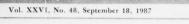
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## Pope gently points U.S. Catholics toward core beliefs

by Agostino Bono

Pope John Paul II accentuated the positive in American Catholicism during his Sept. 10-19 visit to the United States while calling for closer adherence to church teachings under attack.

He praised American Catholics for their generosity in establishing social welfare agencies for the poor and needy, and lauded the extensive Catholic school system, the integration of minority groups into the church and the dedication of priests trying to come to grips with the concrete pastoral problems of their flock.

But he challenged Catholics to remain firm in the faith even when church teachings go against the grain of contemporary cultural and social values.

"The Gospel, in its continuing encounter with culture, must always challenge the accomplishments and assumptions of the age." he said

He asked Catholics to reject "the ineffectiveness of divorce, and its ready availability in modern society."

He told young people to follow church teachings "that sex is a great gift of God that is reserved for marriage" even though their contemporaries will call them "backward" and "reactionary."

He told seminarians to embrace celibacy so that they can offer a deeper and more universal love to their parishioners when they become priests.

they become prests. The trp was also a challenge to the entire American society to rediscover the religious rosts of its political system which guarantees individual freedom and human dignity. The pope often cited the spiritual and religious values enshired in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

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accounting of how they use their freedom.

Regarding U.S. Catholicism, the stress

was on the positive.

The pope struck the positive note even before touching down in Miami, his first stop,

and often reiterated it.

Answering questions from journalists on the flight from Rome, the pope said the U.S. church is a "very good" church in which the "great silent majority" hew to doctrine.





FAPAL ASSIST—President Reagan pulls down the wind-blown cowl on the robe of Pope John Paul II as the pope reads his greetings on arrival at Miami International Airport. (NC photos by Mike Okoniewski)

But dissent is a "serious problem," he said, and an important element of the trip was to tell Catholics who believe they can violate church teachings and still be good Catholics that they are mistaken.

"It is necessary to follow the teaching of our Lord expressed through the church," he

A few hours later, at a meeting in St. Mar-

tha's Church in Miami with 600 representatives of the 57,000 U.S. priests, he said priests must follow the magisterium even when dealing with theoretical series.

dealing with "sensitive issues."

He praised a "merciful and gentle and forgiving" pastoral style, but if "what is claimed to be a gesture of mercy goes contrary to the demands of God's word, it can never be truly compassionate or beneficial."

A day later, in Columbia, S.C., he praised the American tradition of freedom but called on Americans not to lose sight of freedom's "true meaning."

"We must account for the good that we fail to do and for the evil that we commit," he said at an ecumenical service which drew 60,000 to the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium.

"America: You cannot insist on the right to choose without also insisting on the duty to choose well, the duty to choose in the truth."

He said "sins against love and against life are often presented as examples of 'progress' and emancipation," and asked: "Are they not but the age-old forms of selfishness dressed up in a new language and presented in a new cultural framework?"

Although the pope came on a pastoral visit—not in his role as head of state—President Reagan, accompanied by Mrs. Reagan, nevertheless flew to Miami to greet him.

Overall theme of the visit was "Unity in the Work of Service." The schedule called for the pope to deliver 45 speeches and homilies, and to listen to presentations by representatives of various groups.

As Pope John Paul moved out to meet American Catholics, there was an underlying Vatican concern over an apparent split between those strictly adhering to doctrine and those favoring more flexibility based on personal conscience.

The situation had caused some strained relations between American bishops and Vatican officials, who sometimes viewed disent as a result of doctrinal leniency by bishops. Those tensions were on the unwritten agenda for a closed-door meeting between the pope and more than 350 U.S. bishops in Los Angeles.

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#### Education Special

In observance of Catechetical Sunday Sept. 20, a 12-page special supplement on Catholic education is in this issue beginning on page 15. It includes a letter from Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara.

## Archdiocesan Priests' Council calls for study of ministry

by John F. Fink

The Council of Priests for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has accepted a committee report that recommends the hiring of a staff member to conduct a three-year study of the changes in ministry needs being experienced by the archdiocese.

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The archdiocese is seeking funding for this person from an outside source, according to Father James Farrell, chairman of the committee that made the recommendation. A proposal has been submitted and it is hoped that a decision will be made soon, he said.

The committee that made the recommendation was first appointed in 1985 and charged with "getting a handle on the ministry needs of the archdiocese." It was formed because of the increasing shortage of ordained ministers and the consequent effect on parish life and parochial ministry.

Present members of the committee are Fathers Farrell, Martin Peter, Paul Koetter and Wilfred Day, Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, and William Bruns.

In its report, the committee stated, "The church in the United States, as well as our own archdiocesan community, has witnessed the restoration of the lay person as minister and the transformation of the Religious sister or brother from being seen primarily as educator to holding a wide variety of ministerial positions. Today, in addition to employing laity and Religious as principals and teachers in their schools, parishes may very well be staffed by women and men, lay and Religious, who serve as youth ministers, litturgy directors, pastoral associates, directors of religious education, evangelizers, and in many other capacities."

It is to manage the change in this ministry that the committee recommended a full-time staff member be hired.

The committee's re-port states that, 
"While it is obvious that the shortage of 
presbyters has brought the ministry question 
into focus, this committee does not believe 
that there is a shortage of ministers. All who 
are initiated into life with Christ are called 
to serve the People of God. Some are called 
to serve as ordained ministers—in the orders of 
deacon, presbyter, and bishop; others are 
called to serve the Lord and the 
Lord's people as laity. But all are called to 
lay down their lives so that the kingdom of 
God may be built up."

Among the committee's recommendations is that an archdiocesan policy be established that gives non-ordained pastoral ministers authority to lead their communities in prayer and other liturgical rites to the extent permitted by present church law.

extent permitted by present church law. The committee also recommended that directional statements promulgated in 1983 be reconfirmed and called particular attention to this statement: "In the process of clustering parishes, the needs of a particular parish may require the on-site presence of a pastoral minister who is not a priest."

The 1983 statements imply, the report said, "that the church of Indianapolis does not intend to close or consolidate parishes

simply as a response to the shortage of ordained ministers. This committee affirms the principle that where a viable community exists, it should be preserved and supported whenever possible."

When the new staff member is hired, the council recommended that he/she design an (See STUDY OF MINISTRY, page 2)



#### from the editor

## Don't be afraid to sign up for Renew

Last Sunday was "sign-up" Sunday for many of the 40 parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis that will be having the Renew program this fall. Those 40 include 28 that are just beginning the program and 12 in the Terre Haute Deanery that will be starting their

ond year Forty parishes are almost a quarter of the parishes in the archdiocese and, since some of the parishes involved are among the largest in the archdiocese, a high percentage of our Catholics will be participating in this program this

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to sign up, if your parish is one of the 40. It won't be too late this Sunday. Commit yourself to one or more of the activities planned in your parish for the six weeks beginning Oct. 11.

Committees in the parishes involved have been work ing hard for months to ensure a successful Renew program.

If you are in one of the parishes, you've heard about it from the pulpit, but let me tell you a little bit more

RENEW IS DESCRIBED as a "spiritual renewal process" for the parish "to help parishioners develop a closer relationship with Christ, to make an adult commitment to Jesus as central in their lives and to open them to the power of the Holy Spirit so they become more authentic witnesses," according to the National Office of Renew's book "Renew: An Overview."

The Renew process extends over two-and-a-half years, divided into five six-week sessions offered in the fall and during Lent. The themes of the five sessions are drawn from stages of Christian spirituality for all subsequent generations: 1. The Lord's call; 2. Our response to the Lord's call; Empowerment by the Spirit; 4. Discipleship; and 5. Evangelization

Parishioners are invited to join in the Renew process in four ways: the Sunday liturgy, take-home materials, large group activities, and small sharing groups. This Sunday, and last Sunday, parishioners will be signing up especially for the small groups that will meet once a week during the six-week period. The main purpose of the small group is to meet and talk with one another, discovering the ways in which our Catholic faith is lived out in our daily lives. Each week the small groups will concentrate on a different aspect of the theme

No one should be afraid to participate in these s groups. The group facilitators have been trained to realize that some people find it difficult to talk about their private religious lives. But those who have been through the program have nothing but good things to say about it. Just ask the parishioners of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis.

RENEW WAS BEGUN 11 years ago in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. under now-retired Archbishop Peter Gerety. By 1980 other dioceses started to use it and by now more than 100 dioceses in the U.S., Canada and other parts of the world have adopted the program. So it has been used very widely; we're not experimenting with a new

After the program had been used for a few years there was some criticism from a few individuals and groups who accused the program of undermining orthodox Catholic teaching and practice. Perhaps partly because of that criticism, but also simply in light of its wide use and the fact that it was a new program, Archbishop Gerety asked the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. bishops to review

the committee on Doctrine or are 0.5. dishops to review the program. They issued a report last Dec. 30. The report said, in effect, that the Renew program is so valuable that it needs to be even oetter. It said: "We commend Renew for analyzing the spiritual needs of people in mend Kenew for analyzing the spiritual needs of people in our country and for developing a process which helps the local church reach out to people and build more vigorous faith-enlivened communities." It also commended Renew's role in identifying responsible lay leaders for parishes, "a statistical and celebrated benefit of the Renew process.

THE COMMITTEE FOUND four areas where, it said. Renew could be improved. "Since the accomplishments and promise of this process are so significant," it said, "we address the following concerns in an effort to improve it." The four areas were: a "tendency toward a generic Christianity"; clearer stress on the church's institutional and hierarchical structure; more emphasis on "the cognitive, intellectual aspect of faith life"; and a need to emphasize the distinctive elements of the Eucharist as worship and sacrifice as well as a communal meal.

The Archbishop of Newark is now Theodore McCarrick He took the committee's report and saw that it was implemented. As a result, the Renew program that will be used in this archdiocese, according to a notation in the books to be used by small groups, "has been revised in light of the recommendations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine and has the approval of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark. This edition also reflects 10 years of Renew experience and suggestions of many participating dioceses."

The report of the bishops' committee ended, "We want

to make it clear that we recognize the overall value of this renewal effort for our people." It's an important and valuable effort being done in those 40 parishes.

## Bishop Pinger to celebrate jubilee

by Margaret Nelson

On Sept. 21, Franciscan Bishop Ambrose Pinger will celebrate a Mass commemorat-ing his Golden Jubilee as bishop with eight priests from his diocese in China by his side.

Trained in the Chow Tsun diocesan seminary while he was bishop there, the men call themselves "Pinger's Priests." sts from his diocese in China by his side

The celebration will take place in the chapel at St. Augustine Home, Indianapolis, where the bishop resides. Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will concelebrate the which will honor Bishop Pinger and about 40 retired priests of the archdiocese Active priests serving the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are expected to join in the Mass celebration and a luncheon that will follow in the auditorium of the home

The bishop's family will be here from Nebraska and a group of Franciscan Sisters from his province, Sacred Heart, will attend. When reminded that the priests from his seminary would be here for the celebration, Bishop Pinger said, "That's going to be a big day. We haven't seen each other for so many

He remembered those days in China, "We ne rememoered usse cays in china, "we were tolerated there by the government, but we were not really welcomed. We were not really interfered with. We could work." "I don't think I suffered too much. It didn't shorten my life," the 90-year-old

bishop quipped. But he had been held under house arrest by the Japanese from 1943 to 1945 and in "real prison" by the Chinese Communists from 1951-1956

The Bernard, Nebraska, native still says Mass every morning at 7 a.m. at St. Augus-tine's, where he has lived for the past 19 years. He is active and alert, rising at 5 a.m. daily. He enjoys a daily walk around the building and keeps active all day. Before Archbishop Paul C. Shulte died in 1984, the two retired bishops planted about 100 trees

around the E. 86th Street facility.

When one of the Little Sisters of the Poor from the St. Augustine staff mentioned the beret he wears for his walks, he explained the practicality of his headgear. He grinned, "I like that. It's so convenient. It serves th purpose of covering your head. You can fold it and stick it in your pocket when you don't need it. And you can sit on it if you need a

When remarks are made about his ready the Nebraska native laughs and says, 'Oh, that's just pure corn!" And when ned that the Omaha, Nebraska, diocese had asked for information about the celebration, he said, "Oh, they're looking for me in Omaha. That means I've got a record? I always said I had a record.

a booklet marking all the milestones in Bishop Pinger's life, including his ordination in 1924. He retorted, "They don't have the date when I was expelled." He was expelled by the Chinese Communists in 1956. But the Franciscans have also figured out that the bishop has offered more than 23,000 Masses in his lifetime!

Masses in his lifetime:

Bishop Pinger also regrets that he has no picture of the motorcycle he used to get around in China. "We were good pals," he remembers. "We went through sun and rain,

and mud, too."

Though the town of Chow Tsun was small, the diocese was fairly large and it was densely populated, 30,000 to 40,000 Catholics lived in the diocese. He credits his seminary's success to the sub-rector who "loved to teach, was a born teacher, and had a fine record. If it had not been for the civic uprising, we would have trained enough priests to work ourselves out of a job." As it was, 20 native priests were trained while he served as bishop of Chow Tsun, of which he noted, "We didn't consider it at the time, but now I think that's a record."

When asked how he managed to be so healthy at the age of 90, Bishop Pinger said, You have to have a constitution that takes



Bishop Ambrose Pinger

it, I guess." He said he enjoyed his life as a priest and added, "I'd do it again. I was never sorry... I wanted to have that life and that work-the work of a priest."

With all the things that we did, it was the Lord who did them. Anything good was from the Lord," said the bishop. It seems ap-propriate that the motto on his coat of arms reads "Mihi vivere Christus est" or "For me to live is Christ."

As he approached his 50th anniversary as a bishop, Ambrose Pinger repeated the motto and said, "That, after all was our life."

## Study of ministry called for

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(Continued from page 1) initial ministry-formation process through which-

► a person called to serve the church as a pastoral minister would know whom to co tact on the archdiocesan level to negotiate the possibility of being sponsored as a candi-

date for ministry,

possible funding might be arranged in exchange for future service to the arch-

diocean community,

▶a person called to ministry could be given an opportunity for ministerial exper ience similar to that now provided to seminarians,

►a person called to ministry might be screened and placed into a parish setting,

▶ a just salary scale might be established. In elaborating on that last point, the report defined a just salary scale as one that would "allow people to work for the church without concern for the basic human needs

of themselves or their dependents.

The council's report makes no specific recommendations about the office of deacon. a topic that has received considerable publicity recently. The only mention of deacon is in the list of ordained ministers to which 'some are called to serve.'

The committee report concluded with the ope "that the measures taken at this time to enable those sisters and brothers who are being called to service in our church as pastoral ministers will result in a new understanding and a richer appreciation of minis-try within our local church. It is the committee's desire that those Religious and lay, men and women, who are currently being called by the Lord and their communities to serve the church as pastoral ministers will be fully integrated into the structure of the church as a permanent part of our minis-terial staffs. We also hope that such an understanding will lead to mutual appreciation of all ministers— both non-ordained and ordained.

#### Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule

Week of September 20, 1987

SUNDAY, Sept. 20 — Golden Jubilee celebration for Sister Joan of the Cross, O.C.D., Carmelite Monastery, Terre Haute. Eucharistic Liturgy at 2 p.m. (E.S.T.).

MONDAY, Sept. 21 — Celebration of the 50th anniversary of ordination as Bishop for Bishop Henry Pinger, O.F.M., and also for the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, St. Augustine Home, Indi-anapolis, Eucharistic Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. (E.S.T.), followed with a

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, Sept. 22-24 NCCB/USCC Administrative meetings, Washington, D.C.

#### Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

## New Albany Charities expands

by Barbara K. Williams

New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities (NACC) has experienced significant growth in the last few months as it continues to reach out to people in need of services in Clark, Floyd and Harrison Counties. Current programs administered by the agency include a counseling program for parishioners in the deanery, a semi-independent living program for developmentally disabled adults, and a court-appointed special advocates program for abused and neglected children and incompetent adults.

Catholic Charities' counseling program is funded by archdiocesan collections and provides counseling to clients on a sliding fee scale. Priests from the 18 parishes in the deanery as well as principals and counselors from deanery parochial schools refer individuals, couples, and families to Catholic Charities for counseling services and psychological testing.

The NACC semi-independent living program known as L.I.F.E. (Living In Family Environment) is funded by the Indiana Department of Mental Health. This program has doubled its capacity since last year and presently serves eight residents. Four of the residents have been placed in the program since June. Approximately 300 high-functioning, developmentally disabled adults are residents for semi-independent living programs across the state.

Through L.I.F.E., Catholic Charities provides the supervision and financial assis-

tance necessary for clients to live in their own apartments. Supervisors meet with residents weekly to provide necessary training in budgeting, shopping, and other living skills. At present two LLF-E. clients are living in their own apartments in New Albany while six reside in Jeffersonville.

The L.I.F.E. program has been generously supported by donations of money, furniture, and other household items. Such donations are vitally important as some clients have no savings and no family support and must depend entirely on Catholic Charittes to establish their hornes. State funds are not provided for this purpose. L.I.F.E. is also fortunate to have the support of community leaders who serve in an advisory capacity to the program. Recently, the L.I.F.E. program lost a respected member of its advisory committee with the passing of Callistus Smith. Mr. Smith was a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight. He was a dedicated advocate of the developmentally disabled, and he will be greatly missed.

Catholic Charities began developing its newest program in July. At that time Floyd County Circuit Judge Henry Leist selected Catholic Charities to coordinate a court-appointed special advocates (CASA) program. This program is funded by federal Title IV-B tunds through the State Department of Public Welfare.

ment or runous ventuals.

A CASA is a trained volunteer designated by the court to present to the court a comprehensive and unbiased description of the special needs of children or incompetent adults whose best interests are in question. The volunteer CASA provides the court with a detailed report of the person's needs and provides recommendations for the care and disposition of the person after conducting interviews with, for example, relatives, school personnel, case workers, and physicians. In addition, the CASA monitors the person's progress through the judicial and person's progress through the judicial and

social service systems, facilitates proper service delivery, and advises the court of the person's progress after disposition.

Catholic Charities' CASA program is coordinated by Janet Reed, who developed and coordinated a similar program in Clark County for two years. She is currently recruiting volunteers. CASA volunteer training is scheduled for October.

In addition to its own program operations, Catholic Charities has supported the recent reorganization of the Pius Line Pregnancy Counseling Program. Plus Line provides its clients with free pregnancy tests, 24-hour pro-life counseling, referral services, maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, and baby furniture, as well as transportation to medical appointments for pregnant women. In the last six months, Plus Line, which is staffed entirely by volunteers, has served more than 200 women.

Plus Line is funded by parishes and individuals in the New Albany Deanery who believe in the pro-life work of the program. Although Plus Line has been in existence for several years, it has been reorganized and expanded in the last year. Catholic Chartlies has supported Plus Line's reorganization through a one-time grant of \$2,000, which included a donation of \$200 and a 50 percent match of other funds raised up to \$1,500.

New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities is pleased with the growth in programming that has been achieved in the past year. Since opening an office in the Holy Trinity Social Ministries Bulding in New Albany almost two years ago, Catholic Charities has established itself as part of the human services network in the area. Through the services it provides to the emotionally troubled, the mentally retarber, the abused and neglected, as well as a support of women in crisis, Catholic Charities strives always to preserve, protect and defend the value and dignity of all human life.

#### Service to alcoholics

## Matt Talbot House celebrates 25th anniversary



**Matt Talbot House** 

by Cynthia Dewes

The Matt Talbot Home (Matt Talbot House) located at 1424 Central Ave. in Indianapolis will celebrate 25 years of service to recovering alcoholic men on Sunday, Sept. 27. An open house will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the home. The public is invited to attend.

Matt Talbot House was organized in 1962 when Msgr. Raymond Bosler, then moderator of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, observed a need for housing alcoholic men who had recently been released from treatment in hospitals, institutions, etc. Raymond Albers, president of the Council, formed a committee consisting of Robert J. Alerding, David J. Fox and Robert D. Malarmey to begin the project.

After they located a suitable house at the Central Ave. location, the committee proceeded to clean debris, make repairs, and solicit furnishings and funds to make the house livable. They were aided by volunteers and the board of directors of their newly-formed corporation. The original board members were: Raymond F. Albers, Robert J. Alerding, David J. Fox, William E. Ready, Matthew E. Hayes, Eugene M. Stuppy, John T. Thompson, John M. LaRosa and Joseph E. Higgins.

Talbot House has served between 1,500 and 2,000 residents. It provides a haven for men on the road back from alcoholism by furnishing them with clean beds, good food and a healthy and cheerful environment. Only male applicants can be accepted, but there are no restrictions as to age, race or religion. The primars requirement for appli-

cants is that they are honestly and sincerely trying to abstain from alcohol.

House residents keep their beds, rooms, bathrooms, etc. neat and sometimes help with maintenance and repairs. Thomas Quinn is resident manager of the house, which accommodates 27 men. The normal occupancy is between 20 and 25. Residents pay a weekly rate of \$50 and say an average of three months. Two Alcoholics Anonymous varieties were ball earth week at the house.

of meetings are held each week at the house.

Over the years Taibot House has been aided generously by the Indianapolis Foundation and other benefactors. Donations are always welcome. A group of former residents called Friends of Taibot House is responsible for most of the house maintenance, and also serves as a good influence

responsible for most of the nouse maintenance, and also serves as a good influence and morale booster for residents. The Talbot House was named for Venerable Matthew Talbot, a poor Irish laborer who was born in Dublin in 1856. Talbot was one of 12 children in an impoverished family whose father was alcoholic. Sent to work in a wine store at age 12, he too became a confirmed alcoholic by the time he was 16. Talbot fell into a debauched life of drunks.

Talbot fell into a debauched life of drunkenness, petty theft and mooching drinks from friends. At the age of 28 he suddenly experienced a conversion and returned to the Church he had neglected, much to the delight of his pious mother. He spent the last 40 years of his life doing penance for his earlier sins. After Talbot died practically unnoticed in

After Taibot died practically unnoticed in 1925, stories of his goodness and sanctuly spread. An informative process of sainthood was begun and he was re-buried in a tomb in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Dublin. He was de

## Matter\$ Temporal

by Msgr. Gerald A. Gettelfinger Secretary for Temporalities

What Does Education Cost?

Non-public elementary and secondary schooling is an opportunity that is avail-

able to a relative few. The reason stems from the fact that non-public elementary and secondary school costs must be borne by a very committed community. These same citizens also have a responsibility to share in the

costs of public schools in their own

community.

As in public schooling, the costs of nonpublic schools are borne by the users.
There is a significant difference. Public
schooling is legislated. Provision for nonpublic schooling is a commitment made by
the people who support such a school. In
the larger scheme, these courageous and
generous people are few. Further, they,
though not fully unrecognized by state and
local citizens, are an invaluable gift to the
commonwealth.

The tangible costs of non-public schooling can be calculated generally in the same manner as public schooling. What it costs to educate a single pupil can be isolated rather easily by taking the total cost of a non-public school operation and dividing it by the number of pupils for any given year. The issue is not so much the cost as it is how the cost is funded.

Non-public schools are typically funded by a combination of sources. The formula usually includes a percentage funded by tuition, a percentage by the sponsoring organization and a percentage by fundraising activities.

Catholic school students are funded

ordinarily by three sources: tuition, parish subsidy and fund-raising activities. However, many parishes do not charge an

identifiable tuition.
What is incalculable is the support of
the community that makes such a school
possible, whether it is a Catholic parish or
group of Catholic parishes, or private
citizens interested in a certain philosophy
of schooling.

tet us narrow our consideration to Catholic parochial or interparochial schools. More often than not, the capital expense of building the school and subsequent capital maintenance costs are borne, not by the students but by the parish or interparish community who have committed themselves to providing Catholic schooling for its members.

schooling for its memoers.

Let me cite two cases of the larger (interparochial) community providing for Catholic secondary schools. In Indianapolis, the Catholic community in metropolitan Indianapolis, in the late '50s and early '60s, provided the capital to build three interparochial high schools: Chatard, Chartrand (now Roncalli) and Ritter High Schools. It was by the will and generosity of the larger community that the construction costs were met.

the construction costs were met.

The second is the Catholic community of the New Albamy Deanery. The Catholics there made a commitment to Catholic secondary schooling. When the Sisters of Providence had to sell Providence High School, the people of the New Albamy Deanery, 18 parishes bonded together, purchased the school for one million dollars (\$1,000,000). In neither instance does tuttion include the capital costs of building or purchasing those plants.

The will of the Catholic community is

The will of the Catholic community is an essential element in the cost of Catholic education just as it is in the civic community—even more so. It has no price tag as we will discuss next time.

## COMMENTARY

## Responding to child who asks about death

by Antoinette Bosco

A friend happened to be driving through the town of Woodbury, Conn., the August morning when the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldridge was being buried there in his

hometown. She had her five-year-old son with her and he was curious about the crowds and the blocked streets which prevented them from driving their usual route.

She explained to her son that a very famous man had died. Only then did she realize she had never talked with him about death before. When he asked, "What does died mean?" she was at a loss.

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She told him that dying meant a person

stopped living, like plants and animals that die. She added that this is necessary. People and pets have to die to make room so new people and pets can have space on this earth, she said.

Later she admitted that this was a bungling answer because her boy simply said he thought that was terrible. He didn't care if there was room or not for new people to come along. He'd rather the old ones, like himself, just stayed. And, in a great example of how a child's mind works when it is resisting an idea, he asked his mother, "How does anyone know if that dead man is really in that box"?

As someone who raised six children, I'm the first to admit that answering questions about death was one of the most difficult jobs of parenting. One explanation that I found particularly dangerous was given to a six-year-old after his sister died: "God loved your sister so much he took her up to

That boy grew up believing that he was still on earth because God didn't love him. He felt for years that he was "bad."

The major problem in trying to explain deaths to children is that until children get to be over 10, they can't really grasp the reality of death. A Hungarian psychologist, Maria Nagy, studied children's views of death in the 1940s. She said her research showed children do not see death as something irreversible and final until they are about five.

And it's not until they're 10 or older, she added, that they come to an adult view of death, understanding that it is the end of life's activities on earth and that someday they too will die.

I used to try to help my children see death as simply a stage in living, that nothing created ever dies, and I used science lessons to verify this.

When people came to the end of their life on earth, I tried to get my children to see this as the separation of the "real" person—later I would use the word "soul"—from the bodily person. I said, in simpler words, that this is a transition that is necessary in order to pass through the barrier of time and get to heaven where God's perfect world exists.

One day I overheard my son explaining to a friend that when a person died, they were put into this box that was really a time machine. It comed them right past earth and into heaven—a different world with no time. That's why they couldn't reverse the machine and come back.

The lesson for me then was, hooray for children. They have the innocence and simplicity to believe in life going on forever.



It seems to me that we ought not try to create elaborate theories about death to tell children, as my friend did in saying we had to make room for others. We should just tell them about death as the way we break the time barrier so as to get to heaven.

They will grow up soon enough and learn the pain of loss from the death of a loved one.

#### Everyday faith

## Meditation on buying a new pair of shoes

by Lou Jacquet

This week I bought some new black penny loafers, and they still pinch. It will take awhile for me to get so comfortable wearing them that I forget I have them on. Right now,

they are still too shiny and too new and I am all too aware of their presence. They make a noise at every step I take; I can't go anywhere without someone noticing them and remarking. "New shoes, eh?" I can't wait for the day when they are worn in renough that I can forget I have them on and enough that I can forget I have them on and

get on with the business at hand.

I must say that I did not rush out to buy these shoes. I like penny loafers, but there

were surely other things on my wish list marked with a higher priority. As far as I was concerned, the old and battered shoes that these shiny new loafers replaced would have lasted for another couple of years. But my wife was right: Those shoes, which I bought on sale in 1982 or therabouts, were looking fairly shabby despite my best efforts to keep them polished. The heels had worn loose on the right shoe; giving me extra room for my toes. Comfortable, but not what the catalogs tell us the well-dressed man is wearing this year.

The fact is, I almost never seem to be wearing what the well-dressed man is supposed to be wearing. But wherever the guy is, I would bet he does not have two teenagers in need of shoes every three months, or a dog that has to be taken to the vet for emergency midnight care, or a yard that should have

been reseeded a year ago but still waits for the grass seed and straw that should be on sale any day now. The well-dressed guy didn't shell out his last \$2 until payday the other night so the kids could get into their high school football game. I'd like to see his choos if he did.

My wardrobe is the kind that people in the fashion industry lie awake at night worrying about. I will not buy anything that I do not need, and I wear what I have until it gets worn out. I still have most of the sweatshirts and jeans (though the waistlines have been let out a few sizes) that I bought back in college. I own four pairs of slacks, two pairs of dress shoes, a dozen shurts and a couple pairs of \$12 tennis shoes to wear around the house.

I am not so self-righteous as to wish the death of the fashion industry. Nor do I naively believe that we could solve the world's problems overnight by refusing to buy new clothes each fashion season. But I do wonder what would happen if, for example, everyone who bought a Ralph Lauren polo sweater as advertised recently in The New York Times Magazine had donated that amount to a soup kitchen or Mother Teresa or a favorite comedy.

We'd have a good deal fewer folks sleeping on the streets a tnight, I'd wager; the advertising budget for the Ralph Lauren account in that magazine for a year could feed the homeless in my town for 10 years, I am certain. Unfortunately, at the moment we seem more interested in looking great than in taking care of the less-than-fashionable folks sleeping on our pars, wenches.

My \$42 loafers aren't feeding the homeless either. But they will last five years, which comes to \$8.40 a year. At that price, I can salve my conscience. But I'll never be fashionable.

#### Morality of conventional war

## Bishops' peace pastoral needs to be expanded

by Dick Dowd

The U.S. bishops' 1983 peace pastoral has been graciously ignored by commentators—both public and church alike—in connection with the current shooting war in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq and Iran are at war. We are offering aid and succor to Iraq by assisting Kuwait (Iraq's friend and neighbor) in exporting oil to the world.

American sailors in the Persian Gulf live a life of readiness at

life of readiness at General Quarters—ready for defense or battle, whichever comes first.

Meanwhile the voices most strident in the struggle over the morality of nuclear armaments are silent about this new threat to

It becomes clear that reporters and writers like myself have misnamed that magnificent document from our bishops, approved by a vote of 238 to 9 at a special meeting in Chicago, May 1983. We call it a peace pastoral—and now we see, of course, it is not. It is a nuclear pastoral, instead.

We should not be embarrassed at this discovery. Headline writers need catchy phrases and short words to attract interest and top off the news. "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" would not fit in any headline worthy of the name. Yet that is the official title of the document.

Words and meanings change as circumstances and events catch up with the present and pass it by.



I recall being taught in Shakespeare class that when the Bard used the term "cute" he meant bowlegged. And in our own time we have seen the words "adult" and "gay" undergo similar change and take on new

The movie theater still offers "adult" and "chid" prices in the old sense of the term. But a bookstore or video store which advertises "adult" fare is not merely indicating it caters to persons of a special age. In such circumstances "adult" means pornographic rather than "over 18."

Similarly, "gay" as in Cornelia Otis Skinner's journal of young sophisticates touring Europe before World War II, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," might be interpreted to mean the memoirs of two lesbians as today's ears understand the term.

So, I fear, with the bishops' pastoral. It is not really a peace pastoral because it has nothing to say about the many fractures to peace which we have seen since its passage: terror on the high seas through hijacking, horror in the Middle East through bomb blasts, death to sleeping American sailors on a peace-keeping patrol ship in the Persian Gulf.

I applauded and still applaud the nuclear pastoral of \_\_\_\_\_ on calling into question a realistic appraisal of the philosophical study of the ''just war.'' It made many of us who had studied the doctrine and served in the military attend to new facets of life under arms

But, as I read and hear the news, it is obvious to me that the bishops' nuclear pastoral was only the beginning of their work. They must now attend to the morality of conventional military weapons as well—if they are to be looked to as authoritative guides to the consciences of citizens and statesmen in our time.

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#### Favors aid to the contras

It was to be expected. The Central American agenda has made The Criterion. Serious analysis of Central America's troubles demands that Sister Nancy Brosnan's arguments (in letter to editor in Sept. 8 issue) be challenged.

I am for aid to the Nicaraguan resistance

1. The cause of the civil war in Nicaragua is the economic, political, and religious injus-tice done to the Nicaraguan people by the Sandinistas. The Sandinistas control the banks, imports, exports, agriculture, the press, the army, the secret police, schools, industry, and the distribution of all consumer goods. Nicaragua was not a desperately poor country. A plentiful supply of fertile land combined with a small population allowed even the poorest of the poor to eat well. Now staples are in short supply and meat is a distant memory.
In her litany of Nicaragua's woes, Sister

Nancy neglects to mention the major cause of economic troubles—the corruption and incompetence of the Sandinista regime. Sandinista attempts to construct their Marxist state (despite massive financial aid from the U.S. and the free world) started to ruin the

economy long before the civil war started. The Sandinistas have managed to make life worse then it had been under Somoza Sandinistas managed to vaccinat everybody but people do not dare to get ill because there are no medicines. The San dinistas' vaunted literacy campaign has pro-duced good little Marxists and peasants who

duced good little Marxists and peasants who can't read their diplomas. It is not the privileged who are fighting the Sandinistas. Somoza's supporters were political opportunists. Political opportunists do not engage in dangerous activities such as armed insurrection. Rather they turn whichever way the wind is blowing. Thus, it is no surprise that visitors to Nicaragua report that some of the most ardent San-dinistas were once the most ardent somo-

2. Nicaragua is a small country with 65,000 regular troops and 60,000 militia, 150 Soviet tanks, 200 other armored vehicles, heavy artillery, surface-to-air missiles, 6,000 communist bloc advisors and vast quantities of other military supplies. Nicaragua's armed forces dwarf those of its neighbors. Nicaragua would probably not directly attack the U.S. but there isn't anything stopping the Sandinistas from indirectly attacking the U.S. by subverting and intimidating the rest of Central America.

3. Nicaragua is bound hand and foot to the communist bloc to the tune of billions of dollars in military aid. It should be noted that Turkey and India aren't overrun by hordes of communist advisors and that Sadat had to expel all the advisors in Egypt (that still didn't save his life). Nicaragua is following Cuba in becoming a Soviet-client state.

4. Nicaragua had 8,000 political prisoners and 800 people killed or kidnapped for politi-cal reasons in the first two years of Sandi-nista rule. When the head of the Nicaraguan permanent commission on human rights tried to make public this problem, he was exiled. The Sandinistas have sent mobs to attack priests and churches. Priests have been arrested, beaten, and imprisoned for their faith. None of this, of course, is overt persecution.

5. What is called control of information in Nicaragua would be called censorship in the U.S. It should be noted that censorship was imposed in 1980—two years before the start of the contra war. La Prensa never received funding from the U.S. La Prensa led the fight sed in 1980-two years before the start funding from the U.S. La Prensa ieet the tigni against Somoza. La Prensa's founder, Pedro Chamorro, was opposing Somoza long before the Sandinista Front was formed. It was his burder that sparked the final revolt against Somoza. La Prensa was closed because it criticized the government, not on account of any imagined American ties.

Furthermore, we will consider our gov-

Our government's response would be to do nothing. Our Constitution protects our right to a free press. The Sandinistas, on the other hand, are in favor of "freedom of the press that supports the revolution.

It is for these reasons and others that we hould aid the Nicaraguan resistance. Failure to do so would not only be immoral and irresponsible, but it would be a stain on our honor as Americans.

Frank P. Baukert

Indianapolis

#### Real 'fruits' seldom revealed

Latin America, 151/2 in Bolivia, and six months in Nicaragua. As a Maryknoll Sister I was given the opportunity to experience liv-ing among the very poor in both countries. One of the most significant impressions I have on reflecting on the difference between those two countries is regarding the treat-ment given to the poor by their present governments.

I left Bolivia feeling the hopelessness of the poor because the government there was marching ahead with a program to exploit them, and to deprive them of basic rights such as health, education, jobs and land. This country is applauded as a "democracy" by the U.S. government.

I then spent six months in Nicaragua where I was caught up in the hope-filled atmosphere of the people, working hard to defend themselves at all costs from an outside aggressor making war on them, but supported by their government, which is trying its best to provide basic rights through land distribution to those who have never owned their own, and services of health and educa-tion to those who never were taught to read and write. This country is denounced as "totalitarian" and "communistic" by the U.S. government.

Just how does our government judge these countries? What criteria does it use? I think of the phrase "by their fruits will they be known

Shouldn't this be how we judge? Then I realize that through the powerful media and well-thought-out "disinformation campolicies of Bolivia and Nicaragua are seldom revealed to the U.S. public for the very wrong purpose of manipulating United States

Have you heard about the constant workers' strikes in Bolivia? These there are, and they represent the great discontent of workers, miners, and farmers to the way they are being treated by Bolivian governmental policies. This discontent is answered by unfulfilled promises and repression by armed forces. No condemnation by the U.S.

Have you heard about development pro-jects, land reform, schools and clinics that have been opened, a literacy campaign and a program to give autonomy to the Indian groups in Nicaragua? These there are, and they represent the efforts of people working through initiatives given to them by the Nicaraguan government. Condemnation by the U.S. government.

The United States accuses Nicaragua specifically of negating freedom of religion.

This is so false that it could be humorous if not so tragic. There are churches, Masses religious services of every sort, with free and massive participation. I happened to go to a Baptist convention in Managua in January of 1987, where Daniel Ortega was the main speaker, and I experienced the excitement and love that the people have for him. The exaggerated criticism against the Sandinista government for expelling a bishop and a priest is explained by the people who were glad to see them go because they had already separated themselves from the people by betraying them and openly seeking aid for the contras. Would it have been better to assassinate Bishop Vega as the El Salvador

Security Forces did to Bishop Oscar

The United States accuses Nicaragua of ppressing freedom of speech. Is it known that there are seven opposition parties who have representatives and who speak openly

The United States accuses Nicarag of building up its military and depending on Russia and Cuba. Nicaragua has beer forced to build up arms purely to defend itself from an unjust aggression. Nicaragua has declared "non-alignment" without litions

Meanwhile, as the United States government continues to debate over how to get rid of the Sandinista government which is for the people, the U.S.-paid terrorists called con-tras are killing off the people in Nicaragua. Is this what the U.S. people want? "By our fruits we will be known

Sr. Lelia Mattingly, MM Louisville, Kv.

#### Contra aid is agains pastoral

I certainly agree with Providence Sister

opposed to aid to the contras," but as tholics we shouldn't be relying on reasons of who is the bigger S.O.B. Aid to the contras is absolutely against the Catholic moral teachings of the pastoral "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response." It clearly states: "Just-war teachings must be applied as rigorously to revolutionaryinterrevolutionary conflicts as to others

The fifth jus ad bellum criterionprobability of success—is very improbable for the contras. The sixth criterion proportionality—is ridiculous: "Proportionality means that the damage to be inflicted and the costs incurred by war must proportionate to the good expected by taking up arms." We are once again "destroying villages to save them." Five hundred thousand refugees in a nation of 2,232,000 is not proportionality.

Regarding "the spread of communism," it should be remembered that Sandino, who started the Nicaraguan revolution in 1927 when the U.S. Marines still occupied the nation, was not a Marxist. Marxism came from Cuba after their 1959 revolution, and it was very greatly tempered by the appear-ance of "liberation theology" at the Medellin meeting of the Latin American Catholic Conference in 1969.

R.M. (Bob) Twitchell

in's letter in the Sept. 4 issue Indianapolis



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#### cornucopia

## When the Orkin man comes

by Alice Dailey

Having waited two months for a routine furnace check-up, wouldn't you know the fellow showed up the same day a plumber answered my SGS? Both came before the pillowcase creases on

my face had faded. The furnace character, recommended by a friend, looked and sounded like Gabby Hayes

'I'd a bean here sooner but bean so blamed busy with them air conditioners

I wouldn't have had to call a plumber if only our house had a talking toilet like those on television. It could have warned, "You're gonna jiggle my flusher once too often," and we would have gone easy on the jiggling.

So what can a woman do, besides stand around looking useless, when the family is barely out of the house, the beds aren't ever made, and bathroom and basement are out

In the interest of helping kindred spirits in similar distress, I jotted down "Things You Can Do When Service Men Abound":

- 1. Shut bedroom doors when unmade beds are in full view of the bathroom and hall thermostat.
- 2. Sew any hems in kitchen curtains th have been sagging. . Remove safety pins from piles of
- broken shoulder straps and do the job right.
  4. Clean refrigerator. (Ugh!) 5. Run vacuum cleaner. A word of caution
- here. On making a turn with the sweeper I jumped sky high; the furnaceman was right behind me. "Ma'am, you got any old news-papers I kin use?"

With the vacuum turned on once more, the plumber was behind me, screeching, "Gotta shut the water off. Better draw some

I filled the sink and coffee pot and men-

City

tally put the refrigerator job back in the Things To Be Put Off As Long As Possible

Have you ever attempted to eat breakfast when two strange men are upstairs and downstairs and through milady's kitchen?

Gabby stopped on his way to the thermostat and nodded towards half-ripe tomatoes

'Not plannin' to leave them there, are

I shifted a wad of toast. "The thought crossed my mind.

He shook his head emphatically. "They'll just rot there. Gitcha a brown paper bag and put 'em in it. Few more days you'll have the purtiest tomaters you ever se

He upped the hallway thermostat to 90 degrees, then lounged in the bathroom door way pestering the plumber

Them jobs is the pits, ain't they?'

Got plenty of work?" Yep

Guess you're way behind too?"

Pushing him aside, the plumber announced, "Have to go get a part" and tore off in his truck, rock music blasting the countryside

Gabby came back to the kitchen. "How old is that there furnace anyway?"

I swallowed a mouthful of coffee. "Maybe

30 years." Fanning myself, I glared meaningfully at the kitchen thermometer

He grinned. "May be a mite warm in here fer awhile. Let me give you a piece of advice Better plan on gettin' a new one. This old girl has about had it."

When I was beginning to think the

plumber had gone plumb south he came back with a part made of gold), finished the job and got the heck out of there. Gabby shut the furnace off, gathered up his tools and made a lengthy vocal departure.

With blessed peace restored, I sat down

to finish cold coffee and hard toast, and to give thanks: thanks that all appliances,

Gabby hadn't charged by the hour; and thanks that no member of the family had stayed home that day with diarrhea

VIDS...



Providence Sister Cecilia Clare Bocard was honored recently by the State of Indiana for her contributions to music and education. congratulating her upon her Shown here reception of House Resolution #49 are state representatives John Gregg (left) and William Cochran. Sister Cecilia Clare has been a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence for 71 years, serving as music director at St. Mary of the Woods College for 47 years. She has published more than 25 compositions and arrangements for

St. Barnabas parishioner Mike Moylan was a Pan-Am torch runner during the recent Pan-Am Games. One of two children from Riley Hospital sponsored as torch carriers by the Kiwanis Club, Moylan carried the torch from Michigan St. to 10th St. at the I.U. Medical Center on its way downtown to the Pan-Am Piaza.

Linda Dugan, a member of the nursing faculty at Marian College, will co-chair a major national health conference on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29-30 at the Hyatt Regence Hotel in Indianapolis. Entitled "Advocating for the Mental Health Needs of Youth," the conference will offer more than 20 different workshops on such topics as eating disorders, child abuse and suicide. Nursing faculty member Josie Osborne will moderate a panel discussion during the event

Dorothy Wodraska of St. Luke Parisi in Indianapolis will receive the Charles E. Stimming Award for her pro-life activities on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Celebrate Life Dinner Dance at the Hyatt Regency Hote. The event is co-sponsored by Right to Life of Indianapolis and the St. Gerard Guild

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stumph will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrate their soft wedding Admiversally with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 in St. Barnabas Church. Ed-ward Stumph and the former Mary Schroeder were married Oct. 2, 1937 in Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis. The are the parents of two sons: Albert Chatham, New York, and Bill of San Dieg Calif. They also have four grandchildre

Carmelite Sister Elizabeth Meluch was installed by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara as Prioress of the Carmelite Monastery Indianapolis on Sept. 8. Sister Elizabeth w serve in the office for a three-year per

Daniel J. O'Malia, president o O'Malia's Food Markets, has been electe-chairman of Cathedral High School's boar of directors. O'Malia is a 1965 Cathedra graduate and a member of the board since 1982. In 1984 he served as chairman of th Shamrauction

#### check-it-out...



Mary Crevey, wife of cardiologist Dr Barry Crevey, models the Davidson's fur coat which will be given away on Saturday. Oct. 17 at St. Francis Hospital Certer's Twentieth Annual Chrysanthemum Benefit Ball. This year's event will help establish fertility services at the hospital. Reservations for the ball are \$175 per couple, due by today. Call 783-8949 for information

The Indiana Regional Office of Church World Service will sponsor more than forty CROP Hunger Walks this fall. Funds raised through these events aid programs of self-



SPECIAL GIFT-Mary Beth Pratt, head of social services at Margaret Mary Com Hospital, accepts a check from Robert Goedl, of the Knights of Columbus Father Bernard J. Voges Council. The council will pay for one unit of a lifeline system to the hospital's Emergency Response Center for an Osgood citizen who needs the service. (Photo by Barbara Jachimiak)

## The Ad Game \$25 - A PUZZLE FOR PRIZES - \$7

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The Beech Grove Benedictine Center Auxiliary will host a Marsh Club Party beginning with games, prizes and entertain ment at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. in the Center dining room. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Donation \$5. Reservation deadline is Oct. 1. Call Ginny Vest 786-5363, Ann Babcock 353-2560 or the Center 788-7581

The Academy of the Immaculate Con ception in Oldenburg begins its 135th year of education this fall. Founded by the Sisters of St. Francis, the academy is both a day and a five-day resident high school for girls in grades 9-12. It has grown from a single building with six students in 1852 to a fourbuilding complex with an enrollment of 220 girls today. Fourteen Franciscan sisters, one Franciscan chaplain and 14 lay teachers staff the school. For more informa-tion contact Sister Dolores Jean Nellis at 812-934-2475, ext. 270.

✓ Sacred Heart Spartan Class of 1952 will celebrate its 35th Class Reunion on Saturday.
Oct. 17 with Mass at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Pa Former classmates who did not graduate are also invited to attend the reunion. Those who have not been contacted may call Bob Arkins at 881-6234, Margie Schuster Cahill or Jerry Cahill at 784-9236, Mary Haessig Jackson at 786-6934, Dody Stahl Battiato Smith at 636-3974, or JoAnn E. Miller Herbertz at

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be presented the weekend of October 16-18 in Oldenburg. Call Ann Miller at 788-0274 for information and reservations.

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. Tenth St. will sponsor a 25-week, Tuesday evening Inquiry Series for persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. The series begins Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information and 353.046.

IUPUI Newman Center, located at 1309 W. Michigan St. will sponsor a Fall Retreat the weekend of September 25-27 from 5 p.m. Fri. to 2 p.m. Sun. \$15 cost. Call Sister Fran Wetli at 632-4378 for information. Other Center activities include: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Center activities include: 3:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Bridget Church and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass followed by an hour's Bible Study at the Center; an Education Series on Tues. evenings which includes Oct. 6, "Moral Decision Making," Oct. 20, "Peace and Justice," and Nov. 3, "Catholic Tivial Pursuit Church Today?"; and counseling, neighborhood reach out programs, peace and justice projects and a Spring Break

Father Victor P. Schott of Goodland will be celebrant and guest speaker at a Rosary March sponsored by Alverna Retreat Center at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 8140 Spring Mill Rd.

Couples experiencing serious difficul-ties which threaten the happiness or conues when threaten the happiness or con-tinuation of their marriage are invited to a Concerned Marriages Retreat Friday through Sunday, Oct. 9-11 at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mil Rd. A Newly Mar-ried Couples Day of reflection and dialogue for couples married 1-5 worse will be offered for couples married 1-5 years will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Center. Presenters for both programs will be Franciscan Father Martin Wolter, marriage and family therapist David Reuter, and team couples. Call 257-7338 for more information.

## Local woman is Missionary of Charity

by Cynthia Dewes

For nearly 11 years, Sister Mary Christa Knarr has been "living as the poor live" as a Missionary of Charity in the order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The former Tanya Knarr, daughter of Jean and Ronald Knarr of Holy Cross Parish in Indian now serves as superior of the Norristown, Pa. Missionaries of Charity house. There are 22 Missionaries of Charity

houses in the U.S., most of them former cor vents or other buildings donated by dioceses Motherhouses are located on five continents the U.S. (San Francisco), Europe (Rome) India, Australia and the Philippines. The order is growing rapidly, and a lay organization called the Co-Workers of Mother

Teresa helps with prayers and work.
Sister Christa was a young woman searching to know God's will for her life when she happened to read in the Catholic Digest about Mother Teresa's work. She obtained the address of the Missionaries of Charity, which at the time had only one house in the U.S., and went to its South Bronx location for a "come and see" week.

Although she had completed two years of

work at Marian College and was currently enrolled in an LPN course, Sister Christa knew that the Missionaries were for her. She entered the order and went to London for a year of aspirancy. In December, 1985 she took her final vows in Rome (the nearest motherhouse) in the presence of her parents, who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary that year

Sister Christa was the sixth American girl to join the Missionaries; there are about 70 U.S. members in all. During the time spent in the "hands on" ministry for which her order is famous, she has lived in many places, including Sicily where she cooked and cleaned house for blind and elderly people who had no families to care for them She has scrubbed floors, washed clothes by hand, and examined people for head lice. As Mother Teresa says, Missionaries are not called to be "social workers," but to live with and serve the poor.

In addition to vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the sisters take a vow "to live as the poor live." They exist entirely on donated goods and money, and manage withdonated goods and money, and manage win-out modern conveniences. They travel on foot or, if that is impractical, in the cheapest possible way. It is said that Mother Teresa would not permit the use of telephones until the sisters finally persuaded her that they would be more accessible to the poor if they

At the order's house in Norristown, near Philadelphia, Sister Christa and her sisters operate a night shelter for women and children where they serve as many as 60 women and 20 children in a month. They also run a soup kitchen on Sundays, and engage in some parish work such as visiting the homes of shut-ins and teaching catechism classes.

The nuns' life is strict and simple. They rise at 4:40 a.m. for a morning holy hour followed by a day that includes menial work, reading of the Divine Office, Mass and an hour of evening recreation. Their recreation is not exactly what is usual in America: They sing, read spiritual books, converse with each other, perhaps dance (more common to the Indian culture than our own). They are permitted to come home to visit their families only once in a lifetime. Sister Christa took her lifetime visit during two weeks in

Jean Knarr says that, although she misses her daughter, who is the oldest of her six children, she believes many graces have

come to the family through her vocation. The years when she was living abroad, but now that she is in the U.S. they are allowed one visit a month by telephone

Did Sister Christa miss anything here at ome during those years away? Indeed she did-peanut butter! Her family cooperated by sending her a few jars every so often. And once, when she was working in the kitchen once, when she was working in the kitchen in Rome, she heard a familiar noise outside and thought, "The Goodyear blimp!" She rushed outside and saw, through happy tears, that the symbol of her Indianapolisin-May childhood was indeed hovering overhead for an Italian road race

It is understandable that the Missionaries of Charity attract many older women or those already trained in their professions since their emphasis is on menial work rather than education or professionalism. The sisters receive training in church history etc. during their novitiate, since they are often asked to instruct catechism classes. Beyond that, their education is mainly practical and learned in the homes and streets of the people they serve.

This does not mean that Sister Christa and her sisters are neglected spiritually or intellectually. One Jesuit priest who was asked to celebrate Mass for the nuns was asked to celebrate Mass for the nuns was delighted when told that because the sisters were busy working all day, they "needed instruction during the homily." He spent several minutes doing just that, and later remarked jokingly, "It's not very often that you get requests like that."

Jean Knarr says that women who con-

sider entering the Missionaries of Charity must understand that simplicity and work are the cornerstones of the order. It is not an easy life, but it provides a real witness to



Charity Sister M. Christa Knarr

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 The Beech Grove Benedictine Center Auxiliary will host a Marsh Club Party beginning with games, prizes and entertain-ment at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. in the Center dining room. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Donation \$5. Reservation deadline is Oct. 1. Call Ginny Vest 786-5363, Ann Babcock 353-2560 or the Center 788-7581.

The Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg begins its 135th year of education this fall. Founded by the Sisters of St. Francis, the academy is both a day and a five-day resident high school for girls in a five-day resident nigh school for girls in grades 9-12. It has grown from a single building with six students in 1852 to a fourbuilding complex with an enrollment of 220 girls today. Fourteen Franciscan sis-ters, one Franciscan chaplain and 14 lay teas, one Franciscan chaptain and 14 lay teachers staff the school. For more informa-tion contact Sister Dolores Jean Nellis at 8102-34-2475, ext. 270

Sacred Heart Spartan Class of 1952 will celebrate its 35th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 17 with Mass at 5 p.m. followed by dir ner at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Former classmates who did not graduate are also invited to attend the reunion. Those who have not been contacted may call Bob Arkins at 881-6234, Margie Schuster Cahill or Jerry Cahill at 784-9236, Mary Haessig Jackson at 786-6934, Dody Stahl Battiato Smith at 636-3974, or JoAnn E. Miller Herbertz at

A Magnage Encounter Weekend will be presented the weekend of October 16-18 in weekend of October 16-18 in Oldenburg. Call Ann Miller at 788-0274 for information and reservations

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. Tenth St. will sponsor a 25-week, Tuesday evening Inquiry Series for persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. The series begins Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more inform

IUPUI Newman Center, located at 1309 W. Michigan St. will sponsor a Fall Retreat the weekend of September 25-27 from 5 p.m. Fri. to 2 p.m. Sun. \$15 cost. Call Sister Fran Wetli at 632-4378 for information. Other Center activities include: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Bridget Church and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass followed by an hour's Bible Study at the Center; an Education Series on Tues. evenings which includes Oct. 6, "Moral Decision Making," Oct. 20, "Peace and Justice," and Nov. 3, "Catholic Trivial Pursuit Church Today?"; and counseling, neighborhood reach out programs, peace and justice projects and a Spring Break

Father Victor P. Schott of Goodland will be celebrant and guest speaker at a Rosary March sponsored by Alverna Retreat Center at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 8140 Spring Mill Rd.

 Couples experiencing serious difficulties which threaten the happiness or con tinuation of their marriage are invited to a Concerned Marriages Retreat Friday through Sunday, Oct. 9-11 at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. A Newly Married Couples Day of reflection and dialogue for couples married 1-5 years will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Center. Presenters for both programs will be Franciscan Father Martin Wolter, marriage and family therapist David Reuter, and team couples. Call 257-7338 for more information.

## Local woman is Missionary of Charity

For nearly 11 years, Sister Mary Christa Knarr has been "living as the poor live" as a Missionary of Charity in the order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The former by shother Feresa of Calcutta. The former Tanya Knarr, daughter of Jean and Ronald Knarr of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, now serves as superior of the Norristown, Pa. Missionaries of Charity house.

There are 22 Mission ses in the U.S., most of them former co vents or other buildings donated by dioceses Motherhouses are located on five continents the U.S. (San Francisco), Europe (Rome), India, Australia and the Philippines. The order is growing rapidly, and a lay organi-zation called the Co-Workers of Mother Teresa helps with prayers and work

Sister Christa was a young woman searching to know God's will for her life when she happened to read in the Catholic Digest about Mother Teresa's work. She obtained the address of the Missionaries of Charity, which at the time had only one house in the U.S., and went to its South Bronx location for a "come and see"

Although she had completed two years of work at Marian College and was currently enrolled in an LPN course, Sister Christa knew that the Missionaries were for her. She entered the order and went to London for a year of aspirancy. In December, 1985 she took her final vows in Rome (the nearest motherhouse) in the presence of her parents, who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary that year.

Sister Christa was the sixth American girl U.S. members in all. During the time spent in the "hands on" ministry for which her order is famous, she has lived in many order is famous, she has lived in many places, including Sicily where she cooked and cleaned house for blind and elderly people who had no families to care for them. She has scrubbed floors, washed clothes by hand, and examined people for head lice. As Mother Teresa says, Missionaries are not called to be "social workers," but to live with and serve the poor.

In addition to vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the sisters take a vow "to live as the poor live." They exist entirely on donated goods and money, and manage with-out modern conveniences. They travel on foot or, if that is impractical, in the cheapest possible way. It is said that Mother Teresa would not permit the use of telephones until the sisters finally persuaded her that they would be more accessible to the poor if they

At the order's house in Norristown, near Philadelphia, Sister Christa and her sisters operate a night shelter for women and children where they serve as many as 60 women and 20 children in a month. They also run a soup kitchen on Sundays, and engage in some parish work such as visiting the homes of shut-ins and teaching catechism classe

The nuns' life is strict and simple. They rise at 4:40 a.m. for a morning holy hour followed by a day that includes menial work reading of the Divine Office, Mass and an hour of evening recreation. Their recreation is not exactly what is usual in America: They sing, read spiritual books, converse with each other, perhaps dance (more common to the Indian culture than our own). They are permitted to come home to visit their fami-lies only once in a lifetime. Sister Christa took her lifetime visit during two weeks in

Jean Knarr says that, although she misses her daughter, who is the oldest of her six children, she believes many graces have family did not see Sister Christa for nine years when she was living abroad, but now that she is in the U.S. they are allowed one a month by telephone

Did Sister Christa miss anything here at home during those years away? Indeed she did—peanut butter! Her family cooperated by sending her a few jars every so often. And once, when she was working in the kitchen in Rome, she heard a familiar noise outside and thought, "The Goodyear blimp!" She rushed outside and saw, through happy tears, that the symbol of her Indianapolis-in-May childhood was indeed hovering overhead for an Italian road race.

It is understandable that the Missionaries

of Charity attract many o'der women or those already trained in their professions, since their emphasis is on menial work rather than education or professionalism. The sisters receive training in church history etc. during their novitiate, since they are often asked to instruct catechism classes. Beyond that, their education is mainly praccal and learned in the homes and streets of the people they serve.

This does not mean that Sister Christa

and her sisters are neglected spiritually or intellectually. One Jesuit priest who was asked to celebrate Mass for the nuns was delighted when told that because the sisters were busy working all day, they 'meeded instruction during the homily.' He spent several minutes doing just that, and later remarked jokingly, 'It's not very often that you get requests like that.''

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## Pope John Paul II praises black Catholic gifts to the Catholic Church

by Agostino Bono

NEW ORLEANS (NC)-Pope John Paul II, a white Polish pope, hugged 11 black American bishops as 1,800 other black Catholics clapped hands in unison and sang Gospel music composed by Afro-Americans during the papal visit to the New Orleans Super-

The scene showed the growing impor-tance and impact of black culture on the

Catholic Church.
"It used to be considered an anomaly to be black and Catholic. The pope buried that myth," said Auxiliary Bishop Emerson J. Moore of New York after Pope John Paul II's Sept. 12 meeting with black Catholics. The symbol of the meeting was the acacia tree, native to Africa and the tree used to

build the Old Testament Ark of the Covenant.

Throughout the side room in the Superdome red, white, burgundy and yellow ban ners, designed by Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Angela Williams, hung with drawings of the deep-rooted tree known for its ability to survive through drought and famine. The tree is a symbol of Africa.

I urge you to keep alive and active your rich cultural gifts" because "your black heritage enriches the church," the pope said

"You are part of the church and the church is part of you," he added.

In off-the-cuff remarks, the pope also noted that he is in daily contact with black Catholicism. He pointed to his personal secretary, Msgr. Emery Kabongo, a black Ugandan.

"I am at home with black Catholics in America, and even in the Vatican," he said

His speech also criticized the continuing discrimination against blacks in U.S. society and asked U.S. Catholic leaders to fight to overcome the situation.
"The black community suffers a dispro

portionate share of economic deprivation Far too many of your young people receive less than an equal opportunity for a quality education and for gainful employment," he

The pope also praised black Americans for their use of non-violence as the means of overcoming discrimination and the religious motivations behind it.

"The response of non-violence stands, in the memory of this nation, as a monument of honor to the black community," he said

As we recall those who with Christian vision opted for non-violence as the only truly effective approach for ensuring and safe-guarding human dignity, we cannot but think of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," he

added.

Black bishops also saw the pope's remarks as support for their calls to end racism within the church.

"Racism is a major hindrance to full development of black leadership within the church," said said Bishop Joseph L. Howze of

Bloot, MISS.

Racism is "American as apple pie," said
Bishop Moore. He called the pope's talk a
"ringing encouragement" to so' 2 concrete
racial problems within the church.
But the problems within the church are

not as grave as those in general U.S. society, said Bishop Moore.

In the church we can always point to the teachings. This isn't always possible in soci-One specific church problem cited by black bishops after the meeting was keeping

Catholic schools open in black urban areas despite dwindling populations. They cited papal support for their position.

The church has to meet blacks on their said Auxiliary Bishop John H. Ricard of Baltimore.

There is a tendency to close churches and schools in black ghettos," said Bishop Ricard.

The church needs "creative ways" to marshal its vast economic resources to keep these schools and churches alive, said Bishop During the meeting, the pope noted that

many blacks have become Catholics because they attended church schools.

"Keep your Catholic schools strong and active. Their uncompromising Catholic identity and Catholic witness at every level must continue to enrich the black communities,"

The number of U.S. black Catholics has grown rapidly this century. Currently there are 1.3 million, a rise of 200,000 in the past 75 years. Much of this is attributed to Catholic primary schools being open to black enrollment way before many public schools. Another reason is the incorporation of black music and culture into Catholic liturgical and



APOSTOLIC SERVICE—Sister Ann Brendan Burget displays toys used in the new Woods Daycare program sponsored by the Sisters of Providence and St. Mary of the Woods.

## Priests urged to 'reflect magisterium'

MIAMI (NC)-Pope John Paul II Sept. 10 told American priests they play "an indis-pensable role" in the life of the church but that priests must reflect "the specific charism of the magisterium" or church teaching authority.

"Through the action of the Holy Spirit an immense amount of good has been done" via "authentic renewal" sparked by the Second Vatican Council, he said during a speech to 750 priests.

His comments followed an American priest's plea that the church further explore issues of priestly celibacy, women's roles in the church, and other controversies.

The priest, Father Frank J. McNulty of Newark, N.J., told Pope John Paul that if individual priests could talk directly to him they would speak of their loyalty but also of their deep concerns.

The two men spoke at St. Martha's Church in metropolitan Miami, first stop on the pontiff's Sept. 10-19 U.S. trip

"Today there are indeed many sensitive issues which priests must deal with in their daily ministry," the pope said. "I know from listening to many priests and many bishops that there are different approaches to such

"In this regard, however," he said, "it is important for us to realize that the same Holy Spirit from whom come all the different and wonderful charisms and who dwells in the hearts of all the faithful, has placed in the church the specific charism of the magis-terium, through which he guides the whole community to the fullness of truth.

The pope praised the priests for "striv-ing to be merciful and gentle and forgiving like the Good Shepherd whom you know and imitate and love and to whom you have pledged your fidelity

"No other path is possible," he said. "Sometimes, however, what is asked of you in the name of compassion may not be in accord with the full truth of God

In fact, the pope added, if "what is claimed to be a gesture of mercy goes contrary to the demands of God's word, it can to our brothers and sisters in need.

Both he and Father McNulty, who has een vicar for priests in the Newark Arch se since 1979, drew standing ovations after the speeches, and the priests stood on pews, snapped photos and cheered the pope's arrival as well. But Father McNulty's pope's arrival as well. But rather increases address was interrupted several times by sustained applause, while the pontiff's remarks drew silence until the conclusion.

'These recent years have not been easy for priests," Father McNulty said in his speech, officially delivered on behalf of all

Yet, despite some of the pitfalls priests have confronted, said Father McNulty, "if you looked into their eyes you would see a spark, a rejoicing in the Lord as their shep-herd, a rejoicing in their love of ministry."

Through ordination, "we became co workers with the bishop, collaborators in his mission and yours to continue the work of Jesus Christ," he said. "Thus our loyalty has a solid base and so does our desire for unity.

He said other priests once had advised him to "be honest but also be encouraging in speaking to priests. "To be dishonest would be a terrible disservice to you and my brother priests," he told the pope

He noted that priests are instructed at ordination to serve the people and said "because priests take that charge so seriously there are some serious concerns about

While the church is "committed to a bold proclamation of the truth" it is "also a forgiving church," he said. "It troubles us that people often do not perceive the church as proclaiming integral truth and divine mercy, but rather as sounding harsh, demanding.

Priests worry—and morale suffers—because of the priests' shortage, he added.

But even as we promote vocations, the celibacy question—as you so well know— continues to surface," he told the pope. He said priests know and are grateful for the pope's support for their celibate commitment "because it is not easy to strive to

be warm, loving and affective men and yet remain faithful to that commitment." However, he continued, "we can only ask you to continue along paths of support and exploration," including exploration of the celibacy tradition and "of how the discipline acy can be most effectively implemented today.

He appealed similarly for attention to omen's concerns

Pope John Paul expressed understanding

for the hardships of the priests' lives.
"I am very much aware that your fidelity to Christ's will for his church and your pas toral sensitivity will demand great sacrifice

and generosity of spirit," he said.
"To all of you I express my gratitude for your ministry, for your perseverence, for your faith and love, for the fact that you are striving to live the priesthood, close to the people, in truth—the truth of being ministers of Christ the Good Shepherd," he said.

## Poll says most priests want right to marry

NEW YORK (NC)-A majority of U.S Catholic priests say they should be allowed to marry, but they are split evenly on the giving advice on birth control, according to a New York Times-CBS News poll.

The telephone survey of a random sam-ple of 855 of what the *Times* said was the nation's 30,000 priests who serve in parishes was conducted Aug. 24 to Sept. 1. There are 57,000 U.S. priests

From the poll Catholic clergy seemed divided on many church teachings and policies, including disciplining Archbishop Ray-mond G. Hunthausen of Seattle, but in general indicated they were satisfied with their own roles in the church and were supportive

of the U.S. bishops.
Fifty-five percent favored allowing priests to marry, while 35 percent were opposed. Of those who identified themselves as liberal, 78 percent favored it. But of those who identified themselves as conservative,

only 32 percent favored it On the question of ordaining women respondents were split 43 percent to 43

A survey of lay Catholics conducted by A survey of tay Catholics conducted by the *Times* and CBS earlier in August showed Catholic laity supported ordaining women priests by 56 percent to 39 percent. In that survey of 605 Catholics, 59 percent favored letting priests marry while 34 percent were

Asked if there were circumstances in which priests should counsel Catholics to use artificial birth control, 47 percent of the priests said there were and 45 percent said there were not. Sixty-three percent of those who said there were such circumstances called themselves liberal; 27 percent said they were conservatives

Twenty-four percent of the priests said they favored the use of artificial birth con-trol by couples, compared to 64 percent of all IIS Catholics

Only eight percent of all the priests said couples "generally ask for religious advice on birth control." Eighty-three percent said couples make their own decision.

On abortion 85 percent of the priests said they agreed with efforts to persuade federal lawmakers to prohibit it. But 31 percent said abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest or when the mother's life is in danger; three percent said abortions in general should be legal.

The survey also found that 78 percent of the priests thought the pope was in touch with the needs of U.S. Catholics and 13 percent thought he was not.

Forty-six percent said he was more servative on issues of personal morality than they were. Only four of the 855 priests

rveyed said he was more liberal.
Fifty percent of the priests said they disapproved of Vatican action against Arch-bishop Hunthausen, who had some of his authority transferred for a time to an auxiliary bishop. Thirty-nine percent approved.

For all priests the margin of sampling error was plus or minus three percent; for liberals it was plus or minus seven percent, and for conservatives plus or minus nine per-

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## Hehir, Krietemeyer to leave USCC

WASHINGTON (NC)—Father J. Bryan Hehir, secretary for the Department of Social Development and World Peace at the U.S. Catholic Conference, has been named full-time research scholar at Georgetown University's Kunnedy Institute of Ethics in Washington.

Washington.
Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, USCC general secretary, announced the appointment on September 8.

He said Father Hehir will remain on staff at the USCC as counselor for social policy, but will no longer have departmental administrative duties.

Both appointments will be effective begin-

Msgr. Hoye also announced that Sharon Daly, USCC staff assistant on health and welfare issues, has succeeded Ronald Krietemeyer as director of domestic social development an office of the USCC Depart-

Krietemeyer as director of domestic social development, an office of the USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace. Krietemeyer has joined the faculty at the

College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Father Hehir, a native of Lowell, Mass., joined the USCC staff in June 1973 as director of the Office of International Justice and Peace. He was a staff member for the bishops' committee which prepared the U.S. bishops' 1983 pastoral letter on war and

In 1984, he took over as secretary for social devepment and world peace. As USCC

counselor, he will continue as a staff member to the bishops' ad hoc committee to assess the moral status of deterrence, created in 1985 by the bishops as a follow-up to their 1983 pastoral.

For many years Father Hehir taught social ethics at St. John's Seminary in Boston. He has been a senior research scholar at Georgetown's Kennedy Institute since 1884.

Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston in 1966, he has a doctor of theology degree from Harvard Divinity School, where he specialized in ethics and international

Ms. Daly joined the USCC staff in 1984 after years of involvement with federal and state legislative and regulatory issues in the areas of health and human services.

She has held various positions with the Children's Foundation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food and nutrition service, the New York State Departments of Health, Education and Social Services and the New York Civil Liberties Union.

She attended Vassar College and studied

management techniques at Syracuse Uni-

Krietemeyer was with the conference since 1979 and was staff member to the bishops' committee that prepared the bishops' 1986 pastoral letter on the economy.

A search committee to find a successor to Father Hehir will be headed by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan of Brooklyn, N.Y., chairman of the Committee on Social Development and World Peace Committee.

Other search committee members are Archbishop Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles; Father Robert Lynch, USCC associate general secretary; Father John Kinsella, scretary for planning for the USCC; and Father Philip Murrinon, director of the National Pastoral Life Center, New York.

## CRS to relocate headquarters outside N.Y.

by Tracy Early

NEW YORK (NC)—Lawrence A. Pezzullo, director of Catholic Relief Services, has announced that the agency will move its headquarters from New York, and relocation consultants have recommended Baltimore as the new location.

as the new location.

A CRS spokesman told National Catholic News Service, however, that Philadelphia is also under consideration, and the CRS board will be making its decision "in the near future."

CRS currently has its main headquarters on the East Side of Manhattan, a few blocks up from the United Nations, at the Catholic Center, along with the offices of the Archdiocese of New York, some other agencies, a girls high school and a parish church. But it has not been able to secure adequate space there, and some of its staff have been moved to another Manhattan location. In a Sept. 8 mem to staff, Pezzullo said

In a Sept. 8 memo to staff, Pezzullo said a relocation consulting firm had "found that Baltimore was the best location for CRS headquarters based on availability of suitable facilities, operating cost savings and other economic factors."

"We are committed to accomplishing a move with minimum disruption to the personal lives of our employees," he said. "For that reason, we will develop special assistance programs for employees to relocate as well as for those who are not able to do so but who stay with CRS until the move."

In recent years, the increasing cost of living in New York has led a number of major

business corporations to relocate.

For non-profit agencies such as CRS, a significant factor is the extraordinarily high cost of housing. CRS does not feel able to pay salaries that would make nearby housing affordable, and many staff members find it to the company of the co

necessary to live long distances away.
Pezzullo said the CRS board, which met
Sept. 2-3, authorized management to proceed
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## Today's Faith readers respond in laity poll

by Dolores Leckey

Last spring I invited you, the readers of this page, to write to me about your professions and careers

With the October 1987 world Synod of Bishops on the vocation and mission of the laity in mind, I wanted to know how you meet the ethical challenges of your work place and how you view your daily work. Does your work contribute to building the kingdom of God

The responses I received from so many readers reveal how greatly they regard their daily life as the place of ordinary holiness—a place of ongoing conversion, of growth, of spirituality.

Teachers and health-care workers wrote movingly of the human dimension of their vocations. A first-grade teacher spoke of the exhilaration she feels when children leave her class at year's end able to read: "I know I've helped open a new world to them.

A college English instructor said her composition assignments are designed to make students write about them selves. "My pleasure is to help each person write better and also to discover his or her own uniqueness. This discovery seems to me an essentially Christian process."

Other teachers share anguish over the gan sometimes evident in schools between the theory and practice of justice. A ballet teacher warned of the risks of competitiveness

Nurses wrote of the daily challenge of caring for those who are most vulnerable. A critical care nurse said, "I try to bring dignity to my patients."

A nurse caring for the elderly tries

each day to connect herself with the works of mercy and the command to honor parents as she feeds, medicates and comforts her patients.

A physician told how his awareness of his widowed patients' grief indirectly led to the founding of support groups for them in his city.

A retired nurse, now working the night shift in a newborn nursery, wrote about intervening to change a situation in a hospital where staff members were segregating black babies

Day-care workers I heard from view the children they care for as God's children and wrote with a sense of reverence for their work. This is good news, considering all the children in

A certified public accountant noted

that in his company he urges employees to "be accurate, be fast, pay attention to the client." He also asks them to support each other, remembering "that each family represented has had its share of difficult times."

That accountant highlighted a major theme of the correspondence I received: the interdependence of work

and family. Homemakers unambig uously convey their conviction that parenting and creating a home are genuine work

Many women-but not many menwrote about the pulls on their energy as they try to be responsible workers, spouses and parents. One reader asks spouses and parents. One reader asks herself: "How do I treat my family after a trying day on the job? Do I vent my frustrations on them? Do I hide behind the sewspaper or the television

Almost all respondents mention prayer as an integral part of their work. A grocery clerk meditates on the Beatitudes as he puts out the produce A school crossing guard arrays during the early morning rush. A community health nurse said that, through her work and prayer, she has been chal-lenged to look at herself and admit some shortcomings.

A bedridden woman told about

recording her thoughts, feelings and emotions to maintain sanity. This led to a column for a multiple sclerosis association; later her column was adapted for the local newspaper.

She concluded, "In retrospect, I suppose this writing can now be considered my work, though I never thought of it that way until I put my thoughts on paper for you.

Many testified to the experience of grace in their work. There is the real estate broker who rejoices every time he finds the right "first home" for a young couple. An Army sergeant wrote, "Although we train for war, we hope and pray for peace." And a paperhanger mused, "I like to think I bring beauty to the world in the hanging of beautiful wallpaper."

You readers have contributed much

to preparations for the synod. More than that, you contribute to life in the Christian community.

As one respondent said, "No matter what one's job, if it is done with love and care so as to allow another to have self-respect, it helps to build the kingdom of God.



## Catholic conversion is an ongoing process of growth

by Jane Wolford Hughes

Jerry's life seemed to have lost its sparkle. His 45-year-old waist had begun to sag. He was restless with his routine life and job.

A few drinks Jerry had with a

woman he met at a bar made him feel more "with it." It wasn't long before he and Kim were involved.

For while he thought he had the

best of two worlds. But he quickly awoke to reality when his wife learned of Kim and gave him an ultimatum. After reflection, Jerry knew he could not give up his wife and sons and all he once held important.

Kim, however, drifted on. Her life had never been easy. The years had coated her with bitterness. Finally alcohol sent her to the hospital. There a sympathetic doctor slowly drew her out

of her despair and helped her to bring out the best in herself

She now works with Alcoholics Anonymous and is helping others whose search for life's meaning has sent them

stumbling along many paths.

Conversion in the broadest sense is a fresh start. It is also a growth process For some conversion is an awaken-

ing that springs from a point of crisis, as in the case of Jerry. For others, conversion flowers slowly out of a life of quiet desperation, as with Kim. For her, the process of change inched forward for a painfully long time.

Faced with the tremendous loss of his family, Jerry could not deceive himself any longer. He sought forgiveness. Kim's superficial lifestyle. a restless grabbing for the next pleasure. hid a longing for something she couldn't

For each, conversion meant that a clear strong wind had arisen to blow

away a bewildering moral fog. Conversion involves a mature commitment. Whatever the circumstances in which conversion is born, it means becoming honest with God, with oneself and with others

If conversion is a turn toward hon-esty, it is a turn away from deceit. In its basic and perhaps most insidious form, deceit means playing games with oneself and with God. Of course, deceit also can reflect a sluggish conscience and a certain indifference toward life.

But conversion shifts the focus. When it comes, conversion is the work of God transforming and freeing people. (Se ONVERSION, page 13)

#### This Week in Focus

in this week's Today's Faith, Dolores Leckey reports on the many responses she received from readers about the role of faith in their everyday work. Leckey is director of the U.S. bishops Laity Secretariat. As part of preparations for the 1987 world Synod of Bishops on the laity, she asked readers what ethical dilemmas they encounter in their work and what impact faith makes on the work they do She finds that daily life and the work that is such a large part of it is a setting for ongoing conversion and growth.

Other writers this week focus on the meaning of con-

version. Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere asks why Peter cried after denying he knew Jesus three times. It was because Peter realized he had betrayed his personal relationship and commitment to Jesus. Father LaVerdiere is editor of Emmanuel magazine

Jane Wolford Hughes observes that people come to the point of conversion in various ways. She tells the stories of two people for whom conversion occurred in different ways. Hughes says that whatever form it takes, conver sion means becoming honest with oneself and with God. Hughes is an adult religious educator in Detroit

Father John Castelot writes that Jesus revealed a Father who is almost incredibly merciful. God loves the sinner more than he hates the sin, the biblical scholar adds, and so always is pressing his people to give up self-indulgent ways and turn to him

## Why did Peter cry?

The New Testament tells many stories of sin and forgiveness. In the Bible, sin means breaking a commitment to God, who promised to stand faithfully by us. As God's people, we break our commitment to God by acting contrary to his commandments. But in the New Testament sin also consists in denying our commitment to follow Christ.

In the New Testament story where Peter denies Jesus, everything focuses on the apostle's relationship to him. It is an excellent example of sin in the New Testament. A good way to approach it is through Mark's Gospel (14:66-72).

Cursing and swearing that he does not know Jesus Peter is leaving the courtyard of the high priest's house. When a cock crows, Peter breaks down and

Why did Peter cry? It was not because Jesus had been arrested or because Jesus was likely to be tortured and killed. The cock's crow brought back Peter's often repeated commitment to follow Christ, to take on his mission and reach out to others with good news, healing, forgiveness and salvation. It was a commitment to do this even when threatened or persecuted.

Yet now Jesus, whom Peter knew and loved for so long, was being pronounced guilty and sentenced to death. And Peter was denying all association with

licly severed his relationship with Christ at the moment when Christ himself was demonstrating the full extent of his own commitment to others.

Peter sinned in this and by going so far as to deny even that he knew Jesus. In crying, Peter acknowledged his sin and the deep sorrow he felt for having denied Jesus

There is no doubt that Peter was forgiven. Later when women visited the tomb of Jesus, Peter was singled out personally to receive the good news of Jesus' resurrection and was invited once again to follow the now risen Lord.

For sin to make Christian sense today, it must be viewed in the context of a personal relationship to God and Christ. Look at family life, for example.

There is a type of laziness or sloth that takes a toll on family relationships; one does not give these relationships the care they need. There is also a type of greed through which one takes from other family members, but does not give to them the time or attention they need. These are actions that can lead to breakdowns in family relationships

Such actions are engaged in by people Jesus loves Such actions are engaged in by people cacab of cand they strike at people Jesus loves. These people, as Jesus told us, must love each other. Otherwise they deny the loving relationship they have to him, as Peter did in the courtyard of the high priest.

Viewed apart from their relationship to Christ, peo-



ple might not view these actions within the family as sins but only as unfortunate matters to be suffered and, perhaps, to be healed.

and, perhaps, to be heated.
With Jesus as part of the family, however, Christians may remember Peter and his loving relationship to Christ and, like Peter, they may break down and

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#### The Bible and Us

## There is much proof of God's love for us

It was a privileged moment, one that would change history's course. Freely, out of love, God had stepped in to free the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. at Mount Sinai, God was in the process of adopting them as God's own people. But at that precise moment the Israelites turned their backs on God

Moses had left the people so he could talk with the Lord. To the people it seemed he had been gone a long time. Impatient, the people persuaded Aaron to fashion an idol for them. He collected their jewelry, melted it down and created a golden bull. Aaron also built an altar on which burnt offerings were sacri "Then (the Israelites) sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel" (Exodus 32:6).

Revel? This was a wild orgy. That is why the Lord

for they have become depraved... that my wrath may blaze up against them" (32:7,10).

But Moses pleaded with the Lord not to forget all his past kindness. "So the Lord relented in the punish ment he had threatened" (32:14).

Subsequently, the covenant between the Lord and the Jewish nation was renewed and God identified himself in these terms: "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity" (34:6).

That sums up the kind of God revealed in Scripture from the first pages to the last. This God does not condone sin; but even this is a mark of loving concern for people, since sin would destroy their happiness. God does not want that

In a striking passage, the prophet Hosea boldly portrays God as one who wrestles with conflicting emotions. The Israelites have been wantonly unfaithful and God is torn. God's first reaction-the reaction one would expect if God were a sorely insulted human being-is to wipe them out. But God's final decision is to spare them. Why: "For I am God and not human" (Hosea 11:9)

 $\operatorname{God}$  is  $\operatorname{God}$  and not human. That simple statement is one of the most profound bits of divine selfrevelation in the Bible

It is this merciful, loving God whom Jesus revealed word and deed. Jesus' basic proclamation was that the reign of God's saving love was here

So true is this that the Gospel of Luke has been called the Gospel of Pardon:

► Who does not know Luke's writing about the

eager mercy of the Prodigal Son's father?

Recall also the tears with which the streetwalker bathed Jesus' feet in Luke 7-tears of relief and

gratitude for mercy received.

And Jesus' words from the cross, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they are doing were so shocking to some early copyists of the Gospel that they omitted them from some manuscripts

What Jesus revealed about the Father was not lost on St. Paul, who had overwhelming personal experi ence of God's mercy. "It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us. That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

#### **Education Brief**

## If sin has a lasting effect so do penance and conversion

The Second Vatican Council ... recognized that the church must strive above all to bring all people to full reconciliation. In intimate connection with Christ's mission, one can therefore sum up the church's mi sion, rich and complex as it is, as being her central task of reconciling people: with God, with themselves with neighbor, with the whole of creation; and this in a permanent manner since, as I said on another occasion, 'the church is also by her nature always

-Pope John Paul II in his 1984 Apostolic hortation on Reconciliation and Penance

The results of sin are shattering in more ways than one. Similarly, the impact of penance, conversion is multifaceted.

According to Pope John Paul II, one result of sin is a loss of personal identity. That is why the pope uses the word "suicidal" to characterize sin.

For sin means that God, the one who sustains a

person's life, is being rejected, he says. This destroys one's "internal balance." And this helps to clarify the meaning of conversion in Christian life. It means the rediscovery of "one's true identity."

In the pope's vision, sin involves "forgetfulness and indifference" toward God. Sin means living "as if God were of no relevance" in the human sphere. To sin is "to live as if (God) did not exist, to eliminate (God) from one's daily life."

So sin entails a brokenness with God, just as it involves a brokenness within oneself. But that's not all. A brokenness with others also tends to result, says the pope. He sees this not only in relationships

#### Conversion is a love affair with the Holy Trinity

(Continued from page 11)

In conversion, the focus moves from oneself to God and his plans. When we enter into the process of conversion, we begin a love affair with God, a covenant of faithfulness not just for a specific time or under selected circumstances, but for always.

When human love is not nurtured, the vitality of a relationship ebbs. It is similar in the conversion to which all Christians always are called. Making the necessary shift of focus requires persistent effort. Without such effort, we can get the distorted idea that God is the one holding back when it is really human selfishness breaking the trust.

In conversion people see their limitations but learn that the yawning gaps in their lives don't stretch beyond the capacity to change with God's help.

Unfortunately, there may be lapses. By comparison with divine faithfulness, human faithfulness is fragile.

In conversion human faithfulness must reflect, at least to some degree, the generous faithfulness of God. But even as we lurch away from him, he follows with profound understanding and love to welcome us

In human relationships, people often close the doors between them. But the divine door always remains open

between individuals, but within groups and among

"The result of sin is the shattering of the human family," Pope John Paul writes. Through sin, he states, the human person "almost inevitably causes damage to the fabric of his relationship with others and with the created world.'

But in penance and conversion there is a profound change of heart that also involves changing one's life, the pope stresses. Penance is "a conversion that passes from the heart to deeds and then to the Christian's whole life.

If sin has a long reach, therefore, so do penance and conversion.

In penance, one is reconciled with God. But this reconciliation "leads, as it were, to other reconciliations which repair the breaches caused by sin," the pope says; it leads to reconciliation with oneself, with others and with God's creation itself.

#### What Do You Think?

Do you think people sometimes grow indifferent or apathetic toward God's role in their lives? What do you think it means to become "forgetful" about God, to use one of Pope John Paul II's words?

- · What does the word "conversion" mean to you? What sort of fresh start or change does it refer to?
- · If an ongoing process of conversion occurs in one's life, where will its results be seen'
- · Peter cried after he had three times denied knowing Jesus. Father Eugene LaVerdiere discusses why Peter cried. What was the reason?



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#### Children's Story Hour

## Brave martyr

by Janaan Manternach

Isaac Jogues grew up in the city of Orleans in France almost 400 years ago

When Isaac was 10, his parents sent him to the local Jesuit school. He liked his teachers and wanted to be like

When he was 17, Isaac entered the Jesuits and began studying to be a priest. A few years later he met a missionary who had worked for two years in the area of North America then known as New France. Isaac began to dream of being a missionary to the Indians of New France.

Two months after ordination to the priesthood in 1636, Father Jogues sailed for Quebec. There he met the native Americans. He traveled 800 miles by Americans. He traveled 800 miles by cance with a group of Huron Indians to their village, Ihonatira. The Hurons called Father Isaac "Ondessonk," the "Bird of Prey." His first challenge was to learn their language.

He spent six years among the Hurons, teaching them about Jesus and his way of love. Father Isaac and the other Jesuits also showed the Hurons better

ways to farm and raise cattle. He came to love the Hurons and their peaceful ways. He shared his food with them as they shared theirs with him. He showed special care for the sick and weak, and he baptized many adult Hurons.

In 1642 a large band of violent Mohawks ambushed Father Jogues and a small group of Hurons and tortured them. The Mohawk chief made Father Isaac his personal slave.

A year later Dutch traders helped the French priest escape and he returned to Europe. But after a few months he sailed back to New France. He wanted to convert the Mohawks.

Before he reached Ossernenor a band of Mohawks from the violent Bear clan captured him. They beat him. The next day an Indian brave invited Father Jogues to a feast at the chief's lodge. As the priest stooped to enter the lodge, a Mohawk brave tomahawked m and threw his dead body into the Mohawk River.

Father Jogues and seven missionary friends were declared saints in 1930 by Pope Pius XI. They are called the North American martyrs. St. Isaac Jogues' feast is Oct. 19



Can you help Father Isaac find his way back to the



#### Project Idea

Create your own poster to show Father Isaac Jogues working among the Huron Indians. If possible, look in an encyclopedia to see what you can learn about the villages of the Huron Indians and what they looked like. At the bottom of your poster, tell in a brief sentence what Father Jogues is doing.

#### Children's Reading Corner

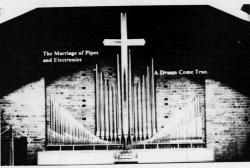
In the story "It's Mine!" by Leo Lionni, three quarrelsome frogs live together on an island. Selfish and mean-spirited, their quibbling disturbs the peace. Toad, who lives on the other side of the island, complains and tells them that they can't continue their nasty behavior. They ignore the toad's counsel until they are almost drowned in a flood and are saved by him. Then what we see is a remarkable conversion in the three quarrelsome frogs. (Alfred A. Knopf, 201 E. 50th St., New York, N.Y. 10022. 1986. Hardback, \$11.95.)



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## Education Supplement

## Serve together with generosity and forgiveness

The intensity of our educational mission will inevitably lead to misunderstanding

by Frank X. Savage Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Education

Some time ago I came across a story which beautifully illustrates the theme for this year's observance of Catechetical Sunday: "Serve Together with Gener osity and Forgiveness." Hopefully it will touch you as deeply as it has

touched me. Once upon a time on a dangerous sea coast where shipwrecks often occur, there was a little life-saving station. The members were driver by their mission of saving lives

from the sea. They generously gave of themselves without counting the cost. They worked as a team

trusting one another and relying on each other's unique gifts and talents. The life-saving team became a model of service to others. Soon other men and women sought to join the team and dedicate themselves to the mission of saving lives. Their numbers grew and many lives were saved.

As the reputation of the life-saving station spread far and wide, members began arguing among them-selves as to who was the most important. Some members felt that they were so important that they should not be expected to risk their lives by going out to sea on rescue missions. Jealousies arose. Members began to meticulously compare their work load with others'. False accusations and vicious personal attacks divided them into quarrelsome camps. Little by little the vision of their mission dimmed and the generous trusting spirit which bonded them together eroded away. In the end, all that remained were the ruins of the station. Over the entrance was a coat of arms, the meaning of which no one could explain Shipwrecks are still frequent in the waters, but most of the people drown.

This may seem to be a sad story, but to my mind it has a hopeful message: The gift of forgiveness is essential if we are to serve together with generosity The life-saving team's service and generous spirit

could not be sustained without the gift of forgiveness.
The same is true for us who work in the vineyard of the land. As Catholic educators, the gift of forgiveness is difficult to understand because it runs counter to the mind of our culture which measures so precisely "legal" rights and duties. In a culture which stresses so strongly that you only reap what you sow, the parable of the workers in the vineyard is outrageous. How can those who work only one hour receive the same wage as those who have worked the whole day? Forgiveness is a gift; it is never earned. We are called to forgive as the Lord has forgiven us.

Forgiveness is the gift that will sustain us over the

long haul. The intensity of our educational mission coupled with our human limitations will inevitably lead to hurts and misunderstandings. The gift of forgiveness, both given and received, will provide the

healing necessary to keep our energies focused on the mission. Forgiveness restores the love, respect and trust necessary to be an effective sign of God's loving presence in this world. How we love and forgive one another will unquestionably affect our work in education.

Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Let us continue to serve together with generosity and forgiveness.

## Building up the Body of Christ through unity and service

My dear Family in Christ:

How fitting that we celebrate this year's Catechetical Sunday Theme: "Serve Together with Generosity and Forgiveness" on the weekend that marks the end of Pope John Paul II's second pastoral visit to our country

The theme of the papal visit has been "Unity in the Work of Service, Building Up the Body of Christ." Each day that he has been here, Our Holy Father has focused upon a particular ministry of service so prevalent in our American Roman Catholic community. On Saturday, September 12, he met with Catholic educators in New Orleans and dialogued about the ministry of catechetics and education.

Building up the Body of Christ through unity and service is the focus of our archdiocesan celebration of Catechetical Sunday. We recognize, affirm, and pray for all those who serve their parishes so generously as catechists. In recognizing our catechists, we are also reminded that we all are called to 'echoes' of the Good News of Jesus

We are all challenged as followers of Jesus to build up the Body of Christ by having our homes, our work sites, our neighborhoods, and our parishes become places that are known for generosity and forgiveness. Catechesis to make effective when it takes place in the midst of "warm" bodies that consciously serve in the name of the Risen Jesus.

This Catechetical Sunday, we listen to the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers were upset because of the overflowing generosity of the owner who paid the same wages to those who worked only a short time, as to those who worked all day. My prayer on this Catechetical Sunday is that our archdiocese become filled with "bodies" of Christ-homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and parishes where such generosity is welcomed and affirmed.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

## Back to school: higher costs and fewer students

by Stephenie Overman

WASHINGTON (NC)-A Catholic elementary school in Denver is lowering its tuition. The Archdiocese of Washington is building four new schools. But those are the exceptions to the Catholic school

picture this fall. What is more likely to be the rule is that the aver-

age child returning to Catholic elementary or secondary school this fall will find slightly fewer classmates, or perhaps even new classmates as dioceses merge schools to pool resources. And the student's parents will probably pay at least a little more tuition this year.

Catholic college students can also expect higher tuition but the enrollment picture is brighter

Last year Catholic elementary and secondary schools experienced a decline of about 3 percent, down 84,000 students to 2,735,000.

In 1986-87 there were 7,709 Catholic elementary and 1,411 secondary schools in the United States, 116 fewer than in 1985-86. Although 1987-86 figures were not available before the start of the school year, the trend is expected to continue

as expected to continue.

Catholic school enrollment hit its peak in 1964 with 5.6 million students in 13,249 schools. After that there were sharp declines, then a leveling off period.

Some dioceses are consolidating schools to combat the scarcity of dollars, declining enrollments and escalating student costs. The merger of three elementary schools in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, for example, affects an estimated 480 children.

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., is one that is con-

sidering regionalization for some of its elementary

schools, a move away from parish schools.
In Catholic elementary schools tuition went from an average of \$384 in 1984-85 to \$463 in 1985-86. In Catholic high schools tuition rose from an average of \$1,284 in 1983-84 to \$1,491 in 1984-85 to \$1,675 in 1985-86, according to statistics from the National Catholic

Educational Association.
St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School, Denver, rolled back tuition costs by \$300 per student for the 1887-88 school year. The 20 percent price cut results in a tution cost of \$800, according to St. Catherine's principal Martha Ellis.

principal Marina Ellis.

In the Archdiocese of Washington Archbishop
James A. Hickey announced the building of the first
new Catholic elementary schools in 29 years. Four
new schools are to be built in the Maryland suburbs.

These are this year's exceptions. But today's exceptions may be tomorrow's rule.

Christian Brother Robert Kealey, executive director of the NCEA department of elementary schools,

said attention to development programs and to preschool and kindergarten classes may mean that tui-

scinor and kindergarten classes may mean that tui-tions will go down and enrollment will go up. The enrollment picture in elementary schools now is "tricky," according to Brother Kealey. "In the upper grades, yes, there are probably fewer but in the lower grades there are more students." For examine, he said a third-mark against the

For example, he said, a third-grade class might have 25 students while the kindergarten has 50.

That's because "90 percent or more of the parents who have students in pre-school continue" sending their children to the higher grades. Thus, "down the road there will be an increase in enrollment," according to Brother Kealey.

The opening of pre-schools and kindergartens is "something we're seeing across the country," he said. "There's been a rapid growth in the past couple

years."

Brother Kealey said, "yes, definitely" to the pro-spect of higher tuition. "Although... there are major efforts whereby parishes are setting up financial development programs so that in future years the increases are not as great as in the past several

Tuition has increased in Catholic schools becauthere are fewer Religious to work for little money and (See CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, page 16)

## The key to success of Renew

It flows from discovering the power of the Holy Spirit

by Richard Cain

It was Sign-up Sunday at St. Mary's in Greensburg and parish Renew team co-leader Skip Lowien didn't know what to expect.

Last week, during Education Sunday, a presentation was made at each Mass explaining Renew and the important role that the small faith-sharing groups would play in this popular parish renewal experience. The speaker also explained the sign-up process that would take place next Sunday at all the Masses. Because the small groups involved an ongoing commitment, the team had decided to give each parishioner a week to decide whether this opportunity for the intimate sharing of faith during the first season of the renewal process was for him or her

At the time of decision, cards had been passed out at all the Masses and the parishioners had indicated their choices. Predictions among the team of how many would sign up ranged from a low of 100 to as high as 400. "We didn't know whether we were going to fall on our faces or have a big success," said Lowien, one of the two coordinators of Renew at St. Mary's

Later that day when the cards were counted, the team found that almost 200 had signed up. "I was disappointed that we didn't get 500," Lowien said. But he was clearly pleased that such a large number of parishioners had decided to make such a personal commitment to the renewal process

St. Mary's in Greensburg is one of the 28 parishes around the archdiocese which has formed a team to implement Renew in their parish. By the end of the month, each team will have faced the first real measure of its work. In addition, 11 parishes and the Sisters of Providence motherhouse in the Terre Haute Deanery will have completed their sign-ups for the second year of Renew.

Just as the experiences of small faith sharing groups are the key to the Renew program, so the experience of the core team is the key to the process for the whole parish.

"There is a definite correlation," said Eileen Javurek, Renew Coordinator for the Terre Haute Deanery. If the parish coordinators get a vision and become enthusiastic, then they are able to spur on the whole parish, she said.

Matt Hayes, archdiocesan director of religious edu-cation, went even further. "If the parish Renew team clicks, then Renew clicks."

As this would suggest, the vital task for each par-

ish is to find leaders who can come together to articulate a common vision. But this doesn't mean that Renew consists of and depends entirely on a "from the top down" process. The leadership and participation of large numbers of people at the "grass roots" level is equally vital. According to Javurek, the beauty of Renew is precisely that it gets previously inactive Renew come alive and be exciting," she said. The newly involved people can then take over from leaders who have become burned out.

Burnout is more of a problem in smaller parishes where there are fewer resources and people to draw Everyone who can do anything usually does two or three things," said Carole Dreher of St. Ann in Terre Haute and a member of the Terre Haute Deanery Renew commission

Besides burnout among leaders, another obstacle parishes have had to overcome is the lack of coor dinating staff and budgeting at the archdiocesan level. Unlike in other places, the priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis did not elect to do Renew as an archdiocese. Each parish has had to decide for itself whether to adopt a renewal process and, if so, which one. And the fact that parishes have not made their decisions at the same time has further stretched already limited archdiocesan resources.

'It's a hard way to do Renew," Hayes said "We've gone into this knowing that in some ways, this isn't the best way of doing this. But it is the best way in the sense that those parishes that are doing it are intensely motivated.

Despite the challenges, Renew seems t hold, particularly where the process has already had a year to work. "There has been a tremendous increase in the sense of community," said Joseph Tenerelli, a member of St. Joseph's University Parish in Terre Haute. "There has been an overwhelming positive response to the faith sharing that takes place in the small groups.'

Tenerelli said that while people were initially wary, they have found the process enjoyable. This in turn has made them more willing to share. "Any parish will find the process somewhat involved," he said. It's not for parishes looking for the fast answer, he added. It takes flexibility and creativeness. "You have to do what is best for your parish."

For example, St. Joseph's has used its telephone

committee to provide transportation for those who cannot get to Renew activities on their own and the prayer network as a liaison with those who are home-



RENEW BANNER-St. Agnes Renew banner, designed by 14-year-old Jacob Aull and sewn by Julia Taylor, Garnet Elmone and Delores Suding. (Photo by Barbara Sheehan)

bound so they can feel more a part of what is going on at the parish

St. Joseph's has also found that Renew can be used to reinforce other parish programs and goals. "We were in the initial stages of forming an adult catechetical team," Tenerelli said. "We have capitalized on Renew to prepare for going full swing into the teams."

Many parishes have high hopes for Renew. For

example, Dave Graf, parish Renew coordinator at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany, said his par-ish has trained facilitators for 40 small groups and recruited 49 people to serve as telephone callers.

"We're already involving people who weren't involved before," he said.

According to Hayes, another measure of the faith parishes have placed in Renew is the number of people parishes are sending for training as parish team members and small group leaders. He also said he was impressed with the response of priests and pastoral leaders at a recent workshop which looked at the spirituality underlying Renew and dealt with practical issues concerning the role of pastors and pastoral ministers in the renewal process.

Ultimately, the success of Renew flows from discovering the presence and power of the Holy Spirit already present in each parish. Having decided to take on Renew at the last moment, St. Mary and St. Michael parishes in Madison of necessity have had to discover this power

We were a little unsure of our first semester, said Martie Hoying, one of two Renew coordinators for the parishes. "But there has been a very quick response. It seemed like the (team) came together much more quickly than I expected. People seem to see the need for this.

#### worth giving: Catholic schools (Continued from page 15)

because "many of the schools are making a very determined effort to increase the salaries of teachers. They are trying to come as close as possible to the salaries in public schools."

A few years ago "a large number of schools were closing. There are a few this year" and in some "iso-lated" cases new schools are opening, Brother Kealey said. He estimated that now "for each opening, two close," helping to offset the decline.

Michael J. Guerra, executive director of the NCEA

secondary school department, said he "expects some decrease" in Catholic high school enrollment this year because "high school-age students are and will be fewer in number for the next couple of years.

"That demographic wave will roll through in the next few years and is expected to turn around by the mid '90s," according to Guerra. according to Guerra.

Another reason for the decrease in number of stu-dents, he said, is the high cost of tuition. Catholic high schools try to "strike a balance" between paying teachers a just wage and keeping tuition at an affordable level.

Guerra also sees the need for "well-organized, well-managed" development programs to keep tuition costs down.

A good program is "not simply selling candy bars but helping people understand what Catholic schools are doing" for poor and disadvantaged students and for the community at large.

He cited the recent study by James S. Coleman that found that Catholic schools do better than public and other private schools at helping disadvantaged students



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#### At St. Mark's School

## So. deanery has program for learning disabled

The Indianapolis South Deanery offers education for the learning disabled at St. Mark's School. Those associated with the program stress that most of these children are of average ability, but that they "learn differently.

Principal Annette Lentz said, "These are children who fall between the cracks in a regular classroom. They can learn, but they learn differently. Because they need a different approach, they fall below level We work to get them to level before they graduate so they can compete in high school

The South Deanery program has a full-time teacher, Mary Carson, and another teacher who comes every morning, Lois Kattau. Since not too much help is available, a few students have been

accepted from other Indianapolis deaneries.

Lentz said, "The program has come a long way.
I'm really proud of it. The children are just precious They make a big impact on the whole school community. It's neat to see the reaction of the other children."

"It makes them appreciate where they themselves are and what their gifts and talents are," Lentz continued. "And they realize that these children, though they learn differently, they have gifts and talents, too They learn to accept them as they are."

"Parents want this kind of program," Lentz added
"When they find out their child has special needs, it
scares them to think the child must be put in public schools. Knowing that they can attend liturgies and be part of the Catholic environment seems to make them feel better.

Carson explained, "It is important to understand what type of child we are serving. It is not so much learning disabled, but actually children with learning differences or language differences. We must under stand that these children have intellectual ability they haven't been able to use because they learn differently than the approach used in regular classrooms.

"I guess I'm trying to say, learning disability comes as a result of not being taught in the way they can learn," Carson added. "We try to make a multi-sensory approach so the child can use all his senses to learn to understand what is being taught. The know-ledge is gained more individually or in very small groups. Two or three may learn together, often up to seven, but individually when necessary

Mary Carson explained that more planning by the teacher is necessary for special education. "We aren't held to any time schedule. We can adjust the rate and amount we teach. We try to have a structured,

## Seton opens writing to read lab in Richmond

by Margaret Nelson

Seton Catholic School in Richmond will be the first in Wayne county to incorporate the IBM "Writing to

Read" program in an elementary school.

Located in the Seton East building, the lab will introduce kindergarten and first grade students to language arts through the use of the junior computers

The principal, Emily Lemming, and first grade teacher Ruth Brown attended coordinator training sessions in June in Atlanta, Georgia. The expenses of the trip were paid by a St. Andrew's parishioner.

The community is supporting the innovative pro-

gram. Parent volunteers painted the classroom. Holthouse Furniture donated wall-to-wall carpet for the lab. The home and school association raised funds to

pay for the equipment and materials.

A parent orientation meeting will be held early in

To implement the program in the first grade teachers at Seton will complete orientation so that first grade students will be using the lab one hour daily at the beginning of the second quarter of the school year

Plans for kindergarten orientation include daily

Plans for kindergarten orientation include daily participation after Christmas vacation. Research on the "Writing to Read" program verifies a positive impact on students, teachers, and parents. Improvements have typically been shown in both reading and writing skills. According to Mrs. Lemming, children who have used the program have been observed choosing to spend more time on a wide secret of reading and writing activities. variety of reading and writing activities



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-Mrs. Lois Kattau, teacher of some of the special education classes for the Indianapolis South Deanery classes held at St. Mark's

sequential program, more in order than under time pressure. We try to work with the child where he is and present as much as he can handle at his pace.

Carson said that some of the learning disabled are unusually bright, but are not able to use their ability. Some learn better by listening, some by visual input It is a matter of muscle involvement carrying the message to the brain."

School, looks over the work of (from left) Warren Ward, Gracie Carson and Chris Ferguson. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

The big thrust of the program at St. Mark's is religion, language and math, but science and social stu-dies are also covered. The special ed students are mainstreamed for art, physical education and music, so that they are with children their own ages. Some join St. Mark's regular classes if they can work at the same level in certain subjects. The program is designed to meet their specific learning needs.



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## Sacrament preparation in Osgood

#### It has evolved into completely family-based celebrations

by Barbara Jachimiak

The sacramental program at St. John the Baptist Church in Osgood has evolved into completely familybased celebrations, according to Providence Sister Nancy Brosnan, director of religious education.

She reported the First Communion preparation is conducted totally in a family context and the program involves all family members. Sister Nancy noted it consists of a one-and-a-half hour meeting once a month and is based on the Silver Burdette text "We Celebrate Eucharist."

"The beginning of the session is socializing with coffee and doughnuts meetings, time for community building and time for learning songs for the First Communion celebration," she said.

She went on to explain that the older brothers and sisters then leave to make crafts related to the first communicants and the younger children have their own session on the sacrament to get them ready for their First Holy Communion. The participation of the older children is considered a "matter of service," she added.

The first communicants and their parents have time together during part of the sessions, Sister Nancy reported. Then the children leave for their session with the catechists who work with them to develop a theme. Scripture stories are used for drawings and writings called for in the text, she continued, and the catechists attempt to motivate the first communicants in a reflective manner to encourage their participation.

"During the parent sessions, they reflect on how the theme relates to their own lives," she emphasized. "It is crucial that parents get in touch with their own spiritual journeys and what the Eucharist means to them if they are going to share this with their children."

Parents use the text as a basis for suggested activities to develop the theme at home as a family.

"In evaluation of the program, parents have been extremely positive and cite the sessions as very helpful," Sister Nancy noted. She reported attendance has been almost perfect.

The First Reconciliation program, she reported, is based upon an intergenerational approach.

"We meet once with the parents separate from the children and then the parents are invited to share with the children in several—usually three—sessions," she added. "Parents and children are together in small groups."

She believes the result of the family experience is a

more whole-hearted participation in the celebration of reconcil ation.

She explained that potential catechists are surfaced in the adult group as a result of these sessions. Another result of the program is a greater awareness by the parents of their child's progress in conscience formation, she added.

Brown Publishing's "Welcoming the Forgiving Jesus" is the text used for First Reconciliation.

In the Confirmation process, the Ave Maria Press text "Confirming Faith" is used. Sister Nancy reported there are several sessions and parents are invited to join the young people in many of them. "Parents seem to thoroughly enjoy it," she added.

"Parents seem to thoroughly enjoy it," she added "Some of them come back for sessions that are not specifically geared to both parents and children."

She believes this is very affirming to the young people at a time when they need affirmation and it is a great community builder for the adults and adolescents, who often feel alone.



FAMILY PARTICIPATION—Providence Sister Nancy Brosnan (smiling at right), Director of Religious Education at St. John the Baptist Church in Osgood, meets with

catechists to discuss the year's plans for religious education classes and sacramental programs, based on family participation. (Photo by Barbara Jachimiak)

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#### Bringing teens into the church

## New Albany introduces RCIT

by Cynthia Schultz

The concept of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has oeen around since the sixth century. But there are some in the New Albany Deanery who think the program, designed to initiate adults into the Christian community through the sacraments, should be modified to accommodate the teenager. Thus, the RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens) is in the planning stages and will be launched this fall, said Jerry Finn, coordinator of youth ministries for the deanery and initiator of the program.

Ed Schueler, who is also involved with the program, has worked with the RCIA since its inception seven years ago at Our Lady of Perpetual Helo Church. In recent years, Schueler has observed three teenagers who have been candidates in the program

and that concerned him.

"They didn't fit because the program is geared for adults," said Schueler, who is co-coordinator of liturgy and spirituality for the youth ministries activities team in the deanery.

Finn believes more and more youth are getting involved in parish and deanery programs, but some have had very little faith instruction and don't partipate in the sacraments. Often it is because the parents aren't active, Finn said.

Finn also noted that more youth are inviting their

Finn also noted that more youth are inviting their friends to be a part of the programs and these young people are expressing a desire to join the Catholic Church. "Young people today question everything," he

Finn said he felt challenged by a message delivered by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara at a youth banquet several months ago. The archbishop told his audience to "reach out" to youth from other parishes, but Finn said he wanted to take it a step further and reach out to all young people to invite them to be a part of the church.

Finn said several parishes have acknowledged that the RCIA isn't meeting the needs of these youth. Finn thinks that the RCIT would be more effective on a deanery level since most parishes usually have only a couple teens interested in RCIA each year.

Joe Exline, coordinator of youth ministry at St. Mary's of the Knobs, also sees a need for the RCIT. St. Mary's doesn't have an RCIA program and last year when four teens showed an interest in the church, Exline, who will also be involved in the RCIT, said he developed a program for them.

"The way they (teens) process things and the way adults process things are totally different," he said. The RCIT would be divided into two parts: an

The RCIT would be divided into two parts: an inquiry period for teens needing to update their Catholic faith and a catechumenate period for those wishing to join the church.

While Finn is optimistic about the program being successful, there is much work to be done, including acquiring funding, determining how the program will

feed into the life of the parishes involved, selecting a coordinator, gaining input from pastoral staffs and working with the RCIA teams from the different parishes

parisines.

At least one teen is excited about the RCIT. She's Ellen Grantz of St. John Parish in Starlight. "There are teens who want to come into the Catholic Church and those who want to update their faith," said Grantz, who is also co-coordinator with Schueler on liturgy and spirituality for the youth ministries activities team.

Schueler is also excited. "I think it's neat being a part of it in the beginning stages," he said. And his rewards for his efforts in the program will be the young people themselves. "Seeing the teens able to express themselves" will be a bonus, she said.

Finn said he enjoys the challenge of being on the "cutting edge" of something new in the New Albany area. "It's exciting stuff," he said.

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PLANNING-Discussing the New Albany Deanery's upcoming Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens program are

(from left) Ellen Grantz, Jerry Finn and Ed Schueler.



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## Following new school guidelines

#### Batesville Catholic schools won't be greatly affected

by Barbara Jachimiak

Most Batesville Deanery Catholic elementary schools report they will not be greatly affected by the new Indiana Education Code, especially for those with only kindergarten through sixth grades. Most school principals said their schools are already scheduled for more than the required hours because their students use public school bus transportation. Snow days will present a problem primarily in rural areas where snow is a problem and lost time will have to be made up.

Glenn Tebbe, principal of St. Mary School, Greensburg, reported his school already meets the minimum hourly requirements for daily sessions for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"As far as the number of days we are in session. because we use Greensburg public school buses, we will be affected when they have snow days this year," he said. "We will have to make those up, too.

The state requires schools to be in session 175 days during the 1987-88 school year, but hearings being held now may raise this to 180 days. Most schools report they have scheduled 177 days for this school year

Tebbe predicts it will take a year or two before everyone understands clearly what is the best and how schools can comply with the new code.

Principal Marjorie Harris, St. Lawrence School, Lawrenceburg, said the state public school requirements have not resulted in any change in her school's calendar and snow days do not present a problem to St. Lawrence students because it is a city school served by Lawrenceburg High School buses

'Public school teachers' contracts have three days added to the 175 and we go along with their schedule, she noted. "Inservice days are different from the rest of the state because we operate on Cincinnati time (currently EDT), but Indiana school time requirements are followed.'

Harris reported St. Lawrence is on two different time schedules with grades one through five attending from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and grades six through eight from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to comply with added time required for upper grades.

St. Mary School in Aurora is in the South Dearborn Community School District which provides all bus transportation.

"Whatever calendar they have adopted, we are obliged to follow," said Henley McIntosh, principal. He noted the public school calendar incorporates a few extra days over the 175 required, but like several other Catholic schools, students attend classes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. making the daily sessions longer than required. McIntosh also reported snow days will be made up "when and how" the public schools do so.

St. Louis School, Batesville, principal Mike Amrhein reported his school also follows the public school system—Batesville Community School calendar. He also reported the school day is longer than required for the 335 students in grades one through eight who attend from 8 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. He said 175 days are scheduled and, if snow is a prob-lem, lost days will be made up when the public schools do. He believed St. Louis may not have to make up time for days school starts late or closes

early for snow because there will be "banked time" earned from longer daily sessions.

He noted St. Louis was closed a couple days last year for snow because students are bused from outlying areas around Batesville "like Oldenburg where there are a lot of hills and hollows." He also believes school time requirements may be changed again and more hours may be required.

St. Paul School, Guilford, is located in the hills east of Sunman and is often affected by winter snows, said Josephine Farrell, principal.

Served by the Sunman-Dearborn community schools, Farrell reported her school has kindergarten through sixth grade and follows the high school calendar. Their day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m., she said.

This is longer than required for elementary school students," she added. "Our students are bused by the public school so we follow their schedule." She noted kindergarten is a half-day session. She reported snow days will be "tacked on to the end of the school year at St. Paul because that's the way the public schools have decided to make them up.

Ann Blasdel, principal at St. Nicholas School, Sun-man, which has 75 students in grades one through eighth, reported the only grades that may be affected would be seventh and eighth. She said St. Nicholas students also depend upon Sunman-Dearborn school buses for transportation and attend school from 8:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Blasdel said the public school system has scheduled extra snow days and her school has more than required now by the state. She disagreed with the requirement that schools be in session a certain number of days

Batesville Deanery Catholic school administrators are confident they will meet whatever school time requirements are finally adopted by the Indiana Education Department, although they may not all agree with the number of days.



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#### An undiscovered treasure

by Richard Cain

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► A new DRE (parish director of religious education) came to the center in search of material for catechists' inservice. The center provided him with a

video on improving teaching skills

► A member of a parish textbook committee came to the center looking for a religion text for preschoolers. The center provided her with a box of text books which she could take back to her committee for their selection

► A parish adult education leader came to the center looking for some material to use during the coming year. She ended up spending 12 hours over two days previewing audiovisuals and doing a substantial amount of planning for the coming year

These are just a few examples of people who have found what they were looking for and more at the resource center. According to manager Toddy Daly, the resource center now has 2,024 filmstrips, 2,000 cassettes, 439 videos, 389 kits, 375 films, 300 books, 180 records, 150 booklets and 117 slide sets. The subject areas include materials on:

- ► sacrament preparation
- ► religious education: ► summer Bible school materials:
- ► family centered catechesis:
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- ► adult religious education;
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- ► classroom activities.

The center has quiet space for reading and planning, and preview rooms so that people can judge audio-visual material before checking it out. The staff is available for assistance at all times from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. School and religious education staff members are also available from the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

Recently, the center completed a catalogue of its holdings. It is available for purchase so that people do not need to make a long trip to the center in order to find out if particular materials are available. For more information about the center, call 1-800-

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## Madison schools work together

#### Catholic and public schools complement one another

by Barbara Jachimiak

Pope John XXIII Elementary School and Madison Shawe High School have had a common administrator since 1984. Arthur Politz, principal of both Catholic schools in Ma dison, has been pleased with this arrangement and reported that the same spirit of cooperation also exists between the Catholic school system and the Madison Consolidated Schools, the Jefferson County public school system

When there is a bus problem such as a child miss-

ing the bus, I just get on the phone to Mr. Henderson, the principal at Madison High School, or the trans portation director, and they take care of the probhe said

Politz added that the public schools exercise this cooperative spirit when the Catholic schools need to use the athletic department facilities. He reported Madison Shawe High School has no facilities to support a swim team so the public high school swimming pool was opened to the Madison Shawe students. "We have a swim team because of them," Politz stressed.

He also noted that the public high school provides bus transportation for workshops in which his people are invited to participate.

During the time that parochial schools shared in the Title I program, the public school system provided the teacher and the facilities for the remedial reading and math classes for the economically or learning disadvantaged children at Pope John XXIII School, Politz said. He added that, after the Felton decision by the Supreme Court which restricted the use of public school facilities by private schools to enforce the separation of church and state, the Madison Consolidated Schools superintendent called Politz about an alternative procedure.

We looked into how we could utilize Title I assistance under the new guidelines," Politz continued. The public schools were willing to locate in the closest elementary building to us to work something out." He said the plan was never used because there were not enough students needing the remedial work for it to be feasible.

He added he was surprised by the public school officials' openness about meeting with him in an attempt to interpret the court decision.

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Politz also expressed surprise at the problems he has heard about between other public and private school systems. "I didn't realize this spirit of cooperation was at all unusual," he said.

He also noted transferring students between the problems are problems in a signer and wall it takes in a contempt pressure problems.

systems poses no problem either and "all it takes is a phone call.

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To emphasize the extent of cooperation between the
two school systems, Politz said, "We also send our
high school students to Madison High School for physics because we don't have the resources for a physics teacher. They have even been accommodating about consulting us when they schedule the class so it is as convenient as possible for our students to attend the 50-minute sessio

Apparently Jefferson County Catholic Schools and Madison Consolidated Schools have a high regard for each other and attempt to complement one another in academics, leaving competition to student athletics.

## **Board** members continue education

by Margaret Nelson

Parishioners who are elected to their parish boards of education can receive further education themselves through the efforts of the Office of Catholic

Ellen Brown, coordinator of boards of education, Asys the workshops are important "to provide growth opportunities, encourage collaborative decision making, and assist in providing a vision for the total Catholic education ministry."

Brown, who offers support and training on board skills and educational issues to parish and deanery boards of education, said the support helps board embers to look at their work more broadly. Rather than getting "hung up on administrative details," enables them to find an answer to: "What is it the

Lord has called us to do? This year's efforts will be highlighted by a Board Leadership Conference at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center on Saturday, Oct. 3. The theme of the meeting will be "Unity in the Work of Service." The keynote address will feature Providence Sister Bar-bara Doherty, president of St. Mary of the Woods College

Workshop sessions will include topics such as the bishops' pastoral on the economy, deanery sharing, Catholic identity, family catechesis, board conflicts,

formation and assessment.

The second session will offer the choice of workshops: budget development, executive commit-tees, prayer, administrators of religious education, development, deanery boards and policy development.

Msgr. Gerald A. Gettelfinger will address all the board members for the final session on the topic: What is the Archdiocesan Foundation?" He will explain how the foundation differs from an endowment and how it will benefit archdiocesan, deanery and local investment efforts.

Workshops for the presidents of boards of educa-tion are being presented around the archdiocese during September. On Wed. Sept. 16, the workshop for the Terre Haute Deanery was held. On Tuesday, Sept. 22, a meeting will be held in the Aquinas Center in Clarksville; on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Catholic Center, Indianapolis. The final workshop will be at St. John, Osgood on Monday, Sept. 28.

The workshops are designed to provide board presidents the opportunity to improve their group facilitation skills. Actual board meetings are simulated and participants take their turns presiding over the group

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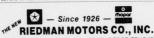
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#### More flexibility

## Indy parishes combine their inquiry classes

by Margaret Nelson

When St. Barnabas decided to work together with St. Jude Parish in its pre-catechumenate program, the south side parish wanted to make its inquiry classe meet the needs of more people. For one thing the twoparish combined program would give people who wanted to find out about the Catholic faith more schedule choices.

Now beginning its second year, the cooperative effort has helped give those working on the program

and the inquirers a "broader sense of church,"
according to Karen Oddi, designer of the program. In fact,
St. Jude did not have a formal program at the time.
"We now have a large group of catechists, nine or
ten different people with nine or ten different teaching styles," she observed.

And the combined program is more effective cost-wise, according to Oddi. "We can share budgets, materials, resources and personnel," she explained.

Besides joining together in the basic program efforts, some of the special celebrations will be combined this year. On Dec. 6 at St. Jude Church, the two parishes will have an Advent evening of reflection together, with prayer and fellowship for the inquirers. their sponsors, families and friends.

Oddi thinks activities such as this special evening help build awareness of the inquiry work in the parishes. "In this way, we not only teach the basics of the Catholic faith, but make practical connections with the Catholic community." she stated. "In fact," Oddi continued, "we have found that

many of the inquirers are already indirectly part of the parish community ... and some are directly part of

Oddi reflected, "We just need to provide formation that goes with theory. In a sense, the entire parish should and does have a role in catechesis for inquir-ers." She added that this is the first stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

St. Barnabas has had the RCIA program since 1982. Oddi observed, "What's nice about RCIA is the built-in flexibility for local implementation." She added that her parish had made some adjustments.

In evaluating the joint pre-catechumenate program after the first year, the team suggested that more

churches in the South Deanery should be involved in it. This would make even better use of "the talents d teaching gifts of the various parish staffs and RCIA teams," according to Oddi.

One advantage to future deanery-wide inquiry pro-

grams would be that they could offer year-round classes and the process could be more individualized, based on each person's readiness, Oddi believes.

Karen Oddi said the thing she likes best is "getting to know a lot more people. It is kind of fun to be working together



PARISH COOPERATION-Planning to begin the second year of a cooperative pre-catechumenate program for St Barnabas and St. Jude parishes are team members (from left) Father Dan Atkins, St. Jude's: Bruce Kennedy, St Barnabas; Father Gerald Kirkhoff, pastor of St. Jud Father Paul Shikany, St. Jude's. (Photo by Karen Oddi)

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## OCEA program to feature local educators

Several leading educators in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be featured as speakers at the Ohio Catholic Education Association Convention, a regional meet to be held in the Greater Cincinnati Convention Center on October 1 and 2. Some also served as program committee members. Other educators from the archdiocese will attend the meeting.

The convention also draws educational leaders from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and other Ohio dioceses in Cleveland, Columbus, Steubenville, Toledo and Youngstown. Kentucky educators from the Covington diocese and the Archdiocese of Louisville will attend as will those from the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston, Virginia

Frank Savage, executive director of the Office of Catholic Education, will make a presentation: "The Role of the Board with the Principal." And Providence Sister Lawrence Ann Liston will discuss: "H
to Select a Principal." Besides chairing two roundtable discussions and sharing high school recruitmen tips, Coordinator of School Services Joseph Peters will ups, coordinator of school services absept reters with talk on "The Catholic Identity." He will be joined by Glenn Tebbe, principal of St. Mary, Greensburg, Jeanette Colburn, principal of St. Ambrose Seymour will chair this discussion.

Principal Kathleen Fleming, St. Joan of Arc School, Indianapolis will talk about the school's extended care program. Emily Lemming, principal at Seton, Richmond, will address the subject of elemen-

tary school libraries.

Franciscan Sister Diane Jamison, director of religious education at St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, will make a presentation on the liturgical year, with Clara Ann Merkel, DRE at St. Michael chairing the dis-

Other topics will include "A First-Year Foreign Language," by Richard Powell, coordinator of world cultures at Chatard High School, Indianapolis, and chaired by the assistant principal, Carole Storch.

Chatard home economics teacher Lisa Cangany will discuss the teaching of parenting at the convention. And the director of dramatics at the high school, Susan Roberts, will talk about directing school plays.

Seton teachers Ginny Brooks and Linda Walker will make presentations. Brooks, a computer teacher, will talk about print shops and Walker will talk about the use of science in teaching art. Tammy Smith of St. Gabriel, Connersville, will share methods of teaching math by using time games and ideas.

Dan Conway, St. Meinrad Seminary Director of

resource development. And Liz Vissing, director of development for Our Lady of Providence High School,

Clarksville will give capital campaign tips.

Besides those involved with the Office of Catholic Education, the Family Life Office Director Valerie Dillon will make a presentation at the convention:
"Sex Education—Who, What, Why?"

Those serving on the OCEA convention program committee from the archdiocese were Ruth Brown, Franciscan Sister Diane Jamison, Emily Lemming, Sister Lawrence Ann Liston, Clara Ann Merkel, Joseph Peters, and Carole Storch.

## Catechists form national support group

A new support group has just been established to try to meet the spiritual, communal and educational needs of thousands of Catholic volunteer catechists

across the country.

The National Catholic Catechists Society (NCCS) was formed to give "encouragement, direction and fresh ideas in spiritual formation" to Catholic lay people, explains Peter J. Li, NCCS's executive director and publisher of Catechist magazine, one of the society's founders.

NCCS will serve "the formational needs of our readers," he said, "and all those who labor in the field of teaching. The people who share the Word of God outside the pulpit, who help children and adults learn the basics of the Catholic faith, are a very vital factor in the life of the church today

Coincidentally, the society was created very close to the church's annual celebration of "Catechetical Sunday," set this year for Sept. 20. Its theme expresses well the society's ideals: "Serve Together with Generosity and Forgiveness.

NCCS will draw upon the experience and guidance of its other founding members, many of whom are well-known and distinguished American catechists and weil-known and distinguished American catechists and educators. The society's select board of advisors is made up of such notable catechists as Bishop J. Terry Steib of St. Louis (serving as episcopal advisor); St. Joseph Sister Angela Gannon, director of religious education for the Brooklyn Diocese; Father Thomas G. Gallagher of the Department of Education of the ILS, Cathbile Conference; and Sorned Louis Clean. U.S. Catholic Conference; and Sacred Heart Sister Maria de la Cruz Aymes of San Francisco.

Li said that NCCS members will be given numer-ous benefits, including scholarships for catechetical training and advanced college study, discounts from many Catholic bookstores and publishers, a schoolyear subscription to Catechist (magazine for religious educators), and recognition and charter membership

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Psalm 145

SEPTEMBER 20, 1987

by Richard Cain

Arthur C. Clark's short story, "The Nine Billion Names of God," describes a creative monastery of Tibetan monks who think they have found a short-cut to fulfilling their mission. The monks believe that their purpose is simply to express each of the nine billion names of God. They have a formula for gen-erating each name out of different combinations of the letters of the alphabet, but have been laboring for centuries because of the length of time it takes to write nine billion names. However, with the advent of the computer, a task of centuries can be reduced to a matter of

I won't spoil the ending. But the idea raises an important issue about how I relate to God. When I hear of things like prayer wheels and writing out nine billion names, my reaction is: "How silly. How can anyone think they are

doing such activities for God?"

But what about my own religious activities? Do I do them with the thought that God will owe me some thing because I have done them? Ah, now the matter hits close to home.

If I pray for God's sake, I am deluding myself. If I do "good works" as if I am doing God a favor, I am only fooling myself. What does God learn from listening to my prayer? What can I do that God can't do better? Clearly, whatever God asks me to do is more for my benefit than for God's.

The first reading is from the second part of Isaiah (chapters 40-55). This part sought to console a nation spiritually and physically crushed by the exile to Babylon. The Jews perceived this event as a punishment from God because they had not kept their side of the covenant-the Law of Moses. In their despair they imagined that God was hidden from them, that their covenant relationship with God was now

In response to this mistaken belief, the author stressed that God's ways are different than the ways of humans. God does not depend on humans the way they are dependent on one another. If God seemed far away, it was only to call on the Jews to realize their utter dependence on God.

The passage calls to mind the mysterious seeming contradictions about our relationship with God. God is utterbeyond us yet near enough to help Humans are utterly helpless, yet re quired to actively seek God. The ways of God are impossible for us, yet we are called to imitate them.

The gospel reading penetrates even more deeply into this mystery. At dawn an owner of a vineyard hires workers for an agreed upon wage. Several times during the day, the owner finds it necessary to hire more workers. At the end of the day, the workers hired first are angered to learn that everyone was paid the same wage regardless of how long they worked.

The parable gets directly at the question of God's ways and human ways, specifically God's fairness in dealing with humans. The point is that none of us earns anything from God. Everything we receive is an undeserved gift. For on what basis can we claim that God "owes" us anything?

Both passages call me to be honest about how I relate to God? What are my motivations for my religious activities? They are also an invitation for me to be freed of the burdens of things done out of the wrong motivations. It is necessary to pray. But if I pray out of a sense that God owes me so much for each rosary I rattle off, I am better off not saying the rosaries. The goal is this: to pray or do whatever I do out of

#### The Pope Teaches

### Christ is the word, the expression of God

by Pope John Paul II remarks at his general audience Sept. 2

We direct our attention today to the truth that Jesus Christ is the eternal word of God the Father. We find the most complete synthesis of this truth about Jesus in the prologue of John's Gospel where we read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him."

With these words the evangelist gives witness to the Son's divine pre-existence with the Father. He confirms what Christ revealed about himself to the apostles on the eve of his passion when he declared: "I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father." Thus even before coming into the world Christ existed as the Son.

The whole earthly existence of Jesus can er be separated from his pre-existence in God. For the life of the Son of God on earth is a consequence and a fundamental dimension of

his being one with the Father. Jesus expresses this clearly at the Last Supper when he prays to his Father: "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

While revealing to us the truth about the eternal Word made flesh, John's prologue reconfirms what the Old Testament tradition had said about wisdom and goes beyond it because the Word is not only "with God" but "is God." By coming into the world, the Word is the self-revelation of God. Moreover, we see that the evangelist has before his eyes not only the Old Testament revelation about wisdom but also the paschal event of Christ's glorification. For St. John, the cross and resurrection of Jesus reveal the glory of the Father's eternal Word. It is "the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with eternal love.

## the Saints



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#### Ouestion Corner

## Are Non-Christians saved?

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q I am Jewish and recently read your column of some weeks ago responding to a question posed by a rabbi regarding belief in Jesus as a requisite to salvation.

I see in your words a common Christian approach whenever an article of Christian faith or dogma is questioned, in particular by someone of the Jewish faith. This approach is to appear to be saying one thing when in reality you really mean something else.

You seen, to imply that belief in Christ for salvation is a matter of choice and faith which in effect would preclude such a belief as a necessity for salvation.

However, further on you state an ancient principle of Christianity: "God's saving grace is there for anyone who does not deliberately place an obstacle to that

By "saving grace" I assume is meant the sacrifice of Jesus as salvation for mankind and by "deliberate obstacle," I assume, is meant not believing. In reality, Christians must of necessity declare salvation only through Jesus Christ. (Florida)

A First, just a word about your last statement. We Christians (at least I speak for Catholic Chris-

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tians and our entire tradition) do believe that salvation is only through Jesus Christ. That is far from the same thing, however, as saying everyone must have a direct personal faith in Jesus Christ to be saved.

We do not teach or believe, for example, that every man and woman who has never heard of Jesus, the Bible or perhaps even explicitly of God (which today and through most of history would include most of the human race) is excluded from salvation.

human race) is excluded from salvation. Our understanding of "salvation through Jesus Christ" is quite different from that.

What you say you assume from what I said is not at all what I meant, nor what the Catholic Church means when it says that God gives grace, the gift of light for our intelligence and will and so on, to everyone on earth sufficient for salvation.

The meaning of this doctrine in Catholic tradition is simply that God gives to every person sufficient opportunity to choose the good as that person sees it.

Some theologians have interpreted it through the centuries as "implicit faith in Jesus Christ." That simply means that the individual's intention is to do all that God wills, to do whatever is seen as good and right.

Such a person, whether Jewish, Moslem, Hindu or animist, would be disposed to believe in Christ if he or she should come to see that belief in him is something God wishes and asks.

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A If she herself is a practicing Catholic there should be no big problem. This would seem to fulfill the conditions required by our Catholic rite for baptism of

I have explained these requirements much more at length in past columns and in my brochure on infant baptism which is offered free to readers.

baptism which is offered free to readers.

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at Holy Trinity Parish, 794 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill., 61701)

## Parenthood after divorce

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: My wife is divorcing me after 12 years of marriage and three children. I am just beginning to put the pieces back together. I have now accepted the divorce as inevitable, but still don't know best to deal with losing my children.

tell with losing my children.

I agree that she is the better parent, but how can I tell my kids that I am giving them up? Won't they feel that I've abandoned them? Should I flight for custody just to show my kids I care? They don't understand why we are divorcing.

understand why we are divorcing.

We have worked out a very liberal visitation agreement where I see my kids practically every week. But I still feel like I'm a deserter. Please help.—New York

Answer: First of all, tell your children why you are divorcing. They know all about strong friendships that break up. Explain to them in terms that they can understand, but tell the truth.

"Why did you and mom ever get married?" Tell them how you were once very much in love, how you planned on being together forever, how you never intended to split.

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"Then why are you divorcing now?" As best you can, tell them what went wrong. Some loves die slowly of inattention and boredom. Others die more dramatically, fueled by affairs, alcoholism, abuse and other compelling circumstances.

Be straight with your children. The less that is left.

Be straight with your children. The less that is left to their morbid fantasies, the more easily they will be able to adjust to the hard fact of divorce.

Ideally, you should tell them the story of your love and its breakup together. While you may disagree about how and why the marriage has ended, better to make your points together than for each of you to do so separately and with vindictiveness.

Of course, you will have some disagreement about why your marriage ended. Almost every divorce has a "leaver" and a "left." Those are very different points of view, but your children will understand their presentation better than your silence.

While you are at it, remind your children that you are not leaving them, that you will never divorce or separate from your children.

Remember, being a parent means three things:

Remember, being a parent means three things: providing a living, giving lots of loving, and teaching through example and discipline. As a non-custodial father, you can be very strong on the first point: continuing to provide the wherewithal to keep them fed and warm and clothed and healthy. That is a large part of the father role. Do it generously and graciously.

Finally, remind your children that you will always be there for them, especially when they need you. One father was struck by the idea that "Bambi" is a story of divorce. He told his children the following:

"Remember how in the movie the great stag and the doe met and loved each other, and shortly after, Bambi was born. Then the stag seemed to disappear, but not really. He could be seen in the woods, framed on the hiltloy, watching over the mother and Bambi down in the valley where they lived, all warm and secure.

"Bambi grew up playful and happy, frolicking with his friends, Thumper the rabbit and Flower the skunk. But the great stag was there.

"Later on, when a tragedy happened and the mother was killed by a hunter and a forest fire begins, it was the great stag who came to rescue Bambi and tell him how he must be brave."

This wise father gave his son a small stone, told

This wise father gave his son a small stone, told him to rub it when he wanted to think of or be with his father. The father would know and be there with him in spirit and in love.

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

Vatican Letter

## Pope and Jewish leaders work at mending bridges

The bells at the papal summer villa were chiming noon when Pope John Paul II began a meeting with Jewish leaders that came after weeks of increasing tension in Catholic-Jewish relations. But despite the seriousness of the issues-such as the Vatican's refusal of full diplomatic relations with Israel and the pope's controversial meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim-there was enough good will in the conference room for rabbis to recount genial ane dotes about their experiences with Catholics and for the pope to give an extemporaneous theological discourse which related the Exodus to the Holo

During the 65-minute encounter in Castel Gandolfo, Rabbi Alexander Schindler recalled how, during the pope's Oct. 2, 1979, visit to New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, he held a young boy standing next to him up for a better view of Catholicism's leader

Rabbi Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said he told the boy to remember that it was a rabbi who helped him get a look at a pope.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum noted that after learning that Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, had been elected pope on Oct. 16, 1978, he called his Polish father-in-law, who lived in Krakow, to get a reading on the new head of the Catholic Church. His father-inlaw said the new pope would be good for Jewish relations, Rabbi Tanenbaum recalled.

In discussing the horrors of the Holocaust, the pope also recalled personal experiences. He told the nin Jewish leaders that as a young man he lived near a Jewish community which later was destroyed by the Nazis during World War II.

The pope also launched a spontaneous theological discussion of the Holocaust, citing as a model the Old bondage in Egypt.

'Citing the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt as a paradigm and a continuing source of hope, pope movingly expressed his deep conviction that, with God's help, evil can be overcome in history, even the awesome evil of the Shoah," said a communique issued after the meeting. Shoah is the Hebrew wor for the Nazis' Jewish extermination campaign.

Members of the Jewish delegation were pleased with the parallels the pope drew between the Exodus and the Holocaust. For Judaism, the Holocau deeply religious experience forming part of God's ongoing dialogue with his chosen people.

Because of his comments the pope has raised new possibilities in Catholic-Jewish theological dialogu said Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interfaith affairs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Exodus led the Jews to the "promised land" and if the Holocaust is a new Exodus, it needs to be followed by a rebuilding of the Jewish people, said Rabbi Klenicki. This opens the door for discussing the modern state of Israel as part of that rebuilding, he

Vatican diplomatic recognition of Israel is a principal item on the Jewish dialogue agenda

The meeting wrapped up two days of Catholic-Jewish talks aimed at easing tensions raised by the pope's June 25 meeting with Waldheim, accused by Jewish groups of participating in war crimes as an officer in the World War II German army. Waldheim has denied the accusations

Although disagreement over the wisdom of the Waldheim meeting remains, the meetings erased the shadow which it had cast over the generally positive atmosphere of the last 20 years of official Catholic-Jewish dialogue.

My Journey to God

### Looking into God's Eyes

by Cynthia Schultz

We had planned it for months-a hike up and down Mt. LeConte, jutting 6600 feet out of Tennessee's breathtaking Smokies. I oohed and aahed as my three friends and I scrambled up boulders, marveled at brilliant orange wild flowers and stood spellbound as waterfalls roared above us. The Lord surely had outdone himself with this magnificent

Then the strangest feeling came over me. The higher I climbed into the heavens, the more humble I felt. I was looking into God's eyes. He was every where and it was peaceful and wonderful. Lord, I thought, I am so unworthy of this paradise

The mountain was not without adventure, from the discovery of a black bear to rows of fallen trees obstructing our trail. We wondered if we would become lost in thousands of acres forever. But I never lost faith that the Holy Spirit was the real leader of this expedition.

Laughter was our constant companion as the bond between friends became strengthened. We looked out after each other, checking on aches and pains and making up silly limericks to distract us from the endless descent down the mountain. We became dependent on each other forming a human chain as we cautiously walked across river beds of slippery rocks

Thank you, Lord, for experiences of nature such this. And if you're willing, I'll be back on Mt LeConte next year for more doses of humility and

Schultz is a member of St. Mary's parish in New

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## ENTERCAINMENT

Viewing with Arnold

## 'Dirty Dancing': no; but 'Saving Grace': OK

The conscientious high school prom chaperone wouldn't care too much for the dancing in "Dirty Dancing," but then there probably

hasn't been an adole cent dance style that has met adult approval in the last 200 years. Most of the serious problems in this movie happen off the dance floor

Actually, this is a fresher-than-most coming-of-age flick. It's about Baby Houseman (Jennifer Grey), a 17-year-old who goes with her well-to-do parents and sister to one of those posh resort hotels in the Catskills in 1963. She falls for Johnny (Patrick Swayze), a virile older blue-collar guy who works there as a dance instructor. The hired hands are expected to flirt with the girls ("even the dogs"), so this seems destined to be a classic summer romance, hello-I-love-you-goodbye situation.

Back in the staff areas, the boys and girls do a lot of close, sexy boogeying to the rock 'n' roll of the period. It's a form of recreation that is both shocking and attractive to Baby, and symbolic of the unsheltered adult world she's about to enter. She's an idealistic innocent, headed for Mt. Holyoke and then the Peace Corps in hopes of changing the world.

But the summer resort world proves tough enough. Kind-hearted Baby learning one of the dancers (Cynthia Rhodes) is pregnant, borrows money from her doctor-father (Jerry Ohrbach) to finance what turns out to be a backalley abortion. Then she brings poor Daddy in the middle of the night to help save the girl's life. He's upset about all this stuff, but his admonitions to Baby to stay clear of these folks go unheeded

In fact, the film is a parental night-mare, since Baby and Johnny become dance partners (she replaces the abortion victim) and overcome their own doubts to extend their sexual affair into in improbable permanent relationship. How does this go over? In the finale, everybody in the cast, including Dad and Mom, are frugging en masse and grinning ear to ear as Baby and Johnny

So much for psychological depth,

sheer common sense, and summer resort cautionary tales.

Eleanor Bergstein's screenplay has some funny-sad authenticity in its nostalgia for the old family resorts slowly disappearing because of social changes. There is a ton of dancing, much of it by Swayze with both Grey and Rhodes, full of humor and grace as well as passion. But it's also sexier than it needs to be, given the realistic context and the age of the characters and the intended audience.

Bottom line, the movie glorifies a

17-year-old's first sexual feelings, and seems to approve her indulging them in more complicated matters than dance. It's not what kids need to hear right now. Not recommended.

USCC classification: A-III, adults

\* \* \* Saving Grace" (1986), which played few U.S. theaters, is a movie about a fictional contemporary pontiff (Leo XIV, played by Tom Conti) and falls into the "If only the pope would." category. Here, the wish is that the Holy Father would forsake all the pomp and ceremony and get out into the real world and relate to ordinary people.

The script, adapted from a Celia Gittleson novel, has the pope acting like a one-man Peace Corps in an im poverished mountain village in southern Italy. Leo is an Italian cardinal of modest demeanor and gentle wit. After a few months of ceremonial activity as pope, he feels cut off from reality and yearns to resume the pastoral role. The mood is softly humorous, and the always likeable Conti is warm and charming.) He slips out of the Vatican in gardening clothes, and heads for the village where (a mute girl pilgrim has told him) there is no priest.

Meanwhile, he keeps in touch with key clerics by telephone so they know what he's doing, and they struggle

humorously (and unbelievably) to keep the whole caper secret from the world

Leo changes the hopeless lives of the villagers by his compassion and leadership in rebuilding a water viaduct basic to their economy. He does physical labor, wins over the local delinquents, and fights the toughs who prefer the status quo of government handouts. Among those he wins over are a former prostitute (the mother of the mute girl) and an oddly cynical shepherd who is the only one who recognizes his identity

Conti's Leo, who returns to the Vatican, mission accomplished, in time for Easter, is an attractive figure, and the naster, is an attractive rigure, and the film is generally upbeat, cheerfully directed by Robert M. Young ("Extremities") with a valid feeling for the Italian locales. Supporting actors, including Edward James Olmos, Fernando Ray and Frland Losenbean (105 nando Rey and Erland Josephson (of the Ingmar Bergman troupe) are excellent.

But the tale is naive, suggesting that the key to faith and devotion is in solving human and economic problems Perhaps, but it's not quite that simple or that easy. The movie's view of the holy is essentially a kindness to the poor that any good humanitarian might

(Pleasant and inoffensive, but regrettably superficial; satisfactory for youth and adults.)

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## What fundamentalist Christians believe and practice

by Henry Herx and Tony Zaza

Media have been concerned about the rise of the religious right and the popularity of TV evangelists but have made few serious attempts to examine what

one program that does—and does well—is "Born Again: Life in a Fundamentalist Baptist Church," air-

ing Wednesday, Sept. 23, 9-10:30 p.m. on PBS.

The documentary, which disguises the exact identity of the pastor and his church, approaches its subject in a series of portraits of a pastor and congregation at what has been fictitiously named the Shawmut Valley Baptist Church, near Worcester, Mas

At the center of the film is the way the church interacts with Emma and Bob, a bitterly separated couple, and with Ted, a troubled man whose brother wants him to come to church and be born again.

Pastor John meets separately with the couple, earnestly explaining to Emma the reasons she should leave the man with whom she is living and return to Bob who, he assures her, has changed and will never beat her again.

Emma refuses to accept his word, and when the pastor advises Bob to give up on her and get a divorce, his reaction suggests that she was right. Bob the afterword tells us, later left the church, while Ted, after a terrible period of indecision, accepts Jesus and joins the congregation.

Produced and directed by James Ault and Michael Camerini, the documentary is a solid sociological study of the importance of this church in the lives of its members. The sparse narration by Norman Rose is only informational and makes no generalizations and

draws no conclusions.

But it has made it possible for viewers to experience what it means to be born again and to sympa thize with those who choose fundamentalism's very personal, very emotional and very simple path.

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Many will see it as too simplistic, narrow and selfrighteous. They also may feel that what appears to be
one of its strengths, its very powerful personal appeal,
can lead to overvaluing conformity and the control by
the pastor, the ultimate authority about God's word.

In any event, there are some 25 million born-again Christians in the United States, a considerable voting constituency if, as some of their TV evangelist leaders say, they wish to be

Other programs have tried to examine with limited

success the political impact of fundamentalism. This program does something perhaps much more important by introducing viewers to some representative born-again Christians and seeing that, though they are not fanatics, they do have very different views about American society than many of their fellow citizens.

"Angel in Green," Sept. 22, CBS

A Catholic nun's religious beliefs clash with a Green Beret's military duties in "Angel in Green," airing Tuesday, Sept. 22, 9-11 p.m. on CBS. After a priest (Milo O'Shea) is injured, Sister Ann McKeon (Susan Dey), working for Catholic Relief Springer is the falone to manage or miscasses with

Services, is left alone to manage a missionary outpost on a distant South Seas island terrorized by a band of anti-government rebels.

Bruce Boxleitner is the dashing Green Beret Army captain sent to train the islanders to defend them



NEW TV MOVIE-Bruce Bexleitner, Susan Dey and Milo O'Shea star in "Angel in Green," a new movie airing Sept. 22 on CBS. Boxleitner plays a Green Beret captain sent to a remote South Seas island to protect the missionary nun and priest from rebel terrorists. (NC

selves. He's not quite the answer to Sister Ann' prayers for a non-violent solution to political problems. Although she acts annoyed at the daily routine of combat training in her midst, her eyes seem to be saying something else about her feelings for the captain. Over countless games of chess, they strike a bargain for peaceful co-existence.

When friendship leads to romantic feelings between them, we're kept waiting through ponderous dialogue, them, we re kept waiting through pointerious dates shot after shot of endearing glances and a deadly rebel attack to discover if her vocation is stronger than her attraction to the captain.

This limp melodrama neither sensationalizes nor rationalizes the unlikely romance. Miss Dey's per-formance conveys the devotional aspects of religious life as well as the realm of the senses with which all women, including nuns, must contend. Sister Ann never gets around to explaining her vow of chastity to the amorous warrior

The program, furthermore, doesn't bother to ques-tion the depth or nature of religious convictions or even attempt to express the very special bond of faith, charity and tenacity necessary for missionary work in the modern world.

Moreover, the issue of non-violence has been limp ing along without exploration. Suddenly, there's an awkward scene in which Sister Ann prays while firing mortar rounds at the approaching rebels as if she half-heartedly been won over to the mandate of self-

Likewise, the drama's predictable conclusion doesn't really resolve Sister Ann's conflict of interests. It's a pathetic short-cut which reeks more of soapy me novel fantasy than meaningful drama.

Directed by veteran Marvin J. Chomsky from a script by Michael Patrick Goodman, the program lacks courage and conviction. It appears to justify itself by demonstrating that nuns are women who have feelings too. Its refusal to further explore those feelings in regard to the vow of chastity and other aspects of the religious life raises serious questions about the intentions of the drama and its suitability as prime-time entertainment.

It fails as a program for youngsters because of its inconclusive, superficial and underdeveloped theme involving a serious matter of conscience and faith. As a portrait of a nun whose loving dedication and mis-sionary spirit is suddenly tested, the melodrama simply refuses to deliver on its promise.

## Pope urges penance, compassion for immigrants

by Laurie Hansen

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (NC)-Emphasiz ing reconciliation, Pope John Paul II called for greater compassion toward immigrants and increased use of the sacrament of penance in his homily at an outdoor Mass in San Antonio Sept. 13.

Speaking at the Mass at Westover Hills

that was attended by an estimated 300,000 people, the pope praised "people of great courage and generosity" who have been helping Central Americans seeking shelter in the United States.

The remark was interpreted by some as a tacit endorsement of efforts by the sanctuary movement to aid illegal aliens, particu-larly from Guatemala and El Salvador.

He said the church must respond to immi grants "by the proclamation of God's word and by selfless deeds of service

He made the statements during a liturgy in which he spoke alternately in Spanish and English. Cries of "Viva el Papa" came from the crowds before and after the Mass.

Participants waved papal flags, Mexican flags and pennants with messages in Spanish welcoming "Su excelencia Juan Pablo II a los Estados Unidos."

More and more brightly colored umbrellas in various sizes dotted the large congregation as the Mass progressed and participants tried to stay cool. A hot sun replaced a cloud cover during the course of the Mass and temperatures jumped into the

Though many came equipped with water canteens and wide-brimmed straw hats, Red Cross volunteers regularly rushed through the crowds with stretchers carrying heatexhaustion victims to on-site health facilities.

Church officials said at least 500 persons were treated for health problems during the liturgy, and 70 people were taken to the hospital. At one point, beds in all 34 on-site health facilities were filled.

In speaking of the problems of immi grants the pope called the Southwest United States "a meeting of cultures, indigenous and immigrant, sometimes marked by tensions and conflicts." He said the region is "a kind of laboratory testing America's commitment to her founding moral principles and human values

But the major portion of his address was devoted to what he called "the great neglect of the sacrament of penance" in different parts of the world. He said the idea that Catholics should seek forgiveness through the sacrament of penance "has always remained firm and unchanged in the consciousness of the church.'

He said decline in use of the sacrament could be attributed to "an obscuring of the

ise of sin, or a lack of adequate instruc-

tion on the importance of this sacrament."
"At times the neglect occurs because we fail to take seriously our lack of love and justice, and God's corresponding offer of reconciling mercy. Sometimes there is a hesitation or an unwillingness to accept maturely and responsibly the consequences of the objective truths of faith," he said.

The pope asked bishops and priests to do everything possible to make the adminison of this sacrament a primary aspect' of their job.

The Second Vatican Council, he said, 'never intended'' to discourage use of the

"Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid," he told Catholics. "Christ himself is waiting for you."

The pontiff also had words of praise for the Hispanic community and said it faces great challenges.

Hispanics-"so numerous, so long present in this land, so well equipped to respond"-must take efforts to address their own needs, said the pope

He said they must "show generous and effective solidarity" among themselves. The pope urged them to retain their Christian faith and traditions, especially in defense of

As part of the altar decoration, large banners hung from two cranes on either side of the stage where the pope celebrated Mass. The cranes replaced two 12-story towers that toppled after high winds hit San Antonio

## Stops short of endorsing sanctuaries

PHOENIX, Ariz. (NC)-Pope John Paul II has not endorsed the sanctuary movemen nor did he encourage violation of the civil aws" to aid illegal aliens, said Joaquin

Navarro-Valls, papal press spokesman. Navarro-Valls issued a one-paragraph statement Sept. 14 after being asked if papal remarks the day before in San Antonio, Texas, were an approval of the movement which provides shelter and transportation for illegal aliens, mostly from Latin

The Holy Father addressed the phen on of undocumented immigration on the moral, not legal, level," said Navarro-Valls

"While expressing compassion for undoc-umented aliens and admiration for those who seek to aid them, he did not endorse any specific movement or group," he added.

during a San Antonio Mass homily, noted the social and political prob-lems being caused by the flow of Latin Americans entering the United States.

"Among you there are people of great courage and generosity who have been doing much on behalf of suffering brothers and sisters arriving from the south," the pope

They have sought to show compassion in the face of complex human, social and political realities," he said.

Jack Elder, former director of a shelter for illegal refugees in Brownsville, 300 miles south of San Antonio, said, "Coming from the pope, it was quite a strong statement." er served a six-month sentence in a San Antonio halfway house after his conviction for illegally transporting aliens

The papal remarks prompted the Immi-

gration and Naturalization Service to call for clarification" from the Vatican Embass in Washington.

"We have asked for clarification from the pope's party of his intent that his (statement) was on a moral level," said INS spokesman Duke Austin.

"We don't believe he intended" to endorse llegal acts "and we are concerned it's being interpreted that way," Austin said.

San Antonio Archbishop Patrick F. Flores was quoted by Reuters as saying he interpreted the remarks to mean that local churches must use their own discretion in deciding how to assist refugees

"I say for those who see that (the sanctuary movement) as a way of responding that's OK," he said. "That's an option people take when they cannot find another way and I bless them for it."



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## Reagan, pope discuss Nicaragua

MIAMI (NC)-When President Reagan and Pope John Paul II met Sept 10 at the Vizcaya estate in Miami the things on the president's mind was his opposition to Nicaragua's Sandinista government

A Reagan administration official, briefing reporters after the meeting, said the president used "discreet diplomatic language" to appeal for the pope's help in pressuring Nicara-gua to make democratic reforms.

And in Washington, Secretary of State George Shultz was telling Congress the same day that Reagan plans to ask for another \$270 million in new military and other aid for the con-tras fighting the Nicaraguan government.

Though Reagan apparently did not attempt to enlist the pope in his campaign to continue funding the contras, his determination on the issue may be unmatched-unless one looks at the determination from the other side of the issue by

Just as Reagan has consistently sought military support for the contras, the bishops have rejected military aid, terming it "immoral" and "illegal."

In a late summer legislative alert to its diocesan constituency, the U.S. Catholic Conference noted it "has repeatedly opposed the ill-conceived policy of waging undeclared war ainst Nicaragua through the funding, arming and training

The USCC is the public policy arm of the U.S. bishops.

"The policy has clearly violated laws and treaty obligaons—and thus can be termed illegal—and fails on most

tions—and thus can be terrined integrit and that of integrit and the criteria required to justify armed aggression—and can thus be termed immoral," said the USCC.

Such strong language is not new. In 1985, the bishops, represented by Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington, told Congress that "direct military aid to any force attempting to overthrow a government with which we are not at war and with which we maintain diplomatic relations is illegal and in our judgment immoral and therefore cannot merit our supReagan, meanwhile, has sounded just as emphatic over

"As you know, I am totally committed to the democratic resistance—the freedom fighters—and their pursuit of demoracy in Nicaragua," he said in a major policy address Aug.

Congress has gone both ways, at one point forbidding such assistance, only to turn around later and authorize it

Now, as business resumes in September on both Capitol Hill and at the White House after summer reces tra aid issue is back again.

This time, however, the late summer appearance of a Cen tral American peace plan adds new questions to the old

On Aug. 7, leaders of five Central American nations including Nicaragua, agreed to a peace plan that calls for an end to U.S. aid to the *contras*, a cease-fire by Nov. 7, and democratic reforms by the Nicaraguan Sandinista government, which has been criticized by U.S. church officials and others for human rights violations

The contras likewise have been criticized for human rights

Like their Central American counterparts, the U.S. bishops

have called for "political, negotiated settlements of the con-flicts" in Central America. "Continued U.S. fueling of the con-tra aggression frustrates and may doom such efforts," the summer alert stated.

Meanwhile, the fiscal 1987 allocation of \$100 million for the

meanwhile, the liscal 1967 allocation of spin-minoris of the contras is scheduled to run out by the end of September. Initially, the White House had requested some \$165 million in support for the contras in fiscal 1988, which begins Oct. 1. But in mid-summer the Reagan administration announced it might seek as much as \$140 million, to be provided over an 18-month period.

Conservatives, however, want the president to increase the

contra aid proposal to \$310 million.

Reagan, who had earlier said he welcomed the five-nation Central American peace plan—as long as it is "consistent with our national interests and our commitment to those fighting for freedom in Nicaragua"—promised to not abandon the conanother address two days before meeting the pope.

"If the recent peace agreement does not work, let's resolve that they will be able to count on our continuing assistance until Nicaragua is a genuine democracy," he said that day. "We will not accept a mere semblance of democracy. Let's be clear about one thing: We will not abandon our friends in

Earlier this summer a delegation of U.S. bishops met with bishops of Central America and Panama and issued a joint communique recommending that the United States "give clear priority not to military aid but to economic assistance for development

## Pope appoints observers to Oct. synod

VATICAN CITY (NC)-Four Americans among the largest number of observers ever appointed by a pope to a world Synod of Bishops are bound for the October synod on the role of the laity.

The 60 men and women, called "auditors" in synod terminology, include African and Asian catechists, an East European physician, union leaders, journalists and the founders of Catholic renewal movements

The four Americans appointed by Pope John Paul II include the president of the Catholic Press Association and the head of the Knights of Columbus.

the head of the Knights of Cotumbus.

The pope also appointed 20 "experts" to assist the synod's special secretary, including a U.S. Jesuit recently fired from a university institute he headed in San Francisco.

The appointments were announced at a Sept. 8 press conference by Archbishop Jan Schotte, general secretary of the

Among those appointed synod auditors were Albina Aspell, editor of *The Catholic Post*, Peoria, Ill., and president of the Catholic Press Association; Virgil Dechant, head of the Knights of Columbus, a U.S. Catholic fraternal organization, and his wife Ann; and Walter Sweeney, a permanent deacon who coordinates marriage preparation and natural family planning for the New York Archdiocese's Department of Christian and Family Development.

Auditors are not voting members of the synod, a right reserved only to bishops. However, the auditors will be able sions and the smaller working groups,

cording to Archbishop Schotte. The archbishop added that synod planners are currently studying the possibility of "some" of the auditors addressing the synod's bishops directly during the general sessions.

Besides the four Americans selected by the pope as auditors, other appointees include Mario Agnes, publisher of the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano; Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare renewal movement; and Jean Vanier, founder of the L'Arche communities which work with the handicapped.

The lay auditors chosen by the pope were selected in an effort "to create a group that truly represents the reality of the laity in the church," Archbishop Schotte said.

Of the 60 auditors appointed, 11 were from Africa, including

six women; 11 from Latin America, including five wo seven from North America, including two women: 10 from Asia, including six women; 18 from Europe, including seven

women; and three from Oceania, including one woman. Five married couples, including the Dechants, and four superiors general of religious orders as well as the president and vice president of the International Union of Superiors

General have been appointed.

Overall, 20 percent of those attending the synod will be

auditors, Archbishop Schotte said.

Archbishop Schotte said the 20 "experts" will provide

technical assistance to the synod's special secretary, Cardinal Hyacinthe Thiandoum

Among American theologians appointed as experts is esuit Father Joseph Fessio, head of Ignatius Press. In June Father Fessio was dismissed as head of the University of San Francisco's St. Ignatius Institute because of a disagreement over management with the school administration.

Other American theological experts will be William May.

a theology professor at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and a member of the Vatican's International Theological Commission; and Sister Mary Milligan, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary who is a professor of biblical theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and provost of that university.

Of the 20 "experts" appointed, 14 are priests, three are lay men, two are lay women and one is a woman Religious.

nen, two are lay women and one is a woman rengious.

Two of the "experts" will serve as "associate special ecretaries": Jean-Loup Dherse of France and Maria da Graca Sales of Portugal

Archbishop Schotte said it was "the first time in the history of the synod" that lay people have been appointed

At least 219 bishops will attend the October synod, the theme of which is "The Vocation and Mission of the Laity in the Church and in the World, 20 Years After the Second Vatican Council.

There might be 220 bishops, Archbishop Schotte added, but synod organizers had not received the name of the bishop elected to represent the Vietnamese bishops' conference.



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## Bishops and magisterium important to Catholic education

by Stephenie Overman

NEW ORLEANS (NC)—Bishops must be participants in Catholic universities and the work of theologians must be tested by the church's teaching authority, Pope John Paul III told Catholic higher education officials Sept. 12 in New

Orieans.

Pope John Paul addressed "the intimate relationship between the Catholic university and the teaching office of the church" at the end of the third day of his Sept. 10-19 visit to

Rain dampened but did not end the outdoor ceremony at Kain campened but and not end the outdoor ceremony at Xavier University, the only predominantly black Catholic university in the United States.

The pope's address came at a time when educators at some of the 235 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities have been objecting to proposed guidelines by the Vatican that would give greater administrative control of Catholic universities to the church hierarchy.

The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

sponsor of the Sept. 12 papal event, last year prepared a synthesis in which 110 presidents of Catholic colleges said the norms would violate standards of academic freedom and would result in the loss of accreditation of Catholic colleges.

In his address Pope John Paul said bishops should be seen "not as external agents but as participants in the life of the Catholic university in its privileged role as protagonist in the encounter between faith and science and between revealed

Bishops need the assistance of Catholic theologians, "who perform an inestimable service to the church," the pope said.

"But theologians also need the charism entrusted by Chri to the bishops and, in the first place, to the bishop of Rome Pope John Paul said as the audience applauded

Christian leaders discuss with pope

by Barb Fraze

COLUMBIA, S.C. (NC)-Pope John Paul II and 26 Christian leaders discussed religious pluralism and ways to work together in an unprecedented meeting at the University of

The Christian leaders said the meeting was of "historic significance," and Pope John Paul said it showed participants were "definitively committed" to working toward unity.

The leaders met for more than an hour at university Pre dent James B. Holderman's house. The meeting included an exchange of formal statements and informal discu

Bishop Philip R. Cousin, secretary of the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and president of the National Council of Churches, read the Christian leaders'

formal statement to the pope.

The statement emphasized the pluralism of churches in the United States and asked how they could work with the Catholic Church.

"The variety of church life almost exceeds imagination," the statement said.

"American Christians have been shaped by this pluralism, which includes freedom of religious expression. helped in turn to influence the nature of this pluralism," the statement said.

The Christian leaders said that in the United States, "inadequacies of the past and present are being acknowledged." One example they cited was the role of women in the church.

"While current trends can be threatening, they can also be liberating," the leaders said in their statement

They said dialogue among churches has produced such documents as the World Council of Churches' 1982 document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry." Leaders expressed interest in the Catholic Church's response to the document, also known as the Lima document because it was drafted in Lima,

The Lima document, approved by an international com-Ane Lima document, approved by an international com-mission of theologians for consideration by their respective churches, outlines what its drafters consider common tradi-tions on baptism, the Eucharist and ministry. The pope told the leaders that the Vatican has sent its

40-page comment on the document to the WCC's Commission on Faith and Order. The Vatican response had not been made

In his statement, the pope also said that when the churches address each other, "we must do so from the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ." Unity grows through "self-denial and unstinted love," he said.

The pope said that although the churches did not agree on The pope said that although the churches did not agree on subjects, "it is no small achievement of the ecu-venicial movement that after centuries of mistrust, we humoly and sincerely recognize in each other's communities the presence and fruitfulness of Christ's gifts at work."

Orthodox, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Baptist leaders attended the meeting, as well as representatives of Polish National Catholic, Disciples of Christ and (Dutch) Reformed churches.

Reformed churches.

The Presbyterian, Armenian Apostolic and African Methodist Zion churches also were represented.

The fruits of their work, in order to enrich the life-stream of the ecclesial community, must ultimately be tested and the pone said

'In effect, therefore, the ecclesial context of Catholic ology gives it a special character and value, even when theology exists in an academic setting

Theology is "much more than an academic discipline " the pope told the group. "Its data are the data of God's revelation entrusted to the church. The deeper understanding of the mystery of Christ, the understanding which theological reflection seeks, is ultimately a gift of the Holy Spirit given for the mmon good of the whole church.

Modern culture is marked by a pluralism of attitudes, the pope said. "This situation rightly requires mutual understanding; it means that society and groups within society must respect those who have a different outlook from their own.

But pluralism does not exist for its own sake, he said "It is directed to the fullness of truth.

In the academic context, "the respect for persons which pluralism rightly envisions does not justify the view that ultimate questions about human life and destiny have no final answers or that all beliefs are of equal value, provided that none is asserted as absolutely true and normative. Truth is not served in this way

In welcoming the pope, Francis J. Kerins, chairman of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and president of Carroll College, Helena, Mont., said Catholic colleges 'play an essential role in a society that has always found a special strength in its pluralism.

He added that of all higher education in the country "the st utilization of the talents of women in positions of leadership has been in Catholic colleges, sponsored by congregations of religious women."

Catholic people recognize the unique worth of higher educa tion and support it, often at great sacrifice, Kerins said.

Critics of the proposed Vatican guidelines have said it will affect government financial assistance.



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#### September 18

Soliloquy-35+ singles group will hold a Gala Card and Game Party at 7:30 p.m. in St. Christo-pher Parish activity room, 16th and Lynhurst. Bring game and snack to share. Call 241-6314 for information.

A Harvest Dinner and Monte Carlo will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight at Westside K of C, 220 N. Country Club Rd. All Saints Alumni Drawing will be held.

A Jonah Fish Fry will be held from 47:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 113 S. Fifth St., Terre Haute. Adults \$4; children under 12

#### September 18-19

St. Malachy Parish will present its 8th Annual Country Fare from 6-10 p.m. Fri. and from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat. Hog roast, games, socials, beer garden.

#### September 18-20

Franciscan Father Albert Haase will present a Prayer Week-end at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for information.

Archdiocesan Catholic Engaged Encounter will present a Weekend for engaged couples at the CYO Center, 580 Stevens St. Call 317-849-7529 for information.

#### September 19

A Fall Festival will be spon-sored by the Parent Teacher Organization of All Saints Catholic School at the corner of Home and 27th Streets, Columbus from 11 a.m. 4 p.m.

St. Simon Parish Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a Las Vegas Night from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. at 8400 Roy Rd. Adults only. Admis-

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany will hold a Fall Festival and Barbecue Chicken Dinner from noon on; dinner served 1-7 p.m. Drawings, socials, beer garden, booths.

an Black Catholics Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned (ABCC) will sponsor its second annual Oldies But Goodies Dance from 8 p.m.-12 midnight at St. Rita Parish, 19th and Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. BYOB. \$3/single; \$5/couple. Call 923-7326 for tickets.

St. Michael Parish, Charlestown will sponsor its September Fest from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Food, activities for all ages; Mass at 5:30

Terre Haute Alumni Club of St. Mary of the Woods College will hold a scholarship benefit lunch-eon/fashion show at 12:30 p.m. in Le Fer Hall ballroom. Reserva-

#### September 20

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St. Louis Parish, Ratesville will St. Louis Parish, Batesville with hold its annual Festival from 10:30 a.m. on; dinners served until-2 p.m. EST. Cafeteria supper at 4:30 p.m. features mock turtle soup ilts, drawings, country store

The Annual St. Paul Parish Heritage Fest will be held in Tell City from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at the parish hall. Dinners served. Coffee and donuts from 7:30 a.m.

St. Francis Hospital Calix Unit will meet at 8 a.m. in chapel for Mass followed by 8:45 a.m. meeting in cafeteria.

St. Gabriel Parish, Con st. Gabriel Farish, conference will hold its Fall Festival from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. EST. Fried chicken dinners 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$5; children under 12 \$2. Games, drawings, beer garden.

The Women's Club of St. Patrick Parish will sponsor a Card Party at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 936 Prospect St. Admission \$1.25.

#### September 21

South Central Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will meet at 7 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 4th and Walnut Sts., Bloomington to hear Beginning Experience team speaker Jan

Separated, Divorced and Reseparated, Divorced and re-married Catholics (SDRC) will meet at 7:30 p.m. for "Dating and Relationships" panel discussion at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meri-dian St. Call 236-1596 days or 844-5034 or 291-3629 evenings for

#### September 22

Franciscan Father Martin Wolter will present a Marriage Enrichment Evening from 7:30-10 p.m. on "Couple Growth" at Al-verna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring

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Benedictine Sister Cornelia Gust will present the first in a series on "The New Testament: An Overview" from 9:30-11 a.m. or from 7-8:30 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center \$7.50 fee. Call 788-7581 for information.

Benedictine Sister Juliann Bab-cock will present "Creation as Blessings" in the Clay as Medita-tion series from 9:30-11 a.m. or from 7-8:30 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 788-7581 for information.

Mature Living Seminars continue with "Creative Catechesis for Today's Children" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in room 251 of Marian Hall, Marian College. \$2 donation. Bring lunch or buy in cafeteria. \*\*\*

Father John Maung will con-ct an Over 50 Day on "Be Not

Afraid" from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Cost \$8. Pre-registration required. Call 545-7681.

#### September 23

An Emmaus Walk Evening on "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" will be presented from 7:39-9 p.m. at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for information.

#### September 25

St. Joseph Council #8290 K of C will present a Dinner Theatre featuring a comedy entitled "Cookin" With Gus" at 4332 N. Ger-man Church Rd. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. \$15 single; \$25 couple. Call 898-2370 for reservations.

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A CWS Rummage Sale will be held in Holy Family Hall of St. Joseph Parish, Rockville. Markers needed from 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 23-24.

#### September 25-27

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

A Women's Retreat will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817 for information.

A Women's Serenity Weekend will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Cost \$70; sleposit \$35. Call Ada Stewart 255-8135.

#### September 26

The Archdiocesan Office for Pastoral Councils will hold a Parish Pastoral Co-ncil Regional Workshop from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Columba Parish, Columbus. Pre-registration required. Call 317-236-1493.

Terre Haute Deanery Religious Education Center will sponsor its annual religious education conference on "Creating a Climate of Justice" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hulman Center. To register call 812-232-8400.

Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned (ABCC) will hold a Lay Leadership Day from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridan St. Pre-registration: \$7 ABCC members; \$10 nonmembers, \$12 at the door. Call 926-3324 or 631-2939 for information.

South Central Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will sponsor a 50s Dance from 8 p.m.-midnight at St. Charles Church Hall, 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington. 33/person. For more information call Patrick Fitzgeraid 812-336-1509.

Birthline Guild will hold a "Love Works Magic" luncheon/style show beginning at 11 a.m. at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St. Fashions by Tarkington Tweed. Donation \$15. Call 236-1550 by Sept. 21 for reser-

Single Christian Adults will host a Wine and Cheese Party at 8 p.m. at Little Flower Parish Center. 13th and Bosart. For information call Karen Seal 899-2390 or Cindy Erlenbaugh 241-0351.

#### September 27

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St. James Parish, 1159 E. Cameron St. will hold a Homecoming Sunday for hold a Homecoming Sunday for hold former and current members. Mass at 8 a.m followed by breakfast in Father Betz Hall. Fathers Mark Svarcz-kopf and Don Quinn and Sister Carolyn Strack will extend a warm welcome.

Mother Theodore Circle #56, Daughters of Isabella will sponsor a Card Party at 2 p.m. in Little Flower cafeteria, 14th and Bosart. Tickets \$1.25. Door prizes and refreshments.

St. Mark Parish, Perry Co. will hold a Shooting Match for beef, pork, ham and turkey beginning at

11 a.m. Food, country store, quilts, games.

St. Lawrence Singles will hold a picnic at Forest Park in Noblesville. Call 546-4065 or 549-4921

St. Michael Parish, Bradford will sponsor its annual Turkey Shoot and Chicken Dinner served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Shoot begins 11 a.m. Quilts, games, booths

St. Gabriel Parish, Indianapolis will celebrate its parish feast day with an Outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. on the west side of the church. followed by a reception. No 8 a.m or noon Mass today.

#### Socials:

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K of C Council 437, 1396 N Delaware, 5 pm. THURSDAY, S. Catherine parish hall, 6:30 p.m. Holy Family K of C, 6:30 p.m. Westande K of C, 20 N. Country Club Rd, 6 pm. FRIDAY; S. Andrew parish hall, 6:30 pm.; St. Christopher parish hall, 6:30 pm.; St. Christopher parish hall, 6:30 pm.; St. Christopher parish hall, 6:30 pm.; St. Center 3:105 Subtriand Ave. 5 pm.; Central Catholic School, at St. James Church, 3:19 pm.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5 pm. SATURDAY; Cathedral Huls School, 3 pm.; K of C Council 437. 130 N. Delaware, 430 pm. SUN DAY; Ritter Hulp School, 6 pm.

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## St. Roch youth are working hard

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The group began the summer working at the parish ing as runners for the various

ing cars, directing traffic, setting and cleaning up and work ing at different booths. They also worked at the Holy Ros ary parish Street Festival setting up tables and chairs, serv-

Other parish-related activities included helping set up for a funeral meal, serving as song leaders at Sunday liturgies, visiting the ill in the hospital and helping with the parish Renew program.

Besides being involved in the parish, this group has actively helped out with com munity projects as well. For example, they helped collect funds for the American Cancer Society, sell candy to benefit the retarded and walk door-todoor for "Jerry's Kids.

Another service project the youths have been involved the monthly paper drive Here the teenagers carry and stack papers and drive to the homes of the shutins to bring the papers to the school grounds for them

Not wanting to forget their 'Alma Mater,' the St. Roch group painted two kick-ball diamonds for the upcoming kickball season, pulled weeds swept school grounds helped teachers prepare their

HELP COMMUNITY-Lisa Dickey (from left), Tony Brehob and Ted Thompson are among members of the St. Roch Youth Group who donate their time to the southside Indianapolis com-munity by helping with the monthly paper drive and other activities. (Photo by Karen Kiefer)

rooms for the start of school and worked and helped staff a hot dog stand to raise money

for the school library. How's that for a summer's

Music and Life

## Dan Hill's hit is on sharing

by Charlie Martin, NC News Service

CAN'T WE TRY

I see your face cloud over like a little girl's/And your eyes have lost their shine/You whisper something softly/And I meant to hear/Baby, tell me what's on your mind/I don't care what peo-ple say/About the two of us from different worlds/Love is so much that it hurts inside/Are you listening/(Please listen to

Refrain: Can't we try just a little bit harder/Can't we give just a little bit more/Can't we understand/That it is love we're fighting for/Can't we try just a little more passion/Can't we try just a little less pride/Love is so much, baby/Tha! it tears me up inside.

I hear you on the telephone/With God knows who/Spilling out your heart for free/Everyone needs someone/That they can talk your hear to a teel yet your needs someon that tab to Girl, that someone should be me/So many times I've tried to tell you/You just turn away/(How did I know)/My life is changing so fast now/Leaves me lonely and afraid/(Don't be

Don't let our love fade away/No matter what people say/I need more, more each day/No matter what people say

Recorded by Dan Hill and Vonda S written by D. Hill and B. Hill; 1987 by

Dan Hill's "Can't We Try" is his first Top Forty hit in several years. This duet with Vonda Sheppard is an emotional appeal to save a love

that is about to "fade away."

The song describes a history of failed communica-"So many times I've tried to tell you, you just turn away." Both individuals want to share their feelings but somehow their messages are

not being understood.

The refrain suggests that they try several things to overcome their communication blocks, for example "less

pride" and more giving. Such efforts may enhance a relationship but growth in communication requires that both individuals share their feelings. A definite plan aids this process

►Get in touch with your own feelings. If you're really motivated, it helps to write them down in a journal.

► Set aside a time to share your feelings. Even though it's

hard, the one listening should keep quiet until the one talking is finished. It's good even to wait a little to make sure you have really heard what the other has said and that it has sunk in.

► Take ownership of your own feelings. It's unfair to blame the other for what you are feeling

► If it becomes clear that an obvious problem is causing most of the frustration, openly admit the problem and decide what specific things you're both going to do about it. If neither of you knows what to do about the problem, get advice from people you trust.

►Express your anger or hurt. Otherwise they can build resentments that eventually sabotage love. But try to ex-

press it in a fair way.

► Don't forget about the good sides of your relation-ship. For instance, if the relationship has bettered your life in some way, let the other know

#### Youth events

For more information; call 317-825-2944 for Connersville Dean-ery events, 317-832-931 for CVO events, 812-945-9354 for New Al-bany Deanery events, 812-83-874 for Tell City Deanery events at 312-232-8400 for Terre Haute Deanery events. Or call your parish

youth minister or pastor.

The calendar will appear every other week. Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday of the week the calendar appears. Send information to Youth Calendar, P.O. Box 1717, Indpls., Ind., 46206.

Sept. 26-27 New Albany Deanery freshman retreat
27 New Albany Deanery youth Mass 6 p.m.
Oct. 2-6 Red River Gorge backpacking trip for New Albany

Deanery youth
4 CYO respect life walk-a-thon and pizza party
11 New Albany Deanery sophomore retreat
18 New Albany Deanery junior retreat
18 Connersville Deanery freshman retreat in Cedar
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## Youth entertain pope on U.S. visit

NEW ORLEANS (NC)-There was scarcely a dry eve in the Louisiana Superdome as Pope John Paul II made his appearance in the popernobile at the beginning of a youth rally Sept. 12

Kimberly Ball, an 18-yearold freshman at Loyola University in New Orleans. was one who succumbed to the emotion of the moment.

"I cried and I don't know " said Miss Ball, a Dallas native. "I was just over-whelmed. Maybe it was seeing a symbol of so much holiness The pope looked so angelic.

The pope spoke twice during the nearly two-hour rally Sandwiched between the talks

were a Mardi Gras-style entertainment by Dana, an Irish singer; and a ceremonial presentation of gifts from the youth.

The estimated crowd of 60,000 enthusiastically greeted the pope. The young people broke into spontaneous ovations frequently when the pope was speaking.

Pope John Paul in turn responded warmly to the youths' enthusiasm. He stood and clapped throughout the three-float parade and gleefully attempted to put on a Mardi Gras mask given to him by the young people.

In his opening remarks, the pontiff reiterated the Catholic Church's teachings on premarital sex. He said sex is a great treasure and should be saved for the love of marriage. because the pope said it does not mean that everybody will

"Jesus and his church hold to God's plan for human love, telling you that sex is a great gift of God that is reserved for marriage," he said, adding emphasis by waving his

"The message of Jesus is clear. Purity means true love and it is the total opposite of selfishness and escape," the pope added as the young people erupted into thunderous applause

Although the mes well-received. Miss Ball said she does not know how many people will heed his advice

The message was reason able but unrealistic," she said "I agree with him, but just

The pope also called for young people to say no to drug use and said it was time for youth to join together and help change the world.

What is needed today is a solidarity between all of the young people of the world, solidarity especially with the poor and all those in need," he

The parade followed the pope's first address. During the parade, youth sitting in the end zone seats spelled out the word "sharing" using colored cards. The float themes were 'dreaming," "sharing" and 'celebrating."

Following the parade,

Dana sang "Totus Tuus," a song that the crowd sang together, much to the Holy Father's delight. "Totus tuus is the pope's motto and means totally yours

Three local students also addressed the pope.

Three gifts-the mask, a drawing depicting youth working together, and a wood carving—were presented to the pope. He had difficulty putting on the mask, even after soliciting the help of New Orleans Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, but he reacted jubilantly.

"What is my gift for you today?" the pope asked in his brief second address. "It was a message of Jesus Christ, but at the same time I received your message . . this message of all of you together, and I express my gratitude to all of you for this message.

The pope will still find a

home with the young people And the young people will still the pope. I thank you for this experience," he said.

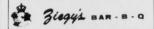
#### Deanery retreat

A retreat for high school freshmen in the Connersville Deanery is set for Oct. 17-18 in Cedar Grove. The theme for the retreat is "Top 40 Music," and will have much music and entertainment. The retreat will also give people a chance to meet others, socialize with friends, reflect on past experiences and see where they fit in part of the church today. The retreat is sponsored by the Connersville Deanery Youth Commission. For more information, contact your parish youth minister, pastor or Colleen Brandenburg at (317) 825-2944

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#### Book Review

## What is the real test of a life?

Dorothy Day: A Radical Devotion, by Dr. Robert Coles. Addison, Wesley Publishing Co. (Reading, Mass., 1987). 182 pp. \$17.95.

#### Reviewed by Margaret O'Connell

"A Radical Devotion," what a peculiar subtitle for a book? Yet it is the perfect subtitle for this meditative and potentially disturbing study of Dorothy Day. This co-founder of The Catholic Worker Movement "thought hard and long about how one ought to live this life and how one ought to respond to others as they struggled with the same question."

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in prisons beginning with her involvement with one subfragettes and socialists of the '20s and continuing through the civil rights protests of the '70s. Yet "her interest and involvement were based less on theory and ideology than on observation of the world around her and a passionate sense of justice."

Even at the price of legitimate personal comfort? It was not enough for Miss Day together with Peter Maurin to establish the Catholie Worker Movement. No. like her spirtual kin, St. Francis of Assisi, she had to live among the poor, be so completely identified with them as to be actually materially noor herself.

Even at the price of personal happiness? "She longed for a meeting with someone, rather than anyone. She knew she would be lonely even when she acknowledged that." And finding that Someone and following him into the Catholic Church

she sundered her one happy relationship, the one that had given her a daughter, Tamar. Yet she wrote of that time, "I wanted to be poor, chaste and obedient. I wanted to die in order to live, to put off the old man and put on Christ. I loved, in other words, and like all women in love, I wanted to be

Even at the price of seeming disobedience to the Catholic Church." A tidhit from her quarrels with Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York shows her radical devotion: "He is our chief priest and confessor; he is our spiritual leader. But he is not our ruler. He is not someone whose every word all the he is not our ruler. He is not someone whose every word all catholics must heed, whose every deed we must copy. No one in the church can tell me what to think about social and political and economic questions."

And even at the price of obscure localism? Localism was Jesus' way, she discovered. It was painful because it reminded her and the volunteers of their roles in the condition of the unemployed, the homeless, the sick in mind and body. But in "the modern centralized state and the large corporation ... the ordinary person's sense of control over the everyday workings of his or her life" becomes lost. And it is only in local groups and by participation in meetings that people can help one another.

Ultimately, Miss Day lived with a radical devotion because "for her the test of a life is its everyday moral texture—what one does, finally, with all the hours of each day."

But, be warned about this superbly written and easily read book. Just as Robert Coles has never felt quite confortable with his lifestyle since his volunteer days at The Catholic Worker so that same discomfort will affect the reader of "Dorothy Day: A Radical Devotion."

Coles, who was a volunteer at The Catholic Worker in his student days and is now a professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard Meeinal School and a writer and research psychiatrist, wrote this gem of a book. It is based on his conversations, correspondence and taped interviews as well as his professional insights into Miss Day, the radical devotee.

(Ms. O'Connell is associate editor of The Christophers.)

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## Cardinal calls for 'serious dialogue' on women priests

by Barb Fraze

COLUMBIA, S.C. (NC)-A "very serious dialogue" is

COLUMBIA, S.C. (NC)—A "very serious dialogue is necessary with Anglicans to resolve the issue of women priests, said the Vatican's leading ecumenist.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, told more than 200 ecumenists in Columbia Sept. 12—one day after Pope John Land Christian Unity and the issue and the Tradically and the Sept. 13—one day after Pope John and Unity and the Sept. 13—one day after Pope John Land Land Christian of the issue and Unity adically the Sept. 13—one day after Pope John Land Land Christian Christ Paul II's visit—that resolution of the issue could "radically change" Catholic-Anglican relations.

He also noted that "pressure" from people in "particu-lar situations," such as mixed marriages, creates added urgency "to solve the problems that separate us."

The cardinal spoke at "A Day of Dialogue" sponsored by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

His address discussed how the Catholic Church views ecumenism, summarized the status of dialogue with different denominations, and included some reflections on the ecumen

Cardinal Willebrands said the issue of apostolic succes-sion—faithfulness to and historical continuity with the ministry of the first apostles—"has been complicated by the ordina-tion of women in some parts of the Anglican Communion."

The Catholic practice of not ordaining women is "tradition," he said, but not tradition "in the weak sense of custom." 'For us it is part of that tradition of life and practice which

has been given by the Lord and handed down by the apostles to subsequent generations of the communion of the church," the cardinal said. "The male priesthood is part of that truly apostolic tradition.'

Cardinal Willebrands said the "notion of tradition" was something the Catholic Church had asked the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission to develop further in follow-up to its 1982 document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry," which set a framework for continued ecumenical dialogue

In reviewing the status of interfaith dialogues, Cardinal Willebrands said that "all of the dialogues are important. but the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue is important especially for Western Christianity because at the heart of the Reformation western Christianity because at the heart of the reformation in the 16th century was the conflict between Martin Luther and the authorities in Rome."
"Reconciliation between Lutherans and Catholics would

therefore be highly symbolic as well as significant." Cardinal Willebrands did not deliver the entire 33-page

address because he ran out of time. But in the text he called Catholic dialogue with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) "one of the most promising at the moment.

There has been remarkable growth in common understanding of one another's traditions," he said in his text.

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Cardinal Willebrands and Bishop James R. Crumley Jr. bishop of the Lutheran Church in America, said "real" pressures, such as interfaith marriages, are causing pain for many Christians and that Christian unity thus has realistic as well as theological implications.

Bishop Crumley, Lutheran co-chairman of the Interna-tional Lutheran Roman-Catholic Dialogue, gave the official response to the cardinal's address.

Bishop Crumley said the "urgency" for unity was felt

prominently in the United States, which has many interfaith marriages

While churches insist that they are concerned abo stability, churches do not let families "come to the altar

together," he said. He added that he was convinced "the walls built around those altars are human." Cardinal Willebrands noted that Christian churches have

mmunion that is real." Theological communion, or unity is not complete, he said, but there is also unity "in love, in

social contacts and behavior."
"The dialogue of love and the theological dialogue must continue, as must all other ecumenical endeavors, so that there can be growth toward full communion and the re-establishment of unity," he said.
"You should not leave everything to theological dialogue

and theologians," the cardinal told his audience with a smile Ecumenism needs "some spontaneous acts" of good will.



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## Pope encourages and challenges U.S. Catholics

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But even before he arrived, the pope dismissed the notion of an American church schism by telling journalists who raised the question during the flight from Rome

"Don't exaggerate."

The task facing Pope John Paul was to show the nation's 53 million Catholics how the particular strengths of American Catho-licism must be rooted in a strong faith anchored in church teachings if they were to have a lasting effect.

There were subthemes at each stop on the

In Miami, in addition to the pope's meeting with priests, his agenda focused on Catholic-lewish relations

His meeting with 200 Jewish leaders was almost scuttled after he granted an audience to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, ment with Nazi war crimes.

A series of meetings between U.S. Jewish leaders, Vatican officials and the pope prior to the U.S. trip headed off a boycott. Yet it was clear that major problems remained. Pope John Paul defended the popes who

ruled during the rise of Nazism and World War II as critics of its ideology and as people who opposed its persecution of Jews

And although he supported security for Israel, he stopped far short of offering diplomatic relations and added that "the right to a homeland also applies to the Palestinian people

In Columbia, the pope met for more than an hour with 26 leaders of other Christian churches and discussed ways to work together

In New Orleans the pope embraced

Catholics and told them: "heritage enriches the church."

In meetings with Catholic educators the ope praised the involvement of laity in teaching and administrative positions as "full partners" in the church's education ministry. He also praised the Catholic system's education of poor and minority students and children from broken homes. even at the cost of great sacrifice.

But he told university educators that theological research should not stray from church teachings.

The role of theology is to deepen Catholic

understanding of "the heritage of faith preserved, transmitted and made explicit by the church's teaching office," he said.

In a Mass homily, he challenged the view that church opposition to divorce lacks

The opposite is true, he said

Divorce "often develops into a bitter dispute about property and, more tragically, about children," he said.

What must be seen is the ineffectivene of divorce, and its ready availability in modern society, to bring mercy and for-giveness and healing to so many couples and their children.

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He praised the contribution of Hispanic culture to the church, but also told Hispanics not to waver in their belief and if they have

strayed from the church to return.

He supported the generosity of Catholics in setting up social services but said they should not forget to minister to the "spiritual impoverishment" of rich people who do not want to share their wealth with the less

He told seminarians to embrace celibacy even though "this sacrifice is difficult because of our human weakness."

He called on everyone to participate more in individual confession.

Ministry to Hispanics was a running subtheme. In addition to the large Hispanic community in San Antonio, there also are sizable Hispanic communities in Miami, Phoenix Angeles and Monterey

The agenda for Phoenix focused on Catholic health services and American Indians

From Phoenix the pope was scheduled to travel to Los Angeles, Monterey, San Fran-

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