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## Human rights

**U.S., Cuba, El Salvador, others cited**

WASHINGTON (NC) — El Salvador and Guatemala top the list of human rights violators in Latin America, according to a Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) report. Bolivia is a close third and Cuba's is "mixed."

COHA, a coalition of religious and civic groups, said in a review of Latin American events in 1980 that the two Central American countries had surpassed Argentina's 1979 record. In the two countries, with a combined population of 10 million, 15,000 people were killed as a result of political violence.

"**MORE PEOPLE** died in El Salvador than in all the other nations of Latin America," COHA said. Close to 10,000 died in political violence there in 1980, "largely as the result of government-condoned rightwing death squad killings," it said.

In Guatemala "the number of political murders increased from a daily average of 20 to 30 in 1979, to 30 and 40 in 1980; guerilla groups are active in the country, but most of the violence is carried out by rightwing paramilitary groups," COHA said.



**REUNITED** — Mercedes Villaderde, 9, is joyfully greeted by her grandmother in Miami when she and 100 other refugees legally immigrated to the U.S.

Elsewhere in Central America and the Caribbean, COHA said, Honduras "made halting progress toward a return of civilian rule, although there were signs of violence against strikers." Panama held free elections even though damaging to government

candidates, but the National Guard remained the dominant political force. The first year of Sandinista rule in Nicaragua "produced a mixed record of tolerance and respect for human rights in spite of counterrevolutionary violence" while critics in the op-

position increased because of government moves against labor, independent media and political freedom.

**COSTA RICA** continued its strong human rights policies, COHA said.

**CUBA SHOWED** a mixed record. It

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## Images of God

**Campus ministers here air male, female concepts**

By Ana M. Rodriguez  
Voice Staff Writer

Catholic campus ministers from the Eastern U.S. dug deep into their theological roots this week and came up with some startling discoveries about religion, including:

- That female images of God preceded male images of God by about 8,000 years;
- That the figure of the triple goddess (quite similar to our interpretation of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is an age-old configuration;
- That originally, virgin connoted belonging to no man, so that even though goddesses had children they could still remain "virgins";
- That many of the titles currently used for our Blessed Mother are rooted in ancient mythological inter-

pretations of the roles and powers of goddesses;

- That the "fall story" (of Adam and Eve turning away from God and being expelled from the Garden of Eden) has existed in some form in all traditions, and
- That the figure of a mother goddess holding her dead god son (identical to our Pieta images) has been around at least since the time of the great Egyptian civilization.

While these striking similarities between our Christian religion and the myths of ancient times might startle people at first and then lead them to doubt the truth of current religions and beliefs, Dr. Henry Berne, keynote speaker at the Catholic Campus Ministry Association's Eastern Study Week, held at Barry College in Miami, says that is the opposite of what should

happen.

"Myth is not a lie," he says, explaining that for very long this is the only definition people had of the word. "Mythology is a kind of knowledge of human feeling at a very deep level."

Berne, an instructor in clinical psychiatry at Georgetown University, says mythology should "enrich" our faith, because it points out the universality of man's search for God. The recurring images and symbols associated with deities in all civilizations, he says, spring from the very depths of man's psyche, and are signs that belief in some greater being, at once nurturing and devouring, source of life, death and rebirth, is an integral part of our humanity. Perhaps even indirect proof that God exists.

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### Getting high...



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**CHURCH REOPENED** — Mass is celebrated in downtown Peking. The church, which had been used as a warehouse since the Cultural Revolution, was the second Catholic church to reopen in the city. (NC Photo).

## BBC to air experimental religious services

LONDON (NC) - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is planning to televise a series of nine experimental religious services designed to enable home viewers to be participants rather than passive spectators.

The services will combine images, music and readings punctuated by prayers with worship conducted in someone's home. Viewers will be expected to use the images, music and readings in the first part of the program as a basis for meditation and they will be asked to have at hand a Bible and a candle.

All the programs will be televised live and each will have a theme. The theme of the pilot program shown to the

press was "light." Other themes include "newness," "movement and stillness," "neighbors," and "water."

Conducting the service in the pilot program was Lord Soper, a Methodist clergyman. Others leading viewers in worship will include a Dominican nun and a Benedictine monk.

In the pilot program, Lord Soper preached a short sermon based on the Gospel that had just been read. The sermon was delivered straight to the camera as will be all the sermons in the series.

In programs in which the breaking of bread takes place, home viewers will be invited to break among themselves in a gesture of fellowship.

## Orders pool health facilities

NEW YORK (NC) — Two orders of nuns who operate hospitals and other health facilities in New York City have decided to merge their resources, forming what they call a multi-institutional health care system.

The two orders, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, N.Y., and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, said their combined approach to the delivery of medical care in the city would seek to minimize duplications of services and better meet the health care needs of the city.

The new organizational arrangement will include St. Clare's and St. Elizabeth's hospitals, both formerly operated solely by the Franciscan Sisters, and Cabrini Medical Center, St. Cabrini Nursing Home, the Cabrini Hospice and the Stuyvesant Polyclinic, all formerly operated solely by the Missionary Sisters.

"The new system will strengthen each participating institution by broadening its sponsorship, pooling its administrative resources and by sharing medical services, thereby realizing economies of scale," said Sister Mary Lourdes Donovan, general coordinator of the Franciscan Sisters.

The two orders said successful multi-institutional health care systems have been established in other parts of the country, but this is the most diversified voluntary, non-profit church-sponsored arrangement in the New York metropolitan area.

Both orders have sponsored health care services to the poor and infirmed since the 1890s, owning and operating numerous hospitals in the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy and Latin America.

The two hospitals in New York operated by the Franciscan Sisters have a combined bed total of 513, while the Cabrini Medical Center, the largest of the Missionary Sisters' facilities, has a bed total of 578.



## News At A Glance

### Polish bishops manipulate unions, paper says

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (NC) - Czechoslovakia's Communist Party newspaper has accused the Polish Bishops of trying to revive church domination of their country by manipulating the labor unions.

### No comment on Pope

VATICAN CITY (NC) - The Vatican press office declined to say anything Dec. 30 about a Newsweek report that Pope John Paul II might go to Poland "to be with his countrymen if the Soviets invade."

### Pope John XXIII's biography published in USSR

VATICAN CITY (NC) - Nearly 22 years after Pope John XXIII announced the convening of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II received the final volume of the 38,746-page official history of the council.

### Former U.S. apostolic delegate dies

VATICAN CITY (NC) - Cardinal Egidio Vagnozzi, former apostolic delegate in the United States died in his sleep Dec. 26. He was 74. His funeral, with Pope John Paul II presiding, was held Dec. 31 in St. Peter's Basilica.

### Liturgical composers praised

WASHINGTON (NC) - Composers of liturgical music received praise from the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy for their service to the Church in providing music for the revised liturgy in English.

### CHD funding available

WASHINGTON (NC) - Applications for 1981 funding from the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) are available from the national office and from CHD diocesan directors. CHD is the church's domestic anti-poverty program.

### Diocese must pay city for papal platform

PHILADELPHIA (NC) - A federal appeals court has ruled that the Philadelphia Archdiocese must reimburse the city of Philadelphia for the cost of erecting a platform on which Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass during his visit in Oct. 1979.

### Pope names co-patrons of Europe

VATICAN CITY (NC) - In a symbolic move emphasizing the ties between Eastern and Western Europe, Pope John Paul II on Dec. 31 named St. Cyril and Methodius co-patron saints of Europe.

### Catholics: cut anti-Semitism from passion plays

NEW YORK (NC) - Proposals from two Catholic scholars on removing anti-Semitism from passion plays have been published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

### Bishops want 'humane' prison system

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (NC) - The eight Catholic bishops of Missouri have called for a "new corrections system whose underlying principles are both Christian and Humane." The bishops, acting as the board of directors of the Missouri Catholic Conference, issued a Joint Statement on Corrections.

### Praise for limiting abortion funding

HARRISBURG, Pa. (NC) - The executive director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Howard Fetterhoff, has praised Gov. Richard Thorburgh for signing legislation limiting most funding of abortions in Pennsylvania.

### Pope asked to prevent killing of Christians in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (NC) - The commander of right-wing militias in southern Lebanon said he had appealed to Pope John Paul II to prevent the extermination of Christian communities in the country, according to Reuters, the British news agency.

### Christian political groups top event of '80

WASHINGTON (NC) - The emergence of the evangelical Christian political movement has been cited as the most significant church-state development of 1980 by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

### Lithuanians want Pope's support for exile

NEW YORK (NC) - Catholics in Lithuania have requested moral support from Pope John Paul II on behalf of an exiled agnostic human rights activist, Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov. The request was contained in Document No. 30 of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights.

### Lutheran to head Catholic historians

WASHINGTON (NC) - The Rev. Martin E. Marty, professor at the University of Chicago and a Lutheran, became president of the American Catholic Historical Association when the Association met Dec. 28-30 in Washington.

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## World refugee problem: tragedy and threat

By Jeff Endrst

UNITED NATIONS (NC) — The worldwide refugee situation is a continuing drama of massive exoduses by people seeking freedom, food and sometimes just a chance to survive.

It is also a tragedy of immense proportions which goes beyond testing the compassion and collective responsibility of the international community. Refugee problems threaten to undermine the already shaky coexistence of nations in various regions. Refugees often represent an unbearable economic burden in the Third World where receiving countries have only misery to share.

The situation has produced urgent calls at the United Nations for re-examination of the refugee problem. It is now widely recognized that refugee issues must be addressed on political as well as humanitarian levels.

A STEP in this direction was the recent decision by the U.N. General Assembly to hold an international conference next April in Geneva, Switzerland, to deal specifically with

the refugee situation in Africa. The conference is expected to address the underlying political and social causes which are creating conflicts between and within African societies. The conference also hopes to secure financial pledges to deal with the massive African refugee problem. More than 5 million refugees in Africa need assistance.

Worldwide, the current figure for refugees or persons displaced within their own countries by man-made disasters is 12 million.

The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, headquartered in Geneva, has grown into an international agency. Its \$500 million annual budget has grown 20-fold in the past seven years. But the agency says the money is not enough and that qualified personnel are in short supply.

Readiness to give permanent homes to refugees with different cultures is within the economic and political means of few countries.

The result is that refugee emergencies have become a permanent feature of the refugee agency.



Thousands of Cambodian refugees in camps near the border between Cambodia and Thailand.

Since the start of the 20th century about 250 million people have fled their countries because of wars, religious or political persecution, and the search for better personal and economic security.

The United Nations believes that as long as persons are forced to flee their homelands, others must provide humanitarian aid: new homes, constructive existence and a renewed sense of human dignity.

But refugees are also a hot political issue. Governments which cause their citizens to go into exile usually do not wish them well. Many offer a litany of dark labels to describe the refugees fleeing their land.

LAOS provides one of the more colorful lists. It describes refugees as parasites, warlords, corrupt officials, managers of bordellos and opium dens, ethnic Chinese traders, CIA mercenaries, people with a "Western cultural varnish," advocates of laziness and young people escaping the military draft.

The Vietnamese government says the "boat people" are "illegal economic emigrants."

In the refugee business international solidarity is lacking and calls for collective political responsibility often fall on deaf ears.

Another problem is making countries comply with plans when these go against their self-interest.

The United Nations has repeatedly and overwhelmingly agreed that several hundreds of thousands of Cambodians in Thailand and 1.2 million Afghans in Pakistan would best be helped if Vietnam and the Soviet Union, respectively, withdrew their troops from Cambodia and Afghanistan. But the United Nations does not have the means to make Vietnam and the Soviet Union comply.

The most complex refugee situation is in Africa. In addition to the 5 million refugees, there are

millions of displaced persons within their own countries because of civil war, ethnic strife and economic hardships.

Displaced persons in Zimbabwe after seven years of civil war number about 1 million. Added to this are about 200,000 refugees who fled to neighboring countries and who will be repatriated. But the cost of providing for these people, including the reconstruction of villages destroyed in the war, is estimated at \$140 million a year. Unless the funds come from abroad, there is little hope that programs for these people will succeed. Much of the country's economic base was ruined during the war.

PROBLEMS also exist in Zambia. Zambia supports SWAPO, the black nationalist guerilla movement fighting for independence in neighboring Namibia (South West Africa), a South African protectorate. But Zambia's support means Namibian refugees enter Zambia, something Zambia cannot economically afford. It also complains that the country is being destroyed by South African air raids against refugee camps, roads and railway networks.

Ethiopia typifies the problem of a growing number of Third World countries who request and receive international aid on the grounds that events in or around their countries have displaced large segments of society.

Because of the war with neighboring Somalia and a long drought, Ethiopia is seeking international aid for 2.4 million people who have had to leave their homes in search of food, water and security.

Some countries have raised questions about the value of human rights complaints if the United Nations cannot come to grips with the starvation and massacre of millions of refugees.

## Church in Haiti criticizes 'Baby Doc' government

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NC) — The church in Haiti has voiced sharp criticism of the government of President-for-life Jean Claude Duvalier following the December arrests of journalists, professionals and other opponents of the government.

Archbishop Francois-Wolff Ligonde of Port-Au-Prince, chairman of the Haitian Bishops' Conference, criticized violations of human rights in a letter read at Christmas in all churches and over Radio Soleil, the Catholic broadcasting station.

Haitian authorities do not discharge their responsibilities toward the people in a Christian way, the letter said. The archbishop asked that those under arrest be given a fair trial soon.

POLITICAL prisoners in Haiti are often left in cells for years without trial.

Following the archbishop's protest more than 60 labor union leaders were detained and hundreds of workers were fired for joining unions sponsored by the Catholic-led Autonomous Center of Workers, according to the Christian Confederation of Latin American Workers.

The Association of Haitian Clergy and Religious said in a statement that neglect of the law by the authorities

was to be condemned. The association has about 1,500 members.

Those arrested in December had often contended that the Duvalier government was failing to provide basic services and jobs for the people and was also stifling political freedoms to avoid criticism.

The pro-Duvalier daily, Le Nouveau Monde, said of Archbishop Ligonde's letter that "the bishop is joining a fight without (clear) standards."

Archbishop Ligonde also protested against the unauthorized publication by Le Nouveau Monde of a private letter he addressed to the Sisters of St. Teresa, excusing himself from attending a pre-Christmas celebration at their school. The archbishop said he did not want to appear to support an opposition group that has links with the school.

CHURCH sources said publication of the letter purported to show that the archbishop "was playing two sets of cards."

Adverse economic and political conditions are often given by Haitian emigrants as reasons to flee to other parts of the Caribbean and to the United States.

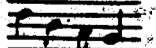
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# Human rights

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has reduced the number of political prisoners in the past two years, but reports are afloat that the jails are being repopulated by the hundreds." Cuba allowed a mass exodus unparalleled by any other communist country, but also sent out common criminals and mental patients. In spite of claims of Cuban involvement in Central American violence, the Havana leaders have used restraint in this area, according to COHA. Cuban-U.S. relations remain tense, it noted. "It is ironic that the United States, a primary advocate of human rights, continues to support politically and militarily the regime of El Salvador . . . There is little cause for Washington's

optimism over the appointment of Christian Democratic leader Napoleon Duarte as president," COHA commented.

On the other hand, "whatever its shortcomings, the pro-human rights policy of the Carter administration can be described as Americanism in action" for saving lives and helping to improve democratic society in some nations, COHA said. It voiced "the fear that the Reagan administration will abandon the strong human rights policy in order to shore up support among dictators . . . By emphasizing security over reform, such a policy can only serve to repeat the old scheme of repression breeding revolutions."

In a recent interview, president-elect Ronald Reagan said human rights policies were often "unilateral actions" by which U.S. intervention had helped bring about changes in small nations like Cuba but had ignored violations in big powers like the Soviet Union. "I believe in human rights, but when you talk about them, the approach must be universal," he said.

In Jamaica the hope is "that gang politics will be replaced by a responsible two-party system." The Dominican Republic is given a clean slate except for the conditions of slavery in which migrant workers from Haiti are kept. Haiti is considered a dictatorship with flagrant violations of civil rights, COHA said.

COHA viewed Bolivia in the "ranks of serious violators as a result of the massive killings which took place after

the July coup staged by Gen. Luis Garcia Meza . . . The bloody repression has continued."

Brazil kept up "its ambivalent march to a political opening and freedom and at the same time the military arbitrarily arrests dissidents, pressures the media and curbs trade union activity," COHA said.

Argentina, Chile and Uruguay still hold thousands of political prisoners without charges or trial and in the three nations secret police tactics against the moderate opposition "are the order of the day." A decrease in the number of killings and disappearances "may be attributed to their government's success in eliminating political opposition and the fact that continued repression has intimidated all voices of dissent into silence," COHA said. It gave a similar appraisal to Paraguay.

# Images of God

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"There is wisdom for us in every community striving to understand God," said the Rev. Eleanor Lee McGee, Episcopal Chaplain at American University in Washington, D.C., who was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1975, and took part in the conference.

"Humanity sought God, that's what we're talking about," she added.

Berne's three-part lecture at the conference looked at male images of God, female images of God, and concluded with wholistic images of God.

He said the simple cross embodies the wholeness of God, the combination of male and female attributes which have come down through the centuries.

Rev. McGee and her husband, the Rev. Kyle McGee, conducted work groups entitled "To be a man, to be a woman", whose purpose was to let participants gain some personal insight into how they have grown up and how society has pressured them to behave in certain ways.

Richard Byrne, CSP, co-director of the conference, said its purpose was to take a look at the theology of God

through the different ages, examine how this affected or resulted from male-female relationships in society and ultimately lead the participants to ask "Who is God for me?"

Fr. Byrne said he also hoped it would generate some discussion about the ordination of women in the Catholic Church.

Also taking part in the conference, which attracted more than 270 campus ministers from all over the United States to Barry College, was Elizabeth McKweon, a lay Catholic theologian who teaches at Georgetown and has a Ph.D. in the history of Christianity.

Berne sees in the study of ancient religions a basis for ecumenism. "if all religions studied origins of belief, they'll come back pretty much to the same place."

An Episcopalian who supported the ordination of women in his church, Berne also sees in the study of ancient myths and in the awareness of the wholistic (both male and female)

image of God that the cross implies, an argument for the ordination of women priests.

He acknowledges it is a divisive issue, but says underlying all the arguments against the ordination of women is "fear", fear by the hierarchy of losing some of its power.

He says, however, women's ordination "will have a long-range healing effect" on the Catholic Church, because no longer will half of its members be excluded from the ministry.

Rev. McGee said that although she does not know if or when women priests "will" come to pass for the Catholic Church, she feels strongly that "women must be given the opportunity to share their gifts."

Of her own experience, she said, the most delightful part has been seeing the reaction of children to her priesthood. "They have never seen a Mommy as a priest. The priesthood becomes a different symbol for them."

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# Vatican clears Fr. Schillebeeckx

ROME (NC) — The Vatican's doctrinal congregation has cleared a prominent European theologian, Father Edward Schillebeeckx, on nine points of church doctrine but has asked him to clarify his teachings on four new points.

The dominican priest said he had received a letter Nov. 20 from the congregation. It said the congregation was satisfied with the clarifications he offered when he met with a congregation committee in December 1979 and considers the nine points at issue in that meeting settled.

**BUT THEY FOUND** another four

points that I have to clarify," he added. He said these all evolved around "my attitude toward the church magisterium (teaching authority)."

"Yes and no," said Father Schillebeeckx when asked if he was satisfied with the doctrinal congregation's letter.

He said that the letter cleared him of questions about the orthodoxy of his views in the three books on Jesus which were the focus of the earlier inquiry.

But in the meantime, he said, he has finished a book on ministry which has been published in Dutch and will soon

begin appearing in other languages.

**ASKED IF HE** anticipates further questions from the doctrinal congregation on the views expressed in that book, he said he does.

Father Schillebeeckx, 66, has held the chair of theology and the history of theology at the Catholic University of Nijmegen for 23 years.

—when he came to Rome in 1979 at the request of the doctrinal congregation, the church's watchdogs agency on questions of faith and morals, the meeting drew international headlines.

It was the first time in the postconciliar era that a theologian had come to Rome in response to a summons from the congregation to explain his teachings.

**Father Schillebeeckx and numerous other Catholic theologians and intellectuals have protested the congregation's procedures for investigating theologians. The controversial Swiss theologian, Father Hans Kung, has several times refused to meet with the congregation under the same procedures.**



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Blessing the Noreen McKeen nursing home is Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, with Fr. Pablo Navarro, and Fr. Maynard Evers. (Davidoff photo)

Palm Beach County's newest nursing home — the Noreen McKeen Residence for Geriatric Care — was dedicated recently.

Built at a cost of \$4 million, the five-story building at 315 S. Flagler Drive in downtown W. Palm Beach is managed by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

The new facility occupies the site of the old Lourdes Residence, a longtime health-care center which was operated by the same group of nuns.

Bishop Agustin A. Roman, heads the list of dignitaries on hand for the dedication ceremonies. Bishop Roman served as main celebrant at a special Mass and blessing rite.

Among the many distinguished guests attending the festivities is the Rev. Mother M. Michael Rosarie, national leader of the Carmelite Order that manages the McKeen Residence as well as 30 other nursing homes in 12 states.

Other guests: Mrs. Noreen McKeen; Senator Philip Lewis; The Hon. and Mrs. John T. Clancy of Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. John Powers; Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, director of Catholic

Charities for the Miami Archdiocese; and Msgr. William McKeever of Coral Gables, a former pastor of St. Juliana's Parish in W. Palm Beach.

Mother Joseph Maynard, administrator, said completion of McKeen "also helps alleviate the current shortage in Palm Beach County of nursing homes which are able to handle the total needs of residents on a 24 hours basis."

The facility also has a pastoral-care department headed by a full-time chaplain; and the home's chapel features special seating arrangements designed to accommodate disabled residents.

After the Lourdes Residence was razed in 1975, an initial contribution from Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen helped make the preliminary plans for a new home a reality.

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# MATTER OF OPINION

## From Lennon, to Durante--a lesson

In 1980 the world lost many people of renown. Some were martyrs like Archbishop Romero and the missionaries in El Salvador. There were dictators and autocrats, too, such as Somoza, Kosygin, Tito and the Shah of Iran.

The entertainment world lost some well-known actors and actresses: Jimmy Durante and Mae West, Peter Sellers and Joan Blondell, Zeppo Marx, Steve McQueen and Merle Oberon.

Many musicians left behind recorded fruits of their genius: Andre Kostelanetz, Mantovani, Virgil and Richard Rodgers. Authors left us their writings: Eric Fromm, C.P. Snow and Sam Levenson. Movie producers their films: Hitchcock, Zanuck and Dore Schary.

The year ended with the death of John Lennon, and it was a sad way to end the first year of a decade of promise. The grief, especially among young adults and those even younger, seemed to take hold of people throughout much of the world. Many people loved John Lennon and, if the New Yorker's analysis is right, it was because he was a "man of the spirit" who spoke to people in ways they could understand about peace, love and kindness.

He was a genius of sorts and experienced the confusion that talented and famous people go through. Some don't last, but Lennon appeared to be just at the point where he was about to make a new start. "God willing," he said on his 40th birthday, "I'll live another 40." He had a

desire to live a self-acceptance such as he never had before.

Perhaps it was that new birth as much as earlier achievements that made so many people lament his sudden death. This, plus the senselessness and the repugnance of one man blasting away the life of another. The assassin's confusion of mind hindered him not the least from buying his murder weapon over a counter.

However, John Lennon, who had the affection and the admiration of so many people his own age and younger through the 60s and 70s, should teach them as well as those who are older a lesson with more substance than simply that an era is over. It took him a long time traveling over what often was a foolish route to find out what are the most important things in life. He came to appreciate finally that home and family were the sources of his real happiness. He had them all along but, as it turned out, learned to appreciate them too late. His new vision might have affected his artistry and philosophy, which he was especially gifted to convey.

One era doesn't end but leads into another. The whole world moves forward. People who have gotten through drugs and so much reckless behavior in the last two decades are in a position to tell the next generation that it was a bad scene. It was inconsistent with their pursuit of peace. There is no peace in the minds and hearts of those who have no self-respect, and there is no self-respect in

those who live without order.

1981 is for those of us who now begin a time to learn something from the disorder as well as the order in the lives of others and our own. It's a time to define what are the greatest values in our lives. What do we see in ourselves that is worthy of respect? If we think it is money or renown or accomplishments in the eyes of the public that will determine our happiness in the coming year, then we've learned very little from the lives of those who have had them. Some died before they learned that they were wrong. Others learned only at the end. But all teach us something that make their lives important to us.

We learn we must take time to appreciate gifts coming from God. We have what it takes to live happy lives in 1981, no matter how many days the Lord has in mind for us.

We learn that our families and friends are our wealth. They deserve our time and our "better moments," not our remnants.

We learn that the poor are our concern. We gain nothing of lasting value unless out of love we share what we have with others in need.

We learn that time is precious, and that life, long or short, is a breath of God's life in us. We live it well when we call upon him each day to help us make it a source of peace. With his help we can face the future with hope.

— Bishop Frank Rodimer Paterson, N.J.

## A widow worries about past

By Father John Dietzen

**Q. I have been a widow for many years and something from my past haunts me. I married a man who told me he had a vasectomy. I married him knowing this and received the sacraments every Sunday without confessing that I was guilty of practicing birth control.**

**I have confessed this sin since I became a widow. The priest made no comment, gave me absolution and that was all.**

**What else am I to do? Every time I go to Communion I feel I am committing a sacrilege. (Illinois).**

**A. It might have been helpful to you if the priest had explained a little bit. But probably the main reason he did not comment was that there really was nothing to comment about.**

Often in the sacrament of penance,

particularly when dealing with something that is past, it is futile (and perhaps impossible) to sort out how much guilt there may have been over something done that was wrong. This certainly is true in your case, as the priest probably realized. He knew that to go into the past and try to unravel degrees and qualities of guilt would really serve no purpose.

The only important thing was that you were confessing that, insofar as you were guilty of any sin before God, you were sorry for it. God certainly accepts that, and the priest did too. Whatever sin there may have been is now forgiven because of your sorrow and through the sacrament of penance. It is all past and you are certainly forgiven.

I realize it is easier to say this than to accept it in our hearts. When we feel

we have done wrong over a period of time, it is difficult to believe that we can lay it all out before God and know that his love and mercy are larger and stronger than any of our weaknesses.

But that is precisely the message that Jesus gives us and which he carries out through his church in the sacrament of penance.

**Q. Is it permissible now for a parish to have altar girls at Mass? A parish in our area has had altar girls for a long time, and I know the bishop is aware that this is going on (Massachusetts).**

**A. It is definitely still against the regulations of the church for girls or women to function as servers at Mass. The ruling was reiterated by the Vatican fairly recently.**

This regulation is understandably confusing since nearly every other ministry at Mass, except that of deacon

they think killed the controversial Archbishop Romero.

We are sick of "red and pink" papers and news media. There are enough articles written with the left focus and willingly torn appreciation of the facts.

It will be a very poor and weak excuse to mention the "promotion of justice" which has not any thing to do with such kind of war started by com-

and priest, can now be filled by women as well as men. The ministry of lector and special minister of the Eucharist, for example, may be filled by either men or women. Girls may not function, however, as Mass servers, and therefore it is certainly not appropriate for any parish to use them in this role.

I suppose you are right in saying the bishop is aware of the situation. But don't draw any conclusions from that. One day Pope John XXIII was asked how he managed to deal with the overwhelming responsibilities of the papacy.

He said, "I try to see everything, overlook much and change a little." Most bishops with whom I am acquainted try to follow that wise philosophy.

munists and their blind servants.

If faithful obligation to the truth is the shield for justification, I would like to hear or read something about the six communists having a meeting in the catholic Colegio de San Jose in San Salvador which your reporter vaguely labels opposition leaders.

Jos A. Gonzalez  
Miami

### Hits Salvador story

I strongly feel that it is an obligation to express my disappointment in connection with the headline, article and picture — related to Republic of El Salvador, printed in your issue of January 2.

The whole matter is blamed on the

U.S., yet accidentally overlooking the point that the "young guerrillas" are killing innocent peasants and citizens everywhere, with arms that are not exactly from the United States of America.

Everybody knows where these mortal weapons come from... The reporter from NC News Service should go thru San Salvador streets and ask who



By Msgr. George Higgins

## America's image

Is the word, "capitalism," too ambiguous to serve any longer as a description of the American economic system?

Some participants in a recent seminar in Washington, D.C., on "The Religious Foundations of Capitalism," argued just this point. They suggested capitalism be replaced with a more accurate synonym.

I agree with this suggestion. Why? Because, rightly or wrongly, capitalism is a dirty word in many countries — including some that we badly need as allies.

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**COMMENTING** on the report, C.L. Sulzberger of the New York Times said it is beside the point to argue that what we currently mean by these terms is different from what many foreigners mean. He argued there is no sense in proclaiming our philosophy in terms that are "peculiarly vulnerable to our opponent's attacks."

Sulzberger's point is well taken, it seems to me. However, I am somewhat surprised that it took USIA

so long to discover the disrepute in which the term "capitalism" is held in so many parts of the world. Tried and true friends of the United States have been telling us this for years.

For example, 25 years ago, Jacques Maritain, the distinguished French philosopher, wrote a book which was extravagant in its praise of the U.S. economic system. Nonetheless Maritain said:

"In this country . . . the average and official propaganda conveys the idea that America has accepted the challenge of communism in the very

terms of communist propaganda itself: communism versus capitalism, America being the stronghold of capitalism. That is a great misfortune . . . (for) nobody is ready to die for capitalism in Asia, Africa or Europe."

Dominican Father Raymond Bruckberger, another French author enamored of our economic system, makes the same point even more forcefully in the "Image of America."

He writes: "I hold it very much against you (Americans) that you insist upon using the word 'capitalism,' to define your economic and industrial structure."

**"YOU WHO ARE** the greatest travelers in the world should ask yourselves what people outside of America think of the word. To them, capitalism

stands for imperialism, for the exploitation of the poor by the rich, for colonialism . . . You may well pay a visit to the moon, but you will never rehabilitate the word, 'capitalism' in the eyes of the world."

The task of redefining the American economic system should not be entrusted exclusively to the experts on Madison Avenue — however successful they are in selling the phenomenal variety of goods and gadgets that flow so copiously from the cornucopia of the American economic system.

The technical skills and assorted gimmicks of the advertising profession can be useful in selling ideas — up to a point. Still, the skills of economists, political scientists and philosophers should also be put to use in redefining the American economic system.

In the final analysis, however, perhaps we should worry less about finding a new name for our economic system and more about making it operate more effectively as an instrument of social progress for all our people. In other words, the proof of the pudding ultimately is in the eating, no matter what the pudding is called.

A case can probably be made for the argument that right now our economic system is as good as any other economic system on the world scene. But any system in which there is still mass unemployment and mass poverty in the midst of potential plenty is far from being perfect.

## Ending the water crisis

By Antoinette Bosco

Water is becoming an endangered substance in both quality and quantity.

I'd like to propose this year that we all become responsible advocates for clean water so that this essential life substance is safe to use and can be passed on as a pure, life-supporting legacy to our children.

In the past several weeks, I have become convinced that unless we care enough to work to save our water supplies, the day will come — soon — when we will be reciting the line of the shipwrecked sailors, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink."

**THE WORLD** has been consumed in the past decade by the energy crisis. Yet having adequate supplies of clean water may well become the major crisis in the next few years.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has named the 1980s "The Water Decade," with a target of "clean water for all by 1990." Their statistics show that 80 percent of all disease in the world is associated with water.

Growing U.S. concern for the problems plaguing surface and ground water resulted in the Toxic Substances Act of 1972 and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, followed by the Clean Water Act of 1977.

With all that legislation, one would think the water should be all cleaned up by now! Well, unfortunately, it is not.

- Some towns still dump raw sewage directly into area streams and lakes.

- Most municipalities have not met the required standards for installing treatment facilities at sewage plants. As a result, hazardous residues are showing up in water supplies throughout the country.

- Pipes in the water distribution systems of many large East Coast cities are old and may eventually break down. If this happens, imagine the panic when people can no longer get water into their homes.

- Finally, water supplies are continuing to dwindle. Who could have forecast a water shortage in the state of New Jersey, severe enough to cause the governor to mandate a voluntary rationing plan? Nonetheless, not long ago, New Jersey residents were forced to meet a 25 percent reduction in water use or be fined.

I'm particularly conscious of water contamination problems in the area where I live on Long Island. About 10 years ago, scientific reports pointed out that our drinking water was rapidly turning into "detergent cocktails."

**DUE MAINLY** to housing demand brought on by a sudden population spurt, houses were built without sewers. Wastes were disposed via septic tanks; toxic substances oozed back into the ground in an uncontrolled manner, with some seeping into the drinking water.

The county banned the use of detergents, and we had to switch to soap for washing clothes and dishes. A duller wash is little enough price to pay for cleaner water. Yet, unbelievably, many people I know go to an adjoining county to buy detergents because they do not like the poorer results of using soaps. I find this to be a selfish self-defeating and immoral practice — an abuse of nature and neighbor.

The Lord made us stewards of his earth. Let's prove ourselves worthy of this assignment.



By Fr. John Sheerin

## Handguns and control

The ugly murder of John Lennon has shaken many people. But has it shaken the lethargy of U.S. citizens in regard to the sale of handguns?

For many years individuals have denounced the sale of these instruments of death, but the larger part of the American public goes about its daily life with little or no concern for the daily diet of murders on our streets.

President-elect Ronald Reagan says he does not think gun control is the answer to this problem. He suggests: "If somebody commits a crime and carries a gun when doing it, add 15 years to his sentence."

Yet, isn't this a simplistic answer in view of the irritating inefficiency of our court system?

**AN ARGUMENT** often presented in favor of handguns is that Americans have a legal right to bear arms, a right guaranteed by the Constitution. However, as I understand it, this right really refers to the right to organize a militia for self-defense — a far cry from permitting the purchase of instruments of death.

According to Walter Cronkite, people in the United States are killed

every year at a rate 200 times higher than that of people in Japan. Some people say far more deaths are caused by automobiles each year — an argument I find absurd and thoroughly pointless.

The killing of Lennon certainly will attract attention to the folly of ignoring the handgun menace. Young people, especially, are shocked by this senseless murder in New York City. Perhaps their protests can help to bring an end to the gunfire in the streets of this country.

In Washington, D.C., there is a stern handgun control law but there are also occasional bursts of violence from handguns. Just a few days before the murder of Lennon, a leading local cardiologist, Dr. Michael Halberstam, was shot down by one of the so-called "Saturday night specials."

**BY MACABRE** coincidence, Dr. Halberstam recently had joined "Handgun Control, Inc." and had delivered a talk about the evil of handguns on a news program.

It is the responsibility of American legislators to clamor for action in controlling handguns. Thomas Jefferson once asserted: "The care of human life

and happiness and not their destruction is the just and only legitimate object of good government."

However, I fear that the anti-gun control groups will play a large role in the new congress. Take the National Rifle Association, (NRA) for instance. The Washington Star recently commented: "Republican gains, aided in part by more than a million dollars in campaign contributions from the NRA and other groups opposed to gun control, spell a bleak outlook for gun control legislation on the books."

NRA lobbyist Andy Kendzie has been quoted saying: "We think the Lennon murder shows the absolute futility of gun control." He claimed that this is "just a classic example of a case where someone who is bent upon murder is going to commit it, and no gun control law is going to stop that."

Pope John Paul II delivered an address when he visited Washington D.C., in which he cautioned against "false slogans." "If ever there was a false slogan it is the old expression so dear to anti-gun control advocates, "Guns don't kill: People do."

When will the American conscience rise up in protest?



By Jim Lackey

## Family issues and Reagan

WASHINGTON (NC) — As the administration of Ronald Reagan prepares to take office the question of the family and how the new government should deal with issues that affect it has become one of the many transition-period skirmishes taking place in Washington.

The effort to gain the new administration's attention on some domestic issues like the family has been little noticed compared to the extensive debates so far over Reagan's nominess for Cabinet posts and his plans on issues such as energy and foreign policy.

Nevertheless, the debate over how the new administration should address family policy has been going on since even before the Nov. 4 election. It pits groups which fought hard to short-circuit last year's White House Conference on Families against other organizations, including some church organizations, which think government needs to make a concerted effort to meet the needs of the modern family.

**AT THE CENTER** of the debate is the federal Office for Families, a little-known and still infant agency tucked away within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). President Carter announced formation of the office with much fanfare before 300 delegates at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities in 1979.

"This office," he said, "will provide the focal point for the development of federal policies and programs affecting families. It will be deeply involved in implementing those regulations and recommendations that are generated by the White House Conference on Families."

That, though, was before the White House Conference itself became so controversial. Reagan questioned the work of the conference during his campaign for the president and his Family Policy Advisory Board urged that the Office for Families be

closed and that Reagan appoint a family policy czar, similar to the federal energy czar appointed during the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo, to oversee all federal activity involving families.

"This formal presidential adviser on the family," according to the board's recommendation, "would be responsible for assuring that the family movement and the administration continue to work together for the achievement of mutual policy goals."

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The czar, rather than being a mile away in the bureaucracy of HHS, would have an office at the White House.

But officials at both Catholic Charities and the U.S. Catholic Conference think the Office for Families should not be terminated. "It would be a tragedy to abolish the one place where we've just begun to evaluate the effect of government policy on families," said Mathew Ahmann, Catholic Charities associate director for governmental relations.

**THE DEBATE** over the existence of the office has

its roots in the debate that took place over the White House Conference on Families itself. On the one side are those who say the problem with families is that government has intervened too much in family affairs — providing contraceptives to teen-agers against their parents wishes, for example — and that an Office for Families and the White House Conference on Families can only exacerbate the situation.

On the other side are those who would argue that government economic supports such as Social Security, Medicaid and mortgage tax deductions have helped ease the strains on today's family. A small government office concerned with family life, the argument continues, could monitor government's effect on families, recommending new ideas that might further aid families and calling for abandonment of programs which create new strains on family life.

Though the debate outside the transition goes on, there are indications that an actual decision on the office's fate may be weeks or months away.

Connie Marshner, who headed the Reagan board which recommended the office's abolition and also led the "pro-family" forces at the White House Conference on Families, said at the end of December that she had heard no response from Reagan transition officials to the board's recommendations even though those recommendations were more than a month old.

And a spokesperson in the Reagan transition press office told NC News that the transition teams established by Reagan for each government department or agency have only made confidential recommendations or supplied advice to the president-elect and his Cabinet nominees. Any policy making decisions, especially on something as small as the Office for Families, won't take place until well after Reagan is sworn into office on Jan. 20.



By Charlie Martin

## The 1980 year of music

During the 1980 year of music, we saw the emergence of some new faces, the return of some familiar names and, of course, we heard a few artists who catch the attention of music lovers year after year. It is impossible to come up with a phrase or slogan to capsize the whole year. But a glance back at several songs and sounds helps to make sense of the musical picture.

Among the new people, Johnny Lee broke out of the "Urban Cowboy" scene to sing about "Looking for Love." I guess everyone is looking for love, but the search may be in vain if people do not learn to give love as well as to seek it.

Ray, Goodman and Brown spoke of the effects of love in "Special Lady," while Cliff Richards told about the pain felt when love slips away in "We Don't Talk Anymore."

**IN THEIR** careers, singers experience the same ups and downs that we all experience. Among those who have returned to the up-side of success is Billy Preston. His powerful ballad, "With You I'm Born Again," spoke of the life-giving bond two people can share.

Master storyteller Paul Davis returned with an upbeat recording, "Do Right." His message is simple, but perhaps a challenge we cannot fail to hear: We can't go on living the way that we are living.

It seems that either people must learn to live more simply, with more awareness of all their brothers and sisters of the world, and with less greed, or else the global village faces a dismal future.

Paging through the columns I have written this year, and that others have written, Kenny Rogers'

name keeps appearing. His music has played a big role the past two years. Somehow he keeps speaking to those romantic and nostalgic parts within us, and - as with no other recording artist - people keep buying his music.

My vote for Rogers' best 1980 release, goes to "Love the World Away," for in the midst of all the pressures and hecticness of life, we sometimes do forget life's most important aspects, like, "how to touch." Rogers' song asks us to hold on to what makes the most difference when it comes to finding

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life's meaning and happiness.

**LOOKING BACK** at the year 1980, I am continually reminded of the Little River Band's "Cool Change." The song's opening line challenges me to find space for quiet and reflection: If there is one thing in my life that is missing, it's the time I spend alone.

This kind of quiet time helps us learn to understand ourselves and to meet more personally the God of our lives. I suspect that no matter how old we are, we always need time for a "cool change," time to let reflection guide our actions.

Music holds a special magic. I suspect that the songs we'll hear in 1981 will provide some new ways to understand the many dimensions of life. Music seems to flow from the rhythms of life.

So, in the year ahead, I hope people will listen attentively for these rhythms of life and for the interpretations of them that will be heard in the music of the '80s.

### Respect Life!



# Search, Fieri

## Youth get closer to God, each other

Story and photos by Karen Dorsey



Contrary to popular belief, youth today are not as radical, rebellious or irresponsible as they are labeled to be. In fact, when given the chance, most youth will spend many dedicated hours of service working on programs that benefit others. The Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry can surely testify to this.

All the spiritual retreat programs sponsored by the Youth Ministry Office are coordinated by the youth themselves. This youth to youth approach to ministry has been in existence for several years and remains one of the most effective means of reaching youth today. Search, Kerygma, Fieri, and Encuentro are just a few of the many retreat programs youth work on.

The most recent Search held at Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach attracted 26 teenagers. Director Stephanie Dorsey and Area Representative Peggy Krolczyk spent two months prior to the weekend preparing the team that ministered to the Searchers.

It always amazes me how, on weekends such as Search, the Spirit can touch some so deeply. Youth simply sharing their faith experiences joys and pain, can leave an everlasting effect on one another.

Bob Breslin participated in the Search weekend against his own free will. He considered everyone there a "Jesus freak". He was bound and determined to beat the structure of the weekend. By Saturday afternoon, the Spirit had touched him.

Needless to say, he left Sunday afternoon with a deeper understanding of himself, others, his faith and a realization that those people weren't "Jesus freaks" but people deeply in love with the Lord. I think if you spoke to any one of the other 25 participants they too would express similar feelings.

While the Search was getting underway at Newman a Fieri was being put on at St. Francis of Assisi. Fieri is an overnight Retreat for 9th and 10th graders. It provides an opportunity for the individual to become more aware of himself, others, and Christ through the experience of a Christian community.

Mary Aring and Bill Mayfield prepared a team of 14 young adults who shared their faith with the participants through talks, films, discussions and prayer. Over 50 teenagers from Jensen Beach to Lake Worth came together as strangers but left knowing they had been for a short time a community of their own.

Not always do spiritual programs happen on weekends. St. Ignatius, under the coordinating efforts of Rosemary Gehoski, offered the Youth of their parish an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. The evening was part of a parish Advent renewal week with the theme centering on preparing the way of the Lord. Young Adults in the area gave assistance by leading group discussions and putting on skits.

These programs are just a few of the many sponsored by the office of Youth Ministry and coordinated by youth. Youth by being who they are, can be effective ministers. So instead of pointing fingers and listing all the negative things youth do, why not reach out a hand and encourage them to take part in the positive?



Participants in Search (Above, left) present skits and prepare for the closing Mass. At a Fieri, a group shows off its poster while another listens to a presentation.



# HIGH ROLLERS

By Ana M. Rodriguez

St. Helen's in Fort Lauderdale, meet St. Helen's from Ohio.

Thirty-one kids, ages 4 to 17, ten chaperons, Fr. Karl, their traveling priest, and yes, unicycles. Lots of them. From 3 footers to 12 footers.

The St. Helen's from the north (Newbury, Ohio, to be exact) came to the St. Helen's from the South because they were invited to participate in the Orange Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve, and they needed somewhere to stay.

**BUT FOR THE** big wheels from Ohio, the most exciting things about being in Florida were the beach (where they swam despite our 50 degree weather) and Disney World, a special treat from their coaches since it was on the way. The Orange Bowl was a great honor (they're among the few that have been invited back, for a third year no less), but it was just one more performance for these unicycle fanatics who've been featured on "Real People," Studio C, a North Carolina PBS station, and the Cotton Bowl.

Seems one Fr. James J. Moran, who founded St. Helen's parish in Ohio many years ago, was buying some Physical Education equipment one day when he spotted a unicycle. He decided to buy it and figure out what to do with it later. Soon, however, the whole school was on a unicycle kick, and classes on how to ride the single wheels became part of the curriculum.

Fr. Moran died a year ago, and unicycling is no longer mandatory, but in Newbury they haven't stopped riding yet, and they don't plan to. Now, it has become a parish activity involving about 55 kids who practice every Monday and Thursday night.

**COACH CAROLE** Evans and her husband Larry, who've been with the group now for 16 years, say



there are more than 2700 other unicycle teams in the United States, and more in Europe. In fact, they look forward to the summer competition where they will be joined by teams from Japan, Switzerland and Germany.

Even if they don't win, Larry says, unicycling is an original, worthwhile sport because it teaches the students discipline, something Fr. Moran found out long ago. "He taught them, 'If you're going to learn in life, it's going to take a lot of hard knocks.'"

Photos by Tom Rossetti



# Family Life

By Dr. James  
and  
Mary Kenny



## A husband who strays

Dear Mr. Kenny: I have been married for 19 years. The last four years my husband has lived away, with all the wild connotations that indicates. He has suddenly moved back but continues his former lifestyle. He sleeps in another part of the house and avoids me as much as possible.

I need a great deal of help and the house and yard need attention that I have not been able to give. How can I get him and my children to help?

I have an 18-year-old daughter at college and a 16-year-old son at home. I feel the behavior of his father is extremely detrimental to my son's attitude.

I am exhausted from reading self-help books, attending self-help meetings, praying and trying to accept this as God's will. Thank you for any guidance you may be able to give me. (Illinois)

A. You are clearly in a difficult situation. There are three possible alternatives and I think you should consider them carefully before committing yourself to any one course of action.

1. You can separate from your husband.
2. You can try to see it through and find ways to make your life rewarding or at least tolerable.
3. You can try to change your husband and your son.

What is the reason why you don't separate from him? Why did you take him back into the home?



By Dolores  
Curran

Early January is one of the best times of the year for the family because it's a respite from society. After a surfeit of programs, parties, and paraphernalia, everyone seems relieved to stay home and quietly catch up. The IN word this year is stress and, because the family inherits most communicable conditions, the new phrase is family stress. I have a couple of suggestions for putting a little more early-January time into the rest of the year.

First, it's time the family stops trying to fight calendar alone. I've seen extremely successful ecumenical efforts in recent years in impacting community calendars. It works like this. The pastoral council or family life department of a church - frustrated at being unable to find any family time that isn't usurped by local sports, activities, or organizations - contacts a few other churches who each contact a few more.

You failed to mention money in your letter. Does he provide you with substantial financial support?

Generally, the sacrament of marriage requires that people stay together through hard times, both for the good of their family and for the common good of all. The institution of marriage is essential to society and its commitments necessitate permanence. Frequently this calls for individual sacrifice.

However, the arrangement you describe with your husband seems to make such a farce of marriage and family that I am not sure that the best interests of society are served by maintaining your present household.

**IF YOU STAY**, you will need help to survive. Your resources are the trinity of prayer, work and friends. You said you have been praying. Keep it up!

What about a job? Your son will be leaving home soon. Your husband may leave again. You probably are in need both of money and of a significant interest outside the home.

What about leisure activities? Try to develop interests on your own. Consider lessons in arts and crafts. Explore new hobbies. What would you like to do with your time and your life?

Use your friends. You mention self-help groups. These can be very valuable, especially when the

group members are your friends and will listen and share with you.

You ask me how to get your husband and your son to help around the house. I would not be optimistic that you can get them to change their attitudes or behavior by appeals to justice and fair play.

However, you do have great power, and you control more factors that you may seem to think. Both your husband and son need you.

Apparently your husband returned home because he likes to have you wait on him. Don't do it.

I assume that you do the wash and cook the meals. Fine. Now, what do you want them to do? You mention house and yard work. You are the homemaker, the house manager. Assign you husband and son specific jobs.

Put up a chart. If they fail to do their share, then don't wash and make meals for them. Simply wash and cook for yourself. I suspect they will become more cooperative if you have the strength to hold the line.

You are not as helpless as you think. Select the option that you feel makes most sense. Then get busy and good luck.

**(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions: The Kenny's; Box 67; Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)**

## Calendar '81

**AS A GROUP**, they meet with major leaders to discuss freeing one evening weekly for family/church activities. If the entire community agrees, it is overwhelmingly effective. It benefits all. Churches and families get an evening to call their own while organizations benefit because they aren't continually coping with the frustration of having one or two participants unable to attend because of church activities. If everyone in the community has church activity the same evening, the rest of the organizations lose only one evening, not parts of five.

I'd like to see the idea extended to one weekend per month as well. Pastoral teams tear their hair in frustration trying to find one weekend free for a renewal, a family retreat, or a conference. Aside from the obvious - that the family forego a few Saturday games - a free weekend every month is a good answer.

Next, I suggest that families start learning how to get control of the calendar. Buy a long-range wall calendar and individual monthly calendars, one for each member of the family who can write. Put the wall calendar (available for about \$3 at stationery shops) on a wall near the center of family life. Mark school, holiday, and vacation dates. Then add

predictable periods of chaos like "Getting ready for vacation," "final exam time," and "May end-of-school activities." One of our problems is that we agree to things far in advance, forgetting what else might be going on. A quick glance at the calendar prevents this.

**TO INSURE** family time together, bring out your individual calendars on Sunday evening and go over the ensuing week together. Who has to be where when? Are there going to be days on end when family life consists of passing notes? If so, can anybody change any appointments so there can be some family meals together?

Finally, consider investing in one of the many good family life departments. One of the better ones is The Family Calendar '81 put out by the Family Ministries Office of the Archdiocese of Louisville. It is a spiritual, yet functional, calendar which gives suggested family activities, prayers, major feasts, ethnic saint days, and some family trivia. Use the ideas you like and substitute for those you don't. (For information write Family Ministries Office, 1941 Bishop Lane, No. 206, Louisville, KY 40218). Cost is \$2.50; less in bulk.

And enjoy what's left of January.

## Family Night

By Terry and Mimi Reilly

### OPENING PRAYER:

Have the youngest in the family ask for God's blessings in his or her own words on this Family Night.

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

Miracles happen in families more often than we might think. A miracle can happen when we are cruel to another and are met with kindness in return. How many times do we pick a fight with someone because deep down

we are angry or unhappy with ourselves. It might be jealousy, fear, bitterness, or pride gnawing inside us. When we lash out at someone in the family but are met with kindness in return, we just might be brave enough to face that ugliness in us and root it out.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS: Young and Middle Years Families

Use hand puppets or make some out of paper sacks and put on a show in several scenes illustrating how

someone's anger in the family is met with kindness and understanding.

### Adult Families

Each recall a past incident when he or she was in an angry mood. What happened? What could have happened differently?

### SNACK TIME:

Pumpkin pie or toasted pumpkin seeds.

### ENTERTAINMENT:

Play an outdoor game of volleyball. A rope tied between two trees and

any round ball will suffice.

### SHARING:

I like it best when we \_\_\_\_\_  
I know I get angry when \_\_\_\_\_

### CLOSING PRAYER:

Jesus, we thank you for this opportunity to have fun together. We welcome the opportunity to grow in understanding and love one another. We thank you, Lord, for each other and for the many blessings you have given us. Amen.

# Stand up and think, priest tells retreatants

By Gary Baranik  
Voice correspondent

**GOLDEN GATE** — A special holiday gift was bestowed upon the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

The blessing was a four-day retreat given by Fr. Val LaFrance, a Dominican priest and former Barry College drama instructor, who captured the hearts of the congregation with his inspirational talks.

Fr. LaFrance, a 59-year-old

with speaking engagements already scheduled into 1982.

"I have a gift from God and my job is to polish the skills God gave me," exclaimed the priest, a former Shakespearian actor.

Fr. LaFrance was visiting St. Elizabeth's in Collier County at the request of the church's new pastor, Fr. Bernard Powell, a veteran school administrator from Fort Lauderdale.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S** celebrated its first anniversary at last week's midnight Mass. The parish, located in a growing community east of Naples, has about 300 families.

It is also the home of St. John Neumann High School, the first Catholic secondary school serving Collier County, which opened its doors this past August.

In his talks, Fr. LaFrance called the parishioners and the first high school class "Pilgrim people who have a calling from God to start a new Christian community."

The theme of the retreat was the "Joy of Christian Living" with Fr. LaFrance's goal "to challenge the people — to be personally responsible to God and to stand up on your feet and think."

Fr. LaFrance was concerned with whether religion is an hour on a Sunday or a seven-day a week 24-hour thing to bring people to peace with themselves, their family and fellow employees.

He often used wit and cited past experiences in his travels to show the human side of his ministry.

But the colorful priest challenged his audience: "Are you creating wars or making peace?"

He dealt with human emotions, especially anger and the need for it to be expressed. He stressed that confinement of anger "will lead to frustrations."

However, the evangelist pointed out the Christian way to handle anger



Fr. Val LaFrance, an evangelist who was considered as a television replacement for the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

**"A priest can only show you the law and tell you the options... I am not giving you an American Express card to free will. I am exhorting you to think."**

Iroquois Indian, isn't an ordinary evangelist. He is known throughout the world and was considered as a television replacement for the legendary late Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

"I DON'T believe TV is a medium for what I am doing. I'd rather deal with a face to face confrontation," he said.

The priest-preacher just finished a 19-week speaking tour taking him throughout the United States. Fr. LaFrance was born on an Indian reservation in New York but was reared in Manchester, N.H.

He is considered an institution in New England and the Northeast,

through prudence, good judgement, mercy and humility.

He said it isn't easy, for "it's hard work being a Christian" as he discussed accepting people who are different from us and how we form our conscience through the basis of law and the order of reason.

He stressed "A priest can only show you the law and tell out the options . . . I am not giving you an American Express card to free will. I am exhorting you to think . . . you are an individual before God — no one has a way to coerce you."

The resounding theme of Fr. LaFrance's retreat was described by three words he left the congregation — "resolution, reflection and retribution."

Part of the priest's success is attributed to his acting ability. The first half of his life was spent on the stage.

He was known for his performance in plays both on and off Broadway, and had studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

The priest is no stranger to the

Miami Archdiocese. He produced the first Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in Dade County.

While working at Miami's Barry College, Fr. LaFrance was inspired by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

That inspiration led LaFrance to enter the seminary at 29. Thirty years later, the evangelist can boast of a large following with many accomplishments.

He is the first Dominican priest from the state of Florida, and for a number of years was the secretary of preaching for more than 500 Dominican priests in the Eastern United States.

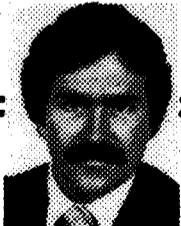
Fr. LaFrance taught voice, singing and preaching to aspiring Dominican priests, but he also served as a parish priest and director of a boys choir.

"All of my actions — my administrative job with the Army during World War II, my acting and training, living out of a suitcase has prepared me for what I am doing — To communicate the word of god through preaching."

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**JESUITS ON WALL STREET** — Father Clayton Nenno, left, and brother Patrick Flannagan stand outside the New York Exchange on Wall Street. The two Jesuits recently opened an office near the Wall Street Exchange where they hope to reach business people on matters of world needs. (NC Photo)

## It's a Date

### New Orleans trip

Holy Spirit Friendship Club of Holy Spirit Parish, Lantana, is planning a 6-day trip to New Orleans by bus on Feb. 16, 1981, returning Feb. 21st. Rates will be approximately \$375. A deposit of \$25.00 to be paid upon reservation. For further information please call Elizabeth Cantwell at 586-6720.

### New Women's Club

St. Mark Council of Catholic Women was recently organized at St. Mark's Parish in Boynton Beach. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Helen Videtti; Vice-President, Mrs. Agnes Davis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louise Graham; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Janas. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:45 p.m. Fr. John Block is moderator.

### French Language Mass

For the fourth winter season, St. Charles Borromeo parish in Hallandale will have a French language Mass added to the schedule. The Mass will be held every Saturday at 7:15 p.m. starting immediately.

### Fr. Walk at St. Kevin

Fr. Don Walk, from the North Campus Ministry, will be guest speaker at St. Kevin Church on January 12, in the Meeting Room. The program will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m., St. Kevin is located at 12525 SW 42 ST., (Bird Rd.) Fr. Walk's topic will be, "The Bible as a Healing Therapy" and all parishioners and friends are invited and urged to attend this most worthwhile meeting.

### Spaghetti dinner

A spaghetti dinner will be held at Rosarian Academy, 807 N. Flagler Drive, W. Palm Beach, Friday, January 16, 1981, from 5:00 p.m., to 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by R.A.H.A., and tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years old. Beverages and home made desserts will be available for purchase.

### Mission at St. David's

St. David Church of Davie welcomes all to a parish mission which will open on Sunday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. The mission will continue until Thursday, January 22, with morning and evening services by Fr. Jerry Bugge. Fr. Bugge, a Redemptorist priest who tours the country conducting missions, is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a parish priest in Annapolis, Md., for 5 years and has been active in marriage encounter and charismatic renewal. St. David's is at 7501 S.W. 39th St., Davie, Fla., 33314. Phone 305 - 475-8046 for more details.

### Symphony concert at St. Clements

The Third Annual Symphony concert will be held at St. Clement's Church, 2975 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, at 8:00 p.m., January 17. The combined orchestras of the Chamber Orchestra of Ft. Lauderdale and the Broward Community Youth Symphony will perform. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and are available at the rectory, or you may call 566-5877, or 763-7455. A champagne reception follows the concert. St. Clements is at 2975 N. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale.

### Memorare society

The Memorare Society, a social club for Catholic Widows and widowers will hold their monthly meeting at St. Louis Church, Friday, January 9, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. A special welcome to widowers! Please call 274-0244.

### Parent effectiveness training class

A course in "Parent Effectiveness Training" will be held at Temple Beth Moshe, 2225 N.E. 121 St., No. Miami, on six consecutive Thursdays, beginning, January 15, 1981. The course will be given by Dr. Lois P. Krop, marriage and family counselor for Catholic Family Services. Price is \$5.00 per person. Enrollment limited. Please call Temple Beth Moshe Business office, 891-5508, or Dr. Krop at 947-3555.

### Dominican renewal

A dominican Retreat will be held at St. Matthew's in Hallandale, from January 31, 1981, for approximately 21 days. The program will be held in different homes in the parish, in informal groups. Approximately 2 sessions a day will be held, one from 10:00 a.m. til noon, and the second from 8:00 p.m., til 10:00 p.m. Each day Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m., for the success of the renewal and to prepare for the renewal program.

### Third Order of St. Dominic

The regular meeting of the Third Order of St. Dominic will be held at Barry College, Sunday, January 11, 1981. The Novice meeting begins at 10:00 a.m., in the boardroom of Thompson Hall. The rosary will be recited at 11:00 a.m., in Cor Gesu Chapel, followed by Mass. Visitors are welcome to attend.

### Carnival in Venice

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's club will sponsor a Buffet-Dance on January 17, 1981, at the Parish Hall at 600 N.W. 1st St., Hallandale. The "Carnival in Venice" will feature good Italian food, good music for dancing and excellent entertainment by Nancy Donovan and her friends. Donation is \$7.00 per person in advance, or \$8.00 per person at the door. BYOB. Tickets can be obtained by calling Ann Satalino, 456-4513, or Rose Manguso 980-5162. Also, a reminder that the regular meeting of the Club will be held on January 13, at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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## Chicago priests to speak to religious educators

Father Dan Coughlin, noted liturgist and director of the Office for Divine Worship in Chicago, and Father Ron Lewinski, director of the catechumenate in Chicago, will present a day-long workshop on the new Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (the RCIA).



Fr. Lewinski



Fr. Coughlin

The workshop will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at St. Vincent de Paul Major Seminary in Boynton Beach, and on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at St. Mary's Cathedral in the Archdiocesan Hall.

"The RCIA is not simply a new ritual for new converts. It also looks to the whole process of conversion, including doctrinal formation, development of Christian morality, membership and responsibility in the Church community, and the life of prayer," according to Father Paul Vuturo, director of the Office of Religious Education.

He added, "What is presented in the Rite is really a basic vision of what in fact is the total goal of Christian education and formation, namely gospel living and conversion."

Fr. James Fetscher, director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life observed that, "in this year when our Archdiocesan Evangelization Program is focusing on Parish Renewal, a better understanding of what is contained in the RCIA can be a valuable adjunct to our own program. Both Fathers Coughlin and Lewinski have been involved in establishing the Chicago program and I believe they will bring us a lot of practical experiences from which we can draw."

Sponsored by the Offices of Religious Education and Worship, the workshop is designed for parish priests and parish directors of religious education.

"It also will have an appeal for members of parish evangelization committees, education committees and those who are involved in planning liturgy," said Father Fetscher.

The program will be conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in both locations. There is a \$5 registration fee which will include lunch, and pre-registration can be made by calling 757-6241 in Dade, 525-5157 in Broward, and 833-1951 in Palm Beach counties, Extensions 270-271.



BUMPER Stickers were provided by St. Peter Parish, Big Pine Key to guests at a holiday dinner and parish gathering recently. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Andrews, from Canada (above) display the sticker. Fr. Eugene Quinlan (right) helps little Danielle, held by her mother Mrs. Arjean Wilson, light a candle.



## Chaminade approves adjunct faculty

The Administrative Council of Chaminade High School, Hollywood, has approved the use of retired and semi-retired men and women as Adjunct Faculty.

In announcing the Council's decision, John J. McGrath, Assistant Principal and Academic Dean said, "We have been very impressed with the wealth of expertise, experience and practical teaching skills of a number of retired and semi-retired people in South Florida who have felt the challenge and welcomed the opportunity to teach on the college preparatory level. Our students, faculty and staff look forward to this enrichment of our academic program."

Expense stipends in lieu of normal teacher substitution salaries were authorized by the Council. Formerly, such persons made themselves available in order to substitute for Chaminade Faculty who have been ill, on sabbatical leave or assigned to off-campus programs.

Interested persons with career backgrounds in the social sciences, business, language arts, campus ministry or physical sciences should send career resumes to Mr. John J. McGrath, Chaminade H.S., 500 Chaminade Drive, Hollywood, Fl. 33021, or call him at (305) 989-5150, or 624-1681.

## Barry sets performing arts series

The Barry College 40th Anniversary Series for the Performing Arts begins Saturday, Jan. 10, 1981 with an appearance of David Brinkley, NBC commentator, in the Barry Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Reserved seat series tickets are \$20.00 in advance. They include Mr. Brinkley and three more programs. Tickets are available through the Development Office, Barry College, 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33161, and information is available by telephoning 758-3392, extension 316.

The other series programs will be the Miami Beach Symphony conducted by Barnett Breeskin Thursday, Feb. 12 featuring pianist Fabia Smith; Barry "Pops" Night Friday, March 6, with a variety of talent including the Bill Waid Orchestra, twin piano classics featuring Dr. Dan Sandlin and David Maddern of the Barry music faculty, and a ragtime piano rampage with Draper and Smith; and the concluding program will be presented Monday, March 23, featuring Barry music faculty with "An Evening with Gershwin."

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Sisters of Mercy, including Mother Superior Margaret Mary, right, arrive at ball.



Father Anthony Chepanis, host pastor of the event, checks over door prize tickets with guests.

## 750 Benefit school in Boca area

By Sue Blum

The air was warm and balmy outside, but inside the Grand Ballroom of the Boca Raton Hotel and Club, there was a festive holiday atmosphere as nearly 750 supporters of Pope John Paul II High School dined and danced.

The \$125-per-plate black tie dinner dance, a benefit for the newly constructed Pope John Paul II High School which serves fourteen parishes in Palm Beach and Broward Counties, featured an orchestra and a Broadway-style dinner show, with internationally-known performers, Roni Powers and Genaro Ceci, along with the supporting cast from the Ann Cummings Dance Academy in Hollywood, Florida. Miss Powers, writer and producer of the "Fantasy", serves as organist at St. Lucy Church in Highland Beach.

In his greetings to the crowd, which included Father Thomas McGinnis, O.Carm., Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Provincial House in Queens, New York, as a guest of honor, Bishop John J. Nevins congratulated the Carmelite fathers and brothers who staff the new high school and added he has received word that "the Pope is extremely interested in this new high school which has been named in his honor."

"It was decided," Bishop Nevins continued, "to send to the Pope the article which appeared in the September 5th issue of *The Voice* when the new high school opened its doors for the first time."

The winning doorprize ticket was drawn by Fr. Anthony Chepanis, Pastor of St. Lucy Church.

## Cardinal Gibbons presents concert

On January 18, 1981, Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale, will present "In concert with Tony Chance and his orchestra". Also joining Tony Chance in this 2 1/2 hour performance will be a "surprise" comedian. Funds derived from the performance will go toward the building-expansion fund. The performance will be held at the Sunrise Musical Theatre, 5555 NW 95 Avenue, Sunrise, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased at Cardinal Gibbons, 4601 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale, as well as at the Sunrise Recreation Dept. 6466 NW 20 Street, Sunrise. Tickets

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## St. Charles honors married couples

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church held its final Wedding Anniversary celebration for 1980 recently during which it honored nine couples who had been married during the months of November and December.

The celebrants were Jack and Jennie Santagelo married 66 years, Andrew and Alice McGrath married 50 years, William and Virginia Kornahrens married 46 years, Pete and Rose Arnone married 38 years, Joe and Carol Zaino married 32 years, Frank and Dorothy Bruno married 32 years, Stanley and Gloria Kostwey married 30 years, Carmine and Kay Catapano married 26 years, and Frank and Elissa Di Giovanni married 8 years.

Fr. James H. Sullivan celebrated the Mass at Noon and gave a blessing for continued happiness in their married life. The ladies were presented with corsages before entering church, and

after mass a reception was held in the Parish Hall, at which Fr. Paul Saghy, Pastor, congratulated all of the couples.

Host couple for this occasion was Ray and Mary Lamarche, who were assisted by John and Jo Sicary, Meta Sinagria and Mary Lombardi.

## Pat Brilliant wins contest

Patrick Brilliant from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is the winner in the Friends of Free China contest.

He has received a plaque from the Assistant-Mayor of Fort Lauderdale and in February, Patrick and his sponsor will travel to Montgomery, Alabama, to participate in the Southern Districts. If he wins at the Districts, he will travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National contest.

Brother Donald Johnroe is Pat's coach and advisor to the Forensic Club at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

## Hawaian luau

A Hawaian Luau will be held at St. John Fisher Parish, 4001 N. Shore Drive, W. Palm Beach, on January 24, at 7:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, food and open bar. Price is \$15.00 per tickets, and must be made by January 15, 1981. For reservations please call Joe Brillante, 844-3637, or the Rectory at 842-1224.

"Most of us bear signs of constriction and weakness, debilities and hindrances even in our healthy days. So let us, the more and less healthy and the more and less handicapped, all stand together in brotherly solidarity and give dutiful brotherly service to each other. Through that alone can living together in a family and a society worthy of human beings really develop." (Pope John Paul II, addressing the handicapped in West Germany, 1980).

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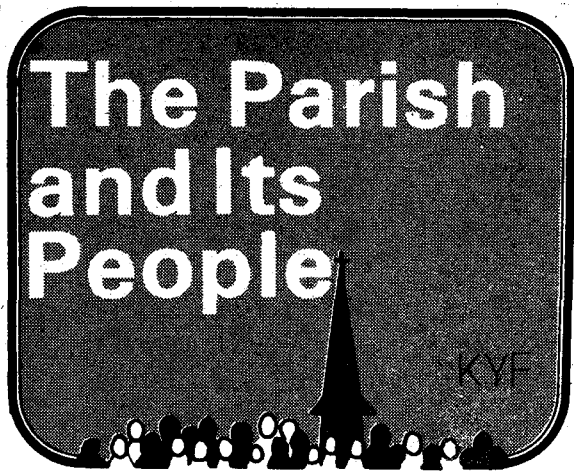
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## The Parish and Its People

# Our bodies matter

By Father John J. Castelot

St. Paul certainly had his hands full in Corinth. The city was a melting pot, a typical seaport open to all sorts of people and ideas.

Since the Christian community was made up of a broad cross section of this pluralistic society, it is not surprising that its members espoused a wide variety of ideas. All types were represented and each has its own pet views. As people still do, they expressed these views in catchwords and slogans.

It is important to keep this in mind when reading the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6:12-20. Several statements in these verses are not Paul's. He is quoting back to the people their slogans and then proceeding to refute the ideas. It is a sort of conversation between Paul and the advocates of certain unacceptable ideas.

PAUL'S responses begin like this: "Do you not see?" "Can you not see?" "You must know."

The first slogan he discusses is this: "Everything is lawful for me."

Paul may have said this when instructing them on their freedom from the prescriptions of the Old Law. But they misinterpreted his words, applying them to everything, especially to sexual immorality.

Paul agrees that the slogan is true in its proper context. But pushed beyond that context, it is vicious nonsense. If one does everything one pleases, then the rights of other are abused, community is destroyed and one ends up enslaved to the values of paganism.

The next slogan is: "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end." In other words, what we do with our bodies is quite indifferent, morally neutral. The fact that God permits their ultimate dissolution is proof of this for the Corinthians. The only sin for them is the one committed by "souls" that is, through attitudes, motives and the like. The body cannot sin. Paul countered this idea.

He insisted on the importance of the body, just as much an object of God's creative love as the "soul." It will share in the resurrection of Christ, who was raised from the dead, not as a spirit or a soul, but as an integral human person. Our bodies are essential to our integral humanity.

Furthermore, the body was given to us to help us love creatively. There is no such thing as "indifferent" sexual relations - which are meant to be an act of creative love, creating a lasting bond between two human beings. Our bodies are "members of Christ."

SEXUAL relations with a prostitute are not creative but destructive. This reduces a human being to a thing. Once again, Paul quotes one of the Corinthian's favorite catchwords: "Every sin a man commits is outside his body."

(Note here, if your Bible says "every other sin," this is a mistranslation; the word, "other," does not appear in the original text.)

Again Paul insists that sin is not just "outside his body." The fornicator does in fact sin against his own body and with his own body.

Finally Paul reminds the Corinthians that their body, in the sense of the community, is a temple of the Holy Spirit, given to perpetuate the witness which Christ gave in his physical humanity. People can see how Jesus conducted himself "in his days when he was in the flesh." (Hebrews 5:7)

It was in this flesh that Jesus redeemed people. They must give witness, glorify God, through their behavior as a community - "in your body."

# Is social ministry important?

By Father Philip Murnion

There are no easy answers to the dilemmas that can arise for Christians when they begin in earnest to promote social justice in their own local communities.

Yet, active concern for the poor - for people who suffer because they are estranged from their families or from society itself, for the lonely, for homeless children, for the sick, and the many others who lack something genuinely vital to their lives - serves as evidence that the second commandment of Jesus is taken seriously: to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Actually, work for social justice holds a privileged place among the activities of the church because it was an important part of the work of Jesus during his ministry on earth.

JESUS regarded the care of real people with real needs as a sort of measure of discipleship. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick. Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me, he said. Accordingly, a great many parishes and their people tend to regard commitment to human needs as an important sign of the faith.

In the early church, a group of seven men was once organized to ensure care for needy widows who were members of the Christian community in Jerusalem. Based on the New Testament, it appears that the early Christians regarded service to fellow Christians as a priority.

Does this mean the mandate of Jesus is limited to church members? Or are Christians expected to

anyone in need, parishioners will want to identify and address real needs of people.

Second, since public institutions and government agencies play a role in serving the needs of people, parishioners may find they need to consider the strengths and weaknesses of those agencies.

Finally, parishes may want to assess their own potential and to evaluate their own resources - in terms of money, time, talent, etc. Some may be surprised to find how much they have in terms of resources for serving people in need!

There are a number of ways parishes actually carry out social justice roles: through direct service, through efforts to provide education about human needs, through efforts to work in the public forum on behalf of people in need. I'll be talking about those points in the weeks ahead.

**"It seems that Jesus calls Christians to work for social justice wherever injustice exists, within or outside the church."**

work for justice in the larger society as well? It seems that Jesus calls Christians to work for social justice wherever injustice exists, within or outside the church. But a significant challenge arises when we try to understand the role of Christians within society at large.

How can today's parishes and their people carry out the mandate of Jesus? Building the kind of foundation that will firmly support a parish's effort for justice will very likely mean:

1. Finding ways to carry out a social mission by developing a sense that we are related to all of God's children;
2. Finding ways to care for one another in parishes and, as consequence, becoming conscious of the injustices people suffer;
3. Developing an awareness that every gift we have been given is to be used for the service of God and our neighbor; finding ways to share the goods of the earth;
4. and, learning to count human relationships as more important than material possessions.

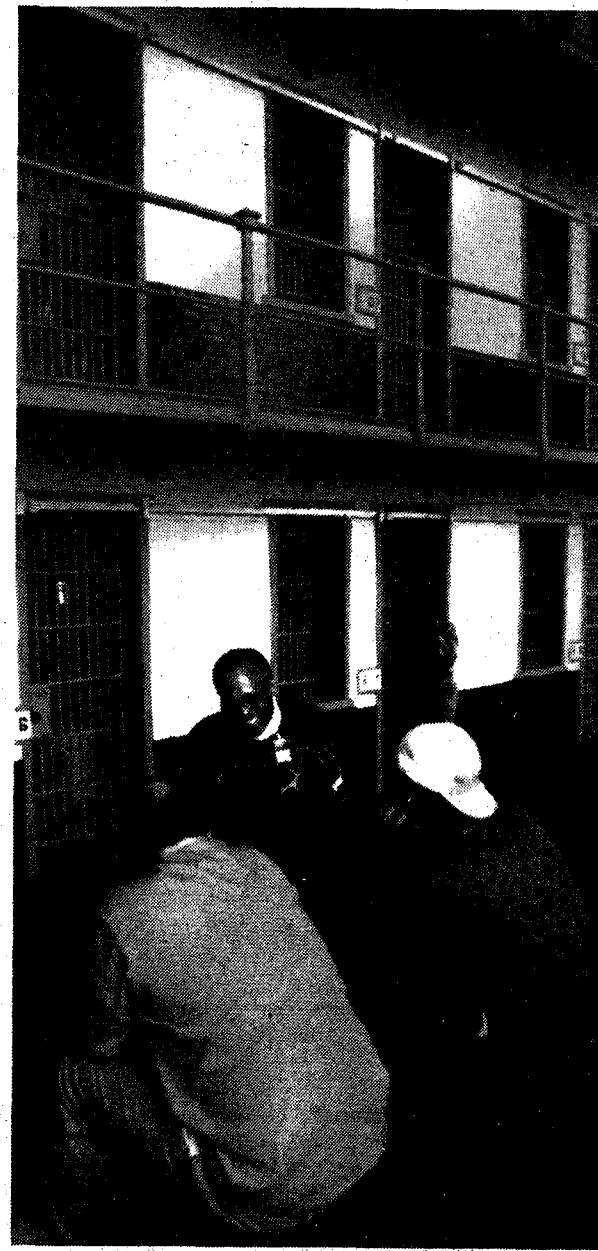
Many questions arise, however, when we try to decide how to work for social justice in our complicated world.

What, for example, is the relationship between charity and public welfare assistance? What does it mean to work for equal education (instruct the ignorant)? What does it mean to counsel the doubtful, to shelter the homeless, to visit the imprisoned? What, in terms of nutrition and health services, does it mean to feed the hungry and to visit the sick? These complicated questions are all tied up with people's incomes, government services, taxes, unions, business, and profits.

AGAIN, Christians find a challenging admonition in the words of Jesus to the young man who was urged to sell all he had and give the money to the poor. But how does this admonition relate to a fact of many people's lives today: that parents may hope to pay for a child's college education at a cost of perhaps \$20,000?

As parishes consider a social justice role, what are some other points that will arise?

First, since Jesus defined one's neighbor as



Deacon Charles Andrade talks with inmates in the Adult Correctional Institute in Cranston. Visiting the imprisoned is only one of many social missions in which members of a parish can involve themselves.

Speaking to the 1980 Synod of Bishops, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati said: "Because we are fundamentally a church of the poor, Christians must embrace every chance to help to liberate and to reshape this bent world. It is truly a work of the highest order when we labor on behalf of the human dignity of disadvantaged families."

**The Parish and Its People**

**A Gospel dramatized**

By Father John J. O'Callaghan, S.J.

It was a cold Sunday in February. I was listening to the choir sing the response following the first reading of the Mass. Suddenly there was a commotion along the side aisle. People stood up and I could read the urgency in their faces and in their quick conversation.

When I got there, people were bending over a middle-aged parishioner stretched out on a pew. He was having an attack - a heart attack, it appeared. Luckily several doctors were present and in five minutes or so the man was carried into the sacristy and given help while waiting for the emergency squad to arrive.

We continued with Mass. As luck, or providence, would have it, the Gospel told of a healing miracle of Jesus. I launched into my homily, talking about the sickness we all experience, spiritual or physical or both, and about our need of the Lord's healing power.

I was keenly aware that the attention of the whole congregation was riveted on my words. My homily was no more inspired than usual; my rhetoric no more moving; my message no more startling or original.

But talking about illness to a group which has just experienced the trauma of sudden sickness is a surefire success formula. Before I even began to speak, their awareness had been raised in a way and to a degree that nothing I said could have hoped to do.

I don't know what effect my words had that day. I'd be willing to bet, though, they went deeper and stayed longer than usual because they tapped a dramatic life experience.

That says something to me about getting motivated for social ministry. I can hear the standard response to such urgings: "It's hard enough to cope just with the complexity of my own life and my family. How can I worry about social ministry too?"

I find this an understandable response, for the parishioner has enormous demands on personal time. Job requirements, family and home needs, even church activities, leave little enough time - unless motivation is high, unless awareness of need is such that it forces us to make time.

Once I taught in a suburban high school close to a large city. I was astonished to find that many students, even juniors and seniors, had been in the inner city only once or twice in their lives. Their insulation from inner-city poverty and ruin was almost total.

I hope they have broken through that insulation now. If not, they will likely be puzzled or even angry when asked to get involved in changing urban structures. They'll have no experience to ground their concern.

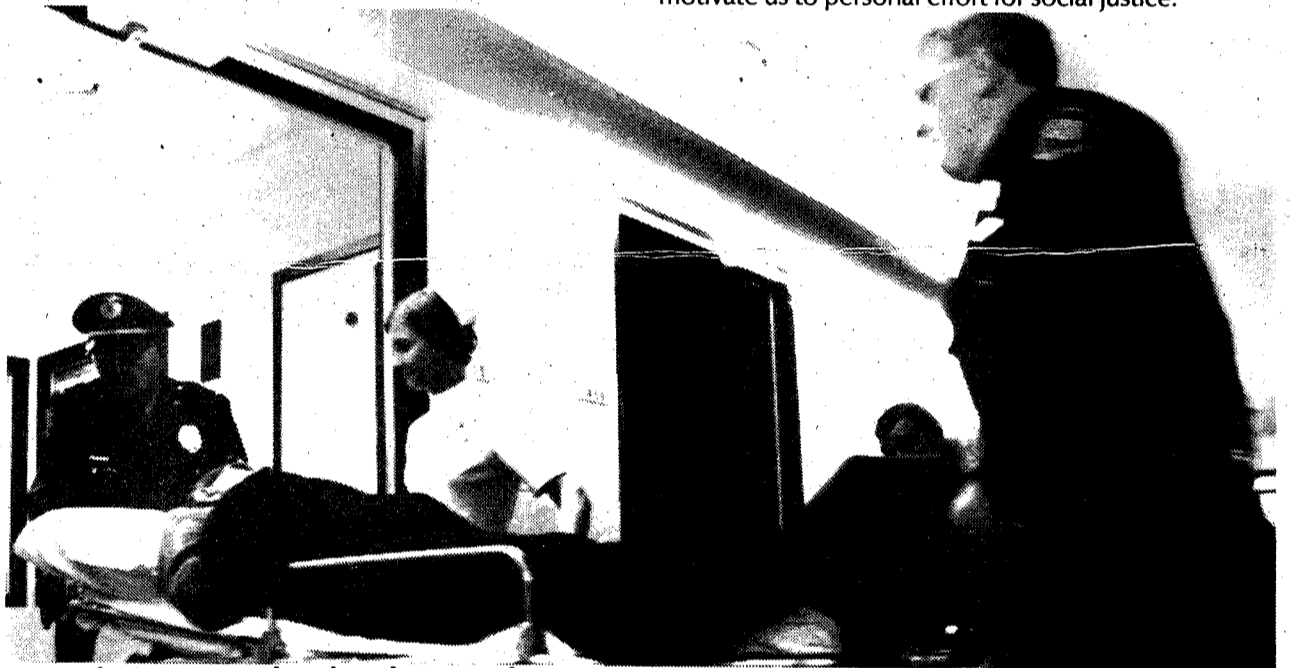
Most of us have our own areas of insulation. Whether consciously or not, we are cut off from whole segments of life in which need is high for human companionship and presence, physical or spiritual aid.

- Maybe we need to reflect on our insulation.
- Maybe we need to practice a little strategy on ourselves.

We might decide to expose ourselves to some experience which will raise our awareness of other's needs. Of course, we don't want people to have heart attacks next to us just to make us aware of the need for healing.

But, for example, what about choosing to visit a nursing home. Even the best nursing home can remind us of how lonely and hopeless life is for many people. And the dreary conditions in the worst nursing homes might move us to give up some scarce leisure time to provide a little of the companionship that could help an old person feel human.

Other possibilities are Big Brothers, Meals on Wheels, Bread for the World, Oxfam (a development agency helping people in Third World countries) - groups trying to respond to human needs; groups which can provide opportunities and experiences to feed our awareness. This in turn can motivate us to personal effort for social justice.



**We don't want people to have heart attacks next to us to make us aware of the need for healing. But maybe we should visit the emergency rooms of metropolitan hospitals or sit in vigil at the**

**bedside of a very sick friend. Whether consciously or not, we are cut off from whole segments of life in which need is high for companionship or spiritual aid.**

By Lenore Kelly

St. Stephen Parish is located in a highly populated, southwestern part of San Antonio, Texas. Some 1,300 Catholic families live within the parish boundaries - many of them Mexican-Americans.

It is a parish where both the staff and the parishioners are promoting social justice. And they are actively working to interest more people in the life of the parish.

One parishioner, Janie Dillard explains: "If the people don't come to the church, then we have to go to them."

**MRS. DILLARD** and her husband - a permanent deacon - are actively engaged in programs which reach into the lives of parishioners and beyond the parish boundaries, too. Each month the Dillards join the staff members of the parish and other lay leaders, visiting 25 to 30 homes where they distribute information about parish services to both Catholic and non-Catholic families.

People in need of food or financial assistance find they can turn to the Community Services Organization which Mrs. Dillard represents on the parish council. She says the organization often works on behalf of people who live in the San Juan Housing Project, a large, low-income project where perhaps half the parish's people live. The organization has on a number of occasions worked with people facing eviction from their homes.

"We try to get to the source of the difficulties," working with the project's management and the tenants, Mrs. Dillard explains. "Sometimes," she says, "we work directly with tenants

by giving them food, paying medical bills or subsidizing the rent. I can't remember one case in several years where we haven't been successful in stopping an eviction," Mrs. Dillard says.

The associate pastor, Father Don Currie, also works on behalf of people in the housing complex, helping residents to recognize both their rights and responsibilities, encouraging the people to develop their own leadership and working with the project's management to promote understanding of the needs of residents.

Presently, Father Currie and other parishioners are compiling a booklet for the project's residents. The booklet list services, agencies and people to contact as well as information on what the city housing authority provides for project residents with specific needs.

Parishioners also are active in Communities Organized for Public Service, (COPS) a city-wide alliance of churches and civil groups. The primary purpose of COPS is to promote accountability on the part of public officials. Through COPS, it is said, millions of dollars have been directed to the improvement of some of the less affluent barrios in San Antonio.

Each week, 6 percent of the Sunday collection at St. Stephen's is set aside to support the work of COPS and the Community Services Organization.

Because of the parish activities, parishioners are responding to the needs of others with their time, talents and money. Mrs. Dillard says the rewards for her have been great. "The relationships I've formed with so many people are invaluable. It's this which makes life full."

**St. Stephen  
in  
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# Football and religion

## Subjects dear to new Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust

*'We instill values not by always talking about them, but by being an example'*

CINCINNATI (NC) — Take a close look at Gerry Faust's desk in the athletic department at Cincinnati's Moeller High School and you'll get a clue to his values.

Ignore the overflowing briefcase and the cardboard box full of congratulatory letters (about 200 a day since he was named football coach at the University of Notre Dame).

Beyond and above the clutter is what's important: the football trophy (one of many in the coach's office) and the statue of the Blessed Mother on two opposite corners of his desk, and the crucifix hanging prominently over a calendar.

**FOOTBALL AND RELIGION** — those are two subjects Coach Faust will gladly talk about.

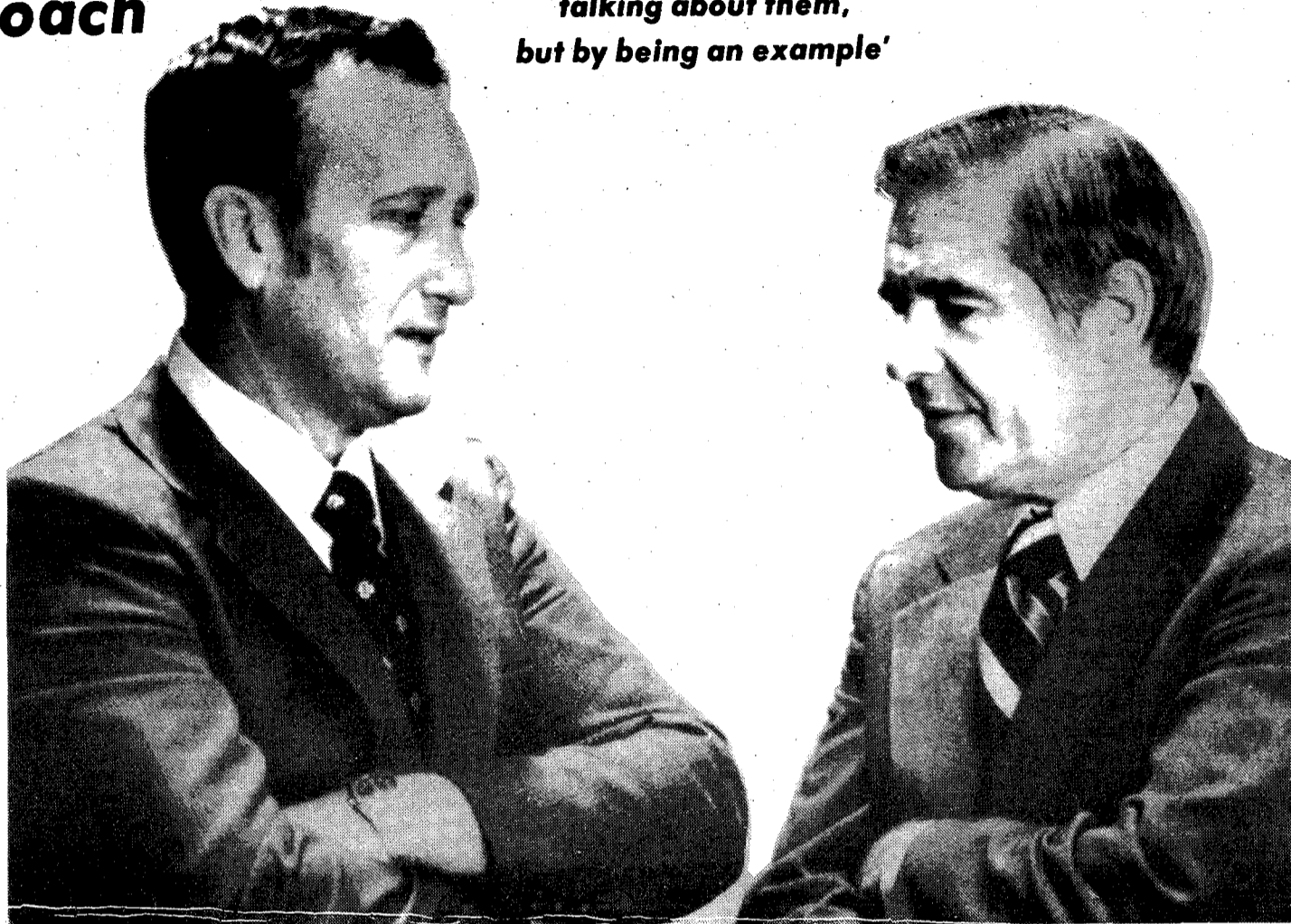
He's been a football fan ever since he began playing as a youngster on a CYO football team at Our Lady of Mercy grade school in Dayton, Ohio. For today's youth, according to Faust, the value of sports remains the same as it was for him.

"The value is immeasurable," said the 45-year-old Faust in an interview with the Catholic Telegraph, newspaper of the Cincinnati Archdiocese. "Kids learn comradeship, teamwork, sacrifice and discipline."

As coach for the past 21 years of the Moeller Crusaders, a team which has won five state championships in the past six years, Faust knows the influence a coach can have on his players.

"We instill values not by always talking about them, but by being an example," he said. "Sometimes we forget that we're here on earth to show love for God. We do that by example more than anything."

It's to the credit of the Moeller coaches and players and the general Christian atmosphere of the school that two non-Catholic Moeller players became converts this past year, Faust believes.



New Notre Dame football coach Gerry Faust talks with retiring coach Dan Devine.

"I WOULDN'T send my own children to any school but a Catholic school because of the example and the moral training they receive," he said. "The family sets the primary example, but kids spend more time in school than at home, so they're going to get a lot of their values from the school."

Even in college "kids are still impressionable," said Faust, who graduated from the University of Dayton. "If priests and sacraments are available at college, young people can get help reflecting on their own values."

One of the reasons he's willing to leave Moeller ("which I love

deeply," he said) is that Notre Dame is a Catholic school with deep Catholic values.

Another reason is the school's recruiting policy.

"Notre Dame can attract quality students to its team," he said, boasting that about 98 percent of Notre Dame's football players make it to graduation.

"SOME SCHOOLS recruit only to win, but I believe in not only winning but in helping the players better themselves and society," he said.

Although he's loved Notre Dame since he was old enough to play football, and although Notre Dame is the only school for which Faust

would leave Moeller, the new coach already is facing some of the difficult aspects of his decision to accept the job.

He'll miss Moeller, the team and the people. "It's going to be tough to leave the Cincinnati fans — they're really super."

But most difficult of all will be leaving his family — his wife, his high school-age daughter and his two sons in elementary school — for the next six months so his children can finish out the school year.

"I've never been away from them that long," he said. "That shows you how much I love Notre Dame and that it must be a really special place."

## Here comes the tax collector

By Hilda Young

"Why don't we have one of those tax outfits do our taxes this year?" I asked my husband last night. I knew he was thinking about taxes because he had just yelled at one of the kids for forgetting to get a receipt for a pencil and eraser.

"Are you kidding?" he asked. "Those guys never look for the little loopholes."

"Like writing off our food bill as a medical expense?" I kidded.

He frowned. "Listen, I sill think that was a stroke of genius. Doctors prescribe a well-balanced diet, don't they? Can I help it if the IRS has no sense of vision?"

"You mean sense of humor?" I said. "They must have enjoyed your writing off oldest son's guitar lessons as a gambling loss."

"You know," he mused, "I almost had them talked into that one."

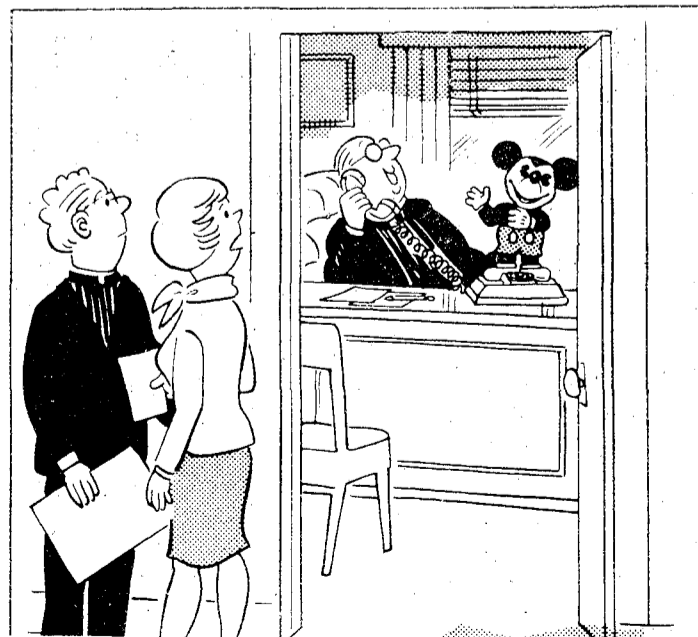
"Are you still trying to deduct the cost of envelopes and stamps for mailing doctor bills?" I asked.

"Pure logic," he said. "If we can deduct mileage to drive to and from the doctor, why not to pay the bill?"

"Don't ask me," I laughed. "I'm on your side. I didn't even giggle when you tried to deduct oldest daughter's new skirt and blouse as political contribution."

"She was running for student body treasurer, wasn't she?" he protested. "Why should we give all our money to the Republicans and Democrats? I think that the bunny party had a nice ring to it. Who can argue with a platform of thicker chocolate shakes for lunch and adding croquet as a letter sport?"

Maybe my husband will luck out this year and get an auditor with several children.



"WE GAVE IT TO THE BISHOP FOR CHRISTMAS AS SORT OF A JOKE, BUT NOW HE WON'T PART WITH IT!"

## Respeto a la Libertad, dice el Papa, Base de la Paz

VATICANO, (NC) - "Ambas, paz y libertad, están amenazadas por el terrorismo, los sistemas totalitarios, la represión religiosa, desigualdades económicas", dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II en su mensaje del 1ro de Enero de 1981, XIV Día Mundial de la Paz.

"El gozo de este día se ve enturbiado por el acto de violencia que la pasada noche, última del año, ensangrentó a la ciudad de Roma", dijo el Papa refiriéndose al asesinato del General Enrico Galvaligi, de 61 años, el más alto oficial del cuerpo de carabinieri de la policía, como represalia del grupo izquierdista Brigada Roja, por la intervención de los carabinieri en la prisión del sur de Italia para poner fin a una violenta revuelta de presos.

"En el comienzo de este nuevo año, ruego al Señor nos conceda paz, concordia, tranquilidad y respeto por los derechos de toda persona humana; sin la cual el mundo no podrá avanzar hacia sus metas de progreso y civismo", añadió el Pontífice ante unas 80,000 personas reunidas en la Plaza de San Pedro, después de celebrar la Misa por la Paz, en cuya homilía el Pontífice pidió que los presupuestos para armas sean dedicados a ayudar a los 400 millones de inválidos del mundo en este año de 1981, declarado por las Naciones Unidas "Año de los Incapacitados". Urgiendo además que se le preste especial atención a los problemas de salud mental "que constituyen el más grande obstáculo para la realización integral del hombre".

También pidió un mayor esfuerzo internacional para erradicar de una vez por todas el problema del hambre en el mundo, señalando que por lo menos 27 naciones africanas tuvieron muy pobres cosechas en 1980 y que las reservas mundiales de trigo están declinandó.

"Hambre y desnutrición constituyen un serio problema para la supervivencia de millones de seres humanos, especialmente niños, en una vastísima región del globo", recalcó Juan Pablo II.

Su mensaje Día de la Paz, de 14 páginas, llevó como tema

"Para servir a la Paz, Respeten la Libertad" y trató sobre una variedad de temas; entre ellos el materialismo, el aborto, el terrorismo, el hambre y la guerra nuclear. El mensaje estaba dirigido "A todos los que construyen la paz; a todos los dirigentes de las naciones; a ustedes, hermanas y hermanos ciudadanos del mundo; a ustedes, jóvenes que sueñan con un mundo mejor".

Enumerando algunas de las más importantes causas que amenazan la libertad dijo que "se hiera la libertad de las naciones cuando las naciones pequeñas son forzadas a alinearse con otras mayores para asegurarse una 'existencia independiente' o sobrevivir. No hay verdadera libertad - que es la base de la paz - cuando todos los poderes están concentrados en las manos de una sola clase social, una sola raza, de un solo grupo o cuando el bien común está ligado a los intereses de un solo partido que está identificado con el estado".

El Papa condenó todas las formas de anarquía que conducen al terrorismo político o actos ciegos de violencia y lamentó las represiones sistemáticas o selectivas que se acompañan con asesinatos, desapariciones o secuestros y torturas sufridas por tantas gentes, incluyendo sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos que trabajan por el bien del prójimo.

Trató también de las erróneas ideas de libertad, tal como el aborto legal o aceptado, como solución a un problema moral y social; el asunto de las armas y la guerra "que ya es un hecho normal de nuestra civilización con tantos conflictos que duran largo tiempo y la sucesión de guerras civiles que ya no se excitan la preocupación del público". Dijo que tales conflictos surgen de la "expansión territorial, del imperialismo ideológico, de la obsesión por la seguridad territorial, la explotación económica, de las diferencias raciales explotadas por los traficantes de armas" y muchas otras causas como éstas.

Abogó también, arduamente, por la libertad religiosa, llamándola "la base de todas las libertades".

Terminó su discurso diciendo que "el mundo no debe acep-



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tar la violencia como el camino a la paz... comencemos por respetar la verdadera libertad;

el resultado será una paz capaz de satisfacer todas las ansias del mundo, porque estará

basada en la justicia y en la incomparable dignidad del ser humano libre".

## Tres Sacerdotes Apadrinaron Refugiados

MANITOWOC, Wis. (NC) - Para Guillermo Villegas, de 23 años, todo en Estados Unidos es hermoso, un sueño hecho realidad. Villegas es uno de los tres jóvenes cubanos, llegados por barco desde Mariel, que fueron apadrinados por tres sacerdotes en esta ciudad y que viven en las casas parroquiales respectivas desde Octubre.

Al Rev. Padre Phillip Hoffman le tomó muy poco tiempo decidirse a apadrinar a Guillermo después que un amigo, quien trabajaba en Fort McCoy, habló encomiando al joven por sus cualidades diciendo que el muchacho merecía mejor suerte. Padre Hoffman no se detuvo ante la brecha del idioma. Villegas no hablaba inglés.

Para Guillermo Villegas la mejor cosa que le ha pasado desde que llegó a los Estados Unidos es la "familia" que ha encontrado en la parroquia St. Paul: además del Padre Hoffman, el ama de la casa de la parroquia y Kevin, de 17 años,

hijo de crianza del sacerdote.

Ramón Oñate, de 21 años, apadrinado por el Padre William Zimmer, vive en la parroquia Sacred Heart. Dice Padre Zimmer que el joven vivía en un hotel pero que su patrocinador no pudo resolver el problema del alojamiento. El joven ya no tenía dinero para pagar el hotel y menos para comer y que estaba desesperado.

"El joven se está ajustando muy bien. Nos hemos hechos buenos amigos y se lleva bien con el Padre Steve Modde, capellán de Silver Lake College, que es residente de la parroquia."

El tercer joven cubano, Andrés Martínez, de 17 años, vive en la parroquia St. Boniface, cuyo párroco, Rev. Padre Ted Hendricks, lo apadrinó.

Padre Hendricks cuenta que él se decidió después de una serie de eventos entre ellos la llegada por correos de una estatua de San José y unos versos del Evangelio. Aquellos que dicen "No tenía hogar y tú me

alojaste...

"Yo no pude hallar una aclaración al Evangelio que me excusara porque soy un sacerdote, dice P. Hendricks.

Pero el incidente decisivo y que recordará por largo tiempo fue el encuentro muy emotivo en un restaurante cerca de Fort McCoy, con una joven señora cuya madre había sido muerta por un refugiado. La señora le dijo:

"Padre, estos muchachos necesitan que se les de un chance. Nosotras escogimos la excepción, el equivocado."

El Padre Hendricks dice que esta señora tiene un gran corazón y que si él hubiera estado en su caso, "si hubiese sido mi madre, no creo que yo hubiera podido hablar así."

Aprender inglés es la máxima prioridad de estos jóvenes refugiados. Los tres han sido bien recibidos no sólo por los sacerdotes sino también por todos los miembros de la parroquia en general.

Para esto son las parroquias", dice P. Hoffman.

# San Raimundo de Peñafort

ENERO 7

San Raimundo nació en Perpignan, cerca de Barcelona, hijo de noble familia catalana. Ingresó en la orden de Santo Domingo donde llegó a ser Superior General. Fue ministro insigne del sacramento de la penitencia y un sabio moralista poniendo su ciencia al servicio de la conversión de los moros.

Fue también un destacado canonista debiéndosele lo que se llamó Las Decretales, normas canónicas por las que se

gobernó la Iglesia desde 1234 hasta 1918. Colaborador eficaz en la fundación de la Orden de Ntra. Sra. de la Merced.

A San Raimundo se le atribuyen muchos milagros entre los cuales sobresale la ocasión en que teniendo que ir hacia Barcelona desde Mallorca y no teniendo embarcación que le llevara puso su capa sobre el mar navegando sobre ella por seis horas. Murió a los noventa y nueve años en 1275.

# San Hilario

ENERO 13

Fue Obispo de Poitiers en el siglo IV. Sobresalió como uno de los grandes campeones de la fe católica en su lucha contra la herejía arriana que negaba la divinidad de Cristo.

Sus prédicas y escritos sobre la Santísima Trinidad (doce libros), su actuación en los concilios y su valor combatiendo al emperador arriano Constantio lo hacen un apóstol de la verdadera doctrina católica, padeciendo destierro por su antagonismo con el emperador. Sus sabios consejos le atrajeron infinidad de seguidores. La Iglesia lo proclamó confesor y doctor. Murió el año 367.



# Carta del Arzobispo

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo:

Al comenzar este Año Nuevo, renovamos nuestro compromiso a todo lo que es sagrado y digno en la vida humana.

Condenamos el mal que es el aborto. Deploramos la apatía e indiferencia de nuestra sociedad a la exterminación de millones de niños aún por nacer. Estamos convencidos que la única manera cierta de salvaguardar la vida de cada niño por nacer es a través de modificaciones a los conceptos legales sobre la Vida Human (Human Life Amendment).

Yo les pido su apoyo para la Apelación de Respeto a la Vida que se llevará a cabo el próximo fin de semana a través de toda la Arquidiócesis para beneficio de los programas de Respeto a la Vida en el sur de la Florida.

Agradeciéndoles su sincero interés y apoyo a esta Apelación de Respeto a la Vida, quedo de ustedes

Devotamente suyos en Cristo

Edward A. McCarthy  
Arzobispo de Miami

# Nombran Plaza en Honor del Papa

Por Jo Ann Prince

NEW YORK, (NC) - La Comisión de Calles y Parques de la ciudad de New York aprobó unánimemente red denominar la plazuela existente frente a la Iglesia St. Stanislaus Kostka, en Brooklyn, "John Paul II" en honor al Papa. La plaza está situada en la calle Humboldt entre Avenida Briggs y calle Broome.

La disposición fue patrocinada por el Concejal Abraham D. Gerges y será sometida a la aprobación del Concejo de la ciudad durante este mes de Enero.

Juan Pablo II celebró Misa en esta Iglesia durante su visita a los Estados Unidos en 1969 cuando era Cardenal.

Entre los que testificaron en favor de la disposición

## El V Aniversario de la Liga Orante Vocacional

El Día 11 de Enero de 1981, celebrará el quinto aniversario de su fundación la Liga Orante Vocacional.

Por este motivo se invita a todos los miembros y simpatizantes a unirse con nosotros en la celebración eucarística, que será presidida por nuestro Obispo Auxiliar, Moseñor Agustín Román, en la iglesia de San Juan Bosco, 1301 West Flagler Street.

La Misa comenzará a la 1:00 de la tarde. A continuación habrá una recepción en los salones de la parroquia.

## Carta a Reagan de Ex-presos desde Cuba

Un documento firmado por ciento once ex-presos políticos que no han podido salir de Cuba, llegó a manos del Sr. Jorge Roblejo Lorie, Presidente del Comité de Familiares de los Cien, y el cual está dirigido al presidente electo Ronald Reagan.

Los ex-presos exponen en el documento la situación que atraviesan en Cuba y ruegan los buenos oficios del Presidente Reagan, una vez tomado posesión del cargo, para que les sea resuelto el problema de su entrada en los Estados Unidos. Muchos de los interesados no pudieron firmar el documento dada la prisa en hacerlo llegar a Miami.

Quedan en Cuba 45 núcleos familiares de dichos ex-presos cuya situación es lamentable. El Sr. Roblejo Lorie ha hecho llegar el documento al Presidente electo a través de uno de sus más cercanos colaboradores, Sr. Richard Allen y copias a los asesores del presidente, señores James Teberga y Roger Fontaine.

municipal está el Padre Joseph Szpilski, párroco de St. Stanislaus Kostka, quien fue mensajero de un saludo especial del Papa a los residentes del area Greenpoint donde está ubicada la parroquia cuando dicho sacerdote visitó al Papa hace poco más de un año.

El Senador por New York, Thomas J. Bartosiewicks, apoyó el cambio de nombre en documento enviado al Alcalde Koch. También testificaron en

favor del cambio representantes de la Alianza Nacional Polaca y del Hogar Nacional Polaco.

El Concejal Gerges dijo al presentar el proyecto que "no podría haber mejor fecha del año ni mejor momento de la historia que este cuando el pueblo polaco lucha por sus derechos humanos" para renombrar la Plaza Greenpoint en Honor de Juan Pablo II, a quien tituló "hombre de paz, amor y compasión".

## Pastoral Juvenil ofrece Curso de Teología Moral

El Hno. René Hernandez ofrecerá un curso de Teología Moral, para personas involucradas en el trabajo con jóvenes. Este curso explorará temas básicos de moral, entre ellos, la naturaleza humana, la libertad y la ley, la verdad, el misterio del mal, la madurez

cristiana y otros.

El curso comenzará el miércoles 21 de Enero a las 7:30 P.M. Las personas que estén interesadas pueden obtener más información llamando a:

Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil, 757-6241 ext. 260.

## Buró Católico tiene 9 Centros Infantiles

¿Sabe usted que el Buró de Servicios Católico tiene nueve centros de cuidado de niños en el área del Condado de Dade? Pues si, no sólo se ofrece cuidado para sus hijos por personas expertas sino también comidas balanceadas, actividades supervisadas e ins-

trucción pre-primaria. Todo esto y más por precios razonables basados en sus ingresos familiares.

Para más información sobre el centro más cercano llame a la División de Cuidado de Niños del Buró de Servicios Católico, 754-2444.

## Renovación Carismática con el Padre Jacobellis

Los grupos de oración, Dios es Amor, Cuerpo de Cristo, Santa Cecilia y St. Timothy invitan a los demás grupos de oración a compartir con nosotros las actividades carismáticas del Padre Inocencio Jacobellis en esta Arquidiócesis de Miami durante los meses de Enero, Febrero y Marzo según se ofrece a continuación.

**Enero 14:** Noche de Alabanzas, St. John Apostle, 451 E 4 Ave., Hialeah.

**Enero 24-25:** Retiro de Profundización, St. Juliana, West Palm Beach.

**Ene. 31-Feb. 1:** Retiro para Jóvenes, St. John Apostle, Hialeah.

**Feb. 7-8:** Retiro General, también en St. John Apostle.

**Marzo 7-8:** Retiro Carismático para Matrimonios, St. Timothy, 5400 SW 102 Avenida.

Para más información llame a 885-2153, 822-6645, 325-1388 y 595-4573.

# OFICIAL

ARQUIDIOCESIS DE MIAMI

La Cancillería anuncia que el Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy ha hecho los siguientes nombramientos.

**El Rev. William Mason, OMI,** Director Arquidiocesano del Apostolado entre Negros e Indios Católicos, efectivo desde Diciembre 18, 1980.

**El Rev. Daniel Cernauskas,** Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia St. William, Naples, efectivo desde Diciembre 19, 1980.

**El Rev. William Romero,** Párroco Asociado en la Parroquia St. Christopher, Hobe Sound, efectivo desde Diciembre 20, 1980.

**El Rev. James Melley,** Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia St. Agnes, Jey Biscayne, efectivo desde Enero 7, 1981.

Y los siguientes, efectivos desde Enero 21, 1981, previa nominación de su Superior:

**El Rev. Michael Gigante, OMI,** Párroco de la Parroquia Santa Mónica en Opalocka.

**El Rev. James Loiacono, OMI,** Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia Santa Mónica, Opalocka.

**El Rev. John Morrissey, OMI,** Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia de Santa Mónica, Opalocka.

# Los Abuelos en la Familia Hispana (Segunda Parte)

Por R. P. Francisco Santana

## LA "GENERACION INTERMEDIA" "Hispanos con nuestros padres, semi-anglos con nuestros hijos"

No podemos enfrentar el problema de los abuelitos en la familia hispana sin comprender una serie de circunstancias existentes en nuestro proceso de adaptación a la vida americana.

Los padres de familia forman parte de lo que podríamos llamar la "generación intermedia". En relación al idioma y a las costumbres tenemos que ser hispanos con nuestros propios padres y semi-anglos con nuestros hijos.

En esta situación uno de los problemas más graves es el de mantener las líneas de comunicación abiertas al interior del hogar. Los niños aprenden el inglés en las escuelas y se les hace más fácil la comunicación es este idioma. Los abuelitos, por lo general sólo pueden expresarse en español. Lo cual presenta a la "generación intermedia" la realidad de aprender bien el inglés para comunicarse mejor con los hijos cuando los abuelitos no están presente, y exigir que se hable en español en la casa para facilitar la comunicación con los abuelos. Es una falta de respeto muy grave el que se permita a los niños hablar en inglés delante de sus abuelos, cuando estos no pueden comprender.

Es también una pena el permitir que los niños pierdan el idioma español en el proceso de americanización. Una persona que domina perfectamente dos idiomas tiene más oportunidades en la vida que aquellos que sólo conocen un idioma. La presencia de los abuelos en el hogar garantiza el que no perdamos nuestro idioma materno y los valores culturales que se derivan del mismo. De todas maneras, aunque aprendamos bien el inglés, siempre seremos considerados miembros de la "minoría hispánica" por la sociedad anglosajona.

El hablar español en nuestro hogar fortalece la unidad familiar y nos ayuda enormemente a conservar nuestras "raíces hispánicas", el patrimonio cultural y religioso del cual tenemos que sentirnos orgullosos. El ser humano necesita conservar su identidad propia y saber valorarla.

Tan importante como el uso del español es el fortalecimiento de las expresiones religiosas propias a nuestra "alma hispana". En los abuelitos encontramos los pilares de la fé católica en el interior del hogar.

La idea de este pequeño librito es la de ayudar a la generación intermedia en la difícil misión de conservar la integridad de nuestra estructura familiar, descubriendo la utilidad de la "edad inútil" en el proceso de la educación de los hijos y en el enriquecimiento

humanos y religiosos de todos los integrantes de la familia.

## VALORIZACION DE LA ANCIANIDAD

La vejez es una cima. Toda la vida es una continua ascensión hacia la vejez, la cual está embellecida con todo lo que la ha preparado. Se ha dicho que en la vejez se acentúan los rasgos de la personalidad. Una vida buena, conduce a una vejez tranquila.

La vejez es un atardecer. Su dulzura hace de ella la hora más bella del día, pero es bello porque ha habido una mañana y sus labores, un mediodía y sus ardores. El atardecer se sumerge en la paz de la noche, en la certidumbre de que al final habrá otro mañana: el encuentro total y definitivo con Dios.

### a) La sabiduría de los ancianos

El anciano se encuentra situado en la vida en las condiciones psicológicas y morales más favorables para distinguir lo esencial de lo necesario, lo que es importante de lo que no lo es. Mi abuela materna, al ser confrontada con un problema, sonreía y con un brillo especial en sus ojos apagados por los años, solía decir: "na es na", (nada es nada). Esa era una manera de hacernos ver las veces que, en la inexperiencia de la juventud, creíamos ahogarnos en un vaso de agua. Un autor famoso, a propósito de esto decía: "En los ojos de los jóvenes hay claridad, en los de los viejos, luz".

El anciano se ha graduado en la Universidad de la Vida; sus conocimientos son el fruto de la experiencia; de sus triunfos y fracasos; de sus logros y sus caídas.

El anciano gusta el recordar y el ser escuchado. Sus palabras tienen más contenido que un libro de historia. Por medio de ellas conocemos mejor nuestras raíces culturales y nuestra tradición, comprendemos mejor todo lo que ha contribuido a ser lo que somos en la actualidad.

En la sociedad tradicional hispana, en una economía basada en la agricultura, el ser humano envejecía reduciendo progresivamente su trabajo; pero no cesaba de dirigir, de aconsejar y de ayudar. En la sociedad técnica de hoy en día, el anciano es condenado a la soledad, al anonimato. Su experiencia, sus recuerdos ya no son la luz que alumbraba la marcha de los jóvenes. Ya no se les solicita, ya no se les escucha, ya no se oyen sus consejos. La renovación de los conocimientos de la técnica, de la misma sociedad más rápida que antes, trata de esterilizar los antiguos saberes.

El sistema educacional norteamericano prepara a los niños a la vida práctica en esta sociedad tan tecnificada, sacrificando en el proceso una verdadera formación humanista. Por eso la juventud de hoy se encuentra más con-



Los abuelitos en la familia hispana son los canales transmisores de la fe y de las tradiciones.

fundida y desorientada que nunca. En la sabiduría de los ancianos encontramos el complemento a esta formación tan deficiente. La carrera del ser humano consiste en ser humano, en desarrollar todos los talentos que Dios nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros. Una silla es construida por el carpintero para que cumpla su función de silla. El ser humano ha sido hecho por Dios para que se desarrolle como persona humana. El difícil arte de ser humano no se aprende en la escuela, se va descubriendo a través de la experiencia de la vida. Los ancianos, con su larga vida, están mejor preparados que nadie para guiar nuestros pasos en el curso de nuestra existencia.

Habiendo llegado al crepúsculo de sus vidas, el anciano comprende que lo único que cuenta es la manera de cumplir su deber de persona humana.

### b) La bondad de los ancianos.

La persona humana que ha sabido envejecer, está llena de bondad. El anciano está mejor dispuesto a la benevolencia, la comprensión y la indulgencia. Su experiencia de la vida le hace darse cuenta que en el corazón humano existe toda la capacidad para hacer el bien y para sucumbir en el mal. Pasados ya los años de las grandes pasiones y las crisis esporádicas, el anciano se siente más cerca de Dios.

El hombre que ha sabido envejecer, puede repartir a su alrededor un poco de la bondad y la ternura de Dios. En el atardecer de la vida el hombre de fé sienta la necesidad de prepararse mejor al encuentro final con su Creador. Su bondad se fortalece.

A menudo escuchamos que el anciano es demasiado indulgente y compasivo. Es verdad. Los nietos con su intuición infantil se dan cuenta de esto y buscan la protección de sus abuelitos cuando son

regañados o castigados por sus padres. El anciano siempre está dispuesto a comprender, a compartir las penas y sufrimientos de sus seres queridos.

Muchas veces los abuelitos tienen la tendencia a tomar partido por los niños, contradiciendo a veces la actuación de los padres. En situaciones tales, los niños no tienen dificultad en expresarse en español. Todo esto forma parte de la belleza de las relaciones familiares al interior de un hogar unido. Los padres deben saber comprender la necesidad de guardar el equilibrio y los abuelitos deben dirigir su benevolencia a una actitud de disponibilidad y no de imposición, evitando el contradecir la autoridad paterna y limitándose a comprender y amar.

### c) La libertad de los ancianos.

El anciano es libre. Las luchas, las pasiones y ambiciones de años anteriores han dejado de existir. En una familia unida, el anciano se ve libre de las necesidades inmediatas, libre del "corre corre" de la vida que cada vez se hace más complicada. Tiene tiempo para amar, para dedicar a sus nietos, para compartir con su compañera de toda una vida. ¡Cuánta ternura y cuánto amor se puede observar en una pareja que ha sabido envejecer juntos!

¡Qué maravilloso ejemplo para las generaciones jóvenes!

Sin embargo, el anciano tiene que aprender a hacer uso de su nueva libertad, de su tiempo disponible. Nos corresponde a nosotros el hacer que se sientan útiles, el saber aprovechar su sabiduría, el utilizarlos en la educación religiosa de los nietos y en la conservación del patrimonio cultural y religioso de nuestra tradición hispana. La sabiduría, la libertad, la bondad, la serenidad, he aquí la realidad del anciano.

(La tercera y última parte aparecerá en la próxima edición.)

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SIGUEN A CRISTO**

**VATICANO (NC)** - El Papa pidió a la multitud congregada en la Plaza de San Pedro, el Domingo a la hora del Angelus, que oren juntos para "que el camino de los pastores de Belén y el de los Magos del Oriente sea el camino de todo ser humano... El nacimiento de Dios en cuerpo humano es una penetrante verdad y el camino de los pastores y los magos es uno hacia esa verdad en el cual el hombre, caminándolo, se encuentra a sí mismo. También dijo que el día de la Epifanía, Enero 6, será señalado con la ordenación de once obispos de Italia, Nigeria, Brasil, Indonesia y Argentina.

**CHINA HACIA TOLERANCIA  
RELIGIOSA**

**VATICANO (NC)** - El Arzobispo Miguel Fu, de Beijing, dijo aquí que la reapertura de la iglesia San José, del siglo XVIII con una Misa Cantada de Navidad marcó otro paso en el camino de China hacia la tolerancia religiosa. Es la segunda iglesia reabierta en Beijing y la 15ta. en el país. Unas 1,500 personas asistieron a la Misa de Navidad y unas cien asisten diariamente a Misa desde que se abrió. La Iglesia todavía encara problemas en China y uno de ellos es el Arzobispo mismo, que no ha sido aún reconocido por el Vaticano, quien fue "elegido" por la Iglesia Católica Patriótica aprobada por el gobierno.

**INVITADO EL PAPA A  
HARTFORD**

**NEW HEAVEN, Conn. (NC)** - El Santo Padre recibió una formal invitación de Virgil Dechant, Caballero Supremo de los Caballeros de Colón, para asistir a la Convención del Centenario de la orden en Hartford, Connecticut, en 1982. No se tiene noticia si el Papa asistirá.

**SACERDOTES ESPAÑOLES  
AYUDAN A DESEMPLEADOS**

**GRANADA, (NC)** - "Caritas", organización de las caridades católicas de Granada, España, estableció 15 cooperativas para desempleados y creado 200 empleos con fondos donados por los 250 sacerdotes diocesanos, quienes donaron su salario anual de Navidad (un bono) de \$330 a "Caritas" como parte del programa diocesano de ayuda a los desempleados. Hubo una apelación a los profesionales y obreros de la diócesis cuyo resultado no se conoce aún.

# NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

**OBISPO AUXILIAR DE CHOLUTECA MONS. RAUL CORRIVEAU**



Mons. Raúl Corriveau, P.M.E., que ejerciera su sacerdocio en la Habana y Matanzas, Cuba, por muchos años, fue ordenado Obispo en Choluteca, Honduras, el pasado 8 de Diciembre siendo ahora Obispo Auxiliar de la Diócesis de Choluteca. Fue ordenado por el Arzobispo de Tegucigalpa, Mons. Hector E. Santos ante una concurrencia de unas cinco mil personas entre los cuales estaban unos cien sacerdotes y amigos de Estados Unidos y Canada. Obispos de toda la América Latina estuvieron presentes. La Sra. Rhea M. Gravel, de Miami, nos facilitó esta foto que nos trajo desde Honduras, donde aparece la madre del nuevo obispo, Sra. Henedine Mercier entregándole a su hijo un ramo de rosas rojas.

Los otros Obispos de España han hecho similares apelaciones en sus diócesis. Los sacerdotes de Granada declararon: "Queremos dar testimonio de la hermandad que predicamos".

**RELIGIOSAS UNEN RECURSOS  
PARA SALUD**

**NEW YORK, (NC)** - Dos órdenes de monjas que operan un hospital y otra facilidad de salud en esta ciudad han unido sus recursos para formar lo que ellas llaman "un sistema multi-institucional de salud". Las órdenes son las Hermanas Franciscanas de Alleghany, N.Y. y las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA  
PROGRESO POLITICO**

**IRLANDA, (NC)** - El Obispo Daly, de Aardagh y Clonmacnois en la convulsionada Irlanda, dijo que al final de la huelga de hambre de los presos de la prisión de Maze, en el norte de

Irlanda, ha presentado una rara oportunidad para el progreso político.

**CATOLICOS, ORTODOXOS Y  
EUCARISTIA**

**VATICANO, (NC)** - Representantes de la Iglesia Ortodoxa y de la Católica Romana firmaron un documento sobre la Eucaristía durante la reunión celebrada en Roma del pasado 27 al 30 de Diciembre. Una fuente vaticana dijo que el documento será objeto de estudio por la Comisión Internacional Mixta de las dos Iglesias en Venecia, el próximo Junio de 1981.

**ROMA DEBER SER CENTRO  
DE LA CRISTIANDAD**

**VATICANO, (NC)** - Juan Pablo II dijo a 30,000 jóvenes católicos y protestantes, reunidos para una vigilia de fin de año ecuménica por la paz, "que la unidad de la Iglesia Cristiana debe tener su centro en Roma". El mismo día 31 Su

habilitándoles para ejercer un oficio o alguna profesión que les permita ganarse la vida decorosamente.

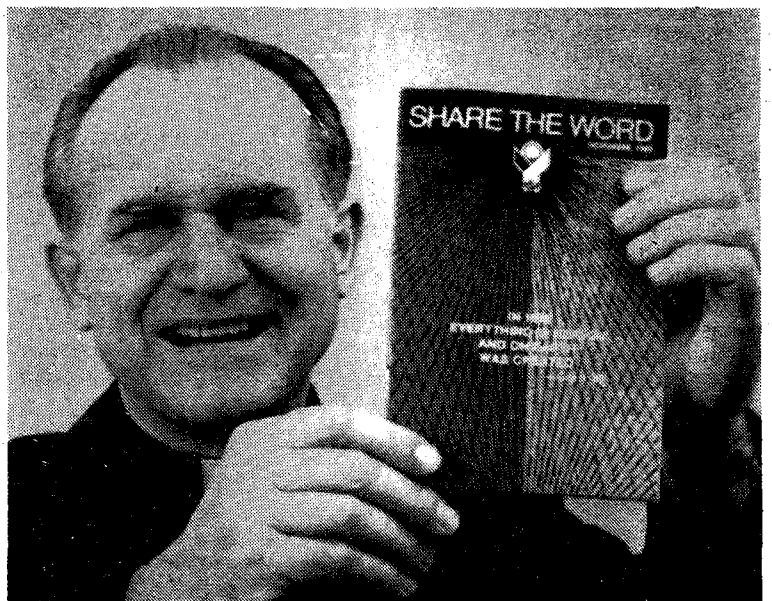
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**NEW YORK, (NC)** - La declaración de las Naciones Unidas proclamando 1981 como el Año de las Personas Incapacitadas, está moviendo esfuerzos para concentrar recursos científicos, profesionales y humanos de toda naturaleza para resolver el problema de los incapacitados en todo el mundo. El entrenamiento de estos y la educación de los sanos para comprender y ver a los incapacitados como seres capaces de ejercer funciones sociales y no sólo como motivo de lástima o como una carga, son la meta principal del programa.

Santidad anunció que los Santos Cirilo y Metodio habían sido nombrados co-patronos de Europa. Fue un gesto simbólico que da énfasis a los lazos entre las iglesias del este y del oeste de Europa.

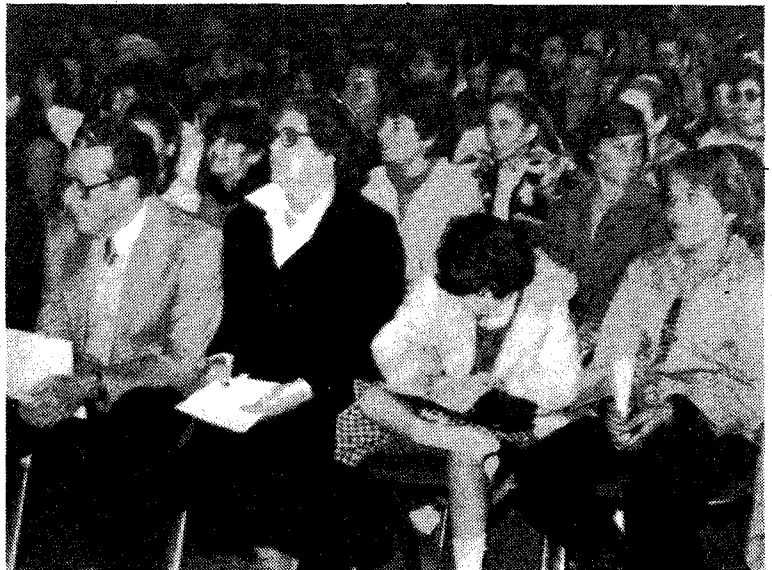
**LOS CIEGOS Y SORDOS TIENEN  
"MADRES" EN INDIA**

**INDIA, (NC)** - Las Hermanas Misioneras del Inmaculado Corazón de María, una orden belga con base en Madras, tiene un colegio en esta ciudad que asiste en la educación y entrenamiento de 450 niños sordos y otros 170 ciegos, 100 mujeres ciegas y 50 sordas

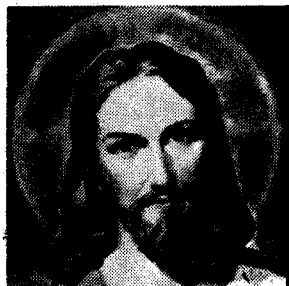


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## Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia



El Equipo Pastoral Hispano, constituido por Sacerdotes y Laicos de los Movimientos latinos de Miami, escogió la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia para que fuera celebrada conjuntamente por los tres Movimientos que trabajan para la Familia, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Encuentros Familiares e Impacto. La Santa Misa, que constituyó el evento más importante, fue presidida por Mons. Román y un grupo de Sacerdotes. El Padre Angel Villaronga, Asesor Espiritual del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, predicó sobre la grandeza de la familia, a la concurrencia de alrededor de 900 personas. Hubo gran entusiasmo y animación en este hermoso acto.



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