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Sr. Mary of the Infant goes over essays with students at Curley-Notre Dame High. (Voice' photo by Prentice Browning)

CRIME

Church and other leaders join in the battle

By Ana M. Rodriguez
Voice Staff Writer

... had not the Lord been with us —
When the men rose up against us,
then would they have swallowed us
alive . . . Our help is in the name of
the Lord, who made heaven and
earth.

Psalm 124

Miami area religious leaders joined in an all-out battle against crime Saturday by urging citizens to pray for God's help and participate in a Civic Responsibility Sabbath to be celebrated in April.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy made those goals known during an

all-day strategy meeting of Miami Citizens Against Crime (MCAC) held last Saturday at the Omni International Hotel.

MCAC IS AN organization of community leaders formed last November to find ways of fighting the crime epidemic that has plagued South Florida, and Dade County especially, for the past two years.

The Archbishop is chairman of the Religious Heritage Committee of the MCAC, which is composed of leaders from almost every religious denomination in Dade County.

Also present at the Saturday

meeting were more than 200 representatives from local chambers of commerce and business professions, as well as lawyers, judges, teachers, social workers, and the mayors of the different municipalities in Dade County.

Governor Bob Graham, U.S. Senators Lawton Chiles (D) and Paula Hawkins (R), Attorney General of Florida Jim Smith, Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Alan Sundberg, Dade State Attorney Janet Reno, Metro-Dade and Miami police chiefs Bobby Jones and Kenneth Harms and Miami mayor

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Miami Citizens Against Crime

Abp. McCarthy addresses MCAC



JUMP SHIP — Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, welcomes a group of Polish seamen who jumped ship near Kodiak, Alaska and asked for political asylum in the United States.

Mozambique seeks Catholic cooperation

LISBON, Portugal (NC) — The Marxist rulers of Mozambique are seeking the cooperation of the church in building a "new situation" for the people, said Bishop Manuel Vieira Pinto of Nampula, Mozambique, in an interview published in Lisbon.

Mozambique, an East African nation of 10.5 million people, has been ruled since 1975 by the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO), which led the war for independence from Portugal. The Marxist FRELIMO is the nation's only political party. One-fifth of the population is Christian, one-tenth is Moslem and most of the rest are followers of animist religions.

Bishop Vieira Pinto said helping to

build a new society may bring the church into closer contact with the basics of black African life.

"Cooperation may be a risk, as the new process may highlight the church's weaknesses in the past, such as paternalism, authoritarian rule and a certain ambiguity in relations with the civil authorities," he said. "But this is a reasonable risk that makes the church return to fundamentals."

He spoke of the help Catholic missionaries are giving to public education and to development projects, "which has increased credibility for the church and improved relations with the state."

There is mutual confidence because of this cooperation, the bishop added.

Churches work together in Poland

NEW YORK (NC) — The churches in the Polish Ecumenical Council are working closely with the Catholic Church during Poland's economic and political crisis, the council's general secretary said at a New York press conference.

The Rev. Zdzislaw Pawlik, a Baptist minister, jokingly noted the saying that "where there are two Poles, there are three opinions," but said

ecumenical council churches "in principle" supported the approach taken by Poland's Catholic primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp of Gniezno and Warsaw.

He also said that the council was cooperating with the Catholic Church in the distribution of aid from abroad and had turned over some of the supplies it received to Catholic officials for distribution.

Mr. Pawlik came to the United States under the auspices of World Vision International, an agency that is raising funds for Poland. His press conference Jan. 27 was sponsored by the National Council of Churches (NCC). The NCC's relief agency, Church World Service, has provided aid to Poland and recently appealed for an additional \$1 million.

The Polish Ecumenical Council,

based in Warsaw, includes eight churches: Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist, Baptist, United Evangelical, Orthodox, Polish National and Old Catholic Mariavites.

Rev. Pawlik said the halt in U.S. government aid was hurting the Polish people and particularly mentioned poultry production as a significant area devastated by the end of grain shipments.



News At A Glance

Church skeptical of Reagan speech

WASHINGTON (NC) — President Reagan's Jan. 26 State of the Union speech, which proposed a massive shift of federal programs to the states, was greeted Jan. 27 with skepticism by some Catholic and Protestant church officials concerned with the effect such shifts would have on the poor. Church officials are worried that safeguards might not be enacted to make sure that the states carry out the programs in the way they were designed. "Our modern Catholic tradition has consistently held that the government must insure that adequate minimum standards of human need are met," said Ronald T. Krietemeyer, director of the Office of Domestic Social Development at the U.S. Catholic Conference. "That principle will be violated," he added, "if major poverty programs are turned back to the states without adequate federal standards."

Archbishop protests nuclear arms

SEATTLE (NC) — Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen of Seattle has announced that he will withhold 150 percent of his federal income taxes as "a means of protesting our nation's continuing involvement in the race for nuclear arms supremacy." In a letter dated Jan. 26 and released in the Jan. 28 issue of Seattle's archdiocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Northwest Progress*, the archbishop stated that he is "aware that this action will provoke a variety of responses," but urged all persons to "continue to discuss this nuclear arms issue in a spirit of mutual openness and charity."

European bishops to discuss evangelization

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Eighty European bishops will meet in Rome Oct. 11-15 for a symposium on the evangelization of Europe, Vatican Radio said.

Among other participants in the meeting, sponsored by the Council of European Bishops Conference, will be members of the Roman Curia (the Vatican's central administration), representatives of religious orders, priests, lay people and delegates of the Conference of European Christian Non-Catholic Churches.

Pope concerned for jailed Poles

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II expressed concern Jan. 27 for people in jail in Poland and said the concern was based on a letter sent to him by persons imprisoned under martial law there. The pope's statement came at a general audience attended by 7,000 visitors to the Vatican two days after Polish government leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, had sought and won a parliamentary ratification of martial law. The pope said that he was entrusting the prisoners and "all those who suffer from the deprivation of freedom" to Poland's patroness, Our Lady of Czestochowa. He received the prisoners' letter before Christmas and said he had read their letter "with deep attention and reflection, because it was so full of thoughts which were human, Christian and Polish."

Reconciliation key topic at bishop synod

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Human reconciliation with God and with other human beings in a troubled world will be the key topics at the 1983 world Synod of Bishops, according to a 50-page preparatory document released at the Vatican Jan. 28. The document, prepared by the 15-member council of the Synod of Bishops after consultation with the world's bishops' conferences, provides 27 questions to promote discussion of the synod theme, "Reconciliation and penance in the mission of the church." The theme was approved by Pope John Paul II in September 1981 and the synod is expected to take place in October 1983.

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St. Juliana's uses music to proclaim Schools Week



St. Juliana's all-girl chorus rehearses for Good News musical. (Voice photo by Robert Krauser)

Catholic schools ARE the good news

by Bob Krauser
Voice Correspondent

St. Juliana's in West Palm Beach is doing it with music. Ninety kids proclaiming the Good News with voices and musical instruments.

That's what just one school is doing this week which is Catholic Schools Week throughout the U.S. The 70-odd Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Miami are putting on programs, exhibits, demonstrations, and special Masses in honor of this year's theme: "The Good News in Education — Catholic Schools."

The "Good News" theme was established by the National Catholic Education Association and the Department of Education, United States Catholic Conference.

"We wanted an outward and forward-looking theme — one that is strong, positive, distinctive and reflective of our faith . . . yet one that allows for lots of creativity," said the joint sponsors in a 32-page guideline booklet sent to all Catholic

schools.

SISTER MARGARET Victor, S.S.J., St. Juliana's principal, her teaching staff and 600 students apparently felt at home with the challenge.

"The Good News theme here continues to mean academic excellence in a caring community with a firm but Christian discipline and religious formation. We're re-enacting that unique message of hope, trust and love found in the lives of the saints," said Sister Margaret Victor.

Among the scheduled events for parents and the general public is a 30-minute "Good News" musical presented by the combined 90-member school band and chorus. The 25-member band will play a *Stars and Stripes Forever* medley and the 7th and 8th grade all-girl chorus will sing the musical written by Bob Oldenberg.

"**THE MUSICAL** is based on the gospel message of the good news of the Christ-Life. The chorus will wear

red, white and blue dress to suggest the idea of spreading that message across our nation," said Sister Margaret Victor.

Although this is the first year St. Juliana's has had a sizeable girls chorus, it has already received invitations to "go on the road with the musical," according to Gail Selvaggio, chorus director.

"We apparently established a good reputation during Christmas when we sang at several shopping malls and at a candlelight concert for the family at Dreher Park Zoo," said Selvaggio.

Narrative bridges featuring appropriate quotes from famous Americans, including Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster and Henry Van Dyck will be inserted between musical selections such as *Stand Amazed, We're Gonna Change This Land* and *Do You Really Care?*

ADDED TO THE list of ambitious projects were science and book fairs, art exhibits, physical education and sports events, a language arts festival,

cheerleaders pep-rally and other activities that were photographed last week to be shown in a slide presentation following the musical this week, according to the principal.

"A faculty and student liturgy will be celebrated in St. Juliana's Church this Friday, including a re-dedication by the faculty. We'll conclude our on campus pageant next Monday afternoon when the Up With People group will join us for a student song fest," said Sister Margaret Victor.

IN ESTABLISHING its theme this year, the National Catholic Education Association and the Department of Education, United States Catholic Conference, pointed to the prime function of the Catholic school, according to the Second Vatican Council.

"It is to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that the knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life and man is illumined by faith," said the Council.

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OFFICIAL

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

The Reverend Casimir Stadalnikas — retired.

The Reverend Paul Manning — to Pastor, St. Christopher Church, Hobe Sound, effective February 3, 1982.

The Reverend Vincent Kelly — to Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, effective February 10, 1982.

The Reverend William McGrath, O.M.I. — to Associate Pastor, St. Stephen Church, Miramar, effective January 15, 1982, upon nomination by his Superior.

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Girls' Basketball Champs Honored — February 2, 12:00.

Language Arts Festival — Finalists perform — Band and Choral renditions of "Good News" — February 3, 7:30 p.m. — including a slide presentation of school activities.

Faculty and Student Liturgy (re-dedication by the faculty), February 5, 10:30 a.m., in the Church.

"The Up With People Group" joins St. Juliana School students for a Song Fest, February 8, 1:30 p.m.

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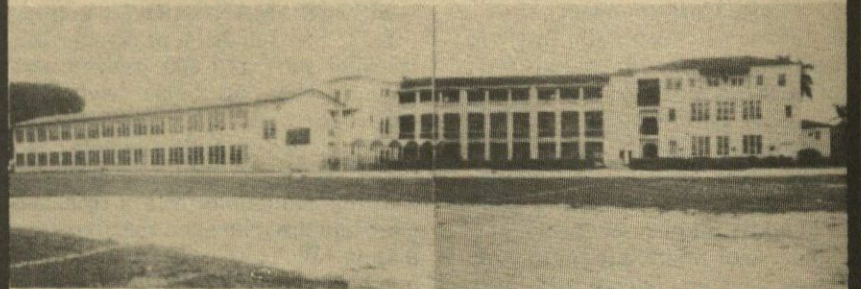
Second graders: Christine Bell, James Agusti, Marta Poekert, Jesse Russos, Christine Ramirez, Dennis Sauve.



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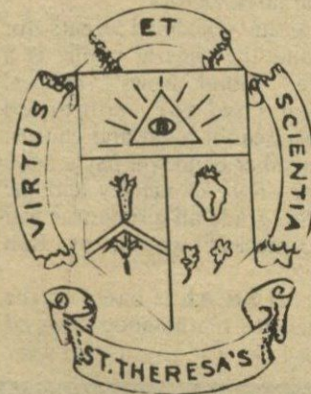
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Teaching family gives Catholic...

by Bob Krauser
Voice Correspondent

LAKE PARK — They share a home, a vocation and an affinity for Catholic education.

They're Palm Beach's "teaching family, and even though two out of three are not Catholic, together they've dedicated nearly 40 years to spreading the Good News of Catholic education.

Edward Head, 57, teaches science at St. Juliana elementary school in West Palm Beach. His wife, Elizabeth, and her daughter Cynthia Conradt, both teach at St. Francis of

Assisi elementary school in Lake Park.

Expressing his high regard for Catholic schools, where he's taught for nine years, Head emphasized the total involvement of Church, home and school in Catholic education.

"AS A FORMER military man I believe in structure. If our nation is to survive we must have ground rules. The very thing that makes Catholic schools effective is that they furnish a flow of moral values based on the religion in addition to academics.

"Other religious denominations,"



Science teacher Edward Head, Sr. Margaret Victor, principal, discuss Catholic Schools week. (Voice photo by Robert Krauser)

he says, "do the same in their schools. That's why private schools are growing. On the other hand, the public school's greatest weakness is the absence of this very thing."

Besides teaching self-discipline, Head also pointed to the emphasis on academic excellence in Catholic schools.

"At least, where I've taught, high academic standards are maintained. Perhaps one reason for this is the fact our teachers can go to the classroom and teach for 50 minutes without hav-

ing to concentrate on just maintaining discipline and order," Head says.

"I MET Elizabeth when she was teaching at St. Mary's elementary school in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. That was in 1971, the year I retired from the military. The school offered me a teaching assignment and I accepted, even though the salary was only \$4,000 annually," he says. "I could afford it because I retired as a Lt. Colonel."

Why did he turn to teaching as a
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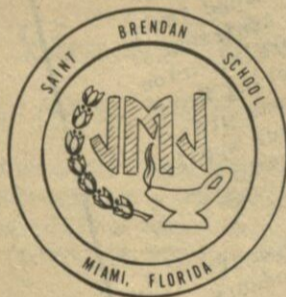
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new career?

"Well, my military career spanned World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I felt that turning to teaching was an opportunity to do something in return for my good fortune in surviving World War II as a B-24 pilot flying combat missions over Italy and making it through 17 months of counter-intelligence activities in Vietnam and Thailand," says Head.

He adds that he also turned to teaching because he likes children.

"I RAISED four kids and enjoy being around children. I also feel I can bring valuable insights to these kids based on my personal experiences in addition to the textbook knowledge."

Elizabeth Head has taught English and social studies for 18 years in Catholic schools. She shares her husband's feelings about the importance of guiding students to a high level of self-discipline in their formative elementary school years.

"I was brought up in a government orphanage in England during World War II. It was a tough Victorian institution where corporal punishment



(Voice photo by Robert Krauser)

Elizabeth Head and daughter, Cynthia, discuss Good News theme at St. Francis of Assisi school.

was a common disciplinary tool. It was like the scenario for the movie, 'Oliver.' I decided as a child that when I grew up I'd never treat children like I was treated there.

"I believe in stressing the positive, the good things I find in a child. By doing this, I find they rise to the occasion," says Mrs. Head.

She also applauds the camaraderie she has found exists in Catholic schools where she's taught.

"THE STUDENTS don't get lost in the crowd like at larger schools. They are more than just a name at the upper right hand corner of a school paper. You can put a face to the name."

One of those children she could easily identify while teaching at St. Mary's in Ft. Walton Beach was her own daughter, Cynthia Conratt. Mrs. Head now works together with

Cynthia at St. Francis of Assisi.

Cynthia teaches math, science and religion. She is Catholic, attended public high school and is a graduate of Florida State University.

"I feel, basically, that public schools have a lot going for them financially, in terms of academic materials and programs, but I would prefer to send my children to Catholic school because the student-teacher ratio is generally smaller, a great benefit," she says.

As an example of her premise, she singles out a situation that arose during her three years of teaching public high school students in Ft. Walton Beach.

"During my second year I had a group of the best seniors. Seven were valedictorians with a 4.0 average since sixth grade. Four of the seven, it turned out, were graduates from St. Mary's where my mother taught and I

attended," recalls Conratt.

SHE STRESSES that basic patterns of adulthood are formed by age 12 and that proper discipline and high academic levels are a necessity.

For teachers Elizabeth and Conratt there's also the fringe benefit of the fun they have teaching together as mother and daughter.

"For example, mom and I held a Christmas luncheon and dance for the seventh and eighth graders. We taught them the social graces.

"Unfortunately, the only time the third person of our teaching trio gets together with us during the day is when St. Juliana's and our school meet in sports competitions like girls' and boys' basketball.

"This season we lost and mom yelled across to dad — 'There goes your supper tonight!'" she says with a laugh.

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Why I go to a Catholic school

No one ever asked me where I'd like to go to school. That choice was made for me many years ago, long before I was born. My great-grandparents, my grandparents, my parents, my aunts, my uncles, my cousins — have all gone to Catholic schools. I go to a Catholic school because my family believes a Catholic school education is the best education any boy or girl can receive. Even if going to a Catholic school were not a tradition in our family, I can think of many reasons why I am glad I attend a Catholic school.

Above all else, learning about my religion and what it means to be a Catholic is the greatest gift my school offers. Because I am in a Catholic school I have the opportunity to serve on the altar as an altar boy, a privilege which brings me closer to God.

Catholic schools are organized. We all know what we are expected to do, and we try to do it well. Every day begins with flag salute and the pledge to the Cross, followed by a schedule which makes the best use of our time.

In our school we are taught by dedicated teachers who devote their time and knowledge to us in a very special way. Not only do they teach us about adverbs, right angles, the generals of the Civil War, and photosynthesis, they help us to be better people and encourage us to lead good lives.



Africa DaSilva, grade 6, and Loren Lamadrid, grade 5, display their winning essays at St. Joseph's School, Miami Beach. Voice photo by Prentice Browing.

In a Catholic school the atmosphere is one of love and concern. Every one makes an effort to be kind and considerate. Sometimes it isn't easy to "love your neighbor," but we try.

A Catholic school is a good place to make worthwhile friends. My friends enjoy the same things I do. They have caring parents like mine who are interested in what we are doing, and where we are going.

I began my essay by saying, "a Catholic school education is a family tradition." I am glad for this tradition, and grateful to my great-grandfather who started it all in a one-room schoolhouse in Ireland so many years ago.

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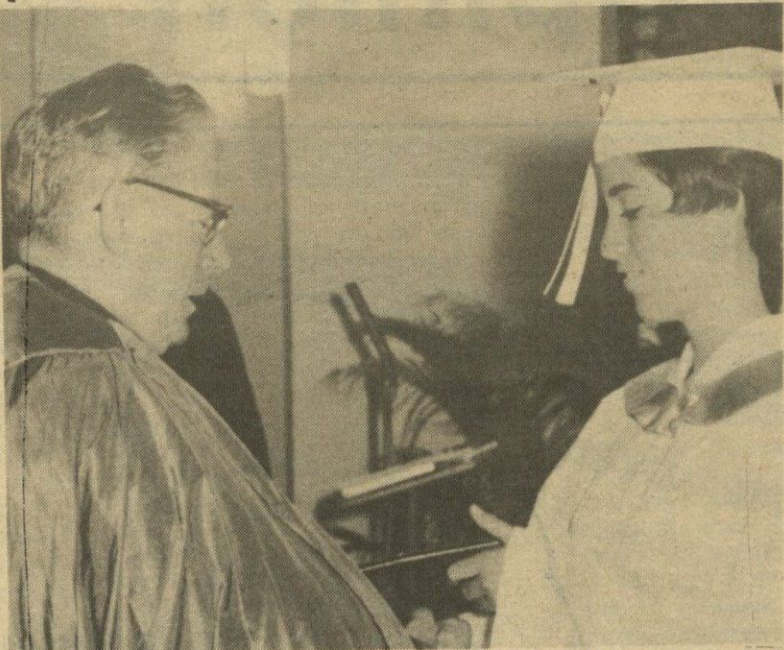
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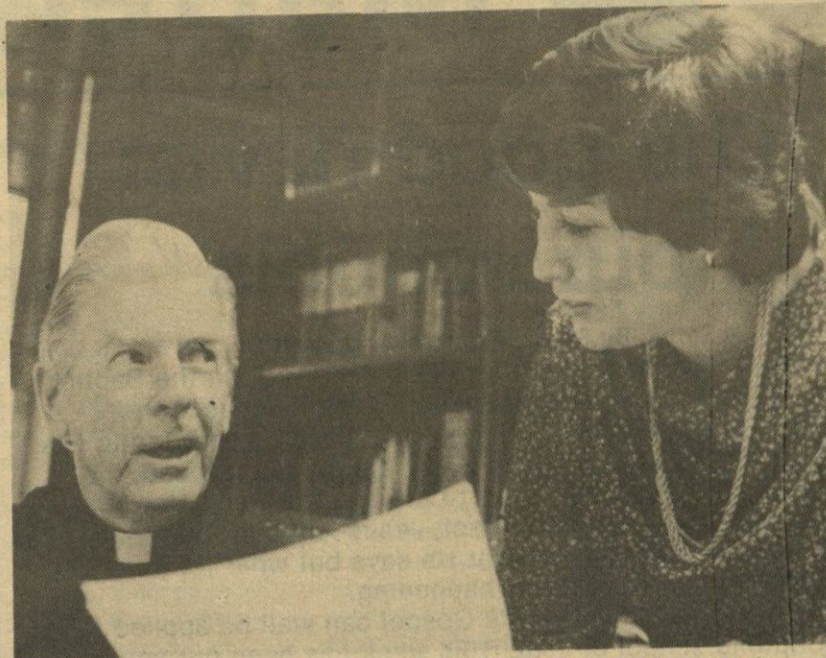
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From pupil to principal. Chris Lamadrid receives her diploma (above) from Msgr. James Walsh at St. Patrick's High School, Miami Beach, in 1968, when Monsignor was pastor of St. Pat's. Now, Ms. Lamadrid is principal at St. Agnes on Key Biscayne, where she has been for three years.



But Msgr. Walsh is now pastor at St. Agnes. The paths of pastor and principal would seem to be interlocked, fortunately for the Archdiocese of Miami, and they confer (above right) about Catholic Schools Week planning.

Chaminade invites 8th graders

The Chaminade Lions Baseball team invites all eighth grade boys interested in attending Chaminade this fall to be their guests at "A Day at the Ball Park" on Saturday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. at Dowdy Field, Johnson St. and Dixie Highway, Hollywood.

In addition to free admission to the game between Chaminade and Nova High Schools, there will be free hot dogs, and prizes such as tickets to Ft. Lauderdale Yankee games and tee shirts given away every half inning during the game.

Further information may be had by calling Head Baseball Coach Ed Lisowski at 989-5150, ext. 28.

New Biscayne chairman

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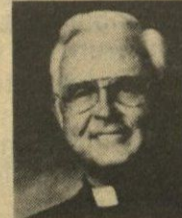


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Matter of Opinion

The good news: our schools

By Msgr. Francis X. Barrett

In the Gospel of St. Matthew (Chapter 11), John the Baptist sends disciples to question Jesus, to ask if Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus responds to their questions by pointing to His work: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. In effect, Jesus is illustrating that what matters most is not what He says but what He does; not what He claims, but what is happening.

This event in St. Matthew's Gospel can well be applied to the Catholic school of 1982. This week has been our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, and we ask each of you to take a look at your parish school to see what is happening there, to judge it by what it is doing. By any measurement or standard, Catholic schools across the country are doing an excellent job.

We expect that those who attend Catholic schools will be more likely to attend Mass, receive the sacraments, support the Church financially and accept its doctrinal teachings. Studies done over the past 20 years all support these expectations. Those who attend Catholic schools are more likely to

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practice their faith, support their Church, pray privately and lead good Christian lives than those who have not had the advantage of a Catholic school. This is indeed "Good News" for the future of the Church.

In his well-publicized report for the National Center for Education Statistics, sociologist James Coleman analyzed a vast body of government data on the performance of public, Catholic and other private secondary-school sophomores and seniors. He concluded that Catholic school students achieve at a higher level than public school students, even when variables such as family background are taken into account. The students were tested in math, vocabulary and reading.

Coleman attributed the superior performance of Catholic and other private school students to two factors: greater academic demands and a more ordered environment. We do not mention this to draw comparisons with public schools, but to show that the Catholic school of 1982 is indeed a source of "Good News" in which we can take justifiable pride. If John were to send his disciples to a Catholic school seeking proof of its claims, they would see and hear the facts, know the Good News is being proclaimed, and find the presence of Jesus Christ in His students and teachers.

In the Church's evangelization efforts, we seek to spread the Good News — that is, knowledge of Jesus Christ and acceptance of Him in our lives. Catholic schools are doing just that. By combining a good academic education with instruction in the truths of our faith, our Catholic schools produce educated and devoted Catholics. That indeed is "Good News."

In his letter to the Romans (Chapter 10), St. Paul reminds us of the importance of calling on the Lord to be saved. This means hearing about the Lord and knowing Him. Paul concludes, "How wonderful is the coming of those who bring the



'SHOO!'

Good News." To me, that means the Catholic school. Let's make our celebration of Catholic Schools Week a time to pause and examine the Catholic school; a time to recognize the excellent job being done; a time to applaud the dedicated staff whose interest, concern and dedication ensure a well-rounded graduate; a time to thank pastors and parents and all others whose support and sacrifice ensure the school's operation; a time to congratulate our students whose diligence and willing cooperation make us proud. In short, it is a time to recognize how wonderful the Catholic school is as it brings the Good News.

May this preacher of Good News continue to flourish among us.

(Msgr. Barrett is the executive director of the Dept. of Chief Administrators of the National Catholic Education Assn.)

Letters to the Editor

On Greeley and sex

To the Editor:

In response to Miss Casdin's letter about how irrational people are who don't agree with Father Greeley's opinions, let me tell her this: Andrew

Greeley, spouting his delight in answering questions of whether there would be sex in heaven or not, said he hoped so, why else was he living, etc.

If we have the perfect love of Christ, we lack nothing. His idea of Christ's love and religion is infantile and pathetic. He grins and takes great pleasure in shocking all the greedy, lustful people who are just waiting

for his reckless, taunting and tempting answers. He makes a complete fool of himself and the Catholic priesthood in general.

Worldly people are happy to hear a man of God join them gleefully in "lusting" after a woman so many times a day.

Rita Bohmert
Boynton Beach



By Msgr.
James
J. Walsh

Reaching God through man

In every parish where Evangelism has been discussed the last couple years that strange group of "unchurched" people, as they are now called have constantly been the object of concern. The "unchurched" are those who belong to no church at all, who have no affiliation with any religious group. I believe the Gallup poll has put their number at 90 million. Think of that.

The atheists, of course, would like to claim them. And, indeed, some of them may be classified as materialists or agnostics or atheists. But all the signs seem to indicate that the vast majority of them, however scant their knowledge of God and religion, have some belief in God, in the soul and in eternal life. Many of these are our neighbors, or even members of our families.

Why do they stay aloof from the church? That is a very large question, and there is no umbrella answer to cover it.

SOME COME ON pretty strong about it, asserting their independence where religion is concerned. They don't need ministers or priests in their spiritual activities. They claim to go directly to God, as the need arises. And they hold that God deals directly, although mysteriously, with them.

Hence, they need no church or religious sect or spiritual leaders. It's a kind of exaggerated Americanism, stressing one is free to stand on his own two feet in going to God and needs no help.

That seems to be enough to move slightly the bell of liberty, but sad to say it doesn't hold up under much examination. It overlooks history and ignores the experience of both Jews and Christians.

WHAT DOES that broad statement really mean? Well, we evangelizers have to understand in being concerned about this group of people, that God has always made use of one person to reach many others instead of making a practice of dealing with each individual. Of course, if he so chose,

he can deal with individuals, but take a broader look. Early in mankind's history, he set a pattern in his relationship with men.

Take the Old Testament. How often he selected one man as his spokesman to others. To mention only a few, Noah was the instrument used by God to warn men of the tragedies awaiting them if they did not cease insulting him.

It was Noah's duty to make known God's warning, and the duty of his hearers to heed his words and accept them as a direct message. Poor Noah must have been treated as a flaky clown. Many must have said, "If God has something to tell me, he knows where I am." It had to be good for a laugh - for awhile.

And then there is the great Moses. God chose him to proclaim formally the Ten Commandments. One man was called apart to represent all of the people. To him were entrusted the tablets of stone in the high reaches of the mountain, while those in the valley were solemnly obligated to listen to him and follow his directions.

GO TO THE New Testament. At the Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Thabor the voice of God identifying his Son and urging obedience to him was heard by only three people. The power of his voice could have filled the countryside and the whole of the promised land and, indeed, the world itself, if he had willed directly to reach the ears of every person. But it was not his way.

By the time Jesus arrived on earth, "the way" of dealing with human beings was clearly set. God commanded one man to stand in his place to speak for him. All the prophets for centuries had trembled with that frightening conviction.

Did it all change when Jesus came among us? When God was on earth as a man, surely he would no longer need human cooperation in getting done what he wanted. Although he was a man like us in all things, but sin, he still was God himself.

But the pattern of the past held. In every area.

He could have appeared as an adult and carried out his plan. Instead he chose a young girl and asked her to help him by giving him a body, a human nature. And when she agreed, he laid upon her the most heartbreaking responsibility ever asked of any creature in working with God in his dealings with men.

Part of Jesus' plan was to establish a church would last until the end of time. He gave his promise, a divine promise, about that. Stranger yet, he made the head of that church, he claimed to found on a rock, a man who in his hour of trial actually denied him.

The point is that there would have been no greater miracle involved if Jesus had just stayed on earth after his resurrection and traveled from country to country, from century to century, preaching the Good News of man's redemption.

"**MY WAYS** are not your ways", he had said, and how he meant it. Of all things, he chooses twelve uneducated men, full of insecurity and fears, very much aware of their inadequacy, and told them to go into the whole world and make known his Gospel. He sent them to speak for him. "He who hears you, hears me!" They were to teach, govern and sanctify in his name. Until the end of time. So successors of the Twelve were chosen. And others succeeded them, and so on and on. He promised to be with the church he founded until the end of time. It could not be destroyed because it was his power which kept it alive.

Despite our bungling, his church is alive and well in 1982. And 90 million Americans, the unchurched, need the saving waters of baptism and the peace of confession, and the power and strength of holy communion, and the purifying oil of the sick and the graces of the sacrament of Matrimony.

In short, God needs us to do his work. Think of that. He actually needs us.



By
Dale
Francis

Some converts aren't converts

The other day I was reading a discussion of converts by a priest who understands that those who come to the Catholic Church do so in different ways although all are referred to as converts. He thought perhaps there should be a time limit on using the term, a few years after an adult becomes a Catholic then that person would stop being a convert and just be a Catholic.

As one of those who came to the Church as an adult, I've found that as the years have passed I'm not often referred to as a convert. But even when you are considered a convert, it is never to your disadvantage. What you hear most often is that converts make the best Catholics. What truth there is in that is that those who come to the Church as adults do so with an adult understanding and with an adult appreciation of what it means to be without the Church.

BUT IN a discussion of converts, I think it is important to understand that among those who by common usage are called converts, there are many who are not converts at all in any literal sense of the word. How many? I don't know, most of those I know well, I think. What I know for certain is that in the real meaning of the word, I wasn't a convert.

Convert by its root derivation means to turn around. Saul of Tarsus was a convert, turned

around from persecution of the Church to become the Apostle Paul. I'm certain there are among adults who have become the Apostle Paul. I'm certain there are among adults who have become Catholics some whose lives were entirely turned around.

I think far more often though, those who come to the Church as adults do so not by turning around but by progression, by moving in a direction in which they were already moving to a fulfillment of a spiritual pilgrimage.

The article I was reading said "some enter the Church because they recognize they have always believed and lived in a way consonant with Catholicism." I do not doubt there are some who do come to the Church in adult life by realization they are already Catholic but that is not what I am talking about. I am talking about movement to the Church by progression, by movement further in a direction already taken.

I have known those who came to the Church without any other religious affiliation by this progression but I think it occurs far more often from other churches. But it does not come through rejection of any other religious body. I came to the Church from Protestantism but I was never dissatisfied, only unsatisfied. When finally I knew I had no other choice except to become a Catholic, having come to conviction I could not

have been true to my own self had I not acted on that conviction, I not only did not have any sense of rejection of my Protestant origins but an even greater gratitude for those origins and all the good people who had taught me to love Jesus Christ.

I DO BELIEVE this is a common experience of those who come as adults in the Church from other religious affiliations. It is why it is almost unheard of that someone who becomes a Catholic ever will be heard to say anything detrimental about his religious origins. It is not, in the real sense of the word, a conversion, a turning around.

I'm writing this because we have all read there are priests of the Episcopal Church who are entering the Catholic Church and I think there will be none among them who can properly be called converts. I know none of them personally but I would think there would be none of them who would have a sense of rejection of what they were but rather a sense of fulfillment of a love to which they were already committed.

I do think it is important to understand how people come to the Church as the fulfillment of their spiritual journey, not only that you may understand them better but so that you, if you were blessed by parents who reared you from childhood as Catholic, will understand your own precious possession. (Dale Francis is editor of the Washington Catholic.)

Another Lourdes?

Priest traveled to Yugoslavia, is convinced apparitions are true

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle

ROME (NC) -- Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, is "another Fatima, Another Lourdes."

This is the conviction of a scholar and specialist in spiritual theology, who says that the little Eastern European village will become in time "an international sanctuary."

This priest, a professor at a Roman university, visited Medjugorje (pronounced med-zhu-GOR-zhe) in mid-December after reading press reports of the alleged appearances there of the Mother of God. Six young people from 10 to 17 claim to have spoken with Our Lady a number of times, beginning June 24, 1981.

He has, he said, "an intuitive and strong conviction" that there is a real foundation for the young people's accounts and for the intense religious renewal among residents of the Medjugorje area.

A tiny town in Croatia, which is one of the six republics comprising the nation of Yugoslavia, Medjugorje has 300 residents. But each day now, 1,000 people crowd the parish church for Mass at 6 p.m., he said.

FAST FOR PEACE

Father J. said he concelebrated at one of these Masses. "Before the Mass, the rosary is recited," he said, "and the young people to whom Our

'The Communists have started movies and dances for the teen-agers. But they're not going to them. Instead, they're wearing crosses and coming to church in hordes.'

Because he is convinced that the apparitions are "the real article" and because he wants to return to their site, the spiritual theologian preferred to speak anonymously as Father J. He told NC News that, were his identity revealed, border guards would certainly stop him next time at the entrance to Yugoslavia, so intent are the communist authorities at playing down the reports which have already generated sharp church-stated controversy.

During his December visit Father J. talked to three of those to whom Mary is said to have spoken; Vida Ivankovic, a 17-year-old girl; Marija Paulovic, 16-year-old girl; and Jacov Colo, a 10-year-old boy.

The other three said to have been favored by the Marian apparitions -- Mirjana Dragicevic, a 16-year-old girl; Ivanka Ivanckoic, a 15-year-old boy; and Ivan Dragicevic, a 16-year-old boy -- were away at school, he said. Dragicevic is now a seminarian.

What has helped convince Father J. of the authenticity of the apparitions is "the whole demeanor of the three young people and, most of all, the effect which the events have had on the life of the community."

NOT OFFICIAL

The local bishops have said that they cannot make an official pronouncement until enough time has passed for serious study of the accounts and their consequences.

Significantly, though, they have done nothing to dissuade Catholics from believing in the appearances or visiting the sites and have said very strongly that, contrary to the claims of communist officials, the young people have not been coaxed by anyone to manufacture their story.

"That is about the most positive position I would expect a prudent church representative to take at this time," said Father J. He noted that it took four years at Lourdes and 13 years at Fatima for the church to pronounce officially on those apparitions.

Lady has been appearing lead it."

After Mass, seven Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Be to the Fathers are said, in accord with a request that the children reported receiving from Mary in one of her conversations with them.

One day each week, according to the Rome theologian, people of the Medjugorje area eat only bread and water, because Mary urged the children to ask people to fast for peace in the world.

For several weeks after the first apparition of Our Lady on June 24, large crowds gathered to pray on the site of the appearance, a hillside on the outskirts of Medjugorje. But more recently, communist officials, thinking that it would reduce the number of worshippers, moved the gatherings into the parish church.

Father J. explained that the officials had the legal right to prohibit such meetings on public sites, but could not prevent their occurrence within the church.

The parish's former pastor, Father Jozo Zouko, is in prison. He was sentenced Oct. 23 to a three-and-one-half-year term, convicted of "acts of hostile propaganda, which attacked the security and unity of the country."

One of the charges brought against Father Zouko is that he concocted the story of the apparitions and persuaded the young people to go along with it in order to embarrass communist authorities and promote the cause of Croatian nationalism.

COMMUNISTS 'AFRAID'

Also in prison, according to Father J., are Father Ferdo Ulasic, 72-year-old editor of a Franciscan newspaper, and his assistant editor, Father Iozo Krizic. These men wrote articles describing the accounts of the apparitions favorably and were accused of fomenting separatism and undermining state security.



Like at Fatima (artist's depiction above), the children of a small village in Yugoslavia are the ones who have reported seeing and speaking to Our Lady.

Such charges, according to Father J., are "absurd."

Sixty people, according to Father J., are in prison on similar charges revolving around the apparitions.

Communist government officials, according to Father J., are "tremendously frightened" at the way religion has attracted teen-agers in Medjugorje since the reports of the apparitions.

"The communists have started movies and dances for the teen-agers," he said. "But they're not going to them. Instead, they're wearing crosses and coming to church in hordes."

Government officials have tried to talk the six young people out of their story, sometimes aggressively. "They've been isolated and analyzed by psychiatrists," said Father J. "One of the boys was threatened with a pistol and told to tell the truth. He looked at the official calmly and said that he was not afraid to die."

OUR LADY DID IT

The pastor, Father Ulasic, was directed by communist officials to end the prayer services and to dissuade the people from their religious fervor over the accounts of the apparitions. According to Father J., the pastor's answer was: "If I had started this, I'd stop it. But I didn't. Our Lady did."

The effort of government officials to undermine the accounts of the appearances by attacking them in national communist papers has had just the opposite effect, with attention widening each day, the priest said.

According to Father J., the Marian appearances are not over. He learned during his visit to Medjugorje that "Our Lady is continuing to appear to each of the six children and to speak with them every day, wherever they happen to be."

"No matter what the communists do," said the Roman scholar, "this thing is for real, and it's too big to go away."

Marian Center, hogar y dignidad para los niños

Por Robert Wilcox

La Hermana Lucía Ceccotti tiene un sueño: que los 55 acres del Marian Center para retardos mentales se conviertan, algún día, en un tipo de villa pequeña pero independiente, donde los estudiantes y sus ancianos padres puedan vivir su vida en grupos de viviendas contiguas.

Es un hermoso e innovador sueño. Y si el pasado de la hermana italiana, pensando en sus logros y su propio espíritu, es alguna indicación, su sueño será una realidad aun cuando ella pueda no estar aquí cuando suceda.

Tomemos como ejemplo el Centro mismo.

Quienes no hayan estado allí pensarán en edificios dilapidados, una cueva de serpientes. Pero el Marian Center es tan refrescante como el campo de una universidad. Los edificios principales son bajos y rodeados de árboles, como si hubiera sido cortado de las rocas y del vidrio que otrora adornara el paisaje. Un verde vibrante lo llena todo.

"Es un lugar de paz y belleza natural", le gusta decir a la Hermana Lucía. Y en su declaración esta la clave del Centro:

"Nuestro algo especial viene de nuestra convicción interior de que los niños y adultos que servimos son hijos de Dios, dotados con un alma inmortal como todo ser humano. Nosotras los respetamos y los amamos como personas y reconocemos en ellos la dignidad individual que cada ser humano ha impreso en su alma inmortal."

El lugar del Centro era un vertedero de chatarra, desde viejos refrigeradores hasta automoviles destruidos, cuando la Hermana Lucía y otras diez hermanas de la orden de San José Cottolengo basada en Italia, respondieron al llamado del difunto Arzobispo Coleman Carroll para que vinieran a Miami. Esto fue en 1964. La Arquidiócesis les dió la tierra y ellas pusieron todo lo demás.

Un "Hombre Trabajador". Pero el edificio de la escuela, residencia para internos y taller, (una innovación en centros de retardados) levantado con la ayuda de grandes donaciones, era solo el "recipiente" para el producto del centro. Ricky Carton, de 23 años, es muestra del producto. En un punto de su vida era tan retardado y magullado por los constantes ataques que sufría que informaron a la madre que el niño jamás hablaría, mucho menos podría caminar. Hoy, Ricky es uno de los empleados de mantenimiento del centro, trabajando a salario, y muy orgulloso de ello.

La Hermana le pidió que dijera algunas palabras al visitante y el respondió un poco apenado: "Déjeme poner en orden mis ideas". Aunque un poco nervioso y lento,

hay una deliberación en sus respuestas que aleja toda idea de que él sea un retardado. Explica que él lo ama "todo" en el Centro. Entonces Ricky y la hermana Lucía cuentan una historia que en cierto modo ejemplifica la "Divina Providencia" a la que la Hermana constantemente se refiere como el principal mecanismo esotérico trabajando allí.

Como introducción debiera decirse que el Centro demanda mucho de cada alumno, sea en las aulas donde se les enseña lo básico en lectura, escritura y aritmética o en el taller; el cual es, en efecto, una fábrica donde los alumnos realizan trabajos contratados y se les paga por ello.

"Que se sientan autosuficientes es una de las cosas por las que luchamos aquí, dice la Hermana. "A menudo una familia es demasiado protectora y yo les pregunto si ellos prohibirían a su niño, si fuera normal, hacer cosas por sí mismo. Entonces ¿por qué prohibirlo ahora? Si usted no espera algo del niño entonces nunca lo conseguirá."

"Si usted pide mucho, recibirá mucho", es el eco de los maestros del Centro, laicos la mayoría de ellos.

Con tal filosofía, aumentada por una buena cantidad de elogios e instrucciones en cosas tales como higiene personal y buenas maneras en la mesa, Ricky progresó tanto como para ir en bicicleta al Centro y aún acompañar a otro amigo ciclista retardado a un restaurante italiano, donde comerían, y llegar a tiempo al cine para ver una película. Todo pagado con dinero que Ricky había ganado en el Centro, lo que es para él motivo de orgullo personal. Y esta es la historia:

Un día, yendo Ricky solo, fué sorprendido por unos maleantes juveniles que le quitaron la bicicleta.

"Gracias a Dios, no me hicieron daño", dijo Ricky. "Yo dejé que se llevaran la bicicleta, eso fue todo."

La madre dijo que él solamente les había dejado hacerlo, "porque él no sabe defenderse."

Pocos días más tarde la policía detuvo a un muchacho con la bicicleta robada a Ricky, huyendo de los ladrones a los cuales él jovencito había estado asociado. La policía devolvió a Ricky su bicicleta.

La Divina Providencia es Dios ayudando a quienes se ayudan a sí mismos, indico la Hermana, aunque ella cree que no pueda darse una definición.

"Es la amorosa presencia y los cuidados del Padre Celestial presente para ayudar en tiempos difíciles y en tiempos de felicidad." La Divina Providencia le dió a ella y a la otras hermanas el talento y las habilidades y la caridad de personas que las ayudaron a construir el Centro explica ella.

Tan grande es su fe en esa frase que



Una hermana atiende a dos de los niños retardados del Marian Center.

ha menudo no usa de los fondos que provee la Campaña de las Caridades del Arzobispo (ABCD), confiando en su lugar en cuotas que el Centro carga y donaciones privadas que siempre han llegado cuando se necesitan.

"Si usted no aprende a sobrevivir y levantarse con sus propios pies, entonces usted no sobrevivirá.", sentenció. "Cuánto necesitamos lo tenemos aquí. Dios proveerá, pero debemos estar asociados con El ¿Ve usted aquellos frutales, los naranjales? Cuando estábamos arreglando el jardín pedimos esos árboles. Ahora ellos dan la fruta para nuestras mesas.

El comedor-salón de actividades es una muestra de lo que es cualquier edificio del Centro. Espacioso y alegre, las mesas y el escenario con motivos en madera; la cocina y los mostradores de los alimentos de brillante acero. Cuando usted ve a los niños sentados a las mesas no piensa que son retardados, excepto por algunos con síntomas obvios. Para algunos, buenas maneras en las mesas es una labor difícil como para los que padecen el síndrome de Down, cuyas lenguas se agrandan llenándoles la boca haciendo la respiración dificultosa.

Pero rara vez los ve con la lengua sobresaliendo como en niños que no han tenido esas instrucciones de urbanidad.

"La higiene personal les quita la etiqueta que la gente les ha pegado; les da más dignidad personal", declara la Hermana.

El Centro es para todos; abierto a todas las denominaciones. Entre sus alumnos hay judíos y protestantes así como católicos; blancos y negros. Las clases del Talmud para los niños judíos son dadas por maestros judíos, quienes les enseñan el hebreo necesario para recitar algunas preces.

"No hay otro sitio como el Centro", dice la Sra. Connie Edmunds, a quien le habían dicho antes de traer a su hija Angela, que nada se podía hacer por ella.

"Yo quería que mi hija pudiera obrar por sí misma, viajar en rñibus y manejar su dinero." Los Edmunds adoptaron a Angela. Cuando tenía seis meses les dijeron que ella no viviría un año. Sus cuidados, debemos presumir, fueron el comienzo de la diferencia; y los de las hermanas se añadieron a los paternos.

Angela actualmente puede hacer todas esas cosas. La madre dice que en realidad es un milagro que esté viva.

El Centro admite todo tipo de niño, excepto aquellos necesitados constante cuidado médico porque las facilidades del centro no son apropiada, aunque algunas hermanas tienen entrenamiento medico y cuentan con los servicios de un doctor que llaman cuando es necesario.

El taller está lleno de graduados de la escuela, es brillante y con nítidas áreas de trabajo. Allí los muchachos envasan productos de la Comair Corporation, ensamblan lámparas de plexiglas para la General Mica y preparan los envíos postales de algunos servicios especiales de la Florida Power & Light. Cada contrato se gana con trabajo de calidad, según palabras de Toni Battaglia, instructor del taller, y añade que constante supervisión hace la diferencia. Los negocios aceptan un 4 de error en el trabajador normal, dice, "pero en el trabajo que hacemos aquí no hay errores. Nunca hemos tenido una queja. El trabajo hace mucho por la auto-estimación de los niños."

El mural que hay a la entrada del taller es obra de los muchachos. Es tal como el que uno pudiera encontrar en el campo de otro plantel; de brillantes colores, impresionante por su tamaño y originalidad. Las hermanas ayudaron algo. Fue realizado en mosaicos de cerámica horneada, algo que aprenden en el taller.

"Creo que el mural refleja sus sentimientos internos... es una expresión de su amor", expresa la Hermana Lucía.

San Jerónimo Emiliani

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Jerónimo nació en Venecia el año 1481. En su juventud fué soldado ejercito y llegó a ser comandante de las fuerzas de Cambrai en Castelnuevo, cerca de Treviso, que estaba siendo atacada por el ejercito veneciano, su propia patria de nacimiento.

Castelnuevo cayó en poder de los venecianos y Jerónimo fue hecho prisionero. Logró escapar y de aquí en adelante reformó su vida un tanto liberal y fué nombrado alcalde de Teviso. Después regresó a Venecia donde fué ordenado sacerdote a los 37 años (1518).

Mientras ayudaba a las víctimas del hambre y de las plagas azotaron a casi toda Italia en la primera parte del siglo XVI, se compadeció del llanto de los huérfanos y decidió dedicar su vida a socorrerlos. Fundó orfanatos en Brescia, Bérgamo y como, estableció un hospital y además un hogar para prostitutas arrepentidas.

Jerónimo y dos sacerdotes fundaron una congregación que fue conocida como Clérigos Regulares de Somascha, dedicada al cuidado de los huérfanos, educación de los niños y de los sacerdotes.



San Jerónimo murió en Somascha el 8 de Febrero de 1537 la edad de 56 años víctima de una enfermedad que cogió mientras cumplía su ministerio entre enfermos. La congregación recibió la probación papal en 1540 y fue canonizado en 1767, siendo nombrado Santo Patrón de los Huérfanos y Niños Abandonados.

SEMANA DE LA ESCUELA CATOLICA

Declaración del Superindente

LA BUENA NUEVA: Este es el tema de la celebración nacional de la Semana de la Escuela Católica del 1 al 5 de febrero. Durante esta semana, los 39,000 estudiantes de las 64 escuelas elementales y 17 secundarias de toda la Arquidiócesis de Miami demostrarán lo que esta buena nueva significa para ellos.

Hoy, como en todas las épocas, las escuelas católicas siguen proclamando la Buena Nueva de salvación, el Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, a los niños. La primera función de la escuela católica, según dice el Concilio Vaticano Segundo, es "ordenar toda la cultura humana hacia la nueva de salvación para que el conocimiento que los estudiantes adquieren gradualmente acerca del mundo, la vida y el hombre, esté iluminado por la Fe".

El Papa Pablo II expresó este mismo pensamiento en un lenguaje sencillo y hermoso cuando habló a los estudiantes congregados en el Madison Square Garden en 1979: "...el fin de la educación católica, dijo el Papa a los estudiantes, "es comunicarles a Cristo para que su actitud hacia los demás sea la misma de Cristo". En otra ocasión el Papa describió el sistema de educación católica de los Estados Unidos como "un medio excelente no sólo para comunicar el Evangelio de Cristo a los estudiantes sino también para impregnar a toda la comunidad con la verdad y el amor de Cristo."

Así pues, la escuela católica es mucho más que una institución educacional que sirve solamente a los niños que allí se educan y a sus padres. Como parte de la comunidad, la escuela católica es testimonio del pueblo cristiano que cumple día a día la misión de Cristo".

Los obispos norteamericanos también han afirmado su convicción de que la escuela católica es "el medio más efectivo que tiene la Iglesia para la educación de los niños y los jóvenes". Las estadísticas indican que esta convicción se basa en la realidad: con la excepción de la familia católica que vive su fe, ningún otro factor es tan efectivo en la formación de los valores religiosos en los niños como la escuela católica. (Directorio Católico Nacional).

Concientes de la gran contribución que ha hecho la escuela a la vida de los niños y a los esfuerzos de evangelización de la Iglesia, aplaudimos de todo corazón a todos aquellos que tan generosamente participan en la vida de nuestras escuelas, especialmente los directores, maestros y demás personal profesional, empleados, padres y pastores. La transmisión de la Buena Nueva de Salvación es ciertamente digna de todo nuestro esfuerzo.

Rev. P. Vincent T. Kelly
Superintendente de Educación

Los Católicos se unen en defensa de su Fé

Por Magaly Llaguno

Pocas veces en la historia de esta nación, se ha visto tan amenazado este derecho. Los católicos americanos están siendo discriminados en los negocios, las profesiones y el gobierno; y difamados en la prensa, radio y televisión. Ciertos periódicos y grupos anti-católicos están gastando millones de dólares en privarles de sus derechos y del respeto de la sociedad; como bien dijo el Profesor de la Universidad de Yale, Peter Viereck: "El ataque a los católicos es el anti-semi-tismo de los liberales."

Los católicos debemos seguir el ejemplo de las personas judías y de la raza negra, y trabajar unidos a favor de nuestros derechos religiosos y civiles. Precisamente, para este propósito, en mayo de 1973 en la ciudad

de Washington, se creó la Liga Católica Pro-Derechos Religiosos y Civiles. Apoyada por miles de laicos y religiosos en todos los EEUU, la Liga protege la dignidad de los católicos y promueve y defiende sus derechos y sus valores morales. Desde 1973 la Liga ha estado sirviendo y representando activamente a los católicos, de la misma forma que la "A.C.L.U." (Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles) la Liga B'Nai Brith, (de los judíos) y la "N.A.A.C.P." (asociación de personas de la raza negra) sirven a sus respectivos miembros.

Las religiosas, sino también a tratar de privarnos del derecho a intervenir en el proceso político y en la formación de leyes que rigen nuestros propios destinos. Es hora ya de que los católicos (y todos los cristianos), que estamos orgullosos de serlo y sabemos lo valioso que es el patrimonio de fe que hemos recibido, gracias a la incansable labor de los hermanos que nos precedieron, repito, es hora ya de que levantemos nuestras voces al unísono a través de la Liga Católica en contra de la discriminación y la injusticia.

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De izquierda a derecha: Tom Endter, Vice-Presidente de la Liga Católica en el Condado Dade, Richard Conklin, Vice-Presidente en el Condado de Palm Beach, Padre Peter Stravinskis, Director de Desarrollo de la Liga de la Costa Este, Magaly Llaguno, miembro de la directiva nacional, y Jay Bowman, Presidente de la Liga Católica en el Sur de la Florida.

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Los dirigentes nacionales de la Liga Católica, presidida por el Padre Virgil Blum, S.J. incluyen abogados constitucionales, editores, educadores, sacerdotes, etc. Nuestro querido arzobispo Edward McCarthy y una servidora somos miembros de su junta directiva a nivel nacional.

Existen grupos anti-católicos y anti-cristianos que están bien financiados, y se han dedicado no sólo a difamar y ridiculizar nuestras creen-

cias religiosas, sino también a tratar de privarnos del derecho a intervenir en el proceso político y en la formación de leyes que rigen nuestros propios destinos. Es hora ya de que los católicos (y todos los cristianos), que estamos orgullosos de serlo y sabemos lo valioso que es el patrimonio de fe que hemos recibido, gracias a la incansable labor de los hermanos que nos precedieron, repito, es hora ya de que levantemos nuestras voces al unísono a través de la Liga Católica en contra de la discriminación y la injusticia.

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el sur de la Florida ya tenemos un nuevo capítulo (oficina) de la Liga Católica Pro-Derechos Religiosos y Civiles, que necesita urgentemente de tu apoyo moral y material. Recuerda que esta pelea es también tuya; hazte miembro de la Liga y acude a la junta informativa ("workshop") que se celebrará en el Biscayne College (16400 N. W. 32 Ave.) el día 6 de febrero de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m.

El almuerzo es gratis, y el principal orador lo será el Padre Peter Stravinskis, Director de Desarrollo de la Liga para la costa este de EEUU. Si deseas hacerte miembro y recibir un informativo boletín mensual, envía tu contribución de \$10 o más a:

Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights
1100 West Wells Street,
Milwaukee, Wis. 53233.

Un sacerdote ex-alcohólico trata de ayudar a los adictos

Missouri City, Tx. (NC) - El Padre Dominico Valerian LaFrance, un ex-actor, dice que "Johnnie Walker y él eran amigos inseparables."

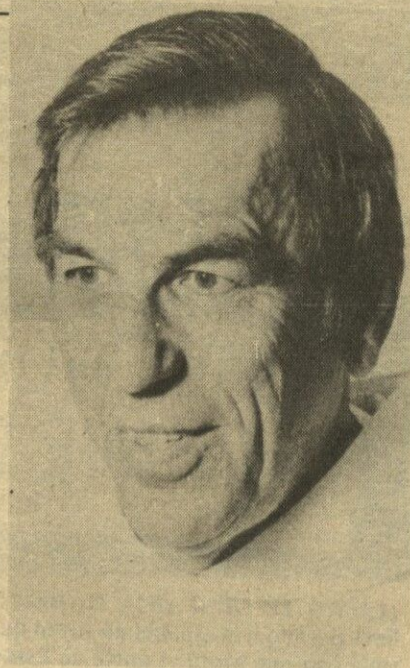
"Por siete largos años prediqué...borracho", declara Padre LaFrance, hoy un predicador misionero estacionado en el Priorato Dominico de St. Albert the Great en Irving, Texas.

En una entrevista para el periódico católico de la Diócesis de Galveston, The Texas Catholic Herald, el sacerdote dijo: "Yo soy genéticamente predispuesto a la enfermedad del alcoholismo." Y añadió que él había decidido hacer pública su debilidad "porque yo soy una persona pública, no por mi sino para ayudar a otros a combatirla". Dijo también que hizo público su alcoholismo porque su superior le dió permiso "para predicar nacionalmente acerca del alcoholismo y ayudar así a miles de cristianos como yo para que busquen auxilio". Y añadió:

"Este es mi nuevo ministerio. Ciertamente no hay nada deshonoroso en el alcoholismo como no lo hay en ser diabético o tener la presión baja. Vamos a sacarlo a la luz."

"Hoy hay menos alcoholismo que hace 20 años entre sacerdotes debido a la educación y al nuevo aprecio del humanismo de la humanidad."

Recordando como se desarrolló su alcoholismo el Padre LaFrance dijo: "primero, toda mi vida el alcohol fue una fabricación, una parte de mi vida



Padre Valerian LaFrance

social, nunca una fuerza dominante. Metido en algún lugar de mi mente tenía como un hecho que si un martini podía quitarme dos berrugas de la cara, dos martinis me quitarían cuatro. También descubrí que dos martinis me daban energía."

"Hoy veo que esto era una falsa manera de pensar. A los 50 años vi mi carrera acortándose porque mi energía física declinaba y, tonamente, buscaba más alcohol para levantarla. En pocas palabras, bebía por energía; tonto pero cierto.

"Lentamente, pero ciertamente, me convertí en alcohólico."

El Padre LaFrance dice que fué a un médico y le contó su problema. Le recetó drogas. Y entonces cogió adicción a las drogas prescritas.

"Gracias al buen doctor me convertí en un "adicto-doble (alcohol y drogas). Pero nadie lo supo."

Después de reconocer que estaba adicto todavía trabajó "siete años de costa a costa y en Europa sin crisis alguna," cuenta el sacerdote.

"Sobrellevaba mis angustias y ansiedades solo y en la intimidad de mi vida. Era un infierno, sufría y no podía decirlo a nadie. A pesar del sufrimiento, nunca me sentí mas cerca de Dios; y esta paradoja que existía entre mi conducta y mis ideales me atormentaba."

Finalmente, según dice, lo contó a su superior y este le mandó a Guest House en Orion, Michigan, un centro de tratamiento para sacerdotes, donde pasó tres meses.

"La gran terapia de vivir tres meses con otras personas igualmente afligidas, fue el consolador conocimiento de que no estaba solo", dice el Padre LaFrance. "Desde mi tratamiento he sido el tipo más feliz del mundo."

El Padre Valerian LaFrance ahora dedica su tiempo a hablar sobre el alcoholismo y ayudar a los que, como él antes, sufren de la adicción al alcohol.

Primera Tómbola de Belén

Este año 1982 tendrá lugar la primera Tómbola de Belén en los terrenos del nuevo edificio situado en 500 S.W. 127 Ave, del 18 al 21 de Febrero.

El producto de la Tómbola se empleará en becas para alumnos capacitados, pero con necesidades económicas.

Habrán premios fabulosos. Un auto Mazda 1982, una excursión a las Bahamas y un televisor de colores.

En la Tómbola tendremos los famosos "rides" de la compañía "Amusement of America", que estuvo en la "Youth Fair" de Miami. Las papeletas de la rifa y los tickets a mitad de precio para los "rides" se pueden adquirir en el Colegio o en la oficina de Antiguos Alumnos.

Para mas informes llamar al 642-0433.

Noche de Enriquecimiento en St. Brendan

Siempre trabajando para el enriquecimiento familiar, el Family Enrichment Center ofrecerá el día 19 de Febrero, viernes, otra de sus noches de enriquecimiento en la parroquia St. Brendan, 8725 S.W. 82 Calle, de 8 a 10 p.m. la reunión tendrá lugar en la cafetería parroquial.

El Rev. P. Florentino Azcoitia, S.J., Director Espiritual de Encuentros familiares dirigirá esta jornada. Los interesados en asistir a esta sesión deben dejarlo saber a Elaine Syfert al 651-0280.

Retiro Carismático con P. DeGrandis

"Pondrán las manos sobre los enfermos y éstos sanarán (Mc 16:18).

En la Iglesia Little Flower, 1270 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables, tendrá lugar un Retiro Carismático de sanación los días 20 y 21 de Febrero de 9 de la mañana a 6 de la tarde, terminando ambos días con Misa y sanación.

El principal conferencista será el Rev. Padre Robert DeGrandis, S.S.J. Este retiro esta auspiciado por la comunidad La Vid.

La asistencia es gratuita y se servirá almuerzo a módico precio.

Para mas información llamar al 552-0246.

Biscayne College reducirá sus cuotas

Biscayne College, que dirigen los Padres Agustinos, es el único plantel de los Estados Unidos que está planeando reducir sus cuotas en vez de aumentarlas. Para lograrlo están haciendo reajustes en todos los aspectos del presupuesto del College, y así poder favorecer a los estudiantes con becas o préstamos que han sido afectados por los cortes en los gastos del gobierno.

El Padre Patrick O'Neill, presidente de Biscayne College, declaró que las cuotas serán reducidas en unos \$300 en lugar de aumentarlas como se había planeado originalmente. Actualmente el 90% de los alumnos recibe ayuda financiera de algún tipo.

El 83% de los ingresos del Colegio provienen de las cuotas que pagan los

alumnos, que hasta ahora han sido de \$3,700 al año; siendo sus otras fuentes de ingreso obsequios, donaciones y concesiones que el Padre O'Neill describe como "pequeñas pero constantes".

Entre los planes del Colegio También esta el aumentar la matrícula.

Biscayne College también ha pedido a los 300 miembros de la facultad y del personal aceptar

menores aumentos de salario para compensar el costo de la vida.

"No estamos pidiendo una congelación de salarios sino que todos ellos hagan un nuevo compromiso hacia los estudiantes que servimos", dijo el Padre O'Neill.

Biscayne College, que ya cumplió sus 20 años sirviendo a la comunidad estudiantil de Miami tiene una matrícula de 2,900 alumnos.

Nombran nueva comisión estatal de asuntos hispanos

Tallahassee - El Gobernador de la Florida, Bob Graham, anunció el nombramiento de ocho personas a la Comisión Estatal de Asuntos Hispanos de la Florida.

Los nombramientos son: Fernando Puig, 44, de Miami, presidente de Dade Federal Security; ha venido sirviendo en la Comisión desde 1977.

Ralph Borrás, 47, de Miramar, presidente de una compañía de aparatos ortopédicos; en la Comisión desde 1977.

Alicia Baró, 63, de Miami, vice-presidenta ejecutiva de una compañía de bienes raíces; en la Comisión desde 1977.

Eduardo Cardounel, 41, de Fort

Lauderdale, agente de bienes raíces.

Bruce Esquinaldo, 34, de Cayo Hueso, administrador de una compañía de financiamiento.

Alice Grandoff, 44, de Tampa, propietaria de un servicio de traducción.

Manuel P. Rodríguez, 30, de Orlando, administrador general del Distrito de la Florida de Civitan International Inc.

Celia Fernández, de Jacksonville, maestra de español en Sandalwood High School.

El propósito de esta Comisión es llevar a cabo estudios relacionados con los hispanos de la Florida. Los nombramientos anteriores expiran en Septiembre de 1985.

El Padre Piedra en Misiones en San Juan Bosco

Como preparación para la Cuaresma, el Rvdo. Padre Ruskin Piedra, C.S.S.R., ofrecerá en la Iglesia San Juan Bosco, tres días de Misiones en inglés, 8, 9 y 10 de Febrero, a las 7 p.m. El Padre Piedra también ofrecerá las Misiones en español del 15 al 19 de Febrero a las 8 p.m.

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NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA

25,000 "PRO-VIDA" DESFILANDO BAJO CRUEL FRIO

Washington (NC) - Sobre calles congeladas por una ola de frío, unas 25,000 personas participaron el 22 de Enero en la marcha anual "pro vida" contra un fallo de la Corte Suprema de Justicia en 1973 que legalizó el aborto provocado. Apoyaban, portando rosas y carteles, varios proyectos de legislación propuestos para restringirlo a sólo casos de peligro de muerte para la madre, pues actualmente se reportan en todo el país más del millón y medio de abortos al año. Quienes dirigen el movimiento "pro-life" dicen contar con el apoyo del presidente Reagan. El senador Jesse Helms (R-NC) llamó al fallo una contradicción "grotesca... de los principios fundamentales de nuestra civilización." Como algunos alegan que el aborto en las primeras semanas del embarazo no mata a una persona, el senador agregó que si los hombres de ciencia saben que la vida comienza en la concepción, "¿cómo es que los jueces no?" Hay otros movimientos que favorecen el aborto libre, y han lanzado una campaña publicitaria de \$3 millones para evitar la legislación.

AUMENTA EL APOYO A SOLIDARIDAD

Vaticano (NC) - Poco después de que el Gen. Wojciech Jaruleski, jefe militar de Polonia, logró confir-

mación parlamentaria del estado de sitio impuesto el 13 de Diciembre, el Papa Juan Pablo II reveló a 7,000 peregrinos que había recibido una carta de prisioneros políticos en su patria, "condenados al aislamiento sin el proceso debido." Les confió a la protección de la patrona de Polonia Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa. En otra ocasión dijo ante 25,000 en la Plaza de San Pedro que los obreros polacos tienen derecho a organizarse libremente en sindicatos, como Solidarida, que tiene 10 millones afiliados. Fue suspendida por el gobierno comunista junto con las organizaciones estudiantiles. Una pastoral reciente de los obispos polacos advierte que de continuar, la ley marcial terminará "en rebelión y hasta guerra civil" pues viola la libertad humana. Pide levantar la ley marcial, la libertad de los obreros detenidos y poner fin a la coerción ideológica y los despidos. El gobierno coacciona a los obreros para que renuncien a Solidaridad, y de no hacerlo pierden su trabajo. Los obispos expresan la necesidad de diálogo para restablecer la paz y mejorar la economía. La Confederación Mundial de Sindicatos Libres prepara una manifestación de apoyo a Solidaridad en Europa y América, y pide que participen las organizaciones católicas. Otras fuentes informan que en 1981 fueron ordenados en Polonia 688 sacerdotes, con lo cual su número llega a 20,676.

A juicio los detenidos por la muerte de misioneras

SAN SALVADOR (NC) - El gobierno del El Salvador pondrá pronto en juicio a los seis sospechosos del asesinato de las cuatro misioneras norteamericanas ocurrido en Diciembre de 1980, según anunció el Ministro de Defensa General José Guillermo García.

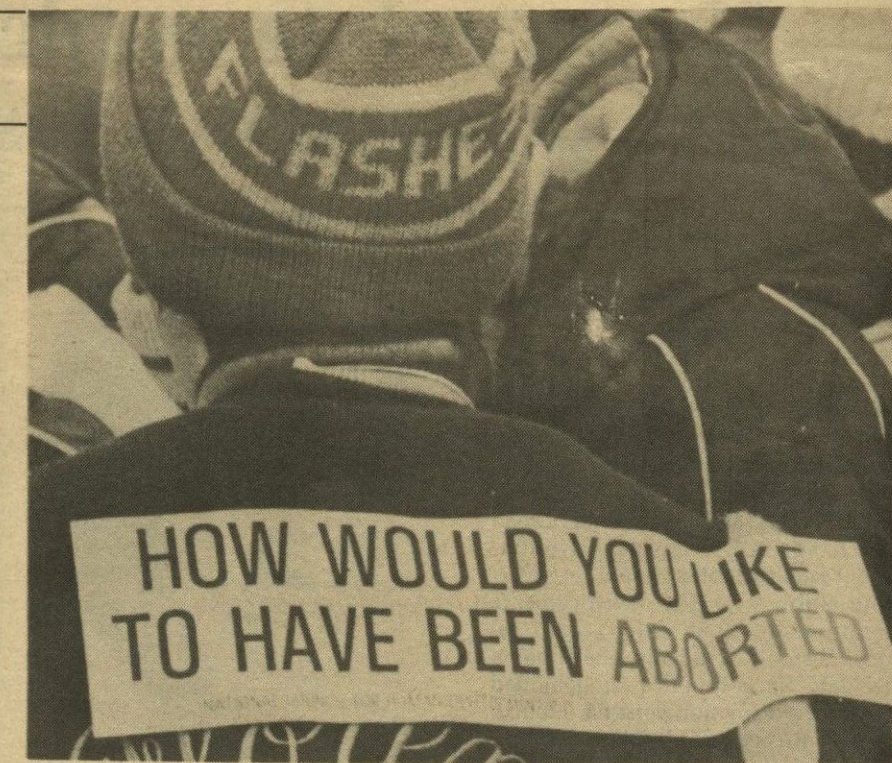
El general García no dió fecha pero dijo a la AP que "en unos días una declaración oficial será ofrecida y los detalles del caso saldrán a la luz."

Las misioneras asesinadas eran la monja Ursulina Dorothy Kazel, la voluntaria laica Jean Donovan y las hermanas Mariknoll Ita Ford y Maura Clarke. Sus cuerpos fueron hallados cerca de la carretera del aeropuerto el dos de Diciembre, 1980; las misioneras acababan de llegar a San Salvador.

Los familiares de las religiosas en Estados Unidos han estado presionando al Gobierno de Reagan para que la Junta apresure el juicio de los culpables. Varias otras organizaciones que tratan sobre derechos humanos también han escrito al presidente Reagan pidiendo el juicio y denunciando que la Junta Militar de El Salvador no ha hecho nada positivo en el caso.

Celebrarán antiguos miembros 54 aniversario de la FJACC

Los Antiguos miembros de la Juventud de Acción Católica Cubana están preparando la celebración del 54 Aniversario de la fundación de la que después fué la rama juvenil de la Acción Católica Cubana, el gran movimiento laico que estaba cambiando la sociedad cubana cuando el comunismo tomó el poder y la libertad de religión vino a ser un sueño para el pueblo cubano.



¿COMO TE GUSTARIA HABER SIDO ABORTADO? Dice el letrero que lleva pegado a la espalda un joven que marchó junto a otros 25,000 bajo el terrible frío que azota al norte de Estados Unidos.

APARECIERON DOS SACERDOTES SECUESTRADOS

Guatemala (NC) - Siguen desaparecidos la religiosa betlemita María Victoria de la Roca, secuestrada en Esquipulas el 6 de Enero, y el seminarista belga de Missionhurst Serge Bertens, que trabajaba en pastoral en El Quiche, secuestrado el 20 de Enero. Dos sacerdotes secuestrados también en Enero fueron dejados en la nunciatura pocos días después cuando las autoridades de la iglesia pidieron al gobierno que ayudara a encontrarlos. El gobierno belga ha pedido al guatemalteco que garantice la vida y la libertad de estos misioneros.

LA IGLESIA ORA POR LA PATRIA

Chile (NC) - En un repaso de las relaciones iglesia-estado en Chile durante 1981, Mons. José Manuel Santos, obispo de Valdivia y presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal, dijo que parecían una "tenaza... que se abre y cierra" y citó varias fricciones: la iglesia negó a la policía entrada en varios templos para desalojar a obreros que protestaban contra la escasez de vivienda; aunque el cardenal Raúl Silva de Santiago presidió un Te Deum ecuménico en un acto oficial, la oficina arquidiocesana advirtió que "la iglesia siempre ha orado por cada nueva etapa de nuestro país con el fin de que esté basada en la verdad, la justicia, la libertad y el amor, pilares de la paz."

ESTADO Y RELIGION

Washington (NC) - La Corte Suprema de Justicia reafirmó fallos de 1962 de que la oración en las escuelas públicas viola normas constitucionales sobre separación iglesia-estado. El nuevo caso fue planteado por una ley del estado de Louisiana que permitía a las juntas de educación autorizar la oración a maestros y alumnos de instituciones públicas. En Diciembre la misma corte permitió que los estudiantes universitarios realizaran servicios religiosos en universidades estatales.

ITINERARIO DEL PAPA EN AFRICA

Vaticano (NC) - Según itinerario publicado el 26 de Enero, el Papa Juan Pablo II recorrerá unas ocho mil millas cuando visite en Febrero a Nigeria, Gabón, Benín y la Guinea Ecuatorial. Nigeria es la parada principal con visitas a Lagos, Enugu, Onitsha, Kaduna e Ibadan. Un seis por ciento de los nigerianos son católicos. En la Guinea, que fuera posesión española son católicos casi todos, y en Gabón lo son el 57 por ciento.

SACERDOTES PIDEN POR REFUGIADOS DE SALVADOR

Los Angeles (NC) - El senado sacerdotal de Los Angeles pidió al presidente Reagan que suspenda la deportación de refugiados salvadoreños, niños también, pues al retornar "se encuentran en gran peligro, incluso de muerte." Pide además al Departamento de Estado que les conceda asilo político y garantice la asistencia social para poder sobrevivir.

Antiguas alumnas de Ourdes honrarán a su Patrona

Las antiguas alumnas del Colegio Filipense Ntra. Sra. de Lourdes honrarán a su Santa Patrona el próximo domingo 7 de Febrero en la Iglesia Sts. Peter and Paul con una Misa a la 1:45 p.m., oficiada por el Rev. P. Pedro Cartaya, S.J.

Todas las antiguas alumnas del Colegio Filipense están invitadas.

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Supporters: Reagan budget will back tuition tax credits

WASHINGTON (NC) — President Reagan's Feb. 8 budget message will include a "statement of principle" supporting tuition tax credits, according to three New York tax credit supporters who met with a Reagan aide Jan. 28.

However, although it is expected to be mentioned in his message, no specific provision seems likely in Reagan's budget for 1983, they added.

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Msgr. Vincent D. Breen, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn, and Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-N.Y.) met with Martin Anderson, assistant to the president for economic and domestic policy development.

SUPPORTERS HAVE said that failure to mention the issue in this year's budget message would almost certainly kill chances for tuition tax credit legislation, which is designed to give tax credits to parents of students in non-public schools for part of the tuition they pay.

The three men, along with Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), held a press conference following the Jan. 28 meeting. They addressed a group of New York parents who had hoped to take part in the White House meeting. The group brought what they said were 500,000 pro-tax credit letters addressed to the president.

A Moynihan aide said the senator had planned to attend the White House meeting but was "disinvited."

'No institution in this nation is as clear and firm and steadfast on racism as has been our (Catholic) Church. We will not give an inch on this.'

—Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D.N.Y.)

Moynihan is co-sponsor of S.550, the Tuition Tax Relief Act of 1981, which includes a refundable credit for low-income families.

"There will be a statement of principle in the president's budget message," Bishop Mugavero said at the press conference. D'Amato added that Reagan will follow up his budget message with specific policy proposals.

"IF IT'S NOT in the budget it would not happen this year," Moynihan said, adding that he believed it could be the first time a president had included tuition tax credits in a budget message.

Although the tax credit supporters said they did not know exactly what form of tax credit legislation the president might eventually support, they said certain elements are vital.

In S.550 provisions have been made to prevent tuition tax credit money from going to schools that discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

"We've had a bad bounce with the IRS ruling on segregation," Moynihan said at the press conference, referring to the Reagan ad-

ministration's initial decision to allow tax exemptions to racially segregated schools. The decision later was partially reversed pending congressional action.

Moynihan defended the Catholic Church's stance on non-discrimination in its schools.

"NO INSTITUTION in this nation is as clear and firm and steadfast on racism as has been our (Catholic) Church," he continued. "We will not

give an inch on this" in tax credit legislation, he said.

Msgr. Breen agreed that there would be a fight if that provision was not included.

"Senate bill S.550 has been unceasingly attacked by those who say it violates some of the basic constitutional principles on which this nation was founded," D'Amato said. "The very opposite is true."

"We are not endorsing private education over the public school system. Most importantly, we are not attempting to deny anyone a good education by what some say is a threat to public education."

"It's a sound image that we have created," said Bishop Mugavero. "We're committed to both schools — public and private. We want quality education for everybody in this country."

Reagan, Pope to meet

WASHINGTON (NC) — President Reagan will meet for the first time with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican on June 7, the White House announced Jan. 29.

Reagan will be in Europe for an economic summit meeting at Versailles, France, June 4-6. The White House said Reagan then would travel to Rome for the audience before attending a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit, possibly June 9-10 in Brussels.

The meeting would be Reagan's first with Pope John Paul, although Reagan talked to the pope by phone in December when martial law was declared in Poland.

President Jimmy Carter met with Pope John Paul twice: first at the White House in October 1979 during the pope's week-long trip to the United States, and again in June 1980 at the Vatican.

Both Reagan and the pope were victims of assassination attempts during 1981.

Annulments require 'proven facts' — Pope

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II reiterated the indissolubility of marriage and warned against granting annulments without "valid motivations" and "proven facts."

The warning came in an address Jan. 28 to members of the Sacred Roman Rota, the church's main court of appeals, which deals primarily with marriage cases coming from

diocese church courts.

The pope said that in the sacrament of matrimony "an indissoluble link unites the spouses, as are united in one single love Christ and the church."

LOVE CANNOT BE reduced "to sensitive affection, to passing attraction, to erotic sensation, to sexual impulse, to sentiments of affinity, to simple joy of living," he said.

"Your primary duty at the service of love will be, therefore, to recognize the full value of matrimony, to respect its existence in the best way possible, to protect those whom it has joined in one family," Pope John Paul said.

"It will be only for valid motivations, for proven facts, that its existence can be placed in doubt and the nullity of it declared," he added.

THE POPE warned against viewing marriage simply as a contractual obligation between the spouses and, at the same time, against denying the aspect of contract in marriage.

The audience marked the beginning of the court's judicial year and the appointment of a new dean of the Roman Rota, Msgr. Arturo De Jorio. He succeeded the retiring dean, Msgr. Heinrich Ewers.

Youth federation changes structure

WASHINGTON (NC) — After 50 years the work of the National Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Federation has come to an end, but a new structure, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, will take over.

The new organization was unanimously adopted by the National Advisory Board for Youth Ministry at its annual meeting Jan. 20 in Philadelphia.

The original federation, which was to end in January, was made up of affiliated member dioceses from throughout the United States. For the

past 30 years the CYO federation has been housed at the headquarters of the U.S. Catholic Conference (formerly the National Catholic Welfare Conference).

Last March the USCC Administrative Board voted to end the USCC's relationship with the CYO federation. The committee's recommendation was based on budgetary considerations.

Regional coordinators, under the direction of Msgr. Francis Weldgen of Buffalo, N.Y., surveyed diocesan youth directors across the country to determine the new format.

According to the plan, the federation, through a network of diocesan, regional and national structure, will provide leadership and a national forum for the voice of Catholic youth.

It will promote "multicultural development of youth ministry" and peer leadership whenever possible.

The new federation will be governed by a board of directors which will approve policy statements on issues that affect youth ministry. There will also be an executive committee consisting of the regional coordinators and the youth council.

Msgr. Weldgen said the new federation, like its predecessor, will continue to hold a national conference for Catholic youth ministry every two years for adults working with youth and will provide young people with a national forum and leadership training opportunities.

But in place of the one national CYO convention, there will be two national Catholic youth conferences in various parts of the country every two years.

Msgr. Weldgen said that 80 percent of the Catholic youth personnel in the country indicated they will affiliate with the new organization.

Family Life

By Dr. James
and Mary Kenny



Fair play for two daughters

Dear Mary: We have two daughters, Lori, 21, and Diane, 13. We have had difficulties with Lori. She ran away briefly at 14 and had a baby at 15 which she put up for adoption at our request. She dropped out of high school.

She tried living with friends, but it was too expensive. Now she lives with us. My husband drives her to work and picks her up. He asks only that she contribute to gas money and pay her own expenses. We give her room and board.

My husband clearly favors our younger daughter, who is cheerful and easy to get along with. I think Lori resents this.

Lori would like to return to school but cannot seem to get motivated. She is thinking of moving out, and she asked if she can come back if it doesn't work out. Her father said, "Only if you pay part of the household expenses."

Lori reminded him that she left school at 15 and has been working ever since. She says Diane gets everything handed to her.

I'm caught in the middle. How can I bring some peace to our household? There is terrible tension. — (Pennsylvania)

Obviously daughters of 13 and 21 need different treatment. A 21-year-old is an adult. However, different treatment need not mean favoritism.

When open favoritism does exist, as in your case, Lori can interpret every decision as favoring Diane.

To avoid this you need objective standards. If your husband is willing, you can work them out together. Here are some guidelines we find effective:

1) Who pays the bills? Through high school, parents support children. Parents pay room, board and medical expenses.

WHEN A SON or daughter completes high school and goes to work, he or she pays room and board as well as personal expenses. A high school graduate is an adult, and adults who work full time are expected to provide for themselves.

2) What about attending school? While parents are not obligated to provide schooling past high school, many do help their children. They might waive room and board.

This action is part of providing for education, a gift. It is not a child's right as it is for children under 18. Parents might also help by providing extra money for school expenses or by co-signing a student loan.

GIVEN SUCH guidelines, you can spell out a reasonable plan for Lori that does not include

preferential treatment. Specify what you expect and what you will provide if she is working and lives at home. Also specify any household duties you expect of her.

Suppose Lori wishes to return to school. Since she did not receive her high school education, you might provide her with financial incentives.

Normally adults can prepare for the GED high school equivalency test at night classes. Suppose each time Lori completes part of the GED preparation, you give her a cash bonus. A larger bonus is awarded when she actually gets her GED.

You might give her the cash or put it in a bank account as a fund for college or technical school. This payment replaces the high school support Lori did not receive and it is available only if she returns to school.

WORKING OUT objective standards should decrease favoritism and tension. Not only will they help your relationship with Lori, but they should also help avoid such dilemmas about supporting Diane as she becomes an adult. Good luck.

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



By
Dolores
Curran

When all is sad and done

Maureen is a woman like many today. She married for better or for worse in a High Mass with a nuptial blessing. She's a loving mother of five well-adjusted children and has a husband who works hard to support their family. As song goes, "Who could ask for anything more?"

Well, Maureen could, for one. She's joined legions of men and women who say to themselves daily, "There's got to be more to life than this." She's feeling the familiar symptoms of breakout leading to outside job or college and feeling guilty for wanting this.

"I know I should be satisfied," she says. "I have a nice home, good kids and a husband who works hard." She paused and sipped her coffee. When she continued, her voice had a new note to it, one of pleading, of despair and of anger.

"BUT THAT'S just the point. He's got his work. When he comes home, he watches TV. He doesn't have anything to talk to me about. I don't

feel like I can ask him to be interesting just to make me happy. But when I think of the long years ahead, with just him and me and the dog, I just can't stand it."

Maureen articulates an increasingly common phenomenon - the spouse in a union that is good in every way but intimacy. Not sexual intimacy but marital intimacy. An intimacy that initiated their marriage in the first place and has become simply boring.

Given time, the boredom becomes so oppressive that it turns to active dislike. "When I tell my husband I need more," a woman complained in a letter to me, "his only suggestion is to go out and sit and look at each other and realize how bored we really are with each other. But if I say anything about it, he says, 'Well, what do you want? I took you out to dinner.'"

Looking for more out of life isn't a female prerogative. Women just talk about it more. Men are asking the same question with more frequency. "Is this all there is? How can I live thirty more years like this?" And alternatives are explored: a new car, a new job, a new marriage.

IN THE MOVIE, *Four Seasons*, the husband who couldn't go on living with a woman whose life revolved around photographing vegetables

models this dilemma poignantly. His solution? A voluptuous new wife half his age who gave him experiences and feeling he once had in his marriage but that he and his wife allowed to wither.

What do we say to these people? Deepen your faith? It's not enough. Many have rich faith lives, but they're alone in their faith as they are alone in their marriage. "I didn't marry to be lonely," Maureen says simply as she dons her coat to find meaning in church volunteer work alone.

Marriages didn't used to last fifty years. Couples were too busy keeping bread on the table to worry about keeping a relationship alive. All that has changed in thousands of marriages today that are successful in economic terms and empty in intimacy terms. Philosopher Abraham Maslov says that we're the first generation in history to be beyond sustenance enough to focus on relationships.

The answer for Maureen? A marriage enrichment weekend of course. A couples' retreat. A mutual effort to recapture what they once had.

Maureen has suggested all these but her husband isn't interested. He doesn't see anything wrong with their marriage. So what do we tell Maureen? To offer it up?

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Family Night

THEME:
Family "Love Factories."

OPENING PRAYER:
Dearest Jesus, how true it is that through loving one another we experience your great presence in our midst. Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much that you came and lived among us and gave your life so we might live forever as a family united with You. Bless us, Jesus, as we gather together in Your name. Amen.

ACTIVITY IDEA
Families are love factories because that's where we work at loving. Loving one another isn't always easy either. Sometimes it takes a lot of hard work. Answer together: 1) What is love? 2) What does it mean to be loving? 3) List ways we learn to love. 4) How does love in our family lead us closer to God? 5) What does love have to do with Valentine's Day?

SNACK
Plan to serve something with red in

it, perhaps hello, apples, a red cake or cookies or cranberry juice.

ENTERTAINMENT
Hold a song fest singing songs that have to do with love.

SHARING
1) Each share a time he or she felt especially loved.
2) Share a time someone felt especially loved by God.

3) Share: a. It's hardest for me to be loving when _____
b. It's easy to be loving when _____

CLOSING PRAYER
Jesus, thank you for teaching us about love. Help us to grow more and more in love with you and our family this year of 1982. Amen.
Read aloud 1 John 4:11-12.

PRAYER

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

By Fr. Richard Murphy, O.P.

One of the most charming and heart-warming phases that children go through is their sudden interest in hearing or trading secrets. Of course there are secrets and secrets, and there are some that we ought to share with others.

Life is characterized by activity, both inward and outward. At first man walked, then he rode upon animals or in wagons, and now he soars through the heavens on wings. But there is more to life than local motion. The life of the spirit makes us different from the beasts that perish, and it involves such things as good and evil, right and wrong. Such is a grown-up's world.

Our blessed Savior moved amid crowds, made friends and enemies, and spent time with the sick and the poor. We can learn much from him.

We associate with crowds, making contact with people in the supermarkets, on the street, and sometimes literally, with other people's bumpers and fenders.

JESUS MANAGED his life well. He often rose early and went off by himself to pray. Thus he was able to maintain contact with his heavenly Father. He knew the psalms as we know our Our Fathers and Hail Marys, but he also kept up an inner conversation with his Father, whose mission he was carrying out.

Prayer is part of Jesus' secret and from his example we learn much. There are times when we must get away from the noise and confusion of everyday life, and we do this by coming to church, a quiet place (usually!) where we can be alone with God. Silence and recollection are not signs

of death, but of life and growth. Silence is a time for growing. The rose does not go snap, crackle, and pop.

PRAYER IS A sign of a healthy spiritual life. It is also genuinely human activity. There is nothing pre-fab about it; it is as personal as each individual. Much of it should be thanksgiving for the good things that have come into our lives, but it can also be an asking for God's guidance and help.

Jesus' message is a call to serve God and neighbor. Was this not his great secret, that we should love both? When he prayed, he did not ask that his followers be preserved from famine, disease, illiteracy, poverty, and injustice, but that they be protected from the Evil One. God's work is seldom done under optimum condi-

tions, and the history of Christianity shows how Jesus' disciples faced grim reality with positive action, cheerfulness, confidence, and trust. The world is better for it.

The sharing of the Good News that God is love and has sent his Son to save us is part of God's long-kept secret. Job thought that life was almost too much to bear. St. Paul saw God's hand at work behind all difficulties. Christians down through the ages have met Christ while tending the sick and raising their families.

To walk with Jesus is to share his great secret of love. The Church's evangelization program is tailor-made to spread the great Good News, something Jesus considered to be even more important than healing the sick and casting out demons.

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Can non-catholics receive Communion?

Q. I know you have answered questions previously about non-Catholics receiving Communion at Mass, but something bothers me. Why do groups such as Teens Encounter Christ, Cursillo and Marriage Encounter openly allow non-Catholics to receive Communion almost to the point of encouraging them to do so? Why do our pastors and bishops support these groups while they are in open defiance of the church rules on this point? (Massachusetts)



By Fr. John Dietzen

with some of these groups, none of them hold the positions you suggest.

It is clearly impossible for directors of any programs as large as the ones you mention to be aware of or control what all participants do all the time. I do know, however, that most (perhaps all) Cursillo organizations are aware of the problem and attempt to include in the weekend a careful

explanation of why non-Catholics who may be making the Cursillo should not receive Communion at Mass. At least I know of no area which encourages the practice or deliberately approves it by silence.

You surely realize that when an individual presents himself or herself to the priest at communion time, the priest cannot at that point start checking the credentials. So you may well have seen Protestants going to Communion.

It may be — and I know this to be true in some instances — that under the inspiration of the deep Christian experience they share with others during a retreat, for example, and realizing the special place of the Eucharist in symbolizing the bond that exists among Christians, a non-Catholic has

received Communion during Mass. He can hardly be blamed for this "misunderstanding," let alone be condemned for it. If possible, the priest might attempt to explain the matter to him later.

The fact that this kind of action occurs, therefore, does not automatically imply "defiance of church rules." On the part of all concerned it may be simply a question of trying to exercise basic Christian charity and understanding in dealing with the embarrassing division in the family of Christ, a division that sadly separates us even at the table of unity.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen, St. Mark's Parish, 1113 W. Bradley, Peoria, Ill. 61606.

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Bishop: Impotent man can marry

(NC) — Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill., has personally approved a Catholic marriage for a reportedly sexually impotent man and his fiancée.

The bishop's assurance that the couple could indeed be married in the Catholic Church followed a controversy which drew international attention when the man, who says he is impotent, was informed by a Catholic pastor that permanently sexually impotent persons cannot marry in the Catholic Church.

According to canon law, irreversible sexual impotence is a strict impediment to marriage in the church, although, as one Joliet diocesan official said, the ban is rarely enforced because many cases of impotence are not permanent.

"The church has always upheld the basic right of every person to marry," Bishop Imesch said in a statement Jan. 28. "After consultation with a number of moral theologians, canonists and members of the medical profession, I see no reason why this couple cannot be free to marry in the church."

"I regret the pain and anguish they have suffered. I have spoken with them and assured them that they can be married in the church. I wish them God's blessing and a happy life together," Bishop Imesch added.

'Apologize to Christians' Decency head asks RCA

TUPELO, MISS. — RCA/NBC has been asked by the head of the National Federation for Decency (NFD) to make a public apology to Christians for helping sponsor a vicious eight page anti-Christian section in the December issue of *Playboy* magazine.

Donald E. Wildmon, executive director of the NFD and a United Methodist minister, has asked RCA/NBC to apologize, withdraw all advertising from *Playboy* and similar magazines in the future, and to stop the anti-Christian discrimination in their network programs.

WILDMON SAID that the NFD has reproduced the eight page section in the January issue of the NFD INFORMER and mailed the paper to approximately 100,000 churches. The special section was entitled

'PRAYBOY'.

RCA/NBC contributed thousands of dollars to Playboy via advertising to help produce the vicious section which belittles, demeans, ridicules and mocks Christ and Christians," Wildmon said. "The *Playboy* section makes fun of the crucifixion, saying that Christ was only playing hurt. It mocks the words of Jesus concerning 'In my Father's house are many mansions' by putting them into the mouth of Hugh Hefner and referring to the two Playboy mansions.

"One suggested article in the section was entitled 'Are Catholics White?' which was intended as an insult to Catholics and blacks. This section was filled with subtle hatred of Christ and Christians. This follows continual discrimination by RCA/NBC against Christians in their programs. This intentional insult by

RCA/NBC and *Playboy* cannot and will not be accepted."

"**WE HAVE ASKED** Chairman Thornton Bradshaw of RCA/NBC to issue a public apology for this vicious, hateful attack," Wildmon added. "If RCA/NBC refuses to do this, their attitude toward Christians will be very clear to every Christian in this country.

Christians are under no obligation to do business with a company which mocks Christ and their faith," he remarked.

The minister said that RCA/NBC offered to meet with him to discuss their discrimination toward Christians in their programming, but when he accepted the invitation the network refused to follow through because Wildmon wanted a public meeting.

USCC sets regional communication meetings

The U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication is sponsoring a series of meetings to update diocesan communicators on the Catholic Television Network of America and promotion of the Catholic Communication Campaign and honor diocesan communication efforts.

Under the title "Initiatives and Innovations in Diocesan Communication," the two-and-a-half-day meetings will be convened in Miami, March 1-3; Seattle, March 10-12; St. Louis, March 15-17; and Boston, March 31-April 2.

The meetings are open to diocesan communicators, finance directors, educators, program directors and others involved in communication.

Included in the programs will be a

"Proclaim Awards" luncheon, a ceremony to honor winners of annual Proclaim Awards for excellence in diocesan communication. The awards, in five categories, cite outstanding projects funded with the local Catholic Communication Campaign or developed to promote the collection. The CCC is the church's national collection and funding program for communications work.

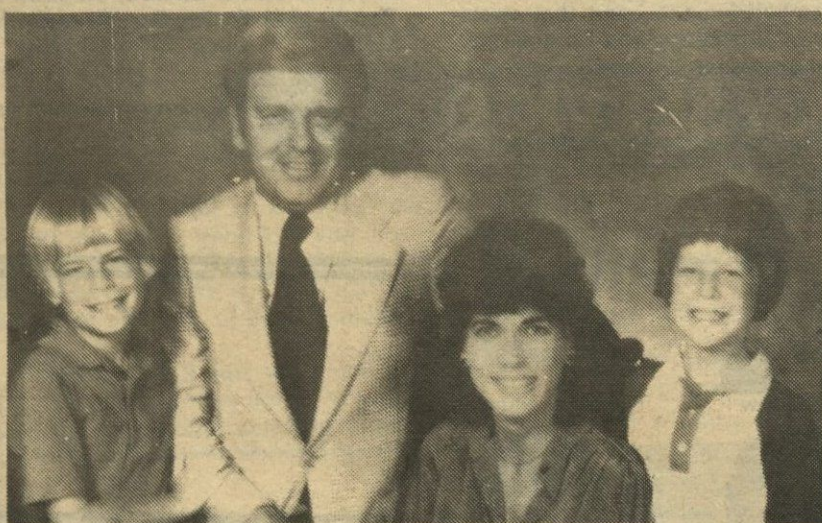
An evaluation of pilot education project on television and Christian values, tested in about 400 schools in 1981, also is on the agenda. In addition, through a "National-Local Media Showcase," producers of broadcast materials for either national or local distribution can demonstrate their productions for diocesan communicators. Although the "Showcase" materials do not have to be funded through the CCC,

they should reflect the CCC values.

Registration forms and preliminary program schedules will be mailed to directors of diocesan communication programs, chancellors, finance directors, Catholic press editors, directors of religious education, religious superiors and Religious involved in communications activities, and superintendents of schools.

REAL TO REEL

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and evangelist Billy Graham appear in a story on television evangelism on this week's edition of "Real to Reel," broadcast Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. on WCKT, Channel 7.



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Church supports Salvador elections

Reagan asks for more military aid

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (NC) — A church statement has given support to March elections in El Salvador, calling on Catholics to vote for the sake of the common good. It also asked the government to provide the proper climate for the election.

"We see some possible hope for a solution to the present (armed) conflict in the March 28 elections," the statement said. "This could mean the beginning of a new era, open to the voice of the people, instead of the destruction, death, hunger and persecution provoked by the military confrontation."

The statement was issued Jan. 22 in the name of the Bishops' Conference of El Salvador. The present civilian-military government is led by Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte and was appointed by the military. The March elections are for delegates to a constituent assembly which will write a constitution under which a presidential election will be held within two years.

"We remind Catholics they have an obligation in conscience to vote. Ideally all citizens should go to the polls, therefore we regret that some reject the elections," they said.

Registering for the election are mostly political parties favoring the government in the fight with guerrillas. Guerrilla leaders and opposition groups are abstaining, saying the elections will be a fraud and that a proper campaign cannot occur under the present climate of political violence.

The statement asked "all those responsible in the government to create adequate conditions for the vote, thus making it possible for all Salvadorans to participate, a condition which we deem essential to the results we seek."

Meanwhile, debate sharpened in the United States as the Reagan administration told Congress that the

Salvadoran government is making a "good faith" effort to improve the human rights situation and is therefore entitled to further U.S. military aid.

But other groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, accused the Salvadoran government of being involved in massive killings and cover-ups of abuses. Several members of Congress promised to introduce legislation to end U.S. military aid.

The upturn in fighting since the beginning of 1982 caused Deane R. Hinton, U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, to speculate that a military victory over the guerrillas may be the only option for ending the fighting, although the United States still hopes that the March elections will be the first step toward a political solution.

"We've never been looking for a military victory," Hinton said. "Now we may be forced to where there is no real choice."

Hinton criticized guerrillas and opposition political parties for not participating in the elections.

"Elections could have been a political solution to the war, and they weren't because those people who allege they're so g--d----- popular wouldn't participate and take their chances," Hinton said.

The guerrillas and their political allies favor direct negotiations with the government to work out a political solution.

Hinton's comments appeared in the Washington Post Jan. 31, several days after Reagan told Congress the human rights situation was improving and a State Department spokesman said the administration would seek aid in addition to the \$26 million allotted in the fiscal 1982 foreign aid appropriations.

On Feb. 1 Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Enders told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the administration planned to send im-



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—Deane R. Hinton
U.S. Ambassador
to El Salvador

mediately \$55 million in military equipment because "the decisive battle for Central America is under way in El Salvador."

Hinton, in the Washington Post interview, doubted that the United States, because of political and economic reasons, would be able to supply sufficient military aid to the Salvadoran government. A current key need cited by Hinton is helicopters, especially after a recent guerrilla attack on an air base which destroyed many of the 14 Huey helicopters used by El Salvador's air force.

The Guerrilla raid occurred Jan. 27 and was claimed by them to be a major blow against government troops.

MASSACRES PERSIST

Meanwhile, the government said that on Jan. 31 it launched a successful operation against a guerrilla hideout in which 20 rebels were killed. Many relatives and witnesses, however, denied that the people killed were guerrillas. Several witnesses said women were raped by soldiers during the raid.

Members of the Reagan administration acknowledge that human rights abuses traceable to troops or pro-government paramilitary forces exist, but that military and economic aid gives the United States leverage in getting the Salvadoran government and military to halt the abuses.

The Reagan administration also has indicated that the human rights situation is not the main concern in determining U.S. support to El Salvador. The overriding issue is what the U.S. government sees as the need to prevent El Salvador from

becoming a communist-rule state.

The United States has consistently accused Nicaragua and Cuba of being the main conduits of Soviet-bloc arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas.

AID CUT OFF 'UNJUST'

Salvadoran Bishop Arturo Rivera Damas, apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, agreed with Reagan's assessment that the human rights situation was improving.

Although abuses still exist, the number of civilian deaths seem to be less, he said Jan. 29.

"We have known for a long time of the disposition of President (Jose Napoleon) Duarte toward finding ways to purge the armed forces of hardliners. In more recent days I have seen a greater emphasis" on this, Bishop Rivera said.

"Meanwhile reports of more deaths of non-combatants continue reaching the public, and a majority are ordinarily victims of paramilitary groups or of members of the security forces and the army," he said.

Regarding U.S. military aid, Bishop Rivera said an end to military aid would be effective only if weapons were cutoff to the guerrillas as well.

"Cutting off aid to one side only would be unjust, since the majority of the population is not for supporting the guerrillas," he said.

He warned, however, against the impact of "excessive aid from the United States" and said such abundance "will prolong the armed conflict and its consequences for the civilian population."

"I still repeat that the best solution is a politically negotiated peace," he said.

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Bishop comments on married priest

ST. PETERSBURG — A priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg has been accused by a former parishioner of marrying her and then abandoning her, according to an article in the Jan. 31 *Miami Herald*.

According to the article, Mrs. Corinne Bosick claims that Father Bernard Dittman, former pastor, St. Raphael parish, Englewood, "married" her in June 1978, and three months later bought her a house in Venice. Father Dittman, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Pinellas Park at the time Mrs. Bosick alleges the relationship began, has been absent from the Diocese on sick leave since November, 1980.

The *Herald* article continues that Mrs. Bosick intends to bring suit against Father Dittman for "priestly malpractice" and that Bishop W. Thomas Larkin and a Washington-based representative of Pope John Paul II will also be named as defendants.

Bishop Larkin, who was kept from weekend commitments because of bronchitis, said in a written statement that he could not comment on Mrs. Bosick's allegations. "Due to the fact

I may be named as defendant in a law suit, I know that the media will understand that it is not possible for me to comment on any allegation or confirm or deny any material facts," he said.

"It is my prayer that most fair-minded people will try to understand the human frailties of the consenting adults involved."

Of Father Dittman, Bishop Larkin said, "For two decades he has served the Church in Florida during which time his conduct was above reproach. I am sorry to hear of the recent allegations made against his moral conduct. I know that the Catholics of the Diocese of St. Peterburg were shocked at the articles in the local papers.

"While we cannot condone illicit conduct, neither can we sit in judgment of others. I ask all people of good will to join me in praying that each of us, in whatever walk of life we find ourselves, will continue to be faithful to our commitments, and I ask that you pray for these two fellow human beings as they suffer the embarrassment of their privacy being invaded."

Crime

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Maurice Ferre were among those who attended the all-day meeting.

IN HIS REMARKS, Archbishop McCarthy called violence "a sin as well as a crime" that can only be overcome "by the renaissance of the greatest force in this community — its conscience."

He quoted Leviticus, "Thou shalt not stand idly by while the blood of thy neighbor is being split." "Let us be mindful that what we are about is a spiritual ministry to our brothers and sisters as well as a community service" Archbishop McCarthy said.

He added, "we are committed to separation of Church and State, not to separation of religion and morality from society."

The committee's goals, as outlined by the Archbishop, including the preparation and distribution throughout the community of a special prayer against crime. The religious leaders will promote a Civic Responsibility Sabbath to be held in all area churches and synagogues on the weekend of April 17 and 18.

THE ARCHBISHOP explained the committee's goals as "rallying the citizens of our community to:

- prayer for divine help;
- an awareness of their moral and civic responsibility in fighting crime and violence;
- a change of heart and of per-

sonal and community attitude among those that commit, tolerate, or indirectly abet crime or have lost faith in our community, and

- a new active concern over community social conditions and influences that lead to criminal behavior."

MCAC approved more than 60 recommendations for fighting crime, including lobbying for stricter laws against drug smuggling, longer minimum sentences for smugglers and those who use guns in the commission of a felony, and a substantial increase in judges, prosecutors, public defenders and supporting personnel, as well as more jails and more beds for currently overcrowded facilities. MCAC chairman Alvah Chapman, president of the *Miami Herald Publishing Co.*, said the group could not deal with the issues that cause crimes, only with ways to alleviate it.

But, he said, "it's important that we not become a vigilante group," which is why the religious leaders' committee is vital.

Entrance Exam

An entrance examination test will be given at Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School, 300 N.E. 50th St., Miami, Fla. Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. Testing fee, \$10.

Bishop 'resents' words of Paisley spokesman

SAN FRANCISCO (NC) — Bishop Mark Hurley of Santo Rosa, Calif., challenged assertions made by a Northern Irish politician that the conflict in Northern Ireland is simply a matter of terrorism by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The IRA is an outlawed guerrilla organization fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

"AS AN IRISH American, I resent very much being told that the issue resolves itself down to the terrorism of the IRA," Bishop Hurley told Peter Robinson, a member of the British Parliament and deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, founded by the Rev. Ian Paisley, the militant Northern Irish clergyman and politician.

Robinson spoke Jan. 19 at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco at a meeting sponsored by the Irish Forum, a group of Irish-American professionals and businessmen.

Irish-Americans view the dispute in Northern Ireland as a matter of civil rights, Bishop Hurley said in a question period after Robinson's speech. "We are interested in justice for all, particularly the minority in Northern Ireland," he said. "Reducing the issue to support for the IRA is like saying the Black Panthers represented the civil rights movement in the United States under Martin Luther King."

ANOTHER MEMBER OF the audience, California Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert Newson said he too was an Irish-American and supported what Bishop Hurley said. "The Irish-American sees this in terms of civil rights and not of the IRA," Newson said.

There are about 600,000 Catholics in Northern Ireland's population of about 1.5 million. Many of the Catholics favor a united Ireland, while most of the Protestant majority wants Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom.

Robinson denied that there was significant discrimination against the

Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. He said there is discrimination in every society, even in the United States and that anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland is grossly exaggerated.

Bishop Hurley asked him how many Catholics had held positions in the Northern Ireland cabinet in the 60 years between the establishment of the province in 1922 and the institution of direct rule by the British government in 1972. Robinson admitted that there had been only one Catholic cabinet member, who held a post for three months, in that 60-year period.

ROBINSON SAID HE supported a British government proposal to close the two Catholic teacher training colleges in Northern Ireland and relocate them on the campus of a state teacher training college, which would then become the only teacher training institution in Northern Ireland. The Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland have objected strongly to the proposal.

After the meeting, Bishop Hurley said he found "incredible" the British government's timing in making the proposal now when Northern Ireland has been relatively quiet after the disturbances during the hunger strikes last spring and summer by prisoners seeking political status. The hunger strikers died.

"Asking to close the two Catholic teacher training colleges," Bishop Hurley said, "is equivalent to saying close Howard University (in Washington) and Tuskegee (Institute in Alabama) because they are largely oriented to minorities. They're saying they want to homogenize the population."

"It's clear that the British government in Northern Ireland uses a double standard," added Bishop Hurley, citing the use of plastic bullets for riot control by security forces in Northern Ireland when the police in Britain were forbidden to use them during riots last spring.

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A one-day workshop sponsored by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at Biscayne College, 16400 NW 32 Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Fr. Peter Stravinskis, East Coast director of League Development.

A South Florida Chapter of the Catholic League was established during the past year with Jay Bowman, Coral Springs, as president; Thomas Endter, Miami; Dick Conklin, Boca Raton; and Mrs. Carmen Leon, Miami; vice presidents and Dr. Ignacio Boza, treasurer.

A nationwide anti-defamation organization, the League was founded nine years ago by Jesuit Father

Virgil C. Blum. Since that time the organization has represented people in situations involving religious freedom and job discrimination. Miami's Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy is a member of the board of directors.

Luncheon will be served during the meeting. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Endter at 271-8496.

Notre Dame reunion

The Notre Dame Academy class of 1962, Miami, will hold its 20th year class reunion this coming June. For further details, please call the organizers — Rita, 925-8015 or Sandy, 962-4520.

Celebration of marriage; all couples are invited

Marriage Encounter of South Florida is hosting a celebration for all the married couples of the Archdiocese Feb. 13. The celebration lasts from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Maurice Parish, 2851 Stirling Road, Fort Lauderdale. The day is called "Vivencia 82."

The Greek word, "Vivencia" means to stand out from yourself to look for the possibilities of life around you. The Conference program has been designed to follow the concepts of "vivencia".

There will be a variety of speakers sharing their own experiences. The keynote speakers are Clayton Barbeau, a well-known writer, speaker and marriage and family counselor from San Francisco; Father Mike Flanagan from our Miami

Catholic Service Bureau; and Pat and Carol Farrell. Carol is part of the full-time staff of the Family Enrichment Center.

A Continental breakfast is provided, but please bring your own lunch. The fee for the entire day is just \$7 per person and \$14 per couple. For couples who have experienced a Marriage Encounter the day is a must, but whether you're married 5 days or 55 years, you are welcome to attend and celebrate, enrich and grow in love.

To register for the conference mail your name, address and telephone number, along with a check, to The Csubak Family, 506 N.W. 103 Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33324.

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Christ the King celebrates Black Heritage Month

Christ The King Catholic Parish, which is located at 16000 S.W. 112 Avenue, has planned the following activities for February 20-21, 1982 to celebrate Black Heritage Month.

(1) Father Jerry Hargrove from Washington, D.C. will celebrate all Masses Saturday, February 20, 5:00 p.m., Sunday morning, February 21, 8:00; 9:15; 10:45; and 12:00 with a special invitation to all Catholic youth in the community for the 9:15 a.m. Folk Mass.

(2) Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 20, there will be special entertainment for every-

one. The highlights of this activity will include:

A history of Christ the King Catholic Church in Narrative, Song and Dance (with focuses upon black pioneers' participation);

A medley of spirituals from The Northwestern Senior High School, Choral Group and Second Baptist Church Ensemble.

Creative dancing by The Haiti Dance Company;

A Soul Food Buffet

The Catholic community is invited to join in this educational and festive activity.

Dr. Clements will speak at Professional Day



Teachers of the archdiocese of Miami will be participating in a March Professional Day. Dade County teachers will meet at March 4th at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30 a.m. The Palm Beach and Broward teachers will meet at St. Joan of Arc on March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

A liturgy will follow a motivating talk by Dr. Zacharie Clements, Associate Professor of Education at the University of Vermont. His topic will be "Prescription for Burnout: Joy."

Dr. Zacharie J. Clements is one of the most sought-after speakers in North America; a cross between John Dewey, Billy Graham, and Bill Cosby.

AN ORPHAN raised by his immigrant Italian grandparents in a black and Italian ghetto, Clements overcame these and other adversities, such as trouble with the law and poor school performance. Bolstered by the devotion of his grandmother and the

dedication of his teachers, Clements worked full time from junior high on, completing a BA and MA from the State University of New York at Albany, and an MS and doctorate from the University of Buffalo.

He has had successful careers in show business and public education where he has taught grades six through university. As a speaker he has made innumerable television and radio appearances and has keynoted every major educational associations' conventions.

Lay ministry celebration

"Ministering to Ministers — An opportunity for self-renewal for ordained and non-ordained ministers" is only one of many workshops offered next Saturday, February 13th, at the Second Annual Lay Ministries Celebration to be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish.

The day-long celebration highlights Fr. Anthony Bellagamba, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Catholic Mission Council, and Fr. Mario Viscaino, Director of the Southeast Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs as keynote speakers.

Workshops, which are geared to strengthening and renewing both the minister and the ministry, are being

Father Metz to Lead Retreat

Father Kenneth J. Metz, Ph.D. of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will conduct a retreat for Priests and Deacons who are involved with Charismatic Prayer Groups. The retreat is also open to any priest or deacon who might be interested in this manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the Church. The retreat will take place at the Cenacle Retreat House, Lantana, Fla., from Monday, February 8, through Thursday, February 11.

Father Metz is the Liaison for the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Register by calling Father Charles Mallen, C.S.S.R. (685-2123) or (446-9950).

presented by the pastors and parish teams of St. Louis Parish (Liturgy), St. Boniface Parish (Prayer), St. Joan of Arc (Evangelization), St. Paul of the Cross Parish (Community), St. Mary Cathedral (Cross-Cultural Parish), and the Pastoral Team of the Chaminade Community of Faith (Healing). Additional workshops concerning Shared Ministry, Communication Skills, Imaging the Church of the '80's, and Ministering to the Ministers will be offered by staff members of the Office of Lay Ministry. Several workshops also will be offered in Spanish.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Liturgy will be celebrated, and the day which is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and the Office of Lay Ministry, will end with a panel presentation at approximately 4:30 p.m. The Celebration is open to all clergy, religious and laity in the Archdiocese. To pre-register, please send your name, address and your position or movement and phone no., to: the OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY, 6180 N.E. 4th Court, Miami, Fla. 33137. The fee is \$15 (including lunch). Please make all checks payable to the Office of Lay Ministry.

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THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS - A general introductory session on "The Franciscan Family" will be held on February 7, at St. Richard Church, 7500 S.W. 152 St., Miami, Florida, beginning with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. The Spiritual Moderator is Monsignor John Sabo. The Southern Regional President Mr. Robert Blackburn, S.F.O., will speak on the Lay Franciscan Vocation. Any interested men or women, all inquires, and Secular Franciscan Order members are invited. Visitors are welcome.

"THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. MARY CATHEDRAL will hold a White Elephant and bake sale on February 14th, in the Cathedral Hall, 7525 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. The public is invited to attend."

THE ST. PIUS X WOMEN'S CLUB meeting will be held Monday, February 8th in the Social Hall of the Church. Coffee will be served at 10 A.M., followed by a business meeting and a program, which will be presented by Mrs. Vera White who is a well known author, antiquarian and estate appraiser for the leading banks of the U.S. and Canada. She would like members to bring one of two small collectibles - bronze, glass, enamel, silver, etc. (not jewelry) for her appraisal.

THE DADE CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB will have a general meeting on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Epiphany Catholic Church at 8235 S.W. 57th Ave. All Catholic singles, ages 20-39 are welcome. For more information call Frank at 553-4919.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL will hold an archdiocesan Eucharistic celebration of Black History Month at 6 p.m., Feb. 14.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE ALHAMBRA, Jacar Caravan #228, is inviting the public to "swing and sway" with Sammy Kaye and his orchestra at their second annual charity dinner/dance on Feb. 11th at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Tom Smith in Miami, 823-1675; Bill Rizzo in Ft. Lauderdale, 524-2934; and Steve Slinski in Hollywood, 961-3647.

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN COOPERATION WITH PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY will host a town meeting on the medical consequences of Nuclear war and the effects of the arms race on the economy. The town meeting will take place Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Lake Worth Community High School at 1701 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth, Fla.

THE ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH will host a St. Valentine's Day Organ Recital on Feb. 14th at 4 p.m. in the church. Organist Mary Cirone will play classical works. Admission is free.

THE TRINITY CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB, ages 18-30, has scheduled a dance on Feb. 13 at 9 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish in Ft. Lauderdale. For further information call Ron at 764-1016.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA, Court Holy Spirit -1912 will hold a business meeting on Friday, Feb. 5th at St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano Beach, at 2 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Anyone desiring to transfer or become a member please contact Regent Rosalie Lidestri at 781-5008.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS - ST. BERNARD FRATERNITY meet Feb 14th at 1 p.m. at St. Bernard Church, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise Fla. Visitors welcome.

ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH will hold a series of missions in preparation for Lent beginning Feb. 8, 9 and 10 in English and Feb. 15-19 in Spanish Both missions will be conducted by Fr. Ruskin Piedra, C.S.S.R. The English missions begin at 7 p.m. each night, the Spanish missions at 8 p.m. St. John Bosco is located at 1301 W. Flagler St. The phone number is 649-5464.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, Circle -884, will host a card party on Feb. 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 270 Catalonia, Coral Gables. The donation is \$3 per person and the proceeds will benefit the Circle's Seminary Burse Fund. There will be prizes, refreshments and fun for all.

THE ST. RICHARD PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB will hold a Valentine Card Party Luncheon in the Parish Center at Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. A salad bar luncheon will be featured along with a raffle and door prizes. Tickets are \$6. Reservations can be made through Feb. 9 by calling 233-8711.

THE SAN MARCO ROSARY GUILD'S annual "This and That" sale will be held this year on Feb. 12th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church on San Marco Rd., Marco Island, Fla. There will be books, shells plants, jewelry, and baked goods. Donations are solicited and can be brought to the church two days before the sale from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information contact our chairman, Rosemary Schulick, at 394-3464.

THE SERRA CLUB OF BROWARD, Catholic laymen's association, will have their dinner and annual meeting on Feb. 17 at the Harris Imperial House in Pompano at 7 p.m. All pastors of Broward County will attend in addition to three archbishops.

THE ST. JUDE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION will be hosting a "Get Acquainted Social" on Feb. 14th at 2 p.m. in the parish center, U.S. #1, Tequesta, Fla. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Jackie Tucci, Coordinator of the Catholic Charismatic Services, Archdiocese of Miami. Tony Martin and the Courage Band will present a musicale program. For further information please call Kathleen Lake, Evangelization Coordinator at 746-0895

"PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY", a 90-minute production full of music and comedy will be presented at St. Maurice parish in Fort Lauderdale on Feb. 12 by Jeremiah People, a nationally-known group of 10 musicians from California. The program, for the whole family, begins at 8 p.m. at St. Maurice Social Hall, 2851 Stirling Road. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 12.

THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHAPTER OF THE SOUTHWEST BROWARD MINISTRY TO DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS is hosting a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, February 13, from 8 P.M. to 12 P.M. The dance will be held at the St. Bartholomew Parish hall located at 8001 Miramar Parkway. There will be a live D.J., dancing and fun. The cost is \$2.00 per person and everyone is welcome. For tickets of additional information, please call 963-2429, 9875754 or 431-1209.

THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. DOMINIC, Dominican Laity, will meet on Feb. 7 at Barry University. Rosary recitation will begin at 11 a.m. followed by mass and prayers in Cor Jesu Chapel. Religious instructions for all members will be held in the board room of Thompson Hall after the service in the chapel.

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Leisure time

Can we make it work for God?

By Dolores Leckey
NC News Service

I shall never forget the gift of leisure given to my husband and me many years ago by a Carmelite priest. At the time, we were parents of four small children between the ages of one and six.

The priest was facilitating vacation-retreats for young families, an alternative to hectic holidays filled with "sand and suds," to use his words. In a lovely New England setting where the vacation-retreat took place, we had a family dormitory where each child had a curtained room, a place of one's own.

In a society where much time and energy is devoted to work, what is the proper place for leisure and play? These, like work, can reflect God's inner life.

BABIES WERE in well-staffed nurseries during the day. Breakfast and lunch were family affairs, but dinner was arranged so that husbands and wives were alone. The afternoon was also free: space to walk and talk and simply be.

Lectures and children's plays, liturgies and new friendships made this a time of rest and recreation.

In a society where much time and energy is devoted to work, what is the proper place for leisure and play? These, like work, can reflect God's inner life.

Christianity seems always to have recognized the importance of leisure (the opposite of busyness) for the cultivation of both mind and spirit. In this way, leisure is closely allied to prayer.

The late Father Thomas Merton once said that to be a person of prayer in our time, one has to be able to do nothing without feeling guilty about it.

Joseph Pieper, in a small but brilliant book, *Leisure: The Basis of Culture*, noted that leisure means cultivating an attitude of mind whereby one is not closed off, but remains open, allowing the reality of life gently to enter.

Pieper says that when we relax and let our minds rest on a rose, on a child at play, or on a divine mystery, we become rested as though by dreamless sleep.

THROUGH THE AGES, many have believed that God breaks into our conscious life through intuitions, through flashes of insight that come, at times, when we are in that state of alert rest called contemplation.

After such experiences, many a sonata has been composed, or knowledge of oneself or God has gained clarity.

Leisure, play and contemplation involve the whole person, body, mind and spirit. Furthermore, in our time some people have been ex-

amining the ways appropriate attention to relaxation, exercise, proper diet, music — leisure activities, that is — can serve as pathways into the life of prayer.

Jogging followed by meditation, music and quiet prayer? Why not?

But, leisure activities which deplete our creative resources, drug our sensibilities and tire us out are not play as Father Merton or Pieper or Walter Kerr would define it.

Kerr, the theater critic, reports that the most characteristic trait of the young coronary patient is restlessness during leisure hours, and a sense of guilt during periods when they should have

been relaxing.

What other ways might there be for Christians to reclaim the Sabbath experience of leisure?

He stills the storms

Father John Castelot
NC News Service

Mark and the community he wrote his Gospel for were most interested in the meaning of the events in the life of Jesus. Accordingly, they recorded the facts of Jesus' life in such a way as to bring out that meaning.

Jesus sleeps during the terrible storm. He is perfectly trustful of God's care.

The story in which Jesus stills the storm on the lake is an example of what I mean. It is found in Mark's fourth chapter.

As the story stands, it is a magnificent theological statement of faith in the power of the risen Lord.

We read: "That day as evening drew on . . ." This is simply a transitional device used to connect a completely independent narrative with what precedes. We have no idea what day "that day" was.

NO INDICATION IS given of why Jesus would want to cross the lake in the dark or why he would want to cross it at all. The other actors in the drama are never identified; one is left to presume it was a group of His disciples.

And why are we told that "the other boats accompanied Him." What other boats? They are never mentioned again, although in an earlier version of the story they may have carried people who witnessed the proceedings.

Such inconsistencies strongly suggest that we are not dealing here with mere factual reporting. Mark had a larger purpose.

For the ancient mind, the action of creation was conceived in terms of God's harnessing the hostile forces of nature and bringing order out of chaos. Water was regarded as dark, mysterious, chaotic, threatening.

The seas were thought to be the spawning place of evil monsters who wrought havoc on the earth. As a result the sea was practically

Perhaps this is a question that calls for decisions on our parts, for some resolutions.

MY RESOLUTIONS for this year include:

1. Regular, extended periods of solitude. I'm looking forward to vacation days once in a while. These really will be "vacant"; I mean, they will be spacious days spent at home without a list of things to accomplish.

I'll read books I own (rather than those I borrow); study the birds at the feeder; look again at the paintings that color my environment; listen to music; listen to my inner voice; and — I hope — listen to the sounds of God.

2. Piano lessons. For me, the lessons will be a return to childhood, but this time without the pressure of recitals and performance. This will be playing for pleasure.

I've already begun this form of play, and I find a new kind of rest that comes from non-verbal activity, in contrast to the words which dominate so much of my life. I play some Bach for no other reason than pure delight.

3. Cooking. This will not be to "feed the hungry children," but to explore new ways of nutrition and new ways to delight the palate. All my children are now away at college, and I look forward to experimenting with vegetarianism and long, conversation-filled dinners with my husband.

Enough! My list must be small enough to savor, and small enough to keep me from the edge of compulsion.

Now, how shall you be merry before the face of God?

regarded as a person controlled only by God's command.

The story would have reminded people in Mark's time of any number of Old Testament passages where such ideas are expressed, like Job 7:12, Psalms 74:13 and 107:23-32.

SEEING JESUS sleep through the storm would remind them of the texts where confident, undisturbed slumber is a sign of complete trust in God, like Proverbs 3:23-24, Psalms 3:6, 4:9, and especially Jonah 1:4-15.

Subtle allusions like that helped to bring out the meaning of the event narrated.

Jesus sleeps during the terrible storm. He is perfectly trustful of God's care. And His faith contrasts sharply with the terror of His companions.

His companions' lack of faith and the divine power of Jesus engage Mark's attention. When they awaken Him so rudely and accuse Him of unconcern, we are reminded of passages where the psalmist calls on God to "wake up" and come to his rescue.

In answer, Jesus "rebukes" the wind and "says" to the sea: "Quiet! Be still."

And the same Greek word was used here that was used earlier in the Gospel when Jesus rebuked the demon in Chapter 1.

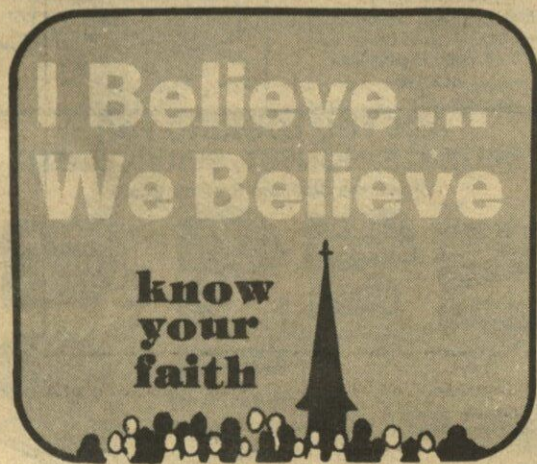
THE IMPLICATION is clear: Jesus has divine power over the demonic forces of evil, no matter what form they take.

But more important is Jesus' response to the disciples: "Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?"

The questions are really addressed to Mark's Christians. Tossed by storms of persecution and hardship, they are tempted to think that Jesus has deserted them.

They must believe in the presence and the power of the risen Lord. He is not "asleep." He is risen and is with them.

They must answer the question of the disciples with their faith. "Who can this be that the wind and sea obey Him?" Mark's Christians know very well who He is.



I Believe ... We Believe

'But I'm too busy to relax!'

By Katharine Bird
NC News Service

"Gone fishin' — there's a sign upon the door — 'Gone fishin.'" So went the refrain of a song made famous many years ago by Arthur Godfrey on his popular morning radio program.

The charm of the song lies in the way it conjures up a leisurely scene of a grandfather sitting alongside a stream, keeping an eye cocked on his fishing line for a nibble, idly musing over various pleasant thoughts.

Occasionally, he bends down to show the intricacies of fishing to a favorite grandchild. Both are obviously content with their shared activity and seem to have all the time in the world.

THE SONG may cause people in today's rushed world to look longingly toward a future when they might have more time for leisure. For many people today feel leisure is sadly lacking in their overly-programmed lives.

Yet leisure remains a topic about which people have decided opinions. No one has to think for long when asked how they like to spend leisure time.

Maybe that is because leisure is such a personal activity. In a society where much of our time and activity seem controlled by forces and persons other than ourselves, leisure time stands out as an area in which we can exercise control. We decide how to have fun or how to spend leisure hours.

In fact, leisure time is an area over which we exercise, to a unique extent, our own decision-making power. Our values are called into play.

At the same time, our leisure is an aspect of our lifestyle over which others in society would like to exercise a special power of suggestion — through advertising, through an appeal to our desires for peaceful and satisfying periods in life.

The ways people choose to spend their leisure time are quite diverse, but seem to split fairly evenly between doing something in the company of others or doing something alone.

A **BUSY** editor sets a premium on leisure activities which differ sharply from the way he earns his living. For the past four years he has participated happily in a choral group which meets weekly. He explains, "I love singing and like the challenge" involved in learning the difficult classical music the group specializes in.

A secretary, who complains that

she has "no leisure time," compensates by making the most of her few moments alone each day. She even looks forward to the 30-minute commute to work each morning and evening because that is her time for meditation.

ing people at home or work. Then she may spend the time thinking over ways to improve the situation.

According to her, this peaceful time spent commuting helps her to "become the person I know I can be and am not."

We decide how to have fun or how to spend leisure hours.

A busy wife and mother, she says: "There is no silence in my day." So she has learned to block out distractions and use this time to meditate on a favorite phrase or prayer.

Occasionally, she may be distressed by a particular situation involv-

READING TWO books back to back, one serious and one just for fun, and washing and ironing his clothes are among the favorite leisure activities listed by a priest who travels a lot in his work.

Another favorite free-time activity of his is attending movies, alone or

with friends with whom he can discuss the film's merits. He learned to enjoy going to movies alone, he said, when he was studying long hours for his doctoral exams. Then, he would slip out to a movie for a brief respite from the hard work.

Exercise looms large in the leisure activities of a computer expert. Every day she swims a half hour at the community YMCA.

A photo journalist looks forward to spring each year because he can spend his spare time coaching baseball for children under 10 years of age. Working with young children "gives me a sense of accomplishment," he says. Besides, "It's lots of fun," he comments with a twinkle in his eye.



In a world of changing lifestyles, advertisers constantly remind us of ways to spend our leisure time. A lone skier makes his way down a slope on Big Mountain near Whitefish in the northwest of Montana. (NC Photo)

Handicapped who attended the special Mass received the Sacrament of the Sick from Fr. Michael Hourigan, pastor of St. Bernard in Sunrise. (Voice photo by Bob Krauser)



'God doesn't make junk'

Handicapped gather for special Mass in Broward

By Bob Krauser
Voice Correspondent

SUNRISE — "It's a nice feeling knowing someone cares. I know I'm somebody. God doesn't make junk," wrote Richard Bartolomeo.

The 30-year old man whose voice was all but destroyed and limbs crippled by an auto accident, thoughtful-

ly and determinedly penned those words on a reporter's notebook at the conclusion of the first Mass for the handicapped held at St. Bernard's parish recently.

Many others of the 60 handicapped and homebound who attended the three-hour-long affair echoed his sen-

timents. All were eager for more such occasions.

MORE THAN 100 relatives, friends and parish organization members had teamed up to bring the blind, lame, deaf, retarded and elderly to the parish center for the special Mass. A luncheon followed, complete

with gifts and entertainment.

Fr. Michael Hourigan, pastor, Fr. John McGraw, assistant pastor, and Fr. Michael Thomas Foudy, vice-rector of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, administered the Sacrament of the Sick before the Mass, which was concelebrated by Frs. Hourigan and McGraw.

During the homily, Fr. Hourigan called the special event a communal celebration of the caring and compassionate spirit of the parish.

He also praised the two nuns from the Philadelphia-based Order of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who are assigned to the parish.

"This special event grew out of the devoted ministry of Sister Mary Assumption and Sister Mary Pilar, who presented the idea at a meeting of our parish priests and lay leaders. Afterwards, we all joined in heightening the awareness of dedicating a special time for the whole parish to tend to the needs of the disabled," said Fr. Hourigan.

THE KNIGHTS OF Columbus, Womens' Guild, Mens' Club, Family Edition, C.Y.O., C.C.D., cantors, ushers, lectors and musicians were among those who helped make the afternoon event a parish family affair.

Fr. Hourigan concluded his homily with a quote from the "Diary of Anne Frank," a young Jewish girl who died at the hands of the Nazis during World War II. She wrote these words before being slain in a concentration camp:

"Everyone has inside himself or herself a piece of good news. The good news is that you really don't know how much you can be, how much you can love or what you can accomplish and what your potential is. How can you top good news like that?"



Fr. John McGraw greets the handicapped during a lunch served after the Mass.

(Voice photo by Bob Krauser)