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## Chronicle of '78 events in Archdiocese

**JANUARY** 

After two years of preparation, the Archdiocese implemented a new teen-age marriage policy.

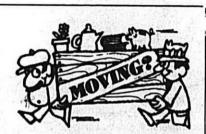
Two retired priests of the Archdiocese: Father Edward Heuke, 74, and Father Amos McLoughlin, 75, died.

The long range educational planning process in the Archdiocese entered its third phase.

Report on audit of Archdiocesan Retirement Plans completed and published in the Criterion.

#### CRITERION CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

In keeping with a practice inaugurated in 1961, there will be no issue of the Criterion on the last Friday of the year, December 29. Besides providing our hard-working staff with an extended holiday, it will provide a few deadline-free days to finish the moving process into our new publishing quarters and to handle several year-end administrative details. Criterion offices will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 22 through Thursday, Dec. 28, reopening for business on Friday, Dec. 29 and closing again on Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday. Photos and copy for the issue of Jan. 5 should be in our hands by Friday, Dec. 29, to insure publication.



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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Taylor was ordained a deacon by Archbishop Biskup—the first black seminarian to receive the diaconate in 15 years.

#### FEBRUARY

Archbishop Marcos G. McGrath of Panama held a news conference in Indianapolis on the pending Panama Canal Treaty

Sam Newport, Terre Haute lay leader, killed in traffic accident.

Archdiocesan Board of Education approved budget of \$270,830 for the 1978-79 school year.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Kempf, retired priest of the Archdiocese and professor-emeritus at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, died at 74.

#### MARCH

Archbishop Biskup approved a resolution of the Priests' Senate and formally announced the closing of the Latin School of Indianapolis at the end of the current academic year.

Archabbot Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B., announced his retirement effective June 2, 1978, after filling the post for 12 years.

Father Placidus Kempf, O.S.B., a professor at St. Meinrad Seminary, for more than 50 years, died at the age of 82.

Criterion changed to tabloid format effective with the March 17th issue.

#### APRIL

New activity center under construction at St. Michael parish, Greenfield.

International Student Leadership Conference held at Cathedral High School.

A financial report of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was published in the Criterion. This was the first such published report in almost 25 years?

The Benedictine Sisters announced the closing of Our Lady of Grace Academy, Beech Grove, at the end of the current school year. Our Lady of Grace, which is the last non co-educational high school in the Indianapolis area, has been operated by the Benedictines since its founding in 1956.

#### MAY

The former Holy Trinity rectory in New Albany was inaugurated as an Interfalth

## Registration blank page 14

A coupon for individuals interested in registering for the Religious Studies program sponsored by the Office of Catholic Education is found on page 14. Fr. Clem Davis, coordinator of the spring course of studies, reminds educators and all adults interested to register early. Further information concerning the courses offered can be obtained through the Office—317-634-4453.

Social Ministries headquarters for the community.

Father Patrick Ratterman, professional counselor and a member of the Brebeuf Jesuit community, died at 62.

A total of 1,266 seniors were graduated from Archdiocesan Catholic high schools.

T. J. Jeffers of Little Flower parish was named to receive the "Catholic Lay Award" given annually by the Chatard Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

Father Michael Welch, Vocation Director, announced plans for the expansion of the Vocations Office to compensate for the closing of the Latin School and to broaden vocation efforts to all age groups. Two additional priests will be assigned to the Vocations Office.

Archbishop Biskup presented the John Bosco Medal to five adults in the New Albany Deanery for outstanding service to youth.

The Monsignor Albert Busald Award was conferred on a large group of youth volunteer workers in the Indianapolis

Deanery, and the Mel Olvey Memorial Citation was presented for the first time to an outstanding Junior CYO Moderator.

Rev. Daniel Armstrong, Rev. Steven Schaftlein and Rev. Kenneth Taylor were ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese by Archbishop Biskup at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

The annual Priesthood Day celebration was held at St. Paul's Catholic Center, Bloomington.

#### JUNE

J. Earl Owens, longtime Catholic youth leader in the Archdiocese, died at the age of 83.

Archbishop Biskup officiated at ceremonies in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral at which Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, S.P., was installed as Provincial of the St. Gabriel Province of the Sisters of Providence.

Father Timothy Sweeney, O.S.B., was installed as the new Archabbot of St. [See EVENTS on page 12]

#### Christmas Letter

My dear Family in Christ:

May the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas season.

At each Eucharist we hear proclaimed the words of Christ, "I leave you peace, my peace I give you." Then the celebrant says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and invites you to exchange the sign of peace which is both a kindly wish for Christ's peace and also a pledge to each other that we will be peacemakers.

The peace of Christ can only exist anywhere if it is first nurtured within each of us. His peace is the tranquility of a good conscience, the comfortable feeling of knowing that there is a good relationship—a relationship of friend to friend—with the Lord Jesus. No matter what else may be happening in our lives, if our friendship with Christ is strong and growing, we can joyfully thrive. Any difficulties or hardships or crosses can be accepted with joy in the midst of closeness to Him.



And if the peace of Christ is within each of us, it will be radiated to others, especially those who are close to us in our daily lives. Home should be for us the ultimate place to find peace. But it will only be found in our homes if each and every family member is at peace interiorly, and dedicates himself or herself to developing a peaceful home life.

Peace can then spill out into society and heal the ills of our troubled world, but only to the degree it is developed in family life. When Christians experience peace at home, they will be motivated to work for peace in all

circumstances and in all areas of life.

The angels sang on the first Christmas, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to men of good will." May the source of that peace, Jesus Christ, inspire each of you to bring peace to yourselves, your family, your society, your world this blessed season.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ George J Biskup

Most Rev. George J. Biskup Archbishop of Indianapolis

December 18, 1978

# in nation and the world

#### BY STEPHENIE OVERMAN

The chair of Peter dominated the news in 1978 as the world watched the papacy transferred from Pope Paul VI to Pope John Paul I and then to Pope John Paul II, all within 78 days.

The papal transitions, with their centuries-old traditions of interregnums and conclaves, contrasted the timelessness of the church with the ever-changing temporal world. Church leaders wrestled with age-old problems stemming from violent conflicts and with new moral questions raised by the first test-tube baby.

Pope Paul's 15-year pontificate came to an end Aug. 6. The "pilgrim pope," who had traveled widely during the early years of his papacy, died at Castelgandolfo, his summer residence. His funeral was Aug.

POPE PAUL'S successor, Cardinal Albino Luciani, patriarch of Venice, was elected on the first day of balloting, Aug. 26. Although he reigned as Pope John Paul I for only 34 days, he gave the papacy a style religious leaders said would be long remembered.

"He passed as a meteor which unexpectedly lights up the heavens and then disappears," the dean of College of Cardinals, Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri, said of the pope who had quickly become noted for his smile.

Pope John Paul I died Sept. 28; his funeral was Oct. 4.

#### First Polish Pope

He was succeeded by the first Polish pope in history, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Cracow, who took the name Pope John Paul II. Not since 1523 had there been a pope who was not an Italian.

Pope John Paul II was elected Oct. 16, the second day of the conclave. He officially opened his ministry as pontiff Oct. 22. Like his predecessor John Paul I, Pope John Paul II did not follow the centuries-old tradition of being crowned with the papal tiara.

The new pope quickly set the tone of his papacy by speaking out on a number of issues. He said the haste to end "the intolerable scandal of the division of Christians" should not lead Catholics to celebrate the Eucharist with other Christians before doctrinal differences are resolved and he reconfirmed the practices of Individual confession and first confession before first Communion. Pope John Paul II also reaffirmed the Latin-Rite tradition of priestly cellbacy.

ONE OF THE MOST talked-about Issues following the election of a Polish pope was the effect it might have on Pope Paul's policy of detente with Eastern European nations.

The question of church-state relations has long been debated by observers of dictatorships and communist-ruled countries, but it was also increasingly discussed in the United States during 1978, as some religious leaders said they saw growing government intrusion into church matters.

Possible incursions into the separation







Something special for some special young people





GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE!—Faces were the story at the second annual Christmas party sponsored by the Harrison county Knights of Columbus for special children there. Among those responsible for the event held last weekend were [clockwise beginning upper left]: Maurice Robertson, Grand Knight of the K of C chapter, and Dan Davis, who originated the idea for the party. In the photo upper right, Fr. John Fink, chaplain and pastor of St. Bernard, Frenchtown, discusses visions of sugarplums with Jill Davis [far left] and her sister Kristy, but Tony Gettelfinger seems not to enjoy Fr. Fink's left arm; the smiling face of Dennie Pullen

greets the entrance of Santa Claus; the Ronnie John family [Darlene, Nancy, Robbie, and Ronnie] enjoyed the festivities, while Jeff Dixon, his mother and sister, listen attentively to the Unity Chapel Singers who entertained with Christmas carols. Students from Indiana University Southeast gave a Christmas presentation of "Hansel and Gretel," as well. The event gathered 32 children and their families, an increase from the 18 who attended last year. More than 200 people assembled at the K of C building located at Lanesville. [Photos by Fr. Thomas C. Widner]

of church and state were the Internal Revenue Service rulings requiring certain church agencies to file detailed informational forms and defining political activity by tax-exempt groups; the forced inclusion of church-related elementary and secondary schools in state unemployment compensation programs and a U.S. Department of Commerce census which included religious schools, seminaries and charitable agencies under the category of "other business."

#### Church-State Issue

A major church-state issue came before the Supreme Court Oct. 30, when the justices heard oral arguments in the case of the National Labor Relations Board versus the Chicago Archdiocese and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind.

The court was asked to decide whether the Catholic high schools should be subject to federal labor law. The NLRB argued that a requirement that the schools bargain with teachers' unions "would not

contravene any stated religious beliefs" of the church, but the dioceses said such a requirement would entangle church and state "to an impermissible degree." The Supreme Court was expected to rule in early 1979.

The U.S. Catholic bishops decided to monitor and evaluate possible governmental "incursions" into church affairs and planned to develop guidelines for dealing with those issues.

UNION TAX CREDITS remained an issue in 1978, despite the defeat in the Senate Aug. 15 of tax credits for private elementary-and secondary-school students. The Senate did approve tuition tax credits for college students. The measure then went to conference to resolve differences with the House, which had passed a bill that included credits for elementary- and secondary-school students. The conference committee dropped the House provisions.

President Jimmy Carter was ac-

cused by supporters of tuition tax credits of reneging on his campaign promise to support aid to non-public school students.

Carter, however, was applauded by church members for his part in the Camp David peace accords. The agreement dealt with many issues covered by an earlier statement made by the U.S. bishops.

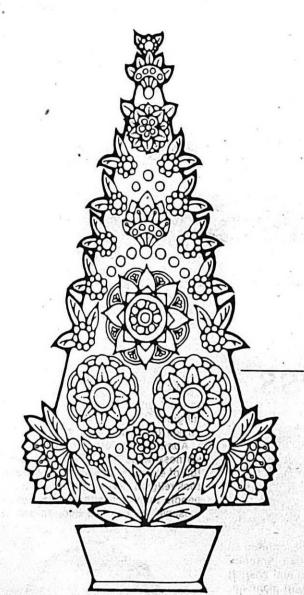
Other issues facing the church in the United States during 1978 included the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty by the U.S. Senate April 18. The U.S. Catholic Conference had lobbled in support of the treaty. The conference also supported the government's decision to return the Crown of St. Stephen to the Hungarian government, an action which took place Jan. 6.

#### **Equal Rights Amendment**

Catholics were divided on the issue of extending the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, as they had been on the amendment itself. The House [See IN NATION on page 7]

— living the questions –

# Some leftovers for giving thanks; and some verse for giving thought



#### BY FR. THOMAS C. WIDNER

#### Giving Thanks

in giving thanks for those who helped us move the Criterion offices, I neglected to mention two very im-

portant people whose efforts should be singled out. Russ Fischer and Fred Stodgill, both volunteers, spent numerous hours installing an entire electrical system in our Stevens Street headquarters where none had previously been so that we could have light and operate our equipment. Russ has been doing electrical work for the former Latin School for a number of years. A fireman by profession, all his work was accomplished during ble time.



work was accomplished during his time off, and a more excellent job I would not know.

#### Mary Baker

Last week I mentioned Mary Baker and said I would speak more of her this week. One of those rare individuals, Mary assisted me during my stay at St. Andrew parish when I was named executor of the will of a widower who died there leaving no relatives. Mary is into antiques, and for a number of years she has been assisting with the rummage sales at St. Andrew's by pointing out the real value of some of the so-called rummage which appears from time to time. Mary was a tremendous help to us when we left our Georgia St. location.

'Mary spends a lot of time reflecting on herself, her friends, her faith, her Church; Indeed, she wonders like a philosopher. Recently she shared some of her thoughts with me, and I'd like to pass them along with her permission.

A thought like the following, for example, is humbling to this priest:

"A close, close friend once said to me You have no hang-ups I can see Neurotic notions do not seem To mar your day with foolish dreams.

When evening came and daily chores Were put aside for future hours, I thought about what my friend said As slowly I prepared for bed.

There are no hang-ups he can see But buried hang-ups within me Come to the surface when I hear Preached from the pulpit through the year Sell what thou hast—the widow's mite; Do charity because it's right. Sacrifice combined with love Will bring you blessings from above.

If he who gives the sermons could By nature of his office would show by example, I should see The lacking charity in me.

But exercised I do not see The parables he reads to me."

Mary is one of the most "alert" people I know. It is not unusual to receive a telephone call from her suggesting some new idea for solving the parish's financial woes or how to get more people involved in activities. The day she decides to quit thinking will be the day the Church will lose a dedicated, interested soul.

"The inner city rumbles In an ominous black cloud Of discontent The outer city grumbles In a silver-lined white cloud Of discontent.
One too poor to find you One too rich to care."

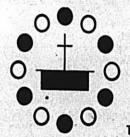
Those samples reflect only part of the rich mind she possesses. When the valiant, just women are counted, Mary will be among them.

"I climbed the top most mountain peak To find the peace and quiet I seek I found no peace, but quiet was there Everywhere.

In clouds of fancy had I thought To find the peace for which I sought Peace, my friend, is found within ' Through Him.

On shabby streets I find the door Held open by the ghetto poor To welcome one more lost than they A stray.

In alleys dank past narrow streets
I find the peace one never meets
on mountain tops. Now climbs will cease
In peace."



#### LITURGY

reflection prepared by THE CENTER FOR PASTORAL LITURGY THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Second Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11; 16. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38.

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#### BY REV. RICHARD J. BUTLER

As we reach the climax of this waiting period of advent, the liturgy offers us an interesting account from the time of King David, one thousand years before Christ. David was one of the greatest of israel's kings.

The story accounts for the very human way in which David struggled with the relationship that was his with God. Thus he reasoned with the prophet Nathan; "Here I live in splendor while the ark of the covenant with God dwells in a tent; I should build something greater for God."

But God speaks through Nathan to

But God speaks through Nathan to David: "Should you build Me a dwelling? It is I who called you, who protected you, and it is I who will fix a place for My people. I will establish a house for you."

The account reveals the paradox of how a people wait for the coming of their God.

WE CAN BE LIKE David—attempting to

outdo ourselves in hospitality in building the greatest of mansions for the Lord. But such a gesture—simple and natural as it is—can miss the point of what the great moment of the coming of the Lord is all about.

It is as though we treat the Lord as a stranger coming into our territory—becoming our guest. In point of fact, this world is His territory, and we are His guests. The challenge of waiting for the Lord is not to offer Him this or that section of His land, but rather to acknowledge His lordship and thank Him for having received us.

Luke's account of the Annunciation in today's liturgy shifts the focus. Mary simply accepts. She realizes that what is happening is rooted in the action of God, and she recognizes that it is she who is enhanced by His presence and not vice versa.

THE BASIC ATTITUDINAL POSTURE IS

significant in our approach to liturgy. As we wait for the coming of the Lord in the final glory of the kingdom, we celebrate His coming day to day in the liturgy. The focus that should be ours is not that of David's: taking control and preparing a place for Him. The focus should be rather that of Mary's: letting God take control and accepting His welcome of us into His mansion, into His kingdom.

In the basic act of the baptismal liturgy and the termination of that in the Eucharist, our task is not to make room for Jesus, but to rejoice with praise and thanks that He has made room for us in His life.

It is in this context that Paul writes in today's liturgy as a comment on Christ's coming: "To Him, the God who alone is wise, may glory be given through Jesus Christ unto endless ages."

[See CHRISTMAS and HOLY FAMILY liturgy on page 14]



SWEATERED POPE-Pope John Paul II, wearing a white sweater under his red mantle to protect himself from the cold, damp Rome weather, stands in an open car greeting the crowds as he rides to the Plazza di Spagna to pray before a statue of Mary. Vatican watchers said it was the first time in memory that a pope had been seen wearing a sweater in public. [NC photo]

-question box ——

## Was feast of the sun god a pagan forerunner of Christmas observance?

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. A friend of mine, a Jehovah Witness, says we should not celebrate Christmas because it is a feast celebrated by Roman pagans in honor of the sun god. What do I say to her? Was Jesus born on December 25, as we Catholics claim?

A. We Catholics do not claim that Jesus was born on December 25; we do not know on what day of the year he was born; nor are we sure of the precise year, though scholars have pretty well decided it. must have been sometime between the years 8 and 6 B.C. Our present system

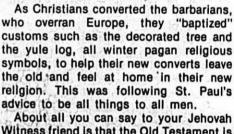
of determining the year of Christ's birth. we now know, was based upon error. Matthew tells us that Jesus was born in the days of King Herod the Great, and we know from other sources that Herod died in the spring of 4 B.C. So, this is really not the year 1978; it could be as much as 1986.

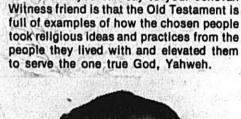
We have documents that indicate that no later than the year 336, Christians in Rome celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25. Why this day?

Later, in the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, argued from Scripture that Jesus was born on December 25-working out of some mathematics from the supposed moment of the conception of John the Baptist. Others argue from March 25, the traditional day for the crucifixion of Jesus to conclude that he must have been born on December 25. Neither of these arguments has been generally accepted.

The common opinion is that De ember 25 was chosen because it was already an important religious holiday observed by pagan Romans in honor of "Sol Invictus," the unconquered sun god, whose cult was widely observed at the time when the Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 313. It was only natural that the Christians, once they were permitted to build churches and profess their faith openly, would "baptize" pagan religious customs and feasts and make them their

Early in the fourth century Christ was hailed as the "sun of justice" in Christian writings and hymns. What was more natural, therefore, than to adapt the celebrations in honor of the sun god to a day honoring Jesus as the light of the world?







RE-ELECTED-Father Bernard Head has been elected president of the Archdiocesan Priests' Senate, a post he held for the first two years of the Senate's existence. He is also the new president of the Presbytery. He is head of the Theology Department at Marian College.

#### Brebeuf staffer details Mexico session

## Jesuits gain 'Third World Awareness'

BY PAUL O'BRIEN, S.J.

I would like to share with readers one of the most meaningful and moving experiences of my Jesuit life-my seven weeks in Mexico this past summer as part of the fifth annual "Horizons For Justice"

[The author is a member of the Jesuit community at Brebeuf Preparatory School, Indianapolis. The article is adapted from a report he gave to his fellow Jesuits following his experiences in Mexico this past summer. The report is timely with the upcoming meeting of the Latin American bishops at Puebla, a meeting given greater recognition because of the expected attendance of Pope John Paul II.]

program. In a way, to try to share something like this is like trying to describe the personal conversion experience of a long retreat-in other words, it's nearly impossible to do.

here were 19 of us, representing different Jesuit Provinces, from all kinds of apostolates-the majority from university and high school communities. Our average age was 45-just a tad older than "young whippersnappers!"

THE GENERAL PURPOSE of the program was to provide potentially influential Jesuits with a "Third World Awareness" experience, modeled on the lived experience of the Spiritual Exercises methodology. We were to grow to perceive and try to understand the problems of the Latin American poor and the injustices to

which they are subjected (especially structural ones), by living and working alongside the Latin American Jesuits and their colleagues, who helped us know and feel with these people.

Let me explain the structure of Horizons for Justice.

A preparation period of readings in Latin American culture, liberation theology, and the Spanish language was first on my agenda. A six-day orientation program occurred in Mexico City.

The program consisted of a mixture of prayer and liturgy, reflection and sharing, and input from various experts in Latin American affairs.

We concelebrated Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (national shrine of Mexico), took in an outstanding performance of the Ballet Folklorica, and visited the famous Museum of Anthropology. Though these are typical tourist attractions, we were there more to help understand the background of the people we were to meet.

AFTER THE GENERAL orientation, five of our number left for Nicaragua, two for Guatemala, and the other 12 of us remained for a specific orientation to Mexico. After two days, we were sent out in pairs to work with Jesuits in a "rural experience."

After about two weeks we gathered again in Mexico City for a period of reflection and sharing of our experiences, as well as an introduction to our "urban experience," which came next. The men in Nicaragua and Guatemala did the same in their respective areas.

Then followed another two weeks of living and working with Jesuits in various types of urban ministry with the poor. At the end of this time we gathered again for a few days in Mexico City for prayerful reflection.

For the last three days of the program all three groups gathered in San Antonio, Texas, for one last reflection and sharing period, together with follow-up planning. At the closing liturgy there, one of the men (who had gotten quite sick during his stay in Mexico) summed up the general feeling of all of us-even those who did not get as sick as he did: "This experience may well have killed me-literally-but I wouldn't trade it in for anything I have ever done!"

My own 'rural experience' took place in Torreon. There are five Jesuits working with seven ejidos (community tenant farms) on the outskirts of Torreon, a medium-sized city of 250,000 which lies 600 miles north of Mexico City in the dry desert area of Mexico. It's "100 degrees in the shade," and one of my first acquisitions there was a 32 cents som-

The Jesuits live in the largest of the seven communities called La Paz (Peace), with 300 families who average 8-10 children each, living in two or three rooms.

They have a three-pronged program for these poor people: 1) sacramental and pastoral; 2) socio-economic (developing of drainage and sewage systems, setting of philoSee JESUITS GAIN on page 24)

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## That seasonal atrocity,

## Christmas newsletter, back again

BY FRED W. FRIES

At the risk of allenating another segment of our readers, we are reprinting this week our annual tongue-in-cheek assault on that seasonal atrocity—the Christmas newsletter.

In a typical Christmas newsletter, one member of the family (usually the wife) meticulously lists the accomplishments of each member of the clan during the past year and the giant strides it has made up the ladder of success. Mimeographed copies are mailed to everyone who has sent them as much as a card party announcement.

The following is not an actual communication, but a fairly accurate distillation of a half dozen typical Christmas newsletters we have received in the past.

Dear friends:

This has really been some kind of year! Bill won a free trip to the Bahamas for being the top salesman in his division. Last year, you remember, he won us a trip to Nassau.

On top of that, he was given the St. Procopius Award for his work with the Boy Scouts and a papal medal for his contributions to the diocesan fund campaign.

Good old Bill also won the country club golf tournament for the third year in a row.

Little Lionel skipped the second grade at St. Ichabod's Preparatory (chip off the old block, you know), and our dear Sally became the first girl to make the Notre Dame debate team.

Bill, Jr., was elected president of the senior class at the Military Academy and earned his letter in baseball, football, basketball and track. (He's a super jock!)

Not to be outdone, Cynthia was named head of the student' council at St. Agnella's and was voted (for the second year in a row) homecoming queen.

O yes, before I forget it, we sold our house on Spring Street to the first person who answered the ad. We made a cool \$22,000 on it and then turned around and picked up a five-bedroom dream home on Allegheny Boulevard for, well, a song.

Friends, I hope you don't mind if I cut this short. I have to go over to the rectory to pick up a trophy for selling the most chances for the quilt raffle at the parish bazaar. You won't believe it, but my sister Josephine won the darn quilt!

Just like I said, it has been some kind of a year!

Love, Martha

Now, wouldn't it be refreshing to get a Christmas newsletter some year that read something like this?

Dear friends:

This has been a gosh awful year! Martin lost his job back in October, and



A 'loaded' Santa

we are back on welfare.

Worst of all, he developed laryngitis two weeks ago and was bounced as head bingo caller at St. Albert's.

Clarence got tossed out of high school for using pot, Marian flunked geometry again, and Ephrem got washed out of CCD class.

Elmer had been riding the bench in football all season, so they ran him in for the last play of the season, Wouldn't you know some glant tackled him and broke his right leg in two places.

Remember Uncle Oscar: Well, he came to visit us for a weekend last May and stayed all summer. Not only did he eat us out of house and home, but his arthritis started acting up and he stuck us with a \$300 hospital bill.

Just-like I said, folks, it's been a gosh awful year!

Merry Christmas.

Love,

## Just how much do you know about Christmas?

Why do we have the Christmas creche?

St. Francis of Assisi wanted to bring the reality of Christ's birth to all the townspeople of Assisi, Italy. So he asked farmers to bring a few animals to a local stable. He invited a few people to represent Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. Thanks to St. Francis, who lived in the 13th century, we have the creche.

Why do we use holly as a Christmas decoration?

The red berries symbolize Christ's blood. The sharp points on the leaves represent the thorns of Christ's painful crown at his crucifixion.

Why do we have Christmas trees?

The custom of trimming evergreen trees

originated in Germany in the 16th century. Trees were trimmed with gilded nuts, cookies, apples, dolls and figures. Many churches trimmed evergreens with bread shaped in the form of communion hosts.

Where did the words and music for the carol, "Joy to the World," originate?

The words come from Psalm 98. The music was taken from sections of Handel's Messiah.

Who wrote "Away in the Manger"? Martin Luther.

What Christian churches celebrate Christmas on January 6 rather than on December 25?

Many Eastern Orthodox churches throughout Russia and Eastern Europe follow the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar, which is 13 days behind our dates. Christmas for them comes on January 6.

What animals were present at Jesus' birth according to the Bible?

None of the Gospels mention animals being present at Jesus' birth. However, the

old Testament makes reference to certain animals in prophecies concerning the Messiah.

Do we know how many Wise Men came to visit the Christ child?

No. The Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12, describes the visit of Wise Men (or Astrologers), but we do not know how many there were. Legend has it that there were three, because of the three gifts brought to the Christ child: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

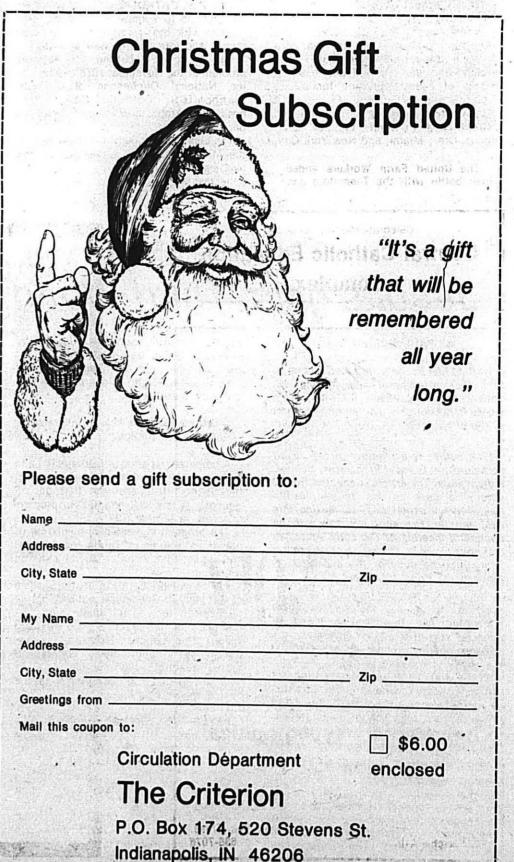
Who fined people for "observing any such day as Christmas"?

The Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Where did the custom of sending Christmas cards originate?

In the early 19th century wealthy people in England sent hand delivered Christmas messages to their acquaintances. By 1840, the British postal system permitted mail to be sent for a penny. The custom of sending Christmas card spread rapidly.

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#### In nation, world (from 3)

voted Aug. 15 to allow a 39-month extension of the ratification deadline for the ERA and on Oct. 4 the Senate rejected an amendment that would have permitted states to rescind previous ratification of the ERA. This was the final hurdle toward passage of the extension which came a few days later,

Federal funding of Medicald abortions was a replay of earlier battles. In 1978 the Senate again fought for more permissive abortion funding while the House held to the Hyde amendment, which would limit federal financing of abortion for poor women to instances in which the mother's life is in danger.

PRO-LIFERS MADE gains in the 1978 November elections. The pro-life party outpolled the Liberal party in New York and pro-lifers were instrumental in defeating Sen. Richard Clark of Iowa.

Pro-lifers also followed closely the case of Dr. William B. Waddill Jr., a California physician accused of murdering a newborn infant after she had survived an abortion. Dr. Waddill's first trial, which lasted nearly four months, ended in a mistrial May 5 and a new trial was set for Jan. 5, 1979.

Another prominent case was that of a Pallottine fund-raiser, Father Guido John Carcich, who was indicted and tried on charges of misappropriating funds and property.

The homosexual rights battle continued in 1978 in St. Paul, Minn.; Wichita, Kan.; Eugene, Ore.; Miami, and New York City.

The United Farm Workers ended their battle with the Teamsters and

the lettuce and grape boycott was over.

The battle to stem the tide of illegal aliens or undocumented workers coming from Mexico heated up. Church leaders condemned the "Tortilia Curtain," a proposal to build fences along the United States southern border. Hispanic Catholic leaders urged the Carter administration to study the impact of illegal aliens on American society and to stop deporting them.

Hispanic leaders also sought federal prosecution in the case of the Hanigans—two ranchers who allegedly tortured, branded and shot three Mexican farm workers who were in the United States illegally.

Refugees from other parts of the world were more warmly received in the United States. Thousands of Indochinese boat people were resettled in 1978 and plans were made to receive thousands more in 1979 from Southeast Asia, Cuba and Lebanon.

THE U.S. CATHOLIC Conference urged the bishops to support resettlement and worked with the government to provide homes and jobs for the new arrivals.

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The bishops discussed the refugee problem at the November 1978 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference, headed by Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco.

The bishops also issued a statement on the Middle East and a pastoral on the handicapped. A national communications collection was approved following the fall meeting and the bishops approved a Plan of Pastoral Action for Family Ministry and a Call to Action plan at their May meeting in Chicago.

Several bishops urged a frank public discussion of women's ordination following the Second Conference on the Ordination of Roman Catholic Women held Nov. 10-12. Nearly 2,000 participated, some of whom said they felt personally called to ordination and many of whom said they questioned what direction priestly ministry should take. Archbishop Quinn called for a dialogue with women's ordination advocates.

Human rights violations were another topic of concern around the world in 1978.

In Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Nicaragua church leaders sought to bring peace and to aid political prisoners and refugees

During 1978 Nicaragua suffered a long strike, armed rebellion by students and guerrillas and repression by the National Guard, Nicaragua's military force. In August and September an outbreak of hostilities in seven cities left an estimated 5,000 dead and the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, Nicaragua, was Instrumental in pointing out human rights violations and in mediation [See IN NATION on page 29]

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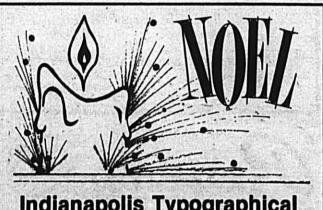
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## Church-state relations is not a cut-and-dried matter

BY JIM CASTELLI

WASHINGTON—In recent months the press has been full of both complaints about government "incursions" into internal church affairs and calls for greater government involvement in church affairs to head off future tragedies such as the mass murder-suicide at the People's Temple in Guyana.

But the issue of churchstate relations is complex
and problems require
more sophisticated
solutions than either a
total hands-off policy by
government toward
religion or, as one
professor has suggested,
Federal Trade Commission clearance for

new religious groups.

For example, a major complaint among the churches is that recent government actions have attempted to define churches and their mission. But there's a Catch-22 situation here: How can government protect religion without in some way defining it?

AT THE SAME TIME, government's responsibility to protect religion may conflict with its responsibility to protect citizens. The established constitutional law in this area is that while freedom of religious belief is absolute, freedom of

religious action may be limited where it conflicts with other important rights.

One expert at dealing with problems such as these is Jesuit Father Charles Whelan, a professor at Fordham Law School and a consultant to several church groups, including the U.S. Catholic Conference.

in a recent issue of America, a Jesuit opinion journal, he said, "One practical consequence . . . of religious exemptions is that government must distinguish between meritorious and unmeritorious claims of such exemptions.

"Brothels and massage parlors have incorporated as 'temples of divine love.' Thieves have masqueraded as messiahs. Opportunists have created fake churches in an effort to avoid paying taxes. If government had to recognize every claim to religious exemption as meritorious, rascals would rapidly pervert the purposes of the exemptions and bring them into public disfavor.

"If everything the churches of religious individuals do is religious, and if everything religious is exempt," Father Whelan said, "the gulf between church and state becomes too deep for public safety."

RECENT HEADLINES have brought to light some potential abuses of religious

exemptions: Synanon, the drug rehabilitation program turned cult considered becoming a "church" in order to avoid government investigation of its internal activities; members of the Church of Scientology have been accused of infiltrating and harassing the government and stealing government documents; the Unification Church (the "Moonies") have been investigated for allegedly violating currency laws and with being a front for the Korean CIA.

On another level, people all across the country have been buying mall-order ordinations to incorporate as churches to avoid taxes. Last year Bishop George Speltz of St. Cloud, Minn., publicly criticized a group of farmers, mostly Catholics, who had tried to avoid taxes in this way.

Catholic officials have focused their complaints about government interference with religion on areas such as the National Labor Relations Board's efforts to assert jurisdiction over Catholic schools and government actions which appear to define religion and religious mission in the process of doing something else, such as requiring information tax returns from church-run colleges and hospitals or requiring coverage of lay teachers in church schools under the unemployment compensation system.

But church complaints center

around different levels of activity and, since they are usually expressed within a narrow legal context, often cause confusion.

Take, for example, Church complaints about the Labor Department ruling on unemployment insurance.

Before 1974, all schools were excluded from unemployment coverage. Congress brought schools in that year, but continued to exempt organizations "operated primarily for religious purposes and . . . . operated, supervised, controlled or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches."

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall interpreted this to mean that Catholic schools were not exempted.

The ruling must be seen at three different levels.

First, church officials argue that the law did not justify Marshall's decision. Father Whelan says that if the language was ambiguous, Marshall should have told Congress, not taken the decision into his own hands; he argues that it is dangerous that such decisions are made within federal agencies and not by Congress.

Second, Marshall's ruling in effect defines a church-run school as something not run primarily for religious purposes; the fact that Catholic school officials make the same argument in seeking government

[See CHURCH-STATE on page 9]

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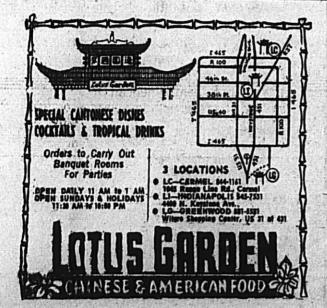
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#### Church-state relations (from 8)

aid does not mean there are not serious questions about the government defining the nature of a church school.

Finally, is there a valid reason why lay teachers in Catholic schools should not be covered by unemployment compensation?

SOME SCHOOL OFFICIALS would say "yes" because they believe financially troubled schools cannot afford it. Others simply believe the government has no business in church schools.

But others, such as Bishop William McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., former chairman of the USCC Education Committee, and Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, Va., argue that the church, which supports unemployment compensation, should not seek exemption from its own teaching.

Church-state relations are inherently complex; a first step in dealing with them involves determining just where the problems lie and whether exemption for the sake of exemption is justified. Father Whelan was applauded by the U.S. bishops when he told them at a recent workshop, "Jesus came to save us, not to exempt us."

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Archbishop Biskup announced that the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese would be suspended until further notice.

#### JULY

St. Maur's Benedictine Monastery in Indianapolis marked the 30th anniversary of its founding.

Father Clifford Vogelsang, pastor of St. Andrew parish, Richmond, was elected president of the Archdiocesan Board of Education.

Father Thomas Vos, O.F.M., pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Indianapolis, was named a member of the board for the Chicago-St. Louis Franciscan Province.

Indianapolis Christian Schools, Inc., announced that it will occupy the old St. Mary Academy buildings in Indianapolis and operate a Christian school for children of grades 7 through 11.

Father Meinrad Rouck, retired priest of the Archdiocese, died.

#### **AUGUST**

Father Columba Kelly, O.S.B., was appointed prior of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

More than 300 priest and lav alumni of St. Meinrad Seminary attended the annual reunion at their alma mater.

The new St. Joseph Church, Crawford County, was dedicated by Father Francis Tuohy, V.G. It replaces a church at Milltown destroyed in a tornado in 1974. Father Andrew Diezeman is the pastor.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

The Criterion was awarded Second Honorable Mention in the annual Newspaper Typography competition conducted by Newspaper Editorial Workshop Services, Los Angeles, Calif.

More than 180 catechists from the Archdiocese were honored in their respective parishes on Catechetical Sunday.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods officials announced plans to construct a 120-unit complex for the elderly.

#### **OCTOBER**

Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, marked its 75th anniversary.

State Representative John Day was named Marian College "Man of the Year." He is a Marian alumnus.

St. Susanna parish, Plainfield, observed its 25th anniversary.

An estimated 2,000 Catholic teachers

and other members of the academic community attended the blennial Catholic Education Institute at the Convention Center in Indianapolis.

#### **NOVEMBER**

Representatives of major faiths took part in a "Festival of Faith" at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

St. Paul the Apostle parish, Greencastle, observed its 125th anniversary.

Father Bernard Strange, retired priest, was named to receive the first Peace and Justice Award from the Archdiocesan Priests' Senate.

Bishop Andrew Grutka of Gary offered a special Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to mark the election of Pope John Paul II.

#### **DECEMBER**

The Criterion moved to new quarters at 520 Stevens Street from the building at 124 W. Georgia St., which it had occupied for 22 years. The building is to be razed.

Dr. Robert Riegel was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Social Services and Charles J. Schisla was named coordinator of the Indiana Catholic Conference.

#### King, Pope meet

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II received in audience Dec. 15 King Husseln of Jordan. The meeting is believed to be part of papal efforts to help obtain peace in the Middle East.

## Downtown parishes list Masses

Three parishes in downtown indianapolis have announced through the Catholic Communications Center their Mass schedules for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day-Sunday and Monday.

At St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey, the anticipation Mass (Christmas Vigil) will begin at 7:30 p.m. A posada with Mary and Joseph finding no room in the inn and a concert at 6:50 p.m. will precede the celebration of the liturgy.

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Archbishop George J. Biskup will be the principal celebrant at the traditional Midnight Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. A choral concert at 11:30 p.m. will serve as a prelude to the Eucharistic solemnity. The Christmas Vigil will be at 5 p.m., and Masses on Christmas Day are scheduled for 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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## Scriptural readings mirror feast days

#### **DECEMBER 25, 1978** CHRISTMAS

Mass of the Vigil [evening of December 24]

Readings: Isaiah 62, 1-5

Acts 13, 16-17; 22-25 Matthew 1, 1-25.

Mass at Midnight

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6. Titus 2:11-14. Luke 2:1-14.

Mass at Dawn'

Readings: Isaiah 62:11-12.

Titus 3:4-7. Luke 2:15-20.

Mass during the Day

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10.

Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-18.

#### BY REV. RICHARD J. BUTLER

At the various hours of celebration on this great feast, there are many scripture readings-each unfolding the simplicity of the message, yet each adding to the many levels of the feast.

As with all liturgy, in these readings there is a memorial of the past, a celebration of the present, and an anticipation of the future.

The past that is memorialized is the incarnation-an acknowledgment by the Church that the Christ Who is risen was born of a woman and took flesh, thus sharing the common plight of men and women through the ages.

THE PRESENT THAT is celebrated is the real world around us. Christ comes as a light into this winter darkness. The symbolism speaks to more than the seasonal length of days. It speaks also to the darkness of despair, of doubt, of dreariness that can so cripple the lives of men and women.

The future that is anticipated is the coming of Christ in glory- a glory that heralds the kingdom prepared for all who are called to the gospel message.

It is important to listen well to the various levels of the liturgy readings on this great feast, for often the more popular renditions of the Christmas message miss the nuance of the gospel. The past can be memorialized without the focus of the resurrection, and Bethlehem becomes a quaint little city. The present can be celebrated only in the joys of isolated moments that keep their distance from the crises of poverty, war, racism, and human tragedy. The future can be anticipated only in a fantasy that escapes the cross through which the kingdom is born.

Some approach the liturgy of Christmas confident that the great familiarity of people with the symbols, the stories, and the songs of Christmas augur for great success in celebration. But in point of fact, the casual familiarity can become an obstacle preventing that fuller message which the experience of liturgy should bring about.

KEEPING PROPER perspective on past, present, and future can help orient us. One the Christmas prefaces of the eucharistic prayer speaks well to this: "Christ is your Son before all ages, yet now He is born in time. He has come to lift up all things to Himself, to restore unity to creation, and to lead mankind from exile into Your heavenly kingdom."

As we hear the readings of the Christmas liturgy and respond with thanks and praise, let us look to Bethlehem through the focus of the resurrection, let us look to the world around us through the focus of poverty and suffering, and let us look to the final coming through the focus of the cross.

#### **DECEMBER 31, 1978** THE HOLY FAMILY

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6; 12-14. Colossians 3:12-21. Luke 2:22-40.

The readings today accent the basic virtues of family life as the Church pauses in the regular cycle of the year to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

As all liturgy, this feast is a celebration of the mystery of faith-Christ's death and resurrection-celebrated here in the focus of the family life which He experienced and in the focus of the family virtues to which He calls all Christians.

The focus is Indeed appropriate in our own time, for every day bears witness to the crisis of family life in our society. In some parts of the world, the very right of the family to live together is threatened; while in other places, where the right is acknowledged and supported, nonetheless, separations, alienations, tensions prevent the experience of family life.

AS WE CELEBRATE the liturgy, we should keep clear focus on what it is the liturgy does. It celebrates a mystery of

All too often, people look to the liturgy for other things. Thus, on a feast like this, there can be a temptation to approach the experience for psychological or sociological or anthropological insights to the problems of family. And the result is indeed frustrating.

In such a context, this celebration is not without its problems of sexist language, its anachronisms of cultural factors from

another hour, etc. But we should not look to the liturgy as a sociological tool. It does not offer a political prescription to the question of the family.

The feast of the Holy Family speaks to a more basic question: the spiritual root of the experience of family for Christians who gather to celebrate the lordship of Jesus.

It is celebrated first in the focus of the family life which Jesus lived. We know little of the detail of that life. But the very ambiguity of our knowledge expands the potential of meaning of that life in terms of our own relationship with Jesus. In surrendering to the human condition, He took upon Himself the fundamental process of family relationships in the activity of growing up.

THE LITURGY OF THIS feast is also celebrated in the focus of the family virtues to which He calls all Christians. This is not to suggest any one model-nuclear, extended, etc.-of family life for this age or another. And this is not to suggest that those who live apart from normal families—the divorced, the orphaned, the widowed-cannot live the Christian life.

It is rather to recognize that family virtues are supportive of the Christian life and are values to be encouraged and defended. In an hour when there is a necessary and legitimate claim of service and attention to the needs of the divorced and an hour when there is significant attention being paid to the shifting roles of persons within family structures, it is important to celebrate in liturgy this basic focus which Jesus has brought to the family virtues by the process of his own



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#### Accepting others' traditions:

## Why is the church so lenient?

By Mary C. Maher

Interfaith dialogue is a welcome breath of hope in our day. Since Vatican Council II and various meetings of the World Council of Churches, ecumenical dialogue is being more earnestly pursued.

Interfaith dialogue between Jews and Christians is now also characterized by a fragile, but firm hope, that it will grow stronger and take into account deeper issues like the future of Israel and Christian responsibility in the Holocaust. Eastern religions are also now on the American scene, offering many people a fuller life and deeper ways of spiritual growth.

TO SOME, all this dialogue is a threat. It is a source of fear that the truths that people were taught all their lives about the validity of only their religion no longer holds. I recall my youth in Minnesota and the prohibition many of us received against attending courses in comparataive religion at that state's university. It was as if exposure to traditions other than one's own courted loss of faith.

Of course, a faith that fragile would not

withstand much human life anyway. Besides, in a world as mobile as ours, one needed to be a non-reader, or better, a non-thinker, not to confront what the media were saying to and about religion of all traditions.

Ecumenical and interfaith sharing are here to stay. This sharing is not a religious delicacy for the intellectually inclined, but is for all of us. It is a sign of growth.

Genuine ecumenical and interfaith dialogue actually supports one's own tradition. This dialogue does not rule out all other traditions as genuine expressions of God's concern for man or man's approach to the divine. Only a badly constructed ideology of neo-liberalism seeks to reduce all traditions into their lowest common denominator and to call that residue "unity." Interfaith and ecumenical dialogue demand a kind of tough intellectualism that specializes in understanding rather than polemics, in acceptance of others' traditions as authentic and valid for them.

A GOOD analogy can be drawn from the area of human relationships. Two people who are friends never blend into one. Friendship maximizes the possibility for each to be truly who he is. Good human relationships, like good religious sharings, do not end with the loss of integral, distinguishing features of each party involved.

If faith in one's tradition is lost by exposure to that of another, the chances of its being sturdy in the first place were pretty slim. Learning one's own tradition is not inoculation from everyone else's — that assumes only health in one's own

There are exceptions to that remark on today's scene: The Unification Church, for example, and others like it tend to position their teaching at the point of greatest vulnerability for rejection of one's learned tradition, that is, in the time of transitional youth's breaking from parental bounds. Likewise, the Jews for Jesus are not any marvelous sect that leads into new ecumenical areas. They offend both Christianity and Judaism by understanding neither.

IN THE DAYS to come, only understanding which bears translation into and out of human life will keep people in any

tradition. And, especially in this sense, churches have a good deal to say to each other about the true nature of their belief in Christ. The churches and synagogues of our nation have a good deal to hope for together as they search out in contemporary terms the basic assertion of both: that God acts in history.

We have moved in recent times through the "hands off" policy toward other traditions; that is, no contact, no contamination. Often it was replaced with coffee-times. We have now moved through those times to the beginning of serious dialogue.

Perhaps it is the present time that would have most rejoiced the heart of the church's Pope John XXIII, who assembled an ecumenical council and, likewise, begged pardon for all the Christian blindness toward Jews through the centuries.

His spirit, like that of his favorite, Francis of Assisi, was one of struggle for truth at a depth where it is wed with compassion and affirmation of those different from oneself — not lesser brothers, by far, for their distinguishing characteristics.

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## People in Jesus' life: the Samaritan woman

By Father John J. Castelot

Hostility between Jews and Samaritans was of long standing and had increased in bitterness during the five centuries preceding the lifetime of Jesus. In order to avoid trouble, a Jew would usually bypass Samaria on a trip from Judea to Galilee.

Jesus, however, threw caution to the winds and took the direct route. And, as might have been expected, he encountered hostility.

IN THE HEAT of noonday he came to the famous well of Jacob in the heart of Samaritan territory. Tired and thirsty, he sank down by the well to rest while his disciples went off to buy provisions. Along came a woman from the town to draw water and Jesus asked her to get him a cool drink. She bristled and replied, with mixed antagonism and surprise: "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (John 4,9).

"A Samaritan and a woman!" Jews considered these "halfbreeds" unclean. The very idea of using their drinking utensils was revolting. And aside from the fact-that no rabbi would speak in public with any woman, there was the additional consideration that Samaritan women were thought unspeakably filthy. Her reaction, then, was quite understandable.

But Jesus paid no attention to it. He saw neither a Samaritan nor a woman; he saw a human person, and that was all that mattered to him.

RATHER THAN rebuffing her, he offered her the possibility of drawing water from the well of life, the well of the

"If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water" (John 4,10). It is a common feature of the dialogues in the fourth Gospel to have Jesus make a statement which can be interpreted in two ways.

Consistently his interlocutor picks up the wrong meaning, and this gives him (or the evangelist) the opportunity to explain the correct meaning at some length. So it is here. "Living water" was a common expression for the clear running water of a stream, and this is how she

Rather sarcastically, she remarks that he is unable even to draw water from the well, much less produce this flowing water, and taunts him with the further. remark: "Surely you do not pretend to be greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well" (John 4,12).

This is a fine example of the irony of which the Gospel of John is so fond. The Christian reader will recognize that she has said more than she realized, for Jesus is indeed incomparably greater than Jacob, and capable of giving the truly lifegiving water of the Spirit.

AGAIN HE pays no attention to her meanness but simply contrasts the water of the well, which slakes thirst for a while, and the water he can give, which satisfies thirst permanently and, indeed, becomes "a fountain of life leaping up to provide eternal life" (John 4,14). She still does not understand - how could she - but Jesus' self-possession and courtesy are getting to her, and her reply now is noticeably more respectful: "Give me this water, sir, so that I shall not grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water" (John 4,15).

Now that Jesus has melted her reserve, he proceeds to impress her with his prophetic insight. His apparently innocent request that she go get her husband leads her to reveal her questionble marital status and gives him the chance to reveal to her that he knows more about it than she would care to discuss. Embarrassed, she abruptly changes the subject, but not before acknowledging his prophetic character and, later, the possibility that he might even be the Messiah.

At any rate, the new subject helps Jesus to develop his main point, the primacy of the life of the spirit. "God is Spirit" (John 4,24) is not a definition of the divine essence so much as a description of his activity.

IT IS HE who, in a continuous act of creation, imparts the Spirit that enables people to worship him "in spirit and truth," that is, authentically, really, regardless of external circumstances of place or time. It is this Spirit, this "living water," which Jesus has been offering the

Little by little she is beginning to understand, thanks to Jesus' patience, his refusal to be ruffled. And when the disciples return, she rushes off to share the good news with her townspeople. The evangelist calls attention to the detail that she left her water jar behind. So that Jesus could finally satisfy his thirst? Or because he had satisfied hers?

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## For the children: living water

By Janaan Manternach

One day Jesus was walking with his disciples from Judea to his home in Galilee. The shortest road from Judea to Galilee ran through the country called Samaria. The people of Samaria were called Samaritans.

In Jesus' time the Jews and Samaritans did not get along. In fact they disliked each other very much. Most Jews would take the long road around Samaria just to avoid meeting any Samaritans.

Jesus did not want to go out of his way to miss meeting any Samaritans. They were people too, people who needed to know of the Father's great love for them. So Jesus and his disciples took the road that went right through Samaria.

BY NOONTIME it was very hot. They had been walking in the sun since early morning. They had nothing to eat or drink. So Jesus sat down in the shade by a well outside a town called Shechem. His disciples went into town to buy some food for lunch.

It was pleasant in the shade by the well. Jesus was thirsty but he had no cup to get water from the well. So he just sat there quietly enjoying the few moments of rest and quiet.

Soon a woman came toward the well. She carried a large jar for water and a small bucket to draw the water out of the well. She was a Samaritan.

No good Jew in those days would speak with a Samaritan. No Jewish teacher or rabbi, like Jesus, would speak in public with a woman. But Jesus did not feel that way. Here was a human being, a person with the same needs and desires everyone had, whether Jew or Samaritan, man or woman. So Jesus asked her, "Could I have a drink of water, please?"

THE WOMAN was amazed and even a bit angry. She said to Jesus, "Aren't you a Jew and I a Samaritan? Am I not a woman? How dare you, a Jewish rabbi, speak to me, a Samaritan woman?"

Jesus was not upset.. He understood why she felt the way she did. He gently said to her, "If you had any idea who I am, you would have asked me for living water. The water I have to give can satisfy your deepest thirst."

She laughed at Jesus. "How can you give me water to drink, when you don't even have a cup to draw water from the well?" She did not understand at all what

Jesus was saying to her. She thought he was talking about the well water. But Jesus was talking in a kind of riddle. He was speaking about what satisfies the spiritual thirst everyone has, a deep thirst for love and happiness. By "living water," "life-giving water" he meant God's Spirit, the Spirit of love. That's the water he came to give, to share with people.

SO JESUS said to her. "I'm not talking about this water. You drink it, but soon become thirsty again. The water I have to give satisfies forever people's thirst for love, peace, joy and a fuller life."

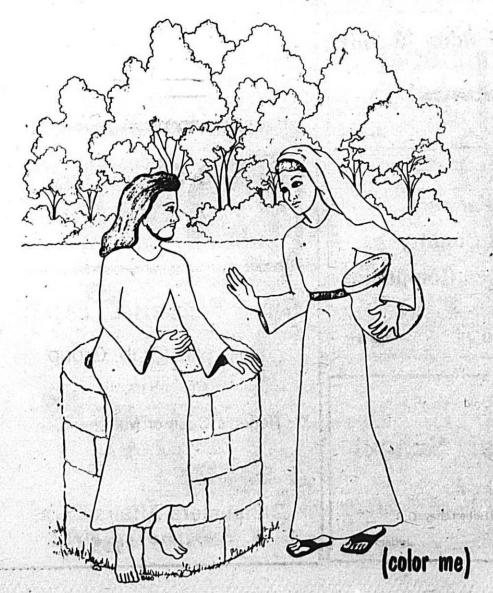
"I'd like that kind of water," she said to Jesus. "Then I wouldn't have to keep coming back to this well."

She still did not fully understand Jesus. But she felt within herself a new sense of peace. She sensed how caring Jesus was. There was something about him that made her feel more whole and happy than she had felt in years.

As they talked a few minutes longer, the woman felt that Jesus really understood her. She did not know just what he meant by "living water." But she felt in his presence a new sense of life. She felt loved more deeply than she had ever been loved. Her thirst for life and for love was being satisfied by her contact with Jesus. She began to wonder just who he was, so kind and understanding, yet so

JUST THEN Jesus' disciples came back from town with the food for lunch. They were surprised to see Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman. But they were coming to know that Jesus was without prejudice. They were learning that he loved everyone and brought everyone he met the good news of God's love. So they did not ask him why he was talking to a Samaritan woman.

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#### Shopping trip leaves her unnerved

BY ALICE DAILEY

This was the year I had designated as The Year to Stay Calm at Christmas. So much for that. One trip to the merchandise palaces pulverized the ideal. So here I am again, Side-by-Side by Santa. And just as frazzled.

Having sallied forth with a perfect list, I

ran the gamut of bargain hunters, ten-dollar gifts priced at thirty, clerks inexperienced with those machine gun cash registers, and ended up with glazed eyes. As a friend remarked, after being flung out of a revolving door downtown,



"I'm so bewildered by now I don't even remember what I was looking

A relative on my list wanted a disco dress. I bought a snazzy purple one, but imagine my shock when the salesperson wrote "underslip." How can you tell the difference? They're both so skimpy. And in this age of unisex dressing, it's hard to tell, just by looking, whether you're in the men's or women's department.

VESTS WERE ANOTHER item on my list, and I found that the surest way to tell these apart is that the women's are more subdued.

Have you noticed, in your Christmas endeavors, what those designing designers are doing to collars? Now that everyone's wardrobe has wide collars, deeply pointed ones, and no collars, NARROW collars are being sneaked in. Most people I'm buying for don't have necks to match.

Completely unnerved, I slunk home. A gentle nudge from father reminded me of the fruitcake I promised to bake a week

"Do you know" I demanded, "that pecans are \$4.00 a pound this year?"

He shrugged. "Substitute peanuts. It's

all the same to me." Yuk!

Furthermore, people are starting to send me cookles, and I haven't even located my cookie sheets yet. Then there are those boxes of Christmas cards, mutely begging me to do my thing and send them on their

IN A DESPERATE TRY at recapturing some of my cool, I had a go at a Christmas catalogue. They had leather on wood mosaics for only \$1,250. Really. And mahogany off-beat rockers, all of thirty inches high, for \$650. And for those days when you simply must have five minutes of peace, handpainted screens are available for a mere \$800.

But I do owe the catalogues thanks for giving me answers to those "What do you want for Christmas" questions. Things I DO NOT WANT are various gadgets being pushed: egg poachers, food processors, electric peelers, hot dog cookers, countertop ovens and buffet skillets. With all that junk in the kitchen how could the cook squeeze in?





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## The spirituality of Mahatma Gandhi

By Father James V. Schall, S.J.

All through the modern era, Christians in Europe and America have assumed that their faith was rather a demanding affair, one that even the loose-livers and born-againers could agree that honestly observing it was no mean feat, if not impossible at least unlikely. Consequently, it is something of a shock to confront

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For here was a man shot down for his . beliefs on the streets of Delhi in 1948, a man who led a life of astonishing asceticism, a man who seems to have known and practiced all of the most difficult aspects of our religion — chastity, love of enemies, forgiveness, fasting, work, love of the poor.

HE ACTUALLY thought Christians a bit narrow, people who would have been more effective if they had practiced what they preached, a not unknown suspicion among Christians themselves. No Christian in living memory has, in fact, heard preached from our pulpits a spiritual doctrine so insistent on self-control, mortification, prayer, and penance. (We even gave up abstinence on Friday. Gandhi abstained from milk and eggs. In many ways, then, Gandhi makes most of us seem like pikers.)

Yet, Gandhi also strikes us as hopelessly naive. He wanted to give everyone a

spinning wheel and did not like technology at all. He was afflicted with what most of us would call scruples.

As a boy, rebellion took the form of eating meat and smoking cigarettes, something that strikes us as charmingly innocent. He filched money and agonized over it like Augustine over the pears. He was also tempted to be too dapper and waste money on neat ties. His confessions of guilt to his father seem more agonizing than anything associated with the much maligned Irish pastor.

HE CONSTANTLY worried about purity of thought, even though he was legitimately married at 13. (His model of self-control in this area was as strict as anything in the New Testament or St. Ignatius. When he swatted his son, who deserved it, he was anguished beyond

Sometimes his asceticism takes strange turns to us. When he discovered that two young pupils he was responsible for were going the way of the world, so to speak, he reacted not by punishing them, but by going on a week's complete fast plus a further four and a half months on one meal a day. Imagine running discipline at Central High on that basis! The teachers' union would never stand for it.

But fasting was his cure for almost everything, and indeed some of his greatest political triumphs were achieved by his fasting.

GANDHI HAD beliefs that seem distinctly odd to us. "The worship of the cow is the Hindu's unique contribution to the evolution of humanitarianism." Yet, his reason for this is something most helpful to our own Catholic concern for respect of all life. "It (cow worship) is a practical application of belief in the oneness, and, therefore, sacredness of all life." Gandhi is far closer to Christianity than he is to the

The most noteworthy principles of spiritual life and practice Gandhi learned from his experiences in England and South Africa. His three basic ideas were: 1) non-cooperation in the life of a community which denied the elementary life of men, 2) non-violence, to do no harm to the oppressor, to suffer injury but not to return it, and 3) service of the oppressor, helping, relieving, and aiding him as it was possible.

He believed he should first and always serve love and truth, never to compromise on these in any way. He believed he should give up all and nothing could touch

Yet Gandhi did not believe his politics or public life was the most important thing. "My Mahatmaship (spiritual title) is worthless. It is due to my outward activities, due to my politics, which is the least part of me...What is of abiding worth is my insistence on truth, non-violence and purity, which is the real part of me." (The interior life came first. "Supplicating worship, prayers are no superstition; they are acts more real than the acts of eating, drinking, sitting or walking. It is no exaggeration to say that they alone are real, all else is unreal.")

SO, WHAT are we to make of a spirituality stricter for its adherents than Christianity? Of a lawyer with piety? Of a man who could tell a conference of Indian Christians simply: "It was more than I could believe, that Jesus was the only incarnate son of God, and that only he who believed in him would have everlasting life. If God could have a son, then all men were his sons. If Jesus was like God, or God himself, then all men were like God and could be God himself."

Gandhi, like Christianity, believed he should accept the truth wherever he found it, that men who differed should still love and tolerate each other, suffer for each other. (Indeed, Gandhi's basic idea, that if someone persecutes us, we should fast, suffer for him, has some roots in Tolstoy's version of Christianity.)

Gandhi appears quaint, as he himself admitted. And the great French Catholic philosopher, Jacques Maritain, doubted if Gandhi's methods would have worked against anyone but the British, whose empire and sense of humanity Gandhi deeply appreciated. Sometimes Gandhi's lack of theological precision is maddening, yet ultimately we can agree, "There is nothing permanent, nothing everlasting save God himself."

The spirituality of Gandhi leads to the uniqueness of Jesus, to how we men and women can be children of God, to how we can be like him. That Gandhi was stricter on himself than we on ourselves derives from the very fact he did not know Jesus. That he was stricter than the Lord is perhaps, as Aquinas once hinted, why we needed a uniquely divine Son after all.

## KYF Synopsis

Jesus clearly demonstrated that he came for all people when he defied tradition and spoke openly to a Samaritan woman. He did not heed the taboo against Samaritans and women. Jesus knew no dis-

The ecumenical and interfaith dialogues we are witnessing in today's churches and synagogues is a reflection of Christ and his attitudes. Jesus was not unwilling to talk to those who held different beliefs. Indeed, by talking to them, by extending his invitation, he was able to offer them "the possibility of drawing water from the well of life, the well of the Spirit."

IF WE ARE to follow in his footsteps, we, too, must discard our protective covers of discrimination and prejudice. We must be open, as Jesus was, to conversation. And we must extend the invitation he extends to all. The division the world knows is not the ideal Christ envisions. We must strive to close division and open understanding between all of God's people - and all of us are his people for we are all made in his likeness and image.

The example that Mahatma Gandhi provided for the modern

world was profound. Although his religion is strange to us in many ways, his philosophy was full of Christian concepts - non-cooperation in the life of a community which denied the elementary rights of men; non-violence: to do no harm to the oppressor, to suffer injury but not to return it; and service of the oppressor: helping, relieving, and aiding him as it was possible.

He believed that we should first and always serve love and truth. This man, who accomplished so much because of his deep spirituality, has a great deal to teach us about the spiritual life. Yet he was unable to embrace Christianity.

While we strive to close gaps, the prejudices that exist in the world today are alarming. Father Champlin's story of the Dutch Reformed Church minister is an example of one man trying in his own way to close the gap between the races and to erase prejudices in his own little spot in South Africa.

Each person who actively works at greater understanding and tolerance adds a page to the history of man and his quest for God - a page that reflects light, not dark-



What is of abiding worth is my insistence on truth, non-violence and purity which is the real part of me...



## Gently preaching love, justice to white South Africa

By Father Joseph M. Champlin

Hennie Maartens worked as a public servant for over a dozen years in the Republic of South Africa. Later he was called to become a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church.

Today, he and his wife Maretha, both in their mid-30s, make their home in East London, a small port city on the coast of the Indian Ocean. They serve there a large parish of that Dutch Reformed Church, Mr. Maartens' first position as a minister and one he has held less than a year.

This is a white congregation, a community of Christian believers, most of whom have deep roots in South Africa. Their forebears, generations ago, came to the beautiful land, helped settle and develop it. Now some of these people fear for the future of their country, even to the point of emigrating. The majority, however, while they feel an uneasiness, a worry about the political situation, still

wish to remain in this nation they call home.

HENNIE AND Maretha walk a delicate path in that context. Aware of existing injustices and convinced about the need for change, they seek to move the congregation in the right direction, but try to do so gradually, patiently, persuasively.

Hennie preaches about love and justice for all, regardless of color. Maretha quietly, but with determination, brings about racial improvements on the very practical level. Both give good example in their home of what a better, integrated world can be

—Not many years ago it would have been shocking for people to learn that a black or Colored (mixed race) minister and his wife had been dinner guests at the parish house. That departure from a separatist, white-superiority tradition would even now stun the Maartens' parents.

IN THE PAST, black domestics often

received second class treatment — scraps for food, inferior beds, no hot water, no heaters for their rooms. The Maartens have tried to share these things on a more equitable basis with the live-in employees, dealing with them as equal members of the family,

—Maretha has organized or inspired a number of events or activities which have brought blacks, Coloreds and whites together.

together.

The Women's Missionary Alliance supplied a large, expensive and much-needed cooking pot for a black minister and his congregation. They were surprised later when the grateful clergyman returned with a truck full of pineapples.

The parish hired a bus to bring Colored youngsters for a film being screened at the church hall for its own boys and girls.

YOUNG PEOPLE from the Dutch Reformed Church visited a hospital for black crippled children and plan a return at Christmas to stage a party for them.

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The church council (by one vote) approved an integrated Church Women United day of prayer.

Here in the United States, with our short memories, these steps may seem minimal; in South Africa they represent significant barriers broken down by concerned Christians.

Mr. Maartens' preaching heavily emphasizes St. Paul's words to the Romans. "Have the same attitude toward all." (12,16). "His death was death to sin, once for all." (6,10). "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of justice, peace, and the joy that is given by the Holy Spirit." (14,17).

CHRISTIANS IN South Africa, like the Maartens, more and more are crossing denominational boundary lines to work together for such justice and peace. Those efforts perfectly fulfill the ideal sketched in paragraph 12 of the Vatican Council II "Decree on Ecumenism."

"Cooperation among Christians vividly expresses the bond which already unites them...It should use every possible means to relieve the afflictions of our times, such as famine and natural disasters, illiteracy and poverty, lack of housing, and the unequal distribution of wealth. Through such cooperation, all believers in Christ are able to learn easily how they can understand each other better and esteem each other more, and how the road to the unity of Christians may be made smooth."

## Discussion questions

1. Thy is interfaith dialogue important

2. How does the interfaith and ecumenical dialogue denote growth? Discuss.

3. Discuss this statement: "Genuine ecumenical and interfaith dialogue actually supports one's own tradition."

4. Discuss this statement: "The churches and synagogues of our nation have a good deal to hope for together as they search out in contemporary terms the basic assertion of both: that God acts in his dry."

5. What comparisons can we make be-

5. What comparisons can we make between Jesus' meeting the Samaritan woman at the well and today's ecumenical dialogue?

6. What does the term "living water"

7. Discuss the kinds of thirst we human beings experience.

8. Why do you think the Samaritan woman left her water jar behind? Discuss.

9. What was the core of Mahatma Gandhi's spirituality?

10. What similarities of belief did Gandhi have with Christianity?

11. What do we find very strange about Gandhi's beliefs?

12. Discuss this statement: "That Gandhi was stricter on himself than we on ourselves derives from the very fact he did not know Jesus. That he was stricter than the Lord is perhaps, as Aquinas once hinted, why we needed a uniquely divine Son after all."

## Suggestions for parents using 'story hour' with their children

l. Ask your child(ren) to write a story that describes an event in which another is ignored, not talked to, not played with because of what someone feels and has said about him. Discuss their stories. Listen carefully to the children's feelings about the dynamics that are present wherever prejudice is active. Then read together the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

2. In the book, Jesus, by Frederick Buechner and Lee Boltin (Simon Schuster, New York, 1974) there is an exquisite German, early 15th-century painted and gilded representation of "Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well." If your local public library has this book, use this painting to talk more fully with your child (ren) about the story.

3. After reading the story with your child(ren) in silence and-or aloud and talking about it, act it out several times reversing roles until the attitude of Jesus toward the woman and the woman and her attitude toward him are felt. To help children feel what they're learning is to help them accept and own it in a fuller way.

4. The story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman is told in song under the title, "The Water Of Life" on the record, "Follow Me, New Testament Story Songs" by John and Amanda Ylvisaker (Avant Garde Records, 250 West 67th St., New York). After reading the story with your child (ren) listening to and singing along with the song could be a delightful way to reflect still more deeply on the "living water" theme of the story.

KNOW YOUR FAITH



The Criterion welcomes announcements of parish and institutional activities. Keep them brief listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No pictures, please. Announcements must be in our office by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication.

#### december 24

The novices of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, will present a program of music and visual scenes of Christmas on Channel 2, WTWO, Terre Haute, at 11:30 a.m.

A children's special liturgy will be held at St. Patrick Church, Terre Haute, at 5:30 p.m. Children are asked to bring a wrapped toy as their offering to Jesus on His birthiday. The gifts will be given to needy children in the Terre Haute area.

#### december 29

Gibault Night will be held at the K of C Council No. 437, 1305 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be Polish, German and Slovenian music.

St. Simon's Church—8400 Roy Rd.

## Breakfast

Sunday, December 31

7:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. (After All Masses)

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#### december 31

A New Year's Eve dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Camelot Hall at Franklin. St. Rose of Lima Parish Council is the sponsoring organization. For ticket information call 422-5529.

The Parents' Club of Cardinal Rifter High School, Indianapolls, is sponsoring its annual New Year's Eve dance at the school, For further information and/or reservations call Helen Downton, 926-5293, or Kathy Bunn, 924-0769.

A New Year's Eve dance will be held in Father Gootee Hall of St. Paul parish, Sellersburg, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets will be by reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

#### A Charismatic Mass

ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF 1979 TO PROCLAIM "JESUS IS LORD"

A Holy Day has dawned upon us Come, You Nations, and Adore the Lord. Today a Great Light has come upon the Earth. Vs (16)

Join with us to fast and pray on the first Friday of the New Year to acknowledge the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace, then to gather together for a simple meal of soup and bread to pray for and to contribute of our abundance to the poor of the world.



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The Grace of the Lord desus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13)





## Jesuits gain 'Awareness' (from 5)

up of cooperatives based on the use of the cotton crops of the area); 3) educational and cultural (including beautifying a park area for recreation, encouraging creative activities on the part of especially the children in plays, etc., and getting the people involved in the operation and direction of their own community).

Here I began to learn from Marta and Maria Ilena, from Javier and Manuel, of the real beauty and dignity of the human person, no matter how poor the circumstances surrounding them.

Hard-working and energetic, patient and faith-filled, happy with the simplest of things, ready to give anything they have to help one who has less, and, above all, illed with a tremendous love and respect or children! These are the real characteristics of the poor peasant people of the dusty farms of Torreon. And I began to earn the deep lesson that it is quite easy to see the face of God in the poor of this world!

#### Incident is cited

Just one incident to illustrate. A few ays before we were to leave the ejidos, ne water-pumping system broke. It ecame necessary for all to carry buckets f water from the irrigation canals for the ew homes that had plumbing.

It was necessary for all to get buckets of ater for drinking and cooking from a lone ink in the village—and this went on for our or five days! You could see whole imilies lined up at the tank with the size of the bucket varying with the size of the erson who carried it! And not once did I ear any complaints from anyone. atience and "making do" are part of their ay of life. One of the many things we ould learn from them.

MY URBAN EXPERIENCE was spent in e Jesuit parish of Our Lady of the Angels a very poor area only 20 minutes' walk om the fashionable downtown area of exico City. Here a community consisting five priests, one Brother, and about 11 cholastics (in philosophy-theology udies) form the "Plan Global" with some sters and lay colleagues.

Similar to the work in Torreon, the emphasis is on socio-economic and cultural development, as well as the normal pastoral ministry. Here, however, the former is more like the "community organizing" done in this country.

Though the odds are nearly inrmountable and the necessary operation of the people themselves dly lacking, still the Jesuits and others ep working, satisfied to make progress little steps-again with a great deal of ith and patience. And again, one is very uch aware of the innate love of family espite the perennial problems of coholism, unfaithfulness, divorce, etc. but without, it seems, desertion or ild-abuse), the enjoyment of simple easures, such as the neighborhood sta I witnessed the last night I was in exico; and the faith of the people, ntered greatly in the Virgin of adalupe, but also in the suffering Jesus rist.

Ne were told that the most important

feast days for Latin Americans in general and Mexicans in particular, are Good Friday and All Souls Day. With suffering and death so much a part of their environment, it is easy to see why.

While at Los Angeles, I again had numerous memorable experiences. Two stand own. On the tenth anniversary of my ordination I spent a good part of the day helping four of the Sisters, who work with the Jesuits, move into a one-room dwelling (with a loft for their beds) in one of the poor "vecindades" near the church. They were moving there to be even closer to the people whom they serve, singe over half of the parishioners live in the same type of dwellings.

And then there was Padre Jose—a 76year-old Jesuit in the community, who has spent the last 30 years ministering to about 200 lepers in a "home" about an hour outside Mexico City.

One Sunday I was privileged to go with him, to concelebrate Mass and bring Communion to those who could not come to the chapel there, and simply to meet and talk with the people. It was truly one of the most moving experiences I have ever had; as physically repulsive as their bodies may have been, so radiantly beautiful were their spirits. I will never forget what I learned from them.

FINALLY, SOMETHING about the Mexican Jesuits themselves. The whole Province of about 500 men is deeply committed to working with and for the poor.

Fr. Carlos Soltero, the Provincial, explained in a talk to us that they are really just making beginnings, and that as in most Jesuit provinces, people are at different places in their understanding and practice of their Jesuit vocation. But it is significant that all of those in their training years are living in the midst of the poor, sharing their life-style and spending some of their time working with and for them.

#### Live with the poor

In addition, about 75 of the priests and Brothers are living among and working with the poor directly—men such as those we lived with in Torreon and Mexico City. Needless to say, I was deeply impressed and encouraged by the witness of these men.

During the course of the summer, I was able to share in some typically Jesuit events: a Golden Jubilee celebration, an ordination and a final vows celebration. In many ways they were similar to those events I have shared in other Jesuit provinces. Yet they were different.

The two men who were ordained chose to have the ceremony in one of the poorest parishes on the outskirts of Mexico City, where they had spent their regency. Their families and friends, many of them from fashionable Guadalajara, rubbed shoulders with the simplest of people at the Mass and the simple fiesta afterwards.

Seven men pronounced their final vows on the feast of St. Ignatius at the Jesuit residence chapel in Mexico City. It was very clear in their remarks in the dialogue homily that they were committing themselves in the deepest way possible to share the rest of their lives with the poor. I feel that some of this rubbed off on all those who were present. I know it did on me.

IN THE FINAL PERIOD of reflection and evaluation in San Antonio, we were asked to share (much in the manner of sharing in

a directed retreat) how we were moved, challenged and changed, and how we intended to respond to the Lord's call to the Society to solidarity with the poor and to work for justice.

Some of the ways I was moved should be clear from what I have said above. Let me add, however, that I was also deeply moved by the sincerity and generosity of the other members of the Program: we all are "typical" Jesuits in every way, with all the weaknesses and strengths that we all share. And I was warmly encouraged by the growth that I saw occurring in the others as I saw it in myself.

#### Personal challenge

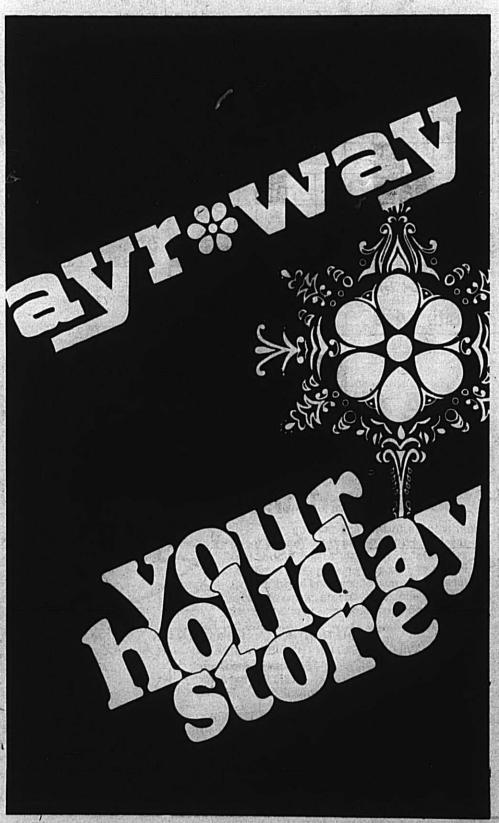
I feel that I have grown in my concern for others as persons, especially the poor. I feel challenged to live more simply and to do what I can for the poor on as many levels of activity as possible. I feel challenged to give more of my better self for the rest of my life and to try to live more deeply my Jesuit vocation. I feel called to deepen the experience I have had: by keeping contact with some of the people I grew to know and love this summer; to study and learn more of the liberation



theology that is being lived out by Jesuits in Latin America.

I feel called to share my "experiences in whatever ways I can and to encourage others to "go and see for yourself!" If all of this sounds like the words of a "converted" person, then I suppose that is what it is. Hopefully, my commitment will build on this.

As is evident, the poor of Latin America are not the only poor in the world. We have many right here in the United States. And American Jesuits are involved in working with them on many levels. But, as one of our number pointed out in San Antonio, The Society of Jesus is an international community and certainly some of us are called to serve the needs of the poor where the urgency is greater. "Horizons for Justice" has taught me to broaden my own vision and to keep open to new ways of working directly or indirectly for God's poor.



## double-take

Below are twin crossword puzzles, termed A and B, hence the name "Double-Take." What makes "Double-Take" challenging is the fact that both puzzles must be worked simultaneously for a successful solution. The numerical clues in each puzzle contain the same number of blanks. However in No. A 1: west-central European river (Rhine) and B 1: a sovereign's rule (reign) the clues

are in order. After that the top and bottom clues with each number are scrambled and may apply to either puzzle. If one looks ahead it is possible to work "Double-Take" with a minimum of retracing. With this "Double-Take" there is a message which can be figured out after filling in the blanks.

#### ACROSS

- 1 west-central European river a sovereign's rule
- 6 the pieces of
- direct heat cooking
- north-central Swiss city 12 radius (pl.)
- the blood pump 13 an angular vase
- compass point
- 14 ones, , threes, . . the first man
- 16 inside

**PUZZLE A** 

- most used vowel
- 17 physical education (abbr.) a college degree (abbr.)
- 18 Antonio Mary's month

- 19 rest in prone position pesty, underground insect
- 20 white or polar, e. g. France-Belgium river
- 23 sums again
- restrain from proceeding
- 25 and reel energy, vigor
- energy, vigor 27 God (L.)
- the molecule of life 28 a siender streamer (var.)
- uttered a chick sound 31 poker stake
- belonging to you 34 idea of self
- hearing organ
- 35 fish eggs toothed cutting-tool
- 37 an eastern state (abbr.) wood-chopping tool

**PUZZLE B** 

- 38 pertaining to (suf.) four (Roman num.)
- 39 "Rock of "
  not front or back
- 40 mother (pop.)
- a news service (abbr.)
  41 common evergreen
- Heinrich (Ger. poet) 42 inserted, as in a map
- lying flat 45 bone (L. form)
- type of warehouse 46 streets of travel leavening agent

#### DOWN

1 grating, rough name of a compass point

- 2 lets up equestrian
- 3 hotel or motel anger
- 4 a compass point a southern state (abbr.)
- 5 hickory or pecan, e.g. famous Dutch cheese
- 6 called on the telephone uttered like a mule
- 7 a male sheep bronze money (L.)
- 8 officer of day (abbr.) sun god (Egypt)
- 9 Roman ones general course of
- 10 lets stand (pr.)
- flax fabric 15 father (pop.)
- wage battles
- 19 Adam (Pg.) northern French city
- 21 always
- Italian river
  22 tear apart
  bird of prey (legend)

- 24 coffee-like beverage
- 26 unites, as busines: long for, yearn
- 28 tranquility
  Chinese river
- 29 roof extensions long-legged bird
- 30 female deer young man
- 32 atop of (pl.) tied with adhesives
- 33 outward passages clan member
- 36 water obstruction catch sight of
- 39 tree fluid
- cuckoo bird 40 our country (abbr.)
- New Zealand bird
- 42 exists
- a prosecutor (abbr.)
  44 again (pre.)
- negative answer

(Answers page 30)

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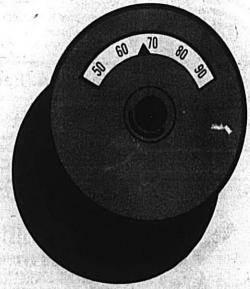
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The greatest gift God has and, perhaps, there is bestowed upon us was the birth of Jesus that we omit a name. celebrate each Christmas Season. This very special Christmas Season causes us to reflect in many different ways how grateful we should be for our many blessings. Above all, the Catholic Youth Organization is certainly blessed in working with the wonderful youth and adult leaders of the Archdiocese.

The CYO Office can never begin to list the people by name who have shared their special talents with us throughout the year. The list would be too encompassing

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Everyone here at the Catholic Youth Organization Office wishes to thank each of you very special people and all organizations involved with the CYO for sharing your time, talents and expertise this past year.

It is our hope that your Christmas Season is one of beauty, filled with Christ's love, and that the New Year holds many promises for the future.

-The CYO Staff



CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY-Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mitchell, R.R. 1, Fountain City, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Richmond on Sunday, Dec. 31. Their son, Father Nathan Mitchell, O.S.B., will officiate. Their children will host a reception to honor the Mitchells from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Greentree Room of the Holiday Inn, National Road East, Richmond.

#### Merry Christmas in 26 languages

"Merry Christmas" will be a popular greeting in many parts of the world again this year. Here it is in 26 languages:

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Zenount [Armenian]. Mele Kaliki maga (Hawailan). Chuk-syong takn [Korean]. Yasu Suntel Kowa [Chinese]. Shin-nen

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those interviewed supported the move by President Jimmy Carter, with some seeing possible benefits for connections to the nor- the church. Some of those malization of American who supported Carter relations with the People's criticized him for the way the move was made.

#### Calls Harlem mood a paradox

NEW YORK - According hope combined with a to Msgr. Emerson J. Moore, believed to be the first black priest named a monsignor in the United States, the mood today in Harlem is a paradox-an attitude of

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#### Report lauded

UNITED NATIONS-Members of the United Nations have been guick to praise the fact-finding report on Chile of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. But many nations especially from the communist bloc and the Third World-are reluctant to have the human rights group do similar work in other countries.

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- 6 slices bologna
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- 1 tsp. scraped onion

1 tsp. finely chopped pimento 1 tbsp. cream Salt and pepper

In small bowl, soften cream cheese. Then add cream and mix until spreadable. Add more cream if necessary. Add onion, pimento and seasonings to taste. Spread 5 slices of bologna with the mixture and stack them, topping with the 6th slice. Wrap well and refrigerate overnight. Before serving, slice in 12 pie-shaped wedges.

Paper plates are in order, but they should be sturdy enough to prevent spilling and large enough to hold a drink glass, leaving one hand free to gesture during conversation. Conversation will no doubt lead to thirst, so here's a party drink that even looks like the holidays:

#### Cranberry Cocktail

21/2 c. boiling water

- 3 teabags (or more, if desired)
- tsp. allspice
- tsp. cinnamon
- tsp. nutmeg
- c. sugar
- 2 c. (pint bottle) cranberry cocktail
- 11/2 c. water
- ½ c. orange juice
- 1/3 c. lemon juice

Steep tea and spices (tied together in cheesecloth packet) in boiling water for 5 minutes. Add sugar and stir. Add remaining ingredients and heat just to boiling. Serve hot with peppermint stick or candy cane for a stirrer. Serves 8-10.

Finger foods which also carry out the holiday color scheme are Crab Concoction and Spinach Dip.

#### **Crab Concoction**

- 4 3-oz. packages cream cheese, softened
- 2 tbsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 small onlon, very finely chopped Garlic salt
- 1/2 of an 11 oz. bottle of chili sauce
- 2 6-oz. packages frozen snow crabmeat, thawed and drained thoroughly Chopped parsley

Mix first 5 ingredients and form into a thin flat loaf on a serving tray. Sprinkle with garlic salt. Pour chili sauce evenly over top of mixture. Spread crabmeat on top of chili sauce and sprinkle with parlsey. Cover with saran wrap (using strategically placed toothpicks to avoid the wrap touching the loaf) and refrigerate overnight. Serve with assorted crackers.

#### Spinach Dip

- 1 package frozen chopped spinach, uncooked, thawed and well drained
- 1/4 c. dry parsley flakes
- 1/4 c. dry chopped chives
- 1 tbsp. oregano
- Combine the above. Add:
- 1 c. sour cream
- c. mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. Jane's Crazy Mixed-Up Salt
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice

Mix well. Always serve with pumpernickel bread slices.

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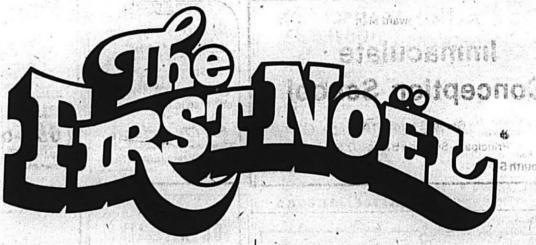
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#### In nation, world (from 7)

efforts on several occasions.

The Vicariate of Solidarity, established by Cardinal Raul Silva of Santiago to aid political prisoners in Chile, sponsored an International Symposium on Human Rights. Cardinal Silva and the human rights agency were honored by the United Nations Dec. 11 in ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) prepared for the third general assembly of the area's bishops at Puebla, Mexico, to be held in January 1979. The meeting, originally scheduled for October 1978, was postponed twice because of the deaths of Pope Paul VI and John Paul I.

Guyana, a young socialist republic in South America, was in the news in 1978 when followers of the Rev. Jim Jones at the People's Temple committed mass suicide Nov. 18, after several cult members killed a U.S. congressman, three U.S. newsmen and a woman defector.

The suicide-murder of over 900 people focused worldwide attention on cults and led to discussion of government monitoring of religious groups. President

Carter warned against an "overreaction" that would lead to "injecting government into trying to control people's religious belief" as a result of the tragedy in Jonestown, Guyana.

#### Tragedy shakes Italy

Tragedy shook Italy when its former prime minister Aldo Moro was kidnapped and murdered in the spring of 1978. Pope Paul VI, a close friend of Moro's, had personally tried to intervene several times to save his life.

Foreign powers were accused of turning Africa into a world battleground by Catholic African bishops at the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar July 29. They said that liberation wars in Southern Africa and factional divisions elsewhere on the continent have created continent-wide political instability and called for "decolonization, development, social justice, respect for inalienable rights and fundamental liberties."

Moral questions continued to be raised on the 10th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's controversial encyclical on artificial birth

control, "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life"), and the birth of the first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, prompted some theologians to condemn that procedure, saying it was not the conception of a child as nature intended. Others said the church was still in a state of search for answers to bioethical questions raised by the birth.

The year 1978 marked the deaths of several prominent world figures. Sen. Hubert Humphrey, vice-president of the United States from 1965 to 1969, died Jan. 13. Anthropologist Margaret Mead died Nov. 15 and Golda Meir, prime minister of Israel from 1969-74, died Dec. 8. Metropolitan Nikodim of Leningrad, second-ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church, died Sept. 5 during a private audience with Pope John Paul I.

Six cârdinals died during 1978. Cardinal Paul Yoshigoro Taguchi of Japan died Feb. 23 and Cardinal Giacomo Violardo of Italy, a church law expert, died March 17. Cardinal Paul Yu Pin of Taiwan, the second Chinese cardinal in history, died in Rome Aug. 16 before the first conclave. Cardinal Valerian Gracias, India's first native cardinal, died Sept. 11. Cardinal Boleslaw Filipiak of Poland, former dean of the Sacred Roman Rota, died Oct. 12. Cardinal Joseph-Marie Trin Nhu Khue of Hanol, Vietnam, secretly named a cardinal in 1976, died Nov. 27.

#### New interfaith unit established

LOUISVILLE, Ky.-The establishmen of a new organization called the Interfaith Covenant of Kentuckiana has been initiated for Catholic, Protestant and Jewish denominations and congregations in the Louisville area.

The proposed organization has been endorsed by the existing Louisville in terfaith group, Louisville Area Interfaith Organization for Service. The covenant is now being submitted to denominations church bodies and other groups for ratification.

The Archdiocese of Louisville, a member of LAIOS, intends to join the new organization, said Father Stanley A. Schmidt, director of the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical Affairs. With the proposed covenant, he added, "we have for the first time a truly interfaith organization," not just an interchurch organization.



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No action on laicization

VATICAN CITY - Pope proved any laicization in his John Paul II has not ap-

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first 60 days in office, church sources in Rome said and this is a sign that he may change the process. The pope is dissatisfied with the current laicization process and wants to study the question, said sources, although an official of a religious order said he did not know whether the pope plans to tighten up the process or make it easier.



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COLOGNE, West Germany-Cardinal

Joseph Frings, who stepped down from

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chdiocese after playing a major role as one of the 10 council presidents at the Second

Vatican Council, died of heart failure in

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#### Pope blesses school

ROME-Pope John Paul II dedicated a vocational school started by Pope Paul VI and visited the Basilica of St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls Dec. 17. At. St. Paul's, the pope recalled the apostle after whom the basilica was named and spoke warmly of Pope Paul VI, the first modern pope taking the name. The current pope said he considered Paul VI "not only as my predecessor, but indeed as my father."

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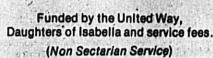
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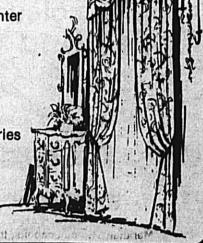
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Yet a new relationship has caused some cracks in this shell, enabling the person to see an expanded world of hope. Safety seems not quite as attractive or necessary, and the person grows more ready to "take a chance again" in loving and being loved by another.

THIS SONG'S message reflects on real happenings that affect all of our lives. The person's emergence into a more active life required a period of waiting. The past hurt was not

healed quickly but rather needed its own space. Indeed, waiting precedes many events and aspects of our lives.

waiting as we develop physically. We wait to grow, to enter school, and then, to get out of school. We wait to be free to love others.

discover who we are as persons, and then we wait again to understand how life's changes have altered Life itself begins as a these prior insights into ourselves. Most importantly, we wait to be loved, to have our fears healed so we can

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these waiting accept periods, their haste and impatience fragment the necessary personal integration needed for growth. The insights of our hearts and those of our minds do not -always occur in simultaneous parallels. Feelings require time to be developed and understood by our minds. During periods of hurting, our feelings need additional time to be accepted, resolved and healed.

While we cannot ignore the significance of waiting, the song also emphasizes the necessity of breaking the shell of safety. The waiting is not an end in itself. Our lives are never finalized, for new opportunities are always being opened to us. We cannot judge the outcome of every relationship by what happens in one particular case. We learn from each situation but our knowledge is never complete. Life is too rich in possibility and mystery to be summed up in one painful episode.

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> Each of us has received a special promise in dealing with our life process. We do not wait, hurt, or take chances alone. Jesus lived every level of life experience and he has promised us to walk with us as we encounter all of life's happenings.

What are the current "waitings" in your life? What shells have become too permanently part of your life and are lessening the fullness in your life? What are the new chances that you are beginning to accept as possibilities for stepping out of old shells? Whatever your answers, you are the one who holds the keys to how your future life will develop.

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## 'Midnight Express' crass, but has strong message for our wayward youth

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

The story of Billy Hayes, carried on the books in Turkey as a convicted dope smuggler, is closer to many of us than we'd like to admit. Thus the film, "Midnight Express," based on Hayes' book about his traumatic experience, holds more than passing interest.

Hayes comes from a big middle-class Catholic family, and he dropped out of Marquette in the mid-Sixtles to see the world. While leaving Turkey, he tried to sneak out about \$200 worth of hashish to sell to friends to make a few bucks. It was his bad luck to be exiting at the same time there was a scare about airplane hijackers and terrorists: he. was searched, busted and "let off easy" with four years in prison.

It was a dumb mistake, and he paid dearly for it, along with his anguished and

loving family. Whether the jall happens to be in Istanbul or Milwaukee, the drug bust and its consequences have become a common risk for otherwise law-abiding young

they are not Creatures from

the Black Lagoon. "Express"

blows its right to moralize by

diverging seriously from the details in Hayes' own ac-

count. The movie is mostly a

prison horror show, with the

specific horrors re-invented

for the sake of shock. Oddly.

the most intriguing of Hayes'

story-his dramatic

escape-is described only

briefly and then inac-

THE LOW POINT is an

invented scene where Hayes

stands up in court and

delivers an insulting,

scatological tirade against

the Turkish people, nation,

culture and religion. His

hatred is understandable-

the Supreme Court has just

extended his sentence to 30

years, on the grounds that

the first sentence was in-

deed too lenient. But it's one

thing for Hayes to be angry.

It's quite another for the film

to support and indulge his

curately.

people, and those who cherish them, since the phrase "getting stoned" developed a new meaning 10 or 15 years ago.

THE KICKER is that Hayes had to face punishment in another culture, where the legal penalty was much tougher and the prison life much harsher. It's not that the Turks are less permissive than Americans; they are permissive in different ways. Penal codes, legal systems and jail conditions are not terribly humane anywhere, but in Turkey, at least by modern Western standards, they are awful. Hayes hasn't been the only American caught in Turkey and similar places through sheer ignorance and stupidity; thousands still languish in foreign prisons under almost medieval conditions.

The chief value of "Express," filmed on location in Malta by British director Alan Parker ["Bugsy Malone"], is as a cautionary tale for wayward youth. Those who have seen it get the message. You don't mess with drugs in foreign countries.

For this purpose, the film doesn't have to be documentary truth. But unfortunately it decides to go beyond that to whip up hatred for the Turks. Let's face it: that isn't hard to do. In charity, one must judge individuals on their own merits, but Turkey has been a swamp of civilization for a thousand years. Yet the Turks deserve a fair shot:

bitterness and revenge seeking, as it does repeatedly and graphically.

The prison horrors are ugly, but not significantly more so than in "Ben-Hur," "Papillon" or "Jackson County Jail." There are the resident sadists, stool pigeons and lunatics. There is the frustrated escape, the violence, the physical misery, the homosexuality. the despair, the sense of abandonment. It's important to realize that, in some degree, all prisons are like this. Citizens don't worry about the problem anymore in America than they do in the Middle East.

THE MOVIE has some secondary redeeming qualities; especially the friendship among desperate inmates and the touching relationship between Billy (intensely played by James Dean lookalike Brad Davis) and his heartbroken father (Mike Kellin). But overall it's much too anxious to exploit the spectacle aspects of men existing on the extreme edge of inhumanity. With all due respect to the sacred power of the sex drive, the worst example is when Hayes' girl friend comes to visit, and he persuades her to bare her chest against the glass panel separating them.

In sum, "Express" is a deft but insensitive film that enjoys its horrors with toc much enthusiasm. But it might be recommended viewing for young travelers who think Daddy-or Uncle Sam-can ransom them from their sins, anytime. anywhere. [R] condemned

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## An old Christmas favorite is back on tube this year after long lapse

For 16 years—from 1951 to 1966-Christmas didn't seem complete for many TV without traditional broadcast of Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." After an absence of 12 years, this popular work has returned in an entirely new production airing Sunday, Dec. 24, at 7-8 p.m. on NBC.

The story tells of a crippled boy and his mother living in poverty among the shepherds at the time of the birth of Christ. The Three Kings with their gifts for the Child stop late one night for shelter in the hut of Amahl and his mother. In the morning, when Amahl asks them to bring the Babe his

The simple sincerity of the narrative is one reason why this opera wears so well and can be appreciated by even those of us who have tin ears. The other reason, of course, is that Menotti's score and libretto are so playful and filled with childlike innocence that they go directly to the heart.

Who, for instance, can resist the hard-of-hearing King Kasper (performed by Nico Castel) when he with describes such animation the precious contents of his box. especially that third drawer containing licorice?

With the Philharmonic Orchestra of London and the own gift-his crutch-he is Ambrosian Opera Chorus, miraculously cured and joins such Metropolitan Opera

as the mother, 14-year-old narrative coincidences. One Robert Sapolsky as Amahl and Giogio Tozzi as King Melchior, this is a musical treat of the highest order.

Menotti, however, did not create this work only for opera-goers but for all in the TV audience. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" was the first opera written especially for television and the first ever commissioned by a network (NBC). It is good being able to say "welcome back" to an old favorite, knowing the delight it will give many others discovering it for the first time.

Christmas week on TV is almost exclusively reserved repeats and football previews. One notable exception to this is the lavish production of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," airing Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 8-11 p.m. on CBS.

The-story of Jean Valjean and his implacable pursuer, Inspector Javert, is one of those durable classics that everybody has seen in one version or another. This one, however, concentrates on making credible the social and political injustices of a time in which a man could be sentenced to five years at hard labor for stealing a loaf of bread for his starving family.

As for plot, forget about credibility because the story is told through a web of implausible actions and

enjoy such melodramatic devices since they serve a gripping chase story that touches on the complexities of human nature.

The contrast between Richard Jordan as Jean and Anthony Perkins as Javert is neatly balanced maintains interest-as it must-till the final confrontation in the sewers of Paris. The crucial sequence in which Jean is transformed the extraordinary charity of a saintly bishop (the late Claude Dauphin at

viction.

This television. It is a welcome are examined through firstfor the family.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 8-9 p.m. (CBS) "Any Place But Here." who do not need to be indischarged into communities unprepared to treat and accept them is examined

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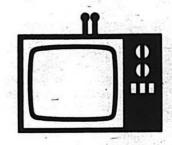
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his best) is accomplished by Bill Moyers in his final flawlessly and with con- program on "CBS Reports."

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 10handsome 11 p.m. (ABC) "The Politics production, filmed in France of Torture." The successes and England, is mounted on and failures of President an unusually large scale for Carter's human rights policy addition to the miniscule. hand reports of oppression schedule of holiday viewing in Chile, Iran and the Philippines gathered by the "ABC News Closeup" team.

Friday, Dec. 29, 9:30-10 The plight of mental patients p.m. (PBS) "Close-Up: Margaret Mead." A film stitutionalized but are portrait and conversation with the late anthropologist ranging from her early work in Samoa to the exploration of outer space, another program in the "Turnabout"

> Saturday, Dec. 30, 5:30-6 p.m. (PBS) "Grease Monkey," This final "Grease episode-and one of the best-in the "Freestyle" series focuses on a teenager's attempt to overcome the skepticism about her ability to handle chores at a gas station in her rural town.



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Sunday, Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m.-1:45 a.m. (NBC) "Christmas—1978" The U.S. A Christmas Celebration" Catholic Conference with the The story of the birth of cooperation of the NBC Christ to the beginning of television network will the Gospel narratives and as celebration of the Mass of depicted in the paintings of the Nativity from Rome. the great masters of Western English commentary will be art. The latter section of the provided by Franciscan significance of the Nativity programming for the BBC H. Auden and T. S. Eliot, international Catholic Mass will be by the Sistine Choir.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 6-7:45 p.m. EST (ABC) "Christmas Eve Mass from St. Peter's in Rome" ABC will carry live coverage of the Christmas Eve liturgy celebrated by Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. her students at Duke Father Vincent O'Keefe, assistant general of the Society of Jesus, will provide commentary from Rome; ABC Correspondent Frank Reynolds and Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will assist with additional comments in Washington. Father O'Keefe acted as commentator for ABC during the recent papal transition in Rome (Because

of this coverage, ABC will not broadcast the previously announced Polish-American Christmas Eve liturgy from Detroit on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.)

RADIO: Sunday, Dec. 24 "Guideline" (NBC) presents a dialogue on the joyous, spiritual and significance of the birth of Christ. The 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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#### Tired and busy? Here's a quickie

BY JAMES BREIG

It's holiday time and you're busy and you're tired and you haven't got time. So, okay, I'll keep my topics short and to the point. Grab the ones that interest you, and mark your calendar for like and then everything will be done before you know it.

Topic 1: What better place to start than "In the Beginning." Remember that show? It premiered last September amid a slight flurry of anticipation. Starring McLean Stevenson. produced by Norman Lear, It was to focus on a conservative priest and a liberal

And it did-for a few weeks. And then it was cancelled. Even before I got a chance to say anything about it. As a matter of fact, no one got a chance. Unlike "Soap," which arrived in a maelstrom of protest, "In the Beginning" leaked into town and drained out, all sans comment.

is there a lesson there? There is some evidence Lear tried to stir up some publicity through protest. He sent out releases to religious publications announcing the show; the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights suspects CBS wanted some reaction, the more negative the better.

But nothing happened, and the series died. Maybe, sometimes, if you ignore it, it will go away. "In the Beginning," if I may give a brief post-mortem, suffered from a lack of premise. What

might have been a one-time sketch on a variety show could not be pumped up to a weekly series. No firm premise, no foundation on which to build. The result: collapse.

Topic 2: Schedule shifthe specials I name that you ting. Doesn't it drive you bozo when your favorite program 'doesn't appear where it belongs? Instead, it shows up elsewhere as the network tries to build its audience or uses it to lifesave a weaker program.

Who suffers? The audience, which can't keep track of what's on when. I prefer the good old days when you knew Ed Sullivan was on Sundays and Sundays only.

How bad is it? Check these quotations from newspaper accounts of shifting. A prize to anyone who can figure it out:

"To replace Runaways,' NBC shifted another new series, 'Grandpa Goes to Washington' to the Tuesday night time slot, effective Sept. 15. A new 'NBC Wednesday Night at the Movies' will find the hole left by the switch of 'Grandpa.' The Wednesday night film will replace NBC's planned 'Saturday Night at the Movies,' beginning Sept. 20. 'Sword of Justice,' a newcomer formerly planned for Fridays at 10, will move to Saturday nights at 9 starting Oct. 7. 'The Eddle Capra Mysteries' scheduled for Sundays at 10 will replace "Sword of Justice" Friday nights at 10 starting Sept. 22.

"As of Oct. 21, 'Carter Country' will air a half hour later. 'Welcome Back, Kotter' will move from

Monday night at 8 to Saturday night at 8. On Monday night as of Nov. 13, ABC will bring back 'Lucan.' last episode of 'Operation Petticoat' will air Oct. 19. Until Nov. 13, the Monday night hole created by the loss of 'Kotter' and 'Petticoat' will be filled by freaks will have their second specials."

I can't go on. My TV Guide is now more precious to me than a map of a buried treasure.

for the new year have been scheduled:

On Jan. 2, NBC will broadcast a three-hour look at "The American Family-An Endangered Species?" The host will be Edwin Newman and the show will include film essays on real families, panel discussions and commentary.

On Jan. 29, CBS will carry "The Corn Is Green," starring Katherine Hepburn as the Englishwoman determined to teach Welsh young coalminers. The movie

will be directed by George Cukor, who has teamed with Hepburn 10 times, including "Little Women," "The Philadelphia Story" and "Adam's Rib."

"Gone With the Wind" go-round of the classic film on television, CBS, Feb. 11 and 12. The five hours of GWTW includes upwards of 60 minutes of ads Topic 3: Some specials don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' babies" and "Fiddlededees."

> Topic 4: I predict television will be better in 1979. I can say this because, considering what we got in 1978, better is our only recourse. Should things get worse, I predict mass shotgunnings of TV sets throughout the nation.

> Topic 5: "Roots: The Next Generation," the sequel to the mini-series that made 1977 a landmark TV year, will play on ABC in February.

Okay, everybody, back to the holidays.

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## James Arnold picks ten best films of '78

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

If 1977 was the Year of the Woman in movies, then 1978 has to be the Year of the Turkey. Have you ever witnessed such a collection of grossness, bad taste and incompetence, just to name a few of the more nauseating, as "Grease," "The Fury," "The Greek Tycoon," "Omen II," "Animal House" and "The Eyes of Laura Mars"?

Well, enough of kicking the big birds, most of which squawked very loudly at the box office. To note the positive, there were also lots of "pretty good" movies this year, including many that couldn't squeeze onto my Ten Best list but deserve mention, like "Watership Down" and "Lord of the Rings" (the revival of the feature cartoon), "Go Tell the Spartans," "The Buddy Holly Story," "Capricorn One," "Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe?" and "The Bix Fix." Those on the magic list of ten are, in my opinion, somewhat brighter, deeper,

As Stanley Kauffmann wrote recently, why should we expect a masterpiece every year, much less a full

are my personal favorites since the start of last year's holiday season:

THE LACEMAKER (A-4, R): This quiet, gently paced film by Swiss director Claude Goretta had its USA release late in 1977, but got nearly all its somewhat limited exposure to audiences this year. Catholic critics almost everywhere have liked it, not for any specific religious quality, but because of its tender, perceptive humanity and extraordinary cinematic skill. It focuses on the illfated romance of an 18-yearold Paris beautician (the luminous Isabelle Huppert) and an older student who gives her up because of social class differences and pressures. The movie with the most integrity.

AN UNMARRIED WOMAN (B, R) is Paul Mazursky's

wounded in the current sexual revolution. It wins points for Jill Clayburgh's apt and bright performance, for solid acting and writing, for its consistently fresh (If Here, in no special order, trendy) emphasis on the woman's point of view, and for catching the real aura of certain parts of New York. But it's far short of greatness, floundering in a weak second half with lots of chic but half-baked psychological "insights." A skilled, honest effort to touch contemporary nerve-ends.

> A HERO AIN'T NOTHIN' **BUT A SANDWICH (A-3, PG)** is the first work of classy family film producer Robert Radnitz ("Sounder") to deal with tough modern urban life. It's an artistic success, though not quite as rich and delightful as Alice Childress' original novel. It's about parents and social workers struggling for the soul of a 13-year-old hooked on heroin, and features an especially touching (and rare) relationship between father and son. The year's best nitty-gritty film.

> INTERNATIONAL VELVET (A-3, PG) is Bryan Forbes' immensely photogenic sequel to the girl-loveshorse classic that began the career of Elizabeth Taylor. Tatum O'Neal is acceptable as the American orphan who works her way onto the British Olympic equestrian team; there is a literate adult script for Christopher Plummer, Nanette Newman and Anthony Hopkins; and the horse competition footage is dazzling. The year's best sports film.

A SPECIAL DAY (A-4, PG) reunites the great star combination of Loren and Mastrolanni in a polgnant slice-of-life love story about two unloved people who meet while the rest of Rome is cheering a 1930's state visit by Hitler. Not entirely credible, but superbly acted and brilliantly directed by Ettore Scola. The year's best political film.

satirizes, with creative cinematic boldness, the plight of immigrants from a poor 'overpopulated' country trying to survive as menial foreign culture that abuses and scorns them. It's Italians in Switzerland, but it could be anywhere. Nino Manfredi scores as the indomitable "little guy" hero. Some of

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF** THE THIRD KIND (A-2, P.G): Steven Spielberg's epic of faith and hope in, and charity for, outer-space creatures, is superior as a thriller-disaster flick. In its last half-hour, it becomes something more, a bravely literal new Christmas story for the age of science, as the Giant Machine descends from the heavens to save us from despair. The year's top mind-blower.

**HEAVEN CAN WAIT (A-2,** PG) is Warren Beatty's totally charming remake of one of the better afterlife fantasies of the 1940's. Inthis one, an L.A. Rams quarterback

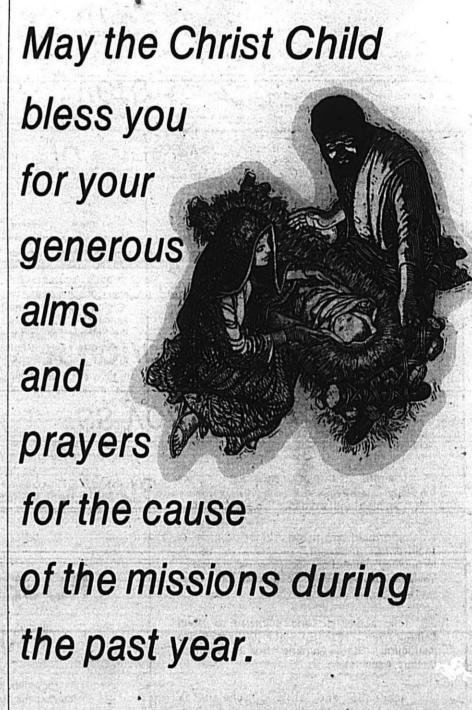
another body to win the Bowl. after Super straightening out a wicked energy conglomerate and falling in love with an idealistic young woman. Modest ambitions almost perfectly realized. The year's best film for the whole

INTERIORS (A-4, PG): Guaranteeing Woody Allen's status as premier American moviemaker, this terribly Intense, Bergmanesque study of an upper class professional-artistic family is loaded with relevant universal themes (e.g., the strains of a middle-aged marriage, and the lovehate among sisters). Profound and powerful, it's

the year's most memorable prematurely but returns in the quality serious film American directors seldom have the guts (or talent) to make. The movie with the most challenge.

> PARADISE ALLEY (A-3, PG) is an oddball mix of comedy, sentiment, melodrama, and old-movie satire that inexplicably works more often than not. Sylvester Stallone's film is about three New York Italian brothers who must decide if it's humane to rise out of poverty on the body and wrestling skills of a likeable innocent, and what the choice does to them. But there is much more, and the "much more" pushes it above most entertainment films. The movie for the movie-loving kid in us.





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