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Poverty

Can private charities really take up the slack?

By Liz Schevtchuk NC News Service

Whether through losses in food stamps or legal services or small-business assistance or housing, the Reagan Administration's budget cuts are having an impact on the lives of the poor and on the church programs and social service agencies which assist them.

Some states and local governments want to minimize the devastation of the reductions by seeking deadlines in their implementation and trying to compensate for the loss from other sources.

And, it's likely to take years for the successes or failures of Reaganomics to be calculated — whether short-term apparent harm to low-and middle-income citizens will be paid off eventually in better economic conditions for all.

Still, in the lives of countless Americans from border to border the budget reductions are being felt. They're measured in:

- The juice and milk missing from the menu of young children whose low-income working mothers have been cut from a family nutrition program:
- Warnings from unemployed workers in West Virginia that they'll steal before they let their families go hungry;
- The possibility that owners of small family farms will have to sell out because high interst rates and lack of money make it impossible for them to sow another crop.

ON THE NATIONAL level church officials opposed many of the cuts in social services. They lost.

Now their programs as well as those of other churches and charities

Now their programs as well as those of other churches and charities are being called upon to fill the gap. Yet their own budgets are suffering too because of the loss of government



Franciscan brother in New York City talks with a blind woman in poor section of the Bronx. They already care for 70 shut-ins. Can private charities take care of millions of poor and disabled?

aid many had used alongside private funds in their work with the disadvantaged.

Despite the president's call for

more volunteerism and philanthropy, surveys show the private sector will not be able to make up for the cutback in government assistance. For example, the Urban Institute has estimated that if Reagan's planned 1981-84 budget reductions are (Continued on page 12)

Thousands to attend ABCD fetes

Thousands of South Floridians will be guests of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy during kick-off dinners for the 22nd annual Archbishop's Charities Drive in the eight counties which comprise the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami.

The Archbishop of Miami and Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins will be the principal speakers at the dinners which this year launch a campaign to raise \$3.75 million to aid the needy served by more than 40 social service agencies in South Florida.

Miami attorney, David M. Walters, former U.S. presidential envoy to the Vatican, serves as general chairman of the 1982 fund-raising drive whose funds will benefit senior citizens, mentally retarded, unwed mothers, drug addicts, alcoholics, dependent children, ex-offenders,

agricultural farm workers and others regardless of race or creed.

Fr. David Russell, pastor, St. Louis Church, has been named Archbishop's Coordinator for the campaign of which Msgr. John O'Dowd, pastor, Epiphany Church, is chairman assisted by Fr. Gilberto Fernandez, pastor, SS. Peter and Paul Church, as co-chairman.



EYEING CANADA — Four Polish seamen stick their heads through portholes of the Polish fishing vessel Regulus as it docks at Vancouver, British Columbia. Of 80 crew members on the Regulus, 19 jumped ship requesting to remain in Canada while another 28 onboard have applied to stay. A number of Polish vessels arriving in Canada have lost crew members because of the crisis in their homeland.

Workers thank Bolivian bishops

LA PAZ, Bolivia (NC) —

After a series of strikes, Bolivian mine and factory workers have regained the right to unionize, suspended 17 months ago by the military

In Thanksgiving for the help the bishops provided through difficult negotiations in December, hundreds attended a Mass at San Francisco Church in downtown La Paz.

Then a large delegation traveled to the empty lot where their central union building had been bombed in 1980 and laid a wreath with a sign-reading: "With deep thanks for those workers fallen in the struggle for social justice for the Bolivian people, as we recover union freedoms.

MORE THAN 2,000 persons were killed during the military coup of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza on July 17, 1980. When some labor leaders offered resistance at the headquarters of the Bolivian Workers Center, the military bombed the building. All labor and political activities were

About 1,200 miners and other workers ended their hunger strikes at various sites of the country when they

learned that the military government of Gen. Celso Torrelio Villa, who succeeded Garcia Meza in September, agreed to allow reorganization of the trade union movement.

After Torrelio promised a gradual return to constitutional rights, the bishops issued a statement at the end of November pressing for restoration of trade unions, freedom of information and the return of radio stations to their owners.

The church also mediated in the release of 200 labor leaders detained during the November strikes by about 8,000 workers that lasted 12 days.

Archbishop to aid Polish refugees

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (NC) — Archbishop James F. Carney of Vancouver announced Dec. 31 an archdiocesan program to assist Polish

archdiocesan program to assist Polish refugees and to establish a fund for emergency relief for Poland.

Archbishop Carney said beds in Vancouver's Catholic hostel would be available for Polish sailors seeking refugee status and other temporary arrangements will be made for them until permanent solutions can be found. The archdiocese said it would provide emergency assistance to these refugees until they can find employment or are eligible for other assistance, he said.

Archdiocesan officials said they will assist Polish sailors or other Poles who are in Canada on a oneyear permit from the minister of immigration. In addition, a program of parish sponsorships for refugees now in Austrian refugee camps will be in-itiated immediately and will use the structures organized to help the Vietnamese boat people over the last two

Polish refugees are arriving daily in Vancouver, a port at which Polish fishing vessels regularly call and most of the refugees are sailors who have jumped ship.

Fr. Vincent E. Smith dies

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (NC) -Father Vincent E. Smith, former executive director of the Florida Catholic, newspaper of the dioceses of Orlando and St. Petersburg, died in his sleep Dec. 22 in his rectory after a five-year illness. He was 55.



News At A Glance

Columbian bishops ask end to violence

BOGOTA, Colombia (NC) — The Colombian bishops asked guerrillas to end their violence and seek dialogue with other groups to solve the country's "grave problems." Political violence has plagued this South American country of 26 million people for more than two decades and guerrilla activity has increased substantially in the last year. "As pastors and citizens we address all those who have taken to arms, to tell them that bloodshed thus far has proven useless and unjust. Jeaving only countless families with the transder of having lost their unjust, leaving only countless families with the tragedy of having lost their fathers and sons," the bishops said.

China receives papal broadcast

(UNDATED) (NC) — For the first time in 32 years a papal Christmas midnight Mass was broadcast to China with commentary and translations in Chinese, Jesuit-run Vatican Radio transmitted the Mass on a delayed basis to China at 2:30 p.m. Christmas day Rome time, corresponding to 8:30 p.m. Christmas day in China. The radio station also planned a similar broadcast of Pope John Paul II's Mass Jan. 1, World Day for Peace.

Latin Mass

Only one in six of the world's dioceses still gets requests for the Latin Mass, according to the Vatican Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship. Results of its survey appeared in the December issue of the congregation's bulletin, Notitiae. "There is an enormous silent majority that is satisfied with the renewed liturgy and faithful to the norms established," the congregation commented.

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Pope backs human rights movement

longstanding territorial dispute between Chile and Argentina.

Priest killed, nun assaulted

VATICAN CITY (NC) - Pope John Paul II has backed the efforts of the

Argentine bishops to promote respect of human rights in the South American nation. In an address to Argentina's new ambassador to the Holy See, Jose Maria Alvarez de Toledo, the pope also called for resolution "without delay" of the

(UNDATED) (NC) - A Pallottine priest was murdered in Texas and a Sister of Charity was beaten in New York City in two incidents occurring during the

week before Christmas. The body of Pallottine Father Patrick Ryan, pastor of St. William's Parish in Denver City, Texas, was found by investigators badly beaten in a motel in Odessa, Texas, 80 miles away. In New York City, Sister of Charity Margaret Franks, 58, was attacked and critically injured by a mugger on the steps of the Convent of Our Lady of the Appele. No exercise have been appearance.

the steps of the Convent of Our Lady of the Angels. No suspects have been ap-

prehended in either case. A New York police department spokesman said that Sister Franks "is going to make it."

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Disperse Haitians, leaders say

By Ana M. Rodriguez Voice Staff Writer

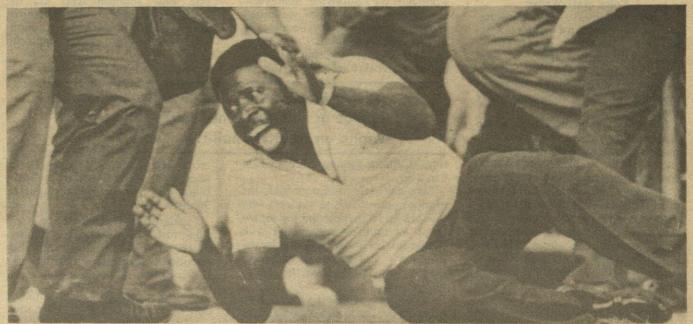
Miami lawyer Burton Young called it a situation "that runs afoul to our American system."

Dade County Commissioner Barbara Carey labeled it "a national symbol of racism" and a "potentially explosive" problem.

Msgr. Bryan Walsh, director of the Catholic Service Bureau, asked "whether we're going to practice what we're preaching to other countries."

In the end, the who's who of civic and religious leaders who gathered in Norman Braman's Biscayne Boulevard car dealership Saturday morning to discuss the conditions under which more than 600 Haitians are being detained at Krome Avenue could only resolve to tell the federal government what they want done about it.

After heated discussion of many of the complex problems which strand (Continued on page 8)



A Haitian demonstrator pleads for mercy after a rally in support of hunger strikers at the Krome Ave. camp in December turned into a near-riot, with protesters break-

ing through the camp's gates. Recent events like this one have brought the Haitian problem to the forefront of the South Florida community's concern. (NC Photo from UPI)

Haitians'courage praised at New Year's Mass

On Jan. 1, the World Day of Peace, the feast of Mary the Mother of God and the first day of a new year, about 400 Haitians gathered in Miami to add their own special occasion to the celebration: the 178th anniversary of their island's independence.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy and seven priests from the Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center in Miami concelebrated a Mass for the Haitians at the center's chapel in Lit-

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tle Haiti, the former cafeteria of the now closed Notre Dame Academy. In his talk, Archbishop McCarthy

In his talk, Archbishop McCarthy described the Haitian heritage as one of courageous struggling for the things all men want, "liberty, fraternity and equality."

He added that human beings today are still fighting for their rights and said, "in the face of frustrations and sufferings . . . you shall overcome. We shall overcome."

Following is the complete text of the Archbishop's message.

My dearly beloved:

Let me first begin by congratulating you on this the 178th anniversary of your independence and the emergence of Haiti as the first black republic of modern times. Such was the courage of your ancestors that they left you with a heritage of which you are justifiably proud — a heritage that reminds us all that in unity there is strength and that this unity is only held together in liberty, fraternity and equality

THE STRUGGLE OF your ancestors 178 years ago to break the bonds of slavery is a tribute to the spirit of every human being — that spirit living in each one of us that yearns to be free, that spirit that can come to full self-realization only in freedom.

Decades of cruel slavery could not extinguish that spirit burning in the hearts of your ancestors. Indeed, it was because this human spirit refuses to be enslaved that Boukman, Louverture, Dessalines, Christophe and thousands more fought for and won their freedom.

It was that spirit of freedom that brought Haitian people to these shores for the first time: even before Haiti's own independence, your ancestors fought and died for this nation's independence in the Battle of Savannah during the American Revolution. And I recognize that it was that spirit yearning to breathe free that led you again to these shores that promise freedom and opportunity.

SLAVERY AND ALL its cruelties did not break the spirit of your ancestors. Today, I pray that in the face of the frustrations and sufferings of the present day the spirit of the children of Dessalines will not be broken. You shall overcome. We shall overcome

shall overcome. We shall overcome.

As we all struggle for human rights and dignity — for human rights and dignity for not only of our own people, our own race, our own ethnic group, but for human rights and dignity for all men and women, let us remember the words of Holy Scriptures: "Unless the Lord build the house, in vain do the laborers labor."

The consciousness of our human dignity comes from knowing ourselves to be children of God, children of a God who so loves us that he sent his only Son as our Savior.

Let us labor with the Lord and in the Lord to build the house of freedom, the house of justice, the house of equality for ourselves and our children.

As Catholics and Christians we have a unique contribution to make to our people's struggle for freedom. As our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, said at the Puebla meeting of Latin American bishops:

The Church "does not need to have recourse to ideological systems in order

The Church "does not need to have recourse to ideological systems in order to love, defend, and collaborate in the liberation of the human being. At the center of the message of which the Church is the trustee and herald, it finds inspiration for acting in favor of brotherhood, justice, and peace; and against all forms of domination, slavery, discrimination, violence, attacks on religous liberty, and aggression against human beings and whatever attacks life." (OAP: III,2)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, may we find at the table of the Lord in the unity of the One Bread of the Eucharist that we share the strength to make liberty, fraternity and equality a reality for all men.

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Campus ministers criticize fundamentalist 'recruiters'

By Ana M. Rodriguez Voice Staff Writer

Fundamentalists - Bible-toting, 'I-am-saved and-you're-notbut-you'd-better-be-if-you-knowwhat's-good-for-you types - have hit college campuses like the wrath of God in the last few years and campus ministers of all denominations are

They say fundamentalist youth groups resort to lies, half-truths, har-rassment and hit lists of approved and disapproved professors to convert students to their way of thinking.

Although members of mainline denominations still outnumber fundamentalist groups on campuses, ministers say the small, tightly knit, rigid groups can wreak havoc, especially when they target Jews, students with emotional problems and those who come from broken

Some campus ministers who

workshop on "Surviving fundamentalism" this week even described groups as almost-cults because of their recruiting methods.

The workshop was one of many

during a five-day meeting of the na-

the Christian faith as the only way,' said Bob Johnson who led the workshop and serves as president of the National Institute for Campus Ministries, a Boston-based interfaith

The threat of nuclear war, the

'Is the Word of the Bible about grace and justice or about whether you're right or wrong on a certain point?'

tional Catholic Campus Ministry held

Like cults, the ministers said, the groups appeal to those students who are seeking fellowship and the security of an intimate community with simple rules. Unlike cults, the indoctrination is not as severe and most students can and do leave the groups

"It's intense in that it's focusing on a particular form and expression of

recessionary economy and general uncertainty about the future make the times right for fundamentalism, Johnson said.

Fundamentalists adhere to rigid rules, insist on a literal interpretation of the Bible and follow what they consider a legitimate authority, even if it is dictatorial in nature.

But Johnson said fundamentalism does have some positive aspects, such as its "attempt to affirm moral absolutes against moral dissolution and decay.

Fundamentalists also remin Christians that they "have been to passive in affirming what they believe," Johnson said, although many fundamentalist groups cross the thin line between witnessing and proselytizing.

Some Catholic ministers at the conference said fundamentalists have shown them how woefully inadequate religious education can be. When confronted with arguments about the Bible or their faith, many Catholic students, they said, became confused, unable to defend the basic tenets because they simply didn't know enough about their religion.

Johnson said as far as they make churches responsible "for preparing their people to give an account of the faith that is within them," fundamentalists can have a positive effect.

detached, speaker says ducators too

By Robert Wilcox Voice Feature Editor

The world's problems today are going unsolved, says a Christian educator, because "objectivism" — academia's way of studying them is unChristian, and therefore does not

The educator is Parker Palmer, dean at Pendle Hill, a Quaker study center in Pennsylvania, and a speaker at "Re-creation and Renewal of the Minister," being held at Barry University this week. The program is put on by the national Catholic Campus Ministry Association to help cam-

"THE UNIVERSITY system teaches us to be factual, detached, -

dissect things," said the author of numerous articles on spirituality and social change who has been working on the problem with professors at Yale's divinity school,

"But this kind of ivory tower attitude never draws us in. We never feel the problem, never experience it. Instead of solvers, we become manipulators."

Speaking in a phone interview prior to coming to Barry, the consultant to the Danforth Foundation and the Lily Endowment, said Christian faith teaches a different "notion of know-

In essence, he said, it is involve-ment and commitment. "Jesus said 'I am the truth. You cannot know until you know Me.' True knowledge" meaning experiential knowledge 'brings us into a responsible relation-

HE SAID SOME of the "best work" of philosophers of science today, such as that of Michael Polanyi, the English physicist, attacks objectivism. "There is no such thing as neutral knowledge, or knowledge which is apart from the observer, as science and journalism teach."

He said "ecological studies" are a good example. "We are now beginning to realize how interrelated biology and other sciences are. The world does not come in boxes. It comes as a whole."

If "we continue to teach detach-

ment," he said he would tell the ministers "then we have no right to expect anything but failure from our attempts to solve the world's ills." Social action, he said, is the way to implement the Christian teaching on knowledge.

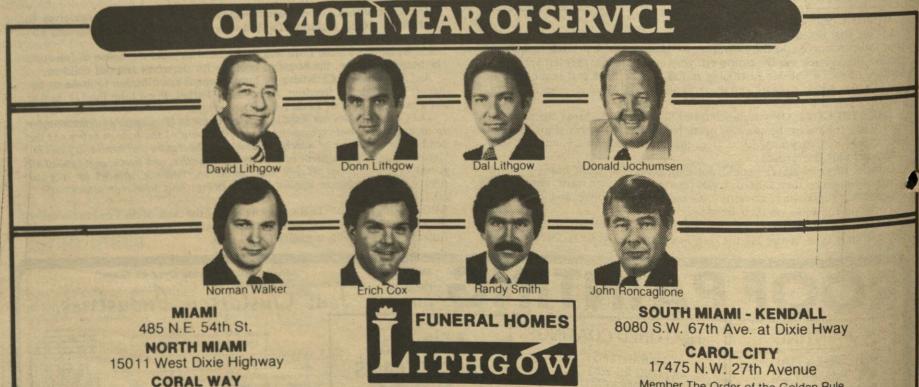
"COUNSELING and liturgical duties are important, but I'd like to see them bring together the faculties of their schools and raise serious questions with them about the way they are teaching."

He said the faculty at Yale is doing this. Palmer is the author of two books, "The Promise of Paradox" and The Company of Strangers." He was to deliver three lectures at the Campus Minister program.

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U.S. condemns South African apartheid at U.N.

By Jeff Endrst

UNITED NATIONS (NC) — The United States told the United Nations that South Africa remains basically a democracy for whites and an ethoritarian system for blacks.

"All the coercive powers of an authoritarian regime are exercised by the white government against the black majority — supression of dissent, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment and the systematic elimination of all opposition," Kenneth Adelman, a member of the U.S. mission, told the U.N. General Assembly

Assembly.

"The United States abhors apartheid, adorned by whatever name—
separate development," 'parallel development,' 'separate freedoms,' 'differentiation' or 'multi-national development.' It matters nothing what it is called. Apartheid remains white rule,' he said.

This means that 4.4 million whites, "16.1 percent of the population, thereby continue domination over

and disenfranchisement of the black majority, 22.9 million persons."

In the United Nations there is universal condemnation of South Africa's white minority discrimination against blacks, but there continues to be different views on what the United Nations should do to change the situation.

THE SOVIET Union has been among those advocating comprehensive military and economic sanctions. The United States has said the assembly should first allow South Africa to participate in its deliberations and then try to contribute to constructive change by cooperating with the vanguard of what the United States has called peaceful evolutionary change in South Africa.

To protest apartheid the majority in the General Assembly has voted in recent years to exclude the seating of South Africa.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky claimed that the reason for South Africa's suppression of blacks and its aggressiveness in relation to neighboring countries is due to Western vetoes against sanctions resolutions. He asserted that perservation of colonialism and racism in southern Africa "corresponds to the long-range political, economic and strategic interests of the United States and NATO countries."

Adelman's response was that the United States was the first country to impose a complete arms embargo against South Africa in 1963, a full 15 years before the United Nations imposed a universal arms ban. As to the United States' economic relations with South Africa, Adelman characterized them as "modest." He said that only about one percent of U.S. overseas investment is in South Africa, adding that about the same percentage of U.S. foreign trade is with South Africa.

THE U.S. delegate agreed that apartheid is of major importance since it assigns legal, political and economic rights by pigmentation. He

called apartheid "morally repugnant" and "reprehensible." Nonetheless, Adelman told the

Nonetheless, Adelman told the assembly, "apartheid is not the most brutal form of repression, only the most blatant" and South Africa is not the only repressive regime in Africa.

Adelman told the assembly that the United States supports "those elements inside and beyond the Republic (of South Africa) which foster peaceful evolutionary change." He said that internal forces "can and ever-more strongly do challenge apartheid." But, he said, the United States does not presume to prescribe how the process of political change in South Africa should be carried out.

Ambassador Anders Thunborg of Sweden said that South Africa had claimed to be a bastion of Western civilization in a troubled continent. Instead it is a "bastion of shame," he aid.

Chick comics barred by Canadian Customs

OTTAWA (NC) — The Canadian Customs and Excise Department has prohibited the entry of two comic books into Canada, saying they are anti-Catholic hate literature.

The comic books, "Alberto" and "Double Cross," volumes 12 and 13 in the Crusader Comics series, fell under the federal regulation of "hate material based on immoral grounds," according to the customs department. The ruling marks the first time that the immoral designation has been issued based on religious prejudice.

THE IMMORAL ruling has usually been handed down for race reasons, said John Merner, head of the Prohibitive Importations Section

of the department.

"The matter first came to our attention when an individual in the province of Alberta presented the books to our customs region there," suggesting that they be prohibited, Merner said.

The federal Department of Justice in the capital of Ottawa examined the books and decided they "fell within the regulation of hate material," Merner said. The books were retained and "all customs regions in the country were informed that this material will no longer be permitted entry into Canada."

When asked if the other comic books in the series would be denied

entry, Merner said that each magazine in the series would be examined separately by customs.

The Archdiocese of Toronto had sent the two comic books to the Office of the Ontario Attorney General earlier this year for consideration as hate literature.

However, no decision has yet been reached as to whether charges could be filed or not, according to Arlene Greer, communications officer for the attorney general's office. The ruling of the Customs Department will not affect its decision, she added.

"WE'RE DELIGHTED at the thought that they (the comic books) aren't coming in," said Margaret

McLaughlin, assistant director of communications for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

"But while the Customs Department is stopping them from coming in, that doesn't take them off the shelves," she added referring to the volumes which entered prior to the customs ruling.

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, based in Milwaukee, filed a complaint last January urging the California attorney general's office to investigate the publisher of the comic book series, Jack T. Chick of Chino, Calif.

The "Alberto" comic book purports to tell the true story of how Alberto Rivera was ordained a Jesuit priest in Spain and assigned to infiltrate and destroy Protestant churches.

The Catholic League announced in November 1980 that it had proof from church officials in Spain that Rivera never was a priest there.

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'Dirty' TV and teens

Youths staying up late to see films on cable

By J.C. Hauf

BALTIMORE (NC) — Watching dirty movies on cable TV at night has made some students so sleepy they fall asleep during class in the daytime, according to parish and public school educators in metropolitan Baltimore.

Sharon Batton, parish secretary for religious education at Our Lady of Hope Parish outside Baltimore, said her students reported that friends, also of junior high school age, would fall asleep in class, apparently as a result of having stayed up until late night or early morning watching "dirmovies on cable TV.

CABLE TELEVISION WAS introduced in the Baltimore area about a year ago. To entice customers, some cable companies offered free hookups and many families took advantage of the deal to wire their TV sets for cableprogramming.

Unlike regularly broadcast programming, cable TV comes into the home via a cable cord. Because it does not involve traditional "broadcasting" over the public airwaves, it is not regulated by the Federal Communications Commission.

Batton said that some of her students reported that their peers would retire for the night with the rest of the family but set an alarm clock for an early morning hour and get up and watch what they wanted on cable TV. Or they would go to the home of friends at night in order to see the questionable programming, she said.

The "very suggestive" movies the boys said they viewed were all the

class wanted to talk about during their weekly religious instruction

STUDENTS ALSO SAID they though it was humorous when teachers at a nearby public junior high school had to wake up snoozing students, Batton added.

The movies that the youths were watching apparently were part of cable services which includes movies rated "R" or "restricted," with no one under age 17 admitted to a movie theater to see them unless accompanied by a parent.

A recent program catalogue offered by a cable company listed films rated R for such content as "adult situations, adult language, profanity, nudity, graphic violence and vulgari-

John Kreimer, a counselor at a Maryland public junior high school, The Review, Baltimore archdiocesan newspaper, that having cable TV in the home is a "status symbol" for students and that many ask for the cable service as a Christmas gift. The cost is well within the reach of many families, he added.

Kreimer said that some junior high students think that "you can see these real dirty movies" in your own home without having to sneak around. He reported that some students try to steer their parents out of the house at certain times so they can watch the

LARRY DELSS, a seventh grade religious education instructor at Our Lady of Hope School, said he noticed an apparent increase in the sexual awareness of his vocal seventh

'Honey, let's get together

graders immediately following the introduction of cable TV in the area. He reported that such movies as "Dressed To Kill" and "Hardcore" suddenly became and continue to be topics of conversation among his

A representative of a cable firm said that its R-rated films, shown through HBO and Showtime program services, "do not show explicit sex" but said that a pay service called "Escapades" did provide X-rated movies, although one, "Last Tango in Paris," originally rated X, was edited to an R-rating for TV.

HBO and Showtime are available in the South Florida area.



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Calls state of siege'state of war'

Pope talks tough to Jaruzelski

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle

VATICAN CITY (NC) — "The gloves are off now," said a wellregarded American Vatican-watcher, as he listened to Pope John Paul II deliver sharp verbal blows at the Polish government in his Angelus message of Jan. 1.

Gone was the careful diplomatic phrasing of a week earlier as the pontiff now unequivocally defended the existence of Solidarity, Poland's independent trade union, which had its activities outlawed when Poland came under martial law Dec. 13.

"SOLIDARITY IS part of the current patrimony of the workers of my homeland," said the Polish-born

By Jan. 1, according to Vatican sources, Gen. Jaruzelski had not answered any papal inquiries, neither with a message to the pope nor with any concrete expression of good will. Martial law continued, with its suspension of many civil rights. The pope's impatience grew, even his ir-

ritation, some say.

So on New Year's day, the gloves came off. Gone was the subtlety, forgotten were the diplomatic niceties. The pope's words had zest to

them, a stinging directness.

THE "STATE of Siege" became the "state of war," which is what the Poles have been calling it all along.

And for the first time since Dec. 13, the pope strongly, solidly and une-quivocally sided with Solidarity.

What he had implied previously he now pronounced ringingly. Taking note of many banners in St. Peter's Square which were inscribed "Solidarity," the pope said: "This word is the expression of a great effort that working men have made in my homeland to assure the real digni-

ty of the worker."
"Workers have a right to establish independent unions whose competence it is to guard the social, family and individual rights of workers, he added.

The church has always taught that such a doctrine is a foundation for justice and social peace and "the word 'Solidarity,' which I see here on so many banners, indicates a force which aims at such a justice and such a peace," the pope said.

"Solidarity is part of the current patrimony of the workers of my homeland and, I would say, of other countries, too," he added.

MANY VATICAN commentators

interpreted the pope's strong backing of the union as a clear sign that the restoration of Solidarity would be a precondition of the Vatican's willingness to help negotiate a settlement to Poland's crisis.

Seen as also sustaining this inter-



Pope John Paul II

pretation was the papal appeal for prayers for Poland "so that the heritage of freedom and of peace, which is the work of generations, not be dissipated, and that there not be lost the legacy of these last difficult months and years."

Since Dec. 13 the pope has tried to maneuver cautiously.

For all the complexities of the Polish situation, clear issues of right and wrong are at stake and many people look to the Vatican to define them. In Poland, thousands have been jailed and dozens, maybe more, been killed, because they defended free speech, free association

On the other hand, the church must be the bridge-builder, the promoter of dialogue. In the present situation, for the church loudly to champion the cause of Solidarity might run the risk of alienating the Polish government and inflaming the passions of the

unionists to a futile armed struggle.

NEARLY ALL participants see the church as the only possible mediator. Polish President Henryk Jablonski said as much on Jan. 1. The church has shown its willingness to help negotiate a solution. Archbishop Poggi has been to see Jaruzelski and the president of the Polish Bishops Conference, Auxiliary Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski of Warsaw, has visited Solidarity head Lech Walesa. Both bishops have reported to the pope and been instructed by him. Poland's primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp of Gniezno and Warsaw, is ready to mediate, as he has in the

The next move is now Jaruzelski's, and the pope awaits a concrete gesture from the Polish chief before the action can continue. As long as the status quo remains prospects are dim for reconciliation. The church is a moral prophet as well as peacemaker and, as the pope showed on Jan. 1, he will not skirt the moral issue forever.

uban bishops hit U.S. policy, agression

The Cuban bishops added their voice to the international chorus of church concern that conflicts in Central America and Caribbean region are a threat to world stability.

The bishops also alluded to the increasing U.S. hostility toward Cuba under the Reagan administration and criticized this "new aggression" toward the island country.

"The announcement of vaguely defined actions and threatening words and actions are always a risk in relations between states, and the risk is even greater when it is powerful nations threatening the smaller ones, said a statement issued by the Cuban Bishops Conference.

'We join the calls of other hierarchies in North and Central America...who propose negotiation as the only valid and authentic human solution...'

"AT THIS TIME, not only is there the fear of a declared military action, but there is also the threat of a possible increase in the blockade, something which in itself would be a new aggression," it said, referring to

the U.S. economic blockade begun in 1964.

The bishops, who rarely speak on domestic political issues because government, also said they preach the peace of Christ. Quoting from the Gospel of St. Luke, they said Christ came ''to proclaim liberty to captives' and 'release of prisoners."

The statement was signed by seven Cuban bishops Nov. 26 and was received at the end of December by members of the U.S. hierarchy who made it available for publication in the United States.

The Cuban bishops asked that the statement be read in the 221 parishes in their country.

"Our island is in one of the zones of conflict in the world today," the bishops said. They defined the zone as Central America and the Carib-

The bishops pleaded for negotiated solutions to problems.

"WE INSIST, as does Pope John Paul II, that violence and armed conflict are not solutions to crises and we join the calls of other hierarchies in North and Central America and of statesmen and government officials who propose negotiation as the only valid authentical human solution at this time of serious crisis in our region," they added.



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Recently the National Council of Catholic Bishops endorsed the Hatch Amendment which is, at least, a step toward restricting the millions of abortions that are performed annually in the United States.

I ask your support for this Respect Life Appeal that will be held next weekend throughout the Archdiocese, for the benefit of Respect Life programs in South Florida.

Thanking you for your sincere concern and support of this Respect Life Appeal, I am

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

OFFICIAL

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

THE REVEREND ARMANDO BALADO — to Administrator, St. Agatha Church, Miami, effective January 20, 1982.

THE REVEREND PEDRO LUIZ PEREZ — to Administrator, San Lazaro Church, Hialeah, effective January 20, 1982.

Pastor's father buried in Ireland

A funeral Mass was concelebrated Jan. 4 in Ireland for Michael P. Grogan, father of Brendan Grogan, pastor of St. Andrew parish, Coral Springs.

Mr. Grogan, who was 81, died Jan. 3 in Birr, County, Ireland. Two of his three sons, Fr. Grogan and his brother, Fr. Gerald Grogan, concelebrated at the Mass. Mr. Crogan is also survived by four daughters and many grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Haitian plight complex, civic leaders find

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the Haitians in legal limbo when they enter the United States illegally, the group unanimously adopted a resolution by Gov. Bob Graham calling for the refugees in Krome to be relocated with sponsors throughout the country while they wait for their legal status to be resolved.

Let only those with immediate families in the South Florida area be allowed to remain here, the leaders agreed, worried about political ramifications and the community's willingness to absorb any more refugees. And they stressed provision must be made to insure the Haitians' appearance at their exclusionary hearings, whenever those are scheduled.

Sen. Paula Hawkins (R. Fla) and the rest of the Florida congressional delegation promised to take the resolution to Washington, D.C., where a Reagan administration policy in effect since last summer is the source of the problem. The policy stipulates that all illegal immigrants awaiting deportation hearings be detained in camps like Krome throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Currently, an estimated 2400 Haitians are being held in the camps, with nothing to do but wait for months of legal maneuverings to end, often in conditions which are less than adequate.

Administration spokesmen and immigration officials insist the Haitians are not being singled out for any reason, but they are the ones being detained the longest in the camps (some at Krome have been there for as many as six months).

Other illegal immigrants, such as Colombians and even Cubans; spend considerably less time in the camps because they admit guilt and are promptly deported to the country from which they came.

But the Haitians say they are political refugees, not economic ones as the government claims. Until 1980, when a new, amended Refugee Act was passed, those who fled from communist countries were admitted to the U.S. almost immediately. Although that provision has been eliminated, Haitians still have a difficult time trying to convince immigration officials that they are fleeing political oppression under Haiti's right-wing dictator Jean Claude Duvalier (Baby Doc).

"THE ACTUAL ISSUE of political asylum has not come to federal

court," said Msgr. Walsh, although peripheral issues about immigration procedures and the Haitians' legal rights are being dealt with, albeit slowly

If the U.S. wavers in its determination to curb unlimited immigration, 'you're really opening the door to future problems that will make the present problems seem puny in comparison.'

-Norman Braman

The civic leaders also wondered whether these proceedings could be speeded up by assigning more judges and lawyers to the cases or whether it was a combination of the judiciary's turtle pace and lawyers using tactics deliberately designed to clog up the system so that their clients will be allowed to remain in this country indefinitely.

UNTIL THE REAGAN administration's change in policy last summer, Haitian refugees who arrived illegally were released to sponsors while awaiting legal determination of their status. The administration, however, wants to make immigration to the United States as difficult as possible, and to send that message back to Haiti, thus, the detention of refugees.

The U.S. Coast Guard is also patrolling Haitian waters to prevent boats from sailing to South Florida, a tactic which seems to have worked although many question its legality.

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Braman, the man who almost became head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service before he turned down the job last November, expressed some reservations about the civic leaders' resolution before the unanimous vote.

HE POINTED OUT that eight out of ten illegal aliens with sponsors do not show up later for court hearings on their status. They simply

vanish. And he stressed that the problem of illegal immigration is not limited to the Haitians.

Government estimates, he said show that the volatile political and economic situation in the Caribbean and Central America could result in about four and a half million people wanting to enter the United States during the next five years.

If the government wavers in its decision to curb unlimited immigration, Braman said, "you're really opening the door to future problems that will make the present problems seem puny in comparison."

But Msgr. Walsh said that by INS' own figures, about 100 Haitians a night are landing in South Florida and not getting caught.

Detention "hasn't stopped the

Detention "hasn't stopped the tide," he added, urging that the real problem of political asylum be honestly addressed and the Haitians not be made to pay for the government's lack of an immigration policy.

At times, however, he added, "I had the feeling it (the Saturday morning meeting) was the committee Meeting on the Titanic."

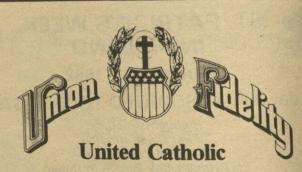
ALTHOUGH THE CIVIC and religious leaders were able to come up with nothing more than a resolution which is likely to fall on deaf ears in Washington, Archbishop Edward McCarthy, who also was present at the meeting, said it was "a sincere effort" which gave the Reagan administration a chance to change its mind "without being embarrassed,"

And while immigration is a complex problem in which the head must be involved, Archbishop McCarthy said, "this is an area where your heart has to be involved too."

At times, however, he added, "I had the feeling it (the Saturday morning meeting) was the committee meeting on the Titanic."

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Matter of Opinion

We must reach out to gay Catholics

By Debbie Landregan Editor, The Texas Catholic

Has the Catholic Church changed its position on homosexuality? No, but the church is very clear in defining its position on this sensitive sub-

The U.S. bishops reiterated the church's long-held view of homosexuality in their 1976 pastoral reflection on the moral life, To Life in Christ Jesus. It states: "Some persons find themselves through no fault of their own to have a homosexual orientation. Homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice. They should have an active role in the Christian communi-Homosexual activity, however, as distinguished from homosexual orientation, is morally wrong.

It is important to re-state this position, particularly in light of a recent news report on Channel 8 in Dallas which erroneously stated that the church has changed its position regarding gay Catholics. What was not made clear within the report is that while the church is becoming more sensitive to the pastoral concerns of gay Catholics, it has not and does not condone homosexual activity. There is a sharp distinction made between the person and the act.

The news report centered on a group called dignity, an international organization for gay Catholic which has a chapter in Dallas. Bishop Thomas Tschoepe has not recognized or endorsed the group. In a statement to the press after the airing of the news report, he said, "As bishop, I do not endorse Dignity. This organization seems quite fragmented, and its purpose is ambiguous to me. But he also said in his statement, We have a deep pastoral concern fo homosexuals, and we do for all persons, and we encourage all homosexuals and heterosexuals not to abuse

The bishop, however was aware

that diocesan and religious priests in the diocese have been celebrating Mass for the Dallas Dignity group.

IT SEEMS there exists among members of Dignity a polarization of feelings about the church's attitude toward homosexuality. One side recognizes that the church cannot and not condone homosexual acts and they don't expect the church to change this position. What they are seeking is closer ties to the Catholic Church because they want, as the U.S. bishops asserted as their right, to "have active roles in the Christian community.

There is another faction, within Dignity however, which feels that the church has to accept not only their homosexual orientations but also their acts, because they cannot change themselves. This would be like asking the Catholics for a Free Choice (pro-abortion) or asking the church to give its blessings to Catholics who are married to divorced persons outside the church.

I had the opportunity several years ago to attend a Dignity meeting in Dallas. As many people do, I had a fear of homosexuals, as I never knew one personally, and thus formed my opinion of them based on media reports and other people's opinions. What I found at the gathering was a group of caring, sincere people with a love for the Catholic Church as deep as anyone else's. They just happened to be gay. In talking with the people present at the meeting, I picked up on the anguish several of them had about being homosexual.

"Personally, I would not choose to be a homosexual. No one chooses, it's just there," explained a young man in his early 30s.

Another man, a slender fellow with wire rim glasses, reinforced this feeling. "It is much easier to pick to go with the majority. There would be less pain and suffering. I don't feel like I have a choice."

Group members voiced their desire 'try to hold on to Christianity, and spoke of their frustration at being shunned or condemned by both



clergy and laity alike.

One man told of his being shouted out of the confessional by a priest and of several other priests counseling him to "get married" to straighten out his problem. This same man had been in and out of the seminary three times in his search for a closer union with God.

Still another man, in his late 60s, recounted that he had been in the monastery for eight months when he confessed his homosexuality in the confessional. The priest told him he "no longer be an active member of the church" and that he was "going to hell

SOME EXPERTS feel that homosexuality is inherited while others maintain that is the result of early conditioning because of a strong mother or father figure. Whatever the case, it seems clear that these people have little choice over their homosexual orientations. The happier ones are the people who have accepted their sexual orientation and are learning to live with it. For gay Catholics, this means striving to live within the laws of the Catholic Church which hold that homosexual acts are morally wrong. It also means these people live with the constant fear of being ostracized from society, labeled "imor losing their jobs simply

because they have homosexual orientations, whether or not they are sex-

Catholic Church, church for that matter should be a place where people can come and be healed, supported and encouraged in their walk in faith. This is true for the unwed mothers, who despite the fact that they are pregnant as the result of fornication or adultery, are ministered to and supported through church organizations.

The same is becoming true for divorced Catholics who remarry outside of the church because the church recognizes the need for pastoral care for the person, despite its position on divorce and remarriage.

There is a need for widespread education on the homosexual condition and compassion for the homosexual within the Catholic Church. Too often these people have been cast out as lepers from the institutions which have the resources and the mandate to love and support them in their walk in faith. It is a cop out, and in my opinion, a sin not to extend pastoral ministry to homosexuals within the Catholic Church. This is our mandate, for if we don't, then we are just making a mockery out of a church founded on the motto, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

TB is killing poorest of the poor

I am a Catholic priest working in the new mission diocese of Eluru in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Our people are for the most part illiterate, unskilled agricultural laborers, who earn less than 50 cents for a long day's toil and sweat in the sun and rain. They live in very overcrowded conditions in small, singleroomed mudhuts thatched with palm

Due to this extreme poverty, malnutrition and ignorance, tuberculosis and leprosy are very widespread. Besides medicine, they need protein-rich food and plenty of rest. Unfortunately, the victims of tuberculosis have no help available to them either from the Church or from the government in this area.

With the help we have received from private appeals, we have been able to acquire a suitable site of 40 acres along the Madras — Cacultta National Highway. In three or four years newly-planted cashew saplings will provide much needed shade and fresh air, as well as income for the maintenance of the sanatorium.

St. Ann's sisters from Trichi, who concentrate their attention on the sick and dying have kindly agreed to help these helpless people. But we have no money. Our immediate needs are a small dispensary and at least some temporary shelter for the sisters and the patients

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come to our assistance and help these people who are walking, literally, in the shadow of death.

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By **Antoinette**

A revolution inside out

The day I saw the movie "Reds" I already had the Soviet repression of human rights on my mind.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, had made news by going on a hunger strike, protesting the Russian refusal to let their daughter-in-law leave the Soviet Union to join her husband in the United States.

The Soviets, in anger, embarrassment and fear of world opinion should the famous couple die, hospitalized them in order to forcefeed them. The episode was yet another example of how the Soviet authorities still have not been able to defeat the human spirit.

MORALLY SPEAKING, the Kremlin leaders were defeated again. Long after the Soviet authorities are gone, Sakharov will be remembered and revered as the founder of the Moscow Committee on Human Rights in 1970.

With Sakharov in mind, I was curious to see how Hollywood handled "Reds." It is a film about John Reed, the American journalist whose book on the Bolshevik takeover in Russia, Ten Days That Shook the World, was declared by Lenin to be the official popular history of the 1917 revolution. Reed was also a

founder of the American Communist Labor Party.

After Reed's early death from a stroke at age 33 in Russia, he became the only American to be buried in a place of honor in the Kremlin.

The movie is effective. A great performance by Warren Beatty depicts Reed as an idealistic, complex, inspired man who went from labor reporter to activist. His flaw: He adopted the rhetoric of labor organizers in the era after World War I and expanded it out of proportion until he believed that the American laborers were identical with the Russian ones, desperately ready for revolution.

He idealized the revolution in Russia. In his delusion, he believed the Bolsheviks were saviors of the world's working people. He believed, that is, until he went to Russia as the representative of the American Communist Labor Party, a small, quarreling group of people who never actually represented any large numbers of American workers, except in their own delusions.

IN A poignant story that also tells of the turbulent love between Reed and Louise Bryant — his journalist wife played by Diane Keaton — we see the downfall of Reed, a defeat he

never actually admits.

It is a tragedy, because Reed learns the truth about the new Russian leaders who "imprison" him and use him for their own ends. They refuse to let him leave the country, parade him into foreign countries, translating and distorting his speeches into Soviet propaganda.

The authorities show cold contempt for his foolish attempts to hold on to his dignity as a person with individual rights. At his death, reunited finally with his wife, he is a baffled

The movie is powerful because it shows how different a cause can look from a distance.

IN SHOCK, Reed saw that the Bolshevik leaders deliberately violated the fundamental law of human existence — the right of every person to maintain a basic core of in-

Now, six decades later, the Soviet government still abuses human rights. And a man like Sakharov emerges as a dissident, a phenomenon in his own country - all because he is not afraid to lead an outspoken fight against the capricious use of power by a state that kills human rights.

(NC News Service)



By Dale Francis

Changing the classification

I came to the national Catholic press 30 years ago, writing a column of movie reviews for Our Sunday Visitor. I wound up doing that column because there was a film playing in New York City that had been condemned and members of the hierarchy were denouncing it and Catholic organizations were demonstrating

It irked me. First of all, it was going to make the film. It might keep Catholics away, although not all, but all the protests were serving the purpose of publicizing the film. A movie that might well have died at the boxoffice was being made into a boxoffice hit by all the attention given to it by the Catholic protests.

ABOUT THAT time I was at a meeting where I met the late Bill Fink, who was editing Our Sunday Visitor then, and I was telling him how foolhardy it all was. Catholics sat on the sidelines, rose up only when there was a film they didn't like and then publicized it by their protests. What was needed, I told him, was a continuing review of films with special emphasis on those films that were well-made, worthy ofpraise. The way to influence films, I said, was by supporting good entertainment, ac-

centuating the positive.

Bill listened. "You think you could do it?" he asked. I'd done movie reviews for daily papers, there was a

screening room in the city where I lived that screned all the new films. I said I could and that's how it happened in 1952 I started doing a movie column for OSV, reviewing as many as 15 films a week

What I thought then, I think now, so it pleases me that the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Communications has announced along with a change in classifications that there will be an emphasis on promoting outstanding films. Since 1935, official agencies of the Church have been giving moral ratings on films. Now, for the first time, the Department of Communication will be recommending particular films, adding a new dimension to its service of guidance for the Catholic people.

The change in classifications isn't really very important. Where some films have been listed as B - objectionable in part - and others C condemned - now all those films will simply be listed as O - morally offensive. Back in the days of the Legion of Decency when a film was condemned, Catholics who had pledged to follow the Legion's rulings were expected not to see those films. But the Department of Communication has never intended to impose actions on the basis of its ratings but the ratings have been intended to guide. So really the Department of Communication wasn't in the business of

condemning films. The new rating of morally offensive gives sound guidance that, at the price of movies today, Catholics would be wise to accept just to avoid something morally

WHAT WILL still remain are the four classifications among acceptable films. There will be A-1 films for family patronage, A-2 for adolescents and adults, A-3 for adults and A-4 for adults with reservations. This was an important change when it was made - back when I started reviewing films the Legion sometimes classified as objectionable, films that really should have been acceptable for adults.

But just checking the ratings hasn't told you much about the merit of the films. A film could very well be A-1 but artistically poor. That's why the new system will help everyone. Within those ratings, there will be some films that the Department of Communications recommends as worth your time and money

Oh, yes, so there will be no misunderstanding, it doesn't follow that every film listed as recommended will be a film you like. Take it from a guy who has done thousands of reviews, critics aren't infallible. But in the long run you are going to find the new designation of recommended is going to help you in choosing the films you'll see.

Tom Lennon

Smoke

O. Please publish our first names so that our parents will know this question is from us. Mom and Daco each smoke nearly two packs of cigarettes a day, and you wouldn't believe how awful our house smells. We have begged them to stop, but they won't. How can we get them to quit? (Tod, Maureen, Ann and Rick of Indiana)

A. I know some other young people who live in houses polluted by smoke from their parents' cigarettes. All of you are faced with a mighty tough problem.

I cannot give you an answer guaranteed to work. I can only offer suggestions that have helped other people.

In some communities there are periodic five-day programs (perhaps at a hospital) to help people give up smoking. Ask your parents calmly if they would consider attending one. You might accompany them to reinforce their own determination not to smoke.

IF THEY don't want to attend this program or don't have time, here are two good books on the subject.

How to Give Up Smoking, by Herbert Brean. This paperback is brief, very entertaining to read and effective.

You Can Stop, by Jacquelyn Rogers, co-founder of the smokEnders progam, is a longer book that contains fascinating information.

You can look for either of these books at your local bookstore or possibly at a natural health food store that also carries literature on healthy

Keep in mind that screaming at your parents and nagging them to quit will only make them more tense and in need of a cigarette. Keep all discussions calm, kind, and filled with the spirit of helpfulness.

BE AWARE that your parents are in the grip of a habit exceedingly difficult to break. If at first you don't succeed, ask them very gently to try, try again.

Tell them you know a man (me) who struggled for seven years before he finally kicked the habit for good.

One thing your parents will desperately need is a calm atmosphere in your home, as free from tension as possible, for at least six months.

So, let them know that you want to help in this regard as much as you can. Keep the volume of your stereo set down low. Outlaw bickering and loud arguments. Do all you can with the household chores. Keep the demands for a chauffeur down to a minimum

SEARCH FOR all possible ways to make life easier and more pleasant for your mom and dad as they try to kick the habit. And remember that during the first week or two without nicotine, your parents may be short-

(Send questions to Tom Lennon, 1312 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)



By Msgr. **James** J. Walsh

The magi of history

The name of Iran will surely not be forgotten in this generation. But did you know the country has been known to all Christians since the time of Christ, because St. Matthew's travelers "from the East" have often been traced to Persia, which is now Iran? Some difference in memories!

That ancient mystery story of the wise men has lost none of its powerful appeal over the centuries and even in our blase age. People of every generation have pondered St. Matthew's account (Matt. 2:1-6) and found it full of profound meaning. Artists and poets have been stimulated by its charm and challenge. The first and only acting many of us ever did was in a Christmas play with the magi coming on strong at the end.

Nowadays, however, the wise men are often presented with so heavy a fictional touch that the known facts are lost sight of and the truly rich and valid meaning of the incident is watered down.

Facts get lost in the sea of fiction.

RICCIOTTI's "Life of Christ," which has won wide acclaim for its scholarship and critical approach to new Testament problems, reports recent studies about the cultural background of the mysterious travelers

It is certain that the magi were not Jewish. "From the East" covers a vast territory. Check that out on one of the maps in your Bible at home. The term Magi, according to the Jerome Biblical Commentary, designated the learned priestly caste of the Persians. They are called "magoi" because of their knowledge of astrology. At that time in the Hellenistic world, Mesopotamia was the home of astrology. The Commentary states, "The story reflects the popular belief that each person is represented by a star which appears at his birth."

Other sources tell us they were diciples of Zoraster, the revered prophets among the Persians, and thus they were honored as men of learning in the fields of philosophy religion, medicine and astronomy.

WE ARE not sure how many there were. The number at various times has ranged from two to twelve. Because of the three gifts specifically mentioned, it is generally assumed there were three men. Only in the 9th century were names assigned to them - Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar.

It is a fact that these men saw a star which appeared different to them than any other. Scientists have always been intrigued by this and had some fairly rough academic skirmishes over the matter. Everyone with or without a telescope had an opinion. Ricciotti writes that "the famous Kepler believed the star was a comjunction of Jupiter and Saturn" in the year 7 B.C

"For some the gift of faith will come only after a long, hard journey and considerable effort. But they will not travel in darkness. God always gives help of some kind to those disposed to receive the precious gift of faith. Always good will, humility and docility to our creator are a must."

Many others are positive that the star had to be identified with Haley's Comet or an unnamed

We don't know. But we do know from the Gospels that this seems to have been no ordinary star that happened to attract the attention of the magi and lead them to the Christ Child. No natural phenomenon could serve as a torch to light the way for men who did not know where they

GOD WAS behind it all. He who made the stars in the beginning caused one to serve a specific purpose. So it was a miraculous light in the East, which disappeared for a time and arose again, finally to hover over the makeshift dwelling of the holy Family.

What made them suspect this was the star of "the newly born king of the Jews?" The recent scholars claim that the Persians themselves were awaiting a kind of saviour, a descendant of Zoraster whose name was to mean "truth of good over evil and restore mankind to its primeval state of happiness.

Keep in mind, too, that the Jews had been banished from their beloved homeland many times and were scattered around the then known world. Scholars like the magi very likely knew something of Old Testament prophecies concern-

ing the hoped-for Messiah.

The sign in the sky was enough to convince them they were obliged to find out the Truth in the person of a baby and pay him their homage. Despite Herod's clever plot, they found the Child and returned home rejoicing.

SO SIMPLE these few facts, but so profound the implications. In calling the "foreigners" to the side of Jesus, God clearly indicated that salvation was meant not only for the Jews, but for the people of all nations. Jesus later was to say, "Make

disciples of all nations For some the gift of faith will come only after a long, hard journey and considerable effort. But they will not travel in darkness. God always gives help of some kind to those disposed to receive the precious gift of faith. Always good will, humility and dolicity to our Creator, are a must.

Imagine the magi back home! Their joyous excitement, their intense efforts to spread the good news, their willingness to dismiss their hazardous journey as nothing because they found the pearl of

AND WE, what about us? We have what they searched so diligently for. Do we evangelize? Do we seek to share our gift with others. Do we prize this gift as more valuable than any treasure of earth? Are we ready to sacrifice anything to preserve the faith and remain loyal to Christ and to his Church?

Ah, the burning questions the magi ask us privileged people! It's rather embarassing, isn't it?



By Dick Conklin

Court created 'catacombs'

Just the other day I read some bad news in the local paper. It seems that the U.S. Supreme Court just handed down a ruling saying that public school students could not get together for the purpose of prayer or worship on school grounds, even if on a voluntary, after-hours basis. That ruling was of particular interest to me, since I attended and graduated from the school in Albany, New York that was the subject of the case.

We first heard of the students' plight a couple of years ago. Their prayer group had tried to hold meetings prior to the start of the school day under the same guidelines that other school organiza-tions were permitted to meet. Once denied, they were defended by a local Catholic League attorney, and the case began its long trek to the high court

I WROTE to the school's principal, asking for more information. Surely this couldn't be the same school that used to begin each day with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance? He wrote back saying that he had acted based on the state department of education's legal counsel, and that department of education's legal counsel, and that his "personal feelings are not included in any of-ficial correspondence." Those legal rulings, like so many in recent years, were based on a supposed "separation of church and state." I wonder how our founding fathers would have felt about these

interpretations, as contrasted with their original intent to prevent a state-imposed "official" religion? And how about the students' First Amendment rights to free exercise of religion and freedom of association?

That summer we vacationed in upstate New York, and dropped in on one of the prayer meetings that the students were forced to hold off

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school grounds. If anything, their denial had brought them all closer together, attracted more support, and made them more determined than ever to defend their rights. There was a little of the early "Christians in the catacombs" spirit in the room that day.

Ironically, we learned of the Supreme Court decision just before attending a meeting of a

parents support group at our son's high school, the new Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton. At that meeting various plans were discussed, but when the thought of forming a student prayer group was brought up at the end of the meeting, every parent present endorsed the idea. Although the school is certainly striving to be the best in sports and educational curriculum, it was clear from listening to those parents that their children's spiritual welfare is just as important to

BUT WHAT about public school kids? As parents and taxpayers, are we going to remain complacent about the way our rights are gradually being removed by the courts? The idea of enacting constitutional amendments to return those rights isn't popular to everyone, and no one will deny that a lot of work is involved. But without a clearly-worded constitution, we'll have to content ourselves with a string of court pronouncements

The solution? Supporting organizations like the Catholic League, which take an active, effective role. At election time it means researching each candidate's position on the issues we hold dear, even when he or she is evasive. And it means get-ting personally involved; devoting some spare time each month to a cause that needs our help.

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FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS

Poor, charities get less in '82

(Continued from page 1) implemented, private social service, educational, health, income assistance, environmental, arts and international voluntary organizations will lose nearly \$28 billion in government fund-sharing — more than can be made up through increased founda-

tion, corporate and individual giving. What impact have the budget cuts had? Local Catholic newspaper articles, the U.S. Catholic Conference, studies and other sources of budget data indicate it's too early to draw absolute conclusions. But a survey of some self-help and social service programs affiliated with the Campaign for Human Development (CHD), the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program, Catholic Charities offices and other church-related agencies provide a glimpse.

JUDY GRADFORD, a 30-year-old working mother of two children, both under four, has lost the subsidy she received from a nutrition program. Such federal programs, including school lunches for poor children, were cut by \$1.5 billion.

Gradford, because she works, also expects to lose her food stamps — now worth \$130 monthly — although her income is only \$120 monthly, the earnings of a work-study job with the Coalition for Basic Human Needs, a Boston self-help program for welfare recipients supported by CHD through the Archdiocese of Boston.

Loss of the nutrition assistance, which provided about \$5 a week for a \$30 family food budget, has meant that her son and daughter ask for but cannot have milk and juice as often as

they did before.

Gradford and others said that the working poor are being hit hard by the Reagan program because their welfare assistance is being cut and they are forced to either give up their in being cut and they are forced to get welfare or give up jobs in order to get welfare or give up

the welfare in order to keep working.

"A lot of people are trying to stay
with jobs," but the jobs don't pay enough to support them, she said.

AT THE COALITION office "we've been pretty overwhelmed with people being cut off welfare," she said, adding that 97 percent of welfare (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) recipients are women.

Government estimates indicate that of about 3.9 million families receiving AFDC, some 408,000 will lose all their benefits while another 279,000 will lose some benefits.

Massachusetts, like other states, is planning a "workfare" program to get welfare recipients into the work force, but Gradford and members of her coalition oppose the plan.

Among other things, workfare may disrupt families when welfare mothers who wish to remain home to care for young children are forced to

take jobs, she said.
"Women shouldn't be penalized for being mothers," said Gradford, a thought Pope John Paul II recently expressed in his encyclical on work.

(Next: Housing - Where do the

Despite the president's call for more volunteerism and philanthropy, surveys show the private sector will not be able to make up for the cutback in government assistance.





The Reagan administration budget calls for a reduction in food stamps for the nation's poor. (NC Photo)

Moral character needed, say experts MEXICO CITY (NC) — Traffic experts from 50 developing countries blamed

thoughtless drivers for most of the 300,000 traffic deaths and 10 million injuries worldwide every year. Many said the development of moral character in drivers is needed to prevent traffic accidents. The only way to cut back on traffic casualties, said Mario Calles Lopez, Mexico's secretary of health and welfare, "is to stress the sense of human solidarity and responsibility. We must answer with greater moral character through education and a cultural awareness of what it means to drive a vehicle," he said.

Vatican funds institute in African drought region

VATICAN CITY (NC) - The Vatican will build and fund an institute in the drought-stricken Sahel region of Africa next year to educate local people in technical develop-ment, health care, agricultural methods and formation of cooperatives.

Pope John Paul II also approved several projects totalling \$4.7 million for irrigation programs, health assistance and agrarian development, the Vatican said.

The institute and the other projects will be funded from the contributions sent to Pope John Paul in response to his May 10, 1980, appeal for the region in Quagadougou, Upper Volta, a part of the Sahel area.

THE VATICAN did not reveal the total amount of contributions sent to the pope or estimate the amount expected to be spent on the institute.

The announcement said the projects represented "an initial contribution" by the Vatican to the long-term solution of problems in the Sahel

According to the Vatican communique, the projects were approved by the pope after a meeting sponsored by the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum" (Latin for one heart), the Vatican agency which coordinates church relief and development activities.

Money for the institute has been given to the West African regional bishops' conference.

The institute will begin its work during 1982, the Vatican said.

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Dirigentes cívicos piden suelten a los haitianos

Por Ana M. Rodríguez

Burton Young, abogado de Miami, la llama "una situación que choca con nuestro Sistema Americano.'

Barbara Carey, Comisionada de Dade County, la designó como "el símbolo nacional del racismo" y como "problema explosivo."

Mons. Bryan Walsh, Director del Catholic Service Bureau, preguntó "si estamos practicando lo que predicamos a otros paises."

En fin, el "quien es quien" entre los dirigentes cívicos y religiosos de Miami que se reunieron en la casa distribuidora de autos de Norman Braman, en Biscayne Boulevard, para discutir las condiciones bajo las cuales más de 600 haitianos son detenidos en el campamento de Krome Avenue, sólo pudieron acordar decirle al gobierno federal lo que ellos desean se haga acerca de la situación.

Después de una vehemente discusión de muchos de los complejos problemas que han varado a los haitianos en un limbo legalístico desde que entraron en los Estados Unidos, el grupo adoptó una proposición del Gobernador de la Florida, Bob Graham, pidiendo que los refugiados en Krome Avenue sean relocalizados a través de patrocinadores en toda la nación, mientras se resuelve su estado

Según el acuerdo tomado por los preocupados dirigentes se permitirá permanecer en el área del sur de la Florida a aquellos refugiados que



Detrás de una alta cerca de alambre en el campamento de Krome Avenue, los haitianos aguardan largos meses por la decisión sobre su situación legal en condiciones menos que adecuadas para un ser humano.

tengan familiares en dicha zona. Los dirigentes están preocupados por las implicaciones políticas y si la buena disposición de la comunidad está dispuesta a absorber más refugiados, insistiendo que debe hacerse una provisión que asegure la presencia de los haitianos en sus audiencias excluyentes cuando sean señaladas.

La senadora Paula Hawkins (R. Fla.) y los demás miembros de la delegación congresional de la Florida, prometieron llevar la resolución a Washington, D.C., donde la política de la administración Reagan en efecto desde el verano pasado ha sido la causa del problema. Esta política

sobre inmigración estipula que todos los inmigrantes ilegales sean retenidos en campamentos (como el de Krome Ave.) en todos los estados y en Puerto Rico, mientras esperan por las audiencias de deportación.

Actualmente unos 2,400 haitianos son mantenidos en los campamentos, sin otra cosa que hacer más que esperar largos meses por el final de las maniobras legales; y a menudo en condiciones menos que adecuadas.

Voceros de la administración y oficiales de inmigración insisten en que los haitianos no son excluidos por algún pretexto, pero la realidad es que ellos son los únicos detenidos por más largo tiempo en los campos. Algunos llevan más de seis meses en Krome Ave. Otros inmigrantes ilegales, colombianos y aún cubanos, pasan considerablemente menos tiempo en los campos porque ellos admiten su culpa y son deportados rápidamente al país de donde vinieron. En cambio, los haitianos dicen ser refugiados políticos y no económicos, como el gobierno alega.

Hasta 1980, cuando fue aprobada una enmienda al Actas de Refugia-dos, aquellos que huían de paises comunistas eran admitidos en los EE.UU. casi de inmediato. Aunque esta provisión fue eliminada, los haitianos tienen dificultad para convencer a los oficiales de inmigración de que ellos vienen huyendo de la opresión política bajo la dictadura de Jean Claude Duvalier.

"El asunto actual de asilo político no ha sido llevado a una corte federal," dice Mons. Walsh, aunque asuntos periferales sobre inmigración y de derechos legales de los haitianos han sido tratados muy lentamente.

Hasta que la administración cambió su política el verano pasado, los refugiados haitianos llegados ilegalmente a EE.UU. eran entregados a patrocinadores mientras se determinaba su estado legal. Sim embargo, la administración quiere hacer la inmigración a los EE.UU. tan dificil como sea posible y que "Haiti reciba el mensaje;" de aquí la detención de refugiados.

Los Guardacostas de EE.UU están patrullando aguas cercanas a Haiti previniendo que los barcos salgan rumbo a la Florida; una táctica que parece ha dado resultados, aunque muchos dudan de su legalidad.

Braman, quien estuvo a punto de ser director de Inmigración y rechazó el puesto en Noviembre, expresó algunas reservas acerca de la resolución adoptada por los dirigentes cívicos antes del voto unánime. El señaló que ocho de cada diez inmigrantes ilegales con patrocinadores no se presentan más tarde en las audiencias sobre su estado legal. Ellos, simplemente, desaparecen. Y recalcó que el problema de la inmigración ilegal no se limita sólo a los haitianos.

El gobierno estima que la volátil situación política y econmica del Caribe y de América Latina, pudiera resultar en unos cuatro y medio millones más de personas ansiosas de entrar en Estados Unidos en los próximos cinco años.

Si el gobierno vacila en su decisión de poner fin a la ilimitada inmigra-ción, dijo Braman, "estará realmente abriendo la puerta a futuros problemas, que harán lucir los problemas presentes insignificantes.

Aunque la resolución tomada por los dirigentes sea algo que caiga en oidos sordos en Washington, el Arzobispo McCarthy, también presente en la reunión, dijo que fué "un sincero esfuerzo "que daría a la administración Reagan una oportuni-dad para cambiar de idea "sin verse en dificultades."

Y siendo lo de inmigración un asunto que envuelve la "cabeza," dijo el Arzobispo McCarthy que "es un area donde el corazón debe estar envuelto también." Algunas veces sin embargo, añadió el Arzobispo refiriéndose a la reunión del sábado, "he tenido la impresión de que fué una reunión del comité acerca del

Presagian ataques a la Iglesia en Polonia

Vaticano (NC) — Al dirigirse a los polacos en audiencia general Su Santidad, el Papa Juan Pablo II expresó la esperanza de que este traiga la paz a las familias de su tierra natal.

"Es necesario pensar que Polonia entera es una sola familia para que así prevalezcan el amor, la paz y la justicia," agregó. "Sus problemas han de resolverse en el espiritu de su tradición." A los demás aconsejó que rechazen los aspectos comerciales de la Navidad para que no ahoguen su sentido religioso.

'Con la llegada de Cristo toda la historia humana florece y encuentra su razón de ser y su dignidad.'

Mons. Bronislaw Dabrowski, secretario de la conferencia episcopal polaca, vino al Vatiano para rendir un informe confidencial al papa después de que los militares cortaron todas la comunicaciones. Antes de partir de arsovia este obispo declaró que por ahora Solidaridad sufre el mayor impacto de la acción militar pero que "después se atacará al otro factor influyente, la iglesia.

Pese a la censura militar, se sabe que siguen las huelgas obreras, brazos caídos y ocupaciones además de sabotaje en varias fábricas y minas a través del país, que miles de dirigentes laborales, obreros y estudiantes han sido arrestados desde la noche del 12 de Diciembre cuando se impuso el estado de sitio, y que muchas personas fueron heridas fatalmente por las tropas en Katowice. Algunos despachos señalan que han sido arrestados hasta 50,000 polacos, y que el gobierno reconoce que detuvo a 5,000 y que de ellos 1,200 han recibido sentencias por violar la ley marcial. Se informa que varios sacerdotes han sido arrestados y golpeados por las tropas, y que los comunistas emplean "métodos de la Gestapo (de Hitler)" con arrestos a media noche. El 20 de Diciembre Mons. Josef Glemp, arzobispo de Varsovia y Gniezno declaró que "la indignación del pueblo latente por mucho tiempo ha crecido en fuerza . . . más aun así pido calma para que el país no caiga en peor infortunio."

San Hilario

Nacido en Poitiers, Francia, en el año 315 fue educado como pagano. Pero cuando tenía poco más de 30 años se convirtió al cristianismo impresionado por algunas lecturas del Nuevo Testamento. Poco después convirtió a su esposa y a su hija. El año 353, todavía en vida de su

esposa, Hilario fue elegido Obispo de Poitiers; elección que él protestó y rechazó pero que al fin tuvo que aceptar aún en contra de su voluntad.

Muy pronto en su episcopado se vió envuelto en una tenaz lucha contra lo que se convirtió en la "verguenza del Siglo IV", el arianismo que negaba la divinidad de Cristo. San Hilario defendió la doctrina ortodoxa en varios concilios en los cuales predominaban los arianos.

El emperador ariano Constancio ordenó a los obispos que firmaran una condenación de la actitud de San Atanasio, fiel a las enseñanzas de la Evangelios y "Gran Defensor de la Fe." Hilario rechazó la orden y defendió a San Atanasio y fué expulsado bien lejos de Francia, cerca de Frigia donde pasó tres años de exilio escribiendo su Tratado sobre la Santísima Trinidad y otras obras sobre la Fe. En esta época fue invitado de nuevo por unos obispos "medio arianos" a un concilio convocado por el emperador para con-traatacar al Concilio de Nicea.

Una vez más Hilario defendió la

Iglesia y buscó un debate público con el Obispo herético que fué causa de su exilio. Los arianos temiendo que el debate fuera perjudicial a ellos pidieron al emperador lo mandara de nuevo a Frigia. Después de siete años de viajes misioneros, Hilario pudo regresar a Poitiers donde fue bien recibido por su fiel pueblo; murió allí en la paz del Señor en 368. La Iglesia le declaró Doctor en reconocimiento al bien que hizo con sus escritos y prédicas en defensa de la fé.



Primer Congreso Arquidiocesano de Musicos Pastorales

El próximo sábado 9 de Enero y en el Hall de la Catedral de Santa María, tendrá lugar la reunión de todas la ramas que forman el Capítulo Diocesano de la Asociación de Músicos Pastorales. El horario será de 8:30 a 4:00 p.m. y el programa es el siguiente:

Sesión de la Mañana — El Ministerio de la Música Evangelización y Cultura. El orador será el P. Virgilio Elizondo quien viene expresamente desde Texas para

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La nueva Parroquia de San Lazaro

El 17 de Diciembre, la Iglesia, Madre y Maestra, nos presenta cada año un personaje que le abrió su corazón y su familia al mismo Salvador y, al morir, el Salvador le abrió su tumba resucitándolo: San Lázaro, obispo, el hermano de Marta y Maria.

La Arquidiócesis de Miami se complace en anunciar a los miles de devotos de San Lázaro que ese mismo día se estableció una nueva parroquía bajo su nombre, con la esperanza de que pronto se forme una comunidad que crezca en fe, oración y amor.

La nueva parroquia estará situada en Hialeah y sus límites son: al norte, N.E. 60 calle entre W. 12 Ave. y el Palmetto. Gratigny Dr. entre Palmetto y Okeechobee Rd. Al sur: W. 37 calle desde W. 12 Ave. a Okeechobee Rd. Al este: W. 12 Ave. desde W. 37 Calle a N.W. 60 Calle. Al oeste: la linea divisoria con el condado Collier.

Derechos de la Familia declaración en estudio

Vaticano (NC) - Como fruto directo de la reciente Exhortación Apostólica de Juan Pablo II "Co-munidad Familiar" y del Sínodo de Obispos de 1980 será formada una comisión que trabajará para la pro-mulgación de una Carta Magna Internacional de los Derechos de Familia. La comisión estará presidida por el Obispo Francisco Cox de Chile trabajará bajo la tutela de la Secretaria de Estado del Vaticano. Se espera comience sus trabajos en la primera parte de 1982.

El Santo Padre y los Obispos par-ticipantes del Sínodo han propuesto que la declaración mencione los siguientes derechos de la familia:

· Derecho a existir y progresar como familia.

· Derecho a ejercitar su responsabilidad como trasmisores de la vida y de la educación de sus hijos.

• Derecho a la intimidad, tanto conyugal como en la vida familiar. • Derecho a estabilidad de la unión

matrimonial y de dicha institución. Derecho a criar a los hijos de acuerdo con las tradiciones familiares y los valores religiosos y culturales de

· Derecho a creer y profesar su fe religiosa y a propagarla

Derecho a la seguridad física, social, política y económica.

· Derecho a vivienda adecuada para la vida familiar.

· Derecho de expresión y representación ante las autoridades públicas, sociales, culturales y económicas.

•Derecho de formar asociaciones de familias.

· Derecho de protección de los menores contra las drogas dañinas, pornografía, alcoholismo, etc., mediante instituciones adecuadas.

Derecho a recreacón sana.

Derecho de los ancianos a una vida y a una muerte dignas.

 Derecho a emigrar como familia en busca de una vida mejor.

El Papa nombrará los otros miembros de la comisión, que incluirá expertos legales para asistir en la preparación del documento en forma aceptable por las Naciones Unidas y otras organizaciones mundiales. Sera una tarea ardua y prolongada la conciliación de la gran variedad de situaciones familiares en todas las naciones que tendrán que considerar.

"Fiesta de Reyes" por el Grupo Agape de St. Agatha



Las piñatas siguen siendo una gran diversión para los niños y los que tomarón parte en Fiesta de Reyes en St. Agatha no son excepción.

El pasado Domingo 3 de Enero el Grupo Agape de St. Agatha patroci-nó una "Fiesta de Reyes," cuyos pro-tagonistas fueron los hijos de los miembros de Agape y de las familias de la parroquia; unos treinta ninños total que hicieron de María, San José, los pastores y los reyes.

Durante la tarde hubo piñatas y un cake para celebrar el "cumpleaños" del Niño Jesús. Los niños también le ofrecieron un regalo al Niño Dios para ayudarlo a remediar la necesidad de los pobres.

Disfrutando de la alegría de la tarde estaban, además de los niños y sus

familiares, el Padre Pedro Luis Pérez y el Padre Arnaldo Bazán, quien tuvo a su cargo el cierre del acto agradeciéndo a todos su presencia.

Habrá un grupo "ágape" en Blessed Trinity

También se anunció que la parroquia Blessed Trinity muy pronto tendrá un grupo "ágape" bajo la dirección del Padre Wilfredo Peña. (El grupo Agape de St. Agatha es el primer grupo de personas divorciadas o separadas de habla hispana de la Arquidiócesis. El grupo de Blessed Trinity será el segundo).

OFICIAL

La Cancillería anuncia que el Arzobispo Edward McCarthy ha hecho los siquientes nombramientos:

El Rvdo. Padre Pedro Luis Pérez, para administrador de la Iglesia San Lázaro, Hialeah, efectivo desde Enero 20, 1982.

El Rvd. Padre Armando Balado, para administrador de la Iglesia St. Agatha, Miami, desde Enero 20, 1982.



El hermoso Nacimiento expuesto en la Parroquíia de San Juán Bosco, obra de la Sra. Onelia Rizo, ocupaba todo el ancho de la habitación y muchas de las figuras y el agua del riachuelo eran movibles.

PIDEN LIBERTAD PARA LOS HAITIANOS EN P.R. Y MIAMI

Puerto Rico (NC) - Unos 700 refugiados haitianos de los 800 trasladados en Septiembre desde Miami al Fuerte Allen, se sublevaron cuando las autoridades de inmigración pretendieron reforzar cercas y portones debido a protestas por la demora en resolver su situación, y por la con-dición de prisioneros. El grupo se calmó cuando una asociación de ayuda logró la promesa del Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización de que no castigará a los sublevados y de que eliminará las medidas estrictas de seguridad. En otro campo en Miami hubo también desódenes. El arzobispo de Miami Mons. Edward McCarthy, pidió la libertad de todos los refugiados que "han venido nuestras playas en busca de libertad y

PUEBLO POLACO

Ciudad del Vaticano (NC) — El Papa Juan Pablo II reiteró su llamado para qué se permita a sus compatriotas polacos resolver sus problemas sin intervención extranjera, pues la crisis implica valores esenciales como "el bien del sér humano y su trabajo, y el derecho de un pueblo

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a determinar su propio destino." Además dijo que su oración era "que nuestros hermanos y hermanas tengan la fortaleza para hacer frente al reto que se plantea en estos días... para que las fuerzas del bien triunfen sobre las del mal, es decir la justicia, el respeto al sér humano, el amor a la patria sobre el odio y la destrucción, física o moral." El papa encendió una vela en su ventana el día de Navidad en respuesta a la iniciativa del Consejo Mundial de Iglesias (Protestantes), que a la vez respondia al llamado del movimiento laboral Solidaridad para que los hogares polacos encendiesen una vela en la ventana como símbolo de esperanza.

CUANDO LES CONVIENE, LA IGLESIA ES BUENA

Mosc (NC) — La agencia soviética TASS informó que el sermón en los servicios religiosos de templos católicos y protestantes en tiempo de Navidad trató persistentemente de la paz y la necesidad de entendimiento entre los pueblos. Incluso llegó a citar párrafos, como el del P. Stanislaw Mazheik en Moscú: "La paz hay que

ganarla, no se sirve en bandeja de plata. Hay que defenderla además." En las iglesias bautistas se insistió en trabajar para que la paz mundial sea una realidad para el año 2,000.

PROBLEMAS CON CAMPESINOS EN BRASIL

Brazil (NC) - Los sacerdotes de las Misiones Extranjeras de Paris, Aristides Camio y Francois Gourión fueron acusados por una corte militar de incitar a la violencia e intento de homicidio, y ordenó su "prisión preventiva" junto con 13 campesinos sin tierra que ocupan parcelas ilegalmente para trabajarlas. La policía afirma que durante conflictos de tierras en Sao Geraldo de Araguaja, donde sirven los sacerdotes, campesinos emboscaron a guardas de una finca que ellos ocupaban e hirieron a cinco de ellos, y que en otras ocasiones habían invadido otras tierras por incitación de los misioneros y un capataz había muerto." La Conferencia de Obispos del Brasil nombró abogados defensores, varios obispos visitan a los prisioneros, y el secretario Mons. Luciano Mendes de Almeida protestó porque el gobierno no avisó del proceso, como había prometido; el obispo pidió que se me-joren las duras condiciones del en-cierro, "que puede ser según la ley consideramos pero que consideramos injustificado." El obispo de Concepción de Araguaia Mons. Patricio José Hanrahan declaró que todo lo que los misioneros hacían era predicar justicia en seguimiento del programa pastoral de la diócesis. El fiscal en el caso afirma que las comunidades cristianas de base son pretexto para que la iglesia se meta en política con el lema "liberación de los pobres." Ya el comité social de la conferencia episcopal condenó la violencia pero agregó que se comprendía por qué los campesinos, sin protección de las autoridades, actuaban en defensa propia cuando "son atacados por pistoleros y bandidos." Otro informe de la conferencia sobre problemas de la tierra indica que desde 1977 ha registrado 916 conflictos de tierras que afectaron a 252,000 familias campesinas, y que en ese período habían muerto 45 campesinos y tres abogados que los defendían.

APOYO A LAS ELECCIONES

Guatemala (NC) - El cardenal Mario Casariego de la ciudad de Guatemala, pidió que se detenga "el clima de terror y violencia" antes de las elecciones anunciadas para marzo; se dirigió "a todos los que en alguna forma sean responsables del clima de terror y violencia, para que desistan de esta lucha que sólo aumenta el derramamiento de sangre y el amargo resentimiento. . somos seres humanos, no bestias, y como tales, debemos buscar la comprensión y una tregua." Agregó que las elecciones tregua." Agregó que las elecciones son esenciales para el país y que los católicos deben votar. Los partidos de derecha y una coalición de demócratas sociales están dispuestos a participar en las elecciones, pero la izquierda y las guerrillas se oponen. El conflicto armado que empeora desde 1978 ha llegado a causar 3,500 víctimas este año que termina y la iglesia sufre una cruenta persecución.

Apelación para "Respeto a la Vida"

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 Humana (Human Life Amendment)

Recientemente, la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos dió su aprobación a la propuesta de ley denominada Enmienda Hatch que representa, al menos, un paso de avance hacia la restricción de los millones de abortos que se realizan anualmente en los Estados Unidos.

Yo les pido su apoyo para la Apelación de Respeto a la Vida que se llevará a cabo el próximo fín 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 sincereo interés y apoyo a esta Apelación de Respeto a la Vida, quedo de ustedes

> Sinceramente en Cristo, Edward A. McCarthy Arzobispo de Miami

El Festival Familiar 1982 de St. Brendan

Ya está todo preparado para la apertura del gran Festival Familiar de la parroquia St. Brendan el Viernes 15 de Enero desde la 6:00 p.m. hasta las 11:00 p.m. El Sábado 16 y el Domingo 17 de 1:00 p.m. a 11:00 p.m.

Este año el festival será el primer paso hacia la realización de un sueño de la gran familia católica de St. Brendan: convertir la antigua Iglesia en un salón parroquial. El festival será en los terrenos de la parroquía situados en la calle 32 del S.W. entre

las avenidas 87 y 90.

El gran parqueo para automóviles facilita la asistencia a este festival que ya es tradicional por la gran variedad de atracciones que presenta cada año: toda clase de aparatos mecánicos, juegos y entretenimientos para todas las edades y kioscos con comidas cubanas y americanas excelentes.

Los libritos de tickets pueden ser obtenidos antes de la apertura. Para información adicional los interesados pueden llamar al 221-0881.

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Enorme multitud en la boda del pitcher Valenzuela



El Arzobispo Manuel Castro Ruiz, de Mérida, bendice la unión del pitcher estrella de los Dodgers Fernando Valenzuela y su novia Linda Burgos.

Mérida (NC) — El pitcher estrella de los Dodgers de Los Angeles, Fernando Valenzuela y su novia Linda Margarita Burgos se unieron en matrimonio en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Mérida, ciudad natal del pitcher, el pasado Diciembre 29. La pareja tuvo que entrar al templo por una puerta lateral debido a que más de 3,000 fanáticos bloquearon la puerta de la Iglesia en su afán por presenciar la ceremonia.

La puerta principal fué cerrada por orden del párroco Padre Alvaro García cuando se dió cuenta que no había capacidad para tantas personas. Más 3,000 fanáticos se aglomeraron al frente de la Iglesia y golpeaban la puerta pidiendo les abrieran; interrumpiendo a veces la

ceremonia que bendecía el Arzobispo

de Yucatán, Mons. Manuel Castro Ruiz. La soprano Alicia Castaño a veces tenía que levantar la voz, mientras cantaba debido al ruido de que hacían los que golpeaban la puerta.

Valenzuela deseaba que pudieran entrar cuántos pudieran ser acomodados después que sus familiares y amigos estuvieran ya dentro del Templo. A la salida fue necesaria la ayuda de la policia para que los recién casados pudieran pasar entre la multitud. En una ocasion fueron forzados a volver al templo cuando todos se avalanzaron sobre la pareja queriendo alcanzarlos.

Valenzuela fue seleccionado como el mejor novato en la Liga Nacional y recibio el Premio Cy Young como el mejor pitcher en la temporada 1981.

Constructor católico compró teatro "R" para cerrarlo

Baltimore (NC) — Un constructor católico de esta ciudad compró un teatro calificado "R", situado cerca de una escuela elemental católica, "para deshacerse de el" después que residentes del area habían hecho demostraciones y la ciudad había tomado una acción legal. Ambas acciones habían fallado en su propósito

de cerrar el teatro. Henry J. Knott, Presidente de la compañía constructora Glenlo Corp. compró Cinema X, localizado a tes cuadras de la Escuela Elemental St. Patrick en Baltimore, de una firma de Miami, la 303 Corporation que era la propietaria.

Knott dijo al Catholic Review, periódico de la Arquidiócesis de Baltimore, que el no sabía aun lo que iba a hacer con la propiedad. Negó las noticias de que sería convertido en una escuela

El abogado de la firma vendedora afirmó que el antiguo dueño estaba tratando de vender el teatro desde hacía más de tres meses debido a la presión del concejal de la ciudad Dominic DiPreto. Cinema X sólo exhibía películas para adultos y desde su apertura el pasado mes de Julio, los residentes de la zona le culpaban por

el aumento de prostitutas y de molestadores de niños en la vecindad.

'Estamos muy satisfechos de la venta del teatro porque esto resuelve gran parte de nuestro problema y la amenaza que para la comunidad y para la escuela representaba", dijo el párroco de St. Patrick, el Padre Blair

Pero según el sacerdote, todavía no han acabado sus problemas porque una librería de libros para adultos queda abierta aún a cuatro puertas de la escuela.

"Este caso lo tenemos en la corte y ya la policia ha visitado el lugar. Creemos que la presión de miembros del Comité Limpiemos Broadway ha sido la causa de que ya hayan quitado de las vidrieras gran cantidad de revistas pornograficas. Ahora solo tiene revistas de motorcicletas y otras por el estilo", agrega el Padre Raum.

Confiesa que el vería con gusto que fuera cerrada pero se contenta por ahora con la remoción de literatura porno lejos del alcance y la vista de los niños, y finaliza diciendo que si llegaran a ser una afrenta para la comunidad ellos se volverían más militantes también.

EN SOLIDARIDAD CON EL PUEBLO POLACO

Bogotá (NC) — Mons. Alfonso López Trujillo, arzobispo de Medellín y presidente del Cosejo Episcopal Latinoamerica (CELAM) pidió oraciones y ayuda material para Polonia, y que los gobiernos de América Latina ejerzan presión moral para que se ayude a ese pueblo "en esta hora amarga." Los obreros mismos, agregó, rechazan la llamada dictadura del proletariado, que se ha vuelto dictadura a secas. En España Mons. Gabino Díaz Merchán, arzobispo de Oviedo y presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal, anunció campañas de oraciones y alimentos de la Conferencia en la conferenc ciones y alimentos para Polonia en varias diócesis. La Cruz Roja Española espera autorización del régimen de Varsovia para enviar 450,000 libras de alimentos, medicinas y ropas a los polacos, además de juguetes para los niños.

LA JUVENTUD QUIERE PAZ EN CONFLICTO DE BEAGLE

Chile (NC) — Cuatro millones de jóvenes argentinos y un millón de chilenos firmaron una carta de apoyo a la mediación del Papa Juan Pablo II en el conflicto fronterizo entre sus respectivas naciones por el canal de Beagle y tres islotes vecinos. Dos emisarios la entregaron el 12 de Diciembre, día de la Virgen de Guadalupe y primer aniversario de la propuesta papal que resolvería el conflicto. Chile aceptó los términos pero Argentina no ha contestado. La cam-paña juvenil tuvo por lema "la juven-tud dice sí a la paz." El papa inició su mediación a finales de 1978 cuando los dos países se aprestaban a lanzarse a la guerra. El diario El Mercurio de Santiago opina que la demora argentina obligará a llevar a la disputa a la Corte Internacional de Justicia en La Haya (Holanda) pues "los chilenos y el vaticano se han cansado de

Obispos de Colombia piden guerrilleros poner fin a su violencia

Bogotá (NC) — Los Obispos de Colombia nicieron un llamamiento a los guerrilleros marxistas del movimiento 19 de Abril y de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias que detengan su violencia y busquen el "diálogo con los otros grupos políticos para resolver los problemas de la nación."

"Como Pastores y ciudadanos nos dirigimos a todos los que han tomado las armas para decirles que el der-ramamiento de sangre ha probado ser inútil e injusto y que solo ha logrado

dejar a muchas familias sin padres ni hijos'', dicen los 13 obispos signatarios de la declaración.

La violencia política ha plagado esta nación de Sur América de 26 millones de habitantes por más de dos décadas. Las guerrillas comunistas, que han incrementado sus actividades sustancialmente en los últimos doce meses se oponen a la celebración de las elecciones para el congreso y municipios convocadas para el próximo mes de Marzo y presidencial en Mayo, alegando que los partidos

políticos Liberal y Conservador dominan el gobierno y que representan las estructuras económicas a costa de la mayoría del pueblo.

"Vemos con gran dolor que nuestra tierra está profundamente herida por los desórdenes, la violen-cia y la lucha fratricida. Estamos convencidos que los medios violentos, que sólo sirven para perpetuar los males presentes, no serán nunca la vía hacia el progreso y a la solución de los graves problemas nacionales", añaden los obispos. "En su lugar,

ustedes deben buscar el dialogo que une mentes y voluntades."

Los obipos dijeron en su apelacion que ellos "desean llegar al corazón de cada una en arrese y legisla con con cada uno en armas y decirles con candor evangélico que sus caminos no son los que pueden guíar al nuevo y justo orden que los colombianos están ansiosos de ver establecido."



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Miracle of the Americas

Major apparition of the Western Hemisphere often ignored by North Americans

By James Steinberg NC News Service

Loudres, Fatima, Jerusalem . .

The words conjure up images of holiness, miracles, divine happenings. These are the places travelers tend to think of when planning a pilgrimage.

Yet, here in the Americas is a holy site, second to none, virtually ignored by most North Americans — a site involving apparitions by Our Lady, the conversion of a whole nation and an apparently miraculous relic left behind which continues to astound the world centuries later.

It all happened on a hillside at the geographical center of the Americas: The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On her feast day last month Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in her honor before a likeness of the Virgin and during that month an estimated 5 million pilgrimaged to the shrine where her miraculous image is displayed. In 1754 Pope Benedict XIV established her feast day as Dec. 12 and said, "No other nation has been so favored."

The nation of which he spoke is Mexico and the favor is the miraculous image of the Blessed Virgin Mary enshrined in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

For the past year a sense of excitement has been growing in Mexico and in Hispanic communities throughout the United States, because 1981 is the 450th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to Juan Diego, an Indian convert to Catholicism, on a hill called Tepeyac outside the boundaries of old Mexico City.

The image she imprinted on his cloak and the history of the Mexican people are inseparable. The image led to what one writer called a "spiritual explosion" in the 16th century, when eight million Indians became Catholics in just seven years.

"NOWHERE ELSE in history do

"NOWHERE ELSE in history do you have the religious phenomenon of a Lady of Guadalupe taking place



This unique depiction of Virgin Mary and St. Elizabeth appears on the ornate, gilded altar of Santas Prisca Church in Taxco, the "Silver Capital" of the world. A close look at the two women shows why this painting is unique.



Virgin's unexplainable image on cactus fiber cloak (right) has inexplicably remained intact for 450 years, exposed to the atmosphere. Cloak is now venerated in ultramodern shrine over the altar in Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica (above) in Mexico City.

alongside the birth of a people," said Father Virgilio Elizondo, president of the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Popes have viewed Our Lady of Guadalupe as a gift to Mexico to be held in trust for both North and South America. Pope St. Pius X in 1910 declared her the patroness of Latin America and granted indulgences to all who pray before the image itself or a copy of it; Pope Pius XII in 1945 extended her patronage to all America, North and South, from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego; and Pope John Paul II paid homage to her during his 1979 visit to Mexico.

The events which gave rise to this devotion occurred in December 1531. It was 12 years after the conquest of the Aztecs by the Spanish explorer and soldier Hernando Cortez, and Spanish priests had made very few converts. In a land where the memory of the old gods and human sacrifice was still fresh, Christianity was a foreign element which most Indians would not accept.

Among those who had accepted it were Juan Diego, a 57-year-old widower, and his uncle, Juan Bernardino. Between Dec. 9 and 12 Juan Diego claimed that he had met four times a woman who asked him to inform Bishop Juan de Zumarraga of Mexico of her wish to have a chapel built in her honor.

"Know for certain, littlest of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, mother of the true God," she told Juan Diego, as he reported later. She was the mother of all mankind, she said, and "here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

THE BISHOP wanted proof, and when Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac on the chilly morning of Dec. 12,

roses were blooming on the cactuscovered hillside. Gathering them into his tilma, a coarse cloak woven of cactus fiber and worn knotted over one shoulder, the Indian presented them to the lady, who rearranged them and tied the ends of his cloak around his neck.

"This is the sign that you are to take to the lord bishop," she said, adding that he was not to unfold the cloak until he was in the bishop's presence.

When Juan Diego unfolded his cloak in the presence of the bishop and other witnesses, the out-of-season roses fell to the floor and imprinted on the tilma was the image of a woman, with head bowed, hands folded in prayer, dressed in pink and blue-green, standing on a crescent supported by an angel before a radiant, golden sunburst.

That garment with the image is enshrined today in the new, modern Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the foot of Tepeyac. Alongside the new structure is the first basilica, dating from the early 1700s. Its sacristy marks the site of the original stone shrine which once housed the venerated image. Juan Diego, a catechist who led an exemplary Christian life, was caretaker there until he died in 1548 at the age of 74.

The image on the cloak is still clearly visible after 450 years, though the original crude fiber from which the cloak is woven normally deteriorates after about 20 years. The garment is six and a half feet long and half as wide and the image of the Virgin is about four and a half feet tall. Francisco Fibera, an art historian from Barcelona, Spain, who examined it closely in 1954 and 1963, said it shows no brushstrokes.

Recent infra-red testings have been unable to find any preliminary sketches normal for an artist's rendering,



'Know for certain, littlest of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, mother of the true God.'

and no chemical coloring or dyes can be detected in the image.

THE NAME Guadalupe is the Spanish rendering of an Aztec word spoken by the Virgin to Juan Bernardino, the uncle of Juan Diego, who had been near death until she appeared to him too on Dec. 12. Juan Bernardino said the Virgin told him she wished to be called "entirely perfect virgin Holy Mary of Guadalupe her precious image." The Aztec "te coatleaxopeuh" was misunderstood as "guadalupe." The translation actually means the image will "crush (the religion of) the stone serpent," one of the Aztec gods.

The devotion of the Mexican people to Our Lady of Guadalupe has continued through the centuries, through revolution and government persecution.

In 1921 a bomb exploded on the altar of the old basilica, three feet from the glass-covered frame in which Juan Diego's cloak was kept. The explosion blew out windows, smashed marble and bent a heavy crucifix under the image, but the cloak and its glass cover survived intact and without a scratch.

The Mexican bishops have considered the 450th anniversary of the apparitions a time to seek ways of healing both the strained church-state relations and the gulf between rich and poor that have characterized the

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Family Life

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny



When the teen years start

Dear Dr. Kenny: My 13—year-old daughter has developed a mean mouth. She is constantly bickering, challenging everyone, making outrageous requests ("Why can't we fly to New York this weekend?"), and complaining. It is getting me

We have three other children, one of whom is older and two younger. She is probably hardest on me and her 7-year-old brother. With him she never misses a chance to tease. Usually, she won't leave him alone until she has him crying.

She starts in on me especially when I am very busy or very tired. Within minutes I find myself

screaming at her. We go at each other until one of us goes off in rage or tears, or else my husband in-

Please give some suggestions on how to handle our daughter. She is a good girl in most other ways. She works hard at school and home, does her chores and even will do the dishes or vacuum spontaneously. It is just her mouth I can't stand.

Thirden seems to be an especially troublesome

age for girls. It is not uncommon for them to badmouth everything, as you so vividly describe.

Your daughter will almost certainly outgrow this unpleasant stage as she matures and begins

high school. The problem is whether the rest of you can survive until then.

We can assume that she picks on her little brother and you because the two of you provide her with the "best" response. While the response may seem negative to you, it apparantly provides sufficient attention to be rewarding to your

CONSEQUENTLY, you must ignore her mouth. Do not try to outshout her. Respond briefly to any factual content, and not at all to the rest. will not be easy for you because your daughter appears to be a master at creating verbal

If you cannot ignore her, get away from her for a few minutes. Ask her nicely to leave the room. If she won't leave, then you leave. This simple practical strategy works. It takes two to fight.

The same strategy can apply to her teasing her little brother. Get them apart. Counsel him to stay away from his sister at such times.

Surprisingly, he may gravitate toward her like a moth toward a flame. Despite the teasing, he may secretly relish the noise and uproar. In this case, send one of them outside or to another room.

Separation is a much saner way to terminate

these verbal battles than trying to point out the unfairness or striving to promote justice. Any arguing will only be like throwing gasoline on the fire.

YOU SAID your husband intervened sometimes. If he can handle her better than you can, let him. Don't be too proud to accept this help at this stage. He can supervise her chores for the moment, go off with her, whatever it takes to avoid the continuing confrontation.

Like others, your daughter craves attention. Since you should ignore her mean mouth, try to give her attention for her routine chores and her spontaneous help. Take frequent notice of these virtues. If need be, keep written records of her good acts, just to remind yourself to notice them.

Thirteen-year-old girls are frequently very skilled at verbal abuse and initiating games of family uproar. The best way to stop this is to refuse to

(NC News Service)

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



By **Dolores** Curran

Seven year-old Jeff behaved obnoxiously all day long. It was one of those days when he took everyone else's good mood as a personal affront. Finally, for lack of any other excuse, he hauled off and hit his little sister. His mother, up to her nerves with his behavior, condemned him to no television for life and promptly felt guilty about it.
"WHY?" I asked her later.
"Because TV doesn't have anything to do with

hitting," she said. "Isn't the punishment supposed to fit the crime?"

Your punishment made lots of sense," I told her. "You just weren't creative enough in drawing the connection. Next time, say something about the fact that TV violence is obviously beginning to rub off on Jeff so you are removing that influence for awhile, adding that when it looks as if he's a peace loving sibling again, you'll consider reinstating his tube time."

"Why didn't I think of that?" she exclaimed. Meting out proper punishement can be a frustration for parents. We worry about being too strict, too lenient, or too quick to judge, to be sure, but we feel most uncomfortable with a penalty that has little to do with the misdemeanor.

I SUBMIT that most any punishment can be linked with almost any misbehavior if the parents

Connecting crime and punishment

use a little imagination. Let's look at the process.

There are really only five or six non-abusive punishments open to parents - banishment to one's room, no allowance, earlier bedtime, no TV, no car, grounding, and extra chores. Others, like forced apologies are more gestures than penalties. Likewise, there are really only a few basic situations calling for correction: sibling fighting, talking back, sinking grades, abuse of curfew, friendtime, or car, and/or disobedience. Serious problems involving drugs and friends call for more serious approaches than no TV

So, given the two lists, how do we handle the connection, making the punishment a logical response to the misbehavior? We think first. Then, in the most non-emotional, matter-of-fact voice possible, we choose the punishment most likely to impress the child and point out the con-

Here are a few. If a child constantly fights or lets his grades slip, he obviously needs more rest in order to be better natured or to concentrate more on his studies. This means earlier bedtime and/or less TV and friend time. (We even permitted one who was bored and inattentive at Sunday Mass to go to bed earlier on the following Saturday night so he would be more energetic during liturgy. The next morning he sang the covers off the Missalette).

WHAT DOES a poor report card have to do with limited car use? Simple. Anybody smart enough to drive in today's traffic is smart enough to get B's. Likewise, any child who talks back or slams doors obviously prefers to be alone, so cleaning his room or the garage gives him that op-

If a girl argues with her sibling while doing chores, she surely prefers doing them alone. Or, if a boy hits his sister, she needs recuperation time so he inherits her work for a day or two. Chores and allowance? Another easy link. If chores aren't done, someone else has to do them so that person is entitled to the allowance, whether it's a sibling or Mom.

The secret to this technique is the comfort with which parent utilize it. Arguing is out when such rational consequences are explained. If arguing does occur, it merely means the child needs more rest . . . you get the idea.

God gave us two wonderful gifts among many: children and common sense. By paring the two, we can survive. And we don't have to feel guilty about it.

OPENING PRAYER

Gentle Jesus, help our family to learn to be more trusting of your Spirit's guidance in our daily lives. Dear Jesus, help us to be aware of your presence in the little things in life as well as the big. Be especially with us as we share this Family Night.

Amen.
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Most of us do trust God with the big things in life, like the fact that the sun will rise and set daily. Yet, it's often hard to trust God in the other things of life. He may have a plan for our life but we may want something

different. It's hard to trust God daily with our plans, our hopes, our dreams. Yet, if we can't trust God, where are we?

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Young Families - TRUST TRAIN Materials: colored construction paper, scissors, pens, glue or tape. Cut out shapes to make an engine and then a car for every member of the family. Share some ideas about our trusting God. Use lots of examples from nature. Think of some ways the

family can trust God more in their daily lives. Write a family member's name on each car with Jesus marked on the engine. Share some ideas why Jesus should be the engine on the train. Hang the Trust Train in the eating area for the next few weeks. Years Families TRUSTING IS POSTER Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, posterboard and pen. Sit down and brainstorm all the ways the family counts on God. Look especially to natural happenings. Then together create a poster completing the phrase, "Trusting Is . . ." Answer and share ideas on "The more we trust God, the more we trust one another." True or false? Why?

Adult Families - Share some thoughts on why at times it's difficult to trust God in our daily lives. Read together Isaiah 12:2, John 4:46-53, and then I Corinthians 1:21.

SNACK TIME

Put a different person in charge each week to make and serve the snack. An idea — graham crackers with melted marshmallows on top. It's called "January snowstorm.

Scriptural Insights

OUR LORD'S BAPTISM

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:6-11

By Fr. Richard Murphy, O.P.

Today we celebrate a somewhat puzzling feast — the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, by John. Why do we do this? Why celebrate what happened to somebody else? . what happens to impor-Because . tant people is important to many people. Let the President or a king suffer some slight indisposition, and the newspapers are quick to report it. The health of a national leader may have far-reaching consequences for his

Jesus' baptism is worth celebrating because His baptism had such farreaching consequences for the entire world and for all time. Mark paints the scene with broad strokes. The whole world (Judea and all Jerusalem) flocked to John to receive a baptism of repentance. Although He is John's superior, Jesus presents Himself for baptism, thus setting the stage for John's profession of unworthiness, and for his proclamation of Jesus as the possessor of the Holy Spirit. "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

THERE ARE TWO THINGS to ponder here. First, how unlike all forecasted thought this long-awaited moment! There was no fanfare of trumpets, no conquering hero here, but instead the humble Servant of the Lord (see Isaiah). But there was more. The Lord's Servant might be

expressing the total superiority of

Instead of the forbidden word, "Yahweh," Jews usually referred to

God in their daily conversations and

prayers with the word "Adonai,"

Lord. In Hebrew writing, when they wished to refer to God, the con-

sonants of Yahweh were used (YHWH) with the vowels for Adonai

(aoa). This indicated that the word

meek and mild and suffer much, but He came in the spirit of the prophets and with divine authority. He is the creator of the new people of God, as Peter was quick to point out.

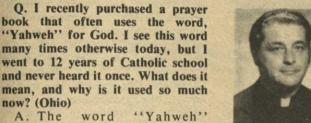
All this of course sparks Old Testament memories. There, the Spirit was a principle of life, a divine power that imparted wisdom and led to good works; it was a power, giving strength to do God's bidding. Isaiah, Joel, and Zechariah all looked to the "new that would be characterized by an incredible outpouring of the Spirit. With Jesus' coming, that great moment had finally arrived.

Jesus's baptism, then marks the inauguration of the Messianic Era. With full authority, as one accredited by God, Jesus is Himself the sign and the cause of the inundating Spirit now operative in the universe.

BAPTISM for us is an initiationrite, our incorporation into Jesus and our introduction to the believing community, the church, as new members. That calls for celebration! How much the more so Jesus' baptism calls for a spirit of joy and thankfulness. We have ample cause to rejoice at what happened to Jesus, for what happened to Him was and is for us all a source of unending good.

Baptism, like all beginnings, are important, We do well to celebrate Jesus' baptism, which puts us on the open road that leads to God.

Who is Yahweh?



By Fr. John Dietzen

word represents the best effort of modern scripture scholars to reproduce the from the Hebrew verb "to be," and most holy Jewish title for God. In angenerally is translated as something cient Hebrew tradition, this sacred like "he who is" or "I am he who is name was never used except in solemn this living God over all creation.

ceremonies According to the major biblical tradition, it is the name God gave Himself when He spoke to Moses in the burning bush in Exodus, Chapter

now? (Ohio)

The word already was used, however, in some parts of the earliest chapters of Genesis. In whatever way it originated, the word seems to come

"Adonai" should be used in the

However, when the earliest English Bibles appeared, the translators made one word out of that combination, ending up with the hybrid "Jehova," a word which really never appeared in any language.

Yahweh is a strange word to us, even though we use the first part often in our Catholic worship. The word "allelluia" literally means 'praise to Yahweh" or "Praised be

While the precise pronunciation for it is lost somewhere in history because of the Jewish prohibition against saying it aloud, it does hold an honored place in tradition as the unique name for the one living God of Israel and of Christians.

Q. Very few priests begin or end the homily with the Sign of the Cross. As I remember it used to be done all the time. Any reason for the change? (California)

A. This may appear a trivial question to some, but there's a reason for whatever change has taken place that might help our appreciation of that part of the Mass.

Often in recent decades and centuries, the sermon was considered a separate kind of oration or instruction, stuck in the middle of the Mass. Too frequently, it even had nothing to do with the scripture readings of the day.

Today, the church emphasizes the continuity that should be evident between the readings, the Creed or Prayer of the Faithful, and the eucharistic prayer. Anything that does not reflect that continuity such as the Sign of the Cross or other words which would indicate that something new is now going to begin is discouraged

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Entertainment

How movies are judged

By Michael Gallagher

NEW YORK (NC) — In my last column I discussed the changes, in the U.S. Catholic Conference's movie classifications, principally the use of the word "recommended" in parentheses to indicate a movie of unusual merit.

Now I would like to go into some questions that are more fundamental. How do we classify and review movies and what criteria do we bear in mind when we make our judgments?

To answer the first question: Ours is a group effort. We have a board of consultors from various walks of life, some 30 to 40 people, and at each of the special screenings that the motion picture companies offer our office, several, at least, of our consultors will be in attendance.

THEY WRITE a brief review after-

ward and send it in. It is my job to go through these and then confer with other members of the staff to arrive at a classification. This is usually not a very difficult task, but on some occasions there is some rather vigorous discussion before we arrive at our decision.

Then it is up to one of us to write the review, a task that usually falls to me. The review, though it will never contradict the classification nor go against the consensus as to the esthetic merit of the movie, will nevertheless reflect the individual taste of the one writing.

Finally, the reviews and the classifications go out to the Catholic press throghout the country through the National Catholic News Service, with each editor using as much or as little of our material as he wishes.

As to the second question. What

we don't do in evaluating a movie is get out a little list of thou-shalt-nots, such as "suicide in plot solution" and "accepts divorce," terminology that might just possibly have a familiar ring to some older readers.

Since we have a Christian view of existence, we believe that there is an essential order to things and that there can be no real clash between moral and esthetic considerations. Pornography and exploitative violence, for example, by their very nature transgress esthetic standards as surely as they do moral.

THE GREEKS had an admirable principle called esthetic distance in recordance with which they wrote and staged their plays. Thus the spectator at a tragedy never felt that he was actually looking at the real King Oedipus undergoing such terrible suffering. If he really did think he was,

he could no more enjoy the play than you or I could enjoy witnessing the aftermath of a terrible traffic accident.

There had to be a detachment to the pity and terror evoked by classical tragedy. These emotions did not upset the viewer, therefore, but rather deepened his compassion and his comprehension of the tragic human condition that he shared with a mythical king.

The Greeks, in accordance with their principles, kept their sex and violence offstage. These had a place in life and, therefore, a place in drama, but to depict them graphically might affect the spectator directly and thus rupture the esthetic distance and destroy the detachment essential to real catharsis.

It remained for the Romans, in their decadent period, to bring sex and violence on stage in horribly graphic forms, in a manner, in fact, uncomfortably close to that of some lavishly praised film directors of our day — notably Brian de Palma ("Dressed to Kill" and "Blowout"). Sometimes, for example, if a mutilation or execution was called for, a hapless slave was mutilated or murdered before an appreciative crowd.

This, of course, was immoral, but the point I want to stress is that it has also a violation of artistic standards. The two are inextricably linked, and despite the protestations of extremists on both sides, they are never at odds with each other.

THUS "REDS" and "An American Werewolf in London" both contain lovemaking sequences. "Reds" was rated A-III and "Werewolf" as given a C (an O under the new system) which would have been richly deserved even without the movie's appalling violence.

To explain why involves both moral and artistic considerations. The lovemaking in "Reds" was in the context of an excellent movie. "Werewolf" was a piece of trash. In the sequences in "Reds," the spectator knows exactly what's going on, but he actually sees very little. Why? Because director Warren Beatty was doing a love story, not putting on a skin show. He wanted to stir empathy in the viewer not titillate him.

in the viewer, not titillate him.
In "Werewolf," on the other hand, director John Landis lays on the nudity and graphic sexuality with a heavy hand. Why? Simply because Landis had no overall artistic vision and so resorted to sensationalism every chance he had.

His film is both morally and artistically offensive.



OLD CRONIES — Douglas Fairbanks Jr., John Houseman, Fred Astaire and Melvin Douglas drink a toast in "Ghost Story," a film which the U.S. Catholic Conference calls "lavishly produced but intellectually

impoverished." Because of extravagant nudity and graphic sexuality it has been classified O, offensive, by the USCC. (NC Photo)

CAPSULE MOVIE REVIEWS

No credit in 'Rollover'

ROLLOVER

Jane Fonda and Kris Kristofferson become entangled in stratospherically high finance in this failed attempt to make an entertaining romantic melodrama about an economic apolcalypse caused by Arabs folding up their money and silently stealing away. Because of its rough language and two or three fairly restrained love scenes, it has been classified A-III, adults by the U.S. Catholic Conference.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Comedian Steve Martin plays a straight role in this almost unqualified disaster. As an unsuccessful peddler of sheet music in the Depression era, Martin is beastly to women and takes refuge from harsh reality in lavishly choreographed Busby Berkley-style production numbers. Because of the amorality of the hero and because prostitution and an abortion figure in the plot, it has been classified A-III, adults by the U.S. Catholic Conference. The Motion Picture Association of America has rated it R, restricted.

TAPS

Military cadets, outraged at the news that their academy is to be closed, take over the premises and confront the authorities in this interesting, well-constructed film. Timothy Hutton, so good in "Ordinary People," is excellent as the commander of the insurgents and George C. Scott, in a surprising turn

in a supporting role, does his usual fine job as the officer who inspires the boys to make their stand.

REAL REEL

This Sunday, at a special time, "Real to Reel" presents highlights from the Eighth Annual Evening of Music produced by the seminarians at St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. The program also features, "The Running Nun," Dominican Sister Marion Irvine, who is a worldrecord-holder in long distance running. Watch WCKT, Channel 7, this Sunday at 8 a.m.

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Pope: Catholic press needed in a world of mass media

VATICAN CITY (NC) - The Catholic press is essential in a world where the mass media are among "the strongest powers that affect the destiny of humanity," Pope John Paul II said Jan. 4.

Speaking to bishops from the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, the none said that "the Catholic newspaper is not a superfluous thing but a necessary instrument for evangelization."

"Today more than ever one sees the importance of the formative work of the Catholic press, aimed at enlightening consciences, at dissipating false interpretations, insinuations and manipulations, in respect for the opinions of others and in faithful dialogue, backed by the conviction that each man, redeemed and loved by the Lord, is called to truth,"

he said.
"IT MUST always be concerned, in fact, with educating the reader, maturing in him or her that healthy mentality which classifies the facts according to superior principles," the pope added.

Pope John Paul said the Catholic press is important "for the diffusion of Christian principles and for the defense of Catholic positions in socie-.. and for the formation of a healthy and open public opinion on every good cause."

Pope John Paul's talk to the bishops, who were in Rome on their "ad limina" visits made every five years, also stressed the importance of good homilies in evangelizing.

"Among various modes of evangelization, homiletic preaching has an eminent place, because of its integral part in the eucharistic celebration and its direct link to the liturgical proclamation of the word of

God," the pope said.
"It is necessary, above all, to understand and keep in mind the socio-cultural context in which the faithful live in order to be able to offer an effective teaching consistent with reality," he added.

THE POPE urged priests to prepare for their preaching duties through "a faithful adhesion to the authentic and perennial magisterium (teaching authority) of the church, in order to never confuse souls with hypotheses and erroneous doctrinal interpretations" or with a global vision that does not take into account humanity's relationship to God.

The bishops were led by Cardinal Antonio Poma of Bologna, who hinted in an address to Pope Paul that a papal visit to Bologna might be in the planning stages.

We are grateful to your holiness for a recent letter regarding our deep desire for a meeting between you and our people in the city of Bologna," the cardinal said.

Pope John Paul had been scheduled to visit Bologna last Sept. 27, but the trip was cancelled after the May 13 attempt on the pope's life.

The Vatican has not announced a papal trip to Bologna, capital of the Emilia-Romagna region.

Priest fights abortion

ANTIGONISH, Nova Scotia (NC) - Father Bernard Macdonald, professor of moral theology at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, is heading toward a showdown with the Canadian government's taxation department, Revenue Canada.

The moral theologian has steadfastly refused to obey Revenue Canada's order to pay \$402.43 in unpaid taxes.

Early last year Father Macdonald withheld a portion of his 1979 income taxes to protest the use of his money for abortions and related services.

At that time he asked Revenue

Canada to tell him what percentage per \$1,000 of income tax goes for abortions so that he could accurately complete his tax return, minus that percentage. So far the taxation department has not supplied that in-

So the \$402.43 represents the abortion taxes which Father Macdonald refuses to pay

REVENUE CANDADA'S most recent attempt to collect the unpaid amount was to order the governors of St. Francis Xavier University to withhold \$50 a month from the priest's salary and send it to Revenue Canada until the \$402.43 was paid.

For the past 18 months, however, Father Macdonald has not been taking a salary from the university and he has informed the tax authorities of that fact. He lives at the students' residence, where he receives room and board.

The priest told The Catholic Register, a Canadian national Catholic weekly, that when he first wrote to Revenue Canada in March 1980 to protest paying taxes for abortion he began to take steps to insure that the money could not be taken from him by other means. He has closed a savings account and relinquished ownership of his car.

Father Macdonald said paying taxes for abortion violates his conscience. "Abortion is so contrary to the Gospel of Christ," he said.



Emily Puchinsky prays for her native Poland during a special Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in Racine, Wis. The woman, who immigrated to the United States in 1913, was one of 200 people who prayed and sang in Polish for their troubled homeland. (NC Photo)

Miracle of the Americas

(Continued from page 13)

history of their country. The observance, the bishops said, is an opportunity to "purify the popular devotion to the mother of God and achieve the integration of the Mexican community, the spiritual shrine of Mary, within the goals of justice and brotherhood."

The strain in church-state relations is an ironic one, considering the deep spirituality of its people. Millions upon millions of common people thronged to see th Pope when he visited Mexico in 1980, in this land where priests are not even allowed to wear priestly garb in public.

The land is rich with Spanish style

churches, cathedrals, classic art and tradition, much as is Europe and the Middle East. It is also rich in archaeological content, pyramids and artifacts left over from its pre-Spanish culture of Aztec, Mayan and numerous other tribes whose human sacrifice practices were supplanted by Christianity upon the massive conversions followign oUr Lady's apparition in 1531.

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Barry University also has courses in Spanish through the Southeast Pastoral Institute. These courses may be pursued on a graduate, undergraduate, or noncredit basis. During January and February the following courses will be offered: Psychological and Faith Development of the Person, Consciousness-Raising Dynamcis, and The Bible: Its Liberating Message. Classes begin at Barry University Jan. 11. For more information call Sister Gertrude Anne Otis at 758-3392, ext. 348.

Alcohol and the Family' class set at Biscayne

"Alcohol and the Family" is a course to be offered at Biscayne College (16400 NW 32 Avenue, Miami), from 7-10 P.M., each Monday evening, beginning Jan. 18. It will be conducted in seminar fashion, with alcoholism specialists as guest lec-

Films and field visits will also be a part of the practical, experiential ccourse, which will cover the basics of alcohol abuse and or alcoholism, its effects on the whole family, intervention, counseling and or ministering to the alcoholics and their families, and available resources.

It should be especially helpful to professionals and para-professionals: counselors, social workers, nurses, teachers, clergy and religious, and those affected by alcohol abuse. It will also serve as an excellent prepara-

tion for those seeking state certification or credentialing as alcoholism counselors, since the text used and class syllabus parallel the material and readings suggested by certifying agency for the state of Florida as preparation.

Registration will be held from 9 A.M.-8 P.M., January 11, in Kennedy Hall on the main campus. Call 625-6000 for further information.

- Film series focuses on family

A new film series featuring family expert James C. Dobson, Ph.D., will be shown at St. Paul of the Cross Church in North Palm Bch. on seven consecutive Sunday Evenings begin-

ning Jan. 10th at 7:30 p.m. Entitled "Focus on the Family," the series presents seven of Dobson's most popular presentations, all of which were filmed live at family life seminars.



The titles of the films are: "The Strong-Willed Child" (Jan. 10), "Shaping the Will without Breaking the Spirit" (Jan. 17), "Christian Fathering" (Jan. 24); "Preparing for Adolescence," part 1, "The Origins of Self Doubt" (Jan. 31), and part 2, "Peer Pressure and Sexuality" (Feb. 7); "What Wives Wish their Husbands knew about Women," part 1, "The Lonely Housewife (Feb. 14) 1, "The Lonely Housewife (Feb. 14), and part 2, "Money, Sex, and Children" (Feb. 21).

Admission to the film series is 50¢ and is open to the public.

For young women a journey into self

"A Journey Into the Depths of Self" is a program for young women (17-28 years old) interested in the Sisterhood. The archdiocesan Vocations Office sponsors a Day of Reflection and Sharing at the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, St. Mary's Convent, 181 N.W. 74 Street, Miami, Fla. 33150. It will be held at the above address on Jan. 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please call the Vocations Office 552-5689.



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Liturgical Musicians Convene at Cathedral

On Saturday, January 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Archdiocesan Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians and the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life will sponsor a convocation for all those involved in liturgical music throughout the Archdiocese. This meeting will be held in the Archdiocesan Hall of St. Mary Cathdral. The sessions and workshops have been prepared by English and Hispanic musicians from throughout the Archdiocese and will feature outstanding area musicians as well as well known speakers and musicians from around the United States.

The Rev. Virgil P. Elizondo, President of the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, will address the Spanish com-munity on "The Minister of Music -Evangelization and Culture." Father Elizondo, in addition to teaching and writing, has been the keynote speaker at numerous national meetings recently such as the National Conference on Family Ministry, the Na-tional Conference of Catholic tional Conference of Catholic Bishops of the U.S.A. and the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Evangeliza-

Rev. William E. Hartge, Jr. will speak to the assembly on "The Role of the Parish Musician." Father Hartgen is a member of the staff of the Pastoral Center of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. and a member of the staff of St. Mary's Seminary and University,

Baltimore, Maryland. He is an author contributor to numberous articcles and books on liturgy, par-ticularly "Pastoral Musician" and the publications of the Liturgical Conference.

Joe Wise, veteran folk singer, composer and recording artist in the field of liturgical music and Rev. Christopher Willcock of Australia are presentors, also.

LOCAL MUSICIANS participating will be the Rev. Juan Sosa, Spanish Director of the Religious Education Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami; Sister Carmen Alvarez, Juan Luis Garcia, music director at SS. Peter and Paul Church; Maria Perez and Jose Francisco Gutierrez; Vince Ambrosetti and the King's Minstrels and Virginia Shuker, leader of sacred dance at St. Maurice in Ft. Lauderdale.

Presentors and musicians for the English sessions, (Father Hartgen, Joe Wise, Vince Ambrosetti and the King's Minstrels, Carol Dick, Marty Haugen, and Tim Schoenbachler of Cooperative Ministries) will present their music in a free showcase concert on Friday night, Jan. 8 (tonight) at 8:00 p.m. at St. Maurice Church, 2851 Stirling Rd., Ft. Lauderdale.

For those wishing to attend the convocation at St. Mary's on January 9th registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the workshops beginning at 8:30 a.m. We hope many of you will be able to take advantage of this day.



FOUNDER'S MASS - A special mass commemorating the 105th anniversary of the ordination of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney was celebrated recently in the Cardinal Newman High School cafeteria. Grand Knight Patsy Consorte (K of C Council 2075 of West Palm Beach) read a proclamation flanked on the left by District Deputy Jim McCabe and on the right by Color Corps. Captain Leonard Kolshak.

Emissary hopes for dialogue

ROME (NC) — In Poland "there are hopes for dialogue between the authorities and the social forces," according to Archbishop Luigi Poggi, Pope John Paul II's special emissary to Poland. .The archbishop spoke Dec. 27 following his return to Rome after nearly a week in Warsaw, where he met with the leader of Poland's Communist Party and martial law government, Gen. Wojciech Jarulzelski, Archbishop Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and other church leaders. 'The situation is very difficult and the problems are many," said Archbishop Poggi about the general atmosphere in Poland since the government's suspension of civil rights. He presented hs total findings Dec. 28 to Pope John Paul and to top Vatican officials.

Catholic director welcomes Polish refugees

WASHINGTON (NC) - Polish refugees seeking asylum will bring a "breath of fresh air" into the United States, according to John McCarthy, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services. McCarthy said Dec. 29 that he believes the Polish refugees, with their strong work ethic and deep religious and cultural background, "will be helpful to our nation" and will "fit into the fabric of our society." McCarthy plans to go to Austria in mid-January to begin the work of resettling the nearly 60,000 Polish refugees there. Many of the Poles in Austria are expected to be moved to Australia. Canada and other the Poles in Austria are expected to be moved to Australia, Canada and other European countries as well as the United States, he said.



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Ecumenical service opens Dade Church Unity Week

Ecumenical representatives of the Christian denominations in Dade County will begin a week of celebration for Christian Unity with a joint service at a downtown Miami church.

Church Unity Week will be highlighted with an ecumenical service at the First United Methodist Church of Miami, 400 Biscayne Boulevard, Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3:00

Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins will speak at the service which has as its theme "May all find their home in you, O God" (Psalm 84).

Rev. James Lloyd Knox, Miami

District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church and chairman of the Ad-Hoc Commitee, Church Unity Week, also invites the Christian clergy in Dade County to plan an ecumenical event within their own parishes and congregations during the week of January 17-23.

Barry University will participate in the unity activities with a program of speakers and panelists, commencing at 9:30 A.M. through 12:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 19th. Fr. Andrew Anderson, of the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami, will discuss The Ecumenical Implications of the Revised Code of Canon Law in the Roman Catholic Church", and Rev. Irwin Elligan, New Convenant Presbyterian Church, will speak on "Involvement of the Religious Community in the Human Problems of Miami."

Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, Executive Director, Catholic Service Bureau, who, along with Dr. Knox, has coordinated weeks of planning for the events, said all of the major denominations within the country are expected to have representatives participating in the service of January

The 12th Annual Catholic-Baptist Conversation will take place at Riverside Baptist Church on Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 P.M. This event, while outside the dates of Church Unity Week, is considered part of that total project.

White, area Rev. Lloyd Missionary-Director, Department of Interfaith Witness, Southern Baptist Convention, has invited pastors of the Catholic Churches in the Riverside Church area to join with him and Dr. Emit Ray, Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, for an evening which will highlight fellowship and open discussion of common needs and

Yugoslavian bishops criticize Communists

VATICAN CITY (NC) - The Catholic bishops of Yugoslavia criticized its communist government for presenting Marxist atheism to school children as the "only scientific conception of the world," Vatican Radio reported. In a declaration issued after their fall meeting in Marija Bistrica, Yugoslavia, the bishops also defended their right to speak out when Catholics are hindered in professing their faith. "The person of Christ and in good part also the history of the Catholic Church are presented in a non-objective manner" in textbooks and lessons the bishops said.

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MARCHING WINNERS — The Cardinal Gibbons Redskin Marching Band won third place honors in the Gold Coast Festival of Bands held recetnly at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. Cardinal Gibbons was the only area Catholic high school represented among 19 participating bands, some of whom came from as far away as Indiana. Director Doug Phifer and Assistant Director Ken Shafer (standing, center) pose with Eric Gabrielle and drum major Dan Cucchi (standing) and flag captain Maria Stumpo and rifle captain

Carrollton to hold scholarship exams

On Saturday, January 16, 1982, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, a private Catholic college preparatory school for girls, will administer a scholarship examination for students entering the ninth grade in September 1982. The exam will be followed by an Open House at 1:00 pm where parents and applicants may tour the school and hear from school administrators regarding the High School program.

Scholarships will be awarded on

the basis of three considerations: academic ability, financial need and personal interview on campus. The examination is also open to those girls who do not wish to compete for a scholarship, but who would like to seek admission to Carrollton in the ninth grade in September.

Anyone interested should contact the Admissions Office at Carrollton, 3747 Main Highway, no later than January 11, 1982. The telephone number is 446-5673.

John J. Reiser dies at 90

John J. Reiser, 90, father of Fr. John E. Reiser, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Ft. Lauderdale died on Christmas day after a short illness.

Mr. Reiser was born in Gerlos, Austria and immigrated to the United States with his family and lived the rest of his life in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

He was the oldest active member of Immaculate Conception Church, an Usher for 60 years and a member of the Holy Name Society as well as a church trustee

Christian Wake and Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia, by Fr.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Reiser, in 1977. Also surviving besides his son, Fr. Reiser, are four sons and six daughters.

Pro-life rally set in Tally for Jan. 19

People from every part of Florida are planning a state wide Rally for Life in Tallahassee on Jan. 19. The event is aimed at calling attention to two goals of the state's pro-life move-ment — a constitutional amendment and halting of state funding for abortion services. Several speakers will address various aspects of what has been called the "human rights crusade of the 80's".

The first priority of the right to life groups, a Human Life Amendment, would overturn the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision which permits abortion during the nine months of pregnancy. A new version, now moving through Congress, would remove abortion from the high court's jurisdiction and let Congress set a new national standard recognizthe right to life of an unborn child. Each state would also be permitted to enact more protective legislation if it chose to.

Representatives of the state's prolife organizations voted in favor of the Hatch amendment wording (named after its sponsor, U.S. Senator Or-rin Hatch) at a December Florida Right to Life board meeting.

The second purpose of the rally is to call attention to state funding of pro-abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood. Many of these agencies receive money for the purpose of birth control and sex education counseling but then use it for proabortion lobbying and referrals.

ADDRESSING THE RALLY will

National Right to Life Vice-President Jean Doyle, of Sarasota. Mrs. Doyle described the rally as an opportunity to call attention to the

plight of the unborn child. "This child has a PR problem," she said. 'She can't be seen and she can't be heard. We have to be her press agent and project her reality to the public.'

Another speaker will be Judy Peterson, director of Orlando's highly successful BETA house. In five years the emergency pregnancy service has helped over 20,000 women with shelter, food, cothing, and parenting workshops. Florida pro-life services such as Beta have saved thousands of babies from abortion by providing assistance funded with private sector contributions. No government assistance is solicited or accepted.

Other speakers will include Shirley Correll, state director of the Pro-Family Forum, Thomas Horkan, director of the Florida Catholic Conference, John Mitten, executive director of Florida Moral Majority, and Rosemary Bottcher, a newspaper ccolumnist and representative of the national Feminists for Life.
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choir will sing.

THE RALLY, WHICH is scheduled for 11:30 A.M. on the Capitol west side steps, is only part of an on-going lobbying and educational program. Many pro-life volunteers are planning to stay in Tallahassee several days in order to personally visit key legislators. Each year the various state pro-life organizations coordinate lobbying trips throughout the session.

For more information, contact either Carole Griffin, Tallahassee, (904) 893-1843 or Bob Cielnicky, Cocoa Beach (305) 783-0160.

Parish community theme for 1982 Gathering

The 1982 Great Lakes Pastoral Ministry Gathering will be held March 5, 6, and 7 at the Ramada-O'Hare Inn in Chicago, II.

Sponsored by E.L.I. Associates, this is the sixth year for the gathering which last year was attended by over 1,200 participants from across the na-

The theme for the 1982 Gatherings is "The Parish — A Community in Mission." The program scheduled

features five general sessions and 26 individual seminars.

For registration ditional information, contact Loretta J. Reif, E.L.I. Associates, 129 Phelps Ave., Rockford, Il 61108, (815)399-7195.

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ST. MARY CATHEDRAL will present another in its continuing free concert series on Sunday Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. The Greater Miami Chamber Orchestra will perform with lyric soprano Marvis Martin. Miss Marvis, a native of Miami, attended the Manhattan School of Music as recipient of the distinguished "Helena Rubinstein" scholarship. She is also the winner of the "Concours International de Chant" competition in Paris and is a new member of the Metropolitan Opera.

THE DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE, 7275 S.W. 124 St., is inviting handicapped and their sponsors to a spiritual retreat on Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee is \$7 per person. For more information call Denise Sherwood at 921-8871, evenings, or the retreat house at 238-2711.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS AMERICA, Court Holy Spirit #1912, will hold a business meeting on Friday, Jan. 8, St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano vach., at 2 p.m. Anyone desiring to transfer or become a member please co tact regent Rosalie Lidestri at 781-5008.

ST. JULIANA'S SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, 4500 South Dixie, West Palm Beach. All separated or divorced Catholics in the area are invited to bring a favorite dish to share at the covered dish supper. Father Greg Comella will speak about "Hopes and dreams for the New Year." For more information call 655-4653 or 659-7178.

ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH will hold a family festival on Jan. 15 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Jan. 16 and 17 from 1 p.m., to 11 p.m. Everyone is invited to the church grounds at 87th ave. and S.W. 32nd St. There will be rides, games, ethnic foods and entertainment.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS' St Bernard Fraternity will not meet in January but will hold their next meeting on Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. at the St. Bernard's Parish Center, 8279 Sunset Strip in

THE DADE CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB will go bowling on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

at the Don Carter Kendale Lanes, 13600 N. Kendall Dr. On Sunday Jan 10 there will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Dominic parish in Miami. All Catholic singles ages 20-39 are welcome. For more information call Frank at 553-4919.

THE CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE THE CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE in Lantana will hold its monthly program of spiritual renewal for widows on Sunday, Jan. 10th, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Designed to speak to the needs of widows, the program will include a presentation discussion, and time for quiet reflection. For information, call 582-2534.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER will hold their monthly meeting Jan. 10, 1982 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Ann's Hall in Naples. For more information call 261-1935 or 597-7319.

THIRD CARMELITES will meet at 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 in the parish library of St. Joan of
Arc Church, Boca Raton. For further information call Joan Hoffman at THE DOMINICAN LAITY, Third Order of St. Dominic, will meet on Jan. 10, 1981 at Barry University. All members will meet in Cor Jesus Chapel at 11:30 a.m. to recite the rosary which will be followed by mass at 11:30 a.m. and prayer. A short business meeting and instructions for all members will be held after the services in the chapel in the board room of Thompson hall. Visitors are welcome.

THE GREATER HOLLYWOOD CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOW-ERS CLUB will hold a Sunday Social Jan. 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Nativity Parish Hall, 700 W. Chaminade Dr., Hol-lywood. Live music, refreshments. \$3 per person. Call 987-4493 or 431-8275 after 6

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By R.B. Dylak
NC News Service
Mike is the kind of guy some people call wild. He's medium height, bright and quick-witted. His friends like to be with him because it is easy to laugh in his company and Mike always seems

He got top marks in clowning in high school. Despite the classes he cut, he made it to the final days of his senior year before getting into an argument with an assistant principal. Mike walked out of the school, promising never to come

"I could have graduated," he said. "I don't think they could have kept my diploma from me. But, it didn't seem important. At the time I was mad," he added. "Now I can't remember what the argument was all about.'

MIKE FOUND a job and began working. His parents and former teachers were disappointed because they were certain he could have gone to

"He's got the mind for it," a teacher insisted. Mike didn't seem satisfied with his work. He had experimented with drugs and alcohol in high school and now began drinking heavily. He left

He managed to keep his job, but his nights were spent at bars and parties.

Mike became less fun. "Sometimes he acts as though he's trying to kill himself," a friend remarked.

After a summer of hangovers, the young man demolished his car one night on the way back





After a summer of hangovers, the young man totally demolished his car on the way back from an out-of-state tavern. He walked away with minor cuts and bruises. (NC photo)

from a tavern. He walked away from the crash with minor cuts and bruises

"THE FIREMEN that pulled me out of the wreck said they didn't know how I managed to survive," he wisecracked. "But I made it in one

People thought the accident would slow Mike down. It didn't. He lived the way he thought young men were supposed to live, copying styles and values he saw on television and in movies

The second accident wasn't as close a call, but Mike became a little more reflective. It was the same story as before, but the car was not as badly damaged and he only suffered a bump on the head

"Somebody up there must be watching out for me," he admitted to a friend.

One night on a front porch, recalling his high school life, Mike said, "Some of the teachers really cared.'

He remembered conversations with the sisters at the school and the values they had taught their students.

He mentioned one sister who was willing to give extra time. "She listened," he said.

"SHE ASKS about you sometimes," I answered. "She said she remembers you in her prayers."

Mike seemed stunned.

'Really? That's really weird!"

He found it hard to understand how someone he had given such a hard time could remember him with kindness.

"She was sorry you didn't finish school and go on to college," I told him.

He looked puzzled.

"The prayers won't hurt you," I laughed.
Mike shook his head. "I know. It's kind of
. nice. It's good to know there's somebody praying for me. I guess I can use that.'
"We all can," I agreed.

MIKE IS CHANGING. He hasn't turned into a quiet and prayerful monk. But he seems to be straightening out, and his friends tell me they think he has a chance to build a life that will make him happy.

Some think it was two close calls in car ac-

cidents. But they don't know Mike.

I like to think it was the knowledge that somebody cared and prayed for him . . and his recognition (spoken in a flippant tone but sincerely meant) that, "Someone is really watching over me.

He's even been seen in church recently.

By Father John castelot **NC News Service**

In the first half of Mark's Gospel, there are three sub-divisions. Each ends by telling about some group's reaction. That is followed by a broad summary of the activity of Jesus and then by a section of the disciples.

The first subdivision ends with Chapter 3, verse 6, where officials have refused to recognize and accept Jesus. In fact, they have violently rejected him. So Jesus withdraws from them, and not just in a geographic sense. He turns away sadly and sets about forming a new community

Mark makes it clear, however, that the crowds hailed Jesus enthusiastically. They came to Jesus in droves.

In any event, the multitudes are not disappointed. Jesus reaches out to cure all the afflicted, who rather insensitively crush him in their eagerness to get near him.

MARK BRINGS this tableau to an ironic climax by having even demons fling themselves at Jesus' feet and screech in terror: "You are the Son of God!"

The irony lies in the fact that enlightened religious leaders, who might have been expected to welcome Jesus, are blind to his true identity; on the other hand, unclean spirits proclaim his identity.

The sections on the disciples which follows is important, and Mark signals its importance by setting the scene on "the mountain," the conventional designation for the place of divine action.

Just as God formed Israel from Mount Sinai, so now Jesus is about to form the new Israel on "the Mountain".

Just as the choice of Israel has a free act on God's part, so now Jesus chooses the men "He Himself had decided on." From among the disciples who "Came and joined him" he named 12 — the number of the tribes that made

up the people of Israel. These 12 were to be with Jesus in an intimate way

Mark ends this bright little interlude on the selection of the twelve Apostles on a somber note. The last name in the list is "Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

This serves as a sort of transition to the next section, in which the evangelist pursues the theme of rejection.

That theme is intensified in many ways now. We meet for the first time a technique, called "Bracketing," which Mark often employed with powerful, dramatic effect.

BRACKETING involved starting one story, dropping it to tell another, and then finishing the first.

In this case, Mark tells about the family of Jesus coming to the house where Jesus is preaching. Their attitude toward Jesus is made brutally clear: "He is out of his

At that point, some scribes arrive from Jerusalem charging: "He is possessed by Beelzebub," and, "He expels demons with the help of the prince of demons."

After Jesus answers their charges, Marks picks up the first

story at the point of the family's actual arrival at the

In using this arrangement Mark gives dramatic expression to the tragic truth that the attitude of Jesus' closest relatives was pretty much the same as that of his enemies.

THE CONFLICT here is profound and goes to the heart of the matter, the rejection of Jesus as an agent of God. This is the blasphemy against the holy Spirit of which Jesus accuses them, as Mark explains.

When Jesus' family finally arrives at the house, he is informed that they are outside lookidng for him. For Mark, those who are "outside" are those who reject Jesus.

Jesus suffers rejection

... We Believe Believe

By Dolores R. Leckey NC News Service Eugenia Ginzburg's "Within the Whirlwind" is an autobiogrpahy that tells of a woman's survival in the Stalinist prison camps. It records cruelty and unimaginable tenderness, and it vividly illuminates the essence of human life.

In one section the author asks: Is the need for repentance and confession an integral part of the human

Jesus placed forgiveness at the center of Christian love. 'How many times must we forgive wrongs?" he was asked. 'Seventy times seven,' he replied meaning there are no limits.

That was a question that she, a Jewish communist intellectual, often discussed with the German Catholic camp doctor whom she later mar-

ried.
THE QUESTION was answered for her in an encounter with a prisoner whose life she saved. The man regarded her with silent adoration, grateful beyond words for her saving intervention. Then she learned that he had been a member of the dreaded Nazi Secret Service.

One day, when he offered her some small gifts as further signs of his gratitude, she found herself saying terrible things to him. Then she told him she was a Jew. He turned ashen white, and Gizburg thought he must be afraid she would denounce him as a Nazi and worsen his plight in the Russian camp.

Then she realized it was not fear but pangs of conscience tormenting him. He knelt before her, repeating:
"I'm a Christian . . . it wasn't as if I wanted to!

At that moment, Ginzburg writes, she experienced him as a fellow

Reconciliation



A priest listens to a boy during the sacrament of penance in a reconciliation room. (NC Photo)

human being and felt that the need to say "mea culpa" (through my fault) knocks at the door of everyone's heart sometime.

JESUS PLACED forgiveness at the center of Christian love. "How many times must he forgive wrongs?" he was asked. "Seventy times seven," he replied — meaning there are no limits.

Jesus linked effective prayer with forgiveness: Before you pray, forgive those who are against you. An unforgiving attitude blocks prayer. Words of forgiveness were among the final words Jesus spoke one earth — "Father, forgive them!" Those were prayerful words for his executioners.

Forgiveness is essential for human growth, for peace and for reconciliation. All who would be truly human must enter into the process of giving and receiving forgiveness.

The Christian tradition recognizes our need to confess and repent through the sacrament of reconciliation. Yet, according to statistics, fewer and fewer Catholics participate in the sacrament.

Why is this so, if confession is such a central human experience?

First, I think we must take into account the effects of our technological environment. In a world with little silence and little solitude, it is easy to become unaware of the extent of our own freedom and responsibility. We become unconscious about what we do and why we do it.

Furthermore, in a productionoriented culture, we can fall into an insights, not through the sacrament of reconciliation, but through psychoanalysis, counseling and various kinds of group therapy.

THIS SUGGESTS to me that there is need to examine the values inherent in the sacrament of reconciliation. Perhaps we need to recall that preparation for the sacrament offers an opportunity to sort through the rubble and riches of our inner world.

Ministers of this sacrament per-form an intimate ministry. Pastoral counseling, spiritual direction and ritual action all become part of this sacrament encounter.

Perhaps a reordering of priorities is needed so that quality time always can generously be given, by priest and penitent, to this event.

I feel certain that ordinary men and women are willing to rediscover the sacrament of reconciliation. People are hungry for truth, for mercy, for intimate sharing of the joys and pitfalls of Christian journeying.

I can envision reconciliation

rooms in churches across the country as resting places, pilgrimage sites for Christians who have set out on the journey toward God.

DIETRICH Bonhoeffer - the famed Christian writer who died at the hands of the Nazis during World War II — once observed that this

Christianity recognizes the human need to confess and repent through the sacrament of reconciliation.

unreflective, active way of life, losing touch with our inner world and our motivations. The crucial events of our lives - the sin and the grace - can go unnamed.

Then too, it is clear that some thoughtful modern Christians are seeking ways to understand their behavior and to strengthen their life commitments. But some are seeking

sacrament has value for the community as a whole, as well as for the individual.

In "Life Together," Bonhoeffer pointed out that when we remember another human being knows us in all our pettiness, weakness and small-mindedness, we are less likely to consider ourselves superior to

By Mary O'Donovan Ahnemann St. Timothy Parish



Feelings of anger smoldered in me when well-meaning neighbors and friends posed the question, "What will you ever do with all those children?" "How will you manage?"
My husband had

died quite unexpectedly at age 35

leaving me with six young children, the oldest seven and the baby eight months. I thank God for my strong belief and faith for He didn't send me these little children and then take their father away without showing me

some way to care for them. He also showed His providence through many wonderful peo-

WE LIVED in New York but my only brother, unmarried, had lived in Miami for several years. He encouraged me to pay him a visit for a week. He wanted me to consider moving to Miami. It would be a change, he'd help me and expenses would be cheaper than in New York.

My mother and friends rallied around with efforts to mind the children. "It will do you good to get away. You need a rest.'

The day of my arrival in Miami was love at first sight. That evening, looking over Biscayne Boulevard from the "Top O'Columbus," seeing palm trees swaying, the moon shining on the bay, I was enamored.

The next day we drove out to a new project

of homes with low down payment and a mortgage half the size of what I had in New York.

I'D ALSO promised my pastor in New York that Catholic school for the children was a must. It became a reality when I met Msgr. Thomas O'Donovan at St. Brendan's. How could he refuse to accept children for the school with the same last name as his own? O'Donovan.

When we finally moved down, Msgr. O'Donovan took my boys and told the surprised school secretary he wanted to register his children.

With an ad in the parish bulletin, "conscientious child care; fenced play yard," I gathered a few more children to care for with my own.

The Lord was providing as I knew He would

"A single drop causes many ripples that touck?"

many lives"



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