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FOR THE BIRDS—Perhaps it will be some comfort to know that even the birds did not appreciate the blizzards which reaped havoc in the East and Midwest recently. This group of sparrows clings to the warmest place they can find and tries to tough it out until the skies are clear again. (NC photo by Bob Strawn)

## SPECIFIC LEGISLATION CITED

### NCCW urges women to back social issues

WASHINGTON—The executive committee of the National Council of Catholic Women has urged members to support the tax credit tuition bill currently before Congress, legislation to provide a fair economic return for farmers, and passage of a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

At a recent meeting in Bethesda, Md., the committee also criticized the National Women's Conference as unrepresentative of the American woman and urged Congress not to extend the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment.

The NCCW executive committee

said it backed the tuition tax credit legislation "so that parents may have realistic options to choose educational institutions that support their values."

In supporting the farmers, it affirmed "the social justice issues in the current critical economic situation of family farmers" and encouraged "an education to awareness, by women, of agricultural problems" and the approval of legislation "enabling family farmers to have fair economic return."

THE COMMITTEE urged NCCW affiliates to cooperate with their local

dioceses in implementing the U.S. bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, which opposes federal and state funding of abortions, recommends the expansion of Church and community services to expectant mothers and "encourages public policy that will allow families to live with dignity."

Calling the National Women's Conference, held last November in Houston, "politically manipulated by special interest groups," the committee said it had reached a consensus that "the majority of American women were not fairly represented"

and that the state and national conferences "failed to unite women on the many mutually accepted concerns."

THE COMMITTEE ALSO said it opposed extension of the ERA ratification deadline because "continuing political activity on ERA will be an obstacle in uniting women's groups to pursue mutually accepted goals."

In other action, the committee announced its cooperation with the National Cancer Institute on a program to educate women about breast cancer. The program resulted from a resolution approved at the NCCW convention last November.

The 1978 NCCW convention will be held Sept. 27-30 in Miami, featuring discussions on the role of contemporary women in the Church, a speaker on "Family in the Domestic Church," commission briefings, and share shops for province directors and diocesan presidents, the committee said.

was for all of these reasons that the ICC last year recommended a study commission to further examine the issue, a recommendation the legislature saw fit not to adopt.

One admitted purpose of this bill was to protect doctors from lawsuits, yet there is no data to indicate doctors are being held liable if they determine death by normal professional standards, then remove the dead patient from artificial life support.

All of these aspects of the issue were presented by the ICC in its formal statement. Apparently, a sufficient number of legislators—regardless of religious persuasion—agreed, since the bill narrowly passed the house (53-41) and received only four votes in the Senate committee.

We urge the state legislature, the media, and all concerned persons to deal with public policy questions on the basis of principle and reason, recognizing the right, indeed, the obligation of all citizens to voice their ethical and moral concerns in controversial matters.

### Sadat confers with Pontiff

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat discussed the Palestinian problem, the status of Jerusalem and other Middle East issues for about one hour Feb. 13 at the Vatican.

In a formal speech to Sadat, Pope Paul laid down several key ingredients for an effective solution for the Middle East.

"We are aware of the difficulty of attaining such a solution, which must necessarily comprise different elements," said Pope Paul.

#### HE SAID THAT:

"—A prospect of justice and security must be reconstituted for all the peoples of the Middle East (and we are thinking here also of Lebanon which has already paid such a high price by reason of the unresolved situation);

"—The legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people must be satisfied;

"—There must be ensured for

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## Ask Congress to prevent forced abortion payments

WASHINGTON—A top Catholic official has urged Congress to amend the pending Pregnancy Disability Benefits Act so that employers will not be forced to pay for non-therapeutic abortions.

In a letter to U.S. bishops and state Catholic conference directors, Bishop

Thomas G. Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said H.R. 6075 "creates serious First Amendment problems, in that Congress is penalizing those whose religious beliefs conflict with the statutory mandate."

The conference supports the basic

intent of the bill, which would extend to pregnant workers under a health benefits plan medical and disability coverage for pregnancy, childbirth, postnatal care and related complications, the bishop said.

"SUCH BENEFITS would provide an incentive for working mothers to bring their pregnancies to term," he added.

But without adoption of the amendment, "the Pregnancy Disability Benefits legislation requires that those employers who finance a program of medical benefits for their employees must also finance abortion services," Bishop Kelly said.

The government would thus be forcing Catholic dioceses, schools, hospitals and other institutions of the Catholic Church to underwrite abortion benefits, the bishop said.

Catholic institutions that refuse to do so could be charged with violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and if found guilty, could lose government financial assistance, he said.

"This could possibly include, but not be limited to, funding for Catholic schools, Medicaid and other health programs for Catholic hospitals and health delivery institutions, federal assistance to the programs of Catholic Charities, and Migration and Refugee Services," the bishop added.

The Pregnancy Disability Benefits Act was approved Feb. 2 by the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities. Before reporting the bill to the full Education and Labor Committee, the subcommittee rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Edward P. Beard (R-I.). It was identical to an amendment offered by Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.) and narrowly defeated on the Senate floor last fall.

THE AMENDMENT PROVIDES that neither pregnancy nor related medical conditions as defined in the bill may be construed to include abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term. The amendment is expected to be reintroduced when the full Education and Labor Committee begins consideration of the bill.

The amendment would "ensure that Congress does not coerce employers with an ethical, moral or religious objection to abortion to finance elective abortions," Bishop Kelly said. He added that it "does not inhibit any employers from offering abortion as a health benefit," does not affect coverage of complications resulting from abortion which would remain covered under the amended legislation, and does not prevent "any such service resulting from collective bargaining."

### Charismatic disagreements termed minor

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The only disagreements within the Catholic charismatic renewal center concern what the "faith environments" that the movement is building should look like, said Kevin Ranaghan after a national meeting of more than 50 Catholic charismatic leaders in South Bend, Ind.

Summarizing discussions on "Unity and Diversity Within the Charismatic Renewal," Ranaghan said the movement is "concerned for re-evangelization and mature conversion of Catholics."

"I believe we are concerned with the empowering of Catholics, leading people into the exercise of the gifts and fruit of the Spirit," he added. "I believe we are also concerned with some form of significant fellowship and with building faith environments and that our only area of disagreement within the CCR is in what these should look like."

THE THREE-DAY MEETING was a joint year-end gathering of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the United States and that group's Advisory Committee.

During the discussions on unity and diversity, Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan of Steubenville, Ohio, explained the various levels of involvement in the charismatic renewal.

Some people have accepted Jesus

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### 'Day' slated for pastors and principals

Members of the Archdiocesan Principals' Association have scheduled their first annual "Pastor-Principal Day" for this Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Magr. Downey Council, Knights of Columbus, 511 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis.

The theme for the day is "Growth Through Partnership," highlighting the co-responsibility that pastors and principals of schools share in the ministry of Catholic education.

The guest speaker will be Magr. John J. Leibrecht, superintendent of schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The day will begin with registration at 11 a.m. followed by a reception and luncheon at which Magr. Leibrecht will speak.

More than 125 pastors and principals have already made reservations to attend the day which had to be rescheduled from December 6th due to inclement weather. Reservations can be made through Monday, Feb. 20. Those interested may call Joseph Schaefer, program chairman, at 317-784-9144.

## BULLETIN

Archbishop Blaskup underwent surgery on Tuesday of this week in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, for appendicitis. He is recovering very nicely and the doctor is quite pleased with his condition. There were no complications of any kind.



CONTRASTS IN PANAMA—The new Panama Canal treaty, if ratified by the U.S. Senate, will give a larger share of canal revenues to the Republic of Panama and turn the canal over to the republic by the turn of the century. Panamanians expect the new revenue to improve the quality of life for all their people. In the crowded city of Colon (bottom photo) slums can be seen in contrast to newer modern apartments in the background. (NC photos)



## Seminary to close

RICHMOND, Va.—The Richmond diocese will close its minor seminary at the end of the school year in June, primarily because of rising costs. Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, in announcing the closing of St. John Vianney Seminary, said he was considering using the school's facilities for a co-educational high school and a center for "faith and ministry development" for youths and adults.

## Support families

WASHINGTON — Government action to support families does not mean that government will interfere with family life, a prominent psychologist told two congressional committees holding hearings on preparations for the 1979 White House Conference on Families. The psychologist, Dr. Kenneth Keniston, chairman of the Carnegie Foundation, cited Social Security as an example of a program that provides support instead of interference.

## Up to Holy See?

WASHINGTON—A committee of U.S. bishops, the Vatican and what has been termed a "significant" number of Episcopal priests are in a three-way discussion over the priests' request to become Roman Catholic clergymen. Bishop Bernard Law, who has talked with many of these priests, said they want to continue as priests, even though they are married. "Ultimately, their request would have to be decided by the Holy See," he said.



## Slayers sentenced

JUTICALPA, Honduras—Two soldiers indicted for the murders of a U.S. missionary and several others two-and-a-half years ago have been sentenced to 15 years in prison. Five other soldiers and two landowners who were also indicted were freed on grounds of insufficient evidence. The charges arose from the murders of U.S.-born Franciscan Father Michael J. Cypher, Colombian Father Ivan Betancourt, two lay helpers and several farmworkers, as soldiers and landowners tried to stop a hunger march by poor Honduran campesinos (peasants).

## news in brief

## 'Immense sorrow'

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI appealed to priests Feb. 10 to end the "mania" of defections from the priesthood and the "process of desecralization" of the priestly ministry. He told Rome's clergy that the large numbers of priests who have left the ministry in recent years is an "immense sorrow" which has troubled and confused him.

## Carter defended

WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter has not broken a campaign promise by opposing tuition tax credits for parents of private school children, according to Joseph Califano, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



## Hit death penalty

BALTIMORE—As Maryland legislators began debate on a bill that would reinstate the death penalty, the state's Catholic bishops—Cardinal William Baum of Washington, Archbishop William D. Borders of Baltimore and Bishop Thomas Mardaga of Wilmington, Del.—issued a joint statement which says that such an action "is not morally justified."

## Critique offered

LONDON—An interfaith group of Protestant theologians has offered a critique of the 1977 Catholic-Anglican agreed statement on authority. They praised the statement as an important stage on the road to doctrinal harmony, but said its contents caused them several problems, among them what the theologians considered to be too much emphasis on the role of bishops in assuring that the church remains faithful to Christ.

## On civil rights

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Commission for Civil Rights says it was "encouraged" by Carter Administration "commitments and initiatives" in 1977. But the commission also said it was "deeply concerned" about "the continuing high levels of unemployment and poverty rates among minority groups and women, and the inadequacy of programs to deal with the problems of low-income urban dwellers."

## Credibility base

ANAHEIM, Calif.—Those who teach religion must have credibility derived not from miracles, but from love and devotion to the person of Christ, according to Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles.

## Aid vs. Interference

WASHINGTON—A proposed new charter for U.S. intelligence activities would prohibit the CIA from paying missionaries or journalists for working with the agency. But the charter would allow them to voluntarily cooperate with the agency.

## Homosexual issue

ST. PAUL, Minn.—"The homosexual problem... is both real and complex... (and) affords no easy solution," said Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis in a formal statement on the issue. He said that although Catholics recognize the "human dignity and worth of homosexuals as persons," they cannot condone the homosexual lifestyle.



## Family planning

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has urged specialists in natural family planning to help couples who have failed to observe the Church's ban on artificial birth control. A letter sent in the Pope's name to mark an international conference on natural family planning methods in Melbourne, Australia, said the Pope hoped that "special attention will be directed toward helping those who have not always been successful in living out fully the difficult demands posed by the Christian teaching on marriage."

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## New Mass slate

BY FRED W. FRIES

St. John's Church in downtown Indianapolis, which draws worshippers from all parts of the metropolitan area, has announced major changes in its Mass schedule for the first time in many years. Changes, which will take effect February 25 and 26, were necessitated by declining attendance and the shortage of priests to cover the large number of Masses formerly offered each weekend.

Under the revised schedule, the Saturday anticipation Mass will still be offered at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, however, the Masses will be at 8 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Another reason given for the change is in response to the recent call of Pope Paul VI urging curtailment in the number of Masses so that "the parish community might come together for worship in larger numbers."

Changes in the Mass schedule for Holydays calls for the elimination of the anticipation Mass. On the Holyday itself Masses will be offered at 8 a.m., 7 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Confessions will not be heard before Mass on Holydays.

On weekdays Masses are offered at 7 a.m. and 11:50 a.m., except on Saturday when the first Mass is scheduled at 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. On First Fridays the Masses are at 7 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

CONFESIONS ARE HEARD one-half hour before all weekend Masses; on Saturdays from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; and before the noon Mass on weekdays beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Communion is distributed outside of Mass, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 11:45 a.m. only.

NOTING 103RD BIRTHDAY—A woman who was born when Ulysses S. Grant was in the White House and who has lived to see 20 additional U.S. Presidents will observe her 103rd birthday on February 22. She is Ellen Hunter, a resident at St. Paul Hermitage since 1967, and probably the oldest Criterion reader. A native of Avonhead, Scotland, Mrs. Hunter reared 10 children. The three survivors—two of them Religious—will be joining her in marking her birthday, along with the Hermitage guests. Daughters include Sister Marguerite Hunter, O.S.B., of Our Lady of Grace Convent; Sister Raymond Hunter, S.P., who is stationed at Our Lady of Greenwood parish; and Ann Tromley of Vincennes. Several grandchildren are expected to attend the observance, including Sister Eileen Price, O.S.B., also a member of Our Lady of Grace community. As he did three years ago, Tackler proudly extends warmest greetings to Ellen Hunter.

FOR NURSES ONLY—Registered nurses who are interested in earning a baccalaureate degree in nursing are invited to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Marian College library. Mary Ann Lewis, nursing director, and Sister Margaret Black, academic dean, will explain the institution's program. Further information can be obtained by calling 924-3291, Ext. 228.

ECUMENICAL STUDENT CONFERENCE—St. Maur's Seminary, Indianapolis, will be the site of an Ecumenical Student Conference the weekend of February 24 and 25. Sponsored by the Indiana Office of Campus Ministry, the seminar will open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening and close on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. College students and campus ministers from all over the state are expected to participate. The registration fee is \$5.00 a person. Sister Sue Bradshaw of Marian College is the coordinator. The workshops will cover a wide range of topics. Catholic panelists or workshop leaders include Father Leo Piquet, Father Phil Bowers and Jenny Miller of Purdue and Sheila Griffin, Indiana State University in Evansville.

ST. MEINRAD ALUMNI DINNER—Scores of clerical and lay alumni are expected to attend the 11th Annual St. Meinrad Alumni Dinner on Monday, Feb. 27, at the Monsignor Downey Council, Knights of Columbus, 511 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. A 6 p.m. reception will precede the dinner. Archbishop George J. Blakup, who was made an honorary member of the organization several years ago (he did not study at the Archdiocesan seminary), is expected to attend, and Archbishop Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B., will head a delegation of a half-dozen St. Meinrad officials and faculty members. The dinner is one of several regional gatherings for alumni which are held annually in various parts of the country. Father Harold Kneuev is general chairman for this year's Indianapolis dinner.

IT'S TRIAD TIME AGAIN—The annual Triad concert—one of the hardy perennials in music and ecumenism—will be staged for the 34th year at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18 on the Murat Temple stage. The K. of C. Columbians, the Murat Chanters and the Indianapolis Maennerchor will again blend their voices in a night of harmony from members of the three performing choruses. Free admission tickets are available from members or by calling the office of any of the participating fraternal organizations. Note: Admission to the Saturday show is on a reserved seat basis only.

LENTEN REMINDER—The Rosary is recited daily at 5 p.m. on 16 AM radio, Station WNTS.

AROUND AND ABOUT—Joseph Kish, a member of St. Patrick's parish, Terre Haute, was recently promoted to the post of Director of Special Projects in the Development Office at Indiana State University. A Shell Assists grant of \$2,000 has been received by Marian College for general institutional needs. Mary Coleman of Indianapolis and Anne Convey of Columbus are among 13 women at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College who are included in the 1978 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

## FEBRUARY 17

A lenten film festival, "The Images of Hope," will open at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianapolis, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the five Fridays of Lent. Film titles include "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," "An Evening of Short Films: An Introduction to the Motion Picture as an Art Form," "The Fixer," "The Pawnbroker," and "The Omega Man."

James Goebel, associate professor of English at Marian College, and Father Blaise Heitlich, O.S.B., professor of English at St. Meinrad Seminary, will serve as resource persons.

Series tickets are \$5 per person or \$8 per couple or \$1.25 per person and \$2 a couple for each film session. All tickets are available at the door.

## FEBRUARY 18

Children's Day, sponsored by Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics, will be held at Alverna Retreat House, 8140 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day's activities will be in charge of Father Tom Aldworth at the Retreat House.

The Project "R" committee of Nativity parish, 7300 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, is sponsoring a Mini Vegas Night from 8 p.m. to midnight in the school cafeteria.

## FEBRUARY 19

The Women's Club of St. Patrick parish, Indianapolis, will sponsor its regular monthly card party in the parish hall at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.

## FEB. 19, 21 &amp; 22

The next sessions for the Family Religious Education program at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs parish, Floyd's Knobs, will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

For further information about the program contact the parish DRE office.

## FEBRUARY 19-26

The following programs sponsored by Archdiocesan Social Ministries are held at the ASM office, 915 N. Holmes, Indianapolis unless otherwise indicated:

—Feb. 19: Pre-Cana session at 623 E. North St., Indianapolis, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

—Feb. 19: Alcoholism Help and Information "Recovery" meeting at 2 p.m.

—Feb. 21: Simeon training session at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall.

—Feb. 22: Alcoholism Help and Information "Not Sure" meeting at 7 p.m.

—Feb. 22: Alcoholism Help and Information "AA" meeting at 8:30 p.m.

—Feb. 22: Teen marriage counseling couples' meeting for the Bedford Deanery at St. John parish, Bloomington, at 7:30 p.m.

—Feb. 25-26: Natural Family Planning seminar for Indianapolis parishes at St. Simon school hall, 9:30 a.m. each day.

## FEBRUARY 21

The Newman Guild of Butler University will have a pitch-in dinner in the social hall at Christ the King School, 5858 N. Crittenden, Indianapolis, at 6 p.m. Husbands of Guild members will be special guests. Robert Kryter will present a Travelogue of the Orient.

## FEBRUARY 22

The second in a series of Wednesday lenten programs sponsored by St.

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Criterion welcomes announcements of parish activities. Keep them brief listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. Announcements must be in our office by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication.

Christopher Church, Speedway, will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a Scripture and Communion service in the church followed by a presentation, discussion and refreshments in the church basement. The series entitled "Lent: Understanding, Renewal and Growth," will emphasize "Growth in Times of Crisis." Father Robert Ross, chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, will lead the discussion.

All programs are open to the public.

A membership coffee meeting of St. Augustine Guild will be held at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. John R. Hiner, 6540 Sunny Lane, Indianapolis. Mrs. Hiner will serve homemade pastries and specially blended coffee for the event.

Father Kenneth Smith, church history scholar and theologian, will be the guest lecturer for the Wednesday night lenten programs at St. Matthew Church, Indianapolis. The program will be held at 7:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria following the 7 p.m. Mass in church.

This six-weeks' series is offered free and is open to the public.

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## remember them

† BLANDFORD, Herbert C., 77, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Feb. 8.

† BROWN, Mary A., 61, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Feb. 11.

† CALLAHAN, John E. (Jack), 74, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Feb. 11.

† CARNEY, Marie E. (Bauer), 65, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Feb. 14.

† DAPPER, Thomas C., St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Feb. 8.

† DONATO, Christine R., 66, St. Paul Hermitage Chapel, Beech Grove, Feb. 10.

† DUFFY, John, 63, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Feb. 9.

† FLAHERTY, Ruth, 69, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 11.

† FORMENTO, Alice, 68, Sacred Heart, Clinton, Feb. 13.

† KLUEBER, Ollie, 83, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Feb. 11.

† KNUE, Leo H., 76, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Feb. 1.

† MYERS, Lucile, 70, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Feb. 11.

† PEDLOW, Paul E., 64, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Feb. 13.

† ROBINSON, Helen F., 50, St. Rita, Indianapolis, Feb. 14.

† RODGERS, William E., 64, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 10.

† ROTHSCHILD, Ethel M. Dolan, 82, St. Joseph, Terre Haute, Feb. 9.

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## FEBRUARY 24-25

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## FEBRUARY 26

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For further information, contact Father Donald Eward (812) 537-1297 or Father John Turnbull, O.F.M., (812) 934-3204.

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# editorial

## Fashion and fear

It has become the fashion of some of those who oppose ERA to suddenly indulge in the shock of pornography in order to prove their point. What point?

At the same time it has become the fear of some of those who favor ERA that it won't make it by the normal constitutional deadline and so efforts are underway to extend the deadline. Such a thing has never happened before with any other constitutional amendment, but because its (ERA's) supporters are so convinced of the rightness of their cause,

they are hell bent on extending the deadlines.

Is there anyone willing to rationally debate ERA? Does it even need debating? Is the subject merely the property of two factions—poles apart—neither of which really seems to care about the issue, but both of which seem to be interested only in grabbing the most attention. A joke is being made of a most serious issue, and the result is that less respect, not more, is being extended to women.

Opposition to ERA appears represented by the fear of a few that the stars will fall from the heavens if ERA becomes reality. Support for ERA is often colored by a compromisingly uncritical attitude toward the subject. Thus, ERA is supported by every kind of group wanting to do its own thing whether it really involves legal equality for women or not.

The strident voices of fear need a tranquilizer. The need to attain legal equality for women is a real cause. It is not being helped by supporters or opposition who have forgotten the basic issue.

—T.W.

## Catholic press

The following editorial appeared in the Feb. 5 issue of the *Prairie Messenger*, diocesan newspaper in Muenster, Saskatchewan. It was written by Brother Bede Hubbard, editor.

This is Catholic press month. Community is impossible without communication. If we are not in touch with one another, if we are not speaking to and listening to one another, there is no way we can be one community.

Yet that's the Christian road to the kingdom: a cooperative venture in discovery, a search and share attitude that demands listening and speaking to one another.

But we hesitate about all this communication. It reminds us too forcibly that the community we belong to is not perfect.

Fanatics, drop-outs, complainers; the weak-kneed, the head-strong, the soft-hearted and softer-headed; neurotics, aggrandizers and minimalizers: that's us.

So what do we see reflected in the Catholic press? Not just the strong word of God giving comfort and direction (not to mention all His nagging reminders, disturbing com-

ments and unflattering remarks).

Not just the wisdom and enlightenment of saints and scholars (not to mention their challenges, questions and impertinences).

But all that complaining, stupid questioning and talk about how's the heavenly weather; the snide comments, self-assured profundities and everyone-agrees implicitities.

In other words, it's the same sinful, sinning, fault-committing Church we find reflected in our Catholic press. We might not like it. We probably wish it were different. But it's us.

## washington newsletter

## Federal agencies to study impact of TV as teacher

BY JIM CASTELLI

WASHINGTON—The television industry and TV advertising may soon find themselves caught in a "whip-saw" effect between two federal regulatory agencies concerned about TV's impact as a teacher and a major social institution.

One agency, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is about to launch a 12 to 18 month study of network dominance of the industry. The other agency, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), is trying to broaden its powers to investigate TV commercials.

Both agencies have new chairmen—Charles Ferris at the FCC and Michael Pertschuk at the FTC—who developed reputations as friends of consumers while serving on Senate staffs.

MOST TALK ABOUT the impact of television on society has centered on the questions of sex and violence. But those are not the only issues involved. More and more experts are criticizing television for its influence as a teacher which shapes attitudes and values. Pertschuk claims the 30-second

commercial is "the principal educational tool of our society."

Dr. Alberta Selgel, professor of psychology at Stanford University and a former member of the U.S. Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee on Television and Social Behavior, argues that television is the primary teacher for infants and preschoolers who don't yet read.

"The major myth in television is that the public gets what the public wants," Dr. Selgel told a recent meeting on TV's impact.

"In reality, the public gets what the buyers in the audience want—and the buyers in the audience are 18 to 49, not children . . . TV is where our children are getting their impressions of other people and various role expectations in human behavior—both good and evil.

"Television provides models for our children; who touches whom; who kisses whom; how our police officers act; what our doctors are like; what is amusing and how conflicts are resolved," she said. "Figures of authority—parents, lawyers, politicians, detectives and others—do not act in real life the way they are portrayed on TV."

Recent studies of the family have charged that television can accelerate family breakdown. Pertschuk recently told a congressional committee "With the pervasiveness of marketing technology, particularly television, the family has all but lost its role as the determinant of both the family's needs and of the choice of means to satisfy those needs."

PERTSCHUK SAID THAT television commercials lead children to eat too much sweets and junk food, teaches "that for even the slightest discomfort, the solution is a drug of some kind" and that energy consumption is better than energy conservation.

Pertschuk also said that the FTC, which has the power to police "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" in trade can require advertisers to fully disclose hazards in their products. He said the FTC is "examining our power to stem the commercial exploitation of young children."

"We will also seek to correct the distortions of knowledge and

perception which may arise from the cumulative impact of generic categories of ads," he said.

"Thus, one commercial which promotes the consumption of a highly sugared product may pose no risk; but 750 commercials, all of which emphasize the glories of sweetness for a galaxy of highly sugared

products, may promote the over-consumption of sugar to the hazard of the child."

FERRIS AT THE FCC promised at his confirmation hearings that he would move quickly to launch a major investigation of the influence of the networks on the television industry. The investigation was requested in a

## letters

### 'A Catholic school in spirit and name'

To the Editor:

I want to commend you on your recent editorials, particularly "Within, without" (2/3/78). It was especially pertinent and one all faculty as well as parents need to read and consider.

I find that many faculty members, especially younger, recently graduated teachers make very little distinction between education in public and Catholic schools, and most parents are very shallow in their assessment of the purpose of Catholic schools.

We have initiated a Faith Community program this year, and members of the faculty are re-evaluating their ideas about education

and their role as educators in a Catholic school.

The outcome of the program is still uncertain, in part because of the mistakes we made in designing the program. Nevertheless, St. Mary's is trying to become a Catholic school in spirit as well as in name. If you don't mind, I would like to reprint your editorial for possible use in this program.

Please continue to raise the issue (which you do well) and maybe the message will eventually be understood. I look forward to receiving the *Criterion* each week.

Glenn Tabbe, Principal  
St. Mary School  
Greensburg, Ind.

### 'Why be kept in ignorance?'

To the Editor:

Your Feb. 10th issue headlined Archbishop McGrath's remarks regarding the Panama Canal issue.

The *Criterion* quotes him as deploring "lack of interest among clergy and laity" and feels that this lack of interest is due to the proletariat's "lack of information."

I have been a reader of the *Criterion* and all its predecessors since it began publication, and I look to its policy to keep informed. In this situation, it seems that the hierarchy are united in their support, evidently because they

are informed on the issue.

Why are we poor subjects kept in ignorance if the matter is so important as to arouse mass support? Is this treaty important from a political, economical, or moral standpoint? If those to whom we look for guidance and information are in the know, are they not morally obliged to inform us "little ones"?

If they would give us through the *Criterion*, ten reasons why, maybe our neglect would not be so noticeable.

J. Earl Owens  
Indianapolis



LOFTIEST AND LOWLIEST—The Tidings, Los Angeles diocesan newspaper, recently asked its readers to tell why they read the newspaper. Among those responding was Brother Sebastian (right), a member of Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers of the Poor who works on Los



Angels' skid row. Another response came from Tom McMurtry, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration test pilot stationed at Andrews Air Force Base. [NC photos]

## Paper surveys support

LOS ANGELES—Support from the Catholic press has come from those who are among the lowliest and the loftiest in an informal survey by the *Tidings*, Los Angeles archdiocesan newspaper.

Among those asked why they read the newspaper were one of Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers of Charity, who works on Los Angeles' skidrow, and a test pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who operates on the edges of space.

"THE *TIDINGS* tells me that the Church I belong to is not a dead Church, not even a dying one, but that it is alive in the Spirit in all aspects of its life and in all parts of the diocese and elsewhere," said Brother Sebastian, a priest from Kerala, India, and novice master of the Missionary Brothers of Charity in Los Angeles.

"Like a microscope it brings home to us the news of events and incidents that take place in parishes, school or religious communities," he said. "Like a telescope it brings home to us the news of the distant and widespread Church."

TOM MCMURTRY is a test pilot for NASA, based at Edwards Air Force base. His most recent job was to copilot NASA's modified Boeing 747 that carried aloft Space Shuttle Orbiter Enterprise.

Said McMurtry about the Catholic press: "I read *The Tidings* because I believe that adult Catholics should continue their religious education. Some of this education is provided by the lessons, Gospels and sermons heard at Mass. There is much more to be learned, however.

"The *Tidings* contains many articles which allow me to greatly expand my knowledge of my religion," he added. "I also read the advertising in *The Tidings* and attempt to support the businesses which do advertise."

## Charismatics

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as their Lord and have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, but only attend prayer meetings and charismatic conferences on an irregular basis, he said. Others belong to a regular prayer group and support its ministries. Some make a commitment for some sort of communal sharing. Father Scanlan said, while others join a community chartered for communal living.

It seems clear at this time that God is not calling everyone in the renewal to live at the same level of commitment, the Franciscan added, though those new to the renewal "must seek support and direction" from the more mature.

DURING THE MEETING, members of the NSC and the Advisory Committee also took several actions, accepting proposals to:

—Form a joint task force to study the possibilities for a national program of evangelization and teaching through the mass media.

—Endorse a NSC statement on "The Roles of Men and Women in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal." The statement, in preparation for more than 18 months, is scheduled for release in the near future.

—Form a joint task force to study and plan for the pastoral care of prayer groups.

—Endorse the recently launched NSC program of issuing pastoral statements on current religious issues.



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A record of activities in Archdiocesan agencies published the third Friday of each month.

**CHANCERY OFFICE**—Archbishop Bishop will ordain men to the Diaconate at St. Meinrad on Sat. March 11, at 10 a.m. The third theology students of St. Meinrad Seminary will be ordained deacons, including three students from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis: John Brandon and Paul Shikany of St. Meinrad Seminary and Ralph Scheldier of St. Augustine Seminary, Toronto, Canada. . . . A financial report of the Chancery is being prepared for publication sometime in the spring; information from parishes and institutions, while improving steadily, is not yet sufficient to allow for a consolidated financial report of the entire Archdiocese. Rather than wait longer for that development, the decision was made to publish the administrative offices report at this time, and grow into a consolidated report later. Many dioceses publish a Chancery report as we will be doing. . . . After only a month's experience with the new Archdiocesan Marriage Policy, all seems to be going well. Priests generally report very good results and reaction from use of the Pre-Marital Inventory, and additional materials for that have been sent to all parishes. . . . The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Priestly Commitment will again be celebrated on Tuesday

evening of Holy Week, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. This celebration is open to the laity as well as the priests of the Archdiocese, and it is hoped that each parish will be represented.

**OFFICE OF WORSHIP**—The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be participating in a survey to determine the real facts concerning a) the present state of private, auricular confession—numbers and effectiveness; b) the confusion surrounding "confession" in Rite I; c) the need for a broader and more enlightened use of general absolution; d) a revamping of catechesis to and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance by children. . . . Fathers Stephen Jarrell, Robert Mohrhaus and John Minto have been appointed to the Cathedral Renovation Committee. A "Statement on a Cathedral" is presently being drafted. . . . Father Eugene Walsh, S.B., instructor in the theology department at Catholic University and noted liturgist, will conduct a liturgical workshop for priests of the Archdiocese on April 12, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Marian College, Indianapolis. . . . The ministries in worship com-

mittee has received assistance from Father Hilary Ottensmeyer, O.S.B., to establish a consultation process to define issues for long-range planning. This committee will proceed to consult directly with Sister Marilyn Winter, the coordinator of the Liturgical Ministries Program in Green Bay, Wis. The consultation process is being conducted at the present time. . . . The Confirmation Task Force is proceeding to formulate new Archdiocesan Guidelines and Model Programs which will aid the implementation of a hopeful revision of the present Confirmation policy. Members of this Task Force include Father Stephen Jarrell, chairman, Father James Bonke, Father Robert Drewes, Sister Mary Margaret Funk, Mrs. John (Marie) Mitchell, and Sister Mary Jeanne Pies. . . . A mixed-voice

choir is being formed to sing at the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. The first practice will be on Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. at Little Flower Church, 4700 East 13th Street (Indianapolis). The second practice will precede the Mass at 6:15 p.m. on March 21. For additional information, contact Charlie Gardner at (317) 357-8352 (days) or (317) 359-3571 (evenings). If you wish to participate, but cannot come to the first practice, please call Mr. Gardner so that other arrangements can be made for you.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**—The Catholic Charities Board has been named and will hold its first meeting on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Chancery.

The Board consists of: Robert Cook, Charles Ellinger, Michael Garvey, Mrs. Carrie Kemp, Mrs. Mary Mahowald, Joseph Naughton, Martin Schroeder, John Shank and Robert C. Smith. The accounting of the Appeal results and allocation of funds will take place at the Board meeting on February 17. The December 11 Appeal did not produce sufficient revenue to fully fund operations at current levels. Unless additional sources of revenue are found adjustments will have to be made in financial commitments and programming. . . . The Christmas Project was serviced through the central and Terre Haute regional office of Archdiocesan Social Ministries, a composite of 1210 individuals in 250 families. . . . The Birthline Service is expanding into the Greenfield area. Volunteers rendering the service will attend a training session in February and another one in March. . . . A Simeon Project will be launched in February at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village and at Holy Trinity and St. Anthony Parishes in Indianapolis. Volunteers trained in the latter Project will assist in the Title XX needs assessment programs. . . . Under the aegis of the Emergency Relief Program of the Terre Haute Regional Office, a credit counseling bureau will be established with the assist of a Title VI grant.

Through the Refugee Resettlement Program, a meeting for all of the Indo-Chinese refugees within the Archdiocese was held on February 11 at ASM. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the refugees in completing necessary forms for the change of immigration status.

**OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**—The OCE budget has been presented to the Archdiocesan Board of Education. Action for the budget is due February 21, 1978 and will be submitted to the Archbishop for ratification prior to March 1, 1978. If there is a "non-ratification" action by the Archbishop by April 1, 1978 an appeal on the rejection is allowed. The final decision on an appeal will be given May 1, 1978. . . . District Boards of Education are completing their consultation on the 27 proposals for the future of Total Catholic Education. Eleven of the 24 special groups consulted have returned their consultation instruments. . . . Planning Workshops IA & IB are completed. Eight of the 22 workshops had to be rescheduled because of weather. A detailed listing of parish participation (by district) will be provided at the ABE meeting. Parishes are now writing their mission statements. . . . District level planning begins in April. The five pilot parishes have completed their mission statements and have attended Workshop II. These parishes are currently conducting an assessment of Total Catholic Education in their parishes. . . . On February 6 and 7 the Department of Religious Education staff met with the District Religious Education staffs at North Vernon. Participants included representatives of New Albany, Terre Haute, Lawrenceburg, Richmond, Tell City and North Vernon Districts. . . . The United States Catholic Conference requested cooperation on a national research project on an inventory on Catechetical Programs. Of



**REMEMBERING THE HUNGRY**—At an Awareness and Respect for Life Day, students at Milwaukee's Divine Savior-Holy Angels High School participate in a hunger luncheon to emphasize the uneven distribution of the world food supply. A table representing the United States (top) is filled with food while (below) a third world nation has to make do with water and a small scoop of rice. [NC photos by Anne Bingham]

## Sadat confers with Pope

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Jerusalem such juridical and factual conditions that the city should not continue to be a motive of strife between the parties, but that it become in accordance with its vocation a religious center of peace where the local communities of the

three great monotheistic religions can live together in peaceful equality of rights and where Jews, Christians and Moslems of the region and of the entire world can meet and engage in fraternal dialogue."

A Vatican communique released after the meeting said that the talks were marked by "warm cordiality and reciprocal understanding."

Pope Paul has high respect for Sadat. At Christmastime, when the Egyptian president embarked on his peace mission to Jerusalem, the Pope publicly encouraged and praised him.

The Pope and the president met privately for 25 minutes in the Pope's private study. They were then joined by Archbishop Agostino Casaroli, secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for the Public Affairs of the Church, and three Egyptian officials for 25 more minutes of talks.

The Egyptian president has been visiting heads of state in the United States, France, Italy, Rumania and Austria.

In his brief formal talk, Sadat asked Pope Paul to continue his efforts "for a solution to the problem of Jerusalem and in favor of the Palestinian people."

The Vatican communique indicated that in private Sadat briefed the Pope on the status of the Mideast negotiations with Israel and spoke of the need to accelerate negotiations.

The visit was Sadat's second to Pope Paul. He was received by the Pope in April, 1976, in a solemn official visit.

His latest visit came one month after Pope Paul met with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in the Vatican.

streets of Rome joking with the common people and accepting their petitions for help. He called the Church's 20th ecumenical council (Vatican II), and

promoted—some even say through undue pressure—the still much-discussed dogma of papal infallibility.

A photo pictures him aboard his private railroad car. Yet this builder of the railroad in the Papal States is often blamed for barring the Church's entrance into the modern age.

This year the Church is celebrating the centenary of the death of Pope Pius IX who ended 32 years as Pope on Feb. 7, 1878.

Pope Paul will conclude the Vatican festivities with a Mass in honor of his longest-reigning predecessor in St. Peter's Basilica March 5.

Yet questions about the pontificate of Pius will remain.

**NOW, A CENTURY** after this death, the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes has begun a thorough study of Pius' controversial life to see if the Church can grant him the honor of beatification.

"The definitive historical study of Pius IX has not been done yet," says Vatican lawyer Carlo Snider, the man who is directing the new study.

"Too often students have placed slices of sajam over their eyes so as not to see the truth about Pius," according to Snider, an Italian-Swiss.

"During the last century certain Catholic currents made Pius out to be the great victim, prisoner and martyr of the Church, while liberals accused him of being adamantly opposed to the logical evolution of history."

Snider admits that Pius had "made some mistakes," but he violently opposes Catholic zealots who try to whitewash Pius' history.

But he also has little time for critics like the Swiss historian, Father

August B. Hasler, whose recent book casts in doubt the validity of the infallibility doctrine.

**FATHER HASLER** has catalogued an extensive list of incidents which, he says, infringed the freedom of the council fathers to discuss infallibility freely.

He says that the Pope put strong pressure on missionary bishops and Eastern-rite leaders to accept infallibility. Pius, according to Father Hasler, blocked a careful study of procedural rules followed at the Council of Trent and stacked conciliar commissions with pro-infallibility members.

After eight years of study in 40 European libraries, Father Hasler concluded: "One could say that there was no true discussion of infallibility and therefore the decision was not valid."

According to Vatican lawyer Snider, Father Hasler's book repeats old arguments which reflect "a readiness to use all information against Pius IX and to ignore or demolish what is in his favor."

For Snider, Pius' desire for approval of the infallibility dogma "enters into the Pope's personal charisma and his personal inspiration."

"Today we must see infallibility as a precious gift giving us guarantees and security for proceeding with courage at the head of the movement of history," said Snider.

Father Hasler's questions about infallibility, however, are not the only barriers which must be surpassed before Pius can be beatified.

Another question is raised by a Rome box-office success called "In the Name of the Pope-King." The film recounts how Pius ordered the execution of two terrorists who

bombed a papal barracks killing many soldiers and wounding many others in 1868, two years before papal Rome fell to Italian nationalists.

Could a Pope who ordered the death penalty be canonized? some are asking.

Others question Pius' dealings with Protestants and Jews. He opposed granting of equal citizenship to non-Catholics in Catholic states and even recommended a prison term for Protestants who were seeking converts in the state of Tuscany.

As for the Jews, after briefly opening the gates of Rome's ghetto, Pius quickly shut them again.

Some claim that Pio Nono, as he was usually called, was insensitive to the problems of the masses in an industrialized society.

**SERIOUS OBJECTIONS** are also raised to his famous Syllabus of Errors condemning as errors many new political, historical and scientific ideas. Critics feel that the syllabus was an attempt to defend ancient temporal privileges of the Church which could not have survived in the modern world.

Facing an avalanche of doubts about Pius, Snider appeals to critics to study Pius as a son of his times.

Except for a brief stay in Latin America with the papal diplomatic corps, points out the lawyer, "Pius' life was lived within the tiny corner of the Papal States."

"Some accuse him of being insensitive to the social issues raised in an industrialized society, but what did he know about industrialization?" asks Snider.

Views of his treatment of non-Catholics must be tempered by a recognition of the hostile apologetic attitude taken by both Catholics and

the 15 parishes which were asked to fill out a questionnaire, nine responded. The results will be published in a national journal. . . . The selection process for hiring a DRE has been revised with collaboration with the Association of Parish Religious Education Administrators (APREA). The parishes hiring a DRE this spring will receive the new packet. The packet will include the DRE contract, which requires the signature of the Superintendent. . . . Local boards of education who will be hiring principals for the fall of 1978 have been advised to appoint Search Committees at their February board meetings. A meeting for Chairmen of Search Committees is scheduled for February 23 at the OCE at 8 p.m.

## Blizzard image awakens fright in a reader

Being awakened by a small, mysterious sound at three o'clock the morning after the 1978 blizzard was not a particularly warm or welcome experience.

I lay motionless for a long moment, trying to identify the curious sound. It was not the clicking thermostat on my newly acquired electric blanket, nor was it the discarded paper in the corner wastebasket uncrinkling itself as an act of defiance against the one who had used and disposed of it so thoughtlessly. A quick, silent step or two from my bedside brought me to the dark, forbidding hallway.

Motionless, I listened and again the cabalistic sound reached my keen ears busy transmitting their cryptic messages to my puzzled brain. Clearly, it was not the kitchen mouse sharpening its incisors on the enameled Magic Chef. My patient, motionless waiting was rewarded by the game-playing sound. My movement alternated with its movement like shrewd chess players outwitting each other.

**THE SOUND** was distinctly coming from my sinistral left, which narrowed the location to the area of the stairway. Could it somehow be my four silent, wooden owls suspended in mobile fashion from the light fixture at the foot of the stairs? Why would they be making themselves heard in this interior calm after being mute so long?

Standing at the top of the stairs and deftly flipping the switch gave me instant light and almost instant courage to descend in pursuit of the small, clicking, haunting sound. Once at the bottom of the stairs and standing immediately beneath my four fowled, silent sentinels at the entrance to my home, it was obvious I was only a door's distance from the mystery sound.

**PERHAPS THE SOUND** was that of the sturdy chain on the storm door, gently but persistently tapping frosted glass as small currents of air became trapped between the doors. I really will never know, nor do I care.

The once seeming threat vanished as I ascended the stairs, returned to my warm bed and dozed off, not counting sheep, but listening to the steady somnific clicking of the thermostat on my warm, inviting blanket.

Clarita Uehlein

## CENTENARY OF PIUS IX

# Longest reigning Pope remains an enigma even after 100 years

BY JOHN MUTHIG

**VATICAN CITY**—He was Rome's last Pope-king. Yet almost daily he walked the



**PIUS IX ANNIVERSARY**—This year the Church is celebrating the centenary of the death of Pope Pius IX who died on Feb. 7, 1878, after 32 years as Pope making him the longest reigning pope in history. Pope Paul VI will conclude Vatican festivities with a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica March 5. A study of the controversial Pope is continuing to determine if the Church can grant him the honor of beatification. This mosaic of Pius IX is from the Church of St. Lawrence in Rome. [NC photo]



## question box

## It's not cut-and-dried

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. Can't there be a better way of choosing extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist? You have people giving Communion who are high in social standings in the community rather than people who are humble and God-fearing. This seems to be the pattern nowadays. If you have money and give generously to the Church, regardless of what your moral standings are, you're in the elite class with the parish. I'm sure Jesus is not happy with this, as he



was always with the poor and humble.

A. Well, now, it's not all as cut-and-dried as you make it out to be. Let's talk this thing over. Look at it from the pastor's point of view or that of the liturgical committee of the parish. How to make a selection? First, you think of those who come to frequent or daily Mass. Then those who have made their presence known in parish life by serving as officers for various organizations or as volunteers helping whenever needed for parish functions. Among those you will choose a certain number who have more leisure so that they can help take Communion to the sick and to nursing homes. In almost every parish you will find that the financially better-off will

predominate because they have more time to give to church work. Working mothers, understandably, have little leisure time.

Then, let's face it, many people turn down the invitation to be extraordinary ministers. The better educated person, more accustomed to perform in public, is more apt to accept an invitation than those you call the poor and humble. But, there's no hard and fast rule about this. I get around to a variety of parishes now that I am no longer a pastor, and I find that the extraordinary ministers come from all walks of life.

As for how unhappy Jesus would be, I remember that he visited the home of the wealthy Zachaeus and that his close friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus, were probably substantially wealthy people. So, he was not always with the poor. And St. Paul spent considerable time in the home of Philemon, the well-to-do Christian of Colossae.

Q. If a widow and a widower were to have a sexual relation, how does the Church look upon this? Is it adultery?

A. No, it's fornication, since neither is married. The advice to be given, in old-fashioned terms, is make the widow an honest woman or break off the relationship.

Q. Our child is being prepared for confession in the old-fashioned way: to say "I did this so many times," etc. Also no choice is given; the children must use the confessional box with no opportunity for face-to-face conversation. Do you think children should be taught the old "grocery list" of sins? Is the priest right in refusing face-to-face confession? Would it be permissible for our family to join another parish where the new ways are promoted?

A. If in your diocese the new rite of reconciliation has been promoted, then your pastor is threatened by change and afraid to go along with the Church. If you can find a nearby parish where the rules of the Church are being obeyed, you should ask to join. In these days of transition within the Church, the old strict rules of boundary lines have broken down, and it is an accepted fact that people go where they find a liturgy that suits them. With excesses on both the conservative and progressive side, it is essential that this choice be given. I agree with you that it is contrary to the new rite of reconciliation to teach children the "grocery list" of sins and force them to use the box.

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## cornucopia

## Courtesy be damned

BY ALICE DAILEY

A magazine article that preached about extending courtesy to telephone, and door-to-door salesmen left me contrite and positively radiating patience and kindness to the whole human race. That, of course, was before a telephone salesman called me at 4:45 p.m. after the gelatin wasn't jelling, the electric masher wasn't mashing, and the family was due any minute.

"Is the mister there?" The voice exuded oily confidence. "Not right now. Give me your number, and I'll have him return the call."

"Oh, I'll just talk to you. You're the missus, I guess." Easy, girl, I told myself. Remember the magazine article.

"I guess."

"Let me introduce myself. Peter Persistence here, with the firm of Ketchum and Jippum." (Who asked him?)

"I see you have a nice little home there. Ever think of selling?"



"ONLY WHEN I'M MAD at the mister."

"Heh, heh. Well now, do you folks have storms?"

"Rain or snow?"

"Heh, heh. I meant storm doors and windows."

"Yes, but look, I'm trying—"

"Air conditioning?"

"You gotta be kidding!"

"How about carpeting? Linoleum?"

"Look, I told you—"

"Roof in pretty good shape?" Even if there were a bucket in every room would I tell him?

"Perfect."

"Siding? Canopy? Awnings? Clothes dryer?"

"YES, YES, yes and yes. And I simply can't talk any—"

"Everybody needs something sometime!"

"As a matter of fact there is one thing."

"What?" I could almost see his pencil poised over the order blank.

"A device that turns off hot air courteously."

## Pope opens lenten retreat

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI began his lenten week of spiritual exercises Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Vatican. Jesuit Father Carlo Martini, rector of Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute, is leading the exercises at Pope Paul's request.

The Pope began the lenten retreat with recitation of Sunday Vespers at 6:30 p.m. During the week the Pope has suspended all private audiences and the weekly general audience. He broke his retreat Feb. 1, however, to meet with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in the Vatican.

The exercises, which are attended also by high Vatican officials, consist of four daily talks by the retreat master, communal recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours, Benediction and the Rosary. At the end of the retreat the Pope customarily gives an address.

## Priest ousted by Rhodesia

VATICAN CITY—The Rhodesian government has expelled an Irish priest, Father Philip Timmins, without giving any reason for the expulsion, Vatican Radio reported Feb. 10.

Father Timmins had been working at the mission of Wedza, about 70 miles south of Salisbury.

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## No political prisoners? Mothers object

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — A group of Salvadorean women with missing sons have challenged their president's claim that there are no political prisoners in El Salvador.

The women, members of the Committee of Mothers of Political Prisoners, answered the government claim with a booklet describing arrests by security police of 28 sons and daughters and detailing the mothers' futile attempts to obtain any subsequent information about the detainees.

Their searches, they said, have been met by "a wall of silence" from security forces.

ON THE LIST of detainees are 25 men, including professionals, workers and peasants, and three women leaders in community work.

"Some have been missing for four years, but most for a year," the booklet said. "We demand information on their whereabouts and their release or, if there are solid charges, their trial."

The committee said its list of missing persons is incomplete. It also gave what

it described as an incomplete list of prisoners "who have been subjected to unfair trials and long detention."

Recent Church documents have complained of the disappearance of catechists and other lay workers after army raids on villages.

A REVIEW of the booklet, run by the Catholic weekly *Orientacion*, said "the abuses, deceit and suspense suffered by these families are as sad as the absence of their children." It noted that many mothers have been forced to pay soldiers for information about their sons

and daughters that was never delivered.

Repression of civilians increased during and after the February, 1977, elections. The government calls the raids, arrests, and suppression of demonstrations part of an anti-guerrilla drive.



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## Cage title on the line Feb. 19th

Junior-Senior Deane Champion basketball teams move into Archdiocesan play this Sunday, Feb. 19, at Secina Memorial High School and Providence High School in Clarksville.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 14, Mount Carmel "A" played St. Ann for one Indianapolis Deane title, and St. Christopher met Immaculate Heart for the other Indianapolis Deane title. The winner of the Mount Carmel-St. Ann game goes against St. Louis, Batesville, at 1 p.m. at Secina. The winner of the St. Christopher-Immaculate Heart game plays St. Paul, Tell City, at 2:15 p.m. at Providence.

St. Louis, Batesville, advanced to the Archdiocesan Tournament by edging St. Mary's, Greensburg, 65-61. St. Paul, Tell City, defeated St. Boniface, Fulda, 34-32, for the championship of their Deane. St. Vincent's, Bedford, derailed St. Columba, Columbus, for the Bedford championship and will play the New Albany Deane winner at 1 p.m. at Providence. The champions from Richmond and Terre Haute meet at 2:15 p.m. at Secina.

All winners in the afternoon games play at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.



NO COMPLAINTS—Four boys frolic on a pile of snow in the parking lot at St. Annes Church in Louisville, Ky. The boys were enjoying an unscheduled vacation when a record snowfall of more than a foot forced closing of area Catholic schools and brought parish life to a standstill. [NC photo by Joseph Duern]

## Girls' cage team driving scorers batty

CATSKILL, N.Y. — When the girls' basketball team at St. Patrick's Central High School in Catskill, N.Y., takes the court, the scorekeeper is liable to end up scratching his head and quickly calling an official time out.

Because sometime during the game the St. Patrick's Knights are likely to field a team composed of five girls with the same surname—Bullich.

And if that isn't enough to drive an opposing coach to an early shower, the Knights

have another Bullich up their sleeve. When the need arises, she'll step in to replace one of her sisters or cousins.

The basketball-playing Bullichs create a great deal of confusion on the opposition's bench wherever they go. It even took the Knights' coach, Marty Darling, nearly two months to match the Bullich girls to their first names.

THE TWO BULICH brothers—Frank and Anton—and their families live next door to each other in

Catskill. Frank Bullich's three daughters—Tina, Karen and Colleen—play for the team as do Anton's daughters Monica, Heidi and Linda.

Only two—cousins Heidi and Karen—are starters, while the other four substitute. Kathy Welsh, Cindy Shufelt and Kathy Darling round out the starting five.

But problems persist. One time, says Karen, "an opposing player came up to me and said, 'The coach told me to play man-to-man defense but I don't know which one I'm supposed to cover.'"

Another time, according to Miss Darling, "a coach wanted to stop the game because he thought we were sending in the same girl wearing a different shirt."

Cousins," added Karen. But, she said, most people find the situation "amusing and a good conversation piece."

The Knights are hoping for an undefeated season and a shot at the sectional championship. The entire school of close to 300 students is behind the girls, including the boys' basketball team.

And if the team reaches the championships, the referees and scorekeeper

needn't worry because Marty Darling has a solution. "I pass out the girls' pictures with their uniform numbers so the refs know who is on the court at all times," he said.

## Father Ernst's father dies

NAVILLETON, Ind. — The Funeral Liturgy for William Ernst, Sr., was held at St. Mary Church here Thursday, Feb. 16. Priests of the Archdiocese celebrated the Mass with Mr. Ernst's son, Father William Ernst, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Shelbyville.

Mr. Ernst died on Monday, Feb. 13.

## Hockey-playing priests get trip for youngsters

MELVINDALE, Mich. — Twenty-five Melvindale, Mich., youngsters will travel to Sweden in March to play hockey, largely through the efforts of a local group of hockey-playing priests.

Known variously as the Detroit Penguins, Puritan's Penguins (after radio disc jockey Dick Puritan, who coached them one season) and the Flying Fathers, the clerical ice men have faced off against some formidable opponents in benefit games during recent years.

hockey, but we also want them to enjoy themselves," she said. "They probably won't have the chance to visit Sweden again, so they'll have an opportunity for some signi-seeing and they'll be staying with the families of youngsters that traveled to the United States last year."

The hockey players, all members of the Melvindale Hockey Club, compete in the "pee wee" and "bantam" divisions.

## NO COLUMN

Charlie Martin's column Today's Music will not appear this week. The column intended for this issue was a re-run of a column run earlier in December.

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All Semi-Final and Finals will be played Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at Little Flower. Trophies will be awarded at that time. St. Catherine is the defending over-all Champion.

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### Abortion law ruled illegal

FAIRFAX, Va. — A Fairfax County judge ruled the Virginia abortion law unconstitutional as he freed eight pro-lifers held for trespassing at a Fairfax abortion clinic.

The February 10 opinion by General District Court Judge J. Mason Grove is not binding on other courts, but according to Chief Judge Robert Hurst of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Fairfax County, the rest of the district judges would probably go along with the ruling.

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# One and only Titanic follows the Queen Mary

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

In "The One and Only," director Carl Reiner and actor Henry Winkler try a quick follow-up to their respective 1977 successes "Oh, God!" and "Heroes," and it's like trying to follow Caesar with Nero, the Queen Mary with the Titanic, or last summer with this winter. It's a let-down.

Writer-producer Steve Gordon casts Winkler as a megalomaniac would-be actor, which is reasonable, who finally finds a niche as a showboat professional wrestler, which is ludicrous. The short, spunky, flamboyant Winkler as a wrestler, even a fake one, is as convincing as Liberace.

That isn't entirely a far-fetched comparison, because the screenplay, set in the 1950's, is an obvious ripoff of the phenomenon of Gorgeous George, the wrestler who built a brief career by going against the grain of the sport's sweaty macho image. George wasn't exactly a sissy, though he played on the edge of it in times much less open-minded than our own. He was simply elegant, curly blond-haired, perfumed, outrageously costumed—the first rock star? And for a while, he hustled a good living, an appropriate symbol for modern anything-you-can-get-away-with Show Biz.

THE MOVIE doesn't explore this, or much of anything else. Winkler simply emerges in the final scenes as a George-type grappler, the Lover, and achieves his ambition as a star, after trying several other equally desperate routes. His character is a nutty stagestruck type with an outrageous ego who doesn't quite have the talent to go with it. This kind of guy can be lovable, which Winkler is at times, or obnoxious, which he is more often.

The basic ploy is to match this off-the-wall screwball with a bunch of squares back in small-town Ohio.

The collection includes a nice normal and tolerant girl friend (an attractive performance by Kim Darby) who becomes his wife, her totally stick-in-the-mud parents (William Daniels as Dad has played this Babbitt character for nearly 20 years), and such standard college types

as the stolid pipe-smoking boy friend, the overbearing drama professor and the super-tough football coach. Winkler plays off them all with predictable gusto, but director Reiner has few surprises for us.

THEN THE ACTION moves to wicked New York, where stage hopeful Winkler stumbles into a milieu even more bizarre than he is—the funny farm of pro wrestling. The main characters include an over-sexed midget (Herve Villechaise, currently second banana to Richard Montalban on TV's "Fantasy Island") and a comically sleazy, anything-goes promoter (veteran actor-director Gene Saks) who continually frets about his sexually ambiguous son ("I gave him a football, and he decorated it").

There are amusing moments—but not too many—as the scrawny Winkler gets beaten up by a huge humorless Indian and tries wrestling as a bearded hypnotist and Nazi before finally making it as the fastidious, violence-hating, kiss-blowing Lover.

Meanwhile, naturally, the issue is whether the pregnant young wife can put up with the poverty and the weird lifestyle, or whether Winkler can hack it as an insurance salesman back in Ohio. In the crazy world of



SPECIAL SPECIALS—CBS will air a new movie, "Special Olympics," (left photo) a drama on the special athletic events for the mentally retarded, featuring George Parry, left, and Philip Brown as brothers Matt and Mike Gallitzin on Wednesday, Feb. 22. PBS, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, will offer two specials of its own on handicapped children and



their families. "Reach for Tomorrow" (right photo) chronicles the first 13 years in the life of thalidomide baby Takeshi Arai. Coupled with it is "Kurt: A Retarded Child in the Family," a story about one family's adjustment to the birth of a mongoloid child. [NC photos]

## media notebook

## TV—an observer of history being made

BY T. FABRE

Too infrequently are we reminded of television's great potential of making us observers of history while it is being made—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech to the Knesset in Jerusalem last December, for example. Television was in no small part responsible for that peace initiative in the Middle East, but at the same time it also was a factor in causing the present stalemate.

By conducting diplomatic negotiations through the eyes of television cameras, both Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin counted upon their legitimate claims being perceived by the public of the other side and, indeed, the world. This was a miscalculation, a failure to realize how subjectively people interpret what they see on television.

The growing maturity of

movie values, the ending is presumably happy.

FOR DIRECTOR Reiner, "One and Only" is a throwback to films he made earlier in his career (the autobiographical "Enter Laughing," "The Comic"), when he was concerned with the funny-sad aspects of ambitious but naive young people trying to break into the stage or movies.

Here he has an interesting and recognizable central character, but neither he nor Winkler can get past the often unpleasant, self-centered clown to the human being somewhere inside. The spoof of the parents and the zoo of wrestling would be broad even on television, and near the end there are clear signs of desperation, as the plot ends are abruptly tied up and a poignant title song is grafted on that could have been used in "The Way We Were" or "Summer of '42."

There is occasional compensation in writer Gordon's dialogue, especially liked one knowing exchange in which Winkler boasts, "I can do anything!" and Ms. Darby, speaking of her studious boy friend, says, "But Paul is going to be a doctor." That's Middle America, all right. (Rating not available)

the medium in reporting on itself was evident in a recent documentary examining the limitations of television in reporting an event such as the Mideast talks and the ways in which the public responds. It was a PBS broadcast called "The Clouded Window" that aired nationally in the first week of February.

The thesis of the program, hosted by Daniel Schorr, veteran foreign correspondent who worked for CBS from 1953 to 1976, is that "objective" journalism is limited by the subjective attitudes of both reporter and public. This is the primary reason, he says, that the present era of instantaneous international communication has had no effect in improving international understanding.

AS A CASE in point, he showed how an Egyptian parade commemorating the October War was reported in Egypt and then in Israel. Both emphasized the military formations and weaponry that passed in review, but the commentary was markedly different. The Egyptian announcer saw them as a sign of strength and self-defense for a peaceful people, while the Israeli description colored them in ominous and threatening terms.

Another example was the way in which the same news footage of a coup in Thailand was used on TV reports in Britain, Holland, Hungary, Japan, South Africa and the United States. Once again, the commentary reflected differences emerging from national concerns and preoccupations. South Africa saw it as a natural response by the military to civil strife, Hungary blamed the CIA, Holland saw it as a massacre of unarmed students, and so on.

The incredible difference in the substance, or, more accurately perhaps, the slanting of news actualities can be imagined, but it has to be seen to be really appreciated.

After viewing these clips of news programs from East, West and the Third World, one understands better the national bias that is a natural impediment to rational discourse in forms such as the United Nations.

From these brief clips, however, one also gets the impression that journalists, like doctors and scientists, belong to the same international fraternity. What they say may provide very different interpretations of the same events, but the way they say it—in a sure and confident style of reporting—is the common bond of the profession.

American TV journalism does not get its direction from the government but

## ★ tv and radio ★ programs this week

Thalidomide in the early 1960s was a drug prescribed for pregnant women until it was discovered that the drug could deform the limbs of the infants they were carrying. More than 8,000 deformed children were born worldwide before the drug was taken off the market. What happened to one of those children is shown in a Japanese television production, "Reach for Tomorrow," airing Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 10-11 p.m. on PBS channels.

Paul Muni was a Hollywood actor famous for his skillful portrayal of historical personalities. A nostalgic and warm tribute to his origins in the Yiddish theater is offered in "Actor," airing Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 8-10 p.m. on PBS.

"Lorna Doone," written in 1869 by R. D. Blackmore, is one of those works of fiction most people have heard of but few have read. Brought to the screen in the "Once Upon a Classic" series for the family, it proves to be a tale of robust adventure and winning romance in the finest Sir Walter Scott tradition. The first in the 10-episode series airs Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8-8:30 p.m. on PBS.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "The Awakening Land." Elizabeth Montgomery stars as a pioneer in the Ohio wilderness of 1790 in this three-part adaptation of Conrad Richter's Pulitzer Prize-winning family saga (concluding parts air Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20-21).

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 9-11 p.m. (CBS) "Special Olympics." Drama of widowed father of three teen-agers who make a family project out of helping in the Olympics program for the mentally retarded.

Religious broadcasting highlights: Sunday, Feb. 19, 1-2 p.m. (NBC) "Continuing Creation."

The Role of Science and Religion." This historical film documentary traces the impact of scientific discoveries upon society and religious faith. The heritage of Galileo, Boyle, Newton and Darwin is reviewed as this program journeys through history to the contemporary settings of the Fermi Accelerator Laboratory at Batavia, Ill., where the subatomic world is being probed and of the Kitt Peak Observatory in Arizona that probes the galaxies. Produced for NBC by Doris Ann and written by Phillip Scharper, this National Council of Churches' special is narrated by Douglass Watson.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:30-11 a.m. (CBS) "Look Up and Live." This documentary on "Disarmament" addresses the issues surfacing around the disarmament question and discusses the efforts of U.S. churches to prepare their constituencies for the UN Special Session on Disarmament. Produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

Radio: Sunday, Feb. 19 (NBC) "Guideline" continues the current series of dialogues on the significance of Lent for the contemporary Christian. The series will take the form of a journey, moving toward the meaning of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The subject of this second dialogue is the biblical account of the Transfiguration of Jesus and its relationship to His Passion and Death. Guests are Father Peter Mann, a British Benedictine priest and theologian currently working in the United States, and Father William Ayres, director of communications for the diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. (Check local listings for time.)

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## Wed 65 years

INDIANAPOLIS — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Galizia, members of Holy Cross parish, will be honored at an Open House from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, to mark their 65th wedding anniversary.

They are the parents of two daughters: Yolanda Biggs and Catherine Bandy, both of Indianapolis. There are 10 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

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Do we have time to pray?

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# 'Prayer is with Someone Else...'

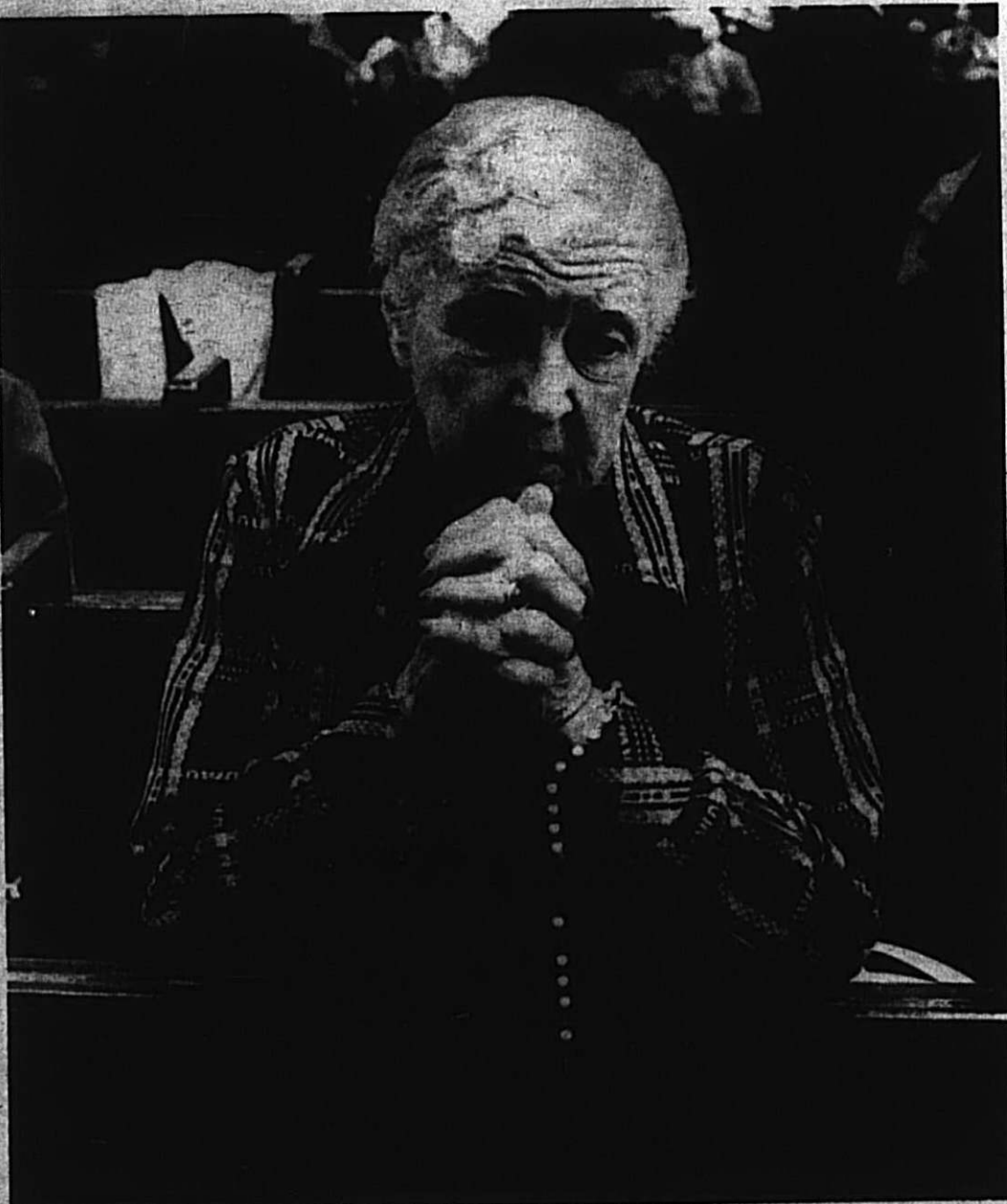
By Father Edward J. Farrell

What if we began by asking not, "Do we have time to pray?" but, "How long does it take to be penetrated by the prayer of Jesus?" Prayer is mostly a mystery of presence; new depth into the presence of Christ. He is continually drawing us.

In physics there are certain fields of energy, certain polarizations. In a similar way we have to be more aware that we are in God's field of prayer, God's field of presence and that there is never a moment when He is not present to us, even though we are but rarely present to Him. We would actually not be in prayer at all if prayer came from ourselves. Prayer is with Someone Else. "Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, spending the night in communion with God" (Lk 12, 6).

**THE PRAYER** of Jesus is prayer in spirit and truth. His prayer enters into our time. It is total, infinite, eternal. We are all included in the prayer of Jesus. We pray because Jesus prays. We pray because we are being called by His prayer, led by His presence. He is always present in our lives, calling us to a more explicit conscious awareness of His presence. When His prayer enters into me it is no longer I who pray but Jesus who prays in me. As long as it takes to give myself to God, it takes me to pray.

We have come to discover that praying one hour a day or four hours a day is inadequate. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta



says, we must pray 24 hours a day. Our whole life must be a prayer, an entering more and more thoroughly into the prayer of Jesus. As long as it takes to enter into His prayer it takes to pray.

It is important to realize that there is something within us which goes beyond ourselves; an interior experience of Him who is Prayer fails — not because we do not have time to pray but because we do not believe enough in His presence.

**THERE IS A** certain cumulative prayer which happens because of the Eucharist. Day after day anyone who has a deep love for the Eucharist has a new capacity for experiencing his own and another's presence.

There are many times during the day when we try to be conscious of Him, but there are also those times unknown to us when He is present to us. He chooses to be with us and sometimes He is with us unexpectedly. He is there giving Himself to us. The task of prayer is to lead us into presence, a readiness and availability so that no matter what we are doing, there is an ongoing awareness of Him who has made His home in us.

Jesus is prayer; and in the deepest depths of oneself, we are prayer. We are an existence of God. The prayer of adoration is becoming aware of the act of God's love creating us, and Jesus praying in us at this very moment. We are a form of human prayer, but something totally

new has happened in God becoming man.

**IN ALL THE** prayer of the world's religious, we pause before the incredible reality that God walks among His people; that God is one of us, that God prays. The realization that God Himself prays is itself mind boggling. And the greatest consolation we have is that He is praying for us, with us, in us. As we are drawn into His presence, we become more aware of Jesus at prayer in us; praying in us and inviting us to pray.

The invitation to pray is an invitation to remember His presence and wake up to His prayer in us.

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# St. Ignatius Loyola

## Set a model method of prayer

By Father John J. Castelot

St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, was born about 1491 in the family castle of Loyola, the youngest of 11 children.

He entered military service but was wounded in the defense of Pamplona on May 20, 1421, when a cannon ball broke his right shin and ripped open his calf. The break was badly set and the bone had to be rebroken and reset. The surgeon botched the job and left a bone protruding below the knee which had to be sawed off.

The convalescence was long, and Ignatius requested light reading. All that could be found were a life of Christ and saints' legends. He became engrossed and determined to imitate the saints. How he was to do this was not clear; he toyed with several ideas before resolving to live a life of rigorous mortification.

A VISION of the Blessed Virgin and the infant Jesus inspired him to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Montserrat. Manresa, a small town, was not far from there. He stayed at Manresa about a year, living sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a paupers'

hostel, with intervals of solitude in a nearby cave.

It was a time of severe spiritual testing, marked by depressing attacks of scrupulosity. The experience was fruitful, however, for out of it came the first notes that grew into his famous Spiritual Exercises. Out of it, too, came great peace of mind and inner joy.

Ignatius was consumed by a desire to visit the Holy Land. In February 1523 he set out, hitching his way. However, once there, his immoderate zeal for the Moslems' conversion made the Franciscan custodians of the holy places fearful that he would be taken as a hostage and they ordered him home.

BACK IN Barcelona, at age 33, he began studying Latin. So distracted was he by thoughts of God that he found it difficult to concentrate, until he hit upon a method of turning his study into prayer. And of course going to school with little boys was humiliating. After two years he moved to higher studies, through which he struggled.

He lived austerely, wore a coarse gray habit, taught catechism and recalled many people from vice to virtue. But this lifestyle and activity attracted adverse

attention, and he and three companions moved to Salamanca, where again he became the object of dark suspicion and decided to leave Spain.

In Paris his conduct and the reaction to it were much the same, but he persevered. In 1534, he received his master's degree. Six like-minded fellow students joined him in the Spiritual Exercises. They took private vows of poverty and chastity and offered their services to the pope in any capacity he might deem fit.

Thwarted in their attempts to go to Palestine, they met, two years later, in Venice. Eleven in number, they went to Rome, where Pope Paul III welcomed them and gave permission for ordination. Typically, it was a year before Ignatius felt himself ready to offer his first Mass. They put themselves at the Pope's disposal and he assigned them various tasks around Rome.

IT WAS CLEAR that they had a future in the Church and would need structure as a group. They added a third vow of obedience to whomever would be their general. He in turn would be subject to the Holy See. This gave rise to a fourth

vow, that of going wherever the pope sent them.

Unlike existing orders, they chose not to recite the Office in common, but to leave themselves free for the practical exercise of charity, with education as top priority. The order was approved on Sept. 27, 1540, and Ignatius was elected superior general. In this capacity he spent the

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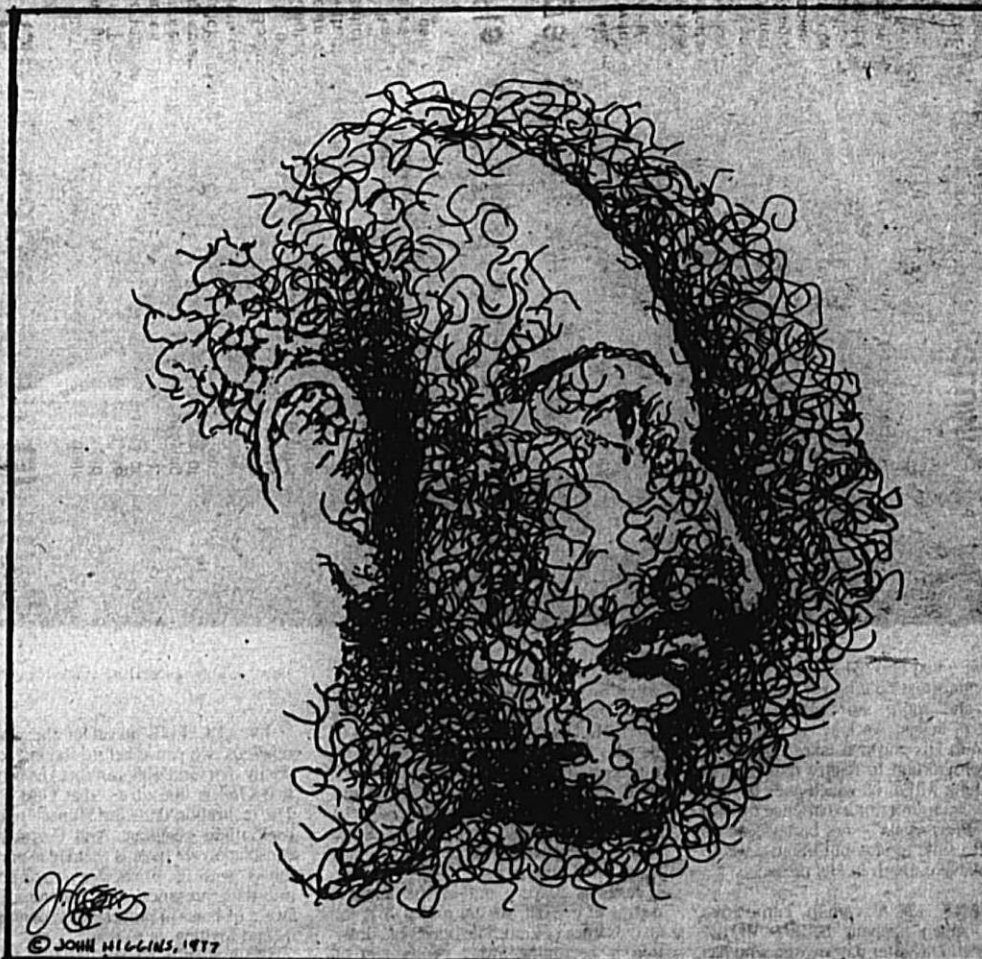
rest of his life in Rome, directing the affairs of his amazingly active organization.

One of St. Ignatius' most far reaching contributions was his Spiritual Exercises published in Rome in 1548. This prayer method has served ever since as a model for both private devotion and formal retreats. They reveal the great heart and soul of their author. The quasi-military structure of the Jesuits can be misleading. It is not a cold machine, and Ignatius was not a stony general. He was a man who deeply loved his "army." His concern for the sick was especially touching; he could not do enough for them.

WHEN HIS SUBJECTS were right and he was wrong, he submitted with a charming humility, even cheerfulness. Still, he could be firm, and reacted strongly to those whom learning had made conceited or negligent of true religion. As with all saints, his crowning virtue was the prime Christian virtue: love.

In 15 years, the Jesuits had grown to 1,000 members in Europe, India and Brazil. St. Ignatius' health deteriorated steadily during these years. He died suddenly on July 31, 1556. Pope Pius XI named him the patron saint of spiritual exercises and retreats.

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St. Ignatius Loyola

## Timely quote

Quotation from *To Live In Christ Jesus: A Pastoral Reflection on the Moral Life*.

"We live in good faith if we act in accord with conscience. Nevertheless our moral decisions still require much effort. We must make decisions of conscience based upon prayer, study, consultation and an understanding of the teachings of the Church. We must have a rightly informed conscience and follow it. But our judgments are human and can be mistaken; we may be blinded by the power of sin in our lives or misled by the strength of our desires. Beloved, do not trust every spirit, but put the spirits to a test to see if they belong to God."

"Where are we to look for the teachings of Jesus, hear His voice and discern His will?"

"In Scripture, whose books were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In prayer, where we grow in knowledge and love of Christ and commitment to His service. In the events of human life and history, where Christ and His Spirit are at work. In the Church, where all these things converge."

This is why the Second Vatican Council said: "In the formation of their consciences, the Christian faithful ought carefully to attend to the sacred and certain doctrine of the Church."





Fr. Bernard Bassot, S.J.

By William Ryan

Father Bernard Bassot, witty English Jesuit, best-selling author, descendant of both St. Thomas More and General Robert E. Lee, and retreat master par excellence, has been delighting audiences for years with lectures on the spiritual life and trenchant comments on the American scene.

But probably few people realize that he

Father Bernard Bassot, S.J.

## Keeping a sense of humor in life's tribulations

attributes his international fame to a recording made 20 years ago on his first visit to the United States.

"THEY TOLD ME in 1958 in Chicago, where I had arrived to give a retreat, that they must put me on tape — and suddenly what I'd been saying for years in England and nobody paid much attention to, put down on tape, turned out to be sort of a comedy turn," Father Bassot once told NC News. The recording, issued under the title *How to Stop at the Moon*, was enormously successful and requests for retreats poured in. His Jesuit provincial said "Take a tour."

Father Bassot has been doing just that, off and on, ever since. The reputation that began with the retreats has been cemented by the best-selling books, which he began to write at age 53. They include, among others, *We Neurotics* (subtitled *A Guide for the Half-Mad*), *We Agnostics*, and *Born for Friendship*. If they have a common theme, it might be described as keeping one's sense of humor, and sense of what's truly important, while doing battle with life's trials and tribulations.

"The truly spiritual person because he has a deeper vision, is able to laugh at the humbug in others and in himself," Father Bassot says. "One doesn't laugh at dogma; dogma is not a laughing matter. Pomposity is something else. Morticians, BBC announcers, and some members of the hierarchy seem preoccupied with maintaining the wrong sort of 'image.' Yet some of the prelates who are the heaviest going publicly are, in private, the merriest of men."

"SELF-CENTERED people are rarely humorous — and a self-centered religion is deadly dull," he adds. "Perhaps the Catholics of our generation take themselves too seriously."

While fame came late, Father Bassot's earlier years were not uneventful. "I saw German Zeppelins over the city and many a blitz in the Second World War," he recounts.

"As a Jesuit I have put my hand to many tasks, studying history at Oxford, teaching boys from eight to 18, running a retreat house in London and writing a column for the London Catholic Herald for 15 years. I was attached to Vatican Radio for the opening session of the General Council and as a journalist visited India."

"Like many Englishmen of my generation, I boast an American grandmother, a Miss Bessie Lee of Baltimore. First cousin of General Robert E. Lee, Bessie left the United States after the Civil War. When I was young I was allowed to see the general's epaulettes on occasion, reverently preserved in a red velvet box. I came from a roaring Roman Catholic family and wore a biretta in bed when I was eight. My brother and both my sisters followed me into religion. Hence my birthday presents have been restricted to holy pictures and I have never known the joys of marriage, children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or mothers-in-law. Given reincarnation, I feel sure I would repeat the same choice."

IN 1969, on his 60th birthday, Father Bassot, with the permission of his Jesuit

superiors, moved to the Isles of Scilly off the Cornish coast where he ministers to a small Catholic community, prays, writes, shops, and does his own cooking and housework.

"At sunset I gaze longingly in the

### Profile for today

vague direction of New York," he says. "Yes, I may describe myself as a lapsed mystic; I have always been a hermit at heart."

For two months each year, Father Bassot emerges from his islands to give a series of spiritual retreats in this country. This often includes a visit to the Baltimore-Washington area where he utilizes intervals between retreats to go sightseeing, visit Lee relatives, and enjoy the southern Maryland countryside.

Interviewed by The Washington Star last year, Father Bassot said he had observed a more positive attitude abroad in this country following the period of Vietnam and Watergate, and in the Church as well following a period of confusion after Vatican II.

"In the Catholic Church, from my point of view, there was great uneasiness and restlessness because of the council and what followed," he said. "For about five years I found it very painful to go around and find people so angry and frustrated and with lack of purpose and sort of a sense of shame. Recently I've seen an immense improvement in the moral and temper of the United States."

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## Spiritual exercises: prayer for activists

By Father Alfred McBride, O.Praem.

For well over 1,000 years, the monastic style of prayer dominated Christian behavior. It suited well the agrarian world in which it flourished with its predictability and regularity, its seasonal and diurnal rhythms.

However, the Renaissance and the Reformation coincided with the urbanization of Europe on an unprecedented scale. Cities grew, bloomed and burst at the seams. And with them came noise, action, chaotic snarl, complexity, discontinuity and man-made rhythms.

THE STATELY, serene prayer life of the monks did not resonate so well in these urban cauldrons. Thanks to the genius of Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits, a prayer possibility emerged that was well tailored for the activist citizens of the new cities. This prayer style was known as the Spiritual Exercises. A methodical, systematic approach to spirituality, the Spiritual Exercises endowed the users with a flexible, enduring and assuring way to thread the maze of action with the gold lining of interior faith and prayer.

In their ideal form, the Spiritual Exercises are a four-week retreat designed to help the person undergo a profound religious conversion. Each day the person engages in five one-hour meditations. The first week these meditations or exercises dwell on the tragedy of the human condition beset with sin, selfishness, lust, avarice and alienation. Week two brings the retreatant to contemplate the two major forces competing for his commitment, namely, the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of Satan.

BY THE THIRD week the "exerciser" ponders the drama of the saving passion and death of Christ. The fourth week leads the candidate to view the sweeping panorama of Easter and its effect on the life of a Christian.

Hence like a good educational device, the Exercises begin where the person is, affected by sin and estrangement. The situation is not without hope since Christ is battling for the true hopes and personal fulfillment of the individual. How this is done comes through in the wondrous meditations on the death and resurrection of Jesus.

What is supposed to happen in these meditations and in this retreat (1) Inner awareness of God. (2) Positive and negative reaction. (3) A sense of God's will.

The Exercises summon the distracted activist to quiet down and fix his or her inner attention and imagination on some biblical scene or spiritual truth. This is meant to relax the person and draw him or her to an inner awareness of God's presence and a readiness to receive insight from God and experience the Lord's love.

Sometimes this leads to a positive reaction of joy or consolation. Other times it results in a negative experience of emptiness and desolation. Both reactions are valuable precisely as reactions, for they indicate the person's involvement with God. Desolation teaches the person to seek the God of consolations, not the consolations of God.

FINALLY, one is brought to sense God's will for oneself and a future direction. A renewal of spirit takes place. One more significant step in life-long conversion has been accomplished.

After four centuries, to this present

day, the Spiritual Exercises remain one of the most effective ways of setting in motion a spirituality for activists. The decisions and attitudes acquired in the retreat are to be carried over into regular life — and "mini-exercises" are expected to be part of daily existence.

Each age finds new and compelling ways to make these exercises relevant and useful for fresh legions of people anxious to lead a substantial spiritual life in the midst of the tensions, distractions and obsessions of contemporary life.

One of these retreats clearly does not make a saint. Normally it takes a lifetime to achieve such holiness with God's grace. Some complain that these exercises are too military and insensitive to the needs of individual freedom. Not so, if they are pursued properly, for the uppermost intention is about the free interaction of personal faith and God's grace. The setting and rules are meant to afford this glorious possibility. What a gift we have here in our Catholic heritage. How much the better we will be when it is accepted and used.

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# Where families can walk away from it all

By Father Joseph M. Champlin

A weekend away from home in a lovely mountain setting. Tennis court. Swimming pool. Fireplace. Woods and streams — 700 acres of them. Big gym for the children. Inspiring and entertaining activities. Price: \$100 for a four-member family; \$130 for a six-person unit.

That reads like a descriptive folder from some travel agency seeking to lure people out of their homes with an unbelievable bargain. But this offer comes from the Mount Carmel Christian Life Center in Williamstown, Mass., which seeks to lure families out of their houses for a weekend family retreat in the northern Berkshire mountains.

**FATHER GUS** Graap is the Carmelite priest who conceived and directs this unique family style spiritual experience. Dominican Sister Mary Claire Ratigan helps him each year as they plan a new approach for the months ahead and, when able to get away from her Long Island teaching responsibilities, journeys to Williamstown for a specific weekend.

About 200 families have been making the retreats every year since its inception, drawn by the physical beauty of Mount Carmel, the opportunity for a relatively inexpensive vacation, and, most of all, the desire to step aside for reflective prayer.

Most American families consider themselves very busy. Both parents and children frequently complain about not having sufficient time for all the meetings and activities they are expected to

attend or would like to enjoy. To withdraw from such a whirling merry-go-round for even two days requires a conscious decision, a priority judgment on the part of everyone.

**I PICTURE** Jesus repeatedly making parallel decisions and judgments during the three years of His public ministry. With so much to say and do in so brief a period of time, the Lord could have felt pressure to reduce or omit moments of prayer.

Yet we read in Mark's Gospel: "Rising early the next morning. He went off to a lonely place in the desert; there He was absorbed in prayer." (1,35). Later in the same book, "When He had taken leave of them, He went off to the mountain to pray." (6,46). St. Luke tells us "he went out to the mountain to pray, spending the night in communion with God." (6,12).

Christ is our way, our truth and our life. He calls us to follow His example, in this instance by going off for a few moments, hours or days, to pray.

**THE CARMELITES** provide the mountain and the place as well as a loosely structured format to help families pray.

Orientation starts at 9 p.m. Friday night, with the youngsters sent off to bed by 10.

Saturday morning begins with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., a low key Eucharist around 9:30, and then a family project for two hours until lunch. The activity centers around the retreat's theme and may involve, for example, construction of a collage.

For another two-hour block after lunch the family enjoys recreation, e.g., hiking in the woods, tobogganing, swimming, basketball. Here the diversified and excellent facilities of Mount Carmel serve well.

**FROM 3 TO 4:30** Father Gus or another Carmelite gives a presentation and directs participants as they break into small units for discussion. At 5, the afternoon concludes with a Family Penance Service.

A night walk follows supper and provides the occasion for an informal talk on creation, light, darkness, silence, prayer

and God. The day concludes with a sing-along by the fireplace and then some socializing among the adults after the children have retired.

Breakfast, morning prayer, a two-hour open discussion and a solemn closing eucharistic celebration at 11:30 fill up Sunday morning and brings the family retreat weekend to a close.

**HOW SUCCESSFUL** is it? The high number of repeaters by itself speaks well about the value families see in these two days of quiet prayer away from their regular routines and their busy homes.

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## Discussion questions

1. How do you define prayer? Discuss.
2. Father Edward J. Farrell says, "Prayer is mostly a mystery of presence." What does this mean?
3. Where does prayer come from? What is the prayer of Jesus?
4. How can one possibly pray 24 hours a day? Discuss.
5. Why does a real love for the Eucharist help our spiritual growth?
6. Meditate on the statement: "Jesus prays."
7. Has Father Farrell's article given you new insights into prayer? Discuss.
8. Why did the monastic style of prayer dominate Christian behavior for over 1,000 years?
9. Describe the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.
10. What is supposed to happen as a result of the meditation and retreat using the Spiritual Exercises?
11. Why is the Spiritual Exercise method still successful?
12. What caused St. Ignatius to develop a profound interest in religion? As a result, how did he pattern his life?
13. What Order did St. Ignatius found?
14. What kind of man was St. Ignatius?
15. How does Father Bernard Basset define a truly spiritual person?
16. Discuss the reasons for making a retreat.