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Indianapolis, Indiana

# Holy Cross distributes food for 1500

People from throughout Indianapolis help in annual Thanksgiving project

by Margaret Nelson

The amount of food that filled Holy Cross Church last Tues day was unbelievable! But the growing number of people who needed the food was even more startling.

It was a haunting experience to enter the sanctuary of the It was a naunting experience to enter the sanctuary of the Indianapolis near-eastside church on Tuesday afternoon and find hundreds of boxes of staples—potatoes, onions, and can-ned goods—covering the pews. And columns of bread, milk,

ned goods—covering the pews. And columns of bread, milk, and boxed chickens stood eight feet high in front of the altar. It was more food than most supermarkets hold.

The thing that is hard to forget is the reason the food is there: the 360 registered families—more than 1,000 people—who could not otherwise have enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal. Sister Marie Werdmann, pastoral associate at Holy Cross, stressed, "Many of those who receive are also those who help. (Last week) they unloaded 5,000 pounds of onions and potatoes. They do their fair share."

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Sister Marie explained that this year they were able to cut
down the long lines of people who usually wait outside the
church in the cold. Those who had registered were taken care of in the church at the 5 p.m. distribution on Tuesday. The gym was opened to those needy who had not pre-registered, to distribute donations of food and 250 more baskets of food

the pantry was able to purchase.

Another change was the method of taking registrations. Before this year, it was done by phone. This Thanksgiving, the cards containing names of needy families were submit-ted by concerned neighbors and friends, school staff recomted by concerned neighbors and friends, school staff recom-mendations, those who participate in the weekly food pantry, and people who must request a basket for themselves. The parish cooperates with St. Vincent de Paul in delivering baskets to as many shut-ins as they "have hands to do." Sister said they are grateful for all of those in the parish who help, and the large number from throughout the arch-dicease. Cathalic high schools, college students, parishes.

who neep, and the large number from droughout the arch-diocese. Catholic high schools, college students, parishes, groups and individuals, even confirmation classes, make the Holy Cross Food Pantry a service project. And from the Lafayette diocese, St. Elizabeth Seton in Carmel has chosen to support the parish as a "sister parish," helping with this and other ministries at Holy Cross. The help comes in the form of cash and food donations, as

well as the time and strength it takes to transport, separate, and distribute these large amounts of food. Many gathered in the church last Sunday afternoon and worked from 1 to 4 p.m. Sister Marie comments, "There are so many good peo-ple that do lots of good things for us. It's exciting to be a part of it." Father Cosmas L. Raimondi is paster of Holy Cross Church. Mark Scott is the Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Basket Program Coordinator

For Christmas, Holy Cross extends its food pantry boundaries to include St. Philip Neri Parish. And St. Philip's collects clothing and other gifts for both parishes, which are wrapped and distributed from the parish convent.

Packing of food baskets for Christmas will be done at Ho-Packing of 100d baskets for Unristmas will be done at Ho-ly Cross on Sunday, Dec. 21, for the Tuesday, Dec. 23 distribu-tion. Sister Marie is hopeful about contributions for Christmas this year, because of the changing tax structure.

Because of a decline in non-holiday contributions, Holy Cross Food Pantry has temporarily had to cut its routine food distributions to one day a week. But the pantry will be there to do what it can to help. Right now, it's distributing food to 250 families every week of the year!



'BASKETS'—More than 100 volunteers, including some from other parishes and schools, filled these 360 boxes that line the pews at Holy Cross Church on Sunday. Perishables were add-

ed on Tuesday to these and another 250 boxes in the gym to supply Thanksgiving food from the Holy Cross Food Pantry to more than 600 needy families in the area.

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ASSEMBLY LINE—After instructions by coordinator Mark Scott, volunteers to to fill 360 baskets in an assembly line the width of the church. (Photos by Margaret Nelson)



# Odds and ends from the bishops' meeting

Archbishop John May of St. Louis is looking forward to his three years as president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. I have known him for many years, since he was with the Catholic Church Extension Society, so when

I saw him at the bishops' meeting I asked him if I should congratulate him on his election or offer condolences because of the heavy workload he was about to undertake. He replied enthusiastically that congratulations in-deed were in order and that he felt well-

deed were in order and that he less wearprepared for the task ahead of him.

He also said, though, that he is
prepared for a busy term, especially
the first year because of the preparations for both the synod on the laity next fall and the pope's visit to the United
States. He said that he considers both to be potentially very

important for the church

THE BISHOPS WILL miss Bishop James Malone sitting THE BISHUP'S WILL miss Bishop James Maione sitting in the presider's chair during their meetings. I'm sure that Archbishop May will preside well, but he will be as different from Bishop Maione as all the other conference presidents have been different from one another.

have been different from one another.

I started attending bishops' meetings while Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia was president and I thought he was an excellent chairman. Then I found the same thing true of Archbishops Joseph Bernardin (now Cardinal, of course, but then Archbishop of Cincinnati), John Quinn and John Roach. But I think Bishop Malone was the best at running a meeting. He managed to keep reasonably close to

schedule while making sure that each bishop wishing to speak got the opportunity. He presided with wit and humor during the most difficult sessions. He just has a great ability to say the right thing at the right time. This year, as in other years, we at the press tables marveled at the way he handlates. , we at the press tables marveled a cother bishops and the meetings.

SPEAKING OF HUMOR, Archbishop Frank Hurley of orage, Alaska probably should win the award for the Anchorage, Alaska protective most humorous comment during the meeting. The discussion was on guidelines for general absolution (which eventually were sent back to committee), and Archbishop Hurley told his brother bishops: "In my archdiocese in Alaska, it is often necessary to fly to some other town for confession because that's the only way to get there. And my people say that flying is too expensive for venial sins and too dangerous for mortal sins."

THE BISHOPS DO not have assigned seats for the meetings, and may sit wherever they want. But many of them seem to sit the same place every year, somewhere along the 10 long rows with about 28 bishops in each row. For example, I always know that I can find Cardinal Bernardin at the end of the third row, closest to the press section. As a matter of fact, he is the closest bishop to where the matter of fact, he is the closest bishop to where

tion. As a matter of fact, he is the closest bishop to where I usually sit (journalists also seem to sit in the same seats all the time, and my accustomed place is in the front row of the press section, facing the third row of the bishops).

Cardinal Bernardin undoubtedly sits where he does to make it easy for him to get to a nearby microphone (one of 12 mikes on the floor). He probably speaks as frequently as any of the bishops because he has opinions on many different issues, and other bishops often stop to confer with him, so this place is especially convenient for him.

Next to Cardinal Bernardin, by the way, is always Car-dinal John Dearden, retired Archbishop of Detroit. To his right is Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee and next to him is Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul.

**DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE** become as much a part of bishops' meetings as concelebrated Masses. Among this year's demonstrations were those in support of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle and in protest against the recent Vatican letter on homosexuality.

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Then there were smaller demonstrations. For example, there were large signs on automobiles outside the hotel saying that "Bishop DuMaine is our cross," referring to Bishop Pierre DuMaine of San Jose, Callf. And there was a protest against Washington Archbishop James Hickey's transfer of a priest, one sign saying, "Archbishop Hickey, you won't be a cardinal if you divide the archdiocese."
When the bishops went to the National Shrine for their annual Mass they had to pass by a prayer service sponsored by FACT (Friends of American Catholic Theology). The service was for "the church in pain due to the suppression

service was for "the church in pain due to the suppre of creative theological and pastoral expression" and in port of Father Charles Curran and Archbishop Hunths

DURING THE closed-door session Tuesday evening, Archbishop Hunthausen's 21-page statement was distributed to the bishops. Although this was a secret session, long excerpts from the statement appeared in a Milwaukee newspaper Wednesday morning, prompting some people to think that Archbishop Weakland had leaked the document. I prefer to believe that, with 280 or so copies of the statement around, the reporter simply found a stray copy. The New York Times printed the entire statement on Thursday morning.

# Fatima Retreat House has 'family reunion' for Clyde Trader

They had a "family reunion," as one server called it, at Fatima Retreat House on Nov. 17 and the family patriarch was the guest of honor. Clyde Trader, caretaker at guest of honor. Liyde Trader, caretaker at Fatima for the past 22 years, was retiring at the age of 89. Many of his "family" were there, including past directors, staff members, retreatants, friends and proud

relatives.
Fatima's advisor, board presented Clyde
with gifts and resolutions citing his "care,
dedication and demonstrated expertise."
The house staff gave him an engraved
plaque which held a toy tractor/snowplow
and this message from Sirach 9:17: "Work
from skilled hands will earn its praise."
An "Ill-Reficial Mr. Fritt Award" made

fficial Mr. Fixit Award" made by old friend and calligrapher, Benedictine

> Correction The article on Franciscan Sister San-

The article on Franciscan saster san-fara Schweitzer in last week's issue (Nov. 21, pg. 3) may have been mis-leading on one point. Sister Sandra's position as associate director in the Office of Worship is a full-time position. It includes the work as director of litur-

gical art in the archdiocese and as cordinator of the cathedral facilities.

Father Eric Lies, was signed affectionately, "Father Eric, admirer." And there were other gifts and speeches and tributes. Then the "family" did what all families

unions, they told stories. Father Glenn O'Connor remembered how as a student employee one summer, he miscalculated while cutting down a dead miscalculated wime cutting town? a tree. It fell in the wrong direction and crushed a new footbridge on the retreat house grounds. The worst part, he said, was trying to convince Clyde that a sudden, terrible storm had toppled the tree... and then spending the next five or six weeks repairing his mistake.

On another occasion, former director Don hneider recalled how the chain saw he was using to cut tree limbs sudenly reared back and narrowly avoided injuring him. In his usual laconic manner, Clyde remarked, "More luck than sense."

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In 1984 Clyde and his wife Mary were hired by then-director Father James Moriarty to serve as groundskeeper/custodian and cook at the recently built retreat house. For 32 years they had been "carnies," running a game at Riverside Amusement Park, and they planned to ease into retirement by taking a less stressful job for a couple of years.

Mary eventually retired completely due to ill health, but Clyde's "couple of years" continued to grow like Topsy. Vigorous to the day he left, Clyde was still climbing on the roof to clean gutters, riding the mower up roof to clean gutters, riding the mower up and down steep hills, and otherwise defying



Father James Moriarity (from left), Clyde Trader, and Benedictine Father Eric Lies

his age whenever the job at hand demanded

Clyde is a non-Catholic, but the religious mission of Fatima never interfered with his attitude about his job or the people he met. He says Father Moriarty told him he "wasn't hiring religion, he was hiring people" when

A man of few words, Clyde is known for

his sly wit and ornery manner which hide soft heart. In his remarks at his retirement luncheon he confessed, "It's been kind of a pleasure and I sure do hate to leave such nice

He thanked everyone, saying, "They put up with me as much as they could." Then he paused and said, "That's enough for one man to say at one time. I guess."

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# Butler to present music festival in Cathedral Dec. 9

"Rejoice!" A Christmas Festival by the Butler University Chorale, Symphonic Band, and Choir, will be presented at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedrel in Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m.

Paul catheess in Indualations at 100 m Tuesday, Dec. 9.
Michael Shasberger, William Hochkeppel, and Henry Leck will conduct the ensembles individually and in combination for an evening of Christmas music and celebration. Two audience participation sends will be neefcormed.

carols will be performed.

Works on the program include "In Dulce
Jubilo" and "Nativity Portraits" by Norman

Dello Joio; "Hodie Christus Natus est" by Glovanni Gabrielli; "Floria" by John Rutter; and "Summer in Winter Carol" by Kenneth Jeanings.

The Christmas Festival concert by Butler University is the first non-liturgical celebration in the recently-renovated cathedral. The renovation preserved many of the original features of the building, which was patterned after the early basilicas. This arrangement makes the building suitable for modern liturgies, gatherings, and concerts, such as the Butler presentation on Dec. 9.

# Pope travels to Bangladesh, Singapore and Fiji

by NC News Service

At the rate of a country a day, Pope John Paul II began the longest trip of his pon-tificate by visiting the slums of Bangladesh, urging affluent Singapore Christians to help

Because of early deadlines this week, we are able to report only the beginning of the s trip. There will be additional coverage next week.

the poor and participating in tribal welcom-



RICKSHAW RIDE—Pope John Paul II rides in a bicycle rickshaw during his visit to Dacca, Bangladesh. The pope took the ride on the first day of his two-week, six-nation tour. (NC photo

# Vatican paper calls in vitro fertilization morally wrong Conception must come "from the warmth of love," it said.

VATICAN CITY (NC)-In vitro fertilization is morally wrong because it separates conception from the sexual act of married love, said an editorial in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

It specifically criticized the practice of fertilizing eggs in a laboratory dish, freezing them, then thawing them for implanta-

The newspaper said the editorial was sparked by recent development of the practice in Italy. Several other countries also use the technique.

When the church teaches that only the act of conjugal love is worthy to offer the conditions of conception, that only the body of on is a worthy cradle of another person, it does so because the church knows that man, every man, has infinite dignity," said the Nov 16 editorial.

By separating conception from conjugal by separating conception from conjugal love, an embryo becomes "a perishable good," the newspaper said.
"In the case that it no longer serves, it will be thawed out and left to die," it said.

"The only one unable to express himself about his destiny in this affair is the embryo

itself, the person-embryo," it added.

The editorial praised the desire of sterile couples to have children, but said humanity cannot rely solely on scientific and technical criteria to solve the problem.

"Technological reasoning assumed as the decisive criteria of personal choice is maddening and destroys human dignity," the

Using technology to conceive human beings will only lead to enslaving humanity to technology, it said.

minority, the pope asked members of all religions to work together for economic justice and unity

During the flight from Rome to Dacca Bangladesh, the pope also expressed will-ingness to meet with U.S. bishops on church issues and left a qualified opening to a trip

to the Soviet Union. (See story on page 17.)
The pope arrived in Bangladesh Nov. 19,
flew to the crowded port of Singapore the
following day, then spent 10 hours flying to re returning to Rome Dec. 1, he was scheduled to visit New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles, covering more than 30 000 miles in 14 days.

In Bangladesh, a predominantly Moslem nation wracked by hunger and poverty, the pope pleaded for religions to join in helping

Speaking to Christian and non-Christian leaders of the country, where an estimated 80 percent of the people are undernourished, the pope said the world will be divinely judged by how it answers the needs of the

"Above all, I hope that the citizens of this land will not rest until the values of justice, mercy and love prevail," he said.

The pope's visit was a rallying point for Bangladesh's relatively tiny Catholic population—only 300,000 out of nearly 100 million people. The pope called them his "little flock."

His glass-topped "popernobile" moved past slums, curious onlookers and traffic jams of bicycle-drawn rickshaws. But he did not draw the massive crowds that turn out during his visits to Christian countries.

During a Mass in a downtown Dacca During a Mass in a downtown Dacca sports stadium, the pope ordained 18 priests and urged "tolerance and openness" among religions and full respect of beliefs. Those are sensitive topics in Bangladesh, where Islam is the state religion and Catholics are rearded with some suspicion.

In Savar, near Dacca, the pope visited a

shrine to the nation's martyrs—including three priests—who died in the 1971 fight for ence. At one point during the drive there, the pope abandoned his car for a short ride in a rickshaw.

In the affluent city-state of Singapore, off the tip of the Malay Peninsula, the pope reminded Christians of their duty to build a 'just order" in the world.

In an apparent reference to the country's In an apparent reference to the country's concern over population growth, he made clear that the church allows spacing of children—but without outside "coercion or pressure." Singapore has used economic penalties against families that have more than two children, but more recently has eased that policy to compensate for a declin-

His five-hour stop included a rainy out-door Mass attended by 60,000 people. He urged them to base their lives on love and

"Love responds generously to the need of the poor," the pope said. "Peace is possible only where there is a just order that ensures the rights of everyone.

the rights of everyone.

When he arrive in Suva, Fiji, the pope was treated to a display of South Sea hospitality. He sipped a pepper-root beverage from a coconut shell and accepted a polished whale's tooth offered in welcome by Fiji's tribal chiefs.

The ceremony, performed to rhythmic clapping and chanting by natives of the Pacific island group, was described by the country's governor-general as "the highest tribute we can extend to an honored guest."

The pope thanked the country's Methodists for their "warm welcome." Methodists vastly outnumber Catholics in Fiii, and the two religions once engaged in ter missionary rivalry.
"I am deeply touched, dear brethren, by

"am deeply touched, dear brethren, by your demonstration of brotherhood," Pope John Paul said at the rain-soaked welcoming ceremony in Suva's Albert Park. "It is my fervent hope that all the Christians of these islands will continue along the path toward full unity in faith in Christ."

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During a Mass at the park, the pope minded Catholics of their duty to be missionaries, but also aimed his message at

"I invite all of you to become more aware "I invite all of you to become more aware of Christ's call to spread the Gospel to others as well as to pray and work together for Christian unity," he said. "I encourage you in your esteem and friendship for your Hindu and Moslem brethren

When the pope met later with 18 regional bishops, he told them the "most important element by far" for the church in the Pacific was "the recruitment and training of workers for evangelization, especially



FIJI ESCORT—Escorted by a spear-bearing Fijian warrior, Pope John Paul II blesses the crowd as he arrives for a Mass at Albert Park in Suva, Fiji. Later about 100 men dressed in bark skirts performed a traditional war dance for the pope. (NC photo from UPI-Reuter)

# South African

The editorial came at a time the Vatican

is preparing a major document on bioethics which is expected to discuss the moral im-plications of using in vitro fertilization. Catholic theologians hold that in vitro fer-

tilization of an egg and sperm of people who are not married is immoral. However, there is disagreement about the morality of using it to help sterile married couples have

Some theologians say this is permissible if the sperm and egg come from a married n use sperm and egg come from a married couple and all embryos resulting from the process are implanted in the womb of the wife, thus avoiding the discarding of em-bryos or their freezing and later use for ex-response the company of the company

PRETORIA, South Africa (NC)-South African bishops said no headway was made in a Nov. 17 meeting on apartheid and political prisoners with President P.W. Botha and other government officials.

"No specific purpose was achieved, nor was any objectively visible in the course of the discussion," said Archbishop Denis rley of Durban.

The same day, the Pretoria supreme court turned down efforts to have Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, secretary general of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, released from detention. Father Mkhatshwa has been detained since June under state of emergency regulations and has said in written testimony that he was

Archbishop Hurley, head of the bishops'

bishops meet with Botha conference, told reporters that Botha and ers refused to heed the other government l other government leaders realised to feed the bishops' warnings that unless apartheid, the country's system of racial segregation, were dismantled violence would increase. The archbishop said Botha stressed his

government's commitment to reform. The South African president also said he felt that, in the face of a communist threat, reform s welcomed by most black South Africans,

was welcomed by most black South Arreams, Archbishop Hurley said.

The archbishop also said the government accused the bishops conference newspaper, The New Nation, of promoting communist ideals such as liberation theology and

The bishops requested the meeting in August. Those attending included Cardinal Owen McCann and Archbishop Stephen

Naidoo of Cape Town; Archbishops Hurley, George Daniel of Pretoria and Peter Butelezi of Bloemfontein; and Bishop Wilfred Napier of Kokstad, vice president of the bishops'

The government side included Botha, the minister of constitutional development and

minister of constitutional everyophrent and the minister of law and order, among others. One item of concern for the bishops was the continued detention without trial of thousands of South Africans, including Father Mikhatshwa. The bishops said the Father Mkhatshwa. The bisnops said the government's reaction to their concern was to reiterate that political interference from church workers would not be tolerated. In its ruling on Father Mkhatshwa, the court said assault on a detainee did not make the detention unlawful, so his release was not

# COMMENTARY

The Yardstick

# 'The Desolate City' is just bad scholarship

The final report of the 1985 extraordinary Synod of Bishops celebrated Vatican Council II "wholeheartedly, as a grace of God and gift of the Holy Spirit, from which many spiritual benefits have flowed for the universal church, for particular churches and for the people of our time."
It also acknowledged

It also acknowledged failures and difficulties in implementing the council. "Faulty understanding, unwise appli-cations of the council and other causes cast their shadow over the

post-conciliar period," it said. "However, in no way can it be stated that everything that has occurred since the council has occurred because of the council."

That's a realistic balance sheet—neither overly optimistic nor overly peasimistic. In marked contrast, Anne Roche Muggeridge, a Canadian journalist and daughter-in-law of distinguished British author and commentator Malcolm Muggeridge, thinks the results of Vatican II have been disastrous. In a new book, "The Desolate City," she says that "perhaps time will correct our judgment, but for orthodox Catholics who grew up before the council and are dismayed by the collapse of Catholicism after it, Vatican II seems to have served the sole purpose of kicking over a flourishing and expanding religious community."

Mrs. Muggeridge argues passionately that the "true" Catholic Church is on its last legs, stumbling forward while church revolutionaries who embrace secular and Protestant principles attempt to destroy it, once and for all.

Her father-in-law is less than accurate, I think, when he says that she writes "with

passion rather than indignation." That's not entirely true. In her book these alleged "revolutionaries" are not merely misguided souls, they are "bastards."

Mrs. Muggeridge reports that in an earlier book on the post-conciliar "unpleasantness" she used a quotation that became the "wry" watchword of traditionalist circles—"Don't let the hastards drive way ant of the "Don't let the bastards drive you out of the

church."

Mrs. Muggeridge may think "bastards" is a "wry" epithet. I don't. There's nothing wry in alleging that bishop X, theologian Y or Mr. and Mrs. Z are trying to destroy the church. To the contrary. To cite but one example, her sledgehammer attack on the good name of Sulpician Father Raymond Brown, a leading Scripture scholar, is beneath contempt, in my opinion. All is not fair in love and war even, or especially, for angry Christians.

Her father-in-law says her book is based

angry Christians.

Her father-in-law says her book is based on "careful scholarship." Her publisher says it is "meticulously researched." I have no way of knowing how much genuine research went into the making of "The Desolate City." I can only say that regarding the events about which I have firsthand information and the personalities who are personally known to me, Mrs. Muggeridge's research leaves much to be desired.

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leaves much to be desired.
Her statement, for example, that Father
J. Bryan Hehir of the U.S. Catholic Confer-ence staff is "the most important ecclesiastic
in the Roman Catholic Church in the United
States" is not to be taken at face value. It's
an ideological statement, not a statement of

Ditto her statement that "Hehir master-minded...the U.S. bishops' news-making pastorals on nuclear war and capitalism, for



which he then acted as spokesman to the press, to the Congress and to the church." With all due respect to her father-in-law and her publisher, such statements are neither "careful scholarship" nor "meticu-lously researched." Rather, they seem to neither "careful schools". Rather, they seem to have been culled from the conservative and neo-conservative U.S. journals which have been after Father Hehir's scalp for years. As I have had occasion to say here before, these statements are false, and they insult the U.S. bishops

To Talk of Many Things

# What is porn mag writer doing at Jesuit school?

One of the ways I keep up with what is happening in the church in this country is to read its diocesan newspapers. Sometimes I come upon reports so important I think the content should be

content should be shared.

That's true of an article published in the "Point of View" column of the Oct. 28 issue of The Eastern Oklahoma Catholic. It was written by Dr. Edward Maillet, director of Catholic Charities for the

director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Tulsa.
Dr. Maillet reported that in July 1983, Dr. Phyllis Zagano was told by the department chairman of the university where she taught that she had been denied reappointment as assistant professor of communications.

was from Marymount, she had masters degrees from both Boston University and Long Island University and her Ph.D. from State University of New York at Stoney

Brook.

She serves on the editorial boards of The New Scholasticism, the journal of the American Catholic Philosophical Society, and American Journalism, the publication of the American Journalism Historians' Associated She serves as reseased, fellow Association. She serves as research fellow for New York's Rockford Institute Center on Religion and Society. She is a lieutenant com-mander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

mander in the U.S. Navai Reserve.
Dr. Maillet reported that the New York
State Division of Human Rights has investigated and found probable cause to believe
that the university at which she taught
discriminated against Dr. Zagano because
of her Catholic religion and because she is

a woman.

Unfortunately, Dr. Maillet commented, discrimination against females and against Catholics is not unusual, even among institutions of higher learning. What makes the

plight of Dr. Zagano most unusual is that the university that dismissed her was the Jesuitrum Fordham University. And the department chairman of the communications department at the time of the decision not to re-appoint her was Professor George Gordon, who has been a contributor to, and a supporter of, Larry Flynt's pornographic magazine, Screw.

Screw has not only been one of the most sickening of the pornographic magazines but it has also been anti-Catholic. When Cardinal Terence Cooke was dying of cancer, Screw invited its readers to join a pool to guess the hour and day of his death. George Gordon has written for the magazine and on its 15th anniversary sent a letter of congratulations, signed by his name, identified as "Professor of Communications, Fordham University."

Dr. Maillet, in his Eastern Oklahoma Catholic article, reported that at the 1983 meeting, Chairman Gordon told Dr. Zagano that she would not be reappointed because she was "too involved in Catholic matters and affairs." He said, too, the fact she con-

tinued in the Naval Reserve made her suspect as an academic and her political views were not in keeping with those of the department. Two of the five members of the communications department voted not to reappoint her, three abstained from voting.

Dr. Maillet said there is a different administration at Fordham, a new president. A Fordham graduate himself, he has tried to get a response from that new administration, and believes it surely must come.

In his article he asked, "How did we get to the situation where that famous Jesuit university would permit a man so closely associated with pornography and with anti-Catholic attitudes to chair its department of communications, and to be in a position to communications, and to be in a position to pass judgment on the suitability of women on its faculty, especially when that woman is a scholar deeply committed to the very Catholic beliefs and values he so manifestly holds in conternet?"

Those are interesting questions from Oklahoma.

#### another's litany of problems The pitfalls of overreacting to

Last night I got a phone call from a distraught friend saying she had had a terrible fight with her husband and her marriage was breaking up. I did my best to bite my tongue and just listen.

A few months ago, the same friend called me with the same story. I stayed on the phone with her for over an hour and made plans to visit to see if I could help. My friends have been married for 22 years and I love both of them. I was very unset m. I was very upset hear that their mar-

But when I arrived at their house the next seltend, I found them laughing and kissing, unic playing and dinner in the oven, their gument long forgotten.

That incident helped me to finally learn a leason: We can't always understand other secole's situations based solely on what they say during times of stress. This applies not

only to people's marriages but to other aspects of their lives too.

aspects of their lives too.

The same thing happened to me when I called my son a couple of weeks ago.

"Mom," he said, "this is the worst day of my life." He said that he had just lost the biggest contract he'd ever had, his business was in trouble and he might not be able to make it. In typical motherly fashion, I was upset all week.

But when I spoke with my son again, all was fine. He might not lose the contract after all and the business was pretty healthy

"Mom," he said to me, "you should remember that when I talk to you I'm just pouring out the worst things. Sometimes I just need to talk but it's not the whole pic-

Well put. From now on, I'll try to remem-

Five become conscious lately how often people do this. We listen to others discuss their woes and then imagine ourselves in their situations. We draw conclusions and make judgments based on what our own reactions would be if we were in their shoes. People tend to talk about their problems to get them off their chest. But then we feel

compelled to comment, make a suggestion or offer a solution.

If the person doesn't embrace our suggestion or solution, we get a little offended. After all, we're just trying to help.

The truth is we don't know what is going on in another person's mind or ever fully understand someone else's needs, fears or problems. Often when we think we are empathizing with them, in reality we are projecting our own feelings onto them and making distorted assumptions.

My daughter recalled an incident from her teen years which is helpful. "When I was a teen-ager, I thought I was the most sensitive person in the world, always rushing in to show classmates that I could sympathize with whatever was bothering them," she said. "One day as I watched the teacher humiliate a boy, I died inside."

"Later I found out that the boy wasn't upset in the least," she continued. "It taught me that I wasn't really responding to others at all but only to myself."

We need to understand and empathize with others, of course. But we have to keep reminding ourselves that we never have all the facts.

Our challenge is to find the wisdom to

Our challenge is to find the wisdom to empathize and accept even when the other

person's problems are not comprehensible through our own experience.

It requires patience and self-discipline to listen without comment or judgment. To do so, we have to suspend our own egos. As difficult as that is, it is something to strive for

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# to the editor

# Mother of homosexual son writes

I just wanted to write and say how glad am for the stand the pope has taken on nonosexuality. I am not stating this from an anhiased position. You see, I am the mom of

unbiased position. You see, I am the mom or a boy who is struggling with homoseruality. I found this out by accident. I cannot tell you the pain this has caused both of us. So far no one else in the family is aware of this—he has begged me not to say anything to his dad because he keeps praying and try-

ing to change his attitude and hopes that he will begin to have a normal relationship with

I really believe that, with time and effort on his part, he will be able to do this. However, when some very powerful people in the church try to tell us that this lifeacture. on ms part, he will be able to do this. However, when some very powerful people in the church try to tell us that this lifestyle is normal and right for some people, it really undermines his very courageous efforts. dermines his very courageous efforts. It is amazing to me that the media have

# The Basilica of St. John Lateran

I overlooked Richard Cain's stating that Brebeuf students visited Astec sites in Peru (it should be Inca) several weeks ago, but the paragraph on St. John Lateran in the Sunday Readings (7 Nov. issue) is too much. Constantine did not legalize Christianity, His Edict of Milan (313) proclaimed toleration for all religions, which of course included Christianity. He himself was baptized only on his deathbed. Christianity became the official religion of the state several decades later.

The seven hills of Rome are the apitoline, Palatine, Aventine, Caelian, Estilline, Viminal and Quirinal. Vatican is a quiline, Viminal and Quirinai. Yascum hill across the Tiber some distance from the center of ancient Rome. There is no hill called Lateran. "Laterani" is the family name of those who owned the palace at the ss the Tiber some distance from th

# God's church

"Let no one in the Roman Church presume to dispute the disciplinary judgments endorsed by the successor of Saint Peter, for we have proof that the judgments of Saint Peter are endorsed by no less than divine authority. They are in fact the judgments of God." (Saint Cyprian, A.D. 200, 283)

200-258)

Matthew 16:19: "Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

In his Son it is God who created and founded the Roman Church, not man. If it was man who was its founder then it would not be God's church.

Harry I. Geis

site of the present basilica. Constantine received it as part of his wife's dowry and received it as part of his wife's dowry and gave it to the popes. There they lived for a thousand years before moving to the Vatican. Rome's cathedral, however, re-

Vatican. Rome's cathedral, however, remains St. John Lateran.

The original dedication of the basilica was to the Holy Savior. Because a Benedictine monastery dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist adjoined the Lateran, as time passed its name was applied to the basilica. The inscription on the lateral than the lateral th pued to the pastica. The inscription on the basilica facade erected in the 18th century announces all three names (Christ the Savier and both St. Johns).

Another inscription proclaims the basilica 
"the mother and first of all the churches of 
Rome and the world." Thus the feast day is 
a colaboration of our bestiers. Rome and the world." Thus the teast day is a celebration of our heritage, especially meaningful since St. John Lateran inspired the design of the interior and facade of our own SS. Peter and Paul cathedral.

James J. Divita

Professor of History

Marian College

Indianapolis

(Editor's note: Thank you for the correction and additional information on the hills. I referred to an adjoining baptistery rather than a monastery in explaining the origin of the basilica's present name following one of my sources, the "1986 Catholic Almanac." Pg. 264. The "Webster's New World Dictionary" gives "permitted by Jaw" as the second meaning of the word "legal." As Prof. Divita pointed out, Constantine's edict proclaimed toleration for all religions. One of the effects of this edict was to permit the practice of a particular religion, Christianity. It was in that less precise (though not incorrect) sense that I used the word.—RC)

# Devastating disease of alcoholism

History should record the week of Nov. 10, 106 as the most life and soul saving event during the era of The Criterion newspaper. It was during this week that it was apparent that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis had finally recognized alcoholism to be the devastating disease (body and soul) that it is (see "Today's Faith" section of Nov. 14 issue).

issue).

It has been almost 50 years since God gave us the means to arrest the disease (which is sufficient to save souls), and many have been successful. Our diocese has been valiant in working with and addressing the problems of divorce, teenage pregnancy, abortion, priest defections, religious unrest,

child abuse, narcotics, gambling, unemment, the poor, etc., but never concedie even acknowledging the real cause of majesty of these problems—drugs alcohol.

alcohol.

I address this letter of thanks as a sober cradle Catholic, alcoholic of some 50 years, sober because of the grace of God through Alcoholics Anonymous and the many spiritual benefits of our church through the

Vitus Francis Kern

Indianapolis
(Editor's note: The Criterion has published numerous articles over the years about the dangers of alcohol.)

# The timing of the bishops' pastorals

The bishops' pastorals truly do inspire me, but the timing hardly seems divinely inspired. Six weeks ago the nation returned to economic sanity with a "tax reform" bill (sic) where only economics would be considered in economic decisions. Now the pastoral on economics says this is immoral. I quote: "The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor."

Of course, it was in the moint of these

Of course, it was in the spring of 1983, out the same time that the president ansunced "Star Wars," that the pastoral on ar and peace inspired me. I quote from the sustoral: "No defensive strategy, nuclear or priventional, which exceeds the limits of

proportionality is morally permissible."
Of course, who has seen the word "suffi-ciency" in the same paragraph with the word "defense" since the pastoral was

Don't the bishops notice these contradictions? I would suggest The Criterion establish a weekly feature where all political activities and legislation that relate to either of these pastorals be reported. The readers should then write the appropriate officials with their opinions about the morality involved. Archbishop O'Meara and the editors would, of course, be free to express their opinions.

Indianapolis

R. M. (Bob) Twitchell

stated time and time again that alcoholism is a genetic disease and the person didn't choose to become alcoholic, but with treatment he can be helped to control his behavior and live a happier life. On the other hand, they say that homosexuality is genetic. her ay that homosexuality is genetic, but disease, and we must all accept the ior. The statement that the lifestyle doesn't hurt anyone is als

doesn't hurt anyone is also a myth. Families doesn't hurt anyone is also a myth. Families are hurt and guys are dying.

I love my son dearly and I know he is going through a most difficult time. Neither of us knows how he came about these feelings, which he says come so naturally to him. He was always a very sensitive child and I find that to be true of so many gay people, especially the guys. And in that sensitivity I think he has always felt he didn't measure uto what a man should be.

What the church needs to do now is to not

What the church needs to do now is to not reject the homosexual as a person, but to reject the behavior. But they can't stop there. They must offer counseling and self-image classes or groups such as the alcoholics have in Alcoholics Anonymous. The problem is, this is such a dark secret and no one want to admit it's a problem—and I understand that. I just pray there will be more help coming—not just acceptance.

# Father Damien and leprosy cure

Recently I received a copy of your arti-cle about Father Damien ("Calidren's Story Hour," Oct. 10 issue) from my parents who are members of St. Anthony's Parish,

Maybe I don't know much about pildren's stories, but I was appalled by this

Obviously the reporter didn't do much

First of all, there has been a cure for Hansen's disease, which is what it is now called, for many years. Second, the lepers were not condemned to the whole island of Molokai, but to the peninsula now known as

The patients are now free to come and go as they please. They live there by choice.

You can come and go only by mule, foot air. You cannot drive from Topside to

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First Sunday of Advent

with Archbishop Edward T.O'Meara presiding at 11:00

# CORNUCODIA

# Flying today in unfriendly skies

The friendly skies are full of clouds. On a scale of one to ten, deregulation of the airline industry rates a big nine in relation to consumer aggravation. Only the break-up of AT&T could surpass

But airlines are like doctors. We can't get too snippy with them because we need them. When Aunt Minerva passes away in Vermont, we can't take time to "leave the driving to us." Or when a juicy job interview beckons from the west

**AFTER** SEASON

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coast, we can't indulge our Orient Express fantasies by taking the train.

We're simply left at the mercy of a means of transportation which seems to defy reason because it's heavier than air and may fall out of the sky at any moment. Our identities are sucked into a computer, and we're herded, labelled, and finally buckled into seats

labelled, and finally buckled into seats designed for orthopedic rearrangement. We are advised of safety measures in case of mid-air disasters too scary to concase of fine-air disasters too scary to con-template, and fed freeze dried cardboard garnished with parsley. Smokers are segregated into evil-smelling compartments ed near the chemical toilets.

located near the chemical toilets.

Non-smokers are sealed into an airtight cabin with them, and all are made to breathe unnatural substances. Cold air ducts are directed firmly downward over each passenger. Seat position, light and air cool controls are cleverly concealed.

But picturesque accommodations pale beside the problems of scheduling endured

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by airplane travelers. Unsuspecting customers may have reservations six months in advance on one airline, only to be shifted to another at the moment of departure.

Connections to other flights become imsical at best. Relatives and friends grow old waiting to meet their loved ones in airports. Reserved ticket holders stand in long lines which unravel only when attendants announce that the plane is full. The wailing and gnashing of teeth are truly biblical.

Travelers bound for San Diego from Chicago are deflected to Denver, Houston, Chicago are deflected to Denver, Houston, Seattle, each stop more creatively chosen than the last. Direct flights become indirect, sometimes twice removed, and no point on the compass is left unvisited. Luggage takes on a life of its own and flies to many locations never seen by its owners. never seen by its owners.

never seen by its owners.

One more technological wonder has victimized poor us. One more modern convenience has inconvenienced, yea stressed us, ience has inconvenienced, yea stressed us, to the max. We are once again at the service of the instituon, rather than the reverse. Should we stay home? Should we picket runways at the risk of being blown away? Should we save up to buy our own plane? Probably not. Instead, we should try to stay calm while the airlines scramble for a

etitive edge.

competitive edge.

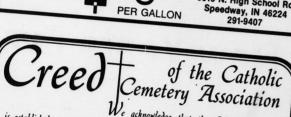
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while you're circling unknown territory in
holding patterns. Carry a supply of gorp to
nourish yourself and pregnant women sitting
nearby. And take along an Easter bunny

costume and a Santa suit so you can amuse costume and a Santa suit so you can amuse disgruntled kids while you're waiting in air-ports at holiday times. If you're lucky, you won't need both on one trip.

Vips...



Tell City native Paul D. Etie Tell City native Paul D. Etienne II is serving the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. as assistant coordinator for the papal visit in 1987. Etienne is a graduate of Tell City High School Extenne is a graduate or Tell City High School and the college of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Etienne, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Etienne and Hubert Voges, are members of St. Paul Parish, Tell City



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We believe in and are firmly committed to the teachings and rich tradition of the Catholic Church with regard to the deceased and the sacredness of the cemeteries in which their bodies rest.

We recognize the deep religious significance of the Corporal Work of Mercy involved in the burial of the dead and reverence for the deceased.

We are committed to encouraging Catholic prayer and devotion for our deceased brothers and sisters especially in our cemeteries.

We will oppose any effort to minimize or destroy any of the Catholic teachings which relate to death, burial and devotion to the departed souls.

We will proclaim through our words, work and example the sacredness of the Human Body, the Belief in the Resurrection and the Christian Virtue of Hope.

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FRANCISCAN—Three men from the Indianapolis archdiocese are in formation at Our Lady of Angels Franciscan Community in Quincy, Ill. They are Dave Roberson (second row, third from left); Joe Head (third row, fifth from right); and Martin Nagy (third row, far right).

INVITATION FROM THE CHANNEL OF PEACE TO CELEBRATE

# **Charismatic Mass**

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For Further Information Contact:

## **Catholic Charismatic Community Center** Phone: 545-6232

"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace." (I Cor. 1:3)

 1981 St. Meinrad College graduate and Benedictine Brother Matthew A. Brumleve recently began studies as a third year theology student at St. Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Penna. Brother Matthew is a monk of New Subiaco Abbey in Subiaco, Ark. His home parish is St. Joseph Hill in Sellersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James V. Beaupre, Sr. will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception hosted by their family from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30 in St. Catherine of Siena Parish hall. James Beaupre and Dorothy Edwards were married Nov. 30, 1936 in Holy Cross Church. They are the parents of six children: James V., Jr., Nancy A. Braun, Steven T., Jeanne M. Wyatt, Joseph A. and Suzanne D. McDaniel. They also have 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell, archdiocesan Coordinator of Family and Childhood Catechesis, recently returned from a meeting of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors (NCDD) board of directors. On the board she represents the dioceses of Evansville, Ft. Wayne/South Bend, Gary and Lafayette, in addition to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The NCDD is involved in a Catholic Education Futures Project to discern its goals and objectives for the 1990s and beyond

#### check it out...

✓ Indiana Rehabilitation Services has appointed Employer Consultants who will help develop job opportunities for disabled persons and serve as links between vocational rehabilitation counselors and job providers.

Advent schedule

#### Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) has moved its signal from Transponder 12, Satcom IIIR to Transponder 18, Satcom IIIR. In conjunction with this move, EWTN's programming hours have shifted one hour from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Eastern to 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Eastern. For more information call Nancy Gilmore at 205-956-9537, ext.

In Johnson, Boone and Hendricks Counties,

and in the southwestern portion of Marion

Co. the consultant is Greg Corn. In Madison

and Hancock Counties, and in the north-

western portion of Marion, Shelby and

Hamilton Counties, the consultant is Bernice

Stacey. For information on job opportunities

or providing jobs for the disabled, call the

consultants at 317-232-4798.

The Seventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1987 in downtown Indianapolis. Applications are now being taken for parade participation. Write parade chairman Kevin Charles Murray, 21st Floor, 1 Indiana Square, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.

For the fourth consecutive year, Cardinal Ritter High School will sponsor a Euro-pean Tour tentatively planned for June 11-26, 1987. The itinerary includes Interlachen and Zurich, Switzerland; Milan and Venice, Italy; and Garmisch and Munich, Germany. For information call Jim Long at 924-4333.

The Family Support Center Auxiliary will present a Holiday Tour of Traditions from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 featuring music, food and decorations at five area homes (Syrian, Indian, Jewish, French and Polish) and a special Mass at the Greek

Orthodox Church. Tickets at \$15 are available at several locations around town or by calling 634-5050.

Providence High School, Clarksville, has cast five acting groups which will travel through the Kentuckiana community during the holiday season. "The Popcorn Players, "Cricket Company," and "Wise Guys" ar "Cricket Company, and wise Guys are acting groups that employ comedy, story, mime, improvisation, and audience par-ticipation. "Kris Kringle Readers," and "Holiday Readers" perform rehearsed readings of Christmas material, especially suitable for nursing homes or other locations with limited performing space. Another group, the "GrabBag Players," performs short skits on child safety and other subjects suitable for children in grades K-5. They will perform evenings for PTAs and parent groups now, and on school days after Christmas. Those interested in scheduling any of these groups should send a letter to the Providence Performing Arts Department, 707 West Highway 131, Clarksville, Indiana 47130, with the time, date, and location of the desired performance as well as the name and address of a contact person. There is no standard charge for the services of these groups, but donations are used for travel and other expenses.

A three-day financial development workshop for Catholic parishes called the Pastors National Development Congress will be held Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 26-28, 1987 in Phoenix, Ariz. The Congress will focus on new and alternative sources of financial support for parishes. Speakers include Fathers Joseph Champlin and John Flynn, For information call 402-553-0256.

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St. will host an Ecumenical Prayer and Praise Ser-

vice" for 40 neighborhing church communities at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4. The event is a gesture of thanksgiving for the prayerful support given St. Matthew Parish by its neighbors during its recent two-andyear RENEW program. Call 257-4297 for more information.

The sixth annual memorial celebration of the assassinations of the four U.S. women missionaries in El Salvador in 1980 will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Carmelite Monastery, 2500 Cold Spring Rd. Open to the public, the celebration will center on the theme "Accompan-amiento: the Journey to Liberation." It is sponsored by the Indianapolis Committee for Peace in El Salvador/Central America (ComPES) and the Indianapolis Peace Center.

As part of its Silver Anniversary celebration, Chatard High School will sponsor a Mass Rededicating the school to the Blessed Mother on the feast of the Immacu-late Conception Monday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. North Deanery pastors will con-celebrate the Mass and a reception will follow in the cafeteria. The public is invited to attend. For more information call the school development office at 251-1451.

Providence High School in Clarksville will offer a free entrance test for the fresh-man class of 1987 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Public school students interested in attending the school must take an entrance test. For more information call Rene Lippman at 812-945-2538.

THE POOR BOXES ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE NEEDY

# Penance services

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have announced communal penance services for Advent. Several confessors will be present at each location. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation at a parish and time which is

Following is a list of services which have been scheduled, according to deanery:

#### Indianapolis North Deanery

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Christ the King.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke.

Dec. 14, 3 p.m., St. Joan of Arc.

Dec. 14, 5 p.m., St. Andrew. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Matthew. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Pius X.

Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of

Mary.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence.

Indianapolis West Deanery Dec. 3, 7 p.m., St. Malachy, Brownsburg. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More, Mooresville.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., St. Christopher,

Speedway.
Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Holy Angels

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Gabriel.

Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity.

Dec. 21, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Michael.

#### Indianapolis South Deanery Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., St. Roch.

Dec. 9. 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Greenwood.

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., St. Barnabas.

Dec. 14, 4 p.m., St. Mark. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Jude.

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Nativity.

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Central Catholic at St.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., Holy Name.

#### Batesville Deanery

Dec. 9, 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist,

Dec. 10, 7 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo, Milan. Dec. 14, 2 p.m., St. Maurice, Decatur Co

Dec. 14, 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Millhousen Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Maurice, Napoleon.

Dec. 15, 7 p.m., St. Louis, Batesville. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. John, Dover. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Magdalen, New Marion

Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Martin, Yorkville. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Aurora

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Greensburg. Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Pius, Ripley Co. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne, Hamburg.

#### Connersville Deanery

Dec. 2, 7 p.m., St. Anne, New Castle. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove.

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., St. Gabriel, Connersville

Dec. 11, 7 p.m., St. Rose, Knightstown. Dec. 12, 7 p.m., St. Bridget, Liberty. Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Holy Family, Richmond. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City

16, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael, Dec.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Rushville. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Richmond. Dec. 20, 12:05 p.m., St. Mary, Richmond. Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Richmond.

New Albany Deanery
Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., St. John, Starlight.
Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family, New

Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual

Help, New Albany.

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg.

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael, Charlestown.

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Knobs, St. Mary of the Knobs. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, New Albany

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Navilleton. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, Sellersburg. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart & St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, at Sacred Heart.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Lanesville. 23, 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony, Clarksville.

Tell City Deanery
Dec. 7, 7 p.m., St. Mark, Perry Co.

Dec. 10, 7 p.m., St. Pius, Troy.

Dec. 11, 7 p.m., St. Paul, Tell City.

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Augustine, Leopold. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Cannelton. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Meinrad, St.

Meinrad. Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Martin of Tours, Siberia

Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Crawford Ce. Dec. 23, 7 p.m., Holy Cross, St. Croix.

# -NOTICE-

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nclosed. Total amount enclosed is \$\_ (Reservations Accepted for Large Groups.) Please send my ticket(s) to:

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## -REMEMBER

Our last Early Bird Drawing & Las Vegas Night will be held December 6, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 4332 N. German Church Road, Indpls.

# Report confessional might have been bugged

NEW YORK (NC)-Catholic officials and civil rights advocates are concerned about a report that law enforcement agents might

a report that law enforcement agents might have "bugged" a Catholic confessional during an organized crime investigation.

Some government officials say they doubt the validity of the report, part of a Sept. 29 Time magazine story. But they have not totally ruled out the possibility that a "bugging" may have occurred, or that confessional might legally the transit is the media that the confessional might legally the transit is the media the second might be sold in the media that the second might be sold in the media that the second might be sold in the media that the second might be sold in the media that the second might be sold in the second might be second might be sold in the second might be second might

ging" may have occurred, or that confes-sionals might legally be tapped in the future. The *Time* story cited an increase of court-approved buggings and said investigators, including state and local police, have hidden bugs in everything from a Perrier bottle to an electric blanket and a horse's saddle. The an electric bianket and a horse's saddle. The magazine reported that "agents even admit to dropping snoopping devices into a confes-sional at a Roman Catholic church fre-quented by mobsters, as well as a church candlestick holder and a church men's room. All this, agents insist, was done with court

permission."

John P. Puthenveetil, director of the Greater New York chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, wrote FBI Director William H. Webster asking for a confirmation or denial. "If true," Puthenveetil wrote, "this is an outrageous violation of our rights—the sacred and con-

violation of our rights—the sacred and con-ridential confessor-penitent relationship."

The League also received expressions of concern from Bishop John R. McGann of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and Father J. Christopher Maloney, secretary to Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York. The priest said the cardinal wants the National Conference of Catholic Bishops staff notified of

william M. Baker, assistant director for the FBI Office of Congressional and Public

Arrairs, told the Catholic League in a Nov. 6 letter that "a member of my staff contacted one of the authors of the Time article, who advised that the source of the statement in question was not the FBI and regretted that the statement was misinterpreted.

the statement was misinterpreted."
Baker's letter said that the Omnibus
Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
provides for "judicial authorization of electronic surveillance techniques." And it concluded, "The rights of our citizens are, of course, always a major consideration when utilizing this technique."
Puthenveetil said the FBI's letter left

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allegedly was bugged is believed by the Catholic League to be in Brooklyn.

The Catholic League also wrote to U.S. District Judge Joseph M. McLaughlin of Brooklyn, a Catholic who is former dean of the Fordham Law School. In a letter Oct. 21 mcLaughlin replied that "I too am shocked," and suggested that the "agents" involved were acting on their own initiative.

"I have never heard of a court-approved wiretap or bug on church facilities," McLaughlin wrote. "Without such an authorization the tap or bug is clearly illegal, and the result thereof would be inadmissible

and the result directed would be hadminssible in evidence in any court—civil or criminal."

McLaughlin said that "such an outrageous intrusion" would make the "agents" liable to a civil rights action.

John Michael Ryan, New York State assistant attorney general in charge of the Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, wrote Puthenveetil Nov. 5 that "if in fact such an Putnervectil Nov. 5 that "if in fact such an incident did occur, and I personally doubt that it did, it was not based upon any court-ordered electronic surveillance conducted by this office."



AID FOR AIDS PATIENTS—Mother Teresa of Calcutta kneels in prayer at the oper ceremonies of a new convent for her Missionaries of Charity order in Washington. The sis plan to work with AIDS patients in the Washington area. (NC photo by Michael Hoyt)

# Mo. Teresa opens shelter for AIDS victims in D.C.

WASHINGTON (NC)—Mother Teresa at-tended a Mass Nov. 8 to dedicate the "Gift of Peace," a new facility to house AIDS pa-tients in Washington. Archbishop James Hickey of Washington announced the opening of the new AIDS

shelter Aug. 21.

It is the second such facility in which Mis-sionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order, care for AIDS patients. The first is in New

York City and was provided by the Archdiocese of New York.

Both shelters are for patients who do not require hospital care. Medical backup for residents of the Washington facility will be provided by Georgetown University

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a disease most often found among male homosexuals

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# Judging the U.S. economy by 'pro-family' criteria

WASHINGTON (NC)-On one key point it the economy the U.S. Catholic bishops and the White House agree: The economy must help, not hinder, American families.

Both church and state, in recent documents, make that suggestion—the documents, make that suggestion—the bishops in their pastoral letter on the economy, approved Nov. 13, and the White House, in its Report of the Working Group on the Family, distributed Nov. 14.

For example, the White House report emphasizes that Americans must ask if any proposed government policy will "be fair, ortive and encouraging to the families of America" and "justify the financial burdens it would impose upon household

The White House also says that "family policy must be built upon a foundation of omic growth. Sustained, vigorous expansion of the economy—with all the oppor-tunity that flows therefrom—is an essential part of any pro-family program.

According to the bishops, "policies and programs at all levels should support the strength and stability of families, especially those adversely affected by the economy. As a nation," they add, "we need to examine all aspects of economic life and assess their ef-

the views of the Reagan administration and those of the bishops. For one thing, the administration paints a rosier economic

The administration says the president's olicies have led to "the greatest period of expansion and job creation in modern times' and fostered "dramatic progress during the st six years of economic reform in turning back" economic resources to the citizens.

The bishops propose that "the first line of attack against poverty must be to build and sustain a healthy economy that provides employment opportunities at just wages for adults who are able to work."

However, the prelates also warn that currently "our economy is marked by a very uneven distribution of wealth and income," a situation they find morally "unacceptable."

Furthermore, they add, "poverty has increased dramatically during the last

Both White House and hierarchy also agree that some components of the welfare system must be revamped. One goal, they concur, should be helping the p dependency and become employable.

But the bishops also seek a minimum welfare benefit "to remedy these great

which are far more generous than others in helping the poor, especially families with children.

The administration, by contrast, finds that the states that pay the highest welfare benefits have had the biggest increases in child poverty. It ar the that assistance increases, it becomes less effective in reducing poverty...because dependency becomes more attractive than labor and self-sufficiency."

The bishops also discount the notion that

a woman has babies out of wedlock in order to get bigger welfare checks. Most welfare families have only one or two children, and there is "little financial advantage" in having more children, they say.

But the administration claims "there is indeed some relationship between the availability of welfare and the inclination of many young women to bear fatherless

In another difference of opinion, the bishops recommend "strengthening twoparent families who are poor" by ma welfare "available to two-parent as well as single-parent families . . . so that fathers who are unemployed or poorly paid do not have to leave home for their children to receive

The administration believes, though, that

"fathers do desert—but not so thones can get welfare."

The two groups also part company on day care. The bishops maintain that "employers governments and private agencies need to prove both the availability and the quality

of child care services."

The White House report claims such services as "state-funded day care" make taxes increase—thereby "forcing mothers into the workplace"—and reflect European method of "socializing the costs of child-rearing" which "must be avoided here."

The White House report makes other points likely to stir debate as well. For points likely to stir debate as well. For example, while bishops and church leaders over the last decade have described the single life as a "vocation," the administra-tion ties being single to crime, taxes and other social ills.

The report asserts that "if increasing numbers of our children are born or raised outside of marriage, if youth drug and alcohol abuse remains at current levels, if an ever-larger percentage of adults choose not to marry or choose to remain without children, there will be staggering conse-quences for us all: greater poverty, more crime...higher taxes, worsening deficits and crises we have only begun to anticipate."
If so, "pro-family" forces in the future will have a long agenda indeed.

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# Effective college presidents picked

WASHINGTON (NC)—Ten Catholic college presidents are among the 100 chosen "most effective" by their peers out of about 3,300 in the United States.

Among the five college presidents in the country cited most frequently were Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh of the University of Notre Dame and Jesuit Father Timothy J. Healy of Georgetown University, Washington.
(Included among the top 10 was John W. Ryan, president

(Included among the top 10 was John W. Ryan, president of Indiana University. Although not the president of a Catholic college, he is a Catholic who is president of a college.)

According to the survey report Father Hesburgh, who will retire at the end of the current school year after 35 years as president of Notre Dame, received far more mentions than

Richard Conklin, director of information at Notre Dame said that when informed of the survey Father Hesburgh "said he's going to ask for a recount."

Also chosen in the top 100 were Jesuit Father William J.

Byron, of The Catholic University of America, Washington; Jesuit Father J. Donald Monan, Boston College, Boston; Felician Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, Madonna Col-Felician Sister Mary Francische Van de Vyer, Madolina Col-lege, Livonia, Mich.; Msgr. Terrence Murphy, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.; Jesuit Father William Sullivan, Seattle University, Seattle; Norman Francis, Xavier Univer-sity of Louisiana, New Orleans; Norbert Hrudy, Aquinas Col-lege, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Franciscan Sister Joel Read,

Alverno College, Miwaukee.

The study, "The Effective College President," is a two-year project funded by the Exxon Education Foundation to examine the personal characteristics, professional background and attitudinal differences that personify the country's most

effective college presidents. About 400 college presidents took part in the survey along with about 85 officials in higher education, foundation administrators and scholars. Each of the 485 was asked to identify five people whom they considered to be the most effective college presidents in the United States.

In a written statement Father Byron said that while "it is nice to get personal recognition," effective university presidents "are totally dependent for their effectiveness on responsive, creative and productive people throughout the campus community."



Father Theodore M. Hesburgh

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# Michael McDonald: getting sense of freedom

By Charlie Martin/NC News Service

Sweet Freedom

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Always searchin' for the real thing/But livin' like it's far away/Just leave all the madness in yesterday/You're holdin' the key/When you believe it.

Refrain: Shine sweet freedom/Shine your light on me/You are the magic you're right where I wanna be/Oh sweet freedom carry me along/We'll keep the spirit alive/On and

We'll be clancin' in the moonlight/Smilin' with the risin' sun/ Livin' also se've never done/Goin' all the way/Reachin' out to meet the changes/Touchin' every shinin' star/The light of tomorrow is right where we are/There's no turnin' back/From what I'm feelin.

'Cause there'll be starlight all right/When we're close to-gether/Share those feelin's ooh dancin' in your eyes tonight/ They're guidin' us/Shinin' till the mornin' light.

Repeat refrain

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personal lives. Most of us want to be free from those pressures and responsibilities that weigh us down. We want to be free

from the constant effort of homework and the endless pressure of tests. Others of us

night not like certain school or

family rules, even when we realize that these restrictions

have a good purpose.

3. Freedom to be ourselves

Ex-Doobie Brother Mich McDonald has another hit in "Sweet Freedom." This song is from the sound track of the film "Running Scared." Like the movie, it makes us think about the meaning of freedom. The idea of freedom brings to mind different situations,

including:
1. Political freedom and the privileges of living in a free country.

Perhaps this is freedom's most important meaning. Poss this freedom means that we don't hide behind false images or try to be anything we are not. It lets us accept our limitations. It helps us appre-

ciate our good qualities.

The freedom to be ourselves gives us the courage to

follow our consciences and to resist peer pressure. We stay true to ourselves. We also face the struggles

of life with hope. Even when facing uncertainty, we keep faith in ourselves and in God.

The song says: sweet freedom ... you are the magic, you're right where I wanna be." Each of us can live with this type of freedom. Every day is a chance to grow stronger in our ability to be

(Your comments are always welcome. Please address: Charlie Martin, 1218 S. Rotherwood Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47714.)

## New Albany youth Mass

The monthly youth Mass for all in the New Albany Deanery will be Sunday, Nov. 30. It will be at Mount St. Francis and begin at 6 p.m. A

social time will follow. For more information, contact the Aquinas Center, 707 W. Highway 131, Clarksville, Ind., 47130 812-945-0354.

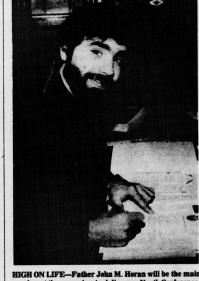
#### Students at Marian win titles

Students from the archdio-cese who attend Marian Heights Academy won state

## Connersville soph. retreat

There will be a retreat for all high school sophomores in the Connersville Deanery. It will be the weekend of Feb. 7-8 in Rushville. To register or for in Rushville. To register or tor more information, contact your parish youth minister, D.R.E., CCD teacher or pas-ter. Or you may contact Col-leen Brandenburg, deanery coordinator of youth ministry, 220 W. Ninth St., Connersville, Ind. 47331 317-825-2944.

Beta Club titles for the third year in a row. Winning a first place trophy for the third year in the oratory competition was Senior Robin Pierce. She is a graduate of Holy Angels School in Indianapolis. Senior Jennifer Sorensen of Floyds Knobs won first place for the third year as a part of the academy's quiz bowl team. Another senior, Joy Coleman, won a first place trophy as a part of the song ensemble. Winning a second-place ribbon was Jane Henley of Bedford. First-place winners are eligiple for competition in the National Beta Club Convention in Louisville in June.



speaker at the upcoming Archdiocesan Youth Conference,
"Extravaganza" 87: High on Life." The conference is
scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12 at Roncalli
High School in Indianapolis. A former high school teacher,
Father Horan is now director of the CYO in the Archdiocese

## Entry deadline for music contest

The deadline for entering ple is \$1 per person. Entry the Archdiocesan Music Contest is Friday, Jan. 23. The acteachers in the Catholic tual contest will be Feb. 14 at Chatard High School in Indianapolis. Youth may enter in the categories of instrumental, piano and vocal. The cost is \$2.75 for a solo act. The cost for sembles of 12 or more peo-

teachers in the Catholic schools the week of Dec. 15. Or you may get a form through your private music teacher or by contacting the CYO Office, 580 E. Stevens St., Indpls., Ind., 46203 317-632-9311.

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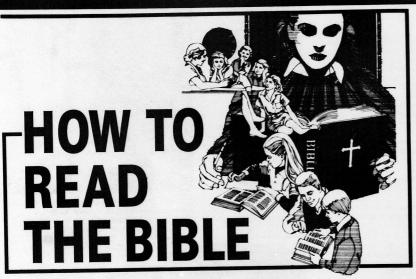
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# How to mine for Bible's gold

by Dolores Leckey, NC News Service

"There is an appointed time for everything" (Ecclesiastes)—even for certain books. In springtime there is Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which invariably opens my eyes to the timest expressions of life. Autumn is the time for Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," with its descriptions of

And every Advent I read the first chapters in Luke's Gospel. The infancy narratives found there are full of strong images, presented like a string of color-ful Christmas cards. The familiar drama of the Gospel and the testing of the principal actors still cap-ture my attention. When I read the opening lines— Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among "— I know something new awaits me.

When I first began the practice of reading Luke in Advent I concentrated on the stories: John the Baptist's unhappy end; Gabriel's message for Mary's life; Mary's visit to Elizabeth; the birth of Jesus; Jesus' desert encounters. Wonderful stories, full of courage and trust in God. Later I realized how natural it was to enter into the gospel narrative, lingering over a single passage, savoring the details of a particular

This is one kind of meditation. It often releases the ner senses so that one "sees" and "feels" the Visitation: Mary hurrying to pack her donkey, saying good-bye to neighbors and friends, setting off for the long visit with Elizabeth. All the sights and sounds and

smells of early Palestine are part of this imagery.

And then the "feel" of Jesus moving in the womb creates a bond of empathy and solidarity with Mary and Elizabeth, a bond that pregnancy and childbirth create among women the world over. Such imaginative engagement with Luke's stories inevitably leads to prayer, a dialogue with the Lord whose mysterious ways continue to draw people worlds and centuries removed from these narratives in Luke.

Often, after my initial reading of the first four chapters, I go back to the beginning and proceed in another manner—in the manner of "lectio divina," an ancient method of biblical praying, very simple and

very moving.

I begin this by making an act of faith to be open to the word of God expressed in the day's reading. Next, It start to read a particular passage and continue until a word or a phrase captures my attention. When it does, I set the Bible aside and meditate quietly on the word or phrase. Often this word or phrase, becomes a ssageway to different kinds of prayer: prayers of ession, repentance, thanksgiving and praise. One time while reading Mary's great hymn of love and praise, the Magnificat, the phrase "My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior" stopped me. What followed was a free-flowing consideration of the many blessings in my life and gratitude for all that was.

But sometimes one's energy is low and the fatigue of daily living inhibits both imaginative meditation and the "lectio divina." Then two of Luke's prayers can sustain us. There is the Magnificat, which can help turn our attention outward and to greet a new neip turn our attention outward and to greet a new day with compassion and balance. The second, the Nunc Dimitis—"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace"—is the prayer with which Simeon greeted Mary and Joseph when they brought Jesus for the Temple presentation and blessing. As part of Compline, the church's official prayer recited at the end of the day, the Nunc Dimitis also is there for us when weary. weary.

#### This Week in Focus

How can people read the Bible and get the most out of it? Can people step into Scripture's pages and find something there to help them with their own

This week Today's Faith begins a six-week Advent and Christmas series on how to read the Bible.

Father John Castelot writes of the role of the prophets, beginning with Moses. It was their task to see the meaning in events and to tell the people of that meaning. What the prophets saw was that God was active in their lives, and would not act as he did if there were not good things in store for them. Scripture is an accounting of the acts of God in his people's midst. Father Castelot teaches Scripture at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, Mich.

David Gibson discusses some ways of making the approach to Scripture a little smoother. Fear that they won't understand Scripture steers some people

way from it altogether; others approach Scripture almost like a recipe book with precise directives to cover every contemporary situation. But there is another course, one that avoids each of those extremes, says Gibson. He is editor of the NC Religious Education Package.

Dolores Leckey speaks about ways to read the Bible during Advent and to incorporate that reading into prayer. She describes an approach to Scripture that brings the imagination into play; also described is the approach known as "lectio divina.

Katharine Bird interviews Jesuit Father James Malley, secretary for international ministries at the Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C. He tells Bird that Advent is a time for slowing down and relaxing the pace of daily schedules to reflect on the larger aning of life. Bird is associate editor of the NC Religious Education Package.

# Stepping in the pages of Scripture

by Fr. John Castelot, NC News Service

Way back in the 13th century B.C. something happened which affected the whole course of human history, giving it direction and purpose. A large group of Hebrews, condemned to inhuman slave labor in Egypt—powerless, broken, dispirited— rebelled against their oppressors. They made good their escape into the Sinai peninsula, where they survived for

about 40 years.

Actually they grew strong in that inhospitable, downright hostile area. Against all odds they developed a sense of identity and eventually emerged as a full-fledged nation.

But those are only the bare facts. They cry out for

explanation, so fantastic are they.

Today there are thousands of Jews held virtually Today there are thousands of Jews nead virtually captive in the Soviet Union. Suppose they were to rise up and flee to Israel. An impossible scenario even to imagine? Perhaps. But if they did it would be something like the Hebrews defying the power of Egypt and getting away safely.
How could such a thing possibly happen?

It took extraordinary people gifted with extraordinary insight to penetrate these events in the Hebrews' lives and to interpret their meaning. This was the task of the prophets, beginning with Moses. The function of the prophets was not to be predictors of the future but interpreters of the past and present. Gifted by God with the insight of faith, the pro-

phets discerned the meaning and purpose of ev They understood the whole event of the exodus from Egypt as a spectacular intervention by God on behalf of his people. There could be no other explanation for the well-nigh incredible succession of events in the

the warrings interesting successful of veters in the lives of their people.

The more the prophets reflected on this, the more they came to understand the God responsible for it. Thus we speak of God revealing himself in history—not just in isolated, amazing events, but in events that

The working out of revelation is realized by deeds and words, which are intrinsically bound up with each other.

have real meaning. These are the events told of in Scripture.

When the bishops at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s described the process of revelation they

The working out of revelation "is realized by deeds and words, which are intrinsically bound up with each other. As a result, the works performed by God in the history of salvation show forth and bear out the doctrine and realities signified by the words; the words for their part, proclaim the works and bring to light the mystery they contain" (Constitution on Divin Revelation, Paragraph 2).

What words did the council have in mind? The prophetic words, which went beneath the surface to speak of the meaning of events. When the significance of the events was seen, God was recognized, first and foremost, as a saving God, a God intent on the freedom, happiness, salvation of his children. This basic conviction gave rise to the people's hopes for the

Surely, it was reasoned, the sensational initiative taken by God in their lives meant he had great plans

for his people in history.

Rooted in the solid evidence of the exodu

(See STEPPING INTO, page 13)

# Advent Bible reading

by Katharine Bird, NC News Service

"Advent is one of the few times in the year I feel a need to be quiet and reflective," to put things in perspective, said Jesuit Father James Malley. It is the season to look for the God who is always nearby and to ponder with Scripture the large questions of life: "Where am I going?" "What does it mean that the Lord became human?

Father Malley is secretary for international ministries at the Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Advent scripture readings, especially Isaiah and the Psalms, focus on "the mystery of what we are saying when we profess something as awesome as the incarnation," Father Malley said. Scripture stresses that "God is a personal being on whom we depend for all creation and conservation of life, and that this personal being became one of us. And the incarnation becomes the more wondrous

When possible, Father Malley goes away on retreat the last 10 days of Advent. When it is not, he pencils a mini-retreat into his daily schedule, something he recommends to others as well. By getting up an hour earlier each morning and leaving his office a little earlier each afternoon, he fits in a period of prayer and reflection at the beginning and end of each day. "It's a way of quieting down" and developing attitudes appropriate for the season, he said.

Historically there is a reason to slow down during the holiday season, Father Malley pointed out. During the Middle Ages the church took great care to celebrate the feasts occurring around Christmas, the feasts of St. Stephen and Thomas the apostle, and the circumcision. "All feasts of the Lord and the virgin and the apostles were holy days of obligation then" which meant that everyone was given time off from work, he said. It was a way of saying that "we should stop and celebrate certain great events related to the Christian faith."

The Advent scripture readings lend themselves to meditative study by families and individuals because they are filled with expectancy "and geared toward the coming of the Lord," the priest continued. They invite us to wait with Mary and Joseph in Advent with a sense of wonder and joy.

Reading the Bible quietly at home during Advent "builds up the expectancy of Christmas as a religious event" and helps to counter society's non-religious Christmas preparations, Father Malley said. He suggested that using a Bible study guide can be immensely helpful in "getting the riches out of the Bible." The Collegeville Bible Commentary series (Litargical Press; Collegeville, Minn.)
"helped me immensely," he said. Such guides aid an understanding of how the
Bible was put together, how to interpret Scripture and what Scripture is.



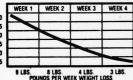


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# Suggestions for smooth approach to the Bible

by David Gibson, NC News Service

Are you afraid of the Bible? Many people are. They know the Bible's books were written long ago in a far-off place with a very different culture. Suspecting that a hidden meaning lurks under the Bible's every word, they rarely, if ever, venture into it.

Others go at it the opposite way. They approach the Bible unhesitatingly as if it were a recipe book for modern living written yesterday and containing clear directives covering every contemporary problem.

Between those two extremes lies a middle course, one where the Bible's cover jacket doesn't lock up its pages, but where the Bible's special qualities are recognized.

It is a question of how to read the Bible. But it is also a question of how to listen, of what you "hear" as you

read. The willingness to hear a little differently — for example, to listen for the sounds of another culture in these books from the Middle East—helps to smooth one's approach to the Bible.

What will be heard are the sounds of faith.
Throughout some 1,500 pages, the Bible tells and tells
again how God acts among people. These are stories
of the relationship of God and people, accounts of

God's presence in the world.

A willingness to cope with the unpredictable also can smooth the approach to the Bible. There are many cases when Scripture's images open onto richer vistas than we might have expected. For example, it is tempting to fit Jesus to our personal image of him, to make of him what we like. But the Jesus of Scripture is always more—fuller—than one imagines.

Sometimes it is a willingness to hear old stories in

new ways that smooths the approach to the Bible. The ear can grow lax toward some biblical stories heard often in church and elsewhere—the parable of the Prodigal Son; the Sermon on the Mount. A person steers away from reading the Bible, expecting it to be "old news." Then is the time to focus on a fresh aspect of the biblical accounts—on the Prodigal Son's father rather than the son himself; on what Jesus' words say not just about our behavior, but about the kind of God we have.

kind of God we have.

A willingness to participate in the dialogue Scripture initiates also can smooth the approach to it. The Bible's 73 books were written for people, often read aloud in the ancient communities. The books addressed people—drawing a response from the listeners, stimulating change and growth in people's lives.

aloud in the ancient communities. The books addressed people—drawing a response from the listeners, stimulating change and growth in people's lives.

Of course, a smoother approach to the Bible will be facilitated by reading some books that provide general background for understanding the Bible, or by participating in parish seminars on this. Such background, coupled with the willingness to hear anew and be open to Scripture's rich panoramas, helps to steer the course into the Bible.

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## **Education Brief**

# It takes some imagination to grasp the Bible's message

Praying with Scripture calls for an identification between the person who prays and the people in the scriptural narratives and stories. The Bible stories give us room to walk around and find our own stories in them. With a little imagination, we can become the characters who heard Jesus so long ago; our lives can be comforted or challenged by his word, as was the case for people when he walked the earth.

For example, a son-in-law attended Mass one Sunday morning filled with bad feelings toward his mother-in-law. Saturday night she had publicly humiliated him one more time. He had tossed and turned all night with images of revenge and hostility. He went to church filled with these feelings. This continued during the first part of the Mass until the Gospel. But then he began to actually hear the gospel parable of the day, the story of the Prodigal Son.

Somehow the son-in-law was able to find himself in

that parable. He identified with the son. He became the son who needed to come home again. He decided he could not leave that Mass without making a fresh commitment to try again to reconcile with her.

Because the son-in-law was open to it, the word of God merged and meshed with a particular situation in his own life. Perhaps no scripture scholar would have thought to give that particular interpretation of the parable. The homilist did not make that exact application either.

Yet the link was made in the man's imagination by the Spirit of God merging and meshing with a human spirit. Scripture becomes the living word of God when we use it that way. The conversion which began with our initiation into the Christian community is meant to continue throughout our lives. Scripture helps us keep conversion on track.

Can you recall a circumstance in which some Bible story or parable spoke in a special way to you?

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#### Resource

Here are three books which can help readers understand the Bible better by putting events and stories into their historical context. "The Tale of Two Testaments," by William Riley, discusses the world of the ancient Israelites and the first Christians, and how the Old and New Testaments came about. (Twenty-Third Publications, Box 180, Mystic, Conn. 06355. 1985. Paperback, \$5.95.) How the Israelites became a united people against the backdrop of pagan civilizations is discussed in "The History of Israel and Judah in Old Testament Times," by Israelist (Paulist Press, 997 Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, N.J. 07430. 1985. Paperback, \$8.95.) "Jesus in the Gospels: Old Stories Told Anew," by Richard Mazziotta, CSC, retells familiar New Testament stories, presenting many cultural and historical details to flesh out readers' understanding of events. (Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556, \$5.95.)

# Stepping into riches of Bible

(Continued from page 11)
Egypt, these hopes refused to die. They sustained the people throughout the centuries of adversities which would have crushed people who had no such faith. It was only gradually that the Israelites developed

It was only gradually that the Israelites developed any clearer notion of what they desired. When the prophets spoke of the future, it was usually in very general terms. They simply restated the hopes, kept them alive and concentrated on keeping the people faithful to their covenant with God.

It was God's "reign," his saving dominion, that the

It was God's "reign," his saving dominion, that the prophets envisioned, his ultimate victory over evil. How or when this would come about they did not know; that it would come about, of that they were

All through this historical process God was revealing himself as a faithful and saving God. This, in itself, is truly marvelous. In ordinary human relationships we reveal ourselves intimately only to those we love and trust. This self-revelation is, in fact, one of the clearest signs of one's love for another.

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#### **Discussion Points**

Some people are reluctant to spend time reading the Bible out of fear that it won't make sense to them. Why might they feel that way? What can be done about it?

What makes the Bible, written so long ago, valuable today?

Dolores Leckey says that she reads the first chapters of Luke's Gospel each Advent. She discusses two ways of relating this to prayer: through an imaginative engagement with the stories and the "lectio divina." What does she mean?

Do you feel that in order to read the Bible more meaningfully you need some assistance? What libraries, what parish groups in your community provide such assistance?

# Children's Reading Corner

# Carl asks about the book in his friend's back pocket

Januario is a good worker. He retired several years ago after working more than 40 years in his homeland, Honduras. Now he works whenever family nomeiand, Honduras. Now he works when members and friends need a helping hand.

Carl is a friend. He knows Januario by his nickname, Nayo. When Nayo was visiting his daughter in Virginia, Carl came to know and admire him.

Nayo had been very helpful then so Carl asked him Nayo nad neen very neiptui then so Carl asked him if he would help repair and paint the back porch. One hot July day Nayo came over to help Carl. Nayo worked steadily. The porch was in bad shape and it was a tedious job in the hot summer sun. Carl worked with Nayo a short time but then went inside the house

Carl noticed that from time to time Nayo stopped to rest in the shade and usually took a small book out of his back pocket before he sat down by a tree. He



# **SOMEONE**

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Carl was curious. He knew that less than half the Carl was curious. He knew that less than half the people in Honduras could read. He knew that Nayo had little formal education and that he had spent most of his life working to support his family. Carl was surprised that his Honduran friend read during his breaks from work.

At lunch time Carl asked Nayo in Spanish: "What

is the book I see you reading when you rest?"

Nayo smiled and reached into his back pocket for the worn blue paperback. "It's my Bible," he said

It was a copy of the New Testament. Nayo opened

# What Do You Think?

What did Nayo find so fascinating about the Bible? When Nayo said "our lives are like the people in the Bible," what did he mean?

# Reading Corner

Approaching the Bible through pictures and in ordinary conversation is probably the simplest way to grasp what God's Word means in people's lives. This is how you can read the Bible in "The Gospel in Art by the Peasants of Solentiname," edited by Philip and Sally Scharper. Its art depicts the biblical characters as peasants in the Central American settings of Solentiname, located in Nicaragua's Lake Nicaragua, with its thatched roof buildings, bright blue waters and lush vegetation. The stories told by sants reveal how they believe God is active in their world. (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, 10545. 1984. Hardback, \$9.95.)

#### Hidden Words

ords hidden in the puzzle below. They may be call hairzontal or diagonal. All the words are found in this week's children's story.

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it to a passage in John's Gospel and slowly read a fe verses aloud— about Jesus feeding 5,000 hungry

peopie.

"Why do you read the Bible so much?" Carl asked.

"It is the word of God," Nayo explained. "In the
Bible God shows me how to live like Jesus lived."

"But how did you learn to read the Bible that
way?" Carl asked. "I often find it hard to understand

"A priest once showed me how much our lives are like the people in the Bible," Nayo recalled. "It's true. In my country almost everyone is poor. Many people are hungry. Many are sick. Just like the people in the

"The Bible says Jesus gave them food and helped them. We are just like they were. So Jesus helps us the same way. And he wants us to help others." Carl was struck by Nayo's wisdom and thinks often

of his Honduran friend sitting in the shade on a hot

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Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 Isaiah 2:1-5

**NOVEMBER 30, 1986** 

by Richard Cain

The sun was beginning to crest the ridge beyond the Kidron Valley to the east of Jerusalem as Nebat spread out his rugs along the side of the cart. In the marketplace by the gate there was the smell of animals and the sound of merchants hawking their wares. For the past two weeks, Isaiah had appeared at the temple on this day and Nebat wondered whether the prophet would speak again today. As was his custom, Nebat let his eyes rove up and down the narrow streets that led out of the square. At the end of one of them he could see the top of the temple walls looming over the city, their closely fit-ting blocks of stone broken only by the

Isaiah gave us a tremendous vision. He said that some day, people of every nation will come here to live by God's laws.

protruding ends of the cedar beams that held up the roof.

Suddenly, Nebat heard a different kind of noise than people made when they were buying and selling. People were murmuring, "Who is that?" or "There goes that prophet—what's his name?" Then Nebat saw him. It was Isaiah. He was headed for the temple. Hurriedly, Nebat threw the rugs back into the cart and raced up the steps of the street after the prophet.

When he arrived at the temple square, huffing and puffing, he saw a group of people already assembled there. Isaiah was standing on the steps of the temple waiting for the people to be quiet. He seemed to be looking beyond the people, down the hill and up the higher hills across the valley.

Then, all of a sudden, Isaiah opened his mouth and began to speak in measured poetic cadences. "In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the

Hamutal had just returned from an afternoon with the women at the washing place when she heard the rattle of Nebat's cart on the cobblestones. Then the rough wood of the door swung open with a metallic sigh and for a moment she couldn't see anything except a brilliant glow surrounding her husband's silhouette as her eyes adjusted to the stronger light. Then the door closed again. She heard Nebat's heavy steps and a groan as he heaved an arm load of rugs onto a pile on the floor. She realized he had sold only half his rugs. "Isaiah prophesied again, eh?" she said as her husband's form eased into a chair. "What did he have

"He gave us a tremendous vision," Nebat said, stroking his beard. "He said that some day, this little hill we all live on will be made the tallest of all mountains and people of every nation will come here to live according to the way of life the Lord has given us."

"But how can that be?" Hamutal said wearily. "I thought he prophesied last week that the Lord was going to destroy us with the sword. Can't he make up his mind?"

"No! He said the Lord would do that only if we continued to disobey him and pay no attention to his laws. After all, we are supposed to be God's holy people.

"Why bother if he continues to treat us like this? Why are we no longer a great nation like we were when Solomon was king? Has the Lord's arm grown short so that he can no longer restrain our enemies?

Nebat looked tenderly at his wife. "I don't know. This time Isaiah spoke of peace. He said that everyone would beat their swords into plows and there would be no more war." Nebat paused looking for words. "I don't think the Lord has abandoned us. Maybe that's why he has sent us Isaiah. According to him, what the Lord has planned for us is even greater than we had thought. We will be great, but maybe not exactly in the way we thought."

"So what does the Lord have planned for us?

"I'm not sure. Isaiah seemed to be saying that our God, the God of Jacob, will actually rule the world from the temple here. The Lord will be a great king, judging the nations and teaching them how to live as we have been

"But we have to start living it first, my Nebat?"

"I guess so. That's how Isaiah ended it. He swept his hands up in an arc and said 'O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!' "

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-E.R. Mat

Hamutal said with a laugh. "I've got to fix dinner. Why don't you bring me another lamp and feed the donkey."

Nebat got up with a smile. Outside he patted his donkey's bristly back and wondered if he was ready for what the future would bring.



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# **Ouestion Corner**

# Marrying a cousin

by Fr. John Dietzen

I am engaged to marry the one man I have Q lam engaged to marry the one man I have loved for years but I have one doubt. He is my third cousin. I'm afraid our children may have some type of mental disorder.

I know of couples who have married cousins and their children are healthy. What are the views of the church on marrying your third cousin? Children would be important in my life but I feel I could not even suggest starting a family with that possibility. I'm afraid to mention it to my fiance because of his temper and the possibility that he would dismiss it as overreaction. Maybe I'm just afraid of my own feelings.



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According to general Catholic Church law, any collateral relationship up to and including the third degree (what we usually call second cousins) is an impediment to marriage. (Canon 1091. Perhaps I should point out for those who are familiar with former canon law that the 1983 code changed the way these relationships are designated.)

Of course, no dispensation can ever be given by the church for a marriage between brother and sister. In other cases, however, the church through the bishop can

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(and quite often does) dispense for a serious enough

Marriage between first cousins, for example, is far more common in some other cultures of the world than it is in our own. In those situations dispensations by the church for first cousin marriages are also relatively common

The church's laws forbidding marriage within certain degrees of consanguinity, of course, are based on social and health reasons which are rather obvious and about which you are concerned.

To my knowledge, the church has never had any serious regulation prohibiting marriage between third cousins

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(Send questions to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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# Family Talk Is smoking a moral issue?

Dear Mary: There is so much said these days about how bad cigarette smoke is for you. Why doesn't the Catholic Church speak out against it? It

must be a sin if it is as bad as they say. Is it because priests and bishops smoke themselves?

I picked up my niece from her Catholic high school one day Her clothes smelled so bad of smoke I could



Couldn't they at least put a stop to it in our schools? Why is this problem ignored by the church? (Kentucky)

Answer: The reason that the church has not spoken out against smoking is that smoking has not been viewed as a moral problem. It is only in recent years that research has demonstrated how very harmful cigarette smoking actually is. Half the people who smoke today will die early as a result of their smoking

I doubt very much that your niece's high school condones smoking. The majority of smokers begin smoking in the teen years. Teens still view smoking as a sophisticated, adult behavior. Until that image is changed, parents and schools will have difficulty preventing smoking by teens.

I doubt that priests and bishops condone smoking because they do it themselves. Most clergy are humble enough to admit that they fail to live up to some of the behavior they preach. They recognize that it is the life of Jesus, not the lives of clergy, which provides the standard for Christian living.

Condemning smoking is not the best strategy for discouraging smoking. If it were, the surgeon general's report would have been sufficient to stop it.

Since you feel strongly about smoking, here are some effective ways you can help to discourage it.

- 1. Stop all smoking in your own home. Most smokers today are sensitive to non-smokers. You can nicely but firmly ask any smoker who enters your home to refrain from smoking while there.
- 2. Request non-smoking areas in restaurants, planes, any public area where available. Thank managers who provide non-smoking areas. Suggest them when they are not available and should be.
- 3. Write public officials when legislation concerning smoking is under consideration. Study the action being considered and voice your approval or disapproval

Most people who are dying from cigarette smoking today smoked for many years when the dangers from tobacco were not known. When a John Wayne, a Yul Brynner or a much loved relative dies from cigarettes, most people mourn the unfortunate loss rather than condemning the sinner. Condemning smokers will not stop smoking. Educating the public and changing the image of smoking might.

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

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#### Vatican Letter

# Pope downplays tensions

by John Thavis, NC News Service

In an airborne interview with reporters, Pope John Paul II downplayed talk of divisions between the Vatican and U.S. Catholics and indicated he would be willing to meet with a delegation of U.S. bishops to discuss church issues in the country.

Bishop James Malone, outgoing president of the U.S. bishops' conference, recently suggested a meeting to prepare for the pope's expected trip to the United States next year.

"I suppose this is a normal proceeding among us, among the United States bishops and the pope," the pope said of the idea.

The pope spoke to reporters aboard a flight from Rome to Dacca, Bangladesh, his first stop on a Nov. 19-Dec. 1 trip to Asia and the South Pacific Ocean.

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Asked about a possible rift between some U.S.
Catholics and the Vatican, the pope refused to comment at length, saying that "sometimes one creates divisions that do not exist" by "talking and writing."
"Our task—that of myself and the bishops of the United States—is the same, the good of the church. It

is our common ministry," he said.

The pope said it was clear that the "American church is part of the universal church and still wants to be a part of the universal church."

Asked about the case of Seattle Archbishop Ray-mond Hunthausen, the pope said: "I know only the statement by the (bishops' conference) president, and it was correct."

The Vatican earlier this year delegated some of Archbishop Hunthausen's powers to an auxiliary bishop. The archbishop delivered a lengthy statement critical of his treatment at a meeting of U.S. bishops

During the meeting, Bishop Malone read a state ment saying the Vatican's decision limiting Archbishop Hunthausen's powers deserved the "respect and confidence" of his fellow bishops. He said that the "general principles of church law and procedures" had been applied in the case. During the plane trip, the pope also said it was his pastoral "duty" to visit Catholics in the Soviet Union, but ruled out what he termed a "political trip" to the

A Vatican spokesman said the remarks meant that the pope, if invited, would not travel to the Soviet Union unless he could visit the faithful in the republics of Lithuania and the Ukraine. Asked whether he might visit the Soviet Union in 1988 for the celebration of 1,000 years of Russian Christianity, the pope answered: "I never speak of a trip to Russia. For me, a trip to Lithuania would be part of my duty."

The pope said he felt "deep unity" with Soviet

Orthodox Christians, who are preparing the millen-nium celebrations, but noted it was not the Catholic Church. He summed up the Soviet trip possibilities by saying: "A spiritual trip, yes; a pastoral trip, I don't know; and a political trip, I exclude."

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Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said afterward that the pope "is very clear in implying that he cannot go to Moscow without seeing his flock in Lithuania" and in the Ukraine. Both Soviet republics have sizable Catholic populations.

Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev is expected to the catholic populations.

visit Italy soon, and the Vatican has said it is open to his meeting with the pope at the Vatican. It has been widely speculated that an invitation for the pope to visit the Soviet Union would follow.

A Vatican source, who asked not to be identified, said the pope's words were a clear sign that a papal trip could not be used as merely a "propaganda" move" by the Soviets.

# Pope calls for world peace effort

Pope John Paul's visits to poverty-stricken Bangladesh and prosperous Singapore provided a powerful illustration of the need for global cooperation for peace and justice called for by the pontiff.

Speaking to Christian and non-Christian leaders of

Bangladesh, where an estimated 80 percent of the ole are undernourished, the pope said the world

will be divinely judged by the way it answers the needs of the poor. Society cannot forget its "very strict obligations" to the poor and the sick, he said. He urged "tolerance and openness" among religions and full respect of beliefs—a sensitive topic in Bangladesh, where Islam is the state religion and Catholics are still regarded with some suspicion. In his sermon, the pope acknowledged that, in Bang-ladesh and elsewhere, "Christians and Moslems fear and mistrust one another as a result of past misrstanding and conflict."

But speaking to the religious representatives later, the pope repeated what has become a recent theme of his pontificate: that the world's religions are beginning to show a "harmony of mind" about universal goals of dignity, peace and justice.

The recent prayer meeting in Assisi, Italy, was an example of that, he said. There is a "growing conviction that something must urgently be done to secure the peace and development" of the human

secure the peace and development" of the human race, the pope said.

In particular, the needs of the poor and the sick must be met by society, he said. They represent "the very voice of God telling the world that it will be judged on the way it meets these needs."

In Singapore, one of Asia's most affluent countries, the pope reminded Christians of their duty to build a "just order" in the world. "Love responds generously to the needs of the poor," the pope said. "Peace is possible only where there is a just order that ensures the rights of everyone"

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He also emphasized the basic role of the family in He also emphasized the basic role of the family in society. In an apparent reference to the country's concern over population growth, he made clear that the church allows spacing of children—but without outside "coercion or pressure." It is up to the married couple, he added, to make a "free, informed and mutual decision" about family size. The church, which teaches that contraception is sinful, allows natural forms of birth control that rely on periods of sexual

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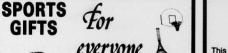
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Viewing With Arnold

# Film on those caught in history's nutcracker

by James W. Arnold

The tragic and little known story of the extraordinary "Jesuit Reductions" (or mission enclaves) in South America—one is tempted to call them, in

movie lingo, "the fabled lost cities of Paraguay"—is finally brought to the screen with immense beauty and power in "The Mission."

This long-awaited, \$23-million production of Robert Bolt's screenplay is by the same British team

(producer David Puttnam, director Roland Joffe, cinematographer Chris Menges) that created the memorable "Killing Fields" in 1984. It is an epic with enormous human and religious significance.

Like "Killing Fields," the film is about a terrible historic mistake, paid for in suffering, destruction and death, though not on the Cambodian scale. But "The Mission" has no happy endings, at least as the world reckons them.

And it's probably no accident—this' is only a surmise—that "The Mission" arrives at a time when once again the issue of conscience vs. authority in the church is widely argued. Even the South American locale seems significant, since the film's basic conflict is between Jesuits who have come to identify with their Guarani Indian converts and to help them to develop utopian religious and economic communities, and Vatican authority that demands the projects be abandoned.

In this period (the 1750s), however,

In this period (the 1750s), however, the issue is not theology. The causes are economic and political, as the pope decides to appease the greed of the monarchs in Spain and Portugal to prevent the expulsion of the Jesuits from the Bourbon countries of Europe. A practical business decision, you might any. The colonists want Indian land and gold; they also want slaves. The story is too familiar. The Indians, like the Cambedians, are innocents of an under-

valued race caught in history's nutcracker.

Bolt, two-time Oscar-winner ("Dr. Zhivago," "A Man for All Seasons"), tells the story in a way designed for maximum heartbreak, focusing on one of the missions, San Carlos (there were 30 in all), which is located in a remote jungle above the spectacular and nearly impassable Iguazu waterfall. First we see a symbol of the period of early martydom, as a Jesuit is crucified on a raft of timbers and sent over the falls in one of the most awesome attention-grabbers ever to open a movie.

Then we follow a brave and gentle companion, Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons), who wins the natives over with music. He teaches them about God, and the arts and skills of village life. Among those who join him is Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert DeNiro), a man of pride and violence who comes to the mission in a last effort to save his soul. A special moment: Rodrigo reads St. Paul on love for the first time, and over his words we see the people and children and the work of worship and building. Gradually, we get a sense of the Jesuits' Christian love, the beauty and intelligence of the Guarani, and their joint accomplishments.

The "Reductions" were an achieve-

The "Reductions" were an achievement of faith and love, like the medieval cathedrals, almost beyond the scope of the secular mind to comprehend. Missioners and Indians, working side by side, built a community of beauty and justice, sharing the fruits of their labor. They constructed cathedrals rivaling those of Europe, established orchestras and choirs, and created sculpture and architecture whose ruins still draw tourists to the Brazilian rain forests.

The soldiers eventually came into this paradise and destroyed and scattered everything.

With typical Boltian irony, the narrator of all this is the papal legate, Cardinal Altamirano (Ray McAnally), destined to be the designated villain. Yet McAnally's supremely sophisticated churchman acts with regret. He understands what he has done, espe-



GESTURE OF LOVE—Encountering a menacing tribe of Indians during the 17th century Spanish colonization of South America, Jesuit Father Gabriel, played by Jeremy Irons, plays a flute to demonstrate that he brings love, not danger, to the antive populace in "The Mission," a Warner Bros release. Calling it a "movie of great beauty," the film, which costars Robert De Niro, is classified A-III by the U.S. Catholic Conference. (NC photo)

cially after touring the missions for himself (sequences that are the most beautiful in the film). His judgment on himself—and indirectly on all of us who have made the world what it is—helps raise the movie above the level of simply depressing history.

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Gabriel and Rodrigo defy his orders, of course, each in his own equally futile way. Rodrigo dies alongside the Indians in bloody battle, and Gabriel perishes leading his congregation in procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Their passion has led them to defeat, but for a Christian, this is not the way the world ends.

"The Mission" puts Catholics in touch with a glorious but forgotten moment of their history, a time of great zeal, beauty and heroism. The splendor of its visuals are matched by Ennio Morricone's largely choral musical score, which alone is likely to raise your spirits through the roof.

If no miracles rescue us at the end, the movie itself is a kind of miracle, freezing forever in state-of-the art 1986 cinema the triumphs and sacrifices of holy men who did God's work and gave their lives for justice and love.

(Tragic but uplifting history of the lost Jesuit missions; superbly written, produced and acted; realistic and extended violence; otherwise, highly recommended for all but very young children.

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# Specials on Japan's economy and Israeli counterterrorism

by Henry Herx and Tony Zaza

Even more remarkable than Japan's recovery from the ruins of World War II has been the continuing growth of its economy. Examining how this was accomplished and what it implies for the future is "Japan Reaches for the 21st Century," a documentary airing Monday, Dec. 1, 10-11 p.m. EST on PBS.

The program presents a brief but helpful orientation in Japanese history and society, explaining how its cultural traditions differ from those of the West. Instead of fostering individualism, for example, Japanese society is motivated by a sense of conformity and avoidance of conflict.

Indicating this group mentality is an old Japanese adage: "The nail that sticks up will be pounded down." The result is a spirit of teamwork that makes Japanese labor relations the envy of the Western world.

Workers' loyalty to their employers is reciprocated

Workers' loyalty to their employers is reciprocated in terms of job security and company benefits. The retirement age is 55 and companies provide day care centers making it easier for working mothers.

There are a number of negatives to all this, of course. Women comprise 40 percent of the labor force but have little chance of being, fromoted to executive-level positions. Foreigners have little chance of being

accepted within this most nationalistic and homogeneous of societies.

The program suggests that American business couldn't replicate the Japanese model of economic success even if it wanted to. Instead, it should focus attention on how Japan is adapting to the challenges of a post-industrial world and its high technology demands.

According to broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr, the program's host and narrator, Japan is striving to "harmonize" its trade relations with the rest of the world by reducing government trade barriers and encouraging foreign imports.

Written and directed by Philip S. Goodman, this American-Japanese co-production seems aimed at reducing the anxieties of the American business community about Japan's booming economy. For the viewer who owns no stocks or bonds, however, the program is interesting primarily for its insights into a once alien culture that is today as familiar as the Xerox Corporation, whose Japanese affiliate, the Fuji Xerox Co. Ltd., funded this production. (HH)

#### "The Sword of Gideon"

"The Sword of Gideon," airing Tuesday, Dec. 2, 8-10 p.m. EST on HBO and Dec. 7, 11, 16 and 19, is an

original made-for-cable HBO Pictures presentation starring Steven Bauer as an Israeli army captain who is summoned to a high-level security meeting shortly after the Munich Olympic massacre.

Colleen Dewhurst as Golda Meir recruits him for a minimum of the captage and the tracking down of the

Colleen Dewhurst as Golda Meir recruits him for a mission of vengeance and the tracking down of the terrorist killers of the Israeli Olympic team members begins.

Director Michael Anderson downplays the violence while opting to examine the conscience of Avner (Bauer) who has a wife, a child on the way and higher aspirations which conflict with his sense of duty and obligation. The theme is vengeance and the price invested in exacting it

price involved in exacting it.

Reprisal as a politically justifiable tactic is contrasted with the lives of the 11 targeted terrorists who for the most part, are not viewed as cardboard figure but quite like the men who relentlessly track them. They have families, loves and devotions, and their own sense of duty. The hunt becomes an emotional and moral torment for Avner who is challenged by hi cohorts, Samuel (Rod Steiger), Robert (Michael York), Hans (Robert Joy), Jean (Laurent Malet) and Carl (Peter Dvorsky). They form the brunt of what is called Israeli justice, the sword of Gideon unsheather (TZ)



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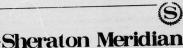
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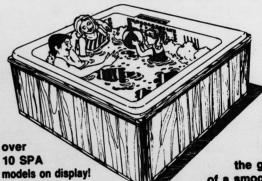
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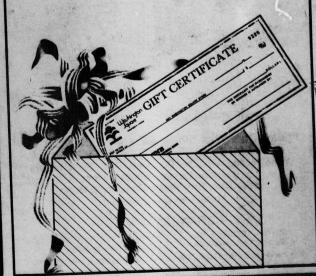
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## December 4

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An Advent Evening Series begins from 7:30-9 p.m. at Alver-na Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Suggested donation \$5/session. Call 257-7338 for information.

St. Francis Hospital Calix Unit will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

The annual Madonna Circle
Dessert Card Party will be held
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#### December 5

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# Liberal-conservative rift threatens church, historian warns

by Bob Dylak

NEWARK, N.J. (NC)—The rift between conservatives and liberals" is a real threat on the church, according to Magr. John Tracy Ellis of The Catholic University of America Washington, considered the foremost U.S. atholic Church historian.

"They are doing the church irreparable arm," said Magr. Ellis in giving the first Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Lecture Nov. 3 at Seton Hall University. The series of lectures on church history is funded by a 100,000 gift from Archbishop Gerety, retired

head of the Newark Archdiocese, to Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Magr. Ellis also urged prayers for the U.S. bishops, "for the, too are divided."

At the same time, Magr. Ellis warned that a certain amount of "intellectual struggle" should be expected "because of the enormously complicated character of theological disputes."

disputes."
"There is no fixed formula or ready-made solution," he added. "In one form or another, problems will be with us to the end."
Magr. Ellis suggested that universities are an appropriate setting for these intellec-

tual struggles and cited Cardinal John Henry Newman's definition of a university: "A place where the intellect may freely range and speculate, sure to find its equal in antag-onists... and its judgment in the tribunal of truth."

"It would be difficult for the most sophisticated educational theorist of the 1900s to improve upon that," Msgr. Ellis

He praised modern dissenter-theologians Father Yves Congar, Magr. John Courtney Murray and Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin whose careers, he said, proved devotion to the church "because of their demonstrated, devout and fundamental loyalty."

loyalty."

He especially noted Father Teilhard's achnowledgment of "formal obedience" to his Jesuit superior, and similar obedience shown by Father Thomas Merton to his abbot and by liberation theologian Father Leonardo Boff to his Franciscan superior.

He said many "champions" of theories and interpretations of faith "are motivated by what they believe to be the best interests of the church."



Magr. John Tracy Ellis

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Book review

# The joys and sorrows of missionaries

The Columban Fathers' 65 Years in the Far East, by Edward Fischer. Crossroad (New York, 1986). 170 pp.,

Reviewed by Joseph F. McKenna

Some people idealize missionaries almost to the point of

making them more soldiers of fortune than soldiers of God. Others dismiss them out of hand for choosing a lifestyle so unlike their own

Real flesh-and-spirit stories about missionaries have largely remained untold to the general public, which is often in as much need of spiritual inspiration as the people missionaries serve. And missionaries themselves have not been the type of people to boast of their

Edward Fischer, a teacher, writer and historian, has been a channel between missionaries and the public, writing a half-dozen books about Catholic missionaries in the Far East. His latest work, so aptly titled, "Journeys Not Regretted," reflects upon his efforts to tell the stories of the Columban missionaries: more importantly, he provides unvarnished portraits of the missionaries.

Writing in an upbeat style not usually associated with "religious books," Fischer keeps many of those experi-

ences alive and vibrant. He tells of the Columbans' joys and sorrows, including the mixture of triumph and trial which the faithful call martrydom.
Most importantly, Fischer

explains for the reader the secret which every missionary

The necessity for belief is

so overwhelming that religion is a central theme in history It may not be a formal religion, but it is at least something that serves the spirit. Since grasping for the transcendent is basic to the human person ality, worship is universal. Missionaries do not bring religion to a place ... They introduce a specific religion that gives shape and discipline to an awareness that has been there for time out of mind."

(McKenna is city editor of the Catholic Universe Bulletin, diocesan newspaper in Cleveland.)

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Littlest Angel Earns His

Although the Littlest Angel has a halo, alas, it is be Most 5 to 9-year-olds can ide tify their shyness and vulnerability with the angels, despite the fact that they do despite the fact that they do not have wings. In this K-3rd grade gem by John Barrett (Children's Press, 1981, \$6.50), everyone wants to look perfect to prepare for the king's com-ing. Then the halosmith tells Littlest Angel that you don't get a new halo ... you have to earn it! A beautiful story with a happy ending!

Christmas Comes to ster M

Because it features Ted E. Bear, who was so lovable in The Great Bear Scare and The Bears Find Thanksgiving, oung fans will be eager to ead this K-3rd grade level read this K-3rd grade level
book by John Barrett
(Children's Press, 1981, \$5.50).
As may be suspected, the
monsters have always known
of this particular holiday but
have always snubbed it. Ted E. Bear helps the monsters find the warmth and spirit of Christmas.

> The Truth Abo Santa Claus?

The first Santa Claus told about in this book by James Giblin (T.Y. Crowell, 1985, \$10.98) was Saint Nicholas who lived in Asia Minor over 1600 years ago. Many historical anecdotes make this fact and folklore book, with its many black and white photographs, smooth and readable for grades 4-8. The author re-ceived the 1963 American Book Award for non-fiction. He is author of Chimney Sweeps, Yesterday and Today.

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King Island Christmas

Delightful cartoon illustrations make much appeal in Jean Rogers' story for 2-4th es (Greenwillow, 1985, \$11.95). The author's ho in Alaska so the telling of how the brave islanders brought the new priest, who had been stranded on the North Star freighter due to the winter ice, is memorable and heartwarming. On Christmas Eve, the long candles would be lighted in the church. The Arctic ice and days of long darkness did not worry anyone preparing for the Christmas

Christmas with Ida Early

Any fourth grader who ad Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain will rush to get this choice for grades 4-6 (Vik-ing 1963, \$11.50) by Robert Burch. When a new preacher comes to town, Ida tries to go along with plans for a solemn nt of the Christmas story. But she is totally uncon ventional and her antics and adventures are decidedly wit-ty. These are fun tall tales.

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Each member of the family is filled with the excitement of opening presents on Christmas orning in this book, suite for kindergarten through 3rd grade, by Eve Merriam (Morrow, 1985, \$11.75.) From Grandmother to Wilma the baby and Whiskers the cat, all are perplexed. Under the gaily decorated tall Christmas tree is one, only one, long box. Christmas is a time for surprises and there are wonderful surprises for everyone with the lively cartoon illustrations Christma

The author-illustrator, Pienkowski (Knopf, 1984, \$17.96), is recipient of the Kate Greenaway Award in London. It is a handsome book with black silhouette cut-outs against a textured color background in a large format. The text used is an abridgment from the Bible to tell the story as Luke and Matthew have given it.



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# Catholic-Jewish relations are improved, rabbi says

relations have made historic advances but more must be done, namely more solid Holocaust education as well as Vatican cognition of Israel, said Rabbi A. James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee.
Rabbi Rudin, the committee's national in-

terreligious affairs director, made the comments in an address to the Newman Alumni Association of the City College of New York. He received the association's 1986

Distinguished Achievement Award.

Twenty years ago "a enation, distrust and mutual ignorance" among Catholics and Jews was the norm, he said, but since then more positive encounters have taken place than "in the first 1,900 years of the church."

He cited efforts to "purge" Catholic and Jewish textbooks of prejudicial material; more interreligious seminary conferences; study on Jews and Judaism for future priests rabbis; and close study of Catholic liturgy, prayers and hymns for anti-Semitic

The rabbi pointed to Pope John Paul II's historic visit to Rome's main synagogue last April as a landmark event

But Rabbi Rudin identified "new frontiers" that must be adequately addressed tiers" that must be adequately addressed because "the bridge of understanding is never quite spanned." The "pathology" of anti-Semitism still ex-ists, he said, citing as an example contro-

versy over a Carmelite convent at the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, Poland.

Catholic officials agreed last July to

postpone new construction at the convent pending further discussions, but Jewish leaders said they wanted the structure moved to maintain silence at a place of "immense Jewish suffering."

The most "demonic example" of anti-Semitism is the Holocaust, the genocidal campaign by Germany against Jews in World War II, the rabbi said. He urged Holocaust education as a requirement in every Catholic junior and senior high school, college, university and seminary.

Rabbi Rudin also called for Vatican recognition of Israel, adding that formal ons would be a major contribution to the Middle East process.

The Vatican has said it will not recognize Israel until there is peace in the Middle East. It also does not recognize neighboring

Another frontier is bioethical questions, he said, adding that "Catholics and Jews should be at the forefront of shaping public policy on these issues." The rabbi also said the two religions should not let their respective "internal debates and divisions" allow Catholic-Jewish relations to suffer.

# Curran's name omitted from course schedule

Embattled theologian criticizes action by Catholic University; says he will meet with his lawyers

WASHINGTON (NC)-Father Charles E. Curran, a controversial moral theologian, has been omitted from the list of instructors in a new course schedule for next semester at The Catholic University of America in

Father Curran, a tenured professor at the university told by the Vatican in August that he can no longer teach as a Catholic theologian, said Nov. 20 there was no justification for omitting his name.

But a university spokeswoman, Anne Smith, said that the chancellor, Archbishop James B. Hickey of Washington, can choose to delete the name of a faculty member who is involved in internal university procedures

is involved in internal university procedures over a teaching position.

In August Archbishop Hickey informed Father Curran that steps were under way to revoke his ecclesiastical license to teach in the theology department and that the priest had until Sept. 1 to announce whether he would appeal through university channels.

Father Curran announced Aug. 29 he would pursue the procedures.

The priest called the deletion of his name

from the course schedule "almost a de fac-to suspension." Father Curran is on a sabbatical until

Dec. 31 but remains on the faculty. He would be removed if he fails to win his case.

He said he was to teach three courses next semester, but in the schedule published in November the instructor column shows "TBA"-To Be Arranged-where his name

"TBA"—To Be Arranged—where his name would have appeared.
"There is no justification for doing it whatsoever," Father Curran said. "It is total infringement and according to the statutes there is absolutely no justification."

Ms. Smith said that under the statutes for the chanceller does have the

due process the chancellor does have the option of removing the name. She said the "TBA" designation in the course schedule was used to "keep the options open ... We don't know if he will be teaching."
"I'm sure he realized this," she added about Father Curran.

Father Curran said he protested the action to John K.C. Oh, university vice president for academic affairs, who, the priest said, told him "he was acting on

"It seems a gross injustice and anybody

can see that," Father Curran said, adding that he would meet with his lawyers. Archbishop Hickey formally requested the school's academic senate to begin pro-ceedings. But Ms. Smith said the senate is only at the first step of picking an ad hoc committee and said she did not know when

hearings would begin.

Both sides have a right to challenge appointments to the ad hoc committee.

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