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# CRISIS in the pews

By Bob Krauser

Voice Correspondent

PALM BEACH — A respected national authority on aging, Monsignor Charles J. Fahey, has warned that the Church faces a "crisis in its pews" by the end of this decade unless priests and religious candidates are recruited from the ranks of older people.

Addressing a recent symposium on the Church and Aging, sponsored by the Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities, Inc., Msgr. Fahey pointed to the extraordinary advances in medicine, public health and nutrition over the past half century that have added another 20 years to life expectancy in the United States. He suggested it could be a wellspring for badly needed vocations.

FAHEY ADVISED that the needed area of analysis and action by the Church should include the functionally younger of the "older people" and the impact they can have on the life of the Church through ministry as well as on the Church's wider commitment to the care of the

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aging

Virtually all Church bodies today have a disproportionately higher number of older congregants. The Catholic Church is no exception. It has far more older persons who grew religious than in any other moment in history. It also has few religiously oriented persons in the younger age groups, according to Msgr. Fahey.

"The age structure phenomenon

"The age structure phenomenon can lull us into a false sense of complacency if we don't recognize its temporary nature. The vocation crisis has not been fully felt because of the decreases in mortality and disability

"As in the instance of lay persons, there are more religious today than there were a generation ago. However, these are persons who are growing old in the priesthood and religious life. This is a one-time phenomenon. Analysis of the total age structure of religious personnel reveals a rapidly increasing median age for priests and religious," Fahey explained.

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Up, Up and Away

To the deafening roar of hundreds of St. Kevin's school children, over 500 balloons, labeled "the Good News," recently got a start on a cross-state journey in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Inside each balloon is the name of one of St. Kevin's students and the one whose balloon is returned from the farthest distance will receive a special mention in the school yearbook. Some fear only crocodiles will receive the Good News, however, since the balloons were last seen floating toward the Everglades from the west Dade school. (Voice photo by Prentice Browning)





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JAPANESE MARCH — Carrying banners and placards, about 1,000 Japanese workers march through streets in downtown Tokyo demanding the Polish military government release arrested workers and lift martial law. Workers throughout the world joined the U.S. proposed day of solidarity with the Polish people by staging rallies and demonstrations. (NC Photo from UPI)

# Medicaid takeover could affect abortion

Though the effect was largely unintended, President Reagan's proposal for a federal takeover of Medicaid could mean a substantial reduction in the number of government-paid abortions nationwide.

Of course it is way too early to tell whether Congress will go along with Reagan's proposed federal-state swap of the Medicaid, food stamp and welfare programs. Even if Congress does approve the plan, it is even more uncertain how the plan will emerge once it runs the legislative gauntlet.

BUT IF THE plan does emerge with the same basic framework as Reagan is proposing, observers note that the current crazy quilt of state-by-state benefit and eligibility standards probably will be replaced by a single nationwide standard. And that means that the Hyde amendment, which currently allows for federal funding of abortion only in cases

# Fr. Hoye new NCCB-USCC administrator

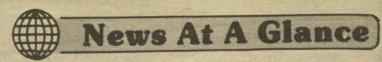
WASHINGTON (NC) -Daniel F. Hoye, 36, associate general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference (NCCB-USCC) and a priest of the Fall River, Mass., Diocese, has been chosen the new general secretary of the NCCB-USCC. Father Joye succeeds Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly who will be installed as the head of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 18. The NCCB is the canonical organization of the U.S. hierarchy. The USCC is the national civil action agency of the bishops.

where the life of the mother is in danger, probably would control abortion funding nationwide.

Though the Hyde amendment, named after its original sponsor, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-III.), already limits federal abortion funding, states today are free to use their own funds to replace the cut-off federal monies. That's because the Medicaid program currently is run as a joint federal-state project with states having a major say in exactly what medical procedures will be reimbursed under Medicaid.

Because states are constantly changing their Medicaid benefit standards and because of the occasional intervention of the courts, determining at any given moment the number of states which have liberal abortion funding policies has been difficult. But according to some estimates about a dozen states recently were funding abortions well beyond the federal limits contained in the Hyde amendment.

A national Medicaid standard under which only life-of-the-mother abortions are government-funded probably would reduce the number of taxpayer-paid abortions since some of the states with liberal abortion funding policies are among the largest in the nation.



#### Science not morally neutral-professors

WASHINGTON (NC) — The applications of modern science and technology are not always beneficial or morally neutral, said two professors at the Catholic University of America, calling for "open lines of communication" between the religious and scientific communities. James G. Brennan, professor of physics, and Roland M. Nardone, professor of biology, made their recommendations in reports submitted for consideration by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Said Brennan on the issue, the shortening of time between scientific discoveries and their practical application "means little time is available to make moral judgment about such applications." He added that the need for moral evaluation of new scientific developments calls for more science education in Catholic schools and an alliance between science and religion.

#### Canada 'quiet' on human rights

OTTAWA, Canada (NC) — John Foster, chairman of the Toronto-based Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America, has accused Canada of having a human rights policy that is "so quiet it is almost non-existent." As a part of an ecumenical delegation which recently met with Canada's U.N. Ambassador Yvon Beaulne and the External Affairs Department, Foster said that the Canadian government is so preoccupied with fomenting international trade that "the whole question of human rights is being discounted." Government officials, however, have said that speaking out on human rights abuses in Guatemala could endanger the lives of Canadians living there.

#### Anglican board considers mercy killing

LONDON (NC) — Doctors do not have to preserve life at all costs, but a deliberate intention to kill must be condemned, said the Anglican Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility in an interim statement on the treatment of severely abnormal newborn babies. "The Church of England upholds the Christian moral tradition that all human life is sacred," said the statement. However, "there is an overriding moral responsibility to relieve pain and distress, even though this may shorten life," it added. The board is working on a fuller set of guidelines to be issued later in 1982.

#### Sex ed guides only suggestions

WASHINGTON (NC) — Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, former general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) and recently appointed archbishop of Louisville, Ky., has defended the USCC's guidelines on sex education, saying they are not definitive and are only intended as an aid for teachers. "They do not give directives to educators but offer suggestions which must be weighed and interpreted in a prudent, tentative and even cautious manner," said the archbishop in a statement on the guidelines. The USCC published the guidelines in May 1981 and critics have since charged that they omit essential elements for a Catholic approach to sex education and could be harmful to the formation of "truly Catholic adults."

### Eliminate cause of poverty, says Father

WASHINGTON (NC) — Meeting the immediate needs of the poor is not enough, because the causes of poverty must be eliminated, said Father Marvin Mottet, director of the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program, in testimony before a congressional subcommittee Feb. 2. Father Mottet, who heads the U.S. bishops' Campaign for Human Development, told the House Government Operations Committee's subcommittee on manpower and housing that efforts to fight poverty must go beyond supplying the poor with food, shelter, clothing or other emergency services. "We (in the church) are also committed . . . to seek out the causes of poverty and to help in the reform of attitudes and structures responsible for poverty," he said.

#### **Ecumenical document approved**

(UNDATED) (NC) — A new document on church unity approved by an international commission of theologians meeting in Peru sets a "new stage" for world ecumenism, said American Jesuit Father Avery Dulles, an adviser at the meeting. Approved unanimously by nearly 100 theologians, the 16,000-word document, "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry," attempts to say what the churches can affirm in common on baptism, the Eucharist and ministry, and to suggest guiding principles for churches to enrich their own traditions and recognize the value of other traditions.

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# Report: Most Salvadorans denied asylum in U.S.

WASHINGTON (NC) - Donald Hohl, associate director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Migration and Refugee Service, has expressed concern over the "almost blanket denial" of asylum for Salvadoran refugees brought to light by a United Nations study.

According to an internal document of the Offices of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees obtained by the Washington Post, U.S. refusal to grant asylum appears to be a violation of an international agreement on the treatment of refugees.

THE PROBE, completed last fall, found the United States has followed 'a systematic practice" of returning Salvadorans, regardless of the merits of their claims for asylum, in viola-tion of the U.N. Protocol and Convention on the Treatment of Refugees, which prohibits deporting

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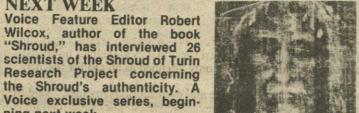
a refugee to a country where persecution is likely to occur.

The Administrative Board of the USCC has urged the U.S. government to stop deporting Salvadoran citizens because of dangers faced in their war-torn country. The board has asked for a moratorium on deportations "until such time as the government in power (in El Salvador) is in a position to guarantee the safety

The U.N. report quoted U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) statistics showing that only one of the 6,000 Salvadorans apprehended entering the country illegally in 1981 was granted asylum.

"This would appear to be the result of a deliberate policy established by the U.S. authorities in Washington," the report stated.

"IT'S ALMOST inconceivable



### 'This would appear to be the result of a deliberate policy established by the U.S. . . . . '

that the 'mortality rate' was 5,999 out of every 6,000," Hohl said.

Hohl said that before the INS reaches a decision each case is sent to the State Department for an advisory opinion. Although the INS is not bound by the opinion, "in practice it follows (the State Department) in about 99.9 percent of the cases," Hohl said. "The State Department says these people will not suffer persecution" if they are returned to their homeland

In the San Francisco area church and community leaders have tried to prevent deportations, but the INS sends as many as 40 refugees back to El Salvador each day.

Eileen Purcell, a community organizer at Catholic Social Service in San Francisco, said deported Salvadorans are in particular danger when they return to El Salvador because they are known to have left their country to escape civil strife or in opposition to the government of Jose Napolean Duarte, president of the ruling junta.

She said documented accounts of deportees' deaths have begun to arrive in her office.

An established 200 Salvadoran refugees arrive in the San Francisco area every week, she said, hoping for a final stop there in their long journey through Honduras, Mexico and southern California.

A PERSON who cannot produce a valid visa is detained and, without any legal processes, is flown back to El Salvador.

"We have repeated reports from detainees that they were not told of their right to apply for political asylum," a process which could buy them as much as a two-year stay in the United States while the application is reviewed, Purcell said, noting that every refugee is legally entitled to due process.

"We also know many are being forced to sign voluntary departure slips under threat of separation from their families or denial of medical attention," she said.

Church groups are posting bail, assisting with political asylum applications and conducting forums for

## Bill on euthanasia, tuition vouchers may affect Florida Catholics in '82

By Jerry Butterfield

TALLAHASSEE, The Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) has a listing of some bills it is monitoring on behalf of Florida's bishops and the Catholic population.

In the first of several legislative reports to be issued over the next two months, the conference enumerated the bills they will be watching closely under the general categories of "life and death", "social concerns", "education", and "miscellaneous".

According to Thomas Horkan, executive director of the FCC, this year's legislative session is expected to "deal with a number of major issues, among which is reapportionment, which will affect the way in which people will be represented for the next 10 years, and the revised appropriation bill for '81-'82 and '82-'83 fiscal year which is the first to really grapple with 'Reagonomics.'

ONE bill of particular interest to Catholics is the memorial calling for a constitutional convention limited to the purpose of proposing a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (HM121). Another bill, SB 72, is a slightly modified version of California Natural death Act, allowing for 'death with dignity.'

Relating to social concerns, some 40 bills have been entered including one to establish a workfare program, providing that people on public assitance will be required to work or lose benefits (SB5, HB6); a bill that provides that "otherwise physically disabled persons" are entitled to full and equal accommodations at all public places, providing that no modifications to structures, vehicles or facilities be required (HB 188).

A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (HCR 10) has been introduced. A memorial to Congress urging the adoption of a national strategy of peace through strength (HM 264) and a bill imposing a \$500 fine on theater owners who allow a minor under age 17 unaccompanied by an adult to see an "R" rated movie (HB 24) have also been introduced.

TWO bills relating to education are HB 47, which requires parental permission to give students any test dealing with political, religious or patriotic beliefs; sex; mental or psychological problems; or anti-social behavior; and HB 137 having to do with state tuition vouchers for fulltime undergraduate students at non-profit colleges and universities.

One bill (SB 242) introduced by

Rep. Tom Tobiassen would incude the St. Vincent de Paul Society in a lengthy list of organizations which are exempted from motor vehicle license tag fees.

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# College grad works for migrants, those less fortunate

Voice Staff Writer

Ask many college students these days about social or political activism on campus and you're likely to hear such catchwords as "apathy" or "detachment."

Ask one recent Notre Dame University graduate, however, who believes social involvement is an integral part of his Catholic faith, and you'll hear something quite different.

'In the plants, nobody likes you. You're not doing enough for the workers, or you're taking away the rights of management.'

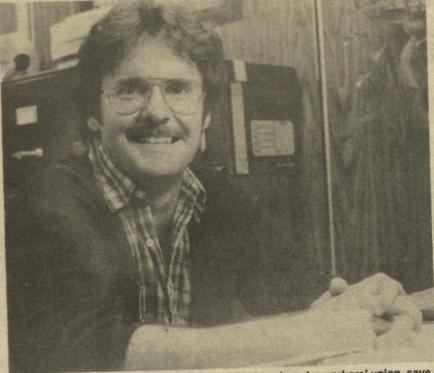
Tim Beaty, 24, a St. Mary's parishioner and union representative, is encouraging area residents to become involved in social issues and in particular to join a Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) boycott against Campbell and Libby products.

For Beaty, coming from a middle class Boca Raton family, college was a time for becoming acquainted with those less fortunate than himself.

"NOTRE DAME tries to teach a lot about the Christian message of social action," he says. In general, he finds college students more confused than apathetic.

"People aren't sure how to get involved. People are put into categories like 'radical weirdo' if they stand up for what they believe."

For college credit he took a year off to live in a ghetto on the outskirts of Lima, Peru, where Beaty, who is bi-



Tim Beaty, who now works as representative for a laundry workers' union, says his job is part of his social action responsibilities as a Catholic. (Voice photo by

lingual, taught physical science at a local high school.

Back at Notre Dame in 1980, the year of his graduation, he became involved with a school social justice group some of whose members were working at nearby migrant fields in rural Indiana.

That summer, Beaty himself volunteered with FLOC, whose 2,000 members are refusing to harvest tomatoes (primarily in Ohio) to protest low wages and poor working con-

THE UNION IS behind the boycott of the products of Campbell and Libby, the two companies that negotiate contracts with tomato growers and are accused of keeping wages down.

Beaty saw first hand the conditions under which Ohio's migrants work, living in shacks with one water spigot and one bathroom for as many as 50 people, and with families of five or six inhabiting small wooden

"There is no question that they are being maltreated," he said.

A lot of the children of migrant workers become discouraged, he says, since "few (school) programs take into account the lifestyle of the migrant."

The children will go to one school after another on their seasonal trek across the country, often enrolled in schools that have no bilingual programs, Beaty says, though the migrants are predominantly Mexican-American.

AND THEY often miss weeks of school because of seasonal moves and the need to sometimes help their parents in the fields.

Beaty, who as a volunteer circulated strike literature, was present one day when union members walked into a field to ask non-union laborers to stop work. They were arrested and hauled to jail in trucks.

When an FLOC lawyer visited them, he was beaten in front of the jailed members by the local police chief and three officers, Beaty says.

While working that summer, Beaty got to know and like many of the migrant workers, not all of whom are forced into the work by circumstances.

'A lot of people don't like the city work and they prefer agricultural work, to be close to the ground."

Beaty's experience that summer and previous involvement in social action enabled him to obtain a position, despite his young age, as representative for a laundry workers

Often his work requires a delicate sense of diplomacy: "In the plants nobody likes you. You're not doing enough for the workers, or you're taking away the rights of manage-

BEATY FEELS his work is a ministry in itself.

But most important it is a logical extension of his faith, which he feels "isn't just a personal salvation but a recognition of brothers and sisters that aren't as well off as we.

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# Free 'brainwashed' priest, Jesuits ask Guatemala

WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Jesuit leadership has asked the Reagan administration to help secure the release by the Guatemalan government of Jesuit Father Luis Eduardo Pellecer.

A statement signed by Father John J. O'Callaghan, president of the Jesuit Conference, and the superiors of the 10 Jesuit provinces in the United States also voiced concern for the fate of a second Jesuit kidnapped in Guatemala, Father Carlos Perez Alonso, who has been missing since his abduction last August.

Father Pellecer, a Guatemalan, disappeared last June and then reappeared in September on a government organized television press conference in which he said he had been a member of a guerrilla group which he had left. He accused the Catholic Church of helping to foment subversion

FATHER O'CALLAGHAN said Father Pellecer was a victim of brainwashing, which he described as "psycho-physiologically induced ideological conversion."

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"From declarations of Father Pellecer's immediate Jesuit superiors, from testimony of persons who know him well and from psychiatrists consulted, I am convinced that Father Pellecer is a victim of psychophysiologically induced ideological conversion," Father O'Callaghan said Feb. 5.

"We have asked the government of the United States to use its good offices with the government of Guatemala to secure Father Pellcer's release for objective examinations" of his physical and psychological state, he added.

"We make our urgent appeal against this background of documented human rights' violations: the constantly increasing persecution of the church in Guatemala and the daily increase of repression and massacre of the people in Guatemala, especially the rural poor," said Father O'Callaghan.

THE JESUIT statement also asks the U.S. government to raise Father Pellecer's case at the current session (Feb. 1-March 8) of the U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

In his televised press conference in Guatemala City — later shown in El Salvador and Honduras — Father Pellecer said he had been prompted to join the Guerrilla Army of the Poor by Marxism and church teachings stemming from liberation theology which emphasizes the need to free the poor from material and spiritual bondage.

He said these teachings have incited the people in Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua to rebellion. He said he had repented and turned himself over to the security forces.

The Jesuits in Central America and the Guatemalan bishops denied that the church was fomenting subversion and asked security forces to release the priest. The military government said he is "in protective custody." Father O'Callaghan said private efforts with the Guatemalan government to secure Father Pellecer's release had failed.

THE GOVERNMENT of Guatemala has not allowed any close friend or relative to see Father Pellecer, the priest added.

Meanwhile, in Madrid, Spain, relatives of Father Perez Alonso said Feb. 4 that repeated efforts to locate the priest, a Spanish citizen, have been in vain.

Father Perez Alonso was last seen after celebrating a Sunday Mass at a government hospital in Guatemala City.

# Did car maker discriminate against N. Ireland Catholics?

NEW YORK (NC) — The De Lorean Motor Co., a luxury U.S. sports car manufacturer, practiced discrimination against Catholic employees at its Northern Ireland plant, said a claim filed as part of a lawsuit by a former company officer.

The plaintiff, William Haddad, a New York journalist who became vice president of the auto company, was dismissed by De Lorean last year. Alleging libel and stock fraud, Haddad is suing the company and its chairman, John De Lorean, for \$18 million.

IN THE SUIT pending in New York State Supreme Court, Haddad also alleged that De Lorean concealed deficiencies in car safety and emission standards and defrauded the British government. Haddad contended that De Lorean engaged "in a purposeful pattern of discrimination against employees of the Roman Catholic faith in Northern Ireland by assigning them to dirtier and more menial tasks than those to which employees of the Protestant faith were assigned."

These practices were "violative of law and/or public morality," Haddad said. He claimed that he questioned the practices and De Lorean eventually fired him in breach of contract.

Denying the charges, John De Lorean and the De Lorean Motor Co. asserted that Haddad was legally dismissed.

DE LOREAN contended that the charges of religious discrimination, car safety deficiencies and fraud against the British government were "maliciously and improperly inserted into the complaint for the purpose of injuring the defendant."

The sole product of the De Lorean Motor Co. is a \$25,000 stainless steel gull-winged sports car currently being marketed in the United States. Founded by John De Lorean, a former General Motors vice president, the company has been heavily underwritten by the British government, which provided about \$151 million in grants and loans to bring the plant to Belfast, Northern Ireland, and guaranteed \$122.5 million in bank loans last year to help with cash problems.

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Kennedy tapes...

# ...may shed light on Catholic president's view of papacy, Pope John XXIII

WASHINGTON (NC) - On May 1963, President John F Kennedy's press secretary told reporters that Pope John XXIII's illness had not caused a change in the president's plans to visit Italy and meet the pope the following month.

Later that evening Kennedy sent a telegram to the pope wishing him a

speedy recovery

Only two days earlier Pope John had suffered severe internal bleeding, but his doctors said May 27 that his condition had improved and he was feeling much better. But two days later he had a relapse, and on June 3 he died of the stomach cancer that had caused the bleeding crisis.

PRESIDENT Kennedy never did meet with Pope John. But he made his planned European trip at the end of June and beginning of July and was the second head of state to meet with the newly elected Pope Paul VI.

Now, 19 years later, it has been revealed that on May 27 Kennedy tape recorded a phone conversation with his secretary of state, Dean Rusk, in which they discussed Pope John's illness. The same day, the White House press secretary, Pierre



John F. Kennedy

Salinger, said Kennedy still planned to meet with Pope John.

The contents of the dictabelt recording have not yet been made public, but when they are they could give historians interesting new insights into how America's first Catholic president viewed the papacy and the beloved, rotund pope who had revolutionized the church.

The log of the recording gives just the date and the names of Kennedy and Rusk followed by the notation "Illness of Pope John."

IT IS ONE of some 275 telephone conversations and 325 meetings in the White House that were secretly taped by Kennedy and are preserved in the Kennedy Library in Boston.

Dan H. Fenn Jr., director of the library, said that some of the conversations will be made public in the near future, but others will be kept secret for many years because of national security considerations.

One of the main interests in the tapes for many historians will be learning more about the inner workings White House in major the historical events such as the Cuban missile crisis, the sealing of the Berlin Wall, and the nation's domestic turmoil over racial integration.

But for historians interested in White House relations with the Catholic Church in the Kennedy era, other tapes besides the May 27 one may provide interesting material.

For example, on an unspecified date between July 26 and July 30, 1963, the log of telephone recordings shows Kennedy talking with an unidentified man, with the notation: '(Children's party at which Cushing talked about election of Pope Paul

"CUSHING" was Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston, a longtime close friend of the Kennedy family.

Another tape of possible interest to church-state historians is a recording of a White House meeting on June 17, 1963, which simply says "civil

rights leaders."

Kennedy, in the midst of a major campaign to get the opinion leaders of the nation united behind rapid. peaceful racial integration, met that day with a large group of business and professional leaders, and then with a group of 250 religious leaders, including close associates of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and more than 30 of the nation's Catholic bishops.

The log, however, does not indicate whether the recording covered the first meeting, the second meeting, or both. It is one of a number of preserved recordings of presidential meetings that summer with civil rights leaders. Several of these meetings may have involved religious leaders, who were playing a leading role in advancing the civil rights cause.

## nmigrants no threat, Congress told

WASHINGTON (NC) will be repeating past errors if it at-tempts to "mold" America's immigrant population on the basis of race or national origin, a U.S. Catholic Conference official said.

Donald G. Hohl, associate director of the USCC Migration and Refugee Services, said reviewing past immigration debates is useful, "for today we hear once again the lament that the new immigration threatens to change the social, cultural and even linguistic profile of our society.

Such arguments have been proven wrong, he said, even though each generation has raised them about new immigrants.

HOHL'S COMMENTS came in written testimony submitted to the Senate subcommittee on immigration and refugee policy, which is consider

ing several proposals for sweeping reform of the nation's immigration laws. The Senate subcommittee and a similar subcommittee in the House have been holding extensive hearings on immigration policy since last spr-

Hohl's testimony made no mention of some of the more controversial proposals being discussed, including amnesty for illegal aliens, a new "guest worker" program, and fines for employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens. Instead the USCC testimony focused primarily on the history of U.S. immigration and on the importance of reunification of families

The USCC is the public policy arm of the U.S. bishops.

Hohl noted that even Thomas Jefferson was among those Americans

who have worried about the "potentially deleterious impact of new immigrants on the American policy."

HE QUOTED Jefferson in 1782 as saying that immigrants would "wrap and bias" America's direction "and render it a heterogeneous, incoherent and distracted mass.'

If anything, Hohl said, immigrants now make an even more positive contribution to the United States than

"Unlike many immigrants from the distant past, the immigrants of today usually have strong family and ethnic roots in the United States and frequently bring with them valuable and needed skills," said Hohl.

Because of that, immigrants today "are more able to adjust quite well" and, instead of being a burden, are "full contributors" to the cultural and economic well-being of the United States.

Since the family is the basic unit of society, the preservation of the family unit must be the guiding principle in any immigration system, Hohl said.

He said that at a minimum Congress should accept either the "nuclear" definition of family husband, wife and children — or the "fireside" definition, which usually includes grandparents, and then allow "free movement of such relatives to this country.'

HOHL ALSO called for free movement into the United States of ministers and other religious functionaries such as nuns and brothers.

Regarding refugees, Hohl said provisions of the Refugee Act of 1980 seem to be working satisfactorily.

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# 'Crisis in the pews

(Continued from page 1)

WHAT DOES this mean for all Catholics?

We have a breathing space of a relatively few years after which we will see a rapid decline in the number of priests and religious. This decline will outstrip that which occurred in the post-Vatican II period. This will be caused by death and disability. A best case scenario can be drawn from the next eight years since it takes that long to bring a religious on-line, said Fahey.

Calling these next eight years "a moment of grace," Fahey said the Church "seems reluctant to reflect on this phenomenon," and he called for

a two-fold strategy.

"One is managerial in nature and the other is deeply spiritual. A prudent manager looking at this resource crunch would deal with two aspects

of it.
"How does one institutionalize the functions currently performed by full-time religious in such a way that it can be performed by others? And, how can we accept attrition without it exacerbating already serious morale problems? If this attrition is not recognized, it will tend to create a great deal of anxiety on the part of those who are charged with filling the ranks," Fahey stated.

FAHEY INDICATED that what he termed "Third Age" people may hold the answers to many problems including the declining vocations rate. He referred to the three ages of development.

"In the First Age, the person is largely reactive to those who are significant in his or her life. During this period from birth through adolescence, a person is equipped with the tools of living, intellectual, emotional and spiritual," Fahey explained.

The Second Age is that period when a person finds a social role and

primary identity, according to Fahey.

"It is the time when one finds a job, when one fits into a neighborhood and becomes part of society. For many persons, it is a time of marriage and parenting. This period is marked by growth in security in these various roles," said Fahey.

Next comes the Third Age, largely unnoticed but common in our nation, according to Fahey.

"IT IS THAT time when an opportunity is afforded to persons to

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"It is particularly important for those who have achieved accomplishment in a certain role and have a sense of identity and for those who have completed their tasks as parents. For many it is a time of physical vigor and intellectual capability, yet for most, there is little conscious awareness of the opportunity and need for continuing growth, changing roles and new kinds of functions.

'For the Church to serve the older well and for it, in turn, to utilize the ministerial functions and capabilities of older persons, it is important that

we analyze this new experience and utilize it well," Fahey stressed.

To fully dramatize the growing importance of older people in the Church and society, Fahey presented statistics on the nature of change since the time of Our Lord:

• In Jesus' time, only one person in ten lived to be 50.

· As late as 1900, only half those born lived to be 50.

• The median age in the U.S. today is 30, and two-thirds of all Americans will live into their eighties.

· Twenty-four million Americans.

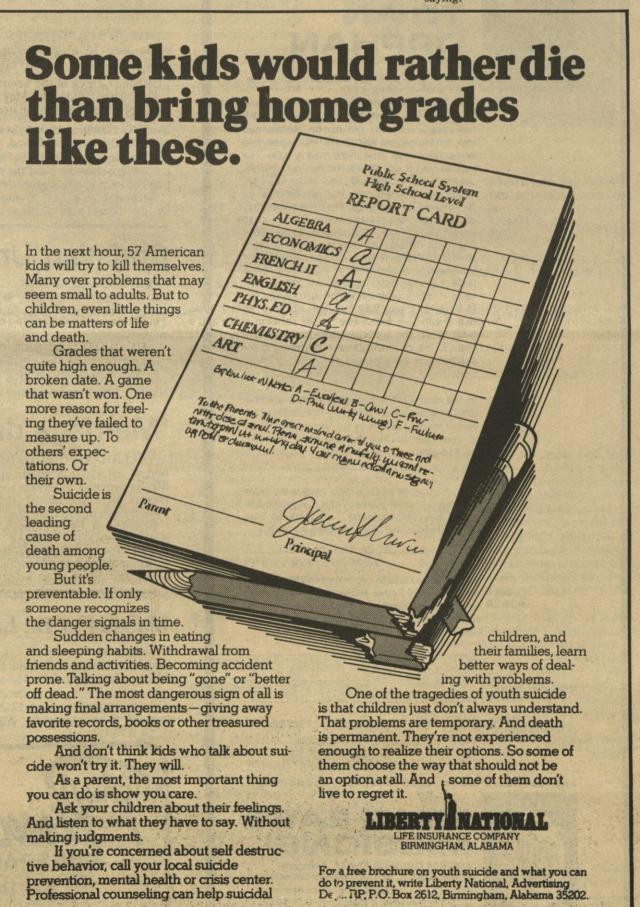
one out of every nine, are 65 or older.

Ninety percent of Americans will live to between 77 and 93 in future

• By the year 2000, the aged population will increase by a third and by the second decade of the next century one out of every six Americans will be

"We have more older people now than at any moment in history who tend to be better off economically, socially, educationally and physically than their ancestors, although frailty and functional dependency have not been done away with yet. This fact is both a gift and a challenge for society in general and the Church," said Fahey.

He suggested that the Church should make use of this grace period in a more profound way by trying to understand what the Spirit may be saving.



# 'Respect church,' Sandinistas told

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (NC) -Following the deportation of five U.S. missionaries, the bishops of Nicaragua asked the Sandinistadominated government to show respect for priests, Religious and lay workers in the troubled Miskito Indian territory.

The bishops' statement came after Interior Minister Tomas Borge had apologized for the deportation and said the five - two Capuchin priests and three Sisters of St. Agnes could return.

In commenting on the incident, the bishops asked that "such opportune rectification (of policy) should be also applied to other priests and Religious on the Atlantic Coast.'

THE REMOTE Atlantic Coast area, comprising the Vicariate of Bluefields and the Prelature of Juigalpa, has been the scene of

repeated encounters between Sandinista forces and members of the Miskito tribe, which is allegedly allied with Somocistas, followers of overthrown dictator Anastasio Somoza, living across the border in Honduras.

The five U.S. missionaries were detained by Sandinista security agents Jan. 13 as they attended a pastoral institute at Puerto Cabezas, taken to Managua and told to leave within 24 hours. The five returned to the United States.

After their deportation the Interior Ministry said the missionaires "had shown an attitude at odds with the Gospel . . . by inciting the Miskitos to hate the revolutionary government, and by fostering their separatist aims."

BORGE'S APOLOGIES were made Jan. 16 at a meeting with Bishop Salvator Schlaefer of Bluefields, Bishop Ruben Lopez of Esteli and Bishop Julian Luis Barni of Matagalpa, and the superior of the Capuchins, Father Paul Schmitz. The Sandinista leader said that the deportation of the missionaries was due to a misunderstanding at the middle level of government "and the matter had not been handled properly.'

According to a Jan. 22 statement by the Nicaraguan Bishops' Conference, the Sandinista leaders had asked them to keep the "painful incident quiet in order to avoid its manipulation by those who use religion to confront the revolution."

The bishops, however, "deeming that our people, priests and Religious have a right to be informed," proceed to give details of the deportation.

Borge, a commander in the San-

dinista army, said later that the deported missionaries went beyond their religious role and failed "in the respect foreigners owe to the nation not to participate in domestic politics, especially in the dramatic situation in Zelaya, where in recent days more than 30 Sandinistas were murdered by counterrevolutionists.'

ZELAYA IS the department on the Atlantic Coast where the deported missionaries worked.

Besides Catholic missionaries, U.S. Protestant pastors in the region are also facing restrictions. Five Episcopalians and a pastor of the Moravian Church have been either detained or told they must renew their permit every month. An Episcopalian delegation from the United States that planned to visit Nicaragua in February was told delegates would be restricted to Managua and could not go to the Atlantic Coast.



## LETTER TO AN ORPHAN

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY IS ALMOST

some little lass is only eleven years old. Yet, she has already suffered more than her share of sorrow, lonesomeness and abuse. Her father died when Jessy was little more than a baby. Her mother ran off and abandoned her five children, Jessy's older sister Mary, who works in a convent, brought her to our orphanage in Balabhaven, Kerala, India. The Sisters there say she is bright, healthy and active. She wants to study to be a nurse. A Valentine for Jessy? Send one to the Sisters, too. They are doing for Jessy what you would do for your own children, but they need your help to do it. Just \$14 a month (\$168 a year) feeds, clothes and houses one child . . . \$25 provides new clothes for a year . \$5 a pair of shoes. Your gift in any amount will help the Sisters help needy children. Mail your gifts to us and we'll get them safely to the Sisters. The children will love you and pray for you because you also care!

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### **Christian Unity theme set**

VATICAN CITY (NC) theme chosen for the 1982 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Jesus Christ, life of the world," Vatican Radio reported.

The theme was proposed by an ecumenical group in Northern Ireland and approved last December by the special mixed commission of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches during a meeting in Switzerland.

The theme is the same as the theme for the sixth general assembly of the World Council of Churches, scheduled for July 24-Aug. 10 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Vatican Radio

### 'Marriage day' set in Fla.

TALLAHASSEE, FL (NC) - In a unified effort to advocate married life, the governor of Florida and three mayors have proclaimed Feb. 14, 'We Believe in Marriage Day.

Encouraged by Worldwide Mar-riage Encounter members, Gov. Robert Graham and mayors Bill Evers of Bradenton, Frank Proctor of Venice and Ronald Norman of Sarasota agreed to make St. Valentine's Day the official day to support the institution of marriage.

The state-wide proclamation, signed in January by Graham, says there is an "urgent need" to reverse the present trend of separation and divorce in the United States. He called married couples "one of the greatest social resources in the country to-

#### Masses at St. Lazarus

The newly-formed St. Lazarus parish in Hialeah will hold Sunday Masses, beginning Feb. 14, at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Apollo Cinema, located on West 12 Avenue and 44 Street, Hialeah. Auxiliary

Bishop Agustin Roman and other priests of the Archdiocese will con-celebrate the 11:30 Mass this Sunday. Pastor Fr. P. Luis Perez invites all parishioners and friends to attend.



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# Matter of Opinion

## Is it possible to just turn away?

"Father, please, can you bring me some pants, so I can go outside these walls and walk?"

An old man pleading for dignity and the freedom simply to move outside his fly-infested room. This is just one small incident reflecting the poverty of spirit and physical being at Eventide Home in

The Voice tells the story of Eventide on pages 12 and 13 of today's issue. The pictures there are not easy to stomach. We did not take lightly the decision to run them. But please don't turn away. We only have to look at the pictures. Those hapless souls have to live them. And, too, there were worse pictures we didn't

Part of the story is of Ferdinand Mahfood, a lay Catholic of the Archdiocese of Miami who has taken on the mission of trying to generate from South Florida Catholics support for Eventide and other poverty projects being serviced by a handful of priests in Jamaica.

What he would like to see, is parishes

or lay groups or clubs or parish clusters "adopt" projects such as Eventide or other projects of the parish's choosing.

Parishes, and particularly priests, often feel over-extended as it is. And there already are special collections for various poverty-related missions. But the point of "adopting" a particular project is that it personalizes the relationship between the giver and his neighbor miles away and it keeps us from becoming too internalized in our parishes and insulated from the far more urgent needs of the poverty stricken.

Certainly we must continue to support the special collections and our local ABCD drive. Charity begins at home. But it should not end there.

The little extra effort by a club or parish, goes such a long way. The correspondence, the exchange of prayers for gifts is enriching for both sides.

Anyone interested in pairing with a project such as Mr. Mahfood's (see his address, page 13) or with a different kind of project — a school, a medical mission.



a poor parish - in any part of the world may contact The Voice for assistance in finding the right project. Write to Poverty, c/o The Voice, P.O. Box 1059, Miami, Fla., 33138. Or call 758-0543, Miami.

Remember, "If you have not done it to the least of my brothers, you have not done it to me.'

## Letters to the Editor

#### **ERA** does no good

To the Editor:

The feature on the Equal Rights Amendment (January 22) should convince anyone still undecided that the ERA should not be adopted.

The text of ERA shows it is no panacea for all the real and imagined grievances women may have against society. ERA applies only to discrimination practiced by the United States or a state government. It will not remedy any private discrimination such as in employment. ERA will get no one a job or a

Those who say equal rights and abortion are necessarily unrelated underestimate the ability of federal judges to make law rather than merely interpret it. The 14th amendment quite properly gave blacks citizenship and equal protection of the law, but in 1973, the Supreme Court read that amendment as requiring legalized abortion. ERA would give lifetime federal judges yet another chance to meddle in matters traditionally reserved to the states or the people. Incidentally, Judge Callister's decision holding the ERA extension invalid demonstrated the judicial tendency to grab for power, because no state having ratified the ERA since

the extension, there was no need to decide the issue.

How has ERA worked in states adopting their own versions? In Washington, the State Supreme Court held ERA prohibited the exclusion of girls from boys' football teams in the public schools. A lower court in Washington state did hold homosexuals still could not marry, but I doubt the issue would have arisen if ERA had not been adopted.

Fair-minded persons should work for the elimination of laws which unfairly discriminate against women and men. Legislatures do respond to political pressure, but Constitutional amendments do not speed the process. After all, blacks were given equal civil and political rights in the Constitution in 1870, but Florida public schools were desegregated until 1970!

**John Paul Parks** 

#### Gift to Birthline

(The following letter was written to Birthline in Fort Lauderdale, accompanied by a \$500 check.)

My husband and I read the article in The Voice about the work of Birthline and their endeavors in behalf of the Le Count family. We would like

to help these families. The gift we are enclosing is to be given, please, to the family on your list you deem the most needy and we would like it to be given, with our thoughts and prayers, anonymously.

Next to the long hours and efforts you and the other members put in to help these people, our gift is small in-

May the Christ child grant you all His special blessings now and throughout the years ahead.

(Name withheld)

#### **Epiphany and other** schools are great

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Miami should be very proud of the achievements of the Catholic schools in South Florida. They appear to reflect the Light of Christ in an area which many might consider to be in spiritual and educational darkness.

I had the good fortune to visit Epiphany School in South Miami on the occasion of its open house during Catholic Schools Week. The place was alive with activity, a tribute to the Sisters of I.H.M. and the dedicated teachers, along with the supportive parents and enthusiastic students of the school. Literally hundreds of

parents paraded the halls and inspected the many student exhibits in support of the school in particular and of Catholic education in general.

Catholic people of all ages need to affirm their local school personnel in the performance of their noble tasks. All of us owe much to Catholic education, and we must continue to support it so that the Gospel may be proclaimed forever through that medium.

I further implore officials of this Archdiocese to step up their efforts in providing more facilities and improved facilities, in order that Catholic education may be a reality for all those who seek it in our community. We cannot be complacent in knowing that we are at least providing waiting lists for the children of God.

William P. VanderWyden

Deacon Jordi Rivero

#### **Praise** for Bosco

To the Editor:

Antoniette Bosco's column which appears in The Voice is excellent. Please extend my congratulations to her, especially for her article, "How do we serve others?" (Jan. 22, 1982).

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Antoinette Bosco

## The need to believe in ourselves

I have spent endless hours with students on a college campus. If I were to pick one common characteristic of students experiencing problems, it would be a loss of faith in their personal worth.

Students express this many ways. "Everything I do ends up a mess." "I can't make friends." "I got drunk last night." "What difference does it make?

It's not hard to understand why these doubting times hit young people so hard. Consider where they are: in transition, moving out of the in-nocence of childhood and not sure where they want to go or where they will end up.

THERE'S NOTHING terribly new about this period being a scary time. I when I was about 12 remember reading a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem called "Maidenhood.

A line from it seemed to catch my imagination and I never have forgotten it. The poet described the maiden "standing with reluctant feet where the brook and meadow meet.'

The meadow is vast and, from that point, you can't see where it goes, where it dips, where it becomes barren, where the scorpion hides or

where the buttercups bloom.

Early in life we take a leap into a world like that - alone. But unless we believe we have the resources and equipment to meet its unknowns and challenges, we can be defeated before

Today I sense that too many young people I talk with are defeated before they start. They can't seem to find any meaning in their lives. Sometimes they feel abandoned by adults, even by their parents.

IN THE past few weeks, I have talked many times with a certain young woman. She is 20, the child of divorced parents. She is afraid of her father. She loves her mother; but she feels her mother deserted her in remarrying soon after the divorce.

More than that, the young woman believes that she deserved to be shunted to third place in her mother's life. She has a very difficult time making friends. She asks, "Why would anyone bother with me?"

This young woman doesn't see that she is removing herself from relationships in order to protect herself from further rejection. Having little faith in her own worth, she drinks.

The priest who heads the Newman parish on campus sent the young woman to me. I gave her what she seemed to need - some attention and some time. I also showed her my belief in her and tried to give her my understanding of why she felt isolated.

LISTENING TO her, I thought of something a priest once told me. He said, "Listen to someone for five minutes and you'll hear they're asking you for God."

Over several weeks, this young woman and I talked about Jesus, His message and the life we share in. We talked about people's intrinsic impor-

A few days ago, she dropped me a note, saying, "I'd like to thank you for helping me in a class that's usually ignored in the university - life."

I hope that means that I helped a lovely person believe in her own value

and worth once more.

In a recent book, The Coming Parent Revolution, Jeane Westin wrote: "We parents should be passing on to our children the best of our traditions, our wisdom, our. strength.'

If we do that, we also will pass on to our children the truth about their own importance.

(NC News Service)



By Dale Francis

## The march for life

Once again I was at the Ellipse back of the White House on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion and as always I was edified by the wonderful people who come to Washington to proclaim their commitment to human

Washington is a city with almost non-stop demonstrations but the March for Life is different. It lacks the intensity, the careful organiza-tion, the leaders on bullhorns of other demonstrations. It is just an assembly of caring people, who come from all over the country just to offer by their presence their determination that the lives of unborn infants must be saved. It is, I think, the most authentically grass-roots movement around.

As I always have, I walked among the people as they assembled for the march. There was a group from South Dakota, the people I talked with were from Watertown. were delegations from Maine, Florida, Alaska, California, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Minnesota, New York, Pennylsvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan - from almost everywhere in this nation. They were young people and old people, married couples with their children. There were not only Catholics but Methodists for Life, Lutherans for Life, Church of the Brethren for Life, what was in its beginning almost entirely a Catholic demonstration is now joined by people of all faiths.

WHAT I'M saying may seem to be that the pro-life movement is stronger than ever, better off than ever. That's what the New York Times said, "The antiabortion movement seems stronger today than at any time since the Supreme Court ruling in the case of Roe v. Wade in 1973

But that's not true. The strength of the movement is in serious danger because of division. You saw that in signs being carried: "Bury the Hatch Amendment" and "Hatch Now."

The U.S. bishops have given complete support to the Hatch Amendment. It is - I am convinced best possible hope to turn around a situation in which abortion is being institutionalized in our nation. It would, if approved by two-thirds of the Senate and House and by threefourths of the states, remove abortion as a constitutional right and allow Congress and the states to enact antiabortion legislation. It is not, as some seem to think, a states' right amendment. While states could enact more restrictive anti-abortion legislation, they could not pass more relaxed legislation because the congressional legislation would apply over any legislation less restrictive.

The pro-abortion lobby recognizes this as the greatest danger legalized abortion has ever faced. Today, because of the Supreme Court decision, abortion on demand exists. What the pro-abortionists know is that they could not possibly pass legislation permitting this.

BUT THE tragedy is that within the pro-life movement there is strong opposition to the Hatch Amendment. What those who oppose it say is that there must be an amendment that protects human life from conception and that nothing short of this can be accepted. But there does not exist the two-thirds support to get that amendment out of Congress. The Hatch Amendment if accepted would allow the protection of human life by ma-

We have a President who favors the pro-life cause. But he will not give his firm support to a particular amendment until there is agreement within the pro-life movement. What is desperately needed is unity in the pro-life movement and the Hatch Amendment is the one possible way to begin the turn-around now. It isn't everything that Pro-life people want but it is a move in the right direction, it will save millions of lives of the unborn, it will end the perversion of abortion as a constitutional right. Our disunity serves only the cause of the enemies of human life.

(Dale Francis is editor of the Catholic Standard.)

By Tom Lennon



Love endures

Q. My boyfriend and I are both 19, and we are thinking of getting married in July. But we are going to wait two years before we have any children.

We want to make sure our marriage works before we bring any children into the world. Don't you think more couples should have this attitude? (Washington, D.C.)

A. No, and here's why: Last night a young man sat in my living room and grieved as he told me about his brother and sister-in-law. After three children and 16 years of marriage, they are now divorced from one

The young man could not say for sure who was at fault or what went wrong or why the marriage no longer seemed to work. But the family, once so happy, was no longer a united

YOU CANNOT know for certain at the end of two short years that your marriage will always be a happy

And you are not ready for marriage yet if you plan to back out when things become difficult.

You must be prepared to work at your marriage for a lifetime. In good times and bad, you and your partner must strive to be tolerant, sensitive, aware of the other's needs, and willing to bear with the other's faults, which can sometimes be serious ones.

In a beautiful poem, William Shakespeare wrote,

Love is not love

which alters when it alteration finds

O, no! It is an ever fixed mark, That looks on tempests and is never shaken .

Love endures the storms and trials and dark times. It doesn't just coast along after two years have gone smoothly by.

FEELINGS COME and go. Marriages have their high points, their peaks of ecstasy; they also have their low points, their valleys of seeming despair. Love must be present in the valleys as well as on the peaks.

Perhaps you and your boyfriend should have a long, long talk about all that love might mean to you both in the next 40, or 50, or 60 years.

In sexual intercourse a man and a woman give themselves to one another. This giving is one expression of another type of giving that goes on in everyday life.

It is an expression of the kind of love that involves such things as patience, being helpful in many ways, looking for opportunities to serve, being kind, and so on.

This is the love that is likely to last. It does not alter with the seasons.

Are you and your boyfriend in love? Really?

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

(NC News Service)



By Msgr. George Higgins

## **Hope For Poland**

Poland's fate remains undetermined. But convention wisdom would have it that the imposition of martial law marked the death of the Polish independent trade union movement, Solidarity.

Conventionalism inspires few poets, so it's not surprising that a dissenting view comes from Polish poet in exile, Czeslaw Milosz, a University of California professor and 1980 Nobel Prize win-

"The Polish people," he wrote in a recent article, "have been defeated many times, and this time they are defeated in a particularly perfidious game. But as I know history, I do not believe that the democratic movement in Eastern Europe, of which Solidarity became the spearhead, is a transitory phenomenon. On the contrary, its open or latent presence will prove more durable than all the juntas of our century taken together.'

Poets, even Nobel laureates, are not necessarily better prophets than news commentators or political analysts. But in this case, please God, Milosz' optimism will prove eventually to have been well founded and Solidarity will re-emerge as a significant social movement.

In support of this hope, rallies were held throughout the United States and the rest of the free world Jan. 30. We who attended wanted to let the Polish people know that we stand with them in their moment of trial and will do everything in our power to help them regain their freedom and to bring Solidarity back to life.

Through this public pledge of support, we joined in the hopes articulated by another prominent Pole, Pope John Paul II.

"Despite the tragic events which have since overtaken his homeland, the Pope has neither lost hope nor faltered in his support of Solidarity ... Day after day the Pope has continued to demand that the right of the workers to form free and independent trade unions be guaranteed ..."

Only three months before the Polish government declared war on its own people, the pope gave support and encouragement to workers everywhere in his encyclical on human work.

"In order to achieve social justice in the various parts of the world, in the various countries and in the relationships between them," he wrote, "there is need for ever new movements of solidarity of the workers and with the workers . . . The church is firmly committed to this cause, which she considers her mission, her service, a proof of her fidelity to Christ, so that she can be truly the

church of the poor."

Despite the tragic events which have since overtaken his homeland, the pope has neither lost hope nor faltered in his support of Solidarity.

"I see here in St. Peter's Square many inscriptions 'Solidarnose,' " he told the throng of pilgrims gathered for his New Year's Day address." This word is the expression of a great effort that the workers of my homeland have made to secure the real dignity of workers.

"I thank all those who in the course of these days pray for Poland," he continued. "I ask them to go on praying.

"We are dealing with a problem that is important for the history of man. May the heritage of civil rights and real freedom, which is the work of generations, not be dissipated. May the heritage of these last difficult months and years not be dissipated."

Day after day the pope has continued to demand that the right of the workers to form free and independent trade unions be guaranteed by the Polish government and that Solidarity be given full freedom to carry out its essential role of defending the rights of its members.

Dare we do anything less?

(NC News Service)



By Fr. John B. Sheerin, CSP

## Displays of anti-semitism

An Austrian court recently sentenced two Palestinians to life imprisonment for a machine-gun and grenade attack that killed two persons and wounded 20 at a synagogue in Vienna.

According to news reports, the assassins were under orders from Al Asifa, an extremist group operating outside the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Five months before the trial actually began, this Vatican message was sent to the families of the victims of the attack: "His Holiness participates by his prayer in the pain and suffering of the wounded and resolutely condemns this new fierce and absurd attack which has struck the Jewish Community of Austria and throughout the

There is, of course, nothing very new or different about the onslaught. These assaults have become almost habitual and inveterate custom in certain parts of Europe. The victims of these assaults are generally Jews.

VATICAN II came out strongly in condemna-tion of the atrocities: "The church . . . rejects any persecution against any man. For this reason and for the sake of her common patrimony with the Jews, she decries hatred, persecution, displays of anti-Semitism, stated against the Jews at whatever time and by whomsoever. She does so, not moved

by political reasons, but impelled by the Gospel's pure love."

Why this prolonged wave of violence against the Jews? Why this vindictiveness?

After centuries of Jewish suffering and martyrdom, some people fear that the anti-Semitism imbedded in our culture is about to break out in an

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new explosion of violence.

I like to think that St. Paul's loving kindness had a role in developing benevolence for the Jews. As Paul said in the Letter to the Romans: "Theirs is the sonship and the glory of the covenants and the law and the worship and the promises; theirs are the patriachs and from them is the Christ ac-cording to the flesh."

IT IS A perversion of Christian teaching to say that it is inherently anti-Semitic. Yet there is good reason to believe that some Christian churchmen down the centuries interpreted the Christian Scriptures in such a fashion as to give the impression

tha the Jews are a people laboring under dark shadows of an evil past.

Some years ago, researchers at the University of California discovered that half of America's Christians believe that Jews are "most responsible for crucifying Christ." An equal number of scholars took it for granted that "Jews can never be forgiven until they accept Jesus as the true Savior.

The fact is, however, regardless of the accuracy of these findings, anyone who reads the New Testament carelessly may soon lapse into the con-viction that the Jews did kill Christ, and that they are a people shadowed by evil.

In short, the tragedy is that so many Christians

have read the Scriptures listlessly and have unconciously used them in such a fashion as to misinterpret them.

ULTIMATELY, ERRONEOUS thinking prepares the way for "anti-Semitism."

The American bishops have called on all the forces of the church to develop a sincere understanding of the Jews. Eugene Fisher, secretary of the bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, thinks this task is now well under way.

He says: "Whatever the future holds, the old teaching of contempt for the Jews will never again hold unchallenged sway in the church as it once did. Let's hope it is the beginning of the end of anti-Semitism."

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# Death in paradise



Junior Jackson is six years old. He suffers from malnutrition, diarrhea and will accept only liquids. His suffering is illustrated by the fact that he has sucked pigment from

Local layman begs help for Jamaica's cast-offs

 Editorial, page 9 By ROBERT O'STEEN Editor, The Voice

There must be heaven somewhere on the other side of death, because for some people, there is hell right

There are places where joy is seldom felt and death a welcome

Urine-soaked mattresses. No showers, No toilets. Feces-smeared floors. Shrinking stomachs. And the abject indignity of deteriorating bodies and hopeless spirits.

Such a place is Eventide Home.

Kingston, Jamaica, right in South Florida's Caribbean backyard.

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There is Ferdinand Mahfood of Lighthouse Point and St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Broward County, He started caring about six years ago.

A Jamaican by birth but a citizen and resident of South Florida for 10 years, Mahfood, head of an export business, has taken up the cause of the poor. He has expended many thousands of his own dollars supporting Eventide and priests ministering to the poor in Jamaica, and now he is asking others to join him.

But he was not always so inspired.

"I USED TO do just as I pleased. I made up my own rules of life," he said, speaking with only a trace of the typically lyrical Caribbean accent.

Then one day Mahfood had a religious experience he considers a calling from the Holy Spirit.

"I was on a plane, reading a book (Something More by Kathrine Marshall, wife of the late Peter Marshall, Congressional chaplain). I was reading the last chapter when the force of the Holy Spirit descended into my life.'

Something seemed to be asking him if he would go to Mass every day.

"I said, if this is Your voice (God's) then I would go every day. I concluded that it was God and not just my own thinking. So I made a commitment."

That was six years ago and it has changed his life, "as far as East is from West.



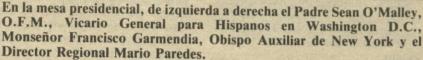
Ferdinand Mahfood, Sr. Jude, Fr. John parish in Fort Lauderdale, Richard Walli ject and Fr. John White, during a visit to

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Los directores regionales visitaron la "Pequeña Habana"; entraron en los comercios hispanos y conversaron con la población para ver de cerca la situación de los hispanos en Miami. Después visitaron la Ermita de Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad y el Seminario St. John Vianney.

## Apostolado Hispano del N.E. celebro reunión en Miami

Por Maria Luisa Gastón

y José P. Alonso
La Conferencia de Directores Diocesanos del Apostolado Hispano del Nordeste de EE.UU. celebró su tercera reunión anual aquí, en Miami, el pasado Enero, los dias del 25 al 28 del corriente año 1982.

Esta conferencia suele reunirse una vez al año, fuera de su región, para tratar de conocer mejor la realidad hispana en otras regiones dentro y fuera de los Estados Unidos, así como estudiar sus logros y los métodos empleados para alcanzarlos. Invitados por el Rvdo. Padre Mario Vizcaino, Sch. P., Director del Instituto Pastoral del Sudeste (SEPI) seleccionaron a Miami como sede para esta reunión en la que tomaron parte 37 sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos representando varias diócesis.

Después de cuatro días de estudios, discusiones y decisiones fueron, en el quinto dia, a palpar la realidad hispana visitando la "Pequeña Habana", entrando en sus comercios y hablando con la gente en la calle. Fué una experiencia excepcional para los que no habían venido antes a Miami y visto de cerca el latir del corazón hispano en una atmósfera pura de tradición y cultura. Aquí pudieron constatar la "realidad" económica, política y religiosa de los hispanos y en especial de los cubanos.

Entre los visitantes estaba el Presidente de la Conferencia para 1981-1982, Rvdo. Padre Sean O'Malley, O.F.M., Vicario Episcopal para los Hispanos de Washington, D.C.; el Obispo Auxiliar de New York, Monseñor Francisco Garmendia, Vicario del Apostolado Hispano

y del Movimiento Carismático Hispano; el señor Pablo Sedillo Director del Secretariado Hispano de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos (NCCB y USCC) y el Sr. Mario Paredes, Director del Centro Regional del Nordeste para Asuntos Hispanos. Dirigentes destacados del apostolado hispano representaron diócesis de Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut v Massachusetts.

En una de las sesiones previa a su visita a la Pequeña Habana, los

asambleistas fueron informados sobre la situación hispana, y cubana en particular, por destacados expertos locales como los doctores José I. Lazaga, Juan Clark y Jorge Salazar, el abogado Javier Suárez Gastón y el Rvdo. Padre Felipe Estévez, Rector del Seminario Mayor St. Vincent de

Entre los muchos tópicos tratados, el Señor Pablo Sedillo informó sobre la actualidad hispana nacional exponiendo que la presencia hispana ha aumentado un 60% en los últimos diez años y en algunos lugares de la

nación este aumento representa un 500%. Segun él las estadísticas del censo son asombrosas. Y le presenta a la reunión una inquietante interrogación: "¿Tenemos un crecimiento paralelo de personal preparado para atender a las necesidades de nuestro pueblo?"

Se hizo patente la necesidad de promoción de personal preparadado para servir a la población hispana. Más comunicación entre las oficinas regionales y la oficina nacional, que sin duplicar estructuras pueda servir mejor a las distintas comunidades hispanas, tanto en materia religiosa como en el desarrollo de la persona

Monseñor Garmendia hizo una presentación sobre la influencia de la Renovación Carismática entre los hispanos y señaló la responsabilidad de obispos y sacerdotes de dar consejo y apoyo teológico para que los grupos carismáticos hispanos no vayan a caer en extremos nocatólicos.

La reunión oyó un amplio informe de todas las actividades realizadas, de sus exitos tanto como de sus fracasos, en los varias diócesis y se ofrecieron a la consideración de los reunidos las proyecciones pastorales para el año

Los expertos locales destacaron varios aspectos de la realidad de Miami. El doctor Juan Clark, sociólogo cubano del Miami Dade Community College, presentó estudios demográficos de la población cubana desde el exilio de 1960 hasta el éxodo de 1980. Resumiendo estos estudios dice que "el re-(Sigue en la pág. 4A)

## El Gobernador de Florida y tres Alcaldes fijan "dia del Matrimonio"

Tallahassee (NC) — En un esfuerzo unificado en defensa de la vida matrimonial y de la familia, el Gobernador de Florida Robert Graham y tres alcaldes han proclamado el 14 de Febrero, Dia de los Enamorados (San Valentin), también "Creemos en el Dia del Matrimonio"

Estimulados por los miembros del movimiento Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, el gobernador Graham y los alcaldes Bill Evers, de Bradenton, Frank Proctor, de Venecia y Ronald Norman, de Sarasota acordaron hacer que el Día de San Valentin sea también el dia oficial para dar apoyo a la institución matrimonial.

La proclamación de carácter general en el Estado, firmada en Enero por Graham, declara que "es una urgente necesidad invertir el presente estado de separación y divorcio en los Estados Unidos. Graham llamó a las parejas casadas "uno de los más grandes recursos sociales de hoy en nuestra nación".

## Santos Cirilo y Metodio

FERRERO 14

Estos dos hermanos, hijos de un senador de Tesalónica, llevaron en el siglo IX la luz del Evangelio a la raza eslava, que se extiende por toda Europa Oriental, evangelizando los pueblos de Moravia, Bohemia, Bulgaria, Polonia y Moscovia.

Cirilo fue muy joven a Constantinopla donde fué ordenado sacerdote. Enseñó Filosofía en la Universidad y defendió siempre las verdades del Evangelio. Metodio, el hermano mayor, después de ser gobernador de una provincia eslava, fué abad de un monasterio en Grecia.

En el año 862 el principe Ratislao de Moravia pidió al emperador Miguel III le enviara misioneros cristianos para que enseñaran a su pueblo en su propia lengua. Los dos hermanos fueron enviados a la corte de Ratislao en Velerhad donde necesitaban obispos para ordenar más sacerdotes.

De aquí partieron hacia Roma llevando con ellos las reliquias del Papa San Clemente para entregarlas al Papa Adriano II, quien los consagró obispos y aprobó el uso de la lengua eslava en la liturgia. La traduccion de la liturgia al eslávico así como la de la Sagrada Escritura para enseñar al pueblo fue obra de los dos hermanos.

Cirilo murió en Roma el año 869



y Metodio siguió trabajando en Moravia, Bohemia y Polonia tanto como en las tierras vecinas. Murió en Moravia el 6 de Abril de 885. Fueron declarados Apóstoles de los Eslavos al tiempo de su canonización.

#### ANUNCIAN VISITA DE REAGAN AL PAPA

Washington (NC) — La Casa Blanca anunció que el presidente Reagan se reunirá con el Papa Juan Pablo II el 7 de Junio, durante una visita a Europa para asistir a consultas económicas en Francia, y Bélgica.

# Parroquia Católica de San Lazaro AVISO IMPORTANTE

El Santuario Parroquial de San Lázaro, parroquia recién creada por la Arquidiocesis Católica Romana de Miami desea anunciar a sus fieles el horario de sus Misas comenzando el próximo día 14 de Febrero. En el Santuario de San Lázaro, el amigo resucitado por Jesús, se celebrarán dos Misas todos los domingos cuyo horario ofrecemos:

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

8:30 de la mañana, en el local del Cine Apolo en la 12 Avenida y Calle 4 del West de Hialeah.

11:30 de la mañana, en el local del cine Apolo, será la primera Misa Solemne, celebrante principal Monseñor Agustín Román, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami, concelebrando el Rvdo. Padre Luis Pérez y otros sacerdotes.

El Padre Luis Pérez, párroco de San Lázaro, les invita a todos, feligreses y amigos devotos, a asistir a esta primera Misa Solemne en honor del santo y fiel amigo de Nuestro Señor.



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# Obispos de EE.UU. piden apoyo para el Acta de Derecho al Voto

Washington (NC) — La Conferencia Católica de Estados Unidos, agencia de acción de los obispos americanos, pidió a los obispos del sur y del suroeste de la nación den su apoyo a la renovación del Acta de Derecho al Voto, bajo ataque en el Congreso de EE.UU.

Esta ley debe ser renovada en 1982 para que sus efectos permanezcan.

El Acta de Derecho al Voto se acreditó el fin de muchas prácticas descriminatorias, tales como presentación de la declaración de impuestos y la prueba de alfabetismo, que impedían a las minorias el ejercicio de su derecho a votar. Cuando el Presidente Lyndon Johnson firmó la ley en 1965 declaró que "esta Acta brotaba por causa de un claro y simple error. A millones de americanos se les niega el derecho a votar por causa de su color. Esta ley les asegurará su derecho al voto."

Se celebrarán dos conferencias para los dirigentes católicos de comunidades, diócesis y parroquias, ministerios universitarios, representantes de grupos minoritarios y otras personas interesadas en el acunto.

La primera conferencia será en Albuquerque, N.M. el 2 de Abril y será abierta al público; teniendo como oradores al Arzobispo Roberto Sánchez, de Santa Fe, N.M.; al senador por N.M., Pete Domenici (R); Vilma Martínez, Presidenta y Consejera del Fondo para Educación y Defensa Legal Mexicano-Americano, al Director Ejecutivo del mismo Fondo, Joaquín Avila y al Gobernador de Nuevo México, Robert Mondragon.

La segunda conferencia será en Orlando, Fla., su antiftrón es el Obispo Thomas Grady, de Orlando y tendrá lugar el 24 de Abril.

Las conferencias proveerán una amplia visión del Acta de Derecho al Voto, de los intentos de cambiarla, de las estrategias de los politicos opuestos al Acta y de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre responsabilidad civil.

La Conferencia Nacional Católica ha preparado un panfleto sobre el Acta para uso de los católicos del Sur y Suroeste, areas de grandes minorías, gratis para parroquias, comunidades religiosas y oficinas diocesanas.

## Iglesia fundada en 1900 Destruida por piromaniacos

Boston (NC) — "No hay duda que la reconstruiremos (la Iglesia)," dice el párroco de la antiqua Iglesia de St. Annes en Salem, Mass., que fué totalmente destruida por un incendio que causó una alarma de 4 estaciones el 3 de Febrero p.p. a las 3 de la mañana. La Iglesia data del año 1901.

El párroco, Padre Louis Bourgeois, dijo que sospecha que un incendiario causó el siniestro porque él "fue despertado por el repique de una campana que ciertamente no podía dejarse oir a menos que alguien halara la soga".

Los oficiales del Departamento de Incendios de Salem estiman que el daño es total y que la construcción de una nueva Iglesia costará cerca de un millon y medio de dólares.

El Padre Bourgeois celebró la Misa el dia 4 en el auditorio de la parroquia. En la Misa, un feligrés hizo una donación de \$1,000 para nueva Iglesia y otras donaciones han comenza do a llegar a la parroquia.

## Mons. R. Vargas y Sor M. Feliz, O.P., darán retiro en Miami.





Mons. Rafael Vargas y Sor Ana Feliz, O.P., darán un retiro carismático en la cafetería de St. John Apostle Church, 451 East 4 Ave., Hialeah, los días 20 y 21 de Febrero, teniendo como tema Creciendo en el Espiritu Santo. El horario de cada día es de 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m., terminando con la Santa Misa. No es necesario pertenecer a la renovación carismática para asistir a este retiro. Ambos conferencistas internacionales, son de la República Dominicana. Mons. Vargas es Asesor de la Renovación en La Vega, y Sor Ana del Equipo Diocesano. Ella se inició en la Renovación en 1969. Ambos son miembros del Equipo Nacional,

# ¿Otro Lourdes en Yugoslavia?

Un sacerdote que estuvo alli dice que las apariciones son verdaderas

Por P. Kenneth J. Doyle

Roma (NC) — Medjugorje, en Yugoslavia, "es otro Lourdes, otro Fátima". Esta es la convicción de un especialista en Teología Espiritual, quien dice que la pequeña villa de Europa Oriental, con el tiempo, se convertirá en "un santuario internacional".

El sacerdote, profesor de una Universidad de Roma, viajó a Medjugorje a mediados de Diciembre después de leer en la prensa las noticias sobre la apariciones de la Virgen a seis jóvenes de entre 10 y 17 años de edad quienes dicen que la Virgen les habló varias veces desde Junio 24 de 1981, fecha de la primera aparición.

El sacerdote sólo quiere se le conozca como el "Padre J." porque
estando convencido de que las apariciones son "artículos reales" y deseando volver a visitar el sitio de los
hechos, prefiere mantenerse
anónimo, dijo a NC, "ya que si su
identidad fuera revelada, los guardas
de la frontera le impedirían la entrada
en Yugoslavia. Las intenciones de la
autoridades comunistas son de
disminuir la atención sobre el suceso
que ha generado aguda controversia
entre la Iglesia y el estado".

El Padre J. habló durante su visita de Diciembre con tres de los jóvenes que dicen "que la Virgen les habló"; Vida Ivankovic, una muchacha de 17 años; Marija Paulovic, una joven de 16 y Jacov Colo, un niño de 10 años.

Los otros tres jóvenes que dicen haber sido favorecidos con las apariciones de la Madre de Dios estaban lejos en sus escuelas en esta visita del Padre J. Ellos son: Mirjana Dragicevic, una joven de 16 años; Ivanca Ivanckoic, muchacho de 15 y un hermano de Mirjana, de 16 años llamado Ivan, quien ahora es seminarista.

Lo que más ha ayudado al sacerdote a convencerse de la autenticidad de las apariciones es la "actitud general de los jóvenes y más que nada, el efecto que los eventos han tenido en la vida de la comunidad."

NADA ES OFICIAL sobre las apariciones. Los obispos dicen que no podrán hacer ninguna declaración oficial hasta que haya pasado sufi-





Como en Fátima, los niños de una pequeña aldea de Yugoslavia fueron los que "vieron" a Nuestra Señora.

ciente tiempo para hacer un estudio serio de los sucesos y sus consecuencias.

Sin embargo, es significativo, ellos no han hecho nada para disuadir a los Católicos yugoslavos de creer en las apariciones o visitar el lugar; y han dicho con vehemencia que "los jóvenes no han sido forzados por nadie para fabricar la historia", contrario a los reclamos de los comunistas que acusan al parroco de fomentarla.

"Esta es la más positiva posición que yo esperaría de un prudente representante de la Iglesia en estos momentos", declara el Padre J. y recuerda que la oficialización de las apariciones de Lourdes por la Iglesia tomó cuatro años y 13 años las de Fátima. El Padre J. añade que él tiene "una fuerte e intuitiva convicción de que hay una real base para la historia

de los jóvenes y también por la intensa renovación religiosa entre los residentes en Medjugorje."

ORACIONES Y AYUNO. El Padre J., quien concelebró en una de las Misas a la Madre de Dios, dice que "antes de la Misa se reza el Rosario y que los jóvenes protagonistas son los que lo dirigen.

Terminada la Santa Misa se rezan siete Padre Nuestros y otros tantos Ave Marías y Glorias de acuerdo con la petición que la Virgen le hizo a los muchachos en una de sus conversaciones.

Una vez a la semana los vecinos de Medjugorje comen solamente pan y toman agua para satisfacer a la Madre de Dios que les pidió lo comunicaran a la población rogándoles ayunaran en favor de la paz en el mundo.

Varias semanas después de la apariciones del 24 de Junio grandes multitudes se reunían en el lugar para orar a Nuestra Señora, pero las autoridades comunistas, deseando disminuir el número de devotos los mandó hacerlo dentro de la Iglesia Parroquial. Explicó el Padre J. que los oficiales tienen derecho a prohibir esos actos públicos pero no pueden prohibirlos en el interior del templo.

El Padre Jozo Zouko, que era párroco del lugar está en prision; fue condenado en Octubre, 4 meses después de las apariciones, a tres y medio años de prisión por "actos de propaganda hostil contra la seguridad y la unidad de la nación". Una de las acusaciones contra el Padre Zouko fué que el "preparo todo lo de las apariciones y convenció a los muchachos a llevar adelante la trama para desacreditar a las autoridades comunistas creándoles problemas con la promoción del nacionalismo croata

"TIENEN MIEDO los comunistas, según el Padre J., por el modo que la religión a atraido a los adolescentes en Medjugorje desde las apariciones. Las autoridades han comenzado una serie de programas de bailes y películas para los jóvenes "pero ellos no asisten y en vez de esto, se van a la Iglesia, en grupos luciendo cruces sobre el pecho."

También está en prisión el Padre Ferdo Ulasic, franciscano de 72 años, editor del periódico de la órden y su asistente el Padre Iozo Krisic, por haber publicado artículos favorables a las aparicions de la Virgen y acusados de "fomentar el separatismo minando la seguridad del estado".

En total hay sesenta personas en prision en cargos similares alrededor de las apariciones. Las autoridades han tratado de convencer a los jóvenes para que desmientan la historia, algunas veces agresivamente.

"Ellos han sido aislados y sometidos a analisis siquiátricos", dice el Padre J. "Uno de los jóvenes fue amenazado con una pistola y le conminaron a que dijera la verdad. El contestó que había dicho la verdad y que no tenía temor a morir. El viejo sacerdote Ulasic también fué conminado a detener las demostraciones convenciéndoles de que no era real.

El contestó "yo no hice esto, así que no puedo detenerlo. La Virgen lo hizo, Ella sólo puede pararlo".

Los periódicos del gobierno comunista han tratado de desacreditar las apariciones publicando ataques contra ellas pero han tenido un efecto adverso.

"No importa lo que los comunistas hagan", dice el Padre J., "esto es algo muy grande y real, demasiado grande para que se quede ahí".

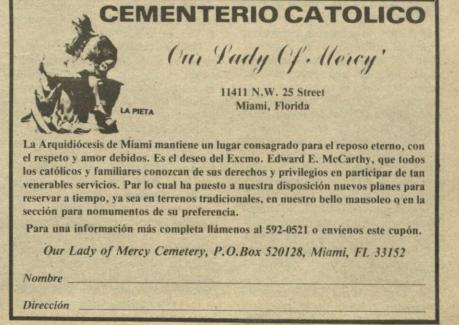
Medjugorje es una mínima villa de Croacia, una de las seis provincias o estados que componen Yugoslavia; tiene solo 300 residentes pero, ahora, cada día se reunen más de mil personas en la Iglesia parroquial, casi todos tienen que quedarse parados afuera, para asistir a la Misa de las 6 de la tarde.



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## Polonia muestra que el comunismo ha fallado, dice revista jesuita

Por Nancy Frazier

Roma (NC) - Los recientes eventos de Polonia demuestran el fallo del comunismo para resolver los problemas políticos y económicos de un estado moderno, dice el magazine bimensual Civilta Cattolica que corren los jesuitas, en un editorial.

El editorial, que apoya a los comunistas italianos en su ruptura con el Kremlin a causa de la ley marcial impuesta en Polonia en Diciembre 13, expresa dudas de que la "tercera fase", el propuesto modelo socialista italiano, sea más eficiente que el sistema ruso para resolver los problemas sociales.

"El caso polaco ha mostrado una vez mas la naturaleza imperialista de la Unión Soviética y del régimen

publicado en Roma justo en el momento de la llegada a Roma de tres miembros de la Iglesia polaca, en Febrero 4, para largas entrevistas con el Papa Juan Pablo II.

La revista, cuyos editoriales artículos principales son revisados por el Secretariado de Estado del Vaticano, dijo que "la crisis de Polonia también ha demostrado el fallo del Partido Comunista Polaco."

"Despues de 30 años de gobierno, el Partido Comunista Polaco no ha sido capaz de dar cabida a las demande libertad en las actividades políticas, religiosas e ideológicas y al problema económico logrando una economía que asegure un creciente

mejoramiento del nivel y la calidad de vida", expone Civilta Cattolica.

En Polonia, continúa diciendo, "sólo a través de una dura lucha por la Iglesia Católica primero y después por los intelectuales y los trabajado-(el sindicato independiente Solidaridad), se abrió un pasillo de libertad en el muro de un régimen totalitario."

"Todo esto enseña que en las naciones del Este, y en la Union Sovietica misma, el comunismo no se basa en el consentimiento popular sino en la fuerza militar. No tiene una base política, sino una militar y policial."

Respecto al documento de los comunistas italianos condenando la ley marcial y asegurando que "los 30

años de eventos históricos y políticos del socialismo en Europa los ha estimulado a ellos (comunistas italianos) a hacer una reflexión más general sobre la sociedad de dirección socialista", y dice el magazine jesuita "que el criticismo que expresan contra la Unión Soviética es de gran importancia" pero que el continuismo de la linea marxista arroja sombras densas sobre la "tercera fase de socialismo que el Partido Comunista Italiano pretende realizar."

El editorial critica la "tercera fase" diciendo que "toda separación del socialismo de la democracia es in-aceptable." La "tercera fase" según los comunistas italianos sería una nueva forma de socialismo, algo entre capitalismo occidental y comunismo al estilo de Rusia.

## Dirigentes Del Apostolado Hispano... (Viene de la pág. 1A)

ciente exilio se produjo por el control absoluto del sistema sobre toda manifestación del individuo hasta el punto de asfixia, lo que impulsó al individuo, en masa, a huir de Cuba.

El doctor José Ignacio Lazaga, sicólogo, siguió la linea del Dr. Clark coincidiendo con él en varios aspectos. Por ejemplo, el 72% de los exilados del último éxodo son menores de 40 años: sobre las familias "rotas" por la inhumanidad del régimen comunista: 42% de los casados salieron sin que jamás llegaran sus conyuges o sus hijos, algunos forzados a dejar la patria bajo amenaza de llevarlos a prisión cuando se negaron a salir sin sus familias. Y un punto importante es el relacionado con la disciplina del trabajo: los recién llegados, en su mayoria, presentan un desajuste después de veinte años de control totalitario del trabajo, por lo cual el obrero acaba haciendo lo menos posible al sentirse decepcionado ya que "el trabajo no le produce ningun éxito personal."

El doctor Lazaga agregó que otra importante realidad es el "aniquilamiento lento de toda practica religiosa, de tal manera que la gran mayoría de la juventud llegada no cree ni tiene idea de lo que es el cristianismo"

"El Cristiano en Cuba", dijo el Dr. Lazaga, "es una especie en peli-gro de extinción."

El doctor Jorge Salazar, experto en economía informó a la asamblea sobre el desarrollo económico de Miami, que de una población sin fuentes económicas se ha convertido en centro de comercio internacional. Ya no depende sólo del turismo del norte, ahora es un gran centro de turismo internacional y posee fuentes propias de riqueza económica. El desarrollo financiero se ve en los más de cuarenta bancos internacionales que hoy operan en Miami. "Consecuencia de todo esto", señala el Doctor Salazar, "es una cada vez mas injusta distribución de los ingresos económicos con un pequeño por-centaje de la población recibiendo grandes ganancias".

El abogado Javier Suárez presentó el aspecto político de la presencia hispana en la Florida destacando la

inapropiada representación hispana en este campo. Señaló que en este momento tenemos el primer congresista cubano en la legislatura estatal y quien fue recién elegido al cargo. Comenzamos a ver una más fuerte presencia política. Miami cuenta con un lacalde hispano y algunos comisionados en el Condado, en Hialeah y Miami.

"El cubano", dice el abogado Suárez, "toma la política muy en serio". Los numerosos periódicos y las emisoras de radio hispanas dijo, participan activamente en la política y urge una amplia promoción para aumentar el electorado hispano que representa solo un 20% de la población de habla española.

El Padre Felipe Estévez, rector del Seminario Mayor, les dio a conocer que el seminario es ahora Seminario Mayor Regional, es bilingue e intercultural. Una realidad después de 10 años de arduos trabajos. La formacion intercultural que reciben los seminaristas es de gran valor para su trabajo pastoral. En este momento hay 54 seminaristas de habla inglesa y 38 hispanos; entre ellos 8 cubanos y los demás de Puerto Rico.

El intercambio cultural no se realiza sólo a través de cursos sino en la vida diaria, en Liturgias y visitas a familias. El seminario ofrece 10 becas cada año para las diócesis que no tienen seminaristas en Boynton Beach como medio de urgir su cooperacion al Seminario Regional.

Después de estas charlas informativas los directores diocesanos realizaron su excursion a la "Pequeña Habana" y también como medio de percibir mejor el aspecto religioso y pastoral de Miami visitaron la Ermita de Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad, donde el Obispo Auxiliar Mons. Agustín Román, Vicario del Apostolado Hispano les puso al corriente sobre la pastoral específica que se realiza desde el Santuario.

Representantes de distintos movimientos hispanos y del Consejo Pastoral se reunieron con los visitantes para exponerles las actividades religiosas y evangelizadoras que se llevan a cabo en la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Entre ellos estaba el Padre Juan Sosa, director del programa del Diaconado Permanente y

sobre cuyo tema habló.

Se les informo acerca del Movi-miento Familiar Cristiano, Impacto, Encuentros Familiares, Camino, Cursillos y la Pastoral Juvenil y de los programas y actividades que cada uno está realizando.

El Padre Mario Vizcaino y su equipo de la Oficina Regional del Sureste presentaron un resumen de la visión pastoral y del trabajo que realizan con los hispanos en los estados del sureste. Destacó la realidad religiosa del Sureste dentro del "cinturon Bautista", un pequeño número de católicos en relación con las grandes diócesis catolicas del nordeste señaló como increible el crecimiento de la población hispana y el impacto de su presencia religiosa a pesar de la falta de personal

El Padre Mario puso enfasis, al

referirse a la participacion de líderes laicos comprometidos, en la formación de Consejos Pastorales Hispanos así como a la Escuela de Ministerios Laicos de la Arquidiócesis. Miembros del equipo expusieron otras experiencias de la oficina del sureste: las visitas regionales, los 5 programas juveniles, video cassettes de formación, etc.

En su visita al Seminario-College St. John Vianney, los directores pastorales fueron recibidos por el Rvdo. Padre Robert Lynch, rector del Seminario College quien les habló de los programas bilingues y del plan de estudios en general. Celebraron la Eucaristia y compartieron la cena con los seminaristas y profesores. De regreso al norte creemos llevan una hermosa visión del apostolado hispano de la Arquidiócesis de

#### LOS INMIGRANTES DE HOY TAMBIEN APORTAN ALGO

Washington (NC) - Donald G. Hohl, subdirector de los Servicios de Migración y Refugiados



Donald Hohl

Catholic Conference, dijo a un comité a quienes se alarman de que los inmigrantes de este siglo puedan tener un impacto adverso en la sociedad norteamericana, pues en realidad contribuyen a ella con sus virtudes y habilidades. El senado se propone formular reformas a las leyes de inmigración.

Hohl también comentó un informe del Comisionado de Refugiados, de las Naciones Unidas, que demuestra que las autoridades de inmigración norteamericanas se niegan en casi todos los casos a conceder asilo a los refugiados del conflicto en El Salvador, violando asi tratados internacionales al deportarlos. El informe dice que solo un refugiado en 6,000 obtuvo asilo político. Los obispos católicos de tados Unidos han pedido que se nceda la residencia a alvadoreños.

### REPITE MONS. McGRATH SU OPINION SOBRE CUBA

Panama (NC) - Mons. Marcos G. McGrath, arzobispo de Panamá quien asistió con otros a la instalación del nuevo arzobispo de La Habana Mons. Jaime Ortega Alamino a fines de diciembre, dijo hace poco que la gestión de éste será difícil como en

todo país gobernado por el comu-nismo, "donde la ideología prevalente descarta a la religión.

Aunque asistieron 5,000 cubanos a la ceremonia, los medios cubanos no la mencionaron, agregó.

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Ferdinand Mahfood, the layman who cares about the people of Eventide.

N ADDITION to becoming inoved in the Church, Mahfood sovered the poor and became inhed with them. He feels that toy's Church, with all its problems oughout the world, will be renewthrough concern for the poor, and aim is to raise consciousness in the ist World" about the plight of the hird World (undeveloped

One of the priests he supports in maica is Father Ho Lung, a kind of male Mother Teresa of Kingston.' ther Ho Lung is a Jesuit but he has plied for and received permission nitiate a new order ministering onto the poor. He has seven minarians to help him at this point.

Eventide is one of the priest's areas ministry. The facility is operated the Kingston government and St. mes Corp. but with only a small alf, virtually no money, no medical re and no medicine. Father has acired the help of a nun who is a dor, but she has no medicine.

MANY ACTUALLY died at intide without being diagnosed," her Ho Lung writes in a letter. indages, syringes and many other opplies are needed.

Mahfood has done what he can but



Iter the St. Maurice Hunger Pro-

so much more is needed.

His dream is that parishes in South Florida will "adopt" projects such as Father Ho Lung's. And Mahfood is quick to point out that he is concerned with raising awareness of all poverty, not just Jamaica's.

The Archdiocese already is committed overall to the poor, through special Sunday collections, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and others, as well as the ABCD drive currently underway to help here at home (see page 24). And the Archdiocese has, in fact, "adopted" a poverty-stricken diocese in Haiti. Now Mahfood hopes individual parishes or clubs will reach out beyond their boundaries to the distant poor.

Archbishop McCarthy has given approval for any parish that wants to listen to Mahfood or consider taking on such a poverty project on its own.

Archbishop Carter of Jamaica has also agreed to cooperate. Mahfood said he would go to any parish or organization to make a presentation, no strings attached, and bring in one of the priests from Jamaica as well. He will also fly any priest or organization representative from here



Elizabeth Francis, 80 years old and an invalid. Lack of wheelchairs and personnel will force her to remain in bed, inadequately attended, until she dies.

to Jamaica, expense paid, to see the situation firsthand.

Mahfood can be contacted at: 973-4150 in Broward; 944-1959 in Dade; or 1301 W. Copans Road, Building C, Bay 7, Pompano Beach,

"I know the parishes already have

many commitments," Mahfood said.
"But if you could just see what it's like by comparison down there . .

"Pope John Paul II, when he was in America, said anyone can give from their abundance. What you have to do is give from your substance."



This retarded man is strapped half naked to his bed and duriy lies in his own excrement. Despite the conditions in which the patients live, Eventide has a waiting list.

# Family Life

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny



## Diverse questions on family living

Dear Mary: What do you do when you have a mother-in-law you can't seem to get close to? My mother'in'law is a widow and has been for many years. She has one son, my husband. She seems to see me as an enemy. She treats me like a distant relative. I've tried kindness, but only receive rejection. Any suggestions? I'm tired of trying. (Illinois)

It sounds as though you have made a good effort to fashion the kind of warm relationship you would like. The hard fact, as you have discovered, is that it takes two to form a relationship. Clearly, your mother-in-law does not want the kind of closeness you describe. Since her lifestyle has been fixed for many years, you are not likely to change

You can still relate to her on her terms. You can practice kindness without closeness. If she insists on remaining distant, look for formal types of

ALWAYS REMEMBER her birthday, holidays

and such with a card and a gift. Do not drop in on her and do not expect her to drop in, but make a point of inviting her to your home for social

Since she lives alone, she might welcome invitations out to dinner, to plays or to movies even more than gifts of clothing or household items. She might welcome human contact, so long as it is formal and not too close. Give it a try.

Finally recognize that she suffers far more than you do. She is the one who lives alone and, by cutting you off, she also cuts off her only son. Remain open to your mother-in-law, but relax your efforts toward closeness. If you meet her on her terms, you are doing all you can.

Dear Mary: Twice now the American Academy of Pediatrics has come out against routine circumcision of the newborn male. They stress good hygiene as an equal if not superior deterrent to infection and cancer. Some people argue that because circumcision is biblically based, it should be performed from that logic alone. What would your advice be? What is the church's stand? Thank you. (Mississippi)

For Christians, circumcision is a medical question. As you note, routine circumcision has been challenged both by medical and lay people.

Parents-to-be would do well to consider this question before the birth of their child. They need to gather information, talk to their doctor and then make an informal decision regarding circumcision.

As with other medical decisions, medical persons are needed for expert information and advice. The final decision, however, belongs within the family.

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

(NC News Service)



By **Dolores** Curran

## What to call a priest

I met a priest the other day with a wonderful mother. Instead of the usual, "My son, the Father" formality found in many mothers of priests, this 75-year-old mother has it all together. Her son is still her beloved and ordained, but she isn't about to confer sanctity upon him quite yet.

He told me that from early ordination on, he knew better than to pull rank on her. "Shortly after I was ordained," he divulged, "my mother and I were invited to a relative's. It bothered me when she got in the front seat next to me because it was stressed in the seminary at that time that priests should never allow a woman to ride in the front seat with them. So I said, 'Ma, maybe you better ride in the back seat.'

"She gave me a long Irish stare and said, 'Listen to me, Sonny. If anybody's going to ride in the back seat, it's going to be you.' And I never said anything after that."

Women today find themselves in all kinds of quandaries over priests. Should they ride in the front seat with them? Should they dispute them, especially when they work together professionally? Should they call them by their first name if they request it?

THE TENSION arising between laywomen and priests is little different from that arising between women and other authorities, bosses, and professors today. The rules are changing as the role of woman changes - from temptress to colleague or from helpless to associate. And a lot of men and women don't know how to handle these new

"I don't know what to do," a military wife said to me. "Our chaplain wants me to call him by his first name but my husband gets angry if I do." She's in a Catholic Catch 22. In this situation, her husband is more traditional than her chaplain and she feels the tension between the two.

I asked several priests why they prefer being called by their first names. Here is what I learned.

"Whenever respect is automatic and not earn-ed, you end up paying the price," said one. "People may think they're respectful but underneath, they're often resentful. When they call me Father McCarthy, I am exacting homage from them.
When they call me Father Bill or just Bill, I become a friend and a peer to them."

Another said cryptically, "If I can call parishioners by their first name, why can't they

call me by mine? We're all priests in some form or another working for the same God."

The most common were those who feel that the use of Father depersonalizes them and creates a deliberate distance between them and those they love and serve. "I hate being called Father by my family," said a priest. "Why should my brothers and sisters that I played with as children have to call me Father? Or my Marriage Encounter friends? One set of nieces even call me 'Uncle Father Larry." "He shook his head in sadness.

I URGE priests, particularly those who work closely with laity, to let us know what they prefer being called. We are bewildered. An honor to one priest is a disappointment to another.

My technique may be helpful to other laity. If I'm working with a group of priests on some project, I simply ask them how they prefer being addressed and let them know if I want to be addressed by my first name or formal name. It clears the air and we don't have to play guessing games or reach for the enforced politeness that gets in the way of good conference work.

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"What is Lent?"

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Praise you, God, for the wonder and beauty of our world! Each of us are made in your image and are trua miracle of your handiwork. Thank you for the gift of life and for loving us so much you gave us Jesus Christ, your son. Praise you forever! Amen.

#### **ACTIVITY IDEA**

Lent begins next week and it's now time to start thinking about what each of us and the family might wish to observe and do this year. Discuss what the family has done in past Lents. What was especially meaningful? What might be some things we could do this year

that are different? Make a list. Take time to discuss what we can do as individuals and also as an entire fami-

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Have the middle person in the family plan it and surprise everyone.

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#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear Lord, It's time to repent, with the coming of Lent,

Good Friday's noon, will be here too soon. Christ's death on His cross, will be

all of our loss,

Yet, an early Easter morn, we'll find Him reborn.

Thank you, Lord, for Lent. Amen.

## Scriptural Insights

## JESUS TOUCHES US

### Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

By Fr. Richard Murphy, O.P.

Have you never been puzzled by the choice of readings for Sunday? Today, for example, we have an ancient bit of legislation about leprosy, something about eating and drinking, and a story about the miraculous cure of a leper. What draws them together? The bittersweet fact that our age-old diseases need the healing touch of Jesus.

IT IS PUZZLING that in our computerized and technological age we still have to grapple with ancient diseases. A small portion of the peoples on earth is well-fed and healthy. For most of the world, reality is hunger and its attendant ills, along with diseases like TB, malaria, the flu, syphilis, and even

In the Old Testament, leprosy was a blanket term for all sorts of skin problems: psoriasis, ringworm, herpes, and the real thing. Lepers lived in perpetual quarantine, isolated from family and friends, obligated by law to shout a warning ("Unclean!") to anyone who came near them. The priests were the health inspectors who determined whether a leprosy was still active or had been healed.

Along with physical diseases, all ages must contend with mental problems. Many suffer from anxiety, and wrestle with guilt feelings; many (ten percent of our population) are haunted by various obsessions and need psychiatric help.

On the spiritual side there is another dreadful reality, sin. Arising from within, it has deep roots. We know about pride, greed, lust, anger, intemperance, envy and sloth. If we could eliminate these, we would find the world a Paradise, for from the seven capital sins all the sins of the world are produced.

SINS ARE NOT abstract ideas, but evil deeds performed by real people. Sinners are in reality moral lepers, and instead of glamorizing them we should pity them. They need help; don't we?

From the very beginning, Jesus refused to work miracles that would

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give the wrong impression of His ministry. He did work wonders, though. A single word from Him restored health, but oftener He healed the sick by His touch. He was not afraid to touch even lepers, and He cured some who were not members of the Chosen People. Small wonder that the crowds grew about Him.

Jesus was always a teacher. From His example we see that genuine goodness is not bottled up but over-

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flows, reaches out to touch some-one. Jesus practiced the Golden Rule long before He enunciated it.

JESUS TOUCHES US in many ways still by His words and example. In the depths of our souls we are touched by His grace. We see His goodness reflected in men and women who are sensitive to others' pain and feelings, and who are careful not to give offense. "To do

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all for the glory of God," should be our ambition, as it was St. Paul's.

The leper asked Jesus to heal him, and he was healed. We who are sinners should all of us ask Jesus for forgiveness, and He will grant it. The leper went off and told everybody what had happened to him. We might take a leaf from his book and not just keep the faith, but share it and spread it, especially Alt Publishing by our example.

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But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the sol diers with a spear pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood

Marks at the forearms betrayed the real manner in which Christ had been nailed to the cross; not through his palms which, later tests proved, would quickly have torn through the flesh under his weight, but through his wrists.

Similar nail marks were evident on each foot. Other stains about the body were

found to be scourgings from a 3-thonged Roman whip weighted with metal tips.
A German forensic

scientist analyzed plant spores on the cloth and found them to be identical to plants found in the Holy Land.



#### A Symbol Not of Death but of His Resurrection.

This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre...

Luke 23:52-53

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## "A Christian Image More Powerful Than The Cross."

The 2,000 Year Mystery of the Shroud.



Then Pilate therefore took him and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. John 19:1-3

In St. John's Cathedral in Turin, Italy is an unbleached linen shroud that measures 14 feet 3 inches long by 3 feet 7 inches wide. It is yellowed with age and patched from burns caused by a fire in 1532.

Clearly marked upon the Shroud is the

faint, brownish outline of a bearded man measuring almost 6 feet in height. His eyes are closed and his hands are crossed at his

First reference to the Shroud's existence appeared in paintings around the 6th Century, A.D. It showed up again in Constantinople in the Middle Ages, then disappeared when the city was sacked during the Crusades in 1204. The Shroud then reappeared in Livey, France in 1356, and again in Chambery, France in 1453 when it was sold to the Italian Royal Family in Turin.

And they brought him to the place called Golgotha, which, translated, is the Place of the Skull. And they gave him wine to drink mixed with Myrrh; but he did not take it. Then they cruci-

Mark 15:20-24

#### A"photographic"record of His suffering.

In 1898, when photography was in its infancy, the Shroud, now housed in a silver box above the altar of St. John's Cathedral, was photographed by Secondo Pia of Turin.

In his darkroom, Pia lifted the plate glass negative from the developing tray and held it up to the red safety light. What he saw took his breath away. In his trembling hands was an actual "photograph" of Jesus Christ. The image on the Shroud was merely a negative.

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## Pope: Protect unborn, aged

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II, on the day the church in Italy observed its fourth annual Day for Life, condemned abortion and called for greater attention to the needs of the elderly.

"In a society that is sick with selfishness and intimatley pervaded by the disquieting turmoil of death, it



Pope John Paul II

is necessary for Christians to maintain their attention to life at a high level," said the pope in his noon Angelus talk Feb. 7 from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The pope, urging Christians to open their hearts to "the needy human being, wherever he or she is called to existence, is born, lies, suffers, works, becomes ill, ages and dies," expressed special concern for

he elderly.

LIFE IS always a gift," Pope John Paul said, repeating the theme chosen by the Italian bishops for the 1982 Day for Life

Day for Life.

"Life is a gift because it springs from the love of a father," he added.

"In every life, even if just conceived, even if weak and suffering, the Christian recognizes the 'yes' that God has revealed to him once and for always."

During an afternoon visit to Rome's San Gioacchino Parish, Pope John Paul returned to the same theme.

"It will be necessary, therefore, to multiply, to create initiatives for life, in light of the ever increasing temptation toward individualistic egotism and the continued threats to life beginning at conception," the pope added.

## More trips planned for Pope in '82

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II will visit Spain in mid-October to participate in closing ceremonies commemorating the fourth centenary of the death of St. Teresa of Avila, a Vatican spokesman said Feb. 6.

The spokesman gave no details about the trip, which will be the first visit to Spain by a pope.

visit to Spain by a pope.

Archbishop Gabino Diaz Merchan of Quiedo said the visit would probably begin Oct. 14, last at least eight days and include stops in Madrid, Avila, Salamanca, Seville and Barcelona.

The year-long celebrations of the 400th anniversary of St. Teresa's death are scheduled to end Oct. 14. Her feast day is Oct. 15.

ST. TERESA (1515-1582), a member of the Carmelite order, initiated a monastic reform which greatly influenced men and women Religious, especially in Spain. She was canonized in 1614 and proclaimed the first woman doctor of the church in 1970.

The pope criticized a recent "weakening of religious and moral sensibilities" in Spain and said that the mass media sometimes "prefer to stir up sensuality and hedonism, to favor consumerism or serve certain ideologies."

He urged the Spanish clergy to view their priestly lives "as a gift of God and not as a tiresome burden."

An overwhelming majority of

Spain's estimated 37.5 million people consider themselves Catholics.

Among the other trips considered likely this year are:

• A one-day visit to Fatima, Portugal, May 13 to mark the first anniversary of the shooting of the pope and the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.

• A May 28-June 2 visit to England, Scotland and Wales.

• A trip to Switzerland in June, replacing the visit postponed after the shooting of the pope.

• A visit to the pope's native Poland in late August to participate in ceremonies marking the 600th anniversary of Our Lady of Czestochowa, patronness of Poland.

## Stonewalled?

#### By Jeff Endrst NC News Service

Western nations have mounted a major effort to have the United Nations Commission on Human Rights examine the situation in Poland.

The effort immediately ran into a roadblock of Third World indifference and communist opposition. The result is that Poland may not be discussed until the end of the six-week meeting.

The United States and its allies made the move Feb. 2 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the opening of the session of the 43-nation commission. Ten Western nations argued that the commission should give priority to the human rights situation in Poland.

PRIOR TO Western action, the commission elected Ivan Garvalov of

## West's move to examine human rights

#### in Poland blocked by communist countries

communist-ruled Bulgaria as its 1982 chairman. He said he would treat all human rights situations on the agenda with equal attention. The Polish situation was not on the agenda at that time.

Elliot Abrams, U.S. assistant secretary of state of human rights and humanitarian affairs, held a press conference in Geneva to emphasize the U.S. desire that the commission give special attention to the Polish situation. Such attention was necessary, he argued, because "outside interference" was directly responsible for the reversal of human rights gains in Poland.

Poland is a "major and central

issue and should be given a good deal of time and attention in the commission," Abrams said.

This effort caused the first controversy and delay in the commission's work when the Bulgarian chairman abruptly adjourned the meeting rather than entertain the Western proposal. When the meeting resumed, Syria moved that the commission decide on the Western proposal only in the last week of February. The commission's session is scheduled to end March 8.

THE VOTE was 11 in favor of the Syrian motion to none against, with 14 abstentions. Another 14 countries did not participate in the voting.

Voting for the Syrian motion were Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Jordan, Mexico, Poland, Syria and the Soviet Union.

The United States was among the countries not participating in the vote because it argued that the Syrian motion was out of order and should not have been entertained.

The commission is the principal U.N. body concerned with human rights. Already on the agenda are reviews of the situations in El Salvador, Chile, Guatemala and Boliva because of concern about a "consistent pattern of gross human rights violations," including missing persons and torture.

Other matters scheduled for discussion include the rights of indigenous peoples; the right to development; the rights of religious, ethnic and other minorities; and the rights of persons detained on the grounds of mental

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# Another grueling journey

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle NC News Service

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Pope John Paul II's schedule for his Feb. 12-19 trip to west Africa has Vatican-watchers gaping. It says seven days, 8,000 miles, 30 talks.

Such a campaign trail would exhaust most young, athletic politicians. When the project is undertaken by a 61-year old man, it is cause for wonder. When it is remembered that nine months ago that same man's intestines were gouged by a would-be assassin's bullet, the wonder grows.

The itinerary wrinkled some brows, as analysts tried to assess the pope's purposes. At first glance, the four nations vary greatly.

Nigeria is 600 miles long and the same distance across, while Equatorial Guinea is one-fourtieth the size. Nigeria is also the population



Pope gives Communion to African chief on 1980 trip. Africanization of the Mass is one of the issues of next week's trip. (NC photo)

## Africanization of liturgy

on the papal trip and is just waking

up from a national nightmare. From 1968 to 1979, the country's president-

dictator, Francis Macias, presided over a reign of terror. Thousands were executed, many of them public-

ly, and heads of the victims were displayed in town squares. Social pro-

grams ceased, as did agricultural pro-

duction. Basic services, such as electricity and telephones, ended. Though the population of the countries o

try, a former Spanish colony, is 90

percent Catholic, Catholic worship was prohibited, missionaries expelled

In 1979 Macias was overthrown and executed. The following year Bishop Raphael Nze, who was expell-

ed during the Macias years, was permitted to return. The work of

economic, social and political and

moral recovery is now underway and

and the churches vandalized.

On his previous trip to Africa in 1980 (to visit Zaire, Congo, Kenya, Ghana, Upper Volta and the Ivory Coast) the pope highlighted many themes: human rights, religious vocations, the Africanization of the liturgy and the importance of monogamy in the Christian concept of family.

But to talk only about issues is to lose the handle on the pope's trip. As with other papal journeys, he will be remembered more as a presence than as a preacher. From Nigeria's glittering streets in the capital of Lagos to Equatorial Guinea's tiny island capital of Malabo, the pope will be seen by millions for whom he was only a dream before. Along the way will be countless others to whom Christianity itself is a new idea. The simple fact that the pope was with them will be the memory that will last.

# 30 Talks, 8,000 miles in seven days, as Pope faces a changing Africa

giant of Africa. With 80 million people it is one of the world's 10 most populous nations, while Benin, with 3.5 million people, rises from a thin coastal strip of civilization to a sparsely inhabited interior largely covered by jungle. The walls of Nigeria's seminaries are bulging. One of the nation's regional seminaries has 400 students in theology, while Gabon has ordained no local clergy in the past two years.

But there is a common link among the four countries, and the key word is "change." Each of the nations the pope is visiting is undergoing momentous transformations which affect key areas of national and social life.

In Nigeria and Gabon, the change is industrial and economic; in Benin and Equatorial Guinea, it is political. In both cases, the church and its values are involved integrally, and the pope is interested in projecting those values at a pivotal time.

#### Nigeria oil boom

In Nigeria, an oil boom during the last decade has precipitated a rush to urbanization. An enormous influx of people has come from neighboring countries, nearly 6,000 miles of paved roads have been built, and the nation has multiplied its exports geometrically.

Gabon, too, has been projected into prosperity by oil and now has one of the highest per capita incomes in Africa (\$4,487 in 1979). Population has zoomed above the grasp of census

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With urbanization come increased demands on the church for social and educational services, both high priorities in the pope's cataloge of values. With urbanization, too, come the twin threats of materialism and consumerism. Gabon and Nigeria have seen a growing disparity between rich and poor and the creation of a new upper middle class anxious to flaunt its freshly gained wealth. Stewardship and responsibility for others can be expected to punctuate the pope's talks in these nations.

In Benin and Equatorial Guinea, the pope will meet governments in transition. Since 1972 Benin's government has been professedly Marxist. More recently, though, it has manifested an openness toward the church and human freedom.

The early years of Benin's Marxism saw a rigid control of ideological formation. Schools were forbidden to teach religion, missionaries were expelled and some priests were iailed.

pelled and some priests were jailed.

A new constitution, adopted in 1977, proclaimed freedom of conscience and of worship. Since then the church and the government of Benin have shown an increased willingness to cooperate, at least in providing social services such as health care, but problems remain.

Equatorial Guinea, with its 280,000 people, is the smallest of the nations

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## Ex-ambassador lived turmoil of El Salvador

Review of Frank J. Devine, El Salvador: Embassy Under Attack, Vantage Press, 1981

By: Dr. Helen Jacobstein Prof. of Political Science, Biscayne College

The frustration of Americans trying to understand both the turmoil and the factions involved in the current El Salvador violence is explained in Frank Devine's El Salvador: Embassy Under Attack.

Devine, a career Foreign Service officer, and U.S Ambassador from 1977 to early 1980, describes life for an ambassador simultaneously under siege by leftist terrorists, under orders by the Carter administration to push

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a "human rights" policy, while under pressure by the host military government to refrain from interference and by the State Department to aid the economy, mediate among rival factions, and promote stability in a nation where the latter was eroding

**DEVINE WAS** informed of a plot by terrorists to assassinate him on his initial departure for El Salvador. His mission in that country was subsequently conducted midst elaborate efforts to circumvent kidnappings, bombings and assassinations, mostly be leftist terrorists, who found in-creasing success in capturing the Venezuelan Embassy, kidnapping and eventually "executing" the South African ambassador. They sought the greatest prize of them all, the American embassy or the American ambassador. Devine describes several attacks which were successfully foiled by the heavily-reinforced U.S. Marines and the cooperation of the El Salvador security forces.

El Salvador's basic social and

economic problems, insufficient land, overabundant population, a

Mother Teresa, Cesar Chavez, Fr. Bruce Ritter and others are on hand as "Real to Reel" looks back at the people, places and moments that highlighted its first year on the air. Tune in Sunday morning at 10 on WCKT-Channel 7.



Two guerrillas stand guard after stopping and setting fire to a government truck which was transporting harvested cotton on a major highway outside of Usulutan, El Salvador. The violence in the country, both both leftists and rightists, con-

small minority holding most of the land, inadequate resources, high unemployment and great poverty, are detailed in the context of an oligarchical political system unwilling to budge in making reforms and determined to guarantee the status quo by repression of dissent.

Devine, however, is either unaware of, or else ignores the attempts since 1944 of successive regimes of "younger" military officers, those of Osorio, Lemus, and Rivera, to push modernization and development, recognizing that their failure to improve the lot of the masses would eventually bring revolution from the left. Each worked for reform by the military and the privileged classes, just as the Juntas which operated during Devine's tenure hoped that a "trickle-down" economic growth, while accompanied by political repression, would hold off revolution until the "pie" was enlarged enough to satisfy the masses.

Their efforts, while producing some modernization, were insuffi-cient to hold back the demand for greater reform, particularly as the El

Salvador - Honduras "Soccer" War closed off the escape valve of migration for the excess Salvadorean population.

DEVINE DESCRIBES the political climate, the parties, the popular organizations, the personalities and the role of the Church, led by Archbishop Romero, who was assassinated shortly after Devine's departure. He emphasizes the difficulties of the moderate position as violent acts of the extreme Right and Left, and retaliation by the government security forces, polarized those who had been in the center.

The United States, unable to accept either the Communist extreme Left, or the human-rights-violating Right, attempted to act as an broker", using economic aid and other support to push for faster reform, free elections and human rights, while the extremes used violence to undermine all government efforts at reform; the Right because it wanted the "status quo", the Left because it scented possible victory and detests incremental reform which frustrates the total revolution.

The book is certain to please neither conservatives nor leftist symp-

thizers. Devine is sharply critical of both. The Church and particularly Archbishop Romero are pictured as reformist, but blindly accepting leftist claims and propaganda. For the same reason, he is equally critical of visiting American human rights activists. Fr. Drinan, Congressman from Massachusetts, was especially singled out.

Nor does the Right fare any better in Devine's book, since their adamant insistence on maintaining the usual "frontier justice" for dissenters and refusal to rectify economic and social ills created the problems.

Devine's prose does not flow like the Acheson, Kennan, or Galbraith journals. It plods along. Nonetheless, the book provides valuable background for understanding the El Salvador dilemma, as well teresting insights into the problems of American representatives abroad in this age of terrorism.

(Dr. Jacobstein holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Center for Advanced International Studies, University of Miami. Her area of teaching is Latin American af-

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## Our Lady of the Lakes to build new school, church

Father Edmond Whyte, Pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Miami Lakes has announced that a fund-raising program to build a permanent Church and Parish School, is well under way.

"The initial responses from our

parishioners has been gratifing and we have definetely taken great strides toward our goal." Father Whyte said.

THE GOAL is ambitious million dollars is needed to build the new Church to accommodate 850 worshipers and the first phase of a School which will provide classes for Kindergarten through sixth grade students in addition to administrative offices.

The present structure - which was built in 1969 consists of a Chapel for daily Mass and an attach Parish Center in which the Sunday Liturgy is now celebrated.

"This facility has served us well," said Father Whyte, "but growth in the parish and the resultant over use of our sole building prompts us to create a permanent spiritual home in

which our faith community, now over 1500 families, may worship in a truly reverent atmosphere." Further, we Further, we have a great responsibility to provide our children an alternative to the secular humanism to which they are subjected almost daily, he said.

THE ARCHITECT for the new Church and School is Frank Abbott of Miami: who has recently completed Churches for St. Brendan Parish in southwest Miami and St. Joseph Parish in Stewart, Florida and Ascension Church in Boca Raton.

Mr. Abbott's plan calls for a melding of the new Santuary and Nave with the existing Chapel and Parish Center. The new construction will extend in a westerly direction from the existing building to face N.W. 67th Avenue (Ludlam Road).

The School is to erected on the Church property which fronts N.W. 158 Street.

The campaign General Chairman is Mr. Edward Kearns who is one of the founding members of the fourteen year old parish.

## Miami to host parish conference

Miami will hold a three-day con-ference on the theme "The Diocese in Service to Parish Renewal" sored by the Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops" on Feb. 19 thru 21.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton River House, 3900 N.W. 21 Street, on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will be at 6 p.m. on Friday.

The conference will discuss ways in which the diocese can help parishes improve their ministry. Participants will be bishops, delegations of laity, and clergy and religious chosen by the

AMONG THE subjects to be discussed are: Family ministry, social justice, evangelization, parish staff and leadership, and training programs for pastors.

Speakers will include Father John Shea, a member of the faculty at St. of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill., and author of "Stories of God"; Father James Provost, secretary of the Canon Law Society of America; Father Kenneth Lasch and Sister Marie Schultejann of the planning office of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.; and Harry Fagan, executive director of the Cleveland

#### New adult care group

Catholic Service Bureau is spon-soring a group to assist family members in coping with the stresses involved in caring for older adults. This group will meet at St. Elizabeth Senior Day Care Center. The group will meet Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. from March 5 to April 2, 1982. Older adults may stay at the Center while the group is in session. The fee is \$25.00 but no one will be denied eligibility because of inability to pay. Interested persons should call Rick Marsh at 522-2513. diocesan Commission for Catholic Community Action.

The conferences are the culmination of the work of the Committee on the Parish, which was established by the U.S. bishops in 1978 to find out how parishes could improve their ministry. During the past three years the 10 bishops on the committee and its staff have been reviewing the main issues confronting parishes and identifying ways in which these issues are being successfully addressed by parishes and dioceses around the

THE COMMITTEE has confirmed widespread view that parish leadership remains a central concern and that pastors, who often feel overwhelmed by numerous and at times conflicting demands, still make the greatest difference in what happens in a parish, said Father Philip Murnion, director of the committee secretariat.

The first conference was held on Feb. 5 in Tarrytown, N.Y. The other five conferences will be held in San Antonio, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Spokane, Washington and St. Paul, Minn.



TWO GIFTS — Children at the Marian Center for retarded children board one of two buses that were recently donated by Ada Jensen of Delray Beach, a long time benefactress of the center. The buses were donated in memory of her hus-

#### **Archdiocese Observes Black History Month**

Black History Month will be observed by South Florida Catholics during special Masses which will be celebrated on Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 in West Palm Beach and Miami.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal celbrant of a Pontifical Mass at 6 p.m. on St. Valentine's Day in St. Mary Cathedral, NW Second Ave. and 75th

The Rev. Jerry Hargrove of Washington, D.C. an active member of the Black community in the nation's capital, will preach during the Mass expected to attract representatives from Miami's various ethnic

A NATIVE OF Arkansas who

earned a degree in theology at Catholic University of America, Fr. Hargrove will be the celebrant of Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 in St. John Fisher Church, West Palm Beach.

While in South Florida Father Hargrove will also conduct a revival from Feb. 14 to Feb. 18 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 1682 NW Fourth Avenue with evening devotions scheduled daily at 7 p.m. In South Dade County he will celebrate Masses at Christ the King Church, 16000 SW 112 Avenue, Perrine.

The observance of Black History Month is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami Black Pastoral Council of which the Rev. William Mason, O.M.I., pastor, St. Francis Xavier Church, is moderator.

#### 'Run to London' time again

Once again Boystown of Florida is giving everyone a chance to "Run to London" and help some deserving boys at the same time

Boystown's annual Jogathon will be held on Saturday, February 20, at the track of Miami-Dade Community College (South Campus). Open to runners of all ages and experience, the Jogathon provides funds for Boystown, South Florida's home for dependent boys.

FIRST PRIZE is two round-trip tickets to London via Air Florida.

In order to be eligible for the drawing a runner must raise \$5.00 in pledges. For each additional \$5.00 in pledges, that runner gets another chance in the drawing. Sponsors are also eligible for the drawing with one chance for each \$5.00 pledged.

All runners, regardless of their

pledges, receive a chance in the drawing for a portable TV. The event begins at 8 a.m. and will go until 4 p.m. Once again, "Boystown — Run to London" T-shirts will be given to all participants.

For entry blanks and more information, call Boystown at 385-1722.

#### Annual serenity retreat

A serenity retreat will be held Feb. 19 through the 21 at the Biscayne College Center for continuing education.

Serenity retreats are for anyone whose life is affected by the disease of alcoholism, directly or indirectly.

Cost of the weekend is \$59 double occupancy. Retreat starts Friday evening at 8 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information phone Maria and Lee at 1-852-3112 or Jim and Dora at 822-3480

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## It's a Date

The Dade Catholic Singles Club will hold a Valentine's Day Party at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 9200 SW 107 Ave. from 7 to 11 p.m. on Feb. 14. Music with a disc jockey. Tickets \$4. All Catholic singles ages 20-39 are welcome. For more information, call Frank at 553-4919.

The Cenacle Retreat House, 1400 S. Dixie Hwy., Lantana, will hold a day of prayer for men and women on Feb. 16 from 9 to 3 p.m. The program consists of two spiritual conferences, mass, lunch, and time to walk around the grounds and relax. The day will be conducted by Fr. Paul Vuturo of Miami. For more information and reservations, call 582-2534.

St. Hugh Church will sponsor a blood drive in conjunction with the South Florida Blood service on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors may come to the parish house of St. Hugh, 3455 Royal Rd., Coconut Grove. For more information, call 444-8363.

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will have a social gathering on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist social hall, 4595 Bayview Dr., Fort Lauderdale. Refreshments. For further information, call 772-3079 or 561-4867.

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Lawrence Church, 2200 N.E. 191 St., are sponsoring a fund raising, spring annual rummage sale on Feb. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church cafeteria.

The Greater Hollywood Catholic Widows-Widowers Club will sponsor a Sunday social on Feb. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Nativity Church Parish Hall, 700 W. Chaminade Dr. in Hollywood. Live music, refreshments, dancing, cards. \$3 per person. Call 987-4493 or 431-8275.

St. Agnes parish in Key Biscayne is planning a gala Mardi Gras dinner dance on Feb. 20 at the Key Biscayne Hotel. The tax deductible donation of \$40 per person will include a surf and turf dinner. Proceeds of this affair as well as a large raffle will help to reduce the parish debt. Cocktails are at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. Black tie is optional. For reservations, call 361-2395.

THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLUB OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION will have a luncheon on Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be at the Delray Beach Club, 2001 South Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Honored guests will be Sr. Dorothy Ann Kely, president of the College of New Rochelle, and Sarah Niles Leonard, Vice President for College Relations. The luncheon is \$12. All college of New Rochelle alumnae and their friends are welcome. Reservations should be made by Feb. 9 with chairperson, Mrs. Alfred Boerum at 997-8687.

RESPECT LIFE is presenting a "Square your Heart Away" square dance on Feb. 20th from 8 p.m. until midnight at St. John Fisher Church, 4001 Northshore Dr., in W. Palm Beach. Tickets are \$5 per person. For reservations and ticket information please call Sharon Walsh at 848-1842.

The San Marco Guild will hold their annual "Mardi Gras Ball" on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Marco Island Country Club. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. Dinner will be buffet with Cordon-Bleu chicken, sliced beef and fish. Tickets \$22.50. For reservations call early Jane Hittler at 394-3728 or Jessie Dressler at 394-3840.

St. Clement Parish in Ft. Lauderdale will be having its annual family festival Feb. 19 thru 21. There will be ethnic food, game booths, pony rides, and live music. Friday night there will be square dancing at 8 p.m. Saturday afternoon there will be a karate demonstration, a puppet show, and a performance of the Sunshine Band at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. the Cardinal Gibbons High School will play and a king and queen of the festival will be crowned at 7 p.m.

The Serra Club of Broward County will host an "Annual Pastors Appreciation Night" to be held at the Harris Imperial House in Pompano Beach at 7 p.m. Feb. 17. Members of the Miami archdiocese all Broward County pastors, heads of the Diocesan Seminaries and secondary schools have been invited.

The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Clare will hold it's monthly meeting on Feb. 14 in St. Ann's Hall in Naples at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Nancy Caron 261-1935 or 597-7319.

The Third Order of Carmelites will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 in the library of St. Joan Catholic Church, 370 SW 3rd St., Boca Raton, Fla. For further information call Joan Hoffman 392-1950. All members should attend the 12:15 mass before the meeting.

The Charismatic Renewal in Holy Spirit will sponsor a healing retreat at the Little Flower Church in Coral Gables on Feb. 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both days will end with a healing mass. Inscription will be free and lunch will be served at an economic price. For more information call 552-0246.

The St. Bartholomew Church, 8005 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, will be having its annual carnival on the church grounds, Feb. 18 thru Feb. 21. The carnival will be held Feb. 18 and 19 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Feb. 20 from noon to 11 p.m. and Feb. 21 from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"The Joy of the Lord" charismatic community announces it's weekly Thursday meetings in St. Matthews Catholic Church, 123 N.W. 6th Ave, in Hallandale. There are hymns of praise and a healing service.

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy at 5525 S.W. 84th St. in Miami will hold an auction and flea market Feb. 12 from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Dominican Retreat House will hold an Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection or Feb. 24th from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. ope to anyone who wants to spend time in prayer and reflection. The day will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist and distribution of ashes. Contact Sr. Elizabeth Ann at 238-2711. All registrations must be prepaid. Offering is \$8.

Saint Juliana's Separated/Divorced Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16 at 8 pm in the cafeteria at 4500 South Dixie (U.S. 1), West Palm Beach. Guest speaker will be Jean Brannan, whose topic will be 'Hope - A Sign of New Beginnings.' Also in the cafeteria on Saturday, February 20 from 8 pm to 12 will be a social featuring dancing (including instruction) and refreshments, All separated or divorced Catholics in the area are invited. For further information call 655-4653 or 659-7178.

Marianettes' of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a rummage sale Feb. 13 and 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the council hall 1300 Memorial Hwy in N. Miami. There will be clothing, material, furniture, and household goods.

The Cenacle Retreat House in Lantana will hold its monthly afternoon of spiritual renewal for widows on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The topic will be, "Healing of Memories." Please call 582-2534 for further information.

The parish of Ascension Church on North Federal Highway in Boca Raton is having its 4th annual Carnival Festival on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the church grounds. Festivities will include food and refreshments, games of skill for children and adults, boutique, cake and goodie booth, attic treasures, casino and Atari games.

Holy Family Church in N. Miami will hold a Valentine festival Feb. 11 thru 14 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. There will be prizes, rides, games, food, White Elephant.

#### Cathechetical Center moving

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Center is moving on Feb. 23 from 16650 N.W. 27 Ave. to 7506 N.W. 2 Ave. The phone is 757-0901. Everyone is invited to an open house on March 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come see the audio-visuals, text-

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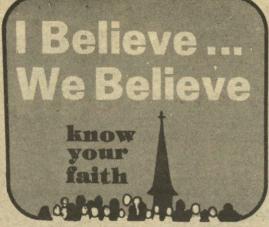
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CYCLE SHOP





Active discipleship requires an inquiring mind. One's religious learning continually springs from a variety of sources: books, films, television, personal reflection, conversations with friends and other life experiences.

## What I learned by doing

By Charlie Martin NC News Service

I felt uncertain and scared that Monday morning. I was beginning a program on serving as a special minister to hospital patients, given at the largest hospital in Indianapolis. I would be a summer extern — learning by doing.

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Like most people, I'd been in the hospital many times — as a visitor. But that was different. I came and I left. Now I was coming to stay all day, five days a week.

I REMEMBER hoping that I might serve as a sign of hope to people who were near despair; that I might be strong in encounters with uncertainty

I don't recall thinking I would learn what I did learn in this program — about God and about the mystery of life.

Soon after the program began, I was assigned to a cardiac-care floor. Everywhere the beeping sounds of modern medical technology could be heard

And I wasn't there many hours when I first saw some of the hospital staff rushing down a hall to a room where they would attempt to save a life. But death came quickly and dramatically to a patient that day, in spite of the best minds and the best equipment available.

Several weeks into the summer, I began to experience a sort of identity crisis. I was, of

course, simply a summer extern. But I guess I wanted to be God.

WHAT I WANTED, I should explain, was the power and the control to make things turn out "right" for people. That also meant I wanted, for myself and for the patients I served, to make sense out of all that was happening in their lives.

The uncertainty and the suffering that I was seeing in the hospital were beginning to overwhelm me. I was concerned that if I could not make sense of all that I was experiencing, it might mean my faith was much more shallow than I realized.

Next I began to doubt that the presence of my own faith would benefit any of the patients. And I began to question whether my faith was strong enough for what I had gotten myself into.

At times I found myself wondering whether such thought should even be acknowledged. Perhaps, I thought, it would be better to push them into some unexplored cavern of the unconscious. Would that not free me, at least temporarily, to be what I had hoped to be for the patients?

I SHARED THOSE questions with my fellow chaplains. And as I listened more attentively to patients, a new awareness developed in me. I wanted God to make everything 'right' because my way of thinking about God was too narrow.

Having been so busy making God out to be what I wanted Him to be, I had made Him too small. In the past, I may have met the God of healing and of power. But I had never stopped to meet this God who is also the God of life's shadows.

When we walk into life's shadows, we are likely to find that we can't immediately make everything "right."

In the course of the summer, I learned that my faith needed to open up to the areas of life that are broken and unhealed. God can be present in those areas too.

ONCE I ACCEPTED that, I found that my sense of having a crisis eased. Together with my patients, I began to explore how, even in life's most difficult moments, God exists.

There was more to my summer learning than learning about life's shadows, however. So many times I saw the amazing strength of life. Suffering and death are everyday realities in a 1,300-bed hospital. But so is life's resilience.

My summer in a hospital revealed some further dimensions of God's reality to me. Not at all what I had expected, or planned for. And in my work with other people, I found I

And in my work with other people, I found I was learning something important about myself, too.

#### By Father John J. Castelot NC News Service

Jesus' power is made dramatically explicit in the story Mark tells about the Gerasene man possessed by demons. It is found in Chapter 5 of the Gospel.

The basic story has a folkloric cast to it, and most likely was about an exorcism originally. But, in the telling and retelling, it acquired popular embellishments.

At this point in His ministry, Jesus is in Gerasene territory. Again the exact place is uncertain.

VARIANTS regarding the location may represent later attempts to bring the incident somewhere closer to the lake. The herd of swine in the account would have had to run 30 miles from Gerasa in order to plunge into the waters.

On the other hand, that consideration may have been an ironic addition to the basic story, a bit of legendary humor.

The important point is that Jesus is now in gentile territory.

Mark pulls out all the stops in describing the possessed man. This is no run-of-the-mill exorcism. Mark composes a scenario worthy of a chillling horror movie: a graveyard, clanking chains, the superhuman strength of the chain-bursting madman who screams blood-curdling screams day and night and lacerates himself by gashing his body with sharp stones.

THIS MAN is obviously beyond human control. When he spots Jesus he rushes at him, but surprisingly "falls to his knees" before Him and shrieks: "Why meddle with me, Jesus, Son of God Most High?"

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This is the usual ploy of the demon: trying to gain control of the exorcist by revealing the exorcist's name.

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As Mark explains in a parenthesis, Jesus had been saying, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!" Sensing the power of Jesus, the demon tries frantically to neutralize it. But Jesus counters by eliciting the demon's name:

"Legion — there are hundreds of us." Once again the magnitude of Jesus' task is underscored: He is confronted not by one, but by an army of demons.

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Sensing that he is going to lose the battle, the demon tries to bargain and asks Jesus at least not to banish them from the territory. It is suggested as a compromise that the demons be transferred from the man to the herd of swine nearby.

Here is where the sardonic humor of folklore enters. To the Jewish Christians who developed the story, swine were repugnant, and therefore were fitting habitations for unclean spirits.

The subsequent destruction of the whole demonpossessed herd magnifies Jesus' accomplishment. He has rid the entire district of demonic influence, another victory in His combat against the realm of evil.

THE REACTION of the swineheards and townspeople is right in character. They are seized with a superstitious dread of one who manifests such awesome power. They beg Jesus to leave their land.

But the former demoniac, now happily restored to sanity, asks Jesus if he may "be with Him" — the exact phrase used in describing Jesus' choice of The Twelve in Chapter 3.

The refusal Jesus gives the man is not a brush-off. On the contrary, he gives the man a mission to proclaim the Lord's mercy to his own folks.

And the man does more. He proclaims throughout the whole area, not what God has done, but what Jesus has done for him.

This mission to the gentiles, then, is a reminder for Mark's community that they too must carry the word throughout the gentile world, now that they — like the possessed man — have been restored to full human stature by the risen Lord.

Inside Gentile territory

## KNOW YOUR FAITH

# I Believe ....We Believe

#### By Katharine Bird NC News Service

Dr. Michael Warren firmly believes that a caring relationship between teacher and student is an essential part of the educational process. He observes that "those who care for us have a special influence on us."

The educator has some interesting stories to tell about how this kind of care comes into play in this work.

Educators, parents and counselors, in his view, are all in the "caring professions."

Warren says he sees his role as an educator in terms of "leading students to a critical awareness of how the world works and why." He is a faculty member at St. John's University at Jamaica, N.Y., and a well-known speaker on youth catechetics.

TEACHERS have to figure out "how to telegraph their concern" to students in their own individual

ways, Warren says, observing that there is "no blueprint for this."

But, Warren continues, one way that works for him is to try to discover "the unique gifts of each student." He is convinced that every class early, in order to chat with students informally. Again, he assigns reflection papers to students. Often, this helps him "learn a great deal about the uniqueness of students."

# Educator: One who cares

young person has a special gift or talent. In his classes, therefore, Warren uses various strategies to get to know his students on an individual basis.

He makes it a point to arrive at

A COUPLE of years ago, during a marriage course, a student of Warren's wrote a paper on roles of men and women in which he revealed quite clearly that he saw women primarily as sexual objects.

Dr. Michael Warren thinks it is important for educators to help students learn to function competently as adults in a complex world. (NC Photo)

At the same time, Warren was confident that the somewhat older student of 23 was reflecting a view other students held as well.

To deal head-on with the question and to avoid embarrassing the student, Warren read the paper aloud in class without naming the author. The paper became a means of initiating a class dialogue.

The student, according to Warren, began then "to rethink his fundamental views" on the relationship of women and men. Over the semester, the student gradually transformed his attitude, Warren adds.

Another strategy the educator uses is to keep an eye on student behavior. He is convinced that many students are falling into "self-destructive behavior," indicated by "erratic patterns" of sleeping and eating and even relating to others.

Therefore, when he sees a student skipping class habitually on Monday, or showing up late for class consistently, Warren makes it a practice to talk privately with the student to find out what is going on. Often, he observes, students respond favorably to his concern.

Last year, for instance, a student Warren was concerned about opened up about his lifestyle, which involved heavy drinking several nights a week. Then the student told Warren he knew he was getting a D in the class but said, "That's all right because now I'm working on my life."

THE STUDENT explained that Warren had caused him to start looking at the destructive way he was living. Now the student wanted to change.

In Warren's view, quite a few students today reflect the destruction they see in society around them. They have developed a "lexicon" which indicates this, he adds. Students talk about getting "bombed — smashed — wrecked — blasted."

Students today hear political leaders talk about nuclear war, Warren notes. They also go to films like "alien" and "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" where a powerful force from outer space invades and destroys life on earth.

For Warren, some students, in their language and often destructive lifestyles, simply are "expressing the terror people around them are feeling"

ing."

Therefore, Warren thinks it is important today for educators to help students learn to function competently as adults in a complex world.

The perceptive educator works hard to get students to question what they read and what they see going on around them in movies, in the business world, even in personal relationships — and to make good choices about how they will live in our kind of world.

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