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Dialogue Through Love Urged

"Let love for each other and love for the truth be the answer to polarization, when factions are formed because of differing views in matters that relate to faith or to the priorities for action," said Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

The Bishop was preaching a homily at a Mass preceding the first meeting of the Archdiocesan Evangelization Council at the Cathedral of St. Mary last Saturday.

"Love is the power that gives rise to dialogue, in which we listen to each other and learn from each other," Bishop Roman told the evangelization planners. "...Let love, then, build the bridges across our differences and at times our contrasting positions."

"No one in the ecclesial community should ever feel alienated or unloved, even when tensions arise in the course of the common efforts to bring the fruits of the Gospel to society around us."

After Mass the 69-member group, representing the ministries, movements, organizations, regions, states of life and cultural groups of the Archdiocese, met in the Cathedral Hall.

Archbishop McCarthy welcomed the members and said he called the council together to assist him and the priests, Religious and laity to proclaim the kingdom and form a community which is a sacrament of Christ, to develop the spiritual lives of the people.

HE ADDED that evangelization is all embracing, inviting every person and community, changing consciences and releasing hidden energies, transforming humanity from within and making it new.

Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins raised the question of how to help hurting families and strengthen unaffected families. He identified six areas of family ministry that will receive special attention: Ministry for premarried, married couples, parents, developing families, hurting families and the formation of leadership couples and families.

ARCHBISHOP McCARTHY named a 15 member Executive Committee that will coordinate and direct the activities of the Evangelization Council: Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Bishop John J. Nevins, Bishop Agustin A. Roman, Father Patrick Murnane (Chairman), Father Pedro Luis Perez, Father Neil Flemming, Father Michael Eivers, Father John Edwards, S.J., Father John Mulcahy, Father John Vaughan, Father Pablo Navarro, Sister Beverly Bobola, O.P., Mr. Angel Figuerendo, Mr. Julio Alvarez and Mrs. Sue Blum.

The Evangelization Council will have seven committees: Family Life, Parish Renewal, Faith, Worship and Prayer, Love Bearing Witness to the Good News, Vocations, and Reconciliation.



Pope John Paul II plants a California Sequoia seedling given to him by the North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome. Msgr. Charles Murphy of Portland, Maine, rector of the college, at left, and Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, center look on.

PILGRIMAGE AT MARINE STADIUM

Music, Boats And Liturgy --All For Life

A one-hour musical program featuring groups from around the state will precede the Mass of the 2nd Annual Statewide Pilgrimage For Life at the Miami Marine Stadium Sunday March 23.

Hundreds of voices will be raised in song, leading pilgrims who will come from South Florida and across the state for the 3rd annual event.

The musical program which begins at 2 p.m. will also feature a colorful Haitian youth group.

Mass will be concelebrated by Florida's seven bishops and Bishop

Thomas C. Kelly, O.P., general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Gifts in the Offertory Procession will symbolize all aspects of human life. Everyone is invited. Young and old. Provisions will be provided for the handicapped. Those who want to come by boat will be welcome and may dock near the stadium.

LAST YEAR thousands of pro-life pilgrims participated in the first pilgrimage held at St. Leo College in Pasco County. This year pilgrims will converge in Miami to again ask

"Our Lord through the intercession of His Holy Mother, to bless the struggle of those who labor for life, to put an end to the terrible assault our society wages against the unborn, to offer reparation and to ask his forgiveness of our nation."

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a luncheon at the DuPont Plaza Hotel in downtown Miami at 11:30 a.m., immediately prior to the pilgrimage. All the Florida Bishops are expected to attend.

FREE PARKING is being provided by Southeast Bank across

the street from the hotel. Reservations, at \$10 per person, may be sent to Knights of Columbus respect life luncheon, 5801 S.W. 72 Avenue, Miami, 33143. Checks should be made payable to Dade County Chapter One-Knights of Columbus. A reservation list will be maintained at the assembly room entrance.

Each diocese has a pro-life coordinator who is in charge of that diocese's participation in the pilgrimage. The general chairman is Father Dan Kubala of the Respect Life Office Box 3235, Miami 33169. Phone (305) 653-2921.

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News At A Glance

Abortion Ruling to Be Made

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of laws requiring parental notification before a teen-age girl can obtain an abortion. The court accepted for review a Utah law requiring doctors to notify parents of girls seeking abortions.

Women in Union Praised

SAN JUAN, Tex. —(NC)— Msgr. George Higgins, the church's leading labor rights activists, told hundreds of cheering farmworkers in San Juan that by giving women a prominent place in the United Farmworkers Union (UFW) they were setting an example for all of organized labor.

Secrecy in October Synod

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Pope John Paul II indicated that he may impose some secrecy clamps during the World Synod of Bishops on Christian family life which opens this October in Rome. Discussions will most likely concentrate on single parents, separated and divorced Catholics, the needs of the widowed, and the role of priests and laity in family ministry.

Job Bias in No. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland —(NC)— If the lack of job mobility for Catholics continues, it will further fuel the violence in Northern Ireland, according to Robert Cooper, head of Northern Ireland's Fair Employment Agency (FEA). Top professional jobs are concentrated in the hands of Protestants while the minority Catholic community tends to be limited to the lower levels of the job market.

Financing Test Tube Experiments

RICHMOND, Va. —(NC)— Couples who hope to participate in the controversial test-tube baby program in Virginia will probably have to foot the bill themselves. Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Virginia in Richmond has voted not to reconsider its policy prohibiting medical insurance payments for pre-conception "experimental" services, and other medical insurance carriers are expected to follow suit.

Self-Denial in Seminaries

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Seminary Life should be marked by the habits of self-denial, silence, prayer and meditation, obedience and appropriate clerical dress, says a new circular letter to the world's bishops issued by the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

Pope Cites Sharing to Brazilians

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— A true "conversion of spirit" that motivates people to share material goods with the less fortunate is the theme of Pope John Paul II's lenten message to Brazilian Catholics in urging them to participate in the annual Lenten Brotherhood Campaign.

Protestant Unit Picks Catholic

ORLANDO, Fla. —(NC)— Thomas A. Downs, 41, a Catholic layman and former official of the Diocese of Orlando, has been named director of the Florida Council of Churches, a statewide coalition of 16 Protestant churches representing 900,000 church members.

Electronic Church Criticized

NEW YORK —(NC)— The "electronic church" was criticized during a two-day conference focusing on the growing phenomenon of prime time personality-oriented religious broadcasting, with most of the Protestant and Catholic participants concerned about the decline in donated time for religious programs, which increasingly must pay for their broadcasts.

What Inside Us Is Outside Gospel?

By MARY MAHER
NC News Service

Christian initiation leads to the sacraments, especially baptism. Many people may consider baptism as an infant event, some "thing" that once happened as an interesting cleansing, a guarantee that if they died, they would be entitled by their sacramental mark to The kingdom of heaven. Though there was some truth in this belief, it was very inadequate.

Lent is the season which reminds the people that baptism is also a continuing process. It is indeed a religious event, but it also invites growth in understanding. The fruits of baptism are to grow.

Recent theology has stressed the necessity of being evangelized before being sacramentalized. That stress may pass over our heads as terribly pedantic, boring, in fact. Well, we say, what else is new?

A great deal really. What that statement implies is that people who are now baptized churchgoers may not yet be evangelized. We might think that impossible. "Evangelization" is a word defined differently by different people. For most fundamentalists, the word means a sudden event, a quick understanding, usually that which comes by grace from outside the human situation to change it. In other theological circles, evangelization means a long, slow process which comes within human life by grace which is operative "in" life. It means growth in understanding the Christian mysteries largely by celebration of ritual which calls to and out of the depth of human experience and drama.

To be evangelized is not easy. To grow in understanding how to live the Gospel takes a lifetime. If all card-carrying Christians were evangelized in depth, the American Christian scene would not be as bleak as it appears now,

LENT

when there is a need to stand up for justice, ecological safety or the future of the human race.

In the evangelization process, which is to precede any actual initiation into the sacraments, words may be overwhelming and overused. We may think that, by having the Gospel proclaimed and by physically hearing it, we have integrated its message. But when we hear the statistics on poverty in our nation and the growing gap between rich and poor, we suspect that Gospel values are not very integral to public life in our society. Rather than act on behalf of justice, even when our conclusions are tentative, we say "Oh, well, that's government's business. It's not my affair."

LATIN AMERICAN theologians have long been saying that the United States is not an evangelized nation. That irritates many. They call it un-American and just plain pessimistic. Time will tell.

The church will invite by its integrity, not a pinch more or less. Only to the degree that the world sees its words in action will any evangelization be possible.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has this to say of evangelization and pre-catechumenate: "Although the rite of initiation begins with admission to the catechumenate, the preceding period or pre-catechumenate is of great importance and ordinarily should not be omitted. It is a time of evangelization: in faith and constancy the living God is proclaimed, as is Jesus Christ, whom he sent... Thus those who are not yet Christians, their hearts opened by the Holy Spirit may believe and be freely converted to the Lord. They sincerely adhere to him who is the way, the truth and the life, and who fulfills all their spiritual expectations, indeed goes far beyond them.

"From evangelization, conducted with the help of God, come faith and initial conversion, by which each one feels himself called away from sin and drawn toward the mystery of God's love."

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Vocations, Discipline Supported by Pope

VATICAN CITY —(NC) — Pope John Paul II called for more priestly vocations and defended church discipline on the priesthood in his first public appearance following a week-long spiritual retreat.

The comments were made during the pope's Sunday Angelus talk March 2.

"We cannot, then, nurture hidden suspicions or doubts about the essence of the ministerial priesthood, about the business of the age-old practice of our church, which joins the priesthood to the responsibility to serve Christ and the church 'with undivided heart,'" he said.

The pope's reference to serving Christ and the church "with undivided heart" was viewed by Vatican observers as a defense of mandatory priestly celibacy in the Latin-Rite Church.

His comment on "the essence of the ministerial priesthood" was taken as a reaffirmation of church teaching on the distinction between the specific ministry of the ordained priesthood

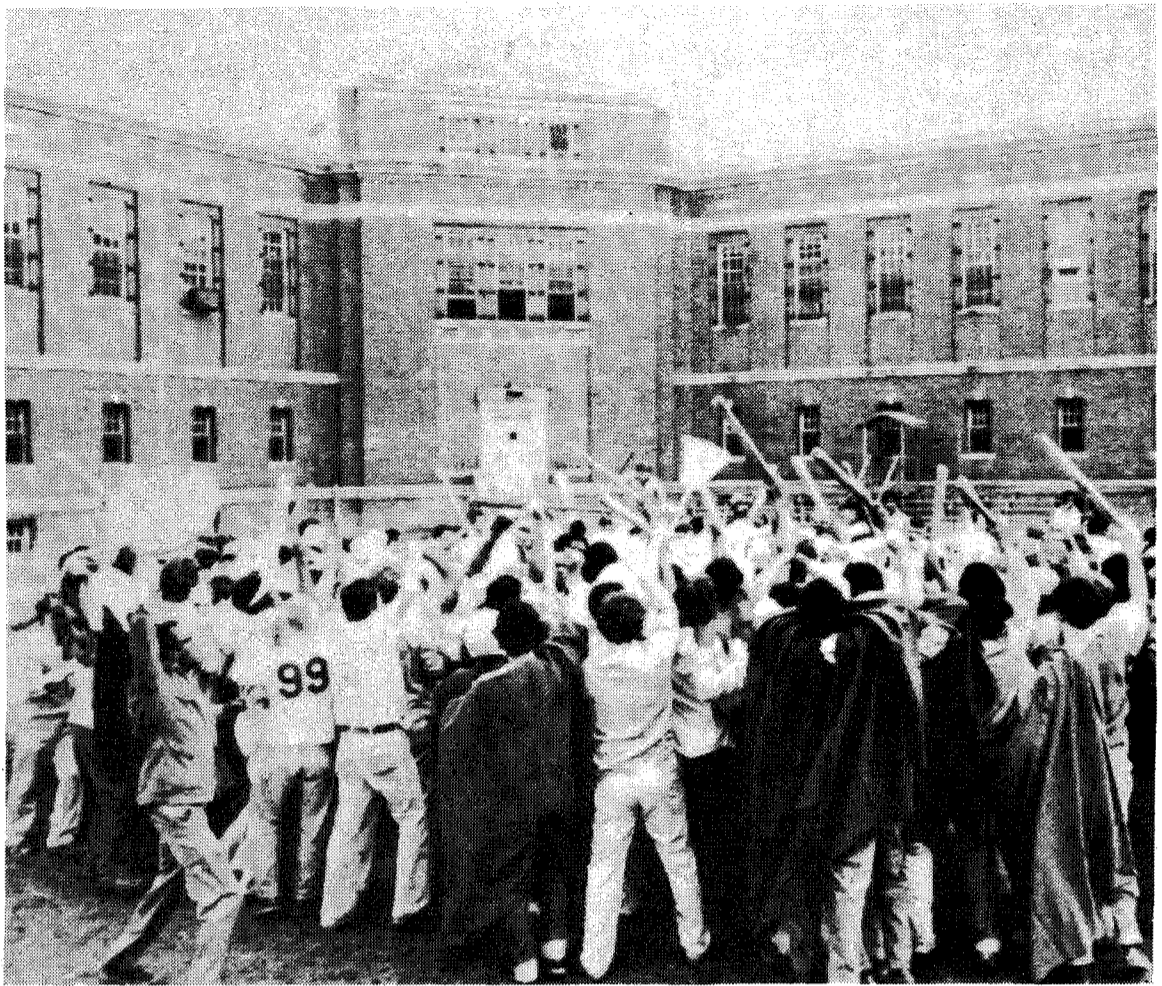
and the general priesthood of all Christians.

"We cannot doubt the power of Christ, the work of his grace. We must think with him, right up to the end, accepting that what seems impossible to men is nevertheless possible to God," said the pope.

The pope's remarks followed a week of lenten spiritual exercises that he and other Vatican officials attended under Brazilian Archbishop Lucas Moreira Neves, vice president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. The theme of the retreat was the priesthood.

In his Angelus talk the pope called Lent a special time of prayer for priestly and religious vocations.

"Let us all pray that the ecclesiastical seminaries and novitiates be filled up again, so that the individual churches and the communities as well — parishes and religious congregations — can look with trust to the future, assured that they will not lack the workers that the Lord sends 'into his harvest,'" the pope said.



This re-creation of the Attica prison riot, one of the worst in U.S. history, was presented on the ABC television network last week and indicates the influence television can have. Inmates of the South Florida State Hospital in Broward County rioted shortly after seeing the production and said the TV show gave them the idea.

The 'Catch-22' In Non-Public School Aid

By JIM LACKEY

WASHINGTON —(NC) — For almost 10 years now, backers of state and federal aid to non-public schools have at times come close to being caught in a constitutional "Catch-22."

The catch arose after the Supreme Court, in a landmark non-public school aid case handed down in 1971, established its test to judge the constitutionality of such programs. The court said that to be constitutional a program must have a secular legislative purpose, its primary effect must not advance or inhibit religion, and it must not foster "excessive entanglement" between church and state.

But here's the catch: a program needs safeguards, such as regular audits or other monitoring schemes, to insure that no religious purpose would be served, but the safeguards might constitute "excessive en-

tanglement making the program unconstitutional.

Two decisions handed down in February — one from the Supreme Court and one from a federal judge in Milwaukee — show that the federal judiciary is not yet unanimous on whether a constitutional "Catch-22" exists for programs which directly or indirectly aid non-public schools.

The Milwaukee judge said there indeed is a "Catch 22" for non-public schools which try to participate in government-funded programs. The Supreme Court, on the other hand, rejected a "Catch-22" and said a middle ground can be found between the need for safeguarding programs against benefiting religion and the problems of excessive entanglement.

"CATCH-22" is a term derived from a popular 1960s novel of the same name and describes a no-win situation in which two seemingly op-

posite alternatives provide equally woeful outcomes.)

The Supreme Court case, in which the justices approved a New York program of direct cash payments to non-public schools for the costs of certain state-mandated academic tests and record-keeping, had all the potential for a classic "Catch-22."

Seven years earlier, the court had struck down the New York program because it included no mechanism for insuring that money sent to non-public schools would not be used for religious purposes. So the New York legislature went back to the drawing boards and came up with a new program that attempted to answer the court's complaints.

But church-state separationists challenged the new program too, alleging among other things that the program's new methods of auditing and monitoring expenditures and reimbursements to non-public schools would lead to excessive church-state entanglement.

A slim, 5-4 majority of justices disagreed, saying the New York reimbursement

program was "straightforward and susceptible to the routinization that characterizes most reimbursement schemes." They also said that since the program called for reimbursement of "actual costs," the program would not bring about religious battles over legislative appropriations.

But while the Supreme Court narrowly rejected a "Catch-22" for aid to non-public schools, the Milwaukee jurists, U.S. District Judge John W. Reynolds, actually used the term to describe the Milwaukee Archdiocese's involvement in the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Reynolds, in a decision announced eight days before the Supreme Court's decision in the New York case, said it was unconstitutional for CETA funds to be used to hire any employees for church-related schools, no matter whether those employees performed potentially religious functions or whether their functions were strictly secular.

A portion of his decision focused on what he said was the need for extensive

monitoring of CETA employees in Catholic schools to insure that CETA funds were not used for religious purposes.

"IN EFFECT, the archdiocese is in a Catch-22 situation," wrote Reynolds. "If the funds are not effectively audited, the program would fail (to pass the test of constitutionality) because it would amount to a grant of federal funds to a religious organization, and if they are audited, it would result in excessive entanglement."

He said such a monitoring system would extensively involve the government of Milwaukee County, which administered CETA funds locally, in the day-to-day activities of the archdiocesan school system.

Viewed together, the New York and Milwaukee cases point out the difficulty non-public school aid supporters face in trying to arrive at a constitutionally acceptable middle ground that both satisfies the test of secular benefits and avoids excessive entanglement.

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Guatemala Bishops Seek Peace Climate

G U A T E M A L A CITY—(NC)—The bishops of Guatemala called for an end to the country's political violence.

We need a "climate of peace and unity in order to solve our acute economic and social problems," they said.

In a statement at the end of a meeting on national issues, the 16 bishops said there cannot be peace without social justice for the poor.

They added that the church also condemns "as anti-Christian class struggle based on hatred."

THE STATEMENT said that "no one can deny that each of us has contributed to the prevailing injustices of our society, therefore each has to be called to repentance and action to correct them."

The bishops' meeting followed death threats by the Secret Anti-Communist Army

(ESA, after its Spanish initials) against the 52 Jesuits working in Guatemala. The threats came after they published a strong statement saying windfall profits by coffee, sugar and cotton exporters were gained by exploiting workers.

The Jesuits also complained that price increases in bread, gas, electricity, transportation and other basic needs contributed to

worsening unemployment, poor housing and schools among low-income families.

The exploitation is maintained by government-approved repression, they added.

An association of large landholders said the church and the Jesuits "have been penetrated by Marxists," who in turn "poison the minds of our youth." Other commercial and industrial groups

sponsored advertisements criticizing the church.

The ESA claimed responsibility for recent assassinations of labor, political and student leaders in Guatemala.

In the past two years two priests have been killed, three missionaries expelled and many lay helpers and Christian community leaders assassinated or jailed. The Jesuits cited government sources to show that death squads of the right killed 3,252 people in 1979, and commented that "all these horrendous crimes remain unpunished."

Amnesty International, an independent organization monitoring worldwide human rights, challenged the government to stop the wave of killings and investigate the more than 2,000 political murders since 1978.

PRIOR TO the bishops' statement, Catholics involved in education told youths not to join guerrillas and other "subversive movements." The warning was signed by the bishops' Committee on Education, the University Parish and the Association of High School Students.

"Violence is not the means if we really want to help the poor and bring relief to their privations and fight poverty," they said.

Socialists and Marxists are among the leaders in many student movements.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Palm Beach No. 780, of West Palm Beach, will hold a regular monthly meeting March 5, at the K of C Rooms in the Musicana Building, Marine Drive, at 2:00 p.m.

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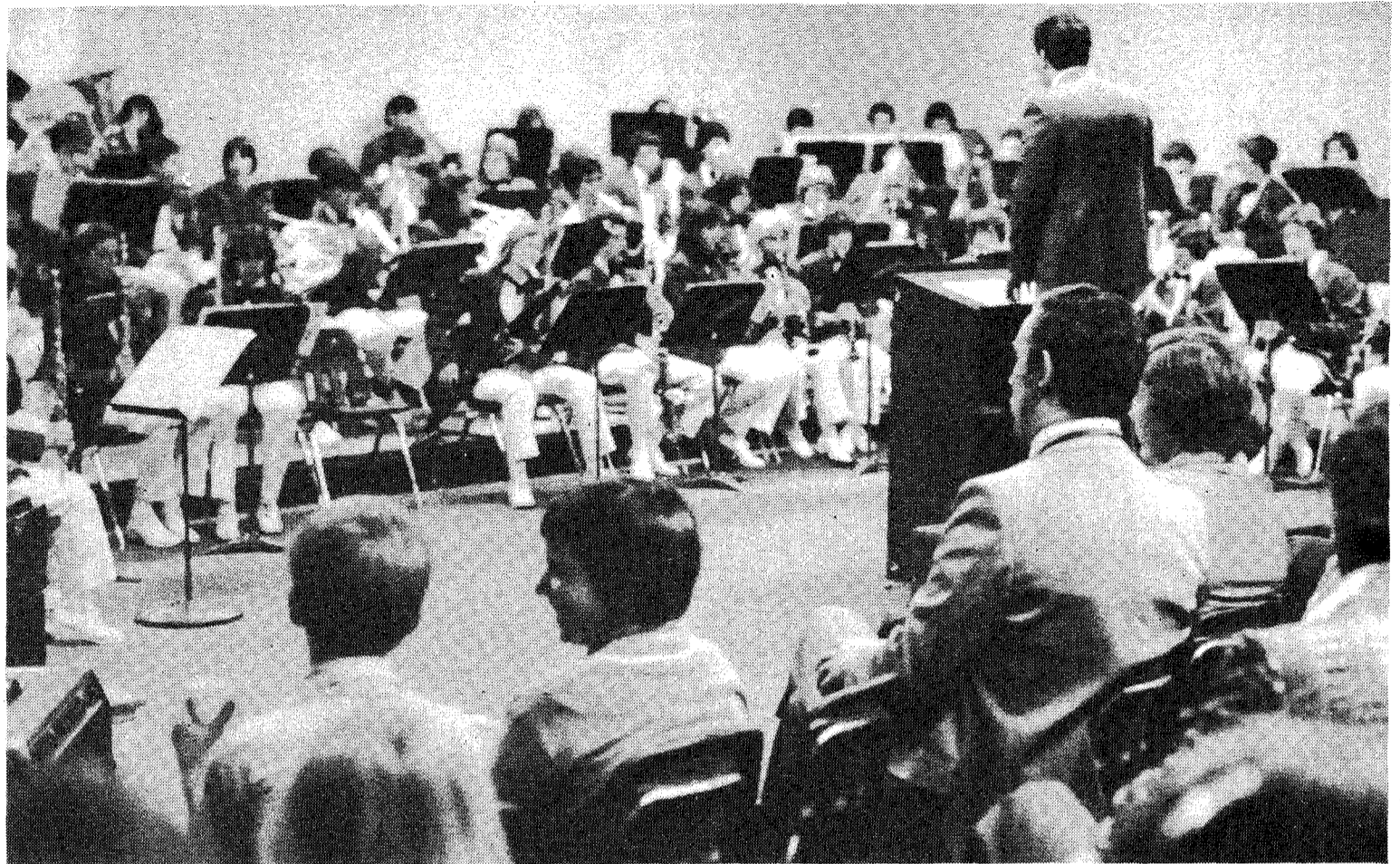
The program, administered by the Catholic Service Bureau, offers a home atmosphere to the recovering alcoholic and a program of support necessary to live without alcohol. This involves counselling, group therapy, family counselling and the interaction of peers in similar circumstances. Fees for these services depend on the person's ability to pay.

Bethesda Manor does not have a detoxification unit. People must be free from alcohol and other drugs at least 72 hours before entering. They must be personally motivated to achieving a lifestyle free from alcohol.

Father Michael Hogan, director of Alcohol Services for Catholic Service Bureau is the executive director. He is also the executive director of the Dade County Counsel on Alcoholism and serves on the boards of several community agencies dealing with alcohol abuse. He teaches a course at Biscayne College on Alcohol.

Bethesda Manor, like other programs operated by Catholic Service Bureau of the Archdiocese of Miami, is dedicated to serving the needs of the community regardless of race or creed.

For more information, contact George Talbot, administrator, at 573-1259 or 576-2846.



Band Director Doug Phifer puts the Cardinal Gibbons Concert Band through its paces at a recent concert held for parents at

the school. The marching band will compete in Virginia in the Spring.

Gibbons Band to Compete in Virginia

By GEORGE KEMON

Cardinal Gibbons Band, award-winning aggregation from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, is one of 25 bands invited to compete in the Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester, Va., May 1 through May 6, 1980.

According to plans outlined by Band Director

Doug Phifer, and Assistant Band Director Bruce Penticoff, the young people are presently engaged in a number of projects to help raise the funds necessary for the trip.

SOME OF THE events planned are a pancake breakfast to be held in the school cafeteria on March 16, car washes, work days, aluminum can collections, and a school-wide talent show and ice

cream festival to be held on April 2, at 7:30 p.m. This is to be a faculty and student shared program.

The school and the students are attempting to raise funds to cover all expenses — air fare, room and meals for the five days. Each student will only be required to supply his or her spending money.

DONATIONS ARE being sought outside the school as

well since the costs involved in this activity are quite high, it is felt that some outside assistance in the form of underwriting or donations will be necessary.

Approximately 120 students and chaperons will make the trip. Sightseeing in Washington and other areas of interest around our Nation's Capitol are also planned.

Brother Morales to Address Music Meet

It would be hard to imagine a liturgical music convention in Miami without Brother Alfredo Morales. As president of the Directory from the "Dominican Center for Studies on Education", he has conducted many musical workshops in the Archdiocese, as well as in New York, New Orleans, St. Petersburg and Orlando.

BROTHER MORALES' engaging presence will again be experienced in Miami when he participates in the National Pastoral Musicians Convention, "Faith and Fiesta," to be held at the Deauville Hotel on Miami

Beach April 14-17. His extensive background in education, music and liturgy will be evidenced in the workshops he will conduct in both English and Spanish.

One of the five major convention speakers, Brother Morales will talk on "Musicians: The Ministers of Faith." This session will concern itself with the church musician who, in the words of Brother Morales, "must grow to see the liturgy as true nourishment for his personal faith, as a means of personal transformation in faith and as an authentic expression of that personal faith." The goal

of this presentation will be to encourage musicians to first be leaders of faith and then leaders of song.

TWO SPANISH sessions will be presented by Brother Morales: "El Año Liturgico: La Cultura y la Piedad Popular," and "La Estructura De La Misa: Oracion y Musica."

Sister Antonia Perez and Pasqual and Clara Otazu, all of whom are local liturgical musicians, will present a workshop in Spanish entitled, "El Repertorio Contemporaneo Español."

The convention will also feature workshops dealing

specifically with the multicultural situation in today's liturgy. Dr. Skipp Sanders of Baltimore will explore the festive celebrations of the local black Church in his presentation, "Liturgy: Black Like Me." Fr. Richard Ho Lung, a Chinese-Jamaican Jesuit from Boston, will speak on "Composing In Your Culture," and finally, the world-renowned Parisian priest, Fr. Lucien Deiss, will discuss ways in which the Roman rite can be adapted to all communities in his session, "The Multi-Cultural Liturgical Problem."

Besides the workshops

dealing with the multicultural situation there will be many more presentations dealing with the varied aspects of liturgical music.

INCLUDED IN the convention will be special "Youth Day" and "Clergy Day" presentations and workshops conducted by such well-known artists as The Dameans, Fr. Eugene Walsh and Fr. Carey Landry.

For more information concerning "Faith and Fiesta," contact Fr. James Fetscher or Sr. Mary Tindel at 6301 Biscayne Boulevard or by calling the Chancery, 757-6241, ext. 241 / 242.

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

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

How Catholic Press Serves The Church

The following is the first part of a statement entitled "How the Catholic Press Serves the Church," prepared by a Planning Committee headed by Holy Cross Father John Reedy, Director of Ave Maria Press and issued by the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada. Other parts of the statement will be published in subsequent weeks.

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Significance of the news function: This vitally important function is recognized by very few of our readers, and by very few of our church officials.

As the general press does—or should—provide readers with the information they need to make decisions regarding political, social, economic and other matters, so the Catholic press does—or should—provide readers with the information needed to make decisions regarding issues of religious significance.

This means that public affairs which involve religious values and issues are appropriate subject matter for the Catholic press.

To live fully mature, responsible Christian lives, people must have the information needed to be aware of needs and opportunities, to decide how they should respond, to recognize the contributions they can make.

One of our editors wrote that by providing such information, the Catholic press becomes the instrument in which the Church reflects on and recognizes its community experience. The Catholic press is not only a link between the various elements of the community; it aids and strengthens each of these elements.

In striving to provide all this informa-

tion, the Catholic press must inevitably present material that may disturb or offend some readers. If the significant voices in the Church do not recognize the importance of this news function, some of the coverage will be seen as sensationalism.

Specific News Services:

- The Catholic press provides the general Catholic audience—and professional church personnel—with most of their information regarding authoritative statements, national and international programs, developments in the life of worship, ministry and education. It also provides us with a knowledge of the life and experience of the Church in other parts of the world, in other cultures. Such a knowledge is necessary for our understanding of the Church as universal.

- It provides similar information regarding the people of the local Church. This information is essential to the creation of a sense of identity for a diocese, for the Catholic community of a nation. Such knowledge gives us not only necessary information for our participation, but also provides the inspiration of witnessing Christ working through His people.

- The Catholic press provides "campaign" service of generating attention and support for major Church efforts. (e.g., the liturgical reform, the Campaign for

Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, sensitivity to issues such as the abortion struggle.)

- In reporting the life of the Church, the Catholic press is the only adequate mirror of the universality and the complexity of Catholic life.

- It serves to translate ecclesiastical language and categories into terms which are comprehensible to various audiences.

- The existence of Catholic newspapers makes possible the existence of important information networks, principally NC News Service.

- The Catholic press offers to the general society a means of seeing how news events are perceived and evaluated within the Catholic community. Such an expression of Catholic perception can be helpful in the efforts at ecumenism and interreligious understanding. It contributes to the work of evangelization.

- The Catholic press serves as the only instrument within the Church, by which Catholic agencies, institutions and officials can render accountability to the community which is the Church.

It provides a link by which the many diverse activities and organizations of the Church can be seen as related one to another and can be recognized as elements of a total Church life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help for Purgatory

To the Editor:

When one considers 3 out of 4 persons in the world do not, as we, profess a belief in Purgatory and that it has always been thus for 2 millennia, consider how many billions of souls may be there, since once those non-Catholics are buried, their own never pray for them — none save us. Let us especially remember the souls of our non-Catholic brethren during this most holy season by often exercising this spiritual work of mercy for them.

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Bridal Issue-Thanks

To the Editor:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending to us complimentary copies of the special issue on "Brides and Grooms." It is a great help to me as a teacher and most informative for the students in Senior year.

May God bless you and prosper your efforts to bring the Christian message to the public.

Sister Donald Marie, IHM
Miami

Godparent Concerned About Child

By FATHER JOHN DIETZEN
NC News Service

Q. My goddaughter want to go to a public high school. Her parents think this would be perfectly fine but I am 1,000 percent against it. As a godparent, how much responsibility do I have? May I overrule the parents? Our future personal relationship is at stake.

A. First, you are to be commended for your concern about your godchild. Often the sponsor at Baptism considers it a mere formality and soon forgets about it or he considers his responsibility fulfilled if the godchild is remembered on Christmas and birthdays.

The church prescribes that baptismal sponsors assist in the preparation for Baptism and help the newly baptized person persevere in his life as a Christian. When the baptized individual is a child, the sponsor is "added spiritually to the immediate family of the one to be baptized and ...as occasion offers he will be ready to help the parents bring up their child to

profess the faith and to show this by living it." (Introduction to the Rite of Baptism).

This fairly clearly sets the extent and the limits of the sponsors' responsibilities. The parents remain responsible for their children's upbringing and a godparent has no right to "overrule" them if he could. Even with the person for whom he is sponsor, the godparent's authority will depend primarily on the respect and honor he has gained from his godchild by his continued, thoughtful interest, his example and his prayers.

The sponsor's obligations are always, therefore, serious, but they differ considerably in the way they are exercised than the obligations, for example, of parents. Your own respect for your godchild and her family, the ease with which she is able to confide and trust in you, your sincere and persevering interest in her welfare, your example of a good Christian life, and your prayers — all these are your contributions to her in this decision which she and her parents will have to make.



"I THOUGHT WE'D SETTLED THAT BUSINESS ABOUT WOMEN PRIESTS. NOW WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU WANTING TO BE A CHAPLAIN IN THE ARMY?"



Little Things Mean a Lot to God

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

Someone wrote a book years ago on the life of Jesus and titled it, "A Small Town Man." I guess it was written for the vast numbers of people who have never been involved in "big things" in their life. While not ignoring his miracles and unique teachings, the book stressed the ordinary, the commonplace and the little things in his 33 years.

He was born in a very small town, lived in a country the size of Vermont, worked on and around the Sea of Galilee which is a lake rather than a sea, and constantly stressed the value of the apparently trivial.

For instance, he taught that giving a cup of water in his name had great value. He along with his apostles watched curiously as people placed alms in the box outside the Temple, and he shocked his companions with the statement that the poor widow who had only a mite to give gave more than the rich.

This should be most helpful to us who find that "our days are woven of tiny threads" of pain, warmth, love, anger, darkness, light, hope. A single day is usually made up of

small acts, small thoughts and small talk. God's plan has never called for us to live large sections of life at once.

Rather, he mercifully metes out to us only a second of time — all that we can handle. But each tick of the clock is of value in so far as it can bring us closer to God or separate us further.

And when some great event occurs which will affect the lives of others for generations to come — like falling in love and getting married — it often is preceded by something considered very trivial such as a "chance" introduction.

SOME PRIESTS and nuns traced their decision to follow Christ to a casual suggestion by someone, or to a thought in a book or sermon, or to one person's good example in the ordinary affairs of daily life.

Looking back we realize that the few great things that happened to us usually started in an unimpressive way, denying us a hint of important changes about to come in our lives.

God in his creation of the world seemed anxious to keep this thought

before us. Everywhere we look in nature we find the "little things" dignified by potential greatness. Drive in the north in the fall and see a hillside blanket of many colors and then realize the vast spread is made up of millions of tiny flowers or leaves. The green carpet of a smooth, graceful field contains countless blades of grass.

AND WE WHO love the beaches as part of our way of life in Florida may easily forget that even the widest, the most impressive beach is merely one grain of sand multiplied almost to the infinite.

And yet despite all this, we are inclined to entertain a certain contempt for the little things. We look down, for instance on venial sin — the so-called "small" sin. There's no great harm in this, we reason.

We reserve for ourselves the right to indulge our inclinations to gossip, to show irritation, to speak unkindly, to be loose with the truth (we give it a pleasant name — a white lie), to coddle resentment and so on.

No great harm? Who can tell? Each of these helps form a habit of

resisting grace. They represent a series of small rebellions against God, a continual denial of his invitations to love neighbor more.

This is why, in the spiritual life, as Christ indicated, small things are really big in importance.

A BRIEF note to a person who has lost a loved one, a smile when you feel like snarling, a visit of five minutes to a sick person, a little kindness to the lonely old man or woman, patience with an aggravating child, a word of forgiveness and reconciliation — all these and countless other acts easily within the power of anyone can turn the little deeds into significant Christian acts.

There is not much cost involved either, because they demand small effort. But if we only knew how a thoughtful small deed helps to heal others. How much comfort they can bring without our being aware of it. How much peace can come and love can spread.

So — aren't the little things when treated rightly, really the big things of life?



Women and the Labor Movement

By REV. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

The U.S. Labor movement as we know it today dates back to 1886, when the original American Federation of Labor was established. In the mid-1930s, several of its affiliated union broke away and started a new federation, the Congress of Industrial Organizations. In 1955, the two rival organizations came together again in one federation, the AFL-CIO.

Never in all those years has a woman served on the executive council — the top ruling body — of either the original AFL or the breakaway CIO or the present AFL-CIO. At the most recent AFL-CIO national convention last November, a committee of women trade unionists demanded that one or more women be appointed or elected to the executive council.

LANE KIRKLAND, the new AFL-CIO president, took this challenge seriously and appointed a committee of council members to study the problem and to make recommendations on how best to resolve it. The committee reported in February at the annual winter meeting of the AFL-CIO executive council in Miami Beach. After hearing the committee's report, the executive council agreed to set aside at least one future opening for a woman.

It was a significant, though belated and somewhat limited, step in the right direction. Even at that, however, it did not go down too well with some union officers. According to a report from Miami Beach in U.S.

News and World Report, a number of aspiring, white-male union leaders were disappointed at the prospect of being passed over in favor of a woman.

A few days after the executive council announced its decision of this matter, I attended a convention of the United Farm Workers Union in San Juan, Texas. Those "aspiring, white-male union leaders" who were disappointed at the council's decision to make room for at least one woman member undoubtedly would have been surprised to observe that at least 50 percent of the delegates to this UFW convention were women and that several women played a very active role as officers of the organization.

THE REASON I say these male union types probably would have been "surprised" by the percentage of women delegates at the San Juan convention and by the leadership roles of several women there is that Anglos in the United States, by and large, tend to think of Hispanic women as extremely docile and retiring homebodies with little or nothing to say about matter of public policy. That simply is not the case. To the best of my knowledge, women play a more active role in the UFW than in any other union in the United States.

White middle-and upper-middle-class feminists also have much to learn from their Chicana sisters in and out of the labor movement.

The story of Chicana leadership

in the public arena is told graphically in a scholarly book published recently, "La Chicana: The Mexican-American Woman," by Alfredo Mirande and Evangelina Enriquez (University of Chicago Press: Chicago, \$19.50). Professor Mirande and Ms. Enriquez show that, contrary to Anglo mythology, Chicanas have played a significant public role in various historical periods from pre-Columbian times to the present. They trace the development of Chicana feminism in the United States, a movement which, in their judgment, is more closely related to the Mexican Revolution of 1910 than to the Anglo women's movement of today.

White middle-and upper-middle-class feminist leaders in the United States may wonder why their Chicana sisters are leery of the Anglo women's movement. Mirande and Enriquez say the reason is that "the Anglo woman's movement showed itself to be indifferent to the unique needs of Chicanas, assuming that it could unite all women in the struggle against sexism but minimizing or neglecting the issues of racism and poverty."

CHICANAS ARE concerned about women's liberation. But their priorities are markedly different from those of their middle-and upper-middle-class sisters in the Anglo women's movement. "The Chicanas," Mirande and Enriquez state, "seek to eradicate poverty and racism as well as sexism. Total liberation will come only when

Chicanos and Chicanas can join as equal partners in the mutual struggle against oppression."

In the case of the UFW, Chicanos and Chicanas have already joined as equal partners in this struggle. The rest of the U.S. labor movement — and the Anglo feminist movement — have much to learn from them in this regard.

Respect Life!

PRAYER FOR DYING PERSONS

O Father of life,
your gifts to me are so abundant:
teach me to share my healthy time
with your lonely, dying one.
A few moments to visit
and to touch the enfeebled arm,
to moisten the dry lips
and to whisper the Lord's promise
of the life to come.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Yvonne

By ANGELA M. SCHREIBER

The child sits on the living-room floor, diligently reading aloud her book about Leo the lion. She laughs from time to time about his antics. Occasionally, she asks for help with a word.

A stranger entering the room would at first see nothing unusual about the girl with long, shining brown hair. But looking into her face, he would notice the somewhat Oriental eyes and small features a bit alien for a Caucasian child. In a few minutes, he would realize that this child has down's syndrome (mongolism).

Aside from appearing younger than she is (she is 11 but looks and seems more like a 7-year-old), Yvonne is very much like other children.

Yvonne is the youngest of our six children. We have encouraged our children to become independent. Yvonne is no exception.

When I learned shortly after her birth that she had down's syndrome, I really felt as though my world had ended, that God had let her down and me as well. For some time, I could not find hope within myself. The love of my husband and children brought me through this crucial time in my life.

I did set out immediately to work with her. I encouraged her as a baby to kick, to take notice of sounds and objects. By the time she was three years old, I was unwilling to put her into a school for special children. So I found a Montessori school that would accept her. She fit in very well and progressed steadily, but at a slower rate than other children.

Today I would be willing to place her in special education. But the county in which I live does not have a program suited to her needs. The only program that would suit her is a private institution (day school) with tuition rates beyond our means.

Perhaps it is best that things are this way. Yvonne is still in a Montessori school. She is older than her classmates but keeps up very well. The difference between her and the other children is most noticeable in the area of abstract concepts. Yvonne learns abstract concepts very slowly.

The family, and, for that matter, her teacher, tend to forget that Yvonne is not like most children. She can be deliberately naughty and she takes pride in new accomplishments. Her most wonderful gift to us is her capacity to love. Affection is characteristic of a down's child, but we had to experience it to appreciate it. She has so much love that it is infectious. We were always a close family. But Yvonne's presence has made us much more aware of the importance of love in life.

Yvonne's capacity to love has affected those outside our family too. I treasure the words a neighborhood child wrote a couple of years ago:

"There she sits kicking awkwardly at the ground beneath her. She has a look on her face of love and warmth, a look that I have never seen before.

"As I walk up to her, she looks up and smiles happily. She is very special to me and I am special to her. She is slower than most kids, but that doesn't matter to me.

"When I first met Yvonne, she came up and gave me a big hug. I didn't know what to expect from her. I didn't know if she would understand. But as I have grown older, I think I have grown wiser. Being slow does not take away her ability to understand. She understands many things and she understands love especially well. No other child has ever acted toward me with so much love.

"And no matter where I am, in public or in my own house, I will always express the same attention and affection to her as she shows me.



"I dislike the term 'special child' as a description of one who is physically handicapped or mentally retarded," Angela Schreiber writes. "For the term implies that they are vastly different from other children. They have the same feelings, the same need for love and acceptance, the same need of parents who love each other and when these needs are not fulfilled, they, like 'normal' children, do not find wholeness."

"Yvonne really does understand love and she has helped me understand the meaning of the word." Thirteen-year-old Anne Marie

O'Malley titled her composition "Yvonne's Gift."

Yvonne's greatest gift, indeed, is love. And there is no finer gift.

Church and the Handicapped

By DAVID GIBSON

The church is interested in handicapped people and concerned about them. After all, the church has many members who are handicapped.

This is an interest in children who are handicapped. And it is an interest in their parents and families. It is an interest in providing religious education programs for the handicapped; an interest in the desire of many handicapped people to play a fuller role in the church's life. It is, finally, an interest in the rights of handicapped people of all ages.

One of New York's bishops talked about handicapped children in a pastoral message he wrote for the Year of the Family which the church in the United States observes this year. Bishop John McGann of Rockville Center said: "It is important for us to be aware of the handicapped and their families. They are often models of heroic love and self-sacrifice. Listening to them will often give us more than we could ever give in return."

As Bishop McGann spoke about handicapped children, he also spoke about their parents. When the

church develops programs for children — including those for the handicapped — it should be "alert to the joys and struggles of parents," he said. The "wisdom of parents should be sincerely appreciated."

Pope John Paul II has also discussed the needs of handicapped children. Last October he published a major statement on religious education. He had this to say: "Some groups of young people to whom catechesis is directed call for special attention because of their particular situation." Among those groups are the physically and mentally handicapped.

Handicapped children "have a right, like others of their age, to know 'the mystery of faith,'" the pope continued. He said the greater difficulties encountered by the handicapped "give greater merit to their efforts and to those of their teachers."

There are many types of handicaps and a great many handicapped people for the church to be concerned about. The National Catechetical Directory developed by the U.S. Catholic bishops and published in 1979 states: "Handicapped persons, approximately 12.5 percent of the total population of

the United States, include the mentally retarded, those with learning disabilities, the emotionally disturbed, the physically handicapped, the hard of hearing, the deaf, the visually impaired, the blind, and others."

In catechetical programs, handicapped individuals should not be segregated "excessively or unnecessarily," the U.S. bishops said. But, they noted, catechesis for some groups will require special materials, training and skills.

In order to serve the handicapped, cooperation in the local church could be a great help, said the bishops. "On the diocesan and parish levels, sharing of resources and personnel and collaboration in the preparation and sponsorship of programs are appropriate; the possibility of ecumenically sponsored and conducted programs should also be investigated."

Each handicapped person has a need for religious education, the bishops said. And, it is important for the families of the handicapped to be involved in that religious education.

The needs of handicapped people, discussed in the National Catechetical Directory, were also discussed in a major statement on

the handicapped approved by the U.S. Catholic bishops in late 1978. According to the bishops, the church should support the handicapped by defending their rights. Handicapped people have a right to a secure place in society at large. And, the bishops said, the handicapped ought to become "equal partners in the Christian community."

It is in the parish that most Catholics encounter the community of believers, the bishops explained. "The parish is the door to participation for handicapped individuals, and it is the responsibility of the pastor and lay leaders to make sure that this door is always open."

An open door for the handicapped? What does that mean? The bishops suggested that in many places, special ramps will actually be needed to facilitate the physical access of handicapped persons to parish buildings.

But an open door for the handicapped could involve more than physical access to a building. It could involve greater participation of handicapped persons in the liturgy. For example, the bishops said, blind parishioners can serve as lectors and deaf parishioners can serve as special ministers of the eucharist.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Hyperactivity:

By SHEILA CRAGG

One afternoon, I came into Tim's bedroom to find him smashing his teddy bear against the floor. He stretched and tore at the bear, then hurled it at the closet doors.

When I reached down to pick up the bear, Tim screamed and charged across the room. He struck at me and grabbed at the bear.

I turned him around to spank him, but he jerked forward and threw me off balance. We tumbled to the floor. Trying to stop him from kicking and hitting me, I wrapped my arms and legs around him. He swore incoherently and struggled to free himself. He was powerful, almost stronger than I.

After a long time he fell limp and cried. The rest of the day Tim was edgy and irritable.

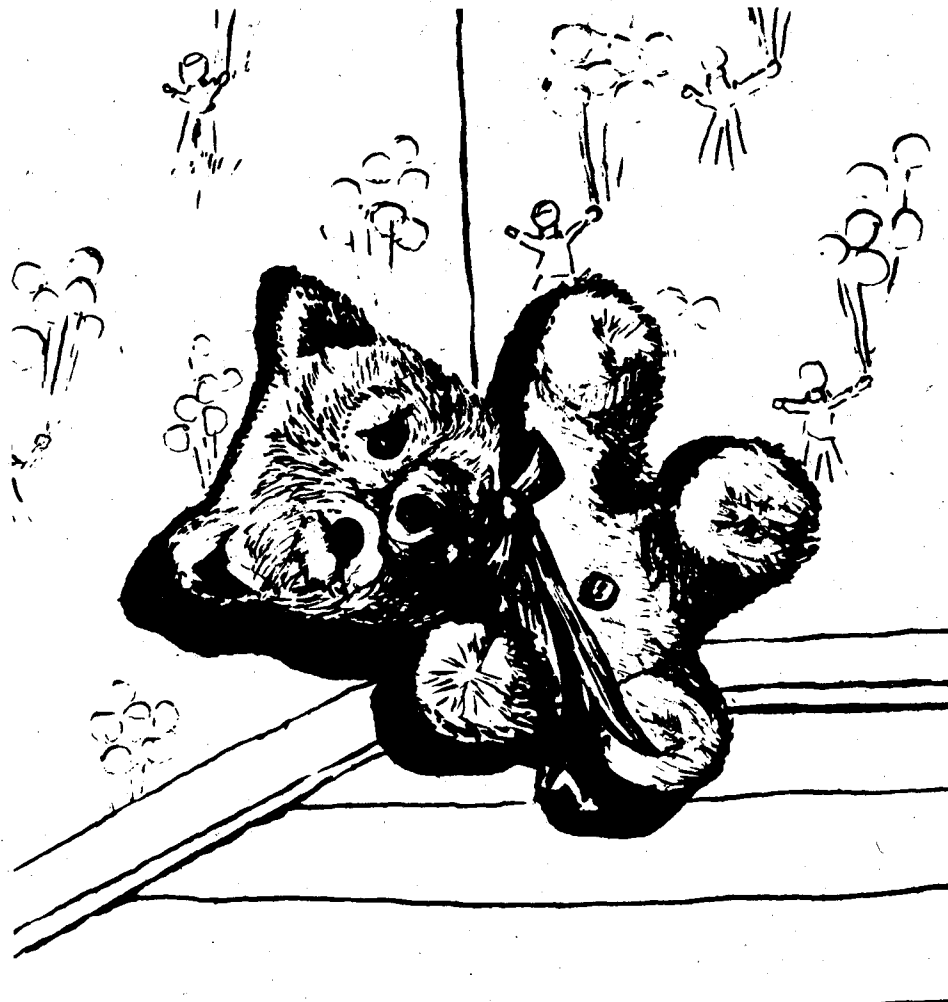
Although Tim, now five years old, had thrown tantrums in the past, this was the first of such raging intensity. But Tim not only had tantrums which seemed to be triggered by minor irritations. He was impulsive and highly active.

My husband Ron and I didn't know what to do or think. The certainty that something was wrong and the uncertainty as to what it could be possessed us.

When Tim was 6 years old, we took him to a neurologist. The doctor told us Tim was hyperactive and prescribed three different drugs to help subdue his uncontrollable behavior and tantrums.

Although we knew Tim had serious problems, hearing it officially was devastating. We recognized that a special child needs special parents, but we had no idea what that meant. At the time we weren't given any guidance, only the drugs which made Tim disoriented, sleepy and lethargic.

This was only the beginning of what Tim and our family endured. The next five years led us in a search for answers and led Tim through a maze of medical, psychological, and



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educational testing. The staggering financial drain pushed our budget past its limit.

Most of the time Ron and I could talk openly about Tim's problems. But there were times when our feelings of failure and self-blame were so overwhelming we couldn't talk about how we felt.

We didn't blame each other for

Tim's behavior disorder. But we sometimes accused each other of overreacting to a difficult situation with Tim. Although a psychologist gave us sensible guidance, neither he nor the other specialists had quick solutions or miracle cures.

From the beginning, we sought God's help and the prayers of our church family. We believed God

Futility or Blessing?

knew Tim as no one else did. But sometimes our hopes and prayers for Tim seemed utterly futile and we wondered if God had abandoned us.

We wanted God to give us instant answers. Instead, he chose to guide us moment by moment.

Ron and I had to make changes. One of the first was to accept our son's disability without resentment. This freed us from preconceived ideas of how God should answer. Now we could see the loving way God was working out every detail of our needs.

There were many unexpected blessings because of our difficulties. I began a daily habit of devotions, Bible reading and prayer. I never realized how much this quiet time would sustain me. One verse particularly helped: "For I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me strength and power" (Philippians 4:13).

I also prayed with one friend almost every day, and met once a week for prayer and sharing with another friend. These meetings always balanced my perspectives and gave me new insights.

Ron shared his burden with a group of men at a Saturday prayer breakfast.

We eventually found out that Tim was not only hyperactive, but had non-convulsive epilepsy and learning disabilities. His tantrums could be controlled by Dilantin, an anti-convulsant medication.

Today, at 16, Tim is a sophomore in high school and shows no signs of his earlier uncontrollable behaviors. He has a sensitivity and faith in Christ which he might not have if he hadn't experienced God's help in living with his disabilities.

We are grateful that God chose us to be Tim's special parents. Our faith has not been destroyed, but strengthened. Our love has not failed, but endured. Our mutual commitment to one another has not been divided, but united in Christ.

Acceptance and Creative Love

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

"Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God. Yes, I affirm that Christ became the servant of the Jews because of God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promises to the patriarchs, whereas the Gentiles glorify God because of his mercy" (Romans 15, 7-9).

Not much is heard about the attitude of acceptance. But acceptance seems to be a key factor in achieving balance and peace of mind.

There are so many things in life — the weather is just one — about which we can do absolutely nothing. But people persist in a refusal to accept them as part of life. In the process people become angry, frustrated, resentful, bitter. Such a reaction is, to say the least, unrealistic, immature, and potentially self-destructive.

Acceptance is not the same as dark fatalism. If there is a chance to change a miserable situation — or a miserable person — then every

effort should be made to do so. But if it becomes unmistakably clear that nothing can be done, then further effort will be self-defeating. In such situations, the only sensible reaction is acceptance, which is not an admission of weakness but a demonstration of strength.

It takes courage to accept the fact that one is a diabetic and to make the most of it. It takes courage and no little humility to accept the fact that one is an alcoholic and to build a new life of contented sobriety in a drinking society. It takes consummate courage to accept terminal cancer and to live one's day in peace and quiet joy.

Far from being fatalistic and negative, acceptance can be positively creative. Work with the terminally ill has led to the recognition of a pattern of stages through which most patients pass.

Often terminal patients begin with utter disbelief and shock ("Who, me?"), and pass on to angry rebellion ("Why me?"). Gradually they arrive at quiet acceptance ("Why not me?") When this last

stage has been reached, the whole picture changes. The attitude switches from one that is destructive of self and of others to one that is actually creative and productive. Having found peace, patients communicate it to all about them.

Unfortunately, the media, like TV family sitcoms, for instance, create a false image of life. The image projected of the average family is that of a comfortable, middle or upper-middle-class, occasionally black, group of people who know no real insecurity.

When problems arise in a sitcom, as they must for dramatic conflict, they are solved at the end of 30 minutes, with time out for commercials. Expecting this fantasy to be realized in real life is setting oneself up for rude shocks. If a tragedy occurs which admits of no easy solution, a family feels put upon, singled out by God for cruel and unusual punishment. Acceptance becomes difficult.

The fantasy leaves no room for occurrences like the birth of a mentally retarded or physically

handicapped child. As a result, such an event can be positively shattering, leading to groundless guilt, shame, embarrassment, mutual recriminations, anger, bitterness. "Why us?" It is as if such a thing simply would not happen to good, decent, faithful people.

The reaction is certainly understandable. But the birth presents a tremendous opportunity. One can choose to rebel, to reject. Or one can accept, love creatively, and grow immeasurably. No one is more like God than one who rises to the occasion, loving as unselfishly as the situation requires.

For those who do rise to the occasion, the birth turns out, with God's grace, to be a blessed event. All the family members share in the blessing.

As usual, Paul expresses the ultimate, though not the only, motive for such acceptance: "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God." The wonder of Christ's love is found precisely in the fact that he accepts us indiscriminately, just as we are.

Mentally ill Spouse --What Can You Do?

By Fr. MIKE FLANAGAN, SP
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There is hardly a challenge more difficult in marriage than the mental illness of one's spouse. To simplify the writing of this article, we'll suppose that the husband is going through a "mental breakdown."

Stressful circumstances at his office rips at his psyche until he begins to call in sick all too frequently. He just lays around the house, sulks or sleeps, even cries a lot. His wife urges him to pray at first, but later pushes him to church and prayer meetings. Eventually, he goes berserk during a church service, and even tries an overdose of aspirin. He becomes paranoid (fearing everyone around him) and goes to extremes to avoid meeting people.

Thousands of women are facing these symptoms of serious mental disturbance in their husband's behaviour. What is a wife to do?

1) Admit that the husband is mentally and emotionally disturbed.

Sometimes a good Christian wife denies or makes excuses for her husband's odd conduct. Others believe that prayer alone will return the husband to a normal pattern. It seems to me that God most often works through prayer (spiritual means) plus relationship (natural means). Recognize

the symptoms of mental illness, e.g. severe depression, exaggerated lethargy, crying jags, sleeplessness, thoughts about suicide, etc. and seek the opinion of a professional.

2) Acts of love (kindness, patience and tolerance) are needed by the husband now more than ever. He will say (curse, make threats, insult) and do (slam doors, hoard medicine, skip responsibilities) things that may seem to be cruel and rejecting. Please don't take all of this as a personal affront and retaliate. We expect a rabid dog to act in a certain way; we expect a disturbed husband also to act disturbed.

3) Share your feelings with an understanding friend or counselor.

Warm, loving and supportive friendships are a gift from God who often heals our hurts through them. Through St. Paul He asks us to "bear one another's burdens."

4) Investigate your own personality and behavior. Sometimes, unawares, a wife's nagging (which she believes is encouragement) may exacerbate the problem.

With the assistance of a competent therapist you may unravel some facts of your life that block growth in marriage. The Catholic Service Bureau of the Archdiocese will provide counseling to those who seek it. You may call 523-0229 in Broward and 754-2444 in Dade.



St. Joachim Church Dedicated

Archbishop Edward McCarthy presided over the Eucharistic Liturgy and dedicated the new Roman Catholic Church of St. Joachim, recently completed at SW 191 Street and 117th Avenue in South Miami Heights. Concelebrating were Msgr. William Dyer and Fr. Emilio Martin, Pastor of St. Joachim and over 20 priests.

Despite the heavy rains the faithful crowded the new Church last Saturday March 1st and the ceremony started at 5:30 p.m. with Archbishop McCarthy anointing the interior and dedicating the church to the service of God and said, "the real dedication

was of the people, the 'living stones' that makes the church dedicating themselves to God."

The ceremony and the Archbishop's homily were in English and Spanish. At the end of the Mass Fr. Martin thanked the Archbishop and all the parishioners for their efforts in the construction of this new House of God.

Archbishop McCarthy thanked the people, too, for their devotion and pointed out the tireless efforts of Fr. Martin in building up the parish and the church. The faithful paid homage to the pastor with an ovation.

Deserving special mention is the group of devoted parishioners who helped not only in the project

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St. Patrick's

Dance and Supper to be held at St. Ambrose School, Deerfield March 15, at 7:45 p.m. Irish entertainment — pipes and dances at 7:45, 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Supper, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. dancing. Free set ups. BYOB. \$12.50 per person. Information, 391-5581.

★★★

The St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Sunday, March 16, in the school cafeteria, 2200 N.E. 191 St., from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$3.50 per person. Please call Mrs. Margaret Adams for information.

★★★

St. Gregory will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, March 15, at Plantation Golf Club, 7050 S. Broward Blvd., Plantation. Cocktails: 7:00 p.m., Dinner; 8:00 p.m. Dancing to the Hayes Wolf Orchestra. Tickets \$12.50 per person. Information and reservations: 791-9388 or 791-4125.

S.F.O. Meeting

St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Sunday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Church, 621 Alton Rd., Miami Beach. Instruction of Candidates will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. You are invited to join the Laymen of the Franciscan Family.

S. Florida Scene

Young at Heart Club

St. Coleman's "Young at Heart" Club will hold their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall, March 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Clubs

St. Mary Magdalene Guild will receive Communion in a body on March 9. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

★★★

Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will hold a card party on March 10, at 12:00 Noon, at the Sportsman Inn, 729 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Donation \$3.75 For information call Ann 967-7785.

★★★

St. Lucy's Women's Guild of Highland Beach will have a Day of Recollection, 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, at the Cenacle, 1400 S. Dixie Highway, Lantana. This will include meeting, luncheon and Mass.

★★★

Holy Family Women's Club will sponsor its 2nd annual Family Follies on March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family Parish Hall, 14500

N.E. 11th Ave., North Miami. Admission \$2.00 adults, \$1.00 students and children.

★★★

St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will hold their March Meeting on March 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, 2200 NE 191 St., At this time the Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for 1980-81.

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's Club is sponsoring several social events during March, and they will be held in the Parish Hall, 600 N.W. 1st St., Hallandale.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, March 15th. Dinner consisting of Corned Beef and Cabbage, Dessert and Beverage will be served at 7:00 p.m. Beginning at 8:00 p.m. there will be a live band for dancing, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$7 per person. Table reservations may be made for parties of eight or more by calling Meta Sinagria at 454-7646 for reservations before March 13th.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dessert-Card Party will be

held on Tuesday, March 18th starting at Noon. Frances Burns, Chairman, has made this a happy occasion for many years, and this year it should be even bigger and better. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.

The regular meeting is Tuesday, March 11th, at 7:45 p.m. A busy, interesting meeting. Attend.

"The Witness"

"The Witness," a contemporary musical about the life of Jesus will be presented by "A Joyful Noise Ensemble" at St. Joan of Arc Church, Boca Raton, on March 7, at 8:00 p.m. All are invited to come and hear "the best news of your life!"

Card Parties

St. Matthew's Women's Club will sponsor a Dessert-Card Party, March 6, at Noon. Donation \$1.50 at Hallandale Rec. Center.

"Auction '80"

Carrollton School will sponsor "Auction '80" in the evening on March 8. The fund raising event will benefit the Sacred Heart School located at 3747 Main Highway in Coconut Grove.

Widow(ers)

Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will hold a meeting Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Grill,

3571 North Andrews Ave., for more information call 733-4274 or 563-8274.

Carnivals

Tenth Annual Carnival at Blessed Trinity, 4020 Curtiss Parkway, Miami Springs, March 7, 8, 9, — games, midway, food and raffles.

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Carnival to be held to Our Lady of the Lakes Church grounds, 15801 N.W. 67th Ave., Miami Lakes, Fl., March 7, 8, 9, March from 6:00 p.m. on March 7, from 1:00 p.m. on March 8 and 9.

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Our Lady Queen of Heaven will hold their first carnival March 13 through 16. Thursday and Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, 12 Noon to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at 1400 S. State Road 7, No. Lauderdale. Pre-sale ride tickets are on sale at the Rectory, Religious Education Office and after all Masses. Pre-sale tickets are 1/2 price.

Free Blood Pressure

Free Blood Pressure readings by the American Red Cross will be taken at Our Lady of Mercy Church at Dixie Highway and 48th St., in Pompano Beach every other Tuesday, starting Febraury 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.



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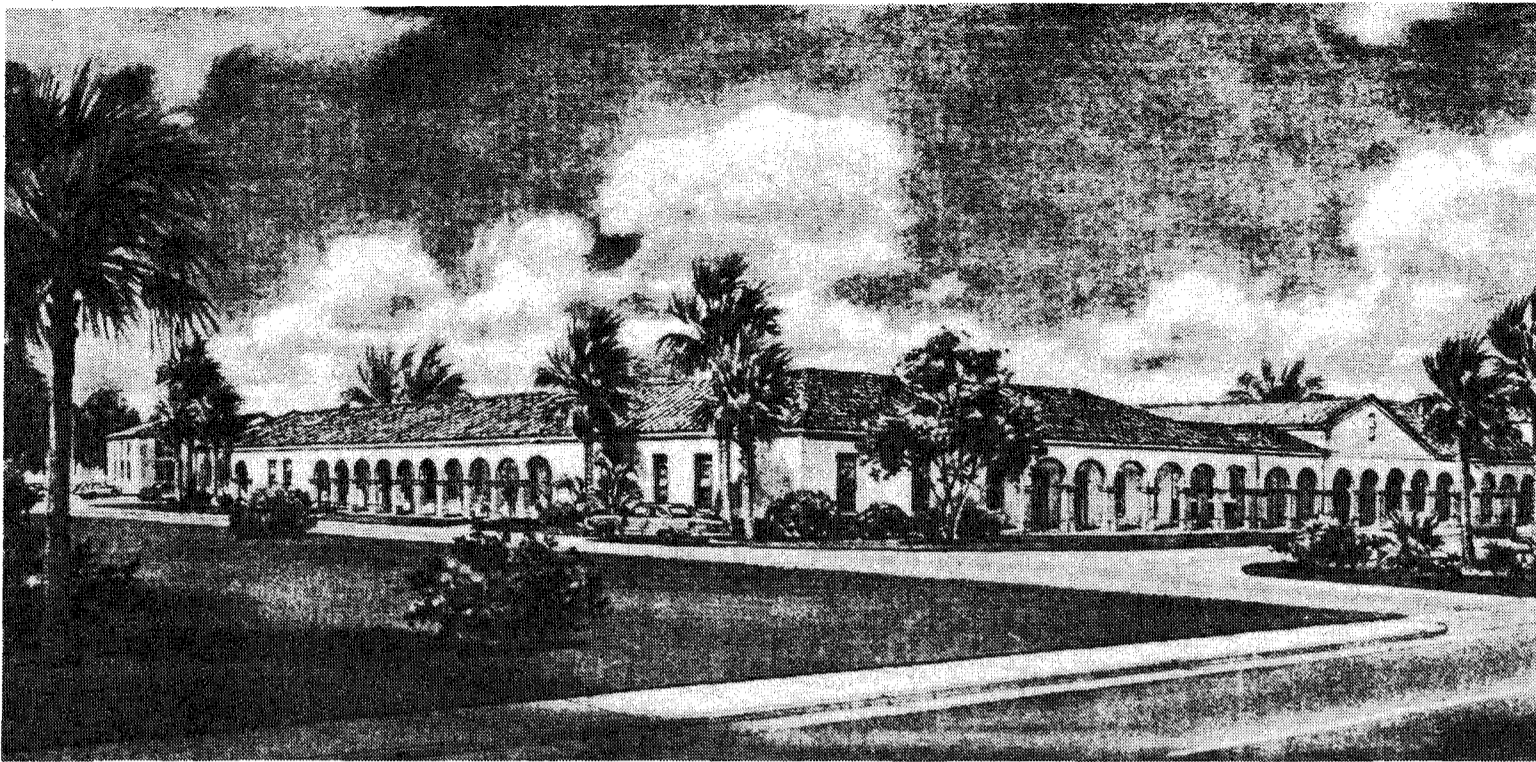
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St. Juliana's Sets Festival for Building Fund

Fr. Xavier Morras, Pastor of St. Juliana's Parish, West Palm Beach, has announced a Family Festival to be held on Parish grounds on March 13-16 as part of a fund raising drive for a proposed school — parish center and church

renovation.

The Family Festival will include 10 to 15 popular children's and adult rides, novel game and skill booths, plus a wide assortment of liquid refreshments.

A full course, family priced dinner will be served

on Saturday from 1-8pm and Sunday from 1-6pm.

Pre-opening ticket sales are already being offered at 4 tickets for \$1, giving advance buyers a saving of 50

cents per ticket or ride. Tickets are available at the parish on Dixie Highway, 2 blocks South of Southern Boulevard or call Felix Perez at 683-0526 for more information.

Death, Dignity Hearing Slated

Brain death and Death with Dignity are on the agenda of a Florida Senate Committee next week. Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee will meet in Tallahassee on March 13 from 2 until 5 p.m. and hear SB 293 (McKnight) which would spell out for the first time legislative guidelines for determining brain damage.

The Florida Catholic Conference has expressed concern with some of the terminology and provisions of this bill dealing with a prolongation of respiration and circulation by mechanical means after the complete death of the brain.

The Committee agenda also includes discussion of the recent Florida Supreme Court order in the case of Satz vs. Perlmutter, which permitted a competent terminally ill adult patient to remove artificial life sustaining devices. In issuing this order the Court states the Legislature should address the question of "Death with Dignity."

A Death with Dignity bill has previously been filed in the House of Representatives HB 463 (Fox and Rosen.) The bill is an adaptation of the California Natural Death Act and is opposed by the Florida Catholic Conference.



Boystown' 3rd Annual Jog-A-Thon drawing for the trip to Europe and a TV set was done by the two youngest runners, Kathleen Van Hoff (above) and Michael Kloebs as John Perrotti, administrator, looks on. James McCaughan Jr. won the trip and Tom Miller won the TV.

Special Liturgy At St. Basil's

The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts which is celebrated only during Great Lent will be served each Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at Saint Basil Church, 1475 NE 199th Street, Miami. This liturgy is a combination of Vespers and a Communion rite having its origin in late Fourth Century of the Catholic Church. A guest priest will preach at each service. The public is invited.

Egg Decoration, Slavic Style

"Psyanky", a traditional egg decorating folk custom of the Slavic peoples for their celebration of Easter will be demonstrated at St. Basil Catholic Church, 1475 NE 199th Street, Miami. The instruction begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9th and those attending may join in the step by step process. The brightly colored eggs are produced by alternate applications of melted bees wax and special dyes. The public is invited to learn the technique of this Easter custom.

Family Counsel Center Opening

The Miami Regional Office of the Catholic Service Bureau, Inc., recently opened its fourth Marriage and Family Counseling Outreach Office. The new office, which is located in the Respect for Life Center at 18340 N.W. 12 Ave., in Miami, is designed to bring professional counseling services closer to parishes in the Hialeah — North Dade area.

For more information regarding this service and for scheduling an appointment, call the Intake Department located in the main office of the Catholic Service Bureau at 754-2444. Counseling fees are based on ability to pay.

Marriage and family counseling services continue to be available at other Catholic Service Bureau Outreach Offices located at the St. Augustine Student Center, 1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables, 754-2444; the Perrine Shopping Center, 634 Perrine Avenue, Perrine, 754-2444; the Little Havana Community Center, 970 S.W. 1 St., Miami 324-1104 and the Main Office 4949 N. E. 2 Ave., Miami.

KCs Thank Priest

The Knights of Columbus "Council No. 5110 Our Lady of Charity" invites all Council members and their relatives and friends, to a Con-celebrated Mass as an acknowledgement of thankfulness to Fr. Emilio Vallina at St. John Bosco Church at 7 p.m. Saturday March 8, 1980. The Mass will be followed by a banquet dinner at Casablanca Banquet Hall. For information and reservations please call 856-1167 or 642-4302.

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Nuncio Is Hostage Go-Between

BOGOTA, Colombia —(NC)— Archbishop Angelo Acerbi, papal nuncio to Colombia, was chosen by guerrillas as a go-between for receiving messages and supplies in the hostage crisis in Colombia.

Archbishop Acerbi was among the diplomats taken hostage Feb. 27 when guerrillas seized the embassy

of the Dominican Republic. Also taken hostage was U.S. Ambassador Diego C. Asencio.

"They chose him (Archbishop Acerbi) because they trust him," said a church source in Bogota.

The papal envoy receives and gives messages at the door of the embassy and greets those who are allowed to enter on mercy missions, said the source. The archbishop also receives the supplies needed for the people inside the building, added the source.

About 60 diplomats and Colombian officials were

taken hostage while attending a reception marking Independence Day in the Dominican Republic. Guerrillas subsequently released about 25 people, mostly women, as negotiations to free all the hostages began.

The guerrillas demanded a \$50 million ransom, release of 311 political prisoners and safe conduct to leave Colombia.

Archbishop Acerbi, 54, was appointed papal nuncio to New Zealand and apostolic delegate in the neighboring Pacific islands in 1974. In 1979, he was assigned to Colombia.



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The school is currently selling cookbooks. These cookbooks were compiled by the Home and School Association and are filled with delicious recipes submitted by faculty and families

of St. Joseph's. One of the nicest recipes in the cookbook was submitted by Carol Angelo and goes as follows:

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Take 1 large field, half a dozen children, 2 or 3 small dogs, a pinch of sand and some pebbles. Mix the children and dogs well together, put in field, stirring constantly. Pour sand over pebbles, sprinkle the field with flowers; spread over a deep blue sky and bake in the sun. When brown, set away to cool in the bath tub.

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personal representative of the estate is JACK
R. COLEMAN & SANDRA LINVILLE, whose
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JACK R. COLEMAN
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RE: KATIE KOLLIN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
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File Number 79-3599
Division 03

IN RE: ESTATE OF
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PROBATE DIVISION 01
File No. 80-1616

IN RE: ESTATE OF
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Reunión del Concejo de Evangelización

La primera reunión del Concejo Arquidiocesano de Evangelización tuvo lugar en el Salón de la Catedral el Sábado 1ro. de Marzo de 1980. Los sesenta y nueve miembros que forman el comité representan los ministerios, movimientos, organizaciones, regiones, profesiones varias y grupos culturales de la Arquidiócesis.

El Arzobispo Edward McCarthy dió la bienvenida a los miembros y dijo que el llamó al Concejo de Evangelización para que lo asista a él, a los sacerdotes, religiosos y religiosas y a los laicos de la Arquidiócesis en la proclamación del reino y para formar una comunidad que sea un sacramento de Cristo para asistir en el desarrollo de las vidas espirituales del pueblo y dar testimonio de la Buena Nueva en el Sur de la Florida. El Arzobispo siguió diciendo que la Evangelización los abraza a todos y los transforma a todos, envolviendo a cada persona y a

la comunidad, cambiando conciencias y liberando energías escondidas, transformando la humanidad desde adentro y haciéndola nueva.

El Obispo John Nevins habló de la Renovación de la Familia. Planteó la pregunta: ¿Qué podemos hacer para ayudar a las familias lastimadas y para fortalecer a las que no lo están? Añadió que con la ayuda de la gracia de Dios trabajaremos para formar familias que testimoniarán del amor de Cristo por ellos y transmitirán Su Evangelio para renovar la parroquia y el vecindario. El Obispo Nevins identificó seis áreas del ministerio familiar que recibirán especial atención: Ministerio para los contrayentes, para parejas casadas, para padres, familias en desarrollo, familias lastimadas y para la formación de parejas y familias dirigentes.

El Arzobispo McCarthy nombró un Comité Ejecutivo

de quince miembros que coordinará y dirigirá las actividades del Concejo de Evangelización: Arzobispo Edward McCarthy, Obispo John Nevins, Obispo Agustín Román, los Reverendos Padres Patrick Murnane (Presidente), Pedro Luis Pérez, Neil Fleming, Michael Ievers, John Edwards, S.J., John Mulcahy, John Vaughan, Pablo Navarro, la Hermana Beverly Bola O.P., los señores Angel Figueredo y Julio Alvarez y la Señora Sue Blum.

El Concejo de Evangelización tendrá siete comités: Vida Familiar, Renovación Parroquial, Fe, Culto y Oración, Testigos Amorosos de la Buena Nueva, Vocaciones y Reconciliación.

Hasta aquí el resumen de la primera reunión del Concejo de Evangelización de la Arquidiócesis que presidió el E.S. Arzobispo de Miami, Edward McCarthy.

Obispo Snyder Sugiere Ministerio Judeo-Cristiano

Jacksonville, Fla. — (NC) — El Obispo John Snyder, de St. Augustine, sugirió que Católicos y Judíos comiencen a buscar caminos para un ministerio compartido en la preparación y enriquecimiento del matrimonio, de la vida familiar y del trabajo para bien de los ancianos.

El Obispo Snyder dijo ante una asamblea de dirigentes Católicos y Judíos que ya era tiempo para las dos comunidades de moverse más allá del diálogo. "Siento una necesidad de unirnos en actividades conjuntas para laborar por la justicia social y por la paz. Tales esfuerzos conjuntos deben dirigirse tanto a los asuntos locales como a los nacionales e internacionales. A menudo es más fácil encarar las injusticias en lugares distantes que darle el frente al desprecio y al

rechazo en nuestras propias comunidades cuando defendemos los derechos humanos" añadió.

"Tanto los Judíos como los Católicos tenemos una larga historia de dedicación a la justicia social. Y si vamos a hacer honor a esa tradición, un mutuo cambio de corazón



Obispo John Snyder de St. Augustine

debe primero tener lugar.

"Mucho de lo que ha ocurrido por siglos entre Judíos y Cristianos y entre Católicos y Judíos es fuente de

dolor y de pesar. Yo vengo ante ustedes muy consciente del hecho de que no puedo reescribir la historia del pasado ni que tampoco ustedes pueden hacerlo; pero sin embargo, estoy lleno del sentimiento de que estamos escribiendo la historia del presente y que juntos podemos luchar para escribir la del futuro, que no debe ser una repetición del pasado", agregó el Obispo.

Urgió a los Católicos a alcanzar una mejor comprensión de los creyentes judíos, no sólo por el común origen y herencia del Antiguo Testamento sino por un moderno "sentido Bíblico de la Santidad de la Tierra (Israel)" en la tradición judía.

Un más activo interés de ambas comunidades por los asuntos como Israel, aborto, niños en escuelas religiosas y proselitismo solo pueden ser alcanzados conjuntamente por los miembros de las dos comunidades reunidos en diálogo y en orante reflexión. Terminó diciendo que "tal actividad debe ser confiada a quien es el Padre de todos de manera que podamos avanzar juntos, sin perder de vista de que El es nuestro Dios y nosotros somos su Pueblo."

Homilía del Obispo A. Román

En la Catedral de St. Mary en la Misa con motivo de la reunión de los Comités de Evangelización

Cuando Ponce de León descubrió las costas de la Florida, levantó los ojos al cielo y dijo:

"Gracias a Ti, Oh Señor, que me has permitido ver algo nuevo."

Florida fue la primera área de Norte América que evocara una plegaria en el corazón de aquel Cristiano el Domingo de Resurrección de 1513. Un historiador ha señalado esta escena como el prefacio de una historia que comenzó hace casi quinientos años, una historia en la cual estamos aún participando.

Todos nosotros, unidos en esta Eucaristía, deseamos traer todo el Sur de la Florida bajo la luz guiadora de "Evangelii Nuntiandi", igualmente podemos decir:

"Gracias a Ti, Oh Señor, que nos has permitido ver algo nuevo."

¿Qué "algo nuevo" vió Ponce de León en la Florida, que era ya vieja para los indios que habitaban estas costas? ¿Qué "algo nuevo" podemos nosotros ofrecer al mundo que nos rodea cuando el Evangelio tiene casi dos mil años de antigüedad? El Evangelio es siempre viejo pero también es algo nuevo para los que constantemente lo descubren, aquellos que son evangelizados. El Evangelio siempre da una respuesta a la vida.

El programa de Evangelización basado en la Familia que nuestro Arzobispo está implementando con todos nosotros en 1980 me ha hecho reflexionar. Hace tres siglos, en 1680, un Obispo de estas costas de la Florida estaba celebrando el primer Sínodo. Este Sínodo fue el resultado de quince años de grandes trabajos por parte de quince dedicados obispos y de los fieles de aquel tiempo.

leyendo este documento, el primer documento impreso en la Florida, descubrimos el mismo interés de la Iglesia: Evangelizar la Familia. Descubrimos una Iglesia que no hacía distinción ni de raza ni de color, una Iglesia que ve hijos e hijas, que quiere llegar a ellos con la riqueza que el Señor le dejó.

La Liturgia de hoy nos presenta, en la primera lectura, al pueblo peregrino del Antiguo testamento reunido para escuchar la palabra de Dios. También nosotros hoy queremos que la Palabra Viva de Dios una como un solo pueblo de Fe la variedad de culturas que componen la Arquidiócesis de Miami.

El Evangelio nos da el secreto de comunión, la íntima unión con el Señor, una unión en el amor. Sólo el amor, solamente la caridad, puede hacernos la verdadera familia de Dios, una familia compuesta de muchas familias amantes.

Permítanme ahora, repetirles las palabras que nuestro Santo Padre dirigió a los Obispos y al pueblo de la Nación reunidos para la Eucaristía en Chicago:

"...La misión de evangelizar que es mía y de ustedes, debe ser realizada por un constante y desinteresado testimonio a la unidad en el amor. Amor es la fuerza que abre los corazones al mundo de Jesús y a su redención: Amor es la única base de la relación humana que hace que unos respeten en otros la dignidad de los hijos de Dios, creados a su imagen y salvador por la muerte y resurrección de Jesús; amor es la fuerza conductora que nos impele a compartir con nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuanto somos y cuanto tenemos.

"El Amor es la fuerza que levanta al diálogo, en el que nos oímos unos a otros y aprendemos unos de otros. El amor nos lleva por encima de todo, al diálogo de la oración en el cual escuchamos la palabra de Dios, que está viva en la Biblia y está viva en la vida de la Iglesia. Dejen entonces al amor construir los puentes sobre nuestras diferencias y a veces sobre nuestras posiciones opuestas. Permitamos que el amor mutuo y el amor por la verdad sea la respuesta a la polarización, cuando se forman facciones a causa de puntos de vista que difieren en asuntos referentes a la fe o a las prioridades para la acción. Ninguno en la comunidad eclesial debiera jamás sentirse despreciado no amado, aun cuando las tensiones crezcan en el curso de los esfuerzos comunes para llevar los frutos del Evangelio a la sociedad que nos rodea. Nuestra unión como Cristianos, como Católicos, debe ser siempre una unión de amor en Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor..."

(Pasa a la Pag. 2A)

Santa Francisca de Roma

SU FIESTA: MARZO 9

Siendo todavía una niña manifestó su deseo de ser monja, su vida estaba llena de amor a Cristo en la Eucaristía y a sus semejantes. Sin embargo, sus padres, miembros de la nobleza romana, la prometieron en matrimonio a Lorenzo Ponziano, también un noble Romano. Francisca fue casada a la edad de 13 años y entre las damas de la nobleza fue perfecto modelo de esposa y madre. Su vida fue una de penas y sacrificios por las grandes pruebas que la aguardaban.

Durante la invasión de Roma en 1413 por los bárbaros la casa de los Ponziano fue una de las muchas

saqueadas y perdió al mayor de sus hijos, aún muy niño, que fue secuestrado por los bárbaros y llevado fuera de Roma posiblemente para ser vendido como esclavo. Nunca más supo de él. Poco después durante la plaga que azotó a Roma murieron sus dos hijos menores, la tercera era una niña. Todo lo aceptó con paciencia, como de la voluntad de Dios.

Cuando al fin la paz reinó de nuevo Ponziano recuperó sus bienes y Francisca, entonces, fundó lo que más tarde fue la Orden de las Oblatas (Oblación significa entrega de sí mismo, sacrificio, donación); y se sabe que guardaba su comida que cada día ofrecía a los pobres comiendo ella sólo mendrugos duros de pan. Por ello su orden se dedicó a la atención de los pobres en sus necesidades.

Cuarenta años tenía su matrimonio cuando murió Lorenzo, su esposo, y de ellos se dice que en su unión reinó la armonía. Francisca siempre amó la soledad y la oración para la que siempre buscó ocasión aún en medio de sus más profundas penas, sin embargo entendió que su matrimonio era el deseo Divino y lo antepuso siempre a sus más íntimas aspiraciones. Ella decía: "Una mujer casada deja a Dios en el altar y lo encuentra de nuevo en sus deberes domésticos y familiares".

A la muerte de su esposo ella se unió a la orden de "oblatas", como ella misma las llamaba y al poco tiempo fue nombrada Superiora.

Dios la favoreció con la presencia visible de su ángel de la guarda con quien conversaba familiarmente. Predijo que moriría el día 9 de Marzo y así sucedió el año 1440. Su fiesta se conmemora en este día.



Si Medimos Con Esa Vara...

Por José P. Alonso

"Washington — (AP) — El gobierno federal debe comenzar a pagar por la mayoría de los abortos para las mujeres pobres, según decidió el Martes la Corte Suprema de Justicia".

Así comienza el cable aparecido en la prensa el Martes 19 de Febrero y sigue diciendo que los magistrados en votación de 6 a 3 rehusaron bloquear la orden de un juez federal que obliga al gobierno a pagar los abortos considerados médicamente necesarios. Este juez federal de primera instancia cuyo nombre es John Dooling, anuló el pasado mes de Enero en Nueva York la llamada enmienda Hyde, que era una restricción del Congreso sobre el empleo de dineros del Medicaid para abortos.

Los grupos que favorecen el aborto y que aplaudieron esta decisión se basan en que "las mujeres ricas disponen del dinero necesario para hacerse los abortos mientras que las pobres no tienen los medios para ello".

Todos, incluyendo los jueces, parecen olvidar que el Medicaid o el gobierno federal nutren sus fondos con el impuesto que pagan los ciudadanos y negocios del país establecidos legalmente, para el bien de la ciudadanía o sociedad, en aquello que es bien para todos.

Todos estamos de acuerdo en que el gobierno debe crear las agencias necesarias para proteger a los que nada tienen, muy especialmente a los que lo han dado todo por su patria, y una de estas agencias es el Medicaid. Pero lo que no tiene la

aprobación unánime del pueblo es que esos fondos se usen para otra cosa que no sea devolver la salud de los pobres y salvarles la vida.

Un aborto, de cualquier ángulo que se mire, es privar a "una pobre e indefensa criatura" de la vida a que tiene absoluto derecho aunque su madre no lo crea así.

El principio que mueve a los abortionistas no se aplicaría a la frustrada suicida que luego de su aventura quedara encinta y no sabiendo qué hacer recurre al suicidio. "Si no desea el hijo, que lo mate siempre que sea antes de nacer. Es su derecho". Pero ella no desea la vida y sin embargo se le envía al hospital para que se la devuelvan aún en contra de su gusto.

Por razones humanas, se considera la pena de muerte un castigo cruel y está prácticamente abolida en casi todo el mundo. Pero se hace ley privar a una criatura de la misma vida que se defiende en otros individuos.

Celebramos cuando se le salva la vida al que por sobredosis de droga llega casi muerto al hospital. Estimamos que, aunque sabía el riesgo que corría, es digno de mejor suerte y nos condelemos de la flaqueza que lo llevó al hábito. Sin embargo, muchos aplauden que se facilite el aborto a quienes saben a lo que se exponen cuando haciendo uso de "su derecho civil y biológico" buscan sólo placer tratando de ignorar que éste conlleva responsabilidades naturales y sociales. Si todos olvidáramos nuestras responsabilidades, inherentes a nuestra humana naturaleza

porque somos criaturas gregarias desde que surgió el primer hombre en el mundo, inevitablemente descenderíamos en el nivel zoológico a un animal más, movido sólo por sus instintos y el peor depredador de la creación. Porque unido a sus instintos pondría su inteligencia para hacer de sus actos los más viles, crueles e inhumanos.

¿Es que no lo vemos hoy día? Aquellos que más derechos civiles reclaman son los que les importa un bledo el derecho civil de la mujer que violaron; ni el de los huérfanos de un padre asesinado; ni el de la juventud y la sociedad misma a vivir una vida tranquila, libre de temores, de asaltos cobardes y traicioneros, libre de la terrible plaga de la droga, que ya no respeta ni a los niños.

Por estas mismas razones pensamos que el derecho del no-nacido es más inviolable y más legítimo que el de aquellos a quienes antes de arrestarlos se le lee la "cartilla de sus derechos".

Si la mujer pobre tiene al aborto el mismo derecho que la rica (ninguna tiene tal derecho) y el Medicaid debe pagar, es ésta una vara que muy pronto va a comenzar a medir la tela de la sociedad para otros atendidos. Pudiéramos decir, como un ejemplo, que la pobre sueña con un viaje de placer a París como lo hace la rica. Es justa esa ambición de modo que el Welfare debe pagar. O aquel infeliz que carcomido por el vicio del juego anhela ir a Las Vegas una vez en su vida pero no tiene bastante con que darse ese "humano gusto". Como el ricacho de la casa de enfrente puede hacerlo es su derecho que el Welfare se lo facilite o quien sabe si el propio Medicaid puesto que es algo que ya afecta su salud.

Señores, estamos yendo muy lejos con esto de los derechos civiles; tan lejos, que hemos dejado muy atrás en el camino otro derecho de todos, ¡DE TODOS!: el derecho que tenemos a cumplir nuestras responsabilidades. Y esta debiera ser la vara que mida a los reclamantes de derechos. ¿Has cumplido con tus responsabilidades sociales, con tu responsabilidad humana para con tu prójimo? ¿has pagado todas tus cuentas? ¿no has dado ningún cheque sin fondos de los que tanto abundan en Miami?.

¿Te has preocupado porque tus hijos crezcan como ciudadanos honrados y sean ejemplos de decencia en tu barriada? ¿Se guardan las consideraciones debidas con los demás? Cuando alguien no cumple sus responsabilidades, está atacando el derecho de sus vecinos, de su comunidad. El que no haya respetado el derecho de los demás cumpliendo primero sus responsabilidades ¿TIENE DERECHO ALGUNO A RECLAMAR ALGO? Porque primero se siembra y luego se recoge. Se trabaja antes que venga la paga.

El hombre o la mujer que intenta quitarle el derecho de vivir al no-nacido está faltando a la responsabilidad que ellos mismos crearon y por tanto ¿qué derecho tienen?.

Fashion Show Pro Christopher Columbus H.S.

Maria de los Angeles Ribas, Ada Santaló y Mercy Maspóns, organizadoras del Fashion Show que a beneficio del Christopher Columbus High School se ofrecerá el día 22 de Marzo de 1980 en el Country Club de Coral Gables,

invitan a este desfile de modas que será presentado por la Sra. Carmen Brey, de bien reputada fama en el campo de la moda y los tejidos. Si desean más completa información llamar al 266-0345 de la Sra. Maspóns.

ACLARACION Charla del Dr. S. Solano Será en Little Flower

La charla que con motivo del programa de evangelización en el Año de la Familia 1980 habría de ofrecer el Dr. Simón Solano en Santa Agueda según noticias llegadas a nuestra redacción, tendrá lugar en el salón parroquial de Little Flower. Hubo un error en la información que deseamos aclarar prontamente.

En la fecha anunciada, 14 de Marzo, Viernes, a las 98 p.m. el Dr. Solano, exprofesor

de Ginecología de la Universidad de Georgetown, Washington DC., actualmente Ginecólogo del Hospital de Georgetown y Director de Obstetrician del Hospital de Arlington, Virginia, ofrecerá una conferencia sobre planificación de la familia, según el bien probado método del Dr. Billings en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia Little Flower, en 1270 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables.

Obispo Roman ... (Viene de la Pag. 1A)

Yo tengo la esperanza de que este año todos nosotros ante el Evangelio, como Ponce de León, en otro tiempo en la historia, ante las costas de la Florida, exclamemos gozosos la misma oración de amor:

"Gracias a Ti, Oh Señor, que nos has permitido ver algo nuevo."

Arzobispo Bendecirá Consejo 5110

El Consejo 5110 "Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad" de los Caballeros de Colón, abrirá las puertas de su nuevo y recién adquirido hogar en 2640 N.W. 33 St., el próximo día 9 de Mar-

zo. La ceremonia comenzará con la bendición del local por el E.S. Arzobispo de Miami, Edward McCarthy, quien bendecirá también el "van" que el Consejo "Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad" obsequiará a los incapacitados de la zona.

Estará presente también Monseñor Agustín Román, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami y otros dignatarios de la Iglesia y de los Caballeros de Colón.

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Parroquia de Sn. Joaquín Tiene Nueva Iglesia

La parroquia de San Joaquín en 18815 SW 117 Ave., South Miami Heights, tiene ya su nueva Iglesia, que fue dedicada por el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy el pasado Sábado 1ro de Marzo en una hermosa Liturgia Eucarística a las 5:30 de la tarde.

A pesar de la torrencial lluvia el nuevo templo estaba abarrotado de fieles. El Reverendo Emilio Martín, Pastor de San Joaquín estaba visiblemente emocionado cuando daba los últimos toques para que todo estuviera en absoluto orden cuando llegara el momento de comenzar la ceremonia. Merecen especial mención el grupo de activos fieles que lo ayudaron en todos los detalles así como las bellas voces del

juvenil coro que amenizó la Liturgia.

La Santa Misa fue presidida por el Arzobispo McCarthy y concelebraron Mons. William Denver y el Padre Martín y unos veinte sacerdotes más.

La Iglesia de diseño sencillo y acogedor, tiene capacidad para más de 500 personas y al entrar llama la atención el gran Cristo Crucificado que preside el sagrario.

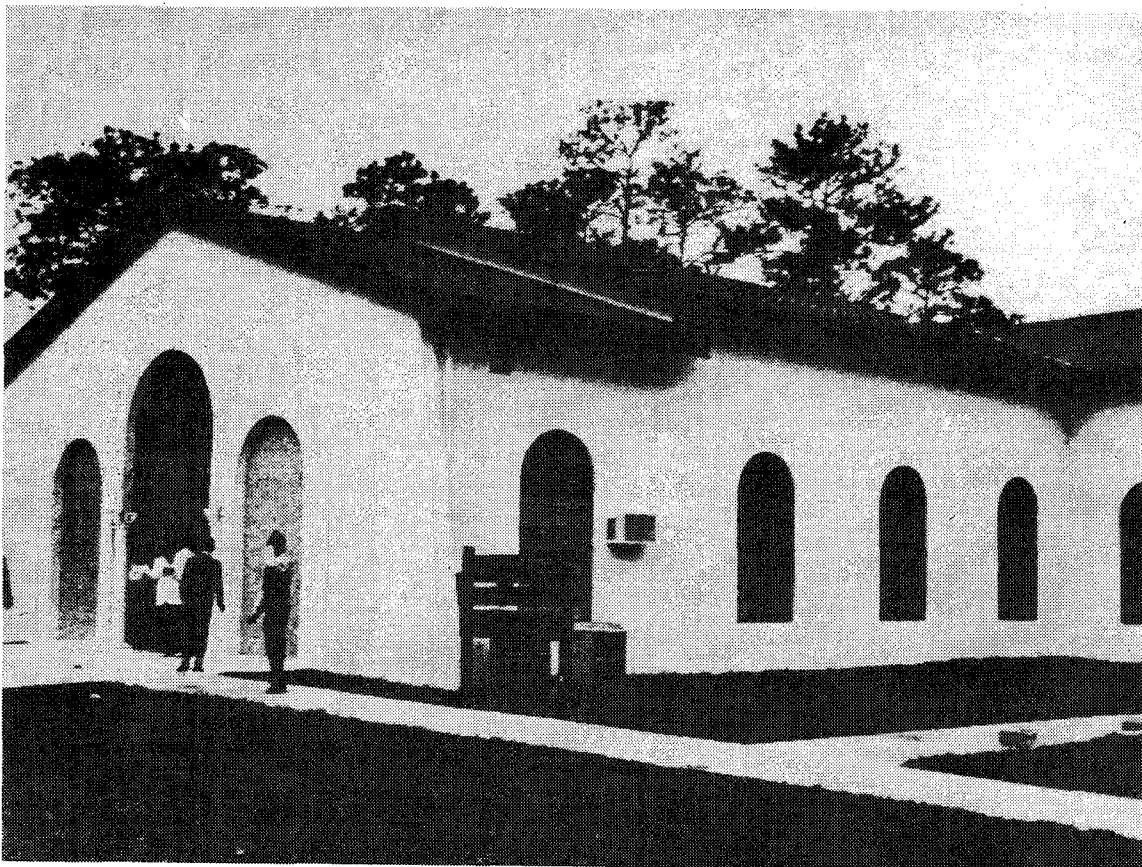
Al finalizar la ceremonia los fieles asistentes aplaudieron efusivamente al Arzobispo luego de breves palabras del P. Martín y también a éste cuando el señor Arzobispo elogió sus cuidados pastorales y su entusiasmo por la edificación de esta nueva Casa de Dios.



Rvdo P. Emilio Martín, Pastor, lee el Santo Evangelio



Arzobispo McCarthy comienza la ceremonia de dedicación



Fachada de la nueva Iglesia San Joaquín

Retiro y Charlas de Cuaresma en San Juan Bosco

Como parte del programa de evangelización en este '1980, Año de la Familia', el Rvdo. Padre Emilio Vallina, Párroco de San Juan Bosco, ha preparado un retiro familiar para los días 15 y 16 de Marzo, Sábado de 8 a.m. a 10 p.m. y el Domingo de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. en que se cerrará con la Santa Misa.

El Rvdo. Reynol Guillén será el director espiritual para los adolescentes hasta 19 años y el Padre Vallina tendrá bajo su dirección espiritual a los matrimonios.

Los temas del retiro son: "Transforma tu Familia a ejemplo de la Familia de Nazareth" y "Oración, Perdón Diálogo y Amor de Dios en la Familia." La Iglesia San Juan Bosco está situada en la esquina de E. Flagler y la Avenida 13.

LAS CHARLAS

También en San Juan Bosco se ofrecerán cinco charlas

Cuaresmales los días del 17 al 21 de Marzo, ambos inclusive, a las 8 p.m. cuyos tópicos serán el cristiano y la familia.

Las charlas serán ofrecidas por el Rvdo. Emilio Vallina y por todos los sacerdotes asociados a la Parroquia.

Curso de Lengua y Cultura Hispana por S.E.P.I.

El Instituto Pastoral del Sureste ofrecerá un curso de tres semanas, creado y diseñado especialmente para propósitos pastorales. El curso proveerá la necesaria habilidad para comunicarse en la Lengua Española y también el conocimiento debido de la cultura hispana. Este curso es muy conveniente para educadores, ministros pastorales, misioneros, administradores y trabajadores sociales.

Será ofrecido en el Seminario-Colegio St. John Vianney, SW 87 Avenida y la Calle 29 en Miami. 10 créditos

de estudios serán otorgados. El costo del curso es de \$450 para los internos y \$400 para los estudiantes externos; éstos tendrán incluido el desayuno, almuerzo y comida como los internos que vivirán en el Seminario. Se recomienda la matrícula interna en este programa aunque no es obligatoria.

La fecha final para registraciones es Junio 25 de 1980. Más información puede obtenerse escribiendo al Rvdo. Mario Vizcaino, S.P., 2900 SW 87 Ave., Miami, Fla. 33165 o por el teléfono 305-223-7711.

United Way Ayuda a Haitianos

En su reunión mensual la Junta de Directores de United Way del Condado Dade votó a favor de la entrega de 7,500 dólares a "Haitian American Community Association" del Condado Dade (HACAD).

HACAD fue establecida en Abril 1977 con la idea de servir las necesidades de los haitianos, siendo su principal función la de actuar como una agencia de servicios sociales y referencias para este necesitado grupo de refugiados.

En 1979 la Agencia suministró servicios de información y referencias a casi seis mil haitianos y esperan servir a más de ocho mil personas en 1980.

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por fondos de la Iglesia Metodista Unida en 17,000 dólares hasta el 29 de Febrero, los fondos para este año están pendientes en su aprobación. HACAD también está siendo considerada por la Administración de Servicios Comunitarios de Washington por 300,000 dólares esperándose una decisión sobre esta ayuda para el primero de Junio de este año.

En estos momentos el programa CETA del Condado Dade y la Junta Escolar ayudan a Haitian American Community Association con el personal y los siete mil 500 dólares aprobados por United Way servirán para cubrir los gastos administrativos por 3 meses.

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Trabaja 17 Horas Diarias a los 72 Años

Maple Mount, Ky. — (NC)— Alrededor de las 5 a.m. comienza a verse a una encorvada figura escurriéndose de cuarto en cuarto en el segundo piso del Convento Mount St. Joseph atendiendo a las enfermas. No se oye sonido alguno a esta temprana hora, excepto el crujir de unos zapatos de tenis al resbalar sobre el pulido piso del pasillo y algún ocasional timbre de llamada o alguna vocecita que llama a Annie.

Annie es la Hermana Anna Frances Johnson, de 72 años, que comienza a trabajar en bien de sus hermanas monjas enfermas, a las 5 a.m. y usualmente termina sus labores a las 10:30 de la noche. Por su edad ya Annie no tiene obligación alguna de este esfuerzo; sin embargo, su buena salud y fortaleza requieren de ella este constante servicio. Annie no puede sentarse a descansar porque su natural disposición no se lo permite.

"Sería como tratar de parar un tren en marcha." Dice la Hermana Joseph Angela Bone, describiéndola. "Se sentiría muy mal y enfermaría si ella creyera que ya no la necesitan y que en cambio fuera ella la que necesitara de otros".

Desde que entró en el Convento a la edad de 29 años, su vida ha sido una de "hacer algo" por los demás. En realidad, cuando vino al convento tenía ya una historia de servicio como maestra de religión en su pueblo de Queensboro, Ky., además de servir a cuantos se acercaran a ella con alguna necesidad.

Cuando no se necesita de ella en la enfermería se la ve pelando vegetales en la cocina, enlatando alimentos o trabajando en el jardín, chequeando las puertas en la noche o haciendo las camas. Claro que Annie ora. Siempre hace tiempo para la oración.

La hermana Annie llegó a la enfermería cuando una tía suya cayó enferma y la internaron aquí en 1967. Después de la muerte de su tía, dos años más tarde, se quedó trabajando en la enfermería. Es difícil



Sin tener en cuenta la tarea Hermana Annie la realiza siempre con una sonrisa.

determinar qué mueve a algunas personas a tan dedicado servicio durante toda una vida, pero es de suponer que el amor a la humanidad que nace de un gran amor por Cristo Salvador sea el motor que les da impulso.

"Yo puedo sentirme cansada pero no retirada", confiesa Annie. "No puedo rendirme a los años mientras tenga fuerzas y otros me necesiten."

Aniversario de "la Salle"

Los Hermanos De La Salle y sus Antiguos Alumnos celebran en este año de 1980, el 75 Aniversario de la Fundación de Los Colegios De La Salle en Cuba, y el Tricentenario de la Fundación del Instituto de los Hermanos de las Escuelas Cristianas.

La Primera Actividad del Programa para la celebración en el año 1980, será "La fiesta del Hogar" del Hermano Casiano el Día 9 de Marzo, con un picnic Familiar para reunir a los Antiguos Alumnos y sus familias.

El Hno. Luis Pi vendrá de Puerto Rico especialmente para reunirse con sus Antiguos Alumnos y amigos, teniendo también la asistencia de los Hnos. De La Salle que radican en Miami, los Hnos. Norberto Boiral, René Hernández y Miguel Campos.

La celebración de los Aniversarios comprende la Primera Convención Lasallista en Miami en los días 3, 4, y 5 de Julio, y los Actos en Honor de San Juan Bautista De La Salle en Mayo 17.

Para informes y detalles llamar al 442-8163, o 446-6230.

Antes de asistir a Misa a las 6 a.m. la hermana Annie da de tomar un poco de agua a una enferma.



NACION

Nueva York — (NC)— Una conferencia de dirigentes religiosos cristianos y judíos, convocada por la Coalición de Acción Popular, pidió que se conceda amnistía y protección a los inmigrantes indocumentados.

San Juan, Texas — (NC)— Mons. George Higgins, de la U.S. Catholic Conference, alabó la Unión de Trabajadores Agrícolas de América (OUFA) por su visión ejemplar en escoger a las mujeres para puestos de responsabilidad en el movimiento sindical. César Chávez, su líder, presidió las sesiones convocadas para proponer a la legislatura de Texas prioridades obreras. Mons. Higgins dijo que existe una corriente para minar el movimiento obrero organizado en todo el país, parte de la cual es el proyecto legislativo de restablecer el programa de los

braceros mexicanos que permitiría a los grandes finqueros importar mano de obra barata en detrimento de la Unión. Pidió a los trabajadores que se opongan.

Washington — (NC)— El Comité de Desarrollo Social de la U.S. Catholic Conference patrocinará en Abril una conferencia en la Universidad Católica sobre las necesidades de los ancianos — desde seglares hasta obispos — y los recursos que tenga el ministerio de la Iglesia para ayudarles.

Helena, Montana — (NC)— En lugar de lamentarse y llorar, nuestras parroquias y agencias deben unir esfuerzos "con los de los padres de familia para contrarrestar efectivamente las causas de la promiscuidad entre los jóvenes y el embarazo prematuro," dijo Mons. Elden Curtiss, obispo

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de Helena, al comentar estadísticas que indican que en 1979 casi un millón de bebés fueron alumbrados por madres solteras, un 60 por ciento de ellas menores de edad. Del total, 10,000 nacieron de niñas menores de 14 años. Habría que estudiar no sólo los factores religiosos y morales, sino también el ambiente del hogar, la casa en sí, las condiciones económicas y la educación impartida en cada caso, dijo el obispo, que escribe una columna en el semanario WestMont Word. Señaló como culpables en parte de la demoralización general al sexo y la violencia en los medios de comunicación.

Richmond, Va. — (NC)— Al pronunciar el juramento de nacionalización como estadounidense, el P. Ricardo Seidel, de origen peruano y ahora director del apostolado hispano en la diócesis de Richmond, puso objeciones a la parte que le compromete a "tomar armas en defensa de los Estados Unidos." Dice que como sacerdote se ha consagrado a un ministerio de "vida, amor y paz" y no podría matar en conciencia. Durante la preparación para adoptar la ciudadanía consultó con las autoridades que le aseguraron que no habría problemas, pero el juez de ocasión no le eximió del juramento. Espera apelar.

Washington — (NC)— Muchos sacerdotes recién ordenados, y seminaristas ordenados prefieren cálices de cerámica a los de oro no sólo por el bajo costo sino también por arte, revela una encuesta.

MUNDO

Vaticano — (NC)— La cuenta lucha interna en el

Libano y el consiguiente "clima de terror...se deben a la pérdida del sentido religioso y moral, y por ende, del deber cívico," declaró según Radio Vaticana el patriarca de rito maronita de Antioquia, Antoine-Pierre Khoraiiche. La "actitud perversa" de algunos líderes causa una guerra que ha sido un "calvario de cinco años por sus pérdidas incalculables." En una pastoral de cuaresma se refirió a la extorsión, sacrilegios, desprecio de normas cívicas y religiosas, ganancias y fortunas al precio de vidas ajenas, "y una pasión de poder y dominio." El comienzo de la catástrofe en los valores morales estuvo en escuelas estatales secularistas, que produjeron "una neutralidad religiosa que con frecuencia terminó en ateísmo; así las fuerzas del mal pudieron influenciar a la juventud."

Chestochova, Polonia — (NC)— "Transformad los cohetes atómicos en pan," clamó el cardenal Esteban Wyszynski, primado de Polonia, en ceremonias en el santuario mariano de Jasna Gora, al orar para que "Cristo mueva la conciencia de las naciones ricas y opulentas para que terminen la carrera de armamentos." Dijo que Europa sigue a la cabeza de la producción armamentista, cuando "a poca distancia de sus costas tantos niños mueren de hambre."

Cordoba, España — (NC)— Los obispos de ocho diócesis de Andalucía, apoyan el movimiento hacia la autonomía — como los del país vasco y Cataluña — porque creen que puede fomentar "el redescubrimiento de nuestra identidad y valores como pueblo, y superar la inercia, el asila-

miento y la desesperanza que junto con otros factores externos han hecho de nuestra tierra una zona subdesarrollada." Los andaluces, muchos gitanos, tienen el ingreso más bajo del país. Los obispos se preocupan de que falte educación cívica hacia la autonomía y surja la violencia que acompaña a los movimientos en otras regiones. De hecho 250 sacerdotes vascos escribieron al Papa Juan Pablo II para pedirle su comprensiva mediación en lo que ellos consideran "represión" del gobierno central. El 20 de marzo habrá elecciones parlamentarias en Cataluña.

San Salvador, El Salvador — (NC)— Aunque Mons. Oscar Romero, arzobispo de San Salvador, no mencione nombres cuando condena a los extremistas de la derecha y de la izquierda, lo mismo que a los oficiales de línea dura dentro del ejército, por la violencia que amenaza con desembocar en abierta guerra civil, los observadores políticos identifican a varios grupos al recorrer la historia reciente de este pequeño y superpoblado país centroamericano: Las organizaciones de izquierda como el Bloque Popular Revolucionario y las de derecha, Unión Guerrera Blanca y Orden, terroristas de la llamada oligarquía. Ultimamente apareció la Organización para la Liberación del Comunismo. Las Ligas Populares 28 de Febrero tienen fuerte dirigencia marxista y apoyan al Ejército Popular Revolucionario. Sigue el Frente Unido de Acción Popular, con más intelectuales con visión centroamericana de los problemas. El más reciente Movimiento de Liberación Popular tiene como brazo armado al Partido Revolucionario de Trabajadores de Centro América.

Obispos de Florida Contra Pena Capital

Orlando — (NC)— El Gobernador de la Florida, Bob Graham ha rechazado la petición de los siete Obispos Católicos y nueve altos Clérigos Protestantes de la Florida para la abolición de la pena de muerte.

En el telegrama enviado por la Diputada de Consejo, Betty Steffans a nombre del Gobernador, se les comunica que la pena de muerte ha sido ratificada por las más altas cortes federal y estatal como constitucional.

La Sra. Steffans hizo notar que el gobernador siempre

ha apoyado la pena capital de manera consistente desde que era Senador.

Los 16 religiosos han respondido: "Deseamos declarar que la pena de muerte no es ya apropiada como castigo. Que una sociedad madura puede encontrar medios más efectivos para prevenir el crimen y alcanzar reparación para los ofendidos..." "Quitar la vida del criminal no sana ni restaura... Creemos que los intereses del pueblo de la Florida serán mejor servidos por sinceros esfuerzos para la rehabilitación y por castigos que no sean la pena de muerte."