be present" was denied by the Federal Regional Council at Chicago which is coordinating the meeting. Zych in-stead was sent an invitation to be an observer." He termed this invitation as "clearly inadequate.

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The letter concluded by questioning
"the validity of this meeting or any
similarly sponsored meeting which
has as its objective the determination
of a national social policy but which
falls to permit Right to Life to express
its viewpoint."



HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR—Sister Gertrude Bastnagel is the new administrator of St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, succeeding Sister Carlos McDonnell, who was named administrator of St. Vincent Hospital, Birmingham, Ala. Sister Gertrude comes to Indianapolis after six years in a similar post at Providence Hospital, Southfield, Mich. Sister Gertrude took over her new duties on Nov. 24.

IN ADDITION TO action items afore them, the bishops also heard annual reports from all NCCB and uscc committees and held workshops two afternoons to discuss the new rite of Penance, a proposed pastoral letter on moral values, evangelization among blacks, the (Continued on Page 3) reporters later, will be drawn up after consultation with bishops and Catholic college and university heads across the country.

He also told the reporters that Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, has been invited to address the USCC's Administrative Board on this question at the board's next meeting in January.

Archdiocesan board identifies planning as its top priority

Members of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, meeting on Nov. 18 at Pope John XXIII School in Madison, Identified long range educational planning as the number one priority for the Office of Catholic Education

Education.

The board had been asked to submit individual lists of priorities which were then tailled and discussed at the meeting. Discussion was led by Sister Judith Shanahan of the Department of Planning.

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When asked what the Office understood as long range planning, Father Gerald Gettelfinger, Superintendent of Education, gave as examples the following questions: "What kinds of schools are we running and why? What does your parish expect your education to look like in 1980 and why? It is the responsibility of the Office and parishes to deal with those kinds of questions in making plans for education in the Archdiocese in the future," said Father Gettelfinger.

In other action at the meeting, the board approved a rule of procedure for boards of education to refer matters to other boards. The board also directed Father Gettelfinger to seek direct

consultation with parishes involved in consolidated schools and parishes involved in interparish boards of education.

Next meeting for the board will be held at St. Rita parish, indianapolis, on December 16.

on December 18.

A schedule of priests' meetings for briefing on the new board constitutions was issued by Father Gettelfinger. The meetings, time, and sites are as follows: Friday, Nov. 28, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, 8:45 p.m., Indianapolis North and East deaneries; Wednesday, Dec. 3, St. Catherine, Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m., Indianapolis South and West deaneries; Tuesday, Dec. 9, St. Michael, Brookville, 2 p.m., Richmond and Lawrenceburg deaneries; Tuesday, Dec. 9, St. Paul, Sellersburg, 9 p.m., New Albany and North Vernon deaneries; Wednesday, Dec. 10, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., 9 p.m., Terre Hauts deanery; Friday, Dec. 12, Office of Catholic Education, 8 p.m., indianapolis Central district; Thursday, Dec. 18, elte not selected, 1:30 p.m., Bedford and Tell City deaneries.

the eternal repose of his soul and we invoke abundant divine blessings upon this dear nation, as a piedge of harmony and Christian progress."

Falangists and others descended from all provinces of Spain on the Valley of the Fallen, Franco's final resting

(Continued on Page 5)

Hospital, Danville, N.J., to discontinue the use of a mechanical respirator that has sustained her life in a coma since April.



REFUGEE BABY BAPTIZED—Father William Ernet, pastor of St. Bernadette parish, indianapolis, is shown above conferring the sacrament of Baptism on eight-month-old Ninh Francis Nguyen at the 6 p.m. Mass last Saturday. He is believed to be the first refugee baby baptized under the

WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

Order denies loan to governor

BALTIMORE—The eastern province of the Pallotine Fathers has denied it lent money to Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel. The Washington Post had reported that the eastern—Immaculate Conception—province, which has an office here, lent the governor the \$54,000 he used to help pay for his 1974 divorce settlement.

Diplomatic relations established

VATICAN CITY-Diplomatic relations have been established between the Vatican and the two African nations of Ghana and Nigeria. Until the establishment of diplomatic relations, the Church has been represented in both countries by apostolic delegates, as it is in the United

CCENA given \$100,000 grant

WASHINGTON—The Catholic Conference on Ethnic and Neighborhood Affairs (CCENA) has received a \$100,000 grant to continue its work in housing, economic development and community organizing. The grant was awarded by the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities. It represents a continuation of support by the foundation for the CCENA.

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Greater role urged for women

WASHINGTON—Full participation by women in economic development and population control are essential parts of any campaign to reduce worldwide birthrates, according to Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-III.). In a major address to the international Population Conference here, Sen. Percy said that women should be educated and equipped for responsible jobs to divert them from the childbearing role to which they are now largely consigned.

Chilean peace group disbanded

SANTIAGO, Chile—Organizers of the ecumenical Committee for Peace in Chile have spurned charges that the committee is a Marxist tool but agreed to disband it because government opposition has crippled its effectiveness. However the work for political prisoners that brought the committee to worldwide prominence will continue under the auspices of the Christian churches and the Jewish organizations that sponsored the committee, said Cardinal Raul Silva of Santiago.

Mass texts in booklet form

WASHINGTON-The provisional texts of Eucharistic prayers for Masses of Reconciliation have been published in booklet form by the U.S. Catholic Conference. The booklets are designed for use by priests concelebrating such Masses where reconciliation is a special theme of

Attorney cites aid injustices

MILWAUKEE-U.S. Supreme Court decisions denying government aid to parochial schools, parents and children have made Catholics "ride in the back of the bus," as blacks once had to do, Eugene Krasicky, U.S. Catholic Conference general counsel, said here. Addressing a convention of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education, Krasicky cited several recent Supreme Court decisions which "say to me that parents and children who choose church-related nonpublic schools for their choose church-related nonpublic schools for their education are to be excluded from any meaningful public welfare benefits." He urged the educators to make Catholics aware of the injustice of the court decisions.

Names . .

Father John J. Keating, vice president of the Paulist Fathers and a prominent ecumenist, has died of

Dr. Edward R. D'Alessio. the first lay director of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC),

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The Russian Orthodox Church has conferred the degree of Master of Theology of the Orthodox Church, on Jesuit Father Michele Arranz, rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome.

Sulpician Father Raymond E. Brown has been chosen president of the Society of Biblical Literature, the largest Bible scholars' group in the United States.

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The Catholic Blahops' Conference of the Philippines denied newspaper reports that it backs government's population control program and repeated support for only those birth control methods sanctioned by the Church... A recent survey of public and Catholic school systems in illinois indicates that it costs, on the average, nine times more to administer public school systems than it does Catholic schools, on a per pupil basis... A completely new translation into English of all the documents of the Second Vatican Council, together with 50 key post concillar pronouncements which implement the concillar teachings, was published simultaneously in Ireland, Australia and the United States Nov. 15.

The Task Force for Peaceful Desegregation has launched a petition drive in support of the integration of Louisville area schools... The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is participating in a Food Stamp "outreach" program to inform church members about the availability of the stamps... Lay teachers in two Catholic seminaries in Chicago have voted to unionize.

The heads of two Jewish Orthodox organizations have appealed for scholarship glits to help meet the serious economic problems of all-day Hebrew schools... The fourth Pacem in Terris convocation, which will consider foreign policy issues, in the 1978 presidential campaign, will be held in Washington, D.C., on December 1-4... The New York State Catholic Conference is backing a proposal to release \$250 million in state funds to construct low-rent housing.

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WASHINGTON-In an ecumenical first for the United

Apostolic delegate scores 'first'

N—in an ecumenical first for the United States, Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in this country, preached here in Washington Episcopal Cathedral at a commissioning ceremony for episcopal delegates to the general assembly of the World Council of Churches. Also participating in the service was president. ticipating in the service were presiding Bishop John Maury Allin, spiritual leader of the Episcopal Church, and Episcopal Bishop William F. Creighton of Washington. In his sermon the delegate

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BY FRED W. FRIES

in keeping with a custom started several years ago, Msgr. Charles Koster is again offering a series of Advent musical recitals in St. John Church in downtown in-

dianapolis on the four Sundays of Advent.
The one-half hour programs are presented
at 5 p.m. preceding the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
The four-part series opens on Nov. 30
with a Gregorian Chant Choir. The following with a Gregorian Chant Choir. The following Sunday, Dec. 7, Frank Schaler will present a Christmas Music Program. On Dec. 14, Jerry Craney's Holy Name Choir will be featured, and on the final Sunday, Dec. 21, St. John's own parish choir will sing under the direction of John Van Benten.

THIRD ORDER JUBILARIANS—Lay Franciscans with 25 and 50 years of service were honored at last Sunday's monthly Third Order meeting at Sacred Heart parish. Golden jubilarians include Urban Haag and mes Marie Davis, Sadie Lenz, Heler Sender, Stella Singer, Josephine Speth and Veronica Thie. Marking their 25th year in the organization were Norbert Springman and Alfred Zetzi, Mesdames Kathryn Biehop, Dorothy Mangold, Mary Lucid and Anna Burns and the Misses Clara Burkhard and

AROUND AND ABOUT-St. Christopher parish, Speedway, will hold its third annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, in front of the rectory. A holiday celebration will follow in the parish hall . . . The Junior CYO at St. Philip Neri

parish, indianapolis, is conducting a campaign to collect toys for children of needy families and contributions are welcome. The contact is Father Cariton Beever, 631-8748 . . . Richard B. Scheiber, editor of Our Sunday Visitor, was elected to the national board of directors at the annual K of C Convention held earlier this year in Miami Beach, Fla.

Though we have had a long-standing policy against printing contributed verse—mainly because of space limitations—in the following case we are making a rare ex-ception. The poem was composed by FATHER OMER EISENMAN, who is living in ent at St. Paul Hermitage. He is 86 years of age.

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The touch of Fall is in the air, The trees now blaze in red and gold, And fallen leaves lie on the ground, Their glory fled, their story told.

They speak to us, now aging folks, Who feel that life is running out; Our years, like leaves, have fluttered down And now lie scattered on the ground.

But God has counted all the years, With all their trials and prayerful toll, And noted all the joys and tears, And He will crown our efforts spent.

In this October month we mind, The ones we loved, now gone before To rest in God and welcome us When we, too, pass from death to life.

Our sight is dim, our step is weak And yet we tread with certain feet, We do not fear the narrow door That leads us to the better life.

So, Guardian Angel hold my hand And stay with me unto the end, And Blessed Mother greet your child When he comes limp to face his God.

Slate 'unveiling' of new mural in cemetery chapel

WASHINGTON—The chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Affairs has rejected the notion of a "one-issue" approach to voting for INDIANAPOLIS — The new mural in the St, Joseph Shrine of the Faithful Departed in St. Joseph Cemetery will be unveiled on Sunday, Nov. 30. The Jerusalem mural is the work of Hoosler artist Patrick Flantan. candidates. Asked at a press conference if he favored such an approach, committee chairman Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York said, "Certainly all issues

The ceremony will be held as part of an Open House to be held from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The blessing will be held after a Mass to be offered at 2 p.m. by Father Ralph Zetzi, associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church. Also scheduled is the formal Installation of the Outdoor Way of the Cross, created by George B. Rolfsen, Sr., and George B. Rolfsen, Jr.

The Jerusalem mural dedicated to Sister M. Philonilla Weintraut, O.S.F., who has given several years of time and energy to the restoration of St. Joseph

Asked about the specific wording of

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have to be considered, as well as a man's performance as a public ser-

CARDINAL COOKE said the question of endorsing candidates based on their stand on the abortion issue alone was "not an issue that has

In response to another question about his position on the presidential

candidacy of Sen. Birch Bayh, chairman of the Senate subcommittee

which defeated proposed con-stitutional amendments restricting abortion, Cardinal Cooke said, "I don't admire Sen. Bayh's handling" of the issue, but declined to comment

come to us as a committee."

a constitutional amendment to restrict abortion, Cardinal Cooke said support by the bishops for a specific amend-ment "would be the best way to kill an amendment."

'Abortion not sole voting issue'

THE DRAWING UP of a specific amendment is "the work of Congress," he said-"it's not our job."

Cardinal Cooke dodged questions

about Catholic support for the Noonan amendment, a modified states' right approach which some hard-liners in the anti-abortion movement have objected to because it would not specifically prohibit all abortions.

Cardinal Cooke said he welcomed all public discussion of amendments and the abortion issue because, he

U.S. Bishops tackle issues

(Continued from Page 1) priestly formation program, and international justice

They also took under advisement suggestions to establish a permanent office of the NCCB that would deal with concerns of women in the Church and society, to set up an in-strumentality that would counteract public dissent from Church teachings and to study possible ways restructuring parishes.

Unlike other bishops' meetings in recent years, the November meeting in

Washington was not faced with public demonstrations or picketing. A number of interest groups and in-dividuals, however, lobbled for their causes quietly through information files or by catching bishops in the hallway.

Among the various concerns represented by the lobbyists were opposition to abortion, greater rights for women in the Church, pastoral care and civil rights for homosexuals, increased voice for the laity, and changes in Church law for divorced-remarried Catholics.

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A spirit of justice prevails in this organization. This spirit recognizes that an estimated 460 million people throughout world suffer from malnutrition either through lack of calories or protein deficiency. Currently the organization is encouraging Americans to contact congressional representatives and senators to urge passage of a resolution on the Right to

Such a resolution would assert the right of every human being to a nutritionally adequate diet and asks that this right become a cornerstone of American policy. Sound hard to believe? Americans who have enough to eat may well take this for granted, but those who do not have enough to eat know what not having that right means. Such a right is grounded in the value God places on human life and in the belief that the earth is the

Two resolutions on the Right Food,-like House Resolution 66-would enroll on food programs the needy in our own country, improve programs to insure that recipients receive an adequate diet, and strive to attain full employment and a floor of economic decency for all. Moreover, the resolutions would seek assistance for selfhelp development among the

affluent lands have an increased responsibility to see that governments face the problem. We are our brother's keepers. Even President Ford, through the Secretary of State, proposed as an objective for this and other wealthy nations that hunger and malnutrition "be dealt a deadly blow in the next decade." We encourage readers to write to their congressmen and senators urging passage of the Right to Food resolutions. Let our Thanksgiving for our own plenty include a prayer of

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The bishops frankly tell the

TV industry that the "core

Family viewing

family viewing hour introduced this fall by the three major U.S. television networks. Two weeks ago a suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles challenging its con-stitutionality. The suit was filed against ABC, NBC, CBS, NAB and FCC by the Writers Guild of America, Directors Guild of America and Screen Actors Guild. They allege that the government is trampling their rights by exercising prior censorship in violation of the First Amendment. They contend that government has no right to interfere with the freedom of the media.

shocking foreshadow any form of government cen-sorship of TV shows."

government censorship, who will protect the public from the TV industry? Having the family hour as a pretext, stations seem to be programming bolder and bolder objectionable material before and after the hour. Will the public have a chance to say something about programming? Does TV have a right to absolute freedom? The TV industry has stock answers to queries like this. First, it issues statements

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Resolution 393 and Senate poor of the world.

As hunger in our world continues to grow, Christians in

(The following editorial is reprinted from The Tidings, newspaper of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.)

labelling honest critics as "pressure groups," with the implication that the individuals No one seems happy over the are implacable fanatics. TV Guide reported only a month ago that producers Norman Lear and Larry Gelbart hold just that. Lear doesn't like objections to sex and violence. He holds that "the nation's moral fiber is not threatened by it." The Roman Catholic Church is singled out as an "anti-sex crusader." It is accused of wanting to impose its beliefs on society. The nation's Catholic bishops issued a thorough and thoughtful statement Sept. 17 on behalf of American Catholics. "Self-regulation is

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D- Calif.), a member of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, terms the family hour "a of governmental control of the media." He wants legislation which will protect both the TV industry and the public from

obstacle to effective self-regulation" in the broadcast industry is "its complete Speaking of protection, after protecting everyone from domination by commercial interests. What American commercial television is all about is not primarily either information or entertainment, neither news nor culture. Its primary objective is to create a meeting place for consumers and advertisers. American television is essentially concerned with the sale of consumers to advertisers . . . The record will reveal that network management programming decisions have much more to do with appealing to the alleged lowest common denominator of audience interest-smart

> Speaking for a substantial number of Americans, the bishops are telling the TV producers to stop imposing their own narrow beliefs on the public. They are telling a powerful industry that it has a social responsibility to the nation and that it should not exercise this unilaterally, but in concert with the people it serves. In other words, this is no time for petulant, hackneyed statements about pressure groups. It is a time for dialogue, a time for openness. Broadcasters should understand that listeners also want to do some

comedy, crime, violence and

Is a parish a community or an institution?

retirement.

Where are things happening in the Church? Bishop Ottenweller speaks of spiritually alive and appealing movements in cursillos, marriage encounters, charismatic prayer groups, etc. These are person and growth oriented rather than institution oriented. The bishop finds it odd that "in most cases parishioners must go outside the parish structure to be a

part of one of these movements."

Bishop Ottenweller proposed that the bishops study current parish structures "to find a model more the bishops study current parameters structures "to find a model more adaptable to our times and to the vision of the Council." This may find its way to the 1976 agenda. It cannot come too soon.

Priests, Sisters and laymen in our

own Archdiocese are struggling with the problems of institutional barriers. Despite good Intentions and lots of hard work, parishes aren't getting jobs done. Attendance at Mass decreases, and people pull out of parish activity. But that isn't the worst of it. The

critical problem is not getting people

going to Mass again, but the con-tinuing gap between what one professes to believe and what one

records on bringing people together. The question now is what we bring people together for. It is not enough to achieve a huge attendance for a dance or an athletic event or whatever if the parishioners involved spend most of their waking hours being uncharitable to one another. Having a parish school means very little if children don't attach some meaning to the Gospel commandments to love God and one's neighbor that is truly indicated by the way they live. Families that run and hide and try to live in isolation can hardly be said to be living a Christian

What might be in store for parishes? Some attempt is already being made to make parishes more manageable. St. Margaret Mary parish in Terre Haute, for example, is experimenting with a "Little Parish" concept. The idea is to work with parishioners in

smaller units and then bring everyone together for the Sunday liturgy.

Movements like the marriage enmovements like the marriage en-counter are very helpful, too. It is a stated purpose of this movement to renew the Church through com-mitment to one's sacrament of matrimony. Marriage encounter builds groups of couples who create the kind of community which demands growth and commitment to one another and

A good way to indicate the need which exists is for a parish to survey itself. How many active Catholics are there? How many attend Mass at least on Sunday? How many have no contact with the Church whatever?

The answer to the second question is not necessarily significant because Mass attendance is not the only indication of one's depth of Christian commitment. The answer to the third question may be surprising. If we could reach out to those who have no connection with Church whatever, we could probably double our numbers.

DALE FRANCIS SAYS

(LIVING THE QUESTIONS)

Women's ordination: discipline or doctrine?

BY DALE FRANCIS

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

Ohio. Bishop Ottenweller made this observation at the

annual meeting of American Catholic Bishops in Washington last week, and he was roundly applauded by his peers.

Restructuring is critical according to

frustrated at not being able to bring the directives of Vatican II to life. He

attributes this to present parish structure which offers services to

people but doesn't allow growth of persons. As a result Bishop Ot-

tenweller contends that many priests avoid parish ministry, have break-downs, or just wait around for

annual meeting of

critical, according to the bishop, for he finds

that priests are feeling

People in parishes are hungry for community, but the Church keeps giving them institution. That is the contention of Bishop Albert Ot-tenweller, auxiliary bishop of Toledo,

When there was a meeting in Rome of the heads of Women's Religious Communities, one of the American participants noted there was no discussion of the question of the ordination of women. She explained it simply wasn't a live

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issue there.

That probably isn't entirely true. Some of the first articles on the question were written by a Benedictine monk from Germany. Then from Germany. Then, of course, the Pope is very much aware that the issue has been raised.

But it is true it is a much more heated issue here—and heated is the way to describe it. Those who adocate ordination of women advocate it most strongly. In the past when I've written concerning it I have done so in relation to the statement issued for the Administrative Committee of the U.S. Bishops by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin. It seemed to me responsible statement of t magisterium, making clear the Church ot ordain women.

What is obvious, however, is that it was not accepted in any way as authoritative by those who believe women should be ordained. It is true that Archbishop Bernardin quoted an earlier statement of a committee of the U.S. Bishops that left open the possibility of further theological development. So the issue remains and because it is an issue where there are a significant number of priests, women Religious and presumably lalty who support the concept of ordination of women then there will be discussion. I'd like, for the first time, to enter the discussion because if it is going to be discussed then it is not only proper but necessary that lay people speak their minds.

FIRST OF ALL, let me say I do not doubt the sincerity of those Religious who say they want to be ordained priests. I do not doubt they are motivated by a wish to serve. I have talked for some time with one of the Sisters who is a leader in the movement and I am certain of her

Second, I don't doubt that women would be able to be good priests, no one should doubt the ability of women

to fulfill the duties. Anyone who opposes the idea of ordination opposes the idea of the because he thinks women are somehow inferior to men is simply not infoolish. Women are not only not in-ferior to men, they are in many ways superior.

But this is not really the question. The question is whether Jesus Christ intended for women to be priests. The question is whether what the U.S. Bishops have contended to be Catholic doctrine is properly to be changed.

A great many, particularly of theologians and priests who favor do not recognize any theological obstacles to the ordination of women.
But then this isn't the question.
Tradition is capable of change,
doctrine is capable of development, but when you are dealing with a doctrinal question in which the position of the Church has been firm for nearly 2,000 years you do not propose change because you say you see no theological obstacles to the change. Rather you must be compelled to demonstrate there are clear theological reasons for the change.

This has been the fallure of the movement for ordination of women. It has not developed any compelling theological reasons why Catholic doctrine must be changed. We have heard arguments from sociology that tells us there is a changed position of women in the world but we are not dealing with a sociological question, we are dealing with a doctrinal matter and we must take doctrinal matters

A FINE SISTER whose sincerity I do not doubt told me the Holy Spirit is directing this movement. I believe very much in the guidance of the Holy Spirit but it does seem responsible to question just why it is at this moment we may be certain the Holy Spirit, after guiding the Church in a different manner for 2,000 years, should now be guiding in a different direction. And why is it, considering the promise of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is not guiding the successor of Peter in this

My mail, entirely from Sisters and priests, tells me we must have theological discussion on the question. They say Archbishop Bernardin's statement called for such discussion since he admitted the possibility of theological develop-ment. Since the issue is important to many, I do not doubt the need for theological discussion. But this isn't what we have.

What we have is advocacy and

confrontation. When the conference in Detroit was called those who spon-sored it made clear they were advocating ordination of women. They did not convene for theological discussion, except to hear support of their position. They convened to bring about action.

FOR MATTERS OF discipline, this seems to me to be allowable. For example, cellbacy is a matter of discipline. While I'd not want to see it done, for we don't really need more confrontations in the Church, it would seem to me allowable that a conference of priests might be called to ask for voluntary acceptance of cellbacy. They would be dealing with a question of discipline.

But on the question of ordination of

women we are facing a problem of Christian doctrine, a basic theological question. The tactic of confrontation is alien to the question.

If by theological study it were determined that women could be ordained then the question would still rise as to whether it should be done. But we have not reached this point. What we have instead is a by-pass of real theological discussion and an implementation of a tactic of con-frontation, of demands for action, and Catholic doctrine cannot validly

CORNUCOPIA

Let's cut out the double-talk

BY ALICE DAILEY

Presently there seems to be some kind of sinister conspiracy afoot to keep the average, plodding, Ph. D. from understanding much of what's being said or written. Take two simple little words like rain or, (ugh!) enow.
They are no longer rain nor, (ugh!) snow; they're precipitation. Sounds like something that shouldn't happen to a heart.

Buildings no longer have floors; they have levels. Now is no longer now; it's at this point in time. And come to think of it, when was the last time we used something? We're not users, we're consumers, that's what. When it comes to edibles, I'll go along with that tag, but, by golly, not when

dianapolis. She has written both poetry and prose for publication over a long period of years.

The author of this article is a member of Little Flower parish, in-

you're speaking of fertilizer or sump

pumps.

It's great stuff, too, these days, to refer to sisters and brothers as siblings. Aren't those little geese? Oh, goslings? Siblings, goslings, what the

IF YOU THINK for a minute that the Plausible Planning Corporation is planning to cue you in on the number of children society says you may have, forget it. Their plans lean toward relieving you of a wad of money via the loan route. And The Yuk Reduction Company isn't interested in a slimmer garbage. One other thing, I simply cannot comprehend is all that com-prehensive klutz in insurance policies.

A prime example of more doublea prime example or more double-talk, designed to trap the unwary is a certain repair service. You have a blinking TV set so you call the blooming company that made it. A telephone voice pontificates, "That will be carry-in service." That sounds logical; you've already presumed they will carry in their tools and tubes, not just throw them in the door. Caution, however, dictates pursuing the conversation a bit. "What do you mean by 'carry-in service"?" "That's a first \$2.5" for seven your threshold." fee for stepping over your threshold." See what I mean?

Even your doctor, the man to whom you have, in plain English, blabbed ALL, gives you something like, "There's no (Continued on Page 5)

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Fr. Prosen rejects pro-Zion editorial

Racism is a sin. Because your November 14th editorial is racist, you have sinned in thinking Zionism is anything else.

Post likes Francis

To the Editor:

Allow me to say that I am in full agreement with Dale Francis as expressed so well in his column which appeared in the Nov. 21 Issue of The

I concur with him when he says "Here in the United States—we are still told to bow where we once genullected in saying the Creed. The result is no one does anything, and the incarnation is given no sign of outward notice."

Only once or twice have I observed the celebrant (let alone the faithful) make a half-way effort to bow at this William Post

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talking in a rational positive and constructive manner for the good of all concernedincluding the industry.

When Theodore Herzl in 1896 when Theodore Herzl in 1896 started this movement he was not thinking of a "spiritual homeland" but a place to be located in South America and called Zion.

Racists of his day thought that it would be a good idea for political Jews to get out of Germany and go there, just as many American racists once thought all blacks should go to Liberia, Africa, and make it their "homeland."

it is not anti-Semitism to be op-posed to Zionism. In fact, all the Vatican statements have been very careful to avoid confusing the religion of Judaism with the fanaticism of

Zionism.

Pope Paul VI still makes it his policy to seek internationalization of the Holy Laad, especially the administration of Jerusalem. This is opposed by Zionists because racists naturally have no use for anyone but their own "superior" type.

Quoting a misguided Methodist bishop in the archdiocesan newspaper does not help our Christian faith that treasures Judaism. The archbishop should give you a penance for this sin.

should give you a penance for this sin you have committed! Repent before it's too late.

Rev. Anthony J. Prosen

Muncie, Ind.



READ THE PART AGAIN WHERE HE CHANGES THE BINGO MARKERS INTO GOLD, UNCLE FRANK!"

O.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q. QUESTION BOX OADADADADADADADAD

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. What is the main goal or duty of a

priest?

A. The reader who asked the question complained that I do not give simple clear answers but often vague ones that go completely around the question. Simple, clear answers to some questions may be dangerously misleading. Much of the distress in the Church today may be traced to the "simple, clear statements" about the faith memorized from catechisms. It is not possible to give simple, clear answers to questions

simple, clear answers to questions about the mysteries of the faith, for they are beyond our understanding. We Christians are continually groping for a better understanding of the wonders God has revealed and per-

Reader seeks clear answer on duty of priests

formed among us. In these days there is considerable searching going on among scholars to help priests understand better what their role in the Church is, for the recent stress on the general priesthood of the falty has led to some confusion. This groping was reflected in the Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests of Vatican Council II. Here are a few gleanings from that document:

"Since no one can be saved who has "Since no one can be saved who has not first believed, priests, as coworkers with their bishops, have as their primary duty the proclamation of the gospel of God to all." The decree links this duty of preaching intimately with the Eucharist, which it describes as "the source and the apex of the whole work of preaching the gospel."

The decree emphasizes the importance of the duty of the priest to portance of the duty of the priest to prepare the people well for an active participation in offering the "divine Victim in the sacrifice of the Mass and

to join to it the offering of their own lives." It speaks of the Eucharistic Action as "the very heartbeat of the congregation of the faithful, over which the priest presides."

The decree also emphasizes the role the priest must play in creating unity and community. In giving the sacraments, from baptism to the anointing of the sick, the priest acts as the co-worker and representative of as the co-worker and representative of the bishop. "Thus," says the decree, "in a certain way they make him present in every gathering of the faithful." On the other hand, the council stresses the role the priest plays in creating the local community among the people he is appointed to serve. "Priests have been placed in the midst of the lafty," the decree adds, "to lead them to the unity of charity... It is their task, therefore, to reconcile differences of mentality in such a way. differences of mentality in such a way that no one will feel himself a stranger in the community of the faithful."

(This is no mean task today!)

The latest teaching of the Church, consequently, continues the traditional stress on the Eucharistic role of the priest, but it puts a fresh emphasis upon his work as the preacher, who through proclaiming and explaining the Word of God leads people to the Eucharist, and his duty as organizer and leader, who creates the unity and community in Christ which is the purpose of the Eucharist. which is the purpose of the Eucharist.

Q. You recently spoke of the freedom that was being, and in your opinion should be, extended to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. As I recall, we were told by

our priests that their purpose was just that—EXTRAORDINARY—to be used in cases of need not just because Father can't be bothered, or needs another cup of coffee. Why is it that you priests find giving out the Eucharist such a burden? Have your years of service only dulled your love of mystery of the Eucharist?

A. Couldn't there be another interpretation—because priests appreciate the privilege of giving the Eucharistic Lord to the people, they want others to share the honor? Our church law has some sensible rules for interpreting laws that grant

for interpreting laws that grant privileges. According to Canon 50, concessions which contain a mere

favor are to receive a liberal in-terpretation, but privileges which infringe on the right of a third party or Infringe on the right of a third party or grant an exemption from the law in favor of private individuals must be strictly interpreted. The privilege granted to extraordinary ministers is not given for private individuals but for the good of the many who are served by them. It is a privilege that may be freely interpreted. And the members of the Roman Curla, who know their church law, knew this privilege would be so interpreted. And that is why bishops are generous in granting the privilege. privilege.

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Final farewell to Franco

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place, some 40 miles from Madrid.
In a show of political strength they sang the Falangist anthem "Care al Sol" (Face to the Sun) and raised their arms in the palm-down Falangist style. Their leaders had made clear during Franco's long illness that they

do not want change in the strict policies of their "caudillo." Franco's remains were laid to rest near the main altar of the Shrine of the Holy Cross, where the Benedictine monks in charge of the underground monument conducted burial services according to the new Roman ritual.

The Valley of the Fallen was built with the help of thousands of prisoners between 1941 and 1959 as a memorial to the Civil War and proclaimed a shrine of reconcillation. Victims from both warring sides— socialist republicans and Franco's nationalists-were buried there after completion.

The day before the funeral services Prince Juan Carlos, who had taken over government leadership on Oct. 30, was formally crowned as King Juan Carlos I. Franco himself had restored the monarchy to Spain, where it had ended in political turmoil in 1931 and had selected the young prince as his successor.

IN A FAREWELL address to Spanlards, Franco asked them from his deathbed "to preserve unity and peace" and to widen the benefits of "social justice culture" for all. More than 400,000 Spanlards in all

walks of life filed past Franco's open casket as he lay in state at the Royal Palace until it was taken to the plaza for the funerals. Even then, the lines were many blocks long.

The crowds at the plaza repeatedly and shouted "Franco, Franco."

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localized malfunction; just a non-specific degeneration of your anatomy." Who's a degenerate!

One bright young "oral surgeon" determined to soften any grisly details, observed, after a bit of oral surgery, sometimes known as tooth-pulling, "Shall we wipe that speck of hemoglobin off our face?"

SCHOOLS ARE AMONG the top offenders in this art of guess-what-i'm saying. Take the case of the parent, summoned to the principal's office (on the second level). "Your son," he is told, "doesn't relate well to his peers." (Royalty in America? When I went to school peers were Pulves or Series). school, peers were Dukes or Earls.)

"His cumulative record indicates he is under-achieving in our innovative program. Further, the school nurse has diagnosed his frequent regurgitations as psychosomatic. A

transfer is in order."

Translated, that means, "Your kid is a trouble maker and too dumb for us to fool with. Besides, he is always making himself throw up. Let some other school have the fun."

And finally, there is that most

elegant prefix, para, which is making the rounds. We have paramedics, parapsychologists, and paraprofessionals. Well, I have news for the experts. At this point in time, I, also, have a para or two, right in my own home—a parakeet and paraphernalla.

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BY STEVE LANDREGAN

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> "The Yahwist," Fr. Peter Ellis, C.SS.R.

Using an incredibly broad canvas extending from creation to the conquest of the trans-Jordan, the great theologian known to us only as the Yahwist paints a literary epic that provides the framework for the entire Pentateuch.

in a crisp, clear style that combines perceptive psychological insights with the craft of a teller of tales, he shows Yahweh as the Lord of History whose saving will gives meaning to man's



Scholars generally agree that the Yahwist's saga was written in Judah during the reign of Solomon (about 950 B.C.), an era of peace and prosperity that provided an opportunity to reflect upon the growth of Israel from a Philistine satellite to a world power in eight short decades.

It was a time of great literary activity that produced histories of the rise of King David (1 Sam 16—2 Sam 5) and the succession of Solomon to the throne of the United Monarchy (2 Sam 6-20; 1 Kgs 1-2).

BUT THE YAHWIST looked beyond the political dominance of Israel to social and religious conditions that stirred up questions that demanded

Why was man born to suffer, to sweat, to die? Why were nations and races seemingly doorned to conflict, distrust and lack of mutual un-derstanding? Why did man seem hopelessly enmeshed in sin and selfishness?

Under divine inspiration, the Yahwist pondered these questions in the light of his people's ancient traditions.

The work that emerged reveals that the state of man, his tragic human condition, is the result of his own actions, not of God's.

God used Yahwist's creative literary talent to show how His saving will worked to transform man's rejection of God and pursuit of sin and selfishness by intervening in history directly and through Divine providence.

count (G Yahwist pictures God as a potter carefully and lovingly fashioning man of clay then breathing life into his nostrils. Man is weak and mortal, but vitalized by God's own Spirit breathed

UNLIKE THE ANIMALS over which

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Eyes to see-Ears to hear"

Isalah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 I Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

"Father, we need you. We wander almiessly. Be with us, heal us-we are in your hands." "I am with you. I am your strength in believing, in hoping

and in loving."

Lord, may I have eyes to see you and ears to hear you alive and present and moving in our

he demonstrates dominion by naming them, man relates personally to God, who gives him a partner of equal dignity and nature.

In a deep psychological insight into the nature of man, the Yahwist describes the off repeated pattern of sinfulness in his story of the fall (Gen

Self-deception and rationalization triggered by a desire to be something greater precede a sinful choice made under personal pressure from another.

And like fire on a dry prairie the abellion of man against God spreads as the first sin is followed by the first murder (Gen 4:8), polygamous marriage (4:19), vengeance (4:15) and an increase in wickedness (Gen 6:5).

BUT THE YAHWIST'S depiction of the origin and universality of sin is tempered by God's promise of ultimate reconciliation (Gen 3:15) and the assurance that man is not hopelessly bound by the forces of evil.

Skillfully and boldly the Yahwist provides the answers to man's perplexing questions about his existence and his final end. He shows that human achievement is not what brings about the fulfillment of history and that human sin will not block the accomplishment of God's plan.

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Children in Chad are a living illustration of the age-old question posed in the Yahwist writings: "Why was man born to suffer?" [NC photo by CIRIC]

A scientist looks at the creation

BY JAMES BURKHART

Genesis 1 is much, much more than

a scientific treatise.

It is designed to show the relationship between Yahweh and His

people; God's generosity, power, and the abundance of His gifts.

No doubt, the story grew in the telling, became tradition and eventually was written in the familiar format by an inspired author. Let us imagine for a moment that Genesis 1 had been written by a modern. had been written by a modern (uninspired) student of the sciences. Excluding the beauty and poetry (which this author could never hope to duplicate), how would a more modern history of creation compare with the Biblical account?

What follows is such a history. It is a history of the 10-billion-year event which we call our universe. It is highly speculative in some areas, but is generally acceptable science. It is left to you to make any "scientific' comparison with the two stories.

DAY1: Year 0—Hour 0—Minute 0
Whether ours is the first universe ever created, or if it is only one universe of a continuing cycle of oscillations between new and dying universes from times before, time begins for this sequence at this moment. There is light. The massenergy of all of creation is contained for an incredibly short fraction of a for an incredibly short fraction of a second within a primordial fine ball about the diameter of our present-day solar system. Matter, which is that compact, must expand. The fine ball "explodes." Protons, neutrons, and electrons are formed from the Intense energy and from more elementary particles. The density of material

encourages some protons (hydrogen nuclei) to combine. Hellum nuclei are thus made. Year 0-Hour 0-Minute 30

Day one continues, but the nuclei building stops. The universe is now all hydrogen nuclei and helium nuclei. These continue their rapid expansion caused by the initial explosion. All matter is rushing away from a com-mon center, cooling rapidly.

TIME: Year-100,000 The temperature of the fine ball has decreased to 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, electrons can orbit the hydrogen and helium nuclei composed earlier. Thus, the first atoms come into existence. Even though all of these atoms are still moving away from the original fireball ,location, momentary swirts and eddles form concentrations of this gas. These concentrations increase in mass and size because of the mutual gravitational attraction of the dividual atoms. Billions of such "packets" of gas form.

TIME: Year-100 million

The large concentrations of gas slowly condense. They become clearly structures. These "protogalaxies" condense even fur-ther, taking on individual shapes depending on their rotation.

Becoming darker and denser, the gas is squeezed and compressed into millions of "small" protostars in the center or hub of the cloud. Although the initial stages of condensation have taken millions of years, the final stages, the actual creation of the individual stars from protostars.

occurs very rapidly.

The heat given off by the gravitationally induced compression gravitationally induced compression cannot escape from the center of each protostar, eventually reaching a temperature high enough to being the hydrogen fusion process in each core. (This is the process which is responsible for the light and heat of our own sun.) A star is born. Billions of stars are born in each of the billions of galaxies. For the second time, there is light.

DAY 2: Year—2 billion
Some of the more massive stars
have used up their supply of hydrogen
fuel- in their cores. These stars,
located at the center of the galaxies,
are entering the last stages of life. The

helium by-products of their fusion processes begins to "burn" in turn, creating more and heavier elements.

The stars begin to explode under their own tremendous internal pressures. In the last few seconds of the stars' lives, protons and neutrons to form all of the natural 95 elements. The stars burst, scattering these precious elements back into space where they mix with the still uncombined primordial hydrogen and

These elements will later form new stars and planets and will become the atoms of every man and woman alive today. We are truly made from the dust of stars.

DAY: Year-5.4 billion Second generation stars are being formed from this new gas-dust mixture nearer the edge of the galaxies. The condensation process repeats itself (as earlier) but these new stars are much more interesting. Because, simultaneously with the star formation, part of the gas is con-densing into orbiting planets and moons which are composed of all the elements. One of these planets, the earth, condenses with the heavier elements forming the core.

This earth is enveloped by a huge gas cloud which obscures the surface. The sun (which is, after all, just another star) begins to "burn." The excess dark gas is expelled by the pressure of the firey sun, exposing a new planet to the already old galaxy.

For the first time, starlight falls on the earth. The chemicals formed in the cataclysmic star explosions and afterwards, in the billions of years of

mixing in space, are subjected to the new environmental pressures of the fledgling earth. Water vapor and other gases are forced from the still molten crust. A sea is formed, a sea which will soon become the "stirring pot" for more complicated molecules, including amino acids, the basic units of life. The hydrogen atmosphere is replaced by a protective oxygen-ozone DAY 4:—9 billion

Life begins in the sea, the ideal mother, because it contains the ingredients and the medium for growth. Life extends itself to the land, greenery fills the fertile areas of the earth. Animals, birds and mankind will be along in a short billion years. The garden is ready.

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Men and women conflict in love

BY FR. PAUL F. PALMER, S.J.

Why do men and women make love? Why do they marry? Why does the woman experience pain in childbirth? Why do people blush? These are some of the questions, the "why's" and the "how come's" that the Yahwist asked authors

themselves when they were inspired by God to tell the story of man the book "Beginnings" (Gen. 2:4b-3).

We sometimes believe that the inauthors had simply to ask these

questions of God and that He would reveal the answers. But inspiration is not the same as revelation. God does reveal certain basic religious truths, but He leaves the authors free to use their imaginations or to draw on legends, myths, folk-lore or popular beliefs to illustrate and adorn the truths which He reveals.

THE FORMATION of Eve from the side of Adam is a case in point. It was the popular belief, shared by many ancient peoples and taken seriously by the Greek philosopher Plato, that the species man was originally made up of two parts, male and female, and at when the parts were divided and separated they became a man and

In the Babylonian story of creation, which is older and in many details not unlike, the Yahwist account of creation, the myth or legend of the androgen or bisexual serves an altogether different purpose than it does for the authors of Genesis. The gods fear the strength of composite man and on the principle of "divide and conquer," they divided androgen into halves, the man and the woman, and, initiated the "war" of the sexes

The God of Genesis is a God of love, and love is a unifying force and not divisive. The sacred authors are preparing their readers for the religious truth that a man will leave father and mother and cleave to his wife until they become one flesh. And to do so, they use the lovely episode of the deep slumber from which Adam awakes to find the woman, taken from his side, "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" (2:23).

IT IS BECAUSE the woman is taken from man that man experiences the God-given drive and desire to become one flesh, one being with his woman. It is because of this two-in-one flesh (Mk. 10:9).

When we read the Yahwist account of creation and the fall, we must distinguish carefully between the religious truth that is revealed by God and the literary style or "genre" which portrait of the first human couple is a true picture, but we must not confuse the painting with the frame in which it is set, or be distracted by the

for a good passage, turns to one of the psalmists. [NC

adomments with which it is embellished. The first experience of shame,

the first blush that betrayed the guilt-feelings of Adam and Eve when they discover their nakedness, is another example of a religious truth framed in a literary setting. But here the religious truth is more difficult to come by, since the shame of nakedness can be prompted by a variety of experiences.

The great Augustine, writing in the late fourth century, sees in the discovery of nakedness the origin of discovery of nakedness the origin of concupiscence (sexual desire), the loss of integrity or wholesomeness, the luesful tendency in fallen man that divides the flesh and the spirit and gives independent and at times conflicting values to the desires of each. Not all biblical scholars and exegetes share Augustine's insight, but Augustine's answer to the question: "Whence this evil of concupiscence?" has become part of traditional Christian teaching on original state of integrity.

BEFORE THE FALL, Adam loved Eve and Eve Adam with a love that was truly interpersonal—a love of persons to be expressed physically in their sexual union. Eve was more than "the body beautiful" to be desired by Adam as "an object of sexuality." Adam was more than "the handsome male animal" to satisfy the sexual desired of Eve. They were both persons who had to be loved integrally, wholly, if their love was to be wholesome and

But Adam and Eve rebelled against God who had made them and by "divine irony" they experienced within themselves an inner rebellion of the flesh against the spirit. They realized for the first time that each could desire the body of the other, divorced from the total person; that they could love "any body" without really loving anybody. And the premonition that this could happen evoked shame.

Husband and wives who are in love will not be ashamed of their nakedness, but Adam and Eve in their break with God were already beginning to experience a breach in their own love; and nakedness without love can provoke the lustful or promiscuous tendency of which we are all heir.

Many are amused and even irritated by the story that God fleshed out a rib by the story that God Heshid.

from the side of Adam to form Eve, or
that God sewed an apron of fig leaves
to cover their nakedness. But are they not like the visitor to Europe who sees only the gargoyles, amusing and grotesque, but not the great cathedrals which they adorn and the spires that point heavenward?

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Suggests game to help unlock Bible 'secrets'

BY FR. CARL J. PFEIFER, S.J.

"I'm really afraid to read the Bible by myself. I grew up being warned against the dangers of private interpretation. And besides I've never even heard a single talk on the Bible, But I keep thinking, maybe I ought to try it."

My friend had wanted several times to sit down and read the Bible, but had always hesitated. He was embarrassed to admit that he didn't even know how to find a text in the Bible. Maybe



just curiosity.
So I suggested a kind of game to help him. First of all we looked at the beginning of the Bible to find the list of books in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The "Contents" listed

all the books and the page where each book began, e.g. "The Book of Psalms . . . 603." A page or two later another list showed how the books of the Bible are abbreviated in references to the Bible, e.g. "Ps-Psalms," or "Mk-

JUST BELOW THAT list was a key to finding references. For example, "Gn 1, 1 refers to the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1," or "Gn 1, 1-10 refers to the Book of Genesis, chapter

refers to the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1 to 10 inclusive."

Now he was happy to be able to find passages in the Bible. We were ready to begin the game, a kind of detective game, tracing down clues that are printed in the Bible. My friend had heard many passages of the Bible at Sunday Mass. In one or other sermon be heard that parts of the Bible were he heard that parts of the Bible were related, that the New Testament was based on the Old Testament. He had heard, too, that some passages of the Bible appear more than once in dif-ferent forms. But this was all just hearsay for him.

So I showed him how the Bible is

printed—at least in good editions of good translations like the "New American Bible," "Jerusalem Bible," or "Oxford Annotated Bible"—to provide a number of helpful clues. (The KNOW YOUR FAITH series uses

the New American Bible). We began with the account of the We began with the account of the Last Supper, particularly the "words of institution" of the Eucharist. I asked him to find "Mt 26:26-28." He searched and found verses 26-28 in chapter 26 of Matthew's Gospel, Right after the number 28 he noticed a very small "e" (New American Bible). I showed him at the bottom of the page what the "s" referred to. There was another small "s" followed by "26-29: Mk 14, 22-25; Lk 22, 18ff; 1 Cor 11, 23ff."

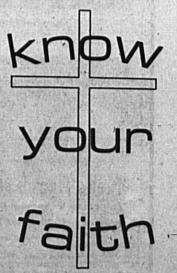
SO HE LOOKED UP those three passages and found three similar but slightly differing accounts of Jesus' words at the Last Supper. Interesting words at the Last Supper, interesting!
At the end of Matthew's verse 26 was a
"t." The "t" at the foot of the page was
followed by "Jn 6, 51-18." Tracing
down that clue found St. John using similar words, not at the Last Supper but after the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Very Interesting!

But there was still more. Matthew's verse 27 had a small "u" which pointed to St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 10, verse 16 (1 Cor 10:16) in which Paul talks about the unity of those who share the same loaf. A small "v" after the next verse about "blood" refers to the Prophet Isalah in the Old Testament (is 53:12) who describes the "Servant of God" suffering for the sins of his people.

JUST IN THOSE three verses there vere four clues that pointed to other were four clues that pointed to other Bible passages that helped make sense out of those verses. And those other passages had their own clues to still other related texts! The "Jerusalem Bible" has even more clues. Similar passages are found right on the side of the page next to the verse you are reading. Notes at the bottom of the page often take you through much of the Bible tracing an important theme.

My friend found it interesting and fun. Try it. Look up the passages my friend and I did about the Eucharist. Or look up the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, Mt. 5:3-12, or the Our Father, Mt. 6, 9-13. You may find this game of clues unlocking some of the mysteries of the Bible for

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Parade of Champions



CADET FOOTBALL TITLE WINNERS—Above are the Tigers of Christ the King parish, indianapolis—the Cadet Football champions of 1975. They took the measure of Central

Catholic, 13-12, in the championship game on Nov. 9 at the CYO Stadium. Coaches include Bill Connor, Bill Michaelis, Wayne Terry and Bob Dugan.



'56' LEAGUE TROPHY WINNERS—Bossting one of the largest rosters in the field, this team from St. Plus X parish, indianapolis, walked off with the "56" League football title this past sesson. The coaching staff includes John Cook,

'56' B LEAGUE CHAMPIONS—Above are the "58" B League football champions for 1975, Shown in the back row are the coaches: Bud Tegarden, Mike Dietrich, Joseph Schott and

TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS—This team from St. Malachy's parish, Brownsburg, won the Junior Touch Football championship for 1975. The coaches are Dave Cross and Dave Christian.

deau, James Griffith, John Hertmeler, Dan Fisher and Alex Martell. In the center of the back row is Priest Moderator Father James Farrell.

† Remember them in your prayers

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† RICHARD GENE MARTIN, Sr.,
50, St. Anthony, Nov. 21.
Husband of Joyes; father of Ofichard G. Martin, Jr., of Indianapolis; Karen Thomas of New
Albany; and Jenny and Kim Martin,
both of Clarksville.

* CLINTON
† BAPTIST BUFFO, 68, Sacred
Heart, Nov. 17. Brother of
Domenic Buffo.

† KATHERINE L. PRALL, 86, St. Patrick, Nov. 23. Mother of George F. and Mrs. Barbar Krumreich, both of Overland Park, Kans.; Mrs. Maureen Miller of Leesburg, Fla.; and Mrs. Mary Margaret Simpose of Binghampton, N.Y. † GARY A. LEET, 29, St. Barnabas, Nov. 18. Husband of Peggy; father of Kim; son of Warren and Thelma Leet; brother of Donna Lewis, Melanie and Ward E. Leet.

† PATRICK J. O'NEILL, Sr., 59, St. Roch, Nov. 18. Husband of Betty J.; father of Kathy Ross, Debble and Patrick O'Neill, Jr.; brother of Thomas J. O'Neill.

† JAMES F. CAIN, 18, St. Plus X, Nov. 18. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cain; brother of Kathleen, Jack, Marcus, Dick and Charlle Cain; grandson of Mrs. Mark Baugh.

† THOMAS M. BARTON, 67, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Nov. 19. Brother of John J., Patrick J. and Father James Barton, pastor of St. Bridget parish, Liberty, Ind., and Mrs. Nora McCarthy, Martha P., Margaret M. and Veronica Barton.

Mary, Nov. 21. Son of Joseph Mendez and Elleen Garcia; brother of Maria Garcia, Tommy McLaughlin, Mike Mendez, Mark and Tony Garcia

† FRANCES A. RHODES, 92, Little Flower, Nov. 22. Mother of Catherine, Hill, Helen Forte, Margaret Lang and John F. Gans-man; sister of Frank Schmitt and Minnie Gasser.

MARY M. MARTIN, 82, St. An-thony, Nov. 22. No immediate

JEFFERSONVILLE
CHARLES M. DAY, 67, St.
Augustine, Nov. 19. Husband of
Aergaret; father of Diane Hughes of
effersonville; and Jo Ann Robleon
I New Washington

NEW ALBANY
† WILLIAM A. POFF, 74, St. Mary,
Nov. 18. Father of Rita Naville
and Martha Collings, both of New
Albany; brother of Julius Poff of St.
Joseph Hill.

240 teams are ready to open cage season

More than 120 CYO basketball games are scheduled tomorrow and Sunday at various sites kloking off the 1975-76 season. More than 3,000 games will be played during

dames will be played during the campaign.
Action begins Saturday in the Cadet "A," Cadet "B," 56 "A" and 56 "B" Leagues and on Sunday in the Fresh-man; Sophomore and Junior-Santor Leagues. Senior Leagues.

Coaches met last Monday night in the Ritter High School Cafeteria. CYO Executive Director Bill Kuntz reviewed rules and

regulations; Jerry Cosby discussed a coach's responsibility as a Public Relations tool; Don Nester reviewed basketball rule changes; and Bob Kirkhoff talked about the CYO Code of Ethics.

Following the meeting, the high school varsity basketball coaches conducted a clinic for coaches. The clinic emphasized fundamental basketball.

The CYO basketball season will continue through January, with tournaments and play-offs following.

CYO announces plan for 'Teen Toy Shop'

Youth Council President Ed Loughery announced this week that Junior CYO members will participate in a

"Teen Toy Shop."
Loughery explained that
the Teen Toy Shop is an
effort to collect good toys
and distribute them to teen-

STANDINGS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL [As of November 25]

(As of November 25)
DIVISION I.—St. Thomas 7-0; All
Saints 6-1; Christ the King 5-2;
Immaculate Heart "A" 4-3; St.
Michael 3-4; St. Joan of Arc 2-5; St.
Monica 2-5; St. Christopher 0-7.
DIVISION II.—St. Philip Netf 7-0;
St. Simon (Blue) 7-0; St. Lawrence
4-3; Mount Carmel 4-3; Little
Flower (Blue) 3-4; St. Matthew 2-5;
Immaculate Heart "B" 1-6; St. Plus
X 1-6.

X 1-6.
DIVISION III—Little Flower (Gold)
5-0; Holy Spirit 5-1; Central
Catholic 5-1; St. Andrew 4-2; St.
Jude 2-4; St. Mark 2-5; Our Lady of
Lourdes 1-5; St. Simon (White) 0-7.

He continued, "Since we

can't help.

The gifts will be distributed beginning next week at the various mental

CYO NOTES

The First Round of the Criterion Quiz Contest begins this Sunday at

mailed and are due by Thursday, Dec. 18.

Entries for the Ninth Annual Publication Contest will be mailed next week.

Reservations for the Communion Supper at St. Christopher on Sunday, Dec. 7, should be called in to the CYO Office no later than Wednesday, Dec. 3.

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16. Huaband of Ruth M.; father of
Bill L. of Memphis, Tenn.; Alfred D.
Jr. and Robert E., both of Terre
Haute; stepfather of Richard
Eidred, Terre Haute; Ronald Eidred,
Danville, Ill.; Linda Eidred, Terre
Haute; brother of Helen Walker and
Mildred Jones, Ashtabula, Ohio;
Edward and Gilbert, both of Terre
Haute.

WEST TERRE HAUTE
† LYDA JOAN GARRETT, 39, St.
Leonard, Nov. 23. Wife of Robert;
mother of Pamela, Sandra, Lorie,
Robin and Panney, all of Terre
Hauts; slater of Earl Eyre of Prairie
Creek; Henry Eyre of Pinewille,
La; and Robert, John, and Paul
Eyre, all of West Terre Haute; Betty
Beard of Prairietion, and Letia Hand

† PATRICK J. MENDEZ, 23, St.

† JOSEPH P. TOTH, 68, Holy Trinity, Nov. 21. Husband of Anna M.; father of Charleyne M. Swoverland and Joseph M. Toth; brother of Frank, John and Irene Toth and Ann Vladolu.

† AGNES L. O'DRAIN, 79, Little Flower, Nov. 22. Mother of Virginia Galerman, Ellen and John O'Drain; slater of Mrs. Christopher McKie and Mrs. Edward Hannah.

† RUDOLPH A. BOZIC, 61, Holy Trinity, Nov. 21. Husband of Sophie A.; father of Dr. Donald F. and John A. Bozic and Marie Swoverland.

SHELBYVILLE -MARGUERITE O. WHEELER, 67.

age patients in mental in-stitutions. The patients can

then give the toys as gifts to children among their relatives and friends.

"This project will certainly help some of us become more aware that, despite our problems, there are people less fortunate than we, who need help," said Loughery.

are all reasonably healthy, energetic young people, there is no reason why we

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Entries for the Cadet Girls' Volleyball League have been

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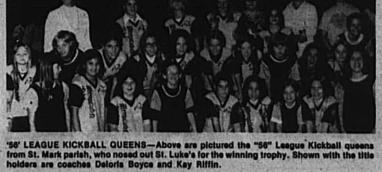
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JUNIOR KICKBALL CHAMPS—This team from St. Malachy, Brownsburg, captured the Junior Fall Kickball League championship, defeating Holy Name, Beech Grove, in the tittle game. Standing in the back row are members of the coaching staff: Charles Hart, Lori Fisher and Linda Woodruff.

'Mahogany' packing them in



BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

The sophisticated critics have been very nasty to "Mahogany," Diana Ross' follow-up to her Immensely successful film debut in "Lady Sings the Blues," but have made a run on the boxoffice that looks like the Oklahoma landrush. The

It's not that "Mahogany" is an instant classic, or even that, like "Lady," it might be an Academy Award con-tender. But it has very real virtues to match its defects.

The assets are mostly cinematic and visual, while the flaws are literary. If a movie has to be imperfect, abrasive but people-oriented

that's a nice way to split the credits. It's happened in the past with dozens of films now revered as pop classics—for instance, most of the landmark musicals, westerns and gangster movies. How seriously can you take the scripts of "Singin' in the Rain," "Stagecoach," "Scarface" or "King Kong?"

"MAHOGANY" essentially puts the multi-talented Ms. Ross, as a determined-torise girl from the Chicago she must decide between a career as a big shot model and designer in the world of high fashion and a secondary role as helpmate to an

black politician (Billy Dee Williams). If all is control to force her to do second, it's not really antifact, the film goes out of its way to be sympathetic to the idea that female aspirations deserve equal respect and opportunity. The choice is not a matter of sex but morality. The fashion scene in "Mahogany" is strictly "La Dolce Vita" and Fellini-land. Politics is relevant to suffering people. Ms. Ross returns to her man not because he's a man but because he's right, and it happens, good.

John Byrum's script doesn't present all this with the utmost subtlety. the utmost subtlety. Williams is, pretty terrible as an idealitic politico, at least in his speeches ("Polls don't elect people, people elect people"), and he is humorlessly single-minded. On his first visit to Rome, he observes, "Here they call 'em ruins, back home we call 'em

THE DECADENT life in THE DECADENT life in models on the porch of a European fashion circles is Chicago tenement, using the

laid on too thickly, and Tony Perkins, as the Perkins, as the morally/mentally sick photographer who leads the ambitious Ms. Ross astray, is simply a cliche in this kind of part. Poor old Tony has played so many degenerates since his "Psycho" days that he must already qualify for Medicald. And the veteran Jean-Pierre Aumont as a lascivious count anxious to add Ms. Ross to his castle

inventory, and you have a moral quagmire so predictable that any script would be virtually redun-

almost a continuous delight.
(The camera work is by David
Watkin, the British genius
who has done most of the
Richard Lester films as well as "Marat/Sade" as "Marat/Sade" and
"Charge of the Light
Brigade"). There is the
wonderfully spontaneous
and animated Ms. Ross
appearing in her own
flamboyant costumes in several inventive and far-out fashion montages. Location shooting in both Rome and Chicago is spiendidly ex-ploited. There is a clever sequence of Perkins trying to intimidate his models into poses, with no prop other than a telescope, that is worthy of being compared to the photo-studio sequence in "Blow-Up." And there is a scene of Perkins arranging models on the porch of

available black poor as "local color," that is boldly poignant and ironic. Feminists will heartly

Feminists will heartily enjoy a moment when Ms. Ross appears before a panel of male fashion experts, and does a slow burn as they make predictable rémarks about her skinniness, legs, etc. She tells them off, and is about to storm out when is about to storm out when the only woman in the group anneunces that she is the boss, that the guys are a bunch of idiots, and that Ross is bired.

LIKE STREISAND, Ms. Ross tries a straight acting chore here (the only song, "Do You Know Where You're Going To," Is sung as background, and Is eminently mediocre). She succeeds. Good part or no, Diana. Ross is dynamite, spunky and Irrepressible, a dazzling magnet for the eyes. Occasionally, black director Berry Gordy, who took over from Britisher Tony Richardson early in production, has her teasing and taunting Williams during his pompous speeches, and the exuberant fun effect is not too far from the magic of Hepburn and Tracy having at each other in their prime. "Mahogany" has its silly and corny moments, but much of the real of the time much of the real of the time.

and corny moments, but much of the rest of the time it's like getting a paid holiday in the sun.[Rating: A-3—unobjectionable for

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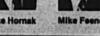
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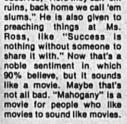








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The week's TV network films

THE LAUGHING
POLICEMAN (1973) (ABC,
Friday, Nov. 30): After a
promising, tough, marvelously crafted first hour in
which San Francisco police
investigate a protein TORAI TORAI TORAI (1970) (CBS, Friday, Dec. 5): Having already re-created D-Day (in "The Longest Day"), investigate a brutal mass murder, this one degenerates into your typical cop-movie freak show plus chase. Walter Matthau and Darryl Zanuck spent \$23 million to re-create the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Nobody can quite figure out why. Except for the final 30 minutes, this is very dull stuff, with few insights you couldn't get from a good book or newsreel. Not recom-

(1972) (NBC, Monday, Dec. 1): Can a nice blind boy from the suburbs find happiness with an immature 19-yearold ex-Hippie divorces who looks remarkably like Goldle Hawn? Even when Momma comes into the city to protect him? Don't bet against it. Pleasant but

Bruce Dern make an offbeat detective team. Not recommended.

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sentimental formula comedy. Not recommended. JENNY (1969) (ABC, Friday, Dec. 5): A tender, unpretentious little love story about two troubled young people (Marlo Thomas, Alan Alda) who meet in Central Park and

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