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Indiana bishops endorse enthusiastic response to war and peace letter

by ANN WADELTON

Enthusiastic—that's the response voiced by the six Indiana bishops as they reflected on the overwhelming acceptance of the pastoral letter on War and Peace by the nation's bishops in early May.

Insistent in stating that the pastoral letter is not a political document—that they are not technicians—but spiritual leaders, the Indiana bishops, together with their conferers, called on the nation's 55 million Catholics to reflect on moral principles at this moment in time when the availability of nuclear weapons threatens the entire world.

Called "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," the 150 page pastoral letter is the Church's first comprehensive appraisal of the moral imperatives in the nuclear age.

Representing Indiana Catholics were Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara of Indianapolis and Bishops George A. Fulcher of Lafayette, Andrew G. Grutka of Gary, William E. Mc-Manus and Joseph R. Crowley of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Archbishop O'Meara voiced strong support for the pastoral calling it a teaching document which "brings the truth of the Gospel to bear on the nuclear age." It is intended to guide Catholics—and others—in considering the morality of issues involved with nuclear weapons in this "new moment in time" when the existence of the world could be threatened.

BECAUSE IT is a teaching document, the archbishop warned against relying on the brief interpretations reported in the secular press. "The document," he said, "can only be fully understood in terms of the Church's vision of peace from the time of Christ to the present."

Summer guide coming

A special eight page Vacation and Travel Guide will appear in the May 20 issue of The Criterion. This advertising supplement will feature summer Mass schedules in archdiocesan parishes as well as a listing of special events in parishes throughout the archdiocese during the summer months.

Looking Inside

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Father Tom Widner says the pastoral letter's significance includes a restatement of the primacy of faith over the lives of Christians. See Editorials on page 4.

The pastoral will be available in final form in about a month. Bishop Fulcher, a member of the 5-man committee who drafted the pastoral, has also been named chairman of the committee to facilitate its study by American Catholics.

Archbishop O'Meara pointed with pride to the overwhelming support for the document as an expression that the pastoral truly represents the convictions of the U.S. bishops. He sees local education efforts as the key to acceptance by Catholics, noting that many Catholics consider the nuclear issue in terms of the military and politics and do not yet recognize the moral dimension.

Bishop Fulcher was pleased with the strong call for peace, and rejection of nuclear arms, as expressed by the amendments adopted at the Chicago meeting. Only a fraction of the nearly 500 proposed amendments were accepted and those consistently in favor of making the language rejecting nuclear arms more explicit.

"If people do not agree with the pastoral," he said, "it will be because they have not studied it." The pastoral was written from the persective of the Catholic faith and quotes extensively from doctrines of Vatican II and other Church documents in applying moral principles to the nuclear age.

ECHOING SIMILAR sentiment, Bishop McManus said the challenge to the bishops now will be to "spread the word" in their own dioceses. But he sees the pastoral as a valuable resource to guide serious reflection about the morality of nuclear arms. He has already begun preparation in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese to develop methods of facilitating study and discussion of the issues.

Auxiliary Bishop Crowley likewise expressed concern about Catholics studying the pastoral. Catholics must ask themselves, he said, "How far can a nation go to defend itself? This is a crucial moral question."

Bishop McManus proposed an amendment to the pactoral which was accepted urging individual Catholics to voluntarily do penance on Friday by eating less food and by abstaining from meat as part of their commitment toward peace-making.

Bishop Crutka termed the pastoral "an honest statement of our convictions about the need to pursue world peace. The entire NCCB meeting, furthermore," said Grutka, "demonstrates the democracy of the Church, with newly appointed bishops discussing the issues on an equal basis with those who have been recognized church leaders for many years." About 200 members of the press watched the proceedings. TV cameras were allowed full coverage.

Pointing to the purpose of the pastoral, Bishop Francis R. Shea said, "We want to get our voice in the thought process that says there is another way rather than continuing the arms build-up. We are speaking to our own government and people. That is our duty—to take part in the discussion surrounding the actions of our



HOMILY GRITS—Deacon Donald Quinn of Indianapolis' Christ the King parish gets a hug from Dandy Llon as (left to right) Oscar the Grouch, Kermit, Animal, Freida and Fozzie the Bear look on. Deacon Quinn has found the puppets to be an invaluable homiletic tool in children's liturgies. See story on page 13. (Photo by Kevin C. McDowell)

Following the vote on the pastoral, Archbishop John R. Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "acknowledged with deep gratitude, the prayers which have supported these deliberations." Throughout the nation, Catholics had been asked to pray for guidance for the bishops. Several groups held vigil at Chicago's Palmer House Hotel during the two-day meeting, reciting the rosary and other prayers.

Final approval of the pastoral followed two years of study by the Ad Hoc Committee on War and Peace and three drafts debated by the bishops. The committee, headed by Chicago's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was given a stending ovation by the bishops in tribute to their extensive study of the issues involved, including consultation with both current and former government officials and inilitary experts, as well as moral theologians, ethicists, scriptural scholars and numerous peace organizations. They also studied nearly 500 amendments to the third draft proposed by the bishops preceeding the May meeting. Other

Che Cricerio

Terre Haute school plans special activities to celebrate its centennial

TERRE HAUTE—St. Patrick School here will mark its centennial this Saturday, May 14. In a recent phone interview, the current principal, Ron Wallace talked about the school.

"Originally, the school was staffed by Sisters of Providence in conjunction with the parish," explained the principal, "though now the school has all lay teachers in its employ."

First located at 14th and Poplar, the school moved to its current location 60 years ago. It was dedicated on May 22, 1923. The old structure still stands and now houses a welding supply company.

"At one time our school had an all-girls high school along with the elementary school," declared Wallace. "But this closed down around 25 or 30 years ago." He stated that at one time elementary school enrollment had reached upward of 450, but at the present it is slightly under 200.

What other changes has the school made?

"In 1957 we added a wing, which was an a cafeteria. Before the addition we had to use our gym as a cafeteria. Now we have separate facilities for both. That sure helped out. We've also changed in the area of curriculum. Our state accredited program has greatly expanded over the years and it adheres to the guidelines established by the archdiocese."

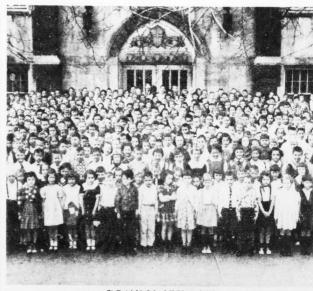
In addition, this Terre Haute school has entered into the age of computers. "We've only instituted the program this year, so we're still in our infancy stage," stated Wallace. "But we do a literacy program for the older students (grades four through eight) and a computer awareness program for the younger pupils (kindergarten through hird)." Wallace expressed satisfaction with the way things are going so far. Several of the teachers are trained in the use of computers.

According to Wallace, another distinct feature of St. Patrick School is the way imiddle school program is set up. "We departmentalize our subject material," he explained. "Students change classes where many other schools use the self-contained concept." Besides this, the school has a physical education and music teacher three days a week.

When asked about the expected turnout for the anniversary celebration, Wallace stated that they "expect between 500 to 700 people." He stated that approximately 2,000 invitations were sent to people in all 50 states and four foreign countries. "The oldest graduate we know is coming graduated in 1916." The centennial class will have 11 graduates.

An open house will be held at the school on Saturday, May 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. Student council members will serve as guides and answer questions. Then at 5 p.m. Father Joseph Wade, pastor of St. Patrick Church, will officiate at a rededication ceremony, which will be followed by a liturgy at 5:30 p.m to commemorate all alumni of St. Patrick School. The school choir will sing at this Mass.

From 7:30 p.m. to midnight, a reunion party will be held at the Holiday Inn. Local dignitaries such as the mayor and state representative are expected to be in attendance. School memorabilia will be on display, and there will be an orchestra and cash bar. Patty and Gene Jordan are the chairmen of the reunion.



St. Patrick's School Children of 1956

Group brings St. Rita's 'back to life'

Gospel music performed at Catholic, Protestant churches

by SUSAN MICINSKI

Persons wanting to hear some hand clapping, down home, highly rhythmic sounding gospel music, might think that a Baptist church is the only place they can find it. Not true. One need not look any further than St. Rita's Church in Indianapolis, where one will be treated to the Emmaus Choir.

Formed approximately a year ago, this cumenical/gospel choir travels in and out of the city giving concerts to Catholic and Protestant churches, as well as performing on the first and third Sundays of every month in their own church. According to Charles Guynn, business manager of the choir and parish council president at St. Rita's, "through this intermingling of the black heritage with the Roman Catholic feith, we try to get Protestants and Catholics together in a worship situation."

Divine Word Father Elmer Powell, pastor of St. Rita's, and Mary Guynn, wife of the parish council president, got the ball rolling for the group by coming up with the original idea for the choir and getting other parishioners interested in joining it. As one parishioner put it, "we really owe Father Powell and Mrs. Guynn a lot. The choir has definitely brought our church back to life."

This "shot in the arm" was just what the church needed. "We were dying and the choir served as new life for this parish," explaine, the choir's business manager. "A lot of people just quit coming to church—but thanks to our pastor and the choir they have returned, and usually 400-500 people are in attendance on Sundays. There was a void that needed to be filled in the 25-40 year old age group. We had a lacking of participation on the part of the congregation, but it wasn't their fault. We had activities and organizations for the very young and old, but nothing really for the in-between ages. The choir was the answer to our problem."

The 39 members who make up the Emmaus Choir, the majority of whom were not previously involved in music, with the exception of the musicians include: Rhonda Wells, tambourine player; Jean Douglass, organist; Jim Walker, bass; Roland Shafer, drums; and Randy Mill., saxophone; plus all the singers and Charles Beasley, choir

to the parish council president, "the Holy Spirit is working at this time, but no one here is pushing him to become Catholic") and Gail Guynn, assistant director. Each must have interests other than in music to be a member of the group.

"People have more responsibilities than just singing at St. Rita's," explained Charles Guynn. "Every member serves the church in at least one other way. Some teach Sunday School, some serve on the parish council, while others help plan the liturgy or perhaps work on the finance committee." There is also a probation period a prospective choir member must go through before becoming a full-fledged member. "He has to learn the music, attend rehearsals and understand what the group is all about," declared Guynn.

A few weeks ago the resourceful group raised its own funds to travel by bus and perform at three churches located in Washington, D.C. Before the end of the year, the choir plans on going to Savannah, Georgia, to sing at the University of Georgia.

What is significant about the group's name? "Emmaus is the town near where Jesus was crucified and the place He first appeared after rising from the dead," stated Guynn. "It has a lot to do with Jesus and rebirth; the coming out of doubt and into faith. It could be applicable to the congregation, too. The formation of the choir has brought a lot of people who quit going to church back to the fold." He also stated that it attracts many non-Catholics to St. Rita's.

Guynn, who terms his family "very musical" having 15 members belonging to the Emmaus choir, explained that St. Rita School is a high priority for them. "We all are trying to do something about the large deficit. Since have 65 to 70 percent non-Catholic children attending the school, we try to get other faiths involved." Recently, Dr. Damon Roach, pastro of the First Christian Missionary Baptist Church, along with congregation members, choirs, and parishioners of St. Rita's gathered together for spiritual fellowship, as well as financial rallying behind this Catholic institution. Other neighboring churches have shown their support in such a manner.

A special invitation is not needed for visitors to hear the choir at this church located at 1733 Martindale Avenue. No matter when, "everyone is always welcome at St. Rita's where the Spirit reigns supreme," declared the pastor.



, GOSPEL SOUNDS—The Emmaus Choir of St. Rita's Church brings gospel music to life and makes for a rousing celebration. Seated (from left to right) in the photo are Divine Word Father Elmer



The CRITERION

Four to be ordained priests Saturday; celebrations are planned

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will ordain four men from the archdiocese to the priesthood in ceremonies at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m.

Those being ordained are Rev. Mr. Jeffrey J. Charlton and Rev. Mr. Richard M. Ginther of Indianapolis, Rev. Mr. David L. Coons, Jr. of Jeffersonville, and Rev. Mr. Don Quinn of Seymour.

Approximately 75-100 priests of the archolocese will join in the ceremony as well as
members of the Benedictine community of St.
Meinrad Archabbey, plus priests and deacons
from other dioceses and religious communities. Charies Gardner, Archdiocesan
Director of Liturgical Music, will direct music
for the event. Father Steve Jarrell, Director of
the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, is an
charge of the Ordination service.

A reception for the newly ordained, their families and guests will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Catholic Center at 14th and Meridian Streets immediately following the Ordination Mass.

Following is a brief biographical sketch of each of the four ordinands along with pertinent data on their respective Masses of Thanksgiving and receptions.

Father Jeffrey J. Charlton

Charlton is the son of Mrs. Phyllis M. and the late Kenneth G. Charlton of St. Joseph Parish, Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Cardinal Ritter High School, St. Meinrad College and Catholic University of America. He attended Indiana University at Bloomington. He holds a B.A. and M.A. and is currently working on a Doctorate in Ministry at the Catholic University of America.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church in Indianapolis at 12:30 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Sunday, May 22. Jesuit Father Terry P. Charlton will be the homilist. Concelebrants will include Fathers John P. Elford and Gerald J. Kirkhoff.

A reception will be held immediately following the Mass at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Father Richard M. Ginther

Ginther is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Ellen) Ginther formerly of St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis, who now reside in California. He is a graduate of the Latin School of Indianapolis, St. Meinrad College and Mount St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati. He holds a B.A. in history and M.A. in Biblical studies.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis at 2 p.m (E.S.T.) on Sunday, May 22. Father Michael Welch will be the homilist. Concelebrants will include Fathers James Farrell, Tom Widner and Larry Richardt.

A reception will be held at St. Andrew Parish Hall immediately following the Mass.

Father David F. Coons, Jr.

Coons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. (Margie) Coons, Sr. of St. Augustine Parish,

Jeffersonville. He is a graduate of Jeffersonville High School, Indiana University Southeast in New Albany and St. Meinrad School of Theology. He attended St. Meinrad Coblege. He holds a B.S. in education and a Master of Divinity.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Augustine Church, Jeffersonville at 6:30 p.m. (E.D.T.) on Sunday, May 22. Father Harry F. Tully will be the homilist. Concelebrants will include Fathers Gerald T. Renn, Edward Ripperger and John Maung.

A reception will be held at 8 p.m. (E.D.T.) at St. Augustine Parish Hall.

Father Don Quinn

Quinn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Quinn of St. Ambrose Church, Seymour. He is a graduate of the Latin School of Indianapolis, St. Meinrad College and Mount St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati. He holds a B.A. in American history and an M.A. in Sacred Scribture.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Ambrose Church, Seymour at 4:30 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Sunday, May 22. Father Kenny Taylor will be the homilist. Concelebrants will include Fathers Kenny C. Sweeney, John Buckel, Cornelius B. Sweeney, Albert Ajamie, Dan Staublin, Gary Wiesmann and Jesuit Father Edward Cincoski.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. (E.S.T.) the same day at St. Ambrose School Authorium.



Father Jeffrey J. Charlton



Father Richard M. Ginther





Father Donald Quinn

Trustees choose president at Woods

Sister Barbara Doherty to replace Sister Jeanne Knoerle on Jan. 1

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS—Providence Sister Barbara Doherty has been named president-elect of St. Mary of the Woods College by the college's board of trustees, according to Larry Kennedy, board chairman. She succeeds Providence Sister Jeanne Knoerie who has been president the past 15 years and who resigned the position earlier this year. Sister Doherty will assume office Jan. 1, 1984.

Sister Doherty is the first woman to be elected to the presidency of the Terre Haute area women's college, her 12 predecessors having been appointed to the position. A 1960 graduate of the school, she is Co-Provincial of the St. Joseph Province of the Sisters of Providence in Park Ridge, Illinois and is a member of the college's board of trustees. She holds a doctorate in theology from Fordham University with a specialization in Asian religions, and is the author of "1 Am What I Do: Contemplation and Human Experience."

On the announcement of her successor, Sister Knoerle commented, "Sister Barbara is an extraordinary woman, dedicated to the college and its goals. I am confident she will lead this institution with courage and vision. This is a proud and happy moment in the history of The Woods."

Friday, May 6, a tribute dinner was held for Street Knoerle in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room in Foley Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Over 350 prominent education, government, business and religious leaders gathered to honor this outgoing president. The evening recognized Sister Knoerle's many accomplishments including the introduction of the Women's External Degree (WED) program; the creation of the English Language Institute or ELI: and the leadership in curricular strengthening and cooperative

exchanges with local businesses and industries through the internship program.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of an oversized check to Sister Knoerle for \$75,317 to establish an endowed scholarship

fund in her name. The fund was made possible through contributions from those attending the dinner, and donations from alumni, parents and business associates of The Woods throughout the country.

Catholic high schools announce commencement plans

A total of 1,241 seniors will graduate from archdiocesan high schools this year beginning with commencement ceremonies to be held at Shawe Memorial High School in Madison and Cathedral High School this weekend. The figure is eight higher than 1982.

Shawe will graduate 19 seniors on Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. at the high school. Julia Elizabeth Heitz is class valedictorian and Robin Ann Murphy is class salutatorian.

At 3 p.m. the same day Cathedral High School will hold graduation exercises at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral for 137 seniors. Karen Hoffmann is valedictorian and Mary Kay Steinmetz is salutatorian.

Scecina High School holds its ceremonies for 174 graduating seniors (including two exchange students) on Wednesday, May 18 at 8 p.m. Class valedictorian Kathleen Renee Sullivan and co-salutatorians Kevin Joseph Kuehr and Mary Geanne O'Gara will address their fellow students.

On Friday, May 20 Roncalli High School will graduate 20 seniors at 7 p.m. Mary Lou Fox is valedictorian and Greg Corsaro is salutatorian.

Providence High School at Clarksville will see 179 seniors graduating on Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Phillip Kruer will offer valedictory greetings and Ann Marie Vest will speak as salutatorian.

One hundred and forty-four seniors will graduate from Brebeuf High School on Monday, May 23 at 8 p.m. in Clowes Hall. Brebeuf traditionally has a senior nominated by its graduating class as speaker for the event. At press time the senior had not yet been selected.

Chatard High School's graduating ceremonies will occur Tuesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. for 176 seniors. Andrew Henn is valedictorian and Sarah Hirsch is salutatorian.

On Friday, May 27 Ritter High School graduates 134 seniors at 8 p.m. Its class valedictorian and salutatorian have not yet been selected.

Immaculate Conception Academy at Oldenburg graduates 72 seniors on Saturday, May 28 at 5 p.m. Barbara King is valedictorian and Elizabeth Stewart is salutatorian.

Archbishop Edward O'Meara will be in attendance at each of the graduation ceremonies with the exception of Cathedral High School. He was, however, present for Cathedral's baccalaureate ceremonies held this morning at 9 a.m.

point of view

What's the big question Catholics ask?

by Dr. ERNEST J. COLLAMATI

What's the most popular Catholic question? I am not sure that I have the definitive answer, nor do I think there are any scientific surveys highlighting the "Catholic Top Ten" in questions asked. Despite the lack of scientific data, I would like to venture a guess that the most popular Catholic question is: "What's the Church's teaching on this matter?"

The very formulation of the question says a great deal about us as Catholics. We are very aware of belonging to something which is greater than our local congregation. We expect our Church to possess a moral voice and to communicate moral instruction. And we know that such moral teaching is possible because of the fundamental unity which our Church possesses. This last point was made particularly clear to me in the recent comment of a

Editorials

All powers subject to the power of God

In the most recent issue of Sojourners magazine, editor Jim Wallis provides an overview of the relationship between Christianity and civil disobedience. The impetus for such action for the Christian, he contends, is the Scriptural story of Christ's response to the Pharisees that one render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

The directive, Wallis points out, is often interpreted by many as being a sign from God that just as East is East and West is West, Church and State belong to totally separate realms and should not intrude on one another's territory. There is, however, Christ's statement to Pontius Pilate when the latter attempted to threaten our Lord with his secular power. "You would not have that power," Christ told Pilate, "had it not been given to you by my Father."

The power of the State, of kings, of presidents, of dictators, indeed, of any government, is subject to the power which comes from God. That is very important for Catholics especially to remember now that the American bishops have opened themselves to criticism for taking positions on the arms race and nuclear weapons

which some will construe as exemplifying civil disobedience.

In courageous action the bishops in their pastoral letter have stated their opposition not to our government but to a way of life and a way of thinking which presumes the arms race and nuclear war as the logical outcome of nations disagreeing with one another. A group of scientists and defense experts congratulated the bishops for their letter saying, "They have rendered an exceptional service to our nation and to the world by reintroduction of moral philosophy and ethics into the analysis of what's right and what's wrong with our thinking and actions concerning nuclear weapons and war."

And we too congratulate the bishops for this. The power of the State indeed comes from God. Not the other way round. That Americans and Russians and Chinese and whomever else see war as inevitable and negotiating with one's enemies out of the question is a manner of thinking which must not only be challenged. It must be stopped. The American bishops have issued such a challenge. The arms race and war are not acceptable goals for human beings whether they be Americans or Russians.

The letter doubtlessly will impact not only on our own government but the governments of others throughout the world. This will be so if for no other reason than because it is an encouragement to men and women everywhere to work for

peace and not for war.

Thus it is terribly important that the letter be studied and digested, that Catholics especially come to know better the Church's traditional teachings on war and peace as well as the American bishops' reflections on those teachings as applicable to 1983. It is also important to study the efforts of our own government and the governments of others for peace and to move others to work for peace.

Such study must take place not only in our parishes in the archdiocese. It must be taken up in our Catholic schools and as an effort of the religious education depart-

ments of all our institutions.

The encouragement to work for peace will not stop at our own borders. It is possible to transcend boundaries. Many fear what they consider to be the overwhelming power of the Soviets to destroy our world. We may be wise in the ways of the world in fearing this but how little it says for our faith as Christians! Have we permitted our pessimism about Ar erica to overwhelm the optimism of our faith? Have we lost all sense of Christ's claim to be king and ruler of the universe?

A representative of the Morrl Majority has described the bishops' letter as a good message but naive and suggested it will be used as propaganda by the Soviets. Such a statement says more about the lack of faith present in members of the Moral Majority than it does about the pastoral letter. Christ's mission was to unite human beings to one another not set them in opposition to one another. We have far too long allowed governments and presidents and dictators to convince us that it is impossible to live together in a peace filled world.

The American bishops have sought not only to remind us to love our enemies but also to remind us of the power of Christ to transform and renew the lives of all humankind. Hope in the risen Christ must dominate our thinking—not fear of the

power of human beings to kill one another.

Father Thomas Widner

Lutheran colleague who said that her communion was so disparate and divided that a public stance on a particular issue was well nigh impossible.

Unfortunately, as with any gift, there comes an intrinsic hazard. Teachers, preachers, and theologians—not to say, bishops—have invested most if not all of their "instructional time" attempting to bring people to the Catholic position on a variety of moral issues, ranging from the great to the trivial. We may have even thought that we had accomplished our task once the Church's teaching had been commanicated. Even recently in our history we spers! Little time dealing with a question of equal weight and importance: "What attitude should the Catholic have towards the Church's teaching authority?"

PERHAPS WE gave little time to the question because there was apparently little to discuss. A Catholic had the choice either to obey Church teaching or to sin; there were no other options, at least not in the popular mind. Reinforcing this attitude was what one theologian has called "the infallible impression." Catholics labored under the impression that every papal teaching carried the gift of infallibility. This excessive valuing of authority as the final source of moral decisionmaking was well summed up in the formula known by every priest and seminarian: "Rome has spoken, the case is closed."

Such a view comes particularly close to identifying the Church's magisterium, especially in the person of the pope, with God. I say this because we saw the Church all too frequently as being all-knowing, the possessor of total truth in moral matters.

The theologian Avery Dulles reminds us of the serious dangers of clinging to such a view the teaching Church: "The myth of an orniscient magisterium with a 'direct wire' to heaven is an illusion based on dark psychological tendencies. Certain pastors and religion teachers foster this illusion by exaggerating the authority of ecclesiastical documents and by acting as though conformity with the pope were the essence of religion." What is, then, the proper response to a specific moral teaching of the Church?

THE BEST answer lies in responding to a related question: "What attitude should a student have towards his/her teacher?" I think we would expect the student to be respectful of the teacher, to be open to the truth, and to be willing to make the teacher's wisdom his/her own. The student should presume that in most

cases the teacher will be right. Such a view also recognizes that a teacher may well be wrong or present an inadequate view.

In like manner, it may be the student who 'teaches' the teacher in a given situation. No dedicated teacher desires students to be blind and passive accepters of everything that is said in class. Rather the teacher encourages dialogue and inquiry.

These same characteristics ought to describe the believer in relationship to the community's official teaching. The person of faith appreciates the role of the community in forming a Christian conscience, but it can never be the community which makes a decision for him/her. According to the teaching of Vatican II, it is the person in the depths of conscience and Christian freedom who is responsible for moral decision-making.

To be Catholic, one is called to take seriously what the Church's wisdom holds as valuable. To be Catholic also calls one to challenge the community's wisdom whenever serious inadequacy and/or error are apparent. Not to do so compromises the very Gospel we preach.

There are, then, three options for the Catholic in responding to a specific moral teaching of the Church. In the concrete situation, the person may and most probably will make the teaching a part of his/her life. Again the person may see the truth of the Church's teaching, and yet reject it in practice out of selfish posture. Or the believer may engage in prophetic dissent, not out of malice, but precisely out of love for God and the Church.

Some of us may be so used to the Church as an agent of force or coercive no rality that this concept of Christian freedom is almost terrifying. Yet this is precisely the substance of Jesus' Good News. As Church we have the power only to persuade, never to force or to control. A delightful story told by Father Bernard Haring illustrates this truth.

During deliberations of the papal birth control commission, there developed an exchange between Father Marcelino Zalba, a conservative Spanish Jesuit, and Mrs. Patty Crowley of Chicago, the well known leader in the Christian Family Movement. Father Zalba cried out, "What then of the millions we have up to now sent to hell, if these things can be changed?" The gentle Mrs. Crowley responded, "Father Zalba, are you so sure that God executed all your orders?"

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Pope lauds efforts toward peace

WASHINGTON (NC)—Pope John Paul II is praying for the U.S. bishops in their "efforts to proclaim the Gospel in its fullness and to foster peace in the world," said a Vatican telegram May 7 to the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

The telegram, signed by Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, papal secretary of state, was sent in response to greetings to the pope sent by the U.S. bishops as they gathered in Chicago May 2-3 to debate and issue a national pastoral letter on war and peace and questions of nuclear determines.

Bishops (from 1)

committee members in addition to Bernardin and Fulcher were Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, Bishop John O'Connor of the U.S. Military Ordinariate and Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Norwich, Connecticut.

The document's length—155 pages—said Bernardin, "was dictated by the intricacies of the subject and the issues. It is a comprehensive account."

While the pastoral gives a "definite and decisive" no to the use of nuclear arms, it is clear about the duty of the state to defend its people. "The Christian has no choice but to defend peace, properly understood, against aggression . . . It is the how of defending peace which offers moral options."

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Living the questions

Is the church's mission to serve only Catholics?

by Fr. THOMAS C. WIDNER

There is an important issue about Catholicity which the closing of St. Francis de Sales Parish raises.

One of the factors in that parish's closing was the lack of numbers supporting it-less than 75 were counted in attendance during weekend liturgies there. St. Francis comprised a large geographic territory

on the city's northeast side and much of the territory is filled with light industry. But it is also true there are hundreds (if not thousands) of people living in the area who are not Catholic.

The boundaries will be absorbed into other parishes. But what about those people who live in the boundaries of any parish in the archdiocese who are not Catholic? Is a parish's responsibility only to those Catholics who attend its weekend

Someone casually remarked they wouldn't be surprised if a Protestant church bought St. Francis' buildings and began knocking on doors in the neighborhood building up membership and making an active church there. That is something foreign to most of us Catholics. We concentrate on maintaining our own and the fact of converts is more or less a fact of intermarriage and people coming to us on their own. We usually think of mission

work as something to be done in foreign countries. We accept a division of churches in our own country as a given. We are not accustomed to acting to erase such divisions by actively seeking converts. Instead, we literally wait for converts to

Such thinking actually results from the "siege mentality" which was generated by the Council of Trent in the 16th century. At that time the Church was under attack and we began to think in terms of defending ourselves, not taking the offensive. It will be a long while yet before the Second Vatican Council has enough of an effect to get us to actively move toward reconciling and healing our divisions with other Christians much less go out and convert others.

When Simon Gabriel Brute became the first bishop of Vincennes in 1834, he found a diocese lacking in numbers of priests and numbers of Catholics. Catholics in the archdiocese of Indianapolis today tend to exist in numbers proportionate to the general population as they did 150 years ago. We are still numerous in the locations we were then and not so numerous where we were not at that time. All that has changed is the

What this suggests, of course, is that our church is a maintenance church. This may not be so different from other churches but Christ's message was to go out and teach all nations and yet we seem only to be teaching ourselves. In the archdiocese one county has no parish or resident priest or nun. There are several counties which have mission parishes but no resident pastor. The central city of Indianapolis has

fewer clergy because there are fewer Catholics. Is our mission as Catholics only to service Catholics?

The work of evangelization by Catholics among non-Catholics and the unchurched is in its infancy. It is not something we are used to doing and despite the excitement it is generating among a few, it is not yet the concern of the many. Hopefully, that's just because we are new at it. Jesus began with a core group which moved out among the people. Today we are developing the core groups which will move out into our increasingly secularized society.

Nearly every Saturday morning members of the Jehovah's Witnesses knock on the door of St. Andrew's Rectory. There is no sign to indicate the rectory is anything but another house on the block. I generally explain to them who I am and wish them well in their endeavors. Why should I not? Their faith calls them to actively convince others of the Gospel. Doesn't

My fear is that the closing of a parish like St. Francis will generate only feelings for the past. There is a real loss, to be sure. But we are likely to miss the parochialism and the good feelings we have for the community that was there more than we are the efforts made to spread the Gospel. As we the church consolidate ourselves in the archdiocese, we must also move out of our own selfish concerns toward the thousands of people who have little or no contact with the church. The love of Christ must touch all humankind. Not just those who have signed on the dotted line.

Pastoral on war and peace could have major effect by JIM LACKEY

WASHINGTON (NC)—While its long-range effect is unknowable, the U.S. bishops' newly approved pastoral letter on war and peace is likely to have an impact on the church greater than that of any of the dozens of other pastorals that have been issued.

Even before the Chicago meeting at which the pastoral came to its final vote, signs abounded that the document was drawing unprecedented attention from An erican Catholics as well as from the public at large. Origins, the NC News documentary service. sold more than 20,000

copies of the second draft of the pastoral in addition to its normal 7,000

circulation, then sold another 11,000 copies of the third draft in the month it was being circulated among the bishops.

Church-related agencies also were beginning to plan for implementation of the letter. Several educators at the spring convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, for instance, said they were planning to incorporate the letter into the curricula of their diocesan school systems.

If that happens then one of the main objectives of the pastoral will have been fulfilled. Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, who headed the committee which drafted the letter, stressed in a speech to the bishops at their special meeting that the pastoral is a "teaching document" and that the bishops are speaking as "teachers of moral and religious prin-

AS A GENERAL rule all pastoral letters are intended as teaching documents and usually differ stylistically from other statements by the bishops. While statements may simply give the collective view of the bishops on a particular issue, such as Central American policy, pastoral letters are addressed to the Catholic ale and give the bishops the opportunity in

their role as teachers to address broader principles which touch on moral issues.

Thus in recent years the bishops at their annual or semiannual meetings have approved a variety of pastoral letters which together make up a body of teaching by the American hierarchy covering such topics as racism, health care, Marxism, Catholic schools and religious education, the handicapped and human life

How much weight any of those pastoral letters have carried with Catholics is hard to say. Also difficult to determine is the number of copies of those pastoral letters in circulation since such pastorals have been published in a variety of ways, such as in booklet form or as supplements in diocesan newspapers. The pastorals also have been used as the basis for congressional testimony when moral principles collide with political issues, although here again the impact cannot be measured.

AND WHILE some pastoral letters continue to be quoted from 10 years after their approval—the 1972 pastoral "To Teach as Jesus Did" still serves as a major guidepost for Catholic education-others, as might be expected, do little more than gather dust on the

That is what Cardinal Bernardin is hoping will not happen with the new war and peace pastoral. "I hope that we will be able to develop ways of communicating its concerns and questions, its insights and conclusions, through our parishes, our schools, our universities," he said in an appearance before the Catholic educators' group in April.

Already efforts are being made to keep the pastoral alive on a broad scale. A follow-up committee of bishops to encourage awareness and appreciation of the pastoral by Catholics and other Americans was formed even before the Chicago meeting.

Independent initiatives also have begun, such as a plan announced in March by the University of Notre Dame to offer an undergraduate academic course in the fall on 'The Nuclear Dilemma' using the bishops

But why write a pastoral letter at all?

bishops opening the Chicago meeting, offered at least two reasons, one from Pope John Paul

One reason, according to Cardinal Bernardin, was that the pastoral offered the bishops the opportunity of making a contribution to the welfare of church and state.

Another reason came from Pope John Paul

in his 1981 address at Hiroshima, Japan, the site of the first atomic bombing. There the pope said that because of the possibility of destroying the world "there is no justification for not raising the question (of preventing nuclear war) . . . It is only through a conscious choice and a deliberate policy that humanity can survive."





CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE AT WORK-In top photo, children participate in a physical education inservice project at St. Louis School, Batesville. Below, southside school principals are honored at a luncheon given by their DREs. Standing, left to right: Dave Bethuram, Providence Sister Marilyn Herber, Mary Helen Eckrich, Shirley Breyer, and Karen Oddi. (Photos by John

Archbishop O'Meara calls pastoral 'a milestone in the life of the Church'

by Fr. THOMAS C. WIDNER

"It is important for people to see that this really comes out of the Church itself. This wasn't something that came from a group one this off on a kick. If you're going to do something like this, it has to be with the Church."

Archbishop Edward O'Meara was speaking excitedly about the Pastoral Letter on War and Peace approved by the bishops of the United States in an historic meeting in Chicago last week. "It's a milestone in the life of the Church in the U.S.," he said. His excitement reflected his feeling about the unity of the bishops with the whole Church.

"We have not been impulsive about this," he stated. "Its study has been going on for two years. The letter is meant to be specific for our country, for our circumstances, and for our people."

According to Archbishop O'Meara every bishop had the opportunity for input, indeed, "had the right to have input" into the drafting of the letter. "And as a group we claim total ownership for it," he added.

"You know," he smiled, "we are a very diverse group and to see the kind of unanimity we had in a group with such diversity of age, geography and personality was really something. I regard the result as practically unanimous. Even the dissenters did a great service for us."

In the final analysis the dissenters were few. The pastoral was approved by a vote of 239 to 8.

"I FEEL OUR mission was accomplished," the archbishop stated. "The public was sensitized to the moral and human dimension of the subject we are addressing. It is already having an overwhelming impact. I am distressed by people who regard the bishops as indulging in an exercise of futility. We are definitely not politicking."

Archbishop O'Meara stressed he and his confreres are "teaching in the name of Jesus. When people listen to what we have to say," he believes, "they will agree."

Recalling the meeting, the archbishop spoke

highly of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin whom he feels made an outstanding contribution to the letter. "The discipline he insisted upon was absolutely necessary. And Bishops O'Connor and Gumbleton made the committee face the widest possible divergences of opinion on both theological and practical issues." Cardinal Bernardin headed the committee which drafted the letter. Bishop John O'Connor of the U.S. Military Ordinariate and Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, auxiliary of Detroit, were members of the committee. Bishop Gumbleton is active in peace causes.

But Archbishop O'Meara felt the single greatest contribution to the meeting came from Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco.

"He is probably the best theologian among the bishops, you know," he proclaimed. "He brought out all the things the committee couldn't handle. He took the language of the committee and worked out compromises in small groups. Then through the amendments he presented gave the bishops the chance to decide for themselves. In almost every case the bishops supported him and his amendments were accepted."

THE MEETING was for Archbishop O'Meara a "truly, exhilarating spiritual experience. I felt the presence of the risen Lord."

Archbishop O'Meara spoke admirably of the dissent brought by Archbishop Hannan of New Orleans. "That had to be faced," he stated, "and we can't say we didn't consider his objections. He really followed his conscience and the service he offered to help us face those objections was tremendous."

In response to objections from representatives of the Moral Majority who called the bishops' message "naive in the real world," Archbishop O'Meara stated, "I deny that. We are very loyal American citizens. We are not playing into the hands of any foreign power. We are speaking to other superpowers besides the United States government. And I am distressed at the distorted thought of some. We speak of 'bilateral, verifiable disarmament' not



DIGGING IN—Alma Hoffmann (left) and Margaret McKenna are first in line at a luncheon offered by Catholic Charities Special Projects for Catholics who are employed in or volunteer in various human services organizations throughout the city. Archibishop O'Meara celebrated a Mass for more than a hundred who attended on Thursday, May 5. (Photo by Fr. Thomas Widner)

'unilateral.' That isn't even being reported in some journals."

But how will the bishops get the message to Catholics and to others? Some have suggested American Catholics are not with the bishops.

'We must help the body of the faithful to be as centrist on this issue as the bishops are,' Archbishop O'Meara stated. "Bishop George Fulcher of Lafayette was named head of an ad hoc committee to come up with a plan for disseminating the letter to the public. I have asked our Office of Education to take the task to getting it into our education programs. This fall Father Bryan Hehir of the United States Catholic Conference has been invited to speak in our Ministry to Priests program. I have ordered copies of the text for priests and others in leadership positions in the archdiocese. And I pledged to members of the Thomas More Society here to get copies of it. I am also asking The Criterion to publish the text for all Catholics of the archdiocese."

"What we have done," the archbishop concluded, "is take seriously this issue. We are doing what is proper to do in the Church. I am confident we are contributing to the unity of the life of the Church, the country, the world." "I have been asked if I felt pressure from the Reagan administration. I have received more mail on this than anything else since I have been a bishop—from organizations, from individuals, from persons I asked to critique it. I received a letter from the president as die every other bishop. I respect the man and his office but I felt no pressure."

And that, he stated, is the wonderful nature of our country. "We have a freedom to peak that is not possible in 20 other countries. appreciate that freedom and I am grateful for it, not because it is a freedom given to us, because it is a basic human right. I am ac countable only to God. God is the one to whom answer. I have the responsibility to hear the voice of the Holy Father, and I respect the judgment of other bishops' conferences. It is important to other members of the Church to be in harmony with the Church.

"Even the Holy Father was sensitive to Archbishops Roach and Bernardin when they met earlier this year. He did not interfere in their free exercise as bishops of the American Church. It's a delicate balance to speak as one with the Church and yet for the needs of one's own nation."

Bishops offer challenge to mainstream Catholic thinking

by JERRY FILTEAU

CHICAGO (NC)—In the U.S. bishops' document on war and peace the title starts with the word "challenge" and that is exactly what the document offers to mainstream Catholic thinking on the subject.

The pastoral is called, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," and the challenge is wide-ranging.

In the pastoral, the bishops endorse an immediate, negotiated halt to the development

Will publish text

The Criterion will publish the complete text of the U.S. bishops' Pastoral Letter on War and Peace in our June 3 issue including the precis which the bishops will be voting to approve by mail this month. Readers who want the complete text at this time without the precis may obtain it from Origins, the NC Documentary Service. The price for readers who order one copy is \$3.50 prepaid. The price includes postage and handling. Payment must accompany order. Multiple-copy rates are wailable from Origins on request. Write: Origins, NC News Service, 1312 Massachusetts

of new nuclear weapons and reject as immoral the U.S.-NATO policy of a nuclear response option if the Soviet Union launches a conventional attack

The document criticizes other elements of U.S. policy as well as the nuclear defense buildup and the first-use doctrine in Western

It questions whether declared strategy truthfully reflects actual policy, particularly in the declared intention of not attacking civilian populations.

"It would be perverted political policy or moral casuistry which tried to justify using a weapon which 'indirectly' or 'unintentionally' killed a million innocent people because they happened to live near a 'militarily significant target," the pastoral says.

It clearly and categorically rejects nuclear deterrence as an end in itself.

It rejects the concept of "limited nuclear war," saying that a high likelihood of escalation and uncontrollability in such an exchange entails "an unacceptable moral risk."

IT SPECIFICALLY rejects first-strike strategic weapons systems, weapons that

for prolonged nuclear war, or any goal of nuclear superiority.

It declares progressive disarmament and prevention of any use the only acceptable goals in its "strictly conditioned moral acceptance" of nuclear deterrence.

Although those actions may seem to place the bishops in the vanguard of thinking about war and peace in society today, a vignette which occurred at the meeting indicates that the bishops still feel themselves in the mainstream.

The scene was an elevator in Chicago's Palmer House May 2. The bishops had just roundly endorsed an immediate, negotiated halt to new nuclear weapons and rejected the U.S.-NATO first use policy as "morally unjustifiable." A 72 year-old archbishop, sharing a ride with a group of journalists gave his interpretation of the actions. "What strikes me is that the bishops are sticking to a centrist position. They're rejecting both extremes, "he said.

One of the journalists observed, "That may be where the center is for the bishops, but it's not for the Catholics of this country."

To anyone who has followed that debate over the past year, the positions on nuclear

the nation's hierarchy may still be con troversial, but they will not be startling.

WHAT MAY BE startling is the degree of consensus they reached on the issues. The voted for the controversial language endorsin an immediate, bilateral, negotiated halt on new nuclear weapons by about a 10-1 margin.

Despite that and other changes tha strengthened the pastoral's criticism o current U.S. policies, the final vote on th document was an overwhelming 238-9.

Going beyond issues of war and wa prevention to the positive question of con structing peace, the pastoral urges comprehensive planning and implementation o international structures for non-violent conflicresolution and the building of trust, cooperation and justice in international relations.

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago chairman of the pastoral's drafting committee deciared at the beginning of the meeting that the "political and moral challenge" fo building peace posed by the pastoral may be it "most significant long-term teaching" despit the fact that it has been "virtually ignored" it the general public debate on the document.

Much of the debate during the two-day

CORNUCOPIA

Young engineers recalled by CYNTHIA DEWES

The construction business goes up and down on the national economic scene. But there is one area of construction which not only is never depressed, it isn't even seasonal. I refer to constructions-boats, hideoutswhich flow

from kids' imaginations. During the child raising years, our garage and yard were (and still are) host to numerous creations of old boards and nails which defied the laws of physics. One neighborhood favorite was the wooden tank which sprang from the inspired brow of our oldest son.



The tank had ledges inside to sit on or (more often) to grasp while pushing the unwieldy thing down the street. It had a hatch wherein the designer himself would stand, proudly surveying envious pals who lined the path, as younger brothers and other assorted toadies puffed along underneath.

The tank's wooden wheels gave the impression that cavemen had built themselves a modernistic defense weapon. Its ride was enough to jolt kidneys into jelly and its camouflage paint job wouldn't have fooled a roadrunner, but the kids all loved it.

Next from the oldest son's fertile brain came a raft which he and his brothers and sister made by lashing fallen saplings and rotten boards together with twine. They launched it in the pond back in the woods on a crispy fall day and it sank immediately.

The best floating condition they finally whipped the raft into was a semi-listing posture which is now preserved in a snapshot. Happy little faces, some with front teeth missing, smile from the half-submerged raft as their optimistic owners lean on poles stuck in the

Boy Scouts provided another outlet for the family's building frenzy. As a Scout Fair project one year, the boys' troop built a wooden airplane on which one could sit and move rudders, steer, etc. Fairgoers took turns doing a Red Baron number on it and afterward, neighbor kids tock over. Passing milkmen and other tradesmen marveled at it, and to this day it receives quizzical looks from gas meter

The most ambitious creation the kids ever

Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule Week of May 15

SUNDAY, May 15-Graduation exercises, Shawe High School, Madison, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, May 16-Priests' Senate Age Group #6 gathering, at Monsignor Downey Knights of Columbus Hall, 3

TUESDAY, May 17-Confirmation for the Parishes of St. Joseph, St. Anthony, Holy Trinity, Assumption, to be held at St. Joseph Parish, Mass at 7:30 p.m. with reception following.

WEDNESDAY, May 18-Graduation exercises, Scecina High School, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 20-Graduation exercises, Roncalli High School, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 21-Archdiocese of Indianapolis Priesthood ordinations, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Mass at 11 a.m. with reception followin

attempted was a three-story shack which was a cross between the tower of Babel and the leaning tower of Pisa. Mostly leaning. The oldest son, always the undisputed leader, again designed and oversaw the entire project. When it was finished he decreed that the ground floor was open to assorted friends, the second floor to brothers and sister, and the top floor only to himself, one or two favorites-of-the-moment,

The whole edifice was so shaky that limiting occupants was not a real problem. Finally, on a blustery April day while everyone was at school, the wind took it down for good. There was talk of rebuilding, but nothing came of it.

Age did not dampen the creative urges. At college the grownup kids discovered loft building for fun and profit. Lofts are a way to create more living space in a small dormitory room by raising one of the twin beds above the other in a wooden framework. The only problem is (again) physics.

One of the boys built himself a loft during the summer and then, for good measure, built one for his girlfriend's room at another school. After hours spent measuring, hammering, painting and transporting the thing it looked wonderful . . . but it didn't fit the bed and would literally have been the girl's downfall if she'd tried to sleep on it. Back to the drawingboard.

The excitement of nailing board on board has waned a bit, even for the oldest son. Now the promise lies in building bookcases for the livingroom or making simple furniture for the new babies. And by now (too late, alas!) the hand can accurately follow the heart and the

check it out...

Missing from last week's list of WED (Women's External Degree) graduates of St. (Women's External Degree | Braudanes Mary-of-the-Woods College on May 8 was Judy Lee Williams, a member of Holy Spirit parish.

Cathedral High School graduate Alice Sherfick, daughter of Donald and Cecilia Sherfick, is one of nine Bashe Honor Award recipients at St. Mary-ofthe-Woods College for the 1983-84 academic year. The award is made for academic excellence and carries a \$3,500 tuition stipend renewable annually upon review.



Father William J. Engbers announces a pastoral counseling service called The Listening Post, for all East Central School students in New Alsace. Pastors from the area will be available in the school cafeteria every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Father Engbers will be on duty during the Mondays in May

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bloomington, will honor Providence Sister Regina Marie McIntyre for 26 years service as music teacher on Sunday, May 15 at a 3 p.m. reception and 4:30 p.m. gift presentation, followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Call Ruth Boshkoff 812-336-5853 or Sherri Sinift 812-339-2865 for

The Speakers' Bureau Council for Child Abuse and Neglect chaired by Scott Cory will meet at the Family Support Center on May 18 at 5:15 p.m. The Council coordinates speeches and trains speakers on the problems of child abuse and neglect for the eight counties of central Indiana, Call 634-5050 for more in-

Five new members will be sought for the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, beginning in June. Persons interested in and committed to liturgy, with experience in pastoral liturgy at the parish level and commitment to the goals of the archdiocesan liturgical apostolate will be considered. Send nominations with resume to Father Stephen Jarrell, Office of Worship, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

The Ministerial Association of Lawrenceburg in cooperation with St. Vincent de Paul Society has opened a free noonday lunch program for persons who are unemployed or living on fixed incomes. Soup is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the Hamline Methodist Church, W. High and Vine Sts. Call Joan Bansbach 812-537-2170 or Neill Knue 812-537-3830 to donate sup-



Mrs. Edwin (Betty Risch) Pflum presents her uncles Frank Ripperger (left) and Joseph Ripperger (right) with copies of "The Ripperger Family Tree." The book honors their ancestor, Michael Marke Ripperger who was one of the six founders of St. Peter's Church, Franklin County, and who donated land in 1835 for the first church site. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ripperger observed their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24.

Rosemary Thomas was recently appointed by Archbishop O'Meara to serve on the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. Currently religious education director at St. Patrick Parish, Terre Haute, Thomas holds a B.A. degree in music and an M. A. in liturgical

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FAMILY TALK

Guilt, pain follow abortion

by Dr. JAMES and MARY KENNY

Dear Mary: Things were bad for my husband and me three years ago. We had three small children; we were broke; both our moms had just died of heart attacks; and my husband had to be put in a rest home for his nerves.

Before he left, he told me that if I didn't have an abortion, then when he came back home he'd divorce me.

I got the abortion. Since that time we have been to marriage counselors and we have a new baby now. But my mind is constantly on the baby I didn't have.

Please don't say to go talk to my parish priest. I really like him and I'm sure he wouldn't understand. After telling him something like this, I could never face him again. What can I do to ease my mind and

Answer: First, no penitent who is truly sorry and seeks penance is excluded from the forgiveness of the Lord.

The issue you are being forced to deal with is the big question of guilt.

If you let it, guilt can become the center of life. You can focus on your own past guilt to such an extent that you are almost unaware of the present problems and joys of the people around you

Eventually guilt becomes a selfish, selfindulgent act, as though you are telling yourself: "My, how terrible I am. I can't think of anything but my own sinfulness. How I am suffering thinking about my guilt!"

Scripture tells us a lot about guilt and lorgiveness. Over and over Jesus tells us that his Father forgives sinners. Jesus' own friends failed him, betrayed him.

One never sorrowed, never believed in God's love and forgiveness. He was Judas. He hung himself

Peter turned completely away from Jesus in his time of need. Paul persecuted the Christians with all the great energy and zeal of which he was capable. Despite their great failings, both trusted in God's mercy and forgiveness. They never wallowed in their past mistakes but went on to be great doers for

You can keep thinking of the past, turning it over and over in your mind. You can despair as Judas did. Or like Peter and Paul, you can trust in God's mercy and forgiveness.

Your past experience might have positive effects in your life. First, you are apt to be a much more compassionate person. You will better understand the mistakes of others because you know that life sometimes includes almost overwhelming pressures. Passing judgment is not for you.

Second, the very pain you feel can lead you to value and cherish your family even more. You may have great concern for your family, not in a morbid sense of unnecessary worry about them, but in a healthy sense of recognizing always that children are valued

Finally, you may have a greater concern for life and a greater sensitivity to others. In practice this concern might translate into some specific action such as counseling or providing a home for unwed mothers. Or you might simply be a more caring friend and neighbor to the aged, the young, the sick or the lonely.

That you regret your act and seek forgiveness is clear. Now, like Peter and Paul, you need to trust in God's love. Let him help you to become an even more loving wife, mother, Christian, friend.

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

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Father Francis J. Eckstein, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee on Sunday, May 15 by concelebrating the 3 p.m. Mass at his home parish, St. Nicholas, in Sunman. Father John Betz will be homilist. A reception follows from

Conventual Franciscan Friar Timothy Johnson, deacon at St. Joseph Church in Terre Haute, will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 21 in Minnesota. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Joseph's on Sunday, June 5 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will be one of five civic leaders judging a "Best Civic Idea" contest for non-profit organizations in Marion County. The best civic betterment idea will implement a one-time, \$25,000 grant from International Telephone and Telegraph Corportion. Entries addressed to: "Best Civic Program, Greater Indianapolis Idea" Progress Committee, 1841 City-County Bldg., Indianapolis, IN 46204, must be submitted by 12 noon on June 3. Winner will be announced in mid-June.

St. Rita's Parish School will hold Elaine Wisdom Day to honor longtime teacher Mrs.

Elaine Wisdom on Sunday, May 22, during the 11 a.m. Mass. Mrs. Wisdom will retire at the end of the academic year.

Mary Gunter, a 1968 graduate of Scecina Memorial High School, is producer and hostess of a WNTS radio interview and public affairs program called "Life in Indy" which airs Saturday mornings at 11.

Eve Purvis is chairman of a membership drive for United Senior Action, a group which lobbies for Hoosier senior citizens. Membership is open to persons aged 55 or older. Until July 6 dues will be \$4 per person or \$6 per couple. Groups of 10 or more senior citizens may join. Call 542-1066 for application or in-

Susan Claudia Decker, Terre Haute, and Margaret Elizabeth Koopman, Floyds Knobs, graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, on May 1.

Dr. Arthur Melloh was recently reelected Central Indiana District Governor of Sertoma International. Dr. Melloh, a dentist, is a Notre Dame graduate and a member of Monsignor Downey Council Knights of

St. Meinrad School of Theology recently conferred the degree of Master of Divinity on: Joseph Bozzelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bozzelli and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish; David Coons, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. David Coons, Sr., Jeffersonville, and member of St. Augustine parish there; and Father John O'Brien, pastor of St. Bernadette parish.

St. Anthony's School Class of 1933 will hold a 50th Reunion on Friday, June 24 with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by social hour and dinner at Holy Family K of C, 220 N. Country Club Rd. Cost is \$9.90 per person plus tip. Call Margaret (O'Neil) Cohan 244-4005 or Pauline (Knarzer) Nester 244-1776 for reservations.

Mrs. Alberta Lossin was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Robert D. Orr at a volunteer recognition dinner on April 26 for her 50 years of volunteer service at St. Francis Hospital Center. Mildred Cox received an award for 11,000 hours of volunteer ME? **PROCLAIM** THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL...?



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Pathways of the Spirit

Handicaps have enhanced many lives

by DOLORES LECKEY

Stephen Hawking is one of the world's foremost physicists. He works from a wheelchair, reading with the help of an electric page turner.

Some say that the investigations of this British cosmologist at Cambridge University into the structures of the universe make him the greatest in his field since Einstein. Hawking achieved this stature while struggling to live with a motor neuron disease which affects his entire physical mechanism, including his speech.

Hawking's articles and books are dictated to his assistant, one of a handful of people who can understand his speech pattern. Yet, his published works are known for their brilliant and lucid prose, words chosen as carefully as poetry.

When asked how his illness affected his scientific career, Hawking replies that it has enhanced his work. It gave him "freedom simply to think," he explains. And for a cosmologist, thinking is everything.

Those who know Hawking attribute his attitude toward his illness to the influence of his wife whom he met shortly after its onset. He says she gave him the will to live and—much more—the willingness to live a full life, including parenthood.

Obviously love empowered Hawking to think beyond his withered limbs to the glories of the galaxies. The meaning of his own unique life was not lost. Flannery O'Connor, best known as a writer of fiction, is another person whose natural gits continued to develop after she was afflicted by a serious illness, lupus erythmetosis. This is an exhausting disease which depletes the energies of its victims.

Lupus forced Miss O'Connor to pare her life to essentials and to channel whatever strength she had into her writing. Fixed by necessity to her Georgia farm home, she was cared for by her mother. Miss O'Connor then turned her extraordinary powers of observation to the life that surrounded her, contemplating the country life of her neighbors and the power of religious symbols.

The result? A legacy of stories that tell of courage and humor, faith and hardship, qualities that characterized Miss O'Connor's own life, illness and eventual death.

Hawking and Miss O'Connor are two examples of how illness sometimes impels a person to concentrate on living in a more creative way. Undoubtedly their extraordinary natural talents played a role in this. Still, I think their example can benefit all of us.

Paul Tournier, the Swiss physician, wrote about this. For years Tournier helped patients—as well as the many others who real his books and have heard him lecture—tap the creative resources within themselves.

In his writing, Tournier speaks of illness in terms that may at first seem surprising. Illness, says Tournier, is an occasion for taking stock of oneself in ways that few of us undertake when we are in full health. An illness can be an occasion for becoming more aware of problems that need solutions and a time to reorder one's values.

Tournier's writing also offers his thinking on the underlying causes of illness. He writes, for example, that many illnesses develop over the years as the result of a life that is led in ways that are contrary to the laws of good health

As a result, Tournier indicates that patients may need help in seeing how their behavior is related to their illness. Tournier suggests that regular daily meditation and attentive listening to the inner voice can counter the stress and fatigue that are at the root of so much illness.

Yet Tournier offers a realistic view of the reluctance people often have to take time for meditation. In a 1969 book called "Fatigue in

Modern Society," he wrote: "A problem which afflicts us all . . . is to know that the part of our day accorded to the active life and that reserved for the meditative life are totally disproportionate."

Tournier made prayer and meditation central in his own life and helped countless patients to do likewise. When I think of his advice, I also think of the singlemindedness of people like Hawking and Ms. O'Connor.

I think too of St. Therese of Lisieux. She clung to the belief that "all is grace," even during the years of her fatal illness and in the face of her death at the age of 24.

This 19th century French saint showed how possible it is to continue to lead a life of great purpose and to sense God's care and power in the midst of personal debility.

Ministry involves follow-up care for chronically ill patients

by KATHARINE BIRD

Sister Rephael McGrath C.S.C. is coordinator of follow-up care for chronically ill patients and their families at the hospice affiliated with St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif. A nurse and educator, she went into the field of pastoral ministry to the sick in 1972. Her training included a stint at St. Christopher's Hospice in London. The Holy Cross sister discussed her work during a recent interview.

U. Sister, why did you become a pastoral minister for the sick?

A. I saw a gap in care for the chronically ill. In freating patients with acute illnesses, the emphasis in hespitals is on providing fast medical care during a crisis. But the chronically ill need time and slowed-down care with families present

More than half the time, the patients we deal with are chronically ill. Their disease is something that can't be turned around by medical skill. The illness, whether it is arthritis or lung disease or something eise, is often a result of the normal process of aging.

Q. What is the aim of your ministry?

A. To give patients a certain quality of life—to help them to live one day at a time. Persons with chronic illness can get caught up in fear and negative thoughts and end up feeling diminished as human beings . . . These patients need to learn to cope. The hope is to bring them to acceptance and peace right where they are.

Q. Let's say you have a patient, a 65-yearold male who has just been told he has congestive heart failure, a condition which will be chronic, but not immediately lifethreatening. How would you proceed?

A. It's a pastoral care chess game—we plan day by day and set priorities. The top priority is preventing a break-up, where a family is so isolated from the sick person that family members can't even visit.

I would work to bring the network of this patient's family and friends together, to build a Christian community of love and support around the sick person.

The patient is likely to feel extremely anxious, uncertain about his future and inclined to give up. He needs to be given new hope each day.

To encourage him to talk, I might ask the patient, "How is it with you today?" Leading questions often can set a patient free to discuss his feelings.

I would try to find out the patient's church affiliation, to reconstruct some moments of strength he has found in religion.

Q. Do you deal much with the family of sick persons?

A. I spend a lot of time with families to see where they are coming from, what their concerns are. It helps to find out the family's history: how others have died; whether the circumstances were frightening; whether there is a question of unresolved grief.

Talking about these matters can help families to get over their fear of being near a (See MINISTRY on page 10)



LIVING AND NOT LIVING—In Decatur, Ga., two 13-year-old candy stripers escort an elderly man on a walk around the grounds of a retirement home. Illness sometimes impels a person to concentrate on living in a more creative or meaningful way. Paul Tournier, the Swiss physician, said illness is an occasion for taking stock of oneself in ways that few of us undertake when we are in full health. (No photo by Roger W. Neal)

Prophets live on in their disciples

by Fr. JOHN CASTELOT

Disciples of the Old Testament prophets preserved and edited their masters' sermons. But some of the disciples made an even more personal contribution

The prophet Isaiah, for instance, lived and preached during the eighth century B.C. But his influence was still felt in the sixth century. Isaiah's disciples had continued his spirit, his outlook, his theology, even his literary style to a certain extent, developing and adapting it to the changing circumstances of the people.

Thus, toward the end of the Babylonian exile a work appeared that is now known as Deutero-Isaiah or Second Isaiah. It is like Isaiah in so many ways that it is incorporated into the book

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which bears his name. On the other hand, it is unlike him in so many ways that he could not have written it personally. It is found in Isaiah, Chapters 40-55

This section's whole backgroundhistorical, theological, literary-is not that of the eighth century B.C., but of the sixth, toward the end of the Babylonian exile of the Israelites. By that time dramatic changes had taken place

Nebuchadnezzar, who had been responsible for the capture of Jerusalem, was a truly outstanding ruler. He made the neo-Babylonian Empire one of the greatest empires in human history. But when Nebuchadnezzar died in 561 B.C. after a phenomenal reign of 43 years, his

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empire all but died with him. His successors

With the assassination of the last of them in 556. Nebuchadnezzar's dynasty came to an end. Nabonidus, son of a priest and priestess, was put on the throne.

fact, he was psychotic. In 548 B.C. the son of Nabonidus, Belshazzar, took over the reins of government.

Meanwhile, things were happening just east of Babylonia in the countries now known as Iran and Iraq. A Persian ruler named Cyrus rebelled against his northern neighbors and overlords, the Medes, and made them his subjects. He then pushed north and west and made himself master of Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Greece. An extremely able and energetic leader, Cyrus pushed even as far as Siberia and China, Turkestan and India.

But the significant point here is that he now had Babylonia completely surrounded.

Babylonia had grown weak and flabby as a result of maladministration. In the year 539

The whole picture had changed in the Mideast and the Jews were to profit by the

The Persians were not Semites; they were Aryans. Their outlook was quite different from that of the Assyrians or Babylonians. For one thing, they were not nearly so cruel and Cyrus

Cyrus treated vanquished peoples with mildness and consideration and respected their religious convictions. It is not too surprising then that he granted the Jews' request to return to their homeland.

The career of Cyrus and the impending liberation of the Israelite exiles form the background for Second Isaiah.

This remarkable composition known as Second Isaiah is known also as the Book of Consolation and quite fittingly. Its opening words in Isaiah Chapter 40 set the tone for all

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated . . . A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our

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Ministry (from 9)

helps the patient too.

Q. How do pastoral ministers help young people cope with chronic disease?

A. We have a 14-year-old boy at the hospice who has struggled for five years with the knowledge that he will never grow to manhood because of chronic kidney disease. His older

some respite to family members. One is a young mother who understands how kids click She is the boy's friend and takes him to movies and spends lots of time in buddy talk with him. Initially they met weekly but now that he is more independent they meet every other week.

I would say that family has triumphed despite the disease. The family has strong Christian church connections and over the past couple of years the child and the family have

Today, in spite of his illness, the boy is a hospice volunteer, working in the staff office.

That gives him a place in the sun.

were weak and ineffectual. Nabonidus was thoroughly incapable; in

Cyrus walked into Babylon without having to shoot an arrow.

himself was a very considerate victor.

that follows:

sick person. If family members aren't afraid, it

brother died of the same disease.

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by PAUL KARNOWSKI

The two most important parts of any story are the beginning and the end. A good beginning teases the reader, disclosing just enough information to arouse the curiosity. It is not an outline of what is to come, but neither is it sure ornament. Like the well-written description in the menu of a fine restaurant, a good beginning promises to deliver something of real sub-

As important as a good beginning, a good ending must be logical, credible, and at the same time, interesting. It is not a mere summary of what has happened but neither is it a total surprise. A good ending resolves issues, answers questions, and provides the reader with a sense of completeness.

Beginnings and endings, although they appear to be opposite, have a lot in common. Like pieces of bread in a sandwich, they surround the meat of the story. They are the horizons of the reader's world. The beginning is the east in which the reader's interest rises; the ending is the west by which the reader understands what the day was all about.

Today's second reading, taken from the book of Revelation talks about beginnings and endings. The sacred writer says, "I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ' . . . I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.' " In the story of our salvation, the beginning and the end are more than similar. They are the same.

Our lives begin in God. It is He who piques our curiosity, He who discloses just enough of Himself to get us interested. His words of goodness, hope, and love promise to deliver

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something of real substance. In Him we find a good ending. He resolves the issues, He answers our questions, and He provides us with a sense of completeness at the time of our death.

What happens in between the beginning and the end is up to us. We write the middle chapters by the choices we make in our lives. But no matter how our plot develops, no matter how many chapters we write, our story is no exception to the rule. The two most important parts of any story are the beginning and the

Tobiah sent by God to marry Sarah

by JANAAN MANTERNACH

'You strangle your husbands, don't you?" a maid asked Sarah with a sneer

'Look at you," said another maid with a snicker. "You've already had seven husbands but they all died the day you married them.'

Why do you get angry with us?" a third maid asked angrily. "Is it because your husbands are all dead? Why don't you join them? You have no reason to live. You must be cursed

Sarah was hurt. Her maids' remarks made her feel terrible. She ran up the stairs to her room. She threw herself on her bed and sobbed for a long time.

"They are cruel," she thought. "But they must be right. I must be cursed. An evil spirit seems to be destroying my life.

Sarah felt so bad that she had a horrible thought. "I'll hang myself," she mused. "I'll put myself out of my misery. Then they will stop mocking me.

But then, after a few moments Sarah had another thought.

"If I hang myself, people will turn on my father and insult him. 'You had only one daughter,' they'll say to him, 'and she killed herself just because of her bad luck." 'Sarah felt that such insults would fill her father's heart with sadness. The harsh words might

So Sarah decided not to kill herself. She stood before an open window of her room and raised her hands to God in prayer.

"Blessed are you, Lord. You are a God of mercy and compassion. People mock me because I am so unlucky. I have done nothing bad. Yet my seven husbands all died the day I married them. Let me die. Or if you wish me to go on living, help me. Never let me suffer these

The Lord heard Sarah's prayer and sent his messenger, Raphael, to her.

Raphael led a handsome young man, Tobiah, to the home of Sarah's father. Tobiah heard about Sarah. People told him how unfortunate she was. But Tobiah knew that the Lord had led him to Sarah's home

Sarah's heart beat faster when her father told her Tobiah wanted to marry her. But she was afraid he would die just like the others. Her mother encouraged her. "May the Lord bring you happiness instead of sorrow. Have courage, my daughter."

Tobiah and Sarah were married that very day. After the marriage contract was signed by Sarah's parents, the two newlyweds went to their room. Sarah was afraid that Tobiah would

Raphael had told Tobiah all would be well. He told Tobiah to burn the heart and liver of a fish. He said the smell of he burning fish would drive away the evil spirit which had cursed

Discussion points and questions

1. Do you know anyone, perhaps a teenager or child, who suffers from a chronic illness? What is your attitude toward that person? Do you think only of the illness and not of the person?

2. If you are a parish catechist or a teacher, have you ever taught a child with a chronic illness or a disability? Did that child have special gifts, as well?

3. The sacrament of the sick indicates that the church intends to be present to people who are sick. How can you, as a member of the Christian community, serve the sick? Can you think of two concrete ways?

4. Is there a ministry to the sick in your parish or diocese? Could the effectiveness of your Christian service to the sick be

increased by joining forces with others in the church who are serving the sick?

5. Katharine Bird's article tells of a volunteer who became the friend of a chronically ill teen-age boy. What did the volunteer do?

6. Dolores Leckey tells of Stephen Hawking, the great physicist. How did he say illness affected his career?

7. Have you ever had an experience with illness that caused you to fear, and thus stay away from, others who are ill? What was that experience?

8. Do you think the ministry of the church to the sick is valuable? Do you think the fact that the church has a sacrament of the sick says anything about the value of ministry in this area?

Tobiah placed the fish's heart and liver on the burning coals. He then stood beside Sarah. The two prayed: "Blessed are you, O God. You made Adam and Eve to help and support each other. You said it is not good for man to be alone. Bless Sarah and me. Let us live together in love until we die.

The next morning everyone was surprised to see Tobiah alive. They all praised God.

Tobiah and Sarah lived long happy lives

Part I. Let's Talk

Activity: To pray during a crisis time is to be strengthened. The Psalms are good prayers for bad times. Versions of the Psalms that parents and children can use together include:

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These paperback books are part of the "David and I Talk to God Psalms for Children" series by Elspeth Campbell Murphy. They are published by Chariot Books, David S. Cook Publishing Co., 850 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Questions: What cruel and unjust accusations do the maids hurl at Sarah? How does Sarah respond to the taunts of her maids? How does the love Sarah feels for her father help her? Does the story of Sarah have a happy

Part II: Parent and Teacher Notes

Story Background: The Book of Tobit is a religious story meant to encourage the Jewish people to trust God during difficult times. The story reveals beautifully the depth of Jewish piety rooted in trust in God's power and care.

The Bible and Us: Have you ever felt like giving up? What kept you going? The story of Sarah in the Book of Tobit tells of a woman on the brink of despair. She finally places her trust in God who changes her whole life for the

the question box

How will children learn to avoid pre-marital sex?

by Msgr. R.T. BOSLER

In this contraceptive age, how do I Convince my children that premarital sex is something to be avoided? They are no longer influenced by the fear of an unwanted pregnancy. They can't see how what they do

affects others or harms society in any way. And. I'm sorry to say, it does no good today to tell them it is something evil, forbidden by God.

Was youth ever sa-A tisfied to stay away from something just because it was forbidden? The temptation was always there to find out why.

Way back in the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas wisely observed that good moral training required that reasonable explanations be given why God commanded certain actions and forbade

Commenting on St. Paul's claim that "where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom," St. Thomas w. ote:

'Whoever acts of his own accord acts freely. But one who is impelled by another is not free. He who avoids evil, not because it is evil, but because a precept of the Lord forbids it, is not free. On the other hand, he who avoids evil because it is evil is free.

That's neat, isn't it? Even for today!

How do we demonstrate today that premarital sex is evil?

The arguments of our traditional religious textbooks were built upon the assumption that the primary purpose of sex was the procreation of children and that that, and that alone, justified sex in marriage.

And so sex outside marriage was considered a threat to the continued existence of the human race.

You have recognized that this approach turns off the youth of today.

It is significant that the bishops in Vatican Council II were also aware of this.

They did not argue against sexual license and adultery as a threat to procreation but rather as a perversion of the act by which couples express their love and give themselves to each other.

Here are several quotes from paragraph 49 of the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World:

"The actions within marriage by which the couple are united intimately and chastely are noble and worthy ones. Expressed in a manner which is truly human, these actions signify and promote that mutual self-giving by which spouses enrich each other with a joyful and thankful will.

'Especially in the heart of their own families, young people should be aptly and seasonably instructed about the dignity, duty and expression of married love."

There you have your guidance. You as a parent can best show from your own experience how sex is an integral part of human love and how the two should not be parted.

Better than this old celibate, you as a parent can give reasons why premarital sex can separate what should not be separated.

You can talk about how sex has sealed your own union. You can point out how the present-day notion that sex is something casual may be the very reason why in some marriages sex kills rather than nourishes

I invite parents to send me their observations on this problem. I will be happy to summarize them in a future column

Please, don't tell me I answered this like a pagan without any reference to prayer and the sacraments. I presume my readers know enough to suggest these essential aids once they have given their offspring reasons to abstain from premarital sex.

Lee St. Thomas, I believe that grace builds on nature.

(Msgr. Bosler welcomes questions from readers. Those of general interest will be answered here. Write to him at: 600 N. Alabama, Indianapolis, IN

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- St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish

St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana

Msgr. James Galvin, administrator

by SUSAN MICINSKI

"I love it here; it's the greatest place in the world," stated Monsignor James P. Galvin, administrator of St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village Church. Monsignor Galvin agreed, along with other members of the parish, that a strong sense of community

One reason why the congregation feels this way is because "so many families date back to when the church was originally founded," declared John Arnold, president of the parish council

And that was way back in 1837 when this church was the 10th parish in the old diocese of Vincennes," explained Father Galvin. 'I think it's rather unique for a rural parish to have so many young people from these families staying here. Even if they marry, they don't move off. The idea of closeness is embraced by all family members.'

"We also get a feeling of closeness from the fact that the majority of people are related to each other," stated Arnold. "A poor problem is virtually nonexistent here; 'it's all for one and one for all.' We take care of each other." According to the administrator, almost one third of the parishioners belong to the Maher family

'Everyone knows everybody here,'' stated Jeannette Wrin, a catechist who has been teaching for over four years in the religious education program at St. Mary's. Wrin, whose wedding was the first one Father Galvin officiated when he came to the parish 11 years ago, declared "if someone is in the hospital, everyone knows about it and people just automatically go and visit that person. If someone is missing in church, you know about that, too," she chuckled. "It's nothing like the big parishes where people don't know each other.

FLORENCE Callahan, who has been a member of the parish for 14 years and is currently president of the Women's Club (formerly the Altar Society), attributes the parish community spirit to "the close proximity people live from each other. We also owe a world of thanks to Father Galvin-he's wonderful. He really brought us together as a community and got people interested in doing things-social and service-together. It just makes for a nicer community when everyone is all pul

And this community does its share of pulling together. A major effort undertaken by the Mission Circle Club, a women's group that has been in existence for over 35 years, is the rolling of bandages sent to missions. The group meets once a month in members' homes.

According to Callahan, the Women's Club plays an in-strumental part in helping out the parish. "We sponsor a number of fund raising activities throughout the year," she explained, "such as bake sales, bazaars and the like. Our really biggie for the year is the Christmas dinner, which is not only for the parish.

but the whole community as well. We recently purchased a stove

'We have a terrific Catholic Charities here," stated Father Galvin. "There's a food bank, Bethany House, a facility for abused wives and their children-and not too long ago our sisters had brought in a Vietnamese family to live here.

WHAT OTHER noteworthy features are there at St. Mary-of-

The administrator declared "one of our best features has been the development of our religious education program. Up to about seven years ago, we were heavily dependent upon the sisters and students from the college. They provided for our whole program, but now we have our own religious education coordinator and lay teachers. There are programs available for pre-schoolers through senior citizens. After all, our parishioners range in age from one month to 88 years, so we need to have a variety of

Last year the religious education program instituted a two week Bible School in June. According to Wrin, classes met two and a half hours a day, five days per week. "It turned out better than we could have hoped for in terms of response," exclaimed the religious education teacher. "We even had children from the community coming who weren't Catholic. The participation was great. We can only hope it will be the same this year."

Our sisters are definitely deserving of being mentioned," stated the Women's Club president. "They take on so many parish responsibilities, one of which is taking care of the church. And they do a superb job of that. It's always so neat and clean, and there are flowers on the altar. It's just good knowing they're

An activity greatly enjoyed and participated in by parishioners is the two dances held in the spring and fall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College ballroom. "The people love to dance here, especially to the sounds of a live band" stated Father "There's always a great turnout. It's not much of a moneymaker, but we all have a great time socializing.

The history of Catholicity in Vigo County dates from 1837. In that year Father Stanislaus Buteux, a native of France, became the first pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, which at that time was designated as Thralls Station (pastor's residence). The first paster's territory included Vigo and adjoining counties, as well as the eastern part of Illinois. The population of this area was made up of Indians, French, Irish and a predominance of New

On a tract of land owned by Joseph Thralls, the first church was erected and designated St. Mary-of-the-Woods by Bishop Brute, first Bishop of Vincennes. But the first church was destroyed by fire in February of 1840. It was sometime before another one was built, since Father Buteux was more concerned about having a place ready for the Sisters of Providence who were



expected to make an establishment at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Finally, in 1844 when the parish had its third pastor, Father John Corbe, the second church, a small brick building was completed.

In 1866 the small brick building was razed, and construction on the present church was started. The fourth pastor, Father Meinrad McCarthy dedicated it upon its completion in 1867

The present school building, built in 1923, is credited to Father Edward Hilger, the eighth pastor. It remained in operation until

There have been a total of 15 pastors so far at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Some of Father Galvin's immediate predecessors include: Father Francis Reeves (1959-1972); Father Edward Bauer (1949-1959); Father Thomas Fields (1946-1949); and Father Irvin Mattingly, the oldest living priest in the archdiocese (1937-1946).

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PARISH FAMILY-Close-knit is an appropriate term to describe the members of St. Mary-of-the-Woods Church. From left to right in the top row are Jeannette Wrin, Monsignor James P. Galvin, Providence Sister Margaret O'Brien, Erna Bird and Providence Sister Martha Steidl. At the top right is John Arnold. In the front row from left to right are Elsie Marrs, Marie Pickrell, Anna Wrin and Florence Callahan. (Photos by Susan Micinski)

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Priest uses puppets to reach kids

by KEVIN C. McDOWELL

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Now their ability to accept the surreal is enabling the message of the Gospel to reach them through an odd assortment of characters in a growing puppet ministry

Father Stephen Banet, pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Greenfield, uses four European-made puppets to explain the Gospel. "You can put in real examples of life through them and make children and adults alike see how foolish we can be sometimes.

The 34-year-old native of Floyds Knobs and St. Mary's of the Knobs Parish said that the puppets he uses give him more freedom in explaining and illustrating the lessons of the Gospel.

'They're a good homily aid. The puppets make the lesson less preachy, less directly personal."

Father Banet's puppets-Maureen Moo (a cow), Ralph T Barker (a dog), Molasses Jackson (a donkey) and Leonardo Lyons (a lion)-helped instruct St. Michael's first communicants who received the sacrament April 30.

USING AN 8° x 7° set built and painted by parishioners Jon Smith and Linda Miclot, with scripts by Susie Billings and operated by four high school students from the parish, the puppets taught the first communicants to accept others in the community of Christ who may be different (Leonardo moved into the neighborhood, and Molasses was unhappy about it); to see the Mass as a celebration (Maureen had a birthday party); to love one another (Ralph and Molasses got into a fight); to visit the sick and to see Christ in everyone (Leonardo was in the hospital and all the others visited him); to understand baptism as New Life (Leonardo's baby sister, Leona, was baptized); and other illustrations of the Gospel and the symbols of the Church.

Father Banet prefers to refer to the lessons as "puppet homilies, not puppet shows. I want to get away from the pure entertainment aspect." The first communicants, nevertheless, were "very attentive" to what the puppets had to say.

"The homilies were directed to the children, but I hope the message reached the adults as well. We talked about forgiveness, sharing, prejudice, caring for people and making peace. It was a good avenue for the adults as well. It speaks beyond the

FATHER BANET first observed the use of puppets in the liturgy at a parish in Brussels while he was studying in Louvain, Belgium. The use of puppets had been popularized there by an American chaplain serving with the military who had a small set

and used this vehicle to explain the Gospel to children. Father Banet bought his puppets in Cologne, West Germany. He first used his puppets (who are named after people he knows but declined to identify) at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in

There was another "plus factor" in his recent use of puppets with first communion instruction. "There was a great deal of parish interest. (The puppets) have been a great melting pot."

Drawn into the melting pot were four high school students who worked the puppets and supplied the voices and personalities.

Father Banet said the high school students' participation had a positive effect on the first communicants. They were "surprised to see high schoolers take such an interest in them.

He'll use the puppets again next year to instruct the first communicants, "but I don't want to go into re-runs. We'll need to develop some new ideas, approaches and scripts.'

St. Michael's has not been alone in this approach.

Deacon Donald Quinn, who is currently at Christ the King (See PRIEST USES on page 16)

Bill would extend amnesty for aliens

WASHINGTON (NC)-The House Judiciary Committee approved a revision of the immigration bill which would give illegal aliens an extra year of amnesty but would not give them another year of federal benefits. The May 5 vote was 29 to 9 for the revision. The House immigration subcommittee had voted to legalize the status of illegal aliens who can prove they have lived in the United States continuously since before Jan. 1, 1981. But the full committee changed the date to Jan. 1, 1982, adding an estimated 2,000 Haitian "boat people" and perhaps as many as 900,000 other illegal aliens. But before approving the bill the committee also voted to extend from four to five years the time newly legalized aliens would be denied welfare or other federal benefits. In adddition, it adopted a resolution asking the attorney general to allow illegal immigrants from El Salvador to stay in

Hehir says pastoral affirms debate

PHILADELPHIA (NC)-The U.S. bishops' pastoral on war and peace has come out in an "open moment" in the nuclear policy debate and affirms the moral dimension of the debate, said Father J. Bryan Hehir, chief adviser to the committee which drafted the pastoral. Father Hehir spoke May 5 at a session of the Catholic Press Association convention in Phildelphia. He said the pastoral is not meant to keep all Catholics out of the military or to make them ineffective in their roles. Rather, as a teaching document, it urges military personnel to examine their consciences and apply this teaching to their situations, he said. With Father Hehir at the session were James O'Gara, editor of Commonweal, and James Finn, former editor of Worldview and now editor of Freedom at Issue. Jesuit Father Joseph O'Hare, editor of America magazine, was moderator.

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May 13

A card party at St. Bernadette school cafeteria, 4838 Fleicher Ave., Indianapolis, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$2. Public invited.

Catholic Alumni Club is hosting a "500" qualificatins party on the northeast side of Indianapolis at 9 p.m. For information call Linda, 357-2219, or Dan, 842-0855.

Our Lady of Hope Hospital Guild will have an evening of recollection at St. Bridget Church, 801 N. West St., Indianapolis. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a pitch-in dinner. Reservations for dinner. Call Joan Shepherd, 784-3640, or Sarah Mitcham, 631-4397

May 14

Holy Angels parish, 740 W. 28th, Indianapolis, will have a citywide rummage sale/flea market and fish fry. Anyone may buy or sell. Sellers' tables are \$20 and may

be set up at 6:30 a.m. Doors open for business at 8 a.m. and will continue through 7 p.m.

St. Patrick School, 449 S. 19th St., Terre Haute, will mark its cen-tennial year with an open house and re-dedication at 4 p.m. Celebration of the liturgy will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception at Holiday Inn, US 41S, at 7:30 p.m. All graduates of St. Patrick's are invited.

May 15

St. Patrick parish will have its regular card party in the parish hall, 936 Prospect St., Indianapolis, at 2 p.m. All games played. Ad-

May 15, 17

Adult social activities for SDRC in the Indianapolis area include a day at the "500" qualifications on May 15. Meet at J.C. Penny parking lot, Lafayette Square, at 9 a.m. for

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May 16

Reservations are due today for the Pastoral Musicians' meeting on May 23 at St. Christopher parish, 16th St., Indianapolis.

Dinner and business meeting, 6:30 p.m.; musical program and Eucharist, 8 p.m. For dinner reservations call Denise Cunningham, 271-0239 or 283-9317.

The Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Everyday Circle, will meet St. Elizabeth's Home, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis, at 7:30 n.m

May 16, 19, 21

St. Thomas Aquinas Singles, Indianapolis, have the following activities scheduled: May 16, 7:30 p.m., monthly meeting at St. Thomas School. Call Jenien, 299-160103 School. Call Jenien, 259-0502. May 19: 5:30 p.m., happy hour to celebrate May birthdays at Tom Foolery's downtown. Call Margaret, 283-7203. May 21: 8 a.m., "500" time trials. Call Sarah, 251-2914.

May 18

The monthly cemetery Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. in the chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery, In-dianapolis. Fr. Patrick Commons, pastor of St. Rose parish, Knightstown, will be the celebrant.

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instruments by Noah Greenburg, director of the New York Pro Musica

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Black ministry discussed

The National Office for include: successful models of Black Catholics will sponsor a Pastoral Ministry Institute, a workshop on dynamic and effective ways of ministering in the black Catholic community, from July 17-23 at the Mercy Center in St. Louis. The institute will give an overview of black theology, culture, lay leadership and the new Code of Canon Law

Special emphasis will be placed on ministry to individuals, families and those in crisis. An integrated series of family ministry topics will

family outreach; an analysis of current needs and status of black families in America; and the application of healing, sustaining, guiding and reconciling functions of pastoral care

The cost of the institute is \$278, and it includes meals and single lodging. A \$50 deposit is required with pre-registration by June 15. For further information contact James R. Henderson, 1234 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-347-4619

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May 18, 19

The National Council of Catholic Women: Province of Indianapolis will have a leadership training course at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. The two-day event opens with registration beginning at 8 a m. Wednesday and closes with a celebration of the liturgy at 11 a m. Thursday.

May 18, 21

The Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) has its monthly meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on May 18 at The Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis. On May 21 the group will have a cookout at the Fourth Estate, east side of I-465 and 56th St. beginning at 4 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person

May 20-22

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, west of New Albany. For complete information call Don and Rosemary Smith, 502-239-7729, or Tom and Lorie Nohalty, 502-491-9583.

Togetherness Weekend for Christian married couples is scheduled at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Call 317-257-7338 for information/reservations.

May 21

The Fifth Wheeler Club will meet for a pre-race day pitch-in at the Carriage House South Clubhouse, 7626 Portage Ave., Indianapolis, at 6:30 p.m. Women bring a covered dish and \$1. Men, \$2. Call Theresa for reservations, 882-5377.

May 21, 22

A retreat for sophomore high school students will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, west of New Albany, beginning Saturday morning and concluding Sunday evening. Call 812-923-8818 for information.

Socials

MONDAY: St. Ann, 6:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; St. Thomas, Fortville, 7 p.m. TUESDAY: K of C Pius X Council

3433, 7 p.m.; Roncalli High School, 6:30 p.m.; St. Peter Claver Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., 5 p.m.; St. Simon, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Bernadette school auditorium, 5:30 p.m.; St. Francis de Sales, 5:30-11 p.m.; St. Patrick, 11:30 a.m.; St. Roch, 7-11 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Catherine parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, 6:30 p.m. Westside K of C, 220 N. Country Club Road; St. Peter Claver Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., 5 p.m. FRIDAY: St. Andrew parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; St. Christopher parish hall, Speedway, 7 p.m.; St. Rita parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Hartman Hall, 6:30 p.m. SATURDAY: Cathedral High School, 3 p.m.; K of C Council 487, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; St. Philip parish hall, 3 p.m.

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† SCHWEGMAN, Joseph, St. John, Enochsburg, April 25. Brother of Dorothy Schwegman and Frances Lerkemeier.

† SELLMER, Irene, 65, St. Christopher, Speedway, May 4. Wife of W.C. Sellmer; mother of Jeanne Joseph Sellmer

† STRANGE, Vaierla F., 84, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 25. Mother of Glenn Martin and Carl Strange.

† TERRELL, Raymond, 57, St Mary, North Vernon, May 5. Brother of Lucille Miller.

† WEDDING, Weda, 55, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 7. Mother of Karen Gellegos, George and Terry Wedding; sister of Eugene and Troy Perkins.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION—Service awards were presented to Catholic Social Service volunteers at their annual recognition luncheon in April. Standing in front, left to right, are Charlene Hayes, Dorothy Lynch and Judy Hlpskind. In back are Howard Jacobson and Steve Ketterer. (Photo by Susan Micinski)

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- † BISCHOFF, Emma, St. Joseph, St. Leon. Mother of Alberta Means and Edwin Bischoff.
- † BURKE, Agnes, 84, St. Mary, New Albany, April 27. Nieces and nephews survive.
- † BRUNER, Evelyn, 65, St. Mary, North Vernon, April 29, Wife of Benjamin; mother of Betty Gaines, Jane Lemininy and Linda Edsali; sister of Jean Dauby, Vera Scheidegger, Alberta Paulin, Ruth Griswold and Ann Stewart.
- † FROMME, Othmar A., 58, St. Paul, Sellersburg, April 20. Husband of Othmar; mother of Glenndyl, Kenneth, Le Ray and

John Fromme; sister of Marcella Kluesner, Mary Fush, Martha Howard, Dorithea Davis, Jerome, Hugo, Oscar and Hilbert Fromme.

† HARRINGTON, Daniel M., 80, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, May 5. Father of Margaret Kaffa, Denise Burgoyne, Dorothy Thurman and Daniel Harrington; brother of Margaret Hoefler.

† HAUSNER, Frederick J., 87, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 2. Husband of Olive (Fisher); brother of Nance Spangler.

† ISTERLING, Gary A., 18, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, April 27. Son of Carolyn and Gary Isterling, Sr.; brother of Diana Lemons; grandson of Ann Martich and Mr. and Mrs. George Isterling.

† LAMEY, Charlotte M., 77, St. Mary, New Albany, April 26. Sister of Mrs. Edwin Hockenberry and Charles R. Lamey. † LICH, Harold, 62, St. Francis de

Sales, Indianapolis, April 29. Husband of Flonnie; father of William Lich.

† MARRA, Clara (Nagel), 70, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 29. Wife of Daniel; mother of Barbara Huck and Dan Marra.

† McKENNEY, Joseph Gayle, 59, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, April 27. Father of Kathy Fair, Tom, Mike and Davy McKenney; son of Marie (Bogeman) McKenney; brother of Glenn, Ward and Carl McKenney.

† OTTENWELLER, Thomas G., Sr., 66, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, April 23. Husband of Mary; father of Louise Breece, Joan, Thomas G., John, Carl, Paul and Steven Ot-

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As I got closer. I noticed how beautiful she was. And, then even closer, the tears in her eyes. She was obviously waiting for me. I stopped. "Hi." I said. "I'm Father Bruce." "My name is Rebecca," she said. "Do you have a minute?" "Sure." I said.

We stood in the warming sun She didn't cry but the tears flowed faster. "I'm a senior in high school." she said. and I'm three months pregnant. I'm not going to marry my boyfriend—we're too young and I don't think it's really love. My parents don't know. I'm thinking of having an abortion. What do you think I should do?"

Father Bluce Ritter OFM Conv. is the founder and President of Covenant House UNDER 21, which operates crisis centers for "Do you love your parents?" I said. "Are they good to you? Do they love you?" Yes. "she said." I love them very much and they love me." Talk to them; I said. "They'll help you. Don't have the abortion. You can never bring the child back to you. Talk to them. They won't turn away, not now when you really need them." The girl suddenly smiled and said. "Il talk to my tather boday. Thank you." I noticed again how beautiful she was.

She didn't cry but the lears flowed faster."

That was all. I had my fifth cup of coffee and forced myself back into the pulpit for my ninth sermon of the day.

The memory of that beautiful child stayed with me quite a while, but other memories crowded in and blurred and then buried it.

Last month, almost exactly two years to the week. I returned to that same parish. Another great spring day and as! was cutting back across the parking lot. She was there! Honest and no fooling and not a word here of poetic license. She was there and she had the most beautiful kid in the world in a stroller...! mean, he was gorgeous.

"She had the most beautiful kid in the world in a stroller."

My parents were super." she said. "They took me and my baby in. They wanted to My father set me up in business—I have this little flower shop and I'm making it just fine." The little kid was just really beautiful. He had this enormous smile on his face. I made some dopey remark about how happy I was too and when the kid grew up and ever wanted to run away, well. I had this really great place and she smiled and I smiled and I went back to the rectory for another fix of coffee before.

What a great story. Right? I was happy about it for days. I still am.

It's one of the reasons—there are many—why it has been a great Spring for Covenant House/IVNDER 21. I couldn't begin to list the people I'm grateful for and to, and all the great kids who gave us the chance to love them and care about them, and my great staff, and our friends and benefactors, whose compassion and generous hearts really do keep our UNDER 21 Centers in existence.

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Since 1970, CYO has recognized the dedication of volunteers in the Indianapolis area working with youth by presenting the Monsignor Albert Busald Awards, an award named in honor of the late priest noted as a tireless missionary for youth and a former pastor of St. Philip Neri Church. This year's Mass of Thanksgiving was held at the church to honor these volunteers on Tuesday, May 3.

Fathers Gerald Kirkhoff, pastor of St. Philip Neri, and Fred A. Schmitt, pastor of Little Flower, were the principal celebrants. Edward Tinder and Gerald Ross, both of CYO, acted as commentators. Youth council members brought up the Offertory gifts.

Each award recipient was presented with an attractive plaque. The group included:

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Mark); Michael V. Armour (Holy Spirit); Marilyn Bardon (St. Michael); William M. Blake (St. Simon); Michael W. Clements (St. Jude); Robert A. Conway (St. Lawrence); Daniel P. Costello (Little Flower); Jeff Dakin (St. Malachy); Diane L. Davis (St. Jude); Charles B. Deck (Holy Spirit); Michael T. Dillon (Holy Spirit); George B. Gaffney (Christ the King); Mary Clare Gibbs (St. Malachy); Julie A. Gough (St. Mark); Judy Harkness (St. Luke); Harlan H. Hinkle (St. Malachy); David A. Hofmann (Little Flower); Darryel L. Holland (St. Rita); John L. Hudgins (Little Flower); and Deborah A. Johnson (St. Catherine).

Other award winners were: William E. Johnson (Our Lady of Greenwood); John L. Kavanaugh (St. Lawrence); Gary W. Kennedy (Little

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Sharon Johnson, from Our Lady of Greenwood received the Mel Olvey Citation, an award presented by Little Flower Church in memory of a youth worker at the parish. A reception immediately followed the Mass in the parish hall.

St. Monica youth will discuss 'Depression' on "Lifesigns," the radio show for youth this Sunday, May 15. The program is aired at 11:30 a.m. on WICR 88.7 FM

Scecina High School will hold its annual Award Day on Tuesday, May 17. Scholarships and awards for band, athletics, service and from Kiwanis will be presented at this time. Students, parents and friends are invited to attend.

On Friday, May 6, the school sponsored a Run-a-thon with



THE GREAT MUPPET CAPER—Father Stephen Banet (far right) pastor of St. Michael's parish in Greenfield, and his four puppet friends (left to right) Maureen Moo, Ralph T. Barker, Molasses Jackson and Leonardo Lyons, worked together recently to instruct that parish's First Communicants. See beginning of story on page 13. (Photo by Kevin C. McDowell)

proceeds going toward extracurricular activities.

The religion department of the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg will sponsor a "Living Rosary" on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The general public is invited.

On May 26, the school will hold its Annual Fashion Show, an event all sewing students participate in. Anyone may

CYO will sponsor a youth Mass and dance at St. Catherine Parish on May 22. Contact CYO for more information.

Former students of St. Rita's School who are still members of the parish received the following awards: Leslie Allen, a senior at Chatard, received a second place for dramatic interpretation of Langston Hughes' poem, "Freedom Train"; Caren Ransom, a junior at Cathedral, received a second place in dance for "Spinnin Jazz." Both students are members of ACT-SO, an Afro-Cultural Technical Scholastic Organization, honored by Mayor Hudnut last month at the City-County

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Priest uses (from 13)

parish in Indianapolis, also used puppets as "a homiletic method in children's liturgies," most recently for that parish's first communion service April 24.

The 26-year-old deacon, a native of Seymour and its St. Ambrose parish, first used puppets in July, 1982. He had observed the method for the last four years, and had read about it in Modern Liturgy Magazine.

Deacon Quinn, who will be ordained May 21, uses puppets that are more familiar with the children, notably Oscar the Grouch from "Sesame Street" and Fozzie the Bear from "The Muppet

"I like to use puppets with established characters and personalities, and build onto them. Generally, I use dialogue between the puppets, and have the puppets ask the kids questions which

involves them in the homily."

A recent example had Fozzie converting Oscar from being a grouch to illustrate and explain St. Paul's conversion.

"Fozzie was the friend who, by caring, brought Oscar out. Fozzie asked the kids how he could get Oscar to change his lifestyle. The kids told him."

Both Deacon Quinn and Father Banet had the children up by the altar during the homilies, and both agreed that adults can benefit from this approach as well.

'Adults can benefit from it as a family unit," Deacon Quinn said. He added that the weekend Mass usually does not lend itself to active participation by the family unit as a planned children's

Besides Fozzie and Oscar, Deacon Quinn has since added to his repertoire Kermit the Frog and Freida the Frog ("I got her at a garage sale. Now I can discuss interpersonal relationships." Miss Piggy had no comment), along with Animal the bizarre Muppet drummer, and a more elaborate puppet named Dandy Lion. And, the deacon admits, "I'm learning ventriloquism."

Robert Browning perhaps described this notion best when he wrote in "Pippa Passes": "With God, whose puppets, best and worst, are we; there is no last nor first.

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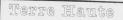
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After 50 years, Rogers still rides the range

My father once posed an intriguing idea for a song-off. We were watching TV-this was, oh, maybe 20 years ago, probably during a commercial break in one of his favorite shows-Jackie Gleason or Lawrence Welk

Why was I watching those at my tender teen age? Folks, this

was back in the dim days when families had only one TV set. You watched what your parents watched in them times or you watched Little Lulu in a comic book.

Anyway, he mused a hypothetical singing contest. "What if," he said, "you got Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Perry Como to sing the same song with the same arrangement? Who do you think would come out the winner

(I bet you think I said "Fabian," but I didn't like rock then—or now.)

Before I could reply, he suggested his victor: "I think Como would be the best.

It's one of those "mind contests," of course, like "Would Ali have whipped Louis?" or "Who was better, Mays or Ruth?" But I think my dad left out a singer just as good as those three, but one never thought of when solid, at-ease, no-effort singing is discussed.

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Roy Rogers.

my weirder thoughts, I know. But I think Roy could hold his own with those crooners and

I'VE BEEN thinking about Roy lately because two cable networks have been blowing the dust off his movies and showing the old sagebrush dramas on

Go ahead, laugh. It's one of weekend afternoons. (If you get the Christian Broadcasting Network or the Nashville Channel, check it out.) I find myself switching away from the living color presentations on the networks to ride the range with Roy in black and white and

> My wife, Mary, often wonders why Superman isn't

him around," she says. 'Wouldn't it be great?'

Well, Roy is real. Okay, so he never actually captured a real live outlaw or turned back a thundering herd of cattle, but he's good enough for me.

Good enough. Roy was good. That's why he was the King of the Cowboys. In his movies, he was respectful to the ladies (doffing his hat, saying, "Yes, ma'am''), gentle to his faithful Trigger, loyal to his pals (the Sons of the Pioneers who could handle a guitar as well as a sixgun) and always on the side of goodness

In real life, Roy was good, too. He adopted children by what seemed like the scores, lived a clean, Christian life and stuffed Trigger so he could be ridden by generations of children visiting the ranch.

I'LL BET no one will ever do a job on Roy like they did on Joan Crawford and Bing Crosby. Even if they do, I'll close my eyes and ears. Roy is good, Period

I find that Roy stays with me through the years. I remember watching his TV show in my childhood ("Happy Trails to

We need someone like You' sung at the gate), seeing him in personal appearances, and even crayoning in coloring books dedicated to him, Dale and the gang. All that gold on Trigger! Yikes, it took hours to fill in those flanks.

> While Hopalong, Lash LaRue, Gene Autry and others have faded from my memory, Roy remains: straight, true,

And always smiling, those slit eyes crinkled.

Roy began life as Leonard Slye and he hailed from Ohio. But Saul the persecutor, and Simon the denier and Abram the unsure needed fresh names to suit their new commitments so Roy Rogers is right and

he really comes from Oklahoma? They both begin with "O" so maybe someone got

Before I close, can I also sing the praises of Gabby Hayes? I loved that old man and no one can convince me that he was probably my age when he made all those movies as the crusty, dusty sidekick with the hat apparently pre-chewed by the

Believe it or not, Roy has been making movies for about 50 years. It's been exactly half a century since he joined The Pioneer Trio, which soon became the Sons of the

saluted May 18 on CBS in a twohour special called "Country Comes Home." Roy will be on hand, the only original member of the group which still goes on looking for cool, clear water amid the tumblin' tumbleweeds.

Keep singing, Roy. I love ya, podner

("Playing for Time," the controversial drama by Arthur Miller about the Holocaust, first shown in 1980, will rerun on CBS May 17. The program was controversial because of its star, Vanessa Redgrave, who portrays a Jew but who personally has supported Palestinian causes.)

Bishops offer challenge (from 6)

meeting suggested that the major problem the few opponents of the pastoral may have hadand certainly the major reservation a number of its supporters had-was not with the pastoral's conclusions about defense policy

RATHER, IT WAS concern over the confusion surrounding the pastoral's teaching authority and the degree to which its various statements were binding on the consciences of

In an effort to resolve the problem the pastoral's drafting committee made extensive changes between the second and third drafts of the document in order to try to spell out clearly which statements were fundamental moral principles or matters of church teaching that are binding on all Catholics and which statements were non-binding prudential moral judgments, based on extensive study of the facts in light of the moral principles but subject to honest disagreement

The resolution still left many bishops uncomfortable and concerned that their people would be confused.

On the one hand the bishops were clearly committed not to overreach their authority and create an unacceptable moral burden for people by appearing to bind consciences without adequate reason. On the other, they appeared uneasy that by repeatedly qualifying their judgments they might seem to be saying, in effect, "This is just one viewpoint with no more particular merit than any other. You can agree or disagree as you please

Late in the meeting Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of San Angelo, Texas, introduced an amendment seeking to clarify the issue

Adopted overwhelmingly by the bishops after being slightly modified in the discussion, it said that "the moral judgments that we make in specific cases, while not binding in conscience, are to be given serious attention and consideration by Catholics as they determine whether their moral judgments are consistent with the Gospel."

The approved language highlighted traditional church teaching both on the role of conscience, sincerely and properly formed in the light of the Gospel and church teaching, and on the special office of bishops as moral teachers whose considered views, even when

not presented as binding church teaching, challenge a person in a special way to restudy whether his own views are truly formed by and in accord with the Gospel or are more influenced by more secular considerations.

That is the fundamental challenge of the bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace to . American Catholics

It is a challenge based on several years of study and prayer by bishops who tried to say what it means to observe one of the 10 Commandments in today's world: "Thou shalt not

Milwaukee publisher receives award

PHILADELPHIA (NC)-Ethel M. Gintoft, associate publisher-executive editor of The Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, received the St. Francis de Sales award May 6 at the 73rd convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United State and Canada. Mrs. Gintoft, immediate past president of the CPA, was the first woman to head the group and only the second woman to serve on its board when she was elected in 1971. In being nominated for the award, Mrs. Gintoft was cited as a "trailbreaker for women in Catholic jour-

'Aid Cambodians,' says U.S. bishop

CHICAGO (NC)-With the threat to the lives of tens of thousands of Cambodian refugees as "an immediate and brutal reality," the United States should move more quickly to clear up bureaucratic red tape and aid them, Auxiliary Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Brooklyn, N.Y., said May 4. Bishop Bevilacqua, chairman of the bishops' oversight committee for Migration and Refugee Services, spoke at a Chicago press conference following a meeting of his committee after the bishops' had gathered to debate and vote on the war and peace pastoral. Bishop Bevilacqua said the government should move swiftly especially to help resettle "the most fragile portions of the refugee population, the unaccompanied minors.



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'Something Wicked' may bring back nightmares

If you were one of those sensitive children who were frightened more than you were entertained at carnivals, then the latest film in the Disney renaissance, Ray Bradbury's "Something Wicked This Way Comes," is calculated to bring back all the nightmares

Bradbury is the venerable sci-fi genius whose bizarre tales—"I Sing the Body Electric," "The Illustrated Man," "The Martian Chronicles," among many others-often have a moral cutting edge. They are stories, sometimes of horror but always of the imagination, designed to provoke goose-bumps of thinking persons with an educated sense of good and evil.

"Wicked" ought to be a hair-raiser, because it combines one of Bradbury's creepiest ideas (translated to film via his own screenplay) and the crafty direction of Jack Clayton, the British veteran who is the absolute master both of intellectual horror films involving children and of eeric

feelings that have to do with old buildings and strange environments. His 1963 film of "The Turning of the Screw," called "The Innocents," remains the landmark in the kids-threatened-by-demons genre. (Like "Psycho," it was in lugubrious black-and-

The new movie isn't quite are loaded with maniacal that good or subtle, but it has special effects designed to turn two or three smashing scenes, the spine to ice which are two or three above the normal quota these days. is also about childhood night- pretentiousness, mares coming true. Both films overkill, a density that is often

"WICKED" is considerably deeper in moral profundity, but The most obvious recent it also suffers from Bradbury's relative is "Poltergeist," which typical faults-literary symbolic

bewildering. In brief, it's not always easy to know what's going on, or what it means.

Basically, "Wicked" is about a sinister traveling carnival (Dark's Pandemonium) which makes a strange October visit to a typical mid-America small town in the 1930's. Its ringmaster, the handsomely Satanic Mr. Dark (young British actor Jonathon Pryce), traps people-what ultimately becomes of them is never quite clear, but it's something unspeakable-by granting their fondest wishes.

None of the wishes seem terribly evil—the town barber is lonely for women, a crippled bartender is a frustrated football star, a homely old school teacher becomes a beautiful blonde, etc.-but one suspects that in exchange they have (off camera) bartered their souls.

Two young boys, Will and Jim (Vidal Peterson, Shawn Carson), learn what's going on, and thus become the object of Dark's menacing pursuit. Ultimately they are defended by Will's aging father (Jason Robards, in another top role), the town librarian, a classic underdog who overcomes his own secret desire (to become young again) long enough to triumph through a sort of apocalyptic miracle. Dark and his circus, for some reason, are vulnerable to thunderstormswhich may of course, symbolize the power of the Almighty.

THERE are only oblique religious references in this film, mostly in murky dialog exchanges between Dark and the father. But Dark is clearly up to the old devil-ish trick of seducing people by making them dissatisfied with what and

goodness is the love between father and son (the Moms here are not strong characters), aided not only by the weather but a queerly symbolic itinerant salesman who sells lightning rods that channel the forces of rature to benevolent purposes.

"Wicked" resembles "The Wizard of Oz" in at least one way: it could all be a child's dream, in which the ordinary folks (and events) of Will's daily life are transformed, with the people playing fantasy roles connected to their dominant character traits.

Otherwise, the tone is super-Twilight Zone." Provocative Pam Grier (as the Dust Witch) plays an eerie assistant demon with a menagerie of pet tarantulas, set loose on the kids in a major scene of Hitchcockian terror: there is a carousel with the power to turn time forward or backward, and a circus train that roars through the night with absolutely nobody on it.

While the best dramatic scene is a crackling, beautifully staged confrontation with Dark in the public library (he keeps tearing out the pages of a book as he offers to take years off Robards' life if he surrenders), there is a spectacular climax in the Maze of Mirrors recalling the classic ending of Welles "Lady From Shanghai."

In the end, "Wicked" may not be totally coherent or satisfying, but it provokes thought and gives back your money's worth in thrills. A bargain, but definitely not for young children frightened by carnivals.

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