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SACRED HEART SCHO As the right-to-life movement marks the 16th anniversary of legalized abortion this weekend, many are heartened by the high court's decision to consider a case that would restrict abortion on demand. -- See page 3

Michael Sapp, 32, warms up near his parish in Homestead, for a 325-mile run beginning Feb. 9 to raise money for St. Gerard House for expectant mothers in St. Augustine where the K of C member will end the journey along A1A. Gifts to PO box 4874, Princeton, Fl. 33092.

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World:

French bishops call AIDS 'trial,' urge scrutiny of behavior

ROME (NC) — French bishops called the AIDS epidemic a "cruel trial" for humanity and urged active concern for the victims and scrutiny of personal behavior. While noting that prophylactic methods exist, the bishops said reducing AIDS prevention "to their use alone is questionable." The bishops said it was the church's duty to recommend "the dignity of human love lived in marriage and fidelity," as well as respect for the health of self and others, as part of an effort to educate consciences to deal with AIDS. The statement was issued Jan. 9 by the permanent council of the French bishops' conference in Paris.

C. American bishops offer to mediate peace talks

(Undated) (NC) — Catholic Church leaders have called on the presidents of Central America to reject the request of Costa Rican President Oscar Arias to suspend once again their summit meeting, slated for Jan. 15-16 in the capital of El Salvador. Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez of San Salvador and Archbishop Prospero Penados del Barrio of Guatemala City, Guatemala, issued separate statements saying that holding the presidential summit is key to achieving peace in the region. Archbishop Penados said that Central American bishops would launch "an offensive" to keep the talks on and would offer the presidents church mediation toward finding a peaceful solution to the region's conflicts.

Ukrainian sees hope for Church after discussions in Moscow

ROME (NC) — A recent series of meetings between Ukrainian bishops and Soviet authorities in Moscow, the first such encounters since 1946, are an encouraging and important step toward future legalization of the Eastern-rite church in Ukraine, a Ukrainian church official in Rome said. Father Ivan Dacko, who works at the curial headquarters of Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, said the meetings and other recent events in Ukraine have left him "moderately optimistic" that the church there will be legalized within 3-5 years. Cardinal Lubachivsky is spiritual head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Hong Kong Catholics join rally for democracy under China

HONG KONG (NC) — A rally for democratic government capped a hunger strike by 42 Hong Kong activists, including prominent Catholics, with calls for a referendum to allow Hong Kong residents to choose their own form of government after the British territory is returned to China July 1, 1997. The 800-person rally Jan. 8 also protested a proposal by a subgroup of the Hong Kong Basic Law Drafting Committee to postpone direct elections for executive and legislative branches until 2012. The committee is a mainland China body formed to draft a mini-constitution for Hong Kong.

Possible change in East-West relations very important — Vatican

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Vatican Secretary of "possibility of a radical change in East-West relations" as one of the most important events of the past year. In a talk to diplomats accredited to the Holy See, the cardinal suggested that despite past difficulties in seeking a "real 'peaceful coexistence," new developments should not be pessimistically dismissed out-of-hand. Cardinal Casaroli's Jan. 9 speech was delivered in the form of a "toast" to the diplomatic corps at a reception which followed a speech by Pope John Paul II earlier in the day.

Offertory gift

Three-year-old Celeste Dela Garza has her own idea of a gift as she leans forward to give Cardinal Edmund Szoka of Detroit a kiss during Offertory procession at a Mass at St. Anne Parish. (NC photo)



National:

Schools, parishes consolidating in Detroit church closings

DETROIT (NC) — Several parochial schools associated with Detroit parishes that are slated to close will form partnerships with other parishes, but one school is not sure if it will open next September. Cardinal Edward C. Szoka of Detroit announced Jan. 8 that 31 Detroit parishes will close and that another 25 will be given a year to "reach viability" or close. Two of the 31 parishes will reopen as one parish with a new name. In his press conference Cardinal Szoka said St. Vincent de Paul Middle School, St. Theresa-Visitation Grade School and St. Brigid Grade School will remain open, despite the closing of St. Boniface-St. Vincent, St. Theresa of Avila, Visitation, and St. Brigid parishes.

Catholic-Jewish meet delayed over convent at Auschwitz

NEW YORK (NC) — The refusal of a group of Carmelite nuns to leave their convent at Auschwitz has led to further postponement of an international Catholic-Jewish conference on the Holocaust, according to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations. Rabbi Tanenbaum said Jan. 11 that Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, had written to say that more time was needed for resolution of the convent issue. A Vatican official involved in Catholic-Jewish relations, when asked about the situation, had no comment.

Immigrants make us fear loss of comfort, Archbishops says

LOS ANGELES (NC) — Archbishop Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles said "uneasiness" toward new U.S. immigrants may be due in part to a fear that they will "limit our comfort and remind us we are not alone in an increasingly interdependent world." But the "experience of our history and the conclusion of experts," he said, show that "even today" immigrants make a positive contribution to society. Archbishop Mahony made the comments in a 2,000-word pastoral statement released on the occasion of National Migration Week Jan. 9-14.

Faith of poor in S.E. Asia strong, says U.S. bishop

WILMINGTON, Del. (NC) — Bishop Robert E. Mulvee of Wilmington, reviewing humanitarian aid projects in Southeast Asia, found the sense of faith of the poor there "so strong, so palpable, I could almost reach out and touch it." Bishop Mulvee went to Laos and Vietnam to review humanitarian aid projects administered by International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity, known as CIDSE from the initials of its French name. CIDSE is an umbrella organization for international Catholic relief agencies, including the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services.

Method to study women harmed by abortion urged by author

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (NC) — A Springfield researcher who wrote a book about women who said they were harmed and victimized by abortion said he has developed a scientific method that could answer the U.S. surgeon general's recent suggestion that more research was needed to assess abortion's effects on women's health. Researcher David Reardon made the remarks in an interview with the Catholic Times, newspaper of the Diocese of Springfield, after Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's said he would not release a long-awaited study on the impact of abortion.

Ten Christian groups support Christic Institute drug lawsuit

(RNS) — Ten Christian groups are among those supporting an appeal of a lawsuit filed by the Washington-based Christic Institute that alleges U.S. participation in illegal drug trafficking to finance contra forces in Nicaragua. In filing the appeal the Christic Institute maintained that U.S. District Court Judge James Lawrence King of Miami made legal errors and rendered decisions beyond the proper scope of a trial judge when he granted a summary judgment favoring 29 defendants, including several persons named in the Iran-contra hearings. Among those filing "statements of interest" supporting the appeal were the American Baptist Churches, American Friends Service Committee. Church of the Brethren, Church Women United, two United Church of Christ units.

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Second Front

Pro-lifers see hope in new court

New case could result in curbs

to mark the anniversary of legalized decision to consider a Missouri law restricting abortion, but were disappointed with a statement the same day by U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop.

Pro-life and church sources welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to consider the Missouri law, which declares that life begins at conception, hans abortions at public hospitals, pro-

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hibits public funding of abortions and adds other restrictions.

But pro-lifers were disappointed when Koop, who opposes abortion, sent a letter to President Reagan saying that Koop would not issue a longawaited study on the mental and physical health effects of abortion on women because the evidence on any such effects was inconclusive.

Abortion opponents scheduled their annual March for Life in Washington for Jan. 23 to mark the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

March for Life invited George Bush, who is to be sworn in as president three days before the march, to address the crowd. Nellie J. Gray, president of the march, said that as of Jan. 6 she had not received a reply. President Reagan the past several years has addressed the March for Life crowd via a telephone hookup from the White House.

The Reagan administration in November asked the high court to take the Missouri case and to consider it as a vehicle for overturning Roe vs. Wade.

The state of Missouri, in seeking Supreme Court intervention, also requested that the high court reconsider the 1973 ruling.

"I'm cautiously hopeful that acceptance of this case signals a new willingness by the Supreme Court to reconsider the line of cases on abortion which begins with Roe vs. Wade," said Mark E. Chopko, general counsel for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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WASHINGTON (NC) — Preparing first lost in the courts; I believe that right will be finally gained back in the abortion nationwide, pro-lifers were courts," said Samuel Lee, state legisla-heartened by a Jan. 9 Supreme Court tive chairman for Missouri Citizens for tive chairman for Missouri Citizens for

> In conjunction with the March for Life, women who have had abortions planned a "Rachel's Rescue" at an unidentified Washington-area abortion clinic Jan. 23 in hopes of preventing women from entering the clinic.

> Kathleen Kelly, coordinator of the rescue, said she and the other women who have had abortions will wear black armbands to symbolize their loss and their hope to save others from what she called the violence of abortion.

In the surgeon general's letter to President Reagan, Koop said that despite "diligent review" by public and private health organizations "the scientific studies do not provide conclusive data about the health effects of abortion on women."

Reagan ordered Koop in 1987 to prepare a comprehensive medical report on abortion's effects on women.

Miss Gray said Koop has "totally lost touch with women who have been exploited by abortion... I don't know why he wasn't able to find the truly anguished souls we hear from."

David Reardon, a researcher and author of "Aborted Women: Silent No More," said his studies of women who have had abortions indicated that serious problems often do not begin for one to five years after the abortion.

He said most available evidence shows at least 20 percent and as many as 70 to 80 percent of women who have abortions suffer effects such as guilt, loneliness, alcoholism, drug abuse, sexual dysfunction and suicidal tendencies.

Reardon said he hoped Koop would take the lead in demanding that additional, long-term research begin immediately.

A spokeswoman for the Washington-based National Abortion Rights Action League said Jan. 10 that Koop's decision "is evidence of something the pro-choice community has long known: that the anti-abortion movement cannot support its specious claim that a safe, legal abortion causes physical or emotional harm."

But a volunteer counselor with Vermont's Burlington Pregnancy Services said that an increasing number of women are going to counseling centers and Catholic priests seeking forgiveness for having had an abortion.

The counselor, Jan Cummings, told

Father, daughter join in



Anna Aronhime, I8

'rescue' demonstrations

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (NC) - A father and his daughter, both arrested during an anti-abortion "Kentuckiana Rescue," said they offered each other moral support as they joined other protesters in an attempt to block access to a Louisville abortion clinic.

Peter Aronhime, 48, a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Louisville, said that participating in the rescue with his 18-year-old daughter Anna could influence other parents — particularly fathers — not to pressure their daughters to have abortions.

He hoped that his actions could get some fathers, mothers and boyfriends who advocate abortion to change to a pro-life position.

Aronhime said his decision to participate in the mid-December rescue at Women's Health Services of Louisville was influenced by his daughter's decision to risk arrest there.

"I also feel that the pro-life cause is just and that it needs more support," he said. "My daughter's decision drew me along."

My daughter has been a support to me in making this decision. She was the first to decide, and there was no hesitation on her part. She was with the rescuers. Perhaps there are other 18-year-old boys and girls who will take notice of that," he said.

The Aronhimes joined two dozen people, including Father Joseph K. Hamilton, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Mount Washington, Ky., at the rescue

Miss Aronhime, a student at the University of Louisville, was in the third and final group of protesters arrested and carried to vans by police.

"Until his arrest, Dad was beside me the whole time," she said, "He got arrested before I did. It was the first time for both of us, and I think we were moral support for each other?

the Vermont Catholic Tribune, Burlington diocesan newspaper, that the women who come to the center sometimes don't understand that God will forgive them.

serves as Burlington diocesan director of religious education and has counseled women who have had abortions, said, "When a woman first seeks to be reconciled, there is a dawning realiza-

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"If they say they know he is a forgiving God, they think that he will forgive any sin except this one," Ms. Cummings said.

Father Michael W. DeForge, who

begins with Roe vs. Wade.'

tion on a natural level that a life has been lost."

Availing themselves of the sacrament of confession, he said, "can be the beginning of becoming whole again."

Reach out to immigrants, Archbishop urges

Dear Friends in Christ:

National Migration Week, Jan, 9-14, is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own attitudes and our Nation's policies with regard to international migration and especially with regard to refugees. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their flight into Egypt are the archetype of all refugees.

Thirty years ago this week, South Florida received the first refugees from Cuba. Today, 65 percent of our Archdiocese are refugees or the children of refugees. They have made great contributions to the growth of the Church and the community. This is an appropriate time to recognize this and to salute them for their faithfulness, hard work and dedication.

It is also a time to acknowledge the

generous spirit with which this community from the beginning opened its heart and arms to the newcomers. South Florida and Miami in particular can be proud of its record. "I was a stranger and you took me in." Matt. 25:35.

The media in recent weeks has reminded us that refugees continue to seek asylum in our midst. I regret to say that the Federal Government has failed to recognize the plight of recent arrivals from Nicaragua, and its responsibility for their care.

Immigration is a federal responsibility and no local community can deal with it on its own. What is to happen when U.S. Immigration refuses a work permit? Who is going to be responsible for that individual and/or family? The Archdiocese argued this point with the Eisenhower Administration and the result was the Cuban Emergency

Assistance Program. We believe that a similar response is required today and we trust that President Bush will respond.

Now that the refugees are here, what is the Government going to do, not only for the refugees are here, what is the Government going to do, not only for the refugees themselves, but for the good of our community and nation? I congratulate the local authorities on their efforts and assure them of the continued cooperation of the Archdio-

Pope John Paul II in his message for World Migrant's Day, describes graphically the flight into Egypt of the Holy Family:

"It was a sudden flight, done in the heart of the night, in dramatic circumstances. The tribulation and anguish that migrants and refugees unfortu-

nately know very well was surely not absent on that occasion: the trauma of detachment from persons and things: leaving behind precious hopes, traveling through unknown places; the difficult search for shelter in a foreign land where everything is unfamiliar; the uncertainty of finding a job that would assure the means of sustenance; the air of suspicion, discrimination, and rejection that a refugee often feels; the instability of situations that render uncertain any plan for his life or his family's particularly the lives of his children,"

This is an accurate description of some 100,000 of our neighbors in South Florida today. Let us reach out to them with prayer and good works.

> Devotedly yours in Christ, Edward A. McCarthy Archbishop of Miami

Cuba's promises on prisoners lauded

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Cuban government's promise to the U.S. Catholic Conference that it will release 225 political prisoners, including the last of the long-term "plantados," is a "major humanitarian step," according to a USCC official.

Jesuit Father Richard Ryscavage, deputy director for policy of USCC Migration and Refugee Services, said that since 1985 "the church in the United States has been compiling lists of political prisoners and asking for their release."

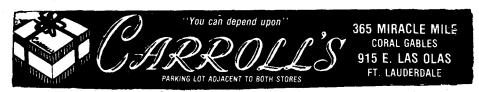
The political prisoners the Cuban government plans to release include those named in a list of about 450 presented by Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York last May plus those on previous lists. The announcement brings the total of prisoners Cuba has promised to free to 433, according to Father Ryscavage.

President Fidel Castro said last May that everyone on Cardinal O'Connor's list would be freed except for 44 whom he described as too dangerous. Now, Father Ryscavage said, those 44 will also be freed on the condition they be granted visas to travel immediately to the United States.

"This would complete the '85 list," according to Father Ryscavage, and "it seems to be the last of the long-term political prisoners" known as plantados. Plantados are prisoners who have refused on principle to participate in "rehabilitation" programs or in some cases to wear prison uniforms. Some of them have been imprisoned since the years just after the 1959 revolution.

Father Ryscavage said the Cuban government made its pledge to the USCC in late November but that the conference had not announced it because "we were waiting for the State Department to contact the Cuban government." However, a story in The Washington Post Jan. 4 made public the plans for the prisoners' release.

Whether more political prisoners still remain in Cuban jails depends on how political prisoner is defined, he said. "Names we consider political prisoners the



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Send for this informative booklet on the beliefs of the Catholic Church or call Our Lady of Mercy 592-0521 11411 NW 25th Street Miami, Florida 33172, Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Fort Lauderdale 972-1234. Cuban government does not." Therefore, he expects the USCC to press for release of prisoners in the future.

Father Ryscavage said the timing of Castro's decision may correspond to a meeting of the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights in February. Cuba may want to "clear the table" on human rights issues, he said.

Also, Father Ryscavage suggested, it may be linked to the fact that Cardinal O'Connor and Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston plan to make a pastoral visit to Cuba in February.

Most of the Cuban prisoners are USCC cases and the conference will help resettle them, Father Ryscavage said. But first the prisoners must complete interviews with Immigration and Naturalization Service officials and some may be denied visas because of criminal histories.

Msgr. Nicholas DiMarzio, MRS executive director, called Cuba's release of the last of the plantados "an important humanitarian gesture."

"We are pleased that these men will, after so long a time, be reunited with their families and that the suffering that they have all endured will soon end," he said in a Jan. 5 statement.

Drug czar praised, but not heavy hand

NEW YORK (NC) — President-elect George Bush's nominee for "drug czar" has the ability to do the job but should understand that a heavy-handed approach to the drug problem will not work, said a New York priest who heads a drug rehabilitation agency.

Bush announced Jan. 12 that he would nominate former Education Secretary William J. Bennett to the cabinet-level position of director of the new White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Msgr. William B. O'Brien, president of the rehabilitation agency Daytop Village, said in a Jan. 13 telephone interview that he did not know Bennett personally, but considered him a "brilliant" and "decisive" man with a masterful ability to articulate issues.

"The downside is that he is a hardhat, with the idea that you can whip a problem with the use of a heavy hand," Msgr. O'Brien said. "If he's not disabused of that idea, he's in trouble."

Progress on the drug problem, Msgr. O'Brien said, requires simultaneous attention to three factors: interdiction (of drugs from entering the country), prevention (by enforcement of laws against domestic sale and purchase) and rehabilitation (of people already addicted).

The federal government has been attempting to solve the problem almost exclusively by interdiction, with some effort at prevention and little at rehabilitation, he said.

"The federal government doesn't have a clue about drug addiction in the United States," Msgr. O'Brien said. "The American strategy has been mostly a series of photo opportunities."

Nancy Reagan's theme of "just say no or just say boo," he said, works only "up to the third or fourth grade."

Mrs. Reagan visited Daytop twice during the 1980 presidential campaign and twice after her husband's election, and Daytop honored her with its Promethean Award in 1981. But they were later estranged, and in 1986 he called the Reagans' anti-drug message "excellent theater" but "doomed to failure."

In the Jan. 13 interview, Msgr. O'Brien said that while Mrs. Reagan was visiting Daytop programs and praising them, the president was cutting

funding and forcing their closure. The number of Daytop programs has declined from 511 to 321 in the Reagan years, he said.

Msgr. O'Brien said Daytop serves 4,111 addicts in the United States, but has a waiting list of 1,443. The rehabilitation side of the problem must be addressed not only for the sake of the addicts, he said, but because each addict will "infect" several others.

While critical of the Reagan adminis-

While critical of the Reagan administration, Msgr. O'Brien urged more action on the part of U.S. bishops on the drug problem.

Bennett will do a service, Msgr. O'Brien said, if he shifts the focus of attention "from Main Street, Bogota, (Colombia) to Main Street, America."

Sisters launch media campaign

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Sisters of Mercy, the largest English-speaking order of nuns, launched a media campaign to update its image and to encourage women to consider religious life.

The campaign includes 60-second radio spots and print advertisements for local and national newspapers and

Mercy Sister Rosemary Jeffries, national coordinator for the campaign, said the effort is designed "to clarify the image of sisters after 25 years of change since Vatican II and to encourage single women making career choices to seriously consider joining a religious community."

Each of four print ads features a photo of a Sister of Mercy in a work setting — a classroom, an office, a hospital and a social welfare center. In the ad each sister describes how she integrates her work with community life and prayer.

The three radio spots are vignett which Mercy Sisters talk about their career choices and invite others to consider joining the order.

Funding for the campaign was provided by the Mercy Sisters and the Catholic Communication Campaign.

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Pope sees pluses, minuses in U.S. church

By Agostino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC) — In 10 speeches to U.S. bishops in 1988, Pope John Paul II listed the pluses and minuses of Catholicism in the United States, setting the stage for a March summit meeting with the leadership of the U.S. hierarchy.

The papal report card gives U.S. Catholics good marks for their efforts to combat social problems. It also gives them a high score for pursuing dialogue with a wide spectrum of groups in U.S. society, from other Christians to atheists.

The minuses are what the pope calls selective adherence to church teachings and laws, and a tendency to neglect the church's divine mission in pursuit of social goals.

The speeches also provide a "de facto" issues agenda for the summit meeting at the Vatican to iron out problems in U.S. Catholicism and improve sometimes tense ross-Atlantic relations. The summit is scheduled to begin March 8.

The papal talks began in February and ended in December. They were given to 10 groups of bishops visiting the pope to present their "ad limina" reports on the status of their dioceses. These visits are required every five years.

The general theme of the talks was that "the pastoral office of the church exists to foster holiness." The papal overview was that only morally strong and spiritually motivated Catholics working in community are able to profoundly evangelize and influence society. Within this framework, the pope stressed frequent practice of individual confession, strengthening weekly Mass attendance and reception of Communion, and the need to deepen prayer life.

The aim of the talks was to encourage "the church in the United States to live her vocation of holiness through a life of dynamic faith," he said.

Typical of this approach was papal encouragement of Sunday Mass attendance in a country where about 52 percent of the Catholics fulfill the weekly Mass obligation. He called it a "splendid tradition of American Catholics" which needs to be reinforced.

'Participation in the Eucharist is only a small portion of the laity's week, but the total effectiveness of their lives and all Christian renewal depends on it," he

Within this framework of encouraging a "dynamic its inspiration," he added. faith," the pope ticked off specific pluses and minuses. The pluses include:

-A "new moral concern" to overcome poverty and underdevelopment in the United States and around the world. The bishops were praised for providing specific guidelines on social and political issues in their war and peace and economic pastoral letters. The pope also cited the vast network of Catholic social and health services in the United States. He praised domestic programs for migrants and supported Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas aid agency. These activities show that U.S. Catholics have accepted the "challenge of service" to others required by Christianity, the pope said.

Likes social action, ecumenical dialogues, Mass-going; dislikes 'selective' adherence, worldliness

-Pro-life activities, especially the fight against abortion. "The bishops of the United States have steadfastly opposed this destruction of human life by programs of education and pastoral care and by advocating laws and public policies that protect and sustain human life, before and after birth," he said. Pope John Paul praised the hierarchy's annual Respect Life program.

—The "excellent climate" for ecumenical activities created in the United States. "Much has been done in the United States to bring Christians closer together," the pope said. This reflects the overall fruitfulness of Catholicism in "a society which from its origins has been pluralistic and open to all men and women."

-Promotion of dialogue with agnostics and atheists. "You are rightly convinced of the need for sustained dialogue and fraternal collaboration in projects of service to humanity," the pope said. This helps give rise to the birth of a "new humanism, profoundly Christian in

-Promotion of female dignity and rights in society. The pope praised the first draft of a proposed bishops' document on women. "You are rightly striving to help eliminate discrimination based on sex," the pope said. He also praised the overall theology in the draft which presents Mary "as a special symbol and model for women in their partnership with God in the ministry of the church." The church is "at the service of the cause of women in the modern world — to help clarify their correlative rights and duties, while defending their feminine dignity and vocation," the pope said.

The minuses include:

-Dissent from church teachings. The pope criticized "a tendency on the part of some Catholics to be selective in their adherence to the church's moral teachings. Positions taken because of "the so-called right to dissent' have had harmful repercussions on the moral conduct of a number of the faithful," he said. The church's infallibility is "present not only in the solemn definitions of the Roman pontiff and of ecumenical councils, but also in the universal ordinary magisterium, which can truly be considered as the usual expression of the church's infallibility," he added. He called for "collaboration of Catholic theologians and ecclesial faculties" in combating dissent from church teachings. He also said church educational institutions should preserve "their Catholic identity."

-Violations of church rules on use of lay extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. "In some cases there may still be a need to revise diocesan policies on this matter" so that extraordinary ministers do not distribute Communion when enough priests and deacons are present, the pope said. He stressed "the supplementary character" of the extraordinary ministers in distributing Communion. Adherence to church rules also ensures "the true notion and genuine character of the participation of the laity in the life and

mission of the church," the pope said.

—Downplaying the church's divine mission in pursuit of temporal activities. "The church can never succumb to the temptation to 'remake' herself," the pope said. "The church can never be a community at the service of merely temporal objectives" and its "efforts cannot be motivated by merely temporal values," he

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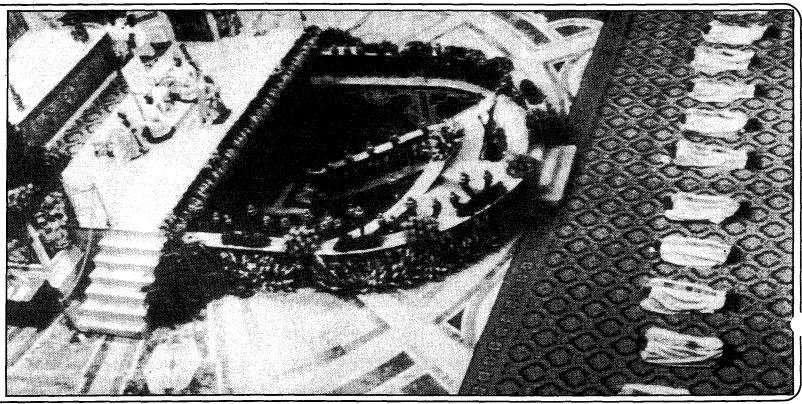
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Bishops ordained in Rome

Thirteen new bishops from seven countries lie prostrate in St. Peter's Basilica before Pope John Paul during their ordination last week. (NC/UPI photo)



Libya's action called positive

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Libya's return of the corpse of a U.S. airman shot down in a 1986 air raid was a gesture of reconciliation and peace toward the United States, not an "opportunistic" ploy, said the bishop who was the Vatican's intermediary in the transfer of the body.

Libya chose the Vatican as intermediary because the Vatican "enjoys a special appreciation" in Lybia and among Arabs for its efforts on behalf of world peace, said Bishop Giovanni Martinelli, head of the Vicariate of Tripoli, Libya.

The Vatican accepted the intermediary role because it wanted "to support this will and this desire for peace" by Libva, he said in a Jan. 14 Vatican Radio interview.

Bishop Martinelli said he was happy to be chosen as the Vatican representative in the transfer because it showed that the church in Libya also supported the reconciliation move.

Libya gave the body to Bishop Martinelli in Tripoli Jan. 13. The bishop accompanied the body on a flight to Rome where it was handed over to U.S. officials on the same day.

The body was later identified as that of 33-year-old Capt. Fernando Ribas-Dominicci.

"Libya wanted once more, in a verv special way, to show that reconciliation is the best way to begin a new era, a new period of peace, especially with America," said Bishop Martinelli.

'Some people might think that this could be opportunistic, but I emphasize that we should put in evidence the positive aspect of this gesture," he add-

Bishop Martinelli called the Libyan decision a "humanitarian action."

The joint Air Force-Navy raid was in retaliation for what U.S. authorities claimed was a Libyan-backed bombing

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Future priests, deacons ordained

By Prent Browning Voice staff writer

Thirteen deacons, some transitory, a first step to the priesthood, and some permanent were ordained in a packed St. Mary's Cathedral Jan. 7.

Those seminarians ordained by Archbishop McCarthy were: Tomas Marin, 32, who is assigned to Corpus Christi parish in Miami; Carlos Vega, 27, assigned to St. John the Apostle in Hialeah; Michael Lynch, 33, who will be ministering at St. Patrick in Miami Beach; Cesar Alejo, 40, who will be going to St. James in North Miami; Juan Montoya, 29, assigned to Holy Redeemer in Miami; and Jorge Puerta, 28, assigned to Holy Family in North Miami.

The order of the permanent deacon was conferred on Allen Asselin,40, and Vincent Eberling Jr.,42, of St. Vincent Parish in Margate; Charles Fiore, 54, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Coral Springs; Ronald Gouthro, 39, of St. Maurice parish in Ft. Lauderdale; Denis Mieyal, 46, of St. Andrew in Coral Springs; John Peremenis, 42, of St. Louis in Miami; and Santos Rodriguez, 39, of Good Shepherd in Miami.

The two types of deacons were ordained together in this ceremony in order to emphasize the "sameness" of the orders, according to Fr. Edward Brown, Coordinator of Permanent Diaconate for the Miami Archdiocese.

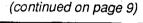
"Whether you are being ordained as a permanent deacon or whether you are planning on becoming a priest you go through the same ceremony and have the same graces and gifts from the Holy Spirit," said Fr. Brown.

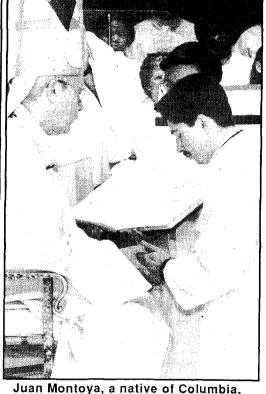
The ordination was very much a family affair. All the permanent deacons were married and have children- a total of 25 between them. The wives of the permanent



Permanent deacon candidate Denis Mieyal and wife Patricia.

(Voice photos by Prent Browning)





is ordained a transitory deacon.



Deacon candidates stand in aisle before being called forward to be ordained.

Black Catholic group gives Ist award

Abp. McCarthy, Bp. Dorsey honored

By Cynthia Thuma Voice News Editor

Archbishop Edward McCarthy and Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey were among 15 recipients of the "Unity and Peace Award" presented by the St. Martin de Porres Association, the first Black Catholic lay organization in the Archdiocese of Miami.

They were presented the awards at a Mass commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, celebrated at St. Mary Cathedral.

Homilist for the Mass was Bishop Emerson Moore, vicar for social development in the Archdiocese of New York.

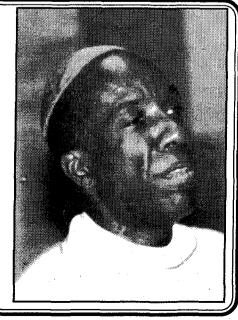
Bishop Moore urged Massgoers to recall King's contributions to social instice.

"Since Dr. King's death, we've seen so many deaths, so much killing and so little of the nonviolence that Dr. King talked about," he said.

"Justice, fairness and love: These things are still needed and I think we still need

'Since Dr. King's death we've seen so many deaths, so much killing and so little of the nonviolence that Dr. King talked about'

-Bishop Emerson Moore of New York



the nonviolent spirit of this preacher and prophet to be with us."

If King were to visit Miami today, "He would be full of wonder at the sights

If King were to visit Miami today, "He would be full of wonder at the sights of hope, I've seen in my visits here," Bishop Moore said. "You are the Church and you are the hope of the Church."

Archbishop McCarthy, Bishop Dorsey and Bishop Moore were selected to receive the award for their commitment to community peace and unity. Twelve other civic and religious leaders also were presented the award during the Mass, They are: Georgia Jones Ayers,

executive director, Alternative Program; Brother Rene Chenier of Camillus House; T. Willard Fair, president and chief executive officer, Urban League of Greater Miami; Dorothy Fields, founder and chief archivist, Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.; Dr. Pedro Jose Greer, Jr., medical director of Camillus House; Brother Paul Johnson, director of Camillus House; Florene Nichols, executive director of the Inner City Children's Touring Dance Company; Peter O'Connor, director of Senior Services Programs, Catholic Community Services, Inc.; Sister Rosa Monique Pena, director of the Office of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Miami; Rabbi Solomon Schiff, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Association of Miami; Terry Sundy, special assistant to Monsignor Bryan Walsh and Bishop Dorsey; Jessie Trice, executive director of the **Economic Opportunity Family Health** Center, Inc.

Archbishop McCarthy gave the congregation a parting gift, telling them the Archdiocese is "moving ahead to establish an Office of Black Catholics."

Archdiocese takes in refugees

By Araceli M. Cantero Editor, La Voz Católica

The Archdiocese of Miami has turned its Pastoral Activities Center adjacent to St. Mary Cathedral in northwest Miami into a temporary shelter for homeless Nicaraguan refugees.

"This is is our heritage. The Archdiocese of Miami has a history of compassion for the refugees," Archbishop Edward McCarthy said as he visited the center a day after the arrival of 131 Nicaraguans at

"This was a way to witness to the community the dramatic concern we also have," he said. "It also happened as we all had in our mind the message of National Immigration Week.'

Several days earlier, the archbishop had issued a message for Immigration Week urging federal authorities to find solutions to the crisis of refugees entering

About 260 had been sheltered by the city at Bobby Maduro Miami Stadium, but it has to be cleared by Friday for the opening of the Baltimore Orioles' spring training.

The archbishop received a call from Miami City Manager Cesar Odio. "He was desperate, in search of a place for the refugees," the archbishop said. "He promised it would be a temporary solution, and I offered some help.

The Pastoral Activities Center, with a capacity of 170, already had a full schedule of weekend retreats and pastoral meetings.

"All pastoral activities here have been cancelled until further notice," said Father Gerard LaCerra, rector of the cathedral and administrator of the activities center.

Father LaCerra said the shelter's financial and legal responsibilities will be met by the City of Miami, through private donations.

The Archdiocese will pay for utilities until those funds arrive. .

"It is a temporary agreement," Father LaCerra said. "If the situation prolongs itself we will have to talk again with the city."

The city will pay a nominal \$1 rental fee, clearing the Archdiocese from liability. Miami also will provide police protection and supervisory personnel, Archbishop

"For us, this is not a crisis; this is a challenge," said Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, who has regularly visited the Nicaraguans at the stadium. "We have to help them, because we ourselves were once strangers and we were wel-

"We cannot simply wait until somebody else offers help," he said."We cannot excuse ourselves from directly participating in working out the necessary solutions."

To Bishop Roman, that means obtain-

ing work permits for the refugees, "so that they can honestly earn a decent living."

That also is the opinion of Odio, who traveled to Washington on Dec. 20 to discuss the situation with federal officials. He then obtained promises of work permits for 260 Nicaraguans sheltered at the Miami Stadium.

On Jan. 9, a U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela suspended the travel ban imposed by immigration officials on Nicaraguans who had crossed the border in Texas.

Two days later, 200 Nicaraguans arrived in Miami. Although many were welcomed by family, many with no place to go ended at the doors of the stadium, by then filled to capacity, with 250 Nicaraguans and 150 of the city's homeless who had been she tered there since Dec. 12, before the influx of refugees.

"There should be tougher control at the borders," said Odio. Odio, who emigrated to the U.S. from Cuba in 1960, said he is determined "not to abandon these people."

Speaking to National Public Radio, he said the federal government should establish a resettlement program so "we can do this in a professional way, without causing a crisis in Miami. It has been done before," he said.

Odio said he believes about 2.000 refugees have arrived in Miami since the judge's decision on Jan. 9.

We are expecting more but not in large numbers." he said. "These people should get work permits if they are to survive here."

There are about 100,000 Nicaraguans living in the Miami area and thousands more expected in the coming months.

Among the new refugees, the city expects to obtain 125 work permits for Nicaraguans still at the Stadium by Friday. Those individuals will be settled in apartments. The city will pay the first month's rent with part of the \$30,000 it has received from private donations. The remaining 75 will be moved into apartment buildings later this week.

Later arrivals with no relatives in the area will be sheltered temporarily at the Pastoral Activities Center.

Mass observes migration week

Cynthia Thuma Voice News Editor

As South Florida again became the focal point for the nation's eyes over the plight of exiles, members of the Archdiocese took time to celebrate National Migration Week with a Mass at St. Martha's Church in Miami Shores.

Msgr. Bryan Walsh, the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass and Archdiocesan director of migration and refugee services, said the week's position on the calendar was timely for South Floridians, who were witnessing a second wave of Nicaraguan refugees wash into Miami since December.

"National Migration Week's purpose is to raise the consciousness of this nation," he said. "I couldn't think of something that's more needed. This morning, the papers carried three pages on the crisis confronting our nation. "You'll notice I said 'our nation,' not just Miami. It's a national crisis.'

Walsh reminded those at Mass that Pope Pius XII once wrote "The Holy Family of Nazareth was the prototype of all refugees."

"All of the experiences of refugees today are those the Holy Family suffered," he said.

Walsh urged the federal government to accept its role of meeting the needs of the latest influx.

"The care of the refugees is a federal responsibility," he said. "The buck stops in Washington.' But he also urged residents to "share in

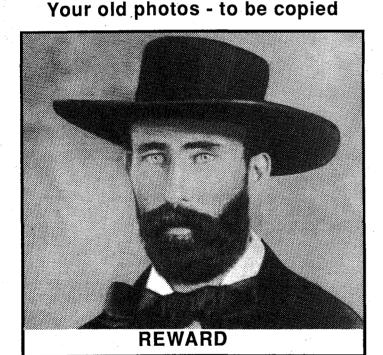
the pain of the exiles ... as we have of the "We reach out with what little we

have; we share; we make people feel welcome and we reject racism.' He also applauded Miami's role in

meeting the Nicaraguans' needs. The city opened Bobby Maduro Miami Stadium as a temporary shelter. Now the Archdiocese has taken in

more Nicaraguan refugees in St. Mary Cathedral's Pastoral Activities Center.

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The Rev. Jose Paniagua to Administrator of St. Benedict Church, Hialeah, effective January 18, 1989.

The Rev. Jose L. Hernando to the Faculty of St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, effective January 18,

Also, the following were reappointed as Consultors of the Archdiocese of Miami, effective January 4, 1989, for five

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Fear of women hurts all, author says

By Sisty Walsh Voice Correspondent

Jesus Christ set a sexual revolution in motion centuries ago, when he made himself vulnerable to women, according to author Joan Ohanneson speaking at a recent seminar at St. Thomas University.

Addressing a crowd over 200, mostly women, Ohanneson explored the theme of "Creative Partnership: How can men and women work together in partnership to honor God and one another?"

Tracing the historical and sociological roots of the oppression of women, Ohanneson contends that although women may seem to be the victims, men are equally seem iced by this process.

The crux of the problem is men's traditional and ingrained fear of setting women free and validating their unique talents, emotional make-up and personality.

"Men's fear of women both alienates and punishes women," she asserted, but it hurts men more, "Jesus told us that fear is useless," she continued.

Christ trusted women, she said, when all those around him had been taught to treat them as inferiors, as sex objects, even property. "But Christ was not afraid to make himself vulnerable to women." "Jesus set a sexual revolution in motion—without violence, without seduction or without abuse." "Name that fear and own it," she challenged the crowd.

Christ's openness to women is found over and over again in the New Testament, Ohanneson asserts.

Perhaps the most poignant example of this is the story of Christ having his feet washed by a woman's tears and then dried with her hair. In this story, Ohanneson explained, Christ showed himself to be a "lover in the fullest sense of the word," able to express a pure and abiding love for women.

During the day long discussion and seminar, sponsored by the University's Institute for Pastoral Ministries, Ohanne-

Deacons ordained

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deacons escorted them into the cathedral and sat with their children in the front pews along with parents and relatives of the seminarians.

The ceremony was the same for both groups except that the seminarians, kneeling before the Archbishop, committed themselves to celibacy. All promised obedience to the Archbishop and laid prostrate on the floor during the recitation of the Litany of Saints. Then came the heart of the ceremony, when the Archbishop laid his hands on their heads and prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

in actions emphasized the importance of humility to the candidates, calling them "the servants of the Lord."

"By your life and character," he said, "you will be witness to your brothers and sisters in faith that God must be loved above all else and that it is he who has chosen us."

After the ordination, Fr. Brown said that he thought the ceremony allowed "people to be more educated about the order of deacon and to help the seminarians feel a relationship with the permanent deacons."

As permanent deacons they will be able to administer baptisms, perform marriages, preach the Gospel on Sundays, officiate at funerals and burial services, and preside at worship and prayer services when a priest is absent. The transitory deacons will also fullfill the duties of deacon at their assigned parishes (in addition to completing their seminary work) until they are ordained priests.

son drew applause and confirmation from the very enthusiastic audience.

Ohanneson made herself available for one-on-one discussions throughout the day, and time and again, the women who spoke with this calm and assertive woman echoed her thoughts and experiences.

A prominent author, "Women: Survivor in the Church" and "And They Felt No Shame: Christians Reclaim Their Sexuality," she has dedicated her considerable talent to writing, lecturing and producing in the field of human liberation. She is the recipient of the prestigious Gabriel Award for the television production "Women's Gifts: Ministry as Self-Definition." Married for 34 years with four daughters, she is a resident of California.

Currently she is focusing on healing and integration of body and soul and the celebration of women's gifts. "As a woman," she told the group, "I'm encouraged to fail. It's expected. but my husband can't fail."

"If I fail at something, it's all right, because I'm a woman and it's not important. But the man can't. He is supposed to be strong, the provider."

Men are given no emotional latitude, she believes. Their image throughout history is one of strength, reliance and perfection.

Even when they are young boys, they are raised to alienate themselves from feelings, replacing human standards with pseudo ideas of manliness. When a young boy feels sorrow or hurt, he is taught to tough it our or sublimate.

By not allowing men to feel, to be weak or to need, they are deprived of a total humanity, of a freedom to be themselves and experience the full range of emotional and spiritual depth that knows no sexual barrier, she says.

Comfort from a mother or another female is unacceptable after a certain age. The loving and caring qualities which women express are repressed in the male and perceived as substandard. Yet, according to Ohanneson, these are human feelings which will surface in men throughout their life only to be feared and ultimately rejected by the majority of males as weak

"Grow up and be a man," Ohanneson explained, is the dictum. "But being a man means renouncing the unconditional love of the mother for the conditional love of the father."

and flawed.

Young men who are expected to emulate

their fathers—to succeed, to provide, never to fail—live incomplete lives and their fathers are rarely satisfied with their performance.

"Nothing you ever do is good enough, you all know that feeling."

Homophobia is connected to men's fear of women, Ohanneson also believes.

"Gay men want what all men really want from other men—affection." Gay men, she believes are able to express these feelings and not only in a sexual context, that others or deny themselves.

Although Ohanneson was not condoning the sexual expression of this affection, she believes that the bonding which gay men experience is healthy. Perceived as womanly, however, by a male population, this bonding is rejected and men's needs for intimacy with other men is "sabotaged."

"To be gay is to be like a woman and that's the most damming thing of all."

The Church also suffers when men and women are subjugated by a lack of human liberation. For centuries, the church has been deprived of the enormous talents of women and the fullness of their gifts from God because of fear.

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Family Matters

Return to God as a couple

For the first twenty years of marriage Jack and I searched for a deeper meaning to our relationship. We always had a good marriage but somehow there always lurked in the background a longing for more, a knowledge that there could be more wholeness, more complete-

I prayed; he prayed; but we didn't pray. After making our respective Cursillos we tried to pray together as a couple. We knelt down every night at bedside and verbalized the old standbys: Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, etc., and it was good. But somehow we weren't communicating with each other and going to God together. It was still he, she, and not we.

One day, about ten years ago I overheard two women talking. They were discussing the morning's scripture readings that they had done with their husbands. I'm not usually a forward person, but my ears perked up and I think my heart skipped a beat as I eavesdropped on the rest of their conversation. Finally, unable to contain my curiosity any longer, I blurted out, "Please tell me about it. How do you pray with your husbands?"

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Sex and love in their deepest and richest meaning involve self giving. A husband and wife's genuine love is expressed in the total gift of self to each other.

And yet, we hold back and sometimes don't share the special parts of us that long to have Jesus present and real to us as a couple to make us whole. "Where two or three are gathered together, their I am in their midst." Matt.

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(Vicki Owoc is director of Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese of Miami)

Affluence and teens

Dear Mary: Is there such a thing as having too much of a good thing? I have seen many articles about budgeting and sacrificing to provide a college education for your child. We did that for our older children when we were still struggling to raise younger ones.

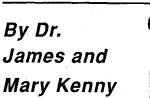
Now the older children are on their own and only the "baby," a teen-ager, is at home. Our house is paid for, we have two incomes and only three mouths to feed.

In short, we are financially quite comfortable for the first time in our lives. Saving for retirement and perhaps some travel are our only remaining financial goals.

My question is, how do you handle the money needs of this last child? We can afford to buy her lots of nice clothes, a used car, a college

My older children all worked and borrowed and planned for their educations, cars, stereos, whatever. They had to. I feel that they are better people now because they planned and worked for what they have.

How can I encourage this child to work for the things she needs when we both know that this is



or so that remains.



to hold on to our income? (Virginia) Unless you have had a sudden large inheritance, you still seem to have your own financial needs and goals. Saving for retirement is certainly not selfish but wise. If you have raised several children, you have not had much opportunity to put money aside over the years. That means you must make a major saving effort in the decade

I agree with you that children who plan, work and budget for their own needs often seem to have a greater sense of responsibility and independence as adults. It is a good reason not to hand a teen everything she wants or

Teens are not above making you feel guilty in order to get what they want. "Why can't I have that? You're rich enough," is a not uncommon taunt.

If you are happy with the way your older children turned out, why not continue the same practices? Plan a budget which includes savings for retirement and travel. These are you reasonable financial goals.

In the budget figure and amount for raising your daughter. Budget an amount you will give her toward clothes, car purchase and maintenance, and allowance.

Even better, give her an allowance adequate enough to cover all her expenses except room board and medical. Then make her responsible for all her other needs.

This latter system allows the teen to decide whether she will keep up a car or have a lavish wardrobe, but she will quickly discover that she cannot do both.

Budget for her college needs, saving ahead if you have the time. Let your daughter know how much you will give her and how she, through loans and jobs, might make up the rest.

In planning your budget, allow enough to provide for you daughter, but also give her the encouragement and the necessity to provide some things for herself.

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The talking parent

I have never forgotten the moment, years ago, when one of my sons discovered I got money for giving lecturers. He picked up my plane ticket, saw the price, and said, "Wow. You had to pay a lot of money for this" "I didn't have to pay," I said defensively, foolishly presuming he was accusing me of encroaching upon his Adidas monies.

"You mean they pay your plane ticket?" he asked, eyes widening.

I realized then that he didn't understand that I was working when I left home.

Like many others in our society who view any plane trip as a lark, he thought I was off on vacations interrupted occasionally by long trips home to empty the hamper and fill the refrigerator. I decided to fill him in on the nature of my work.

"Mike, they pay all my expenses-plane, hotel, food. And they pay me for my lectures, too."

He looked at me dumbstruck as they real meaning of what I said dawned on him. Then he said with incredulity, "You mean people pay to hear you talk?"

"Yes," I said and couldn't resist adding," and you get me for free and you don't even listen." He didn't hear me. That was many years ago and this same son, now 23, frequently drives me to the airport on his way to work at a shelter for disturbed and abused adolescents where he is paid to talk and listen as a counselor.

Since we are both interested in the area of psychology,



we share articles about movements and studies in our

Recently his earlier reaction to my earning money by talking came up for amusement when we read about a California institution called Prenatal University. Yes, you read it correctly.

Run by an ob/gyn specialist in prenatal psychology, this school for pregnant women hold that seven monthold fetuses can hear and learn to understand what mothers

Mothers-to-be-fashion large papare megaphones, direct them toward their bulging stomachs, and say, "Pat, rub, and squeeze" as they do the same.

The claim of the "University" is that its thousand afterfetus alumnae sit, walk and talk sooner than their peers who weren't patted, rubbed or squeezed. What this portends for parents is staggering.

My guess is that parents of first-borns are delighted But who wants a second or third-born to walk at nine months? "Please, God, leave him sedentary, just a few more months, please," breathes the young parent as stchases and active two year-old sibling. "I can only han one at a time."

I don't wish to demean the dreams of parents who link early infant development with future adult success but I agree with noted child psychologist Virginia Satir who claims that babies have a right babyhood. Their task is to be babies, not three year-olds. More, they have a right to coo and explore on their own timetables, not on a "University" level.

So often young parents buy into the early-start idea only to find that their children are innnately wiser tan they. When parents subscribe to the popular notion of giving their children the advantage of prenatal enrichment and the infant develops normally, is that child abnormal? Is he delegated to the category of self-willed child? Is the parent cheated? Can he sue the Prenatal University for malpractice?

Children are children and parents are parents. Ever it will be. Probably the best characteristic of prenatal conversation is that kids can't talk back.

But when they do, what then? (c. 1988 Alt Publishing Co.)

Cheers for 'Just the Ten of Us'

I can retire now, thanks to Deborah Harmon of ABC's "Just the Ten of Us," a Friday-night sitcom on which she plays a Catholic mother of eight.

For years, I have been writing about





ision's reluctance to tell us the religious side of TV characters. Why can't they pray, go to church and express religious ideas, I wondered.

I don't have to wonder so much any more, thanks to "Just the Ten of Us." The family on that show is identifiably Catholic and the mother, played by Miss Harmon, is proudly religious. Viewers have seen her pray, know there is a crucifix and statue of the Blessed Mother in her bedroom, and hear her talk all the time about her faith.

recalled, describing how her interest in family life was nurtured when she was a child.

As for knowing Catholics, "I grew up in an Irish Catholic neighborhood," she said, "and my best friends were the Malones, who had seven children and lived in a two-bedroom apartment. I have fond memories of them."

The program's emphasis on the family means a lot to Miss Harmon (for the record, she is not related to actor Mark Harmon). She especially likes the series' stress on motherhood.

"Women gained equality from the feminist movement of the Seventies,' she told me, "but they lost sight of something. I was watching a game show and a woman contestant was asked what she did for a living. She sort of hung her head and said, 'I'm just a housewife.' My God! Being a wife and mother is so all-encompassing and important. Mothers shape the future by shaping their children. That's the most important job of all and some women have lost sight of that. Now it's coming around again.

"That's what I love about Elizabeth," she continued. "She tells women that

'The family on the show is identifiably Catholic and the mother, played by Miss Harmon, is proudly religious."

Elizabeth Lubbock, the mom, is the first TV character in a long time to display such open and positive religiosity; she's also one of the few layperson to do so.

Miss Harmon, who spoke to me from California recently, is pleased to be portraying someone who is religious, a housewife and a member of the middleclass, three characteristics not found in many TV women, who are usually secularistic, professional women clad in furs.

"We're breaking new ground with our show, especially since it's a sitcom," she told me when I asked about her series' emphasis on religion. "I think it's wonderful. It's also wonderful that my character is a housewife who is proud of it. Women have become confused about their role and feel they have to be a mother-slash-something-else. Playing Elizabeth is a swing back to the family and how important it is."

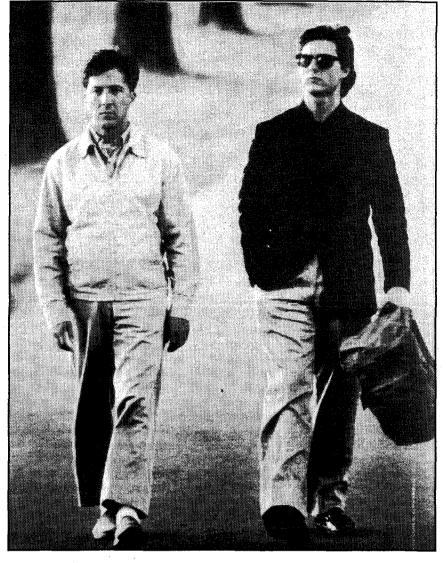
A Chicago native, Miss Harmon grew up surrounded by Catholics, but she is Lutheran. She was also surrounded by

"My grandparents lived above us and my mother's sister lived below us," she being a mother is something to be proud of and to hold your head up about. It's a lofty role."

Miss Harmon will soon experience what she has only portrayed so far. She's engaged to be married next May and plans on having children because "I never wanted anything else but to be married and have children. It's ironic that I ended up with a career."

Miss Harmon's love for families derives from her own, which, she said, "gave me so much strength. I didn't realized before I played Elizabeth how much my family had given me. I took them for granted, but they were always there for me in the bad times."

Asked to persuade viewers to give "Just the Ten of Us" a chance, Miss Harmon said, "This show is responsible television. It's not getting attention from the critics, but it's solid, entertaining and edifying. It lets kids with problems know that others have the same problems and fears. And parents can feel good about letting their children watch. Why not teach people as they watch? We do that and I'm proud of it."



'Rain Man'

Dustin Hoffman (left) is Raymond Babbitt in "Rain Man", who suffers from autistic savant syndrome. Tom Cruise is his brother, Charlie, who hopes to sue for custody of Raymond and obtain half of his \$3.5 million inheritance. The U.S. Catholic Conference describes "Rain Man" as a "cool and distancing film" and adds that Hoffman gives "another Academy Award-winning acting turn." Due to much profanity, a few intense but brief emotionally unhinged outbursts by Hoffman and a fleeting off-camera sex scene that is heard, the USCC classfication is A-III-adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R - restricted. (NC photo)

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Catholic television and radio schedule

Television programs

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TV Mass in English every Sunday, 7 a.m., on WPLG-CH. 10.

TV Mass in Spanish every Sunday, 10 a.m. on WLTV-CH. 23; and 9 a.m. on WSCV-CH. 51.

☐ Raices Cubanas with Father Santana, every Saturday at 5:30 p.m., on Dynamic Cable, Channel 13; every Sunday at 8 a.m. on Channel 51

☐ El Dia del Senor with Father Federico Capdepón, every Sunday at 9 a.m., on TZI Channel 40.

Unity' In English with Mary Ross Agosta, airs three times a week on Educational Cable Channel 2 (all Dade County cable companies); Mondays, 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 9:30 a.m. Topics: Week of Jan. 23: A Vision of Faith; Week of Jan. 30: Vatican; Week of Feb. 6: Vocations.

☐ 'Nuestra Familia' In Spanish, at 7:30 a.m. Sundays on WLTV-

☐ 'New Breed of Man' / 'El Hombre Nuevo' Hosted by Father Ricardo Castellanos, on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (WHFT-CH. 45), Sundays at 9 a.m. in English and Saturdays at 8 p.m. in Spanish; Mondays at 9 a.m. in Spanishi on Channel 51.

☐ Cable Programming On Storer Cable (Acts / Public Access); Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Channel 14 in Broward; and Saturdays and Sundays from

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Channel 38 in Dade.

Radio programs

☐ 'Lifeline' Hosted by Father Paul Vuturo, Sundays at 9:30 p.m. on WKAT, 1360 AM. Topics: Jan. 22, Bishop Dorsey, Jan. 29, Pastoral Care Program; Feb. 6, Progress on Evangelization.

☐ 'The Rosary' (sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima), Saturdays at noon on WEXY 1520 AM; Sundays at 5 p.m. on Dynamic Cable, Channel 13.

In Spanish

☐ 'Conflictos Humanos' Hosted by Father Angel Villaronga, Mondays, Wednesday's and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. on WRHC, 1550

☐ 'En Busca de la Felicidad' Hosted by Fathers Francisco Santana and Federico Capdepón, everyday at 2 p.m., on WAQL 710

☐ 'Panorama Católico' Hosted by Sister Bertha Penabad and Father José Nickse, Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on WQBA, 1140 AM, and at 5:30 a.m. on Super Q, 107.5 FM.

work (EWTN) is carried on some cable channels in South Flo-rida: check with your local cable company.

☐ Mother Angelica Her Eternal Word Television Net-

☐ 'Los Caminos de Dios' Hosted by Father José Hernando, Sundays at 8 a.m. on WQBA, 1140 AM.

☐ 'Domingo Feliz' Hosted by Father Angel Villaronga and Bishop Agustín Román, Sundays at 8:45 a.m. on WRHC, 1550 AM. ☐ 'Una Historia de la Vida' Hosted by Pepe Alonso, (produced by Kerygma), Sundays at 5:15 a.m., on Radio Mambi,

☐ 'Una Vida Mejor' Hosted by Pepe Alonso, Thursdays at 12:30 a.m. on Union Radio WOCM.

☐ 'Caminos de Fe' Hosted by Bishop Agustin Roman, at 9 a.m. on Union Radio WOCN, 1450 AM.

"Mensaje de Fe' Hosted by Bishop Agustin Roman, at 9:30 a.m. on Radio Mambi WAQI, 710 AM.

In Creole

☐ 'Kok la Chante' (The Rooster Crows) Sponsored by the Haitian Catholic Center, Sundays at 7 a.m. on WVCG, 1080

What's Happening

Office of Worship sets workshops

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: All workshops: Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Feb. 18, St. Kevin, Miami; Feb. 25, St. Vincent, Margate; March 11, St. Stephen, Miramar (Spanish); April 15, Holy Redeemer, Miami; May 13, Resurrection, Dania.

Requirements for Commissioning: 1) Candidates from parishes must be recommended in letters of recommendation signed by their pastors; those from schools or others institutions, by their Spiritual Directors; those from Apostolates, by Bishop Roman (through their Spiritual Directors). 2) Candidates must attend one full day of training.

Procedure: Letters of recommendation must contain the following: Names of all candidates being recommended (addresses/phone numbers not necessary). 2) Check to cover registration and lunch fees for all those attending. Specification of which workshop candidate (s) will attend.

\$10 per person (includes Fees:

lunch). Please make check payable to the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. Mail to: Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.

LECTORS: All workshops: Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m; Feb. 11, St. Sebastian, Ft. Lauderdale; March 4, Christ the King, Perrine; April 8, St. Bartholomew, Miramar (Spanish); May 6, St. Philip, Opa-locka.

Reservations required: Please submit names of those who of those who will attend and specify workshop being attended. Include check for registration fees.

Fees: \$10 per person (Includes lunch) Please make check payable to: the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life and mail to address as shown above.

Deadline for reservations to all workshops is the Wednesday prior to specified workshop. For further information please call the Office of Worship, 757-6241 (Dade) or 522-5776 (Broward, Ext. 351. speak with Mrs. Blank or Mrs. Lopez).

Catechist certification courses scheduled

Below is a listing of second semester courses available for the catechist certification program:

North Dade: Ensenando Religion en los 80 - Parte II (Espanol), Santa Barbara parish, Enero 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 6 (7:30 -10:30 p.m.) TBA; Teaching Religion in the 80's - Part I (English), St. Francis Xavier Parish, dates to be announced, Sr. Rose Monique Pena, O.P.

Broward: Becoming peace makers -Part I (English), St. David Parish, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 23, March 2 (7 - 10 p.m.), Ms. Connie Popp; Introduction to the Sacraments (English), Handmaids of the Sacred Heart, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 20, 27, March 6, (7-- 10 p.m.), Sr. Dorothy Beck, a.c.j.; Living, Loving and Celebrating Liturgy - Part I (English), St. Andrew Parish, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, (7 - 10 p.m.), Br. Donald Johnroe, c.s.c.; Teaching Religion in the 80's-Part II (English), St. Maurice Parish, Feb. 7, 14, 23, March 7, 21, (7 - 10 p.m.), Sr. Rose Monique Pena, O.P.; Introduction to the Old Testament (English), St. David Parish, March 4, 11, 18, (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.), Ms. Mary Reid Newland.

South Dade: Teaching Religion in the 80's - Part II (English), Sacred Heart Parish/Homestead A.F. Base, dates TBA, (7 -10 p.m.), Instructor TBA; Introduction to the New Testament (English), Epiphany Parish, Feb. 2, 9, 19, March 2, 13, 20, (7:30) - 10:30 p.m.), Sr.Janet Heley; La Iglesia Despues De Vatican II (Espanol), St. Agatha, Feb. 20, 27, Marzo 2, 13, 20. (7:30-10:30 p.m.), Sr. Esperanza Ginoris.

Human sexuality training sessions: Jan. 17 - March 21, Immaculate Conception School, 125 West 45 Street, Hialeah, FL 33012, Phone: 822-6461. 4 - 7 p.m.

Catholic Hospice opens

A year of meticulous planning and preparation has culminated in the official opening this month of Catholic Hospice, Inc., a new health care organization specializing in the care of the terminally ill.

This cooperative service of Catholic Health and Rehabilitation Services, Mercy Hospital and St. Francis Hospital, provides expert palliative care to Dade County residents regardless of religion, race, sex, age, handicap, or ability to pay. The program was planned to complete the spectrum of Catholic-sponsored community health agencies, adding another level of care to the existing network of Catholic hospitals, nursing homes, home health care and rehabilitative services.

Catholic Hospice service is designed to allow terminally ill patients to remain in the familiar comfort of home, surrounded by loved ones, and able to take part in normal family life. If necessary, in-patient care is also provided at Mercy and St. Francis Hospitals in a home-like environ-

Catholic Hospice patients and their families are assisted and supported by a specially trained, professional team of

Hialeah Walk-for-Life Jan. 21

The Hialeah Respect Life Office will sponsor its fifth annual Walk-for-Life on Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. till noon at Our Lady of the Lakes Church grounds, 15801 N.W. 67th Ave. in Miami Lakes.

Walkers of all ages—seniors, families, community organizations— are welcome. If you cannot walk you can sign up as a sponsor.

Proceeds go to the Hialeah Respect Life Office. The monies raised by the Walk-For-Life will enable them to continue their services to the community. For further information please call their 24 hour Hotline at (305) 883-2229.

physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains and volunteers. The team's expertise in pain and symptom control, psycho-social support, and practical assistance with household chores, enhances the quality of life for patients and their loved ones.

Persons interested in obtaining more information are welcome to call 822-2380 or to visit the Catholic Hospice Office at 14100 Palmetto Frontage Road, Suite 370, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016.

Lay Ministry is accepting applications

The Office of Lay Ministry is now accepting applications for the school of Ministry/Ecclesial Lay Ministry program. This program is open to Catholic men and women who are willing and able to commit themselves for the two year period and who wish to serve the people of South Florida.

Classes are held one night a week for two hours from September to May. The course provides a better understanding of Vatican II documents, scripture and an opportunity for spiritual growth, integrating faith experience and prayer life with the ministerial training. There is an application process and the deadline for the 1989-1991 program is March 15. For information please call 757-6241 in Dade and 525-5157 in Broward, Ext. 131.

Memorial Mass for unborn Jan. 21

On the 16th anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade the Life Education center has arranged for a memorial mass, Jan. 21, of the Holy Innocents to be offered at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, 1400 State Rd. 7, North Lauderdale, at 2 p.m. Two aborted babies will be named and buried during the Memorial. Fr. Gerald Morris, Pastor of OLQH will celebrate the Memorial Mass.

It's a date

<u>Dinners/dances</u>

Our Lady of Mercy Church in Pompano Beach will host a dance Jan. 28th at 8 p.m. with an 18- piece orchestra, The Highlighters. Tickets are \$7. Call Rosemarie or Ed at 421-6886 for details.

St. Henry Catholic Church in Pompano will host a "Starlite Nite" dance on Jan. 28 beginning with a show at 7:30 p.m. Vinny Vincent Orchestra. Magician. \$8 per person. Call 785-2450 for information and reserva-

The St. Theresa Home and School Association announces their 16th annual dinner/dance at the Rusty Pelican on Key Biscayne on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Two live bands. \$50. For reservations and ticket information call Estrellita Balboa or 264-6756 or Rosa Lopez at 261-4248.

Single/divorced/widowed

The Catholic Widow-ers of Hollywood will hold it's monthly meeting at 7:30

p.m. on Feb. 3 at Griffin Park Hall, 2901 S.W. 52nd St., Ft. Lauderdale. Live music, refreshments. Guests: \$4. Members: \$3. For further information call Mary at 457-9426 or Lee at

The Catholic Alumni Club of South Florida is an organization whose member are Catholic, single, college graduates, and are free to marry in the Catholic church. For information about upcoming social, sports, spiritual, and service activities, call Mary Ann at 665-1580 or Phil at 598-1954.

The North Dade Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will host a meeting on Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Visitation Church Social Hall, 100 NE 191st St. in Miami. All faiths welcome. Call 685-9976 or 923-1837.

Spiritual renewal

San Isidro Church, 2310 Hammondville Rd. in Pompano Beach will host a Catholic Revival with Fr. Ricardo and Fr. Dan Doyle on Feb. 5 from 2-5 p.m.

St. Coleman Church, U.S. 1 and S.E.

12th St. in Pompano Beach, will host an Apostolate of Prayer for Healing conducted by Maria Rocha on Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

The Cenacle will host a 6-day Centering Prayer Retreat on Feb. 5-12. Silent retreat that presupposes knowledge of centering prayer. Call/Write: Cenacle, 1400 S. Dixie Hwy., Lantana, Fl 33462. 582-2534.

Fashion shows

The St. Matthew Parish Club presents Mardi Gras Magic annual luncheon and fashion show on Feb. 5 at noon at Laurenzo's Cotillion in North Miami Beach. For reservations please call 458-1590 (weekdays 9-3).

St. Gabriel Women's Guild presents a "Festival of Roses" Fashion Show and Luncheon on Feb. 18 at noon at Pier 66 Hotel and Marina, 2301 SE 17th St. in Ft. Lauderdale. Donation \$20. Reservations call Claire Mitchell at 786-0667 or Mary Daquila at 785-4570.

Epiphany Church will host a luncheonfashion show at Kings Bay Country Club, S.W. 144th St., on Feb. 4 beginning at 11:30. Admission \$35. For tickets call 661-8810.

<u>Potpourri</u>

St. Maurice, 2851 Sterling Rd. in Ft. Lauderdale, will host a rummage sale on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Corpus Christi Lay Carmelite Community of Miami meets the first Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at St. Raymond's Church, 3475 S.W. 17th St., Miami.

St. Andrew Catholic School, 9990 NW 29th St. will have an open house on Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pre-k-8th grade school has a comprehensive academic program. St. Hugh Catholic school in Coconut

Grove is hosting a book review Feb. 4 of Kirk Douglas's book "The Ragman's Son." Reviewed by Nancy Husted. Donation \$4.

The Marian Center Auxiliary will host a Valentine Luncheon on Feb.9 at the Indian Creek C.C. Tickets: \$40. Call 271-8496.

St. Joseph Tower, 3475 N.W. St. in Ft. Lauderdale, hosts a bazaar Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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HOLY SPIRIT. You who made me see everything; You who showed me the way to reach my ideals; You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me; and you who are in all incidents of my life with me: I thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Publication promised.

M.A.B.

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Thanks for answering my prayers, St. Anne, St. Jude, St. Anthony, Infant Prgue, Sacred Heart. Publication promised. R.M.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems. Who light all roads so I can attain my goal. You who give me the devine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illussion I wish to be with

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Learning from the past

By NC News Service

Have you ever caught yourself throwing question after question about the past at an elderly relative, utterly fascinated by the opportunity to tap into his memories of the way things used to be?

Or have you, on some occasion, taken great pains to get in contact with someone in your family who is much older, someone whose accounts of life you wanted to retrieve, whether in the form of old photos, letters, diaries or simple conversation?

If so, why? Why take pains to recapture an elderly relative's eyewitness accounts of events that happened long ago and of people who lived before your time? Why the fascination at memories of long ago?

It is difficult to explain precisely what it is that makes us want to take account of the past, of history. When we turn to the past, we do so almost instinc-

tively, suspecting that it holds something for us and hoping to unearth whatever that something is.

What is interesting is the zest with which people on occasion pursue their past. They undertake the effort with much the same sense of exploration and discovery that they would bring along on a journey into the future.

The fact is, the past can be very interesting. As retold by an elderly relative, history is full of colorful stories of our parents as kids, and of their parents and grandparents.

Then, too, the past holds important lessons. We learn something from mistakes and poor decisions made in the past. You might say there's a moral in the story. And, as historians might put it, to ignore history is to condemn oneself to repeating its errors.

So there are wonderful tales just waiting to be told to us and valuable lessons to be learned from the past. Still, those factors alone, important as they are, don't fully reveal why it is that we turn so enthusiastically to the past and its memories at times. There is something more.

It is as though we suspect that the past is a treasurehouse of hidden clues that will help us to discover the mystery of who we really are or are meant to be. Are there keys to the future to be found in the past?

We realize that we must seek our fulfillment in the present moment in time and in the future. These are the times of opportunity for us.

Yet, we suspect that without the past something is missing: something that is part of us. For it is "our" history that is to be found in the past. Thus, we instinctively turn to it also in search of our fulfillment.

We discover that our past is tied to our future. Ir our history, we discover roots of hope.

Old Stories and New Horizons

By Dolores Leckey NC News Service

Much that is beautiful finds its home in Wheeling, W.Va. Graceful deer weave through the woods; in autumn, the foliage is like fire on the hillsides; craftspeople produce exquisite glassware.

It is here that the Sisters of St. Joseph continue a creative ministry of mercy and love begun well over a century ago. The sisters' story is all there in the stained-glass windows of Mt. St. Joseph, their motherhouse in Wheeling. It is a history wrought in color.

The windows tell of five Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who sailed up the Ohio River from St. Louis, passengers on a flatboat, journeying in response to a request from Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan to found a hospital in the Wheeling area.

The year was 1853. The spirit was distinctly pioneer. Not only did the sisters establish the much needed hospital, they also began an orphans' school. The sisters knew only too well the needs of the children whose parents had died or were critically ill.

These were women who, in the 19th century, noted the signs of the times and place, and acted accordingly. The Spirit of God was evident in their lives of prayer and service.

Before long, some Wheeling women joined the sisters and several of the original founders were able to return to their Carondelet home in St. Louis. They left behind a small, poor community of women who were rich in commitment to their twofold mission of nursing and teaching.

And the pioneer spirit continued to stir the hearts of some to follow new paths.

In the late 19th century Sister Bernardine Yeager, described as quiet and subdued, began a ministry to prisoners in the local jail. Her concern stretched as far as the state penitentiary and beyond, to the



The story of the creative ministry begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Wheeling, W. Va., well over a century ago can be found in the stained-glass windows of Mt. St. Joseph, their motherhouse. The windows tell of five courageous sisters who sailed up the Ohio River from St. Louis to found a hospital in Wheeling area. (Photo courtesy of Sisters of St. Joseph, Wheeling, W.Va.)

governor's office.

Just and fair treatment of the prisoners was at the center of Sister Bernardine's interests. Part of the justice question concerned the use of the death penalty for a variety of crimes, not all of which could be considered capital.

The really amazing part of this late 19th-century, early 20th-century prison ministry is that Sister Bernardine, who died in 1924, fitted it in "after school." For her, every moment was accounted for; there was no "slack time."

When did Sister Bernardine visit the jail or write to the governor? Clearly, in the spaces of her life.

Today's Catholic women, lay as well as Religious, are dedicating themselves to a variety of social ministries, from shelters for destitute and battered women to pastoral care for the imprisoned; from hospitality to new immigrants to lobbying for peace programs.

And so much more.

But it is important to remember the history of the pathfinders, the women who have gone before us — women like these sisters in Wheeling.

—They have cultivated the soil of our caring.

—They have preserved the seeds of courage.

And these are qualities necessary for responsible change.

The women from Carondelet who sailed up the Ohio River may not have

thought of themselves as Christian feminists, a term only recently included in our lexicon. But their graced adventures reflect the qualities of the kind of Christian feminist spirituality which, in the words of Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anne Carr, "calls everyone to wider visions of human mutuality, reciprocity and interdependence before a God who seeks the unity and community of all" ("Transforming Grace," Harper and Row, 1988).

The stained-glass windows at Mt. St. Joseph tell the history of such human mutuality and interdependence. Meditating on them and on the stories out of the past that flow from them makes one to envision new horizons of service to me in our own times.

Scriptures

What does it mean for us to remember?

By Father John Castelot NC News Service

Remember the Maine! Remember the Alamo!

Remember. What does it mean for us to remember? The word "remember" is a common one in the Bible. It

is a constant reminder to people that the past has important lessons for the present. For example, when Moses urged his people to be kind to the refugees who had settled in their midst, he told them to remember their own experience. "So you too must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:19).

If repeated appeals are made in the Bible to past events, it is not just because they are interesting in themselves.

They are essential for making sense out of the present.

What happens if we ignore history? For one thing, to ignore history is to ignore God. For it was precisely in the history of his people that God revealed himself. God got involved in the lives of people. Through this experience, the people got to know him.

That is why the annual Passover celebration was, and is, so important. Passover is a continuing remembrance of God's involvement in freeing the people from Egypt. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you" (Exodus 12:14).

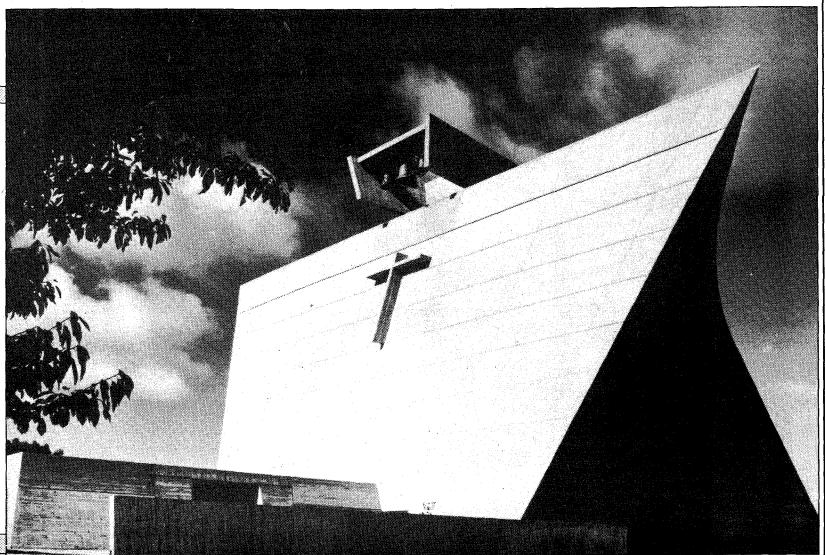
The Passover is a constant reminder that God is a saving God — in the past, now and always.

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Learning from History

The future is now! 1989 is the eve of a new decade which leads into a new century and a new millennium of Christianity. For people living in this dramatic new age, does the past have anything to offer? (NC photo)



By Katharine Bird NC News Service

Athens is a city where I became acutely aware of the sweep of history. In that ancient setting, I grasped in a new way how events long past continue to affect people today. I visited Athens delighted at the thought of meeting the spirits of the Grecian city's legendary artists, philosophers, writers and political theorists whose works still influence

Western culture almost 2,500 years later.

In imagination I walked with the statesman Pericles and the dramatist Aristophanes along the hot, dusty pathways leading straight up to the magnificent Parthenon, the temple perched like an imperial queen high on the Acropolis above the city.

Seated at an outside table of a taverna just below the Parthenon, it was easy to imagine the historian Thucydides meeting similarly with friends almost 500 years before Jesus was born. Maybe he too listened to a wandering musician and sipped something like

Surely he debated ideas, as Athenians did then — the meaning of justice and freedom, of truth and beauty.

In Athens it was easy to think about the past. And one of history's lessons is how much people have in common, despite the differences of place and time.

The daily activities of life go on in every age and every place. There is the need to earn a living, to obtain food and drink, to nurture friends and families. And people in every age discuss the meaning of the good life.

History gives us a sense of "shared humanity." That is how historian Paul Gagnon put it in "Why Study History?" (The Atlantic Monthly, November 1988). Studying history helps to develop our sense of judgment, he said.

As we come to understand earlier people and to see how they resemble us but also how we differ, we are learning how to make judgments about people and society.

Judgment helps us see how hard it is to make human life better, yet that this has been done repeatedly in the past, Gagnon said.

Knowing history leads us to question stereotypes, to distrust oversimplified answers and to weigh consequences, Gagnon suggested.

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At the same time, the people of every age have to "learn to live without doing violence

to each other and to make the world a livable place," he said. Cunningham teaches at the

University of Notre Dame. For Christians, history is "a great treasure house that can help us understand the Gospel today," Cunningham added.

History leads people to recognize that Mother Teresa "stands in the great long tradition of people serving the poor," he said. Despite her use of electricity and flying on airplanes, "she is essentially doing the same thing people did a thousand years ago."

"History also helps us recover aspects of faith that have been forgotten," Cunningham said. For instance, scholars today are making an effort to recover the great mystical tradition of women in the Middle Ages and later.

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The purpose of such efforts "is to learn the ways people have tried to live out the Gospel in the past to see if there are models" for today, he explained.

Cunningham said that British Cardinal John Henry Newman was a 19th-century church figure with a superb sense of history. Using church history, he was able to show how the church continues to develop, while also showing how much continuity there is in it. Cunningham also pointed to St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century as an example of "how you could take a philosopher, Aristotle, who had lived many centuries earlier and put him to the service of Christian truth."

Church historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis spoke of how historical figures serve as models for people in the present time. He teaches at The Catholic University of America. He told of Robert E. Lee, the defeated Southern general, attending Episopal church services in Richmond, Va., after the Civil War. At Communion, a black person went up to the Communion rail. The congregation froze and tension filled the air until, Msgr. Ellis

said, Lee calmly went forward and knelt down next to the black person.

Taking such a history lesson to heart can help people today show courage in stressful situations, Msgr. Ellis said.

or "inspiring," but because it is a constant remembering of God's love for humanity.

The Bible is not simply past history. It establishes the pattern of God's dealings with people, with us, throughout history. To lose sight of this pattern is to lose sight of God and ourselves.

Paul realized this keenly. In his day, some of the Christians at Corinth were becoming dangerously complacent—"cocky" might be a better word—about their situation. They had been baptized into Christ and were nourished by his body and blood. They were saved. They could relax.

Paul reminded them that they were not the first people in history who thought they had it made. Freed from Egypt, the Israelites thought so too. God had brought

them out of Egypt, fed them with manna and slaked their thirst with water from the rock. They were his

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people. But among the people, idolatry developed, and immorality, and grumbling. And "God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.... These things happened to them as an example and they have been written down as a warning to us" (1 Corinthians 10:5-12).

If the events of biblical history happened as an example to Paul's readers, they happened as an example to us too. They were written down as a perpetual a remembrance of God's saving love and of our response or lack of response to that love.

These events help to make sense out of what sometimes seems to be a meaningless existence.

The story of the men and women of the Bible is, in an amazing way, our story too.

Former bureau chief recalls trials of getting Vatican news

By Greg Erlandson

During Wilton Wynn's 18 years of covering the Vatican for Time magazine, perhaps the biggest scoop his bureau ever had cost \$500.

That was what the now-retired Rome bureau chief said Time paid for an advance copy of the encyclical "Humanae Vitae," Pope Paul VI's controversial 1968 restatement of the church's ban on artificial birth control.

Three days before the official Vatican presentation of the long-awaited and

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-Wilton Wynn

closely guarded document, an unknown man dropped by Time's Rome office and offered it for sale.

Time's resulting "spectacular exclusive" beat the Vatican in telling the world that Pope Paul had said "no" to the pill, Wynn recalled.

In a new book, "Keepers of the Keys: John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II—Three Who Changed the Church," Wynn describes the three popes and the often "taxing and difficult task" of covering the closed world of the Vatican.

Purchasing church documents like "Humanae Vitae" was just one of the ways he got around the Vatican's "obsession with secrecy," Wynn said in a recent interview.

A veteran journalist who covered the Middle East for Associated Press before coming to Rome in 1962 for Time magazine, Wynn worked on 12 papal cover stories for the newsweekly over 23 years. Before his retirement in 1985, he had traveled with popes to 44 countries on six continents. Wynn converted to Catholicism after he retired.

He said he believes the church has paid a heavy price for its secretiveness, but he also has seen the Vatican slowly become more open to the news media, particularly under the influence of Pope John Paul II.

"I've seen such improvements that I



Dome of St. Peter Basilica overlooks the various Vatican buildings of the small religious state.

inevitably express happiness at the way things are going" between the Vatican and the media, Wynn said.

There is a "whole new mood" in the Vatican "from what it used to be, when everybody was saying, 'This is off the record," he explained. "I think this comes from the top."

In his book, Wynn describes the old and closed days at the Vatican, when journalists accredited to the press office of Pope Pius XII were not allowed to contact any curial office or resident of Vatican City.

Information was so hard to come by that one enterprising Italian wrote fake Vatican news throughout the 1940s and sold his service to clients as diverse as Associated Press and the official Nazi news agency.

In the interview, Wynn said that during the Second Vatican Council, official press spokesmen refused to say what was being discussed in the council hall, forcing the creation of unofficial, and non-authoritative, press offices and briefings for news-starved journalists.

After the council, a professional press

office was set up, but its spokesman, Msgr. Fausto Vallainc, would only take questions on Friday. One week later he would return with the answers, usually a "no comment," Wynn remembered.

Even early in the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, the official press spokesman at the time was heard to say he did no like spending time with journalists because they might ask him questions, Wynn said.

For his first 10 years on the job, "I never wrote a story based on what an official spokesman said," Wynn said. Instead, he depended on personal contacts, off-the-record and not-for-attribution comments and the occasional stolen document.

But if Pope John Paul's flying press conferences, world trips and professionalization of the press office have had a "trickle-down" effect, Wynn believes the earlier shunning of the press has done lasting harm.

In his opinion, "one of the most significant examples of the damage done" by Vatican secrecy concerns Vatican finances. For years, publications as respected as the Economist reported that Vatican investments totaled \$6 billion, he said. One Italian journalist estimated in print that the Vatican owned 50-60 percent of all shares quoted on the Italian stock exchange.

The Vatican would deny the reports, "but they wouldn't give us any figures, any documentation," Wynn said. "So everyone assumed, and still a lot of people assume, the Vatican's so rich it's a scandal"

Under Pope John Paul, the Vatican has admitted a severe financial deficit and is releasing budget figures in a campaign to balance its books.

Of all the wars, revolutions and intrigues Wynn has covered during his long career, he said, the Vatican beat was the best, "one of the most fascinating stories in the world."

But he said he thinks press coverage of the Vatican and the pontificate of Pope Paul is diminishing.

"A story has to keep topping itself," said the former bureau chief. "It's awfully hard for this pope to keep topping what he has done."

Brothers bonding

By Hilda Young NC News Service

"You two be careful," I called out the window at my 10- and 12-year-old sons this morning as they strode toward the small stand of trees at the back of our homesite, Joey, 12, carried an aging handsaw over his shoulder. He pumped it up and down once, a signal that he had heard me. Mikey imitated the gesture with his hammer.

The pair have been taking "tree fort" since seeing "Swiss Family Robinson" last spring. Now they are consumed with the project. They dismantled an old dog house for lumber and scrounged more scraps from a nearby construction site.

They filled half a coffee can with 16penny nails extracted from rotting boards. They talked their dad out of a roll of old roofing.

Earlier in the week their father helped them build a sturdy, triangular platform about six feet off the ground between three Douglas firs.

"Well, you can fall off, but at least you won't fall through," he told them. "The rest is up to you."

The brothers reached the as yet unnamed "fort" and stood under it. I could tell from arm waving and body English they were negotiating, most likely who would be stationed on the platform first. Or perhaps who would hammer and who would saw.

My husband once confided that it's a lot more fun to hammer than saw after the novelty of sawing has become the hard work of sawing. Hammering, however, is good for the soul, he explained.

Mikey tossed the hammer up onto the floor. Joe tried the same with the saw, but it hit the underside and came back down, narrowly missing both of them. I resisted the temptation to repeat my original exhortation.

With seemingly great seriousness — maybe it was caution — Mike climbed the stout ladder they had created yesterday by nailing two-by-fours into one of the trees. He stepped onto the platform and strutted with arms raised as if, now six feet off the earth, he owned it.

Joey stood, hands on hips, unimpressed. Brothers don't impress brothers easily, you know, or at least that's what they would have the world believe.

They spent nearly all day there together. They even insisted on eating their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches there — legs dangling over the edge, spitting once in a while to confirm their height.

Every now and then, I would take mental snapshots framed by the kitchen window: Boys bickering. Buddies lying on backs looking skyward through fir branches. Builder holding down one end of a board so the other could hammer. Brothers bonding.

The saints tell us we don't need to look for the face of God of mountains or in monasteries, that God is present in the ordinariness of creation around us — in the faces of friends, in the laughter of our children, in the love shared by two brothers.

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This special section of *The Voice* profiles many of the ministries of the Archdiocese in order to give the average South Florida Catholic a better picture of all the work that goes on, seemingly behind-the-scenes.

Read it. Save it. You might find out about programs that pique your interest, or could be of interest and help to someone you know.

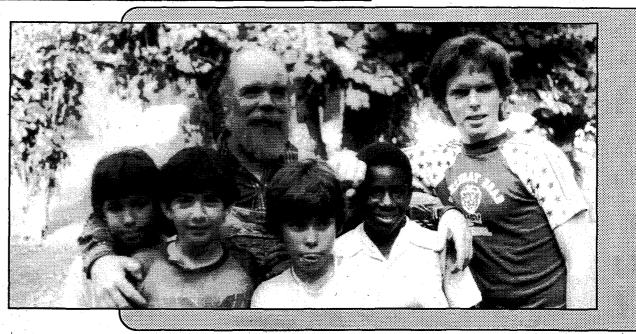
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Boystown, a facility for dependent boys, is one of many services provided by CCS.

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That's the reasoning behind Parish Community Service — put the expertise of CCS' vast professional staff at the disposal of parish volunteers, so that they themselves can alleviate the suffering of their closest neighbors. After all, only the local parish can effectively and compassionately reach out to all the members of its family.

Currently, 15 parishes in Dade and 12 parishes in Broward — a total of about 450 volunteers — are involved in Parish Community Service (PCS), a program which began in 1985. Each parish, with the help of consultants provided by CCS, has identified a particular area of need in its community, developed a plan to deal with it, and recruited and trained volunteers to do the work. Among the ministries currently



PCS helps parishes learn to help the elderly.

offered by these parishes are:
Transportation for the sick and elderly;
Home visitation of the sick, elderly and shut-ins;
Telephone contacts for the homebound;
Support to bereaved families;
Providing food and services to the needy;
Ministry to troubled families;
Referrals for those with special needs;

Parish welcoming committees for new parishioners;

Social advocacy on behalf of the poor, needy or alienated;

Programs for active elderly people;

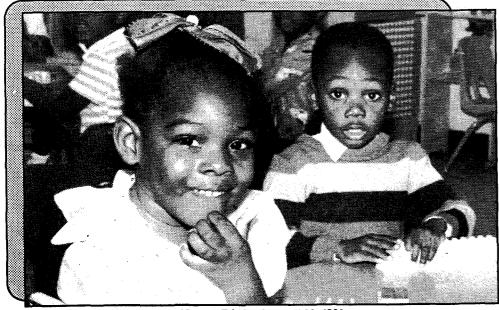
Parish skills banks, which recruit professionals — doctors, lawyers, carpenters, electricians, painters, repairmen — to provide their services free of charge to the needy.

Before beginning their work, all these volunteers attend a six-week training program developed by PCS staff and conducted by CCS professionals. The program focuses on six areas: theology of ministry; caring qualities of ministry; understanding oneself; community and Church resources which can be used for information and referral; training in a specific area, such as home visitation or elderly services; and Catholic social teaching.

PCS staff also provides ongoing educational programs and evenings of reflection for parish volunteers; regular consultation and supervision; referrals to community-wide sources of help; information that could lead to parish networking; education regarding issues of peace and social justice; and an annual conference

CONTACTS: Hugh Clear, PCS director in Dade, 754-2444; and Lynda DiPrima, PCS director in Broward, 522-2513.

Haitian Mission



Since 1979, the Haitian population — over 80 percent baptized Catholics — has grown tremendously. So has the Church's response, thanks to the dedication of the priests, sisters and laity working in this apostolate, and thanks to the unparalleled generosity of the Catholic faithful who have unselfishly supported this good work through their annual ABCD contributions.

Notre Dame de Haiti Mission provides kids with learning opportunities in the summer. The Haitian Apostolate currently serves thousands of Haitians, mainly through the Masses and religious education programs offered at the Notre Dame d'Haiti Mission in Miami and at two other missions in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano.

At Notre Dame Mission alone: nearly 700 children come every Saturday for religious education, and more than 2,500 people attend four weekend Masses. Four priests, three nuns and a lay staff of seven, most of them Haitians, minister to the Haitians scattered throughout South Florida.

To respond to the challenges of the present and the future, the apostolate has undertaken expansion of Notre Dame d'Haiti Mission, and is planning to build a new mission church with several

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Youth

"The Office of Youth Ministry fosters the spiritual growth of young people involved in parishes by providing communication, support, resources, training for youth advisors and leaders, and spiritual programs such as retreats, spirit days, prayer services, talks and conferences.

Evangelization is directed towards a personal conversion enabling the committed young person to assume responsibility for ministering to his or her peers on the parish, school and archdiocesan levels."

Among the youth programs are: KERYGMA (Grades 7 and 8)

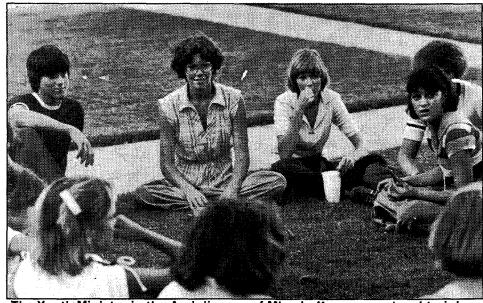
KERYGMA is a Greek word that means Good News. The Kerygma Retreat aims to develop a clearer Catholic Christian identity in our youth through the scriptural themes of Personal Call, Covenant, Morality, Christ as a Healer, and Personal Testimony. These themes are dramatized by peer ministers and celebrated in the family community through liturgy. (English)

KOINONIA (Grades 10-12)

An Archdiocesan weekend retreat program for youth in grades 10-12. This retreat is designed as a followup to METANOIA and calls the participants to a deeper relationship with Jesus the Risen Lord as well as challenges them to true discipleship and servanthood. (English)

ENCUENTROS JUVENILES

Three day conversion retreat program for youth 16-21 offered at the Archdiocesan level. It enables a personal encounter with the living Christ, and initiates a process that allows youth to participate in the life and mission of the Church. (Spanish)



The Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami offers support and training for young people involve in their parishes.

RODAJE

Follow-up program for youth having been in an ENCUENTRO, to support and facilitate the youth's search for God and

his insertion in the parish community (Spanish)

Contact: Office of Youth Ministry, 757-6241, ext. 190 in Dade.

College Students

College students are one of the great challenges for the Church in South Florida. An estimated 65,000 of them are studying in the 31 campuses covered by the Archdiocese, and most of them — due to the freedom and pressures of college life — lose contact with the Church once they leave high school.

The Campus Ministry of the Archdiocese strives to reach them where they are, on campus, by having chaplains present to foster community and direct spiritual and social activities.

So far, about 5,000 of these Catholic college students are being reached on a regular basis. Twelve chaplains—priests and lay people who work both full and part-time—minister at seven campuses, including the University of Miami, Florida International University (north and south), Barry and St. Thomas Universities, and Miami-Dade Community College (north and south).

Many more chaplains are needed to cover the remaining college campuses, which is why the ministry has begun recruiting Catholic faculty members and staff to act as volunteer chaplains. Two such groups already have begun at Miami-Dade's downtown campus and



A group of College students gets together during their lunch time. The Campus Ministry tries to reach them where they are, on Campus.

Broward Community College's north campus.

The campus ministry at each college sponsors a year-long series of spiritual, social, and educational events, including holy day and Sunday Masses, Biblestudy, faith-sharing, social justice projects, and guest speakers on a variety of topics. In addition to recruiting new campus ministers and supporting currently active groups, the Archdiocese's Campus Ministry office also sponsors a series of events, including:

The Oasis - A retreat for any univer-

sity student in the Archdiocese; the next one will be held in February.

Peer Ministry — A program focusing on communication and faith-sharing skills for student leaders on campuses.

Young Adult Faith-Sharing Program — A once-a-week gathering for graduate students and recent college graduates to come together in shared prayer.

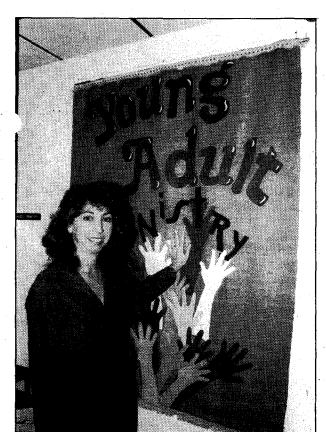
Joe Ruperto Day — An annual conference focusing on religion and art, and open to college students, musicians and religion teachers from throughout the Archdiocese.

Faculty and Staff Lenten Day of Renewal — For Catholics who work or teach on college campuses.

Whole Hunger Clean Up Event—A nationwide event organized by the National Catholic Student Coalition, and aimed at raising student awareness of social justice issues.

Directed retreats — Open to all Catholic college students and held several times a year on different campuses.

CONTACT: Michael Galligan-Stierle, Campus Ministry, 757-6241 in Dade or 525-5157 in Broward, ext. 193.



Paulette Vitale, director for the Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Young adults

Advertisers love them. Television programs are created to lure them. But sometimes, it seems, the Church is slow to welcome them. In family-oriented parishes, they don't always fit in.

They're young adults, mostly single men and women, aged 18 to 35. Most of them are out of college, living on their own, and pursuing fulltime careers. An estimated 260,000 Catholic young adults — Anglos, Hispanics, blacks, Haitians, and members of every other ethnic group — are scattered throughout the Archdiocese.

The task of Young Adult Ministry is to reach them and let them know that the Church loves them; that they are welcome in their parishes.

Currently, more than 1,000 Catholic young adults in South Florida are reached through periodic newsletters and bulletins mailed by the ministry; and about 35 parishes have active young adult groups.

The ministry's one-person staff fosters the creation of young adult groups in parishes; conducts one-on-one leadership training and education; offers support; and sponsors Archdiocesan-wide social, educational and spiritual events.

The spiritual formation and continuing education of

these young adults — especially group leaders — is a priority, because a good number have, at some point, "fallen away" from the Church.

Following are the activities sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry:

Archbishop's Young Adult Council—Includes delegates from parish groups and at-large representatives who meet monthly to discuss ongoing events and plan Archdiocesan-wide activities.

Annual conference — Aimed at creating community among Catholic young adults, helping them identify with the Church as a whole, and providing opportunities for practical learning, personal growth and spiritual formation.

In addition to the weekly activities planned by the parish groups, the ministry celebrates an anniversary Mass each year; sponsors two days of reflection and leadership enhancement; and conducts a fundraising drive.

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The Laity are called

You are baptized. Therefore you are "called." As priests and Religious are called. Called to an ever-deepening, ever-maturing relationship with God. Called to serve, both the Church and your fellow men and women.

The Archdiocese's Office of Lay Ministry wants to help you hear that call. It wants to help you deepen your relationship with God.

So under its Institute of Lay Ministries, it offers long-term programs and short-term courses "to form, guide and support lay people as they strive to respond to the universal call to ministry which they share by reason of their Baptism."

Following are the formation programs and courses offered by the office, which was officially established in 1978.

School of Ministry

A two-year program of spiritual and theological formation, consisting of courses in these areas: Christian anthropology; Sacred Scriptures; Christology; revelation and faith; spirituality and prayer; ecclesiology; Church history; liturgy and sacraments; Christian morality; Vatican II documents; pastoral care; social justice. Days of reflection, retreats, and one-on-one spiritual guidance also are offered to participants, who receive a certificate of completion at the end.

To be accepted for admission, candidates must be over 21 years of age, in good physical and psychological health; they also must be people of faith and prayer whose lives reflect the spirit of the Gospel and who feel a call to serve others. The program is offered both in English and Spanish.

Ecclesial Lay Ministry Program

Same as the School of Ministry, except designed for people who want to make a long-term commitment to service in the Archdiocese. Candidates go through the two-year School of Ministry, but spend their last six months working "in the field", under supervision, gaining experience in the ministry of their choice.

This ministry can take many forms, either at the parish or Archdiocesan level, including: evangelization; religious education of adults and children; lectors; leaders of prayer; singers and musicians; special ministers of the Eucharist; ministers to families, the bereaved, the sick, the handicapped, the dying, youth, young adults, college students, the elderly and farmworkers; and leaders of parish councils and lay groups.

To date, close to 300 people have gone through the two-year formation program; out of those, 244 have been commissioned to a five-year period of volunteer service consisting of between seven to 10 hours each week in the ministry of their choice. The commitment is renewable every five years. In addition, 192 people are currently enrolled in the two-year formation program.

Christian Leadership

Recruiting and supporting volunteers — A six-hour workshop for parish leaders, to help them develop the skills necessary to recruit, train and support volunteers.

Leadership training — A 10-hour program for parish or movement leaders designed to provide them with specific leadership skills, including: communication; use of time; delegation; decision-making; and an awareness of the leader's role as servant of the community.

Collaborative ministry — A six-hour workshop designed to offer skills and guidelines for understanding and implementing collaborative ministry, that is, joint work by priests, Religious and laity.

"Giving form to our vision — a reflection for pastoral councils" — A four-hour program designed to assist members of pastoral councils in working together and reflecting on their mission, with specific emphasis on bridging the communication gaps caused by the multi-cultured nature of South Florida's Church.

Multi-cultural ministry — Assists parishes and Archdiocesan groups in recognizing the variety of gifts each culture brings to the community. May be a full-day workshop or a series of weekly two-hour



Laity work in all areas of church life as teachers, counselors, coordinators, musicians, evangelists, special ministers and more.

All of the above programs are offered upon request by parishes, movements and organizations.

Spiritual Growth and Renewal for Lay Ministers

Called, Gifted and Sent — A 20-hour program designed to help people explore the Lord's call to live in community and make a stronger commitment to do so in the parish setting.

Lay Spirituality in a World of Action — An eight-hour workshop (usually a follow-up to Christian leadership programs) which gives participants an opportunity to reflect on their faith journey and study about and experience the different prayer forms found in Christian tradition, including praying with Scripture, "The Jesus Prayer," journal writing, centering/contemplative prayer and meditation.

Days of Reflection/Prayer/Renewal — A oneday experience giving committed laity the opportunity to step back and reflect on their lives and ministry. Offered in conjunction with the parish.

Training for Specific Ministries

In conjunction with the Office of Evangelization, Lay Ministry organizes a number of training workshops for evangelizers, known as the "Good News/ Buena Noticia" series. In the area of evangelization, it also cosponsors a monthly faith rally, "Damascus"; a monthly Bible breakfast for Catholic laymen in Broward; and

"motivational days" to make people aware of evangelization as the mission of the Church.

In conjunction with the Archdiocesan Ministry to the Sick, it trains volunteers for ministry to the sick; and in conjunction with Prison Ministry, it trains and supports volunteers who visit people in jails and prisons. It also offers:

Airport Ministry Training — Prepares volunteers to greet incoming passengers at Miami International Airport in the name of the Church of Miami. Offered at the request of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

Ministry to Professionals

Begun just this year, and offered in conjunction with the Office of Evangelization, this support and outreach program is aimed at fostering a sense of identity and ministry among Catholic professionals in the workplace. Groups with which contacts have already been made include Catholics in law enforcement, Catholic teachers in public schools, and lay persons and vowed Religious who hold degrees in ministry and work fulltime for the Church. Other targeted groups:

- Professionals already committed to the Lord and the Church;
- Professionals who desire to be formed and trained in order to be effective witnesses in their workplace;
- Professionals who have limited contact with the Church but usually profess to be Catholic; and
- Professionals who are unchurched or fallen-away Catholics.

CONTACT: Office of Lay Ministry, 757-6241 in Dade, or 525-5157 in Broward, ext. 371.

'Go and preach the Gospels to all nations'

<u>Evangelization</u>

"Go and preach the Gospel to all nations." It is a mandate for every Christian, and the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization has been established to offer support, training and resources so that parishes and individuals may live out this mandate fully.

In addition to visiting parishes and conducting consultations, the office will provide a manual and training workshops for parish evangelization committees. The office also offers a variety of workshops and outreach programs in collaboration with other ministries:

Evangelization Training (Offered in conjunction with the Office of Lay Ministry)

Good News / Buena Noticia I — A 15-week course designed to train Catholics to share simply and effectively the Good News.

Good News / Buena Noticia II — A sequel, 10week course that presents the basic Catholic beliefs in a very practical manner, and equips participants to answer the most frequently asked questions about the Catholic faith.

Good News / Buena Noticia III — A 10-week course designed to help participants learn how to use the Bible in evangelization; includes a brief introduction to the Old and New Testaments and answers the most commonly-asked questions.

Getting Started — Follow-up sessions to assist pastors, parish staff and lay leaders in developing an effective evangelization program.

Outreach / Direct Evangelization (The first three are offered in conjunction with the Office of Lay Ministry)

Damasco / Damascus — A "faith rally" designed to promote an encounter with Jesus Christ and aimed at inactive Catholics or those who are not affiliated with any religion. Usually lasting three hours, it includes personal testimony, music and prayer, and is held once a month on a Sunday, either at a parish or in a secular setting.

Men of Good News Bible Breakfast — Currently offered in Broward, this is a monthly breakfast with

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Families are everyone

Young, old, married or single, separated or widowed, we are all part of a family. Families that sometimes hurt. Families that often need support, especially in these secularistic, materialistic times.

The Archdiocese's Family Life Ministry offers that support, and healing when needed, for all types of families, including those that have only just begun: engaged couples preparing for marriage, and newlyweds.

Based at the Family Enrichment Center in north Dade, the family life staff also trains couples for ministry in specific areas of family life; offers guidance and information on annulments; offers continuing education ser ars for couples already engaged in any type of fan ministry; sponsors an annual Mass of recognition for couples celebrating their silver and golden wedding jubilees; and is available to speak to any parish, group, school or organization.

Following are the programs offered under the Family Life Ministry of the Archdiocese:

Marriage Preparation

Pre-Marital Inventory (PMI) / FOCCUS — Volunteer couples receive a three-hour training on how to administer and discuss these evaluations with engaged couples who are planning to marry in the Church. The PMI or FOCCUS, designed to get couples to communicate and reveal areas of conflict, must be taken by all engaged couples as part of the four-month marriage preparation program required by the Archdiocese. The training is offered both in English and Spanish.

Engaged Encounter — Offered about 26 times a year, a day-long experience focusing on such areas as communication, sexuality, the sacramental nature of Catholic marriage, personality differences and the expectations brought into marriage as a result of culture and family of origin. The program is run by volunteer married couples who are trained by the Family Life staff.

Camino — Similar to Engaged Encounter, this is a weekend-long experience offered in Spanish, and led by teams of volunteer couples who are affiliated with the Family Life Ministry. Between 24 and 26 Caminos are offered each year.

Pre-Cana Conferences — A series of four evening classes for engaged couples, offered in English, at the parish, and designed — like Engaged Encounter and Camino — to prepare engaged couples for Catholic marriage.

Engaged couples must attend either an Engaged Encounter, Camino, or Pre-Cana Conferences to comply with the Archdiocese's four-month marriage preparation program.

Pre-Cana II — For people who have been widowed or whose marriages have been annulled, and who are planning to re-marry in the Church. This one-day program, offered twice a year by the Family Life staff, focuses on marriage preparations with special emphasis on blended families and the "shadow" of the former spouse.

Marriage Enrichment

Newly-married Ministry — A new program designed to offer support and community to couples married less than seven years. The Family Life staff also provides training for couples who wish to be leaders of



Family Enrichment Center staff includes, front row, L-R, Elayne Marrero Syfert, director, Hispanic Family Life ministry; Carol Farrell, director, Family Life Ministry; Sr. Virginia McCall, director separated and divorced; top row, Dot Herring, hospitality/secretary; Vicki Owoc, director, marriage prep and enrichment ministry; Maggie Senra, asst. director for Hispanic family ministry.

these support groups at the parish level. The program is currently available only in Spanish, with two support groups already formed.

RE-FOCCUS — Another new program for couples married any amount of time who wish to take a deep new look at their marriage. In a series of five evening sessions, the couples discuss marriage as process, intimacy, compatibility, communication and commitment. In addition to sponsoring the program, the Family Life staff also trains couples to conduct it.

Marriage Encounter — A weekend experience for couples who want to improve their communication skills, led by volunteer couples who are affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Encuentros Conyugales — Similar to Marriage Encounter but in Spanish, also offered by volunteer couples affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Marriage Retorno — A weekend prayer experience for couples who wish to deepen their prayer life together; a national program run by volunteers affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Parenting

S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) / P.E.C.E.S. — Series of six classes offered upon request, in English and Spanish, for parents who want to learn or improve their parenting skills.

Parenting Teens — A series of six classes also offered upon request by the Family Life staff, with special emphasis on teenage attitudes, problems and solutions. Available in English and Spanish.

Human Sexuality for Parents — Available only in Spanish, a series of 10 classes aimed at helping parents to be able to discuss the subject clearly and

effectively with their children.

Postponing Sexual Involvement Until Marriage— A program for both parents and/or teens, available upon request.

Natural Family Planning — A series of four classes offered 10 times a year in English and Spanish, aimed at teaching couples how to use the Church-approved method of birth control.

Christian Family Movement / Movimiento Familiar Cristiano — Affiliated with the Archdiocese and led by volunteers, offers weekend retreats and follow-up experiences aimed at keeping couples close to each other and the Church.

Encuentros Familiares — Led by volunteers affiliated with the Archdiocese, and offered only in Spanish, consists of a weekend retreat and follow-up experiences for parents and children (over 11 years old).

Împacto — Ŝimilar to Encuentros Familiares, but aimed at parents with children between the ages of three and 11. Now available in both English and Spanish.

Parish Pals — Begun in Broward's St. Maurice parish several years ago, it is a Catholic version of Big Brothers, run by volunteers affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Bereavement Ministry — For parents whose children have died. A five-session training is offered twice a year by the Family Life staff, focusing on the grief and recovery process, and aimed at preparing leaders to start support groups in the parishes. Offered both in English and Spanish, currently there is only one support group, in Spanish, active in the Archdiocese.

Separated and Divorced

Beginning Experience — A weekend designed to help the divorced and widowed come to terms with their new life situation; six follow-up sessions deepen the key concepts touched on during the weekend, including: expressing feelings; sexuality; intimacy; relationship with God; and reaching out to others. This is a national program run by volunteers affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Resurreccion — Similar to Beginning Experience, but offered in Spanish by the Family Life staff.

Sunrise — A peer support group for children whose parents are separated and divorced; offered three times a year; leaders are trained by the Archdiocese.

Support groups / Agape — At the parish or cluster level, led by volunteers trained and supported by the Archdiocese; currently 13 are active in English and eight in Spanish.

Annual Conference for Separated and Divorced — Aimed at Catholics who are active in the support groups; a day-long enrichment experience offered in English and Spanish.

Together with the Office of Evangelization and the Marriage Tribunal, the Family Life Ministry also sponsors an annual outreach to Catholics who have been alienated from the Church because they have been divorced and remarried.

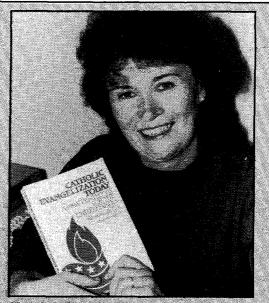
CONTACT: Family Enrichment Center, 651-0280.

Scripture reading, personal testimony and music, designed to challenge and motivate Catholic laymen to become evangelizers in the marketplace.

Motivational Days — A full-day or severalevening program designed to make lay people aware of
Evangelization as the primary mission of the Church.
Annual Day for Divorced and Remarried
Catholics — Offered in conjunction with the Family
Enrichment Center and the Marriage Tribunal, this oncea-year event aims at welcoming back Catholics who
have fallen away from the Church because of a marriage
situation.

Other forms of outreach which can be done at the parish level with the help of the Evangelization Office include monthly breakfasts, visitor Sundays, open houses, faith rallies, missions, and Christian concerts.

CONTACT: Marsha Whelan, Office of Evangelization, 757-6241 in Dade, or 525-557 in Broward, ext. 189.



Marsha Whelan, director of evangelization, with one of the many publications used in her work.

The unborn

Respect Life

"Ours is a consistent ethic of life, an ethic that exalts unborn life, perfect or imperfect; the life of the newborn child, handicapped or not; the life of the sick and the dying, of the frozen embryos in Australia and of the convicted criminal on death row in the Florida State Prison. The nuclear arms race, hunger and poverty in our own country and in foreign lands offend this ethic. Abortion is not just one of these issues, it is the central issue in this consistent ethic of life."

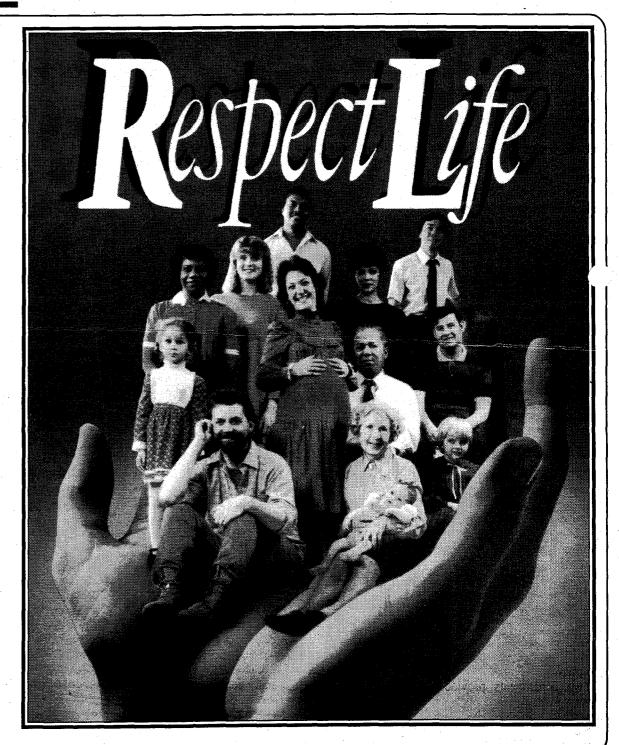
Statement of Catholic Bishops of Florida - January 1985

The Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Miami focuses on the pervasive threat to human life arising from the present situation of abortion, virtually on demand, through all nine months of pregnancy. We stand with an offer of help to find alternatives to a problem pregnancy. Area offices have been organized to provide 24-hour telephone counseling, free pregnancy tests, clothes, furniture, medical referral, financial assistance and emotional support to those in need.

Spanish and English support groups offer continuing support once the child is born.

We continue to give the critical LIFE issues visibility through our monthly newsletter and through our public speakers who speak for those who may be too small, too sick, or too old to speak for themselves.

Contact: Respect Life office: 653-2921 in Dade, or 565-8506 in Broward.



The sick

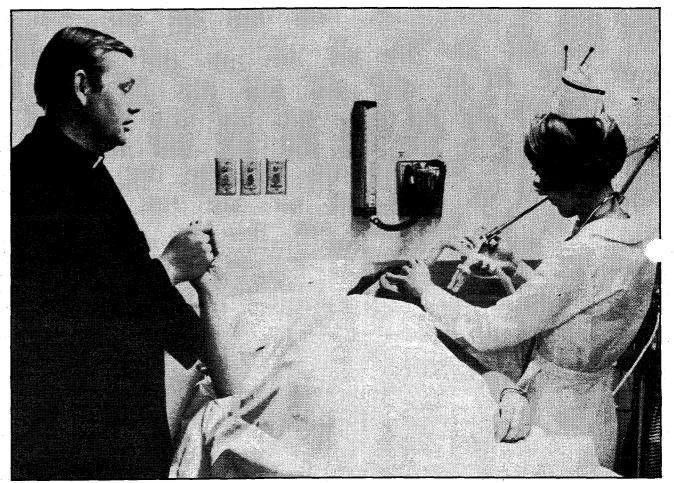
It is when we are sick that we are often in greatest need of counseling, spiritual guidance and other pastoral care which this office provides and coordinates.

The office of Ministry to the Sick is now closely related to the Pastoral Care Department of Catholic Health and Rehabilitation Services (CHRS). These two departments have in turn resulted in the establishment of the Catholic Pastoral Care Association of South Florida (CPCA).

Within the framework of this latter association all aspects of ministry to the sick and elderly of the Archdiocese take place. Policies and programs of ministry are formulated by the board members of CPCA - all of whom are Pastoral ministers (chaplains) at the various hospitals and nursing homes in the Archdiocese, including the Hospice program, prison ministry, and ministry to persons living with AIDS.

Also of concern is the professional training and updating of chaplains for ministry. In this area CPCA works closely with the training programs of the Office of Lay Ministry, and is supportive of the training of the laity for Pastoral Care

Most important, though, is the need for programs locally in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Through such training programs chaplains are enabled to develop and enhance theological and pastoral skills for more effective ministry. It is through successful completion of these CPE programs that a chaplain becomes certified by the National



Chaplains must learn the skills of ministering in various conditions in hospital or nursing home settings.

Association of Catholic Chaplains, or is entitled to membership as a Fellow of the College of Chaplains.

Thorough professionalism is the

hallmark of contemporary Pastoral ministry, and in the Archdiocese of Miami the Catholic Pastoral Care Association is taking the lead in ensuring that it's pastoral ministers can meet this challenge.

Contact: Fr. Trevor Smith, 731-6825 in Ft. Lauderdale.

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Sister Rosa Monique Pena, above, serves the Archdiocese of Miami as director of religious education



Sister Marie Danielle Amspacher is the associate superintendent for Archdiocesan schools

Education

Passing the faith on to future generations is the primary responsibility of Catholic parents, whose main support in this endeavor are Catholic schools and parish religious education programs.

Currently, nearly 29,000 students attend 66 Catholic elementary and high schools in South Florida; and more than 30,000 public school students, along with about 10,000 more in Latin private schools, receive religious education in local parishes. There are also 3,500 adults participating in catechumenate programs.

Two departments provide ongoing support for the professionals who teach in these schools and classes — the Archdiocesan Department of Schools and the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education.

Schools

The department provides multiple opportunities for ongoing formation, training, and updating of teachers and school personnel, including: Annual Professional Day — Either in the spring or fall, which brings in experts to speak about Catholic education in general and give workshops on different subject areas.

Annual Orientation Day — For new principals and new teachers, usually at the beginning of the school year;.

Master Inservice Plan — Approved by the State of Florida, it allows Catholic school teachers to earn credits toward the renewal of their state certification. Since a primary goal is the religious formation of Catholic school teachers themselves, courses offered by the Department of Religious Education (as part of its catechist certification program) are included in the Master Inservice Plan.

Among the 72 courses offered as part of this plan — and presented through regular seminars and workshops — include: conversational Spanish; first aid;

family life; counseling skills; human sexuality; values education; budget preparation; computers; drug abuse prevention; health and nutrition education; and introduction to social justice.

Religious Education

The department provides professional formation to more than 2,000 catechists and religion teachers through regular workshops, retreats and talks, as well as:

Annual conference — Usually in the spring, which brings together about 1,500 religious educators, to listen to experts and look at newly published teaching materials;

Catechist Certification Program
— Offers approximately 40 courses a year, on request, in English or Spanish, and at parish locations, for both religious education teachers and adults interested in learning more about their faith. Those who teach religious education at the parish level are required to take at least some

of these courses, depending on which of five levels they wish to reach: from volunteer teacher to religious education coordinator or parish director of religious education.

All the courses are accredited by Barry and St. Thomas Universities, and cover such topics as: the New Testament; the Old Testament; the sacraments; teaching religion in the 80s; the Church after Vatican II; principles of Christian morality; and "becoming peacemakers."

Catechetical Media Center

A library of books, filmstrips, videotapes, and other audio-visual materials that can be used by all Catholic school teachers, as well as parishes.

CONTACTS: 757-6241 in Dade, or 525-5157 in Broward: Department of Schools, ext. 160; Department of Religious Education, ext. 180; Catechetical Center, ext. 398.

Worship

Sunday Mass is the highlight of the week for most Catholics, the time we gather as a community to listen to the Scriptures, share in prayer and song, and partake of the Eucharistic meal. Sunday Mass should be a moving, meaningful experience which renews and prepares us spiritually for the week to come.

he task of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship and Spiritual Life is to improve the prayer life of every parish community. The office staff does this by offering training workshops for all liturgical ministers, including an Archdiocesan conference every other year; by keeping a library of liturgical music and resource books for liturgical music and resource books for liturgical planning; and by helping parishes find liturgical musicians. The office also plans and executes Archdiocesan liturgical events, and answers all questions regarding the sacraments and Archdiocesan policies on the liturgy.

Following are other services provided by the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life:

Eucharistic Ministers' workshops — One-day sessions designed to prepare people who will be commissioned by their pastors to take Communion to the sick and assist at Sunday Masses; topics covered include Eucharistic theology and psychology of the sick.

Lectors' Workshops — Oneday sessions designed to prepare those who read the Scriptures at Mass; topics covered include public speaking, a historical understanding of the ministry, and an awareness of the lector's mission in today's Church.

Evenings for Liturgical Ministers — Time for prayer, sharing and recollection for all those who minister in parish liturgies: choir members, organists, leaders of song, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, deacons, sacristans, liturgy committee members, priests and permanent deacons.

Parish Liturgy Assessments
— For parish communities who
request it; experts from the Worship
and Spiritual Life office spend a
weekend at a parish observing its
liturgies and video-taping some of
them. Subsequently, they make a



written report to the pastor and parish liturgical committee, including recommendations for improvement and follow-up

Choral Festivals — An opportunity for musicians and choir members to express their talents and skills among their peers

Musicians' Retreat — An opportunity for spiritual growth for all those involved in music ministry in the Archdiocese.

Sacred Art and Archetecture—A

committee that ensures that the highest standards of artistic and religious endeavor are followed whenever churches are built or remodeled.

Spiritual Life — A committee concerned with the private and public devotional life of South Florida Catholics, paying special attention to issues of popular piety and the Charismatic movement

CONTACT — Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, 757-6241 in Dade. In Broward County, 525-5157, ext. 351.

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Persons (priests, religious, deacons)

Priests and Religious are the backbone of ministry in the Archdiocese, joined in recent years by more and more permanent deacons. But more priests and Religious need to be recruited, and those already ministering need to be ministered

Four departments do this work in the Archdiocese:

Vocations

The Vocations Office seeks to identify those outstanding people within the local parish who seem gifted for special ministry in the church and to assist them in discerning the call of the Lord in their

The pastor and his associate (s) identify those who appear to have the qualities necessary for this special service in the church and invite them to consider a vocation. A referral is then made to the Vocations Office where screening takes place. Recruitment from outside the Archdiocese, as in the cases of Ireland and Costa Rica, is coordinated by special delegates of the Vocations Office because of the special circumstances involved.

The following organization are essential in the recruitment efforts: Serra Club, Liga Orante and Knights of Columbus. The following Pastoral Center Departments are key to successful recruiting: Youth Ministry, Young Adult, Campus Ministry, and the Department of Schools and Religious Education.

The Vocations Office works in conjunction with St. John Vianney College Seminary and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in the formation and education of candidates for Diocesan Priesthood. St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami was founded in September of 1959. It is a bicultural and seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Miami as well as other students for other dioceses. St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, in Boynton Beach, the school of theology which opened in 1963, is also a bilingual and multicultural seminary. St. Vincent de Paul has among its students 19 seminarians studying for the Archdiocese of Miami. We have four candidates studying in Ireland, one candidate at both Theological Union in Chicago, as well as five students on special assignments.

There are a variety of programs that are offered through the Vocations Office:

1) Three Vocation Awareness Weekends are held each year. The weekend is hosted by St. John Vianney College Seminary for young men who are discerning a vocation or just want to deepen their relationship with Jesus and his Church. The weekend consists of talks prepared by the seminarians and rnests, prayer service and mass, as as leisure time and sports time with seminarians.

2) The Vocational Retreat is held once a year at the Youth Center in Miami and sponsored by the offices of Vocations, Vicar for Religious and Youth Ministry. This retreat is for young men and women who are at least seniors in high school and who may be interested in knowing more about priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and lay ministry.

3) The Nights of Prayer and Reflection is a fairly new program which began last year. It is sponsored by the offices of Vocations, Vicar for Religious and Youth Ministry. These series of Nights of Prayer and Reflection are for young men and women who may be interested in following the Lord more closely and who are considering a vocations to priesthood, religious life or a commitment to lay ministry.

CONTACT: Vocations office, 757-6241 in Dade or 525-5157 in Broward, ext. 270.

Vicar for Religious

There are 425 women Religious, 60 Brothers, as well as members of other religious associations in the Archdiocese of Miami. Many of these are engaged directly in the archdiocesan education system on the elementary, secondary, and college levels.

Others are involved in education and evangelization outside the archdiocesan school system, teaching or directing programs of religious education where the individual teachers are often lay volunteers.

Many Religious, as well as members of secular institutes, who are trained in medical care and social work, contribute valuable service in ministering to the hospitalized, the aged and infirm, the homeless, the handicapped, the immigrants, the refugees, the migrant workers, and the socially marginalized.

Because of the extensive need for

Religious also represents any special concerns of the Religious to the Archbishop.

Compensation

Suitable pay, health and retirement benefits for Religious are all studied by the Vicar for Religious and suggestions are made to archdiocesan leadership.

Employment

The Office consults with Religious looking for employment within the Archdiocese and also functions as an information center for those who are seeking Religious to serve in various ministries.

National Policies and Practices

The Vicar attends regional and national meetings of diocesan Vicars for

Religious and communicates these matters to all concerned. Celebrations The Office arranges for annual public celebration of jubilees of religious after ordination.

spiritual care of the homebound, the disabled, and the dying, many Religious are involved in pastoral work in hospitals, nursing homes, residences for the elderly, and parishes throughout the archdiocese. Some Religious are engaged full time in retreat work, communications ministry, and music ministry.

Some Religious are employed on the staff of the archdiocesan Pastoral Center heading the Department of Schools, the Religious Education Office, the Office of the Vicar for Religious, as well as serving in very meaningful positions in the marriage tribunal, ministry to the separated and divorced, youth ministry, lay ministry, and Catholic Social Services. In addition to their specific ministry, many Religious serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and consultants in the various parishes where they reside.

The Office of Vicar for Religious tries to assist in nurturing Religious' vowed life and in supporting their ministry.

Spiritual Growth

This Office offers days of prayer and recollection with themes based on the Gospels, the liturgical year, the vows of religion and prayer. Special times for communal and sacramental reconciliation are arranged. The Vicar gives spiritual direction and counseling for individual Religious Annual retreats of six days for some Religious are also provided.

Liaison Office

Any special instructions for Religious Brothers and Sisters, whether those instructions come from Rome or form the Office of the Archbishop, will be communicated through the Office of the Vicar for Religious. The Vicar for

profession.

Canonical Consultation

Sometimes there is a need to be of support to a Religious who is considering leaving Religious Life or who, for some necessity, seeks permission to live outside of the religious community for a period of time. Certain procedures have to be followed and we advise and aid them in this regard.

Vocation Work

The Vicar for Religious collaborates with the Vocations Office and Youth Ministry Office in addressing the question of religious vocations for any young women seeking to pursue this particular matter. There is a good bit of consultation done here.

CONTACT: Vicar for Religious, 757-6241 in Dade or 525-5157 in Broward, ext. 271.

Permanent Deaconate

Permanent deacons are bridges between clergy and laity. Most of them are married men, with children and often grandchildren, who do fulltime work at secular jobs and careers. However, they feel the call to serve in a very special way, and make a lifetime commitment to that service by taking yows of ordination.

The vows enable them to: assist the bishop or priests during Mass; preside at liturgies when priests are not available; perform baptisms and weddings and officiate at funeral and burial services: give the benediction with the Blessed Sacrament and bring Viaticum to the dying; read the Gospel and preach homilies; carry out, in the name of the hierarchy, duties of charity and administration; and guide remote Christian

communities in the name of the parish priest or bishop.

Applicants must go through a rigorous screening and meet a number of qualifications, including: being at least 35 years old at the time of ordination; having the written approval of the pastor, as well as the wife's complete consent; being financially independent, in a balanced marriage, and already active in ministry in the community; and having lived in the Archdiocese for several years.

Once accepted, candidates begin an intensive three-year program of formation, including studies at the seminary in theology, canon law, ecclesiology, pastoral counseling, the sacraments, Scripture, and basic homiletics. Single o men take a vow of celibacy at ordination, and married men cannot remarry if their

So far, 90 men have been ordained permanent deacons for the Archdiocese, and 23 more are presently studying toward that goal. The permanent deaconate office interviews, evaluates and screens candidates, organizes and oversees their studies, and offers support both to them and their wives, before and

CONTACT: Permanent Deaconate Office, 757-6241 in Dade or 525-5157 in Broward, ext. 276.

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