



PEACE PARK PRAYER—nother Teresa of Calcutta says a prayer after laying a wreath at the Hiroshima atomic bomb victims memorial at Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan. Mother Teresa paid a week-long visit to Japan to appeal for world peace and refugee relief. (NC photo from UPI)

Theologian sees new ecumenical era

by Richard Cain

In the new era of conservatism, the ecumenical movement will not die, but take on a broader, more practical character, said Methodist theologian and historian Dr. Albert C. Outler. He gave the Third Peter Ainslie Lecture on Christian Unity Monday, Dec. 3, at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Outler served as one of the Protestant observers at the Second Vatican Council. Since 1965, he has been a member of the international bilateral dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara and Msgr. Raymond Bosler, director of the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenism, participated respectively in the prayer service and workshops which preceded the lecture.

The old ecumenical movement was inspired by a more liberal age, Outler said. But with the advent of a more conservative age, the ecumenical movement has lost some of its early bloom. "Nowadays we are counseled more of the necessity of patience than warned of the danger of apathy."

But this should not be cause for pessimism, Outler said. "I offer it as a thesis that there is . . . a new (ecumenical) climate." The old order ecumenism came from the leaders of the various Christian denominations and was concerned with resolving the controveries of the Reformation. The new order ecumenism has the 21st century, not the 16th century in mind.

It is more spontaneous, more realistic and modest, and less attached to ideological antitheses.

The brightest news is the growing concern for unity among the laity, Outler (See NEW ERA on page 17)

Imput invited for pastoral letter

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Archbishop Edward T. O'Mearahas expressed his desire to hear from the people before he makes his suggestions to the committee that will prepare the second draft of the letter. His suggestions must be submitted by Feb. 15, so he is asking those who have comments to make to send them before Jan. 15.

Copies of the first draft of the letter can be purchased from The Criterion for \$3.50 per copy. Enclosed with the copies will be a form which can be used to make specific suggestions for each chapter of the letter.

Forms with suggestions and comments should be returned to The Chancery, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1400 N. Meridian St., P. O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. The Criterion is at the same address.

Scientists issue statement on nuclear arms race

NOTRE DAME—Improvement of the technical sophistication of nuclear weaponry, including space deployment, will not lead to global security, an ad hoc group of internationally known religious leaders and scientists has declared.

At a Nov. 26 press conference, Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, read a statement issued Nov. 23 by 30 religious leaders and scientists at the close of their five-day meeting in Bellagio, Italy.

"The building of more nuclear weapons and the improvement of their technical sophistication are not the path to global security," the statement read. "There is no hope that a technical 'breakthrough' such as weapons systems in space will provide clear superiority or significant protection."

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The meeting, the third such gathering of religious leaders and scientists, was sponsored by the International Council of Scientific Unions and the University of Notre Dame's Interfaith Academy of Peace. It attracted representatives from 11 countries. Twenty-three of the 30 participants were from five major nuclear powers—the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and China.

THE STATEMENT, issued both at Notre Dame and in Moscow, said, "Apart from its other hideous and imaginable consequences, a nuclear war could set in motion calamitous climactic and other environmental changes over large areas of the globe and attendant ecological diseator."

It continued: "Our central purpose and proximate endeavor must be to reduce international tensions (particularly between the Soviet Union and the United States), to develop more effective cooperative efforts for dealing with our common human problems and interests, and to bring a greater measure of justice and peace to the whole world."

The religious leaders and scientists called for "immediate escalation downward instead of upward."

FATHER HESBURGH said the scientists lent their expertise to the meetings, while religious leaders brought a moral perspective to the discussions. He added that there is a growing consensus among the two groups that something must be done to avoid a nuclear confrontation.

"We will either eliminate nuclear weapons or they will eliminate us," he said.

The first of the three meetings held so far was of representatives of 20 national or regional academies of science, including one-fourth from the Soviet bloc. They met in Vatican City under the auspices of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in September 1982. Their statement condemning nuclear weapons and calling upon nations possessing them to renounce first use was subsequently endorsed in a January 1983 meeting in Vienna attended by religious leaders from the Anglican, Catholic, Coptic, Muslim, Orthodox and Protestant traditions.

Father Hesburgh, who has been involved in planning all three meetings, commented, "The hope is that this growing consensus of scientists and religious leaders, virtually unprecedented since Galileo, will affect those who make or influence political policy."

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Statement urges Reagan to do more for Ethiopia

by Alexa Steele

WASHINGTON (NC)— U.S. religious leaders and members of Congress urged President Reagan Nov. 29 to use his full powers to provide more emergency food aid to starving masses in Ethiopia and other African countries.

Eighteen Catholic bishops were among those who signed a statement read at a Washington news conference organized by Bread for the World.

Auxiliary Bishop P. Francis Murphy of Baltimore, who participated in the conference, said he had a "deep sense of hope" in the "generosity of the American people."

The bishop illustrated the

The bishop illustrated the plight of Africa compared to the wealth of the West by drawing on the biblical story of the rich man and Lazarus.

He said Jesus didn't condemn the rich man for being wealthy, but for ignoring the needs of others.

"Five million African children will die and five million more will be permanantly disabled by malnutrition," said the Rev. C. J. Malloy, general secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Mr. Malloy said he will at (See CALL on page 20)

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FROM THE EDITOR

Enforce constitutional laws against obscenity

Since I last wrote about pornography in this column (Sept. 21 issue), there have been at least two developments in that part of the state served by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. In Richmond, the Eleventh Street Bookstore, owned by Mickey's Books Inc. of Indianapolis,

pleaded guilty to a charge of distributing obscene matter. And in Indianapolis, federal judge Sarah Evans Barker declared un-constitutional the city's ordinance banning pornography as a form of sex discrimination.

Debate about the Indianapolis ordinance will continue in the courts because the city-county ad-ministration has said that it will appeal the decision. Frankly, it's my personal opinion that the appeal will fail. I also believe, though, that the ordinance is un

necessary because pornography can be controlled with existing laws that have been found to be constitutional, if only we would start enforcing those laws.

I do agree with the theory behind the ordinance-that pornography is a form of sex discrimination. It so com-pletely exploits and degrades women that I have long wondered why feminists tolerate it. You would think that they would be the first to complain about it and that they would be leading the fight to put an end to it. This would seem to be an issue about which all women would agree. both the feminists and those who see no need to be

In Richmond, it is good to see Wayne County Prosecutor Gerald Surface trying to do something about pornography. The guilty plea by the Eleventh Street Bookstore was the result of a plea bargain under which the store would be fined \$3,000 if the plea agreement is accepted by judge J. Brandon Griffis. A previous case against the bookstore ended in acquittal because the deputy prosecutor in that case failed to establish a community stardard. Prosecutor Surface was determined to do that in this case.

The establishment of community standards is imtant in pornography cases because of the court's definition of obscenity. This goes back to a 1973 Supreme Court decision (Miller vs. California) which said that material is obscene if:

l.) the average person, applying contemporary adult community standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

2.) the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, or masturbation, excretory functions, lewd exhibition of the genitals, or sado-masochistic sexual abuse: and

3.) the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Defense attorneys in pornography cases often try to establish the fact that the local "contemporary adult community standards" permit their client's material. The attorneys do this by showing that a lot of people are buying the stuff, therefore it must not offend their stan-

This is a strong argument that must be countered by showing a number of complaints from citizens of the community. In Richmond, Surface got two librarians and a theater manager to testify that they did not stock or exhibit the sort of material alleged to be obscene because the public was not interested.

Contrary to what some people try to tell us, por-nography and obscenity are not protected as free speech

under our constitution. Numerous Supreme Court decisions have upheld that "obscenity is not free speech." In 1973, it said: "This much has been categorically settled by the court, that obscene material is unprotected by the First Amendment.

Chief Justice Warren Berger stated: "To equate the free and robust exchange of ideas and political debate with commercial exploitation of obscene material demeans the grand conception of the First Amendment and its high purposes in the historic struggle for freedom. The protection given speech and press was fashioned to assure unfettered interchange of ideas for the bringing about of political and social changes desired by the people. But the public portrayal of hard-core sexual conduct for its own sake, and for the ensuing commercial gain, is a different matter.'

Since the courts have established that obscenity is not protected as free speech, its task was to define obscenity, and that's what it attempted to do with the three-part test.

(While obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment, those who picket bookstores and theaters are. They are exercising their rights to free speech, peaceable assembly, and to petition for a redress of grievances.)

The state of Indiana has a new law, that went into effeet last March, that is proving effective in combating pornography. The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) law was changed to allow prosecution of corporations as well as individuals considered of sulling absence motivating. Feet Warns in victed of selling obscene materials. Fort Wayne immediately used that law to close several bookstores and

The laws are on the books, but aren't being enforced, just as the laws forbidding bingo are enforced only when there are complaints. We happen to believe that pornography is a much more serious crime than bingo

Pastoral Councils Office to be a resource

by Jim Jachimiak

What's in a name? Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe feels that the name of the office she heads says it all.

Sister Tighe became director of the newly created archdiocesan Office for Pastoral Councils on Oct. 1.

The word is "for," not "of," she points out. And it's "pastoral councils," not "parish councils."

Those distinctions indicate the direction the office will take. First, Sister Tighe notes, her role is not to dictate policy to the councils, but to be a resource for them. And second, her role is not limited to the parish Two deaneries have established pastoral councils, and an archdiocesan pastoral council has been discussed.

The mission of her office, as Sister Tighe sees it, is to further the development of pastoral councils at all three levels

To accomplish that, she has established a number of goals and objectives for her first year in the office.

Her first goal is to introduce the office to

the 11 deaneries of the archdiocese and to **MOVING?**

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hear their concerns, expectations and questions.

She also plans to meet with Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara and the chairman of the Council of Priests to discuss their concerns

To introduce the office to the deaneries she has begun a series of workshops in each deanery with representatives of parish

At each one, Sister Tighe meets with parish councils from about four parishes. During the workshops, council members discuss "what makes them effective and what makes them faithful to the Gospel.

Five of these meetings have already been held-in the Indianapolis South, Indianapolis West, Batesville, Bloomington and New Albany deaneries. After one workshop has been held in each deanery, ster Tighe will repeat them until each interested parish has participated.

In addition, she says, "I am working with four parishes which are just in the process of forming new councils. They have had parish consultors and they are thinking about moving into the establishment of parish councils.

Sister Tighe has also met with both deanery pastoral councils in the



Sister Marie Kevin Tighe

chdiocese-one in the Connersville Deanery and one in the Seymour Deanery

What I have learned from reading their minutes is that they are beginning to have a good inter-parochial com-munication and collaboration," Sister Tighe says. She adds, "They began on their own initiative but have now invited the office to be helpful to them."

During the first year in office, Sister Tighe expects to respond to specific needs at the parish and deanery levels only when requested to do so. She feels that education is now her primary responsibility.

One aspect of that education involves studying the theory and practice of

Schroeder attended Meinrad The monks of St. Meinrad Archabbey

are praying for a former student who has recently received international attention. The former student is William J. Schroeder, an alumnus of St. Meinrad Seminary, who recently received an artificial heart.

According to Benedictine Father Joachim Walsh, a former high school teacher who is now chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Huntingburg, Bill Schroeder was active in sports during his years at St. Meinrad (Sept. 9, 1946-June 7, 1949). In 1946 the school paper, Campus Chatter, referred to his exploits as a freshman football player. Father Walsh also remembers him

a very generous person who was always illing to help others.

Benedictine Father Kevin Ryan, who taught him physics, said he remembers Bill participating in rabbit hunts organized by the seminary's students. Any rabbits that the students caught were given to Brother Beno, who was the seminary's head cook in those days, and Brother Beno would fry the rabbit and send it out to the dining room to be served to the student who caught it.

Benedictine Father Vincent Tobin, former classmate, says that Bill found it hard to get up in the morning. In those days high school students at St. Meinrad rose at 5:30 a.m., so it's not surprising that Bill Schroeder found it hard to get out of bed. pastoral councils in the Catholic Church in the United States as a whole

But an even more important aspect for Sister Tighe involves learning about pastoral councils locally. By the end of the first year, she says, "I expect to have a clear picture of the current reality and practice of parish pastoral councils throughout the archdiocese. And from that knowledge, I expect to enable the Office for Pastoral Councils to be a greater resource to parishes throughout the archdiocese.'

adds, "I really don't think everything can happen the first year. It's a time for gathering and learning and determining the expectations of councils and pastors regarding this office."

By early next summer, however, she hope to begin the first draft of a set of guidelines for pastoral councils at the parish and deanery levels.

But for now, she says, "I'm happy with the interest people have shown. I'm finding people eager and enthusiastic about contributing to the lives of their parishes through their work on the councils."

O'Meara on CRS trip to Far East

Indianapolis Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara left Thursday, Dec. 6, for a two-week trip to the Far East on behalf of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

He flew first to Japan where he coped to visit the Peace Shrine at Hiroshima. He will then visit the Philippines and Indonesia to see the work being done in those countries by CRS. He will meet with church leaders and CRS staff to discuss relief efforts and problems.

CRS is the international relief organization of the U.S. bishops that has been much in the news because of its aid to Ethiopia. It also conducts programs in most of the rest of the

Archbishop O'Meara has long been a member of the board of directors of CRS and he presently serves as its

What black Catholics offer to the local church

by Richard Cain First in a series.

To many in the Catholic Church, black Catholics are all but invisible and their contributions and potential mostly go unnoticed. Yet, numbering more than one million, black Catholics make up one of the largest black Christian denominations in the country.

Blacks have had a long and deep in-

Blacks have had a long and deep involvement with the building of the Catholic Church in America. In the words of the America black bishops: "If the story of America is told with honesty and clarity, we must all recognize the role that blacks have played in the growth of this country... What is true of our national history is even truer of American Catholic history... Blacks... built the churches, tilled church lands and labored with those who labored in spreading the Gospel. From the earliest period of the church's history in our land, we have been the hands and the arms that helped build the church...."

For blacks in general, the church community has held an especially important place in their lives. In a land where most social institutions have been dominated by the white majority, the black churches have been the only institutions blacks could call their own.

The Biblical message of bondage and deliverance delivered from the pulpit has been for them not only a record of God's activity in a bygone age, but a lived reality and hope. The message has penetrated deeply into their culture, finding its expression in story and song.

Blacks have also looked to their black ministers for leadership in the cause of justice and in improving their quality of life. It is no accident that among blacks the civil rights movement had its origins in the black churches.

But in the American Catholic Church, blacks have tended to remain in the background. Descendants of immigrants themselves, white American Catholics have been slow to realize the immigrant nature of the black Catholic community still struggling to assume a truly equal place in the life of the church as well as in American society. Significant strides have been made. One important sign of the present maturity of the black Catholic community is the voice of the 10 black bishops. Their recent pastoral letter on evangelization is an attempt to bring to the attention of the church the gifts of the black Catholic community and a call for a more complete participation of black Catholics in the life of the church and its mission to share the Gospel with the whole world.

This article, the first in a series, will look at the contributions the local black Catholic community has made and can make to the life of the archdiocese in light of the black bishops' pastoral. A second article will look at the needs of the local black Catholic community and its potential for growth within the church.

IT IS A measure of the challenge facing the black Catholic community that the black bishops in writing their first pastoral letter together felt the need to begin by affirming that black Catholics have something to offer the church.

"So often when blacks are discussed in the press, it is in the context of particular problems," Auxiliary Bishop James P. Lyke of Cleveland, one of the authors of the document, said in a telephone interview. "But there is another side of black people that needed to be shared. What we wrote about were the gifts that the black Catholic community has and can share with the church."

The gifts any particular community has to offer the universal church arise from that community's culture and also from how that community's experience of the Catholic faith finds its expression within that culture. It was this gift of faith experienced through a particular culture that Pope Paul VI appealed for when he said to the African bishops, "You must now give your gifts of blackness to the whole church."

Inspired by Pope Paul's challenge to the African church, the American black bishops have now issued that challenge to the black Catholic community in America. "We believe that the Holy Father has laid a challenge before us to share the gift of our



Bishop James Lyke

blackness with the church in the United States."

The first gift the black Catholic community here has to offer is its deep religious commitment. "For the black person, many times their relationship to God is first, even over family," said Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels Church in Indianapolis and director of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.

Because of their often uncertain and sometimes precarious economic and social situation, black Catholics know what it means to be dependent on God. To them the church offers not only the promise of heaven but help for daily life. "It has been our support system that keeps us going from one day to the next," said Janet Watkins, vice president of Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned and cochairperson of St. Monica's evangelization team.

Being a minority both within the church and within the black community, black Catholics more often than other ethnic or religious groups must choose and rechoose their faith. Black Catholics choose to remain with the church despite the fact that their needs often go unmet because the dominant community in the church has different needs.

Black Catholics also choose to remain with the church despite the fact that the Catholic Church is identified with the white establishment in the minds of many blacks. Black Catholics are challenged with the question "How can you be both black and Catholic?"

A second gift black Catholics have to offer is their joy and enthusiasm. "The majority of the black people are emotional people," said Watkins. This enthusiasm finds a natural expression in the liturgy, particularly in its music.

"Joy is a hallmark of black spirituality," the bishops said in their letter. "Joy is first of all celebration. Celebration is movement and song, rhythm and feeling, color and sensation, exultation and thanksgiving."

As with any ethnic group, black Catholics find the liturgy more meaningful when it includes elements from their culture. "Holy Angels (one of three predominantly black parishes in Indianapolis) is really special because we don't feel left out," said Doris Campbell, a convert. "We can include some of our heritage in the liturgy, especially the music. Everyone can participate."

Besides Holy Angels, several other parishes in Indianapolis have been active in developing gospel choirs, among them St. Bridget and St. Rita. To create a better awareness of what is going on in black Catholic liturgy locally, Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned recently hosted a City-Wide Catholic Gospel Concert.

THE ENTHUSIASM of black Catholics has also found outlets locally in the area of service. In 1975 Father Arthur Kelly, a Divine Word priest from Jamaica, started a teen club at St. Rita's in Indianapolis that attracted 500 inner-city youth the first year. Later he converted an abandoned school on Roosevelt Avenue into the St. Nicholas Youth Organization which he runs on a shoestring.

In 1969 Benedictine Father Boniface (See BLACK CATHOLICS on page 19)

Bishop Chatard born 150 years ago this week

by Michael Widner

How many people think of school or football when the name Chatard is mentioned? Or how many people, especially those who don't live in the Indianapolis area yet are part of the archdiocese, have a question mark on their faces when the name Chatard is mentioned? How many people know the name of the man who was bishop of Indianapolis longer than anyone before or since? Or how many people know the name of the man who moved the See from Vincennes to Indianapolis?

Although our sesquicentennial year has come to a close, our "Journey of Faith" continues. One of the major figures in that journey was a man named Francis Silas Marean Chatard. He was the fifth bishop of Vincennes, the first bishop of Indianapolis, and our spiritual leader for 40 years.

Francis Silas Chatard was born in Baltimore on Dec. 13, 1834, the same year the Diocese of Vincennes was established. At birth he was given the name Silas Marean, after his maternal grandfather. Silas was the oldest of eight children. Both his father and his paternal grandfather were physicians and Silas chose the same profession for himself.

He attended Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md., the same place where our first bishop, Simon Brute, had taught theology. After completing his studies he went on to medical school at the University of Maryland. After graduation in 1853 he practiced medicine at the Baltimore City Alms House.

By 1857 he had decided to enter the seminary. Archbishop Kenrick of Baltimore chose to send him to Rome for his studies and it was during his stay there that his brother, Francis, drowned in



Bishop Francis Silas Chatard

Baltimore harbor. It was apparently at this time that Silas adopted the name of his brother, for when he was ordained a priest in 1862 the name "Francis Silas" appeared on the ordination certificate.

After his ordination he remained in Rome and was named the first vice-rector of the North American College. In 1868 he became the second rector, succeeding William George McCloskey, who had been named bishop of Louisville.

During the First Vatican Council in 1870, Francis arranged for many of the American bishops to stay at the college. In his journal he noted those who had stayed with him and among them was Bishot Maurice de St. Palais, his predecessor.

The North American College had never been on solid financial ground because of unrest in Italy. During his time as rector, Chatard went a long way toward making it solvent. His record at the college led many American bishops to recommend him for the See of Richmond, Va. It had been vacated by Bishop James Gibbons, who had been appointed archbishop of Baltimore. Gibbons apparently felt that Chatard's talents were better used at the college so his name was not submitted for the vacant See.

In an attempt to make the college solvent, Chatard came to the United States in 1878. During the fund-raising tour, Pope Pius IX died and was succeeded by Leo XIII. By the time Chatard arrived back in Rome, Leo had appointed him bishop of Vincennes. He was consecrated in Rome on May 12, 1878, and, before he left for the United States, he secured permission to move the See from Vincennes to Indianapolis.

Chatard arrived in Vincennes in August of 1878. After spending a few days there he went on to St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute and then on to Indianapolis, where he took up residence at St. John's Church. However, the title of the See was not changed to Indianapolis until 1898.

While he was bishop of Vincennes, Chatard helped to found numerous parishes, schools and institutions throughout the diocese. He also gained national recognition because of his condemnation of so-called "secret societies" which eventually became the basis for our modern-day labor unions. Chatard and a number of other bishops, led by Archbishop Michael Corrigan of New York, felt that many of these societies subverted

Catholicism with their secret handshakes and oaths.

It is interesting for us now to look back on that time and realize that most of those so-called secret societies were in no way a threat to the faith. However, at that time, the concern was real and Chatard was at the forefront.

Under Chatard's leadership the church of Indianapolis grew and made the leap from the 19th to the 20th century. Among other things, Chatard saw the need for a central church and began the building of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. He died on Sept. 7, 1918. His body is was buried in the crypt of the cathedral and later moved to Calvary Cemeters.

\$120,000 collected for Ethiopia

More than \$120,000 has been collected by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to help relieve the famine in Ethiopia.

As of Nov. 30, donations of \$120,954

As of Nov. 30, donations of \$120,954 had been made to the chancery for an emergency relief fund for Ethiopia, said Pat Brown of the archdiocesan Business Office. She noted that about half of that amount was the result of individual contributions, while the other half was raised by parishes in the archdiocese

The funds are being forwarded to Ethiopia through Catholic Relief Services. There is no way of determining how much was sent directly to CRS from the archdiocese.

COMMENTARY

Some wary of tax reform

by Liz S. Armstrong

Buried among the complex details comprising the U.S. Treasury Department's tax reform plan are proposals which could bring unsettling financial news to charities and donors alike.

"It's not bad news; it's horrible news Horrendous," said Bob Smucker, vice president for government relations at Independent Sector, a coalition of non-profit interest charitable groups. He estimated the plan, if implemented, could precipitate a 20-25 percent reduction in charitable con-

tributions nationwide, or a loss of some \$13 billion.

Causing particular charitable groups are suggestions to:

►Only allow a tax deduction for

charitable contributions for that portion of the taxpayer's donations exceeding two percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income, and

►Drop permanently the charitable deduction now allowed, at least on a temporary basis, to taxpayers who do not

A taxpayer with an adjusted gross in-come of \$25,000 who usually gives \$1,200 a year to charity could no longer deduct the whole \$1,200. Under the new plan, the taxpayer could only use \$700 for deduction purposes—the difference between \$500, which is two percent of that taxpayer's income, and the \$1,200 donated to charity.

Similarly, a taxpayer with \$50,000 adjusted gross income would have to donate more than \$1,000 to charity before he or she could claim a deduction.

The tax plan, unveiled by Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and received with lukewarm response by the White House, some congressional leaders, and public interest groups, is aimed at simplifying and reforming the often-confusing American tax system. It would decrease the more than a dozen categories of tax rates now used to three rate categories: 15 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent.

As foreseen by the plan, average Americans' taxes would drop by 8.5 percent. While the corporate world would see its rate drop as well, from 46 percent to 33 percent, corporate loopholes and shelters would be cut back or dropped altogether, meaning the corporate sector overall would pay more in taxes than under the current

The poor might fare better. With the revised system, families below the official poverty level would generally pay no taxes. For example, a family of four in 1986 with an income of about \$11,500 would not pay taxes until its income rose by \$300 to \$11,800. The existing system might tax such a family, even if its income were below or comparable to official poverty levels, although some poor already are excused from paying taxes.

Another proposed change with possible ramifications for the poor-outside of the changes in charitable contribution deductions-would be an end to deductions for taxpayers' payments of local and state taxes. As some analysts suggested, this could adversely affect city and state services by forcing states and localities to lower taxes to help taxpayers cope with the burden imposed by loss of the deduction.

Smucker, whose Independent Sector represents such non-profit public interest and charitable organizations as the U.S. Catholic Conference, National Conference of Catholic Charities, American Red Cross and National Wildlife Federation, said the proposed tax changes come at a time when

the voluntary sector is already being called upon to do more for the disadvantaged se of federal budget cutbacks.

This "flies right in the face of strengthening the private sector," he said. "Quite clearly, the two-percent threshold will have a substantial impact on what small and moderate contributors will said Mathew H. Ahmann, associate director for governmental relations for the National Conference of Catholic Charities. With the two-percent rule, "the impact on charitable groups will be severe."



Bishops call Catholics to be poverty-busters

by Dick Dowd

When my four-year-old daughter, Meaghan, asked me out of a clear blue sky after I returned from the U.S. bishops meeting in Washington, "Who you gonna call?" I said, seriously, "I wasn't planning

to call anybody."
"No, no," I was advised, sotto voce, by Mary, the collegian. "The answer is Ghostbusters."

I think many readers of the first draft of the the U.S. bishops will be equally unaware and surprised being called by the pastoral to be "poverty-busters" in a

pastoral to be "poverty positive, constructive way.

It is one thing to criticize the bishops and their work (all of us are usually up to that), but a serious Catholic Christian, especially one with some influence in society, cannot get away so easily this time.

There are already a number of voices which are attempting to blunt the effect of the pastoral with off-hand, clever ripostes.

In fact, a faithful response from you, me

and the bishops could mean a change in lifestyle not only for us, but for the whole church in the United States as well-such a change as would astonish the critics both at home and abroad.

Five different "economic agents" are cited as the major power sources being challenged by the bishops to defeat poverty and reform economic institutions in our

Many of us belong to at least one of the

power groups.
Group I: Working People and Labor
Unions. People "have a duty to work" and
both "workers and unions" have responalso "to society as a whole."

Group II: Managers, Investors,
Businesses, Banks. A pair of fundamental

principles: "No one can ever own (economic) resources absolutely or use them without regard for others." "No one is justified in keeping for his exclusive use what he does not need when others lack

Group III: Citizens and Government. "Government has a positive moral func-tion" to protect "basic rights, ensuring economic justice for all." This does not mean a top-down, all-powerful government but each level of government, beginning at

the bottom, does what it can first before asking the next level to play a role

Group IV: International Economic Actors. The "good of the whole human family" should be the goal of multinationals. Both peacemaking (the U.N.) and growthmaking (economic development) international organizations need our support.

Group V: Consumers. Conspicuous consumption is the code word. Such wild consumption "threatens the well-being of obligations of stewardship," say the bishops. Decency sets limits both to "consumption and the accumulation of

Finally, Group VI: The Church. "All the moral principles that govern the just operation of any economic endeavor apply the church and its agencies and institutions.'

We are reminded that while Jesus blessed the poor, "he did not teach that degrading poverty is somehow a blessed condition." We, no less than the early Christians, are called upon to "relinquish our goods in the service of our "brothers

It was 13 years ago when Pope Paul VI (See POVERTY-BUSTERS on page 6)

A reminder of our economic responsibility by Richard B. Scheiber

It's entertaining to watch political cartoonists and columnists react to things the American Catholic bishops say.

For example, earlier this year, when certain individual

bishops pointed out the idiocy of the stance of candidates for office who say they believe abortion is wrong but can't (or won't) do anything about it because it is the law of the land, com-mentators of a more liberal persuasion heatedly attacked the



bishops for "meddling in politics." They more or less ignored the bishops' continuing call for justice for the poor, even though that call fit better with their own (the liberals') professed agenda.

Now the bishops have issued the first draft of a pastoral letter on capitalism, which acknowledges its strong points but, in reminding us again of our obligation to the poor and hungry, also spotlights the system's weak points. Suddenly, the spokesmen for the conservative side are upset with the bishops, once again for 'meddling in politics.'

Then there are the truly vicious commentators like the political cartoonist of the Chicago Tribune, MacNeeley, who manages to portray the bishops as craven on both the pro-life and justice issues, in a cartoon showing a bishop in full regalia, mitre, crozier and all, holding a "poverty report" while descending from a flagdraped political podium with a huge "anti-abortion" label, talking to a poverty-stricken person and saying, "Now that the election hoopla has died down, let's have a quiet chat about your problem.

From what I've read, there is much that is arguable in the bishops' capitalism letter. That's to be expected, first because it is a first draft subject to many changes, and second because the bishops themselves point out they are not professional economists. Thank heaven for that, considering the track record of professional economists over the years!

This is a long, complicated letter on a tremendously complex subject. In its present form, it is half again as long as the peace pastoral, so it's doubtful it will be a best-seller, and will probably have all the pizzazz of an economics textbook. But it will touch some nerves. Proof of that is that a group of conservative Catholics put out their own parallel statement on capitalism before the first draft of the letter was released, which is a bit like a critic who pans a Broadway show a week before opening night.

But if you look back over recent bishops' statements on conditions in this incredibly marvelous country of ours, with its political and economic system that has brought more good to more people than any other, you'll find certain things stand out. In fact. you'll find these things stand out in statements that have been issued since bishops' statements began to be issued on

1.) In an affluent society such as ours, it is wrong to let people go hungry, poorly housed and poorly fed.

2.) It is wrong to take innocent, defenseless life at any stage.

3.) Justice and peace, both at home and throughout the world, are everybody's

Summed up, these amount to the truth we all know, that we are our brothers' keepers. It is the job of religious leaders to keep reminding us of that, because too often, left to our own devices, we tend to

It's no fun to have someone help us discover we may have failed in what the Lord taught us was the foundation stone of our lives as Christians-love of God and neighbor-and our natural reaction is to say, "Don't blame me. It's someone else's responsibility," when we know better all

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ENCERCAINMENT

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

Touching look at bond between fans and idols

by James W. Arnold

The strange fantasy relationship bet-ween fans and their media idols is usually treated with alarm, scorn or pity, even in movies about the subject (like "The King of Comedy"). If this common teen-age

affliction (hero wor-ship) persists beyond 17 or 18, it qualifies you for a subscription to People magazine and "Entertainment Toniand you're ght. considered a fruitcake by your more rational neighbors.

'Garbo Talks," delightful little York movie with a

blueblood cast, takes a somewhat different view. It suggests that its heroine's lifelong worship of Greta Garbo is a gift. It not only lightens her life from time to time with helpful pleasures, but offers an unexpected final benediction—on her, on her son and on the famous reclusive star herself.

Garbo's spirit haunts this film, but the caroo s spirit naunts this thin, but the real Garbo is never in it, except in evocative clips of her old movies. Late in the show, her character appears (played by Betty Comden), but rarely head-on and never close-up, so that the aura of mystery continues.

Grusin's offbeat screenplay, directed by the reliable Sidney Lumet ("Daniel," "The Verdict"), offers veteran Anne Bancroft as Estelle, the aging Garbo fan. She is also an unreconstructed New Deal liberal whose passion for justice is both touching and warmly comic. She's walvays in a state of outrage about something or other," usually with unassailable, if imprudent, logic.

Thus, early on, Estelle is arrested for shophifting frozen zucchini from a market.

She chose it because it's exactly the cost of money lost on a couple of heads of lettuce which, though already sitting in the store, were marked up because of a sudden shortage in Arizona or someplace (how familiar the gouge to grocery shoppers). She was, of course, using the moral principle the Jesuits used to call "occult compensation.

picket line to attend her son's wedding. In a typical scene, Estelle overhears hardhat construction workers tossing their sexist jibes at females passing in the street below. She commandeers an elevator, rides up to where the steelworkers are having lunch, and tells them off with the nagging wit of a Jewish mother catching her adolescent son with a copy of Playboy.

People who refuse to compromise are difficult to live with, and Estelle has been divorced 10 years by a man who, with some regrets, preferred domestic peace to constant moral crisis. Predictably, her son Gilbert (Ron Silver), a conservative CPA Yuppie, has married a California princess (Carrie Fisher) who is concerned mainly about such heavy matters as suntans and of sales clerks
's. Gilbert is m Bloomingdale's. unassertive and pushed around a lot. But he has no passion to change the world. As Estelle tells him, "If your generation would be a little more active, I could take it a little more easy.

The film is set in motion when Estelle becomes fatally ill. Hospitalized with only months to live, she is stunned but gutsy, and out-of-the-blue says, "I wanna meet Greta Garbo." This sets Gilbert, faithful and loving son, off on a quest that soon becomes an obsession. Garbo is the ultimate in unreachable celebrities. It wasn't for nothing that she became iden-tified with the legenders like at the soon tified with the legendary line, "I vont to be

Thus "Garbo Talks" becomes a bizarre but hugely entertaining detective story as the clumsy Gilbert pursues the ephemeral legend and encounters a brilliant collection of Manhattan eccentrics. Among them: a world-weary photographer (Howard Da Silva) who helps him stalk Garbo's East Side apartment; a frazzled agent (Dorothy Side apartment; a trazzied agent (Dorothy Loudon), whose flat is decorated mostly in cats; a kind, lonely homosexual (Harvey Fierstein) who helps him spot (Garbo's house on Fire Island; and an elderly actress (Hermione Gingold) now struggling to remember her lines in a park production 'Romeo and Juliet.'

Gilbert even gets a job with Fraser and Morris, delivering gourmet food to the affluent, but like Wile E. Coyote in "Roadrunner" cartoons, his plan is doomed to slapstick failure.



CHRISTMAS SPECIALS—Mickey Rooney (top), in his 120th movie, stars as Poppa, a gutsy retired detective who suffers a heart attack after promising his grandson, played gutsy retired detective who suiters a heart attack after promising his grandson, played by Scott Grimes, a Christmas trip to New York. William Griffis plays Santa in the syndicated TV movie, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Jaclyn Smith plays a woman whose husband in his quest for oil plans to blow up the North Pole. Her children, Scott Grimes, R.J. Williams and Laura Jacoby, are endangered along with Santa, played by Art Corpora. "The Night Thou Second Christmae" give Dec. 13 on ABC (NC photos). Ortmes, A.J. wanams and Laura Jacoby, are endangered along with Santa, pia Art Carney. "The Night They Saved Christmas" airs Dec. 13 on ABC. (NC photos)

All this is typical of the best New York films—funny, poignant, honest, a little cynical but basically humane—and Grusin clearly writes in the tradition of Neil Simon, Herb Gardner and Woody Allen. If Silver's Gilbert seems a bit too naive, and the "zaniess" occasionally contrived, they are excusable faults. Director Lumet, whose themes are often somber, here manages to combine humor and impending death in a way that gives each its proper dignity.

The search builds to several superb sequences: Gilbert seizing acting sequences: Gibert Seizing has chance to plead with Garbo, and Estelle's magnificent hospital bed monologue in which she tells the star the story of her life in terms of Garbo's movies, and discovers that they have much in common.

Almost none of Estelle's passions pay off for her, but this one for Garbo does. The

hunger and thirst for justice is, in a small but splendid way, finally filled.

Ultimately, there are no big miracles. Estelle dies (off-screen). But this crazy last quest has illuminated, for her and for us, how deeply our lives are entangled with fantasies that may have begun in the balcony of the Loews Pitkin at age 14. It also allows Gilbert to become more like the son of his spirited mother, and Garbo the chance to break her isolation and comfort the afflicted.

'Garbo' deals with no earth-shattering issues. But it offers likeable people, being brave in difficult circumstances, having good things come of their love and humanity.

(Poignant comedy-drama with lots of uplift; rating due mainly to key use of a vulgar word; satisfactory for adults and mature youth).
USCC classification: A-III, adults.

NBC to air program on draft of bishops' economic pastoral We learn that she refused to cross a

by Henry Herx

NEW YORK (NC)-As part of the NEW YORK (NC)—As part of the process in drafting their pastoral letter on economic justice, the U.S. bishops are seeking further dialogue on the issues addressed. One of the first forums for public discussion of the draft and its ramifications is provided by "The Bishops and the Economy," airing Sunday, Dec. 9, on NBC. (Check local listings for time in your area. Channel 13 in Indianapolis plans to carry the program at 9 a.m.).

The program begins with a brief look at the presentation of the document to the American bishops at their annual general meeting in November. Highlights of the draft's concerns, as well as representative reactions pro and con, are presented. This short piece, using footage provided by the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America, proves an effective introduction to the discussion that follows.

Moderated by NBC News correspondent Robert Abernathy, the panel provides an opportunity for an exchange of views between Archbishop Rembert Weakland of

Milwaukee, chairman of the bishop's committee drafting the pastoral, and Michael Joyce of the Lay Commission on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, which issued its own statement a few days before the bishops did.

Archbishop Weakland begins by putting the draft into context. He says that by examining the history of Catholic teaching on economic justice and its implications on the contemporary economic order, the bishops are exercising their role

Where the letter enunciates Catholic moral tradition, it is authoritative, he continues. But where the draft recom-mends specific solutions to economic inequities, it is done with the realization that there may be other reasoned ap-

Joyce says all Catholics welcome the bishops' attention to the state of the nation's economy and agree with their moral concern about reducing the level of poverty. He points out, however, that there is disagreement about the draft's proposed means to reduce poverty-specifically,

intervention.

Joyce stresses that the draft ignores "the great strides" in economic recovery by the Reagan administration, to which he contrasts the failure of the economic programs of the 1960s.

Archbishop Weakland says the draft considers the present danger to be com-placency, citing as an example "the tendency to accept seven or eight percent unemployment as the norm."

In another context, he points out that the draft takes a "prophetic stance" in calling draft takes a "propnetic stance" in calling attention to the growing disparity between rich and poor, "which should be a danger sign to us" that economic reforms are clearly necessary.

Archbishop Weakland also disassociates the draft from the political arena, saying: "We don't want to be partisan. We're concerned with human dignity, a value everyone can embrace regardless of

The bishops, he says, "can afford to say ese things" because they are not up for these things" election every four years.

Others on the panel include columnist Abigail McCarthy, publisher James Mulholland, AFL-CIO executive Alan Kistler, and Jesuit Father William Byron, economist and president of The Catholic University of America, who analyzes the draft as being "a pro-capitalist letter."

The discussion is far-ranging but is kept The discussion is tar-ranging out is kept sharply focused by Abernathy, who poses searching questions about what the pastoral is saying to the average American. The areas of disagreement are clearly defined, especially about the economic choices this country must make to alleviate poverty.

Produced by Stan Losak, this NBC religious special is an excellent introduction to the open process by which the bishops are drafting their economic pastoral. The questions the program raises are fundamental just as the tensions between economics and morality are real.

This program will help viewers become part of the healthy process initiated by bishops in reassessing the U.S. economic

the Saints





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TO LEARN THAT OUR BLESSED MOTHER
HAD APPEARED IN LOURDES TO A
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to the editor

Bishops should listen to Lincoln

The bishops went to the mountain and returned with a revelation on what to do about the poor and unemployed. How do suggest doing it? Share the wealth and, of course, like Congress has been doing for too many years—throw money at

Maybe they should read what Abraham Lincoln said:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

'You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot lift the wage-earner by

pulling down the wage-payer.

"You cannot help the poor man by

destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income

'You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

"You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

"You cannot help men permanently by

doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Jesus said, "The poor ye shall have with you always." Are the bishops saying that Jesus didn't know what He was talking about? If everyone were equal in wealth, who would do the work?

The bishops would say that I am poor because, by today's standards, I am living below the poverty level, but I wouldn't exchange my lifestyle for the rich man's. I have everything I need and, at 70, I don't need the worries and stress the rich man

Take politics out of poverty and welfare and you have gone a long way toward curing it. Nobody ever said life would be easy, and utopia on earth ended the day Adam and Eve were run out of the Garden

There are plenty of jobs to be had; the problem is getting the unwilling and able to take them. Why work when you have it so easy on welfare and food stamps? The working person pays for it all. John Q. Public has been sharing his earnings with everyone from government on down from time immemorial. David O. Jackson

Knightstown

Priest develops Catholic trivial pursuit game

by Jim Jachimiak

Who was the apostle whom Jesus told to feed his sheep and what does this mean?

What does the color purple symbolize in church?

What does it mean to be pro-life?

If you were able to answer all of those questions correctly, you would be 11 steps closer to the altar in a new Catholic trivia game. If you weren't able to answer them, you might still be in the back pew

The game, "Knowing Your Faith," was developed by Claretian Father Ron Luka of Chicago. Father Luka demonstrated the game during a recent stop in Indianapolis.

The game includes a book of 4 questions and answers in 10 categories Bible Quotes, Bible Facts, Christian Beliefs, Christian Prayer, Christian Living, Other Religions, Religious People, Religious Quotes, Religious Places and Religious Things.

As they answer questions correctly. players move their game pieces toward the altar on a board which represents the inside of a church. The more difficult the question, the more moves are allowed.

So, for example, if you knew that Peter was the apostle Jesus addressed in the first question, and if you knew that Jesus was asking him to care for his church, you would move two spaces toward the altar

Knowing that purple symbolizes penance and waiting is worth only one

But knowing what it means to be pro-life is worth five. The game defines being pro-life as supporting "life and what will enhance it in all circumstances," then cites several examples-abortion, hunger, the arms race, and quality of life in hospitals, prisons and other institutions.

The game has been in preparation for more than two years. Originally, Father Luka notes, he expected it to be purchased primarily by schools and parishes as part of their religious education programs. But for the most part, he said, the game is being used at home to reinforce what is taught in the classroom and prayed in church.

"Living the faith implies much more than just knowing the facts a out it," he observes, "but the knowledge of these facts is a solid foundation for the life of commitment faith calls for

He continues, "This knowledge can be

shared painlessly by playing a game as a family. Religion teachers could assign an hour of game playing a couple of times a week. The hour would certainly be more profitable and possibly just as entertaining as an hour of Pac-Man.

Currently writing and preaching parish missions, Father Luka lives at the Claretian provincialate in Oak Park, Ill.

He holds master's degrees in theology and sociology from the Catholic University of America. His 20 years of priestly ministry have involved work as a college chaplain and professor of religious studies, a diocesan family life director and a parish priest. He has written extensively for national religious publications.

The game is marketed by Marriage and Family Resources. Father Luka describes that as a non-profit educational research agency. "It's small," he adds. "It actually operates out of the basement of my parents' house in Chicago." Besides "Knowing Your Faith," the agency also publishes materials on a variety of topics to be distributed by parishes and institutions.

The game sells for \$9.95 prepaid, and can be obtained from Marriage and Family Resources, 3336 N. Normandy, Chicago, Ill. 60634, 312-685-8739. Quantity discounts are available for schools and religious education programs.

Poverty-busters

(Continued from page 4)

called together the bishops of the world in the second synod of modern times to talk about justice. Them, as now, the bishops were most severe on themselves. This new document repeats that challenge

"While the church is bound to give witness to justice, she recognizes that anyone who ventures to speak to people about justice must first be just in their eyes. Hence we must undertake an examination of the modes of acting and of the possessions and life style found within the church herself." (World Synod, 1971)

"Who you gonna call?" It looks like the bishops have called us, whether we like it or not, and themselves as well, to some pretty hard thoughts abut the way we live and what that means for others in our

CORNUCODIA

Giving a peal for help

by Alice Dailey

If some of those on my Christmas gift list find the pickings a little slimmer this year they can blame it all on those "Dear Mrs. Dailey" appeals that swamp my mailbox

Some of the appeals sound so desperate, even so hypnotic, that I just can't bed down at night without firing off a bit of alms

Others with insipid openings, "May we have a moment of your time?" couldn't hook so as an eye. Substituting something

as corny as "Now just a doggoned minute before throwing this out" would be an improvement. Or even the name-dropping approach used by the media, "Right now, Tom Selleck is probably reading this very same letter." "Elizabeth Taylor is only one of the famous people being offered this great op-portunity," which opportunity is to send

portunity, which opportunity is to send them some of your money. Organizations such as the Christmas seal people, the Christophers, Paralyzed Vets and Covenant House keep bragging about how much my paltry sums have

aided them, so I can't stop now.
The Salesians, unbidden, have kept me in inspirational booklets for years, and even though I needn't pay for anything not consumed with guilt for siphoning off inspiration without sending off remuneration.
Then there are my

projects, Little Sisters of the Poor, Little Portion, Oldenburg, Propagation of the Faith and my good church with its in-parish

organization endeavors. These are top

Maryknoll, Knights of Columbus, Martin de Porres and Lady of the Snows, all "worthy causes," cause me no end of indecision. Should I just pull one out of the

Before coming across as a wimp who can't say no, let it be known that I do employ a certain amount of sales resistance. The March of Dimes will soon learn that my dimes are marching off faster than the credits on a TV screen

And that appeal which for years has used the same photo of a big-eyed, but healthy-looking waif, will get the message that since the kid must be 16 or 17 by now he should be able to earn some of his own keep.

Long before the frost was on the pumpkin, packets of Christmas cards began arriving from Trinity Missions, Seraphic Mass Association, Perpetual Help Center, Salvatorians, Servants of Mary and Marian Helpers. And they're still coming, this mix of piety and beauty. Who could file them in a wastebasket'

Christian Mission International, the Bishop of Durban and even the Salvation Army are after me. But since shelling out for the aforementioned various and sundry, I couldn't donate so much as the price of a tambourine jingle.

But let all take heart; there just may be a light at the end of the tunnel. Some bigwig organization has promised, in bold print, that "MRS. DAILEY WILL SOON BE RECEIVING A CHECK FOR \$500,000, if" (in lower case) her name is drawn from the

So what if the pool is made up of a mere

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✓ Beech Grove Benedictine Center will conduct a Spiritual Leadership Program for professional or non-professional church ministers and others interested in developing the quality of their faith lives beginning Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. The program includes four units of nine sessions each, to be held on Wednesday evenings over a two-year period. Session nine will be held on Saturdays from 9 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$100 per unit with \$35 nonrefundable deposit. For more information call 788-7581.

The staff of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., requests help with its ongoing salvage project. A volunteer with a pickup truck or van is needed to transport glass and paper to the salvage collection point every six weeks. Call 545-7681 for more information about helping out.

The Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, will offer intensive one- and two-week study courses from June 3 to Aug. 2, to promote effective ministry to Hispanies. For more information on the MACC 1985 Summer Program, contact: Pastoral/Leadership Institute, MACC, P.O. Box 28185, San Antonio, Texas 78228, or call 800-531-6222 toll free.

VIDS...

Benedictine Sister Mary Kenneth Scheessele, archivist for the Sisters of St. Benedict at Ferdinand, was recently elected president of the Indiana Religious History Association. Marian College history professor James J. Divita was

Franciscan Brother Ambrose Eischens, a Minnesota native, has been selected to be director of retreats at Mount Francis Retreat Center. Franciscan Father Simeon (David) Yates has also joined the Mount St. Francis retreat team.

Lena and Jacob Busch, members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding

The Seymour Deanery Pastoral Council recently elected new officers. They include: Wayne Briscoe, president, from St. Patrick Parish in Salem; his wife, Darlene Briscoe, secretary-treasurer; and Joe Obergfell, vice-president, from American Martyrs Parish in Scottsburg. New representatives to the Archdiocesan Board of Education are: Barbara Broering, St. Columba Parish, Columbus, and George Cullinan, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer H. Burdick of Hely Family Parish, Oldenburg, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 24 at a parish Mass and reception given by their three daughters. The Burdicks were married November 29, 1934. Their daughters are Marlene Kayse, Janet, and Ginny Wenning. They also have grandchildren and one greatseven



Parishes announce penance services for Advent

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have announced communal penance services for Advent. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation at a parish and time which is convenient. For further information, call the individual parishes.

Several confessors will be present at each of the following locations:

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St. Barnabas, Indianapolis; Dec. 11 at 8

St. Ann, Indianapolis; Dec. 12 at 7:30

Holy Name, Beech Grove; Dec. 17 at 7

St. Mark, Indianapolis; Dec. 17 at 7:30

p.m. St. Patrick, Indianapolis: Dec. 20 at 7:30

Indianapolis East Deanery

Holy Spirit, Indianapolis; Dec. 10 at 7:30

St. Michael, Greenfield; Dec. 13 at 7:30 Little Flower, Indianapolis; Dec. 19 at

3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis: Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis; Dec. 21 at

St. Simon, Indianapolis; Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Batesville Deanery

St. Magdalen, New Marion; Dec. 11 at 7

St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg; Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. St. Pius, Ripley County; Dec. 13 at 7

St. John, Osgood; Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. St. Charles, Milan; Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. St. Maurice, Decatur County; Dec. 23 at

Immaculate Conception, Millhousen; Dec. 23 at 4 p.m.

St. Maurice, Napoleon; Dec. 23 at 7:30 **Bloomington Deanery**

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford; Dec. 12 at

Connersville Deanery

St. Ann, New Castle; Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City; Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Family, Richmond; Dec. 13 at 7

p.m. St. Michael, Brookville; Dec. 17 at 7:30

St. Mary, Rushville; Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. St. Gabriel, Connersville; Dec. 19 at 7:30

St. Andrew, Richmond; Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. St. Mary, Richmond; Dec. 22 at 12:05

New Albany Deanery

St. Michael, Charlestown; Dec. 11 at

St. Paul, Sellersburg; Dec. 12 at 7:30

Holy Family, New Albany; Dec. 12 at 8

St. John, Starlight; Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. St. Mary, New Albany; Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

St. Mary, Lanesville; Dec. 17 at 7:30

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany; Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyd Knobs;

Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, Dec. 20 at 7

St. Michael, Bradford; Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. St. Mary, Navilleton; Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. St. Anthony, Clarksville; Dec. 21 at 7:30

Sacred Heart and St. Augustine, Jef-fersonville; Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m., at Sacred

Remembering . . . As you ponder the past, does your mind pause at the good times? The times when you laughed, when you felt safe and secure? Do you remember the people? Those who cared, those who labored for no reward except a smile? Those who loved no matter what your condition or disposition might be?

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QUESTION CORNER

Does Gospel change?

Gospel remains the same, applications vary to fit life

Q I'm attending an adult education class on church history. The other night the priest said, as near as I can recall, that we the church need to always think about what is happening in the world to know what the Gospel is telling us.

I didn't have a chance to ask him, but what does that mean? Isn't the Gospel always basically the same?

Always "basical-A ly" the same, yes. Scripture, especially the New Testament, always will be the norm against which the

church must measure its belief and its life. However, the application of that norm is not the same. It depends on many changing circumstances of life.

Furthermore, each new application through history enlarges and develops our understanding of what that basic message

As St. Paul said, he needed to adjust his presentation and living of the Gospel of Christ to the people to whom he was ministering, making humselt "all things to A few years ago the Vatican's In-ternational Theological Commission put this reality of Christianity beautifully and We "must insert succinctly: evangelical message concerning Jesus Christ more deeply into all the languages and cultural models of different peoples. A task of the greatest difficulty!" it said.

We can accomplish it if we can remain not only in continuous dialogue with the Holy Scripture, with the faith and with the magisterium of the church, but also with the riches of the traditions of all the particular churches and of human experience lived in every culture in which the action and the effects of the Holy Spirit can be present.

This description of the church's task echoes numerous documents of the church, such as Vatican Council II's pastoral constitution on "The Church in the Modern World" and Pope John Paul II apostolic exhortation on the family, "Familiaris Consortio," in 1982.

I am a Catholic once married to a Catholic in the Catholic Church and later divorced. I then married a Protestant before a minister and divorced again. At this time, both previous husbands are remarried.

I remain single and would like to know what is necessary to receive the sacraments, or if this is possible. I go to church and will continue to go and consider myself a Catholic whatever your answer is

From what you have told me, nothing A at all prevents you from receiving th sacraments of penance and the Eucharist

Obviously much tragedy and hurt has

been experienced in your own life and probably in the lives of others as well. You should, of course, repent and be forgiven of whatever sinfulness was involved on your

Assuming this, there is no obstacle to your full participation in Catholic life. No future marriage, of course, would be possible in the church without action by the tribunal of your diocese concerning your previous marriages.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about confession is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, III. 61701. (Questions for this column should be sent to

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FAMILY TALK

Creative gifts for your elderly parents

Dear Mary: Both my parents are in 70s. Every Christmas my husband and I wrack our brains trying to find them a gift they will enjoy. Last Christmas we them a treat-of-the-month club membership:

One Saturday or Sunday per month we have taken them on an outing with us. In summertime we usually spend the afternoon outdoors. In the cooler weather we have gone to movies, plays and special exhibits that come to town. My parents hate to drive so my husband and I do the planning and driving.

The gift has been very much appreciated this year. In fact, I think it is the best gift we ever gave them. Maybe you could pass it on to your readers. (Ken-

Answer: Thank you for your excellent suggestion and for sharing your ex-perience. Grown children often find that their elderly parents have or can buy just about any material goods they desire. This is especially true of household goods, most of which they have in abundance.

What older parents often want most is a bit of their children's time. Wisely, you recognized this fact and set up an attractive way to give the most welcome gift you could find, the gift of your own time. Visiting older parents is thoughtful. All

often, however, grandma tries to provide a sumptuous meal all on her own. She wants to do this for her loved ones but the experience leaves her exhausted for several days afterward.

How thoughtful of you to take the initiative in planning an outing for them. This action calls for a role reversal. Instead of being cared for, the children do the planning and caring. Your experience shows that both parents and children can adapt to the role change and can enjoy it.

Here are some other gifts which grown children might provide for their elderly

1. Organize a family reunion at a con-



venient time of the year, so that your parents can enjoy the event without taking all the responsibility for planning it.

Work on a family documenting relatives on all sides of the family. Make a booklet for distribution throughout the family.

3. Take pictures when the family gathers, or gather pictures from your sisters and brothers and their families. Arrange the pictures in an album as a gift for your parents.

Elderly parents can provide personal, thoughtful, priceless gifts for their grown children too. Many elderly parents have certain treasures, items of sentimental value which they intend to leave their children upon their death.

Why not give some of them away while they are still alive? Then the parents can tell their children why the object is important to them, how it fits into their life and why it is a part of their heritage. The elderly have the joy of giving the gift personally and of sharing in their children's enjoyment.

Despite the many material goods that surround us, sometimes a material gift is not needed or desired. What elderly parents nced is time and attention from their children. What grown children need, which only their parents can give them, is their

Both sides have the opportunity at holidays to give gifts that will truly be appreciated by the other.

(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, Ind. 47978.)

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The judgment of Christ: encounter with love

by Fr. John Buckel

"Death to the prostitute!" the crowd shouted. "We have eyewitnesses to her act of adultery," one of the Pharisees screamed, "She has sinned and deserves

woman stood before the crowd, her clothes now tattered and torn from the rough handling of the religious leaders. She seemed strangely calm and silent. It was as if she were a spectator instead of the center of attention. She had no one to turn to for help, not even God. She had



given up on God long ago because it seemed that God had given up on her. She was

She had been alone all of her life. As a child, she was made to feel unwanted. As an adult, she was determined to find love and affection-but she never did. It was not out of courage that she now stood calm and silent before this violent crowd: she was numb. She no longer felt fear or hate or love or peace or boredom or excitement. She felt nothing. It was the only way to survive in a senseless world.

In the midst of the shouting and con-fusion, a rabbi suddenly appeared. "What is going on?" he asked. A great silence fell upon the crowd. The Pharisee replied, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adulters" act of adultery

While the Pharisee was speaking, the woman shook her head and thought, "'Caught in the act of adultery . . . we have eyewitnesses.' What a laugh. Some dirty old men were looking through my bedroom

THE PHARISEE continued, "In the Scriptures, Moses ordered such women to be put to death. What do you have to say about the case?

The woman looked around. Apparently, people had already made up their minds. Many of them were stooping over and selecting the right size stones to hurl at their guilty victim. Another thought oc-curred to her: "If these people are so in-terested in justice, where is the man I was with? It takes two people to commit

Meanwhile, the rabbi bent down and started tracing on the ground with his finger. He acted as if he had not heard the question. The Pharisees were obviously disturbed. They wanted action, and they

wanted it now. They wanted action, and they wanted it now. They were thirsty for blood. The woman had heard of this rabbi but had never met him. His name was Jesus. He was a carpenter's son from the town of Nazareth. Jesus had acquired quite a reputation as a preacher. It was said that he had a way with people. Supposedly, some people had witnessed miracles performed by Jesus.

"As far as I'm concerned. Jesus is just one more religious leader, and it's the religious leaders who are ready to stone me." the woman thought.

FINALLY, JESUS stood up again. Slowly, he turned around and looked intently into the eyes of crowd. "Let the one among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone," his voice thundered. Jesus bent down a second time and started tracing on the ground with his finger. The woman braced herself. She thought the

woman braced nersent. See thought the stones would begin to fly at any moment.
"How ironic that I should be stoned by some of my past customers," she thought.
At first, the words of Jesus made no impression on the crowd. Then, ever so slowly, his words penetrated the depth of their heart. The exhe of the rabbit's words. their hearts. The echo of the rabbi's words continued to be heard. Piercing glances were exchanged by everyone in the crowd, still clutching their stones of execution. The crowd's attention was no longer on the woman, but on themselves.

The Pharisee who had approached Jesus was now in the process of preparing to throw the first stone. A short, bearded man nudged him and shook his head. Communicating with the language of the eyes, he said, "You... without sin...let's not fool ourselves. Everyone knows how free you are in spending the temple tax on your own personal needs. Shall I go on?"

The Pharisee, his eyes downcast, dropped the stone and walked away. One by one, everyone dropped his stones walked away in silence and in shame. The woman remained standing; Jesus was stooped over. Jesus was now alone with the

For a few moments, there was a loud silence. Jesus stood erect and looked into the woman's eyes. His gaze was intense. It was powerful enough to read her soul like an open book, yet gentle enough that it was not threatening. She felt naked in his

'Nor do I condemn you.'

"This man has saved my life," she thought. As much as she tried to thank him, she couldn't speak. She cried. With those tears, all of the emptiness and loneliness and sense of abandonment, and all of her sinful ways, felt flushed away.

Jesus held her hand and spoke: "Your sins are forgiven. You may go, but from now on, avoid this sin."

It's strange," she thought. "Jesus has forgiven my sins even before I said that I

Jesus continued, "More so than others, you will appreciate the kingdom of heaven because you know what it's like to live in

The woman felt something. She felt selfrespect, she felt that she had a reason to live, she felt loved. "Because of Jesus, my life will never be the same. He has brought joy into my world."



MUSICAL GIFT—St. Thomas parish, Fortville, received a special gift from three musicians who performed liturgical music at Mass last Sunday. Pictured with Father Joseph Kos are Viktors Ziedonis (left) with a violin, Dr. John Marks with a cello, and his wife, Julia, with a viola. Ziedonis said they decided to play for parishioners because of "harassment" over the parish bingo games and the recent arrest of Father Kos. Ziedonis has been with the Indianapolis Symphony 21 years. Dr. Marks is on the staff of Community Hospital, where Father Kos was formerly chaplain. (Photo by Curt Frank)

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El Salvador talks stalemated

by NC News Service

Although peace talks between El Salvador's president and rebel forces appear stalemated, both sides showed the ability to "listen to each other," chbishop Arturo Rivera Damas of San Salvador said Dec. 2.

To talk for 12 hours is not something useless, precisely because part of

dialogue is the confrontation of theses and points of view," the archbishop said during his homily at a Mass in the San Salvador cathedral.

President Jose Napoleon Duarte rejected the rebel's three-part peace plan, which calls for eventual formation of a new government, a new constitution and reorganization of the armed forces.

the sunday READING

by Fr. Campion

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Background: When this section of the Book of Isaiah was written, Babylon shook. The mighty Persian warrior-king, Cyrus, was on the march.

For Babylon's Jewish hostages, in-cluding the author of this portion of the Scriptures, it was a time both for fear and for hope. What would the future, and the rise of Cyrus, mean? With God's help, it could mean freedom to return hope to

The passage blends a sense of the urgent times with a gentle perception of God, the

In the second reading, from Peter's second epistle, this latest New Testament reading repeats an Advent theme: the Lord is coming repeats an Advent diellie, the Lord is coming soon! But it reflects the first reading's imagery. God is good, with "generous patience."

John the Baptist has been a Christian hero since the earliest days. The starkness of his lifestyle, and the boldness of his message, easily applied to the thought that true belief in Christ is more than lip-

In this section, he identifies himself as only secondary to Jesus—who is coming.
That is the essence of Mark's Gospel: God's kingdom is coming!

Reflection: These times are grim. Not too long ago, a teacher in a Catholic high school told me that he asked his students to tell him how they thought their lives would end. The majority replied that they expected to die in a nuclear war.

The teacher was not astonished. Nor was I. The threats of war are everyday. War has dealt an awful blow in human suffering in the past. It may again.

Advent's message is indeed that the Lord is coming! He will come not only in symbol as in the Christmas creche. He will come into our lives-and again into our

Is that a terrifying thought? The readings this Sunday make clear that it need not be frightening. Remember three points from these readings: 1) The Lord is coming one day to each of us personally: 2) Repent, sin no more, and ask forgiveness; but 3) God is the shepherd lovingly sear-ching for the troubled or lost, he is of 'generous patience," he loves us, and he will come to bring us a peace and joy that

In ominous times, the message is refreshing—and bears the core of Christian



HONORING OUR LADY—Dressed in a colorful Mexican costume, a first grader from St. Joseph School in Waukesha, Wis., participated last year in a Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day, Dec. 12. Children from the school performed a traditional Indian dance and placed roses before a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (NC photo by James Pearson)

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Teens speak on arms race

by Patricia Hillyer

DENVER (NC)-American teen-agers are less concerned with the threat of nuclear weapons than their German counterparts, according to a 16-year-old West German girl who toured the United States as part of a disarmament group.

The girl, Juliane Kerlen, said in an interview with The Denver Catholic Register, the archdiocesan newspaper, that if teens throughout the world banded together. nuclear disarmament was possible

Miss Kerlen was part of Kerlen said.

the Children of War tour, which brought 24 young people from strife-torn countries throughout the world to 36 cities in the United

According to its sponsors, the Religious Task Force of the Mobilization for Survival, an interfaith coalition, the tour's purpose was to try to give young Americans en-couragement for change in the face of the threat of

"Many people see the parallel between World War II and a possible nuclear war. They have not forgotten the nightmare of that war," Miss

"People ask why didn't the German people resist the Nazi tactics, but here is another war being planned and where is the resistance? We must oppose it."

Another reason Germans are especially concerned is because of the proximity of American and Russian bombs, she said.

"We are a very small country surrounded by superpowers who control the

American youth will show increased interest as they find a way to release their fear and frustration. Miss

Kerlen said. "They just seem to think that it's inevitable that a bomb will hit and they feel powerless to do anything about it. . . . They need to be convinced they can change

Miss Kerlen, attending high school in New Jersey before returning to Germany next year, said she had been labelled a communist because of her anti-nuclear position

"They (her critics) don't understand what communism means," she added.
"I never want to live under the communists either, but I do think there is a better way to get tensions relieved than through a nuclear arms buildup."

Marian pedals course

The nation's first course in competitive cycling will be offered by Marian College of Indianapolis beginning Jan.
15. The course is "Introduction to Competitive Cycling." It will be taught from 9 to 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday for one credit hour.

The course is open to non-Marian students on a firstcome basis. Tuition will be \$160. Cyclists are encouraged to use their own equipment. It will also be available for use from the Major Taylor Velodrome adjacent to the campus, where part of the course will be offered.

Instructor for the course

will be Roger Young, race director for the velodrome. Young is a veteran of 20 years of competitive cycling. He is a six-time national champion, was Pan American champion in 1975, and was a member of the 1972 and 1976 Olympic teams.

Course content will include basic orientation, nomenclature, exercises, equipment, conditioning and riding techniques.

Further information about the course can be obtained from the Marian College registrar, 317-929-0213, or the Physical Education Education Department, 317-929-0369.

Upcoming 'Lifesigns' programs

"Lifesigns," a locally produced radio program for youth, can now be heard on three central Indiana radio stations. WWWY-FM, Columbus, began broadcasting the program last

It can now be heard every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WWWY; 11:30 a.m. on WICR-FM, Indianapolis; and 7:30 p.m. on WRCR-FM, Rush-

Programs to be broadcast for the remainder of this month on WWWY (104.9) include: "Money," Dec. 9, with youth from St. Bartholomew and St. Columba parishes, Columbus; "Exparishes, Columbus; "Ex-periencing God," Dec. 16, with youth from St. Christopher parish, Speed-way, and St. Luke parish, Indianapolis; "Dating," Dec. 23, with youth from St. Dec. 30, with youth from St. Joseph parish, Shelbyville.

Programs to be broadcast on WICR (88.7) include: "Marriage," Dec. 9, with youth from Our Lady of the Greenwood parish, Greenwood; "Love," Dec. 16, with youth from St. Martin parish, Martinsville; "Loneliness," Dec. 23, with youth from Holy Spirit parish, Indianapolis; and "Courage," Dec. 30, with youth from St. Christopher

parish, Speedway.
Programs to be broadcast
on WRCR (94.3) include:
"Pain," Dec. 9, with students
from Scecina Memorial High from Seecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis; "Free Time," Dec. 16, with youth from St. Patrick parish, Terre Haute; "Life After Death," Dec. 23, with youth from St. Michael parish, Indianapolis; and "Trouble," Dec. 30 with youth from the Dec. 30, with youth from the Indiana Boys' School, Plainfield.

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Providence postulants serve, prepare

The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods hope to entrust their heritage of serving God's people to their four postulants who are receiving instruction while living at St. Joan of Arc Convent in Indianapolis.

As postulants, Katheryn Newport, 26, Carolyn Bouchard, 34, Catherine White, 36, and Susan Whitlow, 26, spend 10 months sharing in the work of and becoming familiar with the Sisters of Providence. Since they entered in August, they also have been attending or working in schools in the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

Postulancy, also known as a period of

preparation, presents the opportunity for these four women to examine their call to the religious life. "Each one of us has a vocation in our relationship with God." said Sister Kathleen Leonard, director of postulants.

The purpose of their 10-month postulancy, she said, is to give them handson experience within the congregation, and time to evaluate their call to religious life.

For Kathy Newport, "The wisdom they seek, the support they offer, the joy they find," is why she joined the Sisters of find," is why she joined the Sisters of Providence. A Terre Haute native and 1980 graduate of St. Mary of the Woods College, Kathy teaches first grade at Nativity School in Indianapolis.

she taught nursery school. She holds an associate degree from Fullerton Community College and is presently working on a bachelor's degree in sociology at Marian College. Carolyn finds the way the Sisters spiritually relate with one another appealing. This is what prompted her to enter the postulancy program.

Cathy White is originally from Pennsylvania. For the past 10 years, however, she lived in Oklahoma and taught with the Sisters of Providence. She was recently the principal of St. Joseph elementary school in Muskogee, Okla. She said that she was attracted to the Sisters of Providence because they have a strong awareness of spreading the Gospel. Presently, she teaches sixth grade at St. Joan of Arc School.

From Long Beach, Calif., Susan was a special education teacher in the small mountain town of North San Juan, Calif. In Indianapolis, she works in the Learning Center at Holy Cross School. She describes

the Sisters of Providence as people who are 'seeking to re-evaluate who they are as women of today." That quality encouraged her to join them.

For these women, belonging to a religious order is a different type of lifestyle, and they mention the changes and difficulties of adjusting. "Living with 10 other people is not something one just pops into and immediately does amazingly well," Susan said about her new living arrangements.

"Trying to figure out where your place is and what you have to offer," is how Kathy Newport describes her transition

into a religious order.

Overall, these newcomers to the community perceive the Sisters of Providence as alive, fun, caring, aware, supportive and spiritual pilgrims

Each of them realizes the importance of getting in touch with the history of the community while also plugging into the network of the family of sisters.

The postulants stress that they will continue to look to the community for support and guidance during the preparation for the novitiate and long after

SERVANTS-The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods hope to entrust their heritage of serving God's

people to four postulants. They are (back row, from

left): Susan Whitlow, Carolyn Bouchard, Catherine White and (front row, at left) Katheryn Newport. At right

in the front row is Sister Kathleen Leonard, director of postulants. (Photo courtesy

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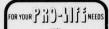
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Who celebrates the liturgy? You do.

By Father Lawrence Mick NC News Service

His hair was gray, his face lined with age. He did not look as old as the 73 years to which he admitted, but he was clearly over the "senior-citizen" boundary.

Appearances were deceiving. however. When he stood to address the assembly of 400 religious educators gathered recently in the

small town of Piqua, Ohio, only those who already knew him were not surprised by the youthful spirit and enthusiasm Sulpician Father Eugene Walsh conveyed.

He spoke with the comfortable informality anybody's grandfather, but he communicated a vision of worship that was fresh and vigorous and hopeful.

Father Walsh, of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., has traveled extensively, speaking about worship to gatherings across the United States as well as Great Britain, Australia, and other nations. Wherever he goes. one of his main

themes has been the ministry of the celebrating assembly - the people who worship together.

Father Walsh insists that all who form the assembly, clergy and lai-ty alike, "make the Mass." They celebrate together, and each has a responsibility to help make worship a life-giving experience for others. Father Walsh goes so far as to suggest that the reason for coming to church on Sunday is to give life to somebody else.

For centuries the Mass was seen as the action of the priest which was piously observed by the lay people who often said other prayers to occupy their time and express their own spirituality

Today the Catholic Church is at

Often overlooked, writes Father Lawrence Mick, is the pivotal ministry of the assembly in liturgical celebrations. Since all the people offer the Mass. he says, every person is required to contribute to the celebration.

tempting to regain a sense of its worship as the work of all the people - which is what the word liturgy" meant in its origins.

The liturgy does not belong to the priest alone. It is worship which all the members of the church celebrate together.

Since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, various ministries have been reintroduced in the Mass. Parishes now have readers. communion distributors, song leaders, servers, ushers, greeters choirs and folk groups. All work together to fulfill the various roles that the liturgy requires.

The growth of these ministries is a clear symbol that the com

munity is more involved in the liturgy. Yet the most basic of all the ministries in the Eucharist is the one most often overlooked that of the assembly itself.

The whole assembly offers the eucharistic sacrifice. The whole assembly celebrates the meal

In his writings Father Walsh has reminded us that this basic principle makes demands on each of us Every person who joins the worshiping assembly has a responsibility for creating good worship a responsibility no one else can

That responsibility has several dimensions

•It requires that each person

contribute to creating an at mosphere of hospitality in the - that we be attentive to each other. A climate of warmth can help us all be open to others That openness in turn makes it more likely that we are open to experience God's presence and God's power in our worship.

•It requires that every member of the community put personal energy into the common

> actions of assembly -- joining in the prayers and responses, contributing to the singing, listening attentively to God's word, entering into the spirit of the liturgy

If any one of us fails to offer our unique contribution to this common worship, the whole assembly suffers and our worship is less than it should be. We all recognize that a priest or a lector who does a half-hearted job hurts us all. It is just as true that anything less than full participation by any one of us diminishes us all. good

that worship extend into all of life Everyone has the responsibility to

worship requires

Finally,

carry the spirit of worship into our daily lives and thus work to further the kingdom of God in our own time.

We will have more to take with us if we have fully entered into the liturgy. And each member of the assembly will be enriched to the extent that all have given of themselves in our common worship.

All receive if all give and all share. Thus we become, as the fourth eucharistic prayer puts it one body in Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.

(Father Mick is a pastor and author in St. Mary's, Obio.)

Wandering into Sunday Mass

By David Gibson NC News Service

A friend told me how her attention was captured during a recent Sunday Mass by a teen-ager sitting near her. The teen-ager was suffering from a long, debilitating illness. And my friend said that she became preoccupied with the teen-ager during the Mass, praying for the youth's family while wondering and asking God why this illness had occurred.

Perhaps you'll say that my friend's attention was wandering during that Mass. It was, in a sense. But it wandered into the community of God's people.

I think my friend was drawn out — drawn beyond herself — by the worshiping community. This isn't unusual. For there are times when people feel God mysteriously addresses them during Mass through the others with whom they worship.

I would even say that my friend actively participated in that Mass through her concern for a member of the community. I'd like to add that my friend generally sings during Mass, responds aloud, exchanges the handshake of peace with everyone within reaching distance and, occasionally, brings up the gifts during the Offertory.

What accounts for all the emphasis today on "active participation" in the Mass?

As I see it, this emphasis stems from the belief that when the Mass is celebrated, something happens. The Mass is an action. Members of the community are joining in that action through their active participation.

The work of researchers who tell us that the early Christians viewed worship as the work of God's people lends support to this image of the Mass as an action.

Active participation in the Mass also grows from the conviction that God is present among the members of the community. God is not outside the community, doing something "to" the community. Instead God is with the community. Active participation by members of the community becomes a sign that

God is alive within them.

It probably isn't surprising that active participation in the Mass is emphasized at a time when there is so much emphasis on the responsibility all Christians have for their church.

And it probably isn't surprising that many people believe active participation in the Mass has the beneficial, added effect of expanding a sense of involvement with others in the community. Which takes me back to my friend, whose mind turned so intently to a teen-ager's needs during Sunday Mass recently.

Sunday Mass can be a real awakener for those who participate in it. God's presence is made known in many ways during the Mass: through the action at the altar, the preaching, the singing, the readings, the gifts. God's presence is made known through the people: priests, religious, parents, single adults, children, the aged.

People don't want their minds to wander away from the Mass. But with so many signs of God's presence around them, it is not difficult to understand why their minds sometimes wander into this celebration.

Which is what happened to my friend. Her attention was captured in a compelling way. My friend was puzzled and saddened by the teen-ager's illness. She was happy as she recalled a special insight the teen-ager had brought to a catechism class a few years back. She had a conviction that God was very much alive in this teen-ager.

I'd say my friend's sense of involvement with the community was high. And that Sunday it took form in a unique way.

(Gibson is editor of Faith Today.)



A Role to Play

Living stones: Building blocks of th

By Father John Castelot NC News Service

Living stones. That's what the early Christians were called in First Peter: "You too are living stones, built as an edifice of spirit," is the way the scripture writer puts it.

At first glance, those words might strike 20th century folks as odd. But to first century Christians, the words carried great significance

Palestine was a uniformly rocky country. When people wanted to build a house, they could go into their back yards and pick up the stones they needed. A wet mud was used to cement the stones together as the house was erected.

For important communal buildings such as the temple, however, the people followed a somewhat different procedure. Since the temple was the house of God, they considered it worth all

possible care.

So, choosing huge blocks of stone, the people smoothed them out as best they could with the aid of their chisels and hammers. These large, fairly uniform stones then became the walls of their important buildings.

For the New Testament author, the idea of people as living stones goes back to Psalm 118. There we read of a stone rejected by the builder, which later becomes the cornerstone of the building. The early Christians saw this as a reference to lear to learn of the state of the sta

reference to Jesus Christ.

But they took the image a step further: With Jesus as cornerstone, they, the people, became the fine building blocks of the church. The early Christians were convinced that they themselves had become God's dyalling place, his translet.

God's dwelling place, his temple. So, what is the result of being a building block?

This age-old conviction is at the bottom of our active participation

in the liturgy, the public, official worship of God's people. The liturgy is not a spectator sport.

Everyone has a part to play, as the psalmist suggested in this description of a liturgical procession:

"The singers lead, the minstrels follow; in their midst the maidens play on timbrels. In your choirs bless God; bless the Lord, you of Israel's wellspring. There is Benjamin, the youngest, leading them, the princes of Judah as a body, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali" (Psalm 68:26-28)

In that description, everyone was involved: singers, minstrels, youngsters, members of the tribes, their leaders — everyone.

In the same spirit Luke sums up the life of the first Christians. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...They went

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Bringing all your best to the altar

By Katharine Bird NC News Service

As he approaches the altar at the start of each Mass, Benedictine Father Donald Talafous assesses the mood of the congregation. 'I hope to see an expectant, hopeful people bringing their best selves to the liturgy," he said in an interview.

But what he occasionally encounters is a congregation that gives the appearance of being "dragged out to Mass, driven by obligation." This sort of congregation hits him "like a stone wall, a weight you're fighting against," the theologian explained.

Father Talafous is a professor of theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., where he also served for 16 years as student chaplain.

As a priest, he said, the Mass is "the most important thing in my life." He explained that he tries "to bring an expectant vitality and generosity to Mass." He wants to make the Mass an experience that affects people positively. "It shouldn't be humdrum," he said. "Above all, it has to inspire peo-

ple somehow."
"But I'm not the only one involved," the Benedictine quickly added. "What anyone gets out of Mass depends on what they bring

e church

to the temple area together every day, while in their homes they broke bread" (Acts 2:42).

So the early Christians met together in their homes for "the breaking of the bread" and "meals in common." Obviously these were small groups with everyone taking part.

When people see a well-built house of worship for the first time, it is not uncommon for them to exclaim: "What a beautiful church." It is, however, a misplaced reaction, for the building is not the church. It is the place where the church meets for worship.

It is the people — all of us — who are the church. We are "living stones."

(Father Castelot teaches at St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, Mich.)

to it. People can't come just as sponges."

The usual complaint brought by students to Father Talafous is that they "get nothing out of Mass," he said. Often he responds by asking students what their expectations are and how they see their role in the Mass.

To help students change their attitude, he may suggest that they participate in a Mass in a different campus location. Participating in a Mass in a setting outside the church — for example, in a dormitory lounge with a small group — can be illuminating. It can help give students "a sense of Mass as a supper with the Lord and with each other," he said.

"The liturgy celebrates a moment when God is in our lives," the priest said. It reminds us that "God is met and served right in our ordinary lives and work." The fact that the Eucharist is a meal is a central symbol of that reality.

For Father Talafous, the gospel story of the wedding banquet is a key to how Christians should participate in the liturgy. "The king invites people to a banquet, not to a wake," he said. Each liturgy should "help to reinforce our conception of Christianity as a joyous fellowship of Christians."

In his homilies, Father Talafous points out possible ways of applying that Sunday's Gospel. But he remains aware that each person has the responsibility to choose a concrete way of responding to the message in the Gospel.

His aim, is to enable people to leave church with a better sense that the liturgy is "different from ordinary life but important for it.

The liturgy is a celebration of the fact "that we are one with God," Father Talafous said, "But that's false if we don't see it continued ouside church."

Ideally, after Mass people should have "a sense that they have something to give to others." the Benedictine commented. "I like them to leave better able to present Christianity to the world through the quality and enthusiasm of their lives."

Today, too, many people "have trouble overcoming a bleak view of existence," the priest observed. He thinks Christian hope should be an antitdote for this.

Instead of adding to people's misery, Christians are people who "can give a message of hope and trust" to others, he said.

(Ms. Bird is associate editor of Faith Today.)

FOOD...

...for thought

In one parish recently, a fairly long procession made its way toward the altar at the time of the Offertory during Sunday Mass. One by one the adults and children in the procession deposited canned goods, bags of rice, cereal and other foods in large baskets at the front of the church, then returned to their seats

Often it is suggested that if people hope to benefit as much as possible from the Mass, they need to bring something to it — something of themselves. The members of this parish had taken that suggestion literally. They brought gifts of food to share with the poor.

It was the parish's hope that a few hungry people might eat better that week, and that the meaning of the church's celebration of the Mass would extend beyond the hour spent inside the church on Sunday morning.

That parish's offertory procession helps to illustrate a point:

—During the Mass, something occurs "for" people. God's life is offered to them.

—But during the Mass something also is done "by" the people. They bring something of their own — something of themselves — to the Mass.

God addresses the people and they respond, in a variety of ways.

There is a sense in which every Mass is a point of beginning in the

lives of Christians. God's message is heard during the Mass. And, right then and there, Christians have an opportunity to respond, to live out the Christian message.

This helps to explain what the people "do" during Mass. They begin again to live out the Christian message. As participants in this celebration of God's life, they begin again to express the life of God within them.

When the U.S. bishops issued their 1983 national pastoral letter on war and peace, they urged Christians to try to live by Jesus' message about peace during every Mass. They encouraged Catholics to make the sign of peace at Mass a sign of reconciliation with God and with one another.

The bishops saw the exchange of peace, often in the form of a handshake, as more than a gesture of simple friendliness. They saw it as a way to express the Christian community's commitment to work for peace in homes and neighborhoods and in the world at large.

The exchange of peace is something the people "do" during Mass. But to the bishops it is not just "busyness." It is an opportunity to get involved again in the work of peace, reconciliation, healing, compassion.

What is done "by" you during Mass? What does your active involvement in the Mass signify? What do you "bring" to the Mass?

...for discussion

- 1. How do you participate in the Mass?
- 2. Often the Mass is described as a celebration. Why? What is celebrated? How is the idea of "celebration" expressed during Mass?
- 3. David Gibson speaks of a friend whose mind "wandered into the Mass" one Sunday. After reading his article, can you think of an occasion when something similar happened to you when God seemed to be addressing you through another person in your parish community?
- 4. Father Lawrence Mick speaks of the responsibility each person has to make worship a life-giving experience for others. What does he mean?

SECOND HELPINGS

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CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Kitty the calico cat

By Janaan Manternach NC News Service

"I feel so useless," said Teddy,

the big brown bear.
"Me, too," agreed Kitty, the colorful calico cat. "I must be very ugly. Sally never holds me or plays with me."

"You're not ugly at all," Teddy said, trying to cheer her up. "I think you're the prettiest of us

"Thanks," Kitty replied.

The two were silent for a long time. The closet was dark and stuffy. The other dolls sat silently on the five shelves.

"These are all my dolls!" Sally said loudly. She switched on the closet light. Kitty woke up with a start.

"I've never seen so many dolls!" Sally's new friend said, a little enviously.

tle enviously.
"Here's my favorite," Sally said

She pulled down a big doll with long yellow hair and a deep blue dress.

"Can I hold her?" Sally's friend asked.

"Oh, no!" Sally replied. "She only likes me to hold her."

Sally turned off the light and closed the door and it was dark again inside.

"Did you hear that, Teddy?"
Kitty asked. "I knew she didn't
like me. What good am I if I can't
make some boy or girl happy?"
The calico cat began to cry.

"Don't cry," Teddy said softly
"Someday you will make
somebody very happy. You're

Kitty and Teddy sat on the shelf for a long time. The days got shorter and cold drafts whistled through the closet.

"Soon it will be Christmas,"

Kitty said sadly. "Then there will be more dolls filling the closet. And I'll be forgotten forever."

"No, you won't," Teddy reassured her.

Just then the light snapped on again. Sally and her mother came

"The church has asked for a doll for a child who has almost none. Why don't you give one of yours?" her mother asked

yours?" her mother asked.
"No," Sally objected. "These
are mine."

"But you have so many," her mother insisted. "Surely you can give up one."

Sally finally agreed. She looked from one doll to another. "Here's one I can give away," Sally told her mother as she pulled the calico cat from the shelf.

"Goodbye, Teddy!" Kitty cried "Goodbye Kitty!" answered the

big bear

Sally and her mother wrapped Kitty up in a box with a big red ribbon, as Kitty wondered what her new home would be like.

On Christmas Eve Kitty heard laughter and carols. She began to get nervous. Then she felt eager hands tearing off the ribbon and pulling the box open.

"Oh Mommy! Look at the beautiful cat! I love it!" The girl held Kitty very close to her. She danced around the room. "Twe never had such a pretty dol!!"

Kitty felt warm and happy inside. "Teddy was right. This girl likes me. Now at last I can make someone happy."

(Ms. Manternach is the author of catechetical works, scripture stories and original stories for children.)

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HOW ABOUT YOU?

needs a toy? Why would it be a good thing to do?

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Sees new ecumenical era

(Continued from page 1)

When ecumenism faltered in the upper echelons, it revealed . . . the growing movement among the laity.'

He cited as a model for the future, the effort of the American Catholic bishops and lay people to speak together with all people on the pressing issues of the day, including war and peace and the economy. The new order ecumenism will have to depend more on persuasion than authority and appeal to conscience than command obedience to church discipline.

We have a difficult pilgrimage ahead, Outler said. What matters is our pereverance in our union with Christ and our determination to witness to it to the very

The Catholic Church is committed on ecumenism although that commitment

varies among priests, bishops and localities, Msgr. Raymond Bosler told a group of Protestant ministers attending an afternoon workshop on "The Decree on Ecumenism: Vatican II Revisited."

The ministers expressed a concern to know where the Catholic Church stood on ecumenical issues and on practical matters such as the conducting of wedding ceremonies involving a Catholic and a Protestant. They also expressed a desire

Msgr. Bosler led the workshop on the Vatican II document on ecumenism, part of a series of afternoon workshops on what the ecumenical advances meant for local churches, organized by the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to accompany the lecture by Outler.



Dr. Albert C. Outler at CTS (Photo by Richard Cain)

for local churches to work together more on projects of mutual concern.

In another workshop, Dr. Paul A. Crow Jr., chief ecumenical officer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), outlined three trends which together represent a new configuration in the ecumenical movement, a creative pluralism, a theological convergence and the connection between church unity and the unity and renewal of the human family.

"The ecumenical movement is becoming far more diverse and pluralistic," Crow said. "It can no longer be the privilege of those in the West.

He noted the variety of approaches churches have taken in pursuing the goal of unity including the formation of councils of churches, actual mergers and international bilateral dialogues between churches on matters dividing them.

According to Crow there are more than 65 united churches around the world formed as a result of mergers.

Crow also noted a growing theological convergence among the various Christian churches. "We are on the verge of a major theological consensus which could reconcile many of the divisions and controversies which have divided the churches," he said. As evidence he cited the World Council of Churches (WCC) statement, "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" and the emerging statement from the Council on Church Unity (COCU), which are similar to the agreements being reached in the international bilateral dialogues

Catholic theologians participated in the development of the WCC statement on baptism, eucharist and ministry, according to Msgr. Bosler

Throughout the movement, the same vision of church is being witnessed to.

Crow said. "The churches are seeing each other . . . as true Christian churches.

The insight that church unity is a witness to the world of its God-given wholeness means that the issues of racism, sexism and nationalism become part of the ecumenical agenda because they divide the world, Crow said.

The unity of Christianity is an issue that deals with the survival of humanity."

One important ecumenical development locally is the presence of several new church leaders, according to Robert Welch, associate ecumenical officer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 'We're in a moment where some new relationships are developing that have some potential."

A number of local church leaders meet once a month for breakfast to discuss common concerns in ministry, according to Welch. Those participating in the breakfasts include Archbishop O'Meara, United Methodist Bishop Leroy Hodapp, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Regional Minister Howard B. Goodrich, United Church of Christ Conference Minister Ralph Quellhorst and Episcopal Bishop Edward W. Jones, chairperson of the National Committee on Ecumenical Relations for the Episcopal Church.

The Ainslie Lecture Series on Christian Unity was inaugurated in 1982 by the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It was named for Peter Ainslie (1867-1934), a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and an early leader in the ecumenical movement. Previous speakers have in-cluded Cardinal Jan Willebrands, head of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, and J.E. Lesslie Newbigin, former bishop in the Church of South India. now retired



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Bishops' pastoral: a need for cooperation

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC)-"America needs a new experiment in cooperation and collaboration" to revitalize its social sense, says the first draft of the U.S. bishops planned pastoral letter on Catholic teaching and the American economy.

A five-bishop committee, headed by Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, wrote the draft. It is expected to be one of central topics of debate in the U.S. church over the coming year as the bishops work to refine it and eventually adopt a final version.

At first sight, the document's chapter on collaboration looks strange and out of place within the list of U.S. economic concerns that make up surrounding chapter headings-unemployment, poverty welfare, food and agriculture, and U.S. foreign trade and aid policies.

The recommendations on collaboration also look remarkably "soft" or nebulous compared with those in other parts of the document. Their possible impact is harder to measure or analyze in economic terms, and they cannot be translated as easily, or for the most part at all, into direct

programmatic or legislative action.

They depend, rather, on diverse, multi-level, and often voluntary acts and programs of cooperation by different and sometimes antagonistic groups.

DESPITE THOSE difficulties, the chapter on collaboration is in many ways central to what the whole document seeks when it calls for a new American ex-periment in economic democracy, an experiment that would do for economic rights and economic participation what the country has done over the past 200 years to guarantee its citizens civil rights and freedoms and political democracy

The new experiment in economic participation "has a moral and cultural aspect" as well as strictly economic dimensions, the pastoral draft says.

It notes that many observers think the United States is going through "a crisis of citizenship—the loss of a vision of the good

of society as a whole."

To restore the cultural and moral framework of mutual responsibility for the common good, a "sense of solidarity" is needed, the document says. This, it says, can be developed by enhancing "genuine participation and ... the sharing of responsibility in economic society.

One of its primary proposals in this area is to advance "a new partnership between workers and managers," one that goes beyond such generally accepted procedures as collective bargaining to cooperative ownership, profit-sharing and other forms of more extensive worker participation in the ownership and management of enterprises.

IN PARTICULAR, when industries face "painful choices" of plant closings or other transitions due to economic shifts, it is 'patently unjust" to exclude workers from

any say in such decisions, the draft says. It also says that managers and investors must share with the workers in the economic burdens that such transitions

The draft document also calls for local and regional cooperation of public and private sectors in job creation. It notes that private enterprise, especially small business, is the chief source of new jobs. while at the same time cities and regions most in need of such new jobs are the very ones that are least attractive to new business. For this reason it urges local, state and national government to play a strong role in giving tax and other incentives to encourage investment in hard-

Existing business, labor, financial and academic institutions can provide ex-pertise and other assistance to help innovative entrepreneurs willing to take initiatives in such areas, the document

It also notes that the church can play a major role in helping local communities and regional groups to collaborate on such projects. It cites the Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops' program of self-help for the poor, as a model for such community-based action.

It also urges formation of more local cooperative organizations based on shared economic goals, such as consumer and producer cooperatives.

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, the document notes that federal policies already have significant effects on almost every aspect of economic activity

Introducing the question of economic planning-whose very mention, it says, "is likely to produce a violent allergic reaction in U.S. society"—the document stresses that economic planning does not in itself imply "centralized planning boards, command economies, inefficient bureaucracies, mountains of government paperwork and entangling skeins of red

Pope John Paul II's call for societies to "make provision for overall planning" the economic domain simply means that governments have a limited but necessary role to play in fostering and coordinating the economic planning which already goes on at many levels throughout society, the draft says

"In an advanced industrial economy like ours," it comments, "all actors of society, including government, must actively and positively cooperate in forming national economic policies."

In such planning, it says, the impact of policies "on the poor and the marginalized is a primary criterion for judging their moral value."

An important aspect economic planning, it says, is to coordinate policies, so that different elements of policy do not work at cross purposes with one another.

Next: Global issues.



PASTORAL AUTHORS-The bishops' committee which drafted the economy pastoral in cludes, from left, Archbishop Thomas Donnellan of Atlanta, Archbishop Rembert Weakland, chairman, of Milwaukee, Bishop William Weigand of Salt Lake City, Bishop George Speltz of St. Cloud, Minn., and Auxiliary Bishop Peter Rosazza of Hartford, Conn. (NC photo by Bob

What black Catholics offer

Hardin started the Martin Center on College Avenue in Indianapolis. "The commitment of the Martin Center was to do whatever needed to be done in the black community," said Father Hardin. The center operates a Sickle Cell Anemia Center and a college with an enrollment of

The Indianapolis Archdiocese is also home to one of the largest and most active councils of the Knights and Ladies of St. councils of the Kingins and Ladies of St.
Peter Claver, a black Catholic fraternal
organization. The center located on
Sutherland is the only one like it in the
nation, according to Charles Guynn,
president of the Claver Center and national secretary of the Knights of St. Peter Claver. Guynn also serves as vice president of development for the Martin College.

In addition to operating a food pantry and nursery and offering emergency help, the center operates programs for senior citizens and those with drug and alcohol problems. The center is also planning to start a computer technology program for people displaced from their jobs because of new technology.

Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned is another local group formed to provide support for black Catholics and as a vehicle to address specific concerns of the



Father Clarence Waldon

black Catholic community. Founded in 1972, the group's goals include the en-couragement of religious vocations, lay leadership and participation among black Catholics, racial and social justice within the church, and the creation of liturgy

Father Kenneth Taylor, associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis.

Because of the common ties of race and heritage uniting blacks of the different Christian denominations into what is called "the black church," black Catholics can help to foster better understanding among the different Christian denominations. "When black Protestants get together, some black Catholics are present," said Father Waldon. "That is a bridge. . . . We bring Catholicism into an area where there is a lot of misunderstanding, a lot of mustrust and a lot of fear.

But most importantly, the presence of the black Catholic community gives a local witness to the universal character of the Catholic Church. "It is legitimate in the church for there to be ethnic and cultural differences," said Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, who helped write one of the preliminary drafts of the bishop's letter.

But those differences need not obscure the deeper unity of faith uniting Catholics aces and cultures. In the words of the black bishops:

"To be Catholic is to be universal. To be universal is not to be uniform. It does mean, however, that the gifts of individuals and of particular groups become the common heritage shared by all. Just as we lay claim to the gift of blackness, so we share these gifts within the black community at large and within the church. This will be our part in the building up of the whole church. This will also be our way of enriching ourselves. 'For it is in giving that we receive.' Finally, it is our way to wit-ness to our brothers and sisters within the black community that the Catholic Church is both one and also home to us all.

Because of their past experience of hate and injustice, black Catholics are in a unique position to manifest the Gospel values of forgiveness and reconciliation in their striving for justice, equality and dignity among all people. According to Father Waldon, "Reconciliation is (our) most important gift."

Bank won't buy coins

TORONTO (NC)-The Bank of Nova Scotia, Canada's fourth largest, would stop buying South African gold coins from the South African Chamber of Mines after the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and other church groups protested the purchases

The bishops had joined the Sisters of Charity, the English Canadian Jesuits and the United Church of Canada in protesting the bank's business in Krugerrands, as the South African coins are called. The groups together hold more than 260,000 shares in the bank, worth approximately \$3 million

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Call for more famine relief

tempt to present the statement, signed by 162 religious leaders. to Reagan President Congress

Although aid for Eth-iopia and other droughtstricken African nations has increased markedly since the crisis recently received national media attention, the response is still far short of the need," the statement said

"Our message is to the president," said the Rev. Arthur Simon, executive director of Bread for the World, a Christian citizen's movement against hunger. We want action from the administration.'

Later the same day, a group of House members gave their observations of the Ethiopian famine after returning from a fact-finding trip to that country.
On Nov. 28, Ethiopia's top

relief official said that only 8,000 tons of food are now available for a country that needs 100,000 tons per month.

An estimated 6 million Ethiopians face starvation as a result of poverty and drought, and several other nations may soon the same crisis African reach proportions

religious leaders

asked the president to spearhead Operation Africa, "a bold and unprecedented mission of justice and mercy, to halt immediately the unconscionable starvation currently running rampant on the African continent.

They urged Reagan to use his powers to utilize U.S. aircraft to deliver food and transportation equipment to areas of urgent need, to make reach regions efforts beyond the access of aircraft, to redeploy non-emergency grain shipments at sea to key African ports, and make available resources designated for emergency response

"This must be our central priority," Bishop Murphy said of the famine. He mentioned that the bishops' 1983 pastoral letter on peace said there was a connection between increased U.S. military spending and lack of

aid for the poor. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, asked President Reagan to take his own words seriously when he said politics and morality were inseparable.

"I believe that," Rabbi Tanenbaum said, adding that there is no more important issue facing the American

people than helping to relieve the suffering in Africa. "We may be saving lives, but no less than that, we may be saving our own sanity, our own sense of order and peace for ourselves and for our children after us," the rabbi

SUFFERING in Ethiopia and the possibility of using airlifts were further emphasized by the congressional delegation. The delegation had toured Ethiopia's ports, hospitals and relief centers Nov. 28.

"I have never been so unprepared for an experience in my life," said Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y. "People Ackerman, D-N.Y. were dying before my eyes in the camps in northern Ethiopia. Skeletal children and emaciated adults too weak to move were dying as we walked through the camps,"he said.

Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., caid the eight-member delegation had gone through "culture shock" and "culture "emotional trauma" in going from the richest to the poorest country in the world in 18 hours. She said she would support emergency airlifts to Ethiopia if the private voluntary agencies there indicated they were needed



20TH-CENTURY MADONNA-In a camp near the Sudanese-Ethiopian border a mother tries to comfort her hungry child. (NC photo from KNA)

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Pope finishes 5-year series of talks on married love

ROME (NC)-When Pope John Paul II finished his five-year-long series of talks on married love and birth control Nov. 28, he said he had tried to deepen understanding of the 1968 encyclical "Humanae Vitae" (Of Human Life)

The estimated 150 weekly audience discourses, begun in 1979, were meant "above all to be a theological response to the questions raised" by the document in which Pope Paul VI reiterated church opposition to artificial birth control

Since July, the pope has focused on the teachings on birth control. The pope spent more than four years laying the ground-work for this final cycle of talks, which he called "the conclusion of our now long journey.

In the final 16 audience talks, Pope John Paul stressed several key points about the encyclical:

► He restated the encyclical's basic tenet that every conjugal act must be open to procreation. The reason, the pope said, was found in the encyclical's teaching that natural law, through the very structure of the conjugal act, prohibits couples from removing the possibility of procreation. In using contraception, the pope said, they would be separating the two aspects of the marriage act that must not be separated: procreation and the union of the couple.

Pope John Paul used strong language in making this point. He said, in fact, that the conjugal act in marriage "ceases to be an act of love" when birth control is used, because it violates the "inner order of conjugal communion."

► The pope, in reasserting the validity of "Humanae Vitae's" ban on birth control, stressed that couples must follow church authority in family planning decisions.

It is not enough to take into account

one's own good intentions and motivations," he said. ► Pope John Paul made clear that he

recognized an essential ethical difference between church-condemned contraceptive techniques and natural family planning methods. The methods are allowed for in "Humanae Vitae" for the spacing of births. Natural methods rely on sexual abstinence during a woman's fertile periods

The pope repeatedly stressed, however, that natural family planning methods must be chosen only when couples have "serious reasons" for such a decision. He said couples abuse natural family planning if they simply want to avoid having children for unworthy reasons.

The pope did not list what he considered worthy or unworthy reasons for using natural family planning, saying that couples should make that decision. But he insisted that such a decision be based on "solid convictions regarding the true values of life and the family."

►He said more than once, natural family planning "is not meant to be only a technique. It is a whole moral attitude." The pope said further that couples using natural family planning must join in the "creative love of God" through prayer, the Eucharist and penance.

► Periodic continence or sexual abstinence, mentioned in Paul VI's encyclical, was emphasized by Pope John Paul as part of a larger virtue of self-control. Continence should not merely be seen as a natural technique for avoiding children, he said.

When seen as part of a larger spiritual virtue, sexual self-restraint can deepen "the personal communion of husband and the pope said. Continence, he added, does not merely involve the capacity to contain sensual attractions, but also

check and guide the complete sensual and emotional sphere.

The pope suggested that couples "direct their sexual emotions toward the higher goal of personal self-giving.'

▶Pope John Paul acknowledged that the church's teachings "appear difficult to put into practice" to many people. Besides the personal difficulties of couples, he mentioned-but did not elaborate on-the social, political and economic concerns about worldwide population growth.

But he said the church had sufficiently

taken into account such problems in "Humanae Vitae" and "Gaudium et Spes" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) of the Second Vatican Council. He added that "to anyone who reflects well," church teaching on birth control ennobles the human being and benefits the human community

IN PREPARING FOR his strong reaffirmation of "Humanae Vitae," the pope began in 1979 with an analysis, through Old and New Testament texts, of human sexuality and marriage.

He said human sexuality was part of a person's search for identity, and developed the idea that a person's body is an expression of the person's inner identity. The body is more than an object, the pope said.

In this context, the pope described sex in marriage as a "communion of persons" in which the couple gives each other fully as a gift. In doing so, he said, they use a "language of the body" to express their love and fidelity. Such a language, he said, was originated by God in creation of "man as male and female.

The pope also spoke of the sacramental origins of marriage, comparing the "in-dissoluble covenant of husband and wife" with the way "Christ is united with his church" through redemption. Marriage, too, he said, is "a sacrament of redemption."

POPE JOHN PAUL, in his audience talks-which were seldom simple and often footnoted-also took on such related themes as celibacy, virginity, lust, adultery, eros and ethos. In general, he condemned adultery and lust as an attack on the dignity of the person and the covenant between the couple. Purity, he said, had the positive aspect of "controlling one's body in holiness and honor."

The pope exalted the vocation to celibacy, and said at one point that the difference in the vocations of marriage and celibacy was the difference "between 'good' and 'better'" But the aim of most of the talks was to exalt marriage and explain its sacramental roots.

The pope's later defense of "Humanae Vitae" was based on this sacramental understanding of marriage as the reciprocal, complete giving by the couple through a divinely ordained language.

The pope's talks, according to Msgr. Carlo Caffarra, are to be published next year in book form.

Discuss sexuality early, parents urged

LOS ANGELES (NC)-Parents can help their children by developing a Catholic sexual morality in them early in life, ac-cording to two family life educators in the Diocese of Orange, Calif.

Dr. Paul Selecky and his wife, Andrea, directors for family life education in the Orange Diocese, told The Tidings, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of Orange, that parents should start an open dialogue about sensitive subjects at an early age

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Bill of Rights. As a treatment of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, though, it is a lively and informative work. In their commentaries on the wealth of litigation that has stemmed from the Bill's provisions, the authors have

companion piece to a series of television programs with the enhanced their research by same title that are being interviewing some of the parties to the court cases. broadcast this fall by public broadcasting stations. They have used newspaper accounts of trials to ad-The authors are thoroughly familiar with vantage and have described television, and, though it is not stated or even implied, well the settings for legal conflicts. presumably they tailored their book somewhat to be in I will leave it to lawyers and political scientists to judge the rightness of their harmony with the programs. If they did, it did not detract

selection of cases that are in any way from their text. called keys to an un-derstanding of the Con-Friendly is a journalism professor at Columbia stitution. It is safe to say, I University, and Mrs. Elliott believe, that the cases the authors chose did involve is an instructor there. The title of the book and highly important points of the series is, for the book at least, misleading and a bit law, and they have left their puzzling. Just what "that delicate balance" refers to is not made clear. Most likely, it stamp on cases that have followed them.

As journalists the authors have dealt with enthusiasm with litigation involving freedom of the press. Their

treatment of censorship is nearly as spirited, and they are deeply interested, obviously, in the legal history of racial discrimination.

With all the current interest in immigration problems the chapter on illegal aliens is a good resume of the issues that comprise the difficulties. The analysis of the Supreme Court's understanding of the right of privacy, one of the book's highlights, also is timely, and it is evocative as well as informative.

I believe the chapter on the free exercise of religion will leave readers with more than a passing interest in the topic with a feeling that much more should have been said. Others will note omissions they regret.

As a sampler, though, of the Bill of Rights primarily and the entire Constitution to a useful degree, the book is well-organized, readable, and likely to inspire readers to learn more about our nation's basic document. If the TV series accompanying it is as effective, millions of Americans will become far better qualified to be citizens.

(Philbrick is NC's book review

Book of Catholic biographies

AMERICAN CATHOLIC BIOGRAPHY, by John J. Delaney. Doubleday (New York, 1984). 621 pp., \$24.95.

is meant to remind readers of

the distribution of powers between the federal gover-

Schools, colleges, public libraries, newspaper offices, media resources and home reference shelves will surely want to add to their collections John J. Delaney's excellent and comprehensive volume, which compiles the lives and careers of notable Catholics in the United States from the days of the early explorers to our present

author states that the information herein is largely, if not exclusively, drawn from secondary sources. One of these secondary sources is the standard "Dictionary of Catholic Biography" (1961) by Delaney himself and the late James Edward Tobin. But where the entry for Father Isaac Hecker, for example, in the earlier and universal reference received only some 37 lines of treatment, in the new "American" version it has 97 lines and, except for basic facts, is freshly rewritten with much additional information.

Like literary anthologies in general, some reference works tend also to be idiosyncratic by virtue of the form itself. The general reader or consultor, however. need not assume the particular interests distinctions which professionals in the field of Catholic publication may care to note here and there in John Delaney's excellent reference work.

For instance, the literati may smile benignly on the 48 lines given to Flannery O'Connor, but then lapse into a crestfallen state at the only 17 lines devoted to the novelist Edwin O'Connor whose "The Last Hurrah" (1956) may still be considered the finest political novel in American fiction. One may also have reason to presume that John Howard Griffin deserves more than his 24

(See NEW on page 23)

Irregularity no problem for NFP

The change to Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods helped one young wife lose a disturbing feeling abnormality. In fact, she still feels a degree of anger and resentment toward the medical profession which she feels let her down at an important time of her life.

Gail and Peter met in the st year of college and made plans for a wedding right after graduation. Because marriage was very much on her mind, and because the birth control question was no longer theoretical but iment, Gail did something that I've found very few men and women ever do: she paused to read Humanae Vitae, Pope Paul VI's famous ncyclical condemning artificial birth control.

"I didn't expect the encyclical to be so tender, so understanding, so loving or so beautiful," Gail told me.
After thoughtful reading,

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Gail resolved that she never wanted contraception to enter the couple's marital bed. She discussed the matter with Peter, who didn't particularly care one way or the

All of this happened approximately five years ago. While the new methods of Natural Family Planning were getting to be better known even then, Gail and Peter had never even heard about them. The only noncontraceptive method that they knew about was calendar rhythm.

Now rhythm can be All of this happened ap-

Now rhythm can be reliable for a couple provided the wife has very regular cycles and provided the couple is properly instructed in the method. But good instruction in calendar rhythm wasn't going to help Gail and Peter: Gail's cycles were Peter: Gail's cy wildly irregular.

Gail's doctor suggested that she go on the pill to "regulate" herself. "After a year or so on the pill, you'll be

regular enough to use rhythm," her doctor assured

With a strange and un named reluctance, Gail accepted her doctor's prescription. She began

prescription. She began swallowing the pill every day.
After a year on the pill, the couple decided to conceive.
The birth of their first child the couple decided to the pirth of their first child the pirth of their first child the pirth of their first child the pirth of the pirth of the present in the pr brought great joy to the

question: what to do about spacing future pregnancies Despite the year's flirtation with the pill, Gail's cycles went back to their wild

It was at this point that the couple learned about new methods of Natural Family

"The first thing I learned

kind of cycles I experienced All I had to learn were the fertility/infertility signsmucus changes, temperature fluctuations and cervical

But something happened to Gail while she was in class: she met a number of women who shared her "difficulty: menstrual irregularity.

More importantly, she realized for the first time that this is not an abnormality.

It was at this point that that it didn't matter what Gail finally understood one reason taking the pill had bothered her so much: "The whole premise under which I had taken the pill was that there was something 'wrong' with me," said Gail. "And every day that I swallowed that little yellow tablet, I was reminded that there something 'wrong,' that maybe this drug would correct my 'abnormality' and make me like other women.'

New Catholic biographical dictionary ere is properly no history

(Continued from page 22) lines, while chagrin becomes complete when one notes that works whatsoever are listed under the name of the late Cardinal John J. Wright. Updatedness, on the other hand, is well served by the ample entry on Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston, who died suddenly in 1983, and by similar entries.

On the whole, there's an xcess of bishops listed in the Delaney references, or too

many who claim more inches many wno claim more inches of valuable space than they actually merit. Bishops, though important, are not necessarily interesting.

Most of the entries derive from notables born in the 19th century, and many of these were of Irish origin. There are nine O'Reillys, six of whom were bishops; 13 Kelleys or Kellys, five of whom were bishops; 10 Murphys, with one bishop; 10 Murrays, also one bishop; 11 O'Briens, apparently

name category is Walsh (17).

Many entries raise delectable questions. If the great conductor and U.S. resident Arturo Toscanini is listed, though he never renounced his Italian renounced renounced his Italian citizenship, why no entry for the poet Wallace Stevens, who, it is now revealed, became a Catholic just before he died?

It is ironic that John Delaney should have chosen Emerson's aphorism—"Th-

only biography"—as one of two epigraphs for this fine reference work. In context, the quotation signifies and the quotation signifies a deification of Self and directly opposes the Catholic philosophy and belief for which many of these notations gave their lives and out-standing careers.

stanuing careers.

(McDonnell, columnist and correspondent for The Pilot, Boston, is the author of "Saints in Due Season" and has edited two anthologies drawn from the writings of Thomas Merton.)

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December 7

First Friday devotions of Rosary and Way of the Cross will precede the noon Mass at 11:40 a.m. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St. Refreshments

December 7-8-9

A Charismatic Retreat will be held at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for information.

Benedictine Father Alban Berling will conduct an Advent Retreat on the theme "Waiting with Our Blessed Lady" at Kordes Enrichment Center, R.R. 3, Box 200, Ferdinand, Ind. 47532. \$15 for retreat, \$45 for room and

A Scheduled Directed Prayer Weekend will be held at Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand.

December 8

The Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will enjoy a Christmas Party at Chatham Walk Clubhouse at 6.30 p.m. Bring covered dish for pitch-in grovered dish for pitch-in dish for exchange. Meat, drinks provided. Call Neatha 897-1203 or Ann 253-7628 for reservations. for reservations.

(Non Sectarian Service)

A Day of Recollection on the theme "Advent—A Time of Waiting With Mary" will be held at Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. \$10 fee includes lunch. Call Sister Joella Kidwell at 812-367-2777 to register.

St. Susanna Church, Plainfield, will sponsor its First Annual Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school hall. A la carte

December 8-9

The Altar Society of St. Joseph Parish, Terre Haute, will hold a Christmas Bazaar in the Gregorian Room from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sat. and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

on Sun. Homemade crafts and

Anthony Parish Altar Sciety will sponsor a Christmas Boutique at 379 N. Warman Ave. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Sun. Booths, cafe, treasures, gift

December 9

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

Providence High School, Clarksville, will present "Christmas at Home," its annual Christmas Concert, at 7 p.m. Admission \$1; pre-schoolers free.

December 11

A seminar on Basics of Emergency Medicine for persons who work with youth will be sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Aquinas Center. \$5 per person. Register before Dec. 10.

The Ave Maria Guild will hold The Ave Maria Guild win hold a Christmas Luncheon and In-stallation of 1985 Officers beginning at noon in St. Paul Hermitage, 1402 E. Southern Ave, Beech Grove. Bring covered dish and \$3 gift for exchange.

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Persons (SDRP) will meet at 7 p.m. at the Benedictine Center, 1402 E. Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Mass, pitch-in dinner. Bring vegetable or dessert. For more information call Ray 784-9045 or Vicki 882-4271.

December 12

St. Joan of Arc Adult Catechetical Team will present the last session of its Advent program entitled "Christmas: God's Invitation to Intimacy" at

renewal, "A Christmas Gift to Ourselves." For information call 283-5508

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I'm mailing this report card home. By the time it gets there I should be out of the country.

St. Mark Parish, U.S. 31 S. and Edgewood Ave., will hold a Luncheon and Card Party at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Men

December 13

The second quarterly meeting of the Indianapolis Council of Catholic Women will meet at the Kof C Hall, 1305 N. Delaware St. beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. Luncheon \$5.50. Bris for vets. Call 547-0314 or 888-2721 for receptualized.

December 16

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

St. John's Festival of Arts will present organist Herbert Harris in concert at 4:30 p.m. preceding 5:30 p.m. Mass in St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St. Free will offering Church, 120 ... will offering.

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Band and Jazz Ensemble of Chatard High School will present a Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Public invited.

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Pope's attacker claims KGB threats

ANKARA, Turkey (NC)—Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk serving a life sentence in Italy for the 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II, claims he has been threatened recently by the Soviet and Bulgarian secret police, the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet reported Nov. 29.

But he said he would continue cooperating with Italian investigators.

The newspaper published a letter, dated Nov. 15, in which Agea said the threats were in addition to a "campaign of moral

aggression" against him by Soviet and Bulgarian newspapers.
"The threats of the KGB and its

followers cannot turn me back from the right way," Agca wrote.

In the letter, Agca promised to work

with investigators and vowed to give a full account of the shooting in what he said would be "the trial of the century." Agca referred to the expected trial next year of four other Turks and three Bulgarians whom Agca has implicated in an alleged plot to assassinate Pope John Paul.



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DIGGER-As building plans are made at St. Matthew's In Indianapolis, students in grades 1-6 participated in a coloring contest sponsored by the St. Matthew Building Fund Drive Committee. Contest winners are pictured with "Digger," chosen as mascot for the project, and his creator, Scott Blome. Overall winner was Marty Mates, grade 4. Honorable mentions went to Beth Davis, grade 1; Nicky Ingrisano, grade 2; Tom Yerks, grade 3; Linda O'Bryan, grade 5; and Carole Kelly, grade 6. Blome used the colors chosen by the winner for the mascot. (Photo courtesy of Eileen Busby)

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Essay contest winners honored by Serrans

students were honored by the Indianapolis Serra Club as winners of its essay contest on religious vocations at the club's meeting on Nov. 26.

Special plaques were given to the city-wide winners given to the city-wide winners in grades five through eight, both for parochial schools and CCD classes, and to the high school winner. Cer-tificates were also given to each school for the best essays in those schools.

The topic of the essay was "How Can I Encourage
Others Who Have Been
Chosen to Be Priests,
Brothers or Sisters?"

Cathy Bradshaw, a ninth grade student at Cathedral High School, was the high school winner

Others were: Becky Richardson, grade five at St. Michael's, Greenfield: Tracy Torrella, St. Christopher CCD grade five; Mary Cummings, grade six at St. Mark's: Steve Cugier, St. Christopher CCD grade six; Theresa Jolivette, grade seven at St. Matthew's; Jenny Leaf, St. Christopher CCD grade seven; Barbara Bennett, grade eight at St. Jude's; and Kenya Stella, St. Elizabeth Seton CCD grade eight.

John LaRosa, chairman of the contest, presented the plaques to the students on behalf of the Serra Club.

Here is the essay by Cathy Bradshaw, the high school

"What? You say you want to become a nun? Wow! That

is really terrific. I am proud of you for wanting to give your life to God in such a special way. Not many people feel called to religious vocations nowadays, so those who do are very special.

"Don't worry if people laugh at you or give you a hard time. They just don't realize the importance of nuns and priests in our community. We really need them, and I am very happy to hear that you have decided to become a nun. Of course, you realize the dedication it requires, and you know it is not going to be easy. But I am confident you will carry through with your decision and serve God to the best of your ability



CONTEST WINNERS—The winners of the Serra Club essay contest on religious vocations were, from left, front row, Steve Cugier, Mary Cummings, Theresa Jolivette, and Becky Richardson, and back row, Tracy Torrella, Jenny Leaf, Cathy Bradshaw, Barbara Bennett, and Kenya Stella. (Photo by John Fink)

Youth ministers at meeting

number of youth ministers from the ar-National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Adult Conference held Nov. 28-Dec. 1 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Among those attending were Paula Sasso, Terre Haute Deanery; Eileen Raftery, St. Patrick, Terre Haute; Mary McGoff, Im-maculate Heart, In-

dianapolis; Tony Cooper, St Mary, New Albany; and Jerry Finn, New Albany Deanery.

"It's a very good con-ference." said Carl Wagner. CYO coordinator of youth ministry. "It's a way to meet others involved in youth ministry and share new and creative ideas."

The theme of this year's conference was "Youth Minister as Prophet: Hearing a Call, Responding To the

Word." Speakers included: Father Richard Rohr, founder of the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati; Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Walsh of San Franepiscopal moderator from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministers: Jim and Kathy McGinnis who are active in social justice work; and Dr. Maria Harris, a Howard University professor who has written on youth ministry topics.

Faith, Family, Football tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Faith, Family and Football Awards Night to be held Feb. 4 at the Indiana Convention Center.

This annual program, sponsored by the four Catholic parochial high schools in Indianapolis, recognizes the All-State Catholic High School Football Team and the 1984 Coach of the Year. athletes will be

The selected from the 17 Catholic programs. Also chosen will be two lay persons who have demonstrated exemplary community and family involvement

Special guests for the awards night will be former pro quarterback Pat Haden, who will serve as master of ceremonies; and Zeke Bratkowski, offensive/ quarterback coach of the Indianapolis Colts, who will be the guest speaker.

Tickets at \$100 each

high schools in the state (\$1,000 for a table of 10) may which have football be obtained by writing to

Certificate program begins Dec. 7

Faith Family and Football of Indiana, Inc., 3914 E. Prospect St., P.O. Box 516, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206, or by calling Mr. and Mrs. David A. Felts, dinner chairpersons, at 317-353-1178.

Proceeds from the program are distributed among the 17 Catholic high schools. The cost of tickets is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

For further information about the local program, call Phillip J. Wilhelm, general chairman, at 317-359-5411

CYO hosts dance Dec. 10

by Richard Cain

Indianapolis Deaneries CYO will host a dance Monday, Dec. 10 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. to raise money to buy clothing and toys for a needy family. The dance will be held at the CYO Youth Center, 580 Stevens St. in Indianapolis.

The CYO hopes to raise over \$200 for Caritas, a service organization spon sored by Catholic Socia! Services. Last year's dance raised more than \$250, which provided clothes and toys for a family of six.

After raising the money, the youths themselves pur-

chase the clothing and toys, according to Jerry Ross, CYO administrator of volunteer services. "It gives them a sense of responsibility and helps them feel like they are doing something for someone else in need.'

The dance is one of two annual charity projects conducted by the CYO. During the Thanksgiving season, CYO youth also worked with the Teen Toy Shop collecting new toys for young patients at two local mental hospitals to select and wrap for their families.

Tickets for the dance are

available at the door. donation toward the Caritae service project is requested. The dance will be conducted by a disc jockey and refreshments will be provided

frank talk with the one you love about the lopsidedness of

Don't speak in an angry

way and don't lay guilt on the

person. Simply point out the

path your relationship has

taken and tell how you think

both partners should be

Your friend may be glad

you called this to his or her

attention. But if you think the

person may be offended or

get angry, try an indirect approach. Start a con-

versation about friendship in

person you think that in any

healthy relationship both persons need to have op-

portunities to give and that,

at times, they should express

tinues its present course with

you doing all the giving, you may want to consider ending

it-or simply stop giving the

person any gifts at all. Your friend's apparent

their love with gifts. If the relationship con-

At some point tell this

the relationship.

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general.

The second of eight the topic: Principles of Youth ssions of the Youth Ministry. John Roberto, each session

Ministry Certificate Program begins today, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m at the CYO Youth Center, 580 Stevens St. in Indianapolis It. conclude at 4 p.m.

The session will address and materials.

Ministry. John Roberto, director of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry in Paterson, N.J., will lead the sessions

The cost of \$170 includes room, board, tuition, books

Although part of a series, is selfcontained, according to Carl Wagner, CYO coordinator of youth ministry.

Registration details may be obtained by calling Wagner at the CYO Youth Center 317-632-9311.

Finding a balance with giving, receiving

Question. Is giving things to the one you love a fault when you don't get things in return? (New Hampshire)

Answer: What you're doing can hardly be called a fault. It's generosity. Jesus himself says in the Acts of the Apostles that "it is better to give than to receive."

But it would seem that you are a partner in a faulty relationship. If you are doing all the giving, something is

In a solid, healthy friendship, both friends give. It's important for both to have a chance to grow in generosity.

If your friend is doing all

the receiving and none of the giving, then it is possible that he or she is growing in selfishness. This is the enemy of friendship and love.

It may be that in your friend's home, no one has ever taught her or him the art of giving, of doing things for others.

It is also possible that your friend does not realize that she or he is doing all the receiving of gifts.

So, should you end the friendship? Not yet. Better to have a

selfishness is likely in the long run to be the enemy of a satisfying relationship. (Send questions to Tom Lennon, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005)

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Film classifications

NEW YORK (NC)—Here is a list of recent movies rated by the Department of Communication of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) on the basis of moral suitability.

The symbol after each title is the USCC rating. Here are the USCC symbols and their meanings:

A-I—general patronage; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV—adults, with reser-O-morally offensive.

Some films receive high recommendation by the USCC. These are indicated by the \star before the title.

The Adventures of
Buckaroo Banzai A-II
Against All Odds
All of Me
Amadeus
American Dreamer
Angel
Bachelor Party
Beat Street A-II
Best Defense
Blame it on Rio
Body Double
Body Rock A-III
The Bostonians
The Bounty A-IV
Breakin'
Broadway Danny Rose A-III

The Brother from
Another Planet A-III
The Buddy System A-III
Cal
Careful, He Might
Hear You
Cheech & Chong's
The Corsican Brothers O
Children of the Corn A-III
Choose Me
C.H.U.D
Cloak and Dagger A-II
Comfort and Joy A-II
Conan the Destroyer 0
CountryA-II
Crackers A-III
Crimes of Passion
Danton A-II
D.C. Cab
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Lutheran head meets pope

by Sister Mary Ann Walsh

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Pope John Paul II met with Bishop James R. Crumley, head of the three million-member Lutheran Church in America Nov. 29, in a private meeting at the Vatican.

As is customary, the Vatican did not release details of the meeting, but the following day the Lutheran leader said that he and the pope agreed "it is important to search for the next steps" to bri Lutherans and Catholics closer together.

Bishop Crumley also said the pope "recognizes the uniqueness of the situation in the U.S.A. where we have not had to overcome a difficult history, as in Ger many" where the Lutheran Church had its start. He said that in the United States, "the cultural milieu is different, promoting an understanding between on political, sociological and people economic bases.

The half-hour meeting between the pope and the bishop was the third such meeting in as many years. During his visit to the Vatican, Bishop Crumley also met with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Cardinal William Wakefield Baum, head of the Congregation for Catholic Education, and highest ranking American at the Vatican; and Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, head of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity

CHARLES AUSTIN, spokesman for the Lutheran Church in America, said that among issues discussed at the meetings was justification by faith. The churchmen agreed that issue is not necessarily the obstacle to unity which it once appeared to be, he said.

Justification refers to the action of God in moving a person from sin to grace.

The Lutheran position was viewed by many Catholics as saying that because salvation came by faith alone, a person's actions do not matter. The Catholic position was viewed by many Lutherans as saying that a person could earn his way into heaven through good works, which God was obliged to reward.

Through dialogue with Lutherans, Catholics have come to realize that Lutherans believe that authentic faith leads to good works. Similarly, Lutherans have come to realize that Catholics con sider good works possible only through

Other obstacles to unity involve implications of the doctrine of justification as applied, for example, to the papacy, purgatory and the roles of the Blessed Virgin and the saints.

'Luther accepted the office of the papacy as a sign of the visibility of the church," said Austin, so the existence of the papacy itself is not the problem. The problem, he explained, stems from the differences in understanding the authority of the pope and the way in which it is expressed throughout the church.

CONCERN OVER THE role of Mary in the church, Austin said, is related to assigning her a role in individual's redemption. Lutherans do not deny that has a significant role in the New Testament, but they reject any effort to

portray her as co-redeemer.

Austin noted, however, that despite differences which still exist between Catholics and Lutherans, there has been a significant improvement in relations since

Need 'dramatic response' for Africa famine, Hume tells Europeans

by Robert Nowell

LONDON (NC)-A "dramatic response" to famine in Africa is needed from the European Economic particuarly Community, particuarly since Europe has a surplus of food, said British Cardinal Basil Hume, president of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences.

In a letter to the EEC ouncil of Ministers Council of president, Ir Irish Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald, he urged European leaders to immediate emergency aid to meet the crisis, while recognizing that there is also an urgent need for long-term development in the affected areas.

The cardinal said that the EEC summit which began Dec. 3 in Dublin, Ireland, "takes place against a background of human suf-fering, hunger and death in Africa not witnessed before in living memory.

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generosity thus far, he said, but the consequences of the famine will last for at least another year.

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"Not only Christians, but people of every creed, and none, are justifiably scan-dalized by this situation," he

Appealing for a "bold and imaginative initiative" from Europe's political leaders, Cardinal Hume said that "food and financial resources should be made available from the community on a scale comparable to the tragedy which confronts Africa at this time."

If Europe's leaders act in this way "the people of Europe would be moved and inspired' and threatened people of Africa would be given new life and hope," the cardinal said.



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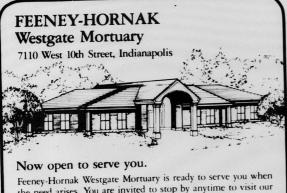
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