 Aniversario que patroniza el Movimiento Impacto. Será en el Casablanca Banquet Hall, 855 SW y la 22 Avenida, comenzando a las 8 de la noche. El costo por pareja será de \$20 que incluye la cena y se promete la mejor música de Miami. Para reservaciones puede llamarse a los siguientes teléfonos: 552-5744 Tula Guerra 223-2549; Elena Quintéro 643-1452 y Alina Rivero 552-0292.

Habrán además innumerables quioscos con artículos para regalos, pastelería, pizza, perros calientes y toda clase de comidas, bingo todo el día y muchos otros juegos.

Pero algo muy importante que deben tener en cuenta son los grandes premios que se ofrecerán 1ro: \$3,000; 2do.: \$1,000; 3ro.: diez premios de \$100 cada uno. Sería prudente que compraran las papeletas para las rifas desde ahora, solo cuestan \$1.00 cada una o si lo prefieren, 6 por \$5.00. Pueden adquirirse los Domingos después de cada misa. VENGA A LA FERIA!

## Antiguas Alumnas de Lourdes

El próximo Domingo 10 de Febrero las Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Ntra. Sra. de Lourdes ofrecerán la Santa Misa, con motivo del Aniversario de la aparición de la Virgen, en la Iglesia Sts. Peter and Paul, 900 SW 26 Rd., a la 1:30 p.m.

Esta Misa también será ofrecida por el alma de la

Madre Beatriz Blasco que falleció recientemente en Río Negro, Colombia después de dolorosa enfermedad.

Madre Beatriz es bien recordada por el exilio porque, bajo la tutela del fallecido Arzobispo Coleman Carroll, estuvo al cuidado de las niñas que venían solas de Cuba.



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## NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

### NACION

#### Alimentos para niños

**Washington** —(NC)— Las nuevas reglas del Departamento Federal de Agricultura harán posible que miles de niños sean incorporados al programa de alimentos en los centros de cuidado diurno en todo el país. Una mejor y mas balanceada dieta le será ofrecida a los niños de familias de bajos ingresos. Estos centros deben estar patrocinados por alguna agencia del gobierno o de las Iglesias.

#### Vida y Muerte

**Dallas** —(NC)— Ciento cincuenta obispos de Estados Unidos y Canadá se reunieron para estudiar las consecuencias morales de la nueva "tecnología de la vida y la muerte," con ayuda de teólogos, médicos y juristas. Entre los temas figuraron los bebés de probeta, la manipulación de las genes, y la prolongación artificial de la vida de pacientes gravemente enfermos. El Papa Juan Pablo II envió a los obispos un mensaje de aliento "a su sentido de responsabilidad pastoral ante el reto del mundo moderno."

#### Tributo a Durante

**Los Angeles** —(NC)— El cómico Jimmy Durante, quien murió a los 86 años en Santa Mónica (complicaciones de pulmonía) fue sepultado en el cementerio de la Santa Cruz después de la misa fúnebre como católico que fue. Apodado "schnozzola" porque tenía una gran nariz, el cómico tuvo una carrera de 64 años sembrada de caridad cristiana con los pobres tanto en Troya, su ciudad natal, como en el resto del país. Sus chistes fueron limpios, lo que le valió un premio de la Organización de la Juventud Católica.

#### Sacerdote preso sin causa

**Washington** —(NC)— El caso del sacerdote Católico Rdo. P. Edicio de la Torre, de las Filipinas, de 36 años quien ha estado encarcelado por cinco años sin el correspondiente juicio legal, ha atraído la atención de un grupo de legisladores de los Estados Unidos.

#### Ordenacion tipo católico

**Cincinnati** —(NC)— Representativos de 10 denominaciones protestantes acordaron unánimemente crear un ministerio que incluye Obispos, presbíteros o pastores y diáconos, un rango de tres órdenes ministeriales similar a la existente en la Iglesia Católica. Esta decisión será sometida a las distintas denominaciones para su estudio y aprobación.

#### Se Agotan cupones de alimentos

**Detroit** —(NC)— Robert Greenstein, del Departamento de Agricultura, advirtió que están por agotarse en mayo los fondos del programa de cupones de alimentos, si no se amplía a \$8 millones el presupuesto para 1980 de \$6,2 millones. "No hay programa que haya ayudado tanto a los pobres directamente como es-

te," dijo refiriéndose a los miles de familias, sobre todo madres y niños, beneficiados en diez años. Muchas son hispanas. El congreso se ocupa ya del problema de fondos, causado por la inflación y por el aumento de quienes necesitan esta ayuda con su dieta.

### MUNDO

#### Documentos de Puebla

**Bogotá**, —(NC)— Una reunión de los directores de comunicación social de las 22 conferencias de obispos afiliadas al Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano estudiará este mes los detalles de una cadena de comunicación electrónica que eventualmente sirva para una agencia continental de la Iglesia católica, con vistas a difundir las conclusiones del documento de Puebla. También se prepara la celebración en julio del 25 aniversario del CELAM, y la publicación de otros libros y folletos de alcance popular sobre Puebla.

#### Viaje del Papa a Brasil

**Ciudad del Vaticano** —(NC)— Fuentes oficiales confirman que el Papa Juan Pablo II irá al Brasil en julio para participar en el Congreso Eucarístico de Fortaleza, en la asamblea de sus obispos, en la inauguración del santuario nacional de N.S. Aparecida, y en el 25 aniversario de la fundación en Río del Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano (CELAM). Es posible que además visite a Sao Paulo, Brasilia, Manaus, Porto Alegre, Recife y otras ciudades. Con 110 millones de habitantes, de ellos 90 por ciento católicos, Brasil es el mayor país católico del mundo.

#### Argentina niega apoyo

**Buenos Aires** —(NC)— Una misión de Estados Unidos explicó a la Junta militar argentina la estrategia del embargo de granos contra la Unión Soviética por la invasión de Afganistán. Argentina invoca la propia determinación para negarse a cooperar en el embargo como productora en grande, pero prometió no aprovecharse comercialmente de la situación. Una misión soviética llegó a comprar excedentes de la exportación de 1980 (calculados en 5 millones de toneladas), así como carne. Agregados los minerales, el comercio entre Rusia y Argentina pasa de los \$400 millones al año. Hace algún tiempo que el gobierno de Washington retiró apoyo militar y económico a la junta militar.

#### Payasos ante el Papa

**Ciudad del Vaticano** —(NC)— La audiencia del Papa Juan Pablo II del 30 de enero tuvo un final extraordinario con la presentación de payasos, malabaristas y otros artistas de un circo en homenaje al Papa ante 6,000 peregrinos. "Que siempre sirváis al Señor llevando alegría al prójimo, con vuestra fe sencilla en Dios, vuestra lealtad a la familia, el amor a los niños, la solidaridad en momentos de adversidad," les dijo Juan Pablo.

# La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

"Uno de la Familia" es el lema bajo el cual las escuelas de la Diócesis han comenzado esta semana una serie de proyectos que se extenderán por todo el año escolar y confían en que cada proyecto quede como responsabilidad permanente de los grados a los cuales fueron asignados.

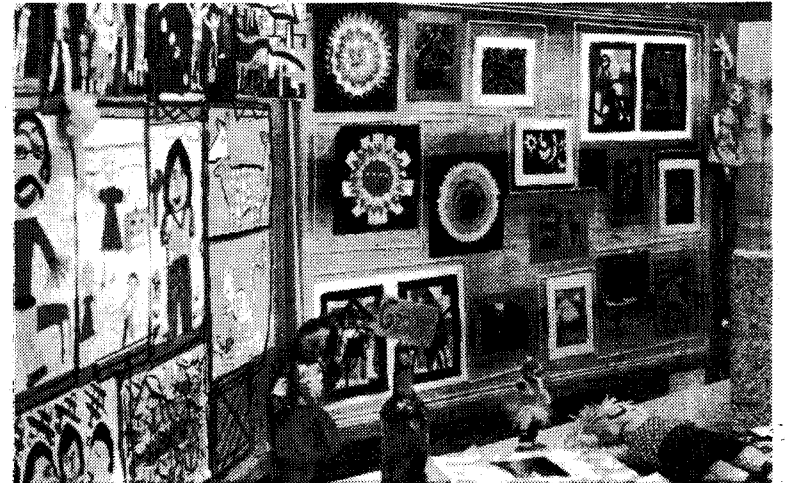
Algunas escuelas, por ejemplo, decidieron "adoptar abuelos". Cada grado de la escuela se hace responsable de un anciano entre los recluidos en un hogar de ancianos. Los ancianos reciben un certificado de la Parroquia firmado por todos los niños quienes los visitarán, enviarán tarjetas en las fiestas y les escribirán las noticias de la escuela. Esto llevará un rayito de luz a los ancianos.

Otras escuelas ofrecerán fiestas mensuales o tardes de bingo y golosinas para entretener a los ancianos de la Parroquia. Muchas se han dedicado a recoger medicinas, alimentos y ropas para enviar a los países donde son muy necesitados. Son muchos y muy alentadores los proyectos emprendidos.

La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, bajo su lema "Uno de la Familia", trata también de aumentar la relación entre las escuelas y la familia, tanto en el ámbito local como en el comunitario: Llama la atención sobre los tesoros presentes en cada familia y que muchas veces no reconocemos o tomamos como cosas normales. Estimula el compartir y disfrutar juntos en fa-



Los personajes de la obra teatral presentada en St. Brendan



Los trabajos expuestos por los alumnos de las Escuelas Católicas fueron magníficos y muy numerosos.

milia y en comunidad todas las alegrías, las tristezas, el amor y la oración.

También es tiempo apro-

piado para rendir tributo a la "familia" de Educadores Católicos que con tanta devoción atienden a nuestros niños.

## Mujeres Corren Grave Riesgo al Fumar

Cada año el Departamento de Salud, Educación y Bienestar por orden de la ley tiene que reportar ante el Congreso acerca de las consecuencias sobre la salud que trae el fumar. Este es el doceavo reporte sometido y como dijo la Secretaria al presentarlo, "es uno de los más alarmantes hasta la fecha."

Este estudio enfoca los efectos del tabaco en la mujer.

El reporte está dirigido al Congreso, a la comunidad médica y la salud pública, y al público en general para dar a conocer tres importantes hechos.

Primero, establece de una vez por todas que las mujeres no están exentas de los peligros que vienen con fumar. Las mujeres que fuman como hombres, corren los mismos riesgos que los hombres.

Segundo, nos dice que la epidemia de cáncer de los pulmones entre las mujeres se ha iniciado como resultado de la gran cantidad de mujeres que comenzaron a fumar al principio de la segunda guerra mundial.

Y tercero, nos brinda nueva evidencia que fumar tabaco durante un embarazo

ejerce peligro sobre el feto y el bebé recién nacido.

Fumar tabaco, símbolo de la liberación de la mujer, ahora representa una amenaza no sólo para la mujer, sino también en su habilidad de traer niños saludables al mundo.

El reporte representa información reciente sobre el consumo de tabaco en este país. El nivel nacional está disminuyendo, tanto para los hombres como para las mujeres. La industria de los seguros ahora reconoce que es buen negocio ofrecer mejores descuentos a los que no son fumadores. En un estudio realizado el año pasado, el State Mutual Life Assurance Company dijo que, "las diferencias entre la mortalidad de fumadores y no fumadores es demasiado grande para ignorarla." Hoy día, proporcionalmente hay menos fumadores que en cualquiera época durante los últimos 45 años. El consumo por persona se ha vuelto al nivel de 1952. Y se han popularizado los cigarrillos con menor nivel de nicotina y alquitrán.

Por muchos años ha existido el mito que fumar no es tan peligroso para las mujeres como para los hombres. Esto se

debe en parte, a la tradición histórica del vicio. Los hombres comenzaron a fumar extensivamente durante la primera guerra mundial mientras que las mujeres dieron inicio al vicio principalmente durante la segunda guerra mundial.

Debido a que las enfermedades obstructivas y crónicas del pulmón no se efectúan hasta casi 30 años más tarde, no es hasta ahora que vemos los inicios de la evidencia del daño en las mujeres.

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# Gran Nariz, Más Grande Corazon



Troy, N.Y. — (NC) — Jimmy Durante, el famoso "narizota", es recordado por sus admiradores y amigos en Troy, su ciudad de residencia por la mayor parte de su vida, como el comediante de la "Gran Narizota y Más Grande Corazón".

Durante el tiempo que estuvo enfermo antes de morir, sus cientos de amigos en Troy ofrecieron Misas y Oraciones por su recuperación en la Iglesia de San Antonio, de donde Durante era feligrés.

Fue amigo del anterior pastor de San Antonio, el Padre Franciscano Tom de Luca a quien se le brindó muchos años atrás para cuanto necesitara. Confiado en esta promesa el P. de Luca le pidió lo ayudara con el plan de construir una escuela y una Iglesia nueva, ya que la existente resultaba muy pequeña para aceptar el crecimiento notable de la Parroquia.

Jimmy Durante no se hizo esperar y en cuanto acabó su contrato se fue a Troy y dió varias funciones a beneficio del proyecto. Pero Durante no era el tipo que se quedaba con toda la gloria sino que la compartía con los demás. Así, organizó a los fieles para distintas labores, escribió y dirigió los "shows" y puso a los fieles a actuar en ellos.

Fue un verdadero amigo

## Propone AJC Mejorar Inmigración

NUEVA YORK — El Comité Judío Americano (AJC) postuló hoy el mejoramiento de las operaciones del Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización de Estados Unidos, incluida la ayuda a inmigrantes y refugiados, además de responsabilidades en hacer cumplir la ley.

El AJC urgió que el Servicio de Inmigraciones refuerce sus operaciones en la producción de información, procesamiento de documentos y otras tareas tendientes a facilitar la inmigración. Al mismo tiempo, urgió la adecuada atención de las funciones de vigilancia de fronteras y otros roles del organismo en hacer cumplir la ley, sin permitir que éstas monopolicen la atención y el presupuesto de la repartición.

Advertió además que "las funciones de vigilancia del Servicio de Inmigración deben permanecer dentro de los límites del sistema legal. Las de-

de todos ellos, bromeando y riéndose con su estrepitosa risa y quebrada voz cuando en los ensayos cometían un disparate. Solía almorzar con ellos y pasar horas de conversación en sus hogares cuando no tenían nada que hacer.

"Jimmy no es el tiempo que viene, hace un obra de caridad y se larga. El es amigo que viene y siempre deja algo brillante y especial en cada uno", dice el Padre Owen Angeloni, el actual pastor, "gracias a él tenemos una escuela moderna y una buena Iglesia para servicio de los fieles. Pero gracias a él también cada uno aquí siente que el ha construido una parte de la Iglesia".

"Durante es el tipo de persona que siempre conserva algo de la inocencia infantil en un mundo rudo, cruel y hasta un poco enmohecido," añadió Padre Angeloni.

Esta descripción de Durante hecha por el sacerdote es cierta en todo sentido. El fue el comediante que nunca hizo uso de chistes picantes o de doble intención, lo vulgar estaba fuera de su repertorio, era la gracia natural de las cosas diarias las que él explotaba sin herir a nadie en sus sentimientos. Actuó en innumerables películas, televisión, teatros pero era en Las Vegas donde él se sentía mejor.

Una noche, después de terminar su actuación en un cabaret de Las Vegas, un matrimonio se le acercó para saludarlo y le dijeron "Gracias a Dios... si lo hubiésemos sabido podíamos haber traído a los niños."

A Jimmy Durante lo sobreviven su segunda esposa, desde 1960, y su hija adoptiva Cece. Su primera esposa murió en 1946, y a ella dirigió siempre su famosa despedida, "Hasta Mañana, Sra. Calabash, donde quiera te encuentres".

tenciones en masa en que ciudadanos norteamericanos e inmigrantes legales son llevados indiscriminadamente junto con inmigrantes que violan la ley, están contra nuestros conceptos del debido proceso y no pueden ser toleradas."

Refiriéndose a la política existente de organismos del estado y privados, de radicar a personas solas y familias aisladas en puntos distantes del país, el AJC señaló que tales políticas están destinadas al fracaso.

"El modo más productivo y menos perturbador de asegurar que los inmigrantes entren en nuestra vida política, social y económica", declaró el AJC, "es favorecer la formación de grupos de familia y amistad que integren gradual y efectivamente a los recién llegados dentro de nuestras instituciones y cultura sin pedirles que abandonen sus tradiciones o identidades."

# Aumenta Número de Diáconos en E.U.



El Obispo John McGann, de Rockville Center en New York, preside la ceremonia de ordenación de 48 diáconos, los primeros en esta Diócesis, celebrada el año pasado.

Washington — (NC) — El número de diáconos permanentes en la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos aumentó en más de mil durante el año 1979, incluyendo 18 ordenados en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, de acuerdo con las cifras compiladas por el Secretariado sobre Diaconado Permanente de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos.

Al terminar el año 1978 había en los Estados Unidos, 3,087 diáconos ordenados y al

finalizar el año 1979 el número había aumentado a 4,028. El número de candidatos que se están preparando para el diaconado también aumentó notablemente, estimándose que hay unos 3000 asistiendo a los 125 Centros de Preparación, donde realizan los estudios necesarios los candidatos aprobados por las Diócesis.

Los Diáconos permanentes realizan muy variadas funciones dentro de las parro-

quias, diócesis, y agencias de servicios de la Iglesia Católica. La mayor parte son casados y como medio de vida se dedican a profesiones seculares en toda la gama laboral, dedicando a sus ministerios religiosos una gran parte de su tiempo libre voluntariamente.

Haciendo notar el crecimiento del diaconado en los Estados Unidos, el Secretariado señala que en 1975 había 898 diáconos y 1,841 candida-

# Madre Josefa, Teresa Americana

Una monja americana del siglo pasado, cuya vida tiene mucho parecido con la vida de la Madre Teresa de Calcuta, será la primera monja en ser honrada en la Sala Nacional de Estatus en el Capitolio Nacional en esta primavera.

Se trata de la Madre Joseph Pariseau de las Hermanas de la Providencia, quien fue una pionera en el noroeste de la nación a fines del pasado



La estatua de bronce de Madre Josefa Parisu que será instalada en la Sala de Estatuas en el Capitolio Nacional.

siglo y a quien se le acredita haber sido la primera persona que se ocupara de los huérfanos, la primera que prestara sus cuidados a los ancianos, la primera en atender a los retrasados mentales y el establecimiento del primer hospital en la zona del Pacífico.

La Madre Josefa, que dedicó sus 46 años en el noroeste a los pobres y necesitados creando 11 hospitales, 7 academias, dos orfanatos y cinco escuelas para los indios, tendrá su estatua junto a la del pionero médico y misionero Marcus Whitman, siendo ambos representativos del Estado de Washington en la Sala de Estatuas del Capitolio.

Madre Josefa nació en 1823 y a los 20 años entró a for-

mar parte de las Hermanas de la Providencia. Quince años más tarde fue designada para encabezar un grupo misionero en el estado de Washington donde desarrolló una tremenda labor caritativa hasta su muerte en 1902. Su método para recolectar fondos para sus obras caritativas llegó al grado heroico. Andaba grandes trayectos a pie, visitando todas las poblaciones y villas, las minas y aldeas de mineros, con gran dolor físico.

Cuentan que su padre el día que ella entró en el convento dijo: "Ella es tan inteligente y tan hábil para todo, que les aseguro será algún día una buena Superiora. Josefa triunfa en cuanto se propone." Y fue cierto.

## Entrenamiento Laico en América Latina

San Isidro, Costa Rica — El Buró Ejecutivo del Consejo de Obispos Latino Americanos estaba citado para asistir a la inauguración del Centro de Entrenamiento Laico el pasado Enero 30 en San Isidro.

El Obispo local, Mons. Ignacio Trejos, dijo que el Centro entrenará hombres, mujeres y la juventud como dirigentes laicos.

Añadió que la presencia de los 19 Obispos del Buró del Celam era consistente con el fuerte papel dado a los laicos, en la tarea de Evangelización, por los Obispos Latino Americanos.

La apertura del Centro coincidió con el 25 aniversario de la Diócesis de San Isidro que ha sido celebrado con festividades parroquiales.