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Archbishop's statement, Pg 3

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy said this week that the Florida Bishops are far more concerned for the victims of crime such as murder, than they are for the criminal, but that once a murder is committed the victim cannot be saved by speaking out. He said he felt that killing even a heinous criminal was not the "Christ-like" way to handle crime.

The Archbishop was reacting to criticism of the bishops' urging of Gov. Bob Graham to grant a stay of execution of convicted murderer Robert Sullivan.

Archbishop McCarthy pointed out that he has spent "much of my time" in the past two years working to prevent crime and reduce victims through the Miami Citizens Against Crime.

He said he had no knowledge as to what prompted the pope's interest in this case. He said he received a call from another Florida bishop saying that the Pope had indicated he would like his appeal against capital punishment relayed to the Governor only after every other legal means had been exhausted.

Archbishop McCarthy pointed out that much of the apparent exaggerated concern for Sullivan, as compared to the victim, was due to the fact that the media besieged the bishops with calls asking for their reactions to developments in the case.



Holy Greeting

Pope John Paul II, framed in shimmering window light in the Vatican, greets South Florida's bishops, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, during

this year's Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land by hundreds of South Florida priests and lay Catholics. Full report on Pages 11-14.

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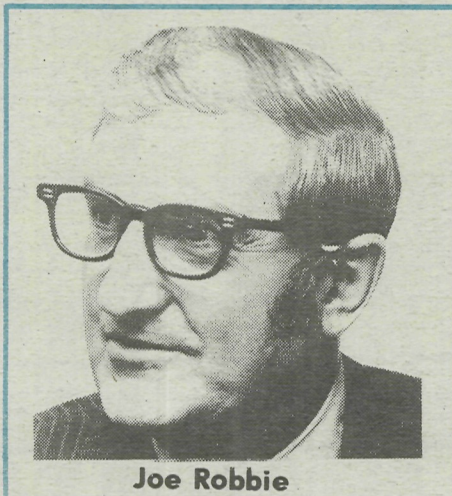
BESTOWS HIGH AWARDS

Pope honors South Floridians

Two judges, a Hispanic newspaper publisher, the owner of the Miami Dolphins and the founder of an organization dedicated to feeding the poor are among 18 Catholic laymen from the Archdiocese of Miami honored as Knights of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy announced this week.

In addition, two men and 16 women, including a "Stop-ERA" and right-to-life activist, the founder of a league which prays for vocations, a clinical psychologist who developed the Archdiocese's lay ministry program and a veteran Catholic journalist, will receive the papal "Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice" Medal, awarded in recognition of service to the Church and papacy.

Another 61 Catholic lay men and



Joe Robbie

women will receive the Archdiocese of Miami's "Premum Regnum Dei" Medal, in recognition of "meritorious service" to South Florida's Church.

Archbishop McCarthy will recognize



Marie Palmer

the recipients of all the awards during tonight's 25th anniversary celebration in the Orange Bowl.

Following are brief explanations of the awards and the names of the

recipients:

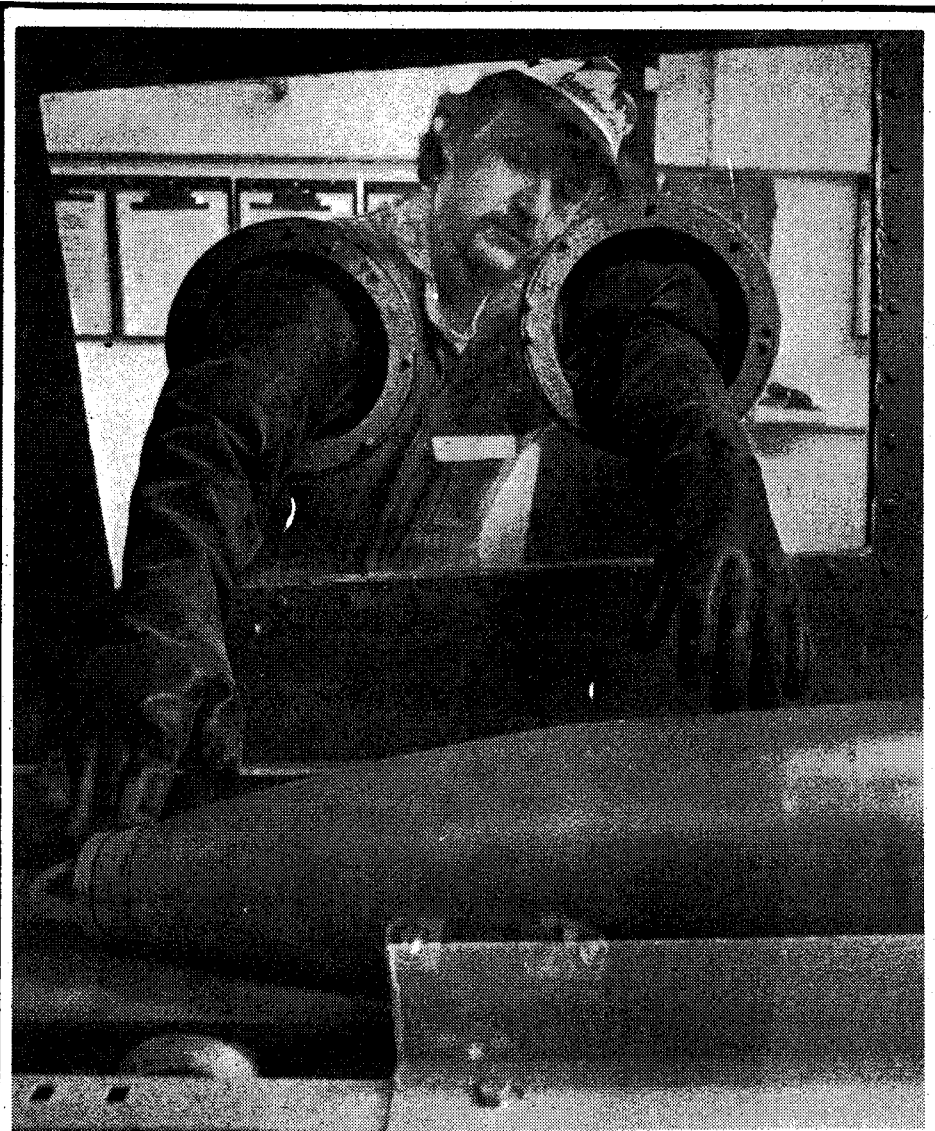
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This pontifical order of knighthood is conferred on persons who are distinguished for personal character and reputation, and for notable accomplishments.

FRANK MACKLE

Mackle is one of the leading Catholics of South Florida, who greatly assisted the Archdiocese of Miami in its early years. As a land developer, he has assisted in the acquisition of land and personally donated the land for St. Agnes Parish, Key Biscayne. He has been known for his generosity to the Church and

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DEADLY DISARMING—An army technician unpacks a nerve gas shell filled with an alcohol substance and prepares it for disassembly during a demonstration for journalists in Tooele, Utah. The workshop and the one the next day for United Nations representatives were staged to show that chemical weapons can be destroyed safely and the procedure can be verified. (NC photo by Tim Kelly).

Canada accused of aiding arms race

By Stan Koma

TORONTO (NC)—Increasing militarization, the arms race and the "doctrine of national security are a cancerous phenomenon which gravely threatens the entire world," said a statement adopted by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

"We have come to the conclusion that militarization is a major obstacle to the development of peoples," said the statement, approved in November. The statement was adopted by the organization's national council after three years of research.

Public opinion generally views militarization within the context of East-West confrontation and disregards the "disastrous consequences" of militarization on North-South relations, the statement said. North-South relations refer to talks between developed and underdeveloped countries.

The agency is the official Catholic overseas development organization for Canada.

The statement criticized "all actions taken by the Canadian government which support, reinforce or strengthen militarization—and hence, oppression."

Organization members "will urge

our government to assume a leadership role in stemming militarization in the Third World," the statement said.

The statement said that while half the world's population lives in poverty, lacking even safe drinking water, the world's current military expenditures annually exceed \$700 billion.

"With all the means at our disposal, we join them (the poor) in their struggle to obtain fundamental rights beginning with the right to live in peace and justice," the statement said.

As the poor of the Third World struggle for social justice, the military regimes increase their oppression in the name of defending national security, it added.

"The oppression which accompanies militarization gives new impetus to the people's desire for liberation," the statement said. "For its part, the minority, who hold and wish to maintain power and privilege, react with even more severe repression."

It added that the Canadian arms industry has a direct and powerful supporting influence on oppressive regimes in the Third World.

"Canadians might well ask if, through the various subsidies offered to weapons' producers and our government's sale of arms to assorted Third World nations, we are not unwilling accomplices to military regimes," it said.

News at a Glance

Fr. Reedy, Catholic columnist dies

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (NC)—Holy Cross Father John Reedy, 58, Catholic press columnist and publisher of Ave Maria Press for 30 years, died Dec. 2. He had been hospitalized for several weeks in South Bend, Ind., suffering from a bone marrow disease.

Father Reedy was widely known for his syndicated opinion column in Catholic newspapers. One of the most widely published columns, it was estimated to reach more than 2 million readers.

In 1967, he received the CPA St. Francis de Sales award, given to cite an outstanding contribution to Catholic journalism, for his 1966 position paper on the revitalization of the Catholic press.

Nation recalls Maryknoll deaths

(UNDATED) (NC)—People across the United States gathered for memorial services on the third anniversary of the deaths in El Salvador of Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clark, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan. Many services included calls for a halt to U.S. aid to the Salvadoran government.

Jesuits vow loyalty to pope

ROME (NC)—At his first press conference as superior general of the Society of Jesus, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach reaffirmed the Jesuits' loyalty to the pope and agreed with Pope John Paul II that the order has "defects" resulting in too much secular activity. "The Society of Jesus has no meaning and loses its very reason to exist if it lacks distinctive fidelity to the holy father and a special dedication to the Lord's church in its actual apostolic embodiments," he said Nov. 25 at a press conference at Jesuit headquarters in Rome.

Kidnapped baby safe at home

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The safe return of an 18-month-old Italian baby girl 40 days after she had been kidnapped from her parent's home is "the victory of prayer," said L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper. "This news is not only good news, happy news, it is also a victory of prayer and hope, a victory of life that touches deep within and testifies that God's loves does not abandon us," said the newspaper. Pope John Paul II had prayed publicly for the safe return of the girl, Elena Citti Luisi.

Pope calls laity 'priority'

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Pope John Paul II has called the religious formation of the laity "one of the most urgent priorities in the church." In a letter to the Pontifical Council for the Laity meeting in Hong Kong, the pope emphasized the role of the family in developing vocations and the role of the laity in evangelization.

Indonesia losing East Timor

UNITED NATIONS (NC)—Indonesia is failing in its efforts to control East Timor after the bloody invasion of 1975, according to Msgr. Martinho da Costa Lopes, former apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Dili, the only Catholic jurisdiction in East Timor. "When the Indonesians invaded, this was the start of a period of massacres, torture, capturing people, arresting any suspect in the middle of the night," he said in an interview distributed by the United Nations. Despite the violence and current presence of 20,000 Indonesian troops, "Indonesian efforts at annexation have failed completely," he said.

Auxiliary bishops named

WASHINGTON (NC)—Father James Terry Steib, provincial of the Southern Province of the Divine World Fathers, and Msgr. Edward J. O'Donnell, vicar general of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, have been named auxiliary bishops of St. Louis. Pope John Paul II made the appointments, which were announced Dec. 6 by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States. The new auxiliaries will assist Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis. There are two other auxiliary bishops in the See, Bishops Charles R. Koester and George L. Gottwald.

Vatican news decries Lebanon conflict

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The escalation of fighting in Lebanon is "a most serious blow to the cause of peace" that risks drawing the superpowers into conflict, said a front-page editorial in the Vatican newspaper Dec. 5. The newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, also praised the decision Dec. 4 by the Lebanese Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, to lift the siege of Deir el Kamar, a Lebanese town where 25,000 Christians have been trapped since September. "The bombardment by American planes, the Syrian response, the counteroffensive by U.S. Marines, and the new tragic bombing in Beirut" are a worrisome chain of events because they invite further military moves, said the editorial signed by the paper's editor, Gianfranco Svidercoschi.

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'The concern of the bishops... has been that the taking of a life, for whatever reason, runs counter to respect life.'

We do care for victims

My dearly beloved:

In an address of our Holy Father last September to a group of visiting American Bishops, His Holiness said, "The Bishop, as a living sign of Jesus Christ, must vindicate to himself the title and accept the consequences of the fact that he is, with Jesus Christ, a sign of contradiction. Despite every dutiful effort to pursue the dialogue of salvation, the Bishop must announce to the young and old, to the rich and poor, to the powerful and weak the fullness of truth, which sometimes irritates and offends, even if it always liberates."

Last week some of the Florida Bishops had an experience that helped them better understand what His Holiness was saying. We appealed that the life of a convicted murderer, Robert Sullivan, be spared.

While we had expressed ourselves in other occasions and communicated our position to Governor Graham in days earlier, actually our position only received great publicity when the Holy Father sent a message to support it.

I have no information as to what actually prompted the sending of the message. I received a call from Bishop Snyder, Bishop of St. Augustine, the diocese where the prison is located, saying he had received a message from the office of the Apostolic Delegate (representative of the Holy See) in Washington saying that the Holy Father authorized Bishop Snyder or me to communicate to the Governor his appeal that, for humanitarian reasons, the execution of Robert Sullivan be stayed. We were told that the message should be transmitted only if every other effort to save the man's life had been exhausted.

On Monday afternoon, when I learned that the appeal had been rejected by the Court in Atlanta, I realized that the execution was scheduled for 7:00 a.m. the following morning. I decided it was time to attempt to reach the Governor. I was told that the Governor actually was planning to call me and, later in the afternoon, I did receive a call. I told the Governor I realized what grave pressure he was under and that I was praying for him.

He said he called to indicate to me that, after the intervention of the Florida Bishops, he had had a staff member make further investigations and, upon receiving the report, felt he was not justified in changing his position. I then communicated to the Governor the message that I was

authorized to give him from the Holy Father. He listened respectfully and asked me to communicate to the Holy Father his gratitude for his interest, but he indicated he could not change his position.

The media was greatly interested in the Holy Father's intervention and I spent much of the following two days meeting with local and national newspaper and television reporters and answering long distance phone calls from the press.

The following day, after Sullivan was executed, I was equally deluged with requests for interviews. I did

Another serious concern over capital punishment is the unequal way in which it seems to be administered—it seems that, according to studies made by the Bishops, the rich man is less likely to be punished than the poor; the white man is less likely to be punished than the black man.

I have concern as well that one who is guilty of a capital offense and, therefore, a grievous sin, should not be catapulted into eternity without an opportunity to reform and make amends in this life.

Actually, Bishop Gracida and

reveal any confidences of the confessional.

There were a number of angry and emotional calls that reached the Pastoral Center and the Cathedral, protesting the involvement of the Holy Father and of the Bishops in the case. They were understandably based on sympathy for the victim and anger over the rising crime rate in our state. They asked why we did not plead as vigorously for the victims.

Of course, as best we can we reply that, with them, we fully loathe murder as a heinous crime and we profoundly sympathize with the victims and their families. We would be far more outspoken pleading for the lives of innocent victims if that were possible, but murders are fait accompli. Much of my time in the past two years has been occupied in participating in the activities of the Miami Citizens Against Crime. I also joined a party from Miami going to Puerto Rico for the funeral of an officer who was murdered in the line of duty.

Another reason why the voice of the Holy Father and the Bishops is heard so loudly at a time such as the execution of a criminal is that it is then that the media asks for and publicizes reactions. The media is less inclined to report protests over murder or the suffering of the innocent victim's family.

What troubles me, and I am sure troubles the Holy Father and the other Bishops, is the question: How Christ-like, how faithful to the Gospels, is the compounding and the violating of the sacredness of the human life by murdering the murderer? Surely we cannot be soft on crime. Punishment for serious crimes must be severe, but it must fall short of taking another human life. In the hysteria that results from reaction to heinous crime and from the prevailing high crime rate the blood lust is understandable, but is it Christian?

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

'We fully loathe murder as a heinous crime and we profoundly sympathize with the victims and their families.'

react strongly to the execution. It disturbs me that our state should get a world-wide reputation for its leadership in taking human lives. There have been only nine executions in the United States in the past few years and two of those have been in Florida, and we have a long list of condemned men on Death Row. A state such as Michigan has not had an execution in one hundred years.

The concern of the Bishops and of other religious leaders as well has been that the taking of a life, for whatever reason, runs counter to respect for life. For the state to engage in this business sets a very bad example. We see objecting to capital punishment as being consistent with objecting to euthanasia or to abortion. It is generally agreed that it has not been proven that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime.

Bishop Snyder had visited Mr. Sullivan and corresponded with him. They were convinced that he was a faith-filled man who had become quite spiritual through the experience. They were convinced of his innocence. He was permitted to attend Mass the morning of his execution. It was only the second time he was permitted to attend Mass during the ten years of his imprisonment. At that Mass, he prayed specifically for the Holy Father, for Bishop Snyder and for myself, and he remarked how wonderful the Church is that the Pope and the Bishops would be concerned over a man who had become part of the dregs of society.

We Bishops were concerned over a rumor circulating that a priest had revealed someone in confession had admitted he was a witness who could exonerate Sullivan. This, of course, was not and could not be true since no priest is permitted to

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Transmit values, Vatican urges...

In documents on family, sex education

By NC News Service

Two recent Vatican documents focused attention on the unique qualifications and rights of the family to transmit Christian values, especially those concerning sexuality, to its members.

The Vatican documents are the "Charter on the Rights of the Family," released Nov. 24, and "Educational Guidance in Human Love—Outlines for Sex Education," issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education Dec. 1.

Both documents state explicitly that parents have the right to oversee the sex education of their children.

THE CHARTER said that "parents have the right to ensure that their children are not compelled to attend classes which are not in agreement with their own moral and religious convictions. In particular, sex education is a basic right of the parents and must always be carried out under their close supervision, whether at home or in educational centers chosen or controlled by them."

The sex education guidelines said sex education belongs, in the first place, to parents because moral values seen in the family are transmitted to the children more easily. The guidelines said the schools' role should be to assist the parents and called individual instruction the preferred method of teaching sex education.

The charter repudiated governmental interference in the rights of persons to marry freely, to have children and to educate them according to their moral and religious beliefs.

THE GUIDELINES on sex education said that although the family is the preferential place for the education of young people in chastity "the difficulties which sex education often encounters within the bosom of the family solicit a major commitment on the part of the Christian community and, in particular, of priests to collaborate in the education of the baptized. In this field, the Catholic school, the parish and other ecclesial institutions are called to collaborate

with the family."

Catechesis must "illustrate the positive values of sexuality, integrating them with those of virginity and marriage in the light of the mystery of Christ and of the church," the guidelines said. This catechesis should

expression on the physical level of the communion of love of the married." Divorced from this context "it loses its significance, exposes the selfishness of the individual and is a moral disorder."

SEXUALITY is achieved in the full

itself in unselfish love and in the total gift of self," according to the sex education guidelines.

The guidelines said it is the responsibility of the state to safeguard its citizens against the abuse of minors, sexual violence, permissiveness and pornography. Civil authority should regulate the media to protect public morality, the guidelines said.

U.S. Cardinal William Baum, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education, who produced the document, called the guidelines positive and encouraging and said "the church has confidence in families and educators who can and must transmit the values of love."

He said the document stresses "the value of love illuminated by Christ" and "the value of every feeling and act connected to it."

A source familiar with the document called it an answer to parents, teachers and other educators who "sought help in responding to the sexual revolution of the 1960s."

"**THE DOCUMENT** is very strong on who does the teaching," he said, "because it is not just a matter of handing over information. The educator also transmits attitudes and values and so must be someone who exemplifies values."

Father Thomas Lynch, U.S. Catholic Conference representative for family life, said the Vatican's sex education guideline and those issued by the USCC both stress the primacy of the parent's role in teaching children about sex and the importance of individual instruction.

The USCC guidelines, issued in 1981, are designed for professional educators but emphasize the importance of parent participation in the development and implementation of sex education programs.

Sex ed guides in brief

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Here is a brief summary of the major points of "Educational Guidance in Human Love—Outlines for Sex Education," issued by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education Dec. 1.

A fundamental objective of sex education is an adequate knowledge of the nature and importance of sexuality and of "the harmonious and integral development of the person towards psychological maturity, with full spiritual maturity in view to which all believers are called."

FAMILIES have the primary role in educating young people about sex. The family is the preferred place to educate young people in chastity "because moral values seen in the family are transmitted to the children more easily."

Parents, educators and the Christian community should be united in educating young people so that their sexuality "grows harmoniously" and is manifested "in unselfish love and in the total gift of self."

The role of the school should be that of assisting and completing the work of the parents.

TEACHERS are urged not to separate knowledge from corresponding values. Catechesis must illustrate the positive values of sexuality, integrating them with those of virginity and marriage.

Individual education is preferred and it should not be entrusted "indiscriminately to just any member of the school community."

Group education, especially groups of both boys and girls, requires special precautions and teachers should allow time for individual consultation. Bishops should establish guidelines for sex education in groups, especially for mixed groups.

PROBLEMS such as premarital relations, masturbation, homosexuality and drug abuse call for the preventive action of love and care from the Christian community.

It is the responsibility of the state to safeguard its citizens against the abuse of minors, sexual violence, permissiveness and pornography. Civil authority should regulate the media to protect public morality.

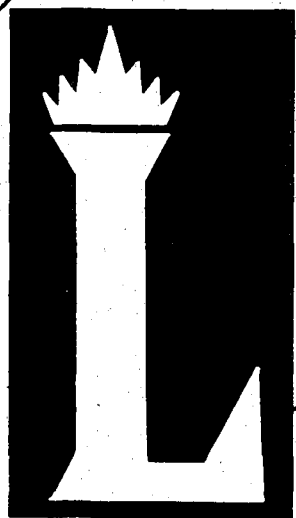
Parents and members of the media must not hide behind a pretext of neutrality in monitoring what young people read, hear and see.

The sex education guidelines should be adapted to the needs of each local church.

show that the first vocation of the Christian is to love and that the vocation of love is realized in marriage or in the life of celibacy.

Said the guidelines, "Sexual intercourse, ordained toward procreation, is the maximum

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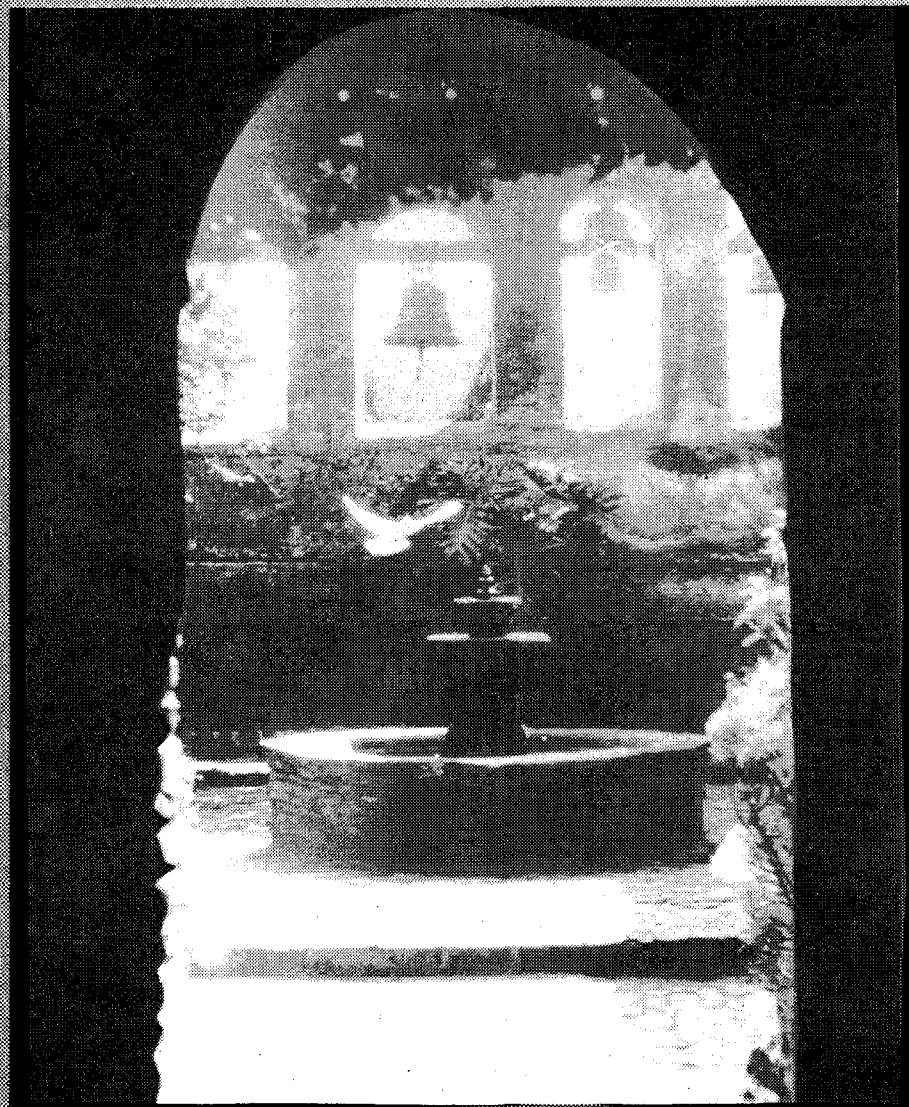
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Church-related causes and has actively supported vocation development.

JOSEPH ROBBIE

Robbie, owner of the Miami Dolphins professional football team, is a distinguished community leader with a high Catholic visibility. He has been most generous with his financial resources and has personally been identified with and involved in many charitable programs. He has been an active supporter of Catholic higher education and has actively worked in the promotion of vocations.

JOSEPH FOGARTY

Fogarty has been a major contributor to the Archdiocese of Miami. In addition, through his own business and associates, he has provided temporary employment to several priests on leave of absence and has assisted them in returning to full-time active ministry.

EUGENIO ABELLO

Abello is an outstanding Catholic, who has served to bridge the cultural differences in the Archdiocese of

Miami. In addition to generous support and involvement in his own parish, he has been active in many archdiocesan projects, most notably as a member and officer in the Serra Club.

JAMES KINDELAN

Kindelan has been most active in his parish since its inception in 1948. On a volunteer basis, he devised the system of accounting for the Archdiocesan schools and made the same contribution for Catholic Community Services, Inc. In addition, he is one of the moving forces of the Dade County Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DONALD MYERS

Myers is a Catholic businessman who has distinguished himself for generosity to the Church. As a building contractor, he has made serious efforts to reduce costs to the Archdiocese and parishes in the construction of Church facilities.

FRANCIS J. McDONOUGH

McDonough, in addition to his active parish involvement, has served

as General Chairman for the Archdiocesan Charities Drive, the Board of Directors of St. John's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Archdiocesan Realty Board. He also has done extensive work in the promotion of vocations.

FERDINAND MAHFOOD

Mahfood has devoted himself to helping the needy in Jamaica and Haiti. He has organized massive donations of medicines, food, and clothing, which are regularly shipped to the dioceses of these countries.

DAN MCCARTHY

McCarthy has distinguished himself over the years for his devotion to the spiritual and physical well-being of the migratory farmworkers. In addition to financial support of the apostolate, he has actively been involved with programs of catechesis and relief.

THE HONORABLE PETER FAY

Judge Fay currently sits in the Eleventh Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Over the years he has been very active in a number of civic projects, which have given him a visibility that has brought honor and dignity to the Church.

JAMES WARD

Ward is the former Mayor of Plantation, Florida. He is very active in many charitable programs of the Archdiocese and has served as Chairman of the Archdiocesan Charities Drive. He also serves his

parish as a lector, usher and Eucharistic Minister and coordinates the visitation to several nursing homes and hospitals.

EARL QUATTLEBAUM

Quattlebaum is a distinguished Catholic Funeral Director. In addition to his professional associations, he has been active in supporting Catholic education. He has served as President of the Serra Club, Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and is known for his charitable works throughout South Florida.

JAMES MCCAUGHAN

McCaughan, an attorney, has served the Archdiocese of Miami in an extraordinary manner since its inception. He has distinguished himself through his generosity of spirit and finances. He has also been, over the years, a major supporter of Catholic education and has worked extensively in the promotion of vocations.

DAVID WALTERS

Walters is the former Representative of the U.S. Government to the Vatican. He has also been a generous contributor to the various projects of the Archdiocese of Miami and has worked extensively in the promotion of vocations.

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Judge Spellman, in addition to being an exemplary Catholic, has distinguished himself in his judicial



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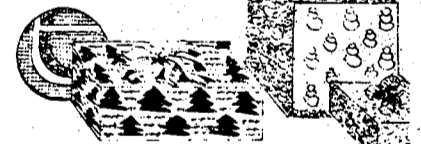
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Hartnett has devoted himself to the care of the poor for most of his adult life. He is one of the founders of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and currently is the President of the Dade County Particular Council. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Catholic Community Services, Inc.

ARMANDO ALEJANDRE

Alejandre is a Cuban-born contractor who has served the Archdiocese well through his direct involvement with the Annual Archbishop's Charities Drive. He has actively been a promoter of vocations and has directly supported many charitable programs and projects.

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Aguirre is a Nicaraguan-born publisher and founder of *Diario Las Americas* newspaper. Since the inception of the Archdiocese he has been most supportive of Catholic concerns through his newspaper. He has exemplified the best qualities of journalism in placing his newspaper at the service of truth and concerns of the Church, especially as affecting our refugee Catholics.

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FILLYAW DONOHUE

Donohue has been associated with Catholic journalism in South Florida for more than 40 years. Currently, she is Director of the Archdiocesan Bureau of Information and as such, serves as liaison to the secular communication media. Through out her years of

service, she has also distinguished herself as a Catholic professional of the highest order.

MARIE PALMER

Palmer was one of the foundresses of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women as well as of the Florida Council of Catholic Women. She has been very involved as Legislative Chairperson in monitoring issues which affect Catholic morals and practices in the State Legislature. She is also the foundress and major supporter of Birth Right, a counseling service for young women considering abortions. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors for Catholic Community Services, Inc.

RUTH MCCARTHY

McCarthy has distinguished herself over the years for her devotion to the spiritual and physical well-being of the migratory farmworkers. In addition to financial support of the apostolate, she has actively been involved with programs of catechesis and relief.

CARRIE MASTRONARDI

Mastronardi is noted for her extraordinary charity to the Catholic Church. Her generous assistance to the Annual Archbishop's Charities Drive, the Marian Center, St. Francis Hospital and her own parish are but few of her charities within the Archdiocese. She also contributes generously to many philanthropic projects locally and throughout the nation.

DELIA BERTHA GONZALEZ

Gonzalez is the foundress and inspiration of the Liga Orante Vocacional. Through her efforts, more than 2,000 people are engaged daily in prayer for an increase of vocations. In addition, Gonzalez is most active in the Cursillo Movement and the Pro-Life Movement within the Archdiocese.

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Hodapp is most active in her parish life as well as being a major contributor. She is active in her support of Catholic education, especially in the establishment of Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton. She has also consistently demonstrated her concern and involvement with the needy in her area.

JOYCE MASSO

Masso is well known for her many civic and educational involvements. She was the first woman elected President of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce. In addition to her civic accomplishments, she is an officer in the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, a Board member for Catholic Community Services, Inc., and a Board member of the Family Enrichment Center.

GEORGIA ULSETH

Ulseth over the years has distinguished herself in service within her parish community and the

Archdiocese. She has served as president of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women as well as the Florida Council of Catholic Women. She is a clear and identified Catholic presence in Palm Beach County.

DR. MERCEDES SCOPETTA

Dr. Scopetta is truly a leading Catholic presence in South Florida. As a clinical psychologist, she has served on many committees aimed at resolving cultural conflicts. As a noted member of the University of Miami, she enjoys the professional respect of her colleagues. Dr. Scopetta has taken a leave of absence from her professional position, and without cost, has developed and continues to direct the Archdiocesan Office of Lay Ministries. She has also made possible, through her generosity, a House of Prayer.

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Fogarty has distinguished herself by the quality of her Catholic faith life. She is actively involved in several charitable programs and projects and has been a most generous contributor to archdiocesan projects.

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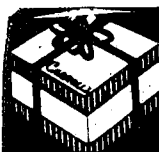
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many parts of the United States. As a recognized community leader, she brings a Catholic presence to many facets of community life. She and her husband have also been very generous contributors to Church-related projects.

SUSAN BLUM

Blum is very involved with the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Office of Lay Ministries in the Archdiocese. In addition, due to her commitment to Evangelization, she has established a magazine entitled "The Catholic Evangelist" which now has a national circulation.

MIMI REILLY

Reilly is Co-Director of the Family Enrichment Center of the Archdiocese of Miami. She and her husband have been involved nationally as well as locally. For several years, their full-time services were completely donated and only recently has there been minimal compensation. As a mother of five, she and her husband are outstanding examples of Catholic parents.

MARGARET ROBINSON

Robinson, an executive with a major airline, has distinguished herself for her care of the sick and infirm. She has also developed a stewardship program for her parish and has made substantial contributions to her parish, the Archdiocese and missionary activities in South America.

PATRICIA FAY

Fay has distinguished herself for her generous participation in charitable programs and projects within her parish and the Archdiocese of Miami. She also gives of her time to organize and host major events and celebrations in the Archdiocese. She and her husband, the Honorable Peter Fay, bring a strong Catholic presence to the judicial community of South Florida.

ALICIA MARILL

Marill is noted for her generous commitment to the poor. She is one of the founders of AMOR EN ACCION, an organization which provides relief to persons in several impoverished countries. Through her efforts, Amor en Accion has provided housing, schools, health-care facilities as well as food and medicine to countless thousands of the poor.

LLOYDINE McGUINN

McGuinn has served the Archdiocese of Miami in Catholic Community Services, Inc. for 25 years. She exercised special interest in the Cuban Children's Program and directed the emergency shelters program for unaccompanied Mariel youths. Currently she serves as Assistant to the Director for Board Affairs. As such, she is responsible for all corporate records, developing and planning workshops, liturgies and special events. Her presence within the charitable works of the Archdiocese has served as a model and source of strength and comfort for the truly needy of our community.

TERENCE REILLY

Reilly has served both the Diocese of Phoenix and the Archdiocese of Miami in exceptional fashion. He and his wife have volunteered, until most recently, their services as Family Life Directors. As parents of five children, they serve as a model for Catholic families. They have also served the Church in the United States through publishing, the establishment of Family Nights and service on national committees for the betterment of family life.

JOHN WINTERS

Winters, a victim of cerebral palsy, has distinguished himself for his care and concern for other handicapped persons. He has established and directs an organization called G.O.A.L. (Get Out And Live), which ministers to the handicapped. He is actively engaged in prison ministry, retreat work with

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By Araceli Cantero
Local News Editor, La Voz

Protestant reformer Martin Luther, were he alive today, would insist just as strongly on change in the Catholic Church, but he would not be excommunicated, said theologian Father Richard McBrien during a conference at Biscayne College on the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth.

A theologian at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, Fr. McBrien spoke to a full house about "Luther and the Church: 500 Years Later."

"I think we honor Martin Luther most not when we review or assess what he did, but when we attempt to do the kind of radical re-thinking he has encouraged us to do," Fr. McBrien said.

A participant in several of the recent, Vatican-sanctioned Lutheran-Catholic dialogues, Fr. McBrien pointed out that some of the reforms advocated by Luther 500 years ago were carried out later by the Council of Trent and the Second Vatican Council.

"I'D LIKE to think," he said, "that Martin Luther would have been pleased and perhaps even astonished before this turn in Catholic theology and ecclesiastical life."

Among the reforms advocate by Luther and later implemented by the Council of Trent, Fr. McBrien listed:

- the separation of alms-giving from financial transactions;
- the requirement that priests be educated and trained for the ministry;
- the requirement that bishops reside over only one diocese at a time and reside in that diocese;
- the acknowledgment that justification, salvation, is a result of God's grace a gift which does not depend on the number of good works performed.

Referring to the documents of the Catholic-Lutheran dialogue, Fr.



'After Vatican II, we've begun to dialogue with Protestants, and we realize there are many areas where we agree, many of our problems are also their problems...'

—Fr. Richard McBrien

McBrien also listed areas in which the Second Vatican Council agreed with Luther's ideas;

- the importance of sacred Scripture in the life and spirituality of the Church;
- the definition of Church as the people of God, not only the hierarchy;
- the affirmation that the Church, though Holy, is always in need of renewal;
- the importance for individuals within the Church to personally confess their faith in the redeeming cross of Jesus Christ;
- the defense of religious liberty;
- the use of the vernacular in the liturgy and distribution of Communion under both species.

Calling himself a Catholic theologian, not a Lutheran scholar, Fr. McBrien devoted the rest of his talk to enumerating the principles of sacramentality, mediation and communion in which "Roman Catholicism is distinguished from other traditions and churches."

"The Catholic sacramental vision sees God in and through all things, other people, communities, movements, events, places, objects," he said. "The visible, tangible, finite, the historical, all these are actual or potential carriers of the divine

presence... It is only in and through these material realities that we can encounter the invisible God.

"THE ABIDING Protestant fear is that the Catholic will take the sacramental principle to the point where we are short of, if not fully, immersed in idolatry," Fr. McBrien said. For Catholics, he added, "grace—that is the divine presence—actually enters and transforms nature from within... The dichotomy between nature and grace is eliminated...."

As a result, "for the Catholic, the struggle for human justice, peace... is an integral part of the movement toward the Kingdom," Fr. McBrien said.

"The Catholic, unlike Luther, espouses no doctrine of the two kingdoms, one temporal, one spiritual.... (For Catholics) the world is not radically evil... though it is sinful though fallen, it is redeemable..."

"THE WORLD," Fr. McBrien continued, "has been radically altered by what was done by Jesus Christ (and) though fractioned and fragmented is

capable of ultimate unity because of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit."

Answering questions from the audience, Fr. McBrien shared his vision of the unity of Christian churches, a unity characterized by pluralism of rites—Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic—under the leadership of the Catholic Church.

Much remains to be resolved before unity with other churches becomes a reality, he said, but great advances have been made in recent times, including the unprecedented step taken by Pope John Paul II in preaching in a Lutheran church in Rome Dec. 11.

"Before Vatican II," Fr. McBrien said, "we thought we knew what our Protestant brothers and sisters were thinking, but our leaders were the ones telling us what the Protestants thought."

"AFTER VATICAN II, we've begun to dialogue with Protestants, and we realize there are many areas where we agree, many of our problems are also their problems, and we even share a common vision in some areas," he added.

It is important, therefore, not to let ourselves be taken in by theological stereotypes, the priest said, but to view everything in terms of its fidelity to the Gospel message, a crucial goal of Luther's reform.

The tribute to Luther at Biscayne was organized by the Institute for Pastoral Ministries and the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Miami.

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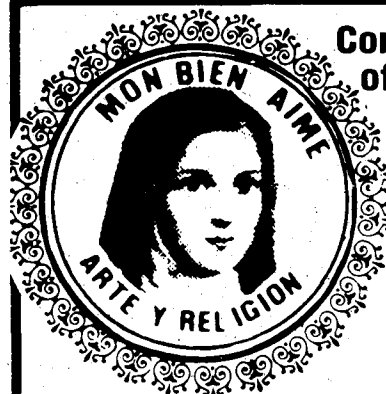
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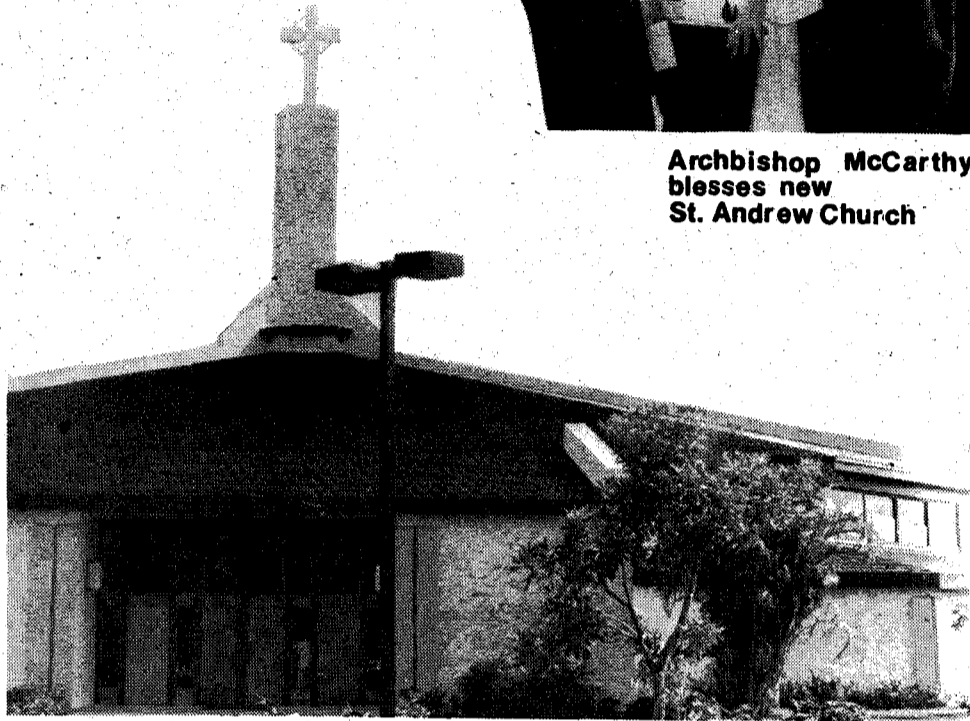
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Fr. Brendan Grogan, pastor, and more than 20 visiting priests assisted the Archbishop in the dedication. Also present were members of the Knights of Columbus, resplendent in cockades, cloaks and swords, a fitting tribute to the occasion.

THE FAN-SHAPED building, of cement block and wood, will seat about



1,100 people for Mass, a relief from the confines of the original church, which held only 500 people, forcing the parish to pitch a huge tent at times to accommodate the overflow.

St. Andrew has grown now to 3,300



Archbishop McCarthy blesses new St. Andrew Church

ed with the spaciousness of the interior. And space is what was needed, desperately.

During the dedication Mass, Archbishop McCarthy stressed the need for unity and cohesion within the parish. He referred to the spirit of teamwork so needed in parishes.

"God gave all Catholics the job of bringing the Good News to the world," the Archbishop said. "The parish is where it starts."

THE ARCHBISHOP also mentioned the need for communication among parishioners. "God was a communicator, He spent his life in constant communication with His people. We love to communicate by telephone, and we must bring this into the parish in association with each other," said the Archbishop.

The church also has a small chapel behind the main altar which will seat 300 people—more than enough room for daily Mass. On Sundays, the chapel, with its closed glass doors, can serve as a "crying room" for the budding members of the parish.

DUE TO the construction of the new church, St. Andrew now has a ready-made parish hall to better serve the many programs and events going on in the parish. The old church will lend itself to this need admirably.

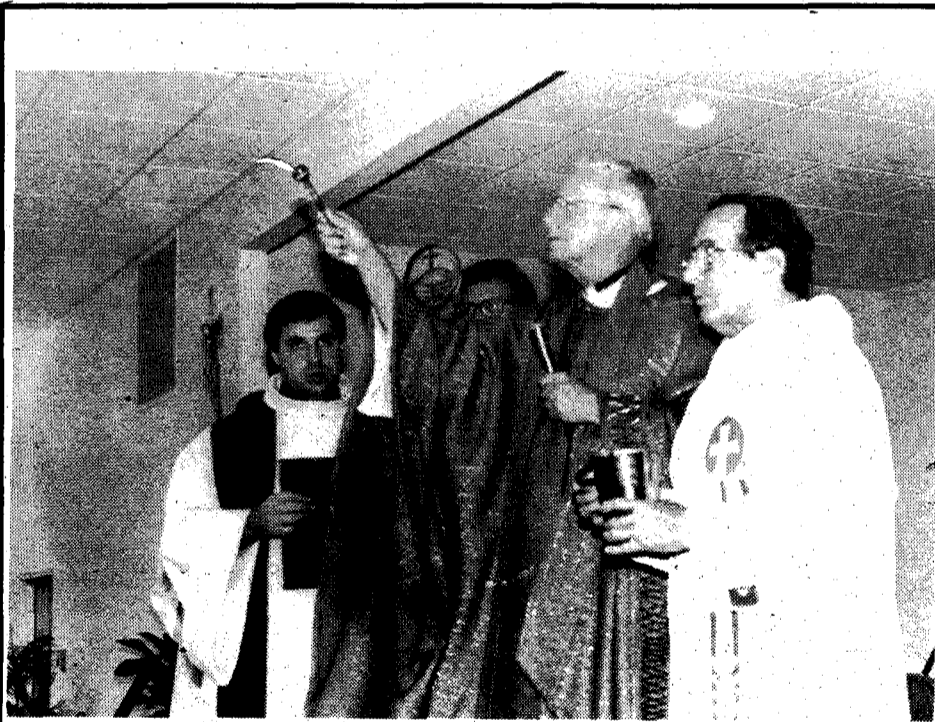
According to Dotty Brown, parish plant supervisor and formerly secretary to Fr. Grogan for more than 13 years, "the parish is growing so fast, that it has been necessary to convert the rectory into offices... The rooms the priests used to sleep in are now offices. We have had to rent a house to use as a rectory."

One of the eye-catching facets of the new church is a fine statue of the Blessed Mother, named "The Lady with a Smile." She must be smiling with pride at the accomplishments of St. Andrew's.

'Family hall' dedicated at St. Henry

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy traveled to Pompano Beach recently to dedicate St. Henry's new parish hall, built entirely by the volunteer labor of parishioners skilled in plumbing, carpentry, electricity and architecture and financed through three-year, interest-free loans from parish families.

At left, Fr. Jim Reynolds (partially obscured), pastor, and Fr. Joseph Hompes, associate pastor, along with Fr. Pablo Navarro (far right), Archbishop's secretary, during the dedication. (Voice photo by George Kemon).



Gifts for migrants

During Saint Mark School's annual Thanksgiving liturgy, the student body brought their gifts of food to the altar. These donations will be given to Hope Rural School in Indiantown to be distributed by Sister Carol Putnam to their needy migrant families.

It has become an annual tradition for the Boynton Beach school's students to remember the children and families of Hope Rural School by offering their gifts in a spirit of love and concern, in thanksgiving for all that God has given them.



Holy Year '83

Hundreds of South Floridians and priests experience the mysteries of the Holy Land and holy places in Rome.



Outdoor Mass celebrated at the Church of the Primacy near Capernaum on shore of Sea of Galilee.

(The following report was written by Father Vincent Sheehy, re-tracing the Archdiocese of Miami pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome in October. Father Sheehy retraces the spiritual significance of the places visited.)

By Fr. Vincent J. Sheehy
Archdiocese Director, Ministry of Temporalities

HOLY LAND

Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv was crowded as usual when our pilgrim group of priests led by Archbishop McCarthy arrived in the Holy Land. We were noticeably tired after a long trip that began at Miami on our Eastern Airlines flight to New York City with a connecting Alitalia flight to Rome where we had a five hour layover. The layover gave us time to offer a celebrated Mass in the Chapel at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport (Fiumicino).

At Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, we encountered no major problems with the strict security check except that Father Navarro was detained and interrogated. The Israelis thought he was an Arab.

We relaxed on the tour bus during the fifty minute drive from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem where we were anxious to get a good rest after our long journey from Miami.

Archbishop McCarthy as our Spiritual Director set the tone for our Pilgrimage by reading from the Sacred Scriptures and meditating on the mysteries of our Faith relating to each of the sacred places that we were to visit.

Our first full day in Jerusalem began with a visit to the Old City to the Antonia Fortress (Praetorium) named in honor of Mark Anthony by King Herod. This is the place where Jesus was condemned to death by Pilate who

was the Roman Procurator. Pilate was in Jerusalem at that time only in anticipation of the civil unrest that might occur during the Passover Celebration. Ordinarily Pilate remained in his Villa in Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea.

Scourging

The Chapel of the Flagellation (Whipping) commemorated the scourging of Christ by the Roman soldiers and the crowning with thorns. The chapel is under the custody of the Sisters of Sion founded by two French Jewish converts who later became priests — Theodore and Alphonse Ratisbonne. These two priest brothers purchased the property where the scourging of Christ took place and built a convent above the Lithostrotos (Stone Pavement) where Christ was mocked, beaten, and crowned with thorns.

We walked along the *Via Dolorosa* (The Sorrowful Way) on which Christ carried the Cross. The narrow streets were crowded with merchants, tourists and shoppers. We paused at the various Stations of the Cross and read the Scriptures and meditated on the mysteries of the Cross and our Redemption.

Finally we arrived at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. It is ancient and a combination of a few distinct styles of architecture resulting from the long history of this Basilica.

The site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ were a place of special devotion

and pilgrimage in the first Century. In 70 A.D. Titus, the Roman General, destroyed the City of Jerusalem fulfilling the prophecy of Christ that "not a stone would be left upon a stone."

In 135 A.D., the Emperor Hadrian rebuilt the City of Jerusalem as a Roman City and erected temples of Venus and Jupiter on the site of Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre in an effort to obliterate this holy site. For two hundred years the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Roman Empire was severely persecuted.

Liberated Church

In 313 A.D., the Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, promulgated the Edict of Milan, that liberated the Church so that public worship could be offered rather than the secret worship in the catacombs (underground burial passages). The Edict of Milan proclaimed religious freedom and initiated the age of impressive church buildings known as Constantinian Churches (4th Century).

The mother of Constantine, Empress Helena (St. Helen), went to Jerusalem and ordered the demolition of the pagan temples of Venus and Jupiter. Ironically these pagan temples identified the exact site of Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. Helena commissioned the excavations of this holy site and discovered the True Cross, the Nails and the Lance that pierced Christ's side. These sacred relics were authenticated by miraculous cures. Helena divided the True Cross in three parts and deposited them in special reliquaries to be venerated in Jerusalem, Rome and Constantinople (Istanbul). Helena commissioned the design and construction of the Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem and the

Church at the Mount of Olives (Gethsemani). But it was her son, Emperor Constantine, who ordered in 335 A.D. the design and construction of the original Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 614 A.D. this Basilica was destroyed by the Persians (Iranians) who ravaged the Holy Land slaughtering literally thousands of monks and nuns and destroying all places of Christian worship. The Iranians have been creating problems for Christians ever since. (It is this same fanaticism that kept American hostages at our Embassy in Tehran in 1980 and possibly it also caused the slaughter of our Marines in Beirut, Lebanon last month).

Spared Basilica

Providentially the Persians spared the Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem because the mosaics on the Church walls depicted the Magi (Wise Men) as Persian astrologers. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was rebuilt several times since it was destroyed again by the Moslems in 1009 A.D. The present Basilica was built by the Crusaders (12th Century) which enclosed the Tomb of Christ (Sepulchre) and Calvary under one roof with connecting corridors.

I mention this historical chronology because the various reconstructions of the Basilica affect, to some extent, the present floor plan. What exists today is a labyrinth of corridors and chapels designed to accommodate the six separate Christian groups that administer the Basilica (Latin Rite-Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Armenians, Coptics, Jacobites (Syrians), Abyssinians (Ethiopians). On Sundays all the Christian groups

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worship in their own Rites. You can imagine the cacophony of sounds when each group chants its own liturgies.

We entered the ancient Basilica. To the right is a marble staircase leading to the Mound of Calvary, where the Latin Altar depicts the Nailing to the Cross (11th Station) and the ornate Greek Orthodox Altar depicts the Crucifixion of Christ (12th Station). The site of the Crucifixion is a place of special veneration. The Faithful kneel and kiss the sacred place of the Cross. Scores of candles and votive lamps suspended from the ceiling illuminate this holy place.

Archbishop McCarthy read the passage from Sacred Scripture on the Death of Christ. We venerated the place of the Cross and then descended the second staircase. On the left is the Stone of the Anointing, a marble slab on which the sacred Body of Christ was placed to anoint and prepare for burial. We venerated the Stone of the Anointing and walked to the Tomb of Christ which is now ornately enclosed with marble in the Italianate style.

Each of us entered the Sepulchre (Chapel of the Angel) and proceeded into the inner burial chamber where the Body of Christ was placed to await the Resurrection. (Only five people can be accommodated in the Burial Chamber at one time). Each of us revered the burial slab that now serves as the most sacred of altars. Afterwards the Archbishop read the beautiful passage from Sacred Scripture on the Resurrection of Christ.

Prayed for sick

We then went to the Latin Chapel to offer a concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection. We prayed for the priests and people of our Archdiocese, the sick, the disabled and remembered especially Monsignor Jim Walsh who is under therapy for a serious disability and Father Jim Kreitner, a young priest who had terminal cancer and has since died. The Mass concluded with the *Salve Regina* (Hail Holy Queen) which became our daily Recessional Hymn.

Later we boarded the bus to drive to the site of the Ascension of Our Lord. It is a small Crusader Chapel surrounded by a wall. It is controlled by the Moslems so the place is not properly maintained. It is unfortunate that the Franciscan Fathers do not have custody of this sacred site because the Franciscans do such an outstanding job of maintaining many of the Holy places. (Your donations to the Annual Good Friday Collection for the Shrines in the Holy Land assist the Franciscans in properly maintaining these sacred shrines).

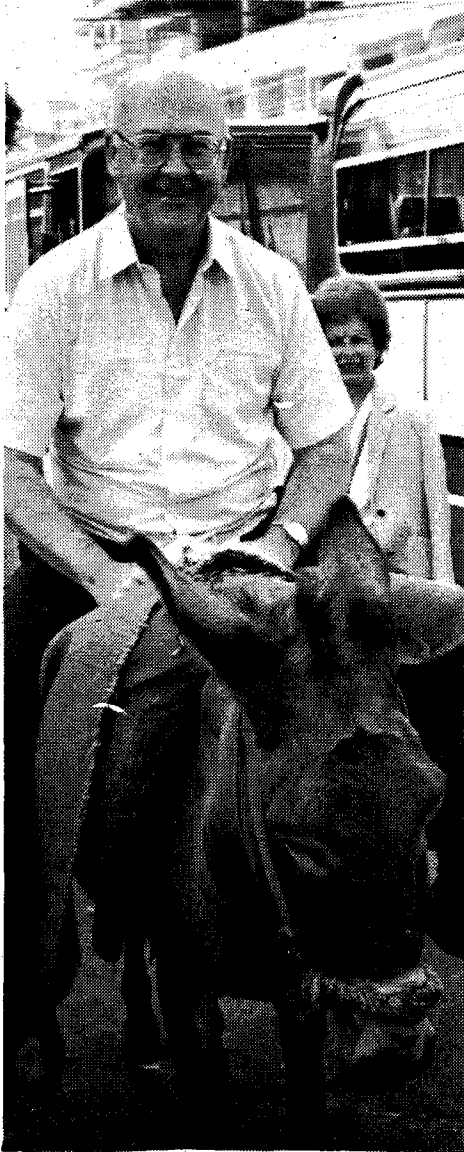
A short walk from the site of the Ascension brings us to the Church of the Pater Noster (Our Father). This special prayer which Christ taught his Apostles is inscribed in every language on ceramic tiles on the walls and cloisters of this Church. We prayed together the Lord's Prayer.

We began the descent from Mount Scopus past the *Dominus Fleuit* (The Lord Wept) Chapel where Christ wept over the City of Jerusalem foreseeing its future destruction (70 A.D.), then past the Cemetery of the Jewish War Dead also the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Mary Magdalene built by the Czar in memory of his mother, the Czarina. We arrived at the Garden of Gethsemani and the Church of All Nations (Basilica of the Agony) which was built from donations received

from throughout the Catholic World. We walked near the famous olive trees that were there at the time of Christ since these are ancient trees which have an extraordinary longevity. We prayed at the Rock within the Basilica which according to sacred tradition is the site where Christ prayed and experienced his terrible agony.

Mount-Zion

We then traveled to Mount Zion within the Old City to visit the German Benedictine Monastery and Church of the Dormition (Sleep of Mary). There are several pious traditions associated with this site — one of which is that Mary slept there en route to visit her cousin, Elizabeth at Ain Karim, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, the Great Prophet who announced the coming of the Messiah. Nearby is the site of the Last Supper. The present building is actually a Crusader Chapel (12th Century) and under the jurisdiction of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism. As such, it is not a functioning Chapel and Mass is not celebrated there. Regrettably, the very site where Christ celebrated the first Mass (Last Supper) is no longer a place of worship. It is



Bishop John Nevins tries transportation used in Jesus' day.

one of the many paradoxes in the Holy Land. Fortunately the Franciscans have built a beautiful Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament a few hundred feet away where the proper solemnity is given to the Blessed Sacrament.

We drove to the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) of the ruins of the Temple, built by King Herod which also has remains of the original Temple of Solomon. Wearing the required yamulka (cap), we touched the Wall and prayed for peace in the Near East and throughout the world. Prayers inscribed on slips of papers fill the crevices of this ancient wall.

Our visit to Bethlehem (House of Bread) began with Mass in the small Chapel of the Shepherds (Cave) which is adjacent to the Shepherd's Field

Church donated by Canadian Catholics and staffed by the Franciscans. The Cave Chapel is an authentic enclosure used by shepherds as a shelter from the cold December winds on that first Christmas Night. We offered the Mass of the Nativity and sang Christmas Carols. In the distance we saw a shepherd grazing a flock of sheep. There is very little change after two thousand years.

Bethlehem

We drove into Bethlehem to Manger Square which was crowded with tourists. Bethlehem was the busiest of the holy shrines that we visited. We entered the small entrance of the Basilica of the Nativity of Our Lord. The entrance was deliberately designed with a five foot high opening to prevent the Moslems from riding their horses into the ancient Basilica. This Basilica is a Constantinian Church, commissioned by the Empress Helena (St. Helen), Mother of Constantine (4th Century). It is the oldest existing Church because, as previously noted, it was spared the devastation of the Persians in 614 A.D. We entered the sacred crypt of the Nativity where a silver star marks the site of Christ's birth. We prayed silently amid the crowds filing through the crypt.

The Greek Orthodox Clergy have jurisdiction over the main altar but there is a small Latin Altar (Roman Catholic) at which Pope Paul VI offered Mass on his historic visit to the Holy Land (January 1964).

The Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria is adjacent to the Basilica. In the crypt of this Church is the Chapel of St. Jerome where he translated the Bible into Latin (Vulgate) which was the language of the Roman Empire. We offered a Holy Hour of Prayer in this Chapel of St. Jerome, reading the Scriptures and meditating on the Incarnation (God becoming Man).

On our return to Jerusalem, we stopped at the village of Ain Karim, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. It is like a deserted village with only a few Christian Arab families still there. The pilgrims and tourists give donations to maintain the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Basilica of the Visitation where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to prepare for the birth of St. John the Baptist.

During our travels in the Holy Land we were fortunate to have as a guide a Trappist Monk, Father Howard Curtis, OCSO, a native of Colorado Springs and now a member of the Latrun Monastery located near Tel Aviv. We also had an Israeli Guide, Michi, who kept us informed on the ancient and contemporary history of Israel. Our bus driver, Moses, wasn't able to part the Red Sea but he did admirably well in getting us through the traffic in Jerusalem.

Nazareth

Early in the morning we left for Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. En route we passed through Jericho, the oldest existing city in the world (1500 B.C.) and an oasis in the Judean Desert. It is a market town with many vegetable and fruit shops because of the abundance of underground springs of water in the locale. We passed through part of the Judean Desert where they did not have rain for months until the Archbishop arrived.

We drove near the Jordan River and north into Galilee which is a verdant and scenic area of Israel. We ascended Mount Tabor (site of the Transfiguration of Our Lord) by taxi since the road is too narrow and steep for a tour bus.

The Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord at the Top of Mount Tabor has a commanding view of the valley which leads to Nazareth. We read the scriptures on the Transfiguration and meditated on its significance.

Our arrival in Nazareth at the noon hour reminded us that pilgrims have a good appetite and traveling can increase the appetite. We had a great Italian meal at the Casonova Hospice under the custody of the Italian Franciscans. We also allowed some time for shopping. Some of our group purchased enough items to stock a religious gift shop.

Nazareth is a busy commercial town of approximately 100,000 inhabitants but in many ways it has not changed much in two thousand years. The merchants still have their stalls on the narrow streets and announcing their sale items, shouting "one dollah, one dollah," to the passing American Pilgrims.

Holy year

By Father Vincent J. Sheehy

Pope John Paul II made the formal announcement last year that 1983 would be a Special Holy Year of Redemption commemorating the 1950th Anniversary of the Death of Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ (33 A.D.)

This announcement came as a surprise to the news media and to the city officials of Rome who were concerned about the required preparations for the millions of pilgrims expected to visit Rome. By happy coincidence 1983 was also the 25th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Miami (1958).

Archbishop McCarthy later announced a Special Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land to celebrate both the Holy Year of Redemption and the Silver Jubilee of the Archdiocese. The Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land was open to all with separate departures for the Clergy and the Laity but with a combined reunion in Rome. Archbishop McCarthy appointed Father Bob Lynch, Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, as coordinator of the Pilgrimage. Father Lynch did an outstanding job.

The priests on this Pilgrimage were: Archbishop McCarthy, Spiritual Director of the Pilgrimage;

Bishop John Nevins;
Bishop Agustin Roman;
Father Norbert McCarthy (Cincinnati-Brother of Archbishop McCarthy);
Monsignor Arcadio Marinas (St. John Bosco);
Monsignor Dan Harrigan (St. Sebastian—Retired from Butte, Montana);
Father Bob Lynch (Rector, St. John Vianney Seminary and Co-ordinator of our Pilgrimage);
Father Pablo Navarro (Pastoral Center-Archbishop's Secretary);
Father Frank Guinan (Christ the King);
Father Mike Hickey (St. John Neumann);

We enter the magnificent Basilica of the Annunciation. It is the masterpiece of a contemporary Italian architect and a recent construction (1965) which is unusual in the Holy Land. It is one of the largest and most beautiful Churches in the Holy Land. It was built by donations from Catholics throughout the world with many countries donating mosaic murals depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary. We tour this impressive Basilica with its tri-level floor plan. We begin the concelebrated Mass in the lower Chapel near the authentic site of the Annunciation where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce to her the message that she

aces rich in spiritual past

had been chosen by God to be the Mother of the Messiah. The moment that Mary gave her consent to accept the Divine Motherhood, the Incarnation (God becoming Man) took place. Christ our Savior was physically present within His Mother Mary. The reality of this fact was emphasized by the sacred readings of the Mass and we meditated on the great Mystery of the Incarnation. Our visit to Nazareth and its beautiful Basilica was one of the special occasions of our pilgrimage.

We traveled the narrow roads throughout Galilee which is a scenic part of the Holy Land, just the opposite of Judea which is barren and semi-arid. We visited the Church of the Marriage Feast at Cana in Galilee. It is a small Church where the crypt has the large stone water jars for the traditional purification ceremony similar to the water jars used by Christ when He performed his first miracle at the re-

not prominent in the scriptures. Today it is a beautiful seaside resort city. Early in the morning we took a boat and sailed across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, the hometown of St. Peter. We paused on the Sea to read the scriptures on the miraculous catch of fish and the calming of the storm. Some French pilgrims were also aboard the boat so together we sang the *Salve Regina*. In the distance we noticed dark storm clouds approaching, so we looked to the Archbishop who volunteered to pilot the boat to shore.

Christ chose Capernaum as His center of ministry in Galilee because of its strategic location as a crossroads town for merchants and travelers who would carry his message. The ruins of Capernaum are well preserved. The ruins of the synagogue where Christ preached on several occasions are still intact. We viewed the remains of the house of St. Peter where Christ frequently visited. It was like a second home for Christ in Galilee since His Mother lived in Nazareth about thirty miles away.

Along the Sea of Galilee there are several places hallowed by the presence of Christ. The Place of the Beatitudes with its octagonal Church (eight sides representing the eight Beatitudes), and an outstanding view of the Sea. Tabgha (an unfamiliar name but important place) where Christ traditionally instructed Peter to "Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep." There is a small Chapel there commemorating the Primacy of Peter, the first Vicar of Christ and Pope of the Church.

A very special occasion for all of us was the outdoor concelebrated Mass on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Of all the beautiful places with the impressive Churches where we offered Mass, the outdoor Mass on the seashore was the most serene and memorable.

We drove again along the Jordan River moving north within a few miles of Lebanon where we could see evidence of the current conflict (national borders with military bunkers and garrisoned outposts).

We visit the remote remains of Caesarea Philippi, the City named for the Emperor Caesar Augustus and called Caesarea Philippi to distinguish it from Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea. We view the ruins of the white marble shrine built by King Herod and given to his son, Philip, hence the name Caesarea Philippi. Our present location is close to the Golan Heights, Syria and Lebanon. However we encountered no problems resulting from the conflict there. We returned to Tiberias by bus for dinner and a night's rest, and thank God for a safe and wonderful day.

Lady of Carmel

Our last day in the Holy Land begins with a drive to Haifa, the Bay City on the Mediterranean Sea which in some ways resembles San Francisco. We offer Mass at the beautiful Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the original site of the Foundation of the Carmelite Order and the burial place of the Prophet Elias.

From Haifa we travel along the scenic Mediterranean stopping at Caesarea (the other Caesarea) which was a Roman Resort City built by King Herod in honor of the Emperor and where Pontius Pilate had his villa. The ruins of the amphitheatre and hippodrome are impressive.

From Caesarea we continue to Jaffa and Tel Aviv to the Airport for our Alitalia flight to Rome. It has been a memorable trip to the Holy Land. We have walked in the footsteps of Christ,



Father Robert Lynch anoints pilgrims with water from the Jordan River in background.

we prayed and meditated in the holy places blessed by the presence of Christ and His Mother, Mary. We offered Mass at many sacred shrines. We met many people — Christian Arabs, Israelis, Moslems — and saw the image of Christ reflected in their semetic features. We prayed for peace in the war-weary part of the Near East. The peace that only Christ and His Teachings can bring to the World.

ROME

St. Peter's Basilica

Our return flight to Rome gave us time to reflect on our great spiritual experiences in the Holy Land. In Rome, a torrential rain hit us. "Archbishop, welcome to Rome!"

Our first full day in Rome began with a Concelebrated Mass in the crypts below St. Peter's Basilica near the Tomb of St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. The Archbishop preached a beautiful sermon on the Church and the Vicar of Christ. We renewed our loyalty to Christ and His Vicar, the Pope, in this ancient Basilica, the center of Catholicism.

The original Church of St. Peter at this site was built by the Emperor Constantine in 326 A.D. Over the Centuries it was re-built several times. Finally in 1506, Pope Julius II began the construction of the present Basilica. It was a vast undertaking which would take 120 years to complete. Some of the greatest creative geniuses were involved in the design and construction of this impressive edifice. Construction began in 1506 and progressed slowly until the dedication of this Basilica by Pope Urban VIII in 1626. It was during this period that the Protestant revolt occurred.

St. Peter's Basilica is massive. It is the largest Church in Christendom. The altars, statues and mosaics are of heroic size. The magnitude of its size is surpassed only by its grandeur. It is a Medieval masterpiece fashioned by the genius of Michelangelo, Bramante, Madero and Bernini. Michelangelo and Bramante designed the general plan. Madero designed the beautiful facade with the loggia and the impressive statues of Christ, the Apostles, and 140

Saints extended along the loggia. Bernini designed the beautiful colonnades and the Bronze Baldacchino (canopy) over the high altar.

We entered the Holy Door (Porta Sancta) of the Jubilee Year of Redemption (as we will at each of the four major Basilicas) and prayed for the intentions of our Holy Father. On the right side of the main entrance is the Chapel of the Pieta (now protected by unnoticeable plexiglas). The Pieta (the Dead Christ in the arms of his sorrowful Mother) is the most impressive sculpture in Christendom and a tribute to the creative genius of Michelangelo.

A visit to St. Peter's Basilica requires at least several hours to view and study the mosaics and frescos (art) in the Nave, transepts, chapels and crypts. Also a visit to the Sistine Chapel (Pope Sixtus IV commissioned its construction, hence the name Sistine) and the Vatican Museum and Library are required for their beauty and historical significance.

Sistine

The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is the Masterpiece of Michelangelo. It depicts the Creation, Fall from Grace, the Redemption and the Last Judgment. It is of heroic proportions and painted in great detail. It is in the Sistine Chapel where Papal Elections are held.

The Fall from Grace depicted on the Sistine Chapel ceiling reminds me that we are all subject to human weakness. In a moment of human weakness a few of us rented a car in Rome for a few days. Driving a car in Rome is somewhat like undergoing surgery. You never really get accustomed to it, and the last experience is usually the worst. I had driven in Rome a few times before but it seemed like this time was the most challenging experience. You can definitely become paranoid: "These Romans are out to get me." When the Archbishop heard that I intended to rent a car, he reminded me of the salutation that the pagan Gladiators gave to the Emperor before engaging in the duel: "We, who are about to die, salute you."

It is not merely the volume of cars. What is more threatening is the way the Romans drive. We saw motorcycles use

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a surprise

Father Dick Sanders (Queen of Peace);
 Father Marcel Peloquin (Notre Dame d' Haiti);
 Father Gerald Darbouse (Notre Dame de Haiti);
 Father Bill Grass, C.M. (St. Vincent);
 Father Tom McGrady, O.M.I. (St. Stephen);
 Father Joe Pucci, O.M.I. (Mary Immaculate) a/k/a Guiseppe di San Antonio di Pucci;
 Father Mike Devaney (Buffalo, N.Y.), former Pastor, Mary Immaculate;
 Father Mike Kelly (St. James);
 Father Tim Lynch (St. Jude, Tequesta);
 Father Frank Acosta (St. Luke);
 Father Gene Quinlan (St. Peter, Big Pine Key);
 Father Tom Goggin (St. Ann, Naples);
 Father Martin Jarreau, S.J. (St. Ann, West Palm Beach);
 Father John McLaughlin (St. Martha);
 Father Frank Curley (Cardinal Newman High School);
 Father Vince Sheehy (Pastoral Center/St. Agnes);
 Father Fred Brice (St. Paul the Apostle);
 Father Frank Flynn (St. Ignatius);
 Father Al Victor (St. Thomas More);
 Father Dick Souliere (Little Flower, Hollywood);
 Father Jerry McGrath (Archbishop Curley/Notre Dame High School);
 Father Dan Kent (Archbishop Curley/Notre Dame High School);
 Father Harry Mullins (St. Ignatius);
 Father Tom O'Dwyer (Good Shepherd);
 Father Gary Weisman (Little Flower, Coral Gables);
 Father Paul Edwards (St. Michael);
 Father William Schoofs (St. Clement);
 Deacon Raphael de los Reyes (Our Lady of Charity Shrine);
 Deacon Manuel Gonzalez (St. John the Apostle);
 Deacon Roger Shaw;
 Deacon Joseph Polcari; and
 Deacon Vincent Farinato.

quest of his Mother to please a newly-married couple and to bless the covenant of marriage.

Tiberias

We arrived at Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee which would be our overnight stop. Tiberias was named in honor of The Emperor Tiberias Caesar. It was built as a Roman City at the time of Christ. The Jews avoided the Roman City (Pagans) because it was built near the Cemeteries (necropolis) which was considered a violation by the Jews. Consequently the City of Tiberias is

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the sidewalks to avoid street congestion. I still have nightmares of being mugged by a flock of Fiats! A few of our priests also admired the agility of the Roman taxi drivers. They also heard a few words not found in Maz-zoli's Unabridged Italian Dictionary.

The car did give us an opportunity to visit the large American Military Cemetery at Nettuno (Anzio) where over 8,000 U.S. Military personnel are buried resulting from the invasion at Anzio in World War II. It is a sad but serene place, fittingly maintained by the U.S. Government but a silent memorial to the tragedy of War. Nettuno is also the site of the impressive Church of St. Maria Goretti, the young girl who in 1904 died a martyr's death for the virtue of chastity. Her chaste body remains incorrupt in the large glass reliquary in the Church. She is a Saint for our times, patron of youth and an example for all of us.

We also drive to Pescara with friends from Key Biscayne (Eileen and Gene Kirkland) who had flown from Madrid to Rome to meet us. On our return to Rome we visited Tivoli and Villa d'Este and its beautiful fountains and gardens.

Several priests from our tour traveled to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, whose life of poverty and holiness is respected by peoples of all Faiths.

St. Paul Outside the Walls

The four major Basilicas of Rome are: St. Peter (Vatican), St. Paul Outside the Walls (old Roman Walls), St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major (the Great). The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls is second only to St. Peter's in grandeur. We enter the portico and the beautiful formal gardens with the commanding statue of St. Paul the Apostle centered before the Church. The facade of this Basilica has mosaics depicting the four great prophets of the Old Testament. (Isaiah, Ezechial, Jeremiah, and Daniel). We enter the Holy Door and view the large Nave with its splendid mosaic floor and the ornate ceiling trimmed in gold leaf. Under the auspices of the Benedictine Monks, the Basilica is beautifully maintained. We are honored to offer Mass at the High Altar. Our second group of pilgrims from Miami (185 laity and several more priests, including Bishop Nevins and Bishop Roman) who just arrived a few hours earlier and are tired from the trans-Atlantic flight, join us for this concelebrated Mass. It is an impressive celebration of this Jubilee Year of Redemption. We greeted our new pilgrims and welcomed them to the Eternal City. The Archbishop gave an inspiring homily based on the readings from St. Paul. He explained to all the significance of the Holy Year of Redemption.

Even pilgrims to the Eternal City must take time to enjoy some of the great restaurants of Rome with their outstanding pasta (the diet doesn't stand a chance in Rome). Our choice of restaurants included the *Scoglio di Frisio* (near St. Mary Major) where the Notre Dame University Alumni in Rome frequently gather. It is a joyful place where the strolling violinists are able to give a fair rendition of the Notre Dame "Fighting Irish" Victory song plus several Irish Classics like "Danny Boy" and the "Rose of Tralee." It helps if you have several glasses of vino to relax the vocal cords.

The *Tre Scalini* in the Piazza Novana also rates a few stars for food, but the entertainment is definitely outside this restaurant in the Piazza. Scores of

local artists and sculptors display their creations while singers (minstrels) entertain the tourists.

St. John Lateran

St. John Lateran is one of the four major Basilicas of Rome, and like the others it has a long history dating from the Roman Emperor Constantine (4th Century), who acquired the property from the Laterani Family, hence the name St. John Lateran. It has special significance since it is the Pope's Cathedral (chair of Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome). The Pope is also the Bishop of Rome and as such must have a Cathedral Church distinct from St. Peter's Basilica (which is not a Cathedral) in Vatican City which is an independent Territorial State (108 acres), smaller in size than the Biscayne College Property in Miami where the Dolphins work out, but has considerably more influence.

We enter the Holy Door and view this ancient Basilica. It is similar in design to St. Mary Major. It has the lengthy nave with the large transepts. The mosaics and frescoes depict Christ, the Saints and scenes from the life of St. John the Apostle — Patron of the Basilica. The concelebrated Mass includes readings from St. John's Gospel. Bishop Roman preached a beautiful homily on the significance of St. John Lateran as the Cathedral Church of the Pope and our loyalty to the Pope as Vicar of Christ. At this Mass, Judge and Mrs. Fay of Miami, who are celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary, renewed their marriage vows with the Archbishop presiding.

Rome has over 400 Catholic Churches (and I think Father Brice managed to visit all but three of them). Even the most remote and inconspicuous ones are beautifully adorned with mosaics and frescoes, many of which date from Medieval times.

Rome also has some spectacular ruins (if you are into ruins). Fortunately no developer has yet decided to bulldoze them. The Roman Forum where Julius Caesar was assassinated (44 B.C.) is near the Piazza Vittorio Emmanuele where pedestrians are periodically assassinated by Fiats.

The Colosseum (72 A.D.) which was built shortly after the Roman General Titus destroyed Jerusalem (70 A.D.) still stands as a memorial to the early Christian Martyrs who died in its arena. The condition of these ruins are remarkable when you consider that they have been there for twenty Centuries! We asked Don Myers, the General Contractor who built our new Pastoral Center and who was also a pilgrim in Rome, now the Romans were able to build such durable buildings. Don assured us that the Pastoral Center would surpass the Colosseum in age.

We visited the Catacombs (underground Burial Passages) of St. Agnes (Via Nominata) which are among the oldest and best preserved in Rome. St. Agnes (Agnus-Lamb) was the young Virgin-Martyr listed in the Roman Martyrology and Patroness of our Parish on Key Biscayne. Her body is entombed in this catacomb.

Our Roman Guide in the Catacombs spoke no English but he did provide each of us with a candle to illuminate the dark and eerie passages of the Catacombs where skulls and dried bones are a common sight. When our guide told us in sign language that we were now on our own, I was a little hesitant because I was concerned that we would be locked inside while he took his lunch hours (12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.). Sensible people who know how to eat leisurely and enjoy food and a Siesta (no ulcers, no tensions). We finally learned that "Mange, Mange" means "eat, eat."

Some of our pilgrims took a bus trip to Sorrento and Capri with a visit to the Blue Grotto. The scenery along the Tyrennian Sea in Southern Italy is beautiful. The serpentine roads along the coast are a challenge for any driver but when you travel by bus you can enjoy the scenery.

St. Mary Major

St. Mary Major (St. Mary the Great) is the fourth of the Major Basilicas of Rome. It is called St. Mary Major to emphasize that it is the primary Church dedicated to Our Lady in Rome and to distinguish it from over fifty other Churches in Rome honoring the Blessed Virgin under various titles. The original St. Mary Major was a Constantinian Church dating from the 4th Century (360 A.D.) and commissioned by Pope Liborius. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to Pope Liborius and told him to build a Church in her honor at the place where a blanket of snow would cover the ground the next day. The date was August 5. The populace was astonished to see the mound of snow but the Pope explained to them the reason for the strange phenomenon.

The original Church (360 A.D.) was the first Church in Rome dedicated to Our Lady. The outstanding feature of this present Basilica is the beautiful mosaic of Christ crowning His Mother as Queen of Heaven. We again entered the Holy Door and sang hymns to Our Lady. The concelebrated Mass at the High Altar was the Mass of Our Lady. Bishop Nevins preached an inspiring sermon noting the historical significance of this Basilica and the exalted place of Mary as Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. We concluded the Mass with the *Salve Regina*.

Papal Audience

The final day of our pilgrimage in Rome was one of the most memorable that we will ever experience. Our private audience with the Pope was scheduled at 1:00 p.m. We gathered at the huge bronze doors under the Bernini Columns where Swiss Guards stood at attention. Father Bob Lynch, who had coordinated the Pilgrimage, met us and slowly we ascended the long staircase leading to the Apostolic Palace and into the Clementine Hall (named after Pope Clement). We greeted our fellow Miami Pilgrims as we awaited the arrival of the Pope. We were also pleased to greet Archbishop-elect Ambrose De-Paoli the new Papal Nuncio to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) whose ordination as Archbishop is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Miami. Archbishop-elect Ambrose DePaoli is a graduate of St. Mary's Cathedral School and his parents presently live in Visitation Parish, North Dade.

Archbishop McCarthy, Bishop Nevins and Bishop Roman had a brief preliminary meeting with the Pope. I had expected the Pope to enter from the doorway on the far side of the room. I was pleasantly surprised when I saw the hem of the white cassock near the doorway where I was standing. Then the ovation commenced. The Pope began to greet us individually. He extended his hand and I instinctively kissed his ring and then kissed his hands and realized that here is the Vicar of Christ — the Pope of Rome — the 263rd successor of St. Peter appointed by Christ as His Vicar. It was a moment that I will always remember. Then something happened in that Clementine Hall that had never happened before (and probably never again). Our Miami pilgrims began singing the Miami Chamber of Commerce theme song "Miami's For Me" with a

slight variation for the Pope "Miami's For You." I'm not sure if the Pope was ready for that rousing chorus but he smiled affably and went directly to his throne. The Archbishop invited the Pope to visit Miami. The Pope addressed us with his allocutio (prepared spiritual text). The Pope reminded us that we must always be firm in our Faith and loyal to Christ and His Church. We reflect our Faith when we show love for all peoples regardless of who they are. We should see Christ in others especially the poor and the neglected.

The Pope then invited the pilgrims to pose for a group picture with him. Later he walked among the pilgrims greeting each one, while photographers took pictures. The private audience lasted about thirty minutes. We were pleased how well the Pope looks, considering the tremendous responsibility that he must carry and the serious injuries that he sustained in May, 1981. We left the Vatican elated over our audience with the Pope.

Farewell Dinner

A Clergy Farewell Dinner at Arturo's was scheduled for our last night in Rome before we returned to Miami. Our three Miami Seminarians (Dick Dennison, Chris Repp, and Steve Ohala) also joined us for this Farewell Dinner. It was a leisurely seven-course Italian Gourmet Delight, that in true Italian style took a few hours to complete. A trio of musicians entertained us with Italian-Spanish-Cuban favorites. Unfortunately the trio was not familiar with any Irish Classics so a few of the boys fortified with vino gave the group a medley of Irish favorites.

Arreverderci Roma

As our tour bus left the Michelangelo Hotel near Vatican City and began the long drive to Leonardo da Vinci Airport at Fiumicino, each of us reflected on our pilgrimage which under the direction of Archbishop McCarthy was truly a great spiritual experience. We resolved that we would return to the Holy Land and Rome someday, since there was so much more to experience if we had more time.

We are grateful to Pope John Paul II for declaring 1983 a Holy Year of Redemption which coincidentally was also our Silver Jubilee of the Archdiocese of Miami. We appreciate that Archbishop McCarthy decided to celebrate the Holy Year and our Jubilee year with a Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. Our appreciation also goes to many people who made our pilgrimage so enjoyable. To Father Bob Lynch who had been planning the Pilgrimage for the past eight months, and who coordinated a hundred details that made our trip so pleasant. To Ed Meegan whose company — Meegan Travel of Richmond Hill, New York — had the difficult task of assuming the Pilgrimage travel plans after another travel company was unable to meet this commitment. Ed Meegan began the tour with us as a Professional Tour Organizer and ended the tour as a good friend. We highly recommend Meegan Travel to anyone planning a tour.

Most importantly, we thank Almighty God for giving us the opportunity of visiting the sacred shrines of the Holy Land hallowed by the presence of His Son, Jesus Christ. We are grateful for our visit with Pope John Paul II and our visits to the four Major Basilicas of Rome and a safe and happy journey of Faith. Praise the Lord!

Does God answer our prayers?

We soon will celebrate that miraculous event in which the eternal God broke into human history 2,000 years ago by sending the Son, Jesus, into our midst. The topic of this article is a question: Does God continue today to break into human history, specifically by being present, watching over and guiding our personal lives?

The inquiry has some practical consequences and leads to other questions.

Is it appropriate to pray for a job, a cure or a spouse? When we receive a positive answer to such prayers and locate employment, learn the cancer has inexplicably disappeared or meet a person with whom we fall in love, did God have a part in all this? Or were these merely random natural occurrences, solely the products of what some term fate and not the result of divine interventions?

My first response to these complex, but crucial questions is: who really knows, except God who is

result of specific divine interventions. This is not to say that God is not all-powerful, nor is it a postulate that He is not the worker of miracles. It



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is only to suggest that in the ordinary course of human events God does not act as a puppeteer, rewarding some and punishing others, but only that He allows random good fortune and random evil to happen in our imperfect world."

The same author also appears impressed with

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beyond us and essentially incomprehensible? God's dealings with humans thus necessarily remain in the realm of mystery.

There are some, however, who maintain that God does not so enter into our daily lives and that it is both theologically incorrect and emotionally immature to believe otherwise.

For example, an instructor at a Catholic college with a PhD. in moral theology recently wrote:

"It is correct to say that winning the football pool, and spontaneously overcoming an infertility problem are random occurrences which are not the

another's argument that "there is no causal link between God and the pre-moral evils which cause human kind so much suffering." Finally, this instructor / theologian concludes that blessings which certain believers attribute to God belong to the category of "random good fortune rather than a genre of minor miracles."

I have difficulty with these statements.

True enough, God allows us as free humans to make bad as well as good choices. True also, a good God does not will harmful or evil events for

us. True finally, the issue of suffering in the world defies clear explanation, has stumped learned philosophers and simple folk for years and ultimately is a mystery we simply experience and never totally comprehend in this life.

However, the author seems to disregard God's active presence among us. The world, as I interpret these assertions, is like a gigantic clock made and wound up by the Creator, who let it go and does not intervene much unless there is a serious breakdown in its operation. Prayer for particular, earth-bound intentions like a needed job, good health, or happy marriage would appear in that concept to be of questionable value.

My understanding of our Catholic tradition runs contrary to such an approach.

* The Old Testament surely reveals God regularly entering into human lives in very concrete ways.

* Christmas is the miracle mystery of God coming to earth and becoming one of us.

* The New Testament shows the early Church reflecting a belief in God's personal concern and intervention in the everyday life of that community.

* The Church's liturgical practice from the beginning until today simply assumes Christ's real and actual presence in sacramental rites.

* Most Catholics throughout the world have always manifested in their practical attitudes and prayer patterns a belief, sense or acceptance of the truth that God hear petitions and responds to them.

How, when and why God answers our prayers is a different issue. But that He/She does break into our individual histories and touch our lives personally in response to prayer seems, from that long and rich tradition, quite evident to me.

The people and the Holy days

When I learned the bishops were going to be considering the question of holy days of obligation and that a committee had recommended that they be reduced to three, I knew the defense of the holy days was going to start up among the people again.

You'd think the bishops would have learned this in the last 20 years. You talk about cutting down on the number of holy days of obligation and the people are going to rise up in protest. It wasn't any surprise then that before this fall's meeting of the bishops there were editorials in diocesan newspapers, letters from the people, all telling the bishops not to cut down on the number of holy days of obligation. The newsletter, *Cruz of the News*, warned of a "potential public relations disaster" if the bishops acted without preparing the people. *Cruz* proposed the bishops retain the present holy days, then after preparing the people to understand the issue, allow the people to make the decision.

But all of that's been done before. It is nearly two decades ago that there was a discussion of moving celebration of holy days to the nearest Sunday and there was the first, and last, attempt at consultation with the people. The consultation brought an overwhelming objection. Whether this really was an objection to changing the holy days or whether, finally consulted, the people were just generally responding against further change, is something we don't know. But the people in a consultation that reached a broad sampling did say no to decreasing the number of holy days of obligation.

THIS FALL, the Revised Code of Canon Law brought the issue to the floor of the bishops' meeting. If the bishops took no action then there would be 10 holy days of obligation. The canonical committee recommended the holy days be limited to All Saints' Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas. The other alternative was that the present six days be continued. The bishops voted to continue things as they are. It's a good thing it wasn't put to the vote of the people, they would probably have voted for 10 holy days.

What is all of this about? First of all, the bishops aren't trying to downgrade the holy days. They are recognizing some modern day facts. In



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another time when people lived and worked near their parish churches, there was a celebration of holy days. Today, when millions of people live in suburban communities, far from their place of work, which they must reach on crowded highways or in crowded public transportation, it is either virtually impossible to get to Mass or getting to Mass is hurried participation, not really joining in celebration. The bishops want only to help the people and to allow a real celebration of the feast day.

THEN WHY don't the people respond to what is intended to be in their best interests? Any answer I give to that is going to be my own guess, what is not a guess is that the people are opposed. I think it has nothing to do with a rational

response to what the bishops have in mind in proposing decreasing the number of holy days. But this response, rational or not, needs to be understood by the bishops.

Everything has been made easier for the people, there is less and less they are asked to do to show their faith. So when they hear that something more is going to be done to make things easier for them, they resist it. They resist it because they have the feeling they should be doing more rather than less. They know, of course, that what once was required they can now do as mature Catholics by choice but that doesn't answer the need, they want things done by all together.

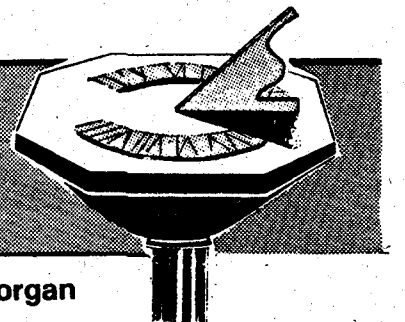
Observe Ash Wednesday. There is no requirement that Catholics go to Mass but they flood the churches, receive the ashes, proudly go out into the streets carrying the mark of their faith. It is one of the last remaining signs of their unity.

What the people say about holy days is really something more. It is important the bishops understand that.

(Dale Francis a nationally syndicated columnist).

Some sundae

TIME CAPSULES



by Frank Morgan

Before Bishop Swithin of Winchester, England died in 862, he laid out his burial plot in the churchyard. But his devoted followers thought it showed more reverence to bury him in the church. At this, the spirit of the saint became vexed and made it rain until they moved him back into the churchyard again. Today the legend still persists that if it rains on the date of St. Swithin's death, July 15th, it will rain for forty more days.

In the late 19th century, Evanston, Illinois was so straitlaced that the town fathers passed an ordinance against the sale of ice cream sodas on Sunday.

An ice cream parlor in town then began to serve ice cream and syrup, but without the soda. It became known as the Sunday soda. The new combination became very popular but there was still an objection because of the dish being named after the Sabbath, so the spelling was changed to Sundae-or so the legend goes.

Respect for food

Much attention has been directed to the problem of world hunger in the past few years. We've set aside a Food Day each year to focus on the fact that many people in the world go to sleep hungry every day.

Hunger is a problem in our own country, increasingly so in



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the past two years because of the recession. This is particularly true for people suffering from the devastating effects of long-term unemployment, the cutback in food stamps and child nutrition programs under the Reagan administration.

In fact, recently a number of physicians told a House agricultural subcommittee that their research shows a need to reverse the massive budget cuts in nutrition spending imposed during Reagan's first two years in office.

J. Larry Brown of the Harvard School of Public Health, Victor Sidel of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and Agnes Lattimer of Cook County Hospital, Chicago, did studies on nutrition in Massachusetts, New York and the city of Chicago. The doctors found serious increases in the number of people, especially children and the elderly, suffering from inadequate diets since the Reagan nutrition cuts. They said there was decided evidence that the health of these people is being affected.

While legislation has been proposed to restore many of the reductions imposed over the past two years, these attempts

are opposed by the administration. However, the president has appointed a special task force to look into the issue of hunger. A report from this group is expected by the end of the year.

When I heard about the task force, I was reminded of a comment made in the 1960s when we were working on programs to fight poverty. Paraphrasing the Bible, someone came up with, "I was hungry—and you formed a committee to study the problem."

Recently, however, I heard of a study on food that deserves applause. It aims at educating children so they will come to understand and respect where food comes from and its importance for life.

A former teacher, a farmer who grows crops organically in the county I live in, invites classes of children to come and "see the food grow and touch the animals" on his farm. He believes that respect for nature and how we survive because of the food we get from nature is best learned by tots. They come to his farm as young as 4 years old.

On the national level, an "Agriculture in the Classroom" project has been in existence for several years now. The leaders say, "It is time to spread the word... in this time when so few of us feed so many. It is important to help people understand where their food and fiber begins and the importance of agriculture to society and to the economy as a whole." The place to begin, they say, is in the schools.

Maybe we can develop a greater respect for food by going back to basics, remembering its origins instead of thinking of it as a supermarket commodity. If we begin developing this respect in children, perhaps we will develop a stronger feeling in the coming decades for how food should be distributed and the tragedy in its being wasted.

Food is essential for the continuation of life. It deserves all the attention we can possibly give it.

President Reagan's committee on hunger has a moral responsibility not to just study the problem but to get the food back on the tables of the hungry.

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A counter-strategy

There is a growing gap between some Americans and the missionaries who labor to help the poor in underdeveloped nations, and it frightens me.

Frank C. Laubach, author of "Channels of Spiritual Power," writes, "We know what the right direction is. It is the way of Jesus Christ. We could make the whole world right



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own interests. Casey said we must raise the priority given to developing nations in our foreign policy and mobilize what he called "our greatest asset in the third world - 'private business'."

The missionaries and the business community should have the same goal. The right direction is nothing more than the golden rule, and nothing less.

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if we joined in an all-out crusade for the way of Christ.

"But before we can change the world like that," he goes on, "we American Christians must first change ourselves. We are sixty percent sham in our following of Jesus today. That is all too easy to prove. Christ told us, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' We do not love our competitors in business as we love ourselves. Or do we? Still less do we love the people of other countries as we love our own people. The very idea sounds unpatriotic - or like a violation of the Constitution. But until we do love our neighbor nations as we love ourselves, we can neither win them as friends nor change their ways."

Communism became powerful on empty promises. The Russian masses were poor and they were promised something better. Communism is active today wherever people are poor. Hunger and unhappiness breed violence and unrest. Laubach and many others, including missionaries of all faiths, believe that the answer to defeating communism is clear; it is to go to the world with a compassionate program of helping the needy people to help themselves, and prove to them that we are their friends. Anyone in disagreement with that view is on a collision course with the Christian churches.

I was happy to read a refreshing statement from William J. Casey, director of the CIA, who was quoted in the New York Times as saying that we have failed to properly confront the challenge of the Soviet Union in developing countries, and now we must adopt a "realistic counter-strategy."

The U.S. is despised around the world, and not without reason. We have supported repressive regimes to protect our



"I THINK HE'S NEW AT IT, AND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM AFTER YOU MAKE THE ARREST!"

On the surface of life

Q. In school it seems the popular girls always go with popular guys, even though some of them are failures in school and think they're Mr. Tough and Macho Man and they don't care for what the girl is. They go with the girls for how they look. I don't understand why girls go to these choices. (Michigan).



BY TOM
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A. This somewhat obscure question deals, it seems to me, with outward appearances and what really lies beneath the surface.

It reminds me of Ted, who is 26 and long out of high school. But in some ways he is not much wiser than when he was very young.

Ted spends lots of money on clothes, a body permanent, a car and "all those things you have to have to attract the really good lookin' chicks."

One gets the impression that the girls he is after also spend lots of money on clothes and "all those things you have to have to attract the really good lookin' hunks."

And so go the shallow values that seem prevalent not only in some areas of our high schools but throughout too much of our society.

Your parents may have heard these values summed up in one brief sentence: "Clothes make the man." Outward appearance seems to be everything. Popularity, not essential worth, is what counts.

Let me suggest some important issues for you to ponder:

What kind of friends do you want to have over the long run?

What kind of persons will stick by you when the going gets tough?

What kind of persons are nice—really wonderful—to have around?

What is it that makes up the true worth of an individual?

What qualities do you like about yourself and what qualities would you like to find in the people you hang around with much of the time?

You also might like to consider the following true story with fictitious names inserted.

Quite a few years ago Jerry was at a party where he met Diane—and thought only that she was very plain. He'd never ask her for a date.

But work on a committee in a youth club brought them together frequently. Jerry began to find her very interesting to talk to and to be with.

He started seeing her more and more often. Little by little he found her to be loving and caring and fun.

Today Jerry can't remember when he first began to find her physically attractive, but he did. And on their wedding day he thought her the loveliest woman in the world.

Why do you think Jerry's viewpoint changed?

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Family finances: the elderly

Dear Mary: My father is over 80, lives alone and manages his own affairs pretty well. My problem is that he has never shared his business affairs with me or anyone else, as far as I know. What happens if he suddenly becomes ill or cannot take care of things himself? I wouldn't know where to begin. I know he is very independent and does not want other people doing things for him.- Ohio.



BY DR. JAMES
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You actually face two problems: the psychological problem of taking charge of your parent's affairs and the practical problem of what steps to take. Psychologically, assisting a parent is hard on both parent and child. The provider must now be provided for.

The parent feels the loss of independence and self-sufficiency. The child wonders whether he or she is looking after the parent or greedily preserving a future inheritance. Recognizing that such feelings are normal is the first step.

Your concern is justified. Any person, young or old, can become incapacitated. When personal affairs have been kept secret, the responsible

persons must often spend hours trying to collect, organize and decipher records. Such needless waste of time and effort can be avoided if others are informed of one's personal affairs or told where to find complete, up-to-date records.

You might approach the subject by thinking of it as part of a life review. When and where your father lived, studied, worked, vacationed and played are interesting parts of his past. Similarly, why and how he acquired the assets he now has are part of his life history. Perhaps he bought a life insurance policy when you were born. Perhaps he bought bonds as part of the war effort. Inquire about his financial affairs as you would inquire about other interesting aspects of his life.

Second, many older people are relieved to know what would be done "in case anything happens to me." You might ask your father what person he wants to manage his affairs should he be unable to do so. A lawyer can even assist your father to set up a power of attorney. Emphasize that you want to carry out his wishes, not take over tasks which he can do himself.

Here is an outline you can use in drawing up a written personal affairs record for your father. With an elderly person you might take your time and do only one or two sections at a sitting.

1. Vital records. Try to locate birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce papers, death certificate of spouse, citizenship papers or alien registration number, will.

2. Essential services. Social Security number, Medicare card and number, any records of

eligibility for Medicaid, food stamps or other benefit programs.

3. Employment history. Any pension funds for which contributions were made, also any funds to which a spouse contributed.

4. Insurance. Life insurance. Health insurance to supplement Medicare. Any annuity policies which pay or should pay the owner. Any insurance on property or valuables such as home, car, jewelry or collections.

5. Financial assets. Location of bank accounts, safety deposit box. Ownership of certificates of deposit, mutual or money market funds, stocks, government or corporate bonds, real property.

6. Debts. What is owed and to whom. When and how bills are paid.

7. Income. When money is received and from whom. Social Security, interest, dividends, rents, etc.

8. Location of old tax returns.

9. Location of valuables. Disposition of valuables if not spelled out in a will.

While it might not be easy at first to raise these issues with your father, you are correct to realize that, by preparing before the need arises, you are doing both him and yourself a favor.

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

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How do parents come off on TV?

Let's peek in on a prime time family show for a minute. A child comes home from school and furtively thrusts a package behind the couch. "What have you got there?" queries his mother.

"Nothing," he says, quaking with fear.

"Let's see it," says his mother. Terrified, he finally hands her a pornographic magazine.

Now, let's stop the scene and talk about three possible styles of reaction: authoritarian, authoritative, and permissive, the three basic categories of parental reaction used by professionals who study and work with families.

If she generally operates from an authoritarian orientation, the mother will react with a high degree of parental control. She is apt to express horror, punish, and set rigid rules regarding future pornographic behavior and childhood deception. A typical statement will be "You have disappointed and disobeyed us. I want you to promise never to look at another magazine like this. And for your punishment, you are grounded for three weeks."

If she operates from an authoritative orientation, she reacts with give-and-take—asking questions, listening to his explanation, and coming up with a response resulting from his replies. Her typical statement will be, "I don't understand why you need this, but you obviously felt the need to hide it from us, so you know it's something your dad and I don't want in the house. Please get rid of it right away and don't bring



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anything like this into the house again."

If she operates out of a permissive orientation, she allows the child to exercise a high degree of control. She will probably look at it, and shrug it off, rationalizing that his embarrassment at being caught is punishment enough.

While, as parents, we may operate in all three styles occasionally, we tend to settle on one orientation or the other. Researchers don't agree on how we come to be one way or another. Folklore tells us that we're apt to borrow our parents' method of reaction but sometimes the reverse is true. That is, if our parents were rigid authoritarians, we may well end up being permissive in reaction to their rigidity.

Authoritative or give-and-take parents have the most effective style of dealing with children's behavior but, as seems all too true in parenting, the most effective is also the most difficult. It's easier to react with authority or to ignore misbehavior.

But parents are getting help from a surprising

source—prime time television. In a study of parent-child interaction on 30 hours of prime time family programs, there was a high dominance of give-and-take parents as opposed to either authoritarian or permissive parents. If parents watch these shows and model their reactions on what they view, television can serve as a valuable aid in parenting education.

It gives parents models other than their own parents and permission to try other methods of parenting. We know that increasingly people model themselves on what they see on TV. Children who watch violent shows, for example, engage in more violent behaviors than children who do not.

There's good news and bad news in all this from a moral perspective. Parents might model themselves on give-and-take parents, thus learning techniques of reacting that are positive and helpful but these programs aren't as popular as the soaps.

The same study indicates there is very little normal behavior on the soaps and the bad news is that the soaps are highly popular and being aimed at an ever younger audience. Issues like abortion, infidelity, and deception displace healthy family interaction.

So it comes down to what we watch, as far as healthy family life goes. Will it be the soaps or "Little House Revisited" and "Different Strokes." We control the choice... and the knob.

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Family Night

Opening prayer

Oh Lord, how great is your love! The oceans are not large enough to hold it; the mountains not tall enough to reach it. Only our human hearts, small and fragile as they are can search inward through prayer and begin to discover the universe of your love. Thank you, dearest God, for hearts, for prayer, and for you. Our most wondrous God, be with us this Family Night. Amen.

Something to think about

The holiday season is a special time of family love. It is a time to forgive each other for wrongs done or pain and

suffering caused. Let us pause together and take time to search our hearts and to reconcile ourselves to one another within our family, within our neighborhood, and within our Church.

Activity ideas

Young and Middle Years Families
PENANCE SHARING Materials: Bible, candle, matches, large bowl, small pieces of paper, pencils. Light the candle and gather around it with the house lights off. Read aloud Matthew 5:23,24, then each family member write on a piece of paper one thing he or she is especially sorry for. Each family member takes a turn folding his or her paper and burning it in the bowl. The papers may or may

not be read loud to the family. (It's up to each individual.) When burning the little paper, something like "Forgive me for I have sinned" may be said. When all have taken a turn the household head takes the ashes and marks a cross on each one's forehead to remind all of Christ's victory over sin through the cross. Then sing a favorite religious song.

Adult Families

Read aloud Luke 6:27-38 and discuss. Each person writes down what it means to be sorry. Share these thoughts. Do the activity described above for young and middle years families.

Snack time

Ginger cookies and applesauce.

Entertainment

1. Watch football together on TV; be sure all know how the game is played—review the game's rules.
2. Share old family pictures or movies, see how everyone is growing and changing in appearance.

Sharing

- Tell how you felt when someone told you "I'm sorry."
- Share how it feels to tell another you're sorry.

Closing prayer

Spontaneous shared prayer.

Scriptural Insights

Rejoice! The Lord is with us

**READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11**

BACKGROUND:

The readings for the Third Sunday of Advent present a markedly different



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theme from those of previous Sundays. In the midst of the Advent season, the Church looked ahead to the Lord's coming with a sense of joyful anticipation.

An earlier name for this Sunday was Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday. Even in the midst of a penitential season, the Church can hardly restrain her joy at the salvation promised by the coming Lord.

In the first reading, Isaiah spoke of a glorious future in which his people would be restored to their homeland, and in which God would be with his

people once again. Nature itself could not resist joining in the celebration. Several biblical commentaries indicate that the passage probably refers to the return of the Hebrews from their Exile in Babylon.

In the gospel reading, Jesus reminded John's disciples of the joy he had brought to others during his ministry: the blind could see, the deaf could hear, the lame could walk.

Most people wondered just who Jesus was. The passage implies that the disciples were to decide that for themselves, based upon what Jesus had said and done.

The second reading comes from the letter of James. He reminded the early Church to be patient until the Lord returned. The reading demonstrates the belief of the early Church that the Lord would return soon.

REFLECTION:

Advent is a busy season for most people. There's all the Christmas

shopping to do for the family and friends.

The process of getting Christmas

cards in the mail seems to take longer every year. There are lots of parties and social events to attend.

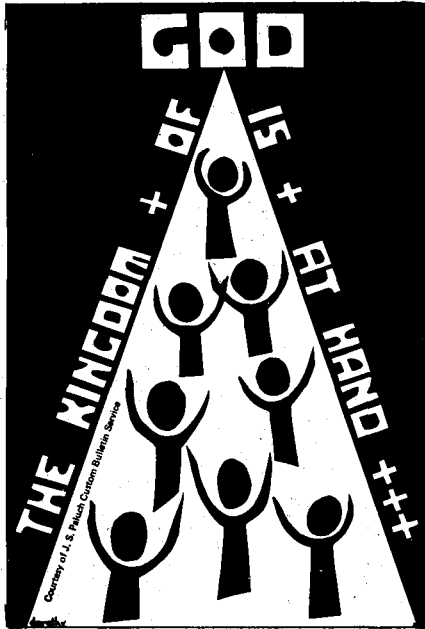
The kids will be getting out of school soon for their Christmas vacation. There's cooking and baking to be done.

All of these joyous events—and countless others—show an anticipation of Christmas. Almost everything we do points toward the specific day on which we celebrate the Lord's birth.

But in all the anticipation, it's easy to forget an important reality: the Lord is here right now.

He's here in our relatives and friends. He's here in our co-workers in the office. He's present in the many gestures of kindness during this season. He's present in the poor, for whom we prepare those food baskets. He's present in the person on the street who seeks a handout. Do we recognize him?

Let's not get so busy during this season that we neglect an important truth. As we seek the Lord's coming, don't forget that he's already here in our midst.



Lutherans and Catholics—

Is intercommunion possible?

Q. I am a Catholic married to a Lutheran. Our 3-year-old son was baptized in the Lutheran Church. I attend Mass every Sunday, and my husband and son attend the Lutheran Church regularly.



BY FR.
JOHN
DIETZEN

I realize that when I married I affirmed that I would do everything in my power to see that my children be raised Catholic. Many discussions and prayers later we are trying to do what is best for all of us.

I pray often that someday we will all be able to worship together. I need to know if the Catholic Church recognizes our son's baptism. As guilt overwhelms me I wonder whether I stand with the church. Also, some time ago, I read that it's possible that within 10 years Catholics and Lutherans may

have intercommunion. Could this be true? (Pennsylvania).

A. First, let's talk about your son. There's no reason whatsoever for you to be concerned whether or not he is really baptized. As a Catholic you wonder what our church's position is on this. It is quite clear.

The Catholic Church recognizes the validity of baptisms in many other Christian churches. There's nothing new about this. Vatican Council II often refers to baptism as one of the sacramental bonds that link us with other Christian churches.

“Man is a “being on the way to death” states a German existentialist. Man is a “being on the way to glory” affirmed the One who was born in a stable and died on the cross like a slave.”

In one place, the council says, “The Christian way of life of these (Protestant) brethren is nourished by faith in Christ. It is strengthened by the grace of baptism and the hearing of God's word.”

(Decree on Ecumenism, No.23).

Long before that, the church explicitly mentioned Lutherans, along with Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, and Disciples of Christ as among those who should not receive even conditional baptism if they convert to the Catholic faith, since there is no reason to doubt the validity of the baptism they received in the church they belonged to

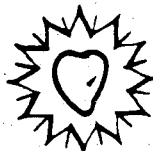
before.

As your letter implies, the promise or affirmation made when you were

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GENERAL INTENTION



The Elimination of Atomic Weapons in All Nations

“A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.” These words of President Reagan to the United Nations were merely echoing many statements of our Holy Father on nuclear war. In 1981, Pope John Paul asked the Pontifical Academy of Sciences to study the consequences of atomic arms with regard to the health and survival of humanity. Their conclusion: “Any nuclear war will spread inexorable death, suffering and sickness in gigantic proportions without any possibility of efficacious relief.”

Yet, the race to amass more numerous, more power and more sophisticated weapons indicates a deep desire for war and a determination to use these nuclear weapons.

Pope John Paul asks us to commit ourselves to peace. “Let us make a solemn decision now that war will never be tolerated and seen as a means for resolving differences. Let us promise our fellowmen that we will tirelessly do our utmost for disarmament and the abolition of all nuclear weapons. Let us replace violence and hatred with trust and concern.

“Christ Himself calls us, all of us, to be ‘peacemakers’ so that the spirit of this beatitude may ever more permeate the life of all peoples and international society.”

married adds nothing to the responsibilities any believing and committed Catholic has as he or she enters marriage.

Those who take their religious commitments seriously (and for Catholics this would include certainly their beliefs concerning the church, the Eucharist, the sacraments, etc) have a grave responsibility to do everything possible to provide their children an opportunity for that same relationship to God.

However, sometimes even with the best intentions what one would wish to do is found to be impossible. This is why the affirmation made by a Catholic before an interfaith marriage is worded precisely as you stated: I will do everything within my power to share the faith that I have with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics.

From your letter, it seems you have taken this responsibility seriously but, because of gross and tragic misunderstandings between you and your husband about the strengths of your personal religious convictions, things have not worked out.

Please try not to feel guilty about this. Whatever mistakes may have been made in the past, you did, and are doing, the best you could, which is all God asks of us.

Be faithful to your own convictions and live your Catholic faith as fully as you can. If you do that as charitably as possible toward your family God will certainly bless your efforts in his own way.

No one today is able to foretell the future of the ecumenical movements of our age. In spite of the increased understanding between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, however, there is no evidence that the intercommunion you speak of is likely in the foreseeable future.

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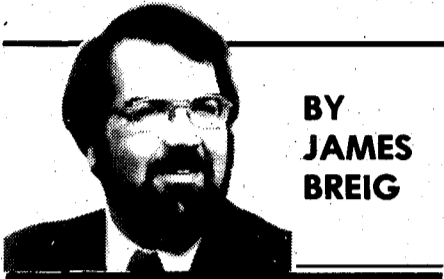
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TV's sex hang-up

Please, no more dirty pictures

Here's an old joke:

A MAN goes to a psychiatrist who shows him ink blots. To each blot, the patient says, "That reminds me of sex." Finally, the doctor says, "You certainly are obsessed with sex." To which the man replies, "Me? I'm not



BY
**JAMES
BREIG**

the one with all the dirty pictures."

That's how I feel about television. I get tired writing columns about TV's treatment of sex, but I'm not the one who keeps holding up dirty pictures in my living room.

How many dirty pictures? Consider some things I have collected in just the last few weeks:

●LETTERS from readers objecting to "Princess Daisy," a mini-series on NBC which included incest among its plot lines.

●Network press releases about the following made-for-TV films: "An Uncommon Love" (CBS) about a college professor's affair with a student. She works in a massage parlor... "First Affair" (CBS) about a college freshman who falls in love with an older, married man... "Secrets of a Mother and Daughter" (CBS) about a mother and daughter who fall in love with the same man... "The Haunting Passion" (NBC) about a woman who is raped by a ghost... "Sessions"

ex-wife's just moved in, but his young bride won't move over"... "I want to have Jack's body"... "We've got the heat"... "Can they have a good time without being bad?"... "Mickey a stripper?"... "Centerfold murders!... And each ad comes with its own bikini model, nude silhouette or bedtime scene.

NOW, AM I the one with the dirty mind?

I've written before on this topic and wondered especially if women should not be more incensed at this emphasis. According to most of television, women are strippers, nude models, prostitutes or murder victims. Is that how you ladies like being portrayed?

TV seems especially fascinated with prostitutes. This make me worried when I consider the old adage about "writers write what they know." In television plots, prostitutes take cruises on the love boat, check into hotels, move in next door, become business executives—in fact, they're everywhere.

Another reason I object to TV's sex drive is that the medium so often gives a bad name to sex. The joy of married love, the thrill of chaste relationships, the fulfillment of virginity, the satisfaction of mutual respect between a man and a woman—don't those sound like really odd notions? How come? Would it be because TV has taken over the sex education of society?

WHEN WAS the last time you saw a major character on a regular series say "no" to a sexual encounter? On "Bay City Blues" earlier this season, a married woman (frustrated, of course; they always are) tried to tempt a main



LEE REMICK, one of television and film's most respected actresses, stars in "The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story," a story of how a family's love for one another helps them to triumph over adversities. (NC Photo).

sarcasm and, finally, the lockerroom offer from one of the women to end the doctor's apparently disgusting state of life.

TV sneers at sex, debases women, satirizes marriage and has all but relegated chastity to the garbage dump. Those are attitudes which are strongly at odds with mine and, I suspect, most of America's.

WOULDN'T IT be refreshing to tune in to a movie about a married couple's sexual compatibility? Remember movie couples who displayed that, such as Nick and Nora Charles? The Harts on "Hart to Hart" are the only ones on TV who spring to mind. How about a TV movie on a teenager who elects virginity, stoutly

defends it and encourages others to follow suit? Or what about a film in which a woman does not have to sell herself as a hooker or fold-out?

The tease, the tempt, the barker in front of the tent of harem girls—that's what television tries to be so often and the act has gotten very stale and offensive.

I'D LIKE to see a little more maturity from the networks, but only if they understand that being mature does not mean showing us even more people in bed.



COOK & PEARY Rod Steiger stars as Robert E. Peary, the ambitious explorer who claimed to be the first to reach the North Pole. Richard Chamberlain also stars as Frederick A. Cook, a physician-turned-explorer and rival of Peary in "Cook and Peary: The Race to the Pole," the Dec. 13 ITT Theatre Special at 9 p.m. on CBS.

(NBC) about a prostitute... "Police Woman Centerfold" (NBC) about a police officer who poses nude for a magazine... I could go on, but you're starting to get the idea.

●Ads from networks in TV Guide for series and specials which focus on the sexual content of the programs. Here's a sampling of phrases from just one week: "She sold herself to any man who had the price"... "The story of three passionate woman"... "His

character. He held out—for one episode.

Who was the last major character in a series to admit his or her virginity proudly? I almost fainted when one of the doctors on "St. Elsewhere" said he was. He is the doctor from India, and he proudly noted that he and his wife had waited until their upcoming marriage.

What was the reaction of the other characters? Ridicule, disbelief,

In case you miss the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Archdiocese of Miami at the Orange Bowl, you can enjoy a special two-hour tape of the event on WLTV, Channel 23 on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Five cameras and 12 camera and sound personnel will be taping the celebration live Dec. 9 for re-broadcast the next day. Fr. Jose P. Nickse and Sr. Bertha Penabad will co-anchor the show and provide bilingual commentaries throughout.

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Cong. Pepper to deliver Barry Commencement address

MIAMI SHORES, Dec. 5—Congressman Claude Pepper will deliver the commencement address to 246 graduates at Barry University, on Saturday, December 17, in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

Congressman Pepper, Congressman and Mrs. William Lehman, a noted sculptress, and State Rep. Elaine Gordon will be the recipients of honorary degrees.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, president of Barry University, and Inez Andreas, chairman of the board of trustees, will

confer the honorary degrees upon the four prominent South Floridians. Each will receive a doctor of laws degree for outstanding contributions to the community, a practice common since colonial days in colleges and universities.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin will confer 185 bachelor's degrees, 56 master's and five education specialist degrees at the commencement exercises.

Two married couples will be among the graduates. Both William E. Wilson and his wife Margaret will receive an

M.S. in community counseling. Solomon and Raquel B. Fresco will each receive a B.S. in the School of Adult and Continuing Education.

Before the commencement exercises, Barry University's traditional rose and candle ceremony will be held in Cor Jesu Chapel on campus at 6 p.m. The Baccalaureate Mass will follow at 7 p.m. for graduates and their guests.

A reception for graduates and friends will take place after commencement exercises.

Holy Cross unveils conference center

Holy Cross Hospital unveiled its multi-million dollar Sister M. Innocent Hughes Education and Conference Center on Thursday, December 8, with an open house for the public from 8 to 10 p.m. that will climax a day of events showcasing the facility that was designated specifically for the dissemination of information on the most recent developments in the art

and science of medicine.

Equipped with more than \$500,000 in state-of-the-art electronic aids for teaching and learning, the Center will be the hub not only for seminars for physicians, nurses and other health professionals, but also will be the site of a comprehensive series of programs for the lay public, aimed specifically at the prevention of illness.

Much of the electronic teaching equipment will be demonstrated at the open house, a specially produced video program will be shown in the Center's 350-seat amphitheater and visitors will be given guided tours through the facility that is unique in the southeast both in concept and in equipment.

Teens to hear about Respect Life at Mass

More than 1,600 teenagers from Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of Miami are expected to attend a right-to-life Mass which will be held Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Miami.

Organized by the South Florida Chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the purpose of the Mass is to bring the right-to-life issue to the forefront of young people's attention.

"We hope that it will spur them to become more active in right-to-life," said Henry Ferro, president of the League.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins and priests from the Archdiocese will concelebrate the liturgy. Father John Woolsey, from the Archdiocese of New York, will give the homily.

Mercy news

Mercy Medicine, a clinical journal published by Mercy Hospital, has been judged by the prestigious MacEachern Awards of the Academy of Hospital Public Relations as second best in the nation for a hospital of over 400 beds, after just one year of publication.

Judges called the journal "creative," "a professional presentation," as well as "a well written publication that is helpful to the medical profession."

Published quarterly, *Mercy Medicine* is edited and produced by Herb Kelly Associates, a Miami public relations firm which represents Mercy Hospital. The journal is distributed to doctors in South Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America and to other physicians on request as well as to libraries and medical schools.

The Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital has been awarded a two-year reaccreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on results of a recent on-site inspection.

John K. Duckworth, M.D. FCAP, chairman of the commission, advised Dr. Jackson L. Thatcher, Laboratory Director, of this national recognition and congratulated him and his staff on the "excellence of services you are providing patients and their physicians." The Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital is one of 3,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The Sister M. Innocent Hughes Education and Conference Center is a memorial to a Sister of Mercy who served as executive director of Holy Cross Hospital for more than 16 years and led the small, near-bankrupt hospital of the late '50s from the brink of financial disaster to the respected position of today's ultra-progressive, nationally acclaimed 597-bed health care facility.



ADVENT CELEBRATION. A children's choir and liturgical dancers (above) were just part of a special celebration recently at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Boca Raton which included over 80 performers both children and adult. The theme of the evening was the joy in preparing for the coming of the Lord.

Student rate offered to visit Vatican Pavillion

Organizers of the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition are announcing the planned opening of the New Orleans Vatican Pavillion, which will feature many art treasures of the Vatican.

The treasures of the Vatican will be a special exhibit, collected from around the world, representing two thousand years of religious art. There will be masterpieces by Raphael, El Greco, Caravaggio, and Giotto.

There will be reduced student rates the first three weeks of the fair beginning on May 12th.

For further information write: The 1984 World's Fair, P.O. Box 1984, New Orleans, La. 70158-1984-Attention Group ticket sales. Call: 504-566-2060.

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It's a Date

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St. Juliana Church will host a Christmas musical entitled "For God so Loved" on Dec. 10th at 8 p.m. and Dec. 11th at 8:30 p.m. The New Beginnings Ensemble will perform the musical which will include traditional Christmas carols along with new carols.

St. Bernard Church in Sunrise will hold a "Christmas Party" Dec. 13th starting with mass at St. Bernard Church followed by a pot luck supper at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Barry University is offering a two-hour free seminar on Estate Planning on Dec. 13th in the Barry auditorium from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. For reservations call 758-3392, ext. 441.

"Cardinal Gibbons High School Band will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on December 18, from 8 A.M. till Noon, at the high school cafeteria, 4601 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale. For \$2.00 you can have all the pancakes you can

eat, eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee / milk. \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age. For further information, call Sharon Hope, 491-0934 days, 785-7356 evenings."

The family Enrichment Center will hold series of classes in a new method of Natural Family Planning will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 1983. The classes will be held at The Family Enrichment Center, 18330 N.W. 12th Avenue, Miami. This method meets all teachings of the Church, yet can be as effective as the Pill. For further information, call Pat or Kathy Gent in Davie at 473-1046 evenings.

Broward County Right To Life, will hold its Tenth Annual Christmas Membership Breakfast on Saturday, December 10, 1983, 10 p.m. until noon, Galt Ocean Mile Hotel, 3200 Galt Ocean Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, For reservations call: 563-5433.

The Golden Age Club of St. Clement Church will have their Christmas Party at The Imperial House, Pompano Beach - on December 19th, and tickets can be purchased at their regular Tuesday Meetings. Cocktail House will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM - dinner being served at 6:30 PM.

Holy Spirit Council 6032, Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Snow Flake Ball on Saturday, Dec. 16th at the Council Hall 2118 SW 60 Terr., Miramar, - 1 block west of 441 behind Sonny's Bar B.Q. Music by the Georgie K Orchestra. Dress is semi formal. Refreshment service available. For tickets and reservations call 962-7832, 961-3647 or 432-0083. In Dade week days only call Mary at 885-2520.

The Mens Club of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will hold its second meeting and elections on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:30 PM at the church located at Taft Street and 122 Ave., Pembroke Lakes. All men in the area are welcomed to attend and bring a friend. For information call Joe Gietman at 432-3298.

"The Women's Club of Ascension Catholic Church, Boca Raton, will hold a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:30 AM Mass in the church. The breakfast will be at the Boca Raton Country Club. Sister Immaculata will be the guest speaker. For information, please call Alice Cosenza at 392-0644 or Margaret Byrne 276-8731.

BEGINNING THE WORLD, by Karen Armstrong. St. Martin's Press (New York, 1983). 243 pp., \$12.95. Reviewed by Ruth Ann Hanley.

Reading this former nun's memoir of her "painful but triumphant journey into life," is an experience not easily forgotten.

FOR MISS ARMSTRONG new life comes through shedding what she has come to see as the bondage of the convent, through tossing aside a guilt-centered theology and trying to

A nun's autobiography

"totally attach" herself to life "by manufacturing happiness." It certainly is the modern message, and it comes as no shock when God is relegated to the wings, much like a stage-door Johnny.

Throughout the book one is constantly bothered by this rigid picture of convent life, always left wondering how much this account was colored by Miss Armstrong's deep

unhappiness.

A contemporary of hers, Thomas Merton, in 1968 wrote from his Trappist monastery that "there are indeed thousands of nuns who are instructed to 'purify one's intention' and bear the cross mentally, while physically and psychologically one is more and more deeply involved in an overworked, unbalanced and irrational,

even inhuman experience."

Perhaps she was one of these. Miss Armstrong gives her own account of her convent miseries in her first autobiographical work, "Through The Narrow Gate."

One has met her on the see-saw of life, first high on the strict and disciplined, then on the other end where self-analysis becomes the moral norm.

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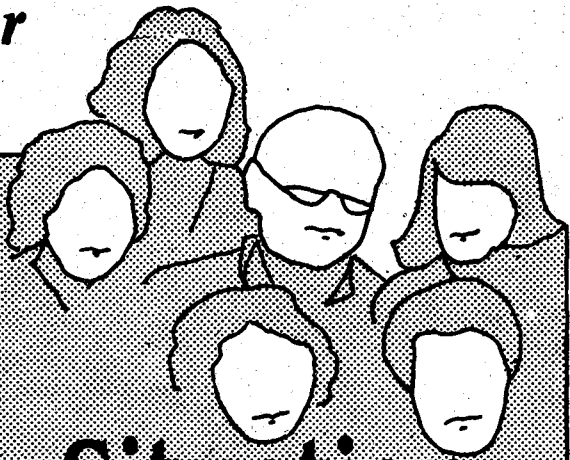
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GOD in the Human Situation



Great.. Adults.

By Theodore Hengesbach
NC News Service

As the air becomes crisp and the trees colorful, I think back to my childhood days in Michigan. I remember fondly the last weeks of November and how eagerly I looked for the first snow shower. Very often it occurred during the week of Thanksgiving.

Then, in sequence, came a two or

three day break from school, the purple vestments of Advent, a small gift left for me on our farm house porch by St. Nicholas, the holy day commemorating the Immaculate Conception, the rose vestments of the third Sunday of Advent, vacation from school—and finally, finally, Christmas!

YOU SEE, I really loved



'Advent is our opportunity to lay plans to realize our Christmas expectations more fully.'

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So what...

By Father John Castelot
NC News Service

If there is something a bit unreal about our Advent celebration, it may be that we seem to be preparing for a coming that has already taken place.

As Paul put it: "How is it possible for one to hope for what he sees?" (Romans 8:24).

Of course, we can very realistically relive the experience of the entry of Christ into our history. Jesus constantly is coming into our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways.

MOST IMPORTANT, he will come again to call each of us into his Father's kingdom. This gives us solid reason to prepare for him with eager anticipation.

However Advent climaxes with the celebration at Christmas of Christ's historical coming in time almost 2,000 years ago. The excitement surrounding Christmas rejoicing can easily obscure the fact that this coming was actually an anticipation and pledge of his definitive, triumphant coming in the future.

However, D-Day is not V-Day. By his life, death and resurrection, Jesus

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inaugurated God's reign. Still he incessantly preached the need to prepare for that reign.

Dawn is not high noon. Toward the end of his ministry Jesus gave his famous discourse on the end-time, in which he repeatedly urged his listeners to be on guard, looking forward to the day when people would "see the son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

'The word of God was spoken to John... in the desert. He went about the entire region of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins....'

expectations

... can look forward to Christmas, too

Christmas. If there ever was a child living in expectation, it was I during those days. And the church's Advent prayer fit my mood perfectly. The theme of expectancy, God giving the world the gift of Jesus to free us from the darkness of sin, matched my growing anticipation of gifts and the freedom from school to play in the snow.

But here I am, with another Advent and Christmas season just ahead. I wonder if it is possible to tailor such a good fit today between my personal and my religious expectations.

After some reflection, I think it depends on whether the meaning of Christmas really relates to the meaning I expect to find in my life. I see the season of Advent as an ideal time to give some thought to the connection between religion and life.

When we get right down to it, the childhood anticipation of gifts and of some free time suits the adult too. The adult, after all, has experienced gift-giving, not just of toaster-ovens and ties and fruitcakes, but also of friendships and the inner yearnings of the spirit.

THE ADULT has experienced the opposite too, the withholding of self, the breaking of confidences and the loneliness of isolation.

The adult has experienced the freedom and exhilaration of self-expression in work, of joy in families and the ability to direct one's own affairs.

The adult has experienced the constraints of responsibility, the draining demands made by others on one's time and energy and the frustration of coming to dead ends again and again. The adult also expects a good measure of sharing and self-

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expression in life.

So how do the seasons of Advent and Christmas relate to my personal expectations of life?

CHRISTMAS means that God took on the total human condition, the weakness and impotence of the child along with the child's endearing smile. In Jesus God received the gift of humanity and humanity received

the embrace of the divine.

Humanity was no longer isolated from God. In Jesus God took on human destiny and man took on divine destiny. Christmas means that there is a shared life of love between God and us, and that creatures have a future of ultimate significance.

Christmas tells us that the expectation adults have to share love and to live a life of creative self-expression is well-grounded. This is our destiny, even if from time to time it may not be realized in our daily existence.

Advent gives us some time to take stock of our lives, to ask what we really want and to reflect on the promise Christianity offers. We can establish priorities in keeping with our expectations and set goals.

VERY PRACTICALLY, such plans might include: additional education for personal enrichment or for job advancement or security; making a change in lifestyle—either getting more serious about it or breaking the grips of workaholic tendencies. It may mean improving relationships with spouse and grown children, or mending a broken relationship, or doing a bit more to keep a friendship from going sour.

It's often said that Christmas is for children and indeed it is. But

'Advent is a time of faith. We believe that the Lord has come, is coming, and will come again. This is a living faith that directs our whole life toward God... When we say "yes" to God, we can change the world.'

Christmas is for adults too.

Christmas is a promise and an encouragement that ultimately life has meaning for each of us.

Advent is our opportunity to lay plans to realize our Christmas expectations more fully.

...are we waiting for today?

(Mark 13:26).

BUT JESUS also said: "As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it, ... only the Father." (Mark 13:32).

And during his trial, Jesus told the court: "You will see the son of man seated at the right hand of the power and coming with the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62).

In Luke we read that on the evening of the resurrection, Jesus gave the disciples this instruction: "Thus it is

of his reign in the universe. It was for this that they prayed: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Paul congratulated his Thessalonian converts for having "turned to God... to await from heaven the Son he raised from the dead—Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

Paul summed up the awaited fulfillment of the divine plan this way: "Just as in Adam all die, so in

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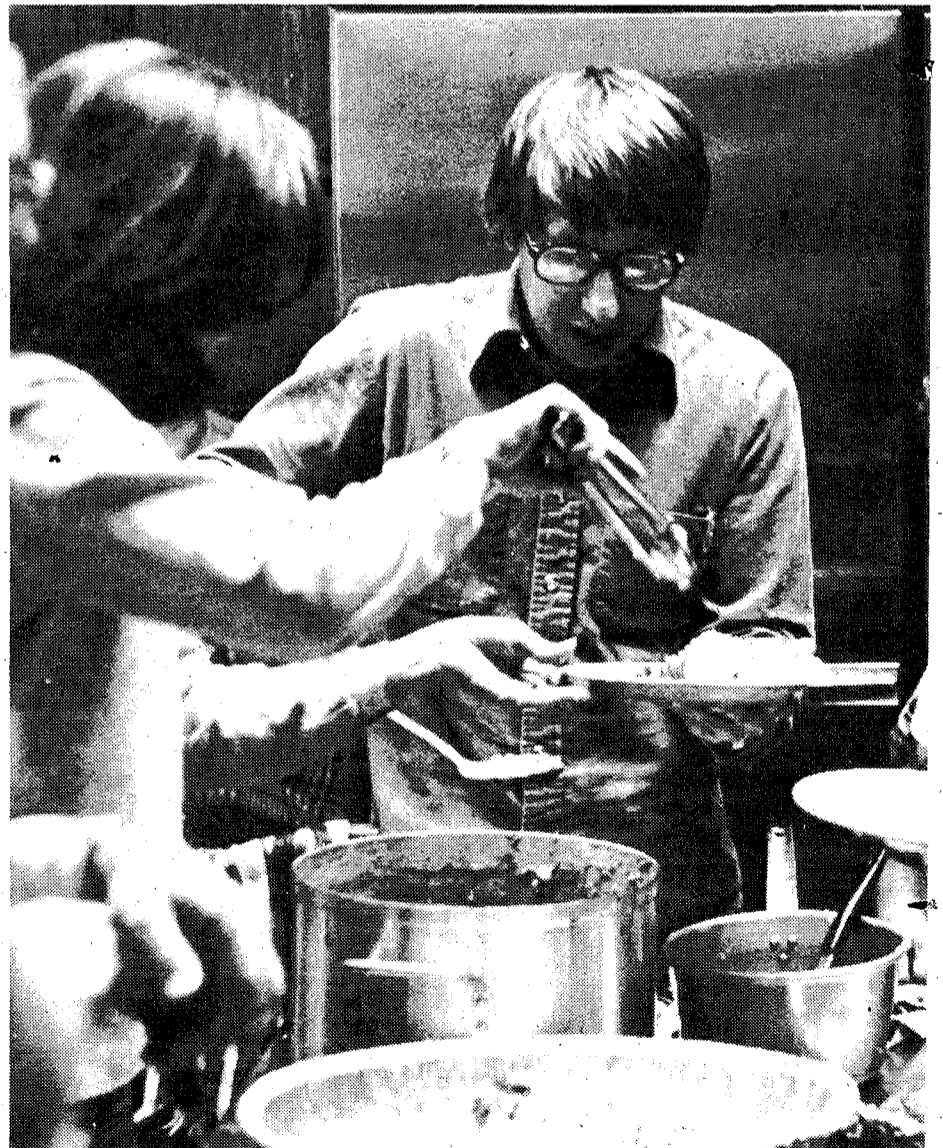
written that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In his name penance for the remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47).

The death and resurrection of Jesus brought God's plan to its climax. But a great deal of work remained and a long, indefinite period of time had to elapse before that plan would be fully accomplished:

IT WAS TO his future coming that the first Christians looked forward anxiously. It would mean God's ultimate triumph over the forces of evil and the definitive establishment

Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when, after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father.

"Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death... when, finally, all has been subjected to the son, he will then subject himself to the one who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all." (1 Corinthians 15:22-26,28).



Members of the Catholic Prime Time Singles Club prepare food for the needy at Christ House in Alexandria, Va. Advent and Christmas need not be a lonely, meaningless time for single adults. Sharing the season with other singles and those in need can turn the time into a real celebration. (NC photo).

Nun on the run

With heavenly soles, sister runs to keep fit

By Kathy Hoak Roth

LEBANON, Pa. (NC)—The lightfooted coach who sets the pace for the running club at Lebanon Catholic High school is a running nun, Sister Kathryn Narkavich of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Although Sister Narkavich, who is also a science and health teacher at the school, calls herself "one of those new gentle runners," she has her heart and sole in running.

'It is a good thing for students to be doing with their leisure when there are such options as alcohol, drugs and arcade games.' —Sister Narkavich.

She started the school's running club in October and since then has been leading a pack of 10 in working up to about eight miles a day.

Most members of the club run "just to keep in shape," said Sister Narkavich, but some of the more serious runners have entered competition. No matter what their

reason, she said. "It's a good thing for students to be doing with their leisure when there are such options as alcohol, drugs and arcade games."

Sister Narkavich called Thomas Simpson, a teacher at Lebanon Catholic and the cross country and track coach at the larger Lancaster (Pa.) Catholic High School nearby, the

driving force behind the club. Students expressed an interest in running to Simpson and he asked Sister Narkavich if she'd consider starting the club, she said.

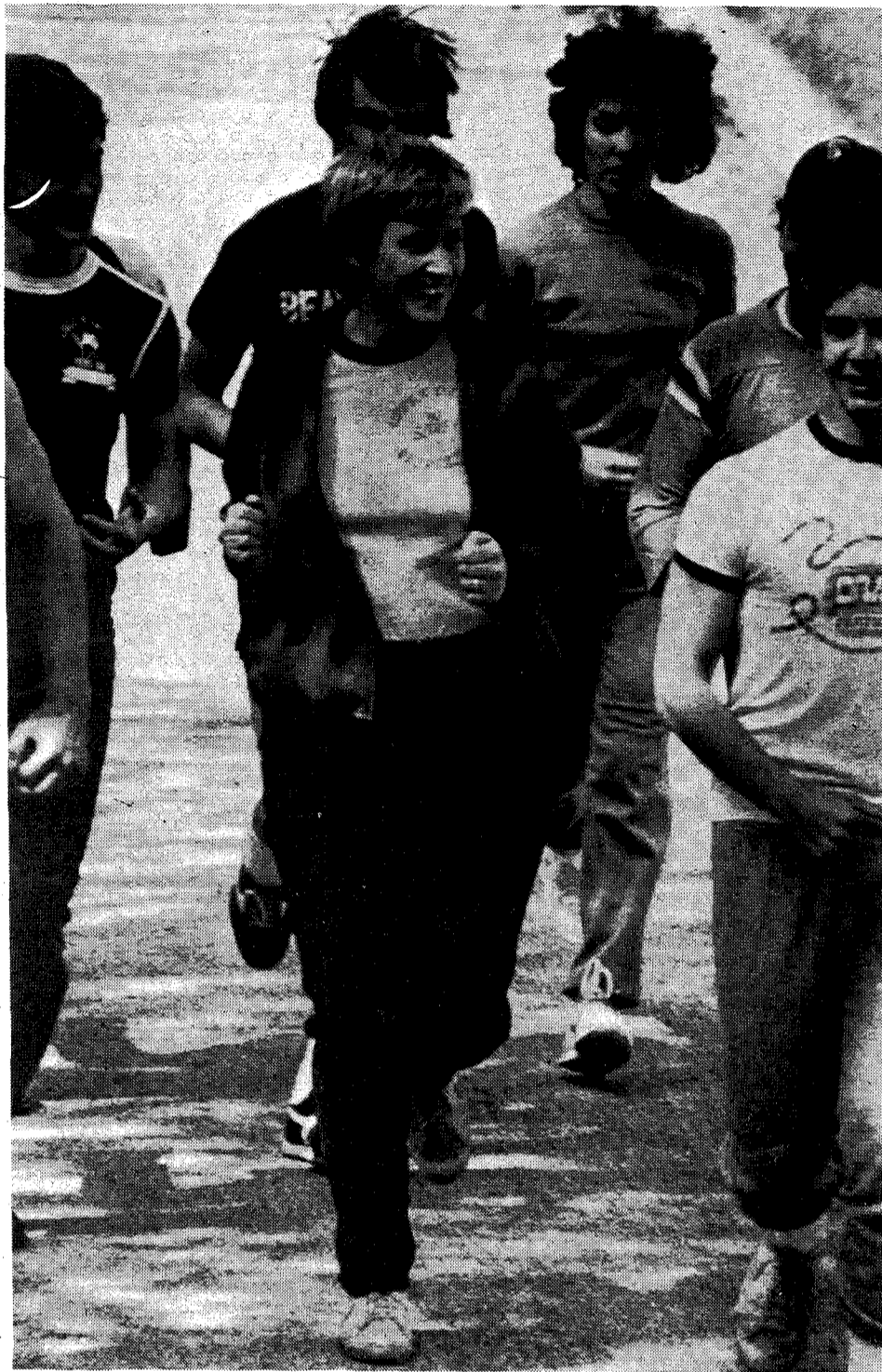
"I said yes, knowing very little about running," she recalled. "So, I got some books from the library and read about it." Simpson also gave her advice on running.

Sister Narkavich said she has high expectations for the club next year. She plans to interest freshmen in joining and to adopt a regular schedule.

Although Sister Narkavich said she is a novice runner, she is an experienced biker. She and Sister Joan Melley, who heads Lebanon Catholic's English department, bike all year round.

Sister Narkavich said biking is not only good exercise but also provides time to meditate on God's creation and the change of seasons.

She began biking nine years ago and recalled when she was conspicuous riding in traffic in her long black habit.



SISTER SETS PACE—Sister Kathryn Narkavich provides a good example of the benefits of running for students at Lebanon Catholic High School in Lebanon, Pa. The science and health teacher, who also enjoys biking, started the school's running club last fall.

the Saints *by Luke*

FRANCIS WAS BORN IN 1506 IN SPAIN OF NOBLE PARENTS, BUT STUDIED IN PARIS TO BECOME A TEACHER. HE JOINED ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA AND FOUR OTHER YOUNG MEN TO FORM THE SOCIETY OF JESUS. WHEN THE KING OF PORTUGAL WANTED SIX MISSIONARIES TO PREACH IN INDIA, ONE OF THOSE CHOSEN WAS FRANCIS. IN GOA, A REGION OF INDIA, HE COMFORTED THE SICK AND WALKED THROUGH THE STREETS RINGING A BELL, ASKING THE CHILDREN TO COME TO CATECHISM IN THE CHURCH. LATER HE PREACHED IN PUBLIC AND SOON THE WHOLE CITY WAS CONVERTED. IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA HE CONVERTED THOUSANDS. FRANCIS AND OTHER MISSIONARIES SAILED FOR JAPAN IN 1549. HIS CONVERTS ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS; AND HIS MISSIONARY IMPACT IN THE EAST ENDURED FOR CENTURIES. ON BOARD A SHIP GOING TO CHINA, HE BECAME ILL WITH A HIGH FEVER. THE SHIP STOPPED AT AN ISLAND OFF THE COAST AND HE DIED IN AN OLD CABIN ON DEC. 3, 1552. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IS PATRON OF ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS. HIS FEAST IS DEC. 3.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



Mass memories

When I close my eyes and think about Midnight Masses over the years, they all seem to blur together. Waking up 4-year-olds and dressing them like you'd dress a rag doll, slipping limp arms into sweaters, catching chubby chins in winter coat zippers.

(OR WAS IT being awakened as a 4-year-old for Midnight Mass?)

Jammed church parking lots, side streets filled with cars. The choir's singing drifting into the crisp night air. People standing in aisles. Persons you've never met before smiling shy "hellos." Teen-agers slouching against side walls with friends.

(Or was it slouching against a side wall as a 15-year-old?)

Babies asleep on laps, on pews, in backpacks, soft crying here and there during the homily, the sanctuary glowing in a vision of red and gold and white, a 9-year-old's sleepy head against your shoulder.

(Or was it leaning my head against my dad's shoulder?)

LONG LINES FOR Communion, but the wait not seeming to matter. Christmas song heard in your heart and in your ears. Breathing incense and not being sure if it made you

feel holy or sick. Eyes filling with tears during "Silent Night."

(Or was it watching my mother's eyes fill with tears during "Silent Night?")

CARRY THE SLEEPING 5-year-old up to the nativity scene and seeing him drink in the little drama through half-open eyes. Wondering what holy little dreams God might be putting in his head.

(Or was it being held in front of the creche and almost feeling like I was one of the characters?)

The children searching the sky for Santa on our way back to the car.

(OR WAS IT searching the sky for Santa?)

The good feeling of being warm and together and family.

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