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Bishops like economy pastoral

But some say it's too 'heavy'

WASHINGTON (NC) — U.S. bishops overall have applauded the first draft of their collective pastoral letter on the economy but find the document too long and "Heavy," according to a survey.

A synopsis of bishops' responses to the first draft was released May 21 by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. A bishops' committee chaired by Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee is drafting the pastoral.

The first draft, more than 50,000 words long, was issued last November. A second draft, originally scheduled for release this spring, has been delayed until fall.

According to the survey report, the bishops are particularly pleased by some aspects of the document, including its presentation of biblical values, Catholic teaching and ethical principles. The bishops surveyed also were pleased with the draft's commitment to the poor, which they found "both important and necessary."

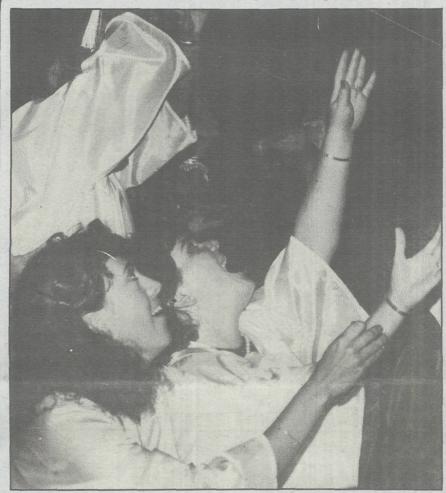
They also referred to the draft as an important teaching tool and means of encouraging national debate on economic policy. But the bishops also regard the document as overly long, "academic," "heavy," "abstract" and redundant, the synopsis noted. Bishops suggested the draft be made more precise and concrete, more inspirational and pastoral, and shorter. Some also described the pastoral as too "negative" in its current form, the synopsis said.

Overall, "the pastoral is seen as a good stimulus for people" when considering the "moral dimensions of the U.S. economy and how to live out the Gospel in our times," the synopsis said. The draft pastoral was also praised for committing the church to economic justice in its own institutions and for emphasizing the need for both personal conversion and structural, social change.

The choice of policy issues mentioned in the first draft was supported "because of the importance and timeliness of the issues," the synopsis stated. "The stress on global interdependence was frequently singled out as being a necessary theme," it

Nonetheless, how specific 'the (Continued on page 3)

It's that time of year again!



The graduating class at Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School does the traditional mortarboard toss of exhultation as a sign of relief and accomplishment at graduation ceremonies typical of the many Catholic schools throughout South Florida at this time of year. (Voice photo by Prent Browning)

'They do together share the notion that the world can be redeemed.'

A new day for Jews and Catholics-



Rabbi Haskell Bernat of Temple Israel and Archbishop McCarthy talk after participating in an interfaith service, part of a two-day commemoration of Vatican II which included talks by noted authorities on interfaith relations. (Voice photo by Prent Browning)

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By Prent Browning Voice Staff Writer

There was anti-Semitism, mistrust of Catholics, deep theological misunder-standings, and even name calling.

And then came Vatican II.

Although it was not the cure for all evils, the Second Vatican Council has proven to be the turning point in the re-

lations between Jews and Catholics.
So it was only appropriate that a 20th anniversary commemoration of Vatican II should be the occasion of an interfaith dialogue held for two days last week at St. Martha parish and Temple Israel in Miami.

Its featured speakers included Fr. John Pawlikowski, a leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and author of six books. He is a leading expert on the subjects of catechetics and prejudice and teaches at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Also featured were Rabbi David M. Gordis, Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Committee, and William Gralnick, the S.E. Regional Director of the American Jewish Committee.

All agreed that the history of the Catholic Church contained many black marks of religious intolerance including the famous examples of the Spanish Inquisition and the Crusades.

But intolerance of Judaism cut deeper than those two isolated examples of zealotry, said Rabbi Gordis before his talk Thursday night.

Judaism was regarded as an "illicit faith" by the early church fathers, the rabbi said. In fact the only status that the Jewish faith maintained in Christian eyes was that of a witness in its sufferings of the continued "recalcitrance of the Jews in accepting Christ as the Messiah," he said.

The doctrines and attitudes of the Christian church included the charge of "decide", a word bantered about often by early church theologians in referring to the Jews as the killers of Christ.

Even in the New Testament itself, Rabbi Gordis said, there is a negative picture painted of the Jews, particularly in the gospel of John where "the Pharisees were made into villains," he said

These attitudes about Jews by Catholics whether receiving church sanction or not were eliminated at least official-

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National/World Eriefs

NRL boycotts 'death peddler' drug co.

WASHINGTON (NC) — The National Right to Life Committee announced a boycott of the Upjohn Co., which it called "the death-peddler of the U.S. drug industry," until Upjohn stops marketing alleged abortion-inducing drugs.

Upjohn, based in Kalamazoo, Mich., responded that "the basis for the boycott is erroneous."

Dr. John. C. Willke, NRLC president, in a news conference on the sidewalk outside Upjohn's Washington office, said NRLC wants Upjohn to withdraw from the market one prostaglandin drug, Prostin F2 Alpha, which he said was used ex-

clusively for abortion, and to restrict use of four other drugs to non-abortion purposes.

Willke also accused Upjohn of developing a new suppository drug, Meteneprost, for use in so-called doit-yourself abortions at home. As evidence, he cited an article in the May 1985 Obstetrics and Gynecology journal on drug-induced abortion, using a new drug — not identified as Meteneprost — supplied by Upjohn.

The NRLC president cited cordial, professional relations with Dr. Theodore Cooper, vice chairman of the Upjohn board, in discussing

NRLC's concerns, but said that "our good-faith efforts to convince the Upjohn Co. to 'get out of the abortion business' have failed."

Thus, he said, NRLC is launching "a major international boycott of their drugs until such time as they quit the baby-killing business. They are in fact labeled the death peddler of the U.S. drug industry."

Upjohn, responding to the NRLC news conference, said it "regrets that the right-to-life movement has chosen to implement a boycott against the company. The basis for the boycott is erroneous.

"The company has informed right-

to-life groups repeatedly that it is not developing nor does it intend to market any product to be used for first-trimester, 'do-it-yourself' abortions,' it said. "Their (the right-to-life group's) announcement is obviously a distortion designed to gain publicity rather than a serious attempt to change policy or to reduce the numbers of abortions."

If prostaglandin drugs, used in two percent of abortions, were removed from the market, doctors would still perform abortions by surgery — the method used in 98 percent of abortions, Upjohn said.

N.Y. dioceses assist elderly

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (NC) The Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre have announced a joint plan to raise supplemental retirement funds for the care of elderly religious sisters and brothers who served in the two dioceses. The financial struggles of religious orders in caring for older members has been widely recognized and studied as a national church problem. But officials of the two dioceses, who announced the plan at a Brooklyn press briefing May 14, said they knew of no other diocese in the United States that had launched an effort such as theirs. The program, to be initiated with a special collection in parishes of the two dioceses June 2, commits each diocese to raising \$500,000 annually for 10 years. Each participating religious community will receive an annual allocation based on the number of its members who served in the two dioceses and the number of years served.

Pope's Dutch visit 'helps church'

LUXEMBOURG (NC) — The head of the Dutch bishops' conference said that Pope John Paul II's visit to the Netherlands was a comfort to people who are "really Catholic." Cardinal-designate Adrianus Simonis of Utrecht, Netherlands, who accompanied the pope on his flight from the Netherlands to Luxembourg, where the pope received a warm welcome, said he was convinced that the visit "will help the church in Holland." The visit "will console and comfort people who are really Catholic," he said, and "people who have problems with the institutional church have seen the Holy Father as he really is. Young people have found a real shepherd."

Diocese reaches out to unchurched

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (NC) — Msgr. Leo J. Conti, director of evangelization for the Diocese of Evansville, takes his evangelizing efforts seriously. Since he initiated the diocese's Office of Evangelization in 1980, it has undertaken an unusual marketing strategy to reach the unchurched as well as inactive Catholics. Evansville residents driving down a local highway can't help but notice a billboard which reads: "Inactive Catholic? Unchurched? Call 423-4357 Anytime. The Catholic Diocese." Or they may open one of their daily newspapers and see an ad which says: "An invitation to inactive Catholics: Come back home." According to Msgr. Conti, "no stone is left unturned" in seeking ways to reach needy souls.

Cdl. cites health care flaws

CHICAGO (NC) — The American health care system, including Catholic hospitals, does too little for the poor and needs to apply the "consistent ethic of life" to its activities, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago told a medical conference at Loyola University, Chicago. Addressing the Foster McGaw Triennial Conference May 8, the cardinal criticized deficiencies in medical care, especially the lack of adequate health care for society's disadvantaged. "A serious problem today is the fact that many persons are left without basic health care while large sums of money are invested in the treatment of a few by means of exceptional, expensive measures," he said.

Cdl. speaks on women, hierarchy

(Undated) (NC) — National bishops' conferences should be limited structures "without a juridical dimension, orders of the day and the creation of offices," said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in an Italian newspaper interview. The cardinal also said that women cannot be ordained because "Christ was a man" and the body is an integral symbol of Christ's priesthood. In other comments during the interview, the cardinal said that a balance must be found between the authority of national bishops' conferences and the responsibility of the bishop in his local diocese. And there is a "Nucleus of truth" in communism, he said. It attracts many people because it tries to provide a synthesis between science and morality, but it leads to totalitarianism, he said.



PAINTING'S PILGRIMAGE — Bishop James Malone, right, of Youngstown, Ohio president of the NCCB, participates in the opening of the 30-year pilgrimage of the revered painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa, seen at rear in Drohiczyn, Poland. Participating in the service are Cardinal Jozef Glemp, left, primate of Poland, and Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Cracow, Poland. (NC photo by Ryszard Dutkiewicz).

Texas shelter director arrested

SARITA, Texas (NC) — Lorry Thomas, the new director of a church-sponsored shelter for refugees, was arrested at a border checkpoint in Sarita and charged with transporting an illegal alien. Miss Thomas, 41, became director of Casa Oscar Romero in San Benito after her predecessor, Jack Elder, was convicted in February of transporting illegal aliens. The shelter is supported by the Diocese of Brownsville. Border Patrol authorities said Miss Thomas was charged with one count of transporting an illegal alien after a Nicaraguan was found in the trunk of her car.

Pope tells nuns 'remember prayer'

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The religious life must preserve its distinctive character in order to bring its message to the world, Pope John Paul II told a meeting of superiors general of women's religious orders. The pope urged women Religious to remember the primacy of prayer, voluntary poverty and the task of evangelization, especially when guiding the formation of novices. The text of the pope's French-language letter was read at the meeting of the International Union of Superiors General in Rome, which took place during a papal trip to the Netherlands.

India's bishops plan caste survey

(NC) — India's Catholic bishops' conference said it plans an "extensive survey" of discrimination by state governments against members of the country's "old untouchable" class who convert to Christianity. The bishops said the converts, many of them Catholics, are "discriminated against and denied welfare measures" available to their counterparts of other faiths "just because they are Christians." The converts are denied the aid on the excuse that Christians do not practice the caste system. The bishops said they plan to use the survey to gather material for a "representation" on behalf of the converts to ask the central government to end the discrimination.

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Cuomo tells grads: 'Resist materialism'-

NEW YORK (NC) — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo challenged the 1985 graduating class of Fordham University May 25 to resist a "Darwinian" trend in which Americans are becoming concerned only with their own material success.

"You can resist," he said, "by affirming with your lives the idea that we are our brother's keeper, all of us, as a people."

Cuomo received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Jesuit school and addressed an audience of several thousand outdoors at Fordham's Rose Hill campus in the Bronx. Fordham's four undergraduate and six graduate and professional schools awarded some 3,000 degrees.

Cuomo told the graduates that many of them would be "among the lucky players" in life because they were now "graduates of one of the finest private colleges in the richest nation in the world."

He said the education Fordham gives its students does not "sanction" exclusive concentration on personal success but tells students that without love "we will perish — as individuals, as a nation, as a world."

"When you receive your diploma you certify that you've heard that message," the governor said. "It's an unusual one, I think, in today's world, and you're stuck with it, because you asked for it, because you weren't conscripted to Fordham; you chose to come here."

Cuomo, who is often mentioned as a possible Democratic presidential nominee, also connected his message to national political trends. He said that "until recently, as a nation, we always seemed quite comfortable with the essence of what Fordham has been teaching."

But he said that "many of us who had been raised up from poverty to

the middle class and even higher by virtue of this philosophy" forgot "how government helped us."

"Now in our comfort," he said, "we encouraged a government attitude that reflected this amnesia, an attitude that says it's all right to forget because this great nation can no longer afford to help the weak, and even if we could, we shouldn't, because in doing so we'd only drain away the ambition and motivation of the strong. If they had said that 50 years ago, many of us who weren't born to wealth or high station wouldn't be here today."

"This belief that we have a collective responsibility to care, to help, and must express it through our government, isn't an easy thing," Cuomo said. "It's easier just to take care of yourself, and be more comfortable."

"Yet if we are to claim Christ's name — if we are to dare to call our-

selves Christians — what choice do we really have but to hear that voice and to answer its summons?" he asked

Cuomo has been criticized by prolifers for not opposing abortion politically, though he professes prolife views personally.

In introductory remarks the governor said it was a "great day for New York" not only for the Fordham University graduation but because on the same day "in Rome the Archdiocese of New York is honored by the elevation of a new prince of the church, John Cardinal O'Connor."

Cuomo's wife, Matilda, represented the governor in Rome.

Jesuit Father Joseph O'Hare, president of Fordham, read a letter from Cardinal O'Connor, saying officials told him it was the first to be signed with the title of cardinal. "Only Rome could keep me from Fordham today," the new cardinal wrote.

Priest, rabbi air Vatican II effects

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ly, in a single stroke with the publication of "Nostrae Aetate," a document issued in 1965 during the Second Vatican Council.

No longer, the document stated, could the Jews be represented as being rejected by God "as if this followed from Holy Scripture."

Bishops at the council realized the theological misunderstandings had indeed contributed to anti-semitic feelings held by many Christians. Some pastors characterized the Jews in their homilies as being cursed by God.

The church now rejects the idea the Jews are collectively responsible for the death of Jesus, says Rabbi Gordis, in addition to stating that the New Testament supplements and not supplants the Old Testament.

"The church affirms the validity of the Jewish faith and seeks dialogue and understanding," the rabbi said about the current orientation of Catholics.

Fr. Pawlikowski, speaking Thursday, said that the church no longer considers the "theology of displacement" or the concept that the New Testament replaces the Old Testament, valid.

St. Paul himself, he said, has a respect for the Jewish faith.

"Even though he recognized a certain deep revelation in the Christ event, nonetheless he was forced some 30 years after the death of Christ to say that whatever the Christ event means it does not mean the total devaluation of the Jewish conevant," he said.

Not too long ago, Fr. Pawlikowski said, "the typical Catholic image was that Christ was pretty much a "lone voice in the wilderness. But many of the basic values he espoused were also expressed by other people, other Jewish groups."

Actually, Jews and Christians may

have much more in common than they have in opposition

"They (Christians and Jews) believe in God. They do together share the notion that the world can be redeemed," Rabbi Gordis said.

"It takes these two people working together and not in opposition to articulate that."

Today there are many shared activities among Catholics and Jews, perhaps most prominently in the social arena where both groups will unite in supporting or disagreeing with a particular piece of legislation or issue.

But also there is much dialogue between theologians of the two faiths and joint discussions dealing with liturgical questions.

Catholic and Jewish leaders at the commemoration agreed that there has been a deepening of the dialogue between Christians and Jews in recent years.

Rabbi Gordis speaks of a recent visit with Pope John Paul II in which he was impressed with the Pope's sincerity and commitment to good Catholic-Jewish relations and his reaffirmation of the "Nostrae Aetate" document.

Gralnick says he has found Catholic-Jewish relations to be "more and more meaningful."

There used to be a lot of living room dialogues, he says, but now priests and nuns are even being invited to Shabat dinner.

Fr. Pawlikowski noted that Catholics and Jews are becoming more comfortable in bringing controversial subjects to dialogue.

Indeed, Rabbi Gordis brought up the issue of abortion Thursday night, a topic that in earlier years would have been scrupulously avoided.

The rabbi remarked that though Jews and Catholic hold different views



Msgr. Walsh (from left), Fr. Pawlikowski, and Rabbi Gordis await their turn at the lecturn.

on the subject that they shouldn't consider each others' point of view as immoral.

"When only one position is identified with lie and those positions which are different from that are anti-life, it does not permit the productive and creative interchange of ideals... it introduces an element into that discussion which is overly judgmental, which is demeaning and condescending."

Although great strides have been made against anti-Semitism, there has to be constant vigilence, says Rabbi Gordis, to keep down any anti-Jewish feeling lurking below the surface.

Indeed, there are many aspects of the relations between the two churches that need work.

A particularly thorny subject for both Rabbi Gordis and Gralnick has to do with Passion plays that depict Jews negatively, in particular the annual plays at Lake Wales and Oberammergau.

"It's like watching cowboys and Indians," Gralnick said of the Oberammergau play, "all the Christians wear white and all the Jews wear black."

"The Jewish priests are dressed in hats right out of the Mickey Mouse Club with rounded ears."

The stage directions of the play, adds Rabbi Gordis, call for the Jews to look grotesque.

"So you're talking about the perpetuation of a stereotype to a mass

audience," he said.

Also an elevation of the value of the New Testament at the expense of the Old Testament must be eliminated from homilies and textbooks, said Fr. Pawlikowski.

Fr. Pawlikowki has written extensively on how the Pharisees are portrayed negatively in many educational materials and urges an approach based upon their moral values and humanity.

"The Pharisees who are the villains of the account, certainly of the Book of John, are not villains of Jewish life," said Rabbi Gordis, "they are the authors and creators of contemporary Judaism."

The Christian community will have to come to terms both intellectually and emotionally with the fact that Judaism is a "living tradition" not confined to the pages of history books and Biblical texts, he said.

One way for the Christian and Jewish community to come closer together are at interfaith meetings and dialogue groups.

In Kendall a clergy dialogue group has been recently formed led by Fr. Jim Fetscher, pastor of St. Louis parish.

"Sr. Noel (Sr. Noel Boggs, a member of the Archdiocese Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee and an organizer of interfaith events) and the Archbishop have led the way," he said, "and it would be good if people realized that its a nice path to follow."

Bishops like economy pastoral, so far

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document should be about issues "is a topic requiring further discussion," according to the synopsis.

The drafting committee's interest in public input and dialogue with others was credited with producing such "valuable results" as "increased discussion of the church's teaching on social justice; a greater awareness of the moral dimensions of economic life; increased public discussion of the needs of the poor; and the hope for a sustained church response to issues of economic justice."

Many bishops suggested that a brief "pastoral message," inspirational in tone, be issued alongside the pastoral, the synopsis stated.

Some bishops also proposed that the document be cut into two publications with the first part of the proposed pastoral, the biblical-ethical framework, separated from the second part, the application of principles, which some regarded as needing "ongoing and more extensive discussion." Others, however, opposed dividing the document into two pieces.

Many bishops also called for more attention to the implementation of the pastoral letter, better linkage between the pastoral on the economy and the bishops' 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace, and more attention in the new pastoral on issues of war and peace, such as the effect of the arms race on the economy.

Others urged emphasis on such questions as direct government action in job and training programs and collaboration with the private sector in such areas as housing, health care and social services.

Often, the synopsis said, bishops suggested "that more prominence be given to those sections of the text which describe and praise the successes of the American economy."

The bishops also had varied ideas on how specific the document should be. "Many expressed the need to move beyond general moral principles and to engage the substance of major policy issues, but they urged that this treatment of issues not become so specific that it appears to endorse a particular programmatic blueprint," the synopsis said.

Covenant House priest fights pornography

WASHINGTON (NC) — Conventual Franciscan Father Bruce Ritter. founder of the New York-based Covenant House program for runaway and exploited children, has been appointed by Attorney General Edwin Meese III to a new commission on pornography.

At a news conference in Washington May 20, Meese announced the 11-member commission which will study the effects of pornography and recommend measures to control its production and distribution.

Father Ritter said May 21 he is "delighted and honored to be appointed to a commission that has a very important responsibility."

At the same time, Father Ritter said, he is aware of "how difficult, how complex, how sensitive this matter is."

Meese, saying a re-examination of the pornography issue is long overdue, said the content of pornography has "radically changed" since a presidential commission in 1970 concluded that pornography was, in Meese's words, "not much of a problem."

The 1970 panel said it found no convincing evidence that pornography led to anti-social behavior and said no new laws were needed to

Meese said his panel may recommend legislation to restrict production and distribution of pornography, new law enforcement techniques or even guidelines on how to conduct pornography investigations without infringing upon First Amendment rights to free speech.

Members of the panel were chosen to "carefully balance the need to control distribution of this material and the need to protect First Amendment freedoms," he said.

Barry Lynn, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, criticized the new commission and said he was "not convinced the attorney general takes these free expression rights seriously.'

Lynn also specifically criticized Father Ritter and the panel's chairman, Henry Hudson, commonwealth's attorney for Arlington, Va., saying some members "cannot be said to have an open mind about sexually explicit material."

Father Ritter said that while the

ACLU has "justifiable" concerns civil liberties, the about organization's stands on pornography issues are "very seriously flawed.

He said the ACLU "will not back away from its defense of child pornography" despite a unanimous Supreme Court ruling three years ago that child pronography does not merit the protection of the Constitution.

"The position of Covenant House and my own personal position is that child pronography is an abhorrent evil," Father Ritter said. It is "exploitive and lethal" to children.

Father Ritter, who in 1968 left a college teaching job to work with the poor in New York, was singled out by President Reagan in Reagan's 1984 State of the Union address as an example of the "unsung heroes" of American society whose private initiatives tackle social problems.

His Covenant House programs in New York, Houston and Toronto provide shelter and help to abused and exploited children, many of them victims of pornography and prostitu-

'Today Show' from Rome praised

NEW YORK (NC) - An NBC News vice president told a church communicators' group May 22 that as a Catholic he considered the "Today" show's Holy Week broadcasts from Rome not only a journalistic accomplishment but also "enormously successful" in communicating the message of the Catholic Church.

The official, Timothy Russert, said his argument to Vatican officials dubious about allowing the unprecedented television access was that Pope John Paul II is "one of the most effective communicators in the world" and that "the church should have confidence in that."

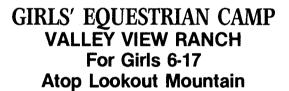
'The Holy Father personally understands and treasures the value of communication, especially to the United States," Russert said.

Russert said Archbishop John P. Foley, a former archdiocesan newspaper editor in Philadelphia who now heads the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, took the attitude of "let the sun shine in." He added that Archbishop Foley had since called to read a letter from a lapsed Catholic in Wisconsin who was returning to the church after seeing the broadcasts.

Russert spoke at the annual awards ceremony of TRISCCORT (Tri-State Catholic Committee on Radio and Television), an association of communication officials of dioceses and other Catholic groups involved with broadcast media in the New York metropolitan area. Annual awards are given to encourage "the highest spiritual and human values" in broadcasting.

Frank DeRosa, information officer of the Brooklyn Diocese and TRISC-CORT chairman, said that although this year's awards went for programs on unpleasant subjects, such as teenage suicide and a documentary on sex abuse of children, TRISCCORT wished to commend the producers for showing people dealing with serious problems in a positive way.

People at NBC, he said, still stop him in the hall and thank him for enabling them to meet the Holy Father.



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'Fewer' Catholics in '85—on paper

By Jerry Filteau NC News Service

Where did all the Catholics go? It appears they were lost in a puff of paper smoke but not in reality.

When the 1985 Official Catholic Directory figures were released May 22, they showed a net decline of nearly 107,000 in the total number of U.S. Catholics.

But the Boston Archdiocese alone lost 172,000 and said virtually all of it was due to "more precise information-gathering and reporting."

The state of Florida, despite a general population growth of about 250,000 and the creation of two new dioceses, showed a net loss of 277,000 Catholics. Virtually the whole loss was due to the decision of the Miami Archdiocese to shift from estimates to parish registration figures for its method of reporting.

The New York Archdiocese showed a net loss of 76,000 Catholics between its 1984 and 1985 figures, but sociologist Father Philip Murnion said he had told the archdioces several years ago that its published figures were about 160,000 too high.

"These (Catholic population estimates) should be done in color rather than numbers — they're artistic creations," said the priest, who heads the New York archdiocesan Pastoral Life Conference.

In Florida, the sudden shift in figures was partly hidden by the fact that two new dioceses, split from parts of three existing ones, were created during 1984.

In 1985 the new Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., reported 103,000 Catholics. The new Diocese of Venice reported nearly 117,000 Catholics. But their combined gain of almost 220,000 did not match the combined losses of nearly 500,000 by Orlando (20,000 down), St. Petersburg, (78,000 down) and Miami (398,000 down).

Father Gerard LaCerra, Miami archdiocesan chancellor, said the archdiocese estimated that it lost "21 percent of our Catholic population" when parts of the territory were split off to help form the new dioceses.

But Miami took the split as an opportunity for "bringing ourselves into accord with the practice of the other Florida dioceses," he said.

Until then, he said, the archdiocese had used general population figures and techniques of projection to estimate its actual number of Catholics. Starting with the new set of statistics, he said, Miami is using for its official Catholic count only those actually registered in the parishes of the archdiocese.

Father Murnion said that the Catholic population figures given each year by dioceses "have only the most general relationship to reality" and should not be used as if they were hard, scientific data.

Across the nation, a large number of dioceses reported exactly the same figures in 1985 as they had in 1984 for general population or Catholic population or both.

Of those that reported changes in Catholic population, most reported an increase. For example, increases were reported in Los Angeles,

187,581; San Antonio, 65,687; Denver, 62,637; and San Diego, 44,782. Only a few reported declines.

But the declines reported in Florida, Boston and New York show how drastically national figures can be skewed in any given year by accounting changes in a few places.

In Boston, from 1979 to 1984, the reported total population of the archdiocese — Catholics and non-Catholics — had dropped more than a third, from nearly 5.8 million to less than 3.7 million. But in the same period, the reported Catholic population had gone down only 80,000, or four percent — from about 2,016,000 to 1,936,000.

Thus Boston's 1984-85 loss of 172,000 while the general population had dropped only another 20,000 during the year, represented a paper catch-up on the declines of several years

years.

"The decline has been much more gradual, but the old system was not picking it up," the archdiocese said in a prepared statement explaining the new figures.

Face touchy issues, journalists told

ORLANDO, FL (NC) — Catholic journalists must be teachers in the church, tackling awkward or controversial issues and explaining such events more clearly than people who are making news, Holy Cross Father James Burtchaell told several hundred Catholic journalists here.

Father Burtchaell, an author and faculty member at the University of Notre Dame, gave the keynote address to the Catholic Press Association national convention at the Hyatt Orlando Hotel.

"I think Catholic journalists have to accept the responsibility to be a major intellectual resource in the Catholic community," said Father Burtchaell.

"You are doing more teaching than most priests and a good number of theologians," Father Burtchaell said to the journalists.

He said for example that the "frivolous and unthoughtout" positions of Democratic vvice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro and other politicians in the 1984

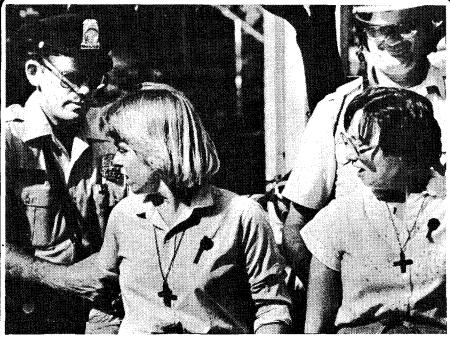
elections "should have produced more thoughtful and discriminating comment in our publications."

He said that the general "bashfulness" of Catholic politicians to recognize the influence of their faith on their actions is one of the awkward subjects which needs to be addressed.

He also called for reporting on outgroups ranging from Planned Parenthood to dissident French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre's movement so that readers would understand what they believe and why they act as they do.

Issues like pornography and homosexuality, Father Burtchaell said, "need redefining when the leadership in those issues may not be equal to the cause itself. I think that the issue of pornography is far more serious than it has been presented to the American public or to the Catholic community."

He also remarked, "There are issues involving homosexuality today that have been dealt with in a criminally supervidical way by people who for one reason or another have as-



NUNS ARRESTED — Two Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur are arrested outside the South African Embassy in Washington along with eight other Sisters protesting apartheid policies of the African nation. (NC photo)

sumed the position of spokespersons. I think the Catholic community deserves something more profound."

Father Burtchaell's speech, "An Agenda for 1985 and Beyond," was wide-ranging, including critiques of

seminary education, the priesthood, secular press stereotyping of Catholics, and media reluctance to be critical of Jewish organizations while considering the U.S. hierarchy fair game.

Priest shortage

By Jerry Filteau NC News Service

U.S. dioceses are continuing to adapt to their priest shortage in a variety of ways, according to reports that have appeared recently in diocesan newspapers around the country.

• When Bishop Timothy J. Harrington of Worcester, Mass., announced the retirement of four priests in May, he appointed four diocesan officials to become pastors. The four—the diocesan vicar general, judicial vicar, financial director and Catholic Charities director—all retained their diocesan posts as well.

• In the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, more than one out of four parishes is now without a resident pastor. The number of active diocesan priests has been declining at a rate of 3.8 a year. This spring Bishop Maurice Dingman announced formation of a new diocesan office for lay ministry, citing "the increasing need for opportunities for the laity to be trained for ministry."

• In Salina, Kan., the diocesan

Diocese coping in various ways

pastoral council has spent recent months studying possibilities for a major realignment of parishes because of fewer priests. The diocesan planning office reported in March on tentative plans by which, within two years, 13 parishes with their own pastors might share six pastors, and four more parishes would be reduced to "station" status. By 1990 the still-unofficial proposal foresaw an additional three parishes reduced to stations and 16 more parishes sharing pastors.

• In Worcester, Bishop Harrington this spring followed the earlier lead of Hartford, Conn., and Providence, R.I., in asking parishes to restudy Sunday Mass schedules to see if the number could be reduced. One of the key reasons he gave was to "lighten the stress on priests" who, despite fewer numbers, have continued older Mass schedules set up when there were more priests available.

• In Chicago, the archdiocesan

personnel office held meetings with lay leaders of selected parishes over the past year to learn what strategies and priorities they would focus on as the archdiocese drops from 850 priests currently to a projected 700 by 1990.

Many dioceses increasingly have made planning for future shortages a priority. Typical is the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., where the priests' senate formed a "Reconfiguration Committee" this spring to recommend approaches the diocese might take to the problem. By 1987 it expects to have 18-20 percent fewer active priests than it had in 1979.

Syracuse expects within two more years to have only 87 priests under age 45, compared with 203 priests under age 45 that it had in 1973. Figures similar to this have been published in dioceses across the country. They find their corps of priests not only dwindling but aging, as fewer new priests come in each year

than are needed even to maintain replacement levels for those who die or retire.

Permanent deacons, unheard of two decades ago, are playing an ever larger role in U.S. Catholic parishes. In Sacramento, Calif., 18 deacons being ordained this May and June will bring the total number in the diocese to 50

Chicago, leading U.S. dioceses in the number of permanent deacons, has some 500 now, or about three deacons for every five priests.

In the Chicago archdiocesan meetings on strategies for the future, one major emphasis that emerged was a desire to develop lay ministries and greater lay responsibility for parish life. Another emphasis, however, was a view that priests are essential, and rather than have too few priests it would be better to ordain women and married men.

Immigration reform is tried again

By Liz S. Armstrong WASHINGTON (NC) — One of Congress' perennial 'lost causes," at least in terms of the number of times it's been defeated, bounced back into the Senate May 23 when Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., unveiled a proposed new immigration reform bill.

The bill borrows from the ill-fated Simpson-Mazzoli bill which died in the previous Congress in 1984 after a prolonged fight. Simpson's new effort, however, also contains some different ideas. And the House cosponsor of Simpson-Mazzoli, Rep. Romano Mazzoli, D-Ky., has so far declined to join Simpson on a comparable House measure.

Congress has debated immigration reform often in the last decade. In 1976, President Gerald Ford signed a new immigration law that was promptly criticized. In 1977, members of Congress drafted measures for reforms. In 1978, Congress turned the issue over to a special commission on immigration, headed by Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, which began a threeyear study. Reform bills based in part on the commission's recommendations failed in 1982 and 1984.

Recent history indicates Simpson's new effort won't have an easy time,

Simpson's bill may be a legislative trial balloon, since he circulated copies of the bill before it was formally introduced and sought reaction from his Senate colleagues.

In part, the new bill would:

- Initiate new employer sanctions or penalties against employers who knowingly hire undocumented work-
- Direct the president to set up a commission to determine, after a year, whether the employer sanctions are working.
- Delay amnesty for illegal aliens already in the United States until the

presidential commission agrees the employer sanctions are effective in stemming illegal immigration.

- Grant the amnesty as a form of temporary legal status for two to three years to illegal aliens who have resided in the United States since 1979 or earlier.
- When the period of temporary legal status expires, make permanent legal status for the immigrants con-

tingent upon their demonstration of at least minimal ability to communicate in the English language.

- Permit "guestworker" migrants from across the border to enter the United States on a limited basis to pick crops.
- Set up a second presidential commission to study the "guestworker" system.

HAITIAN GROUP TOLD

Immigration 'God-given right'

KEARNY, N.J. (NC) - "Immigration is a right given by God to the individual because (God) made the world for everyone without frontiers," Auxiliary Bishop David Arias of Newark told members of the Haitian Apostolate U.S.A. at a Mass.

It is the responsibility of the church to help Haitian immigrants meet their basic needs, he said.

"In the Catholic Church," the bishop said, "nobody is undocumented. We all have a document acknowledging us as true members and this is the document of our baptism."

Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Pittsburgh told the group of about 50 representatives of Haitian communities, including Bishop Willy Romelus of Jeremie, Haiti, that the American church must continue to reach out to Haitian refugees as they begin to move into American culture.

"In the confusion of uprootedness and transition from the rural Haitian background to the post-industrial lifestyle of the American city, a renewed faith can provide the needed answers for personal, family and group survival and growth," the bishop said during the conference.

Legislation must be passed soon to protect the Haitian boat refugees who came to the United States in the early 1980s or they will face deportation, said Michael Hooper, executive director of the National Coalition for Haitian Refugees in New York.

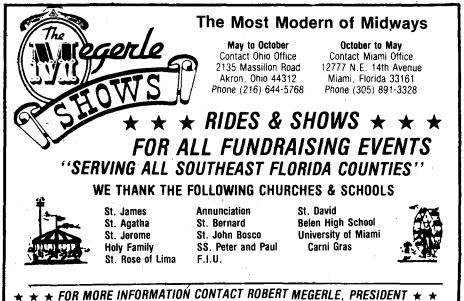
Unless legislation is passed by November, he said, "we're going to close out 1985 with a stone around our necks that will dictate immigration policy for the next generation.'

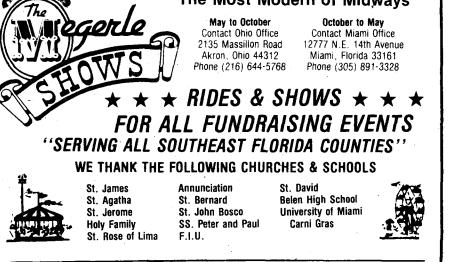
Father Thomas Wenski, director of the Miami Archdiocese's Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center, told the group that Haitian immigrants face difficulties in adapting to American Catholicism because unlike the Irish and Italians, who brought their priests with them when they moved to America, the Haitians brought few of their own priests.

He encouraged those who could speak Creole, the Haitian native language, to help "bring the church" to those who cannot understand English and have not yet adapted to American culture.

Emile Ambroise, a permanent deacon in the Miami Archdiocese, noted that Haitian Mass attendance rose dramatically in his area when Mass was celebrated in Creole.

"The Haitians, when they find a place where God's Word is spoken in their own language, they stay with







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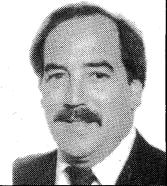




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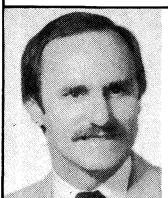


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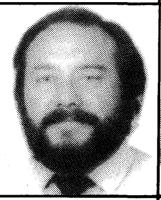


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Abortion arguments turn personal

By Stephenie Overman

WASHINGTON (NC) — The abortion debate turned intensely personal this week as women at two Washington assemblies publicly expressed their gratitude and relief or their pain and guilt for having undergone abortions.

At a National Right to Life Committee press conference two members of Women Exploited by Abortion told how they had come to choose abortion and the trauma that resulted.

Nearby, in a park between the Capitol and the White House, members of the National Abortion Rights Action League told of the dangers of illegal abortions before the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

Under a banner proclaiming, "We are your mothers, your daughters, your sisters," letters were read from women across the country, telling of their experiences with unwanted pregnancies.

The two assemblies took place the same day that the Planned Parenthood Federation of America began a nationwide advertising campaign to keep abortion legal. Full-page ads appeared in The Washington Post, The New York Times and elsewhere which urged readers to write the Reagan administration and Congress on the

At the NRLC press conference Patti Haywood-McKinney said that when she had an abortion at the age of 19 in the 1960s she thought she was "striking a blow for reproductive

rights" but that she has come to learn that abortion is really "the violent betrayal of everything a woman is."

Asked how the women speaking on behalf of the NARAL campaign could call abortion a good choice, Ms. Haywood-McKinney said that some people have "a blind spot in their morality" when it comes to abortion.

Olivia Gans, also at the NRLC press conference, called abortion the ultimate exploitation of both the unborn child and the woman. In 1981, she said, she joined the ranks of women who have had abortions and "we found no support from society, only the request for the money out of our pockets."

"The only compassion we have found is from the people within the pro-life movement," she added.

cian who performed abortions before joining the pro-life movement, defended "The Silent Scream," an ultrasound film which he produced of an abortion in progress.

The film accurately depicts "the destruction of a tiny human being,' he said, calling the criticism from pro-abortion advocates "carping."

Nathanson, who was a co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, said the league was founded "to see that women would not die" from abortion. "But women are still dying. We have failed," he said, quoting Center for Disease Control statistics citing abortion as the sixth most common cause of maternal mortality.

Before the press conference Nathanson testified at a Senate subcommittee hearing on the subject of fetal pain during the abortion process.

Kay James, NRLC public affairs director, told the press conference that "the pro-life movement is the only movement that speaks to the

needs of the child and the woman."

The movement is sensitive to problems women face, she said, but "regardless of the circumstances, every abortion kills an unborn child.'

She added that the movement 'seeks to offer creative solutions to meet the needs of women" with difficult pregnancies. Adoption, medical, financial, legal and educational assistance, day care, nutrition classes, housing, and post-abortion counseling are among the services provided.

The May 21 Planned Parenthood ad was followed the next day with another full-page ad titled "Five Ways to Prevent Abortion (And One Way That Won't)." The ad urged making contraception more easily available, providing more education for teen-agers, increasing the involvement of men in birth control issues, creating new birth control methods, and "making America friendlier to children." The one way to prevent abortion that won't work, the ad said, is to outlaw it.

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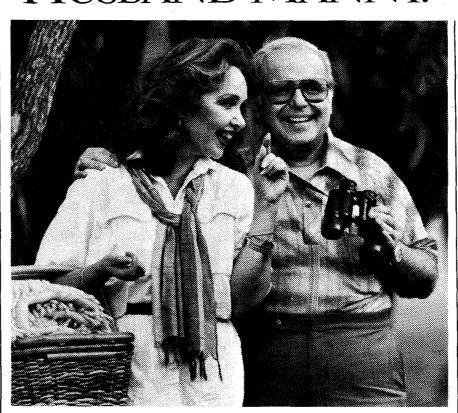
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Charities workers are honored; urged to write legislators

By Prent Browning Voice Staff Writer

Thirty six staffers and volunteers were honored at this year's annual Catholic Community Services Awards luncheon and those attending were urged to write letters to their legislators by Thomas Horkan, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Catholic Conference.

Among the award winners was Msgr. Bryan Walsh, himself, the director of Catholic Community Services, who received a plaque for 30 years of "devoted, dedicated, and enthusiastic leadership" to the Archdiocese of Miami.



Joseph Myrtetus won Volunteer of Year award for Boystown work.

Joseph Myrtetus received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with Boystown, a facility for troubled boys in Dade County. Myrtetus has been active with Boystown since it opened in 1964, including sharing his home and family with the boys for many years. He has also helped many of the older boys enter the job market.

Horkin, Jr., and his staff in Tallahassee monitor legislation for Catholic values and interests. He told the group of CCS workers gathered at the Miami Shores Country Club that though the process of legislation seems chaotic there is really an order and method behind it.

"It's just like sausage. A lot of sausage is very good, it's just that we hate to watch it while it's going through that process."

The second adage he gave is: "No one's person or property is secure while the Florida legislature is in ses-

sion."

Although he said it half jokingly, he went on to explain that it is really

true, that what is going on in Tallahassee affects everyone sometimes very profoundly and therefore all have to be aware of the newest legislative proposals.

Some examples of proposals that have come up during his years in Tallahassee have included a proposal for the elimination of the severely retarded in state institutions and a recent proposal that would allow for the withholding of food and water from terminally ill patients.

He reminded the audience of legislation concerning capital punishment, parental consent for teenage abortions, and tax exemptions, all of which touch on Catholic interests.

Pending legislation includes bills that would extend unemployment benefits for farmworkers, a bill that would prohibit priests from being held in contempt for not violating the confidential relationship with a confessor, and several bills relating to pro-life which Horkin, Jr., said were in "dire trouble."

One bill would prohibit suits brought against physicians for not aborting babies born with defects. Another bill would require parental notification for minor girls seeking an abortion.

The impact of the church in the legislature is the laity, Horkin, Jr., said, urging that people have personal contact with their state representatives.

"Twenty, thirty years ago, legislators, governors, and presidents related to power brokers, chamber of commerce presidents, political leaders, labor union bosses."

"There was a time when the Cardinal of New York could call up the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Washington and get a bill killed."

Those days are over, however, and today, he said, "we've got to start taking stands and influencing office holders to a greater degree."

Other award winners at the luncheon included those honored for 20 years service: Arthemia Alfaro, Jane



Archbishop McCarthy congratulates Msgr. Bryan Walsh, director of Catholic Community Services, for 30 years' service.

Capman, Frances Hawkins, and Caridad Lopez.

For 15 years of service the following received awards: Sr. Ana Luisa Borja, Mercedes Campano, Justa Del Valle, Msgr. John Glorie, Viola Guariglia, Barbara King, Joseph McJury, Kathryn Semple, Maria Spring, Roslyn Williams, and Joan Wittenborn.

Volunteer awards included: Richard Breen, Boystown; Sandra Connaughton, Broward Catholic Family Services; Michael Connaughton, Broward Catholic Family Services; Maria Eugenia Cosculluela, Centro Mater; Murray Daninhirsch, Broward Catholic Family Services; Hortensia del Valle, Centro Mater; Nereida King, Centro Mater; Samuel Kurtz, Catholic Family Services Senior Center of Miami; Madelin Menacho, Centro Mater; Mercy Hospital for their contributions to St. Vincent Hall; Elizabeth Mitchum, Broward Catholic Family Services; Rosario Ortega, of Centro Mater; Claire Riescher, Boystown; and Nola Solick of Broward Catholic Family Services.

Special awards were received by members of the South Florida Economic Opportunity Development Council for their donations of sewing machines and their own time to the sewing machine operators program of the South Florida Young Adult Program.

Inspiring true stories...

Earn scholarships

By Betsy Kennedy Voice Staff Writer

A nurse who adopted two unwanted babies from Acapulco, a 70-year-old fun-loving Jewish grandmother who travels "where the natives go," and a high school student who praised her close-knit family, were among the award winners of an essay scholarship contest sponsored by St. Thomas of Villanova University.

One full scholarship and 12 partials were granted after judges reviewed 400 hopeful entries with the theme, "Tell Your Own Story." Participants were asked to describe what their goals are and then to explain how a college degree would help them.

The grand prize winner, Susan Julevich and her grandmother, survived five earthquakes, a flood and fought endless bureaucratic roadblocks before completing the adoptions of babies Jeanna and Jessica, who were given up by their impoverished Mexican mothers.

"The trip was filled with religious

significance for me," said Julevich. For example, she inadvertently met a priest who helped her out during a time of crisis and she spent exactly 40 days at his residence. Her daughter Jessica, who was born prematurely, was handed to her wrapped in rags.

"You can't help but believe in God after an experience like mine," said Julevich. Acting as her own lawyer, the Miami nurse was able to pursuade Mexican authorities to complete the adoption. She traveled sometimes 200 miles a day to a major city to fill out paperwork and her husband made exhausting weekend trips by plane to deliver 35 quarts of milk and 40 cartons of diapers for the children.

Julevich plans to obtain degrees in both accounting and law so she can return to Mexico and provide free legal services to the indigent.

"I place the ultimate priorities of my life on love, justice and the preservation of life..." she said in her essay. Dorothy Breitler, who won a third

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Susan Julevich, the grand prize winner in the St. Thomas of Villanova University scholarship essay competition, beams as her grandmother is handed a special award for her role in the adoption of two unwanted babies from Mexico. Voice photo by Betsy Kennedy).

Archbishop calls Gov. Graham action unfair

On behalf of the parents of some thirty-six thousand children in parochial schools of the Archdiocese of Miami, may I express my deep disappointment at the action of the Cabinet and yourself in criticizing the federal proposal to give tax credits for tuition at non-

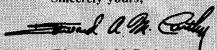
To me this action is unfair to taxpayers who are getting no tax help in providing education for their children and it is insensitive to the enormous sacrifices being made by some families to assure that their children are educated according to their consciences and being given the total education that provides for responsible citizens.

It seems to be endorsing a state monopoly of education and, rather than relieving, threatening the financing of the public schools. This federal tax program will assist the non-public schools to survive and perhaps attract a few more students to the non-public system. This would reduce the burden on the taxpayers of supporting the public

school system which operates at a per pupil cost considerably higher than that of the parochial school system. It would preserve the competition which would improve the quality of education.

The tax credit program has been proven constitutional in other states. Many other states have proven more sensitive to the needs of non-public schools than Florida. Florida needs to change its image. I am sure many parents and graduates of the parochial school system strongly hope that our Democratic leaders will be as sensitive to fairness to them as the Republican leadership.

Sincerely yours,



Archbishop of Miami

Catholic Conference disputes tax resolution

Dear Governor Graham and Members of Cabinet:

We must protest the resolution opposing tuition tax credits that was adopted by the Cabinet on May 7, 1985. We were not contacted in any way concerning the resolution by any member of the Cabinet or the Governor. although I believe our interest in the matter is known and we are certainly available in Tallahassee.

The wording of the resolution is so simplistic that it is hardly befitting a formal document adopted by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the State Board of Education. It is something one may except from the more divisive advocates of public education, but not from a body which represents ALL of the citizens of the State of Florida. Tuition tax credits would not damage public school funding or public school education any more than the deductibility of medical bills or state taxes.

Public schools are not served by the divisiveness that is exhibited in this resolution. If you look at individual counties and sections of the state, you will find much greater support for public schools where there is a good harmonious relationship between the public and private sectors in education. An open discussion of this issue is healthy; the gratuitous joinder on one side is

Most surprising is the suggestion that tuition tax credits would "adversely affect the State of Florida's commitment to reach the upper quartile of states" in education. It is ironic that in the development of the plan to achieve the upper quartile, parochial schools and their students are welcomed; but when any mention is made of assisting the parents of parochial school students in affording the ever-increasing cost of that education, those parents are rejected as outsiders and as harmful to public education.

In 1984, a public opinion poll of Floridians was taken on this specific subject of federal tuition tax credits. For your information, I enclose a copy of the report of that poll. It reflects a majority of Floridians (52% vrs. 38%) supporting federal tuition tax credits. It is an opinon that is rejected by the way your resolution is worded and by the absence of any involvement from advocates of tuition tax credits in its development or adoption. The Florida Cabinet is an important body, it represents all of the people of Florida, and should invite the input of the people before adopting such a divisive lobbying position.

The Florida Catholic Conference represents, among other things, a parochial school system of over 70,000 children in Florida, and has advocated support for public schools in Florida, as well as parochial schools.

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Inspiring stories earn scholarships

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place award in the adult category of the competition, is a world traveler. She likes going on her own to little out-of-the-way places, where tour groups never venture. At age 70, she is in excellent health and has enough energy to keep stride with her young grandchildren who are frequent houseguests. Breitler has another hobby — computers — which she is just beginning to dabble in.

"You're never too old to stop learning," she insists.

The silver-haired sojourner is eager to enter St. Thomas next year now that she has her scholarship. What does she plan to major in? Tourism and travel, of course.

"The people to whom God entrusted the task of shaping my life have never abandoned me," says high school student and first place award

winner Ana Maria Teresa Wohl in her moving essay about her family and work with the mentally retarded.

Wohl wants to major in pastoral ministries so she can follow in her mother's footsteps — serving God by serving others. Wohl wrote about her family's work in migrant ministry in Beaufort, South Carolina.

"Migrants are the poorest but happiest people I have ever seen." recalls

It became apparent that Wohl had a special gift for working with handicapped and mentally retarded and she currently works as a speech therapist aid for the profoundly mentally retarded with United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. She is active in youth ministry at St. Louis Church in South Miami and participates in a new fund-raising effort to aid Ethiopia,



Embracing her daughter, Dorothy Breitler shows off the plaque signifying that she won a partial scholarship at St. Thomas of Villanova. The 70-yearold veteran world traveler and grandmother plans to study tourism. (Voice

OFFICIAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

The Pastoral Center announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

THE REVEREND McLAUGHLIN - to North Dade Deanery Moderator for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, effective May 13, 1985.

THE REVEREND MICHAEL HOURIGAN — to Northwest Broward Deanery Moderator for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. effective May 13, 1985.

THE REVEREND ROBERT PALMER - to West Dade Deanery Moderator for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, effective May 13,

THE REVEREND GERALD McGRATH - to Chaplain, Dade County Serra Club, effective May 15,

THE REVEREND GEORGE GARCIA to Chaplain, Catholic Educators' Guild, effective May 22, 1985.

THE REVEREND CABRERA — to Associate Director, Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, Miami, effective June 12, 1985.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM SHEEHAN, O.M.I. - to Director of the Ministry to Priests Office and Director of the Continuing Education of Priests Program, effective May 15.

sponsored by the Dade County School system.

When she visited the St. Thomas campus for the first time for a weekend, Wohl says she "felt right at home. I had looked into a lot of schools but none of them seemed right. At St. Thomas I was certain it was where the Lord called me to be."

The youngest award winner in the essay competition was 10-year-old Ivonne Ponnares, who was lauded

with an honorary commendation for her cleverly worded submission.

Ponnares, who attends La Luz private school and receives top grades, said the idea to enter the competition struck her after she read about it in a newspaper one afternoon. Although she doesn't know yet what she will be when she grows up, the bright fifth grader admits that she like "just about every subject in school as well as people and horses and dogs."

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When a loved one dies...

Priest gives tips on how to cope

By Betsy Kennedy Voice Staff Writer

Close your eyes and picture your own death.

Your first reaction may be somewhat akin to touching a live cobra. It may also seem disquieting and morbid.

But according to Father George Goodbout, a health care expert and nationally acclaimed counselor to dying patients, this is a healthy exercise in preparing yourself for the inevitable death experience.

'You can't learn to accept a loved one's death until you learn to accept your own.'

Lecturing at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy in South Miami recently, Fr. Goodbout said, "you cannot learn to accept a loved one's death until you learn to accept your own. People still have too many fears—they don't even want to use death-related words when someone they love is critically ill."

Educators, physicians and parents need to conquer their own apprehensions and superstitions in order to be of the most help, explained Fr. Goodbout, who has been at the deathbeds of people from all walks of life and of all denominations.

"Some people believe that God sits up in the sky and decides to zap Howard or Sue that day because they didn't say their prayers or go to church. Death is a natural process, the result of the enactment of nature's laws."

Natural causes

To illustrate this point, Fr. Goodbout cited the case of a 15-year-old boy who is dying of leukemia. The parents were always questioning why it had to happen to their son. After investigating the boy's medical history, it was revealed that as a small child he had undergone a series of X-rays for a hip injury. The extensive exposure to radiation was in all probability the cause of the blood cancer.

Fr. Goodbout cautioned those who counsel patients and families against alienating them from God by saying the wrong thing.

In one instance, a woman brought her baby to the emergency room where Fr. Goodbout was comforting someone. The baby had died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (a rare respiratory disorder which occurs primarily in infants). Doctors tried in vain to revive the baby, but it was hopeless. The grief-stricken mother was met by her parish pastor who told her, "Jesus is taking the baby to heaven to be a little angel."

"If this is what Jesus does then I don't want to have anything to do with Him," the woman yelled.

Using the right passages from the Bible can be a source of peace and reassurance, explained Fr. Goodbout. One of his favorites is the passage from the 23rd Psalm, "Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me..."

"We must all understand that God does not always give us the answer to our prayers that we want. But he will give us the answer we need," he said.

Lies alienate

In dealing with children, it is especially important to say things that fortify their positive image of God. No matter how difficult it may seem, always be honest with them, he urges.

Although it is the supreme expression of faith to expect miraculous recovery for someone who is dying, "Don't tell a child that Jesus will come along and make their sick family member well."

If no healing takes place, the child will only suffer trauma, anger and disappointment.

A common response Fr. Goodbout hears from a sorrowful child is, "My mother told me there was an Easter Bunny and a Santa Claus. They weren't real. Now she told me to pray for my brother to be cured by Jesus, but my brother still died. I just don't believe in this religious stuff..."

There are many explanations that can be used to help a child understand why someone must die. He recalled a rabbinical story which uses experiences a child can relate to.

"An old man and his grandson are walking along in the woods. They come across a dead bird. 'Will you die someday, grandfather?' the boy asks. 'Yes,' replies the grandfather. 'Then will I die too?' questions the grandson. 'Yes, you will,' responds the grandfather. 'But death is what makes life so precious and meaningful.'

If we think of each day as a gift we'll live it to the fullest and when our final moments come and human bonds are released, the transition will be a peaceful one, concludes Fr. Goodbout.

In working with people who are suffering in somber hospital settings, surrounded by families who are undergoing loss and pain, the priest says he is still able to find great joy and never-ending revelations about human nature.

With "skillful chaplaincy," he wins the confidence of his patients who have a great need to talk about their lives.

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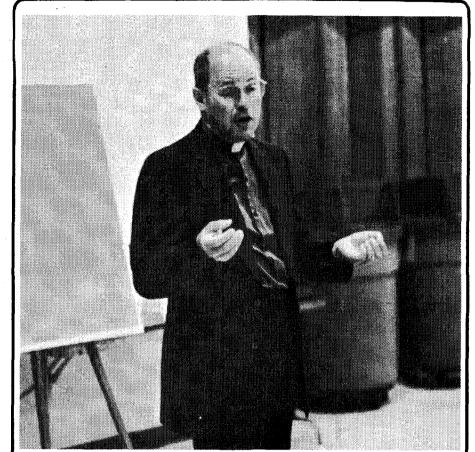
They talk about things they have bottled up inside for years. They talk about their marriages and their jobs and their sweetest moments.

Even as death approaches, the light of humor can still twinkle brightly in people, he observes.

Deathbed humor

One elderly man he counsels is a former bootlegger in New Jersey who tells the priest amusing stories about his adventures. Although the man was involved in illegal activities, he had a good heart and "always gave a drink to a poor soul who needed one."

One of the funniest incidents surrounding a death involved a three-



Using a no-nonsense type of approach, Fr. George Goodbout talks to a group of fascinated listeners about death and dying. The nationally known health-care priest has spent hundreds of hours counseling dying patients. (Voice photo by Betsy Kennedy)

legged poodle, recalled Fr. Goodbout.

A woman dearly loved the dog and kept it with her even as her life ebbed away. The dog was on a pillow beside her head. The poodle was an ill-tempered animal, attached only to his mistress. When the undertaker came to pick up the woman's body, the poodle promptly used his teeth to show his loyalty to his mistress and inflicted such a bite the undertaker was forced to leave the room and return with reinforcements.

In seeing people with all of their lifelong defenses and pretenses dissipated in the realization of their meeting with God, Fr. Goodbout contends there really are no "all bad" people. Some have been abused or treated unjustly by society, some have made bad choices.

And are there death-bed conver-

Very few, according to Fr. Good-

"People die the way they have lived."

One kindly, wizened Jewish patient asked the chaplain if Jesus would come and save him from death if he converted to Catholicism.

"Protestants and Catholics die of cancer too," replied the priest.

The man died a peaceful death.

There are even fewer atheists than there are converts. When it gets down

to the last tick of the clock, most people still believe in God. "A rose by any other name is still a rose, and God is still God,"

philosophizes Fr. Goodbout.

The hardest thing about dying for anyone of any faith is leaving behind loved ones or leaving behind work or "unfinished business." Older people can let go much easier because they are tired and have fulfilled many of their goals, but it is hard to tell a young woman to forget all of her obligations and responsibilities if she has children.

Smooth transitions

Fr. Goodbout is writing a book on his work in hospices and hospitals to serve as a guide for others in the health care field. He is from the diocese of Stubenville, Ohio, and until he finds "full time" employment in a hospice, he serves as an oncology (cancer counselor) at Mercy Hospital in Miami.

"I love this work because I am gratified when I help people make a smooth transition between life and death. I'm not just out to convert them," he says.

Although he has witnessed many tragedies, Fr. Goodbout says his faith is constantly reaffirmed.

He has recorded four cases of neardeath experiences (the patient dies and is considered clinically dead, then is suddenly resuscitated by doctors). They all remembered similar visions of an "after-life." Two of the patients were uneducated and simple in their communication skills, yet they were able to relay vivid descriptions which matched other documented near-death experiences. One saw a bridge and another saw a tunnel they felt as if a passage through these structures would bring them closer to a bright light which produced feelings of ecstacy and contentment. One woman wanted to come back because her children needed her, she said. Another patient was quite angry because he had been rudely jolted back to life and deprived of the beautiful experience he was feeling in

These memories may be keys in unlocking the after-death mystery, but Fr. Goodbout says they help him to get across to dying patients that they need not be afraid.

Being around death every day does not depress the priest, who frequently breaks out into a broad smile.

"How can you be depressed when you look into the eyes of a dying patient and know that in just a short time... they will see God?"

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'Religion is here to stay. Militant atheism peaked 100 years ago...and in this era of space and technology...our fulfillment is found only in the answer of a personal God.' —Abp. McCarthy

Various faiths ARE moving forward in South Florida

Abp. McCarthy talks about positive signs in ecumenism, resurgence of faith, and unity in diverse groups here.

(Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy gave the following address before the Hollywood Interfaith Council, May 16 at the United Methodist Church in Hollywood Hills.)

Introduction: "Inter-Faith Relations in the Age of Space and Technology.'

In preparing for this talk and for one next week on the 20th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II Declaration on Jewish Relations, I asked our Archdiocesan Commission on Ecumenism and Inter Faith Relations to do some research. The research uncovered two documents: an address by Pope John Paul II during his pastoral visit to Canada last September entitled: "Christian Unity in a Technological Age," and a *Tropic Magazine* special edition in December, dedicated to Religion in the Space Age. Together they suggest the title of tonight's talk.

In Tropic, John Dorschner wrote: "Throughout the last 150 years, when a host of great breakthroughs in human knowledge brought faith in science to its peak, the minds of academe have been predicting the end of religion... Until very recently, most academics agreed with anthropologist Anthony F.C. Wallace's stark prediction: 'The evolutionay future of religion is extinc-

Dorschner goes on to comment: "It hasn't happened. There is something that keeps drawing man back to religion: a longing for deep meaning in the universe, a reason for hope, a confirmation of man's worth. St. Augustine called all this the indefinable hole in every man that only God could

In the same issue, The Miami Herald reports: "In virtually all categories, it seems, South Floridians are quite religious. Sixty-seven percent of Protestants, 62 percent of Catholics and 55 percent of Jews say that they are members of a church or synagogue." The indications are that these percentages are increasing. The Tropic survey on religious preference is also very interesting. It reports 41% Protestant, 32% Catholic, 17% Jewish, 1% Greek or Russian Orthodox, 5% other and 4% no religion.

These indicators speak for themselves. Religion is here to stay. Militant atheism peaked one hundred years ago and as human knowledge, in this era of space and technology, grows at an ever-increasing rate, our fulfillment is found only in the answer of a personal God to whom we owe reverence and gratitude.

Vatican Council

Twenty years ago, as a very newly ordained bishop, I attended the last session of Vatican Council. Next week, we will commemorate here in South Florida, as indeed throughout the world, the Council document on "Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions."

Some months earlier, in the third session of the Council, the "Constitution on the Church" and the "Decree on Ecumenism" were promulgated. At the opening of that session, Pope Paul VI addressed the observers from other churches saying:

"We wish to assure you once more of our aim and hope to be able one day to remove every obstacle, every misunderstanding, every suspicion that still prevents us from feeling fully 'of one heart and one soul' (Acts 4:22) in Christ and in his church... This is something of the greatest importance."

In Canada, last year, Pope John Paul II recalled

these words:

"In the twenty years that have elapsed since these words were spoken, we can rejoice to see

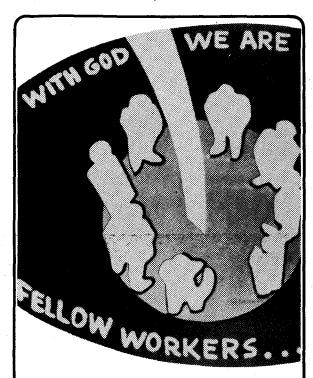
the great strides that have been made, for indeed many obstacles, misunderstandings and suspicions have been removed. For all of this, we thank God.

Like Pope John Paul and recalling the words of Paul VI, I am grateful for this occasion and others such as this which give us the opportunity to appreciate more fully what God's grace works in our midst and which give us renewed strength and courage for pursuing the path which lies ahead.

In recalling Vatican II, I have made reference to two very distinct subjects, and while I do not intend to dwell on either of them tonight, I want you to know that I recognize the distinction: The question of Christian Unity, which we who are Christian long for and for which we pray; the question of Jewish Christian relations, the goal of which must be mutual reconciliation so that never again may Christianity be used by evil men to persecute and attempt to destroy a people.

96% Believers

Tonight, I want to talk about interfaith cooperation in South Florida, where the substantial



'67 Percent of Protestants, 62 percent of Catholics and 55 percent of Jews say they are members of a church or synagogue.'

presence, as I said, of 41 percent Protestant, 32 percent Catholic and 17 percent Jewish makes such cooperation essential for the future of our society. Comprising as we do, 96% of the population, we are responsible for what kind of society our children and our grandchildren will inherit. In its special issue, Tropic did not devote very much type to this subject. What it did seem to em-

InterFaith Council

The Hollywood InterFaith Council was founded ten years ago by David Keating, a layman who is now the mayor of Hollywood. It includes 100 clergy and lay people from the Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Bahai faiths.

The current president is the Reverend Wayne Martin, and the president-elect is Rabbi Harold Richter. Active Catholic members include Father James Quinn of Nativity Parish and Father David Punch of the new St. Luke's Parish in Coconut Creek, Mrs. Margaret Ann Barica, Mr. and Mrs. Sal Oliveri, Mrs. Sally Means and Mrs. Julia McCabe.

phasize was that which divides rather than that which brings us together:

"Of greater consequence, however, is the long list of issues directly involving groups within society who do not conform to the Christian majorities' standards of morality and who seek protection under the law: homosexuals seeking equality, women seeking the right to choose abortion, non-Christians who oppose school prayer. Which side people choose in these political arguments is likely to be determined by

I think that the author of these lines displayed a certain bias by that last sentence and the use of the adjective 'political.' Certainly these are issues debated in the political arena, but fundamentally they are moral issues and they are questions of public morality which must reflect the religious beliefs of citizens.

As religious people, it is of the utmost importance that we cooperate in community affairs. For some three years, I have chaired the religious heritage task force of Greater Miami Citizens Against Crime. Working with business and political leaders in the community, we have been a very important part of the group's successful efforts to reverse the rising tide of criminal activity.

Out of this effort has grown in the past few months, a new interfaith organization, The Religious Leaders Coalition. I would like to see this concept take root in Broward County and I pledge my support and that of the Archdiocese in helping to bring it about. Let me read for you its statement of

The general nature and purpose of this organiza-

tion will be to:

a) Facilitate a united voice of the religious leadership of Greater Miami on social justice, community affairs, communal peace, and other matters of concern to the churches and synagogues of this community.

b) Provide a forum where the people of the community and other community organizations may bring their concerns to the attention of the religious leadership.

c) Coordinate the efforts of religious groups to improve the quality of life in this community.

d) Reduce duplication of effort.

e) Encourage committed church and synagogue members to participate more actively in community affairs.

f) Promote the cause of racial and ethnic justice in the community.

g) Facilitate and support the participation of religious leaders in the work of community organizations.

h) Promote ecumenical and inter-faith relations within the community.

Diversity

An important part of this effort is respect for particular traditions and beliefs. We cannot expect that in everyday community affairs, we will find complete agreement on solutions to complex social problems. So in the Coalition, we have decided to place the emphasis on what we agree about and leave aside those issues on which there are serious disagreements, allowing each group to go its own way. Coalition positions therefore require consensus and the Coalition is working in

As we come to the end of the twentieth century, we are faced with a rapidly expanding technology which raises numerous opportunities as well as obstacles to our religious mission. One has only to read the list of official statements put out by the various national religious bodies, including my own, the U.S. Conference of Bishops, to establish a very large agenda for our local religious com-

I am aware of the tension sometimes created in our own local congregations and parishes by such documents as our pastoral letters on Racism, War and Peace, the U.S. Economy. Similar statements by other religious groups offer a basis for cooperation on the local level, a cooperation which is very essential to impacting the political process and the quality of life in our local communities as well

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Editorial Pag

Hey, lighten up crabby Catholics

By Robert Burns U.S. Catholic

I watched a television program recently that featured, as panelists, Father Andrew Greeley and Mary Greeley Durkin discussing, among other things, their fascinating new book How to Save the Catholic Church. It was an audience-participation show with lively interventions both from those in attendance and from telephone callers. Many of the participants, but by no means all, were Catholics. Not surprisingly the Catholics were most involved.

It soon became apparent that for these Catholics, the "church" is the pope, the bishops, and some especially authoritative pastors. The Catholic religion, it seems, is a set of rules that emphasizes don'ts more than do's. And I suspect that these Catholics are typical and that their model of the church is

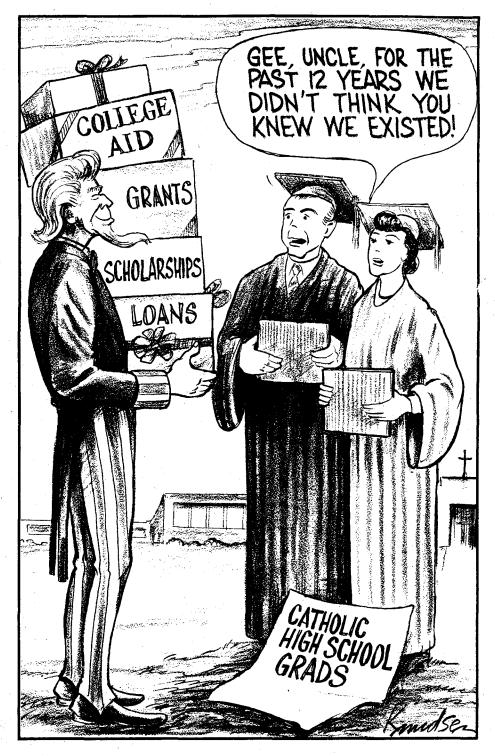
widespread, if not the prevailing conception.

The insight that is probably the most significant to have emerged from the Second Vatican Council, that the church is the people of God - all of us, popes, bishops, priests, religious, and lay women and men - seems not to have become the common coinage of Catholics. "What does the church say about this or that?" is a question frequently heard from Catholics; and it's obvious that the questioners hardly ever include themselves in the term "church." Yet in its solemn authority, the Second Vatican Council said that the church is a "we" not a "they," a concept not at all new but one rooted in the church begun by Jesus. The church of Peter and Paul and James was, in fact, very much a "we" church; and it wasn't until centuries later, when the education gap between the ministers and those ministered to grew wide, that the "we" and "they" dichotomy was established. But in the second half of the 20th century the education gap has all but disappeared, in the United States at least; and there is no reason why the model of the church as it was founded, as a people of God, ought not prevail.

There is some irony in the fact that when years before the Second Vatican Council Pope Pius XII espoused this model of the church in another form, as the Mystical Body of Christ, his teaching really never caught on. It was probably too rarefied, too far removed from the everyday experience of Catholics, to become meaningful and integrated into daily lives.

Meanwhile, back at the television studio, sincere Catholics were exposing their shallow understanding of their religion. One good person was indignant almost to the point of secession because she had attended Mass in a church in which all the worshipers stood throughout the liturgy. Several confessed to being shaken by recent efforts by Catholics to reach out to the divorced and remarried. And more than a few were shocked when Greeley pointed out that it wasn't until many centuries after its founding that the church began to witness ("perform") marriages (and he might have pointed out that the seven sacraments all evolved over the life of the church, a tribute to the vitality and grace that have blessed it).

Despite the provocative title of their book, Greeley and Durkin are soundly orthodox Catholics and far more traditional than those Catholics who boast that they are. It's just that the theological preparation of the two authors is so superior to that of average Catholics that the latter are constantly astonished when hte riches of our religion are laid out before us. "That isn't the way I understood my religion," they say; and they are correct. Countless series of dried-out catechisms, fabricated by crabbed technicians, have subjected generations of Catholic children (and adult converts) to a religious landscape as drab and flat as Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedure. Even the mystery of our faith, an aspect that ought to have dazzled with suspense and beauty, was made to sound as if, "It's none of



your business."

It would be wonderful, I think, if all of us would, in our religious life, do the aerobic exercises that are so highly thought of in physical life. There's no need to train for a religious marathon. Deep breathing in place ought to oxygenate our religious thinking and help us to break free from the rigidity that is so confining. And so meanly unrewarding.

Various faiths are moving forward together

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as in the nation and abroad. As Pope John Paul II said to the religious leaders of Canada:

"United... we need to ask critical moral questions and assert basic moral principles which have a bearing on technological development. For instance, the needs of poor must take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; production to meet social needs over production for military purposes.'

At this point I would like to share with you a recent ecumenical experience of the Archdiocese here in Broward County, the Billy Graham Crusade. Last fall the organizers of the Crusade came to visit me to explain their plans and to see if there were any way in which the Archdiocese might cooperate.

They were extremely sensitive to whatever reservations the Archdiocese might have, and they made it very clear that while they would welcome our endorsement, if not sponsorship, they did not expect it. Apparently, this is something they do in every city, and they shared with us their experiences in other cities and in other countries.

We knew that some Catholics would attend, some out of curiosity, some in simple good will. We felt that among them would be some who would respond to the invitation to make a decision for Christ as is the custom each night of the Crusade. We judged that these individuals would be people at risk — Catholics whose commitment to the Catholic church might be weak, people who were troubled and who were looking for a deeper relationship.

We decided to cooperate with the Crusade while holding back from specific sponsorship or endorsement. It was agreed that our parishes could send people to the training sessions, and many parishes did. Their people were there each night to counsel those who identified themselves as Catholic. The Crusade also turned over to us

completed cards and we made immediate arrangements for follow-up. The results surprised us. Some 10 percent of those who made decisions for Christ identified themselves as Catholic - about eleven hundred people in all.

At this point, I should explain that we are in the fifth year of an evangelization process in our Archdiocese, an evangelization process that is an effort to reach out first to lapsed Catholics, and secondly to the unchurched. The effort is essentially a lay movement involving thousands of our parishioners. Many of these people attended the training sessions of the Crusade and they were the ones who did the follow-up.

We were able to contact the vast majority of the eleven hundred within the recommended framework of one month. In addition, each of the eleven hundred received a letter in the mail from me personally commending them for the witness they had given and asking how the Catholic Church could be of help.

All were surprised at the quick follow-up. Some were at pains to explain why they had gone to a Protestant service. Most were more or less active Catholics and not quite so at risk as we had at first surmised. All in all, it was a very fruitful experience for the Archdiocese. It was an experience which was viewed well by the organizers who have since told us that many Protestant clergymen who are still somewhat suspicious of the Catholic Church were beginning to revise their opinions.

As far as I know, this was the biggest ecumenical experience in the history of the state of Florida. It demonstrates how far we have come during the past few decades, and it certainly opens our minds and hearts to the future. It bears out a statement of Pope John Paul: ... the work of evangelization bears fruit when Christians of different communions, though not yet fully one, collaborate as brothers and sisters in Christ to the degree possible and with respect for their particular traditions (Origins vol. 14, (no.16), p. 249).

Prayer is key

I would like to conclude with a few remarks about an activity essential to all religious faiths the practice of prayer. Interfaith cooperation can take many forms as we know: working together in social service projects, engaging in theological dialogue and joint studies, such as those sponsored by Barry and St. Thomas Universities in an effort to understand our troubled past, cooperative action for justice such as takes place in Tallahassee on an almost daily basis between what a recent newspaper article called God's lobbyists and many others.

At the same time, we must recall the primacy of spiritual activities so emphasized by Vatican II as the very soul of the ecumenical movement — the faithful practice of public and private prayer for reconciliation and unity and the pursuit of personal holiness of life. Without these, as Pope John Paul has said, all other efforts will lack depth and the vitality of faith.

It is for these reasons that the Archdiocese, through its Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, promotes such joint activities during the Week of Christian Unity, Brotherhood Week, and on such occasions as the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

We are also actively promoting greater understanding between our Church and various Christian denominations under the auspices of our institutions of higher learning. St. Thomas University hosts the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue, Barry University sponsors the Anglican-Catholic dialogue and St. John Vianney College Seminary will host the Baptist-Catholic Conversations. For several years now, Barry University has sponsored many activities in Christian - Jewish relations. These activities help to keep our local communities up to date with developments on the national and international levels and provide an opportunity to join publicly in prayer for the renewal of faith and justice.

Lay ministers in the mountains

For the past four years the Pastoral Ministry Department of St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania has sponsored an annual conference about lay ministries. This year's gathering during a spring Saturday drew nearly 100 participants, but ended on a different note. The final session, "The Future Is Already Here", featured representatives who described distinct ministries which have recently emerged in that Altoona-Johnstown dio-

· St. Therese's parish began the Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults and engaged many parishioners in carrying it out.

The free wine and cheese party hosted by a committee served as a suitable setting to introduce ponsors and catechumens. An adult parishioner made canes for all candidates with their names carved on them symbolizing the journey of faith each was making. Another group prepared banners for the church naming every catechumen.



elderly and disabled moved them to advocate for a ramp into the church and a special anointing Mass.

 The Vincent Visitor program grew out of an invitation for volunteers to call upon the sick and infirm. The dozen who responded started by sending cards and stopping twice a month to see those confined at home. This effort has now extended to

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Junior high school children used their calligraphy skills to prepare scrolls with the Our Father, Commandments and Creed printed upon them for handing over to the elect during the appropriate Lenten Sundays. A capacity congregation participated in the Easter Vigil as seven persons entered the Church and then joined them afterwards for a celebration prepared by still another committee.

· Our Lady of Mount Carmel has developed a core of people who regularly bring communion to shut-ins. These individuals also take palm to the house-bound and even deliver plants to them at Christmas. Furthermore, their concerns for the

nursing institutions and expanded to include teenagers from the parish school.

I was impressed by the two young people who described how they spend an hour or more each Monday simply sitting and chatting with the elderly. They also send cards, prepare skits and bring snacks for the older folk.

· Linda Morchesky's teenage son was killed in a motorcycle accident one Good Friday. She felt unimaginable pain in this loss, saw the risk of falling into selt-pity and joined instead a self-help group called Compassionate Friends.

The Northern Cambria County Chapter, formed

in 1979, checks the daily obituary column and sends a descriptive brochure about the organization or even personally contacts bereaved parents.

The response is minimal, about 5%, and those who do come to their sessions may not return again for a second or subsequent session.

However, many do experience genuine support in their grieving process through Compassionate Friends and people like Linda realize additional healing from helping others.

 When Barbara went through a separation and divorce she also retreated behind a protective shell until during a parish renewal, the leader mentioned that you cannot be a Catholic by yourself, but only with others.

His remarks prompted some reflection on her part. She recognized the truth in those words, perceived real needs among other separated and divorced people and facilitated the establishment of several support groups in the area. These efforts may be rewarding or discouraging when as many as a dozen people or as few as only one arrive for the sessions.

She now serves as coordinator of the Beginning Experience in the diocese and has organized an annual picnic and day of reflection for the separated and divorced.

· A committee of St. Charles' parish council recognized the need for a Ministry of Care to the Sick, thoroughly trained the surprisingly large number of volunteers who came forward and have people who today: send cards of support to those in the hospital, of congratulations to new parents and of sympathy to the mourning; mail follow up notes or telephone people who have gone home; visit on a one to one basis those confined to their houses; sponsor an All Soul's Day Mass with special mention made of people who died during the previous year; aid the bereaved in making funeral arrangements.

The massively mushrooming lay ministries in the hills of Pennsylvania, marvelous as they are, merely mirror developments across our country.

What is a senior citizen?

May was Senior Citizens' Month. A release that passed over my desk informed me and since the release quoted a bishop speaking about senior citizens — he highly recommended them — I don't doubt it. What I don't know for sure is what a senior citizen is.

I never have been sure what plateau is what and things I've been reading lately haven't helped me any. One of my favorite columnists is George Weigel who writes a column for The Catholic Northwest Progress in Seattle. He reported the other day he had reached middle age, which turned out to be 30. Then I saw an advertisement for Catholic Golden Age, eligibility begins when you're 50. I remember my own Father saying, quite seriously, when he was 75, that it seemed to him there were less old people around than there used to be. It honestly never occurred to him to think of himself as old

So if this is Senior Citizens' Month, I'm not sure who that includes but that doesn't keep me from having some ideas on how it should be celebrated. A part of my idea comes from a parish here in Washington, D.C., where all the people in the parere invited to Younger people put on the dinner, arranged transportation for those who didn't have a way to get there, and then, after a Mass celebrated for the guests, put on a party to be remembered.



I wish something like that could be done in every parish. I don't mean just for the sake of the older people but for the young people who entertain them. I'd like to see the young people, the high school students, brought into it. I'd like for it to be a parish family affair. It would be enjoyable for the older people but it might very well be even more rewarding for the younger people.

I'd like to see older people used in the parishes, too. I'm talking here not just of those more than 75 but all those who were once active in leadership roles in the parish but who have stepped aside for

I'm thinking of people who have served on parish councils, school boards, as officers in parish organizations. It is right that younger people should move into positions of leadership. But

there is among older people a great deal of knowhow, experience that shouldn't be wasted.

I'd like to see parishes set up senior advisory councils. How members of such a council would be chosen, I don't know, perhaps by positions they held, perhaps by election. I'm not suggesting a council in competition with the parish council. Rather this would be an advisory council with which the pastor, parish council officers, school board officers, parish organization officers, could meet for information and advice.

Such an advisory council would do something for the self-esteem of people who might get to feeling they're of no use to the parish any longer. But, more importantly, it could be of real help to the new leadership.

Finally, I'd like to see parishes form oral history banks. Purchase of good tape recording equipment would be an easy investment for a parish. A parish history committee could be formed and members of this committee, using recording equipment, could tape the memories of older parishioners on how it used to be. By just allowing older people to talk about pastors, Sisters and parishioners of the past, a valuable record could be accumulated of things as they used to be.

Those are some of the ways I'd like to see Senior Citizens' Month celebrated.

Time capsules

By Frank Morgan



The world's most innocent character

Thomas Jefferson wrote the following words to

his friend, Dr. Benjamin Rush:

"I am a Christian. I am sincerely attached to His doctrines, in preference to all others. I seek the mild and simple principles of the Christian philosophy. I regard Jesus as the world's most innocent, the most benevolent character who lived and who taught the most sublime edifice of morality which has ever been exhibited to man.

'Jesus appeals to me for the universality of His benevolence. His parentage was obscure; His condition poor; His education nil; His natural endowments great; His life correct. He was meek, patient, firm, disinterested and of the sublimest eloquence."

Refusing to testify against her friends at the Mc-Carthy hearings, Lillian Hellman said, "I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions."

Gout goes back to the Romans and the Latin word "gutta" which means drop. Their theory was that morbid matter was dropped from the blood and settled around the joints and caused them to become swollen and painful. In the 19th century,

people had gout stools which were just wide enough to hold one foot.

Danny Thomas once told the story of his elderly uncle who went to Florida for his gout and other ills. But then according to the man's wife, "his red popsicles ate up his white popsicles" and he sickened and died. His body was shipped back to Chicago for the funeral where Thomas heard one of his aunts say to another, "Doesn't he look wonderful?"

"Oh yes," said the other, "those two weeks in Florida did him a world of good."

Are cigarette ads moral?

"Cigarettes are the most advertised commodity in the United States," stated the March issue of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter. The article also pointed out some grim facts, including:

—In spite of some claims by spokespersons for the tobacco industry, the "main point is rock solid: as a group, cigarette smokers die earlier than nonsmokers."

—300,000 deaths a year are caused by cigarettes.

—Almost all cigarette smokers begin the habit between the ages of 12 and 18.



BY ANTOINETTE BOSCO

Why so many people still ignore the plain, sad fact that smoking shortens their life is hard to say. But health professionals point to two major reasons: the sheer availability of cigarettes and the lure of advertising which glamorizes smoking to sell cigarettes.

I was unaware of how pervasive the problem of cigarette advertising is until I read a special report in the New England Journal of Medicine by Kenneth Warner of the University of Michigan school of public health.

The report states that the issue at stake is not that of public and private health. It is one of money.

Advertising supports the media and cigarette advertising is extensive. The American Cancer Society states that six American tobacco companies spend \$1.5 billion annually to advertise cigarettes. This amount is considerably more than the American Cancer Society spends on cancer research.

Warner writes that the "media's dependence on revenue from cigarette advertising has repeatedly led to suppression of discussion of smoking and health matters in publications"

He goes on to say that journalists have identified the influence of revenue from tobacco advertisements as "the most shameful money induced censorship of the American news media."

Warner suggests that the incompatibility between freedom of the press and massive cigarette advertising should be "a pre-eminent concern in the profession of journalism."

I agree with Warner. Recently, an advisory council to the government's National Institute on Drug Abuse urged the Reagan administration to propose legislation to "totally eliminate the advertising and promotion of cigarettes in the United States."

A response came immediately from the Tobacoo Institute through a spokesman named William Kloepfer. He called the proposal "extremely ill advised" and maintained that the role of advertising is not to attract non-smokers but to keep brand loyalty among smokers.

The huge budgets assigned by cigarette companies to promote their product put his comment into question.

If the tobacco companies had consciences, they would be researching harder to find alternate products to make from tobacco.

Recently William Cahan, a surgeon at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, pointed out the damage from smoking to the fetus in pregnancy and to children who inhale smoke from being in the same room as cigarette smokers.

Cahan said: "In view of the fact that over 50 million Americans smoke, this form of abuse may well be the most pervasive and child damaging of all."

I think that we're dealing with a moral issue here. And I don't know why we've been so timid to speak out on it. We ought to find the courage to do more than raise our eyebrows about the seductive imagery in cigarette advertising

We ought to work for the legal restriction of cigarette advertising.

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18 And graduating

An open letter to a recent high school graduate. Dear Graduate:

Congratulations! At 18, you've just completed the first quarter of your life. "I'll be 54 in September. Since our life-expectancy is about 72, I'm just finishing the third quadrant of my life.



BY FR. JOHN CATOIR

Looking back, I consider my faith to be the greatest gift I have, the one that made all my other gifts spring to life. At 18, I realized that God had created me for some purpose. I didn't know for what, but I knew I had a mission in life.

It took me six more years to put it all together. I wasn't sure how it would work out, and I was afraid.

You know what I mean. You have some confusion and worry about the future, too, and about nuclear war. In my time, we had the Second World War and all of us knew that entire cities were destroyed by saturation bombings. The possibility of annihilation was not an abstract idea.

Some of my friends couldn't handle the pain of life. I knew a young man who committed suicide. It shattered all of us. What a terrible waste. He had so much to give. If only he had the faith to see his life in larger terms, as an opportunity to do good, a divine gift, a calling.

I don't understand the excuses I hear from some young people today: "What's the use of getting a degree or raising a family? We're all going to be blown up anyway." If you carry that kind of thinking out of your first 18 years into the next, you'll be a basket case before you're 30. Block this kind of fear out of your mind or you'll self-destruct without one bomb going off.

Anxiety is a normal part of life. It's to be expected. But despair is killing; guard against it. To do so, you'll need God's grace. Pray, and learn to trust God.

It doesn't really matter if you pick the wrong major or the wrong college, or even the wrong profession for that matter. Mistakes are part of growing and learning. There's lots of time to adjust. There is always grace, new beginnings are made every day.

Hang in there when you're tempted to despair. Pray for the grace to weather the storms of life. Grace is a free gift and God gives it lavishly.

Choose your companions carefully. Avoid drugs like the plague. Drugs are the forerunners of despair. If you make a sensible effort to be good and look after your spiritual life, I'm certain that all your happinesses will be major and all your unhappinesses will be minor. Read the words of Jesus over and over again. He not only shows the way, He is the Way.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Notes, "You Can Change the World," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017.



THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO CONFESS THIS. I HATE PBS AND I ONLY WATCH NETWORK TV."

Straight to the heart

Q. My parents are so overprotective and won't let me do anything on my own. Why are they this way? (Kentucky)



BY TOM LENNON

A. Sometimes it seems that this is the question most often asked by readers of this column. We've attempted to answer it before, but let's take another try — in a rather unusual way.

Recently a teen-ager, whom I'll call Julie, celebrated the sacrament of penance. Here it's important to stress that what goes on during confession is top secret.

The priest is bound in a most serious way never to reveal what is said in the confessional. Usually the other person celebrating the sacrament doesn't talk about it either.

But quite a few people in Julie's parish now know part of what went on the day she celebrated the sacrament of penance.

And what did go on?

After telling the young priest her sins, Julie started talking with him about some of the problems and conflicts she was having with her parents.

Near the end, in a burst of exasperation, she blurted out: "They always want to protect me. Why do they worry so much?"

A slight pause. Then the young priest said softly and simply, "Because they love you."

This verbal arrow hit Julie straight in the heart. She was silent for a few seconds, she reported, and then almost in a whisper she said, "Gee... I... I never thought of it that way before."

The whole idea was a revelation to Julie. As she walked home alone she felt a deep joy at what she now knew about her parents.

Her mother was home alone and was amazed when Julie came in an hugged her and said, "Mom I love you so"

Then Julie told her all that she felt and what the young priest had said.

That night Julie told her dad. In the days that followed she told some of her friends. And her parents told their friends.

That's how the story of Julie's confession began to spread around the parish and subtly to improve parentchild relations in a number of homes.

It may well be that Julie will never quite forget the young priest who with four simple words turned her world upside down and revealed the gift of the parents' love.

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

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Quitting school at 14

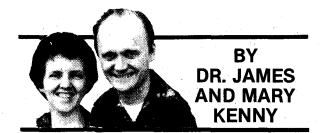
Dear Dr. Kenny: Our 14-year-old boy has lost all interest in school. He is in eighth grade and does not want to attend school any more. We have tried talking to him and to the teachers, but nothing has helped. We are afraid we may have to pay a fine or go to jail because of him. We do not know where to go from here. (Texas)

Most states require school attendance through age 16. Parents are expected to see that their children attend school. However, if parents do all within their power to enforce school attendance and the child still will not go, the state does not fine or

Many children in sixth, seventh and eighth grades become tired of school and want to quit. There are several common reasons why.

he most frequent reason is repeated poor academic performance. Often by this time, the youngster no longer turns in homework, may misbehave in class and, in fact, has given up. Teachers become upset with his or her "poor attitude." Underneath this apparent poor attitude, the youngster has found it hurts too much to try and still fail, so he or she loses interest and acts as if

A review of intelligence and achievement test scores may be useful in determining whether the schoolwork is truly beyond him. Special tutoring, with a teacher wise enough to ignore his "bad attitude" may be helpful.



Most children who turn off to school do so because they are tired of feeling a continuing sense of failure. School and parents need to work together to find something in the school program where the youngster can achieve a measure of success. Are there any extracurricular activities or sports in which your son might do well?

Another reason is being left out socially. Other children can be merciless in putdowns, name-calling and teasing. Also, around this age, children who belong to a minority group may be keenly aware of the prejudice of the other youngsters. Minority group children, children who dress differently or children with different skills or interests might all be targets of such prejudice.

Still another reason is the notion that life outside school appears more attractive. The youngster may want to work and earn his own money. Or

perhaps he feels it would be more fun to stay around home and watch television or simply "bum around town.'

See if you can find out why your son wants to quit school. If you cannot, perhaps a school counselor or social worker may be able to talk with and listen to him. Knowing why may help you address the difficulty.

Forcing your son to attend school is unfortunate. If he does not want to learn, he probably won't. Getting his body into the classroom does not guarantee that his mind will follow.

However, if he refuses to attend school at 14, the state will require that he do so. You may need the added help of your local traunt officer or probation officer. Letting them talk to your son in advance may help make the consequences clear to him before he gets into trouble.

As a last resort, parents may, in most states, declare to the welfare department that they can no longer control their child. The teen can then be made a ward of the court or state, yet still remain in the parental home. The state simply adds some of its power and clout to support parental discipline. Good luck with your son!

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

(NC News Service)

The two minute 'ideal family'

If we view and read commercials enough, we soon deduct that the ideal husband brings flowers, buys lots of insurance, drives a prestige car, and goes for a 5 o'clock beer with his buddies

The ideal wife looks the way she did on the day she was married, adores housework, juggles work and family easily, and feeds her kids Twinkies.

The ideal family owns a camper, uses soap filled with bath oil, has a nutritiously-fed dog, and eats Jello-brand chocolate pudding.

We could laughingly add a dozen characteristics to each category, but the problem is that the ideal images fostered by advertisers affect us deeply. The message gets firmly planted that to be ideal we must own or use certain commercial

I recall the mother who told me their family wasn't getting along very well so they were thinking of buying a family camper. I discovered they had bought into the image of the camping family portrayed on TV and in magazine ads.

Let's examine that family. The children are always clean and smiling, the weather sunny, the lake blue and the grass green. It isn't raining. There are no mosquitoes. Mom isn't trying to scour a greasy frypan with sand.

Indeed, the mother admitted to the influence of the image when she said, "I figure if we had a camper, we might be more like those families on

That's exactly what the promoters have in mind. A two-minute image like theirs doesn't reveal that the family who is fragmented is going to remain fragmented, camper ro not, until they deal with the issues dividing them.

So pervasive is the power of advertising on couples and families that we need to use advertis-



BY **DOLORES CURRAN**

ing to examine family values. The commercial, for example, that talks about the wife who remains looking and acting as she did the day they were married ends with her husband's statement, "I think I'll keep her."

Who wants him? The sense of security he offers her goes contrary to good mental health. His value system says clearly, "What you look like and how much energy you retain are the basis of our secure relationship. If you age or slow down, watch out. I may not keep you."

The commercials that tout family computers as the panacea for bad report cards imply - no, insist — that parents who don't furnish children with computers are not giving them the tools they need to do a decent job in school.

When these commercials appear we need to make moral judgements and statements about them to show another side of the implied value. A wise parent might comment, "How is a computer going to help the kid who already refused to spend time on homework? It can be just one more time waster." (The same claim was made of television in its early days. Has it improved children's school achievement or hampered it?)

When the husband says, "I think I'll keep her,"

parents can say, "I'm glad you're not like that," or murmur in pity, "His poor wife."

One way churches can help families deal with the pressures of the free marketplace is to video them and share feelings and thoughts about them. I've done this and found it immensely effective. Even children can be perceptive and vocal when it comes to pressure messages.

Anything we can do to offset the constant message that "products create happiness" help families. And families need support in this area. Otherwise we take on the religion of middle-class hedonism and suffer the emptiness that results when we try to find happiness and bonding in possessions.

(Alt Publishing Co.)



₌Familv Nights

Opening prayer

Dearest Father, thank you for this past week and for all you have given our family. Thank you for our mountains, for our deserts, our brilliant colored sunsets and for all our friends and neighbors in this diocese. Bless each of us this evening and help us to respond more and more each day to your call to be ever open and filled with love, especially within our family. Amen.

Lesson

Each family has a specialness all its own that makes it the family others see. Often the family isn't aware of what makes its own specialness and importance. Every family member is very special and precious. too. He helps to make up the family's uniqueness, what makes it different from every other family. To help discover what each family's specialness is, let us share thoughts.

Young Family

Materials: Paper, crayons. Each divides his paper into four sections; a different picture is to be drawn in each block.

- 1. A picture of myself, showing my feelings about myself through color choice, example: yellow, sunny; blue, gentle, peaceful; orange, strong.
- 2. Draw the house or apartment the family lives in and decorate it with things that make it special to me.
- 3. Draw a picture of all the family members with colors showing my feelings about each person.
- 4. Draw a picture of the very best thing I like about my family. After all have finished the drawings, each may have a chance to explain his picture. then name what he thinks is the most special thing about his family.

Middle Years Family

Materials: Paper, pencils, enough for each person. Pass out paper and

pencils. The paper may be divided into three columns

1. Make a list of five qualities I like most about myself; (this isn't as easy as it may seem; often we tend to be negative about ourselves).

2. Make a list naming all the members of the family and after each name list the three qualities I like most about that person.

3. In four sentences or less, name the family's most endearing quality and why I chose that particular quali-

Share and discuss what each has

Adult Family

Materials: Paper, pencils. Divide paper into three columns.

1. What am I most thankful for in my family? why?

3. As a whole, what is my family's

2. Name two qualities I most admire in each person of the family.

late to God's presence in our family? Share and discuss what each has written.

Sharing

- Each may share a high and low point of the last week.
- Each may share a moment he felt especially close to God.

Closing prayer

- Spontaneous prayer.
- Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6.
- Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary.
- Suggested prayer: Dear Father, our family thanks you for this evening and for the qualities you have helped reveal to each of us. Thank you for loving us so much. Bless your Church and our Christian family throughout the world. Help each of us to build your kingdom on earth as we witness you wherever we are and whatever we do this coming week. Amen

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READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Trinity: The beautiful message

BACKGROUND:

Deuteronomy is the fifth of the first five books of the Bible, together called the Pentateuch. They contain the ancient law of Moses. the touchstone of Jewish religious practice and belief.

Literally, the word means "second law.'



BY FR. **OWEN** CAMPION

The section read for Trinity Sunday underscores the reality of God's covenant with Israel. It is not a lifeless identity, or association. Rather, it is a contract God would be the Jews' protector and guide, if they would be his faithful people.

The covenant implied communication between God and his people. God's people did not invent the covenant nor stumble upon it. It was revealed by God himself.

In the second reading, from the Epistle of the Romans, St. Paul that God is in his people and with his people in them in Jesus, with them in the Spirit.

Written about 60 AD, the Epistle

in human life carried on now by the church. Today, the church is the Lord's witness, and the mediator between God and humanity.



reinforces the revelation by God to the Jews and its fulfillment in Jesus.

St. Matthew's concluding passage is the Gospel for this Sunday. The Gospel's theme is to set forth Jesus as Messiah and Lord, roles

This Sunday's reading identifies God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION:

The church teaches two lessons through this Sunday's liturgy of

the Word: 1) God reaches out to us and empowers us to reach him. Communication between God and humanity is possible, real, and fulfills his will; 2) In reaching out to us, God has described himself giving us a glimpse of the reality that is God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity is one of the great, central beliefs of the Christian faith. Its mysterious nature has caused it for centuries to be the subject of learned debate and in-

This Sunday's liturgy of the Word, however, looks beyond philosophy. It presents a message strongly appealing to every person of every time.

God himself reaches out to us, touches us, and beckons us to speak to him. He communicates with us. Trinity is his explanation of himself, of his ways, and of his majesty and beauty.

In the setting of the Scripture, revelation of the Trinity in the Christian gospel was not to introduce into human learning a new and fascinating debate but God's introduction of himself and holy invitation to be one with him in thought, word, and deed.

Is this marriage invalid?

Q. Last year our daughter married a young man in a non-deminational church. Both are (or were) Catholic and both over 21. They did not get consent of the bishop or priest or my consent either, though neither was married before.



BY FR. JOHN DIETZEN

I did not attend the wedding but my wife did. The couple say they are Protestants, not Catholics anymore.

My questions are: Is their marriage recognized by the church? Can we visit them without giving scandal? (California)

A. Their marriage may be recognized by the church. It is impossible to say for sure without knowing more facts, Let me explain.

Until recently, anyone baptized Catholic was obliged to be married before a priest or deacon for that marriage to be recognized in the Catholic Church. The same applies to persons baptized Protestant who later entered the Catholic faith.

It seems clear from your letter that your daughter and her husband did not ask or receive a dispensation

from the form from the bishop which would have allowed them to be married validly before a minister of another faith or a civil official

Under those rules, obviously, your daughter's marriage would be invalid.

'The best thing you can do is treat them with love, support and presence?

However, the new Code of Canon Law provides differently. Since last fall, when that law became effective, people who were once Catholic but who have left the Catholic faith "by a formal act" are not bound by the law that they must be married before a priest. (Canon 1117)

What precisely this formal act must be is not yet clear. Certainly it would include anyone who officially joins another denomination, or who by some public act rejects God or all religion. It might, however, include other acts as well.

From what you say it seems possible, even likely, that your daughter's marriage is valid according to Catholic Church law. As I indicated, more facts would be required to know for

As for your visiting them, it seems you have made quite clear your regret and disappointment at what they have done and your parental and personal concern at what you see as a serious violation of their commitments to God as Catholic Christians.

It is not yours to judge, however, how they stand before God at this point — how much aware they were then or now of the nature of those commitments and of their rejection of their Catholic faith and of their embrace of whatever faith they profess

My conviction is that, once you have made your position clear, which you have an obligation to do both as parent and friend, the best thing you can do is treat them with love, support and presence. Another tactic is more likely to lead to alienation than anything good.

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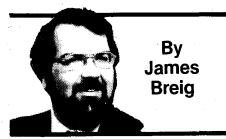
"The Plummer Family"

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The pope talks about TV

Imagine my getting Pope John Paul II to sit down for a one-on-one interview about television's influence in the world.

Impossible, right? Well, yes, but I can dream, can't I? In fact, I can do more than that. I can interview him through his own words, as presented in his message for World Communications Day, which the Vatican observed recently.



The situation may be pretend, but his remarks are not. With that in mind, here's my "interview" with the

Pope:
Q. The Vatican has marked World
Communications Day for almost 20
years. Why?

A. The Church has clearly acknowledged the great importance of the mass media in the development of the human person: from the point of view of information, of education and training, of cultural maturation, as well as of leisure-time occupation and entertainment.

Q. In those 20 years, the media have changed a great deal, wouldn't you agree?

A. The world of social communications is engaged today in a development which is dizzying in its extreme complexity, a development whose ultimate unfolding cannot be foreseen.

Q. The theme of this year's observance is youth. What can the media do for young people?

A. The mass media ought to open to youth new horizons, educating them to a sense of duty, honesty, respect for their peers, a sense of justice, friendship, study and work.

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Q. is there a negative side?

A. At the same time, we can imagine the grave threats which the mass media can hold over society—if bent to the purposes of power or self-interest, or if used with the in-

tention of distortion, against the truth, against the dignity of the human person of his freedom, and, worst of all, against the weakest and most defenseless.

Q. How do you picture the relationship of young people and the media?

A. The newspaper, the book, the record, the film, the radio, the television in particular, and the ever more sophisticated computer — these already represent an important point of contact, even if not the only one, between the young person and the external reality within which his daily life is lived. And the young person has recourse to the mass media with increasing frequency, either because he now has more spare time or because the frantic rush or modern life causes him to seek more frequent escape in recreation.

Q. What worries you about that?
A. It is not possible to ignore the danger of certain messages, slipped in under cover of ever more explicit and aggressive advertising, or introduced in shows which give the impression that the life of man is regulated only by the laws of sex and violence.

Q. You're also worried about what's called "video dependence," aren't you?

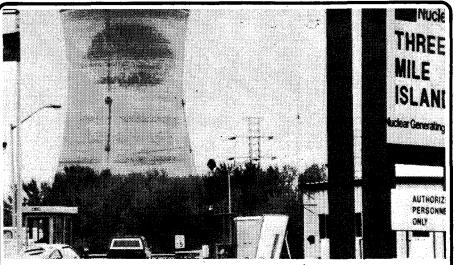
A. The term is already in common use to describe the ever mightier influence that the instruments of social communication have on young people. There is need to examine this phenomenon very thoroughly. There is a question about the effects of video dependence on the very psychology, culture and behavior of youth

Q. What can parents do to offset the influence of the media?

A. The witness they give may very well be the most efficacious and credible teaching that the young can receive. Dialogue, critical discernment, vigilance — these are the conditions which are indispensable when educating young persons who behave responsibly in the use of the mass media.

Q. What steps would you like to see taken to help young people deal with the media?

A. Profound educational activity in



FIRE UNLEASHED — A comprehensive, if somewhat sobering look at world nuclear problems will take place on ABC, Channel 10 from 8-11 p.m. on June 6th. "The Fire Unleashed" also examines the health record of residents near Three Mile Island (top) six years after the world's worst nuclear accident. (NC photos).



the family, school and church to guide young people to a balanced and disciplined use of the mass media; the active presence of Christians in all sectors of communication, bringing their witness of faith, the engagement of the Catholic community so that, when the need arises, it will denounce shows and programs which assault the moral good of the young; and the presentation of the Gospel message in its integrity, adapting it to the mentality of young people.

Q. Do you have specific suggestions for youth themselves? Feel free to address them directly.

A. Dearest young people, the importance and ultimate meaning of the instruments of social communications depend on you, on the use you make of them, on the critical judgment with which you know how to use them, whether these instruments are going to serve your human and Christian formation, or whether they are going to be turned against you.

'Lily's' cast may grow on you

LILY IN LOVE A-II, PG-13 is a witty, sophisticated film. Loosely based on Ferenc Molnar's "The Guardsman," it tells of a Barrymoresque tragedian, Fitzroy Wynn (Christopher Plummer), who for all of his stage success longs to be a romantic screen hero.

When his playwright wife, Lily (Maggie Smith), writes a screenplay with just the kind of part he covets, he disguises himself as a sensitive blond Italian, Roberto Terranova, to win the role she said he was utterly unsuited for.

Much to Fitzroy's dismay, Lily begins to fall in love with Roberto. Is she being unfaithful to him or is she only playing a game with him? It's a question that bedevils him for the rest of the film.

Miss Smith, with her typical wry wit, is excellent as Lily. Plummer as the brilliant yet insecure Fitzroy gives a memorable, farcical performance as he leaps in and out of character, from Terranova to Wynn, in a tortured quest as to whether or not he has cuckolded himself.

This is not a belly-laugh type of comedy since both Plummer and Miss Smith know instinctively when to hold back. They give low-key and yet extremely funny performances.

"Lily in Love" is two hours of sheer entertainment, a delight from beginning to end. Don't miss this one. A PRIVATE FUNCTION A-III, R is an English comedy that relies heavily on the English predilection for scatological humor.

Set in the immediate postwar period when rationing was still in effect, "Private Function" relates the adventures of a struggling small-town chiropodist (Michael Palin) and his wife (Maggie Smith) who steal an unlicensed pig that has been hidden away by the local elite to provide a dinner celebrating the wedding of Princess Elizabeth.

The usual hijinks ensue as they try to keep the pig hidden. Finally, the local power structure undergoes a change and the two pork purloiners gain admittance to the inner circle. Piggy, however, has to pay the price.

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Miss Smith gives her usual flawless performance as the caustic wife egging on her meek husband. But the movie itself is rather slow-moving, especially at the beginning, and the vulgar humor will certainly not be to everybody's taste.

MOVING VIOLATIONS O, PG-13 is a failed comedy directed by Neal Israel and written by Israel and Pat Proft (the wonderful folks who brought us "Police Academy"), Its feeble premise is the gathering together of some diverse types who must attend driving school to get their licenses back.



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Former Sunrise resident ordained priest

Karl Anthony Krauser, C.Ss.R., a former resident of Sunrise, was ordained a Redemptorist priest May 25 by Auxiliary Bishop Emerson J. Moore of the Archdiocese of New

Fr. Krauser is the son of Robert Louis and Luz Domitila Krauser of Sunrise. An honors graduate of Piper High School, he began his priestly training at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, where he studied from 1976 to 1979.

He then continued his studies at the Redemptorist St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, CN, and at Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, NY. He professed religious vows of chastity, poverty and obedience with the Redemptorists in 1981 and was ordained to the deaconate this March.

Fr. Krauser will say a Mass of

Exhibit for artists

There will be a Mass, Exhibit and Reception for artists at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on November 24, the Feast of Christ the King. The exhibits will emphasize works of a sacred nature. If you would like to participate and exhibit please send a photo of your work (not returnable) to: Rev. Michael Sullivan, P. O. Box 3044, Pompano Beach, FL 33067. Kindly include a description of your work, indicating whether it is painting, ceramic, print, sculpture, tapestry, etc.

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Thanksgiving at his home parish of St. Bernard in Sunrise on Sunday, June 9 at 12 noon. Fr. Charles Mallen, C.Ss.R., formerly of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Opa Locka, will be the homilist at the

St. Thomas offers pre-entry program

St. Thomas University is offering basic skills help for college-bound students who are below college level in SAT scores or low GPAs. Anyone looking to improve his/her skills in Language Arts and Math as well as "how to study" skills is welcom-

Beginning Monday, June 24th, the classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with eight to nine students per class. Each participant will earn six college credits when he/she completes this Pre-Entry Program.

The fee is \$950 which includes lunch.

Schoenstatt celebration

With pilgrimages to Germany and special liturgies in Milwaukee, American members of the international Schoenstatt movement will celebrate the centennial of the birth of their founder, Fr. Joseph Kentenich, throughout 1985.

Among the activities planned are a June 30 Mass at the Schoenstatt Center in Wisconsin, with Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland presiding; a July 17-Aug. 7 pilgrimage of U.S. Schoenstatt members to the movement's founding city in Germany and to Rome; a centennial pilgrimage Sept. 4-25, during which members will participate in the Schoenstatt Family's international congress, then travel to Rome for a special audience with Pope John Paul II; and a solemn closing of the centennial year Oct. 20, with Archbiship Pio Laghi, apostolic pro-nuncio to the United States, presiding.

The Schoenstatt movement was founded in Germany in 1914 by Fr. Kentenich, a Pallottine priest whose cause for beatification is now in progress. Since its inception as a Marian Sodality for seminarians, the movement has spread all over the world and today consists of secular institutes of

Seeking prayer petitions

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priests, religious and laity, married and unmarried, whose aim is to form a truly Christian people capable of building a renewed social order in today's rapidly changing world.

A cornerstone of the Schoenstatt movement is members' covenant of love with the Blessed Mother, whose exemplary Christian life they seek to imitate.

For more information on the centennary activities, write to: Schoenstatt Center, W 284, N 698 Cherry Lane, Waukesha, Wisconsin, 53186, or call 414-547-7733.

Catechetical Center summer hours

The Catechetical Center will be open to the public on Fridays only from June 10, 1985 through July 26, 1985. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 and from 1:30 — 3:30 p.m.

Center closed completely July 29 -August 9.

The center will re-open for business on August 12, 1985 with regular hours. Anyone wishing to use materials for summer vacation schools or other programs is asked to contact the Center before June 7 to make arrangements for the materials needed.

St. Thomas offers counseling

Today's world and lifestyles are stressful. If you reach a level of frustration of despair and need to talk with someone, St. Thomas University's Pastoral Counseling Center is available for individual, couple and family therapy.

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Peter McGovern new law dean

Peter J. McGovern, former Dean of Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana, has been appointed Dean of the St. Thomas University School of Law, replacing Dean David Lowry, who resigned on May 22nd.

Dean McGovern is a graduate of Fordham Law School in New York. He was admitted to practice in New York in 1965. in South Dakota in 1972, and Indiana, 1982. He also has been admitted before the United States Tax Court of Claims, Federal District Court for the District of South Dakota, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, United States Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Military appeals.

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DEBATABLE CHAMPIONSHIP. More than 1,200 high school students from the 9th through 12th grades in both parochial and public schools throughout the U.S. participated in the 34th annual National Catholic Forensic League debate championships held at the Harbor Beach Marriot in Ft. Lauderdale. Above, students argue on the subject of 'how to employ the unemployable poor," during the tension-filled finals.

lt's a Date

The Cenacle 3rd Wednesday Morning of Prayer Group will meet from 9 a.m. to noon on May 15 for a conference, Mass and refreshments. Offering requested is \$5.

Boy Scout Troop 615 will hold their second annual garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 1 at 10100 S.W. 125 Ave. TVs, clothing, even a school bus

St. Joseph Fraternity of Secular Fransican Order will meet June 2 and every first Sunday of the month at St. Anthony's Church Hall at 901 N.E. 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale. Formation is at noon followed by fellowship, meeting and spiritual lesson at 1 p.m.

Chaminade Community of Faith Prayer group invites people to attend a Mass with prayers for healing and annointing of the sick

at 8 p.m. June 4 in the school cafeteria, 500 Chaminade drive.

North Broward Deanery will sponsor a night of praise at 7:45 p.m. June 5 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, 441 at McNab Road in North Lauderdale. Guest speaker is Fr. Thom Sheha from St. Andrews church

St. Clement's Women's Club annual rummage sale will take place on June 7, 8, and 9 at the parish hall, 225 N.W. 29 St. in Wilton Manors. Doors will open at 9 a.m. Furniture, household appliances, etc.

Visitation Women's Club will hold a social with games, prizes and refreshments for everyone at their parish hall at Visitation Church, 19100 N. Miami Ave. at 7:30 p.m. on June 7. Admission is \$3. For further information, call

The Witness, a musical production on the life of Jesus and his disciples presented by the Joyful Noise Ensemble will be held at 8 p.m. June 8 at St. Andrew's Church, 9950 N.W. 29 St. in Coral Springs.

Respect Life Office in Southwest Miami will train volunteers on three consecutive Saturdays, June 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and June 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Louis Church, 7270 S.W. 120th St., Miami, Anyone interested in joining the Respect Life Apostolate should call Miriam Columbro, 258-5102 or the Southwest Miami office, 233-2229.

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Immaculata-Lasalle 20th year reunion for '65 graduates will be held on June 15. For details please call 262-0094, 666-4306, or 661-2145.

Catholic Alumni Club invites all singles to a 'Summer Dance' on June 8th at Church of the Little Flower (Old Church Building), 1270 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, from 8:00 pm to midnight. Admission \$5.00. "D.J." will provide music.

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A family turning point

Marriage Encounter taught couple about parenting

By Katharine Bird **NC News Service**

Until their oldest daughter became a teen-ager, family life for the O'Neils meant that their three children "did their thing and we did ours," explained John O'Neil of Perth, Western Australia. I met O'Neil and his wife JoAnn in Jerusalem during a recent trip there.

Mrs. O'Neil added, "We had communication problems" with each other and with the children.

Then, in the mid-1970s, the couple made their first Marriage Encounter. This experience was a turning point.

Marriage Encounter impelled the O'Neils to take a close look at their relationship as husband and

I didn't know if he was happy or

We learned "to show children it's OK to cry, to show feelings,' O'Neil said. For Mrs. O'Neil, learning to listen was the difficult

"I'm not a good listener so it was significant for me to learn to listen to John," she explained,

ing for a climate conducive to raising our three children."

It was a time of flower children

and drug experimentation.
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from something; we were going to a new life that was a bit slower. We went from two cars and 20 credit cards to no credit cards and for six months no car," he said. "Now we're back to two cars and three credit cards.'

The O'Neils, parishioners at St. Joseph Pignatelle Parish in Attadale, Western Australia, have been actively involved as leaders in presenting Marriage Encounter in their country.

In 1980, they brought Engaged Encounter to Australia and today serve as the National Contact Cou-

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O'Neil, who teaches computer science to college-age students, had been an enthusiastic glider pilot in his leisure hours. Now a teacher-librarian, Mrs. O'Neil's pet project back then was scouting.

'The older two children were almost beyond our reach," O'Neil said. Their daughter, now 25, felt she "couldn't be open with us or trust us."

Their older son, now 22, was insecure, possibly because "we built an inferiority complex into him," Mrs. O'Neil suggested. "We always told him how he could do better and never told him that what he did was good."

Ruefully, O'Neil said that he and his wife ran their family "like

wife and at their role as parents. The experience became a catalyst for changing the way family members related to each other.

"At Marriage Encounter we learned the best thing we could do for our children was to love each other and show it. This solidifies a family and gives children a better example of what marriage is than preaching," O'Neil said.

The couple also decided to be more openly affectionate with their children, O'Neil said. But it wasn't easy for him: "I'm not a demonstrative person. Kissing teen-age sons was hard.'

Mrs. O'Neil agreed, explaining: "The first time I ever saw John cry was at Marriage Encounter he was so much a man in control.

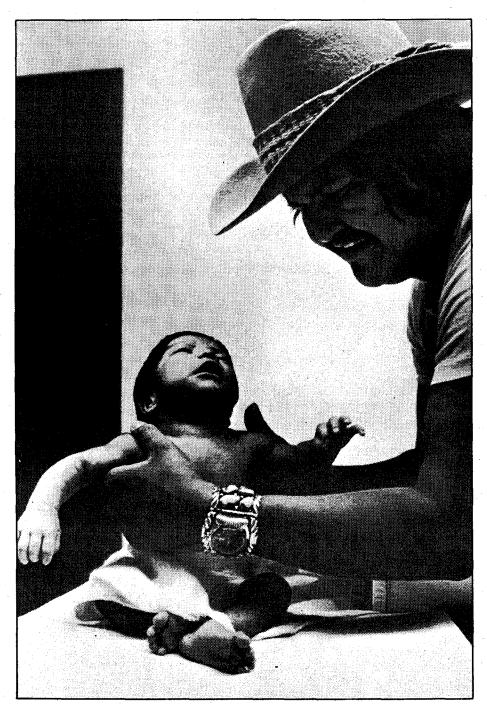
"and for us to listen to the children, to treat them as human beings" worthy of respect.

Setting up guidelines for family life, the O'Neils said they tried "to work out boundaries together" as much as possible with the children.

The O'Neils also worked at presenting a unified approach to their children. "Previously I'd say, 'Ask your mother,' "O'Neil said. "Now our normal response is to deal with the children together.'

And that decision brought an unexpected fringe benefit. As parents, he reported, "we're not played off each other" any more.

Part of the reason the O'Neils emigrated from the San Francisco Bay area to Western Australia in 1968 was "because we were look-



"When you're changing a kid's a diaper, you're clothing the naked. When he's screaming and you feed him, you're feeding the hungry. There's a holiness involved in parenting," says Fr. Steven Preister, an expert on family life. He adds that the Church needs to develop "a theology of marriage." (NC photo)

What's a parish

By Joe Michael Feist NC News Service

"Support for parents by parishes is absolutely crucial today," observed Father Steven Preister in an interview. He is founder and director of the National Center for Family Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

While "families have always needed support," the priest said, it is apparent that times have changed. Today's parents face new and difficult challenges that make parish involvement more important than ever.

We've always had extended families available to us," Father Preister said. "But between 1975 and 1980, 50 percent of U.S. families changed households. That mobility means there is no network of friends or family.

Other statistics are equally illuminating. Only 13 percent of U.S. families are composed of fathers who work and mothers who stay home with children.

Sixty percent of all women with children are employed. Half of all children will live for a time with only one parent before they are grown.

By 1990 the number of families with a single parent or divorced and remarried parents will exceed the number with two parents never divorced.

So what's a parish to do? Father Preister thinks the first priority is for parishes "to have a broad definition of family life. The variety of kinds of families have to be taken into account when designing programs."

Parishes can then begin to structure families together in small communities. "Opportunity" is the key word here, Father Preister indicated. "The parish needs to provide the

opportunity for families to get together," he said.

Father Preister, who founded the Family Studies center in 1979, stressed that "parents and parishes need to be partners" in any support activity or program.

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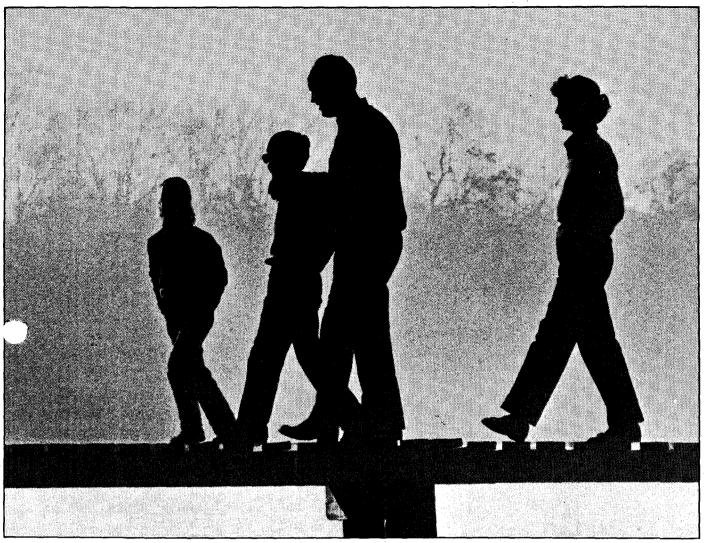
"Parishes need to help families do their job rather than trying to do their job for them," he noted.

Three factors should be taken into account in developing any family or parenting program if it is to be effective, said Father Preister.

First, parents need to participate in planning the program. Second, there should be a variety of options in the program that meet the needs of different kinds of families.

Third, and most important, parents must emphasize the importance of the program at home with their children.

"Drug education programs don't change young people's behavior unless the parents are involved," he noted. Likewise, attendance at a Catholic school will make a difference in a child's moral behavior and belief in Jesus only if "parents



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Over the years the O'Neils discovered how valuable a supportive Christian community can be.

Mrs. O'Neil remarked that she and her husband found a "tremendous support system" working as Encounter movement leaders. They also are part of a parish group "where we get together and talk things out," she said.

Such support is vital today, they said, because so much threatens family life.

"More things pull children away from the family today," O'Neil

said. Children can "run around all the time, taking lessons every night."

But spending time together is essential for family members who care about each other and the quality of their relationship, the O'Neils indicated.

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and their kids talk about moral behavior at home."

Father Preister added that it is "absolutely foolish to expect a parish to have a program" that meets every possible need. But he believes a parish should "know where services are" so that it can refer parents.

Beyond formal programs and services, there is another dimension in efforts to support families or parents, Father Preister said. A theology of marriage is needed.

Much of what is heard about spirituality is based on a monastic model that does not fit most families, he said. "Our models are virgins and martyrs. Very few saints are mothers and wives."

Father Presiter insisted that "when you're changing a kid's diaper, you're clothing the naked. When he's screaming and you feed him, you're feeding the hungry. There's a holiness involved" in the trials and joys of parenting.

Families in ancient times

By Father John Castelot NC News Service

What was family life like in Old Testament times? For centuries family life in Israel was regulated by a fixed, rigid code. It reflected the general culture of the times, which was strongly patriarchal. The father wielded unquestioned authority and assumed ultimate responsibility. This was understandable in an age when physical prowess determined success and security.

Inevitably, such a system produced its share of unfeeling authoritarians. In the main, however, families enjoyed peace and happiness. Family members respected and loved each other.

The wife's value was seen primarily in her fruitfulness, especially in giving birth to sons. Sons made up the work force in an unmechanized agricultural society, and they assured defense against outside interference.

But the wife was loved as a person in her own right, even if she happened to be sterile. There is a moving scripture passage where Elcanah consoles his wife, Hannah, disconsolate over her inability to give him a son

Her husband Elcahah used to ask her: "Hannah, why do you weep, and why do you refuse to eat? Why do you grieve? Am I not more to you than 10 sons?" (1 Samuel 1:8).

So precious was the love of a mother for her chil-

dren that Isaiah compared it to God's love for his people: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).

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And so esteemed was the love of man and wife that the prophets did not hesitate to use it as a figure for the love which united God to Israel: "I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the Lord" (Hosea 2:21-22).

Parents bore responsibility for the wise and prudent rearing of their children. And it is important to note that discipline flowed from genuine love. Father loved their sons, who loved them in return. David's grief at the death of Absalom is heart-wrenching: "My son Absalom! My son, my son!" (2 Samuel 19:5).

Daughters too were cherished, loved, protected. "A daughter is a treasure that keeps her father wakeful, and worry over her drives away rest; lest she pass her prime unmarried, or when she is married, lest she be disliked" (Sirach 42:9).

Again, this concern was evidence of a deep love. Recall the desperate plea Jairus made to Jesus: "My little daughter is critically ill. Please come and lay your hands on her that she may get well and live" (Mark 5:24).

Mutually accepted order, discipline, respect and love, peace, security — these qualities marked families which lived according to the Law.

How one diocese helps parents

Recently, a worried mother approached Sister of St. Joseph Dolores Clerico, concerned about her teen-ager's preoccupation with bicycling.

He spent so much time racing and training for races, the mother reported, he had no other social life. "Is this normal?" she asked.

That question is typical of concerns parents bring to family ministers, Sister Clerico said. She is the assistant director of the Family Life Office in the Diocese of Camden, N.J., and has worked in family ministry fulltime for more than five years.

Parents today need a lot of "reassuring that what they're going through is normal," Sister Clerico said. Many parents don't fully "trust their ability" or "they feel that what they're doing isn't good enough."

She explained that an important goal of family ministry is to set up a process of help families and parents "to share their strengths and limitations with others" who share similar experiences.

Thinking it over

Sister Clerico added that the Camden diocese consistently gets calls from parishes for help in serving parents. In response to those calls, the diocese has developed some programs.

"There's a great need to support new parents," Sister Clerico commented. Many mothers are older now and are accustomed to the independence and intellectual stimulation of working. If they're home full time, many miss that stimulation.

In one parish she knows of, a group was started at the initiative of two new mothers. In other parishes staff persons organize the groups.

Sister Clerico explained that the main function of the groups is support — allowing new parents to share what they're going through and to receive information on parenting.

The diocese makes available film strips and packaged programs for new parent groups to use, such as "Family," Father John Powell's three-week video series (Argus Communications, Allen, Texas).

Another program the diocese sponsors is the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting program authored by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary McKay (American Guidance Service, Circle Pines, Minn.). This nine-week educational series, also known as STEP, includes lectures, discussions and activities.

STEP aims at building up skills for parents and at finding ways for parents to "relate more effectively with their children," Sister Clerico added. The diocese makes available trained volunteers to direct the program

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Hispanic artist inspired by saints

...despite setbacks, he keeps carving

By Julie Asher
DENVER (NC) — A bluegreen parrot squawks from his
kitchen perch when a visitor
brushes by. A narrow stairway
leads to the tiny workroom, at
the back of an inner-city Denver
home, where Carlos Santistevan
turns wood into the images of
saints.

In this room the floor sprinkled with wood shavings, Santistevan follows the southwestern tradition of santos-making: carving wood into small statues of saints and the sacred. He also makes retablos, flat pieces with the image brought out on the surface in relief.

"There is a piece of art in that piece of wood," said Santistevan. "It's already there and I'm trying to discover it."

He traces the art form to folk art developed in northern New Mexico between the mid-18th and mid-19th centuries. It was encouraged by Franciscan missionaries in the southwest who wanted religious art for their churches.

Santistevan also creates saints' images in a less traditional way, by metal welding, "My first love is metal sculpture," he said, "My second love is retablos."

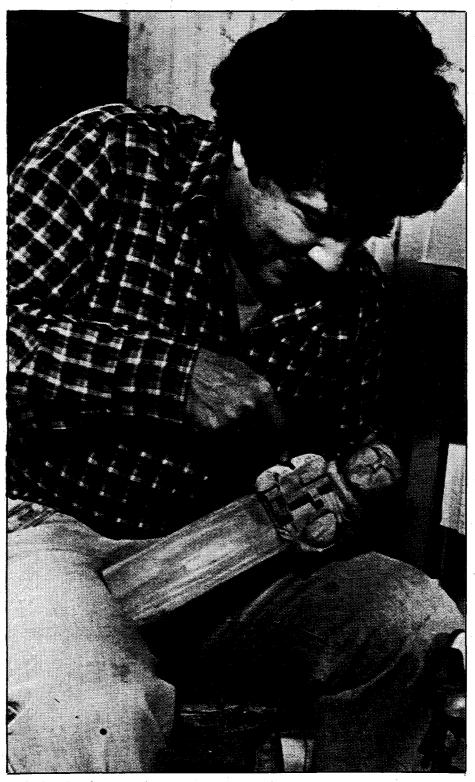
Santistevan hunts for scrap metal and old wood in his neighborhood.

Although he has carved wood as long as he can remember, he did not grow up intending to be an artist.

His art training began at Cathedral High School, Denver, but a counselor discouraged him from attending college, telling Santistevan he lacked "the mental capability."

So he looked instead toward the Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver, which offered classes in such crafts as welding, art, and body and fender work.

He caught on to welding so fast he was soon teaching other students. One day, after a demonstration for other students, he continued work on a piece of metal and turned it into an image of the head of Christ on the



Carlos Santistevan of Denver works on a "santo" of St. Francis of Assisi. The dedicated artist receives little accolade from family or peers, but he keeps alive the art of 'santos making' — carving wood into images of the sacred. He went to college to learn more about his craft and to prove that he could do it. (NC photo by James Baca).

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That led to art classes at the Opportunity School and later to enrollment in the University of Colorado in Denver.

"No one in my immediate family had ever been to college. I thought I'd give it a try," said Santistevan. "I really went to college unprepared."

His major was sociology, but he took many art classes as well.

'I could name every Chicano artist on my hands For us there was no identification anymore.'

As he spent more time doing art projects, his grades in other subjects slipped. Still, he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and later obtained a master's degree in education administration from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

As a Hispanic "I had to go to college to learn about myself," Santistevan said.

In 1968, he opened what he believes was the first art gallery for Hispanic artists in the nation. "I went to galleries to show my work but nobody would display Chicano artists," he said. "When I first opened the art gallery, I could count every Chicano artist on my hands. For us there was no identification before."

He admitted he doesn't feel much support from the area's Hispanic community despite the exhibits he has had in Denver, and instead finds his work best appreciated in New Mexico.

Except for his brother, his own family seems to pay little heed to his artistic activities. Not one of his pieces was visible in his mother's house, where his workroom is, or in his own home a couple of doors away. His wife, Anita, only recently attended her first show.

However, he continues in the centuries-old artistic tradition, undaunted.

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ST. NORBERT

NORBERT

NORBERT WAS BORN OF NOBLE PARENTS
IN 1080 IN WHAT IS NOW XANTEN,
WEST GERMANY. HE WAS MADE A CANON AND
SERVED IN THE COURTS OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF
COLOGNE AND EMPEROR HENRY Y. LIKE MANY
CLERICS OF HIS DAY HE LIVED A LIFE OF LUXURY.

ONE DAY IN 1115, A BOLT OF LIGHTNING KNOCKED HIM FROM HIS HORSE. SEEING THIS AS AN INVITATION TO A LIFE OF PERFECTION, HE RETIRED TO A CELL NEAR XANTEN WHERE HE LIVED THREE YEARS OF PENANCE.

AFTER ORDINATION HE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REFORM HIS BROTHER CANONS OF XANTEN. NORBERT THEN GAVE HIS GOODS TO THE POOR AND JOURNEYED BAREFOOT TO SAINT-GILLES, FRANCE, WHERE POPE GELASIUS IT AUTHORIZED HIM TO PREACH. NORBERT EVANGELIZED THROUGH EUROPE

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NORBERT ESTABLISHED A MONASTERY NEAR
LAON, FRANCE, IN 1121 IN THE WILD VALE OF
PREMONTRE. HIS FOLLOWERS BECAME KNOWN
AS THE PREMONSTRATENSIANS, ADOPTING THE
CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE OF ST. AUGUSTINE
WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING REPARATION
FOR INJURIES OFFERED TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT. IN 1126, NORBERT RELUCTANTLY
AGREED TO BECOME ARCHBISHOP OF MAGDEBURG
IN SOUTHERN GERMANY, A LAND HALF PAGAN AND
HALF CHRISTIAN. HERE HE WORKED FOR THE
CHURCH UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1134.

THE FEAST OF ST. NORBERT IS JUNE 6.

Dawn of Thyme

By Hilda Young NC News Service

I remember when children's names came in streaks — like loads of Roberts and Christines or, more recently, classes full of Jasons and Heathers. Things have changed.

Convention has been abandoned and the only rule for naming infants is creating a word with consonants and vowels, vowels being optional

"Can I call Thyme?" my 6-yearold asked this morning.

"It's 8:30 a.m.," I told him.
"No, I want to call my friend,

Thyme," he said.

"That's her name?" I asked.

"His name," he corrected. "Like the spice?"

He gave me a puzzled look. "We want to go to Ryder's and play."

"Does his father rent trucks?"

"Huh?"

"Never mind," I said. "By the way, does anyone in your class have the name Patrick or John?"

He thought for a second. "There's Jedidiah and Germaine.

And Jurel and Meesha. And Hybernia and Firefly..."

I should have remembered from his Valentine's Day list. How can you forget names like Sunset, Wanda, C.J., Summermoon, Honey and Speed?

I don't know what the church is doing about its Christian name rules, but I suppose names like Daffodil could be considered derivatives of St. Dymphna, and Cassandra is close to St. Casimir.

"It's this generation's way of giving their children a sense of individuality," my husband philosophized the afternoon.

The phone rang. I answered. "It's Thyme," I told my 6-year-old.

"Since when does 'time' call people?" spouse asked.

"Ever since his mother, Dawn, taught him how to dial," I said with a smile.

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