

I am alarmed over the impact which I fear casino gambling will have on our community.

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I reaffirm the position of the Catholic Bishops of Florida who jointly oppose casino gambling in our beloved state.

> Edward A. McCarthy Archbishop of Miami





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#### ABCD GOAL IS \$4.5 MILLION

# Charities drive '86 begins

#### Dinners are set in three counties

#### By Prent Browning Voice Staff Writer

A goal of \$4.5 million has already been announced, chairmen have been appointed, and nine dinners are scheduled as this year's Archbishop's Charities and Development drive (ABCD) goes into full swing.

Contributing to dozens of Archdiocesan ministries and charities, the annual fund raising drive will have its first of a series of area dinners on Jan. 13 at the Konover Hotel in Miami Beach.

Instead of one overall chairman, chairmen have been appointed for each county in the Archdiocese this

In Dade County the chairman will be former attorney for the Archdiocese and past president of the international Serra Club, Joseph Fitzgerald. The chairman in Broward County will be Thomas O'Donnell, President of the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel. In Monroe County there will be two co-chairmen: Key Largo Realtor Lee Ganim, and Key West oil company owner Larry Dion.

The chairmen will act as Master of Ceremonies at their respective dinners and have overall responsibility for the details of their fundraising events. It was thought that several county chairmen instead of one overall chairman would create "a more personal touch," said Charles Starrs, Archdiocesan director of Development and

director of the ABCD campaign.

In addition, seven deanery representatives have been elected to act as liasons between the priest coordinator, the ABCD director, and the chairperson of the parishes in the deanery.

Every year ABCD money provides, through Catholic Community Services and other Archdiocesan ministries, help for those needing material and spiritual assistance.

Because of ABCD funds, housing and care for the elderly is provided every year, in addition to shelters for runaways, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and numerous other programs supervised by Catholic Services.

Through various ministries the ABCD funds will help sponsor, for example, special Masses for the deaf and handicapped and conferences and counseling for the divorced and separated.

Inner-city schools will receive much needed aid and the rural poor will benefit from ABCD funded ministries.

Last year following the split-up of the Archdiocese and the loss of five counties, the ABCD goal was set at \$4

Because of the split 41 less parishes participated in the campaign and. Archbishop McCarthy was pleased that total pledges amounted to \$4.7

"I took it as an expression of confidence and satisfaction" in the work of the Archdiocese, the Archbishop

Although costs were met, "there are (Continued on page 11) CESE OF MIAMI SYVO WACHE ANSAM COINE

'Walking together'

The official logo of the Archdiocese of Miami Synod is a reminder that the first step of the three-year process is taking place right now: Open forums in all parishes. These will be followed by public hearings in February, where Catholics can voice their concerns. In addition, a telephone survey also will be conducted beginning next month. The logo, designed by Maria Dominguez and Araceli Cantero, has Jesus in the center and the sun lighting the way as the people of God in South Florida "walk together" joyfully. The theme, "walking together," is repeated in English, Spanish and Creole on the outside of the circle.

#### INTERFAITH COALITION HITS HARD

# Church leaders to fight porn

#### • Complete statement, page 10

TALLAHASSEE — The leaders of a number of churches and religious organizations in Florida have issued a Statement Against Pornography calling for church members and other citizens to band together in local communities in Florida to take action against pornography.

The statement was issued by bishops and leaders of nine denominations, including Episcopal, Lutheran, United Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Church of Christ.

'Pornography distorts the goodness and beauty of human love and sexuality and undermines those beliefs and values which are essential to the stability of any society. It threatens the innate dignity of every person and erodes the general moral fiber," the statement said.

'Both men and women are demeaned by being portraved as cheap sexual objects. Even very young children are cruelly exploited and abused. Frequently, violence and abuse are encouraged as suitable means of gratifying sexual desires. In short, pornography perverts God's high purpose for human sexuality. It degrades us as people and as a nation," the statement continued.

The church leaders committed themselves to work toward the reversal of the trend toward availability of pornography in society, and called attention to the fact that hardcore pornography is illegal and is not protected by the First Amendment.

"We voice our support for strong enforcement of existing laws against pornography. And, within the framework of continued protection of legitimate First Amendment rights, we urge our elected public officials to enact laws restricting cable television pornography."

The statement concluded by asking for a boycott of merchants and advertisers of pornography and endorsed the action of national organizations such as Morality in Media and the National Federation for Decency.

# National Briefs

# **Protestants** persecuted in Nicaragua?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A Nicaraguan evangelical leader who was recently arrested and harassed by authorities said the leftist government has begun a campaign to repress evangelical Protestant activity.

But Jimmy Hassan, an evangelist and pastor in Managua, added, "No matter what the conditions and persecution, we will not stop preaching the gospel to the people of Nicaragua."

At a news conference here sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, Mr. Hassan reported on a wave of harassment in late October and early November which included arrests of several leading evangelicals and ransacking of church offices.

Mr. Hassan, national director of Campus Crusade for Christ, said authorities stole thousands of Bibles and religious books which they labeled "counterrevolutionary," and put a gun to his head during interrogations on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

He said a security officer summed up the interrogation by telling him, "The problem is that you teach the young people about Jesus Christ. And because of that they separate themselves from Marxism, and this we will never permit in Nicaragua."

Mr. Hassan said evangelical leaders have obeyed the laws and never opposed the government, despite charges by some government officials that they are agents of the United States. "My only activity is to preach the gospel," he said he told the authorities.

#### **Bishop Harris of Austin resigns;** Bishop McCarthy named successor

WASHINGTON (NC) — Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop Vincent M. Harris of Austin, Texas, and named Bishop John E. McCarthy to succeed him. Bishop Harris, 72, has been a bishop for 19 years and head of the Austin Diocese for the past 14. Bishop McCarthy, 55, has been an auxiliary of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston since 1979. Before he was made a bishop he was executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, and from 1967 to 1969 he was assistant director of the Social Action Department of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

#### A diocesan priests' council isn't a 'men's club,' says Bp. Stafford

MARYDALE, Ky. (NC) - A diocesan priests' council "is not a men's club," Bishop J. Francis Stafford of Memphis, Tenn., told a meeting of priests from the five Catholic dioceses of Tennessee and Kentucky. A bishop and his priests' council need to "honestly advise" and "challenge" one another, he said at the December meeting in Marydale. Bishop Stafford noted that the legal power of a priests' council is restricted: The bishop needs to consult with it before acting on a number of major decisions concerning a diocese, but he needs its consent only in rare instances. However, "any juridical relationship between bishop and priests in the church is secondary to their sacramental relationship," he said.

#### Mother Teresa gets \$300,000 from estate of retired librarian

OKLAHOMA CITY (NC) — A retired librarian in Oklahoma City has left her estate of \$300,000 to Mother Teresa and her Society of Missionaries of Charity. The librarian, Ann Murray Hough, died last February at age 94. Terms of her estate settlement were revealed in December in The Sooner Catholic, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The newspaper said that Mother Teresa's religious order was contacted and would probably receive the money in a few weeks.



#### Fasting for a friend

Lisa Paul, 23 (right), visits Inna Meiman, a Soviet Jew who was Miss Paul's tutor during her year-long stay in Russia in 1983. Mieman has undergone four operations for cancer but has not been permitted to seek more advanced help outside the Soviet Union. Miss Paul, a Catholic from Appleton, Wis., is on a three-week fast to draw attention to Meiman's plight. (NC photo)

#### Seattle institute to focus on training lay ministers

SEATTLE (NC) — The Seattle Archdiocese and the Jesuit-run Seattle University have joined to form a new Institute for Theological Studies with a special focus on training lay ministers. With five graduatelevel degrees offered, it is the only institution in the Northwest offering a master of divinity degree. Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle and Jesuit Father William Sullivan, president of the university, formally inaugurated the new institute in December. They signed a "Proclamation of Partnership" committing the resources of the archdiocese and the university to building and maintaining the institute. The archdiocese has committed itself to providing grants and scholarship aid for lay students.

#### Catholic school principal charged with trying to seduce 17-year-old

EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. (NC) — Christian Brother John M. Walderman, 40, principal of an all-boys Catholic high school, was arrested in East Providence on morals charges after allegedly trying to buy sex from a 17-year-old boy. Brother Walderman, principal of Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., was released on personal recognizance by District Judge Michael Higgins. The brother did not enter a plea. According to police, the high school principal was arrested after he allegedly picked up a youth in downtown Providence. The youth was not a student at the high school, police said. Brother Walderman was charged with one felony count of transporting for prostitution and a misdemeanor count of solicitation.

#### **Cardinal Bernardin tells educators** how he will improve schools

CHICAGO (RNS) - Cardinal Joseph Bernardin has told Chicago educators that Catholic schools in his archdiocese face broad cutbacks, including more closings and mergers in the future as the cost of education continues to rise and the number of school-age students declines. At the same time, the cardinal announced the archdiocese will take measures to increase the percentage of Catholic children attending parochial schools and to insure that the Catholic school system does not become elitist and exclude the poor. Since 1965 the number of Catholic schools in Chicago has declined to 359 elementary schools and 58 high schools from 437 elementary and 97 high schools.

#### Dominican sister urges religious to sign 'living wills' within church law

READING, Ohio (NC) — Men and women religious should consider signing "living wills," within church guidelines, according to Dominican Sister Ruth Caspar, a professor of philosophy at Ohio Dominican College in Columbus. She led a seminar at Mount Notre Dame Convent in Reading for nuns and priests who are hospital chaplains. Such a decision, she said, would ease the burden sustained treatment could put on a religious community or family members. A living will is often defined as 'a statement made by a mentally competent individual specifying limits to the type of medical treatment provided to sustain life if the person ever is near death with no real hope of regaining health.' The church does not allow the direct taking of life and requires ordinary means but not extraordinary means, to preserve it.

#### Report questions 'rave reviews' about Third Hispanic Encuentro

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Third National Hispanic Pastoral Encuentro drew rave reviews from participants who evaluated it, but that feedback was so positive it is "suspect," according to a report analyzing the results. The evaluation of the August 1985 encuentro, a national gathering of Hispanic Catholics, was released by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs. The encuentro, which is Spanish for "encounter," drew some 1,200 participants. According to the report tabulating the evaluation forms — which were signed by respondents — 92.4 percent thought the encuentro engendered a strong sense of unity and 93 percent reported the encuentro was an occasion for a deeper experience of God.

#### **Justice commission** rails against attacks on gays

SAN FRANCISCO (NC) — The Justice and Peace Commission and the Board of Ministries of the San Francisco Archdiocese have urged an end to violence against homosexuals, which has included homicides and assaults. The two archdiocesan agencies said that there has been an alarming increase in such violence, adding that discrimination "based on sex, race, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation is a grave injustice and an affront to human dignity."



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# Second Front

'The Church is not advocating immigration... but given that people are coming, the Church is working at making their presence fruitful...'

# Church pledges to help refugees

By NC News Service

Refugees today may not be making the dramatic headlines of Vietnamese or Cuban boat people a few years ago but the church's commitment to helping them remains firm, church leaders said in marking National Migration Week, Jan. 6-11.

Scalabrinian Father Silvano M. masi, director of pastoral care of rants and refugees for the National

# Shelter, but don't transport illegals — bishop

LAREDO, Texas (NC) — Feed, clothe and house illegal refugees but do not transport them between cities, Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Corpus Christi told priests at a meeting in Laredo.

"I don't want any priest or any church providing transportation to refugees between cities or places within a city to airports or bus terminals," the bishop said.

"Aside from these restrictions, it is possible to house, feed, clothe and transport aliens within a city to see the doctor, to see a lawyer... We have the full cooperation of the local Immigration and Naturalization Service and they recognize the human needs that several Catholic churches render these people," Bishop Gracida said.

The bishop urged people to bring out bedrolls and make their halls and shelters available to the thousands of refugees who cross the border from Mexico into Texas.

"I call on all priests to help meet the corporal and spiritual needs of our immigrants as they pass through our communities seeking to better themselves," Bishop Gracida said.

"You are not to question or to ask for green cards or yellow cards or any cards," he instructed, referring to permanent residence cards.

Richard Masin, reporting for the Committee for Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, said there is a legal difference between harboring and sheltering the aliens. Sheltering is providing warmth and comfort to those in need, while harboring is a secretive act that should be avoided. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Jan. 6 that "the church is not advocating immigration," as the best solution to the problems of refugees. It first seeks to assure them a "decent life where they are born," he said.

In the United States "there are no longer the dramatic headlines" such as there were after the 1975 fall of Saigon or during the 1980 Cuban boatlift, Father Tomasi said, but waves of legal and illegal immigrants are still arriving.

And, although the public may not be as aware of these new migrants and refugees, "if you talk to the parishes, there is still a lot of generosity" in helping resettle the people who continue to flee from Southeast Asia, Central and South America.

Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles issued a pastoral letter for National Migration Week urging the 3 million Catholics in his archdiocese to welcome and show solidarity toward the area's immigrants.

The archbishop called for "extended voluntary departure status for Central American refugees fleeing violence" and for fair immigration policy that gives legal status to aliens, "who, in fact, are a contributing part of our society."

An extended voluntary departure program would give illegal aliens temporary legal status in the United States until conditions in their own countries improve.

"The world has arrived at the doorstep of each parish in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles," Archbishop Mahony wrote, urging the parishes to accept cultural and language diversity as an enrichment "rather than a barrier," and calling on Catholics to learn about immigrants' language and background.

The fate of Haitian refugees in the United States will be one item on the agenda when U.S. bishops meet with their Haitian counterparts in February. The bishops also plan to discuss issues such as human rights in Haiti, according to Holy Cross Father William Lewers, director of the bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace.

Father Tomasi said Haitians "are in a limbo situation" because most of them are in the United States illegally and the church tries "to be kind of advocates for these people who have nobody else."



New York Mayor Ed Koch accompanies Mother Teresa as she speaks to the press outside a Greenwich Village hospice where patients are cared for by nuns of her order. Koch pledged to help find a farm where the sisters could care for AIDS victims. Mother Teresa is wearing sunglasses because she recently underwent eye surgery. (NC/UPI photo)

# Mother Teresa seeks farm for AIDS victims

NEW YORK (NC) New York Mayor Edward Koch said he has agreed to help Mother Teresa find a farm for AIDS victims and seek release of more terminally ill prisoners to her care.

Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity and winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work among the poor, made the requests in a meeting with Koch the first business day of the new year.

Koch said afterward that he was "going to make a request publicly of people who have farms, estates" to lease or lend them to Mother Teresa. He would also check if the state had any land that could be put to that use.

The Missionaries of Charity care for well over 100,000 lepers around the world, and in many places the government has "given her land, acreage, where lepers actually build their own homes and have an environment where they could work. She would like to use that same idea about AIDS victims," Koch said.

No cure has been found for AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a viral disease that kills by destroying the body's ability to fight off other diseases.

Mother Teresa, whose headquarters are in India, arrived in New York in mid-December for eye surgery and to open a residence for AIDS victims run by sisters of her order in lower Manhattan.

On Christmas Eve, as she was opening the center, she made an appeal through Koch to New York Gov. Mario Cuomo for the release of three prisoners at Sing Sing state prison in Ossining, N.Y., who were dying of AIDS. Cuomo granted them medical furlough under her care.

Koch said Mother Teresa had asked for the release of about 50 other terminally ill prisoners so they could be near their families. She was talking of AIDS victims too ill to endanger others criminally, he said. The prisoners would not be part of her farm project.

# Interfaith leaders buy ad to fight terrorism

NEW YORK (NC) — "Don't let terrorism spread into America," said the headline of a statement by a wideranging coalition of more than 200 U.S. religious and ethnic leaders, published Jan. 5 as a full-page ad in *The New York Times*.

Christian, Jewish and Moslem leaders as well as officials of many ethnic, peace and social action organizations signed the ad. It was sparked by terrorist attacks in recent months on offices of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, or ADC.

Warning "how easily fanatics on either side can propel their communities into violence," the signers asked Americans to preserve the heritage of "peace and friendship" in America among "rival ethnic and religious groupings who hate and kill each other abroad."

"In this respect our country, despite its failings, sets a model for human-kind," they said.

They urged a "common effort" by all Americans "to stifle intercommunal terrorism here while there is still time, good will and good sense."

Among Catholic signers of the ad were Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston; Archbishop Joseph Tawil of Newton, Mass., head of all U.S. Melkite Catholics; Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan, longtime peace activist; and Father J. Bryan Hehir, secretary of social development and world peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference, the U.S. bishops' public policy arm.

Jesuit Social Ministries and the Catholic League for Religious and

Civil Rights signed as organizations. Bishop Paul Baltakis, bishop for Catholics outside Lithuania, and two priests heading Lithuanian-American organizations signed.

The ad was paid for by the Ad Hoc Coalition Against Terrorism in America, co-chaired by Rabbi Sherwin Wine of Birmingham, Mich., Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore Jr. of New York, and Archbishop Philip Saliba of the Antiochian (Syrian) Archdiocese of North America.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who in 1984 was the first black to launch a major effort to win a presidential nomination, was among many black leaders and organizations that signed.

Acts of terrorism or apparent terrorism against the ADC that were cited in the ad included:

- A pipe bomb in front of the ADC's Boston office Aug. 16, 1985, which injured two Boston police officers.
- A trip-wire bomb in the ADC California office in Santa Ana, which killed ADC regional director Alex Odeh on Oct. 10. During Odeh's funeral at St. Norbert's Catholic Church, the church received bomb threats.
- A fire Nov. 29 "in highly suspicious circumstances" at ADC national headquarters in Washington, D.C., which nearly killed ADC assistant director Barbara Shahin.

Immediately after the Nov. 29 fire, the ad said, ADC received four telegrams "purporting to come from a fanatical Jewish fringe group."

# Few bishops support Marcos in forthcoming elections

MANILA, Philippines (NC) — As they prepared for their January meeting, the Philippine bishops faced a decision over their role in the Feb. 7 presidential elections, according to church observers.

The main topic at the meeting of the Philippines bishops' conference Jan. 17-24 is the first free presidential election in 17 years, the observers said.

One Philippine bishop who asked not to be identified said the bishops have two options: make a traditional, non-partisan appeal for free and fair

## Abp. Foley: Religious orders should use the mass media more

ROME (NC) — Religious orders should use the mass media more frequently to spread the church's message, said Archbishop John Foley, head of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications. Religious should also develop "a ministry to communicators," he said in a year-end talk to religious superiors in Rome. Communicators "have special spiritual needs, ethical dilemmas, professional and competitive pressures," he said. Archbishop Foley is a priest of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

# Overseas women priests may win right to officiate in England

LONDON (RNS) — A measure to permit women priests from overseas branches of the Anglican Communion to officiate as priests when visiting England has been approved by a substantial majority of Church of England dioceses. The Women Ordained Abroad Measure has been approved by 25 diocesan synods — 81 percent of the total — and has been rejected by only eight. The legislation will return to the General Synod in February and may win final approval in July.

# UN asks Iran to respect minorities, especially Baha'i

UNITED NATIONS (RNS) — The General Assembly has adopted a resolution calling on the Islamic Republic of Iran to respect human rights and religious minorities, particularly the Baha'i faith, whose adherents in Iran have undergone severe persecution during the reign of Ayatollah Khomeini. Although various United Nations organs have, since 1980, repeatedly expressed their concern for the Baha'i religion in Iran, this is the first time that the issue appeared on the General Assembly's agenda.

# Pope will visit Gandhi shrine during upcoming trip to India

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II plans to visit a monument to Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi and tour a Calcutta aid center run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity during his Jan. 31-Feb. 10 trip to India. The pope's trip is his first to India and his 29th outside Italy. Pope Paul VI made the only previous papal trip to India in 1964 to attend a eucharistic congress.

elections, or endorse opposition candidate Corazon

Only two or three of the country's 100 bishops would support President Ferdinand Marcos, he said.

Observers said a traditional appeal for sobriety and honesty would hardly be noticed by the public, but an endorsement of Mrs. Aquino by the bishops would be major news and could make a significant contribution to her campaign.

Mrs. Aquino is the widow of opposition leader Benigno Aquino, who was assasinated in 1983 after returning to the Philippines from a self-imposed exile in the United States.

The bishops' conference has never publicly supported a presidential candidate.

Whether or not they officially endorse a candidate, the bishops will support the National Movement for Free Elections, Jesuit Bishop Francisco Claver said.

The organization is the citizens' watchdog for February's election, and in remote provinces most of its volunteers and resources come from the Church.

# Cardinal Kim of Seoul calls for democracy in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (NC) — Cardinal Stephen Kim of Seoul has called for an authentic democracy in South Korea. In a Christmas message, Cardinal Kim said: "The will of the people is to see all political leaders cooperate in a drive for the realization of genuine democracy in the country. Democratization which respects human rights and guarantees decent living is the only way to surmount the current difficult situations." The Washington-based North American Coalition for Human Rights in Korea said that since late spring 1985, the government has cracked down on its opponents.

# Scottish Roman Catholics urged by bishops to oppose apartheid

STIRLING, Scotland (RNS) — Scottish Roman Catholics are being urged by their bishops to undertake a wide range of personal sacrifices to oppose apartheid in South Africa. The bishops are asking Catholics to boycott South African goods, to discourage emigration to South Africa, to question personal financial involvement in South Africa through insurance schemes and pension fund investments and to discontinue all social, cultural and sporting ties. The call has come from the Scottish Roman Catholic bishops' Justice and Peace Commission following a visit to South Africa by Bishop James Monaghan, president of the commission.



#### Russia remembers

A new Russian stamp will honor Samantha Smith, the American girl who went to the Soviet Union in 1983 at the invitation of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to appeal for peace. Samantha was killed along with her father in a plane crash last August. (NC photo from UPI-Reuter)

# Radio Catolica shut down for not airing Ortega's talk

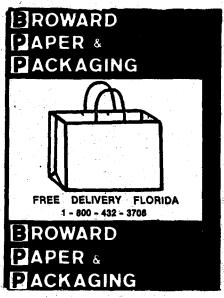
(Undated) (NC) — Nicaraguan authorities closed Radio Catolica, owned by the country's bishops' conference, for failing to broadcast a New Year speech by President Daniel Ortega. "It's a bad way to start the New Year," said Msgr. Bismarck Carballo, director of the station. Msgr. Carballo also is head of communications for the Archdiocese of Managua. He said the station's failure to broadcast the message was a technician's error and that the government's action was unjustified. Radio Catolica was the only station which did not broadcast Ortega's speech. The station was also shut down for three days earlier last year for broadcasting material that had not been submitted to the Interior Ministry for prior censorship.

# First Taiwan-born bishop is appointed to diocese in Taipei

TAIPEI, Taiwan (NC) — The first Taiwan-born bishop has been appointed to a Taiwanese diocese. Father Jose Lin Tien-chu, 50, has been named bishop of Chiayi, about 100 miles south of Taipei, the apostolic nunciature in Taiwan announced in mid-December. He was scheduled to be consecrated Jan. 12 by Archbishop Stanislaus Lokuang of Taipei, president of the Chinese bishops' conference. Bishop-designate Lin's predecessor, Bishop Joseph Ti-Kang, was named coadjutor archbishop of Taipei May 14. "I never had the slightest ambition to become a bishop," said the bishop-designate, who was born in Puchianglun in Taiwan's Yunlin County. "It took me by complete surprise."



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#### CARDINAL O'CONNOR:

# Dr. King holiday may promote ecumenism

NEW YORK (NC) — The memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday the nation will officially celebrate for the first time Jan. 20, could provide an important stimulus to ecumenism, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York said Jan. 7.

The ecumenical importance of Dr. King, Cardinal O'Connor said in an interview, lies in his way of keeping social activism united with its scriptural and theological foundations.

"It is relatively easy for Christians to unite in efforts to feed the poor nd house the homeless, and of course that is highly desirable," the cardinal said. "But to mistake that for true ecumenical efforts to bring about theological and spiritual unity is very superficial and a mistake. Ultimately we have to confront our theological samenesses and our theological differences."

"Somehow — I'm not quite sure how - I think Martin Luther King could help," Cardinal O'Connor said. "Clearly, he kept the two aspects together. There was more than the social gospel in him; there was a more complex theology.'

Cardinal O'Connor said he had also been impressed with how Dr. King was highly regarded by black Catholics. Recalling the symposium he sponsored last September on the first anniversary of the 1984 pastoral letter issued by the nation's 10 black Catholic bishops, he said he found it "fascinating that there were so many references throughout the day to Martin Luther King."

"It is almost a rarity if ever a black Catholic priest or bishop speaks for very long without some reference to him," he said.

"He makes us Catholics confront the fact that he could achieve so much, and ask ourselves why." he said. "My suspicion is that part of the answer is he did not separate theological beliefs and social efforts."

Cardinal O'Connor predicted that official observance of Dr. King's birthday would be even more important for its long-range impact, such as the awareness young people will gain of Dr. King as a person of stature equal

to George Washington or Abraham Lincoln.

"I'm afraid that up to the present time — if we're going to be honest many whites, many Catholics, have not given really a great deal of attention to Martin Luther King in comparison with his accomplishments," Cardinal O'Connor said.

"Now, when youngsters explore the question of why he is a special person and seek to learn of his accomplishments, they will find that primarily these were his tremendous effort to create an awareness of the gross injustices and inequities that have been practiced so long in regard to blacks."

"It will be almost impossible for whites to look at black people in the same way after Martin Luther King," Cardinal O'Connor said.



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# Bishop says hold the booze at church fund-raising events

ALBANY, N.Y. (NC) — Bishop Howeard J. Hubbard of Albany wants the church to stop providing alcoholic drinks at church fund-raising activities.

The bishop cited the problem of alcoholism and glamorization of drinking in society as the reasons for his "modest but controversial" suggestion, which he also described as a "challenge" for the new year.

His comments came Jan. 2 in his column in *The Evangelist*, Albany diocesan newspaper.

Instead of holding cocktail parties to raise money, he suggested, church groups could hold social events offering "specialty foods, ethnic drinks, novelty desserts or creative non-alcohol punches and other beverages."

He called for more education on the effects of alcohol and drug use "on the body, mind and spirit."

"Perhaps what is more important," he said, "we must reverse the dual message that we communicate about alcohol and drug usage. In this latter regard, I would like to ask consideration of a modest although controversial suggestion; namely, that our parishes and church-related social

agencies cease using the cocktail party as a vehicle for fund-raising."

The bishop said the matter was initially raised by an unidentified "prominent community leader" who had been invited to six Catholic agency

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-Bishop Hubbard

fund-raisers before Christmas, all of them cocktail parties.

"The irony of this situation," he noted, "is that virtually all of the agencies deal directly with the tragic effects of chemical dependency on the individual and the family," the bishop

wrote.

Despite the glamorization of alcohol by advertisements, rock music, TV and society, he said, the "harsh reality...shows that alcohol and drug usage can be injurious to one's health and in some instances, even fatal."

According to research, he said:

- One of three American families is touched by the consequences of alcoholism.
- Alcoholism plays a major role in the four major causes of death suicides, accidents, homicides and cirrhosis — in 20- to 40-year-old men.
- Alcohol and drug abuse cost the economy an estimated \$56 billion yearly through lost worker production, medical care and crime-related expenses.

In the face of all this, the bishop added, the church could set an example of how to socialize without alcohol.

"The church has never condemned the moderate use of alcohol," he noted, "but given the mounting human cost of alcohol and drug abuse in our society, we as a church need to communicate that people can come together and socialize without tranquilizing themselves."

# Philly priest edits Pope's column

PHILADELPHIA (NC) — Father Joseph Vadino of Philadelphia has taken over the weekly editing of an internationally syndicated newspaper column, "Selected Observations of Pope John Paul II."

The column, born amid controversy, is distributed by News America and The Times of London syndicates, both owned by Australian publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch.

When it made its debut last September, Vatican officials immediately raised objections about the way it was presented, saying it appeared too much as if it were written specifically by Pope John Paul as a weekly column.

Father Vadino returned to the United States last June after five years in Rome editing and writing English

translations of Pope John Paul's public speeches and writings for the English-language weekly edition of L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper.

He said in an interview in December that he got involved in editing the weekly column of papal observations in September, right after the initial flap over its format.

Archbishop John Foley, another Philadelphian who is now president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, met Sept. 11 with syndicate representatives and worked out an agreement to make it clear that the column consisted of selected excerpts from previous papal texts. The archbishop also expressed Vatican concerns over accuracy of translation

and presentation of the excerpts in context so that they would not be misunderstood.

"He suggested that they contact me, because I had just returned from five years working on L'Osservatore Romano," Father Vadino said in the interview, with the Philadelphia archdiocesan newspaper The Catholic Standard and Times. "Archbishop Foley also mentioned this to Cardinal (John) Krol (of Philadelphia). The cardinal indicated that he would very much like me to get involved in this."

Father Vadino said he usually spends about one full day a week researching and putting together the column. Working about a month in advance, he tries to center the column around themes that will be topical at the time it appears, he said. He pulled together papal comments on dialogue and negotiation to appear at the time of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in November, and the column for Christmas week was on Christmas.

Columns scheduled to appear in January, he said, include papal comments on abortion and human rights, because of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion, and papal observations on sports, because of the Super Bowl.

# Parish fills pews with Bibles

TUCSON, Ariz. (NC) — Missalettes provide only "tidbit Scriptures," in the words of Paulist Father Mark Hettle, associate pastor at St. Cyril of Alexandria in Tucson, so the parish has stocked the pews with Bibles.

"Missalettes make for Christianettes," said Father Hettle, "but Bibles build bulk. Catholics are not tidbit Christians. Catholics are not Christianettes."

The Second Vatican Council called for making Scripture easily accessible to all Catholics and there is "no clearer, easier access" than having Bibles in church, he said. Only two other parishes, both in Minnesota, have Bibles in their churches, according to Father Hettle.

Paulist Father Jerry Sullivan, also an associate pastor at St. Cyril, said that there is "something about excerpts" that is not fulfilling. He called it "cut-and-paste Catholicism."

St. Cyril's "Spread the Word" evangelization program began in November and has been a top priority, according to Father Hettle. Money for 350 copies of the St. Joseph's edition of the New American Bible was budgeted to help "build confidence and love among practicing Catholics and to give a welcome to converts and non-Catholics."

Also, many non-Catholics go to Catholic churches for weddings and funerals and having Bibles in the pews allows them to participate in a familiar religious manner, he said.

Father Hettle added that he feels the Bible is evidence that Catholics and members of other religions "drink from a common well." Although the physical presence

Although the physical presence of Bibles has not been a standard in Catholic churches, Father Hettle said they have always been used, "just in different formats."

For example, he said, stainedglass windows depict scenes from the Bible and the Stations of the Cross are based on Scriptures. The rosary is "97 percent straight from the Bible," he added.

Father Hettle said he does not worry about theft of the Bibles because he put them under the protection of St. Dismas, the patron saint of prisoners who repented while on a cross next to Jesus.

Besides, he said, "what kind of person steals a Bible?"

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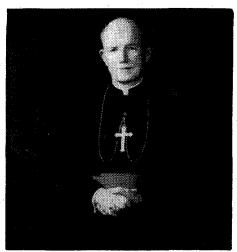
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# Meetings in Rome confirm Church unity

(Msgr. Bryan Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Community Services, was in Rome during the recent world Synod of bishops at the Vatican. Here are some of his observations on events at that time.)

By Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh

November is the season for meetings in Rome. During the month the members of various international consultative bodies set up by the Church in implementation of Vatican II are summoned to Rome for a "sessione plenario." Included in this process are the Pontifical Councils and Commissions, such as Justice and Peace, the Laity, Social Development (Cor Unum), Migration and Refugees.

These groups are composed of up to 30 lay men and women, Bishops, priests and religious. Cor Unum, of which I am a member, is rather typical. About half its members are exofficio representatives of national and international Catholic organizations such as Catholic Relief Services (USA) and Caritas Internationalis (the international Catholic Charities organization). The remainder are individuals, like myself, appointed by the Holy Father. Each appointment is for a five-year term.

Last month's meeting was my second "sessione plenario." We met in the modern Cenacle Retreat House on a hill overlooking St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican's Gardens. The weather was typical of this season in Rome — wet and cold. The attendance included strong representation from Europe and the Third World.

For us North Americans, meeting in Rome involves a considerable cultural adjustment. There are no motions made or votes taken. There is little back and forth discussion. Members make "interventions" which are expressions of opinion or suggestions.

All of this is carefully recorded by staff and presumedly results in some form of consensus which is processed after the meeting, and the results of which are given to the Holy Father. This year the Agenda was simply the POOR — how they see themselves and how we (those who are not poor) see them and how God sees them.

The process is hardly one that results in program recommendations. It is advisory in the strictest sense of the word. Despite the lack of feedback, the annual meetings serve at least as a conduit to bring problem situations to the attention of the

# Official Support Life

**Dear Friends in Christ:** 

January 22, 1986 will mark the 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which imposed upon this nation abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy.

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We take some consolation in the record of the Catholic Church in Florida on behalf of the unborn. Since the establishment of the Florida Catholic Conference in 1969, the right to life of the unborn child has been one of its primary concerns. Each diocese has a respect life program dedicated to changing the attitudes and public policy concerning the unborn in our society and in alleviating the conditions which cause pregnant women and their families to resort to this dire solution to their problems.

As we renew our commitment to the sacredness and dignity of ALL HUMAN LIFE, I ask for your support for the Respect Life Appeal that will be held the weekend of Jan. 18-19. Your help is needed to support efforts of the Respect Life offices in the Archdiocese, to further education on the LIFE issues and to provide alternatives to abortion that both mother and child can live with.

Thanking you for your concern and support of this Respect Life Appeal and for your continued prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, Edward A. McCarthy Archbishop of Miami

Vatican authorities. Among the attendees, they serve to increase our consciousness of being a Universal Church. One constant source of surprise to the Europeans and to the Third World is to learn that there are poor people in the USA. The Hollywood image of rich Americans is still strong.

By personal contact with Bishops, priests, religious and laity from the Third World of Africa, Asia and Latin-America, we North Americans are conscientized to the common patrimony we are called upon to share with our brothers and sisters. At times, we are shocked to learn how much we in the U.S. contributed to world poverty by our policies and practices.

This year's meetings were overshadowed by two other events in Rome — the meeting of the College of Cardinals followed by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops. Rome was not the place to pick up rumors and gossip on either session. Far more speculation was evident in the world press.

I attended the opening Mass of the Synod in St. Peter's where some 360 Bishops and Cardinals concelebrated with the Holy Father. In his homily, the Holy Father gave no indication of what he expected from the Synod. His homily, strictly pastoral in tone and content, might have been given in any parish church in Miami on the First Sunday in Advent.

The world press was present in force. The English-speaking briefing sessions in the Vatican Press office were handled in admirable fashion by a young priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, Father Diarmuid Martin, who works in the Pontifical Council on the Family.

His careful explanations of procedure in the Synod and witty comments on the day-to-day happenings were very much appreciated by the English-speaking press. This led to some disgruntlement among other language groups who had to rely on the daily press conference with no special briefing

The Extraordinary Synod marked the 20th anniversary of the end of the Vatican Council II. Two-thirds of the "Synod Fathers" were not present at Vatican II, which indicates a whole new generation of Church leadership has emerged.

The impression I left Rome with was that the synod would do two things: 1) it would reaffirm the basic thrust of Vatican II, and 2) it would mark the beginning rather than the result of a careful evaluation of where the Church is going.

was another meeting which has received little attention and yet may prove to have very great significance. Among the speakers were Cardinal Casaroli, Papal Secretary of State, and Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation of Faith, and the conference had a special audience with the Holy Father, who took the occasion to acclaim its purpose.

This was a conference on the "Church and the Economy" organized by Germany's Conrad Adenauer Fund. It seemed to be a German answer to the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Economy. The Conference involved some 300 persons, mostly businessmen and bankers from West Germany. Most of the speakers were economists from the Third World, especially Latin America.

Before the Conference, there was some fear among those engaged in social development that the Cox ference would have a strong conservative, even right-wing bias. While sentiment was present as evidenced by sounds of disapproval when a speaker made a favorable reference to the U.S. Bishops Pastoral on the Economy, the basic thrust of the Church's social teaching was reaffirmed.

Without mentioning the U.S. Bishops Letter by name the Holy Father, Cardinal Casaroli and Cardinal Ratzinger left no doubt that laissez faire liberal economics as endorsed by conservative economists was not compatible with Catholic social teachings. They reaffirmed that the economy, like every other free human activity, must be subjected to morality and in the final analysis must be judged on what it does to the dignity of the human person.

The German leaders and businessmen who attended the Conference left with a strong affirmation of traditional Catholic social teaching ringing in their ears. Contrary to what some had hoped for and what others had feared, there was no indication that Rome was about to swing to the right.

This is the reason for meetings in Rome. They present an opportunity to reaffirm the basic principles which must guide the Church's actions as it confronts the modern world. They provide an opportunity to develop a consciousness of what it means to belong to a universal church, a consciousness of the problems faced by our brothers and sisters as they confront so many different kinds of situations. But they are not the place to expect specific answers or pragmatic strategies for implementing Catholic social principles.

For these we must look to ourselves — the local Church.

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# Chavez urges new grape boycott

#### Says pesticides endanger farmworkers, consumers

By Araceli Cantero La Voz

Cesar Chavez is on the move again, and wherever he goes he asks people not to buy fresh grapes.

This time, however, his plea is meant to benefit not only the farmworkers he represents as president of the United Farm Workers union (UPW), but the public as well.

The reason: Fresh grapes are imbued with the chemical residue of more than 400 pesticides, five of which can be harmful to people, Chavez told La Voz, the Spanish-language Archdiocesan newspaper, during a recent stop in Miami. He wants the growers to stop using at least those five pesti-

To bolster his argument, Chavez cites cases of children being born without arms and legs because their mother picked the grapes while pregnant. He says he has documented cases of field workers being poisoned by the pesti-

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'The day the consumer says he wants clean grapes we will have achieved the greatest protection for the workers who pick the harvest.'

> -Cesar Chavez United Farm Workers, President

cerned, washing the grapes before eating them "makes no difference," Chavez adds, "because pesticides are mixed with potent adhesive so that the rain won't wash them away.'

For several years, Chavez and his union have tried unsuccessfully to address the problem through legal means, but he says the 1975 California law which protects farmworkers and their right to organize is not being enforced under the state's current gover-

So, once again, as he did during the 1960s, Chavez is appealing to the "supreme court" of public opinion, asking the 17 million people who supported him 20 years ago to boycott grapes once again.

This time, he says, it will be for their

own good. "The day the consumer says he wants clean grapes, we will have achieved the greatest protection for the workers who pick the harvest.'

The new boycott affects fresh

grapes of all colors, but not raisins or wine. It has two other objectives as

• To gain for farmworkers the right to choose freely which union they want to join; and

• To enforce growers to sit down and negotiate in good faith with farmworkers and their representatives.

The boycott already has been somewhat successful, Chavez says. In

California, the price of grapes has dropped from 69 cents to as little as 10 cents in some cases. He is optimistic it will have similar effects in the rest of the country.

'It's not a problem only for Californians but a serious humanitarian issue," Chavez says. 'The rate of leukemia among our children is already 450 times higher than the national rate."

# His course is in God's hands

By Araceli Cantero La Voz

Although many people consider Cesar Chavez a hero, he doesn't think so himself. He says his wife doesn't let him, either, "because when I get home, she knows very well who I am.' Indeed, Chavez doesn't take the world's accolades very seriously. 'These are transient things,' he says.

Chavez seeks something more permanent. That is why his greatest joy is to see farmworkers progress not only economically, but spiritually.

"When suddenly they say 'Oh! then this is the message, that everything is for the good of our brothers,' I feel so happy, Chavez says, because "I know these men and women will be faithful for a lifetime, and whoever concentrates only on economic progress, sooner or later will get discouraged."

For 35 years, Chavez has fought for justice for migrant farmworkers. Despite setbacks, he doesn't despair. He feels his work is backed by the Church — and God.

"If I really believe that I am a Catholic, I must think: 'God, my brother and I.' not 'God and I. and

Without faith, he says, his United Farm Workers Union couldn't succeed. "Faith is the center. Without it we couldn't have a non-violent move ment. The day we abandon this faith commitment, everything will be lost."

In 1950, Chavez took part in a



Cesar Chavez, head of United Farm Workers union, visited Miami recently to promote new boycott of fresh grapes. He was interviewed by La Voz, Spanish-language newspaper of the Archdiocese. (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

"Cursillo de Cristiandad," a spiritual renewal weekend. Since then, Cursillo's theme song, "De Colores," has been his union's anthem. But Chavez's faith does not come only from the Cursillo.

From the time he was a youngster,

'If I really believe that I am a Catholic, I must think God, my brother and I, not God and I, and that's all.'

—Cesar Chavez

himself a farmworker, he says he felt a call from God to do something for his brothers "but I was afraid." Then he met Fr. Donald McDonald, a young priest dedicated to migrant ministry who taught him about the social doctrine of the Church.

It was then that Chavez stopped

having a private life — and renounced material possessions.

He took that vow of poverty 30 years ago, he says, because "St. Francis of Assisi is my favorite saint." This philosophy carries over into the union, none of whose directors earns a salary, only a certain amount for rent plus \$10 a week for expenses.

The reasoning is simple for Chavez:

- How sad that work for social justice should end for lack of funds. To avoid this, it would be best not to pay wages to union leaders.
- How sad that worthwhile causes perish because of violence. Then one must be non-violent.
- And how sad that the worker must struggle alone, when millions of other people also see his need. So the boycott was born.

That's Cesar Chavez's philosophy. His cause is always in God's hands and that of consumers.

# Fla. bishops endorse school vouchers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NC) -The eight Catholic bishops of Florida have endorsed a proposal from the Reagan administration to give vouchers to poor parents of students in both public and private schools for remedial education.

The bishops' statement was released in Jacksonville by the information office of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

The proposal, announced by U.S. Secretary William J. Bennett at a press conference in November, would amend Chapter I of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act to allow poor children in Catholic

schools and other parochial schools, as well as public schools, to choose where to receive remedial educational services.

Parochial students had been receiving Chapter I remedial instruction from public school teachers in their parochial school classrooms but the Supreme Court ruled July 1 that such an arrangement violates the principle of separation of church and state. However, the ruling did not negate the

Since then in some school districts private school students have not been

receiving any remedial instruction while in other areas private school students have had to attend classes at nearby public schools or at designated neutral sites

According to the Florida bishops, a voucher program would be the best way "to effectuate delivery of these services."

Bennett has said the vouchers, \$600 per student, would not cost more than the current \$3.6 billion in federal remedial aid provided under Chapter

"We have long been impressed with the value of Chapter I programs and the services they have rendered to children in both public and non-public schools, including our own parochial schools," the bishops said.

"The delivery of those service by public school employees on the premise of our schools has helped to develop an excellent cooperative relationship between the public school system and our parochial schools."

The Supreme Court decision regarding Chapter I "has dealt a serious blow to those programs in parochial schools, a blow that could conceivably become fatal."

# Church leaders tell Floridians to fight porn

Official

· Story, page 1 **Statement Against Pornography** By Florida's religious leaders:

Proper expressions of human sexuality are extensions of God's love for each of us. This love is not selfish but calls all people to mutual respect and

Pornography distorts the goodness and beauty of human love and sexuality and undermines those beliefs and values which are essential to the stability of any society. It threatens the innate dignity of every person and erodes the general moral fiber.

As leaders of churches and synagogues in Florida, we recognize and accept our responsibility to speak clearly and forcefully in condemnation of this contemporary moral plague. We reject pornography in any form and urge all people in our state to join

Modern pornography combines sex with violence and focuses on the abnormal and the immoral. Both men and women are demeaned by being portrayed as cheap sexual objects. Even very young children are cruelly exploited and abused. Frequently, violence and abuse are encouraged as suitable means of gratifying sexual desires. In short, pornography perverts God's high purpose for human sexuality. It degrades us as people and as a nation.

One of the most disturbing aspects of pornography is its easy availability. It is openly displayed at newsstands, convenience stores and other places of

#### Archdiocese of Miami

The Pastoral Center announces dale, effective January 22, 1986. that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

The Reverend Monsignor James Walsh - to member of the Archdiocesan Vocations Board, effective December 11, 1985.

The Reverend Robert Hostler - to Pastor Emeritus, St. Sebastian Church, Fort Lauderdale, effective January 22, 1986.

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Most important, we reaffirm our respect for the dignity of every person and our commitment to maintaining the stability of the home and family. We call upon our congregations and other citizens to join us in support of this effort by boycotting merchants and advertisers of pornography, by joining with and supporting organizations such as Morality in Media and the National Federation for Decency, and by banding together in local communities to take action against pornography.

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# **Christians** to pray for unity

simply by citizens or civic leaders.

Christian churches throughout South Florida will mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 12-19, with a variety of ecumenical activities. Following is a partial list of some of the events. In addition, individual churches are encouraged to use the Sundays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, for ecumenical fellowship such as pulpit exchanges, prayer meetings and church visitation.

January 14

of Miami Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Open-House, 4 p.m. U. of Miami IVCF Office (Wesley Founda-

Mass Celebrating Christian Unity, 9 p.m., 720 N.E. 27th Street

January 16

Prayer for Christian Unity, 10 a.m., Church Women United of Greater Miami (South), 7241 S.W. 108th Ter-

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Evangelistic Booktable, 11 a.m. Student Union Bldg. at U of Miami

January 17

Minister's Prayer Service led by the Brothers of Taize, noon, First Presbyterian Church of Miami

Program of Gospel Music, 7:30 p.m., Christ Congregational Church January 18

Celebration of Women in Ministry, 9 a.m., St. Thomas University Convocation Hall

January 19

Ecumenical Worship Service, 3 p.m., St. Brendan Roman Catholic Church: This event culminates the Week of Prayer and will be held in English, Spanish and Creole

Fellowship Hour for all present following the Worship Service, 4 p.m., St. Brendan's Parish Hall

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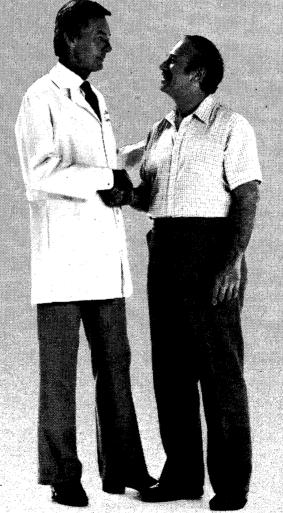
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Noted author and Voice columnist Dolores Curran will speak on the "healthy" family and stress and families at this weekend's conference, co-sponsored by the Family **Enrichment Center and St. Thomas** University.

# Curran to speak at family meet

A Family Life Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami Family Enrichment Center, Marriage Encounter of South Florida and St. Thomas University will be held this Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Thomas University 16400 NW 32 Avenue. Miami.

Dolores Curran, whose column appears in The Voice and who is author of six books on family life and widely known for her writings in both the Catholic and secular print media, will be the keynote speaker for the conference which has as its theme, "Family: A Place to Learn, to Love and to Grow."

According to Carol Farrell, director of the Family Enrichment Center. "The day is planned in which everyone can feel at home, whether you are a member of a traditional or blended family, a single parent or a young adult. There is something here for

everyone to choose from- to learn from and to enjoy."

Bilingual sessions will be opened by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at 9:15 a.m. and followed by the keynote address on "Traits of a Healthy Family." Curran will speak again at 2:45 p.m. on the topic, "Stress and the Healthy Family."

Workshop topics will include "Strengths in the Single Parent Family," "Planning Parenthood: The NFP Way," "Teens and Sexuality," "Communicating and Growing Sexually in Marriage," "Remarriage and the Blended Family," "Wrestling with Relationships," "Spirituality of Family," "Dealing with Loss in Life: Divorce, Death, Disillusionment,' "Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the Family," and "Confronting Each Other Lovingly and Effectively.

Speakers who are specialists in their fields include: Fr. Chris Conlon,

supervising principal. Chaminade High, Hollywood; Fr. George Garcia, Archdiocesan director of Religious Education; Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, Director, Substance Abuse Division, Catholic Community Services; Fr. Juan Sosa, executive director, Archdiocese of Miami Ministry of Worship; Fr. Sean Mulcahy, pastor, St. Maurice Church, Fort Lauderdale: Brothers Don Winfree and John Campbell, Chaminade High School; Drs. Joseph and Mercedes Iannone, Pastoral Ministries, St. Thomas U.; Sister Carmen Rose, O.P., Hispanic Ministry, St. Hugh Church, Coconut Grove; Dr. Graciela Guerra, Ph.D., clinical psychologist; Carlos Salgado, Southeast Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs; and Fr. Mario Vizcaino, S.P., director, Southeast Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs.

Reservations may be made by calling 651-0280.

# Charismatics fill tent with praise, 2,500 souls

By Jose P. Alonso La Voz

Under a vast tent that could scarcely contain either them or their joy, more than 2,500 people took part recently in a weekend-long "party" in honor of Jesus Christ.

It was the first Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Conference, held Dec. 13-15, and the multitude had gathered at St. Thomas University in Opa-Locka for the sole purpose of rediscovering Christ present and active in their lives.

"We've come here to learn from Jesus and save our lives," said Fr. Wilfredo Pena, associate pastor of San Isidro Mission in Pompano.

"In the same way that a fish dies when removed from the water, we Christians also die... unless we are immersed in the grace-filled waters of the Holy Spirit," said Fr. Diego Jaramillo of Colombia, a member of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement and a preacher renown throughout the Spanishspeaking world.

"We are specialists in telling the Lord what He must do for us, but we forget to ask Him what He wants us to do for Him," Fr. Jaramillo noted in his talk.

He also spoke of prayer groups and their vital mission in the Church, emphasizing that every home and every family must itself be a prayer group.

"Each father is bishop of his own little community, and as bishops you cannot go on strike and leave your pastoral obligations to the wife and mother," Fr. Jaramillo said. "You must be the first to give the example by remaining close to the sacraments. praying and reading the Word of God.'

Other speakers included Fr. Emiliano Tardiff, a well-known Canadian Charismatic preacher and missionary in the Dominican Republic who conducted a healing service during the weekend; and Fr. Ricardo Castellanos, pastor of San Isidro Mission in Pompano and coordinator of the

Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman concelebrated the concluding liturgy.

"This conference has been marvelous for me and my wife," commented Billy Perez, one of the participants, during an interview with La

Perez said the conference made him see that "the majority of us Catholics have been asleep in our faith, which must be one of prayer and action. Here. I've felt that God really is alive and present in the world."

Next year, organizers plan to find a bigger place in which to hold the annual event.

# ABCD campaign begins

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always other things that we would do if not inhibited by a lack of resources," said Archbishop McCar-

Programs in youth, campus and prison ministry could be expanded if other needs were met, he said.

More dinners were scheduled this year than last due to increased attendance and the generosity of those who participated in the dinners last vear

Following the first dinner Jan. 13

there will be three other dinners in Dade County on Jan. 15, Jan. 16, and Jan. 22, all at the Radisson Hotel in Miami.

In Broward County there will be a dinner on Jan. 17 at the Hilton Inn at Inverrary in Lauderhill, dinners Jan. 23 and Jan. 27 at the Bahia Mar Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, and a dinner at the Crystal Lake Country Club in Pompano on Jan. 29.

In Monroe County there will be a dinner on Jan. 20 at St. Peter Parish in Big Pine Key.

"I came to the Salesian school and I learned a trade. And while I was there I learned about Jesus. It was something I had never heard before. God is our Father, and Jesus came to us as our brother. And He stays with us.

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# Super Senior

#### No rocking chair for retiree Joe Mazanek: At 70, he's too busy battling politicians

By Betsy Kennedy Voice Staff Writer

Since his retirement, Joe Mazanek could easily have spent his days relaxing in a lawnchair or snoozing poolside. But the 70-year-old executive vice president of Concerned Seniors of Dade Inc., is far too busy using Gray Power to sit around counting his gray hairs.

As one of the leaders of the multiracial, inter-denominational organization which fights for the rights of senior citizens, Mazanek works with dozens of other retired South Florida Catholics who agree that the word 'old' should only be use to describe something obsolete.

"If someone tells you you're old and cautions you not to be active — and you begin to believe you're old and useless, — you've got a problem," said Mazanek, who is also vice-president of Biscayne Homeowner's Association and a eucharistic minister at St. Martha's Church in Miami Shores, where he has been a parishioner since its original founding.

In 1978, when Concerned Seniors was created, St. Martha's Church was one of the first of 70 churches, social clubs, unions and housing developments for seniors that became affiliate members. Mazanek stepped in on the ground floor and served as president for the first two years.

"I've always had a special affection for senior citizens long before I became one myself," said Mazanek. During the 17 years he managed and owned an apartment complex in Miami, he always welcomed older tenants, some of whom formed their own neighborly, self-help group and adopted him as their official guardian angel.

When he first assumed his leadership role in Concerned Seniors, Mazanek was dubious about his ability to take on politicians, the media and hundreds of middle-class and poor elderly whose lists of needs was endless. He admits with a chuckle that he took a Dale Carnegie course in public speaking skills to build his confidence, and help him speak charismatically.

Today, Mazanek is a man who is rarely at a loss for words.

"He isn't afraid to take on big decision makers, face them nose to nose and fight for our rights," said one colleague who has worked closely with him for 7 years.

In 1978, when Mazanek was trying to convince the Dade County Commissioners of the need for a low cost transportation service for the elderly, he rallied hundreds of Concerned Seniors participants to attend a public hearing on the issue. They arrived by carpool, taxi and even on foot.

When one commissioner approached Mazanek and asked, "Can't you get some of your people out of here?" Mazanek replied, "Yes, commissioner, when you pass our bill...and God bless you."

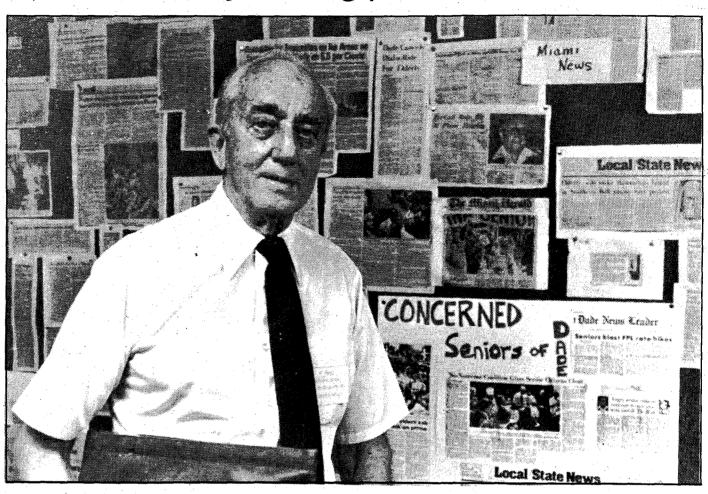
"You have to be determined. You can't expect to get results just from letter-writing and phone calls. You have to get out there and fight for what you believe in...and there is power in num-

bers," said Mazanek.

The seniors won that battle and a

Want to join?

Individuals and groups are welcome to join Concerned Seniors. For more information, contact Holly Holcomb at 576-7560, or Joe Mazanek at 949-5886, or write to 180 N.E. 19th Street, Miami, Fla., 33132.



Super senior Joe Mazanek hasn't let growing older slow him down. As one of the leaders of Concerned Seniors of Dade, a non-profit organization dedicated to bettering life in the golden years, Mazanek has found an outlet for his youthful energy and drive. (Voice photo by Betsy Kennedy)

Special Transportation Service was approved with a \$1.4 million budget allocation. Seniors can ride anywhere in the city for \$2 each way, and the vehicles will come directly to their homes. Under Mazanek's leadership the gray crusaders also defeated an attempt by Ma Bell to put them on the receiving end of a new measured rate system. Twice the seniors arrived en masse to meetings with the Public Service Commission. For a Tallahassee meeting, they traveled by church bus and crowded the governor's meeting room. He gave them his full support. The

It also puts the often-ostracized elderly in the media spotlight.

Mazanek feels that the negative image of aging is fading as seniors like himself demonstrate just how productive and healthy the golden years can be.

He once told a reporter, "We're not just creaky old people. We have needs that have been ignored too long — and Dade County is going to continue hearing from us."

Seven years later, he still abides by that pledge. When the seniors speak out, people listen. And they have a lot create a crime prevention program, which teaches the elderly how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and what to do if they should become victims of violence.

At one recent meeting, CS members cited a list of priorities for the New Year such as better housing and increased police protection in districts with many bedridden or aged residents.

Furrowing his brows like any worried father, Mazanek listened carefully at the meeting and made note of just which politician's door he will knock on next.

Where does he get all the energy?
"My faith in God and the Resurrection sustains me. Faith has a lot to do with my attitude toward the future."

To Mazanek exercise doens't mean aerobics in front of the TV set. He bikes, swims and plays golf — in his spare time.

"When I wake up in the morning, I make myself exercise, even on the days when I don't feel up to it. And I'm always glad," he said.

He's always been energetic and involved, insists his wife Marie, who helps Mazanek with Concerned Seniors projects and works with him as a volunteer at the Marriage Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Miami.

"He's a doer and he likes to help people. When someone needs him, he's there right away."

Mazanek doesn't like to talk about himself at all and when asked a personal question also always manages to switch the subject to Concerned Seniors.

But other people can't say enough

about him.

"Joe Mazanek? He's a humble and down to earth man and a very productive one. He has a way of drawing people together. In most parishes, someone as active as Mazanek is bound to be disliked by someone... but not him. No one has anything but praise for him. I think he's one of our true unsung heroes," said Father John McLaughlin, pastor of St. Martha's.

## 'If you begin to believe that you're old and useless... vou've really got a problem.'

telephone rate debate was temporarily put on hold.

Another victory was won in 1984, when Florida Power and Light's hopes for a \$355 million rate increase were dimmed by protesting seniors. The Public Service Commission agreed with Concerned Seniors and other groups that felt the rate increase would impose an impossible hardship on the poor and middle classes. FP&L was granted only 22 percent of its requested increase.

Hugh Allsworth, a retired teacher who spearheads a medical committee for CS believes the organization owes a lot of its success to Mazanek's dedication and determination. "He has tremendous drive and loyalty to the senior citizens. He is totally unselfish with his time and labor... he keeps the forces together," said Allsworth.

Mazanek feels the effectiveness of Concerned Seniors is based not so much on its leaders, but on its well-organized and democratic structure. Meetings are conducted with guidelines similiar to those of governmental legislative sessions and an annual convention enables members to define vital issues and rekindle a spirit of camaraderie.

"The organization is independent and raises its own funds, so no one tells us what to do — we decide what is best for ourselves," said Mazanek. to say about improving the quality of life after 65.

"'Medical benefits are a top priority for 1986...it's difficult enough when you're losing loved ones and friends, facing the changes of later life and financial hardships, then a catastophic illness comes along and wipes out your savings." said Mazanek.

Concerned Seniors has developed its own medical insurance policy for members. By enlisting the cooperation of three major hospitals and 300 area doctors, the seniors program enables them to enter the hospital without having to make large down payments on the bill and they also receive a variety of money saving services through participants physicians.

But with 330,000 senior citizens residing in Dade County and the number mushrooming every year as America itself grows grayer, Mazanek realizes there are many problems yet to be tackled.

"The elderly are the most vulnerable targets of muggings, assaults and con games... we need to push through more crime prevention programs. We already have a set-up in which the police department helps elderly crime victims go step by step through the criminal justice process of a prosecution."

Concerned Seniors also persuaded Miami Police Chief Clarence Dixon to

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# Look what they've done to our faith, Ma!'

### Public schools' textbooks make religion seem thing of the past

By Fr. Virgil C. Blum

Dr. Paul Vitz, professor of pscyhology at New York University, recently published the findings of a research team that conducted seven different studies covering 90 of the most widely used textbooks in public schools.

The study, entitled "Religion and Traditional Values in Public School Textbooks: An Empirical Study," was aimed at determining what values were being taught to today's students.

Here are some findings of Dr. Vitz's study:

• Religion has no relevance to American life.

- Religion has no relevance to American life, is old-fashioned, or at best, a quaint and colorful aspect of certain, especially foreign, cultures.
- Protestantism in particular is without importance except as a minor aspect of black
   American culture.
- Religion, especially Judaism and Christianity, has been merely incidental to the main course of world history.
- Religion was of some importance in colonial times because English settlers wanted to get away from persecution and Spanish settlers wanted to convert the Indians, but by 1800 religion had ceased to have much influence in American life.
- Marriage is not an important social institution, and parenthood is not an important goal in life.

These are not charges brought against public schools by the "Religious Right." They are the conclusions of an empirical study of the most widely used elementary and secondary school textbooks, conducted under a grant from the National Institute for Education by a team of research scholars.

In this short space it is impossible to indicate beyond a minimal way the findings of the research team. I shall refer only to the first study which surveyed social studies texts for grades 1 through 4. The object of this first study was to discover the extent and quality of textbook treatment of religion as a social reality. Primary religious references were words or pictures that referred to a religious activity.

In the 40 books surveyed, there were a total of 24 primary religious references. Twenty-six of the books had no such reference at all, and two of the ten series of books contained no primary religious reference through all four grades.

Twelve of the 24 primary references had to do with Thanksgiving or the Pilgrims. Four (three in one book) related to the Spanish missions.

Of contemporary references, four depicted Jewish religious practice, two showed Catholic priests talking to children, two depicted families praying at Thanksgiving, one depicted a priest or minister at a sickbed, and only one — a brief summary of certain Amish beliefs — was a textual rather than a pictorial reference.

There is not a single primary text reference to any contemporary religion except the Amish, and not even one primary image that relates specifically to mainstream Protestantism.

Frequently enough, when religion enters a text discussion, it is hastily dismissed. For example, a two-page feature in a fourth-grade text refers to an old Puritan church in Vermont which is now the site of an annual piano festival. In the third grade, a story about a Hispanic neighborhood says: "Religion is important for people in El Barrio. Churches have places for dances and sports events."

Thus, a child who comes from a non-religious home might never learn, certainly not from his

textbooks, that religion is an important element in the lives of most of his neighbors. Children from religious families might easily conclude, on the basis of how the subject is treated in their textbooks, that religion is tolerated as a rather old-fashioned eccentricity that has very little to do with real life.

It is noteworthy that even on those rare occasions when religion does appear in these social studies texts, it is usually with reference to a minority faith, but absolutely no specific reference is made to contemporary mainline or evangelical Protestantism among whites.

In his commentary, Professor Vitz points to "the obvious censorship of religion present in these books. Very briefly those responsible for these books appear to have a deep seated fear of any form of active contemporary Christianity, especially serious, committed Protestantism. This fear has led the authors to deny and repress the importance of this kind of religion in American life. That is, for those responsible for these books, active Protestantism is threatening and hence taboo."

This is censorship of religion. While public schools cannot now teach sectarian religion, their suppression of all information about the role of religion in our history and in the lives of Americans today is a gross violation of the education rights of parents.

Fr. Virgil C. Blum, S.J. is professor emeritus of Political Science, Marquette University, and founder and president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

# Violence: S. African blacks'

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (NC) — Blacks in South Africa do not see violence against apartheid in the same way as whites see it, said Father Buti Tihagale, a black South African theologian.

In an article in *The Southern Cross*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Cape Town, Father Thagale said when black people resort to violence as a means "of redressing the wrongs of an intrinsically violent political system, they perceive this not only as right to resist in the name of elementary justice, but as a duty to check the repression of the racist regime."

"What the white community perceives as savagery, as when people associated with apartheid are burned to death, blacks interpret differently," said Father Tlhagale, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate. The priest was one of more than 100 South African theologians who signed the

"Kairos Document," which explored the moral implications of apartheid and challenged Christians to side with the poor and oppressed.

Apartheid is South Africa's system of strict racial segregation.

"What seems a senseless destruction of life and property, of schools and buses and delivery vehicles, is seen by young blacks especially as an aggressive statement of radical protest, of self-affirmation: a tactic to compel the government to reckon with their frustrated aspirations."

The theologian said while whites think the violence is short-sighted, blacks have virtually no stake in the protection and maintenance of public property.

He said although people like the late Martin Luther King Jr. advocated non-violence, in South Africa, non-violence has not stopped apartheid.

He noted the tradition that "Christians have a right, and even a duty, to protect their existence

# 'last resort'?

and freedom by proportionate means against an unjust aggressor," as Pope John Paul II said in his 1982 World Day of Peace Message.

The priest also explored the question of whether South African violence fufills other requirements to make it justifiable by church standards: that it is a "last resort, conducted by competent authority, with due proportion and a reasonable prospect of success."

The South African government has refused to acknowledge non-violent resistance, he said, and diplomatic pressure has not had "the desired effect."

"So desperate have large sections of the people become that they are determined that the present system can no longer continue, unless over their dead bodies," he said.

"The present violence is therefore understood

as an act of self-defense."

# Editorial Pag

# Evil is there — what are you gonna do?

It's as if our society is torn between two forces, one of love, discipline, restraint, commitment, which builds up and maintains a strong society; the other a force of selfishness, immediate gratification and morally vacuuous laws, which set the threads of our social fabric unraveling like a rotten net.

Even at the world level there are obvious signs of moral emptiness. Terrorists gun down innocent tourists in European airports. The terrorists were trained in Libya and praised by its leader. Yet, European democracies in the days following the murders state that they will not join in even the slightest economic punishment of the killer regime, reacting solely on their immediate economic self-interest. Where is the moral imperative that demands some kind of just response to international murder? Everywhere, nations, including this one, operate purely in terms of "national interest." Where is the common good, the moral ingredient?

Here at home we have the degradation of human love and the human body promoted by certain forces and protected by courts so secularly rigid that they cannot see a valid reason for restraining obvious filth. Social

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scientists even aided in the spread of obscenity for years with various pebble-brained theories about the need for frustration outlets and such (which probably says more about their personal libbidos than about objective truth).

But now, the other forces seems to be coming into play. Scientists are beginning to discover the consequences some of us religious fanatics predicted all along.

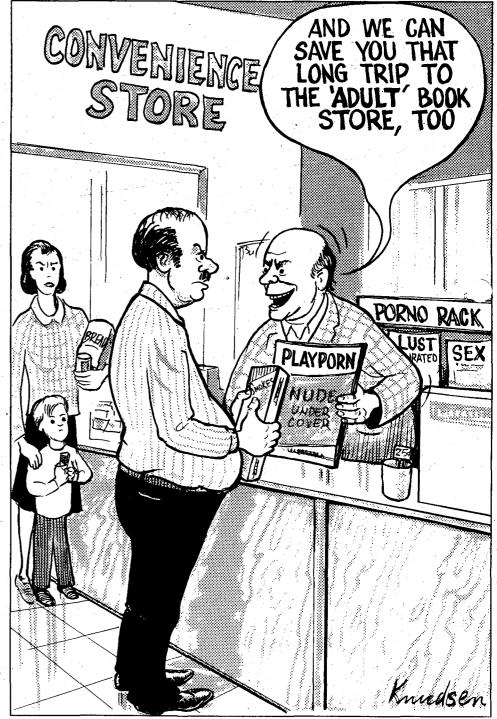
One doctor tells of psychological problems of two teenagers who had stumbled into a parent's hidden cache of porno and who began to imitate what they saw, resulting in the girl's pregnancy at age 13, hyper-sexuality at an early age that will make it hard for them to adjust as adults to loving marital sex, and grief to their families.

In another case two brothers, age 9 and 10, discovered and played their parent's porno video tape and proceeded to sexually abuse in varied and perverted ways two younger boys in the house and a neighbor child, terrifying them into not telling. This went on for several years!

This sort of thing must be rampant by now, hidden beneath the surface, millions of parents unaware, the problem waiting to bubble up to the surface later as has the recent explosion of child abuse.

But adults are also affected. Experiments were conducted by Arizona State scientists, in which adult men were exposed to Playboy and Penthouse centerfolds while a second group were exposed to abstract art. Testing of the men afterwards showed the ones exposed to the porno magazines found their wives less attractive and loved them less. The scientists said exposure to porno actually undermines marital commitment and love. Is it any surprise that Playboy's Hugh Heffner recently said he didn't see anything wrong with humans having sex with animals?

Examples could go on and on. Society wants to take the easy way out in unwanted pregnancies by killing the incipient human life rather than teaching control and restraint and positive support for difficult pregnancies. And it should also be pointed out that the rampant pornography ties in with irresponsible sex and the one problem compounds the other.



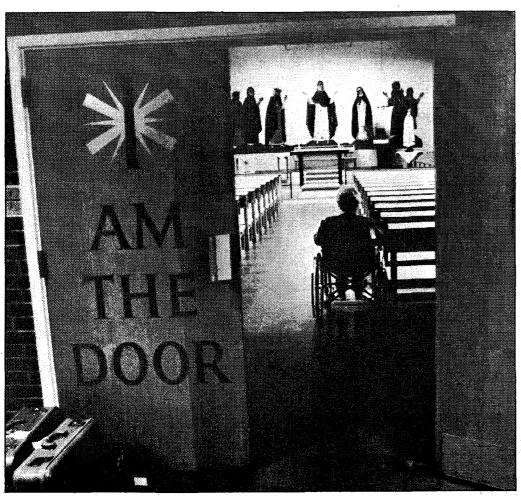
Still, as reported on page 1 in today's Voice, the churches are joining together to fight smut.

Two forces, good and evil.

Most people do not support obscenity. But will we join the fight? As the man said, all you have to do for evil to triumph, is nothing.

## Two kinds of church

It's all supposed to be Christian, but the one church is one of love and peace, the other of hatred. The one is of openness, the other of hidden faces and skulking in the dark.





# Respectfully helping others

Helping others in need is praiseworthy in itself. However, good samaritans must be extremely careful lest their well-intentioned efforts to assist appear condescending, wound the pride of hurting persons or lower the self-esteem of those who are struggling.

If this caution holds true for individuals, that danger likewise exists in the case of forward-thinking, well endowed parishes which have begun to reach out toward nearby churches with fewer resources.

The people at St. Mary's parish in Shaneateles,

'The parishioners at Skaneateles initiated this reaching out effort, but they did so with a sensitive respect for the people at St. Anthony's.'

New York, under the leadership of their creative, hard-working and well loved pastor, Father Jack Ziegler, offer a fine example of how a Catholic Church can achieve both goals: reaching out to a parish in need while still respecting the dignity and gifts of the community they aid.

Shaneateles is a picture-book village on one of Central New York's magnificent Finger Lakes. "On Golden Pond" could have been filmed in the attractive village which combines a sort of untouched heritage of past greatness, naturally beautiful surroundings and elegant homes along the lake. The residents, year round or summer only, are almost all white, generally affluent and

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quite well educated.

St. Anthony's in Syracuse represents a rather different picture. Once a major church in the city, it has suffered the typical ravages of urban decay. The community in which it is located, once prosperous, white, middle class and heavily Catholic, is now for the most part economically deprived, black, poor and religiously mixed. Its grammar school survives but the student body would be predominantly black and not Roman Catholic. The majority of Sunday worshipers are a combination of older parishioners now in the suburbs, who loyaly return each week to the parish and a mix of minority groups who live in the area.

Sometime after Father Ziegler began his term as shepherd of Skaneateles, the leaders of St. Mary's agreed to enter into a special reciprocal relation-

ship with St. Anthony's parish.

Each Monday morning, a check for \$375-400, a tithe or 10% of their Sunday collection is mailed to

the pastor of St. Anthony's.

That center city parish not only lacks adequate financial resources, it also suffers a shortage of volunteer personnel to help with the church's many programs. Parishioners from Skaneateles responded to that need and, each week, according to an arranged scheduled, several people drive 25 miles into the city and assist with St. Anthony's food store for the poor.

Plans are underway for a system which will enable youngsters from Shaneateles to spend time in St. Anthony's school

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Women's groups from both parishes combined for a joint evening of reflection.

This year, for the first time, the annual summer outdoor Mass and picnic at Skaneateles was a joint venture between people of St. Mary's and St. Anthony's.

For the past four years on a Sunday in July, St. Mary's moves its last Mass at 11:30 across the street to the large Allyn Arena, a covered, but open sided hockey rink and gathering area. The place is appropriately decorated and the liturgy committee works hard at giving the annual Mass a unique flavor.

This year a combined committee planned the event and invited the Gospel choir from St. Anthony's to lead them in song. Moreover, other ministerial roles in the eucharistic celebration were divided among persons from both churches.

The parishes supplied beer, soft drinks and barbecued chicken; each family or individual was to bring something to pass. Price for the meal was \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 maximum for a family.

There were games for children and adults with teenagers from the St. Mary's clown ministry caring for the younger set.

The Mass/picnic drew a record crowd of 1200 this year and the 200-300 from St. Anthony's mixed easily and well with their sisters and brothers at St. Mary's.

The parishioners at Shaneateles initiated this reaching out effort, but they did so with a sensitive respect for the people at St. Anthony's. They can count on the Lord's blessing for that generous gesture, but, more, they have been enriched by the gifts which the people in the city parish have shared with them.

# The spirit moves the synod

When the extraordinary synod of bishops was first announced, I wrote that I hoped those called to it would not go defending their own views but with a complete openness to the Holy Spirit.

The synod is over and there are certain signs that it was moved by the Holy Spirit and I think I have a better idea of how the Spirit works within the Church. I would assume that all who participated in the synod were open to the Holy Spirit, they could hardly be bishops if they were not, but there was no indication that the delegates went with an emphasis on dependence on the Holy Spirit. They went instead with their own agenda.

'The synod always was an occasion for surprise from the Holy Spirit ... it was a good news synod.'

They expressed their views without hesitation. During the synod, speaking to people assembled in St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II said, "I have followed and will continue to follow this work with an open heart and by attentively listening to members of the synod."

Before the synod, the news media sometimes presented it as if the Second Vatican Council was somehow on trial, that there would be an effort to revoke the reforms that came from Vatican II. But that never was even a possibility, it wasn't an idea rejected but one that simply didn't exist. The

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synod was asked to evaluate the results of Vatican II and to consider ways of better implementing the Council's teaching. And that it did.

Collegiality was much discussed, sometimes in the news media as if it represents some kind of power struggle within the Church between the pope and the bishops. That is about as far from the truth as you can be. I remember in Rome at the time of the preparation of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, it was Pope Paul VI who most strongly advocated an emphasis on the collegial relationship of all of the bishops with the pope. The concept of the College of Bishops was so important that a note of explanation was added to the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, further explaining the College of Bishops.

A truth about the College of Bishops is that the bishops cannot act collegially independently of the pope. The College does not exist without its head. Nor does the fact that the pope can choose to act together with the bishops mean that he can act only with the bishops. His authority to act as pope is not limited by collegiality.

The implementation of concepts of collegiality are relatively new and ways of more effectively

using this concept were discussed at the synod. The U.S. representatives strongly supported the concept of national conferences. There will come from the synod further study of the theological grounding for national conferences and of the proper role of those conferences in the Church. It is a question that has been raised since the Council by the development of national conferences and there is agreement that the question must be thoroughly examined.

One of the most interesting, and perhaps the most unexpected, development at the synod was the agreement that there is need for an international catechism to state those Catholic teachings that are fundamental to our belief.

There is no doubt that there have been those within the Church who have written and taught in opposition to teachings of the Church. This was not a result of the Council but came as an unjustified coincidence with the Council. There was a general agreement that it required an international catechesis that would clearly state Catholic teachings.

It wasn't mentioned among likely results, but then the synod always was an occasion for surprise from the Holy Spirit.

The principles of the Second Vatican Council were affirmed, there was discussion of developing a better realization of collegiality, a recognition of need for diversity, an emphasis on the principle of subsidiarity in the individual dioceses — all of this with clear recognition of the center of unity that is found in the pope. It was a good news synod. (Dale Francis is a nationally syndicated columnist)

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# Time capsules

By Frank Morgan



# St. Martin's Cappella

Ogden Nash stands in the lexicon of wit at the top of the heap; his poetry is funny, entertaining and fresh. When he died in 1971, there was no one to fill his niche. Nash took the little insignificant things in life and made them heroes with a few words, such as:

God in His wisdom made the fly, Then He forgot to tell us why."

"The cow is of the bovine ilk, One end is moo, the other milk."

Then:
"I think that I shall never see

A billboard lovely as a tree. Indeed unless the billboards fall I'll never see a tree at all."

And finally:
"Some primal termite knocked on wood
And tasted it and found it good,
And that is why your cousin May
Fell through the parlor floor today."

Ogden Nash was also famous for: "Parsley is garsley," "A bit of talcum is always walcum." "No Mactavish was ever lavish," and "Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker."

Around the 4th century in Tours, France, a young military man named Martin shared his cloak with a beggar. Later in a dream, the beggar appeared as Jesus Christ to the man who became known to history as St. Martin of Tours. After his canonization, St. Martin's cappella or cloak was carried into battle as a banner by the Frankish kings. They then placed it into a shrine. The shrine where this most holy relic was kept took the name of the cloak and was called the chapele which comes down to us as the word, chapel. The guardian of St. Martin's cloak was called the cappelanus which gives us our word, chaplain.

# For my father

My last memory of my father is how he feebly waved to me from his bed at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y., with a broad smile before he faded into yet another of his intermittent states of oblivion.

The tears rolled down my face as I saw him, his head turned to the side of his pillow, his arms slightly extended at his sides, his hands tied down, his legs straight, with his ankles crossed. He was Christ on the cross for

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seven weeks before he died on Dec. 5.

Remarkably he never complained those weeks when his suffering was so evident. I remember that last weekend I spent with him, when the hospital chaplain came to speak with him. My father couldn't receive Communion because his swallowing ability was gone. Yet he kissed the priest's hand as his own way of communicating.

My father's smile and his faith in life were the blessings I felt at a young age. One of the first articles I ever wrote was about my father. Called "Faith and a Smile," it was published in 1953 in a small Catholic magazine called "The Apostle."

During his last weeks many came to feel that faith and

Years ago I heard a Dutch psychologist, Father Adrian Van Kamm, speak of some people who go into old age and its infirmities with complaints, anger and bitterness, making everyone around them miserable. Then, the priest said, there were the others who go into those sunset years without complaint — peaceful and accepting. These people, he said, become a blessed presence to others in their old age.

My father was a blessed presence to others before he left his world.

As my brother Joe expressed it: "We saw our father become more and more childlike and innocent as his love for us became cleansed of complications.

"In the end," said my brother, "we saw him leave the world with a gentleness and sweetness that must have been very much like the way his own father saw him as

he entered the world."

Hundreds of people came to his wake. People from his past who knew him as "Joe the butcher" spoke of his kindnesses to their families. They recalled especially the food he always gave to the people who, as my brother put it, "had too much month left at the end of their money."

Then there were people who had only met him after the heart attack that brought him to the hospital. When we saw two of his nurses come to say a last goodbye to "Mr. Joe," the man who always smiled, we knew how special our father was.

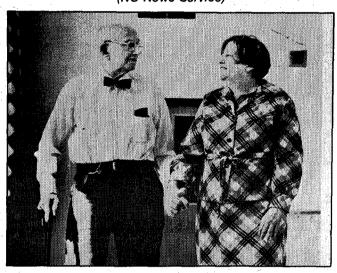
And when Mr. Kiernan, blind from a stroke, who had been in the bed next to my father for a week or so, came to the wake, we again felt awe. He asked for us, my father's eight children, by name. Though he couldn't see us, Kiernan had gotten to know us by name and voice during our daily vigils with dad.

My father was, indeed, a blessed presence to others in his old age. Perhaps this is the greatest eulogy that can be offered.

He is, of course, a blessed presence for me that will sutain me all my days. I now wear the medal of the Blessed Mother on the chain from Italy that he wore all his life since coming to the United States as an immigrant teen-ager alone.

But I've always worn the values he taught me early in life, telling me that what was important was a clear conscience, the family, a good education and caring for others.

Grazie, papa. Bravissimo, papa. (NC News Service)

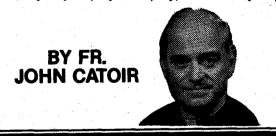


# Praying well

The following thoughts on prayer are based on the writings of Abbot John Chapman (1862-1932). I found them very helpful in my own life and offer them to you as you begin a new year. (For those interested, the source is a new Sheed and Ward publication entitled, "John Chapman.")

Pray as you can, and don't try to pray as you cannot. Take yourself as you find yourself.

The only way to pray is to pray; and the way to pray



well is to pray much. The less one prays the worse it goes.

Begin wherever you find yourself. Make any acts you want to make and feel you ought to make, but do not force yourself into feelings of any kind.

If you don't know what to do when you have a quarter of an hour alone in church, then shut out everything else and just give yourself to God. Beg Him to have mercy on you and offer Him all your distractions.

You can't get rid of the worries of this world or the questionings of the intellect, but you can laugh at them. Laugh at yourself and then think of God.

Pure prayer is of the will; it is pure intention without words. Do not worry about what you should think or feel; if your intention is to cling to Him, you're praying well. Feelings are useful for beginners, but they are not to be depended on. Do not mind if you do not feel love of God or if you feel commotion or rebellion. Just pray that you may give yourself to God as you are; and try to want what He wants.

Minimize what happens in your own soul and maximize God's love for you. Do not think that distraction, dryness and desolation are merely stages on your way to perfection. Jesus suffered temptation and desolation to show us that they are not incompatible with perfection, but in fact are part of it. Progress will be made when we become more and more indifferent as to what state we are in.

Do not try to be simple, God does that for you. Your part is a) to think of others; b) to be with God; c) to despise thinking about your own "spiritual state." Simply be what God enables you to be at this moment.

And if you must bear some form of suffering, physical, emotional or mental, do not get down on yourself. Suffering is often intolerable, and it's okay to tell God that it is intolerable. Only try with the highest part of your soul to trust Him and be willing to suffer as long as He chooses. He will give you the necessary grace, you can be sure of that.

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



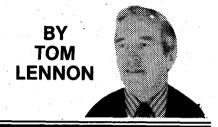
"AND NOW HERE ARE MY CO-ANCHORS WITH AN ANALYSIS OF YOUR LIFE AND A BRIEF RECAP OF YOUR HIDDEN BEHAVIOR"

# Why marriages don't work

Q. What are some reasons why marriages don't work? (New York)

A. For some answers to this important question, I turned to several experts in the field, a number of happily married people who are very much aware of marital pitfalls. Here are their comments:

Judy: "I think that sometimes there is a lack of real honest-to-goodness commitment. A couple will lack the tough determination to work through the serious difficulties and conflicts that can arise in any marriage."



Elaine: "One possible obstacle to a happy marriage is a lack of harmony in the nitty-gritty of daily living. My husband, for example, is very, very, very neat and well-organized. I'm just the opposite, about as messy and disorganized as a person can get. Brian and I both have to be aware of these differences in our temperaments and work hard to put up with one another."

Bill: "If a young couple have unrealistic expectations in regard to married life, they are headed for trouble. I have a strong suspicion, based on conversations with young people, that these unrealistic expectations most often center on sexual intercourse."

Jeremy: "In the first year or so of our marriage, Ginny and I argued most about money. She would want to spend a lot on things I considered silly, like some expensive shrubs for the front of our house. We should have talked more about money before we got married."

Patricia: "I think that some people who get married have never before experienced a really deep friendship. They've never had a friend they could talk with at a very personal level and with whom they could share their feelings in an intimate way. They may have had many acquaintances but never an intimate friend.

"And so when they get married they cannot share their innermost self with their partner. It's really hard for them to understand the meaning of love. This can spell real trouble in a marriage."

Tom: "I know of a marriage where one partner was unbelievably selfish. This person was so selfish that I could never understand why the other partner would even consider entering into a marriage. Maybe sometimes love is blind, and maybe that's not such a good thing. The marriage ended in divorce because of the one partner's selfishness."

Mary: "There are few vocations in life that require more self-discipline and the ability to make sacrifices than marriage. Sure, marriage is rewarding and wonderful. But it can also be terribly difficult at times. If there's a lack of self-discipline and the spirit of sacrifice in either partner, there can be real trouble."

Larry: "If God is left out of the picture, the couple had better beware. Marital partners who pray together are much more likely to stay together."

So — that's what some married people think. There are, or course, some other reasons why marriages don't work. Can you and your friends or classmates figure our what some of the other reasons might be?

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

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# Mending fences with children

Dear Dr. Kenny: Ten years ago I ordered my daughter from our home. She was a 19-year-old drug abuser and we were no longer able to control her. She was making a shambles of our home, blasting her stereo, coming in at all hours, hanging around with the wrong boys, and flouting our rules.

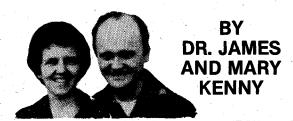
Now she seems to be doing well. She and her husband live in a small town about 100 miles away. No more drugs, a marriage of five years and two small children. We have never seen our grandchildren. I would like to restore harmony with my daughter but I don't know how. (Indiana)

Dismantling the great wall of silence that has grown for so long can be a sensitive task. Unfortunately, silence often breeds more hostility. The pattern of silence between you and your daughter has probably become a habit that will be difficult

ren years is a long time. But better late than never. I am glad you want to make the effort to develop friendly relations with your daughter.

A step-by-step approach may be wiser in this situation than the great leap forward. Taking the wall apart brick by brick is more likely to work than using a bulldozer. Start small.

Why not begin with routine birthday and holiday greetings? A card gives you the opportunity to add a positive personal line or two.



You might write to your daughter: "Happy Birthday! I miss you a lot."

Or to your son-in-law: "Welcome! I wish we had the chance to know you better."

And to the grandchildren: "Merry Christmas! Grandpa and grandma love you and your parents."

If you receive a positive or neutral reply, follow with a letter or phone call. Tell your daughter you are sorry about the gap that has grown between you. Don't get trapped into defending yourself for what happened 10 years ago. Ask about the children. Tell your daughter how eager you are to see them.

As grandparents, you no doubt want to hear every wonderful thing about your grandchildren. Tie this desire to your daughter's inclination to tell someone how marvelously clever they are. In your common focus on the children, the quarrel may be forgotten.

If you are met with renewed abuse, accept it. Try not to fight back. Give your daughter the chance to get some feelings off her chest. Remember, you said your goal was not to set the record straight but to restore harmony.

If you do not receive a response, find a common intercessor, a family member or friend who has the respect of both sides. Ask them to tell your daughter how unhappy you are with the cold war and how anxious you are to open up communication again.

If and when contact is made, do not expect things to be as they were. Your daughter is grown up now. She has fought her own battle with herself and apparently won. She has two children and is a mother in her own right.

Meet her on new ground, no longer as parentchild, but as adult-adult. As you reach out to her, try to model your new relationship after your other adult friendships. In other words, be short on advice and criticism and long on positive support and listening.

Hopefully, you and she can develop a new relationship as friends.

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

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# Hooked on praise

"I hate it when my parents praise me," a young teen told his school counselor angrily.

"Why?" asked the surprised man.
"Because I know they're telling me I better

"Because I know they're telling me I better keep doing what I'm doing or else..."

He spoke for many children who have come to dislike and distrust parental praise. Praise as an

'When we praise a child it is usually for some achievement and the unspoken message is that if the child doesn't continue to achieve, we will withdraw parental praise.'

honored parenting tool is beginning to be re-evaluated by family educators. We're seeing children who get hooked on praise. They don't want to do anything for which they aren't praised, not even the simplest daily responsibilities. If they aren't praised for turning in a paper or making their bed, they feel cheated and resentful.

They begin to feel that praise is their due, the payoff for accomplishing routine chores. As they mature, praise, not a sense of personal accomplishment, becomes their reward. If their employers and spouses don't constantly praise them, they become anxious, uncertain, and confidence-shaken because their validation comes from outside themselves.

Another problem with praise is that it states our

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expectations. When we praise a child, it is usually for some achievement and the unspoken message is that if the child doesn't continue to achieve, we will withdraw parental praise. To many children, this means withdrawing love.

For parents who find the relationship between praise and expectations difficult to understand, consider the commercial in which the husband says, "I'm so proud of her. She looks just like she did the day we were married." His unexpressed "because" says he's proud of his wife because she continues to look 20 at 40 and tells her clearly that he won't be proud of her if she changes.

A third problem with praise is that it increases envy among those who aren't praised. When we sit in a group and hear certain members praised for their generosity or voluntarism, we become uncomfortable because we feel it is an implied criticism of us.

So it is that sibling rivalry intensifies in families where praise for achievement is profuse. When one child is praised, the other is thinking of a way to get even.

So, how do we affirm without praising? We encourage. While praise focuses on achievement, en-

couragement focuses on effort. We encourage our children in their effort to get good grades or in playing a sport rather than praise them for A's and home runs

We stop saying, "I'm so proud of you" when they accomplish and say instead, "That must have been hard to do" or "I'll bet you feel good about yourself." This eliminates parental expectations and gets into the pride children feel at their own effort. When we praise them for playing a good game and are silent after a poor game, they are filled with failure and shame.

But if we say, "You must feel great" after a good game, we can say, "After playing so hard, you must feel disappointed," after a losing game. They then sense their parents care more about their effort and feelings than their achievement and parental pride.

Instead of saying, "That's a wonderful painting," we can say, "Tell me about this and how you did it."

Instead of saying, "You were a good boy at the restaurant," we can say, "I enjoyed having you with us at the restaurant."

Instead of saying, "Look how Mary takes her medicine," we can say, "Who can come up with a good way of drinking something we don't like?" Intead of saying, "I'm so proud of you," we can

say, "I love you and I'm glad you're ours just because you're you. Not because you do wonderful things but because you are a wonderful creature." And then we can praise the Lord, not the children, for giving us the maturity to accept His unique designs.

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# ... And then our son asked, 'what's a synod?'

By Lynda DiPrima

A couple of weeks before the formal installation of Archdiocesan Synod membership occurred we received word that John had been selected to be on the Synod. When we announced this good news with great enthusiasm one of our sons, who was obviously impressed, remarked how wonderful that his father would be on the Senate. "Would it be the state or national level?" After we picked ourselves up off the floor we politely repeated Synod, not Senate. His response was "What's a Synod?"

We explained that the Archdiocese was embarking on a three year process of listening, studying and planning for the Church of the twenty first century; that it stemmed from an ancient tradition of "walking together" and would be comprised of both clergy and laity. People in their parishes and other local groups would be able to voice their concerns and express opinions at parish hearings on any and all issues facing the Church. These issues would then be forwarded to appropriate Synod Commissions and to Synod members for review, understanding and comment. This in turn would be sent back to parishes for response at additional future hearings.

As we were discussing the importance of people gathering in their parishes or apostolic movements to voice their concerns and ideas in small groups, it occurred to us that perhaps the same process could happen in families. Since the family is already a natural small group and basic Christian community where faith is shared then transmitted to future generations, would it not be an appropriate environment in which to begin this reflective process?

Prior to participation in open forums and parish hearings could we not, as families, share together our experience of Church and our vision and hopes for the Church of the future? If the Synod is to be a "moment of grace" for our Archdiocese, as stated by Archbishop McCarthy, perhaps it can also be a moment of grace for our families as we ponder such questions as: In what ways have we as family been nourished by our faith community? How have we been challenged and enabled to live Gospel values by the Church? How have we been healed, sustained or guided in difficult times in our experience of Church? What needs do we see that the Church could more effectively meet in the future? What is our vision of Church... what do we want or need it to be for us as family? How can we, in whatever small way, be a part of bringing about that vision?

Since parish faith communities are comprised of small family communities or households of faith, it would seem that input from families would be of paramount importance where the future of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Miami is concerned. We believe that embarking on the Synod journey as a family can foster greater unity and growth in our sense of what it means to be family and to be domestic church. If we as parents can impart to our children the fact that Church is not a building we enter on Sundays, but a life and mission in which we all share, perhaps they will appropriate a sense of ownership and collegiality in reflecting on its future.

Soon, if not already, dates for open forums and parish hearings will be announced in church bulletins. What a great opportunity it would be to have this listening and sharing process first begin within the family setting, for as Pope John Paul II stated in the document "On the Family," "the future of the world and of the church passes through the family."

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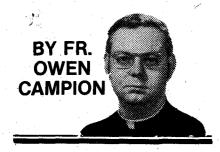
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READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

# No one is a stranger to God

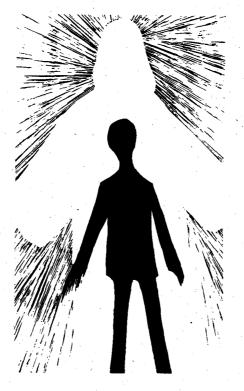
**BACKGROUND:** 

The author of the second part of the Book of Isaiah (chapters 40-55) constructed a literary figure that later came to be a favorite among Christians. It was the Suffering



Servant, who is the subject of several poetic pieces in the prophecy of Isaiah. The Servant is totally dedicated to the Lord. He is nevertheless abused, unwelcome, and disputed. Despite that hostility, however, his faithfulness is relentless. Because of that faith, his presence will bring justice, peace, and mercy.

Christians who read the writings of Second Isaiah long ago associate the Suffering Servant with Jesus, God's ultimate and unparallelled messenger and servant. The first reading recalls him.



In the second reading, another beloved figure in Early Christianity is mentioned. It is John the Baptist, whose stark and absolute commitment to God greatly appealed to the first followers of Jesus. John's baptism, on the

banks of the Jordan, symbolized the repentance and firmness of faith he preached.

That baptism, and particularly the baptism of Jesus himself, is the message of the third reading from the gospel of St. Luke. For Christians, this passage chronicles two momentous events: the Lord took upon himself the woes and the sins of all humanity: and God Himself identified Jesus to the world as His own Son, true God and truly human.

#### **REFLECTION:**

In the Church's process of teaching us through the liturgy, Christmas, the Epiphany, and this Sunday's feast form an exquisite lesson in assuring us that God is in our lives, and that he is visible in Jesus the Lord.

Christmas, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord altogether speak of Christ's presence with us although each conveys a subtly different message. For example, the very birth of Christ with Mary his fully human parent, makes clear that the Incarnation is real. The Son of God became flesh. The Lord's humanity was no mask. It was reality. Jesus had a human body. He understands human drives, and yearnings, and even fears and regrets.

He is a part of human life. If permitted, he can be a part of each human being's life.

Central in the story of the Epiphany are the magi. They were strangers - and they travelled great distances. The message of Epiphany is that no person is a stranger to God, though we all must travel from our places of sin or loneliness to him and his light.

At last, this Sunday's feast reinforces the repeated theme of these days: Jesus is God among us. The voice of the Spirit in the gospel makes that identification. However, our relationship with Jesus is not coincidental in the story of salvation. He did not simply live among us, he associated himself with us in every way even assuming our sins. In that, his life became sacrifice and salvation in the theological sense. As God, his sacrifice and satisfaction were supremely satisfying.

These liturgies of the word are rich in references to the Savior. They are not only memories, however. Jesus is with each of us - if we choose to invite him to be with us - with his understanding, his love, his identification with us and all we are, and ultimately with his salvation.

# Is Latin the Church's mother tongue?

Q. A recent issue of our Catholic paper quoted Cardinal Bernard Law about some of the changes in the church. According to this article, he said that before Vatican Council II



BY FR. **JOHN** DIETZEN

"our historical sense was somewhat blunted," giving as one example the lack of awareness that the Mass had not always been celebrated in Latin.

I never thought of this. In what other languages has the Mass been celebrated, before the changes we have today? (Massachusetts)

A. First, I agree totally with the cardinal's assessment. Judging from my own experience and from my mail through the years as author of this column, the greatest single reason for rejection and lack of understanding of the current developments in the church is the ignorance of so many Catholics of even a basic knowledge of the past centuries of our history as a church.

Without a sense of history, one easily falls into the trap of assuming that what has been since we were born has always been. As one woman said to me not long ago, protesting our use of English at Mass: "If Latin was good enough for Jesus, why isn't it good enough for us?"

The fact that Jesus, and most of the early members of our faith, quite possibly didn't even know Latin didn't phase her, if indeed she ever con-

To answer your question, the Mass, even before Vatican II, has been celebrated in numerous languages. In the beginning, of course, the language of the liturgy was almost certainly Aramaic, used by Jesus and the disciples and early Christian con-

Before long, however, the common liturgical language was Greek, the

tongue most commonly known in the world where Christianity first spread. Numerous other languages such as Syriac, Arabic and Coptic, one of the few "relic" languages of ancient Egypt, have been and still are used in the Catholic churches of the East.

Apparently somewhere in the fourth century the Roman church began to adopt Latin as its quasiofficial tongue. At that time and for nearly the next thousand years every literate person understood Latin. Civil and church business was conducted in Latin. It was therefore natural that the liturgy should be in Latin.

At the time of the Council of Trent (mid-1500s) and for years after, use of local languages during the liturgy was considered "Protestant." To suggest a greater openness to vernacular languages (as many did at Trent) was to become suspect of disloyalty or heresy.

Even during these centuries, however, many languages - Armenian, Greek, German, Chinese, Mohawk Iroquois in the United States and others — were officially approved

from time to time.

The move to return to local languages for our liturgy developed slowly over the past 100 years or so. The rationale for that development has been explained by recent popes and, in several places, by the bishops of Vatican II.

In that council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the bishops expressed their desire to change those features which may have "crept in which are less harmonious with the intimate nature of the liturgy" or which have grown less functional.

Among these was the language itself. Texts and rites should be restored, they said, "so that they express more clearly the holy things which they signify. Christian people, as far as possible, should be able to understand them with ease, and take part in them fully, actively, as befits a community" (No.21).

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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# A few nice things about MTV

### The rock stars are tired of trivia

Imagine, if you can, my talking — voluntarily, yet — to a teenager about MTV, that 24-hour cable presentation of rock videos. The conversation might go something like this:

Teen: You're not going to spend another column tearing apart rock music and MTV, are you?



BY JAMES BREIG

Me: Would I do something like that?

Teen: Yes. Because you've done it

**Me:** Well, some of your music is rather offensive. And the videos which accompany the words can sometimes be disgusting.

Teen: I suppose you're proud of lyrics from the Forties about "fwee wittle fishies" and movies in which Dean Martin or Frank Sinatra chase blondes around for one purpose only

Me: The fact that my music is not perfect does not excuse yours for its failures. But you're being too defensive. I actually want to say some nice things about MTV.

Teen: Is this a trick?

Me: Not at all. See, here's what I did. I recently picked a random hour of MTV in prime time, just to see what's what. Now maybe I picked the wrong hour, but it seems to me that the videos are less offensive than a year ago and, indeed, are sometimes very positive in their message.

Teen: Is my hearing going bad? You can't be saying what I think you're saying.

Me: Seriously. If you want some knocks, I can give you those. For example, MTV is just as commercialized as any other TV hour. I saw ads for everything from Baby Ruth candy bars to Fords. There were spots for cosmetics, jeans and stereo equipment. So viewers of MTV have to be as careful as everyone else not to fall into the trap of advertising seduction.

Teen: But, like you say, that applies to all television.

Me: Right. More specifically on MTV, I could mention that one of the videos I saw was filthy. In effect, it was a five-minute song about orgasm.

Teen: Which one?

Me: Oh, no, you don't! I'm not making it any more popular than it already is. Then there was another video which was a lengthy celebration of hedonism in all forms — sex, drugs, gambling, eating, drinking and so on — and you won't get the name of that one either.

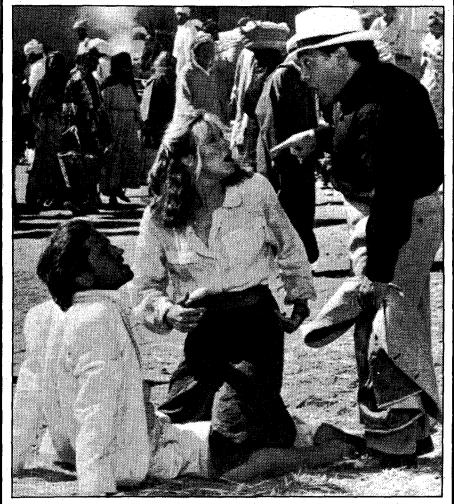
Teen: I thought you were going to be positive about MTV.

Me: Right now. First, I'll salute it for starting the drive which collected millions of T-shirts to send to needy people in Ethiopia. That showed a conscience which has been reflected again and again in rock musicians in the past year. Live-Aid, Farm-Aid, USA for Africa — all that is praiseworthy. And more and more stars, like Springsteen and Mellencamp, are saying they are tired of singing about trivia. They want to deal with important issues.

**Teen:** Did you see any videos like that during your hour?

Me: Yep. There was "Alive and Kicking" by Simple Minds, for instance, and "Love is the Seventh Wave" by Sting. The latter was especially enjoyable.

Teen: Does this mean you're going to allow MTV in your home now? I



STONE SEQUEL — Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito star in the adventure movie, "Jewel of the Nile," which is a sequel to "Romancing the Stone." The USCC praises the acting of the actors but says the plot is weak. Its rating is A-III, adults and the MPAA gives it a PG.

understand you locked it out of your cable system.

Me: Correct — and it will stay locked out for a while. One hour does not a trend make. After all, there were those other two videos I mentioned

**Teen:** Why does this bother you? **Me:** It bothers me because music

is so powerful. The messages, especially when they are backed up by visual images, can be major influences on young people. I'd rather my kids be influenced by Jesus, Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa and the original Madonna than by the likes of Jagger, The Cars and the new Madonna.

# Sarah Vaughan records pope's poems

Jazz singer Sarah Vaughan has recorded an album of songs based on poems written by Pope John Paul II.

The album, "Let It Live" is the culmination of three years' work that included a concert in June 1984 by Miss Vaughan in Dusseldorf, West Germany, which was televised across Europe.

Miss Vaughan was accompanied by a chorus and orchestra of some of "Germany's best classical players" in collaboration with "international stature" jazz musicians, said Gene Lees, producer of the album for Jazzletter Records in Los Angeles.

The album contains eight poems written by the pope when he was a young priest, said Lees, who also translated the poems from Polish and Italian into English.

According to Lees, the project took root when the pope's writings were given to the Libreria Editrice Vati-

cans, the Vatican publishing house. Mario DiNardo, a Roman film producer who has friends in the publishing house, became aware of the poems and asked his friend Gigi Campi, a music publisher, if he thought any of them could be set to music.

Campi showed the poems to composer and pianist Tito Fontana, who asked if he might try to write the music

The work was later released in Italy under the title "Concert For Peace."

Campi decided to have the songs translated into English and met Lees in Los Angeles through a mutual friend, jazz saxophonist Sahib

But Lees studied the works and found the job of translating nearly impossible.

"How could one possibly fit the English language to melodies determined by the Italian translations of poems written in Polish, without doing violence to the meanings of the originals?" he asked.

Lees obtained the Polish text and worked from it. The job took a year,

but as various lyrics began to take shape Lees began to think that Campi's improbable project just might come to pass, he said.

With Miss Vaughan singing, Lalo Schifrin conducting and Shihab penning the score, the project was completed with the recording of the Dusseldorf concert.

The album opens with "The Mystery of Man," a reflection on man's origins, and proceeds to "The Actor," seen as containing all men within him. It then examines a "Girl Disappointed in Love," and ends with the plea "The Planet Is Alive, Let It Live."

Several songs were removed from the project, such as, "the Crypt" and "Pavement," which are about St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, as well as "Easter Vigil" because they "worked against the transdenominational message we were trying to create," Lees said.

The album is available from Jazzletter Records for \$12.75, of which \$1 will go to Catholic charitable agencies, according to the producer. The address is P.O. Box 240, Ojai, Calif. 93023.





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## Synod musicians hearings

A series of Synod hearings for liturgical musicians will be sponsored jointly by the Miami Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) and the Office of Worship. Facilitators are being trained specifically for these hearings, and an NPM officer will host each gathering.

All those responsible for liturgical music in a parish (organist, guitarist, music director, cantor, choir director) are urged to attend the most convenient location to be sure that their concerns are included in the data presented to the Synod members on behalf of the musicians of the Archdiocese.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

**Broward County** 

Jan. 17 — St. Gregory, Plantation, English

Jan. 21 — Nativity, Hollywood, English Jan. 24 — St. Clement, Ft. Lauderdale, English

Jan. 28 — St. Coleman, Pompano Bch., English

Feb. 14 — Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Ft. Lauderdale, Spanish

**Dade County** 

Jan. 13 — Sts. Peter and Paul, Miami, Spanish

Jan. 20 — St. Brendan, Miami, Spanish

Jan. 27 - St. Patrick, Miami Beach, English

Jan. 31 — Immaculate Conception, Hialeah, Spanish

Feb. 3 — St. James, Miami, English Feb. 7 — St. John Neumann, Miami, English

Feb. 17 — Little Flower, Coral Gables, English

**Monroe County** 

Feb. 4 — St. Justin Martyr, Key Largo, English Feb. 7 — St. Mary Star of the Sea, Key West, English.

For more information, contact the Office of Worship at 522-5776 (Broward) or 757-6241 (Dade), Ext. 351.

### Sr. McCall new separated and divorced director

The Family Enrichment Center is pleased to announce that Sister Virginia Mc-Call, P.B.V.M. has joined its staff as the Director of the Ministry to the Separated and Divorced. She assumes the position formerly held by Sister Agnes B. Gott,

Sister Virginia has had 20 successful years as diocesan co-ordinator of ministry to the separated, divorced and widowed; elementary school principal and pastoral minister. In addition she has served as personnel director and member of the administrative council of her religious congregation, Presentation Sisters of

#### Volunteer needed

The Archdiocesan Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry is looking for a volunteer to work in the afternoons answering the phone. Other duties include light filing, duplicating and typing.

If you are available for the position, please call 757-6241, X-193. Ask for Connie or Mike.

Aberdeen, South Dakota.

A graduate of Marquette University, Virginia later received her M.A. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her post-graduate studies have been in theology, communications and counseling.

#### Lecture on Jewish-Christian relations

MIAMI SHORES — The Office of Interfaith Dialogue at Barry University, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores, will sponsor its second lecture in the annual Smulovitz Lecture Series on Jewish--Christian relations, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m.

Rabbi Michael J. Cook, Ph.D., professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literature at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on the "The Problem of Jesus and the Pharisees."

The cost of admission to the lecture is

## **Wedding anniversary Masses**

Our Archdiocesan Anniversary Masses honoring Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilarians (and OVER - 50) are scheduled as follows: Feb. 1, 1986 at 11 a.m., at Nativity Parish (Broward County), 5220 Johnson Street, Hollywood, FL 33021. Celebrant: Archbishop McCarthy. March 9 at 11 a.m., St. Peter in Big Pine Key (Monroe County), U.S. #1, Mile Marker 31-1/2, Big Pine Key, FL 33043, Celebrant: Archbishop McCarthy. March 15, 1986 at

#### Morning retreat for women

Women of all faiths are invited to attend a morning of shared reflection at St. Thomas University on January 18, the day begining the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

A light breakfast will be served during the morning, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. A suggested offering of \$5.00 is requested.

For further information, contact Mary-Carter Warren at St. Thomas University, the Institute of Pastoral Ministries, 625-6000, X-376.

#### P.O.T.C. offers peace courses

The Institute for Pastoral Ministries at St. Thomas University in Miami has begun an innovative program in peace education this year. P.O.T.C. (Peacemakers of the Community) is designed as a five course graduate program that seeks to move beyond peace education as the avoidance of war to looking at what the creative options are for peacemakers. Two of the courses were offered this fall: Religious/Social Analysis of Conflict and Principles of Nonviolent Conflict Resolution.

P.O.T.C. courses scheduled for the Spring/Summer of 1986 are: Techniques, Strategies and Politics of Nonviolent Resistance, Feb. 14-16 and April 4-6. Faculty: Dr. Gene Sharp, Harvard University. Peacemaking and the Human Spirit, June 16-20, 9-5 p.m. Faculty: Sr. Mary Evelyn Jegen, S.N.D.

Each of these courses is offered for three graduate credits. Dr. Sharp's course involves both of the weekends listed.

If you are interested in either of these courses, or would like more information on them or the P.O.T.C. program, please call or write the Institute for Pastoral Ministries.

11 a.m., St. Mary's Cathedral (Dade County), 7525 NW 2 Avenue, Miami, FL 33150, Celebrant: Bishop Roman.

Couples wishing to participate are requested to contact their own parish or the Family Enrichment Center, 651-0280, with their name, address, phone number, number of years married, and in which one of the three celebrations they will participate and receive their certificate.

#### 'Walks for Life' scheduled

The following Walks for Life have been scheduled to mark the 13th anniversary, Jan. 22, of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortio Funds raised by the walk-a-thon 152. marches will benefit each of the sponsoring Archdiocesan Respect Life offices, which provide financial and counseling services to women who, despite dif-ficulties, choose to give birth to their babies. All walks will be held Jan. 18, except the one at St. Clement Church, which will be held Jan. 11. For more information, call your local Respect Life

- St. Clement Church Fort Lauderdale Office, 565-8506;
- St. Bernard Church, Coral Springs Office, 753-0770;
- · Our Lady of the Lakes, Hialeah Office, 883-2229:
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- fice, 653-2921:
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#### March for life Jan. 22

On Wednesday, January 22 at 12 noon, roward County Right to Life will be holding a march and rally com-memorating the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion. The march will start from the main library in downown Fort Lauderdale at 100 South An-

Immediately following the march will be a rally at the library. Speaking at the rally will be Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor at Coral Ridge Presyterian Church, and Brian Pappas, candidate for Florida Commissioner of Education.

All pro life citizens are encouraged to participate.

#### It's a Date

#### **Spiritual Renewal**

The Broward Women of the Light will hold a Broward Brunch on Jan. 18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ft. Lauderdale North Holiday Inn., 4910 Powerline Rd. For more information call Sharon Coe at 721-8486.

The Dominican Retreat House, 7475 S.W. 124th St. Miami, 33156, will offer adult scripture classes on the Book of Exodus. Emphasis on its original meaning and interpretation by Catholic Church. Classes begin week of Jan. 19 on Wednesday evenings (7:45-9:45 p.m.) and on Thursday morning (9:30-11:30 a.m.). For info call Sr. Ruth at 233-2711.

The Cenacle will host a creative living seminar on Jan. 24-26 given by Sr. Sadie Nesser, a member of the Ministry of Prayer for Healing in New York. The weekend will deal with building a better self-image by dispelling negativity. Call/Write The Cenacle, 1400 S. Dixie Highway in Lantana, 33462. Phone:

#### **Bazaars**

St. Paul the Apostle Women's Club will be holding an Aunt Mary's Attic Sale in St. Paul's Educational Bldg., 2700 N.E. 36th St. in Lighthouse Point on Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, jewelry, books, pictures, clothing, appliances will be on sale.

St. Joseph Towers at 3475 N.W. 30th St. in Ft. Lauderdale will have a rummage sale on Jan. 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Maurice Church on 2851 Stirling Rd. in Ft. Lauderdale will hold a rummage sale on Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall.

#### Fashion Shows

St. Gabriel's Women's Club will host a lun-

cheon and fashion show at the Crystal Lake Country Club on Feb. 5 at noon. Fashions by Moss Martha.

The St. David's Women's Club in Davie will host a fashion show and luncheon on Feb. 8 at Rolling Hills Country Club, Davie. Tickets \$15. For more info call 475-8046.

#### **Entertainment**

The Barry University Theatre Dept. will be holding auditions for Capek's "R.U.R." on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Broad Center for the Performing Arts, Barry University. Male characters needed between 30-50 years old. For more info call 758-3392, ext. 223.

St. David Church will host a performance Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. of The Witness, a striking story in word and song of the life of Christ as viewed by St. Peter. Performance by the Joyful Noise Ensemble. Free with donation.

St. Henry's Church is sponsoring a program entitled "Songs of Broadway" at St. Henry's Parish Hall, 1500 South Andrews Avenue, Pompano Beach, on Jan. 25. Showtime will be from 8 p.m. Snacks provided. Tickets \$8 per person and can be reserved by calling 943-3932 Mon-Fri 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

#### Card Parties

The Holy Family Women's Club will host a card party Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall, 14500 N.W. 11th Ave. in North Miami. Charge \$2.50.

The St. Rose of Lima Guild is holding its annual luncheon and card party on Jan. 18 at the Miami Shores Country Club at 11 a.m. Tickets \$11. For reservations call 754-8850 or Mrs. Stewart at 893-5468.

St. Malachy Women's Club will be hosting

an afternoon card party in the parish hall in Tamarac on Jan. 24 at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments. Men invited. Donation \$2. For tickets call Jane Kolly at 721-3375 or Millie Kantra at

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Holy Spirit No.1912, Pompano Beach, will sponsor a Dessert card party on Saturday January 25, at noon, St. Elizabeth Gardens. Donation \$1.50. Proceeds to support Charities. Anyone may attend. For information contact

#### Single/divorced/widowed

Happenings Singles is having an Outstanding Singles Party on Jan. 17 at 9 p.m. at the Diplomat Country Club, 501 Diplomat Parkway, Hallandale, Florida. Dancing, Live Band, Hors D'Oeuvres. Admission \$5. For more information call Sharon Silver at 385-1255.

The North Dade Catholic Widows and Widowers Club will hold a meeting and social at 7:30 n.m. on Jan. 24 at Visitation Church Social Hall, 100 N.E. 191st St. (near N. Miami Ave.) Miami. All faiths welcome. Call 651-5539 or 652-3052. There is also a social scheduled for Jan. 12 at Visitation Church hall from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Dade Catholic Singles Club will go dancing at Zigfields Jan. 18 at the Holiday Inn, Airport Lakes, 1101 N.W. 57th Ave. about 9 p.m. Cover \$5.

#### Potpourri

Family Enrichment Center is offering a sixsession Positive Parenting Program beginning Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and the next five Mondays. Covers Understanding children's behavior, the encouragement process, communication, and other topics. Location: Little Flower parish in Coral Gables. Conducted by Fr. Michael Flanagan, psychologist and counselor and by Carol Farell, mother of six, who is the Director of the Family Enrichment Center. Fee is \$30 per person or \$40 per couple. To register call Rosemarie at 448-2637.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host its 8th annual festival on Jan. 17-19. Performance by a dance group. Food booths, pastries, Arabic goods. Adults \$1. Children under 12 free. No admission Friday till 5 p.m. Hours 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Dominican Laity Third Order of S Dominic, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter, monthly meeting on Jan. 19 at Thompson Hall, Barry U. at 10 a.m.

The Archbishop's Young Adult Council is sponsoring a Mardi Gras in Feb. at St. Thomas University at 16400 NW 32 Avenue (Easily accessible from the Palmetto Xway.) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The purpose of the day is to build community with young adults. There will be international foods, crafts, games and prizes; business and group displays, and live entertainment throughout the day. If your church group or business is interested in a booth, call Sue at 653-1318 for availability.

St. Henry's Church is sponsoring a "Night at the Races," Jan. 18, at the Pompano Beach Harness Track. Tickets \$21 per person will include a boneless breast of chicken dinner. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Jackets required. For reservations call 943-3932 Mon-Fri 10 am until 3 p.m.

Madonna Academy in Hollywood is accepting applications for the 1986-1987 school year. The entrance test for ninth grade applicants will be given on February 1 at Madonna. Testing begins at 8 a.m. For further information. contact Mrs. Linda Domonkos at 989-7600 during school hours.

# Events slated for Martin Luther King Day

On Monday, January 20, people of all faiths will mark the first national holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King.

In commemoration of the day, a Mass will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 15 at the pastoral center. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the main celebrant with Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh serving as homilist.

At 2 p.m. at the pastoral center, the Religious Leaders Coalition of Greater Miami and the People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality (PULSE) will announce the formation of "Friends of Pulse." The purpose of the new organization in part, is to provide community support on an interracial, multi-ethnic, inter-faith basis for the efforts of PULSE.

Archbishop McCarthy is asking all Catholics in the Archdiocese to observe Martin Luther King Day and to re-commit themselves to ending racism in South Florida.

The following activities will also be held in the community on the official day of celebration, Jan. 20:

A parade will start at noon at N.W. 7 Ave. and 62 St. and continue down 62 St. and 32 Ave. A ceremony at Martin Luther Park will follow.

A series of events is planned to take place from 2-5:30 p.m. at the Caleb Center and will include an open house, a community sing, a reception and a showing of the Martin Luther King video for children. For further information, call 638-6064, the Black Archives department at the Center.

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A Jewish boy celebrates the feast of Hanukkah. Until Vatican II came along, Rita Semel's Catholic neighbors could not join her children in lighting the Hanukkah candles. Today, Semel spearheads joint Catholic-Jewish activities such as Seder meals and social justice projects. (File photo)

# Catholics and Jews

## After years of separation, they now work, pray together

By Monica Clark NC News Service

It happened one Christmas season in the early 1960s, recalled Rita Semel. Her two young daughters were invited by Catholic neighbors to help decorate their tree. In turn, the Semel children asked their playmates to join them for their family's lighting of the Hanukkah candles.

Holiday excitement permeated both households. Then the Semels' phone rang. Their Catholic neighbor was calling to say her pastor had opposed this sharing in the Jewish festival.

A few years later, Semel received another call, again from the Catholic mother. She was asking whether the Hanukkah invitation was still open.

Semel said that event is her most poignant memory of developments in Christian-Jewish relations after the Second Vatican Council, especially its Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

Semel grew up in New York City. She says she is "one of the few Jews who can honestly say I never experienced anti-Semitism as a child 'Hardly a week goes by when the Jewish community isn't cooperating with Catholics on some issue — integration, hunger, famine relief in Ethiopia, aid for our city's homeless.'

or young adult." Her Barnard training as a journalist and subsequent employment at one of San Francisco's major dailies gave her opportunities to interact with people of diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds.

But it was her appointment by Congregation Emmanuel as its representative to the San Francisco Conference on Religion, Race and Social Concerns that thrust her into a position of helping formulate how Catholics and Jews would interact in light of the council document.

Today she is the conference's coordinator and a member of the board of directors of Catholic

Social Services, in addition to her position as associate director of the local Jewish Community Relations Council.

In the first years after the council Semel saw the ecumenical climate change in the direction of greater collaboration. With Catholic colleagues she spearheaded an annual Catholic-Jewish Thanksgiving service, developed an interfaith Seder hosted by her synagogue and advocated numerous social justice agendas

Today she says: "Hardly a week goes by when the Jewish community isn't cooperating with Catholics on some issue — integration, hunger, famine relief in Ethiopia, aid for our city's homeless."

"When something comes up," she explained, "my immediate response is to call the archdiocesan ecumenical officer. He does the same toward me."

She admits there is not always agreement on issues, "but we can talk through our differences with sensitivity and respect."

Because of her position in the Jewish community, Semel has often been a guest lecturer in Catholic classrooms when comparative religions are studied. She has observed significant development in awareness among Catholic students of the spiritual heritage they share with Jews, a point emphasized in the council document.

A good deal of this awareness, she thinks, comes from the return to biblical study after the council.

Another benefit of Catholic sensitivity to Jewish belief is played out for Semel each month when she attends the Catholic Social Service board meetings. Board members are sensitive to the fact that she is a Jew. "We always begin our meetings with a prayer. Whoever is leading it invokes the one God we both worship."

Semel is eager for the interfaith cooperation she's experienced since Vatican II to permeate the Jewish and Christian communities.

"We need more involvement among all those who sit in our pews," she thinks. "Ecumenical dialogues, annual worship services are fine but it's a limited vision of what could be. We need to stretch people more, to tackle together the serious social problems in our cities."

# Biblical studies led to changes

#### By Father John Castelot NC News Service

It is no secret that Catholic biblical scholarship has changed since the Second Vatican Council.

But perhaps it is more accurate to say that since the council people have become increasingly aware of the developments in biblical scholarship. For these developments preceded the council. In many ways they were responsible for the attitudes marking that historic assembly.

All through the 19th century and into the 20th, intensive studies were carried on in both the Old and New Testaments. But these studies were regarded with suspicion in the church.

Then, in 1943, a landmark papal encyclical titled "Divino Afflante Spiritu" exploded on the scene. Pope Pius XII urged church scholars to catch up in the field of biblical scholarship.

He encouraged scholars to utilize the methods of literary and historical research which had produced such fruitful results in the understand-

# know your faith

# Ecumenism is all around us

#### By Joe Michael Feist NC News Service

When Tuesday afternoon rolls around and it's time for religious education class, my children head for the Jewish synagogue. I think they get a fine grounding in religion there.

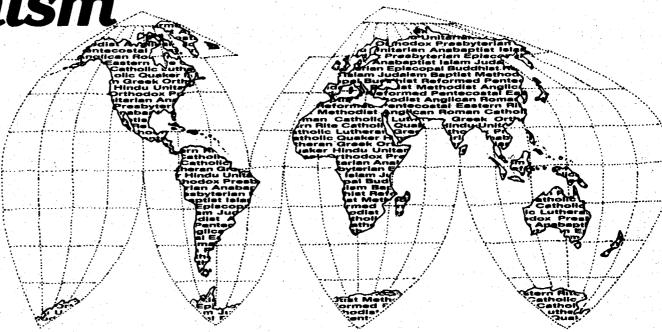
No, it's not what you think. We're not Jewish. It's just that our parish facilities don't yet include classrooms. Since the synagogue is next door, pastor and rabbi worked out an agreement to use synagogue rooms for Catholic religious instruction.

It's a pragmatic arrangement, of course. But it is also an outgrowth of the ecumenical atmosphere prompted by Vatican II.

Catholic involvement in the ecumenical movement snowballed after Vatican II documents referred to other Christians as "our separated brethren" and also said the church "rejects nothing of what is true and holy" in other world religions.

Since the mid-1960s the Catholic Church has set up an ever-in-creasing number of dialogue commissions with other churches. In recent months and years:

- Roman Catholic representatives have reached substantial theological agreements with Anglicans on such issues as the nature of the eucharist, ministry and ordination, and salvation.
- Talks between Roman Catholics and Eastern churches have clarified disagreements on Christ's human nature.
- Catholic and Lutheran representatives in the United States have agreed that any differences over how people are saved, differences that contributed to the Reformation, "need not be church-dividing."
- In a recent exchange of letters, the pope and a Lutheran bishop in the United States pledged continued efforts toward full unity.
- Dialogue continues between Catholics and members of Baptist, Reformed, Methodist and Pentecostal churches, and various accords have been reached.
- Pope John Paul II has prayed h the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury; praised the "reverence



for life and nature, the quest for truth and harmony" of Buddhism and Confucianism; and told Moslem youth that Moslems and Christians "have many things in common as believers and as human beings." • And the pope has met often with Jewish groups and leaders. To the Jewish community in Mainz, West Germany, in 1980, the pope said that "Jewish-Christian dialogue can be a sign to the world of belief in the one ineffable God

who calls to us."

But is ecumenism a subject for church leaders only? Is it a strictly theological and intellectual exercise?

Not at all. Though seemingly hidden at times, practical effects and examples of ecumenism at the grass-roots level abound in today's church.

Most apparent, perhaps, is the whole area of "mixed marriages," the numbers of which continue to rise. About 40 percent of Catholics who married in the 1970s married non-Catholics. The younger a couple is, the greater the chance that their religious affiliation differs.

Among the several reasons given by sociologists for this phenomenon: The post-Vatican II appreciation for other Christian bodies and local parish ecumenism.

While the Catholic Church, indeed, all churches, still prefers interfaith marriages, there is a growing pastoral response to "mixed marriages." Some churches are cooperating in interfaith marriage preparation and in the celebration of weddings.

Another indication of an active ecumenism is in joint social action efforts. Men and women of different religious communities are joining together to operate soup kitchens, shelters for the homeless and programs for the elderly.

Interfaith services of one kind or another, rare before Vatican II, are common today. Many parishes celebrate a Passover Seder meal during Holy Week to remember the Jewish roots of Christianity.

But perhaps the true impact of the ecumenical movement can best be seen in terms of people who change, allowing respect for traditions that differ from their

That's the kind of development that allows Catholic children from my parish to attend religious education classes in the neighboring synagogue.

#### THINKING IT OVER

# A separated 'family'

When members of the same family belong to separated Christian communions, they get a firsthand glimpse of just how vital the work for Christian unity is. That was Pope John Paul II's thought in his 1985 letter to Bishop James Crumley Jr., president of the Lutheran Church in America.

The pope said members of the same family who belong to separated Christian churches must "live in hope and work for the unity that should exist."

Members of these families, however, "may also experience the confusion or even alienation that can come when individuals in one family confess different, even conflicting, views of Christian faith," said the pope. Such situations lead to "personal awareness" of the ecumenical movement's importance, the pope indicated.

There are times when the ecumenical movement seems distant from most people's daily lives. News reports record the work of professional theologians on important issues of history and faith.

But many ecumenical concerns hit close to home today: what to tell children about the faith of other Christian groups; how to respect the faith of others while not giving up respect for one's own tradition; how to unite the energies of divided Christians for the sake of valuable social action in local areas.

A great many people have, by now, attended a wedding in which ministers of more than one church were present as participants in the ceremony.

And people know of the efforts today — at funerals, for example to make members of other religious traditions feel comfortable and welcome in our churches.

In such cases, the impact of the ecumenical movement is felt close to home.

In his letter to Lutheran Bishop Crumley, Pope John Paul recognized that one way the need for the ecumenical movement hits home is when a sense of "anguish" is experienced "because full unity has not been achieved." Often this happens on the local level, he observed:

"I know that at the local level members of Catholic parishes and

"I know that at the local level members of Catholic parishes and those of other Christian communities in neighborhoods experience the pressures of disunity since they do not yet confess in the fullness of unity of the same faith and therefore cannot take part in the fullness of church life together."

How have you experienced firsthand the impact of the ecumenical movement? Why is it vital that the quest for fuller unity among Christians continue?

ing of Scripture.

Perhaps the single most important point was the practical recognition that, while the sacred books of the Bible were indeed God's word, they were the word of God coming through the words of humans. One needed to go back to the thought world and the literary world of biblical authors, trying to grasp what they wanted to communicate.

Permission now was given to translate the biblical books from their original languages. This was a giant step. Up to that time, all Catholic translations were made on the basis of St. Jerome's fourth-century

translation, the Latin Vulgate.

All this was quite revolutionary and took time to be implemented. When I studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute from 1948-1949, as I now recall, the encyclical had little observable effect on the courses I took. But gradually its effect on Catholic scholarship grew. The impact on Vatican II was immeasurable.

It is not easy to change or to question long-held assumptions. One

feels threatened not only intellectually but emotionally.

When I began teaching in 1949, fortified by long years of hard preparation, the changes in biblical scholarship were just making themselves felt in the United States. For a while I was flabbergasted. Gradually I came to appreciate the bases of the new movement.

Once I had done that, I was able to understand that the new approach was not negative. Far from being threatening, it was liberating.

But having experienced the trauma of change, I am in a position to empathize with people going through the same experience. Like many biblical scholars, today I am deluged with requests to give courses in parishes. The response from people is thrilling.

The changes in biblical scholarship have been a great ecumenical plus too. I frequently conduct classes not only in Catholic parishes, but Lutheran and Presbyterian parishes as well. What I discover is that God's word now is seen as a unifying, not a divisive, force.

# Cartoonist who criticizes Church says dissent is essential to democracy

MILWAUKEE (NC) — While cartoons like "Peanuts" and "Garfield" keep people in touch with the lighter side of life, Bill Sanders, the well-known political cartoonist for the Milwaukee Journal, uses his cartoons to make institutions take a critical look at themselves. Sanders has often jabbed at the Catholic Church on its positions on artificial birth control, tuition tax credits and abortion.

Yet his cartoons dealing with the economy, foreign policy and nuclear war are so consistent with the ideas of the American bishops that they might have been used to illustrate two pastoral letters.

And Sanders was commissioned by the U.S. Catholic Conference to design the cartoon which was used to promote the 1985 nationwide Campaign for Human Development — an annual appeal that funds projects that attempt to help the poor, are run by the poor and try to change social structures that deny the poor power over their own lives.

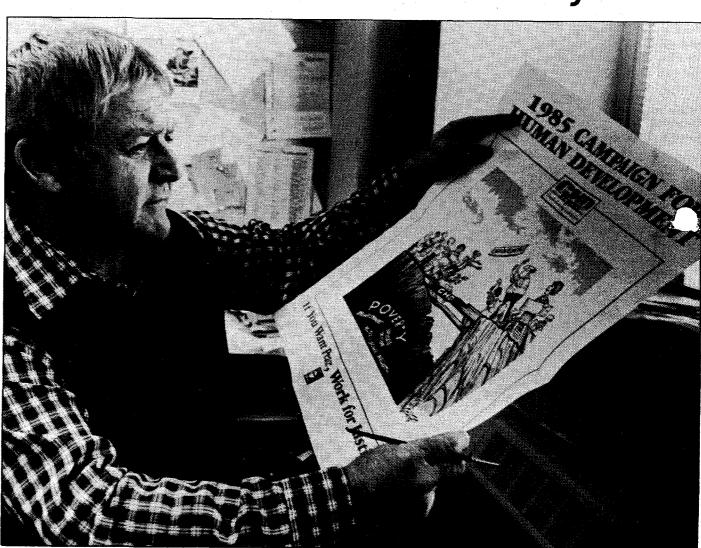
Last year CHD collected more than \$11 million.

In a recent interview with the Catholic Herald, Milwaukee's diocesan newspaper, Sanders said that he agrees with the concept of the CHD and was happy to do the job.

"I am not anti-Catholic," he said.
"I am a critic with a certain philosophical grounding. I tend to do philosophical battle with those people who oppose issues I support.

"It's always a problem. If I do a cartoon critical of beliefs of a certain group, whether it be Jewish, Catholic, a union, or the State Department, the response I get is that I must be anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish or anti-labor."

Not so, he said, it's just that he opposes an issue that they might be rallying behind.



Holding the poster he made last year for the Campaign for Human Development, political cartoonist for the *Milwaukee Journal Bill Sanders* says he believes that it is healthy for any large institution to be constructively criticized. (NC photo by James Pearson)

While Sanders, who studied biblical theology for two years at a Methodist seminary, said he currently has no religious affiliation, he occasionally attends services at a Unitarian church.

The cartoonist said he feels that an individual's religious belief should influence how he or she acts in everyday life, yet he has "never been

particularly enamored" with any religion imposing doctrinal beliefs on society at large.

It's OK, he said, for churches or other institutions to be critical of political policies. But he dislikes it when religious institutions spend money lobbying against such policies.

Dissent, Sanders said, is essential to his trade and to the "flowering of

democracy."

He likens the political cartoonist to "the little kid that says the emperor has no clothes on."

"We get about 10 seconds of our readers' time to bring an issue to their attention and cause them to think about it," he said. "That's about the most we can hope for with a cartoon."

# The beat goes on...

## Courageous Catholic gets new heart

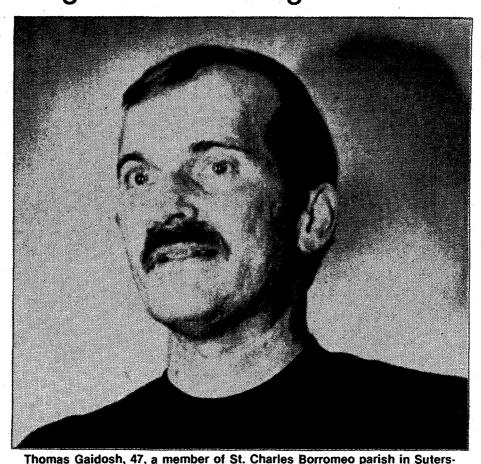
SUTERSVILLE, Pa. (NC) — Fellow parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Sutersville have been praying for Thomas Gaidosh, 47, who underwent surgery recently to replace a Jarvik-7 artificial heart with a human heart at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh.

"Tom is a very brave man, and we are all happy here to see things are going well," Father James Miller, pastor of the Sutersville parish, told the Catholic Accent, newspaper of the Diocese of Greensburg.

"The community has really been behind him. In a situation like this... All we can do as a church is pray, and we have certainly done that. And God has come through for him. Our people were very moved by

Gaidosh received the Jarvik-7, designed by Dr. Robert Jarvik of the University of Utah Medical Center, during a six-hour operation Oct. 24 to keep him alive until a suitable human heart became available, according to hospital officials.

A hospital spokesman said Gaidosh had responded quickly to verbal commands, was able to sit up, and had been removed from a ventilator that aided his breathing.



ville, Pa., received the artificial Jarvik-7 heart until a suitable human heart was found. Father James Bump, director of the business office for the Diocese of Greensburg, described Gaidosh as 'a fantastic guy... you like him right away.' (NC photo from UPI.)

Father Miller, who described the Gaidosh family as "quiet but loyal to the church," said the church community now has "to hope there is no rejection (of the new heart). And we also have to offer some prayers of thanksgiving for this second chance which he has received."

Father James Bump, director of the business office for the Diocese of Greensburg and former administrator of St. Charles, described Gaidosh "a fantastic guy... as soon as you meet him, you like him right away."

As Gaidosh began his recovery, his wife, Delores, son Thomas Jr., and daughter Pamela released a statement saying they were encouraged by the doctors' initial reports and were optimistic about Gaidosh's recovery.

Gaidosh's height and weight, 6 feet 4 inches and 225 pounds, made it difficult to find a heart powerful enough, according to officials. The donor heart was from a 26-year-old man who died in a Dayton, Ohio, hospital from injuries suffered in a car accident.

Gaidosh was one of four patients who in recent months received artificial hearts to sustain them until suitable donor hearts became available.