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Code expands laity role

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By Father Kenneth J. Doyle
VATICAN CITY (NC) — In a
10-minute ceremony Jan. 25 Pope John Paul II signed a decree promulgating the church's new Code of Canon Law, expanding the role of lay men and women and changing marriage annulment procedures.

A Vatican official said the revised code would take effect Nov. 27 and one of its key aims is to expand the role of the laity especially in areas where there is a severe shortage of

The date of the signing, Jan. 25, marked the 24th anniversary of the announcement by Pope John XXIII that an updated version of the church's laws would be drafted and that he would convene the Second Vatican Council.

The new code, replacing the present one issued in 1917, governs the administrative life of the church and codifies the reforms of church law and practice developed during the Second Vatican Council, held from

At a press conference on Jan. 25 prior to the signing ceremony, Archbishop Castillo Lara said the new code greatly expands the role of the laity. As an example, he noted that in areas where there is a severe shortage of priests, the new code allows for parishes to be administered by lay men and lay women. Lay people so designated could not celebrate Mass nor hear confessions but could be permitted to be regular ministers of baptism, witness marriages, preside at funeral services and direct preparation for the reception of the sacraments.

The new code prohibits women from being ordained priests or (Continued on page 4)

10 Years after

More than 150 pro-lifers marched in the rain along SR 441 last Saturday to raise funds for South Broward's Respect Life Office. (Voice photo by Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

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WASHINGTON (NC) - Shouting out their commitment to human life. at least 26,000 anti-abortion activists rallied near the White House Jan. 22 and then marched up a Washington street named after the Constitution to demand that the Constitution outlaw the killing of the unborn.

The 10th annual March for Life, marking the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, drew participants from across the United States. Capitol Hill police estimated the crowd at 26,000. March organizers said the march had to draw many more than that because there were some 800 buses, each capable of carrying 40-50 people, which brought participants to the march. Other people came on their own. Rallies in various locations around South

'Let's make the United States and Japan the first countries to truly respect human life.'

> - Masakuni Murakami of Japan

Florida also marked the occasion.

Among words of support from various politicians for the thousands of pro-lifers gathered at the Ellipse, a park behind the White House grounds, was a written message from President Reagan, who said, "I

assure you that in the 98th Congress I will support any appropriate legislative action that will restrict abortion."

"THE TRAGIC United States Supreme Court decision which legalized 'abortion on demand' in 1973 severely tests our moral commitments," said the Reagan note, read by a White House spokeswoman, Dee Jepsen.

The marchers were sent on their way by speeches from members of Congress, who, like the president, commended the anti-abortion effort. They also urged the pro-lifers to do more, especially in terms of political lobbying. Rep. Mark Siljander

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NO RUSH — A monument company in Middletown, Conn., offers a reminder to drivers passing by. (NC photo from UPI)

'Water babies' honored in stone

NEW YORK (NC) — After more than doubling for three years in a row, anti-

Semitic vandalism in the United States declined by 14.5 percent in 1982, accord-

ing to the annual audit which the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith con-

ducts. The league's survey found 829 reported incidents last year in 35 states and

the District of Columbia, in comparison to 974 in 31 states and the district in

1981. Making the findings public, Nathan Perlmutter, the league's national director, noted that the number of arrests in connection with anti-Semitic episodes in-

creased nearly 50 percent. Of those arrested, more than 80 percent were under 20,

he added. And nearly two-thirds of the incidents took place in four states: New

Berrigan arrested for anti-nuclear protest

arrested for criminal trespass during an anti-nuclear weapons protest at the Riverside Research Institute in New York Jan. 14. The protesters must appear in

criminal court in New York within 30 days after their arrest. Father Berrigan,

who has been involved in anti-war protests since the Vietnam War, said that although the protesters were only charged with trespassing, they also poured blood and ashes and chained the doors of the institute shut. He said the institute

does research on nuclear arms and laser beams for the Pentagon and is funded by

Catholic women express frustration with

LONDON (NC) — The feelings Catholic women express about the church imp-

ly that it "is refusing to face up to reality on the whole issue of women," said the

Laity Commission of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in a report.

The report, based on a survey of Catholic women's views, said they felt patroniz-

ed and misunderstood by priests, felt they were treated as second-class citizens in

the church, and thought the Church's moral teachings on issues affecting women

were rigid and lacking in compassion. In addition, the report said, women see a

contradiction between post-Vatican II teachings on the equality of women and

the church's exclusion of women from posts ranging from ordained minister to

NEW YORK (NC) — Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan was among 37 people

Anti-semitic vandalism declines

York, California, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

By Liz Schevtchuk
WASHINGTON (NC) — The Japanese call them "mizuko," or, literally, "water babies" - aborted chil-- and in Japan they are honored with little stone statues in special memorials at Buddhist temples.

According to Divine Word Father Anthony Zimmerman, executive director of the Japanese Family Life Association, the statues to the aborted babies are placed at the temples by parents who now regret the abortion or who, though they may think the abortion was the best answer to a problem pregnancy, at least want to show it was a sorrowful decision which they do not take lightly.

(A few of the statues are to babies not aborted but who died in infancy or in premature birth, he said.)

The fathers and mothers of the children burn incense and leave

flowers and notes, such as one reading, "forgive your foolish father." Father Zimmerman explained. He said the statues are a sign of reparation or sorrow on the part of the parents. The fathers and mothers want the babies' souls to come to rest after the violence of abortion, Father Zimmerman said. According to surveys, women in Japan feel sorrow at having an abortion, although many also say that under the circumstances, they would make the same decision again, the priest added.

He said there are about 2 million abortions yearly in Japan.

The statue-memorials and special prayer services for women who chose to end a pregnancy by abortion have become increasingly popular in the last several years, although some temples started to offer them in the

Vews at a Glance

Justice Blackmun resigned to being remembered for abortion decision

WASHINGTON (NC) - Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun said in an interview that he is resigned to the fact that he probably will be remembered most for writing the high court's decision of Jan. 22, 1973, on abortion. "We all pick up tags. I'll carry this one to my grave," he said in a rare interview with the Associated Press. The justice said he is "mildly annoyed" that the public has characterized the court's majority opinion as his view alone. He also said he is convinced the court was on solid legal ground in ruling that a woman has the right to end an unwanted pregnancy. 'I still think it was a correct decision," he said in the interview. "We were deciding a constitutional issue, not a moral one."

Pope asks Mary to judge Polish trip

VATICAN CITY (NC) - In the first indication that his proposed trip to Poland next June may be in question, Pope John Paul II asked Mary Jan. 12 to judge whether the trip would benefit "the church, my homeland and every man." Toward the end of his general weekly audience the pope prayed to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland's patroness, saying, "To you I entrust if and how it should take place." Father Kazimierz Przydatek, a Polish priest at the vatican's Office for Pilgrims, told United Press International Jan. 12 after the pope's remarks that "there are problems" with the papal visit, but he would not discuss the nature of the problems. Among the 2,000 people attending the audience were about 400 from the United States, including student groups from several East Coast colleges.

Pope discusses missing Argentines

ROME (NC) — Pope John Paul II compared efforts to gain information about the thousands of people who have disappeared for political reasons in Argentina to his own search for fellow Poles who vanished during World War II, according to Brazilian Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns of Sao Paulo. Commenting on his Jan. 17 private audience with the pope, the cardinal said he spent an "intense and 30 minutes discussing the missing people in Argentina and other topics with the pope. During the audience the cardinal presented a list of more than 7,000 people who have disappeared in Argentina. The list was compiled by the Sao Paulo Archdiocesan Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in the Southern Cone (the southern half of South America).

5,395 Salvadoran civilians killed, church report says

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVA-DOR (NC) - Non-combatants killed in El Salvador's civil war during 1982 totalled 5,395, according to a report by Tutela Legal, the human rights office of the Archdiocese of San Salvador. The report attributes 5,349 deaths to government forces and antiguerrilla paramilitary squads, and said 46 people were killed by guer-

55,000

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Vatican backs N-debate in U.S.

VATICAN CITY (NC) — U.S. and Western European bishops have "reaffirmed the responsibility and the moral authority of the church concerning problems of war and peace," including nuclear weapons relicies, said a Vatican communique in. 19.

The communique was issued after a

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following appointments:

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two-day meeting of Vatican officials and delegations representing the bishops of the United States, France, West Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the American bishops' draft pastoral on the moral aspects of nuclear policy, said the Vatican, which organized the Jan. 18-19 session

"In the face of the threats of the present time to life, to basic human values and to the survival of peoples, it seemed necessary for the episcopal conferences which are especially involved, though in different ways, in the problems of nuclear armament to act in concert in order to be informed about the realities experienced in different countries and to examine them in fidelity to the tradition of the church and the teaching of Pope John Paul II," said the Vatican.

The meeting was called after the U.S. bishops had sent copies of their first draft pastoral to other national hierarchies and the Vatican.

The French and West German bishops conferences sent separate private written responses to the U.S. bishops. According to a source who has read the French and German responses, they criticized the position on nuclear deterrence in the first draft. The French and West German bishops said the moral limits it imposed on the use of nuclear weapons or the threat to use them would undermine Western European defense strategies and expose them to Soviet aggression, said the source.

Cardinal-designate Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, head of the U.S. bishops' committee drafting the pastoral, said Jan. 18 that several areas of the current draft are being revised, including an expanded argumentation for the bishops' position on nuclear deterrence, a more developed rationale for the legitimacy of the just war theory and an expansion of the section devoted to analyzing Soviet policy.

Archbishop Bernardin added, however, that he did not anticipate "substantive changes" in the pastoral's basic positions.



JOYFUL WELCOME — An elderly Arab woman sings a joyful wedding song as she welcomes Catholic journalists from the U.S. to Amman, Jordan. She is a resident of a House of Peace for neglected people run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. (NC photo)

Judges blamed for Miami abortion deaths

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (NC) — The deaths of four women at the Women's Care Clinic, a Miami abortion clinic, in the past four years are the fault of the federal judiciary, said the executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference.

The deaths are "a tragedy caused by governmental failure, the failure to exercise the police power of the state in the protection of the health of citizens," said the conference director, Thomas A. Horkan Jr., in a statement issued in Tallahassee.

Attacking "legislation by the judiciary," Horkan said, "the U.S. Supreme Court and its inferior courts have set themselves up as a superlegislature."

Horkan did not criticize the state of Florida, which adopted an abortion clinic licensing statute in 1978. He said that the state's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services had adopted regulations designed to protect the safety of patients.

AN INJUNCTION by a federal district court judge has blocked enforcement of the health, safety and sanitation standards established in Florida for abortion clinics.

Horkan added that "now abortion clinic operators have a judicially legislated right to be free of state regulation, even regulations designed to protect patients."

The federal courts, he said, have interjected themselves into the "relationships between parent and child, husband and wife, and even (the relationship) of physician and patient has been altered with regard to abortions."

The husband of the woman who died most recently at the Miami clinic "couldn't believe it was his wife that had died," Horkan said. "He didn't even know she was pregnant."

THE COURT'S injunction against enforcement of standards for abortion clinics vetoes legislation, Horkan said. "The mischief of this judicial legislating has resulted in the deaths of these four women," he said.

AND WATER

PRESSURE CLEANING Appealing for an end to "this terrible perversion of the judiciary" and an end to "judicial meddling and incompetence in the area of abortion," Horkan called on citizens to "support a constitutional amendment repealing flatly and outright the doctrine of Roe v. Wade (the 1973 Supreme Court ruling allowing most abortions) and restoring to elected bodies the power to once again legislate on the subject of abortion and unborn life."

Horkan also called on Florida's members of Congress to adopt the Hatch amendment to the Constitution, which would restore to the states the power to restrict abortion.

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Women can be tribunal judges

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deacons and from holding the permanent ministries of lector or acolyte.

Archbishop Castillo Lara said that in all other areas of the new code "there is no discrimination - whatever a lay person can do, a woman can do."

The new code thus would permit women to fill such positions as diocesan chancellors, judges on diocesan marriage tribunals or members of diocesan synods.

The commission pro-president added that women can continue to do scriptural readings at Mass despite not being eligible for institution in the permanent ministry of lector.

Among the highlights of the revised code, said Archbishop Roach, are:

- Its emphasis on collegiality and on consultative structures in the
- The explicit establishment of "the rights and duties of all Christians, particularly lay persons";
- The incorporation into general church law of postconciliar church structures such as parish and diocesan councils, national bishops' conferences and the world Synod of Bishops.
- The incorporation of the provisions of postconciliar liturgical renewal: and
- The recognition of the importance of religious orders' own constitutions and laws.

Archbishop Roach noted that the promulgation of the revised code signals the end of the special American Procedural Norms for U.S. church marriage courts, which have simplified the handling of 40,000 or more marriage cases a year in the United States.

While this area "has been a matter of great interest and concern to us,' he said, "the provisions of the revised code in this area are satisfactory.'

The major difference between the

American Procedural Norms and the new general law is that under the new law an affirmative decision on a marriage case by a diocesan court must be reviewed by an appeals court before it can be finalized. However, a complete retrial of all affirmative decisions, as required in the old general law, is not required under the revised code.

Archbishop Roach said that the revised code generally simplifies matrimonial court procedures. "The requirement of mandatory review will require some additional work,' said, "but no serious difficulties and no significant delays are anticipated in handling marriage cases.'

It's not perfect but leaders should focus on renewal aspect, bishop says

People to learn about code

WASHINGTON (NC) — An extensive program to teach people the meaning of the Catholic Church's new general law and to put it into practice will be undertaken by the U.S. bishops' Canonical Affairs Committee.

The committee chairman, Auxiliary Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Brooklyn, N.Y., announced the main aspects of the program in a statement released Jan. 25 in conjunction with Pope John Paul II's publication of the revised Code of Canon Law.

In announcing the committee's plans, Bishop Bevilacqua stressed that understanding the revised code involves not only learning the content of the new laws, but also gaining a new appreciation "of the role of the church law in the pas-toral life of the church."

He said it would be unfortunate if, as one columnist in the Catholic press recently predicted, most Catholics greet the revised code "with a huge yawn.

This would pose a problem for the church, he said, but it can be avoided if church leaders "will become knowledgeable in the law and in turn educate the faithful."

"The revised code is not perfect and will not please every one," said Bishop Bevilacqua. But he urged Catholic leadership to focus on education and implementation of the law as an instrument of renewal, rather than dwell unduly "on what the law should have been."

The educational plans of the Canonical Affairs Committee focus mainly on teaching church leaders what the new law is all about, relying on them to bring an understanding of the revised code down to the grassroots level.

Shortly before the revised code was to be published the committee sent each bishop in the country background materials on the history of church law, the process of revising the code and the main features of the new law.

Other committee plans announced by Bishop Bevilacqua are:

Sponsoring "workshops for the bishops in each of the

13 ecclesiastical regions of the country" between the publication of the revised code and the date that it goes into effect;

• Completion of a special manual on canon law for bishops, detailing "the major areas of church law with which every bishop should be familiar."

• A system for the committee to serve as a basic resource to help bishops interpret the revised code and resolve questions about the meaning of specific laws;

 A list of priorities and recommendations for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to handle the more than 80 areas in which bishops' conferences can or must be involved in implementing the law.

'In implementing new elements of the revised code, the Canonical Affairs Committee will emphasize the need for the NCCB to proceed cautiously, gradually and intelligently" but at the same time with due speed, Bishop Bevilacqua said.

Among agenda items that the NCCB will be facing as a

result of the revised code, he said, are:

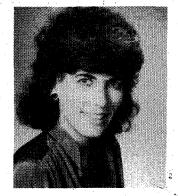
• Guidelines for priests' councils, limited tenure in office for pastors and the promises in mixed marriages

 Norms on the dispensation from ecclesiastical form for marriage, hely days of obligation and observance of fasting and abstinence:

· Regulations affecting diocesan courts and appellate courts, and the possible establishment of administrative tribunals.

Emphasizing that the revised code is not meant as a legalistic device but as a means of pastoral service, Bishop Bevilacqua said that church law "has as its aim the common good of the church, and the common good of the church is to provide everyone with the means of salvation."

The aim of the Canonical Affairs Committee in guiding implementation of the code, he said, is "to assist in making the revised code an effective instrument of grace.'



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Atlanta hero-priest's burial place found

ATLANTA (NC) — A 110-yearold vault containing the remains of Father Thomas O'Reilly, who rescued the center of Atlanta from Union Gen. William T. Sherman's fiery march to the sea during the Civil War, has apparently been found beneath the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the city's oldest church.

A team of men involved in reconstruction work at the church, which was gutted by fire last Aug. 6, detected and uncovered the vault in late November and early December. Lifting out flooring in a basement storeroom, they uncovered two caskets in separate, adjacent crypts.

One of the two caskets is clearly identified by a silver plaque as that of Father Thomas Francis Cleary, pastor of the church from 1881-83, who died of tuberculosis at the age of 30.

The second, smaller casket bears no marker, but is believed to be that of Father O'Reilly, the shrine's most famous pastor and a hero in the history of Atlanta and of the church in Georgia.

Father O'Reilly, who died in 1872 at 41, is credited with saving the City Hall and courthouse, five city churches, including the shrine, and a number of private homes from the fire which Sherman used to cripple the South's railroad hub during the Civil war.

When Sherman ordered Atlanta burned, Father O'Reilly, the young pastor of the city's first Catholic church, went to one of Sherman's generals and told him that, if the church were burned, all Catholics in the Union army would rebel.

IN 1864, when Sherman, commanding a Union army, ordered Atlanta burned, Father O'Reilly, the young pastor of the city's first Catholic church, went to one of Sherman's generals and told him that, if the church were burned, all Catholics in the Union army would rebel.

He also interceded for the other churches and municipal buildings. Because of his work among the wounded and dying of both Union and Confederate armies, his requests were granted.

The two rediscovered crypts match

descriptions provided by old newspaper accounts of the funeral services for the two pastors. One, published in the June 11, 1884, edition of *The Atlanta Constitution*, said Father Cleary's casket "will be placed in the vault beside the remains of the late Rev. Thomas O'Reilly."

Other newspaper accounts said the vault was under the church, which was still being completed when Father O'Reilly died.

FIRST BUILT by the infant Atlanta Catholic community in 1846, the church was rebuilt twice after that time, once after Father O'Reilly's time.

The eight-by-10-foot basement room beneath which the burial vault was found is directly under the church's main altar. Its original brick floor has been covered over the years, shelves were installed and it was used as a storage area for the parish Altar Society.

Msgr. Jerry E. Hardy, chancellor of the Atlanta Archdiocese, said that, if city officials approve, the caskets will be reinterred in the vault and the location will be properly marked.

"The historical significance is clear," he said. "There'd been some doubt as to whether or not Father O'Reilly's tomb actually was in the basement. This clears up that confusion."



This casket is believed to be that of Father Thomas O'Reilly, a pastor during the Civil War who saved five churches and two municipal buildings from fire during Sherman's march to the sea. (NC photo)

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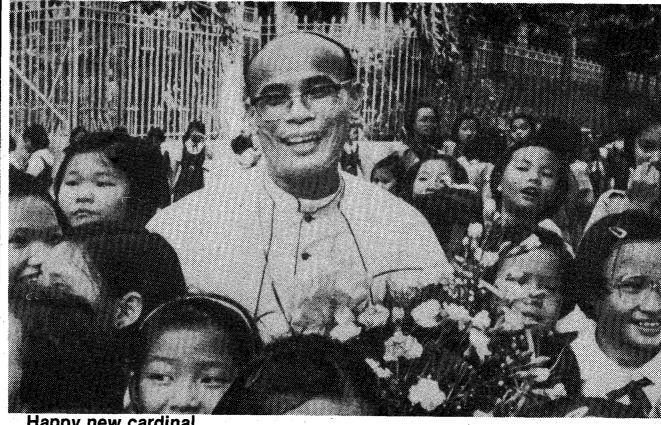
'ATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II thanked Rome's communist mayor Jan. 20 for the city government's "prompt availability to help prepare for the 1983 Holy Year which begins March 25.

Speaking to Mayor Ugo Vetere and members of the Rome City Council, the pope also promised church cooperation in battling local problems such as unemployment, drug abuse and terrorism.

The pope met with Vetere, a member of the Italian Communist Party who was elected mayor by the City Council's communist-socialist majority coalition, in private audience at the Vatican before the group encounter with other Rome politicians.

"You have confirmed to me, Mr. Mayor, that the City Council of Rome, within its competence, is already studying with commitment opportune initiatives for the ordered development of this important ecclesial event," said Pope John Paul of the Holy Year, which is scheduled to end April 22, 1984.

"I am grateful for such prompt availability, and I trust that in the next months Rome will worthily welcome the pilgrims which will come here from every part of the world, offering them the possibility of living



Happy new cardinal

Cardinal designate Michael Michael Kitbunchu, 53, is surrounded by children at Assumption convent school in Bangkok, Thailand, after they presented him with a bouquet of flowers. Archbishop Kitbunchu will be the first cardinal in Thai history. (NC photo from Wide World)

serenely an event that will certainly have a great spiritual influence on the city, on the church and on all humanity," he added.

Pope John Paul also lamented the problem of unemployment, especially among youths, in Rome.

"This forced unemployment can provoke, and in fact does provoke,

dangerous traumas and temptations to react either by resorting to methods of violence and terrorism, which can be embraced as the solution judged the only one for the transformation of society, or by the desperate search for a shadow of happiness offered by drugs," the pope

"All of the components of the vast diocese - Priests, Religious, laity are happily available to work. order that Rome may respond with consistency and awareness to its specific historic mission and in order that its authentic face may not in any way be obscured, much less disfigured," he added.

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WASHINGTON (NC) — An Americans United for Separation of Church and State report on state aid to students in non-public schools is "filled with gross inaccuracies and misleading information," according to Richard E. Duffy, U.S. Catholic Conference representative for federal

Duffy's comments were made in a êtter to Albert J. Menendez, director of research for Americans United and author of the article on the report that was published in the October issues of Church and State, Americans United's official publica-

Duffy said the report, which claimed that more than half of the states have at least an "arguably un-constitutional" program of aid to parochial schools, was the result of "shoddy" research and he suggested that Church and State might want its readers to know "the real facts on 'state of state aid.' "

CITING his own research, Duffy said that 10 of the 26 states which the report lists as having state textbook loan programs for students attending

private and parochial schools do not have state textbook loan programs. Also, Duffy said that 12 of the 14

states listed by Americans United as having state programs which loan instructional materials and equipment



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to children attending non-public schools do not have such programs.

The report listed seven states as providing subsidies to non-public schools for state-mandated administrative services such as testing and record keeping but Duffy said that three of the states named - Minnesota, Mississippi and North Carolina — have no such program.

And although the state of North Carolina mandates that all students must take required tests, and supplies and scores the tests, Duffy said, "this is a far cry from a per pupil subsidy for administering tests and keeping records," as the report said.

FOUR of the states which the study said provide subsidies for school lunch in addition to the federal subsidy do not do so, Duffy said.

Duffy said after reading the American United report he contacted Catholic school superintendents in the states listed to validate the accuracy of the study's findings.

'These individuals would surely know the types and kinds of state aid provided to their students," he said.

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New missal praised as worship 'tool'

WASHINGTON (NC) missal prepared by liturgical scholars at the Catholic University of America is "an excellent tool" for Catholics to prepare for Mass or study the church's liturgy, said the U.S. bishops' chief liturgy official, Father John A. Gurrieri.

The 1,015 page St. Andrew Bible Missal is "the first American Sunday missal of substance and quality to appear since the Second Vatican Council," said another leading liturgist, Msgr. Frederick R. McManus, vice

provost and dean of graduate studies at Catholic University.

The \$24.95 book, published by the William J. Hirten Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y., was prepared by the American Editorial Commission of Catholic University's Center for Pastoral Liturgy, headed by Father G. Thomas Ryan.

Although it is a translation and adaptation of the French version produced by the Belgian monastery of St. Andre, Father Ryan said it is much more an original American work, in



student at St. Timothy's School in Maple Lake, Minn., puzzles over the missalette while anothr student reads along at the 8 a.m. Mass. (NC photo)

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the spirit of the earlier St. Andrew's Missals that were popular among U.S. Catholics before the Second Vatican Council.

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"The documentation is an unusual feature" in the new missal, said Msgr. McManus.

He said the book goes beyond a mere collection of the liturgical texts "to offer background and liturgical information that appears in no other missal and is enhanced by sound meditations and reflections on the feasts and seasons of the church year."

Father Gurrieri, who heads the national secretariat of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, said the new missal would be particularly valuable to priests for preparing homilies, to Catholics preparing for

Mass and to study groups studying

the liturgy.

SAYING THAT the missal is not meant for use during Mass, he com-mented, "The reform of the liturgy (after Vatican II) made the use of a missal at Mass by the people obsolete.'

He noted that the use of hand missals at Mass was a relatively recent phenomenon in church history and one that arose "because the people could not understand the Latin.

"The hand missal first came into use in this country in 1822 . . . the U.S. practically invented the use of the hand missal," he said. He explained that the first such popular missal was written by Bishop John England of Charleston, S.C., who got into trouble with Rome for having published a complete translation of all the liturgical texts of the Roman Missal, something not allowed at the

The primary pupose of hand missals "radically changed" with the postconciliar liturgical reforms, says a preface to the new missal, quoting from a 1974 statement by the bishop's Committee on the Liturgy.



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Billboards 'dare' to priesthood

TORONTO (NC) — A 13-week outdoor advertising campaign daring young men to choose the priesthood has been launched by the Toronto Archdiocese.

The campaign is using 35 outdoor nosters and three large billboards ich show a crucified Christ against a backdrop of the city's skyscrapers and bear the slogan, "Dare To Be a Priest Like Me."

THE ARCHDIOCESE has set up a special telephone line for inquiries and the number is shown on the outdoor boards.

Father Sean O'Sullivan, director of vocations for the archiocese, said the message on the signs is a modern version of Mark 8:34: "Anyone who wishes to be a follower of mine, must leave self behind, take up his cross and come follow me."

Father O'Sullivan said, "The bill-board campaign will serve to heighten awareness of the church in the archdiocese and act as a reminder of the ongoing need for priests."

At present, there is one priest for every 3,000 Catholics in the Toronto archdiocese and church officials fear that the ratio could become one priest for every 5,000 Catholics in the next five years unless more candidates for the priesthood enter the seminary.

THE OUTDOOR sign campaign along with smaller posters being sent to churches and schools marks the beginning of the 1983 Holy Year recently declared by Pope John Paul II, Father O'Sullivan said.

In conjunction with this Holy Year, Cardinal G. Emmett Carter of Toronto has decided to promote spiritual renewal, particularly the spiritual growth of priests, and voca-



A figure of the crucified Christ imposed on Toronto's skyscrapers appears on billboards posted at 35 intersections throughout Toronto, Canada. (NC photo from UPI)

tions to the priesthood.

Father O'Sullivan said he hoped that a special song composed by seminarian Timothy Crowley of Toronto will enhance the year's activities.

Although the use of a consumer advertising medium to recruit candidates for the priesthood is new in Canada, the concept has been tested to a limited degree by some religious orders in the United States, particularly in California.

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ABCD called 'love miracle'

Officials of the Archbishop's Charities Drive told an audience of ABCD supporters that the success of last year's drive was a "modern miracle of love" and expressed optimism that despite the economy the Archdiocese would meet this year's goal of \$4.1 million.

But despite the surpassing of the ABCD goal last year, a 1982 accounting report shows that commitments have exceeded the proceeds of the drive by \$812,802.

Archdiocese officials therefore hope that this year's fund-raising drive can again top the projected goal.

Following humorous introductory words by Fr. James Reynolds, pastor of St. Henry Church in Pompano Beach, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman each shared touching personal experiences about giving with the group at the dinner in Pompano Beach.

The Archbishop recalled a fire that destroyed a seminary when he was a priest in Cincinnati. The fire destroyed a shrine and burned the

hands and feet of the Christ figure on a large crucifix. When a new seminary was built the crucifix was nailed to the wall and under it was written for the benefit of the future priests: "Now you must be my hands and feet."

"MY DEARLY beloved, that is what the Lord, I believe, is asking of you this evening. He's asking you to be His hands, to be His feet, to be His lips, to be His heart, bringing His love, bringing His gospel to those who are in need. He's counting on you."

Bishop Roman spoke of how as a newly ordained priest in Cuba in 1959 he did not have enough money to buy a car to visit alienated Catholics in his parish. A Canadian Lady heard of his plight and gave him a gift that enabled him to buy a motorcycle.

He learned years later, after he was a priest in the United States, that the lady suffered from cancer and had been stinting on her pain medication in order to give the donation. Every year, he says, he calls her on Nev Year's Eve and thanks her twice.

"The needs of our neighbors are an invitation to be generous," he said. "Let us be generous to the point of sacrifice. Our offering is more valuable if it is accompanied by sacrifice."

ACCORDING TO the accounting report, \$1,650,000 of the funds raised last year were allocated to subsidize the over 40 charity and social service programs managed by Catholic Community Services. The other three basic areas of allocation were missions and pastoral programs (total: \$1,369,397), capital expenditures and improvements (total: \$1,401,135), and outright gifts to non-diocesan programs (total: \$151,000).

Hundreds of parishioners from dozens of parishes throughout the Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach area attended the dinner held Thursday night at Crystal Lake Country Club in Pompano.

Black Catholic advisory committee holds special celebration

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A reception is planned following the liturgy in the parish activity center at St. John Fisher.

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'Nominal' Christians fill churches, minister says

By Prentice Browning Voice Staff Writer

The churches are filled with "nominal Christians" and not with the love of Christ, Dr. Conrad Willard, the newly retired pastor of Central Baptist Church in downtown Miami, said at a service of Christian Unity this Sunday.

Nearly a dozen pastors and religious leaders of several denominations including Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, executive director of Catholic Community Services, led in prayer at the Central Baptist Church in a celebration of ecumenism.

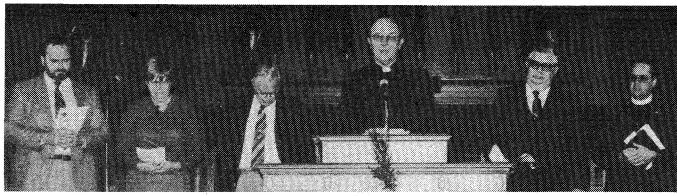
Several choirs also sung at the service including the Glendale Missionary Baptist Church choir which contributed a particularly rousing performance of gospel songs.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Dr. Willard, who last week announced his retirement from the church he has headed for 21 years, spoke of the lack of commitment among Christians and in particular well-to-do Christians.

Dr. Willard, who has been active in fighting discrimination in Miami, challenged the audience with the assertion that the poor do more to help the poor with their limited resources than do the wealthy.

Speaking of his experience as pastor of a church "on the cutting edge between Overtown and downtown, between rich and poor," Dr. Willard said that the poor have a wisdom "that the rich and cultured have not known."

The poor and the poverty stricken know the importance of bread. The rich seldom do.'



Msgr. Bryan Walsh, executive director of the Catholic Service Bureau, leads in prayer at the Christian Unity Conference. Pictured from left are Rev. Charles Eastman, pastor. First Church of North Miami; Joan M. Christman, vice president, Greater Miami Conference of the American Lutheran Church; Dr. Carroll L. Shuster, pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables; Rev. George Sherman Pyke, president of the Greater Miami Ministerial Association and pastor of First Christian Church of North Dade; and Fr. Max Salvador, pastor, Todos Los Santos Episcopal Church. (Voice photo by Prentice Browning)

Majorities then, should not stereotype or feel superior to minorities, whether ethnic or religious, he said.

Dr. Willard concluded that it may be the darkest before the dawn in Miami.

"This truth may hurt," he said, "but if God's people don't tell it like it is who then shall be saved?

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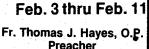
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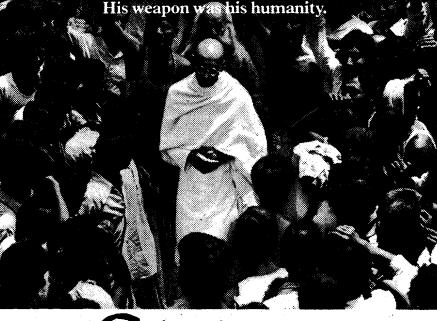
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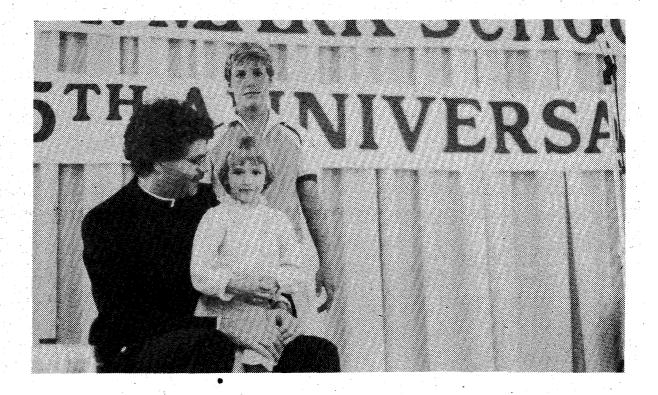
Students from St. Mark in Boynton Beach perform during the joyous liturgy marking the school's silver jubilee.

St. Mark's School in Boynton Beach celebrated its silver anniversary recently with a special Mass and reception that got everyone involved — from kindergarten through eighth grade. But the guest of honor, and homilist for the Mass, was a 1967 graduate of the school — Father Robert Christman, now of Sacred Heart Parish in Homestead.

In recalling his school days, Father Christman said that he remembered St. Mark's best for its devotion to the Eucharist. "It had a special importance to us, particularly in the daily Mass. But the Eucharist is so much more than a memory from our childhood. It forms us, it makes us who we are. Our love for it is a heritage to be handed down."

He asked the kids to look ahead 25 years in the future. "You need a vision of peace," he said. "Build a desire to break down barriers. The most important things in life can't be seen — bonds of family, gifts of devotion. What is your vision?"

"Adults are great on criticism," Father Christman reminded them, "but not so hot on praise. You need to teach us praise. We need that from you."



STORY AND PHOTOS BY DICK CONKLIN

Father Robert Christman (above) graduated from St. Mark in 1967. Now assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Homestead, he returned to his alma mater for the celebration of its 25th anniversary. Left, St. Mark school children belt out a tune during the jubilee liturgy. Below, a banner created especially for the occasion.



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Abortion foes, supporters debate before D.C. press

By Liz Schevtchuk

WASHINGTON (NC) — Appearing Jan. 20 before a National Press Club luncheon packed with pro-life and pro-abortion advocates, the National Right to Life Committee's president and the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America disagreed on just about everything regarding abortion — except that it is an issue.

To Faye Wattleton of Planned Parenthood, the Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973, decision legalizing abortion, "represents one of America's greatest monuments to realism, to compassion and to justice."

Dr. John C. Willke of the NRLC, however, characterized it as a "new, fundamental constitutional right of a mother, which they (Supreme Court justices) said was based on privacy, to have her developing baby destroyed."

destroyed."

"Today we have abortion-on-demand in all 50 states in the entire nine months of pregnancy for social reasons," Wilke said. Yet, he said, citing biological evidence of fetal development and playing a tape recording of the heartbeat of a seven-or eight-week-old fetus, "each of us began our lives in totality at fertilization"

THE SUPREME COURT reduced the unborn child "to the status of property of the owner," he said. "Since that time all statutory attempts to restrict in any way her right to private killing have failed."

"Pro-abortion people claim universally they are not pro-abortion, they are only pro-choice," he added. "But what is the choice?" The choice a pregnant woman previously had "was, God and nature willing," to have "a healthy normal child. Now, the court has given her another choice, a choice to kill her unborn child," he said.

Willke said that "proposed constitutional amendments" against abortion, "would strike the court-granted

Teens, first-timers join effort

From NC News Service

For some it was their first march in Washington. John Marriott of Fairfax, Va., said he came to the march for the first time because "The (human life) amendment didn't pass" and he wanted to help show the importance of the pro-life cause.

Holding onto his arm was Bruce Hildebrand of Arlington, Va., and holding onto Hildebrand's arm was Josie Harrison of Falls Church, Va.

Hildebrand and Miss Harrison, who are both blind, said it was their first march and they found the crowd well-organized and peaceful.

"I'm glad there's singing," Hildebrand said of the religious songs that groups of pro-lifers broke into. "The Lord is lifted up as abortion is brought down."

Groups of teen-agers representing youth leagues and schools attended the march, including 38 young people from Murrayville, Pa., who wore red sashes that said "Thanks Mom" for not having an abortion.

Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington joined seventh and eighth graders from Our Lady Queen of Peace School who had invited him to walk with them.

He cited as examples two proposed

constitutional measures — the Hatch

amendment, which would state that

nothing in the Constitution guaran-

tees the right to an abortion and

would allow states and Congress to

pass laws against it, and the Eagleton

measure, a scaled-back version of the

Hatch amendment which would

simply state that nothing in the

Constitution guarantees the right to

The measures have been proposed,

respectively, by Sen. Orrin Hatch

(R-Utah) and Sen. Thomas Eagleton

Several teen-age girls from Missouri, standing in a huddle against the cold, were asked if they knew of anyone who had had an abortion. None of them did, but one said she knew of a girl who was pregnant and unmarried and planned to keep the baby.

One of the girls had a solution to

One of the girls had a solution to the problem faced by unwed mothers, "I wouldn't get pregnant." Another girl first said her mother

Another girl first said her mother would throw her out of the house if she got pregnant, then reconsidered. "No, Mom would say keep it or put it up for adoption — don't kill it. I wouldn't even if she said so."

Fourteen-year-old Kelly Smith of Dumont, N.J., carried a sign that said, "Don't kill your baby — Give it to me." She said her father works in a public school in New York where many freshman girls become pregnant and either keep their babies or put them up for adoption. "I wish I could work with unwed mothers," she said.

Marcher Connie Colemann of Oak Park, Ill., is part of a Christian fellowship group that has begun working with unwed mothers in homes in the Chicago area. She said she also has counseled some young women who had had abortions in college and "were very emotionally scarred" by the experience.

Sherry Halula, secretary of the Hutchinson, Kan., Right to Life, said pro-lifers need to pray more and to fast. "We've tried education and politics. The only one who's going to get it done is God," she said.

Dolores Pazkowski of Troy, Pa.,

Dolores Pazkowski of Troy, Pa., said the problem today is that "morals are shot" and she plans to work with teen-agers because "teen-agers need to respect each other before they can respect life."

fore they can respect life."

Gregory Loken, director of the advocacy program of Father Bruce Ritter's Covenant House in New York City, stood under a Covenant House sign which said "Choose Life."

"The pro-life movement has been

"The pro-life movement has been faulted for not being willing to bear the responsibility" of unwanted children once they are born, Loken said. "That's what Covenant House is doing — trying to meet that responsibility. We deal with them after they're born, Many of the kids we deal with are mistreated, unwanted."

Covenant House works with about 8,000 young people a year, he said, including many pregnant teen-agers and unwed mothers.

(D-Mo.).

THE AMENDMENTS "would take jurisdiction for this civil rights outrage out of the hands of the judiciary and place it in the hands of the elected representatives of the people, who then would undoubtedly not forbid all abortions but certainly would very likely be guided by public opinion and forbid a significant percentage," said Willke.

He also said that pregnancies resulting from rape "are extremely rare" and that women who obtain prompt medical treatment after rape do not get pregnant. "That treatment

would still be available" if abortion were proscribed, he said. He also added, "We would, incidentally, not outlaw birth control pills."

Whether or not anti-abortion laws would also threaten use of some birth control pills or outlaw post-rape treatment has been an issue in the national abortion debate.

In her remarks, Wattleton suggested that many "anti-choice groups . . . not only want to eliminate legal abortion, they also want to eliminate the services that can reduce the need for abortion," such as confidential contraceptive services for teen-agers.

Prolifers march to end killing

(Continued from page 1)

(R.-Mich.) used the occasion to criticize Reagan for not doing enough to stop abortion. Reagan had met with pro-life leaders a day earlier and has backed the pro-life legislation introduced by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) to forbid government funding of abortion.

"We're in a battle, there's no two ways about it," said Siljander. "I think there's no doubt God is on our side." He urged unity in pro-life ranks because, he said, Reagan has used pro-life dissension as an excuse for not supporting the anti-abortion cause more vigorously.

"I call upon you to make President Reagan listen to us," the Michigan congressman said. "It's what he claims is your disunity that's holding up the ship."

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right to kill."

Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.) praised the efforts of young pro-lifers. "You will be the ones who will lead us" in the future, she said. "Thank you so much for being who you are and what you are."

Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy of Rhode Island, a Democrat, told the crowd they all "are committed to the proposition" that protection of life "is and should be our most important priority."

"You stand as a bold witness against the moral bankruptcy that is abortion," added Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). "Mark this date as the date you redoubled your efforts on behalf of the unborn. Our numbers are not what they should be in Congress."

Rep. Hyde mocked the words "pro-choice," used to describe those

in favor of keeping abortion legal. A pregnant woman no longer has a choice whether or not to "have" a child, he said. "Lady, if you're pregnant, you have a baby."

AMERICAN ANTI-ABORTION political figures were joined on the podium by a Japanese supporter, Sen. Masakuni Murakami, a member of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, whose remarks were translated by a colleague.

"Let's make the United States and Japan the first countries to truly respect human life," he said. According to Murakami, Japanese pro-lifers are increasingly working to amend their nation's laws on legal abortion. "The American pro-life movement in this respect is a great encouragement," he said.

Bishop Thomas J. Welsh of Arlington, Va., giving the invocation, told the crowd to "recall why we are here, to urge our elected officials to redress the tragic mistake of the Supreme Court."

Nellie Gray, March for Life president, said that after the Supreme Court ruling, "we sprang up as this right to life movement to say" to the nation and the world "that there is a pro-life America, that we are not going away and that we're going to have our constitutional amendment."

Miss Gray backs the so-called "paramount 'unity' human life amendment," which she said is being sponsored in the 98th Congress by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). It is one of several proposed constitutional amendments intended to overturn the Supreme Court's abortion ruling.

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Matter of Opinion

You can judge it by its odor ...

Affidavits filed in the case of the Women's Care Center in Miami where four women have died from botched abortions depict a disgusting scenario of monetary greed and human callousness toward women who get anything but the "care" proclaimed in the center's title.

The affidavits from former "patients" tell horror stories of abortionists hustling large numbers of women through their assembly line mill dressed in bloody cassocks, bloody hands without surgical gloves, more closely resembling butchers than doctors. One woman said she saw another woman brought out on a stretcher and tossed onto a sofa where she fell to the floor and was left there. The stories go on and on, and there are things to be learned from this case.

Certain groups, because of their zeal for political "rights," have

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succeeded in preventing enforcement of medical standards in abortion clinics, claiming that abortion is just another routine surgical procedure. But the Women's Care mill perfectly illustrates the fact that abortion is not just another minor procedure like wart removal.

Abortion involves life and death (of the unborn baby and in some cases the mother); it involves human reproduction, the creation of human life or the decision to kill the human life that has been created; it involves one's sexual and emotional life. What other single surgical procedure has produced tens of thousands of clinics all over the country devoted exclusively to that one procedure? Doesn't this suggest something about abortion different from other medical procedures? What other surgical procedure involves the removal of living tissue which (unlike a gall bladder or appendix) is a complete living entity in itself with its own set of organs and the biological aspiration to its own independent existence? And what other surgery leaves the patient feeling guilty, sometimes pathologically so?

And isn't it interesting that a high percentage — figures as high as ninety per cent have been reported — of gynecologists will not perform abortions? Who ever heard of a plastic surgeon who would not perform plastic surgery? Or an orthopedist who would not perform bone surgery? Doesn't this tell you something about abortion?

No, the whole abortion industry has an odor about it that simply cannot be washed sweet by the stale air of constitutional misreadings; the spectre of dead fetuses piled in buckets like miniature



holocausts, or the live-born aborted baby breathing and squirming for hours until dead, even on clean hospital tables; the doctors who quietly slip down to an abortion center once or twice a week to make some fast money, knowing most of their colleagues frown on the practice; and the hypocrisy of those doctors who, regarding abortion as somehow vaguely sleazey and not performing it themselves, nevertheless support the "right" to it on demand if performed elsewhere.

No, abortion is not like any other medical or human experience. If the Supreme Court would really look at abortion again, ten years after they brought it out of the back street parlours, they might learn that the problem wasn't just the back street locale but the cruel nature of abortion itself.

Letters to the Editor

Pro-life MD replies to Notre Dame priest: 'Look down'

To The Editor:

I write to you today to thank you for printing Father James Burtchaell's reply to my letter (regarding Notre Dame University's response to the problem of permissive abortion). This exchange of views highlights some very important points and I ask your indulgence to allow me to explore some of these. I have no desire to have the last word and it grieves me that Farther Burtchaell took what I had to say as a personal attack. It was not. The criticism I level at Notre Dame holds for every university in the country.

How do we explain the silence of

How do we explain the silence of most academics? Are we really looking at the same phenomenon? Can anyone read the abortion statistics and not react with at least mild alarm? Is it possible that the academics who are so perceptive could swallow a cliche like the Pro-Choice circumlocution and can any serious academic, given today's knowledge of embryology and fetology say that

they don't know whether a fetus is a human being! What scientist can say that he does not know when a human life begins? I must criticize these evasions just as Will Herberg did when he referred to this type of thinking as "self serving moral obtuseness."

Can anyone view a D and E abortion without outrage? The baby 16-24 weeks old (that can feel pain, kick, make a fist, hear, swallow, and react to touch) is dismembered with sharp instruments and removed piece by piece from the uterus. The body is then reassembled in a macabre game of jig-saw puzzling in order to assure that no part is left behind.

The famous abortionist Dr. Alan Guttmacher describes the difficulty encountered when the baby is decapitated. He described the search for the head in the uterus as tonging for an oyster. What can all the academic blat mean in the face of such crude destruction? This procedure is now recommended for late abortion by the

physicians of the United States Center for Disease Control since the dread "complication" of live birth is avoided. About 250,000 late abortions are done yearly.

Clearly the difference in reaction between those who oppose abortion and the academics is not as Father Burtchaell suggests, a lack of appreciation for the academic's role; it is rather a different perception of reality. It is possible to study genocide, slavery and mass murder in an objective way but is it rational to do this in the midst of the slaughter?

The academics insist on their cool headed response but I insist that they look down — they will see that this nation is up to its ankles in the blood of its future progeny.

Father Burtchaell accuses me of taking offense that he behaves like an academic. He is correct. I say to him — look down, Father Burtchaell. Look down, Father Hesburgh. Look down all you academics be you Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Atheist.

Look down all you priests who never say a word to your flock. Come down from your tower and share the perceptions of the lowly Pro-Lifers.

You will find that we are not fighting against free choice. We are fighting an ugly obscenity that is medically retrogressive, legally schizophrenic and socially destructive.

Father Burtchaell suggests that a change in law will not be effective. He is wrong. The law educates and certainly it can educate for good or evil. A Constitutional Amendment is necessary to repair the damage done to that precious document by the Supreme Court in its Roe versus Wade decision. This decision was totalitarian in concept. The concept that a contrived right to privacy could supersede the fundamental right to life and justify legal killing should offend every American, even the academics.

Bart T. Heffernan, M.D. Fort Lauderdale

The little things that count

I've written before about a book published years ago on the life of Jesus and entitled, "A Small Town Man." It seems to have been written primarily for the vast numbers of people who have never been involved in "big things" in their lives. While not ignoring His miracles and divine teachings, the book stressed the ordinary, the commonplace, all the so-called "little things" in His 33 years on earth.

He was born in a very small town, lived in a country the size of Vermont, worked on and around the sea of Galilee, which is a lake rather than a sea, and constantly stressed the value of apparently trivial things.

For instance, He taught that giving a cup of water in His name had value beyond the reckoning. He and apostles watched curiously as people placed alms in the great horn-shaped box outside the Temple, and He shocked them with the statement that the poor widow's miserable mite had more value than the gold and silver pieces of the



BY MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

handle. But each tick of the clock is of value in that it can bring us closer to God or separate us further.

And when some notable event in life does occur that will affect the lives of others for generations to come — like falling in love and getting married it often is preceded by something trivial, such as a chance introduction of the couple.

"If we reflect carefully on our lives, we find that 'our days are woven of tiny threads' of pain, warmth, success, failure, love, anger, darkness, light, frustration, hope. A single day is almost replete with small acts, small thoughts, small talk."

HE CONSTANTLY lent new meaning and value to the smallest of laws, to the tiny mustard seed, and to one unsung talent.

How helpful this should be to all of us who at our best and strongest are insecure and weak!

If we reflect carefully on our lives, we find that "our days are woven of tiny threads" of pain, warmth, success, failure, love, anger, darkness, light frustration, hope. A single day is almost always replete with small acts, small thoughts, small talk. God's plan has never called for us to live large sections of this life at once. Rather He metes out to us only a second of time — all that we can

SOME PRIESTS and nuns trace their decision to follow the Lord to what seemed a casual suggestion by someone, or to a thought in a book or homily or to one person's good example in the ordinary affairs of daily life.

Looking back we realize that the few great things that happened to us usually started in an unimpressive way, concealing without a hint the important changes about to take place in our lives.

God in His creation of the world seemed anxious to keep this thought before us. Everywhere we look in nature we find the "little things" dignified by potential greatness. A few months ago when driving in the North you may have seen a hillside blanket of many colors, and then realized the vast spread of beauty is made up of tiny flowers or leaves. The green carpet of a smooth, graceful field contains countless blades of grace, as one author put it. And we who love the beaches as part of our life in South Florida may easily forget that the widest, most impressive beach is merely one grain of sand multiplied almost to the in-

And yet despite all this, we are somewhat inclined to entertain a certain unspoken contempt

We look down for example on venial sin, the "small sin." There's no great harm in this, we reason. We reserve to ourselves the "right" not to try too much to stop indulging in gossip or show irritation, speak harshly, to be loose with the truth (we give that a pleasant name — a white lie), to coddle resentment, and so on, justifying all this because they seem such small things.

But who can tell the harm involved as time goes on? Each of these acts of self-indulgence can become the makings of resisting grace, a series of small rebellions against God, a continual denial of His invitation to love neighbor just a little bit

This is why in the spiritual life there is no such thing as a small thing. Christ constantly pointed this out. A note to a person who has lost a loved one, a smile when you feel like snarling, a visit of five minutes to a lonely person, patience with an aggravating child, a word of apology — merely "I'm sorry" — a gesture of forgiveness and reconciliation — all these and countless other acts within our power can turn the little deeds into transforming Christian acts.

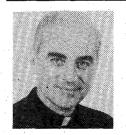
Aren't the little things, therefore, when treated rightly, really the big things of life? (Msgr. Walsh is pastor emeritus at St. Agnes Church in Key Bis-

Advice for the college bound

About 20 years ago I was a priest-chaplain on a major Catholic college campus. I was studying for my doctorate and was assigned living quarters in one of the freshman buildings for men. My job was to be available for spiritual counseling, or anything else that came up. Fortunatly I had no responsibility for discipline. That job was left for stronger warriors than I.

For the first three months it was like living in a zoo. I remember nose, lots of noise, incessant rock concerts and drum beating from competing stereos above me, below me and all around me. How one gets used to such things I'll never know, but somehow I did.

By Thanksgiving the first wave of madness had



BY FR. JOHN CATOIR

Weeks tumbled into months before reality hit with a mighty force — exam time.

The effect of fun and games took its toll. Some

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dissipated. Some young men were dealing well with homesickness, some were not. A few were actually developing study habits, most were into a groove of pleasure-seeking and hell-raising.

who were grossly unprepared cheated because they

were not able to suffer the humiliation of failure, but the loss of self-respect was noticeable. About half of the class was so shocked they changed their majors. Chemistry majors switched to business administration, engineering majors retreated to arts and drama, liberal arts majors went into communication, some went home.

All of this taught me a lot about human nature; it also taught me that education may be one thing people are willing to pay for and not get.

A student is given the special privilege of leisure time to develop his or her mind. It's a once-in-alifetime opportunity. The art of learning, if mastered, has life-long benefits. Just as the body needs food and air and rest in order to live, so the mind needs knowledge in order to think properly and project clear ideas. This can only come from hard work. School is primarily a place of study and anyone who has studied knows that knowledge makes a bloody entrance. But the alternative is escapism, a pleasure-seeking, time-wasting lifestyle culminating in deceit.

If you choose to go to college, pray for the grace to apply your mind to the task before you. At stake is your own self-respect, and possibly the

whole direction of your life.

(For a free copy of the Christophers News Notes, "Young People Making a Difference," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017.)

Does stress affect pregnancy?

When my friend first became pregnant, she was elated. She referred to herself as one of the new breed of older women temporarily leaving their careers to have a baby. A 33-year-old editor with a respected firm, she felt no one would argue that she fit that characterization.

Her pregnancy progressed without complications, though every time I saw her, she appeared to be uptight. When I talked with her, I always felt she was either distracted or feeling guilty.



BY ANTOINETTE BOSCO

She would swing from talking excitedly about how wonderful it was to be having a baby to disclosing that she was terribly worried about how she and her husband were going to manage financially.

She said one day, "I won't be carrying my weight. Jim will have to support me until I can go back to work."

SOMEHOW THAT didn't seem out of the natural order of things to me. In my generation, it was generally understood that the husband took care of the wife and babies financially. He got much in return for that — a home, companionship, love and the joy of being a father.

An important goal for women in U.S. society, particularly in the past 10-15 years, has been to combine having a career and motherhood and to reduce the anxiety which comes from seeing these as conflicting roles. Women believed they could have the satisfaction of outside work, yet take time off from those responsibilities for motherhood.

What wasn't anticipated, apparently, was what would happen when a working wife's income dries up for a while. Used

to two incomes and suddenly having to manage on one, many women discovered they felt quilty

women discovered they felt guilty.

My friend, feeling that guilt, worked into the seventh month of pregnancy. Then she went into labor a few weeks later, almost four weeks earlier than her due date. Fortunately, her premature baby was healthy enough to get through the early danger period without complications.

When I visited her, she told me her doctor said the fact that she was feeling such stress and tension probably accounted for her premature delivery. "Isn't that silly?" she asked.

NOT AT all, I responded. I had recently read a report on the 10th World Congress of Gynecologists and Obstetricians during which that same topic came up.

Dr. Volker Herms of the University of Heidelberg in West Germany told participants that the contradiction between the traditional position of a mother-to-be and the modern one, where "career and economic tensions" enter in, is stressproducing.

"Every pregnant woman is expected to look forward to her child and the implicated changes in her life and be happy and satisified about her new functions," Herms said.

He reported on a study he did of 350 women, 105 of whom went into premature labor. In comparing them with the 245 who had normal deliveries, he found no significant differences in age, education, profession or economics. However, they were significantly different in their personality profiles and psychological states of mind.

"WOMEN WITHOUT complications (of labor) seem to represent the traditional role of motherhood, while the premature labor group seems to respond to threatening situations like pregnancy, with intellectual and obsessional defenses," he said.

With increasing numbers of older women now opting for motherhood, it may be a good idea for medical personnel to counsel pregnant career women and their husbands, helping them resolve the anxieties that can arise then.

For, at this time in their lives there is a priority that needs attention: giving their baby the best possible start in life. (NC News Service)

Building peace in 1983

Pope John Paul II understands the world. Perhaps more than any pope in our century, he has a practical understanding of the hard political facts that affect the world.

He is dedicated to peace and to disarmament, the first necessary step towards peace, but he does not think of this theoretically but practically.



BY DALE FRANCIS

In his peace message on New Year's Day, Pope John Paul said, "Peace cannot be built by some without others, but all must undertake the task together. There lies the true sense of the dialogue for peace: It demands that all the parties work in common, to progress in common on the path to peace. It is therefore difficult to imagine how the problem of peace in the world can be resolved in a unilateral manner, without the participation and the concrete commitment of all."

It is obvious, given the realities of the political situation in the world, that this cannot come about quickly or through some quick fix formula. Pope John Paul spoke of this process: "Like the dialogue, the demand for progressive reduction of armaments, nuclear or conventional, must be addressed simultaneously to all parties involved. The powers that confront each other must be able to proceed together through the various stages of disarmament and commit themselves to each stage in equal measure."

POPE JOHN PAUL'S New Year message has relevance to the deliberations of the U.S. bishops as they prepare the final

draft of their pastoral letter on peace in the world today. What the final draft of the pastoral will bring we will have to wait until May to know. What we do know is that in the second draft of the pastoral there was no call for unilateral disarmament on the part of the United States. But what we know, too, is there are strong influences within the body of bishops in another direction.

Almost no bishops openly support unilateral disarmament. But Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle does. In a Nov. 6th interview with The Catholic Bulletin, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, he said that for the United States as a nation, unilateral disarmament is "the right and Christian thing to do."

The Seattle archbishop explained away the consequences of the position, "If we disarm, and we were to experience the worst of scenarios — the takeover by a totalitarian nation that would be our cross to bear. Such a takeover can't bend our will or break our spirit."

Archbishop Huntausen's position is probably unique among the bishops. But where there is a strong influence towards essentially the same position is on the question of deterrence. There are a considerable number of bishops who say that if it is wrong to use nuclear weapons in a first strike, it is also wrong to use them in response to an attack by another nation. Reluctantly there is an agreement that the U.S. may possess nuclear weapons so long as there are efforts to bring about disarmament. But if it is contended these weapons may never be used then they hardly serve any purpose of deterrence. It is in effect a call for unilateral disarmament.

What Pope John Paul II emphasized was that disarmament must come through the negotiations between the leaders of the nations involved. Those negotiations are sensitive, they will not move quickly to the disarmament we all want but through stages. The steps that are taken must not only be taken carefully but with a recognition of political realities. (Dale Francis is a nationally syndicated columnist.)

What boys like about girls

Q. I am 15-years-old, and right now what I am most interested in is how to become more popular with the boys at school. What's your advice on this one? (Illinois)



BY TOM LENNON

A. For an answer to your question, I have gone straight to the horse's mouth, so to speak. A 17-year-old boy named Brian talked with me for a while about the pluses and minuses of the girls at his school.

Perhaps his words will give you some clues about what to do and not do when you are with a boy or boys. First, some of Brian's negative comments:

"Some girls abuse makeup. Lately it seems like a lot of them put an awful lot of goup around their eyes. It looks dumb and I don't like it.

"I don't mind girls wearing jeans, but I think at least once a week they ought to wear a dress.

"Most girls talk too much. They seem to go on and on, as though they have to keep talking non-stop. I wish they'd cut down some on the chatter.

"One girl at school always wants to write on my jeans. If she wants to write on jeans, why doesn't she write on her own?"

Now for some of Brian's positive comments:

"Some of the girls at school are very mature and I like them a lot. They are kind, affectionate and warm.

"I like those girls who are willing to listen to my problems."

I asked Brian if he ever talked to his buddies about his problems and he said, "No." I asked why and he said, "If you talk to guys about problems, it's like admitting you're weak.

"In front of your buddies, you gotta be strong. But I don't mind admitting to a girl I got some weaknesses and problems."

Brian went on to say: "I like a girl who is friendly without coming on strong. Sometimes unexpected friendships can begin with a simple, 'Hi.' I said that word very casually last fall to a girl, and she said 'hi' back, and a friendship began. The fact that she's handicapped and in a wheelchair is no barrier at all."

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

Some helpful agencies

Dear Dr. Kenny: I recently read your article on how married couples can learn and profit from the example of many single parents. You told of how these single parents join together for physical and emotional support. You mentioned Parents Without Partners, which is a fine organization I'm sure, but you failed to mention any of the support groups found within our own church community.

Please give credit to the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics. NACSDC has as its primary goal the support and healing of the divorced person. This support and healing involve the development of groups where people who have shared a common and painful human experience can now share life.

NACSDC is a new-style church organization. It is a network connecting a movement. Everyone who cares about the divorced belongs. It insists that there is no way to do divorce ministry and welcomes under its umbrella all those who want to learn and help.

Information about local groups can be obtained by writing the national office: NACSDC, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620. — Kentucky



BY DR. JAMES AND MARY KENNY

Dear Dr. Kenny: This letter is in response to your article on adoption problems. We suggest that the couple experiencing such difficulties contact the Holt Adoption Program Inc. (P.O. Box 2420; Eugene, Ore.), and this agency as well as their local agency can very quickly find a child from a foreign country for them. This agency is good and they have thousands of orphans available.

We are adopting our 10th child this year — a small boy from Nicaragua, and when the caseworker came to our home, she commented that we

have room for another child after this one! Our children came very quickly in the '60s and, of course, white Caucasian babies are no longer available, but there is nothing like the black, Korean and Nicaraguan. — Illinois

The Catholic Union of the Sick in America joins persons who are in chronic pain and illness. Its membership extends over the United States and Canada. A group letter circulates among the members.

CUSA tries to give spiritual orientation to suffering. Members pray and suffer for the needs of the church and for all humankind. Subgroups exist within the larger organization with a spiritual adviser (usually a priest) and a group leader.

CUSA gives support and purpose to the lives of the suffering. The CUSA administrative leader is Miss Anna Marie Sopko, 176 W. 8th St., Bayonne, N.J. 07002

(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to: The Kennys; Box 872; St. Joseph's College; Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

Sunday morning in the Catholic household

If the toughest time of the day in many families is the pre-dinner hour, the toughest time of the week is the pre-church hour. By the time young families get to church, they're often so frazzled and resentful that they aren't speaking to one another, not even during reconciliation.

When I asked a group of young mothers to list common stresses in the Sunday morning Catholic household, they didn't hesitate: 1. the why-do-we-have-to-go-church hassle; 2. dawdling children; 3. getting kids to look decent; 4. keeping them looking decent; 5. looking for shoes while dad waits impatiently in the car; and 6. lecturing kids on proper behavior all the way to Mass.

It doesn't take a scholar to note these aren't liturgical but family problems. Not even the most meaningful liturgy, memorable music or uplifting homily can penetrate irritable families seething with tension. When we bring anger and tension how can we expect to reap love?

YET HOW eager we are to blame the liturgy, the celebrant, or the parish for our own family Sunday morning problems. Most parishes have made an attempt to open the liturgy to families in recent years in the form of nurseries, cry rooms, softened attitudes toward babies who behave like babies, better attention to homilies that touch multiple ages, increased lay participation, Saturday night Masses, singable music, child-involved Eucharist and baptismal rituals, family Masses,



BY DOLORES CURRAN

and coffee-and-donut time after.

Frankly, I can't think of anything more such parishes can do to alleviate the Sunday morning family hassle. It originates within the family and has to be healed within the family. If the family wants a better Sunday morning liturgical experience, it may have to become a better Sunday morning family.

How? First by getting rid of the weekly argument over why we have to go to Mass. It just takes too much psychic energy to repeat and argue every Sunday. Settle it with a marathon session, listen and respond to the kids' objections, state and explain parents' expectations, write them down, post them on the refrigerator, and in ensuing weeks point to the list whenever anyone demands to know why we go to Mass. If they continue to harangue, explain, "I guess you didn't understand our discussion so this afternoon before you play or watch TV, we want you to list our reasons then

write a good long paragraph on why you disagree with each point and we'll take it from there."

AND STICK to it, parents. Make them do it. Repeat the following Sunday if necessary. The point is, get the Sunday morning wailing stopped by shifting it to some other time — kid time, not family pre-liturgy time.

Dawdlers can be taken care of by holding to the rule that any child who can't move on Sunday morning needs earlier Saturday night bedtime. Insist that they lay out their Sunday clothes before Saturday night TV. That's the time to look for missing shoes, not at seven minutes to nine on Sunday.

A healthy couple should be able to divide up toddlers on Sunday morning. Where is it written that it's Mom's job to dress the kids and Dad's to honk the horn?

Probably the biggest factor is that we don't allow ourselves enough time on Sunday morning, particularly if we stay up late and want that last possible portion of sleep. Then we're racing against the clock and the tension level goes up. We end up trying to squeeze a quick spiritual fix into Sunday morning while giving up the least amount of time.

When tensions rise, everyone reacts and comes into Mass as fragmented resentful individuals, not a community of love. Then we blame the Mass. It's not fair, parents, and it's time we admit it. Sunday morning liturgy begins at home. (Alt Publishing Co.)

(Contributed by Mimi and Terry Reilly)

Family Night

OPENING PRAYER:

Jesus, you are present with us. We want to grow in love for others, those in our family and those we meet and play and work with each day. Your life showed us how to be true friends, even to the least and most needy persons. Help us to follow in your footsteps. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

True friends are God's special gifts. There are principles of friendship which Jesus so powerfully taught us. This Family Night we can spend some time discovering what it means to be a friend and to express gratitude for the friend we have. You might want to invite some family friends to join you for this Family Night. ACTIVITY IDEAS:

Young Families. Give each person two minutes to name a special friend and tell what makes this friend special. Then talk about how we can be friends to other people and what ruins friendships. Have each person write a poem about his or her special friend.

Middle Years Families. The book of proverbs is filled with good advice regarding friendship and human relationships. Beforehand have someone write the following proverbs on slips of paper: Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 18:24; 22:24. Then cut them in half. The family activity is to match the proverbs and then discuss their meaning. Apply these proverbs to your friends.

Adult Families. Read 1 Samuel 18:1 describing the friendship of David and

Jonathan. Discuss the qualities of friendship. Write a note or letter to a special friend.

SNACK TIME:

Hot chocolate with marshmallows, cookies or candy kisses would taste good.

ENTERTAINMENT:

1. Put new words to a familiar tune expressing your thoughts about friendship.

2. Make paper bag puppets and put on a puppet show about friends.

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Scriptural Insights.

THE PROPHETS-GOD'S SPOKESMEN

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

By Fr. Richard Murphy, O.P.

Strange as it may seem, the great God of heaven and of earth, needing nothing for His happiness, graciously and freely chose a people for Himself. More than that, He bound it to Himself by hoops stronger than steel. His choice was an act of unaccountable love, and the love has never wavered across the centuries.

At unpredictable intervals, God sent His prohets to His people. The prophets were God's spokesmen, fearless men but human too. One of these was Jeremiah. Long before the prophet began to grow in his mother's womb, the Lord "knew him," and had work cut out for him to do. He was to be a prophet, a pillar of iron and a wall of bronze to confront the sinful people of Israel. He was commissioned to tear up and knock down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

ONE ALMOST gasps at the sheer effrontery of the whole idea of pro-

phets. What man in his right mind would present himself as God's spokesman? Yet the prophets did just that, and it was through them that the concepts of sin and accountability, of justice and peace, of right and wrong, have been kept alive in the world.

Jesus of Nazareth too was a prophet and more than a prophet, God's own Son incarnate. He spoke of God as no man had ever spoken before, and fearlessly proclaimed the worldwide extension of God's plan - it included not only the Chosen People, but all nations. It was too much. His contemporaries were inclined to recognize greatness in strangers, but not in one who had grown up in their midst, who dared speak thus of God's dealing with the gentiles.

IT FAIRLY BOGGLES the mind to picture Jesus hustled out of the synagogue by the people of Nazareth. They were determined to throw Him down the cliff, but somehow they could not. Unperturbed, Jesus simply

walked through the crowd, and left

Nazareth — for good.

Because they were such crisispeople, the prophets had to make hard decisions and say harsh things, but it would be doing them scant justice to stop there. They were first and foremost great lovers, of God first, and of God's people and children everywhere. In between today's readings which deal with prophets, there is St. Paul's exquisite chapter on love. It is perhaps the best thing he ever wrote.

Having found his theme, St. Paul proceeded to rhapsodize on it, contrasting the spectacular "gifts" of the Corinthians with the silent intimate virtues love inspires. Love is patient and warm, that is, it has stayingpower, and is a human personal thing. It is not many things (Paul gives eight examples!), but it is just, charitable, believing, and full of hope. Best of all, love never fails. Human love may fizzle and go out; God's love, and our love of God shall

never fail. At the end of the trail there awaits God, who is love. And we shall see Him face to face.

HOLINESS IS accurately measured only by one's love for God. The person who sweeps a floor or does some menial task with a heart full of love for God may be far closer to God than one who works wonders. The gospels nowhere suggest that the Blessed Mother ever worked a miracle, yet she is closer to God than Peter, whose very shadow was known to have healed the sick (Acts 5:15).

We must always imitate the God of love, who resists and punishes the wicked and allows them no lasting happiness in their sins. To love all men does not mean smooth sailing for evildoers; God's love sends medicinal and remedial punishments.

Consistently, the Bible stresses the prophetic vocation, and the primacy of love. A most happy combination.

(Alt Publishing Co.)

'Quick conversion?' Get the facts

Q. I am upset about a person who just was converted to the Catholic faith. Her ideas of the faith are very different from what I feel a convert should have.

The quickness of the classes, and the ideas of receiving baptism, Holy Eucharist and confirmation all in one, was just beyond me. The ceremony took about half an hour and it was over so quickly that no one, least of all the new convert, understood what was going on. They were even told, as I understand it, that premarital sex is all right if the couple is planning to be married soon. How do you explain all this? (Illinois)

A. You would have to talk with the convert himself or, maybe even better, with the priest involved, for specific answers to some of your questions. However, I think a few considerations would be helpful for

First of all, when you hear something that bizarre about what some



BY FR. JOHN DIETZEN

priest or other teacher is supposed to have said, it is vital to get the facts before making any judgments. I am quite certain there is no class for converts which teaches what you indicate.

As I said, if you really are concerned, and particularly if you are involved personally with the individuals, go to the source and learn what was actually said.

Are you certain that the convert really did not understand what was going on when he or she was received into the church? Most catechumen

classes today are very thorough in the training and preparation of men and women for entry into the church. It is not done haphazardly or lightly.

One of your remarks that makes me wonder if perhaps you may be out of touch with what is going on in the church in preparation of converts is your concern about receiving the sacraments of baptism, the Eucharist and confirmation at one time. These are the three sacraments of Christian initiation. For years now the proper procedure for receiving adults into our faith is that these sacraments are given together.

This presumes, of course, that the reception of the catechumen into our faith is done during the sacrifice of the Eucharist, at which time the new convert would naturally receive Communion for the first time. Earlier in the Mass the sacrament of baptism is administered and the officiating priest administers the sacrament of confirmation to the convert.

This all constitutes one part of the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults, the official guide for preparation and reception of new members into our faith.

Please do some reading about this, or ask a priest or one of the new converts to explain exactly what preparations they experienced for reception into the church. I believe it would be enlightening and expand your own understanding and appreciation of your faith.

Q. On Holy Thursday night why can't women be among those chosen to represent the apostles in the ceremony of the washing of the feet? (Illinois)

A. There is no church rule forbidding what you suggest. Many churches, in fact, which observe the ceremony of the washing of the feet include both men and women who are served in this symbolic way by the celebrant or one of the other

(Because of the volume of mail, it is normally impossible for Father Dietzen to respond to letters personally.)

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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Entertainment

'Shame on the viewers!'

A critic lauds NBC for trying

By James Breig

Dear NBC

Who would have guessed that I would ever write a letter to an entire network? But I've been watching you a lot lately and wanted to say some things to cheer you up. From your ratings, you could use some cheering up. Come to think of it, you could use resurrection.

You have fallen on difficult times of late and I think you deserve a better fate. For years, I have written articles condemning networks for not trying new programming, for being imitative, for playing it safe all the time and for failing to inject some originality into their schedules.

AND NOW you come along and try to do that and the result is that no one watches you. For once, I have to say shame on the viewers instead of shame on you.

For example, there is Thursday night. You broadcast "Fame," "Cheers," "Taxi" and "Hill Street Blues." Some critics have called it the best night on television since the Saturday night line-up owned by CBS about 10 years ago (you remember, with Mary Tyler Moore, Bob Newhart, Carol Burnett, "M*A*S*H" and other goodies strung end-to-end).

I wouldn't go that far, but it is the

most original night.
"Fame" is a musical-dramacomedy featuring young people who are, in general, positive role models for the viewers. Most teens on TV are street gang members or unwed mothers.

Then comes "Cheers," which is my favorite new show of the season.
"Taxi" has never interested me,

but it is a quality comedy.

Anyone who reads this column knows I cannot stand "Hill Street Blues," but that doesn't detract from the fact that its style is fresh and its approach original.

SO YOU TRY all those new and funny and challenging things, and what does America do? It tunes in to "Too Close for Comfort," one of the worst programs ever to call itself a comedy. "Too Close" is badly written, hammily acted and a throwback

'Gandhi': A movie not to miss

The only appropriate response to a film like "Gandhi" is probably reverent, awestruck silence. Director Richard Attenborough has this time got everything, at least everything important, just as it should be, including marvelous cinematography and a superb group of Indian and British supporting actors. Whatever incidental flaws the three-hour long epic may have, Ben Kingsley's magnificent performance as the great Indian leader is so awesomely exact, so authoritative yet so sensitive, that anything less than perfect about the film fades into insignificance. Don't miss Gandhi. And though the scenes of violence rule out younger children, the film should be compulsory viewing for every American teen-ager.

The U.S. Catholic Conference has classified it A-II - adolescents and adults.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

Ben Kingsley as Gandhi

This is an earnest, far-too-long film whose reach exceeds its grasp. Director Alan J. Pakula, who also wrote the screenplay, seems to have been very faithful to the letter and spirit of William Styron's critically acclaimed novel of two ill-fated lovers and the young man who becomes their intimate friend, but the basic trouble with "Sophie's Choice" is that the three main characters are simply not vivid enough to keep our attention for two and a half hours. Meryl Streep finally gets a role in which she is allowed to hold center stage for an extended period, and she does very well with it even if she is unable to overcome its intrinsic limitations. The sexual aspects of the story, though done very effectively without the usual facile resort to nudity, make this mature fare. There is also some very strong language. The USCC has classified it A-III - adults.

to such dogs of the past as "My Mother the Car" and "Me and the

You deserve credit elsewhere, too. For one thing, you are trying to restore a lost art: the adventure drama for young viewers. "Voyagers," "Knight Rider" and "Matthew Star" are all fast-paced science fictions designed to provide

I'm not going to call them the finest programs ever aired, but they are the sort of shows young people can watch the way I watched "Adventures in Paradise" or "The F.B.I."

The latest ratings put "Voyagers" among the lowest-rated series, but part of that is due to its competition "60 Minutes," which deservedly scores highly with audiences.

Then there is "St. Elsewhere." This may come as a surprise to you, but I like "St. Elsewhere." It's a surprise because it is so much like "Hill Street" in style: a large group of regular characters, this time at a hospital instead of in a police precinct house; hand-held cameras for added

realism; overlapping stories, some of which end each week and some of which continue for several episodes; an emphasis on the darker things of life — disease, malpractice, sexual shenanigans, failure.

SO WHY DO I like this drama set in a Boston hospital? Because it is well acted, well written, engrossing, clever.

Where "Hill Street" is unrelentingly depressing and downbeat, most especially due to its main character who is monotonic in speech and outlook, "St. Elsewhere" has a wider range of moods.

If there is a main character, it is the doctor played by Ed Flanders, who is matter-of-fact without being cynical and maintains his center of gravity despite all the breakdowns around

But this series, too, is struggling in the ratings.

Not all is bright on you, NBC. You have come up with some routine sitcoms this season, such as "Silver Spoons" and "Family Ties." The latter seemed like a good idea - a hippie couple from the Sixties find themselves in the Eighties with children who are conservative the proof is in the pudding and this is awfully runny stuff.

I don't suppose this letter will help very much. In the end, you need the ratings because you need the revenues. But congratulations on trying - and especially for sticking with these shows longer than anyone expected you to. Other networks (and you yourself in previous years) would have cancelled "Cheers" and "St. Elsewhere" long ago. But you gave them a decent shot to find an audience.

So this time I blame viewers for taking the easy way out. They should be ashamed for watching "Dukes of Hazzard," "Too Close for Comfort" and "Dynasty" while you are offering better goods.

(James Breig is a syndicated columnist.)

"Transition," a prison rehabilitation project in Miami, and "Flowers with Care," an innovative program for young, first-time offenders in New York City, are featured on this week's edition of the Catholic television magazine, airing this Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WCKT, Channel 7 in South Florida.





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Archdiocesan workshop for lectors

The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life will sponsor the following two workshops for lectors in Broward and Palm Beach Counties respectively:

Saturday, Feb. 19 — Nativity Parish, 5220 Johnson St., Hollywood, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 5 — Mary Immaculate Parish, 237 Porter Place, West Palm Beach, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sr. Marie Carol Hurley, O.P., of Barry University, will lead the workshops; she will be assisted by Fr. Jim Fetscher and Dr. Norman Carroll. Sr. Marie Carol has a background in drama and theology. Main areas of concentration will be the following: 1) Scriptural background and

interpretation; 2) Improvement of speaking techniques and use of sound system; and 3) Relationship of lector's ministry to the celebrant and other liturgical ministers.

The workshop is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Registration is \$4.00 per person, including lunch and materials. You may register by letter to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138, or by calling the above office at 757-6241, Ext. 351/2/3. Reservations should be made by the Wednesday preceding the workshop you will be attending.

Barry holds parliamentary conference

MIAMI SHORES — The name of the game is rules and order at Barry University's leadership conference on parliamentary procedure.

Open to educators and the public, the conference will be held Saturday, February 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Barry Library. The registration fee of \$10, which includes lunch, must be paid no later than February 1.

Lydia Croft, national professional registered parliamentarian, will conduct

the workshop. Barry University's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi is sponsoring the daylong conference on Robert's Rules of Order.

Both Broward and Dade County school systems are offering six master plan points to personnel who participate in the workshop.

For further information, phone the School of Education, ext. 268, at Barry University.

Barry assistant receives I.C.U.F. award

MIAMI SHORES — Barry University, as of January 27, will have a C.H.I.E.F. Dr. Franklyn A. Johnson, special assistant to Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Barry University president, has been elected as one of the distinguished Floridians to receive an ICUF award.

The Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida "Champions of Higher Independent Education in Florida" award will be presented to Johnson at the awards banquet to be held at the Bahia Mar Yacht and Country Club in Fort

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Johnson's illustrious record includes a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, followed by the master's and doctorate from Harvard University where he was a Faculty Scholar. He was a Fullbright Scholar at the London School of Economics, England, and a visiting lecturer at the University of London.

He is the author of four books, one of which has been acclaimed among the "50 Best Books of World War II" and was republished by Bantam paperback in 1982.

Spring training day schedule for special ministers

Saturday, February 12 — St. Jude Parish Tequesta 10 a m - 3 p m

Parish, Tequesta, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, March 5 — Immaculate Conception Parish, Hialeah (Spanish), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 — St. Bernadette Parish, Hollywood, 10 a.m.-3p.m.

Saturday, April 16 — Blessed Trinity Parish, Miami Springs, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Requirements: The pastor should send to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138, a

letter of recommendation including the names of all those he wishes to appoint, notification of which training day they will attend and a check to cover registration fees for all those attending (\$4.00 per person, including lunch). Checks should be made payable to the Archdiocese of Miami.

For further information please call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at the Pastoral Center, 757-6241, Ext. 351/2/3 and speak with Mrs. Blank of Mrs. Vandenburg.

Gumbel receives NCCJ award

Bryant Gumbel, co-anchor on the NBC "Today" Show and NBC News' "Early Today," has been selected to receive the 1983 Headliner Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He will receive the award and be the featured speaker on the occasion of the 31st Annual Brotherhood Awards Dinner, February 5, 1983, at the Omni International Hotel. The Headliner Award is given to outstanding individuals in media and

entertainment who have contributed to the communication between and about people to advance dialogue and understanding in our society. Past recipients have included Walter Cronkite, Barbara Walters, the commentators and executive producer of "60 Minutes" and in 1982, Art Buchwald.

For further information concerning the 31st Annual Brotherhood Awards Dinner, call 667-6438.

Pax Christi holds workshop on peace

Pax Christi Florida, a regional outreach of the international Catholic movement for peace, is sponsoring a workshop on the "Christian Response to the Gospel Vision of Peace" on Feb. 12th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Biscayne College. Topics of

discussion will include the nuclear arms race, identifying local issues relevant to the need for peacemaking, and introducing Pax Christi in the hope of its establishing a ministry in the archdiocese.

All interested persons invited but preregister before Feb. 7th.

It's a Date

Singles/divorced/widowed

The North Dade Singles Club will hold their Super Bowl party and general meeting on Jan. 30th at John's. Call Paulette at 895-4734 or John Petroff at 893-1861.

St. Juliana's Separated and Divorced Support Group wishes to announce the Dominican Retreat House is sponsoring a Separated and Divorced Retreat for men and women Sat. and Sun. Feb. 5-6, in Miami. Registration is \$35.00, and the deadline is Jan. 24. For detailed information and car pool, please call Betty 655-4653.

Spiritual renewal

The Dominican Retreat House will hold their Ash Wednesday day of reflection on Feb. 16th at the Dominican Retreat House from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sr. Ruth will give the conferences and Fr. Michael Kish will celebrate the liturgy. All reservations must be prepaid by Feb. 8th. Total offering of \$8. For further information contact Sr. Elizabeth Ann at 238-2711.

The Dominican Retreat House will hold a college encounter on Feb. 11-13 at the retreat house in Kendall. It begins Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2 p.m. Offering \$40. For any further information contact Sr. Peggy at 238-2711.

Potpourri

The Marianettes of the Knights of Columbus will have a Sweetheart's Dinner-Dance on Feb. 12th at the K of C Hall, 13300 Memorial Hwy. Cocktails at 6:30. Dinner at 7:30, \$10 per person. For tickets call Nina Turi at 681-9441 or Florence Miranda at 688-2151. The dinner is prime rib and dancing will be from 8:30 p.m. till midnight.

St. Andrew Catholic Church in Coral Springs will hold a Mardi Gras parade and festival on Feb. 18-20th at the church grounds, 9950 N.W. 29th St. The festival will feature Dixieland music, games and international food and will be held on Friday night from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., on Saturday from noon till 10 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. The parade will begin at City Hall at 11 a.m. on Saturday and will include costume characters, the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers players, a marching band and more.

The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will hold a luncheon and card party at Madonna Hall, 430 North M Street in Lake Worth on Jan. 29 at 12:30 p.m. Donations \$4. Please bring cards.

The Queen of Peace Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Feb. 6th at St. Richard Parish Center, 7500 S.W. 152nd St., Miami, Fla. Formation class will be held at 1 p.m. Benediction at 2 p.m. All professed members of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi and all those aspiring to membership are invited.

St. Richard Parish will hold a valentine card party luncheon on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. Hosted by the St. Richard Women's Club, the card party will feature a salad bar luncheon. Tickets are \$7.50 a person. Table reservations can be made by calling the parish office at 233-8711. St. Richard is located at 7500 S.W. 152 St., in Miami.

The Women's Guild of St. John the Baptist Church in Ft. Lauderdale invites you to enjoy a Fashion Show Luncheon "Valentine Nostalgia" on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Bahia Mar Hotel, 801 Sea Breeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale. Cocktails at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$14 per person. There will be many exciting prizes. For reservations call: 565-5354, or 491-6838. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Feb. 10. The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. John Parish will be holding their second International Night on Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Entertainment provided by the Tam Trio and Toni who will sing songs from around the world. Admission is covered dish from your nation of origin. Also encouraged is the wearing of your country's costume. Call for information 696-2802, 888-6656 or 888-7259.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Vincent's de Paul's Church at 2000 N.W. 103 St., will hold a game party at the church on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. Prizes and refreshments.

Father Solanus Guild meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 1701 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please come, bring friends, and enjoy the luscious refreshments with us. Rosary starts at 2:00 p.m.

Bazaars

Barry University will hold its annual flea market on Feb. 12th from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. The day event will take place across the street from the university at 11415 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami Shores. Marketable goods may be taken to this site on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sale will include furniture, furs, and antiques.

Sister Monica Kiely

Sr. Mary Monica Kiely, S.S.J., 94, died Jan. 17th at the St. Joseph Convent in St. Augustine, Fla.

Sr. Monica, who was in her 71st year as a sister of St. Joseph, taught at Gesu for a total of 18 years beginning in 1919 when it was still St. Catherine Academy.

She was also among the first to teach at St. Theresa's in Coral Gables. Other schools she taught at included Sts. Peter and Paul, Notre Dame Academy and Immaculata-Lasalle.

Sr. Monica was buried in San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine.

A funeral mass was held at the convent on Jan. 19th.

Sr. Monica who was born in County Cork, Ireland, is survived by a sister, Sr. Mary Mercy from England and nieces, nephews and cousins in England, Ireland, Ft. Lauderdale and New Jersey.

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The Spirit of ancient...

By Father Alfred McBride, O.Praem.

NC News Service

The first Christians are best remembered for their charity and their courage.

A second-century church father, Tertullian, wrote: "See how these Christians love one another." He referred not only to the affection and forgiveness among Christians, but also to their monetary generosity to those in need.

Tertullian writes about how Christians voluntarily financed their charities. "Every man once a month brings some modest coin . . . No one is compelled to contribute."

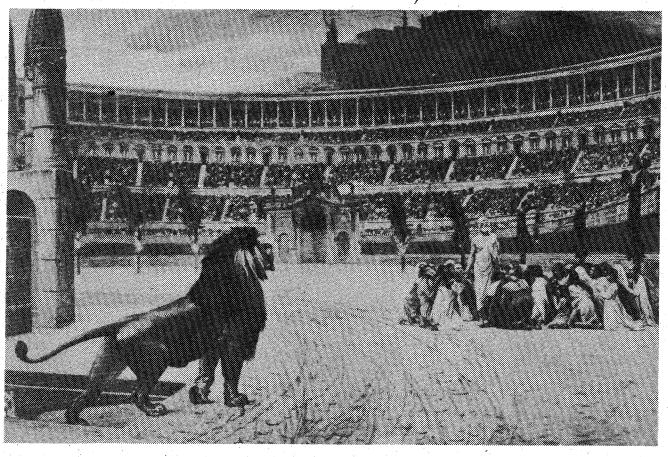
THE FUNDS were spent "not on banquets and parties, but to feed the poor and bury them, for boys and girls who lack property and parents, for slaves in their old age, for shipwrecked sailors. The money also goes to people in the mines, on penal islands or in prison. Christians finance their charitable beliefs."

Within a century after the first Easter the Christians began to build a miniature welfare state within the Roman Empire that for the most part lacked social services.

In the fourth century, the Emperor Julian — no lover of Christians, or "Galileans" as he called them — sought to revive paganism. He felt he could tempt people back to paganism by imitating the charitable work of Christians.

In a letter to his imperial clergy, Julian writes: "Why do we not learn the lesson that it is in their benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead and the apparent holiness of their lives that they have done the most to advance Christianity. It is disgraceful that the impious Galileans support not only their own poor but ours as well. Everyone can see the people are getting no help from us."

Julian told the leading citizens of Antioch: "Each one of you allows his wife to take food and clothing from your homes to give to the Galilean charity drives. Your wives feed the poor at your expense and the Galileans get the credit."



Early Christian martyrs await death in the Roman arena. They were noted not only for their courage in the face of great persecution but for their charity as well. The Christians gave generously to help the poor and oppressed. As recorded in the Epistle to Diognetus, "They love all and are persecuted by all." (NC photo)

WOMEN PLAYED a large part in the Christian charitable trusts. Christianity offered solid advantages to women. It treated them as equals in the eyes of God.

Christianity taught that husbands should treat their wives with as much consideration as Christ showed to his bride, the church.

Wife beating and virtual slave status for most other wives made the Christian view much more appealing. Women had hope for dignity in joining the Christian community and having their husbands converted to this new view of

Further, Christianity gave women the protection of Christ's definite teaching on the sanctity of marriage.

Women converts began the Chris-

tian penetration of the upper classes. They brought up their children as Christians. Frequently they converted their husbands.

Christian spirituality began to impress not only the poor and dispossessed but men and women of good will in the ruling classes. The anonymously written Epistle to Diognetus, from the early second century, put it this way:

"They have a common table, yet not common. They exist in the flesh, but not for the flesh. They spend their existence on earth but their citizenship is in heaven.

"They obey the established laws and in their own lives they try to surpass the laws. They love all and are persecuted by all. They are poor but many are rich. "They are abused and they bless. They are humiliated and their humiliation becomes their glory. They are insulted and they repay insult with honor and reverence for the insulter."

Which brings us to the other great trait of ancient Christians — their courage. They believed enough in Christianity to die for their faith in Christ. Theirs was the legendary age of the martyrs.

THE ROMAN authorities tried to stop the growth of Christians by destroying the church over a 62 year period, ending in 312.

In 303, the Emperor Diocletian ordered every Christian church to be burned and all sacred books obliterated. He forbade Christians the



Passion of a prophet

By Father John Castelot NC News Service

Amos and Hosea were prophets who brought God's message to the northern part of Israel. but they paid scant attention to Judah, the region of the south.

Now it was Judah's turn to hear the alternately searing and soothing words of an inspired spokesman of God — Isaiah.

In many ways, the prophet Isaiah was the opposite of Amos:

- Amos was of humble birth and station. Isaiah was a nobleman.
- Amos' companions were the sheep he tended and the tradesmen whose camel trains passed along the roads bordering his fields. Isaiah moved easily in court circles, a gentleman to the core.
- Amos' speech, while strong and beautiful, betrayed his rustic background. Isaiah spoke the cultured language of the polished urban person,

... Christians

right of assembly and eventually arrested all Christians of importance.

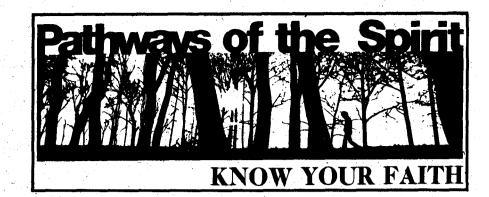
Their eyes were gouged out, their tongues cut off, their feet sawed off. Christians were burned at the stake or in a hot iron chair. They were thrown to the beasts for public amusement or left to die in dungeons.

This was the worst agony of the

Christian church in its first phase of history.

Instead of extermination, however, rebirth occurred. The Emperor Constantine won a victory at the Milvian Bridge and believed it was due to the Christian God.

Constantine then made Christianity the state religion and on his death bed was received into the church.



Two popular early saints

By Robert Wilkin NC News Service

Among the most beloved saints in the early church were two young women named Perpetua and Felicity. They lived in a city in North Africa, present day Tunisia.

It was about 200 A.D. The two women only recently had become

Their story is simple but filled with human touches.

Often we seem to put saints in a class by themselves, quite apart from us. That is especially true when we think of the first Christians.

The first Christians seem so distant, so much more heroic than we are, so much closer to Christ.

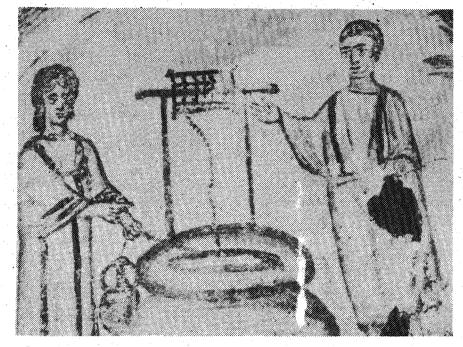
BUT THE people who became saints were not unusual people — at least not at first. They were seldom famous, most were not learned and few were wealthy.

The saints were, and are, people who lived quiet lives serving God and neighbor until one day something unusual happened. Then they bore witness to their faith in Christ in a dramatic way.

In the case of Perpetua and Felicity, an ancient account of their arrest and martrydom, possibly written in the early third century, tells us that Perpetua was married. Her father and mother were still alive. She had two brothers and a son.

Felicity too was married. And she was pregnant.

The Roman authorities asked Perpetua to demonstrate her allegiance to their gods by making an incense



Forced to meet secretly in underground catacombs, early Christians often left crude paintings on walls to represent Biblical stories. This painting represents Christ meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. (NC photo)

offering. When she refused against the strong protests of her father, she was imprisoned. Her comment was, "I can call myself nothing else than what I am, a Christian."

Perpetua was baptized in prison. She began to prepare for what lay ahead: suffering at the hands of an executioner.

While in prison her thoughts were on two things: How she was going to nurse her infant son and whether she would be strong enough to show the passion of Christ in her own suffering.

Each day two deacons of the church brought Perpetua's son to her so the baby could nurse. Then her father intervened and wouldn't let them take her child to her

let them take her child to her THE ANCIENT account reports
Perpetua saying, "God so arranged things that the child no longer desired the breast nor did my breast cause me uneasiness, lest I should be tormented by care for my baby and by the pain of my breasts at once."

Felicity was taken prisoner when she was eight months pregnant. Like Perpetua, her thoughts too were on her child. During her labor a jailer made fun of her, saying, "You who are in such suffering now, what will you do when you are thrown to the beast?

Felicity replied: "Now it is I who suffer what I suffer. But then there will be another in me who will suffer for me because I am also about to suffer for him."

Felicity gave birth to a daughter in prison and turned the child over to be raised by a sister in the church at Carthage.

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When Felicity and Perpetua were brought into the arena to die, the crowd "shuddered" at seeing one young woman of delicate frame and another, as the ancient report put it, with breasts still drooping from her recent childbirth.

As Perpetua was dying she said: "Stand fast in the faith; love one another, all of you, and do not be offended at my sufferings."

These two humble young women are splendid witnesses to the power of Christ in their lives. They were not learned in the faith and they were insignificant in the eyes of the world.

They certainly did not know how to suffer at the outset but learned how in pursuit of their faith.

A wise person once commented that some people learn to live a holy life by listening to their own conscience while others need the help of laws and instruction.

Then there are others — and I think he means all of us — who learn to be holy from the example of those who have lived holy lives.

rich and smooth and balanced. Indeed, the Hebrew language as it is used in the Book of Isaiah is unsurpassed by anything else in the Old Testament.

It was about 739 B.C., when Isaiah had a vision in the temple at Jerusalem. In this vision God burned into Isaiah's soul an indelible impression of his divine ineffable holiness.

IN ISAIAH'S VISION, angelic choirs surrounded the throne of the Most High singing, "holy, holy, holy!"

To appreciate the full force of their song, one must understand what holiness meant to Isaiah. For him, as for all the Biblical writers, holiness had two dimensions.

On the one hand, holiness meant absolute separation from everything material and, of course, from everything sinful. God is the wholly other.

That is the sense in which the Bible speaks of

the holy oil of anointing or of holy incense: Those things were removed from everyday use and set aside for use in worship.

On the other hand, holiness meant being whole or complete; it meant everything that we understand by the term "perfection."

The angels in Isaiah's vision proclaim the Lord, Yahweh, three times holy. That indicates God is even more than very holy.

His holiness is unique.

• God's holiness amounts, on the one hand, to supreme absolute perfection, a perfection that can't even be expressed in human language.

• On the other hand, God's holiness implies his separation from all that is not divine.

To feel the full impact of Isaiah's vision, one should read about it in full. It can be found in Chapter 6 of the book which bears his name.

ISAIAH'S VISION made the deepest possible impression on him. His appreciation of God's

holiness colors all his preaching.

Any sin, any infidelity to Yahweh, would have made Isaiah wince. And now, in light of his vision of God's unutterable holiness, he found the sins of his people almost unbearable.

Indeed, at the time of the vision Isaiah experienced an almost crushing awareness of his own unworthiness. To reassure Isaiah, God bid an angel to take a red hot coal from the altar of incense and press it to the prophet's lips. The coal was a symbol of Isaiah's purification.

Heartened and made bolder by that gesture, Isaiah volunteered to act as Yahweh's spokesman and to champion God's holiness in a sinful world.

Isaiah pressed his varied talents — and they were all needed — into the service of the Lord.

So, among the prophets there was Amos the rustic. And there was Isaiah the aristocrat.

"The wind blows where it will!"

Modern miracle

Catholic sisters care for Arab mothers, children in strife-torn Holy Land

By Joseph Ryan
BETHLEHEM (NC) — Where do papal diplomats find relief when the religious and political complexities of the Holy Land become frustrating?

Archbishop William Carew, apostolic delegate in Jerusalem, remembers the advice of his predecessor, Archbishop Pio Laghi, now apostolic delegate in the United States. As Archbishop Laghi said, Go to Epheta."

Eight years later, in the middle of a briefing on the church's work in the Holy Land, Archbishop Carew drops his frown, relaxes and smiles when he mentions Epheta, a school for deaf Arab children in Bethlehem.

'THE SPIRIT of that house among the children and the sisters is something that lifts you right out of yourself to seventh heaven," he says.

Epheta, named after the word Jesus used in curing a deaf man, may be viewed as a sort of modern miracle performed by the church for deaf

It was one of the gifts presented by

Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land after his 1964 visit. Others included Tantur, an ecumenical studies center located just outside Jerusalem, and the House of Abraham, a free hostel for poor pilgrims to the Holy Land.

For the Epheta project, Italian sisters traveled to Israel to learn Arabic so they could teach Arab children to read lips and speak to their families.

The need for such a school exists because many Arab families in the area intermarry in order to keep their ancestral land in the family. Children from such marriages often are deaf. Many of Epheta's students are brothers and sisters because of the prevalence of intermarriage.

EPHETA is a modern facility with up-to-date equipment for the 85 children who live there and for others assisted on an out-patient basis. The sisters seek to "mainstream" children - return them to their families and regular schools — as quickly as possible before they become too accustomed to a school



In Bethlehem, a sister works with a deaf child at Epheta, named for the word Jesus spoke when he cured a deaf mute. The school was a gift from Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land following his 1964 visit there. (NC photo)

more comfortable than their own.

The Pontifical Mission for Palestine serves as the pope's special project for the Holy Land and receives much of its funding from collections among American Catholics for the maintenance of shrines and from donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Efforts of the Pontifical Mission include a clinic for children in Amman, Jordan, staffed by Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Maternity. The sisters, from England and Scotland, see more than 100 mothers and children a day on an out-patient

Mothers come from the surrounding community and from a refugee camp about five miles away. One afternoon when Catholic journalists visited the mission a steady line of women and children approached the clinic from all directions. The sisters are busy at the clinic from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and then visit the homes of other patients for follow-up

One of the clinic nuns, identified as Sister Ellen, says that her order achieved immediate acceptance with the Moslem families of the area because their habits identified them as religious women. She says Jordanian families also believe medical help from foreigners is effective.

Archbishop Lufti Laham, vicar for the Melkite Catholic patriarch in Jerusalem, thinks that outside aid for the Eastern rite churches is crucial to maintaining the presence of Christians in the Holy Land. He credits help given by the Pontifical Mission for Palestine for a housing project in Jerusalem for Melkite Catholics as "not purely material help" but a morale-builder as well.

Ryan, news editor of the Catholic Standard and Times, Philadelphia archdiocesan newspaper, recently spent two weeks on a tour of the Middle East sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor and the Catholic Near East Welfare



In Amman, Jordan, Arab women and their children sit patiently in a waiting room at a health clinic run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Maternity. (NC photo)

A change in the neighborhood

NC News Service

Ever since Betty lost 20 pounds and bought a pair of designer jeans, things in the neighborhood have gotten ugly.

We used to be able to sit around and make jokes about going in together on a pair of jeans with "Peabody Tent and Awning" stitched across a rear

WE USED to be able to support each other on group diets, like a green lunch salad followed by low-cal chocolate ice cream and doughnut holes. We used to crack jokes about size 5s, give out "Thigh of the Month" awards and share hints on how to cheat on the bathroom scale.

But not since Betty has done her Jane Fonda act.

"Know what I saw Betty do yesterday?" Suzanne asked this morning at Caffeine Club.

"Pick up the newspaper without bending at the knees?" offered Alice.

"Close," answered Suzanne. "I saw her looking through the two-piece bathing suits at Sears.

We all gasped. "And to think she used to say that if God had intended her to look good in a bathing suit, the nuns would never had instilled in her the compulsion to finish her kids' plates to save starving babies

"MAYBE WE should just all admit we're jealous and ask her how she did it," Suzanne sighed humbly.
"Wouldn't it be easier to ask her to move?" replied Alice.

I thought I was handling it all pretty well until my husband came through the door last night and said, "Say, Betty sure looks different these days." "What do you mean by that crack?" I snapped.
"Has she been sick or something?" he asked. "She looks awfully

skinny.

There's going to be a place in heaven for that man.