



Justice alone is not enough

Mercy must shape our lives, Pope says in encyclical

VATICAN CITY (NC) — In an encyclical on the mercy of God, Pope John Paul II said society will become more human only if people introduce into their relationships "not merely justice, but also that 'merciful love' which constitutes the messianic message of the Gospel."

The pope warned against programs seeking social justice which are not shaped by love and mercy. Programs based only on the idea of justice "in practice suffer from distortions," he said in the encyclical "Dives in Misericordia" (Rich in Mercy) released Dec. 2.

"Although they continue to appeal to the idea of justice, nevertheless experience shows that other negative forces have gained the upper hand over justice, such as spite, hatred and even cruelty," Pope John Paul said. "In such cases, the desire to annihilate the enemy, limit his freedom, or even force him into total dependence, becomes the fundamental motive for action; and this contrasts with the essence of justice, which by its nature tends to establish equality and harmony between the parties in conflict."

THE NOTION of "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," which Christ challenged, "was the form of distortion of justice at that time; and today's forms continue to be modelled on it," the pope said.



'Spiritually Struck'

Priest explores 'quake-destroyed ruins in Italy which were earlier visited by the Pope who was very moved. More on page 6.

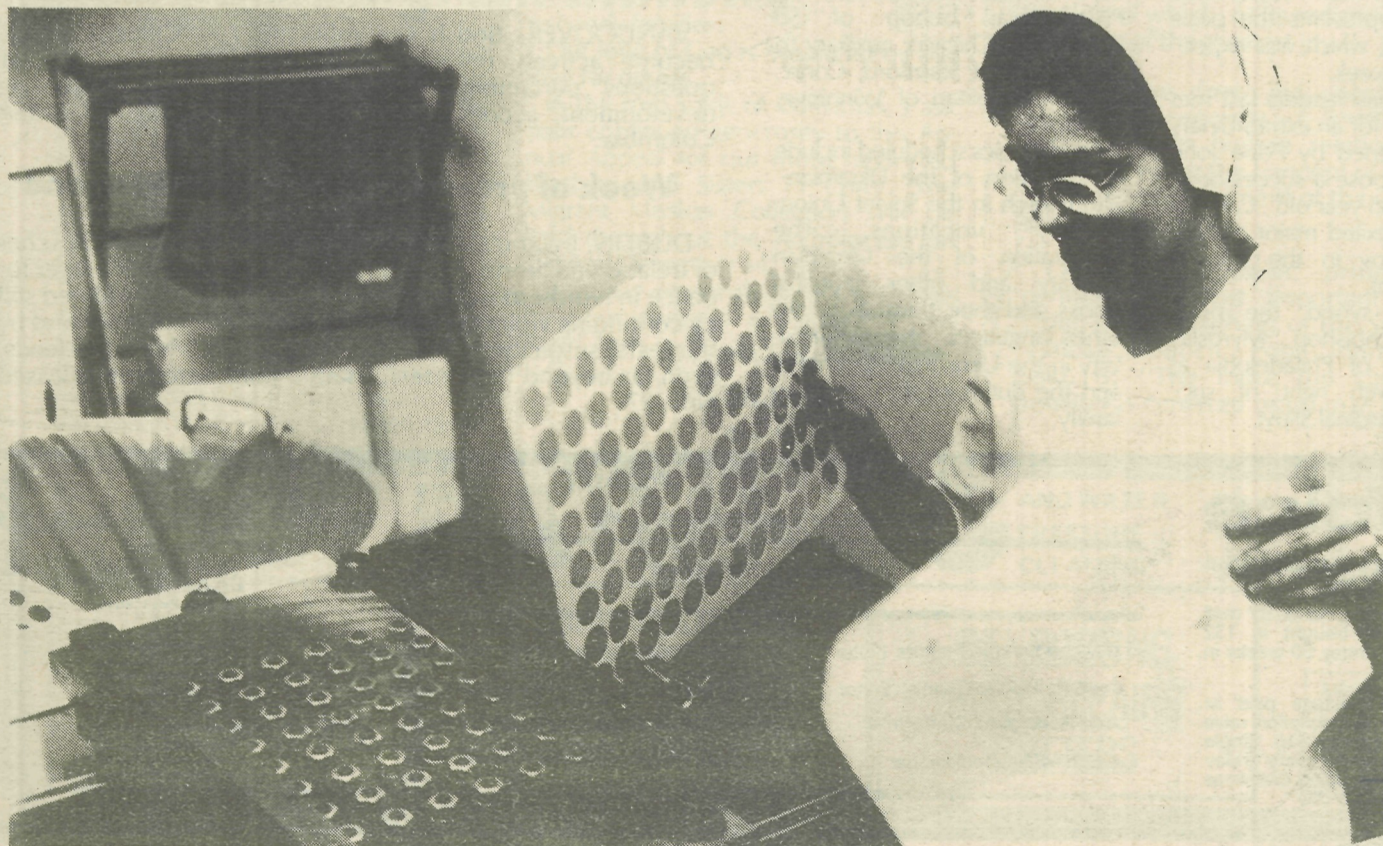
"It is obvious, in fact, that in the name of an alleged justice (for example, historical justice of class justice) the neighbor is sometimes destroyed, killed, deprived of liberty or stripped of fundamental human rights. The experience of the past and of our own time demonstrates that justice alone is not enough, that it can even

lead to the negation and destruction of itself, if that deeper power, which is love, is not allowed to shape human life in its various dimensions."

Forgiveness demonstrating mercy is necessary in human relationships, the pope said in the 83-page encyclical.

"A world from which forgiveness was eliminated," the pope said, "would be nothing but a world of cold and unfeeling injustice, in the name of which each person would claim his or her own rights vis-a-vis others; the various kinds of selfishness latent in man would trans-

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...Something very special,
as a matter of fact, something
worshippers all over
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week. See pages 4—5



GRIM MARKER — Knights of Columbus in St. Cloud, Minn., place a marker by the road near their community where a new-born baby was found dead last May. From left, Jack Bautch, Walt Clement, and Ken Hemmesch along with the property's owner, Joe Kenning, mark the location after they erected a sign on the site. (NC photo).

Church cannot turn back on Christian unity

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Reviewing his five-day visit to West Germany Pope John Paul II said the Catholic Church "cannot turn back" on the road to Christian unity.

The Nov. 15-19 trip was the main topic of the Pope's Nov. 26 weekly general audience, which ended with a poignant, off-the-cuff plea for solidarity with earthquake victims in the southern Italian regions that Pope John Paul II visited the day before.

"The character and strictly pastoral program of the visit (to West Germany) permitted me — despite the brief time period — to touch on a series of key problems linked with the life and mission of the church in Germany," he said.

THE POPE PRAISED the large number of German Catholics involved in lay ministry and the contributions of German Catholic aid agencies to solving world problems.

Regarding Christian unity, Pope John Paul said his visit was linked to the 450th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, a major statement of Lutheran beliefs.

"Although the efforts made then (in 1530) to maintain the unity of the church did not bring the desired results above all the anniversary of the Augsburg Confession became for me a particular reason to be present during this year in the homeland of the Reformation and to seek an opportunity to meet with representatives of the German Evangelical (Lutheran) Church and of other churches and Christian communities," he said.

The Pope called the meeting with Lutheran leaders an opportunity for "further development of all the action needed to develop Christian unity, in which we all may see the will of our Lord."

"THE EXPERIENCE of those few intense days allowed me to infer that the church in Ger-

many seeks to oppose those increasing difficulties with the strength and consequences of the faith of those who understand and confess their Christianity "in action and in truth," he said.

The pope praised the hardness of German Catholics, noting that thousands came to join in Masses despite rain.

"Yesterday I was able to go,

as you know, to the regions of Italy where Sunday's earthquake caused so many victims, for whom I ask your prayers and your charity," he said.

PRAISING the work of "Cor Unum," the pope said his six-hour visit pointed up the importance of the church's work in coordinating assistance efforts.

Ukrainian-Rite Synod begins at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Seventeen leaders of the Ukrainian-Rite Catholic Church opened an ordinary synod to elect candidates for five episcopal posts in Ukrainian dioceses in the United States and Canada.

Cardinal Ladislav Rubin, a Pole who heads the vatican's Congregation for eastern-Rite Churches, represents the pope at the synod, which was expected to last a week.

The Ukrainian leaders last met on March 25 for an extraordinary synod convened by Pope John Paul II to choose a successor to the ailing 88-year-old Cardinal Josip Slipyi, exiled major archbishop of Lvov in the Ukraine (Soviet Union).

After the synod, the pope named Archbishop Myroslav Lubachivsky of Philadelphia as coadjutor with right of succession to Cardinal Slipyi.

Cardinal Slipyi presided at the opening ceremony Nov. 25, which was also attended by Archbishop Lubachivski, 14 other archbishops and bishops and a Ukrainian-Rite vicar general.

The synod is scheduled to elect candidates for the posts of metropolitan and auxiliary in the Ukrainian-Rite Archdiocese of Philadelphia; bishop of St. Nicholas of Chicago; auxiliary to the bishop of Stamford, Conn.; and metropolitan of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Other topics scheduled include the situation of the Ukrainian-Rite church in the Soviet Union, priestly vocations, the preparation of the Ukrainian breviary and other liturgical books and their translation into other languages, the role of the laity in the Ukrainian-Rite church and the duties of the Ukrainian family.



News At A Glance

World Congress Called Off in Tokyo

TOKYO (NC) - A controversial world congress on religious ethics has been postponed after Protestant, Catholic and Buddhist groups said preparations were being manipulated by right-wing Shintoist groups interested in reviving Japanese militarism.

Catholic Named to Commission by Zimbabwe Government

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe (NC) - Roger Rideil, staff member of the Catholic Institute for International Relations in London, has been named chairman of the Zimbabwe government's commission to investigate income, prices and working conditions. Dominican Sister Mary Aquina, an expert on rural life in Zimbabwe, was also named to the commission.

Jules Leger Passes - Was Canadian Governor General

OTTAWA (NC) - Jules Leger, governor general of Canada from 1974-79 and brother of Cardinal Paul Leger, former archbishop of Montreal, died recently in Ottawa after suffering a stroke. He was 67.

Intn'l Labor Leader Cautions Aid to Polish Labor

WASHINGTON (NC) - An international labor leader urged Americans to be careful about the ways in which they offer help to Poland's new independent labor union, Solidarity.

LONDON (NC) — The British Council of Churches has called for an end to the arms race and has asked Christians to launch a worldwide campaign to promote alternatives to the nuclear deterrent as a means of ensuring world peace.

Pope Ring Creates Controversy in Vidigal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (NC) - The ring Pope John Paul II gave to the slum dwellers of Vidigal when he visited Rio de Janeiro in July has become the subject of controversy over whether the ring should be exhibited.

Catholic Appointed Deputy Premier

WARSAW, Poland (NC) - Jerry Ozdowski, a prominent Catholic member of Parliament, was recently named Polish deputy premier and became the highest-ranking Catholic official in the communist government.

Spanish Jesuit Named to Gregorian U. in Rome

ROME (NC) - Spanish Jesuit Father Urbano Navarrete has been named rector of the pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, one of the Catholic Church's most prestigious institutions.

Citizens should raise questions on natural resources

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (NC) — Citizens should become actively involved "in raising the critical ethical questions" pertaining to uranium and other natural resources development, according to the Catholic bishops of British Columbia.

Week of prayer called for North Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (NC) — Leaders of the four main churches of Ireland and Northern Ireland called for a week of prayer for peace in Northern Ireland. "The closing year is shadowed still by continuing violence, especially in Northern Ireland, and by the fears, suspicions, sorrows and divisions which this feeds, even far beyond its borders," said a joint statement released Nov. 27.

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End hunger strike — N. Ireland bishops

DUBLIN, Ireland (NC) — Cardinal Tomas O' Fiach of Armagh and the five other Catholic bishops with dioceses wholly or partly in Northern Ireland have appealed to seven prisoners at The Maze Prison near Belfast to end their five-week-old hunger strike.

The men, all Catholics, began the hunger strike on Oct. 27 as a protest against being denied "Special" or political status. Two of them are alleged to be members of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA), the outlawed guerrilla organization seeking to end British rule in Northern Ireland, and two are said to be members of another

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paramilitary organization, the Irish National Liberation Army.

THE BISHOPS pointed out that the hunger strike, while bound up with happenings outside the prison and given additional motivation by the memory of past injustices, is also closely linked with "a cruel and inhuman campaign of violence which we have denounced on many occasions."

The cardinal and the bishops again

appealed for an end to that violence which has tormented Northern Ireland for 11 years. They noted that there has been no response to a similar appeal by Pope John Paul II during his visit to Ireland in September 1979.

"Our first duty, therefore," they said in a joint statement, "is to appeal once more, in God's name, to all those engaged in violence to stop their evil deeds immediately. If all violence were to cease, much might still be done to help those in prison and to bind up the wounds of our suffering community."

"The violence in our midst has generated a hideous spiral of murder, bombing, robbery, the break-up of families and disrespect for life itself. It has filled graves and prisons. It has even continued unabated in recent weeks."

"WE SOLEMNLY declare that those who kill, wound, threaten or intimidate, those who put people in fear of their lives or endanger their livelihoods, are guilty of evil deeds contrary to the law of God. They stand in clear opposition to the teaching of Jesus Christ as preached in all Christian churches."

The Bishops asked the families of the hunger strikers and all who have influence over them to advise them to stop and they implored women prisoners in Armagh not to embark on a hunger strike that they had planned.

But on Dec. 1, three women prisoners, also members of the Provisional IRA, serving long terms in Armagh, ignored the bishop's plea



BELFAST HUNGER STRIKE — Two of the seven convicted guerillas in the Maze Prison in Belfast, Northern Ireland, are pictured as they began a hunger strike on Oct. 27. The seven convicts vowed to fast "to the death" to force the British government to recognize Irish terrorists as political prisoners. The prisoners also refused to wear prison clothes or to wash. (NC Photo)

and went on hunger strike.

The bishops appealed to the prison authorities to help avert a tragedy by constantly seeking new ways to exercise the flexibility recommended by the European Commission of Human Right. "The hunger strike would probably never have arisen if

a more urgent and sensitive attempt had been made long ago to prevent the prison situation from deteriorating," they said.

The prisoners point out that they have been convicted in special juryless courts in which the burden of proof is shifted to the defendant.

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reform life and human society into a system of oppression of the weak by the strong, or into an arena of permanent strife between one group and another."

THE POPE went on to say that the requirement of forgiveness does not cancel out the requirements of

justice. "Properly understood, justice constitutes, so to speak, the goal of forgiveness. In no passage of the Gospel message does forgiveness, or mercy, as its source, mean indulgence towards evil, towards scandals, towards injury or insult. In any case, reparation for evil and scandal com-

pensation for injury, and satisfaction for insult are conditions for forgiveness."

The Gospel parable of the prodigal son, the pope said, shows that "he who forgives and he who is forgiven encounter one another at an essential point, namely the dignity or essential value of the person, a point which cannot be lost and the affirmation of which, or its rediscovery, is a source of the greatest joy."

The pope drew his conclusions about the necessity of mercy and forgiveness in human relationships after discussing the concept of mercy as an essential element of the Gospel message.

One of the basic principles, perhaps the most important principle, of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul said, is: "The more the church's mission is centered upon man — the

more it is, so to speak, anthropocentric — the more it must be confirmed and actualized theocentrically, that is to say, be directed in Jesus Christ to the Father."

Jesus makes known the love of God for man, the pope said. "Christ confers on the whole of the Old Testament tradition about God's mercy a definitive meaning. Not only does he speak of it and explain it by the use of comparisons and parables, but above all he himself makes it incarnate and personifies it. He himself, in a certain sense, is mercy."

In addition to revealing the love-mercy of God, Christ "at the same time demanded from people that they should also be guided in their lives by love and mercy," the pope said. "This requirement forms part of the very essence of the messianic message, and constitutes the heart of the Gospel Ethos."

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to needy families.

Our love of God is measured by our love for others.

In the true spirit of Christmas, I ask your continued generosity to this Annual Appeal for our more neglected Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The Migrant Mission Collection will be held throughout the Archdiocese on Sunday, December 14, 1980.

With my personal gratitude to you for your concern and love for the Poor, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

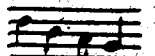
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Body of Christ...

Story, photos
by Dick Conklin

The modern white building in the quiet Delray Beach neighborhood houses a busy bakery that few visitors have ever seen. Inside a spotless kitchen, 17 Poor Clare sisters lovingly mix, bake and package a product that will play a key role in the lives of South Florida Catholics — the altar bread used in masses at 175 parishes.

The Christ the King Monastery is the only contemplative community for women in Florida, founded in 1960. The sisters, led by Mother Mary Veronica, support themselves by baking the altar bread, a task that they find is conducive to the con-

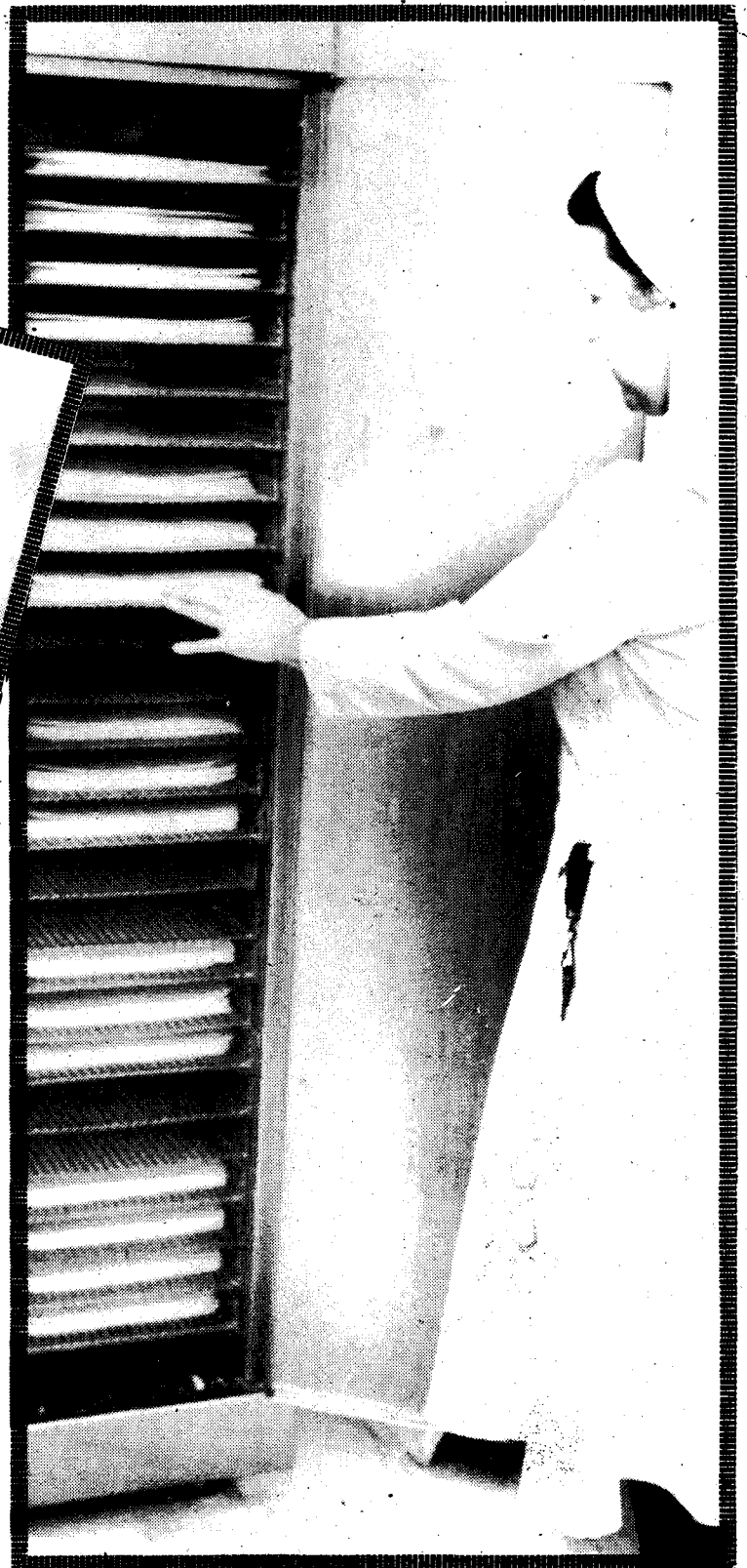
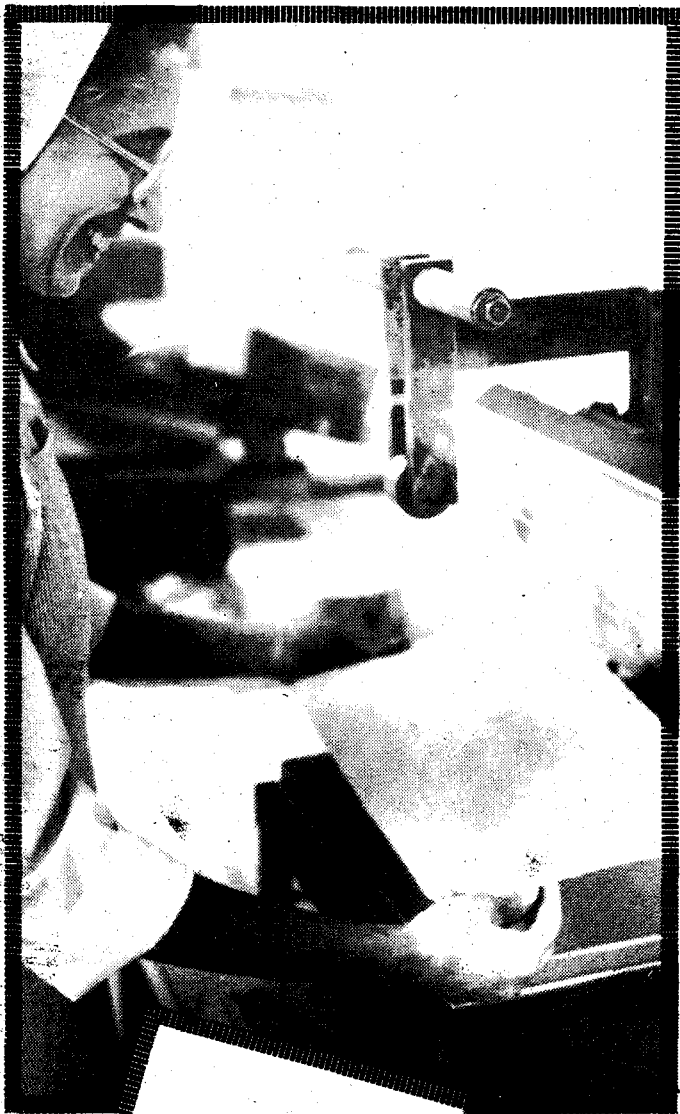
templative, cloistered life. Because in spite of their important service to the Church and her communicants, the Poor Clares feel that their prayers and devotions are even more important. Throughout each busy day, in the kitchen and in the chapel, they pray for the needs of the Church and the world around them.

ALTHOUGH IT IS difficult to measure the effect of the countless prayers, the bakery statistics are quite impressive. Fourteen million communion wafers a year, made from white or whole wheat flour, are shipped from the monastery. In addition, 270,000 of the larger hosts, used by the priest, represent 270,000 masses. While most of the bread is used within this Archdiocese, some goes to the dioceses of Orlando and St. Petersburg, and a few Episcopalian churches are customers too.

The sisters lead a scheduled life, rising at 5:00 a.m. for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning

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Poor Clare nuns at Christ the King Monastery in Delray Beach mix, pour, mold and bake the altar bread for Mass in 175 parishes in Florida, under the direction of Mother Mary Veronica, attending humidifier, lower right photo.



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Prayer, and breakfast. At 7:00 several people from the surrounding neighborhood come by for daily Mass in the chapel, celebrated by a priest from the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary. In addition to kitchen duty, time is set aside for private prayer, reading, and relaxation. One sister makes vestments, and some printing work is done at the monastery.

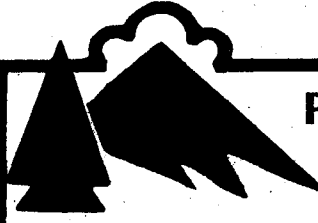
Mother Mary Charitas, who died last year, was the foundress of the community along with her successor, Sr. Mary Vernoica, 20 years ago, at the request of Archbishop Coleman Carroll. Sister Emanuel, who also resides at the Delray Beach address, serves her order as president of a federation of seven St. Clare monasteries.

THE POOR CLARE nuns feel that their lives are an important part of the Church's presence in the world.

As one sister put it, "The monastic life is a special calling; it is not an escape hatch, an evasion. You go to the monastery because you want to be nearer God, not because you want to get away from people.

"In this life there is solitude, the opportunity to come apart, to leave distractions to better enjoy prayer with God. By Profession we are totally consecrated to the Church as contemplatives, called to the task of spreading the Kingdom of God by means of prayer, silence and sacrifice."

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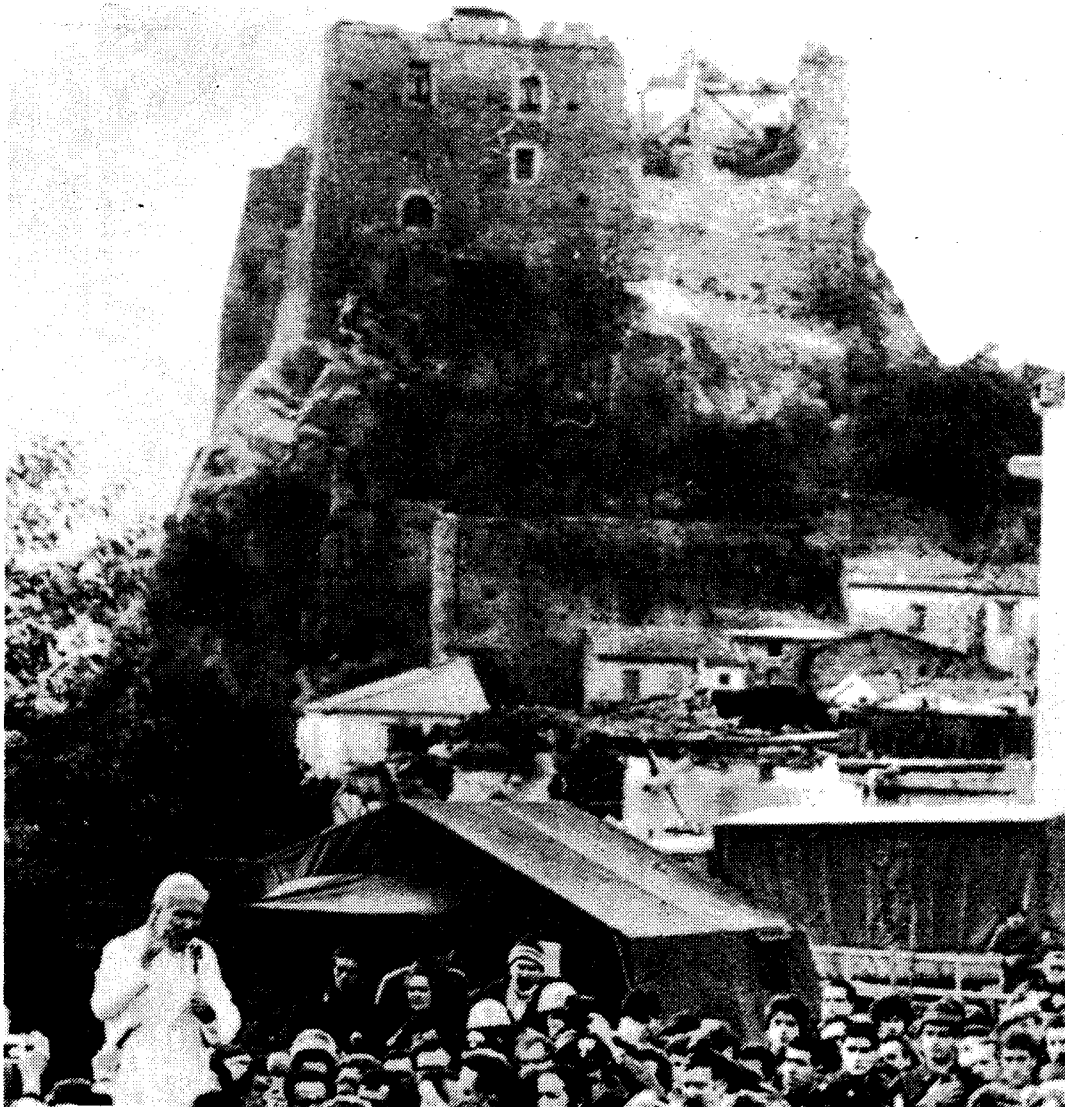
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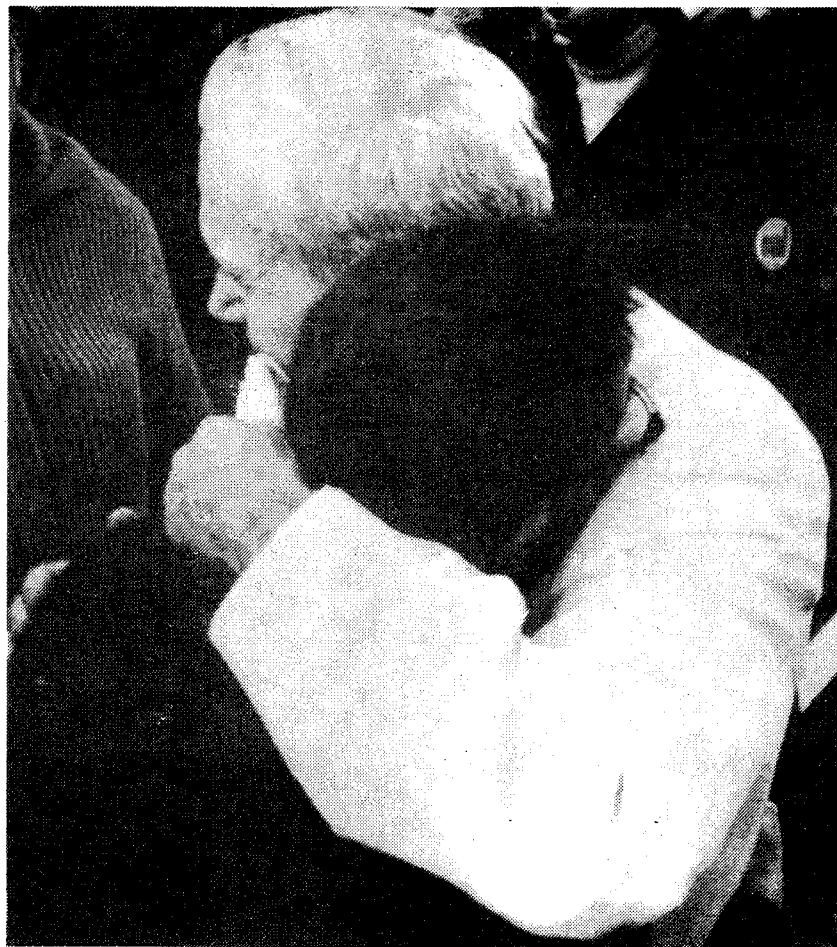


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POPE AMONG RUINS — Near earthquake-damaged buildings, Pope John Paul II speaks to residents of Balvano, Italy, a message of hope following the quake that destroyed most of the town and claimed many lives. (NC Photo)



COMFORTING PASTOR — In Balvano, the pope embraces Father Salvatore Pagliuca, 61, who was celebrating Mass at the Church of Santa Maria Assunta with about 300 people when the church collapsed. About 40 people were killed but the priest was not hurt.

Pope 'spiritually struck' by quake

NC News Service

"I was deeply moved, spiritually struck, by all that I was able to see with my own eyes," said Pope John Paul II about his six-hour visit the day before to earthquake-devastated southern Italy.

Speaking to about 7,000 people at his general audience in the Paul VI Audience Hall, the pope made a poignant, off-the-cuff appeal for world solidarity to aid the thousands affected by the Nov. 23 quake.

"I was able to see not only the destroyed homes, but also the people, old and young, recovering in the hospitals," he said. "It was a partial vision, but significant."

(Archbishop John R. Roach of St.

Help needed for 'quake victims

According to the Italian Consulate Office in Miami there is no longer need for warm clothing for victims of the recent earthquake. The response to this need nationwide has been overwhelming and the Catholic Churches have large donations of clothing on hand and being processed.

The Consul stated that money is much needed for medicines, for aid in temporary housing, and to purchase materials not readily available through the Italian government.

Those wishing to contribute for these needs may send checks made out to: The Italian Consulate: Earthquake Fund, and sent to the Italian Consulate, 200 S.E. 1st St., Miami, Fla. 33131.

Paul and Minneapolis, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference, asked the catholic bishops in the United States to conduct a special collection in early December for the earthquake victims. He said Catholic Relief Services, overseas aid agency of U.S. Catholics, had already allocated \$50,000 to relief efforts. But "more will be needed," he said.)

POPE JOHN PAUL visited Naples, Potenza, Balvano and Avellino stopping primarily at hospitals.

A week after the quake struck, the rescue headquarters in Naples said 2,915 dead bodies had been recovered, another 1,547 people were missing and presumed dead, 7,069 people were injured and about 250,000 people were homeless.

But Gen. Antonio Tamborrino, who is directing rescue work in the province of Avellino, east of Naples, said the death toll in his area alone "could be as much as 10,000."

"I am not here out of curiosity, but I am here as your brother and pastor out of human solidarity, compassion and love," the pope said in Balvano, where the collapse of a church during evening Mass caused about 60 deaths.

"Someone told me that these people can't pray any more," he added. "you pray with your suffering; you pray now more than at any other time because you bring to the Lord your sorrow."

Pope John Paul met people expressing bitterness at the events.

IN BALVANO a woman said the Parish of Santa Maria Assunta is "under accusation" because "they say



GRIEVING FATHER — In Balvano, Italy, a father cries over the body of his dead son who lies amidst a row of victims of the quake that hit southern Italy leaving thousands dead.

that if there hadn't been that service in the church . . ."

The pope interrupted the woman, saying, "It's no one's fault. No, no, that doesn't have anything to do with it."

Later in the hospital foyer he told local residents to "rebuild with humanity that which natural calamity has destroyed." He interrupted his

impromptu speech at one point, telling the crowd, "Excuse me, I can't manage to speak because the emotion is stronger than words."

It was the first time that a pope had visited the scene of a disaster since July, 19, 1943, when Pope Pius XII went to a Rome neighborhood to comfort victims of a World War II bombing.

'Dream come true,' says our newest priest

Father Pius O'Dea, the seventh of four boys and three girls — three of them in the service of the Church — was ordained in his home parish of Blessed Trinity, in Dromin, Ireland, for the Archdiocese of Miami, recently. He is already happily at work at St. Joseph's in Stuart, Fla.

FR. O'DEA'S family has already given a nun, Maire, who is a Sister of Charity stationed in South Africa, a brother, Stephen, who is a priest stationed here in Perrine, and another brother, John, who is a farm manager at a Jesuit College near Dublin. Add to these several cousins who are both seminarians and priests.

"This was the day I had looked forward to for so long, and at last, it was a reality," said the priest.

"Many priests of the archdiocese were able to be present including my brother, Stephen, who assisted me during the Ordination ceremony. Among the clergy who were in Ireland from Florida at the time and who came to my ordination were, Fr. Gerald Grace, Msgr. Peter Reilly, Fr. Timothy Lunch, Fr. James Murtaugh, Fr. Michael Flanagan, Fr. William White, Fr. Thomas Foudy, Fr. Patrick Organ, Fr. Seamus O'Shaughnessy, and Fr. John Delaney."

FR. O'DEA celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving in his parish Church of the Blessed Trinity in Dromin, assisted by his brother, Stephen, and many priests who had been present for the ordination. He gave his first blessing to his mother and father, Julia and Edmund O'Dea. A large reception at the local hotel followed.

Fr. O'Dea was born on June 30, 1954 in Limerick. His great Uncle, pastor of his parish insisted that he be named Pius — for it was in 1954 that Pope Pius X was canonized by Pope



Fr. Pius O'Dea gives his First Blessing to his parents, Julia and Edmund O'Dea, following his recent ordination.

Pius XII.

He attended the local elementary school in Dromin, studied under the

De La Salle Brothers in High School, in the town of Hospital. The new priest went to St. Patrick's college in

Carlow for Theology and Philosophy and he completed his studies there in June 1979 and was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Lennon.

FR. O'DEA came to Miami in July 1979, and was assigned to Holy Family Parish in North Miami for a year. He was particularly active with the C.Y.O., C.C.D., and school, plus hospital and nursing home visitations. Prior to leaving for Ireland to be ordained, he spent some weeks at St. Kevin in South Miami, to become familiar with Hispanic culture and people, an assignment he relished very much, according to the newly ordained priest.

On August 16, Bishop John Nevins ordained him. "For me," says Fr. O'Dea, "it was a dream come true. It was the happiest day of my life."

During his course of study in this country, Fr. O'Dea worked at St. Coleman's in Pompano Beach, with Msgr. Barry, and at St. Francis of Assisi, under Fr. Leslie D. Caan in Riviera Beach.

His first assignment has been at St. Joseph Church in Stuart, Fla. He finds himself totally immersed in parish activity and "feels right at home here. Already, I know I will be happy here," says the newest addition to the Archdiocese of Miami.

"Failte roath" is Gaelic for "welcome", Fr. O'Dea.



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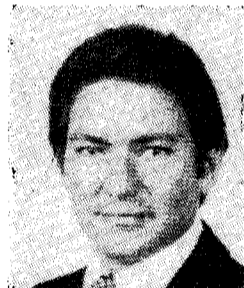
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Ridiculous case of lost values

It is hard to believe some of the garbage that is going down these days, with supposedly intelligent people either too spineless to oppose it or too weak in their sense of values to know what to do.

On an American college campus recently a group of male students wanted to show a pornographic film in their dorm to raise money to refurbish a dorm lounge.

Fortunately, the young women who also live in the dorm were hip to the liberation scene that says anything goes, and they opposed the film on the grounds that such smut is degrading to women, renders them as sex objects and creates a climate of violence against them.

The women were outraged. It is about time, considering the current rape figures in this country.

The most galling aspect to this affair, however, was the college administration which, instead of instantly telling the smirking young men they were not about to bring such dehumanizing trash into the campus living environment, actually were **divided** on the question. Some members dragged out the old saw about censorship, as though that were

applicable.

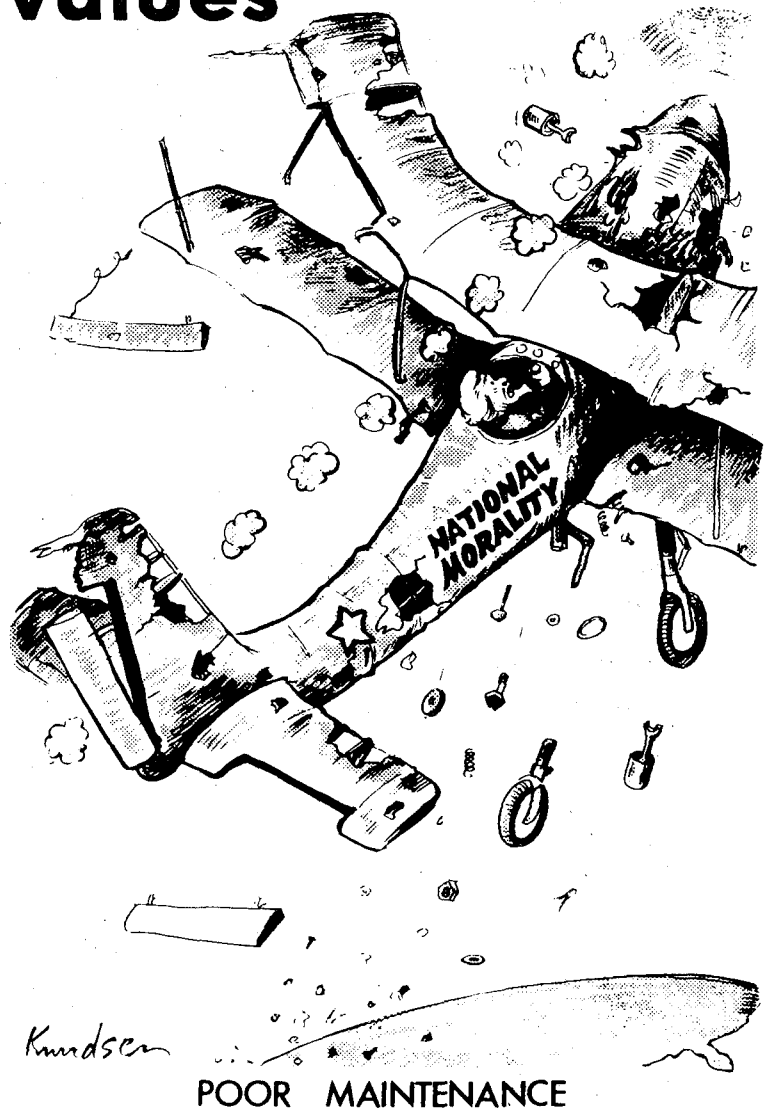
College dorms have all kinds of regulations concerning safety, drugs, defacing, quietness, rights of others, and such. Yet, when someone wants to show a dirty movie, whether in a dormitory or a public moviehouse, pillars of the community suddenly get a case of the trembles on First Amendment grounds.

What they should have done was state forthrightly that "We will not allow you to show smut films in a 'home away from home' especially a mixed one, on this campus any more than your mother would let you do it in your own living room. End of discussion."

After two meetings with the 300 students, the only woman vice president on the board came down hard against the film, and the idea was barely defeated.

How can we expect young men to have values if grown men have none?

And, if certain feminists would stop pushing so-called sexual liberation, easy abortion, and the IUD, and start preaching sexual dignity and restraint, then maybe the male exploiters and users would back off.



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What our calling really means



My beloved:

I do not know how I can ever express adequately my thanks to you who have prayed for me and sent flowers, telegrams, cards and messages of support during my adventure with open-heart surgery. God bless you! God bless you! God bless you! I love you.

I hadn't quite expected the Lord to take me so seriously when I announced that I intended our Evangelization renewal of the Archdiocese to begin with me, the Archbishop. These past days of recuperation have been a special orientation opportunity for me. It was serious business, going under the knife.

The Lord gave me an unusual gift of easy confidence in Him through it all. But I think the unaccustomed hours of seclusion, leisure and reflection were a special gift opening a clearer vision of the unique way of life we are committed to through our unique effort of Evangelization, and of the immense importance and potential of our efforts.

By the loving care I have received at the hospital, I have been having an entirely new experience of the Kingdom which Jesus said would be recognized by the love His followers have for one

another. Incredibly skilled and devoted surgeons, humble, partially awestruck, partially nonchalant, always exultant and excited about being God's hand restoring new life to a failing heart:

Little Filipina nurses, hardly tall enough to reach over the bed railing to stroke a brow soothingly. Nurses, aides, housekeepers — all so sensitive to the preoccupation of their sick and attempting to reassure and comfort and cheer by a concern that far transcends a pay check. Chaplains, Sisters, Pastoral Ministers offering rich spiritual ministry while putting not only the patient at ease but looking after the distraught relatives and families as well. Human beings freed of the inhibitions of propriety simply reaching out with the natural love by which Jesus said we can identify his followers.

Under the exhilaration of this fantastic atmosphere of human love, I was struck by a richer understanding of what the Kingdom of the Good News is really meant to be. I began to realize how casually we normally accept our calling to be people of faith and love, people whose lives proclaim the Good News of God's love. And I began to realize more the unacknowledged love the Kingdom of

Jesus has brought into our world — often not fully abloom because we ignore the Gospel or are cynics.

I thought not only of health care personnel, but of teachers, devoted priests and religious, of course, of fathers unobtrusively dedicated to the loving care of their families, the countless acts of love of mothers and wives, yes, and of the concern of the cop on the beat and the flight attendants in the air.

Our workaday Bible is not fully the heady challenge of the Gospels, the vision of genuine commitment to transforming ourselves into the extraordinary God-like persons we are meant to be. "... What is man that you should keep him in mind... you have made him a little less than a god, with glory and honor you crowned him." (Psalm 8).

No, too foolishly we permit our aspirations, our vision of life to be created by the cynicism, the bad news of the secular world in which we live. Weekly we tolerate the news media's version of life demeaning our souls with the deadening, demoralizing fixation, with stories of human failure presented almost as expected behavior.

To help the press sell a few more copies, the TV to raise the adver-

tisement income of its programs, we are willing to relinquish, to ignore our careers of being the light on the mountaintop, the salt that seasons — to reveal life as it really is — at least as it could be.

Our Archdiocesan Program of Evangelization is a revolutionary, positive, sweeping effort to transform by our behavior as disciples of Jesus, by the example we give, the depressed and sickening destruction of the spirit of our day, and to restore a view and enriching manner of life which was lavished on us by our Heavenly Father when He sent His Son to be the Messiah, to bring among us the Kingdom of God.

During 1981 in Evangelization, we will be attempting especially to renew parish life as a powerful means of realizing and living the Good News.

may Advent be a serious season of prayerful reflection on the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, to light up our lives.

Thanks again for being so loving in your prayerful concern during my illness.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward P. McCarthy



By Msgr. James J. Walsh

We can do all things (with Him)

Several years ago while I heard on the radio a protestant minister deliver an impressive talk, the theme of which was, "What our world needs now is another Saint Paul" I missed the full development of his sermon up to that concluding remark, which was indeed thought provoking. I suppose what he said is the kind of spontaneous tribute every troubled generation pays to the restless apostle who, in the American lingo, got things done.

It's rather simple for us to picture him, once he was pierced with the desire to repent for his hatred, hurrying from city to city, defying his enemies, rebuking the lukewarm, suffering all kinds of insults, preaching in season and out of season, ever alert lest anyone miss the good news through his neglect.

AS YOU REFLECT on what history tells us, it becomes increasingly difficult to explain how he did it all, until you remember he gave the key to it all. He made one of the boldest boasts of all time when he said, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

It seems sensible to cross the two thousand years and set him down in our world of 1980. And then the imagination gets out of hand picturing Paul as a citizen of our nightmarish world, making use of television, radio, newspapers, books, congressional hearings, United Nations sessions -- any medium capable of being used to

impress on people the message of hope and light which Christ left us.

One thing sure, whatever methods he adopted, he would be driven constantly by the conviction that Jesus is in him, with him and, therefore, the opposition of governments, courts, scandalized Christians or public opinion polls was not going to stop him.

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His boast, "I can do all things..." is really the boast of humility. Paul was forever taking into account his weakness and faults. Indeed he gloried in them. It was because he realized his limitations that he put his trust totally in God and expected to be driven by divine power.

PAUL'S BRAND of confidence has never failed to sear others in all generations with the same fire. Countless men and women took his boast as their own and were used by God in remarkable ways to spread his Kingdom.

However, we sell Paul short if we classify his approach only with that of the spiritual giants. His boast can be

made by the housewife who wishes she could have just one day off, by the maintenance man who has been touched by the Holy Spirit, by the student who has really found what Jesus means, by the elderly who depend on the Spirit to help them overcome the sadness of loneliness and the neglect of children.

Paul's beautiful boast can be shared

office, home, wherever he is. His obligation is to bear witness to Christ in all that he does and says.

KIND OF NUTTY theory? Don't think so unless you refuse to take Paul's boast seriously. We realize keenly what sorry looking apostles we may be among family members or neighbors. If we have made a cursillo, or shared in the new devotions to the Holy Spirit or been helped by a discovery of the riches of the Gospels, we have learned how helpless we are, how much we must depend on the Spirit.

There is a world of wisdom to be found in Paul's delightful boast. To appreciate it fully, however, we have to learn the hard way that what Christ insisted on was true, namely, "Without me, you can do nothing." It takes a lot of failures, much sorrow to develop that conviction.

THE SAINTS of our times illustrate this in a marvelous manner. The son of peasant parents, Pius X was lifted higher and higher by the Spirit of God. So was John XXIII who taught the world love by example.

Mother Teresa obviously has caught Paul's fiery boast and made it her own. Remembering this frail little lady's "achievement" (she would resent that word), you have to believe her constant prayer is, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."



By DICK CONKLIN

Shocking statistics on Catholics

Our country has a fascination with surveys.

Most of them seem to make a sincere attempt at finding out how people feel about something, as opposed to the kind that use biased questions or funny mathematics to slant the results. Often the survey percentages only serve to confirm what we already know, or have a 'gut feel' about. But occasionally one comes along that is a big surprise.

This column often deals with current moral issues, social action, and individual involvement. So when a survey taken by the respected Gallup Poll organization shows Catholics lagging far behind evangelical Christians in both conviction and personal action in several key areas, we want to take a closer look.

THIS GALLUP POLL was conducted for an evangelical magazine **Christianity Today**, which, judging by past issues, shares our interest (and point of view) on most of the key ethical and social issues of the day. The poll identified the people surveyed as "Catholics", "Protestants", "Evangelicals", and "General Public" (everyone questioned).

For example, on the topic of premarital sex, 81% of the Evangelicals felt that sex prior to marriage was wrong, while only 49% of Catholics did. 59% of Protestants rejected

premarital sex and the general public was divided on this issue: 50% - 50%. Although on the question of extramarital sex there was more agreement, Catholics still trailed Evangelicals, 82% - 96%, in their rejection of adultery.

A majority of Catholics, 59%, felt Homosexuality is wrong, Evangelicals, 81%. The statement "divorce should be avoided except in extreme situations" received 43% agreement

Jesus Christ", Catholics 17%, Evangelicals, 53%.

WHEN ASKED about personal involvement, the gap between the two groups was still uncomfortably wide. To the question, "do you give help personally and directly to the poor?", 13% of the Catholics answered yes, while 30% of the Evangelicals did. "Does volunteer work for church or other religious organization", 36% - 81%. "Contributes ten percent or more

in volunteer services."

While his findings may point out some key factors in a Christian's life, there are others. For Catholics we can think of several: previous religious education, attendance at Mass and receipt of the sacraments, daily prayer, reading Church books and publications and involvement in Church activities and organizations. Why did Catholics fare so poorly in the poll? Does it reflect a major falling away from Church teachings? Have we lost the sense of evangelical fervor that our "born again" brothers have? Have we become infected with a chronic case of apathy? Have we neglected our prayers?

IS THE SURVEY in error? Possible, but Mr. Gallup's organization has achieved a reputation for accuracy in the polling business. Certainly, the wording of each statement is a factor, and one may have caused a lower-than-expected response from all respondents. To the item, "abortion is unacceptable in all circumstances" (Catholics, 27%, Evangelicals, 31%), many sincere pro-life people who feel that a threat to a mother's life is the only exception for abortion may have answered "no".

Maybe this is why the Church is pushing evangelization at this time, evangelizing ourselves first. Maybe we need it more than we think.

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from Catholics, 60% Evangelicals. In the area of social action, only 31% of Catholics felt that "it is very important for religious organizations to make public pronouncements about ethical-moral matters", while Evangelicals agreed by 70%. Similarly, 44% of us felt that "religious organizations should lobby", Evangelicals, 62%. Another major difference was our reaction to the statement, "the top priority for Christians is to help win the world for

of income to religious organizations," 8% - 54%.

In the **Christianity Today** article, writer David O. Moberg states, "Possibly one of the most significant findings is that people who read the Bible frequently (at least once per day) and those who are tithers exhibit higher levels of religiosity on almost every indicator that other people ... they also have higher levels of social concern, and they donate more time



Many parishes are taking pains to write their histories on the occasion of some anniversary. Amateur historians interview older parishioners to record their stories. At Holy Name of Jesus parish in Stamford, Conn., the Polish-American community has preserved its memories in this book to mark the parish's 75th anniversary.

The story in your life

By Father Philip Murnion

A good story has a clear plot, a central character who fascinates us, and it describes a situation that all kinds of people will find interesting.

In a good story, the relationship among the characters -- especially their relationship with the central character -- has to be clear. A good story can be savored. As its images are recalled, we discover that it held more meaning than we first thought.

What is our own story -- as individuals and as communities? How is it like the story of Jesus?

You might say we are a story church. Old Testament stories of the patriarchs, kings and prophets are imbedded in our religious memories.

THE STORY of Jesus is continually recounted too. So interesting is it to so many people, that it is no wonder authors and film producers continually try to capture the story.

Memories and stories are interrelated. In every parish where I have served, I have found that individuals tend to become a community when they share memories of certain events.

- The 7 a.m. daily Mass group in one parish gradually takes shape in the form of a modest community as its participants build up a memory bank of past incidents to retell.

- The musicians and choir members in another parish slowly acquire a repertoire of stories they like to retell, as if to underscore the special relationship among those who share memories of

the same events, and who serve in similar ways.

In families, hardly a celebration is held -- whether a birthday or Christmas or Mother's Day -- without the telling of some stories about past incidents that disclose a family's story.

When a parish calls on its own amateur historians to write the community's history on the occasion of a parish centenary, for example, the story of the parish becomes a saga of the many memories of its people.

Father John Shea of Chicago does a lot to remind people of the role played in the church and in faith by stories. He does this in his book, "Stories of God," and in his poetry through which he presents fresh views of age-old mysteries and experiences. Father Shea reminds people that the story of Jesus continues to be told and to be written in the lives of us all: individuals, families, parishes, for example.

The parish is the place where we continue to tell the story of Jesus. But each year we see the story differently -- we see it anew -- because of the way it gets reflected in our own changing lives. So, in a sense, the story of Jesus we retell each year is both old and new.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE of Christ is not only a matter of dredging up incidents from the past. It is a matter of making present the events of Christ's life so that people may associate themselves with that life.

We join the Jesus story, become a part of it and continue it. Our own stories, too, become important.

An appreciation of the meaning to be found in the stories of our lives can come from drawing the connections between our own stories and the story of Jesus.

It is extremely valuable when parishes help people with this. Some parishes help people to become somewhat more autobiographical, to trace the journey of life and faith, identifying the main characters in their lives, realizing what "plot" is emerging in their lives, and what "editing" may be necessary.

In simple ways, parishes encourage family members to listen to each other's stories, to set aside the time to do this and to consult the story of Jesus as a way of helping them to reflect on the stories of their own lives.

We will not much appreciate the story of Jesus if we do not appreciate our own individual stories, the stories of those people around us, the stories of the parish and of the groups that make up the parish family.

In our lives, there is a Christ-like story to be told about:

- Obedience to the Father's will;
- Care for the poor;
- Healing and reconciliation;
- The death and resurrection.

"The moving hand writes and having writ moves on," but a story is left in our memories. It needs to be recalled by parishes and their people.

By Father John J. Castelot

When parents are upset by the behavior of their children, they find themselves in the grip of all sorts of conflicting emotions.

The overriding one is, of course, loving concern. But this is mixed with annoyance, disappointment and anxiety. These emotions show up in parental appeals to children, sometimes in strange, almost humorous ways.

So it was Paul and his converts, his parishioners. He was not just a functionary doing a job. Paul was a father and he loved and worried about his people with a father's heart.

There was good reason for him to be disturbed by what was happening in the community he had founded at Corinth. To judge by the childish rivalries in Corinth, one would think Paul had never instructed the people on the primacy of love, on the fundamental importance of their oneness in Christ.

PAUL'S APPEALS to the people reveal his mixed emotions: He is alternately sarcastic and forthright, stern and tender. Having reviewed the situation, especially as it concerned him and his fellow minister, Apollos, he seems to say, in effect:

"Look, you certainly didn't learn this kind of behavior from either of us! We didn't pick and choose among you when we were instructing you, preaching only to an elite, to those who appealed to us personally." (1 Cor. 4:6)

At this point, Paul resorts to rather biting sarcasm. If the people now have something to recommend them, it is only because of God's gracious gift, delivered to them through the good services of his ministers. What, then, are they bragging about? They are so smug and self-satisfied that they seem to think they have it made -- on their own!

"At the moment you are completely satisfied. You have grown rich! you have launched upon your reign with no help from us. Would that you had really begun to reign, that we might be reigning with you!" (1 Cor. 4:8)

To emphasize how ridiculous their attitude is, he draws a pointed contrast between what they think their situation is and what the actual situation of God's ministers is. It is a movingly eloquent passage, beginning with:

"**AS I SEE IT**, God has put us apostles at the end of the line, like men doomed to die in the arena. We have become a spectacle to the universe, to angels and men alike. We are fools on Christ's account. Ah, but in Christ you are wise! We are the weak ones, you the strong! They honor you, while they sneer at us!" (1 Cor. 4:9-10).

But now his deep love for them comes to the fore: "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children. Granted you have 10,000 guardians in Christ, you have only one father. It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me" (1 Cor. 4:15-16)

This appeal for imitation is important. Paul not only preached the Gospel, he lived it. He knew talk was cheap, especially at Corinth, with its chorus of ear-tickling philosophers, purveyors of "wisdom."

People had to be shown that living as a Christian was really possible. They needed a visible model for imitation. Paul tried his best to furnish that model.

Just in case they have forgotten, he had already sent his good friend Timothy to remind them and, in turn, to serve as an image of Christ in their midst.

Paul served as example

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Getting inside faith at home

By Stephen A. Nuunes

Family experiences have a common factor: They are shared. Together, family members can look back on experiences they've had together or joy or conflict, love, frustration or disappointment.

For many families, the dinner table is the most basic place for sharing. Around the table family members relate the news of the day - its ups and downs, whether it was a good day or bad day, and why. The dinner table is a place for listening and responding, for expressing ideals, facing reality, even for making decisions.

AROUND THE DINNER table, family members share memories. They share attitudes toward jobs or school, anxieties about the world's situation, financial worries, interest in sports events and relationships with other people. They share the interests of day-by-day living. That means they share

their values.

It would be interesting to know many families openly share their feelings about the faith around the dining room table.

One thing is sure: When Christianity is related to the life people actually lead today, it offers much grist for the mill of a family's conversation. Take a look at the news stories any day in a newspaper. What is reported in a newspaper - wars, poverty, homelessness, political events, courage, illness - is all within the scope of Christian concern. Christian values speak to the real world of everyday life. Can this be discussed at home?

It seems to me it is important for parents and children to share their feelings about faith - to be able to talk together about the meaning of Christianity.

I realize this is easier said than done. Many people have good intentions in this area that have not

materialized, perhaps because of the noise of TV, scheduled activities outside the home or simply because they've found it difficult to start - they haven't felt comfortable about it.

But why not?

Does religion seem out of place in a family's life?

Are people afraid or self-conscious when it comes to talking about their faith?

A LOT OF GOOD conversations at home have started when a particular TV show or a popular song reflected a certain attitude. Maybe it trivialized the value of a relationship between two married people. Maybe it demonstrated how one person can genuinely reach out to another; maybe it raised questions about what a family is, about the ways people help each other grow.

TV occupies a big place in many homes. It can be used as a natural resource of ideas for worthwhile conversations. Of course, such conversations call for listening on the part of all involved.

I think a key factor in talking about faith at home is spontaneity. It helps when discussions of the faith are natural.

Start with a newspaper article or an incident which occurred that day. Or, take advantage of a religious media event, like the showing of the TV movie titled "Jesus of Nazareth."

Families that watch a program like this can discuss it. Ask:

"How does the actor's portrayal match your picture of Jesus?"

"What teaching of Jesus was highlighted by this particular show?"

Books are natural resources of ideas for family conversations. It is certainly possible for families to take up a book about the faith and examine it together.

When speaking about our values and our faith it is important to speak personally. What does Christianity mean to me, to us, to our family? We need to relate the living Christ to our own personal experience.

It is helpful if parents feel comfortable discussing religious topics with each other and not just for the sake of children.

Parents set the tone of the family. If parents not only choose to be Christians, but find it interesting to discuss the church and the faith, their children will surely take note.

A family's lifestyle reflects its faiths. Talking about Christ is one thing. But when the talk is lived out - whether through some poor or of others - it is given depth and meaning.

If faith is important, it makes sense to talk about it, and to live it at home.



Making music at St. John's

By John Maroney

Music has been an integral part of religious ceremonies for centuries. Long before the Israelites were chosen by God, prehistoric man was making music - perhaps pounding on hollow logs - to an unknown, all-powerful being.

Music continues to play a vital role in churches. "One of the objectives of liturgical reform is to promote community singing in assemblies of the faithful, so that they might better express the festive, communal and fraternal character of liturgical celebrations," a Vatican document once explained.

St. John's Parish in Liverpool, N.Y. meets this challenge. This is a parish with 1,150 registered families. Its music is well-known to a lot of people in the Diocese of Syracuse.

Much of the credit for this belongs to Veronica Gerads Salazar, parish minister of music, liturgy and religious education. When she joined the parish six years ago, its music group had 10 members. She says, "I couldn't believe there weren't people who had ability in a parish this size!"

Under her tutelage, 50 volunteers today are regularly involved in five different music groups. Music has become an important part of the liturgy in the parish - and an important part of the parish's life for many of the parishioners.

The three largest music groups - the senior choir, the adult folk group, the

a sort of smaller community within the larger community of the parish.

Participants also receive personal satisfaction and encouragement from the parish staff, which includes pastor Father O'Connell and two assistant priests. Mrs. Salazar explains the musicians know that "what they have to offer will be excitedly accepted."

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youth folk group - lead the music during Sunday liturgies, while smaller groups are on hand for the Saturday vigil Masses.

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They have a sense of making a real contribution to the parish.

St. John's is blessed with other accomplished musicians who include a harpist, pianists, a flutist, organists, a trumpet player and several guitarists. Together they provide a rich variety of music.

Planning liturgies requires a lot of time and care. Mrs. Salazar meets

regularly with the parish priests as well as with a liturgy committee of 12 people who assist in liturgy planning.

In choosing music, Mrs. Salazar keeps a number of considerations in mind as she attempts to help make each liturgy "one of the high points of the people's week."

Does a particular selection complement a parish or diocesan theme?

How does the music relate to the Scripture readings?

What song best conveys the particular intention of the Mass?

Mrs. Salazar admits there is still a problem in getting all the people involved. Some parishioners even say they "enjoy the music so much" they prefer to sit back and just listen.

To overcome this, Mrs. Salazar opens one rehearsal each month to the entire parish family. This begins informally with a party, and from 15 to 20 parishioners who are not in the music groups generally attend.

"We hope that by coming to the practice, people will feel more comfortable and more free to open up - to come along with the groups in song," Mrs. Salazar explains.

Family Life

By Dr. James
and
Mary Kenny



The family meal

Dear Dr. Kenny: We read your column about how important it is for a family to eat together. If that is the case, then our family is surely in trouble. I don't think we have a single meal together during the week.

My husband is off to work before our two children get down for breakfast. I work a 30-hour week and have lunch at the office. Our two middle-school children are rarely home from paper route, band practice or sports practice in time for us to eat dinner together as a family. What can we do?

A. Your situation is all too typical: a family of four pulled every which way by society. No wonder families are having trouble when the members no longer find it possible to share even a meal.

You are right to be concerned about eating together. The meal is com-

monly used in literature as a symbol of community. Eating is one of those few and basic vital functions that serves to bind the participants together. People who eat together are more apt to maintain close relationships with one another.

What can you do? Let's analyze your situation. If you are not eating together as a family, then one or more of the family members is busy doing something else. School activities or job are taking priority over family. You may say that family comes first, but if you are never together for meals, then I think you should question your own statement.

Be practical. Sometimes you should try to put family first. There are 21 meals in most weeks. You ought to be able to find a way to share some of them together as a family. Some meals

together are better than none.

What about breakfast? Can dad get to work a bit later on one day? Can your children get up earlier one day per week? Have a special breakfast treat. Set the table and do some of the meal preparation the night before. What about a Saturday brunch or a meal on Sunday after church? A little ingenuity plus a sense that family has priority can turn breakfast into a special meal.

If lunch is out during the week, what about weekends? Can you have a special lunch on Saturday or Sunday? Keep it simple and short enough that it is enjoyed by all. It is more important that it happens regularly every week.

Dinner or supper time is the usual family meal. You may want to set aside one evening per week when the family meal comes ahead of practices, job or any social engagement. Plan a

special menu. If members cannot make the regular dinner hour, you might arrange for a late evening meal once a week. Have a festive atmosphere as you sit down together, European-style, at 8 P.M. or 9 P.M.

Snacks also offer an opportunity to eat together. Make an effort to plan a minimeal during a favorite television program that you all watch together, or allow some time before bed for a family get-together for snacks and conversations.

Eating together nowadays often requires special planning. However, for a family trying to stay close, it is important enough to warrant the extra trouble and planning.

(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to: The Kennys; Box 67, Rensselaer, Ind. 47987.)

Family Night

OPENING PRAYER:

Excitement grows, dear Jesus, as we move towards the celebration of your birth. Cleanse our minds and hearts that we might be ready to welcome you on Christmas Day. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

It is so easy for the real meaning of Christmas to be squeezed out by all the business of preparing for the holiday. Preparation for Christmas is important, and it needs to be both

spiritual and physical. What can the family do to become better prepared?

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- **Young and Middle Years Families** — Set up a Promise Tree by placing a branch in sand. God kept His promise by sending his Son Jesus. We experience God's promise by making and keeping promises to one another. Each one find a symbol for a promise and tie it to the branch. For example,

praying hands could be a promise to say a prayer for someone; a toy car could mean a promise to take the family for a ride. The promises can be secret or shared, made to the family in general or to anyone in particular.

- **Adult Families** — Read Chapter Three of St. Luke's gospel. What does the preaching of John the Baptist say to you?

- **All Families** — Work on

homemade gifts for Christmas presents.

ENTERTAINMENT: Play a game of cards, perhaps Rummy, Crazy Eights, or Hearts.

SHARING: My most special memory of a past Christmas is

I was especially happy this past week when

I was disappointed this past week when

CLOSING PRAYER:

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Parish has day to get everyone together

Some 85 adults and 30 children were treated to a multi-media day of activity, a day to get everyone together, at St. Joan of Arc parish, Boca Raton.

The idea was to have a "Day of Refreshment" that brought together members of various groups within the parish, groups that might normally be involved in separate activities.

THE CHILDREN'S group was directed through puppet-making, skits, a Bible "search" on the school grounds and a picnic by Mrs. Anthony Lopez, first grade teacher at St. Joan of Arc School. The highlight of the day for the children was a silent pantomime by the Exceptional Children's CCD Class, where they donned makeup and costumes of clowns, emphasizing that "Jesus Loves Everybody, even the 'littles' clown who had no friends!"

Meanwhile, the adults were assembled in the Social Hall where they held skits, thematic slide shows and several inspiring talks. Carol Lennon, an amateur photographer in the parish, presented four beautifully-prepared slide shows, each set to music, such as "you Light Up My Life", which developed the theme of shared ministry within the parish.

A humorous skit with Ritz Azzarello as the impatient supplicant who is simply trying to get off a quick "Our Father" for the day is surprised to hear God (a voice from behind a screen), answering each phrase of the prayer, result being that one would never again simply recite the "Our Father" by rote.

PRAYER SUPPORT was a vital ingredient of the entire day. The team has been meeting weekly for several months in planning, preparing and praying for the Day of Refreshment. Significantly, the elderly and chronically ill "shut-ins" in the parish had also been asked to pray for an effective spiritual experience for all who attended.

Every phase of the Day was tape-recorded professionally, and tapes were later distributed to the elderly "prayer partners."

"It is vital for the 'shut-ins' to feel that they are still an integral part of the parish family," said Mrs. Rita Azzarello, Chairman of the Day of Refreshment, "and we feel that it is very important for them to have the tapes so they will realize just how beneficial their prayers were . . . and how much we all



Children sing at closing liturgy as Fr. Ronald Pusak, pastor, and Fr. Michael Driscoll watch.

appreciate their prayer support."

Also, as each speaker gave his talk, there was a minimum of five people in the Church, praying for the speaker and the listeners, so, the entire day was "hemmed with prayer".

The "Day of Refreshment" was inspired by Archbishop McCarthy's challenge last January for "every parish, every organization, to evaluate its ministry and purpose in the light of the gospel."

Realizing the tendency of individual organizations within the parish "to minister to their own", laypeople from Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Prayer

Groups, Family Life Committee, School, CCD, and Shut-ins joined forces with the intent of providing the "Non-labeled, non-separated" approach.

THE CHILDREN and adults came together at the end of the day to celebrate the Eucharist, where they were "treated" to special liturgical music offered by a random group of fifteen men who formed a choir just for the day.

"We may not sing very well," said one of the men, "but we love the Lord and enjoy singing praises to Him!"

Free Day Care Services

The Catholic Service Bureau of the Archdiocese of Miami is offering free day care services to children holding refugee status from any nation between two months and three years of age.

The children will be cared for in homes licensed by the State of Florida and supervised by Catholic Service Bureau. Qualified mothers will have a maximum of five children and will keep up to date on child development techniques by working closely with CSB staff.

The program will offer the child the loving care of a responsible mother as well as balanced meals-meeting the nutritional standards established by the State of Florida under the Child Care Food Program.

For more information and registration please visit Little Havana Day Care Center located at 970 S.W. 1 Street or call Lourdes Garcia at 324-5424.

KC's "Pro-Life" Breaking Record

"The 1980-81 'Pro-life goal of financial contributions from Florida's Knights of Columbus is exceeding expectations," stated K of C State "Pro-Life" Chairman Edward Joyce of Lake park.

The 1979-80 fraternal year produced statewide donations of \$25,225.00, nearly 6,000 hours of program-work, and distribution of 25,120 "Roses for life", according to reports. State Deputy Donald E. Raymond, Hialeah, reported that a financial goal in excess of the 1979-80 year has been set.

Mr. Raymond said, "last year's produced over 25 per cent above its objective. 1980 is the 'Year of The Family', so designated by the National Council of Catholic Bishops and by the Florida State Council, Knight of Columbus and we are attempting to better our programs and advance the cause of the preservation of human life

in Florida." Recent reports indicate that we are surpassing last year's performance and with similar results during the remainder of the year we will exceed our goals," Joyce said. "Pro-Life" supports the life of the unborn and fosters close-knit organization and operation of the FAMILY, the most important social unit in our society.

According to chairman Joyce, Florida failed to ratify a constitutional amendment to reverse the Supreme Courts January 1973 decision pertaining to "Right-to-Life," therefore, "increased efforts are needed to insure the life of the unborn and continuation of the aged."

"Roses-for-Life" may be obtained from any local K of C Council or by contacting Mr. Edward M. Jorce, 416 Crescent Drive, Lake Park, Florida 33403, phone (305) 842-9687.

Jogathon Sponsored by Boystown

Two round-trip airplane tickets to London are the first prize in the second annual international Jogathon sponsored by Boystown of Florida. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, at the track of Miami Dade College's south campus from 8 AM to 7 PM.

To be eligible for the two tickets on Laker Airways, a jogger must run at least one mile and get \$10.00 in pledges. Runners can run as many miles as they wish and will get an additional chance in the drawing for each

\$10.00 in pledges. A portable TV set is also a prize in addition to each runner receiving a T-shirt.

Located in South Dade, Boystown is a home for dependent teenage boys open to boys of all faiths and nationalities.

In addition to the joggers being eligible for the tickets, each person who pledges will be eligible and will receive a chance in the drawing for each \$10.00 pledged.

For more information call Boystown at 279-1722.

Barry Sets Choral Concert

The annual winter choral concert at Barry College will be presented Sunday, Dec. 7, at 8:15 p.m. in the Barry College auditorium by the Barry College Concert Choir and the Keynotes. There is no charge for admission.

The program includes excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," traditional Christmas carols, other traditional holiday music both sacred and secular, and a sentimental journey through the music of the 1940's.

Both vocal groups are directed by Derna Ford, assistant professor of music. The accompanist on piano is Georgette Heinold. Soloists are Mary Windholz and Terrie Benson. Choreography for the Keynotes, who dance to their music, is by Doug Newton, a 1979 Barry graduate.

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Archbishop McCarthy with children of the Non Koyute Nutritional Center.



New housing units at Nan Palan (left) replace old shacks (far right).

Love in Action . . .

Archbishop tours sister diocese, poorest in hemisphere

It was in May, 1979, that out of concern for the people of Haiti, Archbishop Edward McCarthy sent the first team of Amor en Accion to that island, in the name of the Church of Miami, to deepen the relationship which he had begun in February, 1979, through his personal contact with Archbishop Luigi Conti, Apostolic Nuncio of Haiti.

The Archbishop had always expressed his desire that the Archdiocese of Miami reach beyond its boundaries and develop the consciousness of the universality of the Church in its missionary dimension. He had in mind, also, declaring the **Diocese of Port de Paix**, the poorest of the American hemisphere, as a **sister diocese of the Archdiocese of Miami**. A program of cooperation needed to be established that would meet the needs of the Diocese of Port de Paix, and Amor en Accion was to be the bridge.

Since that time, many Amor en Accion teams have visited the towns and villages of Port de Paix, bringing needed help, love and encouragement to their inhabitants. The most recent visit took place last month, and Archbishop McCarthy went along. Following is an account by Alicia Marill and Fr. Mario Vizcaino of Amor en Accion, of the people they met and the work they performed during their latest trip.

NOV. 4 — 3:30 P.M. — Archbishop Edward McCarthy and members of Amor en Accion arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti, where Archbishop Luigi Conti, apostolic nuncio and Fr. Boniface Fils-Aime, vicar general of the Diocese of Port de Paix, greet them. The Archbishop, Dr. Ramon Boza, Alicia Marill and Fr. Mario Vizcaino then embark on a five hour trip

to the Diocese of Port de Paix in the Northern part of the island. By seven o'clock the sky turns pitch dark, but the jeep keeps bouncing along the dirt roads, rivers and mountains of this poorest of Haiti's dioceses. The spirit among the members of the expedition is high.

The jeep arrived at Port de Paix

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'... the brotherhood that unifies us'

Homily of Bishop Frantz Colimon of the Diocese of Port de Paix on occasion of the visit of Archbishop Edward McCarthy of the Archdiocese of Miami, November 6, 1980 at the Cathedral of Port de Paix.

The Archbishop of Miami, Msgr. Edward McCarthy, in his great simplicity, has wanted to come and visit his Haitian brothers.

He has declared that the Diocese of Miami and Port de Paix are sister dioceses.

This morning's celebration, on the first Thursday of the month, dedicated to the priestly and religious vocation, seals, with the Blood of Christ, the brotherhood that unifies us.

Love is an active verb. The motto of the group that accompanies Msgr. McCarthy and that has visited us already several times is LOVE IN ACTION.

Their area of primordial action in Nan Palan.

Beyond the projects being realized, we are invited to consider the unity of the Church, Mystical Body of Christ, whose building up is realized every day on this earth.

WE ARE AWARE that there are many Haitians who have traveled to Miami.

At this hour, when threatening news floats in the air, the Church of Miami has shown her solidarity with the portion of

the people of Haiti who are within her boundaries.

boundaries.

The gesture of the Archbishop speaks for itself.

After having delegated in many occasions the group Amor en Accion, he himself has wanted, in spite of his many commitments, to visit us.

We value his ever present sense of humor, his radiant joy, his easy approachability, his discreet charity.

The first time that we met was in Santo Domingo during the visit of the Holy Father John Paul II.

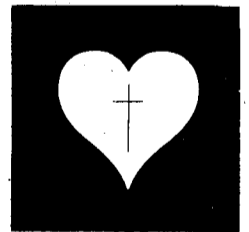
After that he invited me to his Archdiocese on the occasion of the consecration of his two auxiliaries, one Cuban and one American. This was my first action as a bishop.

TODAY WE MEET again in this Celebration, recalling the Last Supper of Holy Thursday where Christ gave to his Apostles the great commandment of love; where He instituted the priesthood; where He celebrated the first Eucharist to perpetuate his presence among us.

We would like to see in these repeated encounters the sign of a common belonging to a Church that goes beyond the frontiers of language, race and mentality.

There is but one language, the one of charity. Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est (There where charity and love exists, there is God): **IN ACTION.**

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around 8:30 p.m., where Bishop Remy Agustin and Co-adjutor Bishop Colimon greet the team with the typical warmth of the Haitian people.

BEFORE SUPPER the bishops and members of Amor en Accion discuss the pastoral situation of the Archdiocese of Miami's sister diocese. Afterwards, the American citizens retire to listen to the results of the presidential election on a short wave radio that Dr. Boza had brought.

In Port de Paix, due to electrical limitations the people go to bed

with a song in Creole.

After Nan Palan, the group visits another nutritional center. Here, the mothers of the children learn handcrafts while helping to run the center.

The minor seminary, technical school, school for teachers, and fish farming project in the nearby village of Lavoud are the targets of early afternoon visits. The yearly salary of the cook of the technical school is paid by Amor en Accion.

THE AFTERNOON is spent meeting with the Housing Project Committee. Fr. Boniface Fils-Aime

"In Port de Paix, due to electrical limitations, the people go to bed early, but by 5 am. the vibrant rumor of the entire population coming alive again can be heard."

early, but by 5:00 a.m. the vibrant rumor of the entire population coming alive again can be heard.

By 6 o'clock the streets are filled with life and color as men, women and children move fast with the Haitian rhythm toward the market, the school and the few sources of work that exist in Port de Paix.

NOV. 5 — The Miami visitors celebrate Mass at 9:00 and after breakfast begin an intensive day of pastoral visits.

First, the **Nan Palan Housing Project**. Nan Palan is one of the poorest places of Port de Paix. There, Amor en Accion cooperated with a group of local lay persons and religious in building 78 housing units. Sixteen have been completed, and the Red Cross has also enthusiastically pitched in. The new houses already provide a tremendous contrast in this area of Nan Palan.

Archbishop McCarthy is welcomed by the inhabitants and by the children of a nutritional center

translates. Discussed are: The educational dimensions of the project for the people of Nan Palan, improving the nutritional center, changing certain aspects of the Housing model, constructing latrines and building a community center which will serve as chapel, school and meeting place for educational purposes.

A time is set for different steps to be taken from now until January, when another visit of technical people of Amor en Accion is being scheduled.

NOV. 6 — Archbishop McCarthy celebrates Mass at the "ungodly" hour of 6:00 a.m., with the Cathedral two thirds filled with people singing Haitian praises to the Lord.

In a short homily in English which Fr. Boniface translated to Creole, the Archbishop talks about the meaning of his visit to Port de Paix, the place of origin of a great number of the 50,000 Haitian people dwelling within the boundaries of the Arch-



Archbishop McCarthy is greeted with flowers by the children of Nan Palan Nutritional Center. Fr. Mario Vizcaino stands by.

diocese of Miami. He stresses the universality of the Church and announces his intention of making Port de Paix Miami's sister diocese. The people manifest their gratefulness by bursting into spontaneous applause.

Bishop Colimon thanks Archbishop McCarthy with a little homily (reproduced here.)

That same morning, the entire visit is described in detail by the local radio station.

A NEW DEVELOPMENT of this visit is the preparation of a health team led by Dr. Boza of Amor en Accion, which will be serving the people of Nan Palan during a ten day

visit in April, 1981.

At 8:30 a.m., the trip back to Port au Prince begins, with stops in the different parishes and chapels of Chansolme, Bassin Blue, Grosmorne and Gonaive, to greet the pastors and deliver and pick up mail.

The travelers arrive in Port au Prince at 3:00 p.m. That evening, the Apostolic Nuncio invites the Archbishop and Amor en Accion members to dinner.

NOV. 7 — The group boards a plane back to Miami, feeling the shock of having been immersed in an entirely different cultural world, yet with the same love of God which makes us all brothers and sisters.



(From left to right): Bishop Augustin, ordinary of Port de Paix, Archbishop McCarthy, Bishop Frantz Coliman, coadjutor of Port de Paix, and Fr. Boniface Fils-Aime, general vicar of Port de Paix.



(From left to right): Carlos Cueto, Fr. Mario Vizcaino, Alicia Marill, Archbishop McCarthy, Dr. Ramon Boza, Teresita Boza and Marzo Artime, all of Amor en Accion, before departing for Haiti.


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TURKEY FOR SENIORS — Sister Maura Phillips, Director of the Downtown Senior Citizen's Group serves Thanksgiving dinner (left) to Mary Woiter, 87, at a gala Thanksgiving party held at the Center in the basement of Gesu Church. Assisting Sr. Maura is Raymond E. Clyne, of Xerox Corp., sponsor of the event. Over 20 employees of Xerox came along to help entertain, (above) and visit with the guests. More than 135 seniors enjoyed gifts donated by Burdines, Publix Markets, and Eckerd Drug Corp. (Photo by George Kemon).

It's a Date

Women's Clubs

St. Stephen's Council of Catholic Women will present a Christmas Party and Dinner (Hot and Cold Entrees) on December 18, at 6:30 p.m. C.C.W. Hostess, Julia McCabe will present a film, "Good Morning Israel" at 8:00 p.m., at St. Stephen's Hall, 2000 S. State Rd., No. 7, Miramar. Price: \$6.00 per person. Door prizes and gift certificates.

★★★★

St. Bernard's Women's Guild and Men's Club will hold their annual Joint Christmas Party on Dec. 9. Mass at 8:00 p.m. in the Church followed by the party in the Parish Center, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise. Please bring a covered hot or cold dish for the party. All those attending will please bring a gift to be sent to our charity this year, "The Bridge" - a home for wayward girls.

★★★★

Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will present their Christmas Bazaar, Dec. 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Dec. 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Madonna Hall 430 N.E. "M" St., lake North. Handmade items, Christmas decorations, Gifts, Baked Goods, Plants and white elephants.

★★★★

St. John the Baptist Women's Guild will hold their annual Christmas Child Celebration on December 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Mrs. William Heveran, 4211 N.E. 25th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. proceeds from the affair will benefit a children's charity.

★★★★

St. John the Baptist Women's Guild will hold its Champagne-Christmas party for member and their guests on Friday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the church social hall. 4595 Bayview Drive., Ft. Lauderdale.

Lawyers Guild Buffet

The Guild of Catholic Lawyers of Palm Beach and Martin Counties cordially invites all Catholic lawyers and spouses to an informal Cocktail-hot Buffet, Friday, Dec. 12, 1980, an open bar, soup, and a delicious hot buffet. Cocktails are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with the buffet immediately following. No formal program is planned. Just a friendly get together to meet fellow Catholic lawyers. \$10.00 per person. For reservations and membership information contact Jamie Pressly, (305) 655-1980.

Third Order

The Third order of St. Dominic, Dominican Laity, will meet Sunday, December 7, at Barry College. Instruction for Novices will begin at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room of Thompson Hall. The Rosary will be recited at 11:00 a.m. in Cor Jesu Chapel followed by the Mass. Visitors are welcome.

★★★★

There will be a meeting of the Edith Stein Chapter of the Third Order of Carmelites held at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Library of St. Joan of Arc Church, Boca Raton, Fr. Mario Esposito Director

of the New York Province will preside at the installation of officers. Everyone is welcome.

Divorced and Separated

Divorced and Separated Catholics of St. Rose of Lima will meet Dec. 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the School library, 105TH St., and N.E. 4th Ave., Fr. Ronald Shulz will speak on the sacrament of "Reconciliation", followed by refreshments and discussion. For more information please call Anne Davidson, 754-5707 and leave name and number.

Advent Day of Reflection

Advent Day of Reflection from 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m. on December 13 will be held at the Dominican Retreat house, 7275 SW 124th St., Lendall, Sister Kathleen Flanagan, SC., assistant professor of Religious Studies, Barry College, will share her reflections on: "The Anticipation of One Who Does the Unexpected for Us." The day will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. For information call Sr. Elizabeth Ann at 238-2711.

Afternoon of Reflection

An Advent Afternoon of Reflection for religious men and women will be held at the Dominican Retreat House, 2:00 p.m., to 5:00 p.m., Dec. 14, with Bishop John J. Nevins. The Bishop will share his reflections on the adventure of Advent, Making ready the way of the Lord, Come Lord Jesus. The afternoon will close with the celebration of the Eucharist. For more information call Sr. Elizabeth Ann, at 238-2711.

Holy Family Senior Club

The Holy Family Senior Club will hold its annual Christmas Party in the Parish Hall, 14500 N.E. 11th Ave., North Miami, on Friday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 p.m. A hot chicken dinner will be served. There will be a \$2.10 charge for all paid up members and \$2.75 for unpaid members and guests. There will be door prizes. All persons 50 years and older are welcome. For information call 891-8539 or 891-8798.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Holy Spirit No. 1912, Pompano Beach, will hold a short business meeting at 2:00 p.m., Dec. 12. Following the meeting there will be refreshments served for our 17th Anniversary and Christmas. Meeting to be held at St. Elizabeth's Gardens, Pompano Beach. For Members only.

Women's Club

St. Gregory Women's Guild of Plantation will present its annual Christmas Fashion Show-Luncheon at the Bahia Mar Hotel, on AIA in Ft. Lauderdale, on December 13, at 11:30 a.m. Jordan Marsh will present fashions. A boutique table will be featured along with door prizes and special prizes. Call 581-3224 for additional information.

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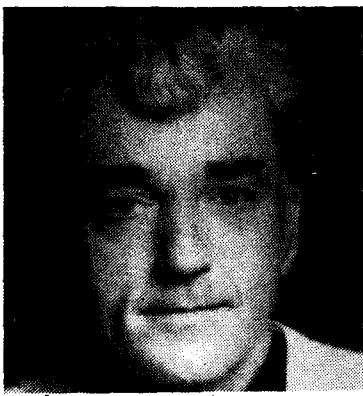
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St. Malachy's sets renewal

St. Malachy's Church gladly announces that a parish renewal will be conducted by Father Brennan Manning, beginning Sunday, Dec. 7, and will end Thursday, Dec. 11th. The services will start at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Coming as it does, so close to Christmas, the parishioners are asking the Christ Child to send His peace to our community to aid in our renewal. All are also encouraged to fast and pray to the Holy Spirit for His blessing on our parish renewal.

Father Manning has been in the full time ministry of evangelization since 1975. Msgr. John Donnelly, pastor of St. Malachy's, says that Father Manning could not be coming at a more opportune time.

His appeal is to young and old, clergy and laity, the loved and those who feel unloved, the Spirit-filled Charismatic and the devout Traditionalist.

St. Malachy's Church is located on Univesity Drive in Tamarac, one half mile north of Commercial Boulevard.

Catholic Service Bureau Opens New Branch

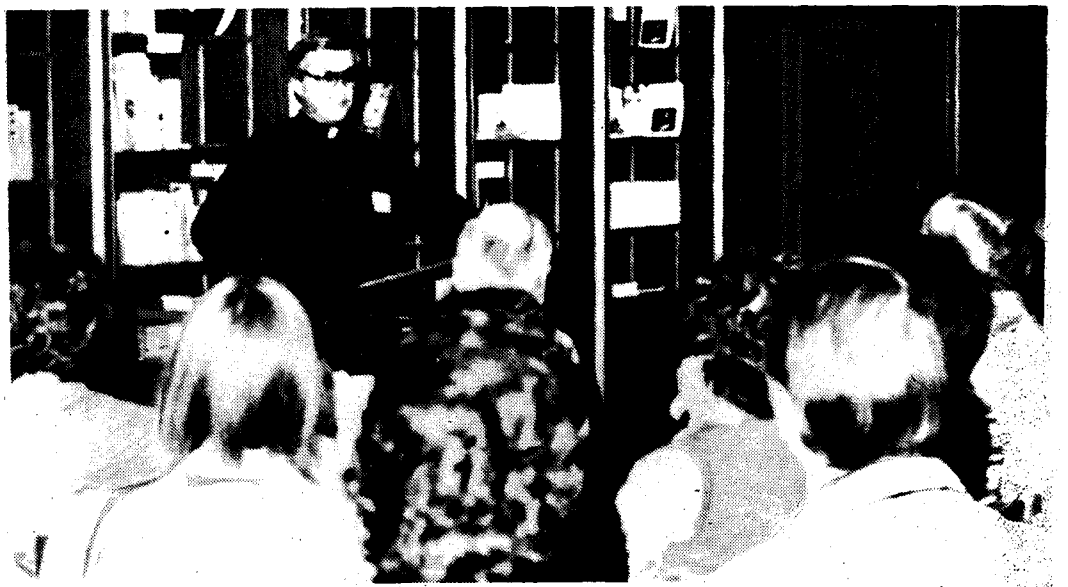
Catholic Service Bureau, a licensed Family Service Agency has opened a branch office in Jensen Beach. The Agency has long offered residents of the Stuart area Adoption Services, Individual, marital and Parent-Child Counseling and supportive services to the elderly.

Due to the increased number of requests for service the new office was deemed necessary to bring Social Services closer to the residents of Martin County.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has provided office space to Catholic Service Bureau in their store located at 2007 N.E. Savanna Road, Jensen Beach. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 229-1658 for further information. (9:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.)

Immaculate Conception school play

Immaculate Conception School, 125 W 45 St., Hialeah, will celebrate the Feast of Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) with a week-long program put on by the school children Dec. 8-13, featuring a play on Our Lady of Guadalupe and a variety program. To be held in Mercy Hall, public invited.



Fr. LaCerra, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, addressed couples.

Couples get spiritual shot in arm at center

By Jose P. Alonso
Voice Spanish Editor

The Archdiocese Family Enrichment Center not only cares about the training of lay family ministers, it also worries about the continuing preparation of these couples.

To this end, one of the activities the center organizes is an Evening of Enrichment, where couples may deepen their spiritual lives.

Recently, 26 couples gathered during one of these evenings to hear Fr. Gerard LaCerra, Archdiocese Chancellor, and pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral, speak about "Building on Rock or Sand."

THE EVENING began with Mass after which Fr. LaCerra told two anecdotes which made those gathered double up with laughter, but also prepared them for the serious thinking ahead.

In one, Father told of a lady who had dedicated her whole life to teaching CCD. She dies and goes to heaven, where St. Peter joyously greets her, asking her what would make her happy.

She asks for a fifth grade religion class, and is shown into a roomful of saintly boys and girls.

Unhappy, she asks if there is any other room where she can teach. St.

Peter tells her there is only one other classroom, in the lower floors. She gladly accepts, and upon arrival finds a roomful of screaming, spoiled kids, throwing erasers, notebooks and anything they can get their hands on, at each other.

SHE GLADLY exclaims, "This is where I belong." And the moral of the story, Fr. LaCerra said is that "They who don't want to change can go to..."

Seriously, Father spoke about the interpretation of Scripture. For some, the Word directly affects their lives. Others see God's Word as written on stone, immutable and restricting. For others, the Gospel is merely a collection of phrases which have no bearing on their modern lives.

The same is true, he said, with Liturgy and the Sacraments. They are aimed at our human needs, spiritual and emotional, and have a bearing on our relationship with Christ.

Fr. LaCerra then asked those gathered to read and reflect on Matthew, 14:22-23, where Christ invites Peter to walk on the tempest-tossed waters, and let those phrases speak personally to each one.

The exercise was a sort of spiritual retreat, brief but intense. The evening ended with prayers of thanksgiving.



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Advent Celebrating in the home

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What Is Advent?

Advent is a time of expectation of joyous anticipation. For many people the four weeks before Christmas are a genuinely exciting time, as family members hasten to wrap gifts and decorate the home.

Children, especially little ones, are filled with thoughts of "what will Santa bring me?"

At the same time, Advent presents a challenge: How can this season be celebrated so that it anticipates the birth of Jesus, so that its religious significance remains clearly focused?

As the mother of four children, I always found Advent an easy season to celebrate religiously — precisely because my children always feverishly anticipated Christmas. They were anxious to participate in any activity which reminded them of the coming feast.

The Advent Wreath and calendar

How to use the Advent wreath and calendar.

1. The Advent wreath originated in Germany many years ago.

Simplicity itself, the wreath is easy to make and can find a place during Advent in homes, schools and institutions.

A. MATERIALS NEEDED: Evergreen branches, three tall purple candles and one pink candle, purple ribbons, a circular stand.

People can buy a stand at most religious bookstores. Or they can make one by crossing and fastening two pieces of plywood at right angles. Bore holes near the ends to hold the four candles. Or, find your own creative substitute, perhaps using simple candle holders with the greenery.

B. CONSTRUCTION: Place the greenery in a circle around the stand; position candles and tie ribbons into the wreath. Place the wreath, in a safe place, on the dining room table or as a centerpiece in the living room.

C. SYMBOLISM: The green branches represent hope for the coming of Jesus. The four candles refer to Jesus, the light of the world, who will break through the symbolic darkness. The purple ribbons remind Christians of the need to repent and of the graces gained through preparing for the coming of Jesus. The circular form of the wreath stands for the ever-continuing flow of time as well as for the church's liturgical cycle.

D. HOW TO USE: At dinner on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent, bless the wreath. Light the

What's more, they understood what preparing for a baby's birth meant. So they could appreciate somewhat, the mystery of Jesus' birth.

For me, the Advent wreath and the Advent calendar were ways to weave together the spiritual threads of this season. Both can act as daily reminders of Advent's significance. They also serve well as a starting point for family activities and family discussions during Advent.

What can we tell our families about Advent?

The word "Advent" means "coming," or "arrival" and refers to

the coming of Jesus as a man. Though the precise origins of Advent as a season are somewhat obscure, the first Christians used the word to refer to the coming of Jesus on the feast of his incarnation.

Only as the centuries passed did Advent gradually become identified with the time period before Christmas. By the sixth century, the Christians in Rome celebrated a liturgical season of Advent.

In church liturgy, Advent provides Christians a time to deepen their awareness of Jesus Christ's presence among human beings. During Advent, the church looks to the past,

the present and the future:

- The Past, when Jesus came into the world as a man.
- The Present coming of Jesus into the church and within his followers.
- The Future or second coming of Jesus.

Ever since the ninth century, the first Sunday of Advent has marked the start of the church's Liturgical Year, as well. Pope John Paul II calls Advent the time when "the church takes up its conversation with God at the beginning."



Mom helps children make traditional wreath

first of the purple candles and say a short prayer together — perhaps a prayer from the Advent liturgy. Or, use a prayer listed below. Repeat this every night during the first week, burning the candle briefly each night.

The second Sunday, light two purple candles. Say a short prayer. Repeat each day during the week. On the third Sunday, light the two purple candles already used and the pink candle. This is Gaudete Sunday — a day of special celebration in the church. On the fourth Sunday, light all four candles. Family members might take turns lighting the candles and saying the prayers.

PRAYER FOR FIRST WEEK:

"Look! In Majesty the Lord is coming from afar and his glory fills all the earth."

PRAYER FOR SECOND WEEK:

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear."

PRAYER FOR THIRD WEEK:

"Rejoice and be glad, daughters of Jerusalem! See, your King is approaching. Do not fear, O Zion, for you deliverance is at hand."

PRAYER FOR FOURTH WEEK:

"Oh rising dawn, radiance of the light eternal and sun of justice, come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

2. The Advent Calendar — Children Love Them!

Calendars are usually a single sheet of paper or cardboard featuring a series of closed shutters over windows, numbered from 1 to 25. Each set of shutters covers a different brightly colored scene related to the Christmas season.

Advent calendars can be purchased at religious stores, department and gift stores, and sometimes museums. Creative people may make their own. I once purchased an Advent calendar from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

But use care in choosing an Advent calendar. Be sure of your purpose. Many calendars are not religious. Instead they sport cheery scenes of Santa and his elves working on presents.

If you want to stress the religious aspect of Christmas preparation then look for a calendar which highlights scenes pertaining to Jesus.

A calendar my children enjoyed was drawn on a map of the holy Land. The final window revealed at lovely Christmas manger scene.

Advent Calendars are a boon for parents who simply watch their children open one set of shutters each night beginning Dec. 1. The final picture is opened Christmas Eve.

The pictures behind the shutters of an Advent calendar frequently are drawn on opaque paper. When the calendar is hung in a bright window, the sun streaming in each day illuminates the windows behind any shutters already opened.

My family usually puts the calendar in the dining room and opened the next set of shutters during dinner — the only meal all of us routinely ate together.

Gran Exito la Noche de Gala del MFC



De izquierda a derecha, Terri y Mimi Reilly y Monseñor Agustin Roman enfrascados en el tema siempre vigente de la familia.

Carta del Arzobispo a los Esposos

Mis queridos hermanos en Cristo,

Durante este año de la familia les he escrito varias cartas acerca de la vida familiar. Ahora aprovecho esta oportunidad para dedicarles esta carta a ustedes los que son esposos y esposas. Quisiera por este medio expresarles mi afecto y admiración. Yo los estimo por el amor que se tienen entre si, y pienso que vuestros matrimonios son como un medio providencial de procrear y cuidar de sus hijos.

Sin embargo, yo veo algo mas en el enlace de cada uno de ustedes, algo mas profundo que me intriga. Ustedes no son solamente compañeros del uno con el otro, sino compañeros también de otro amor, que es el amor de Nuestro Señor. El ama a cada una de las ovejas de su rebaño, y esta es una de las razones por la que instituyó el sacramento del matrimonio, para que cada uno de los cónyuges pudiera demostrar su amor, el esposo cuidando de la esposa, y la esposa cuidando del esposo, y los dos en nombre del Señor.

Asi también, mis queridos esposos y esposas, asi como ustedes se aman entre si, asi como ustedes se abrazan, como ustedes se compenentran, es la misma forma en que la Iglesia los ama. Ese afecto que ustedes demuestran por sus hermanos y hermanas en su parroquia, en la arquidiócesis y en la Iglesia univesal. Este compromiso de ayuda mutua, compartiendo alegrías y tristezas, es una función de la Iglesia. Es la vida especial de santidad. El sacramento del matrimonio es una forma de consagración al deber y dignidad de su estado. Por él, se compenentran con el espíritu de Cristo.

El matrimonio cristiano los hace fuertes para soportar y alentar y ayudarse, no solo en las necesidades temporales, pero aún más, para ayudarlos en las necesidades espirituales en este peregrinaje hacia la eternidad. Quizás, nosotros sacerdotes y religiosos, escribimos mucho acerca de la santidad desde el punto de vista del celibato. Ustedes, esposas y esposos, tienen una propia y fructífera espiritualidad, una espiritualidad conyugal, que necesita ser explorada y desarrollada. ustedes tienen sus propios dones y gracias, su propio ascetismo, su propia recomendación tomada del Evangelio acerca de la pobreza, sacrificándose generosamente en beneficio del otro cónyuge y de los hijos.

Ustedes tienen su propia virtud de la castidad, en la fidelidad de cada uno de ustedes y también en la moralidad, como aparece en el Evangelio, el voto de obediencia para tratar de complacer a su esposo o esposa. Su madurez emocional y el compromiso de uno por el otro, la sinceridad y la comunicación, su habilidad de buscar el perdón y sanar - ésta es su escuela, la forma especial de ascender en

la suprema, la sublime y esencial perfección espiritual hacia Dios - que ustedes experimentan en su compañero, de oración y comunicación con El, de reconciliación y de la unión del amor humano con el amor divino.

El Santo Padre ha dicho, "El cuerpo humano con su sexo, su masculinidad y su feminidad, visto en el mismo misterio de la creación, no es solo una fuente de esterilidad y procreación...pero incluye desde el mismo principio el atributo "nupcial", que es, la capacidad de expresar amor: ese amor precisamente, en el cual viene a ser un regalo y... a través de este regalo... llenar el verdadero cometido que es su existencia" (L'Observatore Romano, Enero 21, 1980).

Mis queridos amigos, han sido llamados para testificar en una forma especial la compasión y la fidelidad de Cristo en estos momentos en que la sociedad y el mundo estan en crisis. Por su relación sacramental traen a Cristo a su familia, su comunidad cristiana y a todo el mundo.

Yo les suplico, que no permitan ser infieles al llamado y a Jesús, aceptando las tentaciones, dificultades y pruebas que encontrasen en el camino en estos tiempos seculares, donde la infidelidad, métodos artificiales anticonceptivos y Abortos son permitidos. No tengas miedo de ir en contra de la corriente de pensamientos y opiniones ofrecidos por las normas de conducta paganas.

Como nunca en la historia, las parejas de matrimonios necesitan la ayuda de buena comunicación, y un vínculo de oración conyugal. Debemos esperar recibir instantáneamente un mensaje de reconocimiento, aliento y esperanza del Santo Padre para aquellos que viven fielmente un matrimonio cristiano. Este mensaje de Su Santidad nos llegará después del Sínodo de la Familia que tuvo lugar recientemente en Roma.

La Arquidiócesis tiene un gran empeño en apoyarlos por medio de sus parroquias y con los diferentes programas de nuestro Family Enrichment Center, y también con la ayuda de los movimientos como los Encuentros Conyugales, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Camino, Encuentros Familiares e Impacto. Yo les recomiendo que utilicen todos estos recursos con la intención de enriquecer sus matrimonios y familias.

De nuevo quisiera saludarles y expresarles mi agradecimiento por el amor que se tienen uno al otro y por el buen ejemplo que dan en su iglesia y en su comunidad. Yo deseo que ustedes sepan que la Iglesia los estima, los aprecia y los comprende, y le pido a Nuestro Padre Celestial que los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias.

Edward A. McCarthy
Arzobispo de Miami

En la noche del pasado Sabado 29 de Noviembre tuvo lugar la Cena de Gala y el XII Encuentro del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano en un conocido hotel de esta ciudad de Miami. Mas de 300 matrimonios del MFC presenciaron la toma de posesion de la nueva directiva y la entrega de certificados a los matrimonios que ya han cumplido su treinta aniversario de vida conyugal.

Entre los varios oradores, directivos salientes y entrantes, se destacaro el Obispo Mons. Agustin Roman, el Rev. P. Angel Villaronga, Asesor del MFC de Miami y Terry y Mimi Reilly, directores del Family Enrichment Center, de la Arquidiocesis de Miami.

Monseñor Roman expuso las conclusiones del reciente Sínodo sobre la Familia en la Sociedad Actual, repitiendo las palabras del Sumo Pontífice Juan Pablo II de que "la sociedad cava su tumba sino protege al matrimonio y a la familia". Hablo tambien de la urgente necesidad de que las familias tomen su puesto en la campana evangelizando a otras familias. Agradecio a al Movimiento Familiar Cristiano sus esfuerzos y su dedicacion en la promocion de los valores cristianos en las parroquias y la arquidiócesis y los urgio a que "sigantrabajando por la familia."

Con voz emocionada hablo de las numerosas familias qu han sido separadas por la triste situacion creada con el exodo del Mariel.

"No olviden a los que ahora sufren . . . los sparados por el exodo cubano . . . He visto hombres llorando porque fueron separados de sus esposas e hijos que luego no dejaron salir . . . nada mas triste para mi que ver a un hombre llorar . . ." Senaolo que tenemos una obligacion con estas familias recién llegadas, acercarnos a ellas para llevarles el mensaje de amor y esperanza de Cristo.

Terry y Mimi Reilly, en breve charla, hicieron hincapie en que "Cristo es el centro de la Familia, de todas la familias," y en la importancia de la evangelizacion desde el punto de vista familiar.

El Padre Angel enumeró los logros del movimiento y de cada uno de los directivos y colaboradores.

Hablo tambien sobre evangelizacion y recalco que "la gran evangelizadora es la familia." Afirmo que la familia lo es todo en la sociedad y que sobre ella todo descansa.

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'Para Cuba que Sufre, Mi Primera Palabra'

Por Hna. Bertha Penabaz

Esta frase lapidaria podría cambiarse así: **"Para mi Iglesia que Sufre mi Primera Palabra"**. Y mi iglesia sufre no sólo de la opresión que le puedan brindar regímenes totalitarios, tanto de izquierda como de derecha, todos deseando alienarla, sino a veces de sus más queridos hijos que, por defenderla, a veces casi la despedazan.

La iglesia de Cuba no es excepción.

Desde que el mundo es mundo y a Dios se le ocurrió fundar esta frágil barquilla, (cuidado, que aunque frágil lleva ya 2,000 años muy vivita y coleando) el hombre ha hecho todo lo posible por anexársela. No mas leer el recuento de las miles de herejías, controversias, cismas, luchas intestinas (las peores) o entre facciones y se da cuenta uno que cada cual quiera ponerla de su lado. Un ejemplo típico: en la II Guerra Mundial los nazis llevaban en el cinturón la frase (exactamente no la recuerdo) **"Dios Con Nosotros"** y los americanos **"In God We Trust"** en sus monedas.

Ha habido casos y ciertamente los seguirá habiendo, en que ella, humana y divina, cae por fragilidad en un bando o en otro. Fatal matrimonio el de la espada con la cruz. Prueba de ello, la desafección de la mayoría de los cubanos durante las guerras de independen-



La Iglesia Catedral de La Habana.

cia por considerarla aliada (y en muchos casos lo era) de la corona española, que hacía entonces de enemigo. Lo que si quisiera mencionar, porque tal vez muchos no lo saben, es que al final de la guerra se propuso por algunos políticos que el Papa excomulgara a Cuba en masa y la dejara sin obispos, pues había roto con la católica España. A esto se negó

rotundamente el Santo Padre.

Hoy en Polonia, la iglesia en sus militantes (porque la iglesia no son los obispos y las monjas y los curas sino todos los fieles) nos da un ejemplo de valentía y lucha pacífica, por unos derechos que les parecen conculcados. Seguramente no habrán faltado polacos que hayan alguna vez criticado tal o cual gesto de su iglesia. Críticas de hijos, siempre beneficiosas.

Lo que sí duele es cuando de lejos, sentados al calor de nuestras palmeras aquí en Miami, o en otro sitio, donde ya descansamos del bregar de la isla que nos vió nacer, que por ser de corcho lleva tan airoosamente los vendabales,

por no decir otra cosa, se oye criticar a alguno de nuestros prelados, acusándolos hasta de colaboración... Yo tuve el gran privilegio de asistir en Cuba, en la iglesia de Reina (P. Jesuitas), a la confirmación de 40 adultos en momentos en que realmente este gesto era comprometedor. Venía de España y visitaba la isla con permiso especial para enterrar a mi madre. Allá, en España, había oído los comentarios de algunos exilados que decían: "son unos colaboracionistas, etc." Frente a la multitud que llenaba la iglesia, mi pensamiento se movía a través de los mares, dividido entre lo que había oído y lo que veía. La

respuesta me la dieron esos cristianos, cuando al abrazarme, me dijeron: "Por favor dígame a los que nos critican desde lejos, que vengan aquí y hagan lo que hemos hecho". A buen entendedor pocas palabras bastan.

¡Basta ya de criticar a nuestra Santa Madre Iglesia! Y si alguno es tan osado que se atreva a hacerlo que recuerde la palabra de Cristo: "Contigo estaré hasta la consumación de los siglos" y se lo decía a esa misma iglesia, tan humana y divina entonces como hoy.

Hay, y habrá, en nuestra iglesia algunos Judas. Lógico, pues los tuvo Cristo entre sus apóstoles y seguidores. Salvo caso específico que se debe denunciar a las autoridades eclesiásticas competentes, dejemos el juicio al Señor, a quien pertenece, y sobre todo no olvidemos sus palabras: "Si alguno está sin pecado que tire la primera piedra".

A mi Iglesia de Cuba van mis palabras: **admirable, pequeña iglesia, hoy más grande que nunca, porque para proclamar-te hay que ser hijo verdadero, te amo, te respeto y te admiro. ¡Dios te bendiga!**

¡Evitemos el Banderismo Absurdo!

por Eugenia E. Acosta

¿Cuántas veces hemos escuchado frases como estas: "Esos cubanos...", "Tenía que ser hondureño...", "De los mejicanos nada me asombra...", "Guatemaltecos? ¿Tenía que ser!" y otras muchas parecidas? Con demasiada frecuencia las oímos, y hasta algunas veces las hemos dicho. Ocurre todo el tiempo; en la calle, en fiestas, en reuniones sociales, en tiendas, en el autobús, por teléfono, en la prensa escrita y hasta por radio y televisión.

"Estas son simples frases inofensivas y superficiales que decimos porque a veces otros hispanos nos insultan, nos molestan y hasta nos hacen daño", dicen muchos tratando de excusarlas. Lo cierto del caso es que no se debe catalogar a las personas por su país de origen ni su origen racial; porque en todos los países, en todos los idiomas, hay gente de toda condición. No hay nación que posea la exclusividad del bien o del mal.

Este país es el cuarto en el mundo con más población de habla hispana. Casi hay tantos hispanos aquí como en Honduras, Cuba y Guatemala juntas. Nuestra cultura hispana y la riqueza de nuestras tradiciones

han contribuido grandemente al desarrollo de esta gran nación y a su mejoramiento en todos los aspectos de la vida.

Los hispanos contribuimos grandemente en el área comercial. Todas las grandes empresas de este país están tratando desesperadamente de alcanzar el "dólar hispano". En el área política, ¿no se fijaron como todos los candidatos a la presidencia hicieron escala en Miami, en el sur de Texas y en otros centros hispanos recientemente, y hasta han tartamudeado una o dos frases en español para congraciarse y obtener nuestro preciado voto? Y en lo espiritual, se han creado centros nacionales de apostolado hispano, centros regionales y diocesanos cuya labor es la de resolver disputas y llevar al pueblo todo el mensaje de amor y armonía de Cristo.

Nuestras sinceras devociones cristianas, nuestra fe en Dios tan profundamente arraigada en nuestra cultura, nuestra crianza, nuestra fe en María, nuestra Madre del Cielo; las ricas tradiciones de nuestros antepasados, indígenas o españoles, que hemos preservado a través de los años y conservado intactas hasta en

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Comencemos por decir que la Cancillería son las oficinas donde se tramitan y se archivan todos los asuntos de la Iglesia Católica en una diócesis determinada. El cabeza de la Iglesia diocesana u Ordinario, es el obispo, o Arzobispo si se trata de una arquidiócesis. Muchas personas confunden la Cancillería de una diócesis con una embajada o legación de país extranjero porque a dicha sede diplomática también se le llama Cancillería. Al frente de las oficinas diocesanas está un sacerdote, nombrado por el obispo, a quien se le da el título de Canciller.

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Nuestra Cancillería de Miami, repetimos las oficinas de la arquidiócesis, están situadas en Biscayne Boulevard y la Calle 63 del noreste. Allí, cuando usted entra, ha de en-

contrarse con dos amables personas, muy joviales y que le muestran enseguida que usted está en su casa, en familia. Ellas son la señora Dolores Priebes y la señorita Clementina García, las recepcionistas; la primera habla inglés, la segunda español. Ocasionalmente puede hallar una tercera persona, la señora Trudy Dobbins, quien en ausencia de una de las anteriores, la sustituye.

Dolores y Tina tienen la misión de contestar el teléfono, de recibirle y ayudarle en la consecución del asunto que le lleva a la Cancillería y sobre todo, hacen su espera muy agradable. ¡Usted no ha visto nunca sonrisas iguales! Imagino que en ellas se inspiró el creador de esas caritas redondas sonrientes que tanto abundan por ahí. Si en lugar de su visita personal llegara una carta suya, ellas le darán el apropiado curso con la misma sonrisa. Tina y Dolores son contagiosas, de modo que si usted es un amargado crónico, o por "hobby", le aconsejamos se mantenga alejado de ellas; o acabará siendo un visitante asiduo por el gusto de sonreír con ellas.

Gran Exito la Noche de Gala

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"Si ustedes, las familias, se ponen en huelga, todo se derrumba", dijo. Menciono a Maria, quien comenzo a evangelizar en la boda a la que asistio con su hijo divino, diciendo a los sirvientes "Haced lo que el os diga... y repitio estas palabras aplicandolas a casos de actualidad: "Haced lo que el os diga."

La Coral Cubana que dirige la profesora Carmen Riera amenizo la noche con varias canciones y nuestros famoso declamador Jorge Raul Guerrero, el y su familia son miembro del MFC, ofrecio varios bellos poemas de su repertorio.

Para finalizar la grandiosa noche familiar fueron llamadas las varias parejas de MFC para hacerles entrega del tradicional certificado, testimonio del MFC y de la Iglesia Catolica de Miami, por sus 30 años de devota vida familiar.

Los nuevos directivos del MFC son: Presidentes, Wilfredo y Helen Morales; vice presidentes, Felix y Alina Cruz. El Padre Angel Villaronga continua como asesor. Por razo-n de espacio pedimos disculpas por no publicar la lista completa de todos los coordinadores.

NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

RIO DE JANEIRO (NC) - El anillo de oro que el Papa Juan Pablo II regaló a los moradores de la "favela" o tugurio de Vidigal durante su visita a Río en julio se ha vuelto tema de controversia. Crinhos Duque, jefe del vecindario, propuso que se exhibiera en varias ciudades del Brasil para recoger fondos y ayudar a éste y otros tugurios, y el vicario de pastoral que recibió el anillo, P. Italo Cohelo, estaba de acuerdo pero el párroco Benjamín da Silva no, y el arzobispo cardenal Eugenio Sales pareció darle la razón porque el regalo fue a la iglesia, no a la comunidad, aunque estaba dispuesto a escuchar otras razones. Un vendedor de legumbres, José Leandro da Silva, sugirió que "escribamos al papa y que él decida."

El Banderismo...

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tiempos adversos y nuestra confianza enorme en la voluntad y los designios del Señor son ejemplos concretos de vidas cristianas, tanto para los hispanos como para los no-hispanos de este país.

Pero, además de lo mucho que tenemos en común, existen muchas peculiaridades y diferencias de actitud y filosofía de la vida entre nosotros los hispanos. Además de las diferencias obvias de las expresiones típicas, refranes, comidas y hasta sentido del humor, es cierto que hay grupos hispanos que no se llevan bien unos con los otros, que tienen celos mutuos y no quieren cooperar con los demás. Si queremos triunfar y ser reconocidos en esta década de los 80; si queremos que se nos reconozca y se nos respeten nuestras tradiciones y cultura, tenemos que demostrar la capacidad de poner a un lado lo que nos separa y concentrarnos en todo lo que tenemos en común, que es mucho.

Los síntomas de ese banderismo absurdo, que a veces nos domina, tienen que desaparecer cuanto antes. Con esto no insinúo de manera alguna que debemos pasar por alto tradiciones nacionales ni nuestro patriotismo. Simplemente opino que sería muy bueno que tratáramos todos de poner más atención a lo que nos une y olvidar lo que nos separa. Esto deberá hacerse cristianamente...y cuanto antes.

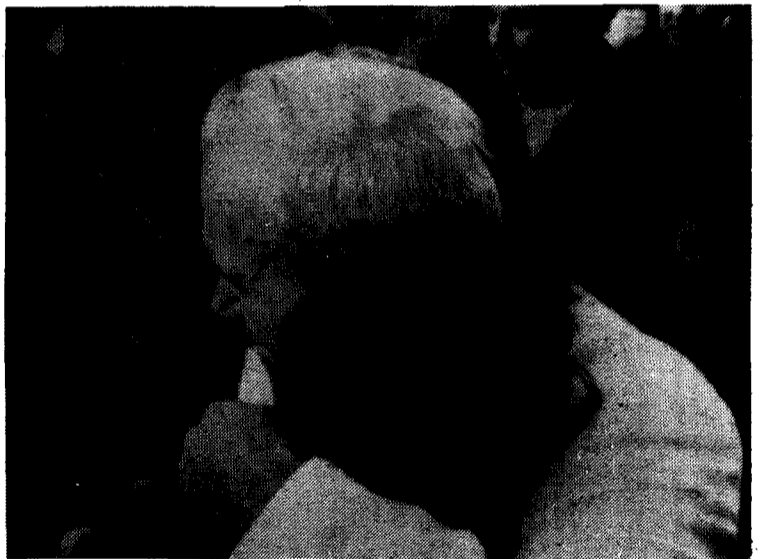
Aprendamos de nuestros hermanos; cada uno tiene algo que enseñarnos. Sólo así triunfaremos como pueblo hispano y seremos reconocidos como es debido en todas las áreas. Compartamos entre todos nuestra rica diversidad de tradiciones, costumbres y valores. Sólo así nos daremos cuenta de que, aunque todas las banderas son importantes, la mejor bandera es la de Cristo pues esa sí que es de todos por igual.

VARSOVIA, Polonia (NC) - un católico practicante, Jerry Ozdowski, miembro del parlamento, aceptó el cargo de vice-premier en el régimen comunista, otra consecuencia del fuerte movimiento obrero dirigido por católicos para obtener libertad sindical. Estará a cargo de asuntos de familia y cuestiones sociales.

ROMA (NC) - Varios temblores sacudieron la zona meridional de Italia después del terremoto del 24 de noviembre que según el recuento más reciente causó 3,000 muertos y más de 2,000 heridos. El Papa Juan Pablo II se dirigió a Nápoles el 25 para luego visitar Potenza, Balvano y otros sitios afectados por la tragedia, consolar a los sobrevivientes y alentar a los que prestan socorro. La mitad de Potenza fue destruida por el terremoto, y en Balvano el derrumbe del templo causó la muerte de más de 40 fieles. Acompañaron al papa su secretario de estado cardenal Agostino Casaroli y el subsecretario Mons. Eduardo Martínez Somaló. "He venido como hermano a compartir vuestro dolor," dijo a un grupo cerca de las ruinas de Balvano.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC) - El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo en telegramas de condolencia a los obispos de las regiones afectadas por el terremoto del 24 de noviembre que "los sufrimientos indescriptibles" le entristecían sobremanera. Casi 800 personas murieron en los escombros y más de mil quedaron heridas. "Elevo mis fervientes oraciones por todas las víctimas y sus familias," añadió y agradezco la ayuda generosa que prestan los socorristas. Caritas de Italia, Suiza y Alemania Occidental financiaron primeros auxilios por más de \$360,000.

SANTIAGO, Chile (NC) - En su alocución a los chilenos durante la clausura del congreso eucarístico Nov. 23, el Papa Juan Pablo II les recordó la invitación a abrir sus corazones a Cristo y esforzarse por observar "constante respeto a los valores religiosos y humanos de cada persona," de modo que por inspiración de la Eucaristía, Chile "pueda ir construyendo su futuro en un clima verdaderamente cristiano de respeto a los derechos de cada uno." Más de 500,000 asistían al acto celebrado en el santuario de la Virgen del Carmen.



El Santo Padre, Juan Pablo II, abraza al párroco de Santa María Asunta, en Balvano, Padre Salvatore sobreviviente del terremoto que destruyó su Iglesia, muriendo 40 fieles de los 300 que asistían a la Misa.

Del Movimiento Impacto . . .

GRAN BAILE DE FIN DE AÑO

El movimiento Impacto anuncia un gran baile de Fin de Año el 31 de Diciembre en el auditorio de la Parroquia Little Flower, en 1270 Anastasia Avenue en Coral Gables.

Para más detalles llamar a: 595-6684 y 266-4210.

JUGUETES PARA NIÑOS POBRES

También la buena gente de Impacto está recogiendo juguetes para donarlos a niños pobres en las Navidades. Si tiene algún juguete usado en buenas condiciones por favor llamar a Maria Eugenia al 387-2774 antes del 15 de Diciembre.

Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Lourdes

La Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Filipense Nuestra Señora de Lourdes celebrarán su banquete anual el día 7 de Diciembre, Domingo, a las 3 p.m. en el Hotel Marriott del aeropuerto, precedido por la Santa Misa en la Iglesia St. Michael a las 2pm. Será realizado este evento con el homenaje a las que fueron profesoras seglares en el colegio, quienes tendrán la

presencia de la Rda. M. Apolonia Carretón, traída por cortesía de las graduadas de bachillerato de 1955 y quienes cumplen sus bodas de plata este año.

Se comunica a las que fueron alumnas del plantel que desean asistir que los tickets están disponibles. Para información pueden llamar a los teléfonos 552-6366 y 221-1601.