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'Eucharist Should Not Divide'

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VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Eucharistic worship is "the soul of all Christian life" and "must not be an occasion for dividing Catholics and for threatening the unity of the church," Pope John Paul II said in a Holy Thursday letter to the world's bishops.

The pastoral letter, "On the Mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist," was dated Feb. 24 and issued by the Vatican on March 18. Holy Thursday is April 3 this year.

ITS SPECIAL emphasis is on the church's "special duty to safeguard and strengthen the sacredness of the Eucharist," which is "the center and goal of all sacramental life."

The 53-page document also discusses communion in the hand, special ministers, Mass readings, the use of Latin, confession and devotion to the blessed sacrament.

The pope described the Eucharist as "the principal and central 'raison d'être' of the sacrament of the priesthood, which effectively came into being at the moment of the institution of the Eucharist, and together with it."

He called on priests and bishops to guard against actions that would tend to downgrade the importance of the Eucharist.

"GOD PRESERVE us from behaving in a way that lacks respect, from undue hurry, from an impatience that causes scandal," he said.

Pope John Paul also apologized in his name and that of all bishops "for everything which, for whatever reason, through whatever human weakness, impatience or negligence, and also through the at times partial, one-sided and erroneous application of the directives of the Second Vatican Council, may have caused scandal and disturbance concerning the interpretation of the doctrine and the veneration due to this great sacrament."

The pope said distributing Communion in the hand has led to some scandalous attitudes.

In countries where Communion in the hand is permitted, he said, "a deplorable lack of respect toward the eucharistic species has been reported."

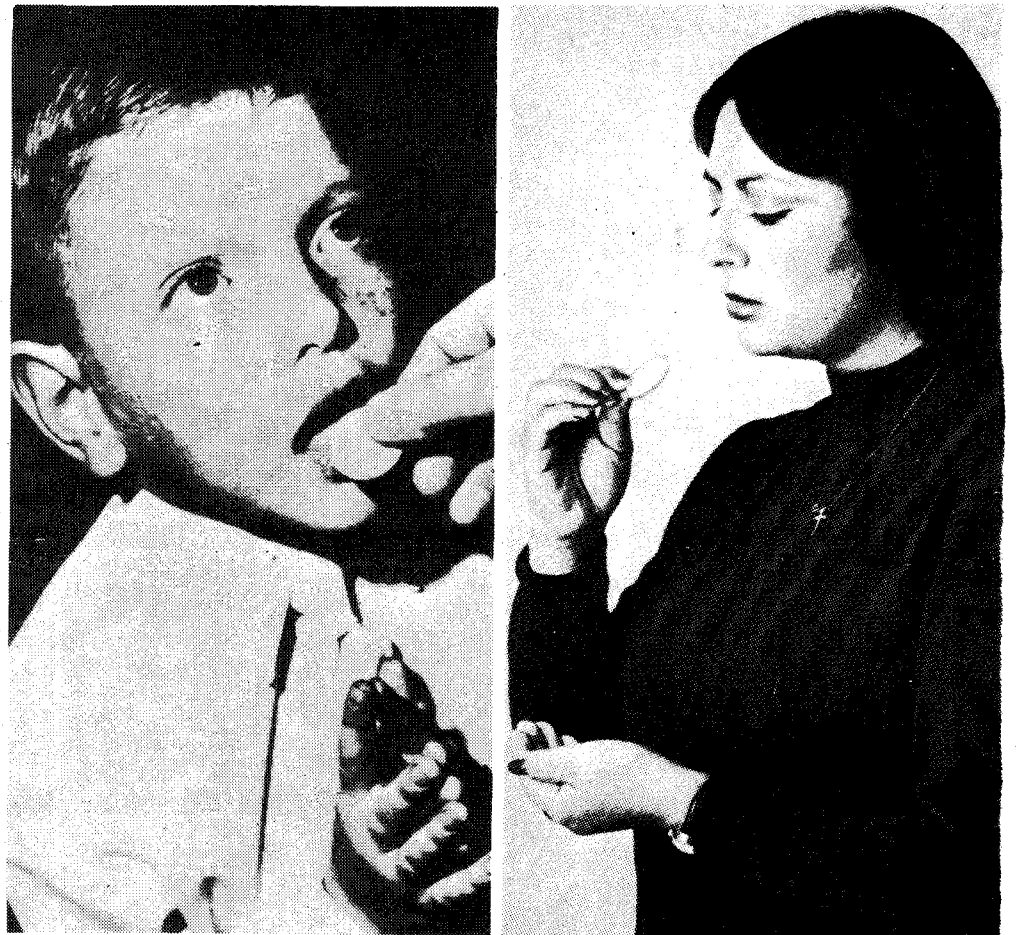
"IT ALSO happens, on occasion, that the free choice of those who prefer to continue the practice of receiving the Eucharist on the tongue is not taken into account," the pope added.

The Polish-born pope prefers not to give Communion in the hand, even in countries such as the United States where the practice is permitted.

But he stressed that criticism of Communion in the hand is "in no way meant to refer to those who, receiving the Lord Jesus in the hand, do so with profound reverence and devotion, in those countries where this practice has been authorized."

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Pope John Paul II urges increased respect for the Holy Eucharist and upholds the right to receive either in the hand or on the tongue as long as it is done with reverence.

Faithful Demand Quality Education

By GERARDE SHERRY

The absolute need for quality in education and the Catholic Schools' performance in this regard has led to an increasing demand for it in the Archdiocesan area.

This is the view of Father Vincent T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools — and he can produce a tremendous amount of evidence to prove it.

FATHER KELLY said that not too long ago there were questions as to the continuity of the Catholic Schools system, "especially in the South because being relatively new, we did not have many existing programs and there were many newcomers to the Archdiocesan area."

"After the post-Vatican II atmosphere settled down," Father Kelly said, "people began to realize what is important and they began to see that Catholic education is a viable option — that is a service to

the Catholic Church and to the community. As values began to stabilize, they began to realize that Catholic Schools provided, first of all, religious values; secondly, they provided a tremendous competitive background for students; thirdly, I think they provided an emphasis on discipline that has more or less disintegrated in most school systems across the nation.

"In the Archdiocese of Miami within the last five years there has been a demand for Catholic education. This is due to various factors; first of all, the growth of the area. Secondly, I think the proven worth of many of the schools; thirdly, the Hispanic people in Dade County, especially, because of their tradition, are desirous of Catholic School education. The demand from them is sizeable. In western Dade County, that is a factor.

"In the three major counties — Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach —

in the western section of these counties — we are not meeting the needs of the people at this time requesting Catholic education. In fact, this is one of my most agonizing moments when I respond to people and say, not now, but later."

"So you take the instance of St. Kevin's Parish in the western section of Dade County — the pastors are developing an elementary school — they had an inspiration three weeks ago and in the first ten days the registration not only exceeded the capacity — but doubled the capacity. The result was that when we analyzed the situation, we decided it would be in the interest of the people to expand the school even as it was being constructed. The diocese is assisting the parish in that regard."

Father Kelly said that while in other parts of the country some Catholic schools have been closed,

this has not happened here," although we have consolidated high schools."

"We did have here years ago maybe five high schools," Father Kelly said, "such as Little Flower, St. Patrick's on the beach, Ss. Peter and Paul. Then when the Central High Schools were built, they simply consolidated the student body into the central school. At the present time, or let's say in the past ten years, we haven't closed a school."

"However, we're not above analyzing the concept of consolidation, as much as we desire to open a school, we have to be realistic and see that our population has moved west. My interpretation of the Church is that we serve the people where they are — not where we think they should be. In the Eastern section of the county — within each

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Legion of Mary Vigil

The Legion of Mary of greater Miami is holding a Prayer Vigil at Corpus Christi Church, 3220 N.W. 7th Ave., Friday March 21, starting at 7:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass at 7:30, then private meditation, Rosaries, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction at Midnight — for the success of the three **Adventures of Christ** in Savannah (May 17-31), Kansas City (July 12-26) and Dublin, Ireland (August 16-30).



News At A Glance

Family, Educator Share Interest

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The family and the Catholic educator share a special interest, "the child's growth in faith," said Father John F. Meyers, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). "Catholic Educators: Partners with the Family" is the theme of the NCEA convention in New Orleans April 7-10.

Fertility Seminar Criticized

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— A recent international seminar on fertility control devoted too much attention to unsafe artificial means of contraception and too little to natural means, Vatican Radio said in an editorial March 11.

Catholic Peace Force in Rhodesia

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Rhodesia's Catholic Justice and Peace Commission played an important role in working for a peaceful settlement in that country by gathering evidence of government repression, said Bill Sutherland, the American Friends Service Committee's representative in southern Africa.

Family Impact Statement

BORDENTOWN, N.J. —(NC)— A "family impact" statement should be part of future federal and state legislation, suggested delegates to a Catholic conference held to prepare for New Jersey's participation in the White House Conference on Families.

National Agenda For the 80's

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties will include the president of the Catholic University of America, Dr. Edmund Pellegrino.

School Prayer Law Killed

BOSTON —(NC)— Massachusetts' new school prayer law, in effect for little more than a month, was ruled unconstitutional by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court March 13.

Bishops Not Taking Sides

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —(NC)— Bishop Michael J. Begley of Charlotte, N.C., said the six bishops who have endorsed the union-sponsored consumer boycott of the J.P. Stevens Co. "are not taking sides with anyone. We're on the side of collective bargaining," said Bishop Begley.

Sisters to Combat Racism

CLEVELAND —(NC)— A study made by members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cleveland has recommended that the congregation make efforts to combat racism and in particular focused on the idea of establishing a community of minority women affiliated with the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Cardinal, On China-Vatican Ties

BEIJING —(NC)— "For the moment, China is not interested in official relations with the Vatican, but I feel this attitude is only for the time being and does not exclude the possibility in the future," said Cardinal Franz Konig of Vienna, Austria, who is visiting China for two weeks.

Quebec Facing 'Crucial Hour'

MONTREAL —(NC)— "Quebec and its people are facing a crucial hour in their history" as they debate the issue of separation from the the rest of Canada, said the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops. A referendum planned in early June could give Quebec provincial officials authority to negotiate with the federal government for a sovereignty-association status.

Seeing 'With' Eyes Not 'Through' Then

By MARY MAHER
NC News Service

William Blake, the poet and painter, is said to have seen "through his eyes, not with them." That may sound like verbal game-playing, fancy phrase-making.

We see "with our eyes," very little "through our eyes." Poor people line our city streets and we see only poor people. Prostitutes are just prostitutes; migrants are just migrants; criminals merely criminals. We see masks and not the faces beneath them.

Literalism may be at epidemic proportions these days. Some of us are fearful for we know that the periods of history which stressed literalism were preambles to periods of great persecution and pain. In an era of literalism, metaphor is relegated to poets and artists, dramatists and dreamers as if they merely dabbled in life's frosting without ever touching its substance. Of course, sensitive people know that the poets, artists and dreamers take into account the depths of human experience.

A person who sees "through his eyes" need not stop at the literal level. He can imagine the inner reality.

Bob Samples, author of the excellent work, "The Metaphoric Mind," puts it thus: "The metaphoric mind is a maverick. It is as wild and unruly as a child. It follows us doggedly and plagues us with its presence as we wander the contrived corridors of rationality. It is a metaphoric link with the unknown called religion that causes us to build cathedrals — and the very cathedrals are built with logical, rational plans. When some personal crisis or the bewildering chaos of everyday life closes in on us, we often rush to worship the rationally planned cathedral and ignore the religion. Albert Einstein called the intuitive or metaphoric mind a sacred gift. He added that the rational mind was a

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faithful servant. It is paradoxical that in the context of modern life we have begun to worship the servant and defile the divine."

Today's Gospel is indeed literal. It is about the historical event of Jesus' cure of a man born blind. But it is also highly metaphorical. Today's account of the man born blind speaks creatively of what is indeed possible in our human lives during this Lent. We can indeed be cured to see more reality or to see reality more clearly. In either case, the admission of our lingering blindness is the first step. So much more is possible to us if we learn to admit partiality as we search to live more fully.

This is the Sunday of the fourth week in Lent. It is a Sunday also of the scrutinies, those times when the Christian communities are to take their own inner revision seriously. It is not a Sunday for scruples but for searching our hearts. Scruples are based on exaggerated self-importance; search is based on the honest admission of our place in this world.

Faith enables to see more in others than meets the eye. Criminals are people like any of us, persons capable of great darkness and, when invited, capable of nobility. The poor are people with anxieties about where to live and what to eat.

This is a Sunday for seeing by admitting that often we are limited in vision. It takes a good deal to admit that. It opens the door to much rebirth, much possibility for fuller understanding. The man born blind had no option but to admit that he could not see. We do. We can hide in work or false prestige or the claim that only your faith is the right one for all. This is to be monopolists of the good gifts of God.

This Sunday the communities which gather to worship will need to answer the question of this day's scrutiny: Do we really seek to see more fully and what will the cost and fruit of such seeing be?

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Faithful Expect Quality Catholic Schools

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county, the family element has moved westward, so that the need for parishes and for schools today is the western section of these counties. Fortunately, thus far, in the Eastern sections we have maintained our schools with reasonable enrollments. They are not at capacity in the east. We try to envision the relocation of the population center of the diocese. I think the diocese has to address that also. So, I am not against consolidating programs with a view to providing better services to the students."

Father Kelly said that Catholic schools are essentially commissioned to serve Catholics.

"In the past ten years we have desired as much as possible to keep the tuition within a reasonable level so as to make it available to the average Catholic," the School Superintendent said. "The very poor Catholic that desires a Catholic education, depending on the resources of the local school, can get it. I do not want to see Catholic education become an elitist entity. I don't want to see Catholic education become exclusively upper-middle class."

"I think that the Church is substantially middle-class people. I think the Church school system should certainly serve the poor, so I think that accommodation must be built in every program. However, being realistic, if the school is underenrolled and has difficulty with finances, it obviously does not have the resources to serve all needy students. If a school has an enrollment which is sizeable, and in a wealthy area, I think they should and I think they do, make a provision for assisting needy students."

"The core city or metropolitan area people up to now have lived outside of this area, but with the migration of Hispanics and now of Haitians, there has been a total mobility — so, parishes such as Corpus Christi which 20 years ago was one of the finest churches in the diocese — is now devoid of a sizeable population. Its school went down from 462 to 372 in five years. It is experiencing difficulties."

Father Kelly said that the accountability, direction and interpretation of our schools is basically parochial, but that schools in need do get subsidies. Still, the school must justify why it exists in a particular community, even



From left, Frieda Johnson, Cele Manning, Fr. Vincent Kelly, and Sister Carmella De Costa, S.N.J.M., discuss, well in advance, plans for the upcoming school year.

one which is economically depressed and cannot really support it.

Father Kelly, who is President of the State Association of Private Schools, said that the organization protects their interest at the State, legislative, and county levels.

All the problems involving Protestant and other private schools, as well as the Catholic ones, are discussed and legislative protection sought where necessary.

On the staffing of the Archdiocesan schools, the Superintendent said there are

presently 1,387 lay teachers, 276 Sisters and a total of 77 Brothers and priests. This boils down to a staff which is 22 percent Religious and 78 percent lay persons.

"I think Catholic education has to be a personalized process," Father Kelly said, "requiring whoever is involved — be it the pastor, principal or teacher, lay or Religious — to a commitment of service. This is much more than performing the duty of reading or whatever. It involves showing concern for the person, and all the problems of marriage situations, sexuality, and even the drug culture. All of these factors together are making the Catholic school more in demand and in turn making the Catholic school more conscious to serve people as they are" Father Kelly concluded:

"I am committed to responding to the responsible needs of people. The Church must respond to requests for more elementary schools in West Dade, West Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The Church must take cognizance of the fact that it is local Catholic people who are requesting more schools with educational opportunities in the religious setting. That is what our people want and we must do all we can to satisfy this need."

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It is with this in mind that I invited my fellow Bishops of the State of Florida to Miami for the 2nd Annual Respect Life Pilgrimage. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. On Sunday, March 23, 1980 at the Miami Marine Stadium. We invite all the Faithful to the Program and to the Concelebrated Mass which will begin at 3:00 p.m. in honor of Mary, the Mother of God. Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, the General Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the Homilist.

In this YEAR OF THE FAMILY and our emphasis on EVANGELIZATION we will welcome your presence as we publicly proclaim our belief in the Lord who is the giver of Life and our belief that all human life is sacred.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

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

THE REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR - to Associate Pastor, Nativity Parish, Hollywood, effective February 8, 1980.

ABCD Drive Beyond Its Goal

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy announced at a dinner for pastors held at Williamson's Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale last Thursday that the ABCD Drive had not only met its goal of \$3.5 million but has surpassed it by over \$200,000, making a total of 3,769,813.

These are not final totals, according to Fr. John J. Vaughan, Clergy Coordinator for the drive. There are donations made directly to the chancery, and pledges received outside of the parish quotas, so that the final figure may be more than the one given above.

THE ARCHBISHOP made the announcement at a dinner held for the pastors whose parishes met or surpassed their goals. There were not many pastors who did not attend. Almost every parish went over the top. Some parishes still have reports to make.

According to Frank

Nolan, ABCD Coordinator, the final figures will be released in a short time.

The Archbishop also presented a plaque citing the appreciation of the Archdiocese to Mr. James Ward,

of Plantation, whose family acted as ABCD host family for this year's drive. Mr. Ward spoke at each dinner and was extremely active in pursuit of the drive goals, as was his family.

Boca Churches Set Ecumenical Program

BOCA RATON, FL — Eleven religious groups from Boca Raton will join in a one and a half hour interdenominational musical program called "A Musical Encounter With God", Thursday, 8 p.m., March 27 at Temple Beth El, 333 S.W. 4th Ave., Boca Raton.

The program is sponsored by United Campus Ministries of Florida Atlantic University, an organization devoted to uniting people of different religious beliefs.

Mrs. Samuel (Molly) Fraiberg, chairman of the Interfaith program and member of the board of

United Campus Ministries, has been bringing religious houses of worship together for forty years.

Mrs. Fraiberg explained: "Four years ago we started a musical interfaith program in Boca Raton because music is the universal language which all people can share and feel a part of. That is why we call it 'A Musical Encounter With God'." Mrs. Fraiberg presented the first interfaith program in 1976 during the bicentennial year. United Campus Ministries now has joined in sponsoring the event, which will be filmed by Channel 2. WPBT of Miami.

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By **KEVIN THOMAS**

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Appropriately titled "Faith and Fiesta," the convention will feature workshops and various celebrations



examining the vast field of liturgical music.

Among those on the list of guest speakers and entertainers — which includes the Dameans and Fr. Lucien Deiss — is Father Landry.

"Great Things Happen" is only one of his numerous compositions; in the popular youth music booklet **Songs of Praise and Reconciliation** a third of the songs are Carey Landry's. There is hardly a church congregation which is not familiar with the songs on his albums, "Abba, Father" and "I Will Not Forget You."

Those who have heard and / or used Fr. Landry's recordings of "Hi, God" (1 and 2) and "Bloom Where You Are Planted" in their work with children will not want to miss his workshop presentation, "Music in the Catechesis of Elementary-Aged Children."

Many other workshops such as, "The Children's Choir: Techniques and Repertoire," "Children's Liturgies: Models and Methods" and "From Schooldays to Sundays: Missing Links" will be most useful for those who plan or work with children's liturgies.

Teenagers are not left out of the convention plans. A special "Your Day" presentation is scheduled for April 15...a whole day of sessions and workshops specifically for young people active in music and liturgy in their respective churches and schools. Of special note that day are two sessions by the Dameans: "The Celebrant and Musician: Roles in Dialogue" and "Music in the Rhythm of the Liturgy."

Other sessions on the schedule include "Musicians: Ministers of Faith," conducted by Brother Alfredo Morales of the Dominican Center for Studies on Education; "The Guitar as Liturgical Instrument," by Paul Lambert, music minister at St. Louis Parish, Miami; "An Alive and Lively Gospel" and "El Repertorio Contemporaneo."

THE DAMEANS will be presented in concert the night of April 15th, as will Miami's own Miami Boychoir. Registration for "Youth Day" is \$10.00 or is included in the registration of those attending the full convention.

Among the many other aspects of "Faith and Fiesta" will be a "Clergy Day" on Wednesday, April 16th. For further information or to receive brochures (if you haven't already received yours), contact Fr. James Fetscher or Sr. Mary Tindel at the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33138 or telephone 757-6241, Ext. 241 or 241.



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Dr. Ben Sheppard

... In Memorium

"We knew him as a friend, the memories of whom shall forever remain uncounted. But more than that, we knew him as a servant of man, in ways and with acts of grace too numerous to tell..."

Last week, the South Florida community mourned the passing of Dr. Ben Sheppard, Catholic lay leader, former Juvenile Judge, Catholic Charities executive and founder of several Charities agencies, and Dade School Board Member.

Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins, long time friend and associate of Dr. Sheppard, eulogized him at Mass in St. Mary Cathedral.

Here, in part, are his words:

"... Very naturally we miss a member of our family going and tears will fall. But we are not the first ones to have had to suffer a loss of a loved one, are we? Thus Christians may well reflect on what must have been the scene when Our Lady and Our Lord missed Joseph when Almighty God called him. I am sure that the Christ who wept when His friend Lazarus died, would also shed tears for the passing of his foster father, Joseph. But, they were not tears of hopelessness. Neither

should ours be.

"We believe as Catholics in the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body and Life Everlasting. This is the time when we should put that belief into practice. This belief will not stem the tears that trickle down our cheeks, but it will make us more conforming to the will of God who told us: "It is appointed unto men once to die." That is something none of us can avoid. It is not something appointed for the poor and not for the rich; for the subject and not for the ruler — for the ignorant and not for the intellectuals — but for all men and women, everywhere, all over this world. It really does not matter when we die or where we die — but it does matter how we die — for upon that the whole of our destiny rests..."

"We knew him as a friend, the memories of whom shall forever remain uncounted. But more than that, we knew him as a servant of man, in ways and with acts of grace too numerous to tell. The telling of friendship and of compassion and of mercy are better left unsaid; for the full revelation and magnitude of such privileged moments are too constrained by words — words which always falter in the tellings of the heart. A man such as he, imbued with love and motivated by caring, is not one to be spoken of as captured in understanding, but a presence to be divined — as wonders are divined. So too, his gifts to each of us elude articulation to remain wondered in silence.

"It is just as well that we speak little. Because however great his causes and accomplishments in life, the self-forgetting servant of the alienated, the oppressed, and the ill need never be eulogised. His life speaks beyond itself; and for his good he receives a glory far greater than that which those of us he served can ever bestow. His glory is in God whose image he must have discerned in the human sufferings he sought to alleviate. Nor was he mistaken in this; for even as we speak, it is the Lord who calls to him:

"Come. You have my Father's



blessing!...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me." (Matt. 25:35 et seq.)

"And should the servant of man whose passing we presently mourn ask the Lord when this was so, the Lord will reply, "I assure you, Ben Sheppard, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me. Come...Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world." (Matt. 25:34, 40)

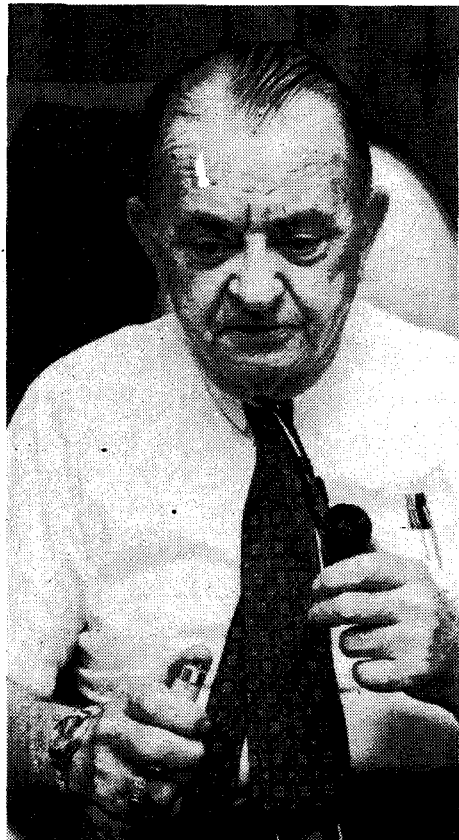
"To say this is not to presume the judgment of God, but to express a confidence born of hope and rooted in faith. And we are confident that God will confer the promise of eternal blessings upon him who, with faith, "made (himself) all things to

all men in order to save at least some of them." (1 Cor. 9:22) And so we pray with confidence this day to God, who gives life to all things, that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and to the company of those destined to everlasting life and glory.

"Our mourning, our tears, are for ourselves; may the portion of him whom we mourn be joy. In this life he gave hope to those in despair, healing to those who were injured, joy to those who were saddened. May he now receive in greater measure what he gave — the fulfillment of all hope, an eternal salvation, and the joy of endless peace and happiness..."

"Today, along with you — I pray sincerely for the soul of Ben Sheppard. Those of us who knew him well

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distribution of Communion by deacons and lay persons trained for the task is permissible. But he emphasized that priests have "a primary responsibility for the sacred species."

"The church can grant this faculty to those who are neither priests nor deacons...but always after an adequate preparation."

The importance of the use of approved liturgical texts in the Mass and the observance of other liturgical requirements, such as the wearing of vestments, was also stressed in the papal letter.

"We have been greatly moved when reading books

written by priests who had been prisoners of extermination camps, with descriptions of eucharistic celebrations without the above-mentioned rules," Pope John Paul said.

"But although in those conditions this was a proof of heroism and deserved profound admiration, nevertheless in normal conditions to ignore the liturgical directives can be interpreted as a lack of respect toward the Eucharist," he added.

THE POPE said the Vatican Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship will issue "detailed indications" on various

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Pope Merely Supporting Dignity of Eucharist

Fr. JAMES FETSCHER
Director, The Office of
Worship and Spiritual Life

Pope John Paul II for the second year in a row has sent a Holy Thursday letter of the world. This year's message "On the Mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist" continues his message last year which was devoted to the priesthood. Pope John Paul is seeking to show the indissoluble bond between the priesthood and the Mystery of the Eucharist.

Both by what he says and the way he says it, it is clear that the Holy Father's greatest concern is that the Eucharist which is the sign of our unity as Catholics should never be a source of division within the Church. He says: "I wish to briefly reaffirm the fact that Eucharistic worship constitutes the soul of all Christian life."

IN FACT Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest commandment: that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor; and this love finds its source in the blessed sacrament, which is commonly called the sacrament of love." He said "We approach as a community the table of the Lord in order to be nourished there... We received Christ, Christ

Himself! And our union with him which is a gift and grace for each individual, brings it about that we are also associated in the unity of his body which is the Church."

The Pope called for more attention on the part of priests who celebrate the Eucharist to the basic manner of celebration which can help maintain symbols that are unifying. "Our Masses, possess of themselves a complete liturgical form, which in spite of its variations in line with the families of rites, remain substantially the same. The sacred character of the Mass is a sacredness instituted by Christ (in his celebration with his Apostles in the Upper Room). The words and actions of every priest, answered by the conscious active participation of the whole eucharistic assembly, echo the words and actions of Holy Thursday."

The Holy Father drew some practical conclusions regarding celebrating Mass as an action of Christ himself.

1) "The reading of Scripture cannot be replaced by the reading of other texts." He suggests that the homily be used for such texts that can "show the points of convergence between

revealed divine wisdom and noble human thought seeking the truth by various paths."

2) Pastors should try to help people understand that the Eucharist is not simply a "fraternal banquet" in which people simply receive Communion out of conformity or a certain human respect. John Paul noted that "We cannot allow the life of our communities to lose the good quality of sensitiveness of Christian conscience." In other words we need to examine ourselves and see if we are in need of reconciliation with ourselves, our neighbors and God, even as we approach the body of Christ in a spirit of healing.

3) "It is necessary for all of us who are ministers of the Eucharist to examine carefully our actions at the altar...the way in which we distribute Holy Communion, the way in which we perform the purification."

4) The manner in which people receiving communion in the hand approach the Eucharist is important, and should be done "with profound reverence and devotion" and the option of receiving on the tongue

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State Delegates Being Selected for Family Meet

By JANE QUINN

Tallahassee — Peter O'Donnell, state coordinator of Florida's delegation to the White House Conference on Families, is in the process of selecting the representatives from Florida.

O'Donnell said here that they are inviting organizations meeting in March and April to submit reports to him (Peter O'Donnell, 904-487-2360) to be added to the state report submitted to the WHCF.

"What you see as the issues," O'Donnell said is the point to be answered in these reports. The format for the addenda to the state report should clearly identify the senders, number of persons represented and goals of the organization. Addenda should be brief, no more than five pages, single spaced. To be certain that the few state guidelines for the reports are followed, O'Donnell suggested that representatives from organizations who file the reports with him, telephone him at the Governor's office before sending them. The reports, he said, will be sent to the national coordinators for consideration.

"WE LOOK upon this as a way to get as much involvement as possible," O'Donnell said.

There will not be a Florida conference held to elect delegates, O'Connell said. The 36 who will be named by Gov. Bob Graham to the Florida delegation will be from a broad range of nominees. Three hundred nominees have been proposed, some by the persons themselves, O'Donnell said, and some by organizations. In the next 10 days, the nominations will be sifted through, he said, and recommended to the Governor for selection, based on as fair a geographic distribution as possible.

O'Donnell said the delegation will strive to have men and women, married and single, elderly, handicapped, Hispanics and blacks. "We are looking for a diverse, broad range of interests," he said.

Florida Catholic Conference Director Thomas A. Horkan, Jr., also contacted this week said that he is disappointed with the way the White House Conference has been handled in some regards.

President Jimmy Carter, he said, promised to hold the conference nationally three years ago, then cancelled it. Now, he has rescheduled it "in the middle of an election campaign." The whole thing, Horkan said, "is a sign of what government really thinks of families.

Horkan regards O'Donnell of the Governor's staff as a pleasant man with a good attitude, but the plan, as it will work out in Florida, is, according to Horkan,

"Bureaucracy running the conference and not grassroots, as the national conference was intended to be."

Florida's delegation, Horkan fears, will have a "pre-determined bias as distinguished from the

grassroots." "Even if 'pro-family groups' are on the delegation, they will probably be in the minority," Horkan ventured.

Horkan added: "The professional class,

especially in government, looks down on the pro-family groups such as Right to Life, the Mormon Church and people who advocate traditional family values."

For six months, the Florida Catholic Conference has urged on Florida the

implementation of the national guidelines, trying to make sure some kind of broad-based delegation be selected.

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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 final 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:

Practical Advantages

- A large, diverse network of publications is already in place. Most dioceses have their own newspaper. Periodicals and book publishers serve a wide range of interests and audiences. To adequately appreciate this service, one need only think of the investment and effort which would be needed to create it if it did not exist.

- As a large, complex communication service, the Catholic press involves relatively little direct expense to church organizations.

- While it is true that many publications exist with some sort of subsidy, the bulk of the expense is covered by circulation and advertising income, by the sale of books through regular outlet. The direct subsidy by dioceses or other church bodies is very small in proportion to the service rendered.

If No Catholic Press?

- Most international, national, diocesan statements would have to be channelled through the mail to rectories and through the pulpit to congregations.

- This would make it almost impossible to communicate effectively messages which require precise terminology, complex reasoning.

- The awareness of the Church as an international community would be limited, for the most part, to the understanding we could derive from occasional mentions in the general press.

- To a great extent, lay Catholics

would perceive the official church only in their parish priests. Apart from the knowledge, interests and abilities of these men, the congregations would have no access to the life, thought and activity of the total Church.

- The Church would be forced to rely more heavily on radio, somewhat on television. While broadcasting has advantages in the number of persons reached, it also has severe limitations in cost and in the amount and kind of information which can be communicated effectively. Television and radio cannot provide the in-depth treatment needed for an understanding of many of the issues facing the Church, and one cannot return to them for rereading and further study as one can with the press.

- The pattern of change and development in the life and thought of the Church continues. The only effective alternative to confusion and alienation is a well-informed community of Catholics. The Catholic press offers the best opportunity for providing the adult education needed by the Church.

- To appreciate the value of the Catholic press, we should look to the intense efforts on the part of other local churches to develop such publications where they do not exist or where they must function under severe government restraints.

Conclusions

- Recognizing all the limitations and failings of the Catholic press in North

America, the fact is that it makes a major contribution to the life of the Church, a contribution often overlooked.

- At a time when new economic pressures constitute a real threat to the existence and service of a number of the publications, this contribution needs to be seen realistically.

- Both the staffs and the readers of Catholic publications would prefer that the operations be self-supporting. If, however, particular pressures of the time make this impossible, two considerations should be carefully examined:

Could the ideal of financial independence be achieved if the publications were given the full, effective support of the Church leadership (bishops, pastors, religious education directors, etc.?) Considering the contribution made by the publications and the loss that would come from their disappearance, such support seems realistic.

While financial independence is sought, should not the service of the Catholic press be seen as comparable to other services whose subsidy is taken for granted? No one expects the Catholic schools to be self-supporting; nor Catholic social services; nor the tribunal. They are supported because they are seen as valuable services to the total Catholic community.

Considering the contributions of the Catholic press to this community, a truly necessary subsidy by the Church community would seem to be a realistic budgetary decision.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Room for Scouts

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to your attention one specific issue that touched my life personally and deeply disturbed me. For the past 7 years I have been a Girl Scout leader. For 6 of these years I have met in a portable classroom at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The church sponsored my girls (ages 6 to 17) by allowing them to meet and be known as St. Michael's Girl Scout Troops. I feel it is necessary to mention that the church also sponsors Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and due to this the girls never had an opportunity to be well known to all.

To make a long story short, the pastor from the church was transferred and the new pastor could find no record of the girls ever belonging to the church, could find no permanent place for the girls to meet (the portable previously used has been transformed to a kindergarten), and most of all required that to use the church, as our sponsors, that at least 75 percent of the troop members would be actively involved in the church.

The disturbing point stems from the pastor's last requirement. It has bothered me tremendously to see my church close the door to the possibility of serving girls and hopefully bringing new Catholic families to our church. I strongly believe that just because a girl is not Catholic, we can give up the favorable opportunity of an interest in our Church and religion. We should have programs such as scouting to widen the op-

portunity of bringing in new members to our Church.

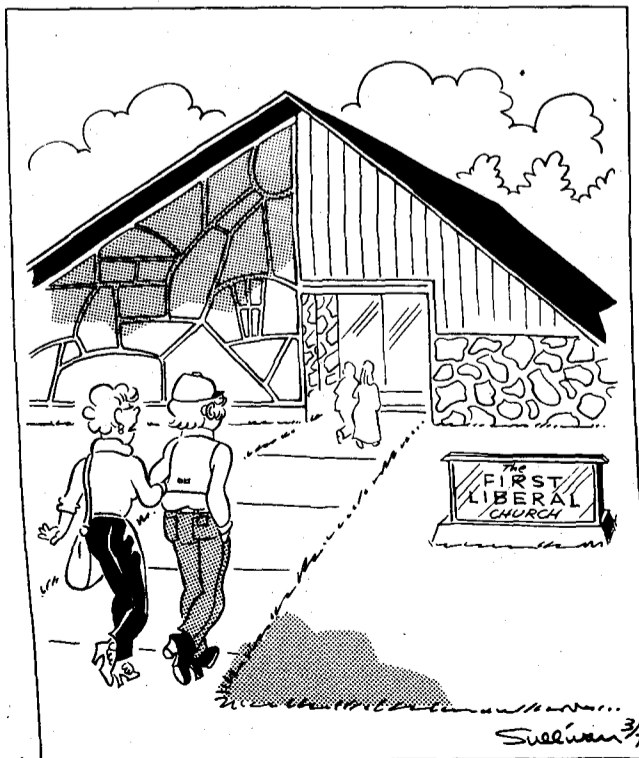
The Catholic Church lacks a great deal when it comes to programs for youth. We should welcome any and all programs that would interest the young, not always find obstacles to keep them away from our Church.

We live in an age in which the Church needs to be the spiritual, emotional and social backbone of our communities. We are in desperate need of programs that would include Bible studies and social functions for all age groups (pre-school, school age, college, singles, young marrieds and adults). It is such a shame that our Church closes its eyes to such a tremendous need for our Catholic people and for those who still need to find our Church and religion and make it their way of life.

My problem may seem trivial compared to the problems of the world, but if our Church would open its eyes and cater to the needs of our people, we could make a small part of the world better. I challenge the Archdiocese to survey our churches and see if any of the programs I have mentioned would be of interest. I think the results would be surprising.

In conclusion, I would like for everyone to weigh out what scouting has to offer not only boys but the girls as well. We should back and encourage more girl scouting and more participation in obtaining Religious Award Medals. I hope my letter makes some difference somewhere.

Mrs. Olga Pieretti
Miami



"DO YOU WANT TO SIT IN THE PRAYING OR NON-PRAYING SECTION?"



Jesus Died for Church's 'Crazy' Ideas

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

The more you read about current attitudes towards religion, both within and without the Church, the more the Gospels seem to come alive in our midst. Also, it should be noted, the more the Church appears as the extension of the life of Christ in time, reliving again the various phases of his life.

For instance, two groups, their features sharply etched in the Gospels, are back in business on a broad scale. There were those who insisted Jesus was crazy and, therefore, did not deserve hearing. There were others who did not doubt his sanity, but found his words, "hard, intolerable," more than a thinking person could accept.

IT IS CURIOUS that the first accusation about his sanity came from members of his own family. Very early in the public ministry, just after he had chosen his apostles, he went back home and was met by a huge crowd.

St. Mark reported bluntly, "When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind." So, he found no faith among his own.

His enemies held the same view. John tells us that after Jesus spoke of his sheepfold and of himself as the Good Shepherd, many of his

listeners said, "He is possessed; he is raving; why bother to listen to him?"

In the latter part of Christ's life, some of those who were known as his devoted followers broke with him on the very day he spoke of giving his body and blood as the food and drink of the soul.

Turning their backs on him, they muttered, "This is intolerable language; how can anyone accept it?" Their faith was gone. He demanded too much.

Now those comparatively small groups who confronted Christ with the two charges have grown enormously in our times.

There are still many who agree with the ancients that to accept as God a man put to death on a cross is sheer nonsense and an insult to intelligence. Moreover to expect a person, a human being, to deny his feelings, to crush down his strong appetites, to refuse himself what he lusts after most intensely, is simply insane.

And the Catholic church on love? To love one's enemies, to forgive those who hurt you, to turn the other cheek, to base love primarily on self-giving, self-sacrifice, to play self-getting in very low key — all this is unreasonable

and against the nature of man. It is made to demand the impossible. Using the big club makes much more sense.

Jesus' words against avarice and greed are dismissed by those consumed with the desire to make more and more money. You have only one life to live — get out of it all you can, even if the necks of others manage to get under your feet. Anything else is unreasonable, nonsensical.

AND MARRIAGE? Here is the final proof that the Church, like Christ, is out of touch with reality, is spacey, outdated senile and a positive enemy of freedom and progress. Her unrelenting fight against abortion, euthanasia and artificial birth control indicates, we are told, she wants to rule her subjects with fear, not reason.

All of this clearly shows the Church is out of her mind — just like Jesus.

Some of these vocal critics may merely have peeped through the door of the Church, and never come in. Others, however, had been active members, at least it appeared that way. But the day came, after a long

quiet buildup, when the light of faith went out and a strange spirit of rebellion took over.

Then the Church's teachings were looked at from a different angle. Maybe they were twisted in a grotesque way to make "right" what was always considered wrong. Maybe an illicit friendship, an immoral attachment, the break-up of a home, a growing conviction of personal superiority to the Church led them to condemn what once they upheld, hoping to feel better, to look in the mirror without flinching and to quiet that pest of a voice in conscience.

Whatever the case we are reminded again that nothing is really new. Jesus went on after his death to justify his "crazy" views, and millions in every nation, the brilliant and the unlettered, found them indeed difficult and demanding, but wholly sane and transforming. The lives of some men and women who became known as saints illustrated this most convincingly. They, too, incidentally were usually considered "mad" in their time.

How easily we forget the key to the real madness of the world today. "My ways are not your ways; my thoughts are not your thoughts."



Illegal Aliens: A Realistic View

By REV GEORGE G. HIGGINS

How many undocumented workers (so-called illegal aliens) are currently residing in the United States? Nobody really knows, but unfortunately there is a tendency, even among experts, to give credence to estimates that are almost certainly exaggerated.

One of the nation's leading labor economists, for example, says in a recent study that "various informed estimates now place the figure in the 8 million to 10 million range." He does not identify the source of these "informed estimates," but it is safe to assume they are among the studies recently analyzed by the U.S. Census Bureau and found to be grossly exaggerated.

THE CENSUS BUREAU report, written by a team of expert demographers, estimates that by the end of the 1970s there were probably fewer than 5 million illegal aliens in the United States. It also estimates that less than half of those here illegally are from Mexico, a figure well below other estimates.

The authors of the report modestly characterize their estimates as "cautious speculations." But staff members and officials of the President's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, for whom the report was prepared, call it the best analysis yet conducted on the extent of the illegal alien problem.

Spokesmen for Hispanics and

other minorities with a special interest in the illegal-alien problem are pleased with the Census Bureau report. They hope it will help defuse some of the hysteria triggered by the exaggerated reports put forth in earlier studies, including those sponsored by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

It is my impression there is much less hysteria today about illegal aliens than there was three or four years ago. Then, the media and even the Congress seemed to be in a state of panic about this problem.

THE AFL-CIO's most recent policy statement on immigration is only one of several very hopeful signs that things are taking a turn for the better in this regard. As recently as three or four years ago, the AFL-CIO, concerned about safeguarding the hard-won standards of its members, appeared to be taking a rather hard line on the illegal-alien problem. However, its new policy statement adopted by its executive council, it is commendably realistic and humane.

The AFL-CIO continues to call for effective sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, but it has taken a quantum leap forward by endorsing legislation which would provide for "a program of adjustment of status (amnesty) for illegal aliens with a

demonstrated attachment to the community to allow them that no one eligible under the law will be denied documentation; and (2) a guarantee that documentation issued according to the law will not be revoked.

In summary, the AFL-CIO policy statement, which includes a number of other provisions which should find acceptance in the hispanic community, supports a "strong, yet fair" immigration policy and urges adoption of omnibus legislation to achieve this objective. In general, if not in every detail, the statement

closely parallels those of the major religious groups and the Hispanic and other ethnic organizations which have addressed the illegal-alien problem.

In my judgment, it is a remarkably good statement which does great credit to the AFL-CIO. It is one more hopeful indication that at long last there may be enough agreement among Americans for Congress to enact legislation on this very sensitive issue — legislation that is fair to all concerned.

"In order to fulfill its aim, this (1979 U.N. Year of the Child) is called to promote the inestimable value of the child in today's world: the child as a child, as a human person, and not simply as a potential adult. Childhood is an essential phase of human life and every child has the right to live childhood to the full and to make an original contribution to the humanizing of society and its development and renewal." The church "stresses that every child is a human person and has the right to the integral development of his or her personality." Pope Paul VI. An address to U.N. Year of the Child officials. 1978.

After Mother Teresa of Calcutta received the Nobel Peace Prize last December, she delivered her Nobel Lecture. She spoke about many things — including her views on smiling. "The smile is the beginning of love," she said; Christ is in the "smile that we give and the smile that we receive." Mother Teresa said: "Let us make that one point: that no child will be unwanted, and also that we meet each other always with a smile, especially when it is difficult to smile." Again, she said: "Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family. Smile at each other."

Our Special Children--II

Discerning, Care Lead to Mutual Growth

By ANGELA M. SCHREIBER

Every Sunday for years, I would tell Yvonne (our child with down's syndrome) the story of Jesus — how he told people to love one another. Then I explained that not everyone wanted to hear his message, and Jesus knew how they felt. He realized that he would die because of what he taught.

When Jesus knew that death was near, he called his 12 best friends together and they had dinner. At that meal, bread and wine became his body and blood. The action of Jesus in that meal continues in the church. Jesus is always with us.

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The automatic acceptance of Yvonne with the other 7-year-olds was a very positive experience for our whole family. As it happened, she was ready for her First Communion. But had she not been ready, she would still have gone through the instruction and we would have tried again the following year. The attitude of this group was completely positive and we would never have been made to feel ill at ease.

Angela, our 11-year-old at that time, asked, "Why can't everybody be like that?"

ALL OF US had to work to gain acceptance of Yvonne in our neighborhood. At first, when an unkind remark was made about Yvonne to one of our children, a fight followed. We had to help our children understand that they would have to help their friends understand — but not by fighting. In time, they felt very good about their role in helping to change attitudes.

There is a natural temptation for

parents and family to withdraw from people who do not accept their handicapped or mentally retarded child — a temptation we learned to resist. Society shows more acceptance with every passing year. And families who have a handicapped or retarded child are in the best position to hasten the process of acceptance.

Certainly the attitude of the church community, the neighborhood community and the school community toward an afflicted child affects the entire family. Acceptance is a relief; non-acceptance is painful and stirs up feelings of anger. But anger solves nothing. We found that patiently acquainting people with our special child brought the acceptance we so desperately wanted for her.

Over the years, we have noticed that our other children have learned about compassion. Awareness that their actions affect other people causes them to stop and think longer and more deeply before they make decisions. Neighborhood children who are close friends have also become more aware of the feelings of others.

One of Yvonne's classmates was burned badly last summer in an accident and has just returned to school. Since this child must wear a face mask and special covering on one side of her body for many months to come, a nurse came to the school before she returned to prepare the children for the difference they would notice in the child.

NOT LONG AGO, the school administrator called to ask how I would feel about having someone from Children's Hospital talk to the children in Yvonne's school about down's syndrome. I said that would be excellent.

The positive attitudes that come through to us from Yvonne's school help us. But they also help the children who are her companions during the school day.



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Courage In the Face of Affliction

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

Each of the evangelists wrote his Gospel for a specific Christian community or group of communities. They were not out to write edifying little "lives of Jesus," but rather to give their people interpretations of the Christ-event adapted to their real-life situations.

These situations determined the choice and arrangement, we can form a fairly clear picture of the communities for which they wrote.

Luke, for instance, seems to have composed his two-volume work (Luke-Acts) for a group of mission-oriented communities in the second generation of Christianity. They are dedicated to carrying on the work of dynamic men like Paul, who had met with such amazing success.

But now the going is becoming difficult. The initial success itself has aroused suspicion, jealousy, hatred, opposition, and persecution,

mostly of the subtle kind, but still hard to take.

The danger of discouragement, the temptation to give up and rest on their laurels are what the people have to resist. Luke writes to encourage and to motivate them to continued effort. The instruction which Jesus gave his disciples has taken on new meaning and immediate relevance:

"I say to you who are my friends: Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body and can do no more... Are not five sparrows sold for a few pennies? Yet not one of them is neglected by God. In very truth, even the hairs of your head are counted! Fear nothing, then. You are worth more than a flock of sparrows.

"I TELL YOU, whoever acknowledges me before men — the Son of Man will acknowledge him before the angels of God... When they bring you before synagogues, rulers

and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what to say. The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment all that should be said" (Luke 12, 2-4, 6-8, 11-12).

In his companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, the same author holds up for the people the example of Paul who refused to be intimidated, who pushed on in spite of all difficulties, and whose trust was vindicated magnificently. The apostle's own letters give eloquent expression to his indomitable faith and courage.

Paul faced troublesome situations — and many of them were quite painful. But he saw their potential for good, the good of others. If God comforted him, it was so that Paul could comfort others; if he was afflicted, it was for their encouragement, so that they could endure courageously the same sufferings. On the other hand, Paul depends on their prayers. In the

sharing of both affliction and consolation, all grow — together. (2 Cor. 1:3 -7,11)

This is also true in our communities, parishes and families. For instance, the presence of a chronically afflicted child in a family is an undeniable trial. But it carries with it tremendous potential for good or for ill. It can engender all sorts of disruptive and destructive emotions. But it is also a positive opportunity for amazing, joyful growth. Precisely because it calls in a unique way for unselfish, creative love, it is an abiding occasion for achieving real human greatness.

But this is not easy — growth never is — and a family in this situation might well look to the greater parish family as Paul looked to his: "You must help us with your prayers, so that on our behalf God may be thanked for the gift granted us through the prayers of so many" (2 Cor. 1:11).

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Raising a Retarded Child

By GLORIA J. DOLESH

The handicapped child's family faces unique, day-by-day and sometimes hour-by-hour challenges. The Kellehers of St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria, Va. — Frank, Janice, Nicky, and Kelly — are such a family. Twenty-three years ago, Nicky was born with down's syndrome and a severe heart defect.

No one expected Nicky to live more than five years, given his poor physical condition. But as Janice points out, "Somehow God had others plans for Nicky, and knowing that makes dealing with his handicap much easier. The problems are still there, but we can handle them."

There are problems which challenge the parents and siblings of a mentally retarded child. One of the biggest is acceptance; acceptance that their child is not the traditional bouncing baby. Here, great support from the extended family, the pastor, and faith is crucial, Janice says.

Until a retarded child is accepted for what he or she is, no

progress is made. Once there is acceptance, the parents can move on to the next problem, that of education.

When Nicky was born, there were two options: the institution or the private school. Most of the private schools had long waiting lists.

FORTUNATELY, Nicky was able to attend school. After 12 years at the school, progress had been made but there was still room to grow. Nicky's parents enrolled him in a sheltered workshop. Some of his biggest accomplishments were made there, especially in the area of personal relationships. Janice says, "Our advice to other parents of retarded children is to use all of the public vehicles available in the field of education. These programs really help to prepare the child as a functioning person in society."

People can be very cruel and unaccepting, and sometimes this causes a problem for the family of a retarded child. But, to Frank, who is Nicky's stepfather, what others thought was never a problem and

Nicky was always included in all aspects of the family's life.

"As far as I'm concerned, Nicky's heart condition is far more serious than the fact that he is retarded," Frank said. Frank is active in scouting for the retarded and has helped retarded persons move out of institutions and into group homes or apartments. Nicky's good friend Joyce is now living in an apartment as a functioning member of society thanks to the Kellehers.

Kelly, Nicky's sister, is in her first year of high school. She has never been sheltered from Nicky's retardation. Her parents believe that her true acceptance of Nicky came slowly — and naturally — but note that she now invites her friends home without first asking whether Nicky will be there.

There are daily concerns, like teaching Nicky to pace himself to avoid straining his heart. Because his heart condition prevents air travel, all vacations must be taken by car.

Then there is the overriding

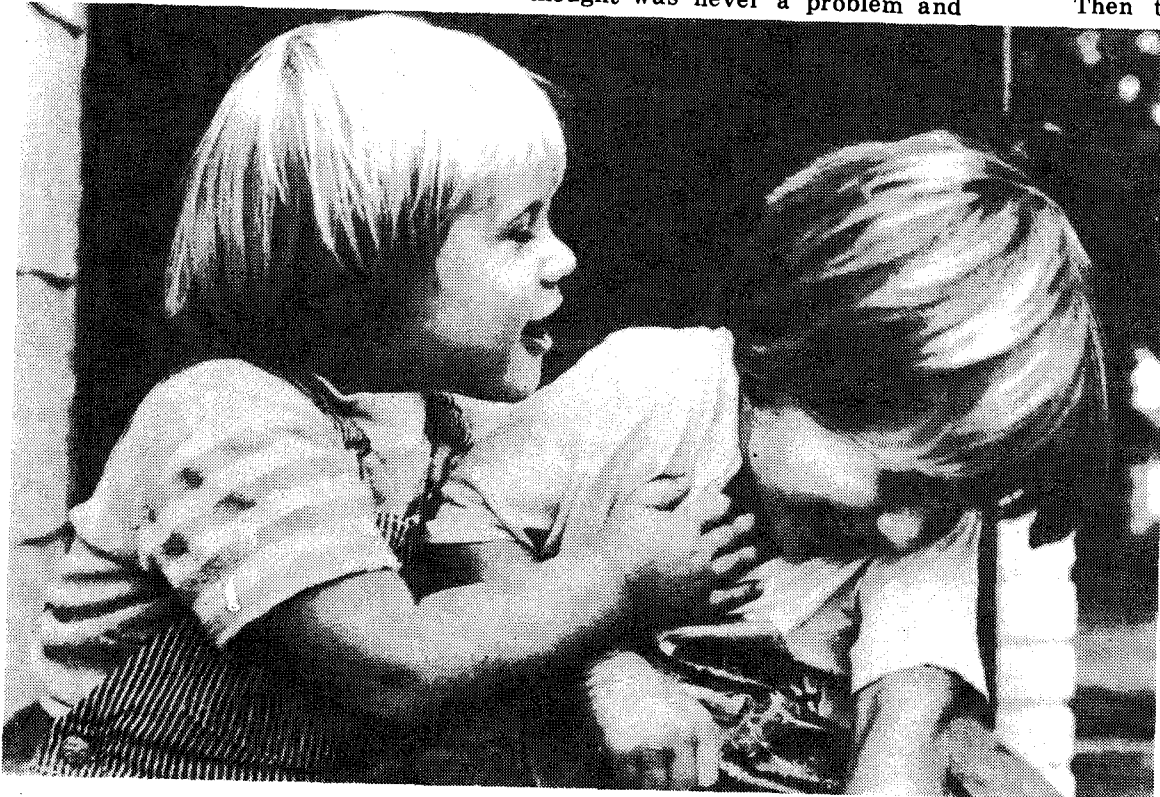
concern of Nicky's parents about his future should they die unexpectedly. "We provide every opportunity for Nicky to realize his potential. From then on it is in God's hands."

AN OUTGOING, articulate young man, Nicky is a master of the "one-liner" joke. His security at home as well as with strangers reflects the firm and loving support of his family.

At the Kelleher house, there are always friends from the workshop visiting Nicky. One of his very best friends, Joyce, accompanied the family on a trip to Disney World. "Sure it was hard taking two retarded children," Janice said. "But then it is also hard many times to take children who are not retarded."

There are, of course, positive things which a retarded child brings to a family. As Joyce points out, "Seeing those little accomplishments which come so dearly makes life so sweet. Utter despair can turn into joy at the accomplishment of a goal so long unreachable."

A Family And Its Two Special Children



"Tim, like most special children, required intense parenting and tireless teaching," Sheila Cragg writes. "Tim really wanted to control himself, but he failed so often he felt like giving up. We were torn between the extra effort it took with Tim, while still needing to give Kevin the attention he deserved."

By SHEILA CRAGG

"Kevin leave your brother alone." "Stop teasing Tim." "Can't you control yourself?" "Don't make your brother mad."

That exchange could have been overheard in our home. Was Kevin the agitator, the one who couldn't behave himself? No. Kevin wanted to play and wrestle with his younger brother like any brother does. But normal tussling sometimes sent Tim into a frenzy of destruction. We thought if we controlled ourselves and Kevin, we could curb Tim's compulsive behavior.

When Tim was 6, he was diagnosed as hyperactive. Later we found out he had learning disabilities and epilepsy. But in our care and concern for Tim, we were denying Kevin's rights.

I remember one incident when Tim had annoyed his brother most of the afternoon. I tried to keep Tim away from Kevin, but he would sneak back to where Kevin was playing with his electric train, which kept breaking down. When it did, Tim made fun of Kevin. Tim almost always carried what started out as normal teasing to extremes. In

return Kevin pounded and punched Tim even when Tim wasn't bothering him.

At the time we were attending therapy sessions with a psychologist. When I scolded Kevin for ruining what we were trying to accomplish with Tim, Kevin began to cry.

"I'm sick of helping him," Kevin sobbed. "I don't want to help him anymore. What good does it do? Nothing changes."

I wrapped my arms around Kevin and told him how much I loved and appreciated him. But I recognized that words weren't enough. I was reminded of the verse which says, "And parents, never drive your children to resentment but in bringing them up correct them and guide them as the Lord does." (Eph. 6:4)

WE WERE expecting Kevin to act like an adult while he was still a child. We'd have to stop making him take responsibility for Tim's problems. If Tim were going to mature, we'd have to help him become responsible for himself.

Tim, like most special children, required intense care from his parents and tireless teaching. Often

he didn't understand; constant repetition and loving reinforcement were necessary. But we seemed to be starting over more than we were progressing. Tim really wanted to control himself, but he failed so often he felt like giving up. We were torn between the extra effort it took with Tim, while still needing to give Kevin the attention he deserved.

Our problem was compounded because we had a tiny two-bedroom home and the boys shared a room. Kevin needed space for himself, but there was none. Even though we could not shield Kevin from the negatives, we could help him find a positive identity of his own.

Ron and I encouraged Kevin's hobbies and attended his school and sports activities. When he became interested in magic we applauded his spontaneous shows. At 10, when he wanted to perform for birthday parties, we helped him with his "new profession." This built Kevin's self-confidence and gave him poise in front of an audience. When he was in junior high school his interests changed to backpacking; we helped him buy his equipment and took him to a class on the subject.

It wasn't always the big things we did that made a difference for Kevin. It was the little ways we tried to be sensitive to his needs. Even now that Kevin is in college, we have continued to eat lunch out together. This gives Kevin an opportunity to share his plans, thoughts and feelings.

Today, Tim still has epilepsy, but his hyperactivity is part of his past. We realize Kevin could have grown to resent his brother if we had not changed the way we were handling the boys. Fortunately, he and his brother enjoy a close friendship.

TIM HELPS Kevin with a church youth group where Kevin is a team leader of 80 students. Kevin also holds a Bible study for a core group. Through it all, Kevin has developed leadership skills and the special kind of inner strength and patience required to work with young people and their problems.

Recently Kevin said, "I learned to be independent and responsible; because you allowed me to do things." We are grateful that we learned soon enough that he was special too.

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St. Patrick Dance

St. Timothy Women's Guild is sponsoring their second annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 22nd, 9 p.m., to 1:00 a.m., Queen of Peace Hall, BYOB, featuring Campbell's Caravan for dancing and singing pleasure. Tickets \$3.00 each person, may be obtained at the Church office 274-8224, or call Rosa Meschick, 271-2057.

Lunch-Card Party

An April Luncheon and card party will be held at St. Jerome Parish Hall, 2533 SW Ninth Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, on Tuesday, April 1, at 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by St. Jerome Women's Club, Marguerite Wolfe, chairman and hostesses will be club officers. Cards and luncheon, \$2.50 per person. Proceeds for parish and charitable projects.

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Mercy Hospital Auxiliary plans a Luncheon-Card Party March 22, at Miami Shores Country Club, Mrs. John (Lucille) Reardon is Chairwoman of the party which will raise funds for the new hospital bridge. Reservations may be made by calling the Mercy Hospital Volunteer Office 854-4400, extension 2773.

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Holy Family Women's Club will hold its annual Card Party on March 25, 1980, at 8:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 13500 Memorial Highway, North Miami. Table Prizes. Donation \$1.25 Public invited.

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Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will hold a card party at Madonna Hall, 430 N. "M" St., Lake Worth, Sat. April 12, 1980, at 12:30 p.m. Dessert, door prizes. Please bring your own cards. Donation \$2.00.

Carnival

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church will be holding its annual Carnival March 21, 22, and 23. The parish is at 9500 W. Atlantic Ave., in Delray Beach, one mile west of the turnpike, ext. 32. Friday, the 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, the 22, from

1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, the 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Games, rides, prizes, Mexican, Puerto Rican and American foods.

Cursillo Changed

Men's Cursillo No. 47, has been changed in location only from Archbishop Curley High School to Church of the Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Fl. The schedule for the weekend remains the same.

Day of Recollection

A Day of Recollection will be sponsored by the Women's Guild at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Opa-Locka, on Saturday, March 22. Refiatration will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the Day will end with the celebration of Mass at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Donald Walk will be the Spiritual Director. Everyone welcome. Bring your own brown bag.

Square Dance

A square dance to help raise funds for St. Hugh's new school will be held at the home of Fred Stanton Smith, Bayshore Drive (Rock Reef), and will feature a Western sizzle. Vicki Orr is chairman, co-chairman is Diane Long. Square dancing to Happy Harold's country music will follow cocktails and barbeque. For more information call D. Long, 251-8582.

Women's Club

The Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament Women's Club will hold a Rummage Sale, March 21, and Saturday, the 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Help us turn your used, but not abused articles into someone's treasure.

Wanted: Gibbons Pioneer Grads

The Classes of '64 and '65 were the first Classes at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Sort of Pioneers shall we say. They laid sod, landscaped, moved furniture, painted, made and hung drapes, in other words they did whatever had to be done. Cardinal Gibbons started with two small buildings on 18 acres, now there are six wings, a fine arts building, a football field and a brand new softball and baseball field is in the process of being laid out. We've come a long ways in 16 years.

If you are a 1964 and 1965 graduate of Cardinal Gibbons High School or know where to find graduates of these years, please call 771-8970 ask or the Alumni Director. A 15th year reunion is planned for June 7th.

Handicapped

Join the Goal Handicapped Singles (18-50) for bowling on March 29, Call John Winters for further information at 896-6377.

Yard Sale

The St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, March 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 18440 NE 22nd Ave., N. Miami Beach.

Sister's Reflection Cancelled

The Sister's Afternoon of Reflection scheduled at the Dominican Retreat House, is being cancelled for Sunday, March 23, 1980, due to the Respect for Life Pilgrimage.

Film-St. Bernard's

St. Bernard's St. Vincent de Paul will show the film "Something Beautiful for God" on March 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the new Parish Hall, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise. All are invited.

Blue Army Sunday

St. Catherine of Siena will hold its annual Blue Army Sunday in the Parish Hall, 9200 SW 107 Ave., after all Masses, March 23, in honor of St. Joseph. Free literature, rosaries, scapulars and religious nooks. Families for Christ are encouraged to enthrone their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Jude Sets

Scripture Program

TEQUESTS - The Saint Jude Scripture program entitled "In the Beginning" will present an open forum and panel discussion Monday evening March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall, it will be sponsored by the Christian Mothers and Women of Saint Jude.

The Scripture Forum is entitled "What You Have Always Wanted To Know About The Bible But Were Afraid To Ask" The following members of the Scripture Class will serve as panelists Mary Finn, Gloria De Vita, Mary Helen Hellmuth, Ellen Middlestaedt, Sally Phillips, Vi Butler, Binny McMullen. Kathleen Lake will be the Moderator.

The Scriptural Director of the Bible Class is Fr. Robert Hostler, Pastor of Saint Jude R.C. Church... Both Fr. Hostler and Fr. Nicholas A. Maestrini, P.I.M.E. will serve as scripture consultants for the evening forum.

Following the panel discussion the forum will honor all those whose birthdays are in the month of March.

An old testament "Bible Cake" baked and decorated by Master Baker Joseph Aloc will be served. Refreshments will also include special foods of biblical lands. A friendly invitation is extended to all members and friends to join in the scripture class celebration and birthday party.

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Fred Priebis, Ex-Voice Employee, Dies in Wreck

The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today (Friday) in St. James Church, for Fred A. Priebis, circulation director of The Voice from 1966 to 1979, who was fatally injured in an auto accident Monday evening in Hollywood.

A native of Chicago, who came to Miami in 1952, the 54-year-old area circulation manager for the Hollywood Sun Tattler was reportedly driving north on S. 28th Ave. when a vehicle driven by John Lis swerved from the southbound lane into the northbound lane and collided with Priebis' car.

According to William Flett, 18, also a member of the Sun Tattler staff, who was a passenger in Priebis' car, they had finished delivering Monday's edition to news carriers and were on their way back to the newspaper when the accident occurred.

Flett said that Priebis pushed him to the side of the car just before the impact. He was treated at Hollywood Memorial Hospital for minor injuries and released. Lis was admitted to the hospital. The extent of his injuries were not known.

Priebis, who was prominent in scouting activities in South Florida for almost 20 years had served as chairman of the Archdiocese of Miami Catholic Committee on Scouting. He had been the leader of Boy Scout Troop 331 in St. James parish and has received two of scouting's highest awards: the Silver Beaver award and the St. George Medal, highest awards of the Catholic Church to scout leaders.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores, a member of the Chancery staff; a son, Mark, and a sister, Mrs. Elaine Cutting, Chicago.

St. Matthew Passion

The first Miami performance of J.S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" will be presented by the University of Miami Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra at 4 p.m., Sunday March 30, in the First United Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets at \$3 (\$2 for students) may be purchased at the UM choral office, Volpe 119, on the Coral Gables

campus, or at the church office, 121 Alhambra Plaza.

Donald Oglesby of the UM School of Music will conduct. Evangelist Eugene Carter and Harry Switzer in the role of Jesus will also appear.

Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner to be served between Part I and II of the performance.

For more information, call the choral office at 284-4162, or the church, 448-6582.

Ex-Epiphany Sister Is 80

Mother Maria Pacis, who is celebrating her 80th birthday this month, is being honored for her 60 years of religious profession. These were years of love and dedication for her vocation.

On August 24, 1953 Mother Maria Pacis and three Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary arrived in Miami to take charge of Epiphany School. When they began their teaching apostolate here, the school consisted of seven classrooms and an enrollment of 280 children.

Mother also served,

during her 60 years, in Peru. For over 20 years she endeared herself to the parents and children in this Spanish speaking country.

Today she has withdrawn from the active apostolate of education but is still rendering loving service by comforting, consoling and bringing Christ to the sick and dying Sisters in our community infirmary at Camilla Hall, Immaculata, Pa.

We thank God for Mother Maria Pacis' life, example and dedication.

"Fixer" to Be Staged

The Hillel Center serving the campuses of Miami Dade Community College — North, Barry and Biscayne Colleges in cooperation with the Campus Ministry, the Religious Studies, and English Department of Barry College will present the film "The Fixer", on Sunday March 23rd at 8:00 p.m. at Temple Sinai. The address is 18801 NE 22nd Ave. Following the film there will be a panel discussion.

The panelists will be: Dr. John Sause, Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, Barry College; Mrs. Phyllis Laszlo, English Department, Barry College; Reverend Marshall Upson,

Student, Department of Religious Studies, Florida Memorial College; Resource — Dr. Dudley Cawley, Dean of Student Affairs, Florida Memorial College; Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland, Hillel Center.

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"Friendship Party", held in a neighborhood zone of St. Ann's in Naples, was lead by Mrs. Hewlett Cemeron, Eucharistic Minister; Mrs. Henry Opitz, Zone 2 chairman; Mrs. Donald Tobin, hostess.

Evangelization Get-Together

St. Ann Parish zone 2 sponsored a "Friendship Party" at the Parish Hall in Naples. March 13. A Votive Mass at 5:00 p.m. was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

St. Ann Parish is divided into nine zones each with its own chairman and Eucharistic Minister. These zones comprise the Evangelization Commission of which Sister M. Katherleen, O.S.F. is chairman. This Commission has been formed in St. Ann Parish at the request of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy who has declared Evangelization the top priority in the Archdiocese of Miami in this "YEAR OF THE FAMILY."

The Archbishop said "There is a sense in which

Evangelization is nothing new. The 2000 year history of the Church has been devoted to living and sharing the Gospel and the life and grace of Christ." This is precisely what priests, religious, parents, teachers, friends have been trying to do in their everyday lives. Bringing the "Good News" into all strata of society.

The purpose of the Friendship Parties was to bring people closer, to meet and welcome visitors and newcomers and to get better acquainted with the priests and religious who serve the parish. Mrs. Hewlett Cameron is the Eucharistic Minister, Mrs. Henry V. Opitz zone 2 chairman, Mrs. Donald Tobin hostess.

Limited Tenure OKd for Priests

NEWARK, N.J. —(NC) — The Newark Archdiocese has received permission from the Vatican to introduce limited tenure in future pastoral appointments.

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety of Newark announced the formal decision in early March.

The dioceses of New York, Brooklyn, Chicago and Boston already participate in the experimental program which affects only pastors to be appointed in the future.

Approval in the Newark Archdiocese followed lengthy debate by its Senate of Priests concerning the merits of the program. An existing evaluation program involving all priests in the archdiocese already exists.

Under the new program, a pastor would be appointed for an initial six-year term and, after evaluation, could be appointed for another six years. The senate has studied the program for four years and twice reversed itself. The group agreed to support the program in September 1978.

Hong Kong Church

HONG KONG —(NC) —The Catholic Church in Hong Kong, through its official welfare service agency, Caritas-Hong Kong, is caring for 6,000 refugees and expects to have 10,000 under its care soon. Caritas-Hong Kong administers the refugee camp at Kai Tak East, adjacent to Hong Kong's International Airport, in a reclamation area that was once Kowloon Bay..

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Family Night-- 5th Week of Lent

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Theme: Anger's O.K.

Opening Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, send forth your Spirit this evening within our home, to fill our hearts with your presence. Help us to share your wisdom with one another. Teach us how to listen, without judgement, and speak without criticism. Awaken us, Father, to the fullness of life and love in your wonderful Son, Jesus, Amen.

Theme: Anger's O.K.:

The feelings of anger, fear, love and joy are 4 basic human emotions. To become angry, is just as much a part of our lives as is eating and sleeping. It's a feeling, and its O.K., so real. Anger increases our blood pressure, our pulse rate, our muscular tension increases and we greater than usual muscular strength. Everyone of us, more than likely, feels angry family regularly. What makes us angry? What do we do when we feel angry? How does our anger stop? Let's see tonight!

Activity Ideas.

Young Families:

Anger Chart — materials; paper, pens. Each family member folds a piece of paper, making three columns (A.B.C.) At the top of A.

write I become angry when... Under B. write; description of anger... And on C. write, what I do to rid myself of the anger... Try to think of at least 5 examples and list them. Share papers and discuss them. Then answer "when is anger healthy? Why? When is anger unhealthy? Why? and Why do we often feel guilty about being angry?"

Angry faces— Materials, paper plates, crayons. Everyone color an angry face on a paper plate. Write at the bottom of the plate ANGRY IS OK. Share same thoughts on why its O.K. to feel angry.

Middle Years Families:

Materials, bible. Share thoughts about this statement. "To feel angry is O.K.: to harm someone else while we're angry isn't O.K." What are some ways to express and release our anger is an O.K. way? Answer. List 5 reasons anger is helpful in our lives. Read aloud Ephesians 4:26 and Isaiah 64. What do they tell us?

Activities:

Bread and Cups. Materials; 1 cup salt, 1 1/2 cup of flour, 3 tsp. salad oil, 1 1/3 cups water. Make into dough consistency. Divide the dough, so each family

members has enough to shape a small cup and a little loaf of bread. This recipe may have to be doubled if necessary. Share thoughts about the Last Supper and take turns pretending to be Jesus. Try to imagine what He was thinking and feeling. Share together. Make the little cups and loaves of bread and allow to dry. Next week the night of Holy Thursday, put them on the table at mealtime and plan to read: Luke 22: 14-38.

Memories. Materials: loaf of bread, small amount of wine and grape jucie, bible. Read together Luke 22: 14-19 and Mark 14: 22-26. Pass the bread and wine around and study it silently. Then each take a turn telling the story of the Last Supper in his own words from memory. Try to describe the room, who was there, the feelings of the people.

Scripture. Materials; bible. Each imagine he was about to sit down to dinner with the family or good friends and you knew it was the last meal you would ever share with them again. Describe some thoughts you'd be having, and some words you'd want to share. Be sure everyone gets a chance to share. Then read aloud Luke 22: 14-19 and pray a short spontaneous prayer together.

Entertainment. "Candle Blow" One person is blind folded, then is given three chances to blow out a lit candle held by another Family Member. It's great fun. Make sure, everyone gets a turn to hold the candle and then to be blindfolded.

Snack: This week the family may wish not to snack or to keep it very simple.

Sharing:

Mom and Dad share a time they remember from Lent when they were very small children.

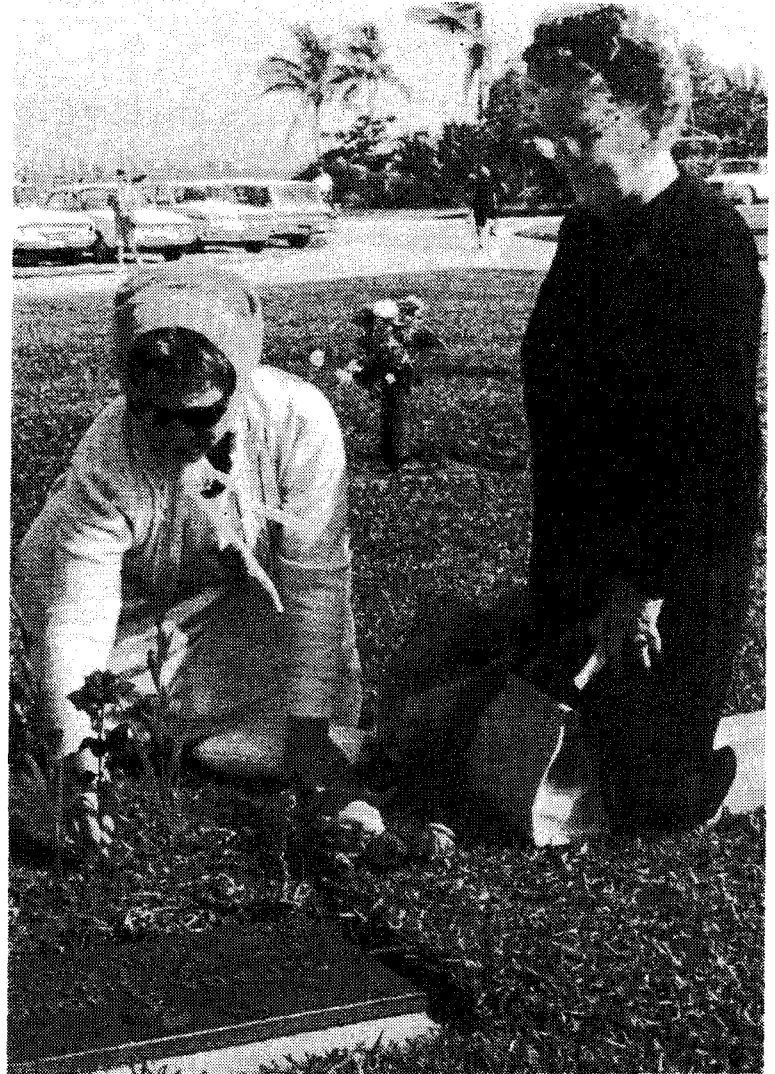
Each share what was most meaningful from last years Lent.

Share a time someone felt comforted and listened to this past week.

Closing Prayer:

Dearest Heavenly Father, Thank you for this time of family sharing. Teach us to continue faithfully upon Your path to holiness. Teach us to be Your instruments of love and hope and joy within this world.

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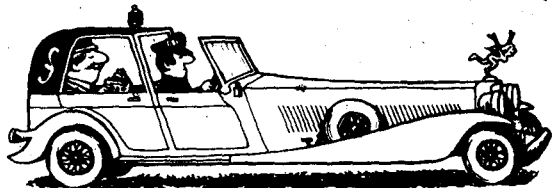
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"St. Paul reminds us that as Christians our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. This awesome reality not only inspires us to live lives of fervent faith, but it likewise represents a certain obligation regarding the repose of Christians in death.

"Among the many ministries of the Archdiocese is the maintenance of a consecrated enclosure set aside especially as a Catholic Cemetery. As your body is consecrated to the Lord in the Sacrament of Baptism and anointed for His service, so

in death it is treated as a sacred object, which will be restored to perfection on the Last Day.

"It is the ardent desire of our Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy that all Catholic families living in Dade County be informed of their right to participate in this loving service. To that end, new programs are available by which you may purchase property at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, easily arranging modest monthly payments.

"For complete information do not hesitate to contact me at 592-0521. Feel free also to send me your name and address, said Ramos (11411 N.W. 25th Street, Miami, Fla. 33172.)

Resurrection Conference

The Resurrection Conference, St. Vincent de Paul Society, will host the quarterly Festal Meeting of the Society's Hollywood Particular Council on Sunday, March 23rd. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and the Festal Breakfast will be served in the Resurrection Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. Guest speaker will be Fr. Daniel Doyle, S.M., of Chaminade, and his topic: "Charismatic Movement."

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FRIDAY MARCH 28
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South Dade Scout Win Canoe Race

A crew of four South Dade scouts known as "the Big Red Machine" won the third annual great canoe race last Sunday at Miami Beach. The crew from troop 371 of St. Richard Parish consisted of Todd, Owen, John Norton, Eric Moore, and Randy Weinstein.

The four area teenagers covered the six mile course

down Indian Creek in a record 1 hour, 24 minutes for their second consecutive win bettering last years time by over 30 minutes.

The great canoe race is sponsored annually by Troop 65 of Temple Emanuel and draws scout, explorer, and adult scouting crews from all over South Florida.

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Pace Soccer Team - Third

By **GEORGE KEMON**

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The Spartans advanced to the States Championships in Orlando on March 7 and 8, but were defeated by No. 1 ranked and 2-time State Champion Bishop Moore (25-0-2).

Varsity soccer, in only its third year at Pace, had its best season ever, finishing

with an overall record of 11-7-3. Their division record was 11-3-2.

FIRST YEAR head coach, Michael E. Coyle, a U.S.S.F. B-licensed coach said that "the strength of the team was our defense led by senior full-backs Tom Kardys and John Coyle. Explosive midfielder Enrique DuBoy and striker Jim Kardys combined for 20 and 16 goals respectively.

"When the season began," the coach continued, "No one thought we would

win many games because of our inexperience," said Coyle.

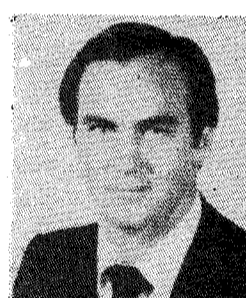
"But the boys worked very hard on their technique, and tactics, and developed superior fitness with weight lifting and 6-mile runs. Our boys had the ingredients of a successful team," continued Coach Coyle.

"We possessed character, desire, and the willingness to sacrifice," concluded the Pace Soccer Coach.

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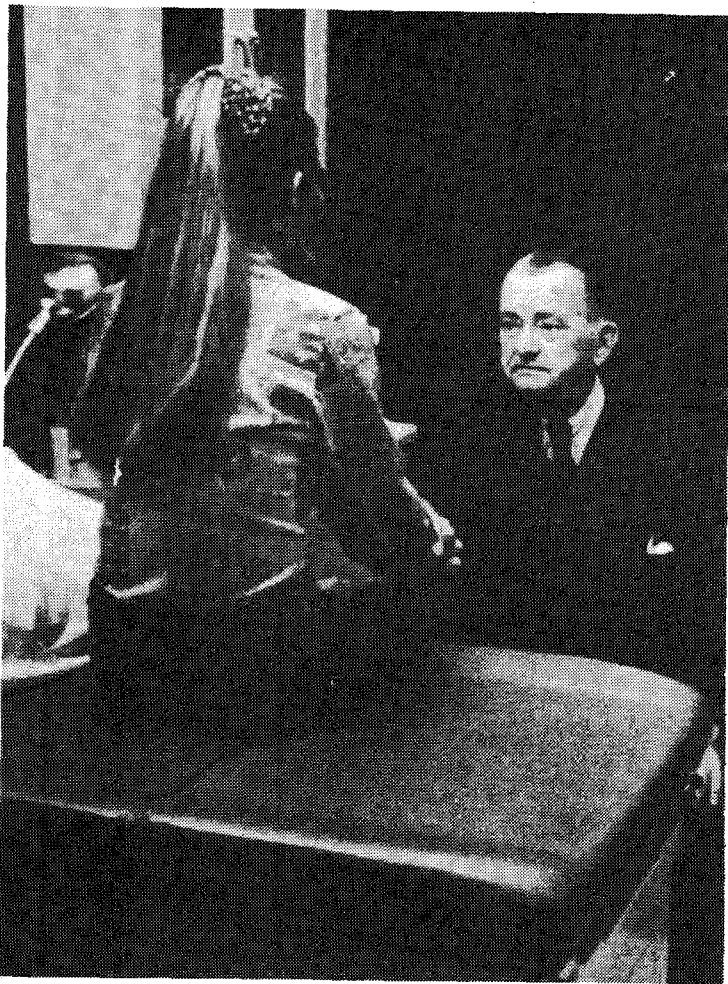
Dr. Ben Sheppard

... in front of the original St. Luke's methadone clinic which he founded to help drug addicts.

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could not help but love him. I loved him immensely because of his kindness and readiness to assist the less fortunate at a moment's notice. The late Archbishop Carroll also had great respect and love for him — I'm sure they will have many discussions together about the projects begun in Miami. Above all, Thelma, his wife, and his two daughters were the closest to him. Their consolation now is their faith that one day they will be reunited again, never to be separated. What a reunion that will be!

"But, we pray now, that Ben has been reunited With Christ and His Holy Mother for all eternity. Strong in faith, we beseech the Saviour of the world to extend to our brother a merciful judgment that will merit the words "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord." Eternal rest grant unto him, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."



... Counseling a teenage girl with problems of a possible pregnancy, in the Sheppard Clinic.



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Vatican Denies Ban on Women Lectors

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— A Vatican spokesman denied an Italian newspaper's story that the Vatican plans to order priests to wear cassocks in public and to ban women from being lectors.

The March 13 Corriere Della Sera, daily of Milan, Italy, alleged that the orders would be contained in soon-to-be published documents by the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy.

No such documents exist, said Father Pierfranco Pastore, assistant director of the Vatican Press Office, to NC News March 17.

Father Pastore said the newspaper report contained inconsistencies regarding Vatican operations, noticeably an ignorance of the fact that norms on lectors are not part of the competency of the clergy congregation.

Several days earlier, a biographer of Pope John Paul II told a press conference that the pope's secretary had denied the story.

The story is an "invented rumor," said Father Mieczyslaw Malinski, Polish author of the book, "The Roots of Papa Wojtyla."

Father Malinski said that shortly before the press conference he spoke by phone with Father Stanislaw Dziwisz, Polish secretary of the pope, who said the pope was completely surprised by the story.

The story also said the alleged documents were part of a papal campaign to restore pre-Vatican II church discipline. It said the first sign of such a campaign was the naming of Cardinal Silvio Oddi, "one of the most authentically conservative cardinals," as prefect of the clergy congregation.

RECENTLY a circular letter from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education concerning seminaries said priests must wear proper vestments for Mass and administering the sacraments. It said a sense of

proper dress must be cultivated in seminaries. It did not call for a return to the cassock as normal street wear.

Many Vatican observers believe that if a statement on priests' attire is forthcoming, it will be similar to the education congregation's circular letter.

The papal biographer said the pope's secretary also denied another assertion in Corriere Della Sera that said the clergy congregation would issue a decree banning women from reading the first and second lessons at Mass.

Knowledgeable Vatican observers dismissed the report because such liturgical norms should come from the Congregation for the Sacraments and Worship.

A well informed source close to the Vatican told NC News Service that Corriere Della Sera's speculation "is hardly worth paying attention to."

Another Vatican source, who is usually aware in advance of forthcoming Vatican documents, said: "That's a lot of rubbish!"

La Stampa, daily of Turin, Italy, said a clergy congregation document urging clergy to wear decorous attire is in preparation. But it said the document would only repeat what the pope already said — that priests and Religious should wear distinctive, recognizable garb.

La Stampa noted that in many countries, suit and tie or suit and Roman collar are considered standard clerical dress for priests, bishops and cardinals.

"IT WOULD BE absurd to forbid it," said the newspaper.

Father Malinski said he also spoke to Father Dziwisz about the growing list of requests by priests to be laicized.

He said that, according to the pope's secretary, the pontiff has begun to review the requests, case by case.

Holy Week Schedule For Pope

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Pope John Paul II will participate in eight major liturgical events during Holy Week 1980, the Vatican announced March 15.

The pope's schedule begins with a morning Mass in St. Peter's Square on Palm Sunday, March 30. He will bless palms and olives and celebrate a Mass of the passion in the square.

On the morning of Holy Thursday, April 3, he will concelebrate the Mass of the Chrism in St. Peter's Basilica with cardinals, bishops and diocesan and religious priests present in Rome.

In the evening, the pope will go to St. John Lateran Basilica, about three miles from the Vatican, for the concelebrated Mass "In cena domini" (Last Supper).

Good Friday, April 4, will include two evening liturgical ceremonies. At 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EST), Pope John Paul will celebrate the Passion of our Lord in St. Peter's Basilica, and at 9:15 p.m. (3:15 p.m. EST) he will participate in the Way of the Cross near the Colosseum in central Rome.

The pope will lead the Easter vigil beginning at 11 p.m. (5 p.m. EST) Holy Saturday, April 5, at St. Peter's Basilica.

On Easter Sunday, April 6, Pope John Paul will celebrate Mass from a platform in front of St. Peter's Basilica at 10:30 a.m. (4:30 a.m. EST) and give his "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) blessing at noon (6 a.m. EST) from the basilica balcony.

Cardinal Condemns Violence in Ireland

LONDON —(NC)— The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns all the bombings, shootings and kidnappings of the past decade in Northern Ireland, said Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

The civil strife also has brought closer relations among the churches in Northern Ireland, he said.

Cardinal O'Fiaich spoke March 16 in London at an ecumenical prayer service for peace in Northern Ireland.

"We condemn all such crimes unequivocally, and we sympathize with your families who have lost some of their loved ones in the tragic events," he said.

Besides condemning violence, the church also has been actively promoting peace and reconciliation, he added.

"Despite the unfavorable circumstances in which it has had to work, I would submit that the church in Ireland — all the main churches — have been doing just that," he said.

"Priests have given their

lives to minister to their suffering people during those terrible years," the cardinal added.

Paradoxically, the relations between the main Christian churches have improved since the violence, he said.

"IT IS SOMETIMES thought that Ireland is lagging behind other countries on the path toward Christian unity, yet I know of no other country in this part of the world where the leaders of all the main Christian denominations meet every month to pray and meditate and plan and take counsel together," he said.

The cardinal said the Catholic Church in Great Britain can play an important role in reconciliation by letting the British public know that only a tiny minority of Irishmen could be called terrorists.

The desire of many in Northern Ireland to be united with Ireland is no less worthy of support than the desire of others to remain united with Great Britain, he said.

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Jerusalem Once Again Key Peace Issue

By JEFF ENDRST

UNITED NATIONS —(NC)— The status of Jerusalem is once again a key issue in the Middle East situation.

It surfaced when President Jimmy Carter said that "Jerusalem should be undivided with free access to the Holy places for all faiths and that its status should be determined in negotiations for a comprehensive peace settlement."

Carter's statement came after the United States said it erroneously voted "yes" on a U.S. Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements in occupied territories, including Jerusalem.

Carter said the resolution contained references to Jerusalem that are unacceptable to the United States because it would mean a divided Jerusalem.

The vote (March 1) was the first "yes" cast by the United States on a U.N. resolution critical of Israel's settlement policy. Previously, the United States had abstained while saying it regarded the settlements as illegal.

Carter's statement (March 4) on an "undivided Jerusalem" was immediately

interpreted as a change in U.S. policy by the Arabs and may have taken the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Donald McHenry, by surprise. Arab spokesmen said it constituted support for Israel's aim to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

After Carter's disavowal of the vote, McHenry refused to elaborate on the president's Jerusalem stand. He said, however, that the March 1 vote was concerned with Israeli settlements in Arab territories and not with the status of Jerusalem.

A dilemma arises, however, because the resolution specifically mentions Jerusalem and implies that Jerusalem should be a divided city by citing previous U.N. resolutions calling for a return to Arab control of Israeli-occupied territories.

THE RESOLUTION criticizes Israel's policy of supporting settlements in territories captured by Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967. Part of the occupied territory is East Jerusalem, formerly part of Jordan.

It "calls upon the government and people of Israel to rescind those

measures, to dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem."

The settlements "constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East," said the resolution.

Clovis Maksoud, spokesman for the League of Arab States, said Carter's position reflected a change in the U.S. attitude. All U.N. resolutions since 1967 refer to "all occupied Arab territories, including East Jerusalem," he said.

Israel argues that Jerusalem will never again be divided and is the capital of Israel. The Israeli government also says it respects and guarantees religious freedom in Jerusalem and access to holy places by Christians and Moslems.

The United States has not accepted Israel's claim that Jerusalem is the capital. The United States maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv, although the Israeli government is encouraging embassies to move to Jerusalem.

Maskoud, however, said Arabs consider Carter's statement a dramatic shift in policy toward the Israeli view of an undivided Jerusalem. He also said that if the American understanding of the territory encompassing Jerusalem is identical to the Israeli position, Carter is speaking of an area which covers 27 percent of the West Bank.

THE SECURITY Council resolution was prompted by Israel's announced intentions to send Jewish settlers into Hebron, a city considered sacred by the Arabs and the Israelis.

The status of Jerusalem is of deep religious interest to Jews, Christians and Moslems because it is intricately involved with the religious history of all three monotheistic religions.

The Vatican position on Jerusalem was presented at the United Nations last December by Archbishop Giovanni Cheli, the Vatican observer at the United Nations.

The Archbishop said the Vatican's position favors a "special status, internationally guaranteed" for Jerusalem. This does not exclude the in-

ternationalization of the city as a possible solution to the sovereignty issue, he said.

Archbishop Cheli said the position was outlined by Pope John Paul II when he spoke at the United Nations on Oct. 2, 1979. The pope asked for a special status "under international guarantee" which would "respect the particular nature of Jerusalem, a heritage sacred to the veneration of millions of believers of the three great monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam."

The uniqueness of Jerusalem to these religions "means that an equitable, stable and peaceful solution of the problem of Jerusalem implies, above all, the recognition of a historical and religious pluralism," said Archbishop Cheli.

This pluralism should be achieved by giving the religious communities "full enjoyment of their respective rights, excluding positions of predominance and, indeed favoring the prospect of a useful human and religious dialogue," said Archbishop Cheli.

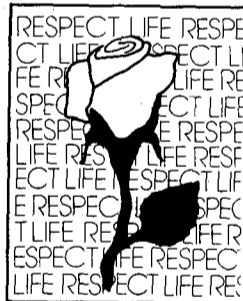
Any agreement on the status of Jerusalem should be part of an overall Middle East settlement, he added.

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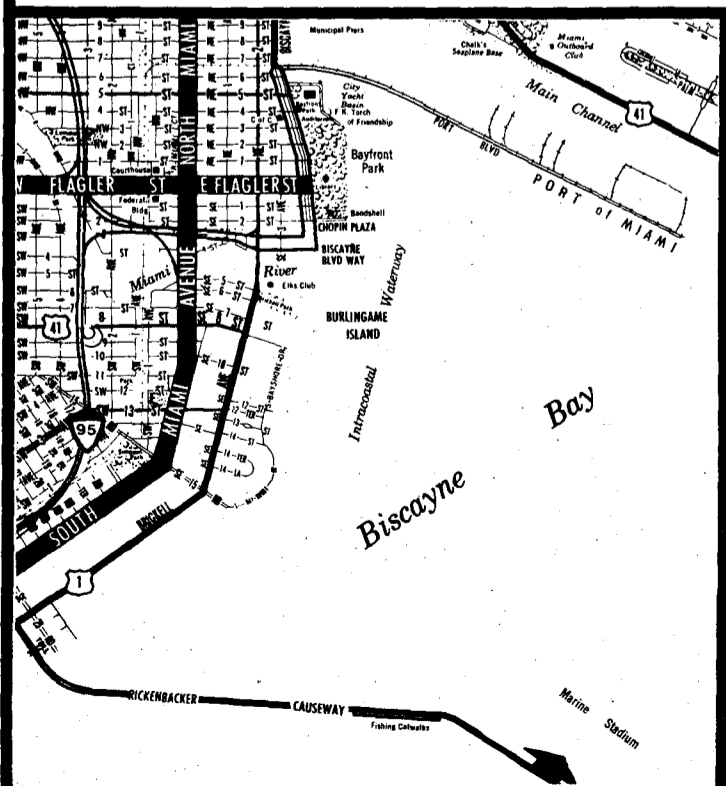
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Eucaristía No Debe Dividir Católicos, Dice El Papa

Vaticano —(NC)— La adoración Eucarística es "el alma de la vida cristiana y no debe ser ocasión para dividir a los católicos ni amenazar la unidad de la Iglesia," dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II a los Obispos del mundo en una carta para el Jueves Santo.

La Carta Pastoral "Misterio y Devoción a la Sagrada Eucaristía" fué fechada en Febrero 24 y expedida en el Vaticano en Marzo 18. Jueves Santo es en Abril 3 este año.

El énfasis de la carta recae sobre la "obligación especial de la Iglesia de proteger y fortalecer la Santidad de la Eucaristía, centro y meta de toda vida sacramental." El documento de 53 páginas también trata sobre la Comunión en la mano, ministros especiales, lecturas de la Misa, el uso del Latín, confesión y devoción al Santísimo Sacramento.

El Papa describe la Eucaristía como "la principal y central razón de ser" del Sacramento del Sacerdocio, el cual se realiza efectivamente en el momento de la institución de la Eucaristía y junto con ella."

Hace un llamado a los Obispos y Sacerdotes para prevenir acciones que pudieran menoscabar la importancia de la Eucaristía. "Que Dios nos preserve de comportarnos en forma carente de respeto, indebida prisa, de impaciencia que cause escándalo," dijo.

El Papa Juan Pablo pide disculpas en su nombre y en el de los Obispos por "todo lo que, por cualquier razón, a causa de cualquier humana flaqueza, impaciencia o negligencia, y también por la a veces parcial y errónea aplicación de las directivas del Concilio Vaticano II, haya causado escándalo y confusión en la interpretación de la doctrina y la veneración debida a este Gran Sacramento."

Agrega el Papa que la Comunión en la mano ha conducido a algunas actitudes escandalosas en países donde la práctica se permite, habiéndose reportado "una deplorable falta de respeto hacia las especies eucarísticas." Señala también que la libre elección de "aquellos que prefieren recibir la Eucaristía en la lengua no se tiene en cuenta." El Papa Juan Pablo personalmente pre-

fiere no dar la comunión en la mano.

Hace notar sin embargo que la crítica a la comunión en la mano "no se refiere, en modo alguno, a los que reciben al Señor Jesús en la mano con profunda reverencia y devoción."

Dice que la distribución de la Comunión por diáconos y laicos entrenados para este servicio es permisible pero enfatizó que los sacerdotes "tienen una primaria responsabilidad por las Sagradas especies." También señala la importancia de los textos litúrgicos en la Misa así como otros requerimientos tales como la vestimenta.

"Hemos sido grandemente conmovidos leyendo libros escritos por sacerdotes prisioneros en campos de exterminio con celebraciones eucarísticas sin las mencionadas reglas" dice "aunque en estas condiciones son una prueba de heroísmo que merece admiración, en condiciones normales ignorar las directivas litúrgicas puede ser interpretado como una falta de respeto hacia la Eucaristía."

Anuncia que la Congregación para Sacramentos y Adoración expedirá las "detalladas indicaciones sobre los varios aspectos de la Eucaristía. Serán incluidas provisiones para los católicos que "habiendo sido educados sobre la base de la antigua liturgia en Latín, experimentan la falta de este lenguaje único." La carta pide "comprensión y total respeto

Pasión de Cristo en Dade County Auditorium

La Pasión de Cristo, que ya se ha convertido en una representación tradicional en Miami, será puesta en escena una vez más en el Dade County Auditorium. Patrocinada por la Parroquia de San Juan Bosco, cuyo pastor es el Rvdo. P. Emilio Vallina, y dirigida por Antonio Lozada con un cuadro de artistas salidos de la masa de los fieles de la Parroquia, la presentación ha ido mejorando año tras año hasta alcanzar un

para estos deseos y sentimientos" y añade que "tanto como sea posible estos deseos deben ser provistos."

El documento recalca la importancia de no recibir la Eucaristía inválidamente, es decir en estado de pecado mortal. Muchos asistentes "muy frecuentemente toman la Comunión en la Misa sin tener en cuenta el debido acercamiento al sacramento de la penitencia para purificar la propia conciencia" dice el Papa.

"Por otro lado hay católicos que por una actitud de exagerada severidad consigo mismos no reciben la comunión cuando en realidad están aptos para hacerlo." Indica así que el primer concepto promueve erróneamente "la idea de la Misa como un banquete solamente," mientras que el segundo muestra "una falta de hambre y sed eucarísticas".

El Papa pide una ferviente práctica de la devoción eucarística.

"Con la ayuda de vuestros hermanos en el sacerdocio, hagan todo lo que puedan por salvaguardar la dignidad sagrada del Ministerio de la Eucaristía" pide a todos los Obispos del mundo "y el profundo espíritu de comunión eucarística que en una forma especial pertenece a la Iglesia como el pueblo de Dios."

"Eviten hacer de la Liturgia un punto de división y fuente de distorsión del pensamiento y la conducta," dice la carta.

nivel profesional extraordinario.

La Pasión de Cristo se escenificará a las 5 p.m. del Domingo de Ramos, Marzo 30. Los tickets de entrada se pueden adquirir en Joyería Santilú, AAA Million Auto Parts, Revista Ideal, Lámparas Olmo, en la Rectoría de San Juan Bosco y en la tienda de efectos religiosos de la propia Iglesia. El costo es de \$6, \$4, y \$2.

Carta del Arzobispo Invitación

Muy amados míos:

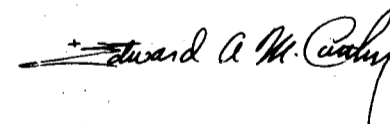
La defensa de la vida humana en cada etapa de su existencia ha sido siempre una buena parte de nuestra fe. La santidad de la vida humana es proclamada a través de las Sagradas Escrituras.

En las palabras del Santo Padre Juan Pablo II durante la Misa en el Mall en Washington, D.C., "Nosotros defenderemos cada vez que la vida humana sea amenazada". En nuestra nación más de un millón de niños por nacer son destruidos cada año por medio del aborto. En el Estado de la Florida, el año pasado hubo más abortos que nacimientos. Asimismo, algunas leyes acerca de la eutanasia están siendo consideradas en algunos estados. Últimamente no se está considerando al ser humano como un sagrado regalo de Dios.

Es con esto en mente que invité a mis compañeros Obispos de la Florida a Miami para el Segundo Peregrinaje Anual Respeto a la Vida. El programa empezará a las 2:00 p.m. el Domingo, Marzo 23, 1980, en el Miami Marine Stadium. Invitamos a los fieles al Programa y a la Misa concelebrada que comenzará a las 3:00 p.m. en honor de la Santísima Virgen María, la Madre de Dios. El Obispo Thomas C. Kelly, Secretario General de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos predicará el sermón.

En este AÑO DE LA FAMILIA con nuestro énfasis en la EVANGELIZACION, acogemos vuestra presencia como proclamación pública de la fe en Nuestro Señor, que es el dador de la vida, además nuestra convicción en la santidad de la vida humana.

Devotamente vuestro en Cristo.



Arzobispo de Miami

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Arquidiócesis de Miami

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

El Rvdo., Patrick O'Connor, Pastor Asociado a la Parroquia de la Natividad, Hollywood, efectivo desde Febrero 8, 1980.

Del Ministerio Para Divorciados en St. Agatha

El Rvdo. Padre Ignacius Rameau ofreció la anunciada Conferencia sobre Divorciados y Separados el pasado Febrero 22 en St. Agatha, y tuvo tan extraordinaria acogida que el grupo asistente decidió continuar estas reuniones cada dos viernes.

La próxima reunión ha si-

do fijada para el 28 de Marzo a las 8 p.m. en el mismo salón de St. Agatha. La Dra. Marta Alonso, disertará sobre los problemas emocionales de los divorciados. Todas las personas interesadas están invitadas. Si desean alguna información adicional pueden llamar a Silvia Muñoz al 226-2298.

El Noviazgo Es Para Toda La Vida

Por José P. Alonso

No hay un libro, entre los miles escritos sobre preparación para el matrimonio, que dé una respuesta concreta a cada una de las interrogantes que presenta la vida matrimonial. Lo mismo se puede afirmar de los consejeros matrimoniales. Unos y otros, bien seleccionados, sólo hacen bien cuando el interesado, en uso de plena madurez, analiza, elige, reconoce y acepta las direcciones recomendadas.

Un rato de oración pidiendo al Señor le conceda la luz necesaria para sacar buen provecho de sus reflexiones es básico.

El noviazgo es, y todos lo reconocen así, época de ilusiones y de preparación. Las ilusiones son hermosas pero pueden ser peligrosas. Porque la ilusión exagerada deslumbra y no dejaría ver las aptitudes y defectos del otro.

Por la atracción personal, tan natural como inevitable, comienza el trato que lleva al noviazgo; antesala de la más permanente relación humana: el matrimonio. Teniendo en cuenta este último paso los enamorados deben tratar que la ilusión no les impida tener en cuenta algunas condiciones básicas que los pueden ayudar a alcanzar la felicidad que sueñan.

1) El matrimonio es permanente. Deben tener conciencia de que es una unión para toda la vida. Preparación prematrimonial a través de alguno de los grupos religiosos es-

pecializados en este asunto es recomendable.

2) Cuando la atracción comienza deben hacerse momentos de estar a solas para analizar las cualidades del "otro": el físico, su carácter, moral y religiosidad, sus sentimientos hacia todo lo que le rodea especialmente los niños, cultura, buenas maneras, en fin todo.

Aunque parezca anormal y absurda tan fría investigación es lo único que puede acercarse a la seguridad que se persigue.

3) Ambos deben poseer madurez. La persona madura es comprensiva, tolerante, alegre, confiada, paciente y tierna. No se aburre cuando está sola y más bien busca ocasión de estar a solas para reflexionar y mejorar. Sabe respetar la personalidad ajena.

4) Debe existir cierta igualdad en la formación, tanto espiritual como intelectual, como en gustos y preferencias para que sean capaces de mantener el crecimiento natural de su interrelación.

Un desnivel muy pronunciado en la formación es pronóstico de futuras tormentas. Relaciones felices bajo estas circunstancias son raras excepciones y el producto de un AMOR que está dispuesto a todo sin esperar nada: El AMOR que puso Dios en su pueblo infiel perdonándolo siempre. El AMOR de Jesús que lo llevó a dar su vida por nosotros.

5) Justicia en las relaciones. Va de la mano con el amor sincero dando más de lo

que es justo. La justicia en el trato hará que se comparta todo: trabajo, penas y alegrías, obligaciones en la casa, etc. La mujer no será para el hombre su esclava o su "pertenencia" sino alguien como él mismo, que lo da todo por amor. Ella considerará a su compañero como parte de su ser, ella misma, y no escatimará sus cuidados. La justicia y el amor unidos harán de los dos "una sola carne y una sola alma".

Por la justicia serán fieles uno al otro; por el amor serán el uno para el otro. El machismo y el feminismo fanáticos quedan abolidos por la justicia y el amor porque es absoluto egoísmo.

6) Relaciones Intimas. Dios creó al hombre y a la mujer para que se acompañen y apoyen uno en el otro. De esta unión bendecida por El nacerán los hijos, que forman la familia. El sexo, importante como es, no lo es todo en el matrimonio y además tiene aparejadas ciertas responsabilidades paternas y maternas. Asegúrense las partes de que son afines en el deseo de crear familia cuando todavía hay tiempo.

7) Presencia de Dios. "Cuando Dios no construye, en vano trabaja el constructor". Si Dios no es el primer invitado a la boda y huésped de honor en el hogar del matrimonio, vanos son los esfuerzos. Cuando el amor de los cónyuges se ofrece a Dios primero El hará que el amor humano se divinee haciéndole eterno para que ni la muerte pueda separarlos.

Reflexiones Para Mis Hijos

Por Elaine M. Syfert

Cuando me senté a pensar qué podría ofrecerle de consejo a parejas recién casadas o a parejas comprometidas, todo lo que me venía a la mente es, que solamente podría compartir con nuestras parejas en la Arquidiócesis lo que es mi legado matrimonial a mis propios hijos, que ya están acercándose al altar.

Mis queridos hijos:

Realmente no sé cuantas veces antes de casarme con vuestro padre me pregunté cuál sería la receta más eficaz que nos condujera a la felicidad eterna? De más está decirles que por las situaciones políticas en mi país, no tuve la oportunidad de preguntarles a mis familiares ya que no se encontraban junto a mí. Pero sí pude sentarme a recordar las distintas etapas de mi vida, desde niña hasta mujer, que me dieron la base para fomentar mis ilusiones y mis esperanzas para mi matrimonio. Yo quisiera tener esa oportunidad con ustedes, quisiera que mi herencia para ustedes sea el beneficio de las experiencias de nuestros 19 de matrimonio y muy especialmente en el vivo ejemplo de nuestro amor, que ha crecido a la par con ustedes, mis adorados hijos, cuando se están acercando a dar el sagra-

do paso del matrimonio.

Probablemente nos hayan oído muchas veces decirnos uno al otro, "Te Quiero", la razón es que no es suficiente querer, o respetar, o confiar, o estar interesado, también necesitamos expresar y comunicar nuestros sentimientos uno con el otro. Para que esta comunicación fuera efectiva tuvimos necesidad de aprender a escuchar atentamente los sentimientos que estaban detrás de las palabras, tuvimos también que aprender a ser pacientes cuando escuchamos antes de hablar, para entonces poder oír lo que usualmente no se oye. Tuvimos que desarrollar confianza en nosotros mismos para en esa forma confiar ciegamente en el otro; ustedes probablemente han notado que nos aceptamos uno al otro por lo que somos, sin subterfugios de ningún tipo, sin reservas y muy especialmente sin temor a ser rechazados.

Si me preguntasen cuál ha sido el año más difícil de nuestra vida matrimonial, tendría que recordar el año en que una de ustedes estuvo enferma por varios meses, o cuando nuestro hermano nació con daño cerebral, o una de las tantas cosas que vienen en una familia, los valles y las montañas que tenemos que

cruzar, pero cada año ha sido una aventura más y con él, un deseo más intenso nos ha invadido de hacer por el otro más de lo que esperamos, de darle al otro más de lo que debemos, y en llevándolo a efecto disfrutarlos hasta el máximo.

Cuando nos casamos, los dos estábamos seguros que nuestro Señor nos había hecho uno para el otro, y que en sus planes nuestra felicidad era muy importante, y con esa fe profunda los dos fuimos al altar convencidos que haríamos todo lo que estuviera de nuestra parte para que nuestro matrimonio fuera un éxito.

Aprendimos que todo en la relación de nuestro matrimonio influye en todas las áreas, incluyendo nuestra relación sexual. Nuestra relación sexual profundiza nuestra intimidad personal. Intimidad produce más intimidad. Y es en esa intimidad que nuestro padre y yo nos convertimos en una sola persona, en un solo cuerpo, y unidos a Cristo desarrollamos lo que papi y yo llamamos la Trinidad de nuestro matrimonio.

Cristo nos da el significado del matrimonio, y nosotros damos significado al matrimonio.

El matrimonio requiere una gran comprensión, para en esa forma poder convertir-

Siempre Juntos...

Por el P. José P. Nickse

¿Es posible la felicidad matrimonial después de quince o veinte años de matrimonio? ¿Hay que resignarse a una vida monótona, aburrida, sin alegría? ¿Es el amor un engaño, un mito, un sueño?

Un dato interesante que a veces olvidamos es que Cristo comenzó su ministerio en una boda, la boda de Caná. Cristo entró en la corriente humana de su vida pública cambiando el agua en vino. Primer milagro y primera lección que el Señor nos da.

Cristo debe ser el primer invitado en todo matrimonio cristiano. Cristo estuvo presente en Caná y también está presente en todo matrimonio cristiano. Pero, ¿Cómo se hace Cristo presente?

Tenemos un instrumento muy valioso en nuestra Arquidiócesis que nos ayuda a descubrir la dimensión espiritual y religiosa del matrimonio. Se llama CAMINO DEL MATRIMONIO.

Durante un fin de semana, una pareja que está en los preparativos de su matrimonio tiene la oportunidad de conocer mejor su fe. EL CAMINO les ofrece una visión panorámica del matrimonio dentro de la vida cristiana. El testimonio de palabra y obra de las parejas auxiliares les abre un

nuevo mundo: el mundo de la fe.

Dada la grave crisis que sufre nuestra sociedad, la Iglesia se preocupa por la preparación matrimonial de nuestros jóvenes cristianos. CAMINO brinda una gran ayuda al sacerdote que vela por el crecimiento espiritual de aquellos que caminan hacia el altar a intercambiar su prompromiso matrimonial.

Hoy en día tergiversamos los valores espirituales y las preocupaciones temporales al planear el matrimonio. CAMINO ayuda a la joven pareja a reconocer el valor infinito de los principios espirituales que son la base de la felicidad matrimonial.

CAMINO hace presente a Cristo en la vida de los contrayentes. Para muchos es el momento de una auténtica conversión. CAMINO da a la muy masticada palabra "amor" un nuevo y trascendente significado.

Es ese verdadero Amor el que garantiza la unión y la felicidad matrimonial porque indica la presencia del Dios Vivo en el hogar. Ese Amor, que es reflejo de la vida de Dios en nosotros, renueva el compromiso matrimonial a cada paso del camino de la vida. En las palabras de Pablo VI: **No hay amor conyugal que no impulse hacia el infinito.**

Diez Mandamientos Para Casados

Las personas que se preparan para contraer matrimonio deben tener la madurez necesaria para comprender que este estado de vida, así como brinda grandes gozos, también requiere sacrificios, entregas mutuas que llevan a la perfecta unión. En todo tipo de asociación humana hay siempre "uno" que da más que el "otro"; sin embargo, bien entendido que ese "otro" debe dar también de su parte y el "uno" aceptar esta condición como natural. Unos son más reservados, otros son más espontáneos y efusivos. El noviazgo es la etapa del conocimiento mutuo. Es en cuando se debe decidir si se acepta o no tales cualidades o defectos y si pueden o no mejorarse. Después de casados, solo resta, luchar unidos para vencer las dificultades y aumentar el amor.

Estos Diez Mandamientos ayudarán a la unión con su práctica diaria.

- 1ro. Amarás a tu cónyuge, después de Dios, sobre todas las cosas.
- 2do. No harán de su matrimonio una cosa vana, sino ejemplo de familia Cristiana.
- 3ro. Orar y asistir juntos a deberes religiosos los ayudará a santificar su vida familiar.
- 4to. Honrarán a los padres del otro como a los propios y serán pacientes con ellos en su vejez.
- 5to. Los hijos tienen derecho a la vida y por tanto los amarán y cuidarán como cosa sagrada de Dios.
- 6to. Se guardarán fidelidad absoluta uno al otro. "No hagas al otro lo que no quieres te hagan a ti".
- 7mo. No quitarás a tu cónyuge ni una coma de aquello a que tiene derecho. Y recuerda que tiene los mismos derechos y deberes que tienes tú.
- 8vo. Las mentiras crean y aumentan los problemas. La franqueza amable y la confianza mutua los resuelve.
- 9no. Darás ejemplo de dignidad a tu cónyuge y a tus vecinos y amigos. La justa medida de dignidad aumentará el aprecio de los demás y el del propio cónyuge. (Justa medida significa no confundir dignidad con el orgullo vano).
- 10mo. No envidiarán la dicha ajena, sino que se esforzarán por aumentar la propia.

nos en una persona aunque seamos completamente diferentes.

Y por último, quisiera compartir con ustedes el área que nos ha sido la fuente de sostén en los momentos de gran felicidad y en los momentos de tristeza, cuando enla-

zando nuestras manos los dos levantamos nuestra mirada al Señor y elevamos nuestras plegarias convirtiéndonos en esos momentos también en una sola persona espiritualmente.

Los quiere y los bendice,
Mami

¿Donde Comienza El Matrimonio?

Por P. F. Azcoitia, S.J.
Asesor Espiritual de
Encuentros Familiares

1980, el AÑO DE LA FAMILIA, nos da pie para profundizar en lo que constituye el origen de toda familia, el Matrimonio.

¿Y por dónde comienza un matrimonio? Ante todo hacen falta dos elementos insustituibles: un hombre y una mujer, dos novios. En su haber acreditamos que ninguno de los dos se acerca al matrimonio pensando en el divorcio pero sí con el pensamiento precondicionado por el "si no funciona nos separamos".

Mal comienzo para una aventura que se espera le dé "la vuelta a la vida en sesenta años", cuando se espera que ella esté formada por un propósito que sea algo más que palabras y preferencias. Deben ser capaces de sentir que son algo más que artistas en una obra que terminada cada uno toma su rumbo.

No hay institución más antigua que la institución matrimonial. El mismo Cristo al mencionarlo pone como referencia la misma creación y los planes de Dios en cuanto a su indisolubilidad.

"Y se le acercaron a Jesús algunos fariseos, tentándole y diciendo: ¿Se le permite a uno divorciarse de su esposa por cualquier motivo? El, respondiendo, dijo: ¿No han leído

ustedes en la Escritura, que el que los hizo en el principio "los hizo hombre y mujer?" También dijo: "Por esto el hombre dejará a su padre y a su madre para unirse a su esposa, y los dos llegarán a ser como una sola persona." (Gen. 2.24) Así que ya no son dos, sino una carne. Lo que Dios, pues, juntó, el hombre no los separe. Le dicen: ¿Por qué, pues, Moisés mandó darle a la esposa un certificado de divorcio, y así dejarla?" Jesús les dice: Precisamente por la dureza del corazón de ustedes Moisés les permitió divorciarse de sus esposas; pero al principio no fue así." (Mt. 19, 3-8)

La antigüedad del pensamiento en este caso concreto, parece realzar su valor. Pero con el devenir de los tiempos, sobre todo los modernos, se ha ido perdiendo la visión de estabilidad y firmeza que al Matrimonio le atribuía el mismo Creador.

Hoy el Matrimonio está pasando por un momento muy difícil con consecuencias trágicas para nuestra sociedad.

Hay quienes piensan que desaparecerá y su "Indisolubilidad" que la muerte nos separe" no tiene sentido en el mundo que nos ha tocado vivir.

"En realidad, algo ha fallado ya. (en el matrimonio); el antiguo afán de permanencia. Millones de hombres y mujeres adoptan, hoy día, una

estrategia que les parece sensata y conservadora. En vez de optar por alguna extraña variedad familiar, se casan a la manera convencional, procuran que la cosa "funcione" y cuando los caminos se separan más de lo tolerable se divorcian o se separan. La mayoría busca un nuevo compañero o compañera cuyo nivel de desarrollo sea, en aquel momento, parecido al propio.

Al hacerse las relaciones humanas más transitorias y modulares, la busca del amor adquiere un ritmo más frenético. Pero las expectativas temporales cambian. Como el Matrimonio convencional se muestra cada vez más incapaz de proporcionar el prometido amor eterno, podemos prever una franca aceptación pública de los matrimonios temporales. En vez de casarse "hasta que la muerte nos separe" las parejas contraerán Matrimonio, sabiendo desde el principio, que lo más probable es que la relación sea breve.

El Matrimonio en serie — conjunto de sucesivos Matrimonios temporales — parece hecho a la medida de la Era de la Transitoriedad, en la que todas las relaciones humanas, todos los lazos del hombre con el medio son de duración abreviada. Es un producto natural e inevitable de un orden social en que se alquilan automóviles, se truecan muñecas y se tira la ropa después de usada una so-

la vez. Es el principal modelo de Matrimonio del futuro. (El "Shock" del futuro. Alvin Toffler, Pags. 308-310)

Aquí no se hace referencia alguna, ni al Matrimonio como Sacramento, ni al meramente civil, en ambos casos al tratarse de seres humanos hoy día se da, como un sueño imposible, la estabilidad.

Se impone un análisis objetivo y sereno de un hecho cuya realidad, por desgracias, estamos todos constatando. De cada tres Matrimonios, dos terminan en el divorcio.

¿Dónde reside la dificultad del problema? Oí una vez una frase que pienso es aplicable a nuestro caso.

El campeonato de pelota se gana en la primavera, es decir, en el campo de entrenamiento. Todo Matrimonio tiene su campo de entrenamiento que es el noviazgo de ambos, él y ella se preparan para triunfar.

Y hoy el noviazgo como valor no significa casi nada y ha pasado en nuestra sociedad a ser muchas veces, un mero entretenimiento.

Ni en la edad, ni por la formación, ni por la cortedad del tiempo el noviazgo, en los futuros esposos, está llamado a producir sus saludables frutos.

Haciendo un análisis rápido y sereno de lo que caracteriza muchos noviazgos pudiéramos deducir tres grandes pe-

ligros que hacen de este tiempo, tan precioso, como antesala del Matrimonio, un tiempo prácticamente inútil para ser un matrimonio estable.

Peligro de independencia. Siendo el amor una realidad tan personal cabe siempre un consejo para una educación progresiva del mismo. Muchas veces es un huerto cerrado donde todo consejo es mal recibido y ni padres, ni amigos sinceros con buena voluntad pueden iluminar senderos por donde tantos han pasado.

Peligro de una visión no exacta del amor.

No todo lo que reluce es oro. No todo lo que parece amor, es amor. Si en algún campo, en este del amor es donde la ilusión engaña a tantos jóvenes que llegan ante un altar sin saber lo que un amor humano supone en sí y las características que conlleva.

Peligro de egoísmo. Cuando alguno de los novios se busca a sí mismo con cierto abuso del otro en el campo de la sexualidad, economía, de la vida sentimental o social, siendo alguna de las partes usada como medio para obtener aquello que pretende.

Y así se llega al Matrimonio minado por factores que meses o años más tarde tiene como capítulo final for falta de previsión, un triste divorcio.

Matrimonio y Vida Familiar

Por P. Dan Kubala

La vida familiar es un tema popular en estos tiempos, algunos opinan a favor y otros en contra de esta unidad básica de nuestra sociedad. En artículos, libros y discursos, se alaba, se fomenta, se analiza, y aun se anuncia que esta unidad, como se conoce en la época actual, es algo llamado a destruirse, a desaparecer.

Los críticos hacen ver que en el mundo de hoy, la unidad familiar ha perdido sus diversos significados. Se dice que las escuelas educan y proveen el entrenamiento necesario para distintos trabajos y ocupaciones. El radio y la televisión son medios de entrenamiento. La gente joven no presta atención a los consejos de padres y familiares al escoger pareja. El gobierno, las industrias y los negocios les proporcionan una

seguridad económica que los hace independientes.

Pero criticando a la familia, se ha desestimado la idea exacta y más importante de la familia, y es que ella da VIDA. Y no sólo fuente de nuevas vidas, sino de una atmósfera de seguridad y estabilidad en que cada individuo crece y se desenvuelve. Una pareja cuando se casa, empieza una vida juntos, luchan, maduran y se adaptan hasta que llegan a lograr la dicha y fortaleza para guardar fidelidad del uno por el otro.

Cuando un niño es concebido, una nueva y única imagen semejante a Dios se crea, gracias al mismo acto creativo y a la pareja que son los creadores con Dios. A la criatura se le "da" la vida física y se desenvuelve emocional, espiritual e intelectualmente dentro de la familia.

Nuestra sociedad actual se ha materializado tanto que ha rebajado el valor de la vida humana; no se aprecia la crianza de los hijos como una parte esencial de la vida matrimonial. Nosotros como cristianos

al responder al llamado de Dios, dentro del matrimonio, debemos instruirnos en los grandes valores de la vida familiar.

Recordando las palabras del Santo Padre Juan Pablo II durante su reciente visita a América: "En orden de que el matrimonio cristiano pueda alcanzar el máximo desarrollo de la pareja, debe estar inspirado en el Evangelio, y por supuesto al desarrollo de una nueva vida — una vida que se da, pero que es aceptada con generosidad. La pareja ha de fomentar una atmósfera familiar en la que los hijos sean felices y lleguen a tener una vida cristiana total y digna.

Para mantener esta relativa alegría dentro de la familia, padres e hijos por igual han de trabajar para lograrlo. Cada miembro de la familia, llega a ser, de manera especial el servidor de los demás y así comparte penas y trabajos (cf. Gal. 6:2 Phil 2:2). Cada uno debe mostrar preocupación, no sólo por sí mismo, si no por los demás miembros de la unidad familiar: sus necesidades, esperanzas e ideales. Decisiones sobre el número de hijos y los sacrificios que hemos de hacer por ellos no deben ser tomados en consideración al pensar que tendremos menos comodidades y llevaremos una vida menos apacible. Reflexionemos acerca de esto, ante Dios, con las gracias que nos da el Sacramento y guiándonos por las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, a los padres también se les advierte que es menos serio negarles a sus hijos cierto confort y ven-

tajas materiales que privarlos de la presencia de hermanos, que los ayudarian a crecer con más valores humanos y a reconocer la belleza de la vida en todas las edades y etapas.

Si los padres comprendieran las exigencias y oportunidades que este Sacramento conlleva, no dejarían de unirse en el himno mariano al autor de la vida — a Dios que los ha hecho sus colaboradores."

Una gran mayoría de las parejas deciden tener hijos, formar una verdadera familia; en el mundo de hoy tienen la ayuda de la ciencia con todo sus avances y de la experiencia de la medicina.

Vivimos en una sociedad que quiere estar apareada con la naturaleza, así encontramos el gran interés por los alimentos naturales, los ejercicios y la buena salud. Pero en el área de la procreación actuamos en dirección opuesta. Qué ironía, que esta actitud exista en el mundo de hoy. La vida familiar está afectada por un sinnúmero de cosas: impuesto, escuelas, hospitales, etc. Estamos presenciando cómo esta unidad social tan importante, como es la familia, se está desintegrando. El gobierno no puede criar y educar a nuestros hijos, curar nuestras enfermedades, cuidar a los enfermos y ancianos y darnos los valores morales y desempeñar lo que es nuestra obligación.

La familia que fue planeada por Dios mismo, nunca pasará de moda; debemos darnos cuenta de ello y amoldar nuestras vidas de acuerdo a las enseñanzas de Jesús.

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