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Lent, Ashes Almost Here

Lent is almost upon us! THE PENITENTIAL season will be inaugurated in the Archdiocese with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at 12:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Ashes will be distributed to all those participating in the Mass as the Archbishop assisted by priests of the Cathedral Parish intones the age-old words "Remember man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." The sign of the Cross with the ashes is made on the foreheads of the faithful. This ceremony will be repeated at the Mass of the Day in the 132 parishes of the Archdiocese.

"Catholics of all ages are called to practice voluntary self-denial during the Lenten season," Archbishop McCarthy said this week. He urged participation in daily Mass and recommended various forms of spiritual reading and prayers, including these Scriptures, restoration of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross.

ARCHBISHOP McCarthy also promulgated Lenten regulations which are to be found in full in this week's Official column. Included in the regulations are:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence for Catholics which mean



Students at Immaculata-LaSalle High School receive ashes from Fr. Dennison, symbolizing Ash Wednesday, coming next week.

that only one full meal may be eaten and no meat is permitted. In the Archdiocese of Miami which embraces eight South Florida Counties, all the Fridays of Lent are meatless days of abstinence. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to

abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday as well as all the Fridays of Lent. Those between the ages of 21 and 50 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

IN THIS, the first of the Archdiocesan 5-year program of

evangelization, special Lenten programs and services are being organized in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. They will focus on Family Life, this being the Year of the Family, and the major thrust of the 1980 evangelization effort.

New Haitian Center Near Cathedral

A new Catholic Haitian Center named for Haitian Pierre Toussaint will be dedicated by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17 at 7506 N.W. 2nd Ave. facing the entrance to St. Mary Cathedral.

Mass celebrated in Creole will begin at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral where hundreds of Haitian refugees are expected to participate.

Fr. Marcel Peloquin, O.M.I., an American priest who served in Haiti for 28 years, is the director of the new center which will offer

assistance to Haitians in spiritual matters and in pastoral counseling. Fr. Thomas Wenski, who spent some time in Haiti, learning the native language and the customs in preparation for the opening of the center, is the assistant director.

According to Father Wenski English classes are being conducted for Haitian refugees on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings in St. Mary Cathedral School. Plans are being made to celebrate Masses and other religious devotions in Creole for Haitians residing in Palm

Beach, Broward and Monroe Counties.

Another agency of the Archdiocese involved in assistance to the thousands of Haitian refugees who have come by boat to South Florida is the Catholic Service Bureau which operates the Overtown Day Care Center at 1401 N. Miami Ave. where some 75 children of Haitians are cared for while parents seek work or are employed. The Catholic Service Bureau also provides emergency shelter, food and transportation at an annual cost of more than \$70,000.

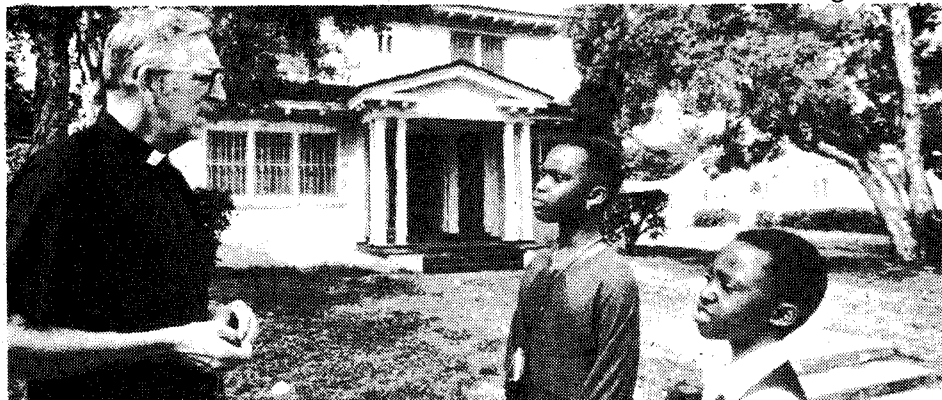
Pierre Toussaint, for whom the center is named, came as a slave to New York City in the mid-1780's with the family of plantation owner Jean Berard who enlisted him as an apprentice to one of the city's leading hairdressers.

A MEMBER of a long-time devout Catholic family, he had been encouraged by Berard to learn to read and write. When Berard returned to Haiti where he died in 1797, Toussaint assumed the financial responsibility of caring for the widow of his dead master. In 1807, shortly before she died, Madame Berard gave Toussaint his freedom from slavery in writing.

Meanwhile, Pierre, a daily communicant who was proud of his black heritage became one of the founders of the first Catholic orphanage in New York City. Through his clients, both Catholic and Protestant, he raised large amounts of money to fund the project where St. Elizabeth Seton sent three of her Sisters of Charity to work. As yellow fever plagues occurred in New York City in the early 19th century Toussaint frequently visited the quarantined sections offering his help and seeking out those abandoned in homes. In addition he supported a black order of religious women known as the Oblate Sisters of Providence founded in 1829 and whose members now staff St. Francis Xavier School and Holy Redeemer School in Miami.

HE AND his wife also were benefactors of New York City's first Catholic school for black children, St. Vincent de Paul on Canal Street. He died in 1857 at the age of 87 and was buried in St. Patrick Cemetery on Mott Street.

Authorities are today coordinating material to present Toussaint's cause for beatification, a step which precedes canonization.



Fr. Marcel Peloquin, talks with young parishioners in front of the new Haitian Center to be blessed Sunday.



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Television As a Pulpit

NEW YORK —(NC)— "The Gospel is unchangeable and the needs of people are unchangeable. But delivery systems can change," one of the "electronic church's" popular personalities told some 200 Catholic and Protestant participants gathered for a two-day conference Feb. 6-7 to discuss the new trend in religious broadcasting that views television as a pulpit. The speaker was the Rev. Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and host of its daily talk show, the 700 Club.

Campus Chaplains' Schools

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The annual chaplains' schools for campus ministry orientation will be held in Pittsburgh June 9-13 and in Los Angeles July 28 - Aug. 6, the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Education announced. Six regional meetings for young adult ministers are also scheduled for a symposium on evangelization in Chicago May 23-26.

Catholic Educations Topics

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The Department of Education at the Catholic University of America has suggested to its doctoral candidates that they seek dissertation topics in Catholic education which the U.S. Catholic Conference's Office of Research has identified as major concerns of the church community.

Fr. Kung Cancels Lectures

TUBINGEN, West Germany —(NC)— Father Hans Kung announced Feb. 5 that he was canceling his lectures at the University of Tubingen for the rest of the current school term.

Pope Hits Arms Race

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Pope John Paul II condemned the arms race and praised "all worthy efforts" toward world peace in an address Feb. 7 to students and faculty from the NATO Defense College in Rome.

TV Stars Rips Nestle's

ALBANY —(NC)— Linda Kelsey, co-starr of "Lou Grant," the ABC newsroom drama on which she plays reporter Billie Newman, off-camera has investigated the story on Nestle's reported abuses in marketing infant formula in Third World countries and decided to join the boycott of Nestle products. She is also directing profits from a Nestle commercial to INFACT, the organization which initiated the boycott.

Bishop Leaving Rhodesia

SALSBURY, Rhodesia —(NC)— Bishop Donal Lamont of Umtali said he is leaving Rhodesia because British authorities are restricting his rights. Bishop Lamont, 69, came to Rhodesia 34 years ago as a missionary and became a citizen. He is a defender of black rights and a major critic of the white-minority government.

White House Picks Pro-Lifer

ALEXANDRIA, Minn. —(NC)— State Senator Wayne Olhoft, 28, of Herman, Minn., was the fifth pro-life, pro-family delegate to be elected to the White House Conference on Families.

Prayer in the Schools

BOSTON —(NC)— A new school prayer law went into effect Feb. 5 in Massachusetts allowing public school teachers to ask if student volunteers want to lead the class in prayer. The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts immediately challenged the law's constitutionality.

Lay Leadership Conference

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Bishops and students, nuns and priests, church professionals and volunteer laypeople gathered to discuss lay leadership in the church at the first Shared Ministry Conference held at Catholic University Feb. 1-3.

Nuclear Energy Use Opposed

NEW YORK —(NC)— Several Catholic religious orders and Protestant churches are sponsoring a lengthy series of shareholder resolutions this year asking public utilities and investment firms to halt the development and use of nuclear energy.

Orthodox-Catholic Commission

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— No date has been set yet for the first meeting of the newly-established International Orthodox-Roman Catholic Theological Commission, according to an official of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. News reports had said that a meeting was scheduled on the Greek Island of Patmos, but this is an organizing meeting for the Orthodox, the Vatican official said.

American, Lebanese Project

BEIRUT, Lebanon —(NC)— Easter-Rite Catholic officials and a papal representative were present in Beirut recently for the dedication of a new wing of the Notre Dame de Louaize College, a joint project of Americans and Lebanese, that will be administered by members of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Czechs Violate Religious Rights

ROME —(NC) — The Czechoslovakian government continues to violate religious freedom and "has intensified its action" against, according to a report from the Jesuits' generalate in Rome.

Group to Discuss Hostages

NEW YORK —(NC)— A priest presenting the Omaha chapter of Pax Christi and a San Francisco Catholic woman were among the 49 Americans who left New York Feb. 5 for Iran at the invitation by Iranian students holding American hostages for an "intensive dialogue" about the Iranian revolution.

Cambodians Into Thailand?

NEW YORK —(NC)— Jesuit Father Robert V. Paskey, head of the Catholic Relief Service's effort to help thousands of needy Cambodians, predicted that a stepped-up Vietnamese offensive this spring will pour Cambodians into Thailand, before the border is then sealed.

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Clergy Urged to Up Aid to Alcoholics

ORLANDO, Fla. —(NC)— Hundreds of priests and ministers were challenged to admit meager success in aiding alcoholics and their families during a three-day seminar on alcoholism sponsored by the Florida Council of Churches.

Augustinian Father Michael Hogan, director of Alcoholic Services for the Archdiocese of Miami, told the meeting that "too many well-meaning people in the helping professions — doctors, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists and clergy — are looking for some more sophisticated or scientific answer, when, in fact, the most successful treatment today is the spiritual self-help program of Alcoholics Anonymous and its counterpart for the spouse of the alcoholic, Alanon."

He told the clergymen to "swallow your intellectual pride" and said that "we must have the good sense and humility to refer elsewhere when we realize a particular problem is beyond our competence, there is no better place than an open meeting of AA."

Another speaker, the Rev. David A. Works, an Episcopal priest who is president of North Conway Institute, Boston, called on the clergymen to unite in a common effort against the

country's rising alcohol problem.

Pointing out that one fourth of alcoholics seek help from their church first, he noted that pastors have a responsibility to assist alcoholics and families, emphasizing that during a recent four-year period the percentage of American families with alcoholic problems had increased from 12 to 24 percent.



Sister Joanetta Bruene, O.P., has been presented the "Catholic Educator of the Year Award" in ceremonies during Catholic School Week. Sister Joanetta was principal of St. Anthony's from 1961 to 1967. She is now serving as Archdiocesan Consultant for Schools in Broward County.

OFFICIAL

The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointment:

THE REV. JOSE L. MENENDEZ - to Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Cathedral, Miami, effective Feb. 4, 1980.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENT REGULATIONS

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All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Those between the ages of 21 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Taken as a whole, the above regulations bind gravely. This means that failure to observe a substantial number of penitential days would be considered serious infraction of the spirit of the penitential season.

Catholic of all ages are called to practice voluntary self-denial during the Lenten season. Participation in daily Mass is strongly urged. Also recommended are spiritual reading, especially reading of the Scriptures, recitation of the Rosary and meditation on its mysteries, and making the Way of the Cross.



Notre Dame Sister Mary Claudette talks with her kindergartners in the Education Center in Chardon, Ohio, on the effects of gravity. In 1953 Sister Claudette battled her way from near death with multiple sclerosis and back into teaching.

Pope Didn't Approve Clergy Hostage Visit

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Two high-ranking Catholic clergymen visited U.S. hostages in Iran without Vatican approval, according to a Vatican spokesman. The visit took place Feb. 8 with the approval of the Iranian government.

One of the clergymen was Msgr. John Nolan, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and president of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.

The other clergyman was Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, former Melkite-Rite patriarchal vicar of Jerusalem.

At CNEWA headquarters in New York, Msgr. Nolan's secretary said his office did not know he was in Iran until he was seen on television.

"We have had no word from him since he left for Rome around Jan. 24," said the secretary, Dorothy Stewart. She said Msgr. Nolan traveled to Rome to attend meetings of international Catholic voluntary agencies.)

Father Pierfranco Pastore, assistant director of the Vatican press office, said Archbishop Capucci and Msgr. Nolan accepted the Iranian invitation on their own behalf and did not have Vatican approval.

After the visit, Archbishop Capucci said the hostages were in good condition. The visit of the two Catholics was filmed by Iranian state television and broadcast in the United States.

THEY WERE accompanied by Hojatolislam Ahmad Khomeini, son of Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Prior to visiting the hostages, Archbishop Capucci met with Ayatollah Khomeini.

The 57-year-old Archbishop Capucci, a Syrian, was a controversial figure in the Middle East during the 1970s because of his support for the Palestinian cause.

In 1974 Israeli courts found him guilty of gun-running for Palestinian guerrillas and he was sentenced to 12 years in prison. He was released in 1977 following Vatican guarantees that he would not return to the Middle East or publicly discuss the political issues of the region.

In January 1979, however, he visited Syria without Vatican permission and addressed a group of Palestinian guerrillas.

Currently, Archbishop Capucci lives in Rome. The British news agency, Reuters, reported from the Iranian capital of Teheran that Archbishop Capucci was scheduled to visit the hostages at Christmas but was refused permission to leave Rome by Pope John Paul II.

Father Pastore would not comment on the claim that the pope refused permission for the Christmas visit.

In the Iranian television film an unidentified male hostage in a red shirt told Archbishop Capucci: "Physically, we're fine. Mentally and emotionally, that's something else."

Antoher unidentified hostage said he had been sick. "They had us cleaned up for today," added the hostage.

Fr. MacNutt is Married

NC News Service

Former Dominican Father Francis MacNutt, author of books on physical and psychological healing through prayer and a leading figure in both Catholic charismatic renewal and interdenominational activities, was married in Largo, Fla., Feb. 9.

MacNutt, 54, who has been director of Merton House in St. Louis, married a Clearwater, Fla., woman in a small church ceremony. Judith C. Sewell, 32, a convert to Catholicism several years ago, is involved in the charismatic counseling ministry. This was her first marriage.

Despite MacNutt's decision to leave the priesthood and marry, "He is

not a rebel," said the Rev. Tommy Tyson, a United Methodist Minister from Chapel Hill, N.C., who performed the ceremony in an "interdenominational prayer chapel." According to the minister, "He really felt his relationship with her was the result of the Holy Spirit in his life."

Mr. Tyson, who described himself as a "long-time friend" of MacNutt, said he has known MacNutt since 1965, when the two first began sharing platforms at charismatic conferences and retreats around the world.

At the Chicago office of MacNutt's former provincial superior, Father Damian Fandal, a secretary to Father MacNutt, said "All we know is that Father MacNutt has left the priesthood."

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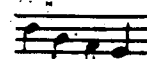
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Ex-Wall Street Broker Now Evangelizes

He's not a typical hellfire-and-brimstone preacher. Nor will he be found standing on street corners or in airports trying to win converts to his cause.

He is a retired Wall Street stock broker, who at 70 is trying to bring "fallen-away" Catholics back into the church.

"The least I can do is put something back into something I've gotten so much out of," said Frank Cryan of Boca Raton of his one-man crusade.

Cryan's efforts are similar to programs being conducted by both laymen and clergymen throughout the United States to bring Catholics who have dropped out for one reason or another back to their religion.

Those programs range from a media ad blitz featuring singer Arlo Guthrie and Los Angeles Dodger first baseman Steve Garvey to individual efforts like Cryan's.

"Every family has somebody who has fallen away," Cryan noted. "There's nobody to reach out



FRANK CRYAN

to them, nobody to give them a helping hand."

Cryan, who attributes his business success to "practicing the tenets of my faith," said he had indicated his interest in developing such a program to the Archdiocese of Miami.

Because of his business background, he wound up on the archdiocese's financial committee instead.

So Cryan, saying the church programs would

"reach the people coming to church — I wanted to reach the people not going," decided to launch a program on his own.

His theory that the layman rather than the church can do the most to bring lapsed Catholics back into the church is supported by a study authorized and funded by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

THAT STUDY reported that a person's decisions concerning religion were affected more by interpersonal relationships among lay people than by parish priests.

To accomplish his goal, Cryan began a series of lectures on Catholic fundamentals. He mailed out some 1,000 letters inviting the public to the first free lecture and has been busy enlisting the aid of local churches and the media to make his plans known.

His first lecture drew about 75 people, encouraging him to continue with the program.

"I'm hoping lay people

will bring their friends into the meetings to reactivate their spiritual values," he said.

Put another way, he said, those who have left the church "are like cars that have stalled — they need a push to get started."

Cryan said anyone is welcome to attend his lectures but that he isn't trying to win new converts to the church. Rather he hopes other people who have fallen away from their religion, whatever their beliefs, will heed his message and return to their houses of worship.

"I DON'T WANT to be known as a pew snatcher," he said when asked about trying to win new converts.

Reasons cited for leaving the church range from dissatisfaction with the teachings of the church, particularly concerning birth control, divorce and remarriage and those who disagree with changes within the church, he said.

Cryan indicated that society is partly to blame for the decline. "I think it's a high-pressure cooker we're in in the Western World today," he said.

Adding to the decline, he believes, is the availability of drugs and society's permissive attitude toward sex. "People are all mixed up spiritually," he said.

As for Cryan, he's hoping for good turnouts at his lectures. "There's nothing they (the audience) can spring on me that I haven't been exposed to," said Cryan, whose oldest daughter, Maureen, is a nun teaching in New York. "I have a stiff enough background in theology to give them the fundamentals," he said.

As for his reason for launching the program on his own, he replied, "We're living in a day and age where each person must help another. If I don't succeed, I know I damn well tried."

Parish Mission

Fr. Robert E. Steinman, O.S.A., will conduct a parish Mission at the Church of the Resurrection, Dania, during the first week in Lent, starting Feb. 16 and ending, Feb. 22. Mission sermons will be given at 9:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m., during the Masses.

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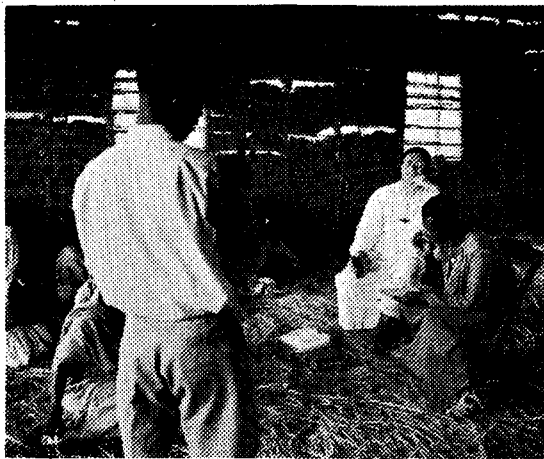
Separated and Divorced men and women are invited to a meeting Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in St. Hugh Parish

House, 3455 Royal Road, Coconut Grove. Program "Bloom Where you Are Planted". Reflections on self development with Sister Elizabeth of Dominican Retreat House. Donation, \$1.00 Refreshments. Widows and Widowers cordially invited.

Country Fair

St. Charles Borromeo Church will hold their Country Fair on Feb. 29, March 1st., and 2nd on the parish grounds, 600 NW 1st St., Hallandale.

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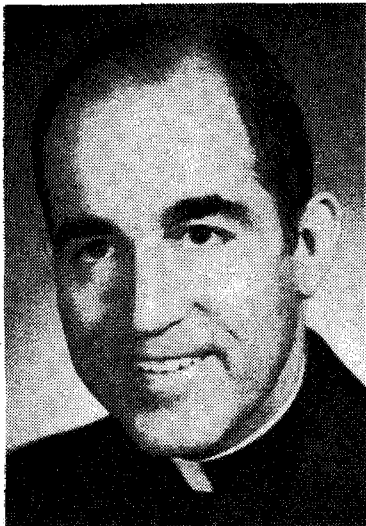
Parish musicians, liturgists, choir members, educators, parish liturgy commission members, youth and youth ministers — will have an unparalleled opportunity for input and dialogue at the regional convention of the National Pastoral Musicians Association.

"Faith and Fiesta 1980" will be held at the Deauville Hotel on Miami Beach, April 14-17, and will draw participants not only from the southeast United States but also from the Caribbean and the rest of the U.S.

KEYNOTE speaker Sulpician Father Eugene Walsh, articulated the theme of the Convention when he accepted the invitation to come. "At Sunday Mass we either give life to one another or we deprive one another of life. The stakes are high, and Jesus works through the signs we make."

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy in welcoming the Convention to Miami noted that he was very pleased with the way the convention speakers and topics were chosen. "Not only did regional representatives from many dioceses in the southeast U.S. come to Miami to express their needs for their parish music and liturgy programs, but also our own people from many parishes here in Miami helped shape the program."

Among the liturgists and musicians conducting the convention sessions and



Fr. Joseph Champlin

workshops are the popular composers and singers, the Dameans, and noted French liturgist, composer, author and scriptural scholar, Father Lucien Deiss.

The Damiens, diocesan priests from Louisiana, travel nationally giving workshops and concerts. Best known for their original liturgical music, The Damiens have made seven record albums. Besides conducting workshop sessions, they will appear in concert the evening of April 15.

IN ADDITION to being the celebrant of the Festive Eucharist on April 16, Father Deiss will speak on "The Multi-Cultural Liturgical Problem" and will close the Convention with the session "Reflecting on the Experience: Taking Here to There."

Other nationally known speakers to be featured at the Convention include Msgr.

Joseph Champlin, a regular VOICE contributor, and Father Carey Landry, noted for his compositions and albums and most recently for his "Hi God" series for children in Spanish and English.

Brother Alfredo Morales, well known speaker among the Hispanics in Miami rounds out the list of major speakers. Father Jim Fetscher, co-chairperson of the Convention with Sister Mary Tindel, O.P., said "We are really pleased at being able to present Brother Alfredo to the English speaking community in Florida and to share him with the rest of the country."

Running concurrently with the Convention will be two special-interest days. April 15, Youth Day, will highlight sessions for young musicians and those who work with them. The general session, "Celebrant and Musician: Roles in Dialogue," conducted by the Damiens, will be followed by such special workshops as "Music in the Rhythm of the Liturgy," "The Guitar as Liturgical Instrument," "An Alive and Lively Gospel," and "El Repertorio Contemporáneo Español."

FOR CLERGY Only Day," April 16, will feature special workshops. Monsignor Champlin will treat "The Parish Priest: A Family Builder." Father Deiss will bring his scriptural and liturgical skills to "Preaching the Word and Celebrating Covenant." Father Gene Walsh will share his insights



The Damiens musical group will also perform.

about the "how to's" of liturgy with "The Priest-Celebrant Makes Life-Giving Signs."

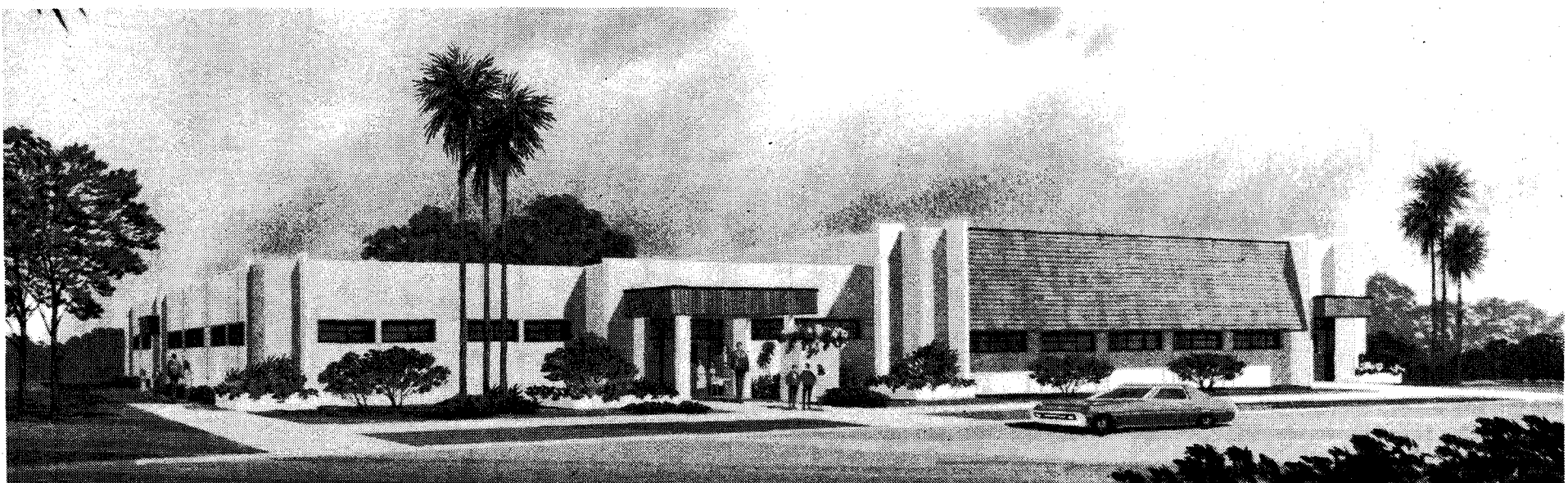
Throughout the Convention there is a special track of presentations designed for Religious Educators concerned with all facets of religious education and liturgy.

In addition to a broad range of speakers and topics of basic interest to parish musicians there are also some special presentations including "El Año Liturgico: La Cultura y La Piedad Popular" and "La Estructura de la Misa: Oracion y Musica" by Brother Morales; "The Black Liturgical Experience" by Dr. Skipp Sanders, noted educator and Baltimore musician; "The Non-Catholic Musician in Catholic Worship," by Mr. Bill Miller, director of music at St. Leo's Cathedral, Fairfax, Virginia; "Art and Environment for Worship" by

Brother Gary Laverdiere and Mr. Bob Rambusch; and "Dance as Prayer," by Gloria Weyman.

More than fifty exhibitors, including missalette and music publishers, organ manufacturers, and sound equipment dealers, will have booths in the convention area, and twelve music publishers will present hour-long Showcases of their music materials available both in English and Spanish.

FULL COVERAGE brochures and registration materials are now being sent to parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami and throughout the southeastern United States. Additional information may be obtained from the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life (305) 757-6241, ext. 241/242, which is sponsoring and planning the Convention with the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.



The new parish center of St. Bernard Church, Sunrise, will be blessed on Sat., Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. by Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins. The 14,000 sq. ft. structure will house parish offices, classrooms for religious education and a social hall for pa-

rish functions with supporting kitchen facilities capable of formal dinners to 500 people. "As our first major addition to our church", Fr. Michael Hourigan, pastor, said, "we are providing a much needed area for our growing parish and church

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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-

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

Pro-Life Movement and Conservatism

It is no secret that pro-life activists have trouble communicating with pro-abortionists. They have trouble communicating with all liberals, even those who support their own cause.

There are some voices within the pro-life movement, however, who are better known for their liberalism and radicalism than for their views on the sacredness of human life. Those voices should be given more prominence by pro-lifers, if for no other reason because they have so much in common with those they are trying to convince on the abortion question.

If figures like Dick Gregory or Jesse Jackson or Cesar Chavez stood at the head of pro-life rallies on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision liberalizing abortion laws, feminists and pro-abortionists would have more cause to stop and think. That these people and some others like them are anti-abortion is, as *Commonweal* magazine comments this month, one of the best kept secrets of our time. Even radical feminists are opposing abortion in growing numbers. One group called Feminists for Life has grown to include about 1,000 women around the country, women who support two staunch positions: the Equal Rights Amendment and the Human Life Amendment.

Their records make those activists more credible spokesmen for the human fetus. Their perspective puts the pro-life issue more easily in the context in which it belongs: the wider struggle for human rights and equality for all the poor and oppressed of the earth. Elizabeth Moore, one of the leaders in the Feminists for Life organization, admits that her experience in the civil rights movement forced her to consider the rights of the unborn fetus.

Recalling her days in Florida during



"IN A MINUTE! IN A MINUTE! IT'S TWO OUT, TWO MEN ON, LAST OF THE NINTH, AND PETE ROSE IS COMING UP!"

the segregation era, "when restrooms, public facilities, private establishments, housing -virtually everything-could be selectively and systematically denied to an entire segment of humanity," she says that the root cause is the same in the abortion issue -legal non-protection under the law. The "woman's right to control her own body" theme, she adds, is a familiar right-wing argument that puts property right above the right to life.

Another common pro-abortionist theme-that one has no right to impose one's morality on others-has been lampooned with equal effectiveness by another feminist, Juli Loesch. Imposing morality, in the sense of defining one person's obligations to another, is what the law is largely about, she says: "It would never occur to us to say 'For private moral reasons I don't personally condone nuclear arms, but I really can't impose my feelings on my fellow citizens who don't hold the same religious beliefs-and certainly each nation has the right to choose to incinerate its enemies if it wishes!'"

"Once a mother has conceived, she can no longer choose whether or not to become a mother. Biologically, she already is a mother.... The woman's right is limited, by the existence of another human being who also has rights."

What makes these words credible is their source. They come from an activist who believes that everyone has the right to choose what happens to his or her body, including the legal right to smoke tobacco or marijuana, the right to be celibate or gay, and the right to be free from coercion from any group or agency including the US Military.

Not all the details of this radicalism would fit with the official Catholic teaching on abortion. But the philosophy of equality and justice for all expressed here is certainly closer to Catholic teaching than the narrow one-issue stands of many spokesmen who end up representing the pro-life movement in media reporting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Likes 'Seagulls'

To the Editor:

Mr. Kemon deserves a special Thank You and a pat on the back for his article, "Seagulls Fly to Help Shut-Ins". It was very well written. Hopefully, this will help hesitant pastors and lay Catholics overcome their diffidence.

Also, I appreciated very much Mr. Sherry's article on "What Makes a Paper Catholic?" That God may continue to bless your work is the prayer of.

Sister Francine, C.S.B.
Catholic Service Bureau

Articles Help Divorced

To the Editor:

Congratulations! Two weeks in a row with articles on the needs of divorced Catholics! As a divorcee, I saw myself pictured in many of the situations described in the articles. I hope that, by reading the article "How Would Jesus Respond" by Angela M. Schreiber (Feb. 1), the Catholic community realizes how much their help and acceptance means to us.

Silvia M. Munoz
Miami

Labels Obscure Truth

To the Editor:

Your recent editorials on the role of a Catholic newspaper warrants the following comments. Labels are odious except on parcels, luggage and other such items, and as Pope John Paul II remarked, the labels "conservative" and "liberal" serve very often only to obscure the truth.

Your definition of a conservative may be applied equally well to a liberal in many instances.

While it is surely true that there are conservatives among the clergy and laity who are unwilling to adapt to modern changes, it is equally true that there are many liberals who have overstepped the boundaries of Catholic doctrine and practice as proclaimed by Vatican II in their teaching on the divinity of Christ, the Eucharist, the Magisterium, conscience and sexual morality, to cite but a few areas. This is more serious than merely questioning a premise.

The fact that a large number of Catholics reject particular teachings of the Magisterium does not show that these teachings are wrong or inappropriate unless the criterion of truth is a survey, in which case Christianity itself is false.

I wonder how many Catholics have stopped going to Church because of confusion over basic doctrine and practice, rather than because of "Humanae Vitae." If the Church has not credibility, surely it is because everything appears up for grabs. While it is true that no one has all the answers, it is equally true that we do have some very definite ones.

I wonder, too, how much experience of parish work Fr. Greeley has which gives him the liberty to criticize his fellow priests so vehemently? If priests are not Fulton Sheens, perhaps it is because they are too busy trying to make ends meet in their parishes and serving the people have probably lost their energy to read after persuing the apparently endless flow of mail from the Chancery Office and other diocesan agencies.

There is certainly room for a legitimate diversity of opinion in a Catholic newspaper. However, its first responsibility is to promote the Faith in its integrity to which the people have a right, as the Pope also remarked.

Fr. Neil McGrath
North Lauderdale



Penance Is Still Alive and Well

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

(First in a series on the Sacrament of Penance)

In the past few years it is obvious that "Communions are up, confessions are down." In this season of Lent about to come upon us, we ought to look carefully into this serious matter of going to confession.

Bishops around the country have labeled the "trend towards laxity in religious practice." There are widespread reports of parents' grossly neglecting the early religious education of their children. Many who were baptized did not receive their first Communion for years. A great many more drop out of religion class once they have received the Eucharist.

THE HOME is a different place in our times. Both parents may have outside jobs to keep up with the Joneses, or they let themselves become so weary from endless social demands they cannot find time to get down to the old fashioned religious training, or very often they have gone their separate ways, and the children more or less shift for themselves.

However, it is not all this simple. The fact is that a great many people are receiving Holy Communion

every Sunday — and even on week days. It is also a fact that confessional lines are much smaller than years ago. But this need not be as alarming as it sounds.

For one thing, we are a generation removed from grandma who would never dare receive Communion without going to confession first, even if it meant donning galoshes, raincoat and hoisting an umbrella on a Saturday. All she may have confessed was distractions in their prayers, but never mind, confession was necessary.

It is 70 years since St. Pius X urged frequent reception of Communion. Our grandparents thought the saintly pope very daring, perhaps imprudent, and surely given to novelty. It took a long time to change that common view.

Today the average Catholic, as far as religion goes, ought to be better educated than in past generations, even taking into account the widespread neglect of our children.

There are, understandably, fewer confessions because people now realize they do not have to confess before every Communion.

Moreover they have learned that there are other ways of

forgiving venial sins, besides having recourse to the Sacrament of Penance. Four hundred years ago, the Council of Trent stated that the Eucharist itself frees us from our daily sins, when we have the proper dispositions. Sorrow based on fear, which we used to call imperfect contrition, removes venial sins. Father Karl Rahner has written that every supernatural act of a man (in the state of grace) opposed to a specific venial sin is virtually a repentance of that sin and results in pardon.

SO THESE reasons motivate many people to approach the confessional less frequently. However, let me insert here a strong word of caution. There has been no change in the Church's teaching that if one is in serious sin one must have recourse to the Sacrament of Penance before receiving the Eucharist. A mortal sin is still a deadly sin and friendship with God is broken. That must be repaired before enjoying the privilege of the body and blood of Christ.

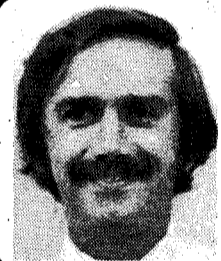
Unlike years ago, it seems now that most people at Mass come to the altar rail. The Church has met a new need in raising up Eucharistic ministers, religious and laity, who assist the celebrant in crowded

churches in the distribution of Holy Communion. Moreover they enlarged the ministry to the sick and handicapped by bringing the Lord and their homes or nursing centers. It indicates again how anxious the Church is that her children have every opportunity to receive.

Since Vatican II far more attention has been centered on the Eucharist, and rightly so. But now that the vernacular has become a way of life with us and most of us are no longer spectators but participants at the Holy Sacrifice, it is time to take a fresh look at the Sacrament of Penance.

It is good to realize that the Eucharist and Penance, the two great sacraments meant to permeate our lives from childhood till death, are not becoming religion museum pieces by any means.

So the Sacrament of Penance is alive and well. There are new approaches to it, as announced several years ago. We are going to look into that again. Many have stayed with "the old way" of kneeling to confess through a screen, but a surprisingly large number choose to sit opposite the priest and discuss the state of their soul, rather than give off a grocery list of things done wrong.



'Skag' Blew It, But We Shouldn't

By DICK CONKLIN

The phone call came during Christmas week. A counselor from Birthline, an emergency pregnancy service, had a pregnant teenager needing a place to stay until her baby came. All of the local homes for unwed mothers were full, and no private residences were available. The girl was new in the area and had no place to go. She was in a phone booth waiting for a reply. Could we help?

We had a houseful of company that week, but they were sympathetic, and in no time the nursery had been converted into a guest room and the newest member of our family had arrived. She was understandably nervous about her predicament and the new surroundings, but in no time began to feel at home.

THERE IS NOTHING unusual or newsworthy about this story. It is one that is repeated daily throughout South Florida. What concerns me is the apathy and lack of charity so many people — particularly Christians — have toward today's unwed mother.

Consider her plight. Rejected by

a society which considers abortion a "safe and legal" solution, pressured by her peers to rid herself of her unwanted pregnancy, and often spurned by her own parents, she is alone in a hostile world. Young, unprepared to make some major decisions affecting her life, without money, she turns for help to a telephone number in the newspaper or yellow pages.

She is not the TV stereotype either. Recently the much-promoted new television program, "Skag", premiered with an episode in which the teenage daughter found herself pregnant. The story portrayed her as initially repulsed of the thought of taking a human life, while her father opposed it on religious grounds. After twice rejecting opportunities to end her pregnancy, she came home to her family, where they appeared to decide to keep and raise the baby. Adoption was never mentioned.

BUT THE PROGRAM'S surprise ending showed the daughter coming out of the abortion ward, her personal opposition replaced by the prevailing moral climate, her

father's religious "hangup" subdued, and the baby gone forever. The audience was shown a "happily ever after" conclusion that belies the trauma of abortion.

Contrast this with the real-life woman who is determined to give birth to her baby, continuing a pregnancy under pressure that we can only imagine. At the recent pro-life Prayer Memorial in Fort Lauderdale, Rev. David Todd, Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, issued a plea to Christians to help the unwed mother, saying, "We must be willing to take these women into our homes and give them our full support. It would be the height of hypocrisy not to do so."

A Birthright volunteer confirmed the shortage of housing in her area, and told of being asked to take a girl in. She handled the decision democratically, asking each family member to vote on the request, each with the right of veto. Her ten year old daughter offered her room, which had just been redecorated, saying, "Mom, if she can give nine months of her life for that baby, I guess I can give up my room for six months."

Wouldn't it be great if each reader of this column would call a local emergency pregnancy agency and offer some kind of help? They need it right now. If living accommodations aren't possible, perhaps baby clothes, an old crib, some counseling or nursing help, or administrative skills could be donated. Everyone has something they can do to help the brave women who choose life.

Emergency Pregnancy Services in the Archdiocese of Miami:

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Archdiocesan Respect Life Office, Dade County 653-2921
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"To live with a lover turned indifferent or hateful is hell"

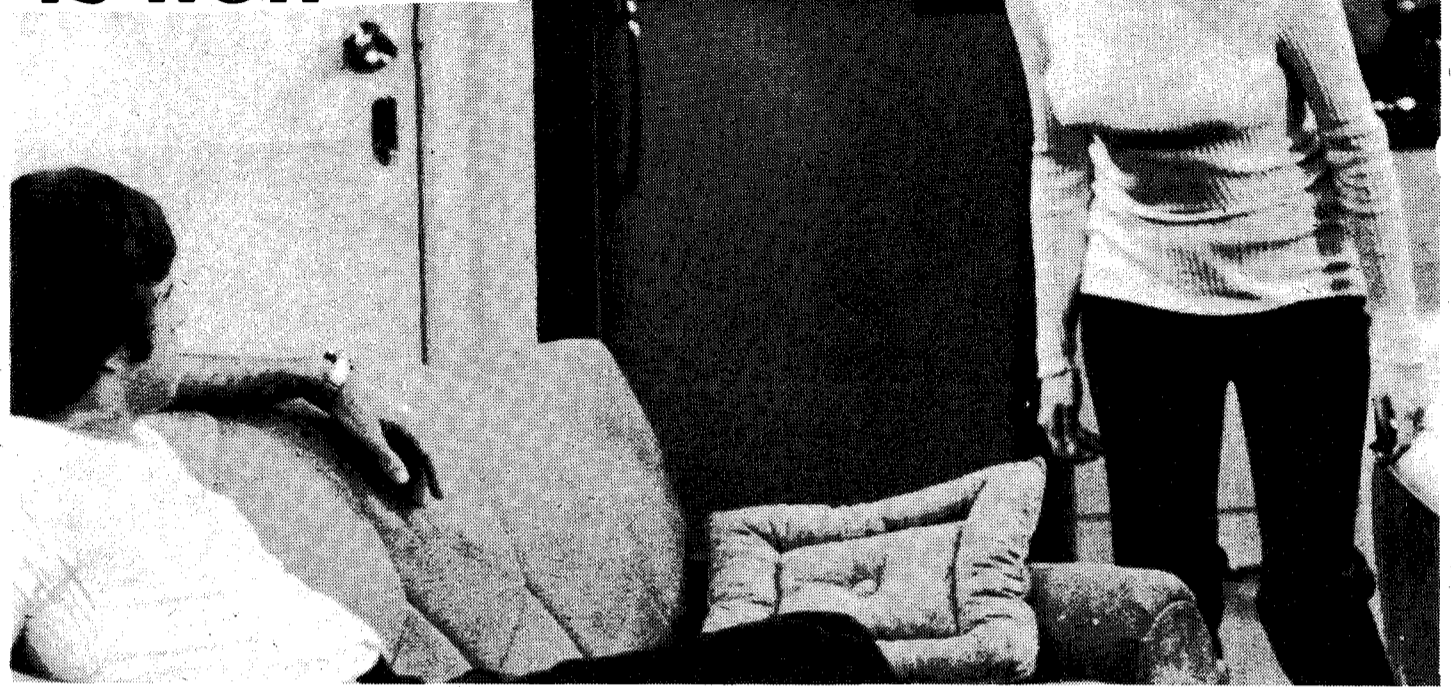
By FATHER CORNELIUS J. VANDER POEL, C.S.Sp.

To live with strangers can be lonely, to live with foreigners can be a painful isolation, but "to live with a lover turned indifferent or hateful is hell." This is what often happens when a marriage does not work out. The presence of the partner is a constant reminder of a lack of appreciation, perhaps it is a constant mutual hatred. It is a constant lack of trust or perhaps even a constant feeling of distrust. The inability to reach each other is a continuous experience of failure.

During the experience of this pain there is deep in the recesses of the mind the memory of the dreams of happiness and love that marked the days prior to marriage. The memory of these dreams aggravates the sense of loneliness, isolation and pain. The need for happiness through relationship with another person is a deeply human quality. Its failure is a cause of much pain because it marks the failure of one's deepest search for personal wholeness. When finally the hassle, the harassment and accusations of the divorce procedures are over there is a deep sense of relief. Finally the continued experience of failure can make way for new beginnings.

THE FREEDOM after divorce is very attractive, but it is also elusive and deceptive. One of the reasons for marrying is the need for a deep personal and intimate relationship. Divorce marked the end of a painful relationship but it did not silence the need for intimacy.

The partners discover that something has changed within themselves as individuals. They have grown older, not only in years, but also (and perhaps mostly) in experience and in feelings toward others. They like to be free again, but their past has not left them. They discover that they cannot simply



shake off the former conjugal relationships. There is a long and painful process ahead to integrate the past and to readjust to a new situation.

Not only do they experience a change in themselves, they see or suspect a change in many of their friends as well. Our society is couple-oriented and when a couple is broken up the individuals find themselves in a different position within the community. Emotionally they are outside the groups to which they belonged as a couple. Divorced people can easily feel this attitude as a rejection of themselves. It reinforces their own deepest fears that they are personal failures because their marriage did not work out.

THE ATTITUDE of the "official church" does not give much encouragement either. The church does not look very favorably on divorce, although it does not condemn divorced people. Remarriage after divorce includes the painful

and complicated process of annulment.

The church's caution against divorce and its strong reservations regarding remarriage are often experienced by the divorced as personal rejections. They are different persons; they are outside the community. But in reality they are no less members of the Christian community than they were before their divorce.

The parish community has a special role and responsibility in this process of readjustment. No one has the right to judge the partners, still less to condemn them. Christian concern demands that fellow parishioners assist the individuals to redevelop a sense of personal dignity and value. Where unsuccessful conjugal relationships tend to convey a sense of personal failure, the Christian community must convey an understanding and openness which allows the individuals to regain the loss they suffered.

AFTER DIVORCE THE individuals are inclined to blame each other and to forget that each person shared in the lack of success. It is the divorced person's responsibility to ask himself what personal characteristics may have contributed to the failure of the marriage. This is not to arouse blame or guilt; it is an effort to grow.

The kindness and understanding of the community are important factors in this personal search. Sometimes people forget that every marriage needs the community's support and encouragement in order to grow and mature. When a marriage breaks up, the members of the community might ask themselves whether perhaps they have given too little support. They should make a sincere effort at this time to make the partners full members of the community and church. That is now the only way to follow Christ who was slow to condemn but eager to forgive and to build.

Be Compassionate

By JANAAN MANTERNACH

One day Jesus came down from the mountain where he often went to pray. He had just selected 12 of his many followers to be his apostles. They were with him as he came down from the mountaintop.

On the level plain at the foot of the mountain Jesus and his 12 new apostles met a large crowd of people. Many more of Jesus' disciples were there. People had come from all over Judea and even from the seacoast towns of Tyre and Sidon. The crowds gathered to wait for Jesus to come down from the mountain. They wanted him to teach them. They also hoped Jesus would heal those who were sick or troubled.

Jesus stopped and looked over the crowd. He could see that many of them had come a long way to listen to him. He decided to teach them something very important about God's way to happiness.

Time after time Jesus had watched people judge and condemn others. He was particularly upset with the way the religious leaders judged people and called them sinners. Many of the im-

portant religious leaders had publicly called Jesus a lawbreaker, a sinful man. Jesus knew how it hurt to be condemned unjustly.

So Jesus began by telling them that God wanted them to love others and do good to them. Then Jesus took up the matter of judging others. He reminded the people of how God dealt with them. They knew God was always understanding and forgiving toward everyone.

"Be compassionate," Jesus told the crowd, "be compassionate as God, your Father, is compassionate." To be compassionate means to try to understand another person, to feel with that person, to share the person's hurts.

"Do not judge others," Jesus continued, "and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon and you will be pardoned."

The people were very silent. They knew how often they had judged others, criticized them, even condemned them and avoided any contact with them. Jesus' words touched them deeply.

Jesus went on. He gave them an example to make his point even clearer. "Why look at the speck in your brother's eyes," he said, "when you

miss the plank in your own eye?" Jesus used his fingers to show how small a speck of dirt is. Then he gestured with his hands to show how a large board of wood completely covers a person's whole face. The crowd laughed. They knew what Jesus said was true.

Jesus continued: "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck from your eye,' yet fail yourself to see the plank lodged in your own? Hypocrite, remove the plank from your own eye first; then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

It was clear to everyone exactly what Jesus was saying. His point was painfully clear: "Don't judge others, but be like God, your Father. Forgive others as God forgives you. Be compassionate to others the way God has compassion on you."

All the people in the crowd knew in their hearts that they often failed to live compassionately. They knew they tended to judge and condemn others much more quickly than they tried to understand and forgive them.

Slowly the crowd broke up. People left silently in small groups to make their way back home.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

The Single-Again Father

By PATRICIA KERN

"You guys can't get divorced because then I won't have a mother and a father," Timmy told his father Jack on the way home from kindergarten one day last spring.

It was the first indication that the youngest of Jack and Maria's seven children had even partially understood the family discussion of more than a month before when the couple told the children that they were divorcing one another.

Jack said, "the first thing I tried to use with Timmy then was the 'two homes instead of one' attitude." He reassured his son that he would see him regularly even though the boy was living permanently with his mother. "That attitude," he noted, "has continued to work best with the youngest in the family" of three boys and four girls — ranging in age from 14 to Timmy's five years.

While Jack says that the "emphasis today, rightly so, is on the heavy burden placed on women with custody of the children," in his case — typical of many divorced fathers — there's a difference, too. He had sought joint custody, an arrangement under which both parents have full legal custody and the children spend equal time with each parent. But he lives in a state which does not yet approve of this arrangement.

HE HAS AGREED to a mutually drawn up annulment paper which gives him the right to have the children every other weekend, four months each summer and for a part of each holiday season.

What happens to the single-again father like Jack, who with his

wife has the best welfare of his children at heart? How does the "good provider" survive as father and bachelor?

The fact that Jack and Maria's marriage "had been dead for a long time" made the final separation easier. For years "it wasn't a healthy family life for anyone," Jack admitted. "There was no open fighting — just silence."

Nevertheless, Maria's separation announcement ripped at Jack emotionally. He said finding the divorced ministry in his own diocese during the annulment proceeding was his "saving grace."

He was encouraged to make the Beginning Experience (BE) weekend even before his divorce was final. The BE is a weekend conducted by a trained team, in which widowed or divorced individuals are encouraged to air their feelings about the death of their marriage or spouse and "close the door gently" on the marriage or death so that they can live productively again. Jack believes he discovered himself during the weekend.

HIS CHURCH attendance has become much more regular. "Now, when I go it's a lot more intense. I enter into the liturgy. I've discovered a sense of a personal rather than a vindictive God. I've let him become involved in my life. He cares about me," he added quietly.

His experience as a single father, though, has proved a burden financially. Even with a prestigious job and good salary, \$1,000 a month in child support is a big bite.

At first, when the children came

back to his house for weekend visits, "the younger ones were clingy and the older ones stand-offish." But they are all more relaxed now, he said. In fact three have expressed a desire to live with him when they become 12 years old and can legally choose which parent's residence they desire.

He talks with his children almost every day and sees them casually two or three times a week, "probably as much as some married fathers."

His advice to divorced fathers is to "try and relax and enjoy the kids instead of buying their affection. A father's time with his kids doesn't always have to be a party."

Jack considers himself luckier than a lot of men plunged into divorce, where today's emphasis on the "macho" image throws many into singles' bars and "one night stands."

His marriage had been dead so long that "I was looking for help instead of escape when divorce loomed on the horizon," he said.

"Being alone is no problem for an individual. But being lonely is another thing," he added. He finds the peer ministry of divorced helping divorced healthy for all involved. Within a month, he pointed out, a person being supported may find himself the supporter — the surest sign of healthier days ahead.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

A Man Alone

By MARIANNE STRAWN

Standing at the window of his high-rise apartment, Kurt finished his third scotch. The three scotches — sometimes more — have become a nightly ritual since his divorce.

"Somehow it helps fortify me for dinner alone," he said. "That's the worst time."

THE PROBLEMS of a man left alone by divorce are multiple and complex. Each man carries a unique burden. Some carry a heavier burden than others.

Kurt talked slowly about painful memories. "I used to think meal time was a zoo. The kids would be jumping out of their seats, all talking at once and complaining about the food. Funny, but I miss that now."

The biggest hurdle for Kurt was the loss of his two children. "I can't begin to explain how that feels."

The loneliness is everywhere. "If I find something exciting or interesting, there is no one to share it with."

He complained that his apartment was crummy compared to his former home. "But sometimes you can see beautiful sunsets from here. I turn to say, 'Isn't it gorgeous,' and there's no one there."

KURT ALSO FEELS acute pain when he goes to Mass. "We used to all be together. The kids would

idget and play around, but we were a family."

He grew accustomed to hearing the homily with a baby on his lap and a toddler playing on the kneeling rail. So, he doesn't go to Mass now. Not regularly. Not as he had for his entire life.

"I feel terrible sitting alone. I feel a guilt that I have failed God in some way; failed my wife and the kids."

Paulist Father James Young, chaplain for the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics (NACSDC), found Kurt's reaction typical. "The church tells us that marriage is for life, and when marriage fails, men often think they have displeased God, that they carry a black mark."

According to Father Young, "Men traditionally have a more difficult time with divorce than women. Women seek help more readily, and find it easier to express grief. Men usually try to tough it out."

NACSDC has been making strides in helping men and women adjust. "But men are the hardest to get involved," said Father Young. "Women come readily, but men need to be coaxed."

Kurt recalled the first woman he dated after separating. "I kept thinking it was a sin. I shouldn't be with this girl."



The people he knew from his church have not stayed in touch. Even people he considered close friends. "I certainly don't go to the church social functions. They're for families."

Father Young considers ministry to the divorced and separated the primary pastoral problem facing the church in the United States today.

The church should not be expected to have all the answers, but it can help with caring and attention," he said.

IN SPITE of his lack of attendance at Mass, Kurt has found solace in the Bible. He reads daily, and believes this has helped him through this troubled period.

He explained, "In spite of everything — the pain, the bitterness, the emptiness — this has

been a growth experience for me.

"I'm not the same person I was two years ago. There is a certain amount of freedom. But what is important is that I'm finally growing up," Kurt admitted that he had been totally dependent on his wife, as he had been dependent on his mother before her.

"I couldn't do laundry, or cook dinner. As I've assumed more physical responsibility for myself, I've grown mentally."

"It took me a long time to see that divorce isn't the end of the world. It can be an opportunity."

According to Father Young, 93 percent of Catholic men remarry quickly.

Kurt has thought of marrying again. "But not for a while," he said. "I want to have a real insight into the kind of person I am. I'm not going to repeat the same mistakes."

Deadlines

People holding events are reminded that the deadline for copy is Monday Noon of the week of publication. We would prefer to have copy even two weeks ahead of time, when possible.

Women's Clubs

St. Clare's Women's Guild is sponsoring a Flea Market on Feb. 23, in St. Clare's parking lot, 821 Prosperity Farms Rd., North Palm Beach, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendor spaces available for information call Janet McDonough, 622-0286 or Margaret Plikaitis, 622-8938.

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At a recent meeting of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Al Masso, St. Richard, So. Dade; Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Blum, St. Joan of Arc, Palm Beach;

Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Keller, Catholic Service Bureau Auxiliary, No. Dade; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Erwin Swain of San Pedro, Monroe.

They will be installed at the Miami Archdiocesan Council Annual Convention on April 27, 28, 29, at the Konover Hotel, Miami Beach. North Dade Deanery under the leadership of President Mrs. Anne Gondolfo, will be this year's host group.

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Members of St. Richard Parish Women's Club will take part in the General Day of Reflection at the Dominican Retreat House, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Speaker will be Sister Judith Shield, O.P., Mass will be

celebrated by Fr. Leo Armbrust.

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St. Stephen's Council of Catholic Women will hold a Retreat the weekend of Feb. 29 - Mar. 2, at the Cenacle House. For information call Kathrine Vogel, 981-6474, or Hild Brechtel, 983-8428.

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St. Bernadette's Women's Club will hold their annual Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, 7450 Stirling Rd., W. Hollywood. Donation. \$2.50 adults, \$1.25 children.

Luncheon

The Annual Luncheon-Fashion Show, sponsored by St. Vincent Ferrer's Rosary-Altar Society, of Delray Beach, is set for Feb. 21, at the Palm Beach Breakers. General Chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Lorne. Reservations: Mrs. Frank Lally, 276-8713.

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Our Lady of Mercy Club, Deerfield Beach, will hold their 5th Annual Girl-Talk Luncheon on Feb. 16, at Ramada Inn, Deerfield Beach. Tickets \$7.00. Reservations: 421-3941.

Divorced/ Separated

Immaculate Conception Divorced and Separated Support Group will hold a general meeting Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Speaker will be Fr. Wren. For information: Maria 822-7534; Mari 821-4928 or Eileen, 558-4188. New Members Welcome.

Widow(ers) Meet

Widow and Widowers Club will hold a meeting, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the K of C Hall, 3571 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. For information: 733-4274 or 563-8374.

Serenity Retreat

A Serenity Retreat will be held Feb. 29-31, at the Biscayne College Center for Continuing Education.

Serenity Retreats are for anyone whose life is affected by the disease of Alcoholism directly or indirectly. The Retreats are non-denominational. The Retreat Leader will be Fr. Fred Lawrence, S.T., of Stirling, N.J., who has worked in the field of alcoholism for more than 25 years. Cost is \$49.00 for the three days, double occupancy. Registration is 7:00 p.m. Friday, and end Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. \$10.00

registration fee is included in the total fee.

Hibernians Host Dublin Band

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will feature the well known Hal Roche, direct from Jury's in Dublin, together with Paddy Noonan and his band, in an evening of entertainment and dancing, on Friday evening, Feb. 29, at 9:00 p.m. at the Crystal Lago Country Club in Pompano Beach. Reservations: \$10.00 per person. For information call 752-7303 or 735-3466.

Night of Praise

The "Community of Healing Love" at St. Paul of the Cross will hold a "Night of Praise" on Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Fr. David Russell of St. Louis Parish will be homilist. Fr. Charles Sullivan and Fr. Caletan Bendernagel will be principal celebrants. All priests and laity are invited to attend.

Boy Scout Retreat

There will be a Boy Scout Retreat held at St. Vincent De Paul Major Seminary, at Boynton Beach, Feb. 29 - Mar. 2. Registration, Friday, Feb. 29, 5:00 p.m. \$4.00 fee - bring food and tent. The Retreat is open to all Boy Scouts, especially those who are involved in the Catholic Religious Awards Programs. For further information contact D.Y.A.

Cake Sale

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Women's Club will hold a Cake Sale on Feb. 17. All women of the parish are asked to bake. Bring your baked goods to the Mass you attend.

Obituary

Mrs. Josefa Hualde, 92, mother of Rev. Jose I. Hualde, died on Monday, Feb. 11. Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco Church on Tuesday. Mrs. Hualde was buried in Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery.

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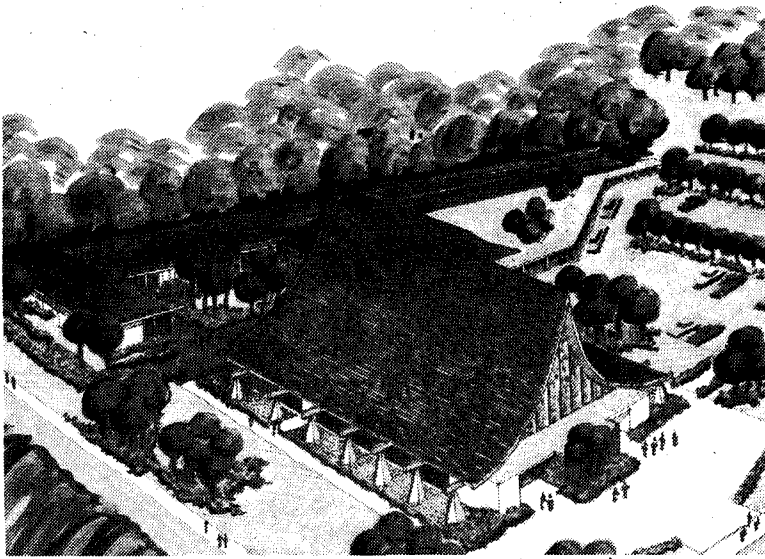
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First reports indicate that \$109,940 has thus far been pledged in the St. Hugh drive for a new school and parish hall. This includes \$40,200. pledged by Msgr. John W. Glorie and the four co-chairmen of the Drive.


The school and parish hall are badly needed. At present the students must walk five blocks to Church from the School; there are no lunchroom facilities and the children now eat outside. The library space is entirely inadequate and does not meet required school standards. The parish center will

provide much needed meeting space for the Women's Guild, the C.Y.O., Legion of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul, social gatherings and school assemblies, wedding receptions and other parish functions.

Parishioners will be visited on Commitment Sunday and pledges for the multi-purpose building can be stretched over a three-year period.

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The St. Mary Magdalen Guild will hold its monthly card party on Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Prizes. Refreshments. There will also be a cake sale, Feb. 16 and 23, (Saturday Nights) and on the 17th and 24th (Sunday.) There will be a White Elephant Sale on Feb. 29th.

Lenten Programs

Cenacle Retreat House in Lantana offers the following Lenten Programs during February: Feb. 19, Day of Recollection, J. Chester Schwab, OMI; Feb. 20, (Ash Wednesday) Morning of Recollection, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, J. Chester Schwab, OMI; Feb. 22-24, Creative

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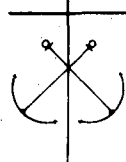
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TV to Air Panel

Fr. Jose P. Nickse, director of Radio and Television for the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami and Associate of Christ the King Church, Perrine, joins Rev. Kenneth Gangel, professor and chairman of Church Ministries at Miami Christian College; and Rabbi Mayer-Abramowitz, president of the Greater Miami Rabbinical Association and Rabbi at Temple Menorah for the one-hour programs.

The final 20 minute segment of the program will be devoted to a question and

answer period with participants from the studio audience.

Mission at St. Louis

St. Louis Parish will hold a mission the week of Feb. 17 through 22nd. The Mission will be led by the team of Fr. Philip Bebie, C.P., and Sister Angelique Dryden, O.P., full time mission workers. Evng Service at 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with brief session following the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy. For more information: 238-7461. St. Louis Parish is at 7270 SW 120 St., Miami.

Marriage, Family

"Marriage and the Family" is the theme of a Channel 2 special on religion's involvement with marriage and divorce which airs on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. and on Feb. 22 at 3 p.m.

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K of C Honors Oldest Grand Knight

Roderick McDermott, 89, believed to be the oldest grand knight of a K. of C. Council in the U.S., was honored last Saturday by members of Marian Council,

Pre-Lent Concert Set at Cathedral

A special pre-Lenten concert will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 17, at St. Mary Cathedral featuring the Schubert "Mass in G" for choir, soloists, organ and orchestra.

Eugene A. Greco, director of music at the Cathedral, directs the program which begins at 8 p.m. Patricia Hoffman Byrum will be the guest soprano soloist during the presentation of the "Mass in G." Robert Hines will sing the tenor role and Robert Gaston

No. 3757 during a banquet attended, by more than 200 guests.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who came here in 1969 when he retired from the Long Island Railroad after 50 years of service, McDermott is the father of two children and is also a Fourth Degree member of the K. of C.

He is presently serving as grand knight at Marian Council, which has had an increase in membership and social events since he took office.

will be guest bass soloist. The program will also include four anthems for choir and orchestra, and several selections for soloists and orchestra including Shirley Reissman as alto soloist. The public is invited.

Fr. Dionne Heads French-Speaking Ministry

Fr. Leo Dionne, O.M.I., of St. Timothy's Parish, was recently appointed by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, to create and minister to a new French-Canadian apostolate.

Fr. Dionne who speaks both Spanish and French will

which will better serve this growing group of people in the Archdiocese.

He will try to serve as a referral source for French-speaking priests who can provide sacramental ministries.

Fr. Dionne will also try to locate and evaluate French language liturgical sources.

The South Miami priest, who is an assistant at St. Timothy's parish, has been teaching in Catholic schools for 17 years, prior to coming to Miami and St. Timothy's. Fr. Dionne taught in schools in Buffalo, New York and Newburgh, N.Y.

Businessman Gets NCCJ Award

Armando Codina, received the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Silver Medallion for service to Brotherhood on Feb. 2, at the Omni International Hotel. Honored along with Codina was Col. Frank Broman, Mr. David Kraslow and from Broward County, Mr. Moe Katz. From his entry to the United States as a Cuban refugee child at age twelve, he has persevered and cared for his fellow man.

Codina, 32, a successful businessman, is Chairman of the Pedro Pan Foundation and for the Catholic Home for Children. He is a Board Member for Catholic Charities, Vice President for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Pillars Club for the United Way of Dade County.



REV. MR. STARR Deacon To Be Ordained

The Rev. Mr. Christopher Starr, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Starr, Jr., of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, will be ordained deacon on Friday, Feb. 15, in the Chapel of the Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul, Boynton Beach, Fla., by Archbishop Thomas Donnellan of Atlanta.

Starr, a native of Atlanta, attended Christ the King parochial school and was graduated from W. F. Dykes High School in 1971, in Atlanta.

He attended Georgia State University and began his seminary studies at St. Mary's Seminary College, Baltimore, in 1972. He was graduated from St. Mary's in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

Starr has worked at several parishes and two newspapers in Georgia and is presently assigned to St. Louis parish, Kendall. He has also written for The Voice.

He is a candidate for a Master of Divinity degree from St. Vincent's, and will finish his studies in June 1980 when he will return to the Archdiocese of Atlanta and be ordained a priest.

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Like a worn out recording of a
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So while she lay there
sleeping, I read the paper in
bed
And in the personal columns
was this letter I read

CHORUS

If you like piña coladas,
getting caught in the rain
If you're not into yoga, if you
have half a brain
If you like making love at
midnight in the dunes of the
cape
I'm the love that you've
looked for, write to me and
escape

I didn't think about my lady, I
know that sounds kind of
mean

But me and my old lady had
fallen into the same old dull
routine

So I wrote to the paper, took
out a personal ad
Though I'm nobody's poet I
thought it wasn't half bad

Yes, I like piña coladas,
getting caught in the rain
I'm not much into health food,
I'm into champagne
I got to meet you by tomorrow
noon to cut through all this
red tape

At a bar called O'Malley's
We will plan our escape

So I waited with high hopes
and she walked into the place
I knew her smile in an instant,
I knew the curve of her face
It was my own lovely lady and
she said, "Oh, it's you!"
And we laughed for a moment
and I said "I never knew
That you liked..."

REPEAT CHORUS

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The song concerns the
problem of boredom in a
relationship. Because of the
"same, old, dull routine," one
person decides to seek new
adventure and begins by
responding to a newspaper
ad. He hopes to "escape" his
current routine and take up
with another woman. He
arranges a rendezvous, but to
his utter surprise, his "new
adventuress" turns out to be
"his own lovely lady!"
Obviously the boredom had
been a mutual experience in
the relationship.

Two points emerge from
the song's surprise ending.
The first concerns the many
ways we can know a person.
After we have lived within a
relationship for a time, it
becomes easy to take the

other for granted. We may
think we know all of the
other's questions, interests,
dreams and goals. But life is
never static. Our needs,
feelings, interests, indeed
almost every aspect of our-
selves, can change. A
relationship blends two
separate and changing
personalities, and con-
sequently holds a vast
potential for continual
discovery. Yet the person in
the song had stopped trying to
find something new in his
partner.

The song acknowledges
that boredom can creep into
our lives. The person in the
song decides to act creatively
in dealing with his boredom.
His mistake was to think that
only someone new could bring
excitement back into his life.
Finding someone new does
not necessarily provide a
cure for life's boredom. He is
just as likely to tire eventu-
ally of this new relation-
ship.

The deeper problem is in
the individual himself. If we
interact only with what we
find on the surface of

another's personality, we will
always miss the richness of
feelings and ideas each
person possesses. It seems
apparent that the character
in the song had even missed
this potential in himself.

Boredom is not always a
sign of life's emptiness, but
rather that we have failed to
see the many gifts around us
and our own potential.
Boredom is a sign that we
should examine our lifestyle
and relationships. Perhaps
we have backed away from
taking our relationships for
granted, not putting forth
effort to discover new
dimensions of others.

Whatever the cause, we
can be sure that life is not
meant to be boring. God
created us with the inherent
abilities to find life exciting
and meaningful. Bringing
newness into our lives can
help, but tapping the depths
of those we already know can
be even more important. It
may not be "piña coladas" or
"getting caught in the rain,"
but I wonder what likes, in-
terests or fantasies we have
failed to discover in those
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HOW DO WE observe Family Night? Actually it's very simple. No one is the teacher so it really gets Mom and Dad off the hook.

In the following weeks and months there will be a basic format that will remain the same. The evening will follow an **OPENING PRAYER, LESSON or THEME, SNACK, EN-**

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For families with teens, sometimes it will be impossible for them to attend. Don't hassel them, but let them know they are always welcome to join in with the family. Dad might not be too willing either and Monday

Night football more often than not will come first in his life. Dad's cooperation is really an important element to make Family Nights successful. If Dad is willing more than likely the rest of the family will follow.

IT'S WORTH noting that studies have proven that the faith life of the children, as adults, has been mainly formed by their parents' faith. Dad's and Mom's support for Family Night will be crucial to making it a success.

As the routine of Family Night begins, you'll find the weekly formats helpful as idea picker-uppers. We know many CCD teachers that never miss the formats for class ideas. As Family Night continues all sorts of creative things happen. Our family friends, mostly teenagers, often spend the night using the scripture sharings and hold a rap time to share problems.

One evening in our family

we had a penance and reconciliation service that was simply beautiful. That evening was run by Sean, who was making his first confession that year and we all shared what we thought of asking forgiveness of one another and the Lord. Another evening Mary, our 4 year-old-at-the-time, took charge and announced a new game she had invented called "checkers." We ALL played it on top of a Yahtzee dice game box cover, using three red checkers and six black ones. The rules were unbelievably complicated and changed rather regularly. She insisted that only she and Jennifer, our eight-year-old knew how to play. The game became more and more exciting for them, yet Wendy, Sean, Mom and Dad had no idea **WHAT** was happening. Suddenly Mary squealed, "I've won, I've won!" much to our amazement. When we all inquired why, she calmly announced it was because she

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Some Catholic Groups Oppose Women's Draft

WASHINGTON —(NC)— While several Catholic peace groups continue to oppose any registration for the draft, President Carter's Feb. 8 announcement proposing that women as well as men be registered has brought additional protests.

Carter said he will ask Congress for the authority to require women born in 1960 or 1961 to register for the draft immediately and for other women to register as they reach their 18th birthdays. He already has the authority to order a similar registration program for men.

"Your proposal to register young women for a future draft flies in the face of traditional American ideals," said Virgil C. Dechant, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, in a telegram to the president.

Dechant, head of the one million member Catholic fraternal organization, said drafting women "would be greatly disruptive of family values and family stability."

Women, he said, "have always rallied voluntarily to the flag in times of crisis and will do so again if necessary without need for conscription."

Mrs. Donald LeFils of Osteen, Fla., president of the National Council of Catholic Women, said diocesan affiliates of the Catholic women's group are busy contacting their local congressmen to express NCCW's opposition to registering women.

THE EXECUTIVE board

Cambodian Appeal Brings in \$9 Million

NEW YORK —(NC)— Contributions for Cambodian refugees through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) now exceed \$9 million, according to Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, executive director of the overseas aid agency of U.S. Catholics.

Of that total \$ 6.5 million was donated in Catholic churches throughout the United States in response to a request from Archbishop John R. Quinn, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"The conditions and needs of the displaced people are expected to remain critical for two years," Bishop Broderick said. "I anticipated that we will need \$15 million to fund the relief effort."

"The key to the CRS effort is the individual," he said. "We have touched the lives of 1.4 million Cambodian refugees. The number is impressive, but we can only realize its full meaning when we consider the unspeakable struggles and personal hardships endured by each individual."

of the NCCW went on record in late January as opposed to the registration of women.

Mrs. Lefils said the NCCW opposes drafting women for several reasons, including difficulties some women have encountered as volunteer members of the Army as well as the expense of erecting additional facilities on Army bases to insure privacy for female Army members.

She added that some women in the armed forces also have been the victims of sexual harassment.

But she also noted that the NCCW is supportive of women who choose to volunteer for the service.

On Capitol Hill, reaction in opposition to the Carter proposal to register women seemed to be divided between those who oppose any draft and those who hold the traditional view that only men should be drafted.

"Registering women for the military draft is both unnecessary and unwise, said Rep. Bud Shuster (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee.

He said it was unnecessary because there are enough men to fight for America, and unwise because it denies the biological differences between men and women as well as a woman's right to be a mother and homemaker.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), an opponent of any draft registration, indicated though that the women's

registration issue posed a dilemma for feminists who favor equal rights but oppose the draft.

"If equal rights is all about insisting that women should be as warmongering as men, then we've blown it," she said.

She said she would vote against including women in the registration effort as a tactical effort in the hope that the courts would strike down an all-male draft.

BUT CARTER administration officials have warned Americans not to be too hasty in assuming that if women are registered they will be drafted or that they will be fighting in the front lines.

A few days before Carter announced his decision, Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander noted that even if women are registered there could be a later decision not to go through with drafting them.

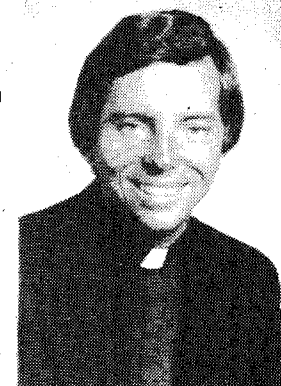
Registering women, he said, merely would give the government the ability to contact them quickly should the president later decide that women should be drafted.

And M. Kathleen Carpenter, deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity, said women might not be in foxholes but could be trained to fire long-range missiles and high-altitude anti-aircraft guns, to drive trucks and to perform other jobs in support of front line troops.



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El Miércoles De Ceniza

Febrero 20

El Miércoles de Ceniza da comienzo a los cuarenta días antes del comienzo de la Semana Santa. Es la época llamada de Cuaresma. La ceniza es un símbolo de nuestra condición mortal "porque polvo eres y al polvo has de volver" (Gen. 3, 19). Con la ceniza nos humillamos ante Dios y reconocemos la flaqueza de nuestra naturaleza, nos arrepentimos de nuestras faltas y nos proponemos hacer de nuestras vidas un mejor regalo a Jesús quien se inmoló por nosotros y vivió para darnos ejemplo de la vida de perfección, que el Padre, desde el principio de la creación, nos ha pedido.

La ceniza ha sido siempre, muestra de humillación y reconocimiento de culpa, y esto se lee en el Antiguo Testamento casi constantemente. Los profetas se lloraron las cabezas de ceniza postrándose ante Dios reafirmando su baja condición en relación con la grandeza y la perfección del Señor. Los santos de Israel lo hicieron en sus aflicciones conociendo su condición pecadora en súplica de la misericordia divina.

La Iglesia primitiva hizo de la imposición de la ceniza un **penitencia colectiva**, es decir, el todo de los fieles al recibir la ceniza reconoce la naturaleza humana peccadora y se humilla ante Dios implorando sus gracias. Y no nos cansaremos de repetir que la Iglesia, en su todo, es el pueblo de Dios.

Es conveniente destacar que al recibir la Ceniza debemos sumarnos al arrepentimiento colectivo, orar por toda la Iglesia arrepiada, pedir las gracias divinas sobre toda la Iglesia porque es en la comunidad y a través de ella que Dios vierte sus dones. Pedir por uno mismo sin recuerdo del hermano es acto de egoísmo. El perdón que se pida para otro alcanza también para uno mismo. "Y perdona NUESTRAS deudas así como NOSOTROS perdonamos a NUESTROS deudores" dice el Padre Nuestró, que es la oración perfectísima que la Cristo mismo nos dejara. Véase que la petición es toda en plural,

que no dijo Cristo 'perdóname mis deudas'.

El Miércoles de Ceniza abre las puertas a la Cuaresma, tiempo de preparación del espíritu propio para UNIRSE al de toda la comunidad. La comunidad en conjunto recibe amor y gracia de Dios, por la comunidad toda se ofreció Jesús y la comunidad absoluta da gloria al Padre y a ella da de su gloria. Cuando uno falla en sus deberes resta gloria a la comunidad, queda incompleta la familia porque uno se ha alejado. Cuando oremos hagámoslo por todos; si hacemos penitencia, por todos debe hacerse y cuando suplicamos un favor o perdón de Dios, recordemos los millares de hermanos que están sufriendo lo que sufrimos nosotros. Cristo nos indica la unión cuando dijo: "Donde dos o más de ustedes se pongan de acuerdo y pidan a mi Padre en mi nombre os será dado. Porque donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi nombre allí estoy yo en medio de ellos" (Mateo 18, 19-20). Y la unión existe aún cuando estemos



Suzette Piñero, alumna de la Inmaculada-La Salle, quien con otros compañeros del colegio se prestaron para esta foto simbólica.

orando solos.

Hagamos de esta Cuaresma un punto de partida hacia una vida totalmente nueva en comunión con la comunidad (comunión; comunidad; Unión común, unidad común)

viviendo a imagen y semejanza de Cristo. Muriendo con Él, es decir renunciando a todo lo que no sea correcto y justo, al pecado, para resucitar con Él a una vida eterna de gloria y felicidad.

Honrado Armando Codina por NCCJ



El Dr. Henry King Stanford pone la medalla de plata a Armando Codina, ganador este año del galardón anual de la Conferencia Nacional Cristiano-Judía.

Armando Codina, Presidente de Itel-Pas, Inc., y destacado dirigente comunitario, recibió la Medalla de Plata de la Conferencia Cristiano-Judía por servicios humanitarios a la comunidad el pasado 2 de febrero en una noche de gala celebrada en el Omni International Hotel. Junto con Codina fueron honrados el ex coronel de las Fuerzas Aéreas Frank Borman, Presidente de Eastern Airlines, el señor David

Kraslow y de Broward County, el señor Moe Katz.

La selección de Codina fue tarea fácil para el Comité Adjudicador de honores que fue presidido este año por el Presidente de la Universidad de Miami, Dr. Henry King Stanford. El Comité hizo notar que Codina, desde que llegó a este país a la edad de doce años como refugiado cubano, por su perseverancia y dedicación a (Pasa a la Pag. 3A)

Fe y Fiesta: Algo de Cada Uno

Los músicos parroquiales, los liturgistas, los clérigos, miembros de coros y miembros de comisiones litúrgicas de las parroquias, los jóvenes y los ministros para la juventud tendrán un oportunidad sin paralelo, para aprender y dialogar, en la convención regional de la Asociación Nacional de la Pastoral Musical.

"Fe y Fiesta 1980" será celebrada en el Hotel Deauville en Miami Beach del 14 al 17 de Abril, y atraerá participantes no solo del sureste de los Estados Unidos sino también del resto de la nación y del Caribe.

El orador principal, el Padre Sulpicio, Eugene Walsh, articuló el tema de la convención cuando aceptó la invitación para venir. "En las Misas los Domingos, nosotros lo mismo podemos darnos vida unos a otros que quitarnos vida unos a otros. Las posibilidades son muchas y Jesús trabaja a través de los signos que hacemos".

El Arzobispo McCarthy, dándole la bienvenida a la Convención, hizo notar que él estaba muy satisfecho con la forma en que se habían seleccionado los oradores y los tópicos. "No sólo han venido a

Miami los representantes de muchas diócesis del sureste a expresar sus necesidades para sus programas de liturgia y música parroquiales, sino también nuestra propia gente de muchas parroquias de Miami han ayudado a darle forma al programa.

Entre los liturgistas y músicos que conducen las sesiones de la Convención están los populares compositores y cantantes, Los Dameans y el notable compositor, liturgista, autor y escolar bíblico francés, Padre Lucien Deiss.

Los Dameans, grupo de sacerdotes diocesanos de Louisiana, viajan por todo el país ofreciendo entrenamiento y conciertos. Mas conocidos por su música litúrgica original, los Dameans han hecho siete discos de su música. Además de dirigir sesiones de entrenamiento aparecerán en concierto la noche del 15 de Abril.

Además de ser el celebrante de la Liturgia Festiva en Abril 16, Padre Deiss hablará sobre la "La Liturgia Multicultural" y cerrará la Convención con la sesión "Reflexiones sobre la Experiencia".

Otros oradores nacionalmente conocidos serán Mons. Joseph Champlin, colaborador regular de The Voice y el Padre Carey Landry, muy conocido por su serie "Hi, God" en español e Inglés para niños.

El Hermano Alfredo Mo-

rales, bien conocido en Miami, completa la lista de los principales oradores. De él dicen los dirigentes de la Convención, Rdo. P. Jim Fetscher y la Hna. Mary Tindel, O.P.: "Nos sentimos realmente satisfechos de poder contar con el Hno. Alfredo y de presentarlo al resto de la nación."

Concurrentemente con la Convención habrá dos días de interés general. Abril 15 será el Día de la Juventud con sesiones para jóvenes músicos y para todos los relacionados con la música litúrgica. Abril 16 será el Día de los Clérigos con sesiones de interés especial para sacerdotes.

A través de la Convención habrán sesiones dedicadas a los maestros de religión y otros interesados en este tema. Y otras dedicadas a la música litúrgica hispana, la piedad popular y a la oración y la música en la Misa.

OFICIAL

Regulaciones Arquidiocesanas para Cuaresma

El Miércoles de Ceniza, 20 de Febrero, y el Viernes Santo, 4 de Abril, son días de ayuno y abstinencia; esto quiere decir que se hará una sola comida completa al día y que no se comerá carne en estos dos días.

Todos los viernes de la cuaresma, comprendidos entre el 22 de Febrero y el 28 de Marzo son viernes de abstinencia, no se come carne.

Aquellos entre las edades de 21 a 59 años están obligados al ayuno, en Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo.

La abstinencia obliga a todos los que han pasado los 14 años los viernes de la Cuaresma.

Estas regulaciones en su totalidad son de obligación seria y son sacrificios que ofrecemos a Dios durante estos días de purificación espiritual. El incumplimiento en observar estas regulaciones durante un número sustancial de días se considera una seria infracción del espíritu penitencial de la estación. Si alguna persona abriga dudas por razones especiales debe consultar su caso con un sacerdote.

Los católicos de todas las edades son llamados a la autorrenuncia (sacrificios) voluntaria durante esta época de cuaresma. Se recomienda la participación diaria en la Misa, lecturas diarias de temas espirituales, especialmente de la Sagrada Escritura, rezo del Santo Rosario y meditaciones de sus misterios y hacer el Vía Crucis.

La Cancillería anuncia Menéndez, Pastor Asociado a que el Arzobispo McCarthy ha hecho el siguiente nombramiento: Miami, efectivo desde Febrero 4, 1980.

El Rvdo. José L.

Falleció la Madre del P. Hualde

La Sra. Josefa Hualde, de 92 años, muy querida madre del Rvdo. P. José I. Hualde, falleció el pasado Lunes 11 de Febrero.

Los funerales tuvieron lugar en la Iglesia San Juan Bosco el Martes 12 a las 10 a.m. partiendo de aquí el cortejo fúnebre hacia el cementerio Ntra. Sra. de la Merced donde recibió cristiana sepultura.

Misa Familiar Comunitaria

El próximo Domingo 17 de Febrero a las 7 p.m., en la capilla del Seminario Menor St. John Vianney, (87 Avenida SW y Calle 29), se celebrará una Misa Familiar Comunitaria auspiciada por los Encuentros Familiares. Siendo una celebración familiar el Rvdo. P. Florentino Azcoitia invita a todas las familias a unirse en esta Liturgia.

Festival de St. Brendan

Un festival de tres días, Febrero 22, 23 y 24, patrocinado por la Asociación Casa y Escuela de St. Brendan, tendrá lugar en los campos deportivos de la citada escuela, de la Parroquia del mismo nombre, situada en la Avenida 87 y la Calle 32 del SW. El propósito que la Asociación se propone con este festival es recaudar fondos para mejorar las facilidades de la escuela y para el programa de construcción.

Habrán tres grandes premios: \$2,500, \$1,000 y \$500. Las papeletas para esta rifa se pueden conseguir en el mismo colegio o en la Rectoría de St. Brendan.

Juegos y diversiones mecánicas para todas las edades y gran variedad de comida. Ahorre comprando ahora el librito de 8 papeletas al precio de descuento de \$1.

El festival, además, proporcionará la oportunidad de disfrutar de unas horas de diversión y sana alegría y de relacionarse con los miembros de la gran familia que es la Iglesia parroquial.

El Silencio de Cristo

Desde hace algún tiempo tengo siempre presente un chiste popular que me dió bastante materia para reflexión. Aunque llegó a mis oídos adaptado a la época que vivimos y con un lenguaje de chiste callejero, he podido constatar su origen en esta historia publicada en el boletín del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano que suele abundar en muy hermosos temas para meditación. Con permiso del MFC me atrevo a reproducirlo para disfrute de los que no son miembros del movimiento.

José P. Alonso

El Viejo Haakon cuidaba cierta Ermita. En ella se veneraba un crucifijo de mucha devoción. Este crucifijo recibía el nombre, bien significativo de "Cristo de los Favores". Todos acudían allí para pedirlos al Santo Cristo.

Un día el ermitaño Haakon quiso pedirle también un favor. Le impulsaba un sentimiento generoso. Se arrodilló ante la imagen y le dijo:

Señor, quiero padecer por ti. Déjame ocupar tu puesto. Quiero reemplazarte en la Cruz.

Y se quedó fijo con la mirada puesta en la Sagrada Efigie, como esperando la respuesta. El Crucifijo abrió sus labios y habló. Sus palabras cayeron de lo alto, susurrantes y amonestadoras:

Servo mío, accedo a tu deseo; pero ha de ser con una condición.

¿Cuál, Señor? — preguntó con acento suplicante.

Es una condición difícil.

Estoy dispuesto a cumplirla con tu ayuda, Señor.

Escucha: Suceda lo que suceda y veas lo que veas, has de guardar siempre silencio.

Os lo prometo, Señor. Y se efectuó el cambio.

Nadie advirtió el trueque. Nadie reconoció al ermitaño, colgado de cuatro clavos en la cruz. El Señor ocupaba el puesto de Haakon. Y este por largo tiempo cumplió el compromiso. A nadie dijo nada. Los devotos seguían desfilando pidiendo favores. Pero un día...

Llegó un rico y, después de haber orado, dejó allí olvidada su bolsa. Haakon lo vio y calló. Tampoco dijo nada cuando



do un pobre, que vino dos horas después, se apropió de la bolsa del rico. Ni tampoco dijo nada cuando un muchacho se postró ante él, poco después, para pedirle su gracia antes de emprender un largo viaje. Pero en ese momento volvió a entrar el rico en busca de la bolsa. Al no hallarla, pensó que el muchacho se la había apropiado. Se volvió al joven y le dijo, iracundo:

¡Dame la bolsa que me has cogido!

El joven sorprendido, replicó: No he cogido ninguna bolsa.

¡No mientas! ¡Devuélvemela enseguida, pronto!

Repito que no he cogido ninguna bolsa. El rico arremetió, furioso contra él. Sonó entonces una voz fuerte: ¡Detente!

El hombre miró hacia arriba y vio que la imagen hablaba. Haakon, que no pudo permanecer en silencio, gritó, defendiendo al joven, increpó al rico por la falsa acusación. Este quedó anonadado, y salió de la ermita. En el camino encontró al pobre y recuperó su bolsa. El joven salió también porque tenía prisa para emprender su viaje.

Cuando la ermita quedó sola, Cristo se dirigió a su servo y le dijo:

Baja de la Cruz. No vales para ocupar mi puesto. No has sabido guardar silencio.

Señor, dijo Haakon, ¿Cómo iba a permitir esa injusticia?

Se cambiaron de nuevo los oficios: Jesús ocupó la Cruz de nuevo y el ermitaño se quedó de rodillas ante el Crucifijo. El Señor, clavado, siguió hablando:

Tú no sabías que al rico le convenía perder la bolsa, pues llevaba en ella el precio de la virginidad de una mujer. El pobre, por el contrario, tenía necesidad de ese dinero e hizo bien en llevárselo. En cuanto al muchacho que iba a ser golpeado, sus heridas le hubieran impedido realizar el viaje que para él resultaría fatal. Ahora, hace pocos minutos, acaba de zozobrar el barco y él ha perdido la vida. Has cambiado los planes de Dios. Tú no sabías nada. No sabes nada. Yo sí se, Por eso callo.

Y la sagrada imagen del crucificado guardó silencio. Haakon levantó sus ojos hacia él y exclamó: ¡Perdón, Señor!

Hasta aquí la leyenda no-rugea, tan significativa. Dios calla. Y, cuando habla, sus palabras no destruyen del todo su divino silencio; más bien, lo subrayan con trazo vigoroso; pues son palabras destinadas a convencernos de que el misterio del dolor en este caso, seguirá de cualquier modo, siendo misterio. Si habla, dice "Confíad en Mí, que sé lo que debo Hacer."

Sobre Ministros Eucarísticos

Las sesiones de entrenamiento para Ministros Especiales de la Eucaristía serán en Febrero 23 en Sta. Rosa de Lima, Miami Shores; Marzo 1ro. en Sta. Juliana, W. Palm Beach y Abril 26 en St. Soleman, Pompano Beach.

Estas sesiones serán en sábados desde las 10 a.m. hasta las 3 p.m. La registración debe ser hecha a través del pastor de la parroquia y debe venir acompañada por la carta de recomendación del propio pastor. El costo de registración es de \$4 para el almuerzo y los materiales. Los cheques deben dirigirse a: Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, y deben adjuntarse a la carta del Pastor.

No habrá más sesiones de entrenamiento hasta el otoño.

Bendición de Centro Haitiano

El nuevo Centro Católico Haitiano "Pierre Toussaint" será bendecido el Domingo 17 de Febrero a las 3:30 p.m. por el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy, quien será el principal concelebrante en la Liturgia Eucarística que será en la lengua Creole a las 4 p.m. El Centro está situado en 7506 NW 2nd Avenida, frente a la Catedral de St. Mary en Miami.

El propósito del Centro es proveer para las necesidades pastorales de la creciente comunidad Haitiana del Sur de la Florida. Llevará el nombre "Pierre Toussaint" en memo-

ria al laico Haitiano-Americano famoso por sus obras apostólicas y caritativas en New York al principio del siglo pasado.

Dos sacerdotes dedicarán todo su tiempo a la dirección del centro y a la atención de la comunidad de nuestros hermanos haitianos. Ellos son los Rvdos. Padres Marcel Pelouquin, OMI, y Thomas Wenski.

La comunidad Haitiana Católica ha organizado festividades para este día en la que habrá música y comida Haitiana. Todos los católicos de la Arquidiócesis están invitados.



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No Está Bien Que El Hombre Esté Sólo

Por el Padre Angel Villaronga

"Hablemos del amor una vez más, porque es la verdad de nuestra vida..." dice la canción de Rafael. Sí, no sólo porque es el tema de los enamorados, sino por la sublime razón, dicha por San Juan, de que Dios es amor.

Nosotros oímos a todos los que hablan, o al menos usan el amor; consejeros, psicólogos, escritores, poetas, cancioneros, cineastas, libretistas, casados, solteros, novios.

AL UNICO que ignoramos, cuando se trata de este tema, es a Aquél, con mayúsculas, que creó al hombre y a la mujer, que realizó la primera unión amorosa de la tierra, a quien creó el amor, que es Dios.

Porque fue Dios quien dijo: "No está bien que el hombre esté solo, vamos a darle una compañera"... Y fue Dios quien en el templo del paraíso, bajo la bóveda del cielo, con el adorno floral de una naturaleza aún virgen, a los acordes de una marcha nupcial tocada por flautas de gorriones, bombardas de truenos, y violines de ángel, hizo la primera boda de la tierra... Y fue Dios quien estableció esta norma que los siglos venideros se encargarán de cumplir: "Dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su mujer, y serán los dos una sola carne". Y esta unión amorosa será tan apretada y querida por Dios que El, encarnado, la ratificará diciendo con toda la solemnidad de la ocasión: "Lo que Dios unió no lo separe el hombre".

Si "hablemos del amor una vez más, porque es la verdad de nuestra vida... qué nos importa la gente... aquella gente que mira la tierra y no ve mas que tierra... esa gente que viene, y va por el mundo, sin ver la realidad..."

El amor que nace y que no quiere morir jamás. Que se renueva siempre aunque pasen los años porque ignora lo que es fosilizarse.

El amor que no puede reducirse sólo a una comunión ni mucho menos a un uso corporal y físico, privándolo de la dimensión de lo espiritual y de lo eterno.

¡Qué lástima que LOVE STORY, que batió los records de taquilla y dicen que de lágrimas también, se haya quedado a mitad de camino, como una sinfonía inconclusa, por faltarle la dimensión del espíritu y de Dios!... Triste amor humano ese que lo troncha una leucemia y que cae todo entero en la oscuridad lóbrega y fría de la tumba... El amor nace en la tierra, no conoce de términos, y se consagra en el Dios eterno.

Arturo W. Piñero, escribió: "Aquéllos que realmente aman, jamás serán viejos; podrán morir por la debilidad que producen los años, pero morirán jóvenes..."

Y el famoso dramaturgo inglés Somerset Maugham escribió: "La mayor tragedia de la vida no es que los hombres mueran, sino que dejen de amar".

Y EL AMOR verdadero, por enraizado en Dios es tal, que la muerte no sólo no lo acaba, sino que lo consagra. Los que se aman, no dejan de amarse, aunque mueran, si se aman en Dios.

Dice la canción: "Gracias a Dios, porque la gente se quiere, por la fe que nunca muere, por los niños y el amor".

Que el tuyo sea siempre un amor en Dios.

Amor en Acción

En el salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia Ave., en Coral Gables, el Domingo 24 de Febrero, Amor en Acción presentará la famosa obra "Marcelino, Pan y Vino" a las 5 p.m. y a las 8 p.m. Los boletos pueden comprarse a la entrada y cuestan \$2.00.

Los fondos serán destinados a los proyectos de Amor en Acción en Haití. La labor humanitaria de AA es ya bien conocida y en ella pueden ser participes todos los miamenses asistiendo a este acto. Actualmente tienen en construcción 78 casas y necesitan aún más ayuda. Aconsejamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos a ver esta obra de tan buena influencia en la formación de los niños.

Tómbola del Colegio de Belén

Para el Sábado 23 y el Domingo 24 de Febrero está señalada la gran Tómbola Anual del Colegio de Belén, que tendrá lugar en los terrenos del Colegio, 824 SW Avenida 7 en Miami. Los fondos que se recaudan en estas tómbolas son para el fondo de becas del colegio. Como siempre, habrá una gran cantidad de kioscos, variedad de entretenimientos para jóvenes y adultos, música para todos los gustos y finalmente, tres grandes premios serán sorteados. El primer premio es un Volvo del año, o \$9,500 en efectivo; el segundo premio, un viaje a Portugal y a España para dos personas o \$2,500 en efectivo y el tercer premio es un equipo estereofónico.

El Reinado 1980

Una Invitación
A Ser Luz



La Reina de 1980, Altagracia Yanez rodeada por las princesas y duquesas.

Por Araceli Cantero

BELLE GLADE, Fla. — Durante 7 años Corina Hernández trabajó con la comunidad hispana de Naples predicando con su testimonio y con su palabra el mensaje del evangelio.

Durante 7 años, cada vez que veía al director del apostolado rural, Monseñor John McMahon, le pedía que enviaran un sacerdote que hablara español a Naples.

El pasado sábado nueve, Corina recibió del Obispo Agustín Román una placa de gratitud y reconocimiento por su labor comunitaria, y entre los cientos de personas que presenciaron el acto, estaba el padre Richard Sanders, el sacerdote enviado a Naples por el Arzobispo, en respuesta a la constante petición de Corina.

El acto tuvo lugar durante el tradicional Reinado de las misiones rurales de la Archidiócesis de Miami.

"Entre nosotros tenemos a alguien que ha sabido ser luz," dijo el Obispo Román al entregarle la placa, mientras recordaba un anécdota de su ministerio sacerdotal entre los exiliados de Cuba:

"Encontré en el hospita a un buen hombre que había escapado de Cuba en una pequeña embarcación, y me con-

taba de su angustia al verse perdido entre las aguas y ya de noche," dijo Monseñor Román. "El hombre me decía cómo divisó una luz en la oscuridad, y cómo por aquella luz pudo ir acercándose a la embarcación que le recogió."

"Una luz me salvó", le decía aquel hombre meses después al Obispo.

"Si, y una luz para los demás podemos ser todos los que estamos aquí," repetía el Obispo la noche del Reinado, mostrando el ejemplo de Corina. añadió Monseñor que siendo este una año de evangelización, especialmente a través de la familia, cada uno debía tratar de ser luz para los demás.

Corina emocionada agradeció el homenaje y dijo estar "muy contenta de haber empleado 7 años de su vida predicando la Palabra de Dios."

Hubo aplausos y hasta alguna lágrima de emoción, y con todo ello continuó la fiesta del Reinado, en que tradicionalmente se elige una reina de entre las jóvenes que se han distinguido durante el año por su testimonio cristiano, servicio a la comunidad y entusiasmo por preservar y fomentar los valores de la cultura y lengua hispanas.

La sala del Ranchito de Belle Glade estaba repleta y la

expectación fue grande cuando las 8 jóvenes, ganadoras en sus respectivas comunidades, tuvieron que presentarse en público y dar respuesta a la pregunta que ellas mismas habían sacado a suertes. El jurado de seis personas fue calificando a las jóvenes durante toda la noche, basándose en aspectos de personalidad, expresión en público, apariencia personal, sinceridad, claridad en el lenguaje y relaciones personales.

"Aquí nadie pierde, porque todos somos reyes en el Reino de Dios," les dijo el Obispo Román al dar comienzo al acto.

Por decisión del jurado quedó elegida reina 1980 la joven Altagracia Yanez, de la misión de San Isidro en Pompano, y fue elegida princesa la joven Carol García de la misión de St. Philip Benizi de Belle Glade. También recibieron trofeos como duquesas las jóvenes Tomasa García de St. Margaret, Clewston; Maria Gloria Miranda de Ntra. Señora Reina de la Paz, DelRay Beach; Maria Elizabeth Arenas de Holy Cross Indian Town, Ninfa de la Torre de St. Lucas, Lake Worth; Maria Antonia Navarro de San Jose Obrero, Moore Haven y Marta Hernández de St. Peters en Naples. Durante ya varios años ha sido coordinador del Reinado (Florida Hispanic Pageant) el Sr. Alberto Galvan.

Honrado Codina...

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sus semejantes alcanzó rápidamente la próspera vida que hoy disfruta.

Hoy, con 32 años, Armando Codina tiene una impresionante lista de servicios y obras en bien de la comunidad, especialmente por los niños y la juventud. Es Presidente de la Fundación Pedro Pan, Miembro de la Junta de las Caridades Católicas,

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Barbara Walters, del departamento de noticias de la ABC estuvo también presente para aceptar el premio con que la NCCJ la honró por sus servicios y fue además la oradora del acto.

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Buena Experiencia Para Familias

La Juventud de St. Brendan se ganó todo el crédito en la bien concurrida y provechosa Noche de la Familia celebrada el pasado Sábado 9 de Febrero en el Salón de la Parroquia de St. Brendan, en la Avenida 87 SW y la Calle 32.

Esta es la primera de las noches familiares a celebrarse en esta parroquia y creemos que ha sido un éxito para los que la prepararon bajo la dirección de Monseñor David Bushey, su Pastor. Fue especialmente dedicada a los padres de los jóvenes del grupo parroquial, quienes vivieron una hermosa experiencia.

El Rvdo. P. Ricardo Castellanos, Director Espiritual del Grupo hizo la invocación y el conjunto musical del grupo, quienes también amenizan las Misas en Español con sus instrumentos y voces, abrió el acto con un número musical y

después el Coordinador de la Juventud, Erny Sanz dirigió a las familias presentes unas palabras exponiendo la razón de estas reuniones. Acto seguido invitó a los miembros de la Junta Directiva a presentarse a sí mismos. Ellos son: Alex Alvarez, Tesorero; Mayté Trujillo, Secretaria; Jenny Sánchez, Vicepresidenta; Manny Arvesu y Mary Hermandorena, Consejeros; y Roberto Fabián, Director Social.

Cuando tocó el turno, el Padre Castellanos se dirigió a las familias presentes explicándoles lo que es la familia según el concepto cristiano, los problemas que afectan a las familias que se separan de Cristo o lo ponen en segundo plano y la necesidad de una revisión en la prioridad de valores si se espera tener una familia que sirva de ejemplo saludable a la comunidad.

Hizo dos invitaciones a los padres e hijos de la parroquia, al núcleo familiar: primera, poner a Dios en el hogar; recordar siempre que Dios es real y que su presencia en la familia es elemento fundamental. Que el amor de Dios y las enseñanzas del Evangelio deben ser la medida de nuestras relaciones y actos. Segunda, imponerse la costumbre de comunicarse sinceramente unos con otros en la familia y algunas veces en grupo para presentar los problemas que cada uno tenga y recibir orientaciones así como para enmendar lo que se haya hecho erróneamente.

Señaló el P. Castellanos que el exceso de preocupaciones materiales va acabando con el orden de las prioridades de la familia y se termina por vivir cada uno como le place sin respeto al derecho de la familia como persona total y a



Parte de la Junta Directiva del Grupo de Jóvenes de St. Brendan cuyo esfuerzo hizo posible la Noche de la Familia.

cada uno en particular. El cansancio y las fatigas no deben ser una barrera para la buena y franca comunicación sino que debe renunciarse si es preciso a algún disfrute material a fin de dejar tiempo para estas conversaciones familiares. Añadió que según su experiencia no ha tenido noticia de algún problema familiar que no se haya resuelto mediante la conversación sincera de los interesados.

De repente propuso a los padres presentes que "cambiaran de hijos", es decir que los hijos de una pareja fueran a sentarse con otra y los de esta fueran a unirse a los padres de los primeros.

Realizado el cambio les pidió discutieran lo que ellos estimaban fuera uno de los problemas graves que afectan a las familias de hoy y después propusieran las soluciones

pertinentes para resolverlo.

Aquí se interrumpió la conferencia para disfrutar de la variada y sabrosa comida pero antes quizo el P. Ricardo darle las gracias a los jóvenes por todo el tiempo y el esfuerzo que dedicaron a preparar y organizar esta noche de Familia, a la que asistieron unas doscientas personas entre padres, madres e hijos.

La exposición de los problemas y soluciones discutidos fué larga y provechosa. Lamentablemente no tenemos suficiente espacio para reproducir todas las conclusiones pero podemos decir que, como línea general, se acordó que efectivamente los valores que se hallan en los Evangelios son la guía por la cual se debe regir una familia. Que el amor a Dios nos hace amar a aquellos que Dios nos dio, padres e hijos y nos hace que nos entendamos mejor.

Vista parcial de la concurrencia a la Noche de la Familia cuando el Padre Ricardo Castellanos les dirigía la palabra.



NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

NACION

Por Iglesia Perseguida

Nueva York —(NC)— Cultos ecuménicos de solidaridad con la Iglesia perseguida en Centroamérica fueron celebrados en Nueva York, Washington, Detroit, Erie, San José y otra veintena de ciudades para señalar según dicen los organizadores la responsabilidad que toca a Estados Unidos por apoyar a regimenes de represión en el istmo.

Boicot a Campbell

Green Bay, Wis. —(NC)— El Concejo de Hermanas de la Diócesis de Green Bay votó apoyar el boicot a la compañía de sopas Campbell y recomendó a las escuelas católicas de la nación renunciar al programa de la compañía "Etiquetas para la Educación" en protesta por el maltrato a los trabajadores migrantes que recogen sus tomates.

Falta lo peor

New York, —(NC)— El padre Jesuita Rvdo. Robert Paskey, director de Servicios de Ayuda Católica, predijo que un aumento en la ofensiva vietnamita en Camboya esta primavera empujará más camboyanos hacia Tailandia aumentando el hambre.

Obispo Obando Pide Ayuda

Washington — El Obispo de Managua, Miguel Obando Bravo, apeló al pueblo norteamericano por ayuda económica para reconstruir a Nicaragua, destruida por los dos años de guerra civil. El pedido lo hizo mientras conferenciaba con oficiales de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos reunidos en San Francisco, donde viven más de 50,000 Nicaragüenses.

Hispanas Nombradas

Washington, — El presidente Carter anunció el nombramiento de las señoras Annette D. Fuentes, de Queens, N.Y. y Lucille L. Santos, de San Antonio, Txs. como miembros del Consejo Nacional para la Educación de Niños Desventajados. Ambas poseen títulos en Educación y han trabajado como maestras por muchos años.

Cables a presidentes

El Movimiento Demócrata Cristiano de Cuba ha enviado cables a los Presidentes Luis Herrera Campins, de Venezuela; Julio César Turbay Ayala, de Colombia; Jaime Roldós, del Ecuador; Francisco Morales Bermúdez, del Perú y Lidia Gueiler, de Bolivia, cuyo texto dice: "Expresamos profundo agradecimien-

to por firmeza de su Gobierno y Pacto Andino en hacer respetar acuerdos internacionales sobre asilo político. Denunciamos tácita abolición por tiranía castrista del derecho de asilo al pueblo cubano que sólo busca libertad."

Ayuda a Alcohólicos

Oirlando, Fla. —(NC)— El padre Agustino Rvdo. Michael Hogan dijo ante cientos de sacerdotes y otros ministros en un seminario sobre alcoholismo que "demasiados bien intencionados en las profesiones que pueden ayudar están más ocupados en buscar una respuesta científica o sofisticada cuando en realidad el más exitoso tratamiento hasta ahora es el de la auto-ayuda espiritual de los Alcohólicos Anónimos. Debieran tragarse su orgullo y enviarlos a quien pueda ayudarlos cuando comprenden que el problema está fuera de su competencia."

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Persecución Religiosa

Roma —(NC)— Los Jesuitas publican noticias recibidas de Checoslovaquia sobre continuas violaciones del gobierno a la libertad de conciencia y religión, "intensi-

ficadas contra los católicos" en los tres últimos años. Entre los primeros casos figura el arresto y juicio del sacerdote jesuita P. Oskar Formanek acusado de oposición al régimen. Hubo otros arrestos de sacerdotes y dirigentes seculares. Las noticias agregan que muchos otros sacerdotes que por su consagración al pueblo se ganan su simpatía, son trasladados a sitios remotos; restricciones para celebrar misa, visitar a los hogares o dirigir círculos de estudio. Si no obtiene los permisos requeridos en un difícil trámite, el estado retira al sacerdote "la licencia como ministro," dicen las noticias.

Mucho Ojo

San Salvador, El Salvador. —(NC)— En una entrevista por teléfono Mons. Oscar Romero, arzobispo de San Salvador, narra desde Roma su audiencia inesperada con el Papa Juan Pablo II, quien le renovó su apoyo a la tarea de conciliación que se ha impuesto en su atormentado país: "Cuando se enteró que me encontraba en la audiencia general del miércoles, me avisó que lo esperara al final. A la hora nos reuníamos, y él me dijo: 'Yo conozco la grave situación y se que es muy difícil su apostolado; cuente con mis

oraciones, yo rezo todos los días por El Salvador. Hay que defender con mucho empeño la justicia social, el amor a los pobres; pero también hay que tener mucho cuidado con ideologías que se pueden filtrar en la defensa de los derechos humanos que resultan a la larga también atropellos a esos derechos.' Mons. Romero viajó a Europa para recibir un doctorado honoris causa de la Universidad de Lovaina en Bélgica.

Creadores de Tensiones

Santiago, Chile —(NC)— A los seis años de gobierno militar (que en 1973 derrocó al marxista de Salvador Allende) continúan las tensiones entre la Iglesia y el estado por los arrestos arbitrarios, los desaparecidos, la política laboral, el despojo de tierras a los campesinos, y el control estatal de las universidades. El Obispo de Valdivia, Mons. Jose M. Santos, recién electo presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal, afirma que "la tierra se concentra en unas pocas manos, para desventura de los pequeños agricultores." Lamenta que no afloje el régimen autoritario, con lo cual "es de esperar que las relaciones Iglesia-estado sean más tensas que en otros gobiernos."