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## Panel still studying parishes' staffing

by Margaret Nelson

No final decisions were made on future No mail decisions were made of littled parish staffing recommendations at the meeting Dec. 6 of the Future Parish Staffing Committee. Mary Pat Farnand, director of lay ministry for the archdiocese and chairperson of the committee, said that the panel is continuing to study recommendations.

Only two deaneries were studied at last week's meeting, Farnand said. "We barely began," she said. "We spent a lot of time pegan," she said. "We spent a lot of time looking at the Urban Parish Cooperative (UPC) alternate proposal. We spent a lot of time looking at the idea of clusters and how that proposal stacked up with the suggestions by the parishes and deameries involved," she said.

'We are very seriously looking at the UPC proposal and the deanery proposals Perhaps we will be making a few mino changes in the original recommendations

"We saw that, in our meeting in January, a few things need to be defined," Farnand said. "1. The definition of chapel and how it would be operated. 2. The whole group will be making decisions after we have a chance to look at all the deanery recommendations

'Things are going to change,' said society to change. Every sector of society—business, government, and finances—has

'One thing we want people to know is that a chapel designation does not mean the parish will no longer exist. It also does not mean the parish money will get taken

We are not finished with what we started to do," she said. "Rather than publish the little pieces of information we have, we decided not to publish what we have done. We want to have the whole thing finished before we do that."

But she explained that communication is But she explained that communication is one of the committee's major goals. "As soon as we are finished, we will be publishing the results," said Farnand. "We want to make sure it is accurate information. We don't want people getting erroneous information or making assumptions

"We all thought last Friday would be the last meeting," Farnand said. "But we wanted to take time to be attentive and sensitive to the things people are saying. We were surprised when we looked at each deanery. A lot of people's work and care have gone into this. have gone into this

"But we have to help them know that this is a part of a big picture. We don't want to hurt any individual parish. But we must see the archdiocese as a whole

'We do hear what each individual

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parish is saying," she said. "We know their concern for their faith community. It's not our intention just to close parishes. It is our intention to look to the future and make good decisions about pastoral leadership

good decisions anout pastoria readersing and parish faith communities.

"We saw that there is a lot of energy and a lot of passion about this project. We want people to rechannel that energy into making faith communities viable and vibrant. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us." said Farnand. said Farnand.

'We also have good resources available to us, both from the archdiocesan pastoral process and from other dioceses that are doing similar work.

"Every diocese is doing this," she said.
"Every diocese has a different flavor, a "Every discess has a different favor, a different personality. Every discess is agonizing, trying to draw people into a strategy that is well-planned and well-implemented." She said that, because resources are available from discess that have planned staffing, Indianapolis wor't make the same mistakes.

At the December meeting, the Future At the December meeting, the Future Parish Staffing Committee members talked about project management. "One of the jobs of the committee is seeing that the work gets done. We need to work with the deaneries, the deanery councils and the pastoral planning process," Farnand said. "It is through the deanery councils that the future parish staffing recommendations will be carried out with the process already started." She said.

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At the Oct. 23 meeting, members of the committee each took one deanery to study before the December meeting. They were asked to consider the original recommendations and deanery responses in the

following ways:

1. Make a comprehensive review of the materials

materials.

2. Summarize the concerns raised in responses on feedback sheets.

3. Study the questions raised within the deanery. Which ones are answerable now? What would be your suggested response?

4. Study the criteria for parishes in the '90s in light of the preliminary suggestions for estiffine.

90s in light of the preimmary suggessed in staffing.
5. Say whether or not you think the preliminary recommendations should remain, or give a rationale for change.
6. Present your deanery findings and facilitate discussion at the next meeting of the Future Parish Staffing Committee.
At the Jan. 10 meeting, the committee is

expected to finish answering the questions about all the deaneries that were not discussed in December. Then they will take a comprehensive look at recommendations, Farnand said at all the

recommendations, Farnand said.

"The project has gone way beyond the original intent," she said. "But it is not done in solation, It is being hooked up. We will help parishes work toward what is recommended. We will do it within the pastoral planning structure.

"The whole archdioces will be stronger because of this, People will see that what they've done does have value and ment because it's going somewhere," Farnand said.

She hopes to make the rounds of the She hopes to make the founds of the deaneries with other staffing personnel, because it is important that pastoral leaders support the recommendations.

The task is not something happening from the Catholic Center. It's something happening from the heart of each parish, stepped.

she said.
"The church has become one of the strongholds people don't want to tourh," Farmand said. "We're doing the best we can. We have to make hard decis..ns. Nobody wants a church to close. But given the numbers of parish leadership we have, what else can we do?"
Farmand said. "What people are looking.

at as a negative process is necessar on the ministry that lesus gave us



ICC CELEBRATION—A group joins in conversation prior to the 25th anniversary celebration of the Indiana Catholic Conference. They are, from left, Charles Williams, ICC Advisory Council member; Msgr. Robert Lynch, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference; Suzanne Magnant, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; Evansville Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger; and James Loughery, an ICC board member.

## Indiana Catholic Conf. celebrates 25 years

by John F. Fink

Both the Indiana Catholic Conference Both the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) and the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) were the focus during the evening of Dec. 6 when the ICC board of directors and advisory council celebrated ICC's 25th anniversary with a dinner.

The ICC board of directors is composed the lice of beginning above one law

The ICC board of directors is composed of the bishops of Indiana Jus one lay person from each of the five dioceses in Indiana. The advisory council consists of four people from each of the dioceses.

Msgr. Robert N. Lynch, general secre-

tary of the USCC, spoke about the history of the USCC and Father Donald Schmidlin, pastor of Nativity Parish in Indianapolis, reviewed the founding of the ICC in 1966. ICC Executive Director Dr. M. Desmond Ryan was master of ceremonies

The dinner preceded the annual meeting the following day at which the board and advisors selected and prioritized the issues the ICC will lobby for or against during the session of the Indiana General Assembly that begins next month. The issues selected and the ICC positions will be announced in a later issue of *The Criterion*.

In his talk, Msgr. Lynch traced the history of the USCC from World War I when, in 1918, the bishops of the United States formed the National Catholic War Council. After the war the bishops agreed to meet annually, but changed the name of their organization to the National Catholic Welfare Council. At the bidding of the Holy See, the name was changed again to the National Catholic Welfare

Conference (NCWC).
Until the Second Vatican Council, NCWC was mainly a public policy agency, Msgr. Lynch said, dedicated to making the church's views known in the Washington political process. After the council, though it became the National Conference of it became the National Conference of Catholic Bishops "to service the internal life of the church in liturgy, ecumenism, doctrine, missions, religious life and minis-try and many other aspects of the post-conciliar church," he said.

What had formerly been the NCWC then became the USCC, the public policy arm of the bishops, Msgr. Lynch said. Turning to state Catholic conferences. Msgr. Lynch said that today there are 28 such conferences. The other 22 states are usually those with only one diocese comprising the whole state, he said.

He drew attention to the statement of

He drew attention to the statement of "Political Responsibilities" the USCC issues every four years during the year prior to presidential elections. "It studiously avoids partisan politics and has never advocated one candidate or party over anotier," he said. "From ab "tion to housing, from health care to euthanasia, from war and peace to just laxation, the "Political Responsibilities

Statement' establishes our public policy agenda for the years ahead."

He listed seven issues that the national conference and earth Catholic agents. The listed seven issues that the national conference and state Catholic conferences agree on: protection of human life from womb to tomb; maintenance of peace; an excellent education for all children and genuine freedom of choice for children in non-public schools; affordable housing, basic health, care, found for the human; and children and the children and the children in the c health care, food for the hungry and clothes for the naked; laws that assist parents in alcohol and bonded to loving parents; laws that will treat all men and women equitably and fairly; and government that will be at the service of people and not people at the service

In tracing the history of the iCC, Father Schmidlin explained the beginnings of the conference in 1966. He was then director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and helped found the ICC. He particularly credited Bishop Raymond Gal-agher of Lafayette for his part in starting the conference

Father Schmidlin told of his own role Father Schmidlin told of his own role in lobbying at the Indiana General Assembly since he was the ICC representative residing in Indianapolis. However, he said, it soon became clear that the ICC had to have its own executive director and lobbyist.

executive director and loopyist.

Today the primary aim of the ICC is to bring the moral dimension into the formulation of public policies. The ICC board and advisors prioritize issues as they did last weekend. Then positions are developed on specific issues, and lobbyist Destroy and Ica and I did last weekend. Then positions are developed on specific issues, and lobbyist Desmond Ryan explains the church's positions to legislators. The ICC also has active networks of Catholics who contact their legislators about legislation.

### FROM THE EDITOR

## Preparing for the coming(s) of the Lord

It's hard to believe that Advent is already half over. This

coming Studentee that Advent is already half over. This coming Student is when the wased to call Gaudete Sunday when the Mass was in Latin. (Gaudete Sunday is the Latin for "rejoice," the first word of the Entrance Antiphon—"Rejoice in the Lord always.") And next Tuesday, Dec. 17, the mood of Advent shifts from the message of repentance we Dec. 17, the mood of Advert since from the message of repentance we have been hearing to anticipation of the birth of the Redeemer. Aside from the church's liturgies,

Advent today seems scarcely to observed. For many people, the chief way of preparing for Christmas is to

make sure all their shopping is done, the Christmas tree is decorated, and cookies are baked. We Americans have become good at preparing for the secular feast that Christmas has become, but not so good at preparing for the religious feast.

It wasn't always thus. At times during Christian It wasn't always thus. At times during Christian history, Advent was rigorously observed as a period of special prayers and fasting. At the beginning of its development it was sometimes called "the Christmas Lead".

ADVENT APPARENTLY started sometime around the AUVENT APPARENTLY started sometime around the fourth century since it was mentioned in the year 380 at the Council of Saragossa. It was developed in Spain, France and Germany as a penitential season before Christmas, but the starting dates for the season varied considerably, from as early as Sept. 24 to Dec. 1.

Prior, but the observance of Advent. Christmas,

Prior to the observance of Advent, Christmas was celebrated as the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. Dec. 25 was selected as the date for Christmas mainly because this was already a Roman holiday. The Romans celebrated the feast of the sun god on that day.

Some Christian writers, however, believed th was the actual date of Christ's birth. They calculated it was the actual date of Christ's birth. They calculated it from the time of the year that Zechariah would have been performing priestly duties in the temple when the angel performing priestly duties in the tempie when the diage clabriel appeared to him. (The Annunciation would have been six months after that, since Elizabeth was six months pregnant at the time of the Annunciation, and the birth of Christ would have been nine months after that).

Anyway, by the fifth century, Christmas was the start of the church year. Then, as preparation for the feast became more and more common during the following 500 years, it made sense to start the liturgical year with Advent. This change was made in the 10th century.

THE NATURE OF THE observance of Advent has varied from country to country. While in Spain, France and Germany it was a lengthy penitential season, when the observance finally reached ltaly in the sixth century the Romans celebrated in a joyous way. These two ways of observing the season clashed for centuries. It wasn't until the 13th century that a set structure was settled on, one that combined the fasting and penance with the joyous anticipation of Christmas.

From the 13th century to the Second Vatican Council.

From the 18th century to the Second Vatican Council, the observance of Advent remained about the same. There were lasts on ember days and on Christmas Eve. in the 1960s the last days were removed and the Mass texts were revised.

Today Advent is fairly neatly broken down into two eparate focuses. From the first Sunday of Advent through Dec. 16 the church focuses on the final coming of Christ as Dec. 16 the church iscuses on the linal coming of Cirist as Lord and judge at the end of the world. Thus the Gospel for the first Sunday was about the judgment at the end of time. Last Sunday and this Sunday we hear John the Baptist's call to prepare for judgment.

The focus will shift on Tuesday to expectation of the Nativity. The fourth Sunday's Gospel is about the events that led to Christ's birth and the main participants.

centuries was one of penance or joyful anticipation, the emphasis has always been on waiting. The readings of our liturgies tell us about the messianic prophecies of Isaiah and the history of the Israelites. We wait for the birth of the Redeemer

We are also waiting for the second coming of Christ and the last judgment at the end of time—the parousia as the church calls it from the Greek. (The term "advent," by the way, comes from the Latin adventus, "coming" or "arrival.")

IN THE DECEMBER issue of God's Word Today, Jeanne Kun writes that St. Bernard often highlighted the dual aspects of Advent, and even wrote of what he described aspects of Advent, and even wrote of what he described as the "three advents" of Christ. She writes: "He named as first that advent which has already happened in historical time and space and which we now commencate each Christmas, the one in which Christ entered the world through the womb of Mary to 'seek and to save that which was lost.' The third is the parousia, the advent in which Christ will come to judge the living and the dead, and to take us to himself.

"Then Bernard evaluation, the second, or middle."

"Then Bernard explained the second, or middle, advent as the 'time of visitation' by which Christ is now present and active in each of our lives. Daily he is at work in us through grace to transform us into his image and likeness and to bring us salvation and healing from the sin, difficulties, sicknesses, and human frailties of our everyday lives."

Although there are now less than two weeks before Although there are now less than two weeks before Christmas, it is still not too late to try to make your preparation for that feast a religious one as well as a secular one. There is nothing wrong with getting Christmas decorations ready and gitt-giving preparations in order, or to celebrate joyously as the Italians did for centuries. But don't forget the reason for the celebration and the meaning of the feast for which we are preparing.

### EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

# Freedom at last for all of the U.S. hostages | Inspect | Inspect

by John F. Fink

Nobody should be able to Christmas more than the families of the last were finally released last week. People can now replace the yellow ribbons

Christmas decorations That human beings could experience what Terry Anderson and the other hostages had to put up with for such a long period of time, and still come out healthy, sane and with a sense of humor, is truly sane and with a select of manacing, amazing. Anderson himself attributed it to his faith, saying, "My faith kept me from giving in to my despair."

Anderson also said that he felt communications and the said "James".

Anderson also said that the incom-pelled to forgive his captors. He said, "Tam a Christian and a Catholic and I really believe that it is required of me that I

He also praised former hostages Servite
Father Lawrence Martin Jenco and the Rev. Benjamin Weir as men of great faith said he was grateful they had shared their faith with him.

faith with him.

For its part. Father Jenco said that seeing Terry Anderson after his release reminds from that "man is able to cope on the pair and suffering and still come out healthy and holy."

Father Jenco recalled that its and cubicles in the same room for a long time before the two were allowed to meet. "We had heard each other's voices but didn't

know who each other was," he said. "When they finally lifted the blindfolds, the first thing Terry asked was that I hear his confession

Referring to Anderson as a "recovering Catholic," Father Jenco also recalled that Anderson had made rosaries out of string

for himself and fellow hostages.

How can we be sure that hostages aren't going to be taken again sometime in the near future? The only possible way to be sure of that is to take the necessary steps to trouble spots

In too many places in the world, the In too many places in the word, the United States is still looked upon as an oppressor of the world's pour. Even the message that Anderson's captors sent with him called the U.S. "the plunderer of the world." They said that by taking the hostages they "made the world listen to hostages they "made the world listen to our voice and the voice of the oppressed and suffering people.

The hostages are free now because the United States has taken the lead in getting the Israelis and Arabs together to try to achieve peace. It's going to be difficult to keep that peace process moving forward, but it's imperative that

Father Jenco believes that religious Father Jenco Deneves that Tengose leaders must be part of any resolution of the complex problems in the Middle East. "I believe it is religious leaders who instill the people with words of hate or words of love," he said. Christian, Muslim and lewish leaders, he said, "must speak to each other honestly for the first time. It's the same God."

## Parish invites 'lost' to 'come home for Christmas'

St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis, is asking all inactive and active Catholics in the area to "Come Home for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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And they will be welcomed by a team
designed to minister to their varied needs.
Father Frederick Easton, vicar judicial of
the marriage tribunal, Father Joseph Dooley, who communicates in Spanish and
sign language, Magr. Raymond Bosler,
founding editor of The Criterion; and Father
Clement Davis, who has worked with the
Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholies will be available from 1 to 3 p.m.

lics will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. At the same time, Providence Sister Marie Wolf and Franciscan Sister Sue Bradshaw, pastoral associates at St. Joan

of Arc, will be there to answer church-related questions

During the 3 p.m. penance service, Father Thomas Murphy, pastor of St. Joan of Arc, and Fathers Thomas Clegg and Cliff Vogelsang will be available for confessions

The chapel, the upper room and parish center will all be used to ensure privacy. Hosts and hostesses will be in the church to direct people to the appropriate ministers.

Joan of Arc parishioners are promoting the program by inviting inactive Catholic family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to the event. And the parish community is praying for those

alienated from the church. Flyers are

posted in stores and work areas.
The flyers invite alienated Catholics to 
"ask questions about 'changes in the 
church,' current Catholic thought, to inquire about church teachings and marriage, and to receive counseling on

spiritual matters."
Father Joseph Rautenberg, medical ethi-cist at St. Vincent Hospital, will celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc that Sunday.

#### **OFFICIAL** APPOINTMENT

Effective January 4, 1992

REV. ANTHONY HUBLER, appointed to deacon at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Beech Grove, with residence at Holy Name rec-tory, until his ordination to priesthood on

The above appointment is from the office of the Most Reverend Edward T. O'Meara, S.T.D., Archbishop of Indianapolis

### Archbishop O'Meara's condition remains same

As of Tuesday, the condition of Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara had not changed. He is still hospitalized with pulmonary fibrosis and his condition is serious. He continues to await a lung transplant if one becomes available that will be compatible with his body.

The archbishop's staff reports that he continues to be briefed and to make decisions such as the appointment included on this page today.





FEAST—Father Mauro Rodas, pastor of St. Mary in Indianapolis; and Delia Diaz, assistant director of the Office of Hispanic Apostolate, lead the procession with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a Spanish Mass on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the church. Members of the assembly joined the procession as it passed them. Later the parish community enjoyed a fiesta at the parish center. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

## CCF endowment accounts approach \$4 million

by John F. Fink

The Catholic Community Foundation of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis (CCF) has come a long way since it was begun in 1987. Today it is investing almost \$4 million for the benefit of 40 different Catholic organizations in the archdiocese

The CCF was organized on the premise that one entity with a large amount of funds to invest could obtain a greater rate of return on its money than could many smaller groups with smaller amounts of money to invest. Today Catholic parishes, schools, cemeteries and other groups are receiving income from endowment funds invested through CCF that total \$3,904,096.

The purpose of CCF is to provide additional income for participating

parishes, schools, agencies and institutions in the archdiocese. It contains many vment funds, each for the benefit of a different Catholic organization, or institution

The CCF enables individuals to donate and the CLF enables individuals to donate cash, securities, real estate or other property for specific parishes, schools, or programs in the archdiocose. The principal of these funds remains untouched while the earnings from the ir investment are used for the benefit of the designated hemoficiary. beneficiary

The CCF is incorporated as a separate corporation from the archdiocese, with its own board of directors. Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara serves as the chairman of the board. Businessmen as well as clergy serve on the board. The CCF's full-time president is Robert Giczewski,

in Indianapolis. John A. Hillenbrand Jr., of Hillenbrand Industries in Batesville, is first vice chair man of CCF; Father David Coats, archdiocesan vicar general, is treasurer; and James M. Thornton, retired chairman of Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust of Indiana and retired president of George Moser Leather Co. of New Albany, is secretary.

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Other board members are Walter F.
Grote Jr., chairman of the Grote Manufacturing Co. of Madison; James Holliden,
president of American Mortgage Corp of Tell City; Jean A. Leising, an Indiana state
senator from Oldenburg; John H. Miller,
president of Miller Funeral Home in
Connersville; and John W. Ryan, president
emeritus of Indiana University.

Also Eugene R. Tempel sige chanceller

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for external affairs at UPUI in Indianapolis, Msgr. Francis R. Tuohy, former arthdiocesan vicar general and pastor of St. Luke Church, Indianapolis; Paul J. Corsamo, an Indianapolis attorney; Joseph B. Hornett, cheef financial officer for the archdiocese; Richard M. Valdiserri, director of development for the archdiocese; and William J. Wood, attorney freathersely-directors. for the archdiocese

for the archdiocese.

Ten Catholic parishes now have endowment accounts with CCF. The parishes, along with the current amount in their accounts, are: Holy Cross, Indianapolis, \$100,000. Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, \$5,000. St. Andrew, Richmond, \$60,200. St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, \$1 million, \$1. Gabriel's, Connersville, \$11,885,78. St. John, Indianapolis, \$400,000. St. Louis, Batesville, \$100,247,28. St. Mary's, Greensburg, \$50,000, \$S. Peter & Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, \$75,571.35, and \$S. Rita, Indianapolis, \$50,000. Thirteen endowment accounts are now

Thirteen endowment accounts are now benefiting Catholic education in the arch-diocese. They are: Archdiocesan Total Catho-lic Education, \$500,000; Holy Angels 

Eleven Catholic cemeteries have endowment accounts: Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany, \$50,000; Ruskin Kitterman New Albany, \$50,000; Ruskin Kitterman Cemeteries, \$30,000; Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Jeffersonville, \$142,213,11; 5t. Anne Cemetery, Oldenburg, \$5,000; 5t. Joseph Cemetery, Corydon, \$20,000; 5t. Louis Parish Cemetery, Batesville, \$50,000; 5t. Martin Church Cemetery, Guildroft, \$19,150; 5t. Mary \$Cemetery, Guildroft, \$100; 5t. Mary \$Cemetery, Langsville, \$500,000; \$100; 5t. Mary \$Cemetery, Langsville, \$100; \$5,000; St. Mary's Cemetery, Lanesville, Vernon, \$5,000; and St. Peter's Cemetery, Corydon, \$8,000. Six other organizations benefit from

Six other organizations benefit from endowment accounts in CCF: Baker Philanthropic Fund, 556,982.78, BMW Constructors Philanthropic Fund, 525,369.86, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 5245,450.91, Catholic Social Services of Indianapolis, 52,525, Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 53,502, Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 53,652, Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 53,652. Fatima Retreat Ho

Endowment funds to benefit Catholic organizations can be set up easily, according to Giczewski. They are popular because an endowment fund never loses its value

an endowment tund never loses its value and the beneficiary of the fund continues to receive regular income from it.

A common way for endowment funds to be established is from bequests in the wills of people who have died. Money in the funds can come from cash, stocks, leads are all property.

bonds, or real property.

Anyone interested in learning more about CCF or endowment funds may contact Giczewski at the Catholic Community Foundation, The Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian 5t., Indianapolis 46206. The telephone number is 317-236-1427.

### Archdiocese to close Catholic Salvage Thrift Store

by Mary Ann Wyand

The Catholic Salvage Thrift Store in Indianapolis will close at the end of the year after 60 years of serving low-income customers and others who enjoyed shop

ping in its garage-sale atmosphere. Until Dec. 31, Catholic Salvage director Steve Swartz will operate the store at 1315 S. Shelby St. from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Swartz said every item is 50 percent off the already low ticket price. Operated by the Archdiocese of Indiana-

olis, the not-for-profit thrift store in historic Fountain Square faced rising costs, expensi building repairs, and aggressive competition from many for-profit thrift businesses.

irou, many tor-profit trint businesses.
"Closing any agency is always a difficult decision, whether it's a parish, whether it's a school," Joseph Hornett, chief financial officer for the archdiocese, said. "Those are always difficult decisions because so many people have had ther livos warnord up in

always difficult decisions because so many people have had their lives wrapped up in those agencies or entities of the architecture. Home seal architecture and architecture was related the indebtedness of the agency, the fulfillment of its original mission, and strong recommendations from external auditors before deciding to close the thrift store at the end of the year.

"The whole idea of the Catholic Salvage Bureau was to provide funds for CYO

"The whole idea of the Catholic Salvage Bureau was to provide funds for CYO programs and camper scholarships for inner city youth to go to CYO summer camp," he said. "As time has gone on, the cost of camp has gone up and the amount of money raised by the Catholic Salvage Thrift Store has gone down, so it was actually in a diminishing return state where it was providing fewer scholarships because of declining contributions as well as increasing operational costs."

The idea of Cirristian stewardship is not just about raising money, Hornett said, but

just about raising money, Hornett said, but about using resources wisely.

"This just was not a wise use of archdiocesan resources anymore," he said.

archdiocesan resources anymore," he sai . We've got more locations serving the



CLOSE-OUT SALE—Catholic Salvage Thrift Store director Steve Swartz of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis prepares to close the store at 1315 South Shelby Avenue at the end of the year. All inventory is reduced an extra 50 percent for clearance.

inner city than any other denomination in Indianapolis, and all those parishes have various outreach programs including furniture and clothing distribution, reduced day care, soup kitchens, and temporary shelter. All those things are being provided, so I don't believe we've diminished the ministry in any way, shape or form. We're just concentrating more on what we do better."

CYO executive director Edward Tinder said the Catholic Salvage Bureau was located at the corner of Washington Street and East from 1930 until 1980, when the archdiocese purchased the present stor

"The mission really has been two-fold," Tinder said. "It was an opportunity to raise funds for various Catholic ministries. When CYO began in 1940 the organization was one of the principal recipients of funds generated through the Catholic Salvage Bureau. Then in 1952, CYO sought admission into the Community Chest, which later became the United Way of Central Indiana.

In addition, Tinder said, "Four years

ago a bequest was made to CYO for camperships. Money was contributed from an estate and the principal is to be retained and the interest used for camperships each year. This has provided a supplement to what once existed through the Catholic Salvage Bureau. CYO has also homofited

what once existed through the Catholic Salvage Bureau. CVO has also benefited from the giftedness of people through the United Catholic Appeal."

Secondly, he said, "The other Catholic Salvage mission of addressing a population which exists in our community and needs assistance has been altered and changed somewhat due to the growth of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This past year St. Vincent de Paul gave away approximately three-quarters of a million dollars worth of product to clients, and that whole effort is product to clients, and that whole effort is done by volunteers. That's just a remarkable organization

For six decades, Tinder said, Catholic Salvage customers have been able to buy necessary household items at very reason-

able prices.

"Catholic Salvage employees Robert
Vernick, Steve Swartz, Lucille Taylor and
Hazel Savage, as representatives of the
Catholic Church, have brought the church, the Catholic name, to the people," Tinder said. "It's been a very important ministry."

### 470 Catholic students receive Golden Rule scholarships

by Joe Peters

The results of the Golden Rule Choice

The results of the Golden Rule Choice Charitable Trust Scholarship distribution are available.

On Aug. 2, the insurance company announced that it would subsidize tuition in private elementary schools, up to \$500 cach for 500 Indianapolis students from low-income families. Golden Rule also addersised for other companies to fund additional erradies. additional grants

additional grants.
Four hundred and seventy grants have been received by students in 24 Catholic schools in Marion County, out of a total of 766 grants distributed in 58 private schools. This represents just over 61 percent of the grants and about 41 percent of the schools were grants were received.
Catholic school substitution of the schools were received.

Catholic school students received \$239,230.36 out of a total of \$437,622.01 distributed by the trust-about 55 percent

The average grant from the program is \$571.31 and the average grant for a Catholic school student is \$509.00. This reflects the generally lower tuition rates of Catholic schools compared to other private schools

By grade level, the largest number of grants to Catholic school students were received for those in kindergarten and first grade (16 percent for each). Fifty-two percent of the total kindergarten grants went to Catholic students, along with 70 percent of the first- and third-grade grants.

Catholic school students received more than half of the grants at each grade level (K-8). The program is designed so that half of the grants are distributed to those already in private schools and the other half to new enrollees.

Golden Rule is continuing to seek funding for additional grants. Over the Golden Rule's original amount of \$400,000, \$37,622.01 has been pledged because of the generosity of other companies

### Batesville deanery provides Ministry Institute for leaders

by Barbara Ludwig

The Leadership for Ministry Institute is a 14-week program designed for the Batesville Deanery to help develop leader-

ship skills for lay people.

Marian College has taken the responsibility for instruction and content. Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage, vice president

can Sister Norma McKidage, Vice Pressueri of Marian, is supervising the program. Unit 2 of the program will begin at St. Louis, Batesville, on Jan. 16, and continue for seven Thursday nights, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Religious education overview, group facilitation, adult formation, and communication skills are among the topics to be explored.

The first seven sessions of the "Leader-ship for Ministry Institute" were offered

during the fall of 1991 at Holy Family Oldenburg. They covered spirituality, parish communities, prayer, Scripture, self-understanding, and leadership styles.

Fifteen parishes in the deanery sent a total of 46 participants to the first unit. Because of erest, leaders are considering ways to extend opportunities to others.

Funding for the program was provided by a \$4,000 grant from the Archdiocesan Board of Education, using interest earned on the Total Catholic Education Endowment Fund that is part of the Catholic Community Foundation.

This pilot program provides formal educational training for those with gifts and the willingness to serve their parishes. The ministry institute will later be made available to other deaneries.

# Commentary

THE BOTTOM LINE

## No room for empathy in bank's procedure

by Antoinette Bosco

While shopping for a few things I'll need for the holidays, I stopped in at a bank to request some information.

As I walked by a

desk, my attention was caught by a conversation between a young mother standing with two little boys before a woman sitting there

The conversation a sign of just how hard the economic re cession has hit many people

'But I called the bank," the mother wid

and told her why I would be a day late with the check. I had the check in my purse, but I couldn't get to the bank. I was in the hospital with my child."

I finished my business a bit later and the mother and I were leaving the bank, I asked what had so upset her. She explained that she and her husband were explained that she and ner husband were struggling in this bad economy. He was self-employed, a man working with his hands seven days a week. She was working part time just to make ends meet for the family

Payments for his work had been coming in slowly—as frequently happens to people who are dependent on those who contract their labor—and so the

family was writing checks against a tight bank account. Then she made a fateful error while balancing her account and, a few days later, a check bounced.

When the bank notified her that she would be charged \$17.50 for the bounced check, the embarrassed young mother asked the bank to re-enter the check because she would make sure she would have sufficient funds to cover it.

Later, preparing to leave home to make a deposit at the bank, her youngest son, 3

a deposit at the bank, her youngest soll, years old, swallowed a dangerous object. In a panic, she rushed him to a hospital.

She called the bank to explain her predicament and got there the next day. Meanwhile, the check had come back the second time and again was allowed to bounce. Now, the woman was told, she would have to pay \$35 for the two bounced

That's the point where I first overheard That's the point where I first overneard this conversation. The mother was upset. She told the bank woman that she had called the bank and now couldn't see why she was being punished so severely.

The mother then explained so severely.

The mother then explained that she and her husband were having such a hard time paying bills and feeding their children that this money was literally what she needed to buy food for the children.

The bank woman remained firm. She eated the bank policy

Nearly in tears, the young mother blurted back, "You know you don't have to charge me twice. I can accept paying the first fine, but not the second one. You



ould rather give the bank the \$17.50 and

would rather give the bank the \$17.50 and take this money away from my children." I tried to console the distressed mother. Feeling rather angry, I even advised her to move her account to a more humane bank.

Then remembering we are getting closer to Christmas, I said a prayer. This is a season of joy, But for many, this is a time of fear and anxiety in the face of economic realities, a time when the need for compassion runs high.

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#### MAKING PEACE

## A time for common sense in defense spending

by Ivan J. Kauffman

The signs of economic distress in the U.S. are becoming inescapable. Rising unemployment, increasing homelessness,

cuts in spending for health care, education, health care, education,
even police protection.
What's worst, probeing cut just when the
need is greatest.
And in what used to

he the Soviet Union things are even worse

A complete collapse of the economy is taking place, with the possibility of widespread hunger this winter. Things are so bad the Soviet Union's former enemies in the West have agreed to send hundreds of millions

in food aid and other emergency supplies.

The situation is so desperate leaders of both congressional armed services commit-tees proposed we take a billion dollars from this year's defense budget and give it to the former Soviets to help them survive.

The proposal was defeated, but the very fact that it was taken seriously indicates how dramatically the world situation has changed in the past two years

It's rather obvious that a country asking for food isn't likely to attack the nation it's asking for help. And it's equally obvious Congress wouldn't consider taking \$1 billion out of the defense budget to give to

billion out of the defense budget to give to a nation it considered a military threat and teespite the fact that the Soviet Union no longer exists as a viable political unit—much less as a military threat—the amount we will spend next year to defend ourselves against the Soviet Union is only slightly less than it was at the height of the Cold War.

This year's military expending will have

This year's military spending will be \$291 billion. That's down only two percent from last year's spending, even

percent from last year's spending, even accounting for inflation.

Does this make sense? What do we gain by spending billions to defend Europe when the Soviet occupation is over? Will pouring another 54.15 billion into 5tar Wars really makes us more secure?

And if we can afford to take a billion dollars out of the defense budget and

we afford to take \$50 or \$100 billion and send it to the cities and counties of the United States?

### 'The arms race is one of the greatest curses on the human race."

Wouldn't it make a lot more sense to wouldn't it make a lot more sense to spend that money on our education system rather than spending it to defend ourselves against an enemy which no longer exists? Wouldn't we be a much stronger nation if the money we're now giving to defense were instead invested in new factories and technology?
The Catholic Church has consistently

taken what at first appears to be contradictory position on the Cold War.

On the one hand no institution has sed communism more strongly than the Catholic Church. Every Pope from Leo XIII to John Paul II has made it clear that completely incompatible. But at the same time the Catholic Church, especially since John XXIII, has been at the forefront in opposing the arms race.

The Vatican Council issued a particularly strong statement. The world's bishops said, "As long as extravagant sums of money are poured into the development of new weapons, it is impossible to devote adequate aid in tackling the misery which prevails at the present day in the world."

What appeared at first to be contra-dictory has turned out to be prophetic. Communism was defeated, but not by spending billions on weapons. When communism finally fell it was because the power of the Catholic faith in Poland was so strong it could not be denied.

The major thing the arms race has brought the world is economic hardship.

Catholics have often been the voice of cannones nave often even the voice vo-common sense in American politics. Next year's presidential and congressional elec-tions will give us a real opportunity to the our government that it's time for some common sense in the defense budget.

### THE HUMAN SIDE

## For a lift, try changing favorite home surroundings

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

When did you last relax and feel an when did you last relax and reel an ebbing of the tension inside you? Day after day are you finding that your enthusiasm is low? Does the bad news of the world

around you leave you feeling blue? If the answer to all

these questions is yes, then you need a lift. Try treating your psyche to a luxury at home that costs virtually nothing.

Focus on your favorite room. It ought to give you a warm, uplifting feeling. If it doesn't you may want to make some changes

Truth is, developing an eye for beauty in our physical surroundings has a way of upgrading our happiness.

Does this room at home contain y avorite photos, the kind that remind you of cheery times and the people you care about? If not, frame some and set them out. Or change the ones already present our mood dictates?

What about other pictures in the room?

A good painting draws us into itself, soothing the eye. But sometimes the ones we possess have grown old to the point that we never look at them. Then it may be time to thinking of changing them.



Why not make a visit to an art gallery to pick up some inexpensive new prints The effect will be to add freshness to your home and cause you to cherish your home even more.

Are there any real flowers in your favorite room? What about your favorite color? Is it present in this place where you spend so much time? Flowers in colors you enjoy and plants reflect beauty and add life to your surroundings, having a way of transforming them.

Continue to study that favorite room of yours. Is it neat? Are the corners cluttered? You may argue that by nature you are not a neat person and can live with the mess. But don't fool yourself. By nature we need some order, for beauty and order are interrelated.

It is not a matter of perfection at home

It is not a matter of perfection at home. We are human. But at home most of used a respite from the duttered feeling of busy days in the workplace. Continue to survey that room for other details that need looking into. You may be surprised in the process to find that you enjoy your home more than you were thinking you did, and that it takes only a small effort to renew your feeling for this "place apart" that you are so much a part of.

The impact you make on your sur-undings at home makes a difference roundings at home m because your home makes such an because impact on you.

Your favorite spot at home should give you a lift. The blues should be left at its

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# To the Editor

### Another view about El Salvador

Antoinette Bosco's commentary "Cul-ture of Death in El Salvador" (Nov. 1 issue) ture of Death in El Salvador (Nov. Lissue)
may do a great deal of harm to the very
people she would like to help. It is easy to
pick up all the comments she made from
the writings of similarly misinformed
Catholics, all of whom quote each other. Cationics, all of whom quote each other. The effect is the same as "the big lie" of Hitler's days. It is another thing entirely to make a scholarly study of the El Salvador situation and "liberation theology" itself.

Bosco stated unequivocally that 70,000 people have been killed in El Salvador. She clearly implied that they were killed by the government because they "believed in the God of the poor." Indeed, that would be a Greek tragedy, as she said.

About 42,000 people (not 70,000) have lost their lives through violence in El Salvador. Most of them were combatants on both sides and civilians killed in open warfare. Those who lost their lives through execution have been relatively small in number, and were the victims of "hit squads" of both the rebels and certain anti-communist people.

Through the use of quotation marks, she implied that the leadership of the rebels are not communists—just leading the poor in a just revolution (shades of "agrarian reformers"). I assure you that the rebels are indeed led by dedicated Marxists, and they make no bones about it.

The El Salvadoran government that she says is oppressive was elected by the people. Surely she knew that. Furthermore, the people risked their lives to go to the polls, for the rebels had threatened to execute anyone who voted. If my memory execute anyone who voted. If my memory serves me correctly, the government was elected by a greater majority than any of our presidents have combanded, and a few greater percentage of the people voted than is the norm in our country. The Salvadoran people know the rebels are communists. They do not want them to win. Ask any group of Salvadorans. What they really want is an economy that works like ours.

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Bosco relied on the quotes of Jesuit priests to support her arguments. A nosco reued on the quotes of Jesuit priests to support her arguments. A number of American Jesuit (and Maryknoll) priests openly espouse "liberation the-ology" despite its condemnation by the pope. That flawed thinking has as its base the Marxist doctrines of perpetual and irreconcilable class warfare. The espousal of hate and violence to solve economic problems is not the religion of Jesus.

Problems is not the religion of Jesus.
And there are priests who are committed Marxists. Listen to Father Ernesto Cardenal of the Sandinistas: "The solution is Marxism. It is the only way to achieve liberation. I do not see any other way to realize the promises of history and of the Gospel. There is no liberation outside of Marxism. A Christian should embrace Marxism if he wants to be with God and with men. The mission of the church these days in Latin America is, above everything else, to preach communism."

Bosco's commentary stated that "U.S. aid funded a decade of civil warfare in El Salvador." She ignored the \$2-billion worth of arms (to kill people) shipped to the Sandinistas by the Soviet Union through Cuba, now being funneled to El Salvador's rebels. If we did not supply the government with military aid then all the guns would be owned by the communists. What is the record of communism in bringing. Bosco's commentary stated that "U.S is the record of communism in bringing peace, justice and well-being to its people?

se the rector of commands. In a complete peace, justice and well-being to its people?

Bosco wants the heads of the Salvandran military hierarchy. No one can justify the murder of anyone, much less lesuit priests. But the anger that soldiers, who have their lives on the line lighting the communists, have for those Americans who support their enemies is undess American able. Our soldiers in Viet Nam hard brought reaction to Jane Fonda when the brought supplies to the North Vietnamese. It seems reasonable to think North Vietnamese to seem to the military the less likely he would be to give vor the higher one would be to give vor the higher one politically stupid fashion.

We can bring "grace to this suffering country." as she says, by renouncing liberation theology and by listening to the

Salvadoran people. We need to be less arrogant in assuming that we (or lesuits) arrogant in assuming that we (or jesuits) have all the answers, and that Salvadorans and their elected government are not worth listening to. Responsible journalism in our country would also be of great help.

country would also be of great help.

Finally, peace cannot come to this
suffering country until the rebellion by its
very small minority of communists (who
represent no one but themselves) is put
down, and the rebels return to a peaceful
political process working to make the
country better for its people.

John F Geisse

### How best to pass on the faith

Having spent a most pleasant evening with Bud Moody in an adult religious education setting. I can attest to his sincere interest in the field of Catholic religious education. However, the myriad of concerns he expressed in his letter of Nov. 15 ("Children Are Not Taught True Faith") makes me wonder by what means he has come to such sweeping and dismal conclusions about current religious education method and practice

tion method and practice.

While my initial reaction to Mr.
Moody's letter was to respond point by
point, citing official documents, policies,
directives, guidelines, and structures
which inform and support the work of
Catholic religious educators in these
challenging times, I wish, instead, to share
a story from my own recent experience.

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On a Sunday morning in mid-October a group of five-year-old children gathered in our religious education resource center to celebrate a "pretend" baptism as part of a pre-school religion readiness lesson, introduced earlier by their catechists. Having assembled the baptismal symbols of water-oll, white garment, and candle and with ritual book in hand, I welcomed the children and beyant the lesson. children and began the lesson

With almost no prompting from me, the With almost no prompting from me, the children quickly assumed all of the traditional baptismal roles of candidate, priest, parents, godparents, and members of the community. However, before any ritual action took place they reflected on their own baptismal experience, an impossibility, one might think, since they all had been baptized as infants or toddlers.

Through a litany of stories about parents, grandparents, godparents, celebrations, names, candles, garments, prized gifts, etc., within about 15 minutes time the children within about 15 minutes time the children wove a tapestry of faith and life pulled together by their awareness that they are, indeed, God's own children, baptized in God's Son, Jesus Christ. Could their young Catholic parents have had something to do

with their "remembering"?
As we moved on to the celebration of the sacrament itself, the mood of excite-ment continued as the children enacted all ment continued as the children enacted all the parts. The acting out, however, took a secondary role to what had gone before in the sharing, as it rightfully should. For the children knew that their own baptism had been a unique event, the meaning of which would continue to unfold as they grew in age and grace within the family of God.

To conclude our celebration the child.

age and grace within the family of God.

To conclude our celebration, the children, catechists and I prayed together the 'Our Father,' with the children never missing a syllable. Could their young Catholic parents have had something to do with their 'mpromotion'.

with their "memorizing"?
Parish religious education today is about Parish religious education today is about the business of helping children and adults to live active and authentic lives as Catholic Christians through a gradual and sequen-tial curriculum of knowledge, skills and attitudes, rooted in Scripture and tradition and integrated into the challenges of everyday life. In short, religious education everyday life. In short, religious education is a process of "being Catholic" rather than a method of studying "to be Catholic." This process is by no means flawless. We are only beginning to assess the

We are only beginning to assess the outcomes of parish religious education programs in a meaningful way. Time will tell the story. Or perhaps we will hear it from our five-year-olds as they "put on Christ" over and over again. As a final thought for Mr. Moody and

others who may share his concerns, I would suggest a conversation with your parish administrator of religious education or a staff member from the religious education department in the Office of Catholic Education. These individuals would welcome the opportunity to shed some new light on the venerable subject of passing on the faith.

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DRE, St. Barnabas Parish

### Mixed reactions to bishops' meeting

The 42nd annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in mid-November will predictably bring mixed reactions from the people in the pews. And all we need is more divisiveness in these times when fallen-away Catholics are said to be the second-largest segment of "Christians" in the United States.

More than half the bishops favored reducing the number of holy days—the argument being: people are not going to Mass, so let's eliminate the obligation. Mass, so let's eliminate the obligation. (The necessary two-thirds vote was lacking, fortunately.) It would be like changing the Ten Commandments to "the Ten Suggestions." The people of God need all the graces available to fight the trivialization of church teaching and practices—all that the Eucharist can provided I.T. makes the road occare upon't bear vide! To make the road easier won't keer them in the fold.

The bishops approved a proposal on "Putting Families and Children First," including the political arena and its social including the political arena and its social programs. Apparently this did not include a strong pro-life, anti-abortion message. And what about pornography, often the cause of child abuse? (Editor's note: the statement does include sections on note: the statement does include sections on protecting the lives of unborn children. While it doesn't have anything specifically on pornography, it does deplore the "pervasive violence and casual sex" in the media.)

violence and casual set" in the media.)

The matter of "inclusive language" keeps surfacing as the influence of "Catholic ferminists" grows. One wonders whether the American hierarchy is running seared when they feat to take definite stand on anything that continue the control of the contro priest shortage.

The powers-that-be suggest that church laws may change, which might admit women to posts such as these, and beyond. After all it is politically correct, and it would take off some of the heat.

take off some of the heat.
"Liberation theology," which was developed by dissident priests in Latin America, has surfaced in many segments of the church in the United States in its true colors as secular humanism

Incredibly, a proposed translation for Christmas Mass would use the term "feed box" instead of "manger." There was considerable discussion, but no change was considerable discussion, but no change was made. Thanks be to Jesus, who lies there in swaddling clothes. (Editor note: The bishops were discussing whether to approve a Mass for children ages 5 to 9 using an American Bible Society translation that uses the words "feed box." The bishops asked the society to change the words back to "manger" which it agreed to do.)

### Pastoral Council and voice mail

I suppose I was somewhat amazed when I read the article on the front page of the Nov. 29th issue of *The Criterion* concerning the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council meeting Nov. 23. Then reality set in and I once again realized what is important in the lives of some people—

Several questions then came to my mind: How can voice mail be more important than evangelization? How can voice mail be more important than spirituality? Why would voice mail even be on the same agenda as evangelization and spirituality?

I looked up the word pastoral in the dictionary. Two words used to describe pastoral jumped off the page: "shepherd" and "simplicity," neither of which can be applied to "voice mail."

Perhaps if some of our shepherds became more simplistic and got their priorities in order there would be less dissension among the "flock."

Indianapolis
(As also re (As also reported in that article, members of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council themselves expressed frustration that they didn't have time to deal with the more important issues. "Voice mail" was a relatively easy issue to deal with. The council's next meeting will begin on Friday evening and continue on Saturday to allow more time.—Editor)

### LIGHT ONE CANDLE

## The spirituality of Christmas

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

The spiritual task of the Christian at The spiritual task of the Christian at Christmas is to accept Jesus as Lord, and to enjoy the gift of salvation which he has come to announce. Even as an infant, Jesus is the King of Peace

who comes to liberate us from needless fear and guilt. Also implicit in our faith is an underin our faith is an under-standing of the reign of the Holy Spirit over us. St. Paul put it nicely in his letter to

the Galatians (4:4,5-6): "When the appointed

time had come, God sent his Son . . . in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying 'Abba! Father!' "
We have within us a dancing, joyful Holy Spirit, which is the soul of our soul.

Holy Spirit, which is the soul of our soul. He teaches us to accept the Father's will as our primary goal in life.

The Holy Spirit abides in Jesus Christ and, through history with Jesus we learn about his relationship with his Father, Jesus always pleased the Father. He was a man for others, but primarily Jesus we learn to the Father, Jesus sie key to this Jearning process. "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart."

We can benefit from his example in countless ways, but most importantly by

countless ways, but most importantly by imitating his desire to please his heavenly

Father. Because Jesus so perfectly con-formed to his Father's will, he delighted the Father.

the Father.

That means Jesus living in us enables us to be God's delight as well. In him, through him, and with him, we give honor and glory to God. The Spirit of Jesus enables us to radiate God's love.

We come alive in His love.

We come alive in His love.

Most of us are not given to lofty
theological ideas, but that doesn't matter.

If we focus on the idea that we have the
power to delight the Father, our spiritual
lives will blossom to new levels of joy and
power. Imagine yourself in playful dialogue with your heavenly Father.

Being sons and daughters of Almighty
God we receive a new life in God
superadded to our natural life. In Jesus we are elevated to a new dignity, a new intimacy with the divine. We already possess everlasting life and our purification well under way

The Holy Spirit leads us away from a self-centered existence to a state of full union with God the Father. Once you catch this spirit of Christmas, you will become a generous giver to all around you. God has

generous giver to all around you. God nas-given you so much, now it's your turn to go forth and give to those in need. A couple of years ago there was a song that became quite popular: "Don't Worry, Be Happy." It was a simplisite jingle, but for those who have faith, its simplicity was

for those who have faith, its simplicity was its great charm.

Be happy. Rejoice and be glad this Christmas, because you honor the Father when you are full of joy.

(For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Cod Delights in You," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E, 48 St., New York, N.Y. 10017.)

#### CORNUCOPIA

## A nostalgic Christmas sale

by Alice Dailey

Every Yule season tales of worldwide customs appear in print, but I have yet to read of one of Indiana's own: Dollar Day in Ayres' basement.

Born of the Great sion, it was antic pated, dreaded, needed It was the Horn of Plenty spilling out fat bargains at thin prices; a mob scene from Hollywood. You hadn't lived if you hadn't experienced Dollar Day.

Anxiety ran high as shopping days dwindled with no published date. At last it appeared. "Doors open at 8 a.m."

Half the female population, including me, piled breakfast dishes in the sink and headed for Ayres. Blowing on stiff fingers peering inside like so many little match girls, we grumbled until the buzzer sounded. Promptly at 8, heroic employees unlocked doors and fled as hordes fanned out to elevators and stairway

Children's Shoes, with boots at a dollar a pair, drew me first; if you blinked they were gone. Choosing a department as number one always put you at the end of

long lines elsewhere.
"Pearls" for Grandma scarcely dented the budget but fractured time. Slippersox to defrost Grandpa's feet blew the clock even more

What to get for whom? There were hats to hardware, cosmetics to curtains

today's designer label nonsense

In the stifling air we soon shed wraps, snaking lines of women shifting coats and even a toddler or two, looked like conga lines

Here and there in that jungle a few waiting husbands leaned wearily against walls. Posing as one of the same, a lawman friend in plainclothes grinned at These women are grabbing every

thing they can get their hands on. Who could tell who's shoplifting?"
Checking my list brought visions of spreads which had danced in two little heads yearning for canopied beds. They had to be kidding.

heads yearning for canopied beds. They had to be kidding.
Still, I paused at the sheets table and runnaged through. Then, what to my wondering eyes should appear but an organdy spread all ruffled and sheer. Flimsy? You bet. Seconds? Sure. But for two dollars who cared if it were thirds or even fourths.

Spying a mate across the table I grabbed a corner but a female Amazon opposite had latched onto the rest. Silently willing her to put it down brought nothing but an inner

put it down brought nothing but an inner voice. "Thou shalt not cover thy neighbor's bedspread." (Especially when thy neighbor's bedspread." (Especially when thy neighbor is bigger.) I let go. Better one than none. Fourscore and many more minutes after store opening, lescaped to the bus stop, key blasts cooled a fried brain and set doubts in motion." I can't believe just one spread for bunk beds. What will I tell the girls? Santa said to take turns? The elves went on strike? Hanging it mid-air from the top bed would be like weird. On the bottom bed it would drag the floor. Me and my bargains. Admittedly plebeian, frenzied and most inconsiderately timed, Dollar Day did make dreams come true.

dreams come true

It was magic elastic that broadened the budget and the bounds of Christmas cheer.



GIVING—St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute sponsors a Thanksgiv-ing dinner for anyone in the community. At left, Simeon House resident Irene Bowman accepts a resident Irene Bowman accepts a meal from St. Patrick School eighth-grade students Andrew Long and John Newport. Below, St. Patrick parishioner Patry Decker serves gravy to a waiting line at the parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Parish volunteers provide transportation fort toose who need a transportation for those who need a ride to the school cafeteria. Besides delivering meals to the adjacent Simeon House, the St. Patrick project includes meals for local shut-ins. The parish outreach pro-gram also sponsors a soup kitchen that has been in operation since 1984, serving meals at St. Patrick and two additional satellite sites. A Christmas dinner will be offered at the soup kitchen during the holiday season. (Photos by John



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### check-it-out...

Members of the Class of 1936 of Little Flower School are planning a reunion for the weekend of July 17-19, 1992. They invite members of the classes of 1927 through 1936 to call with information about themselves or other class members so that they may be included. Call Betty (Farmer) Clemens '36 at 317-356-3396 or J. Richard Davis '36 at 317-546-3854.

The Church of the Holy Name of The Church of the folly state of plesus, located at 17th and Albany in Beech Grove, will present Christmas Concert XXX conducted by music director Jerry Craney at 3 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. The adult and boys' choirs will sing excerpts from Mozart's "Coronation Mass." Joining the girls' choir and folk group, they will also present traditional and contemporary music of the season, accompanied by an orchestra of strings and brass, organ and guitar. Tickets are \$4, available by calling Mary Margaret Wilkins at 317-786-5076; a few tickets will be available at the door

The choir of Sacred Heart Church 1530 Union St. will present its annual free Christmas Cantata, "A Christmas Festival," at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec.

29. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 11 a.m., preceding the concert. Directed by Harold Rightor, the concert will also feature a children's choir and gue at singers from other churches. Every-one is invited to attend.

### vips...

Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage and Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage and Dr. Eugene Tempel were recently elected to the governing board of the Indiana Office for Campus Ministries. Sister Norma is vice president for mission effectiveness and planning at Marian College, and Dr. Tempel is vice chancellor of external affairs at IUPUI, both in Indianapolis. The IOCM is a non-profit advocacy organization which provides training and consultation to campus ministries statewide

to campus ministries statewide.

Father Thomas Murphy, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, has been elected president of the board of directors of the Indiana Interreligous Commission on Human Equality. The commission is a statewide agency of 25 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Baha'i and muslement programs to promote understanding and dialogue among persons of different racial, cultural and religious groups.

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## Dec. 16 meeting for young widowed group

There's a new group of young Catholics who have lost their husbands or wives through death. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in the Matthew, Indianapolis. . 16 in the Lawless Room at St

"The group is wonderful," said Kathy McGraw. She was one of the five who attended the first meeting in August, 1990. Since then, gatherings have drawn as many as 40, though the usual number is about 20.

"We do have a social aspect," McGraw said. "But the meetings still focus on grief. Most of us have children. That's kind of a sidelight—a bonus."

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McGraw explained that another young widow has a daughter close to her own become good riends.

"It doesn't matter how long they have been widowed. We are all at different stages, but we don't focus on the newly-bereaved." We should be shown to make the sound to the stages, but we don't focus on the newly-bereaved. "She said.

"We don't force people to talk. Some cry so hard, they can't even talk. It makes the proup. I don't know how I would have been did that right after my husband died."

After her husband was killed three years ago, McGraw said. "I was going to a counselor I got to know four orf the women their late 30s and early 40s. We called each other. They knew others.

She knew Marilyn Hess was in the Family

She knew Marilyn Hess was in the Family Life Office, because she knew her sister from their days at Marian College. "So I called Marilyn. I guess I sort of helped Marilyn get some people to come. I know so may young widows, but not all of them come

There are more than 60 names on the rolls Most of the origin of the new group. "Most of the original five are still going," McGraw said. Though the majority are women, "some of the men are pretty regular" at attending meetings.

She believes that it is more difficult for some of the men to get there. "Some of them are not used to being thrown into child care and cooking along with their jobs. They're not used to being both.

Two couples have come from the group One couple was married in October and one twosome plans a December wedding.

Some people come to one meeting and don't come back—at least for a while. And some come back when they can. Notices about the meetings are placed in *The Criterion*. "We're still around if they get in the mood."

Some of the programs include speakers, others have videos or small group sharing. Sometimes people share their personal stories or problems. Refreshments provide a social aspect.

a social aspect.

Those who attend the meetings are welcome to bring friends, dates, their kids, or whomever they feel like, McGraw said. Some of the social events have included a pool party, bowling and an October hayride without the children.

McGraw said that those who want to attend the meetings, including next week's Christmas party, may call the Family Life Office (236-1596) for names of people near them to ride with.

PREPARED—Sharon Timpe (from left) and Nancy Timpe, volunteers; and Dick Kramer, coordinator, check items in the toy department of the Catholic Social Services Christmas Store. Rooms had attractively-displayed toys, stocking stuffers, housewares, and clothing for boys, girls, men and women to be purchased by members of 80 low-income families at private appointments. The small family fee of \$3 to \$11 will be reinvested in next year's store. The thousands of items in the store were donated or bought with donations and all store personnel were volunteers. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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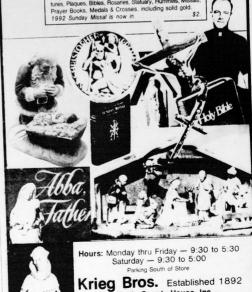
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Following is a list of scheduled services EST according to deanery

### Indianapolis North Deanery

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Immaculate Heart. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Pius X. Dec. 22, 3 p.m., St. Joan of Arc. Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence.

### Indianapolis East Deanery

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Dec. 15, 3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes,
Dec. 16, 7-30 p.m., St. Simon,
Dec. 17, 7-30 p.m., St. Thomas, Fortville,
Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Holy Cross,
Dec. 18, 7 p.m., 5t. Mary,
Dec. 18, 7 p.m., 5t. Michael, Greenfield,
Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Greenfield,
Cathodral

Dec. 23, 8 p.m., St. Rita

#### Indianapolis South Deanery

ec. 15, 4 p.m., Sacred Heart, Holy Rosary, Sts. James, Patrick and Catherine, at Holy Rosary.
Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark.
Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Nativity.
Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus,

Beech Grove.
Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart,
Holy Rosary, Sts. James, Patrick and Catherine, at St. James. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Barnabas Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Jude.

#### Indianapolis West Deanery 15, 2 p.m., St. Thomas More

Dec. 15, 2 p.m., 5t. Thomas More.
Mooresville.
Dec. 15, 7.30 p.m., 5t. Susanna, Plainfield.
Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Holy Angels.
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Holy Angels.
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., 5t. Malerly, Brownsburg.
Dec. 18, 7.30 p.m., 5t. Monica.
Dec. 19, 7.35 p.m., Mary.
Queen of Feace, Danville.
Dec. 19, 7.30 p.m., 5t. joseph.
Dec. 22, 2 p.m., St. Anthony.

#### Batesville Deanery

Dec. 15, 1 p.m., St. John, Enochsburg; St. Maurice, St. Maurice; and St. Anne, Hamburg; at St. Maurice. St. Anne, Hanburg, a St. March Dec. 15, 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Millhousen. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Maurice, Napoleon.

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Louis, Batesville. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. John, Dover. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family, Oldenburg.

Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Aurora Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Greensburg. Morris Dec. 22, 2 p.m., St. Anthony, Morris. Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Nicholas, Sunman

Bloomington Deanery

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary, Mitchell. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Springs. French Lick

Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Jude, Spencer Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Charles,

Bloomington. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. John, Bloomingto

### Connersville Deanery

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth,
Cambridge City.
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Holy Family, Richmond.
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Holy Family, Richmond.
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Anne, New Castle.
Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Richmond.
Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Richmond.
Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Se. Knightstown
Dec. 21, 12:05 p.m., St. Mary, Richmond.

#### New Albany Deanery

Dec. 15, 3 p.m., St. Joseph, Corydon. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Lanesville. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Mary, Navilleton. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart,

Jeffersonville.
Dec. 18, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Bradford.
Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hill,

Sellersburg. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, Sellersburg.

#### Seymour Deanery

Dec. 15, 7 p.m., St. Ambrose, Seymour. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Mary, North Vernon. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., St. Bartholomew and St. Columba, Columbus at St. Columba

#### Tell City Deanery

Dec. 15, 7 p.m., St. Paul, Tell City; St. Michael, Cannelton; and St. Pius, Troy at St. Paul. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Meinrad,

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Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Boniface, Fulda. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Isidore, Perry Co. Dec. 20, 7 p.m., St. Martin, Siberia.

#### Terre Haute Deanery

Dec. 15, 6 p.m., St. Patrick, Terre Haute. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph, Terre Haute

## Father Carey active 57 years after ordination



HERMIT-AGER—Father Thomas Carey relaxes at St. Paul Hermitage. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

by Margaret Nelson

In his apartment at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove, Father Thomas Carey smiled as he remembered his first assignments after his ordination in 1934.

ments after his ordination in 1934.
"My first experience with the active priesthood was when I drove my pastor from Indianapolis to a funeral in a sundatiown near New Albany. We stopped to see Msgr. (Charles) Currin, who was dying. When we saw the place, I couldn't imagine how it would affect by life

how it would affect-by life.

"I thought it was a terrible spot for any priest to be in. I was upset with the house. I prayed a novena that I would not be sent there. My first real appointment was there." Father Carey laughed, as he recalled Holy Trinity parish in New Albany

But I thought, if they would accept me I "But I thought, it they would accept me I could do wonders. As a priest, I wanted to give service to people. I got involved with the young people. There were so many things for the boys. So I started a 7th- and 8th-grade girls' jacks tournament," he said.
"It was a great success." But the young assistant pastor was worried when the

Woods asked to see him. Then she praised him for the "wonderful" idea of the jacks tournament. "I felt as though my first

tournament. "I felt as though my first venture as a priest was a success, shough it didn't have anything to do with theology."
"He had a sense of youth ministry that beats anything I've ever seen," said Prowdence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, who was a said living next door to the church at he we had been a support of the control of the c

"Still with the young people, we formed a softball team—the 'Market Street Smasha softball team—the 'Market' street Strassi-ers,' It was a neighborhood team with two non-Catholics, one black and two Jewish boys, and three girls. I played on the team," Father Carey said. "The New Albany Tribune had us written up in the paper every day because we were getting different religious and races together."

Non-Cathon members of that team

attended his Golden Jubilee, held in New Albany in 1984, Sister Marie Kevin said.

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"My next venture was a boys' choir. It became 'famous' on a Louisville radio station," Father Carey said. He explained that they met at the Catholic Community Center in New Albany, where they had teen bowling, basketball, girl souts and other meetings. "Both parishes were real examples of collaboration way back them," he said.

Besides the boys' choir, Father Carey directed an adult choir and a girls' Gregorian chant choir. The 9th-grade basketball team won Kentucky state championship three years. And Father still remembers the 7th- and 8th-grade girls' bowling league and a girls' track team.

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"After the war started, many New Albany young men went into the army." said Father Carey. "The drama club put out a monthly paper, called Cuc, with everything that was going on in the parish. It was so well done that many of the guys in the service would try to get a copy of ir, even though they were not from New Albany and didn't know the people. "Everything It outched in New Albany furned to gold for the church and the people," he said. "It hink I was the first priest to teach religion in the public high school, and that came before released time Most of the resistance to that came from the clergy. "I couldn't wait for Vatican II. I saw what was going on in New Albany," said

"I couldn't wait for Vattan II. I saw what was going on in New Albany," said Father Carey. "I was a happy man when Vatican II came along. Now I am just a little older than the pope himself. "I detect a little reversal—a fear of doing

we ought to be doing: getting ner," he said. "Since we lost our brothers and sisters at the Reformation, I think we are responsible for getting them back in the family

back in the family."
"From the point of view of an old man, the work of the Holy Spirit has been going on among the clergy. But it's beginning to pop up in the people. The bishops can have as many meetings as they want to, but I think, before long, the church will be saved by the people, Jesus said, I will be with you for all time,' but he didn't say how. I would love to live to see how it's going to turn out," said Father Carey.

"We are having such a time with RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). I think if a person wants to be a Catholic, the sooner we get him in the better. I am giving instructions here (at the Hermitage). I think they, should be able to be hartified and instructions here (at the Hermitage). I think they should be able to be baptized and confirmed at the same time." He said he asked a woman he is instructing why she chose the faith. "She said she likes what she sees here." After working among the Benedictines in their ministry at the Hermitage, she chose the Catholic faith and was bartized on Dec. 1

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Father Carey said, "My point is that the only difference between non-Catholics and

Catholics today is acceptance of the Holy Eucharist. They are not too worried about the pope, but they worry about infallibility. It's so exciting to live at this time because everybody is in such an uproar.

"My mother and father were both born in Ireland—County Mayo. It has really helped me that my father was a man with a great sense of humor. Both of them had great faith," Father Carey said.

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After 15 years at Holy Trinity, he became
the first Irish pastor at 5t. Mary of the Rock, a
mostly-German parish. He said. "The bishop
couldn't find it. The school needed repairs
and there was not much money. So we got
up a nillbilly band called Father Carey's Com
Chites. It became marks results. John up a milbilly band called rather carey scorn Cutters. It became pretty popular. I played the violin myself. We had a program every two weeks. I sang, 'Cruisin' Down the River.' We made enought to put a new roof on the

school.

"For the first couple of Sundays, they had a 'careful eye' on me. The first time I preached on money, I asked for a 'silent collection' saying, 'Don't disturb the prayers with the jingling of coins.' One German parishioner taped two half-dollar coins on a cardboard."

But Father Carey said that when he left the parish, "The members of the ladies" altar society all wore green aprons, the men wore green shamrocks and sang 'When Irish Eyes are Smilin.' So many things

"Now the rectory life of the priest is gone," he said. "It is more administrative or business. The priests are jumping from one parish to another to say the Mass. To me, it's

alarming. But people still do love the priests.

"I enjoyed having some seminarians to counsel. I was on the board of consultors in appointing them," Father Carey said.
"With all the changes that we've had, I

"With all the changes that we've had, I certainly have been happy.
"I went to Cathedral High School. I was too small to play football and too weak to play basketball. I didn't go right to the seminary. I got into acting. The father of a friend in high school owned an Indianapolis theater." Father Carey remembered. "He offered me a job. It was a struggle between the seminary and taking the acting job," he said.

But Father Carey attributes much of his success as a priest to that experience. The future priest labo won Charleston contests with a girl he met at the theater.

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During the mid-November interview,
Father Carey observed, "I think the
bishops are having a meeting to discuss
how they ought to change the holy days.
The whole church is crumbling. Why are
they not conscious of that? Let the holy days take care of themselves. Real Catho-lics who do miss them have valid excuses. "I don't expect too much to come from the meeting." Then he quipped, "I have to be careful. I need my pension.

be careful. I need my pension.
"We can't expect too much change
while this pope is in. Two-thirds of the
bishops were appointed during his pontificate. That affects the progress that was
expected by the people who were happy
about Vatican II." Father said.
"I'd love to have changes in the Mass,
and more forms of the Mass. I still think
are to the said ward the way we do it."

Communion is awkward the way we do it under both species. It just has not caught on like the eucharistic ministers.

"We still have a lot of things to do, but

we're on the right path. I think great things will happen. I wouldn't be sur-prised if it is sudden. It just can't be personal. It will happen to the whole church," said Father Carey.

church," said Father Carey.
"There's one thing I'm proud of since my age has gotten to me," he said. "I haven't been helping out on Sunday, but I have been going to different parishes to Mass—to be with people out there in the pews. I've covered about 25 parishes!
"It has helped me in my faith to be with them," said Father Carey, "I see how they sing—how they try to participate. The kids are so active. I think of what the younger counts must have to do to eet them there."

parents must have to do to get them there.

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### Holy Cross in need of helpers

Franciscan Sister Paulette Schroeder, pastoral associate pastor at Holy Cross, invites Catholics in the central Indiana area to

attend the 10 a.m. Mass Sunday, Dec. 15. Immediately afterwards, the sanctua will be transformed into an assembly line for Christmas food packages for the needy of the east side Indianapolis community.

Though help has been plentiful at Thanksgiving, fewer volunteers seem to come forward at Christmas time, Sister Paulette said.

Help is necessary on Tuesday, Dec. 17, as well—in the morning to pack more than 1,000 chickens, and at 3:30 in the afternoon to help recipients receive the food

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## Relationships flounder when trust is absent among family, friends

by Br. Cyprian L. Rowe

Fela's face was blank. His eyes were intense. He dropped the phone into its

His brother had called again, wanting to get together with him

This was the brother who had tried a million things and failed at them all.

This was the brother who had gotten the family involved in all of these schemes, and when they failed he just disappeared without explanation, leaving relatives there to bear their losses in ignorant pain.

And then, years later, this brother

would reappear, beg forgiveness in one breath, and suggest that he come home in the next.

Fela, because of their mother. had always told him to come.

Now Fela was thinking that all faith was gone. His brother had used up his "heart."

For Fela, there was only anger and he wasn't sure whether or not that would ever wasn t sure whether or not that would ever go away. He wasn't even sure that his brother's betrayals had not made him look upon everyone else with a different eye, in a different way

But now Fela had to decide

He didn't want to say anything to his mother until he had gone out to think. He got into his car and headed out into the country.

It was quiet on some of those little country roads, and he could just let nature work on him.

Fela's eyes were overwhelmed by the wintry scenes around him. He found that it was always so.

Nature was there, and its constancy seemed to reach into whatever was rolling around inside him. He hoped that suddenly, after hours of letting nature flow through him, the answer he needed would become clearer

Fela relaxed into the hills and the dirt road that was so untraveled and the sky that stretched on and on.

Then, as he had hoped, it happened. He had his answer, and he headed back.

The telephone number his brother had left was on the night table. He picked it up and dialed it slowly, without agitation

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"Hello," his brother answered flatly.

"Hello, J.B.," Fela responded. "I guess
it would be all right for you to come on
back. Mamma's been a little bit slowed
down and could use some help."

J.B. rushed into a long stream of promises about what he would and would not do and how good it would be to come home and how much he had changed and how much he would contribute to Mamma and everybody.

brother had faith in him again

Fela stopped him.

old on," he said. "I want you to "J.B., hold on," he said. "I want you to understand. You're coming back. You are my brother and Mamma's son and this is where you belong. But don't think you have to go through all of that."

Pausing to gather his thoughts, Fela tried to explain.

"You know, J.B.," he said. "I went out for a ride after you called. What came to me is that believing you, trusting, was pro-bably the wrong thing all along, and that's why when you let me or Mamma or the others down we were so angry."

After another slight pause, he tried

again to explain, to somehow find the right words to tell his brother how he felt. . hurt is the word, J.B.," he 'Hurt

"And hurt is what makes it so hard to want to try again.

"But you won't be sorry!" J.B. came back, his words rushed with deep conviction. "No." And Fela repeated. "No. You're right, J.B. We won't be disappointed, but no because you will act so differently this time. That remains to be seen."

J.B. tried to say something. But Fela cut him off gently.

You see, J.B., when I was out driving this afternoon I began to understand that we love and trust because it's in the nature of things," he said. "I understood this when all of a sudden it hit me that the only thing permanent and unchanging is the Lord. We have to deal with the country large to the control of the everything else differently know what I mean?"

J.B. said he didn't. So Fela continued his analysis of the situation.

"J.B., I get disappointed," he admitted. "In fact, we all get disappointed mitted. In fact, we all get glisappointed because we don't know you and you don't even know yourself. The only thing we can do is love you as you are. And love you in a way that your weakness cannot destroy what others built."

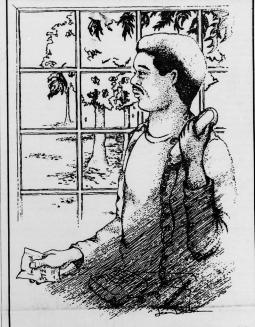
That's what faith is all about, Fela concluded.

concluded.
"I think that is the only way for faith to be," he said. "It is faith in the Lord, faith in the universe, faith that human beings are 'sometimey,' but you have to forgive and take them back. Like in the object of the Providers Sen. story of the Prodigal Son.

I B said "What?"

And Fela said, "Come on home."

(Marist Brother Cyprian Rowe is a public health adviser in Maryland and a research associate in the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore.)



DISCOURAGED—Fela's face was blank. His eyes were intense. He dropped the phone into its cradle. His brother had called, wanting to come home again after letting the family down so many times before. Could he forgive him again? Should he forgive him again? CNOS illustration by Jean Denton)

### Shattered trust can be rebuilt

by David Gibson

The bad news about trust is that it isn't as easily come by as people might wish. Furthermore, once trust is broken—especially with adults-rebuilding it can take considerable time

The good news is that trust can be rebuilt. Furthermore, all people have it in their power to allow others to trust them—to make a gift of their capacity to be trusted.

Young children tend to be highly trusting. This fact, however, can create the false impression that trust is an easy virtue, accessible even to children. And children, of course, sometimes even trust those they should not.

Trust is a virtue teen-agers find difficult Trust is a virtue teen-agers find difficult to understand, perhaps because now that they no longer are little children they begin to sense trust's power.

The realization dawns slowly that broken trust incurs consequences that can hurt.

The reality, it seems to me, is that trust is an adult virtue. As people grow older, they must continue to explore the role trust should and should not play.

One risk is that adults slowly will stop trusting, regarding this virtue as all too

trusting, regarding this virtue as all too fragile. More positively, however, they can come to see that trust is Godlike—a gift come to see that trust is Godlike intended to be of real consequence.

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)



### DISCUSSION POINT

## It takes time and prayer to heal

#### This Week's Question

Once trust has been broken in a personal relationship, what is required to re-establish it?

"It takes time to heal. You need to pray that the blockage in the relationship can be healed and you can go on." (Lucy Lovertich, Jackson, Mississippi)

By proving themselves—never letting it happen again. You have to give the other person a chance to prove that to you." (Philip Quartullo, Scottsdale, Arizona)

"Love, unqualified love. If you have love, you forgive." (Tom Mertes, Prairie Village, Kansas)

"First, after discerning that some aspects of the relationship did offer something of value, 1 would continue to pursue it on one condition: That my partner

would convincingly promise me, 'I will not lie to you—about anything!' And then I would utter a silent prayer: 'God help us both.'" (Gerry Watson, Marietta, Georgia)

"A belief that God is going to help in the long run, and an awareness of your own weaknesses and the fact that you would want others to give you this opportunity to try again." (Sister Teresa Hewitt, Terre Haute, Indiana)

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## Sometimes people need to learn how to trust others in order to heal

by Fr. Herb Weber

Young people sometimes approach me with a desire to learn to trust again.

Often they have been hurt in a relationship. Even more frequently, the lack of trust stems from some form of abuse when the person was younger.

when the person was younger.

Carol recently stopped by to tell me
that she is engaged and looking forward
to a happy life after next spring's
graduation. Things did not always look
so optimistic for her. She had been
sexually abused as a child.

Finally, as a college freshman, she had been able to seek help and work through the trauma of her childhood.

For Carol, learning to trust again was necessary for healing. She had to overcome the many fears that prevented her from going out, revealing her true self to others, or taking the risk of being loved. But after many attempts—and some setbacks—she took the plunge,

took the plunge.

I recall one day, in conversation with her, reaching the point of saying that trusting, like walking, can only be learned by doing it. Talking about it just isn't enough.

isn't enough.

As easy as it may be to 'justify''
Carol's aversion to interacting with
others, the nagging doubts and fears
were actually controlling her. That control prevented her from trusting and
moving forward in relationships.

I recently participated in a retreat for
college students, where I observed an
exercise called the 'trust fall.''

A number of the young adults acted as spotters with arms stretched to form a safety net. Then a student leaned backward from a small platform and fell into their arms. Each took a turn until anyone who desired to try the experience had the opportunity.

Later, in a reflection period, several students recalled their feelings about the experience. Several indicated that the falling was frightening but exhilarating.

One young woman said she felt terribly freed in being able to let go. When asked what she meant, she said trusting the others caused her to move beyond herself and her own sense of control; in doing that she felt a new sense of freedom.

Often trust is looked at in a practical sense. It is a necessary quality for any healthy relationship. It is required for people to learn to live or work together.

What the college student touched on, however, is a more spiritual aspect of trust. It flows from a human desire to go beyond

Trusting another can free a person. It also allows the person to become more complete as others are allowed to enter

complete as others are allowed to enter his or her life. Trusting also provides an opportunity for something particularly significant to happen. The newfound freedom that comes from trusting becomes a foundation for an optimistic and hopeful outlook on life. Assurance that God is part of one's life journey becomes more common.

The ability to hope flows from a certitude that one is not alone and that



TRUST-Confirmation can-didates from St. Paul Parish, Tell City, prepare to catch Andi Fund (above) as she falls Andi Fund (above) as she falls backwards into their arms during a retreat at Camp Koch near Iroy. In another activity to teach ways to be interactive members of a community, Zach Davis, Missy Pund and Brian Greulich work together (right) as they ease a team member through a web without touching the ropes. (Photos by Providence Sister Nancy Brosnan)

God has not overlooked or forgotten anyone's needs.

That is precisely why Mary, a recent widow, is able to smile and start over

each day.

And that is the reason why Tom, a young father confined to a wheelchair, does not despair.

Advent is a time to dare to trust once again. With the belief that God-who

entered the world in history

entered the world in history—now desires to enter our personal worlds more intimately, we can be freed from fears of loneliness or inadequacy and find new hope.

Like the college students involved in the trust fall, we learn to let go only to discover new freedom and security.

(Eather Herb Weder is the pastor of St. Thomas More University parish in Bouling Green, Ohio.)

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## The Sunday Readings

Sunday, December 15, 1991

Zephaniah 3:14-18 — Philippians 4:4-7 — Luke 3:10-18

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

This weekend's first scriptural reading is from the Book of Zephaniah, a prophet rarely quoted in the liturgy but an important voice for God in the history of

Few facts are known about this prophet. He does identify himself as a kinsman of Hezekiah, presumably King Hezekiah. If that interpretation is cor rect, it means that Zephaniah is the only

one of the great re-corded Hebrew prophets to the been of royal blood, and perhaps it answers the question of why he may have had access to

question of why he may have had access to some higher circles of his society and why he was aware of some developments. All was not well with God's people at the time. As was often the case, political expediency led Jewish leaders to toy with foreign alliances, and, contacts, hympioespediency led lewish leaders to toy with foreign alliances and contacts, bringing the country into touch with paganism. As foreigners arrived, they brought their gods. It was a situation the prophets detested. Among those neighboring powers with whom the Hebrew king-doms firsted politically was Babylon. In the end, that association would mean down for many of Cod's people. doom for many of God's people Zephaniah was certainly not alone in warning the people of the consequences of such evil relationships, but his warnings are in print, and they were definitely direct, frank and straightforward.

direct, frank and straightforward.

This weekend's reading was among the warnings surely, but it was one of the happier promises of Zephaniah to his people. If they continued to deal with pagans, they would pay the price. However, God would never forsake them. In the end, in acknowledgement of their own renewed devotion, God would bless and reward his people.

Thus this reading, speaking as it does of

Thus, this reading, speaking as it does of that brighter day of reward and vindication, is brilliantly happy in its excitement and prediction of joy.

ment and prediction of joy.

The Episte to the Philippians furnishes the second reading for the Liturgy of the Word of this weekend. Originally, Philippi had been a Greek city. It was named in honor of the father of Alexander the Great. But by the time of the last half of the first century, it was decidedly a Roman city, militarily and geographically important to the well-being of the empire. This episte was written to Christians living there.

Philippians has its moments of great

was written to Christians living there. Philippians has its moments of great eloquence, and the verses in this reading surely stand within one of those moments. Powerful and colorful, this reading celebrates the Lord in human life. Specifically, it rejoices in the union between the Lord and anyone who truly loves him. When anyone genuinely accepts the Lord, identifies with him, and turns to him in prayer, then all will be in order and at peace. There will be nothing to fear.

will be nothing to fear.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of this weekend's Gospel reading. The Third

daughter of Israel who desided to greater the herself completely to her divine spouse.

In the mystery of the Incarnation, Mary remained a virgin consecrated to God shile becoming the mother of God's only son. Mary's docility to God's will was thus

## Daily Readings

Monday, December 16 Advent weekday Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Psalms 25:4-9 Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17 Advent weekday Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalms 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18 Advent weekday Jeremiah 23:5-8 alms 72:1, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-24

Thursday, December 19 Advent weekday Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Psalms 71:3-6, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25

Friday, December 20 Advent weekday Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalms 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21 Peter Canisius, priest and doctor Song of Solomon 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45 or Luke 1:46-56

Gospel is stark in its call to conversion. Surely this reading is in that call. The Perincipal figure of the reading is John the Baptist, who reminds his audience that he merely precedes a greater figure. John, in the story, attracts many. His message is clear: Love God, be charitable to the needy, be honest and just. Those a propracting. God want the consolation of sensing God syneroce with them. John reminds them that that presence occurs only when a person lives devoutly and obeys God's law, the law of love and justice in dealings with others. Gospel is stark in its call to conversion

Reflection
The Epistle to the Philippians supplies
the Entrance Antiphon for this liturgy,
"Rejoice in the Lord always". (Philippians
4.4), and is an ancient call to celebration.
Zephaniah's reading reminds us that
troubles may surround us, and we may
worry, but God always will remember us,
and in the end he will reward us.
The liturgy surely anticipates the eternal

reward of heaven. Experiencing Jesus in that heavenly environment is one of the great longings of Advent. But the message also is that there is happiness and calmness in the midst of difficulty awaiting us here on earth. The reading calls upon us to link ourselves absolutely and unendingly with Jesus. Realize his love for us. Know his salvation. Find his presence in prayer and in the sacraments. Then turn to him in humility for relief in all difficulties. St. Luke's Gospel, repeating St. John the Baptist, reminds us that to unite unselves with Jesus the limpulse of producing his produces and divinity after his great love and mercy. Christianity is nothing if it rests upon lip-service. Instead, it asks commitment. We must convert. We must change ourselves and turn ourselves to God. That too is more than a vague general impression. It means to live itself and honorably. ourselves and turn ourselves to God. The too is more than a vague general impression. It means to live justly and honorably. It means to love others actively, caring for others in their needs, using our own resources to assist others.

### THE POPE TEACHES

## Prophecies foretell New Covenant prophecies began with Mary's obedient acceptance of God's plan for the Incarna-tion of his son. As the words of the Magnificat reveal, Mary was a faithful daughter of Israel who desired to give

by Pope John Paul II

The mystery of the church as "sacrament of union with God" (cf.
"Lumen Gentsum," 1) was prefigured in the
Old Testament in the image of marriage
used by the prophets to describe God's
relationship with the people of Israel.

relationship with the people of Israel.

This marriage image foreshadowed the spousal relationship between Christ and his church, the new Israel, that would be brought about in the New Covenant.

Although the prophets Hosea, Jeremiah and Ezekele use the image of an unfauthful wife to describe Israel's infidelity to the covenant (d. Hosea 24; Ieremiah 3:20; Izzekel 16:15), they also insist on God's unending, fidelity and his readiness to torgive and restore his repentant spouse (f. Hosea 22:12; Isaiah 347-8).

Their prophecies have a universal value and must be read in the light of the new deternal covenant which they forefold (d. Jeremiah 31:33; Izzekel 11:19-20).

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The fulfillment of the Old Testament

son Mary's docility to God's will was thus son Mary's docility to God's will was thus which Christ, the divine spouse, unites all mankind to himself and invites all people to become members of his church. At the Incarnation, Mary, as virgin and mother, became a figure or type of the church. The Second Vatican Council observed the first of the Mary of the Church is also called mother and virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands out in eminate and singular tashion as the exemplar of both virginity of the church. Sold of the Mary of the New Covenant, then the ancient prophese received their fulfillment in Mary and in the church of which Mary is the model and most outstanding member. inding member MY JOURNEY TO GOD

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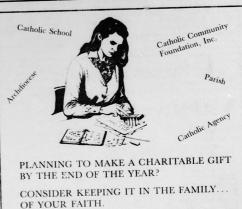
In mystery lies Angels surround him Breathing soft sighs Our Savior is born In lowly manger Mary and Joseph Guard him from danger Shepherds and animals Bend near with care Filling with love The stable so bare

Prophets foretold him Far-flung and wise Innocence named him A baby's sweet cries Wonder of wonders Essence of love Gift of our futu



From heaven above -by K. LeJean Buehler (A member of St. Joan of Arc Parish, K. LeJean Buehler resides in Indianapolis.)





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# Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

## 'Black Robe' examines early missionary efforts

by James W. Arnold

Almost four centuries ago, Catholic New World behind the flags of France and Spain and became part of one of history's

great and (eventually) tragic encounters—a determined, often ruth determined, often ruth-less and bloody clash with the only dimly understood cultures of vast native American nations already living North and South

Like the European Like the European way of looking at the world, the goal of Catholic missionaries has seldom been second-guessed (at least not by us) until fairly recently. But awareness of other viewpoints seems to be peaking as the 500-year Columbus anniversary approaches

This is the context for Black Robert of the property of the

This is the context for Black Robe, an awesome Canadian-Australian co-production that describes the European-Indian conflict in miniature, with compassion for all sides. Its story sends one young, inexperienced French Jesuit in 1634 on a life-threatening mission 1,500 miles by canoe into the Quebec wilderness.

His faith is that salvation is more important than any suffering, and that for important than any sattering, and that vis-'savages' especially it depends on em-bracing the Christian God. His experiences will shake that taith somewhat, and perhaps rattle a few contemporary Catho-lics with similar world-views.

"Black Robe" has echoes of "The ssion" as well as "Dances With to match their historical periods. In "Wolves," the Indians are good and bad but mostly sympathetic, the whites are

ad, and the white hero is acconverted to the native side. In sion," heroic Jesuits convert the Indi-but both are betrayed by European greed and politics.

In this tale, based by Brian Moore on his 1985 novel, the conflict is between the Indians' stubborn reverence for this world and the Jesuits' for the next. In the end, the heroic priest can no longer quite believe that his noble friend, Chomina, will lie "forever in the outer darkness." He begins to see that the necessary goal is not to convert, but to love.

convert, but to love.

His passage is agonizing. The priest, Paul Laforgue (played by Canadian Lothaire Bluteau, the Christ figure of "lesus of Montreal") is devout and brave. He perseveres through enormous pain. Yet he's somewhat humorless, tempted and disturbed by the Indians' open sexuality, an austern, intellectual French aristocrat, laboring to

intellectual French aristocrat, laboring to "sawe" people he considers barbarians.

More (now 70) is a prolific and probing lrish-born Canadian ("Catholics," "Ginger Coftey," "The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne"). His work often deals with agonizing crises of faith and action. Here his tale is filmed by a director with the same inclinations, the Australian Bruce Beresford "Driving Miss Daisy," "Tender Mercies"). The issue is whether, with the help of four centuries of hindisgly, Laforquee".

four centuries of hindsight, Laforgue's enterprise was wise. Did the natives or the church benefit? Book and film suggest no. implying the Indians' state of natural goodness and respect for creation, as well as the earthly obliteration that awaits them

as the earthly obliferation that awaits them after their conversion.

And if this is the classic case of fullity, in which one culture insists on imposing itself on another, has the church learned anything from the experience? Especially now, in the 20th century, when a largely Anglo, middle-class American church faces a rising population of Hispanics and poor non-whites?



BLACK ROBE SCENE—An Algonquin Indian and the Algonquin Indian Chief Chomina, who is portrayed by August Schellenberg (censer), watch as Jesuit missionary Father Paul Laforgue, played by actor Lothaire Bluteau, shows them how to communicate in writing during a scene from the movie "Black Robe." A Canadian Jesuit said the story of the Society of Jesus missionary is based Jargely on the life of Jesuit Father Noel Chabanel. (CNS photo from The Samuel' Goldwyn Company)

Laforgue is accompanied by a young layman, Daniel (Aden Young), and a group of triendly mercenary Algonquins, includ-ing their tough but honest leader, Cho-mina, his wife and children. The trip is mna, ns wite and children. The trip is magnificently cinematic, in late fall and early winter through scenic, mountainous Quebec rives country, hardly changed in the centuries since, that suggest the beauty of unspoiled nature.

of unspoued nature.

The French and Indians alternately impress, frighten and amuse each other, but little real communication occurs. Through subtitles, we learn that both races, with good reason, consider the other to be

with good wangerous, foolish and inferior.
Movies do scenery well, but theology discussions are rarely profound. Told that Indian beliefs are "childish." Daniel wonders, "'Are Indian beliefs harder to believe where we all sit on clouds

ders, "Are Indian beliefs harder to believe than a paradise where we all sit on clouds and look at God?"

The Indians wonder if there will be tobacco or women in paradise. Laforgue tells them, "You will be happy with God," but they still fear that Christian paradise but they still fear that of will be fit only for Jesuits

All these questions take on urgency as they're brutally captured and face terror and death from hostile Indians (a harrow-ing but grimly beautiful sequence). By the time Laforgue reaches the Huron mission,

a lonely survivor, and is besieged by natives hoping to be baptized so they can be cured of a deadly fever, he has begun to feel his way toward a new understanding of his faith.

of his faith.

In the end, "Black Robe" graphically reminds us of the heroism of the Jesuit missioners, as well as hard questions about Christian attitudes toward non-believers and the problems of contaminating the treasure of faith with cultural biases and

(Violence, sexual situations; satisfactory for adults.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults

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## 'Only God can make a tree,' so Discovery films them

by Henry Herx Catholic News Service

Take a break from the holiday rush by relaxing with "In Take a break from the holiday rush by relaxing with in Celebration of Trees," a nature documentary airing Monday, Dec. 16, from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Discovery cable channel. It will be repeated later in the week. (Check local listings to verify program date and time.)

The hour provides a leisurely tour of the country's remaining wooded areas, where the beauty and harmony of nature have magaged to survive civilization.

The point of the program is to expand upon simply appreciating the natural beauty of the tree by also realizing the critically vital function of the forest as habitat for wildlife and source of fresh air for humans.

ideos

The sparse narration touches on the role of forests in

replenishing the earth's atmosphere and the sorry depletion of our country's woodlands. We learn, for instance, that less than 6 percent of the forests that were here when the European settlers arrived 400 years ago still

For the most part, however, the documentary is content to capture the natural splendor of woods from the Appalachians to the Rockies and from the Everglades to the fic Northwest

A sight not to be missed in California, where stands a A sight not to be missed like Lamornia, where saids a gnarled bristlecone pine tree that is over 4,000 years old. Known as Methuselah, the tree is older than the Sphinx of Egypt and is believed to be the oldest living thing on earth

Egypt and is believed to be the oldest living thing on earth. There are plenty of other impressive sights in this impressionistic nature outing. Except for a visit to the local park, it is the next best thing for city dwellers to experience the woods natural rhythm of life. Beautifully photographed by director Al Giddings, a man who made his reputation as an underwater cameraman, the program fills the viewer with respect for the tree as one of nature's wonders and appreciation for its many roles as a human resource.

Without insisting on its cological message, the program

Without insisting on its ecological message, the program is all the more persuasive in convincing the viewer of the need for conservation.

Thanks to Joyce Kilmer, we all know that only God can make a tree. To this, the program adds that trees not only refresh the air but also refresh the human spirit.

#### TV Programs of Note

Friday, Dec. 13, 10-11 p.m. (CBS) "John Denver's Cowboys, Indians & Christmas." In this concert from Fort Belknap, Mont., Denver sings and also visits the area's Native Americans to learn about their art and culture, their modern-day lives as cowboys, and their Christmas traditions. (Will not appear on WISH-TV).

(twill not appear on WiSH-IV).

Monday, Dec. 16, 9-11 pm. (PBS) "Antony and Cleopatra from the Lyric Opera of Chicago." The first telecast of Samuel Barber's revised version of his 1966 opera based on Shakespear's play with soprano Catherine Malitano and bass-baritone Richard Cowan in the title roles.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "The Fine Art of Faking It." In this "Nova" program, scientists employed by museums to dissover forgeries provide some insights into the process of artistic creation.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Broken Minds." Rebroadcast of a "Frontline" documentary on the crippling disease of schizophrenia shows its shattering effect on families and how the lack of adequate facilities to care for its victims has left thousands of them on the nation's streets.

victims has left thousands of them on the nation's success. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 8-8:30 p.m. (CBS) "Frosty the Snowman." This animated story based on the popular Christmas song and narrated by Jimmy Durante has been a seasonal favorite since it first aire 4:sa 1969.

seasonal favorite since it first aire-Jan 1969. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 83.09 p.m. (CBS) "A Wish for Wings That Work." Opus, the penguin from Berkeley Breathed's comic strips" Bloom County" and "Outlands." makes his TV debut in an animated story about the time he asked Santa for the ability to fly like other birds. Friday, Dec. 20, 88-30, pm. (CBS) "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Rebroadcast of "Peantus" creator Charles M. Schulz's 1965 Emmy Award-winning story features Charlie and Linus wading through the tinsel and commercialism of Christmas in search of the true meaning of the season.

And Linus wasing integrated in the true meaning of the season.

Friday, Dec. 20, 8:30-9 p.m. (CBS) "The Wish That Changed Christmas." Animated special based on the Rumer Godden story of an orphan searching for a home, a doll in a toy store on Christmas Eve, and a childless couple.

uou iii a tuy store on Christmas Eve, and a childless couple. Friday, Dec. 20, 9-10.30 p.m. (PBS) "Amazing Grace With Bill Moyers." Rebroadcast of a documentary about one of the most popular and enduring hymns in the English language as sung by a variety of performers who also speak of its meaning to them.

of its meaning to them.

Saturday, Dec. 21, 6:30-7 p.m. (PBS) "Beauty and the Beast." The classic fairy tale about the young girl who saves her father's life by coming to live with a beast who turns into a prince in this new animated version presented by the "Long Ago & Far Away" series for family viewers.

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times. Henry Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)



### **QUESTION CORNER**

## Child can be baptized

by Fr. John Dietzen

I converted to the Catholic faith last Easter. At 40 years of age I feel on top of the world.

Thave been dating a divorced Catholic for over two years, and love him very much. Now I find out

and towe num very limited.

Then pregnant.

Abortion is out, even though I'm high-risk because of my age. I cannot marry the baby's father since I would be unable to receive Communion. However, if we don't marry, how will this affect the baby?

Will it he possible to have the baby

affect the baby?
Will it be possible to have the baby baptized into the church? I don't want an illegitimate shid, yet I don't want to lose the sportunity for Communion which is very important to me. Can you help? I'm very contused. (Kansas)

A You have some big concerns that will require much wisdom, faith and courage to deal with. But it sounds you have your feet on solid ground.

Perhaps I can help you resolve at least one problem. It is definitely possible for your child to be baptized in the Catholic Church, even though you and your friend are not married

### **FAMILY TALK** Maintaining weight means altering lifestyle

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I have no trouble taking pounds off. My problem is that I put them back on. Everything goes well until I overeat a few times and gradually give up. I want to lose weight again, but this time stay slim and trim.

Answer: The key to successful and permanent weight is is you, not the diet or plan. You must take charge of

loss is you, not the diet or plan. You must take chaige or your life.

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The second factor is daily motivation. Changing your lifestyle can be difficult, especially in a society committed to the good life. You need to take one day at a time, with daily reporting and stats plus a regular reward for doing well.

Weight No More has five components that work together: choosing, avoiding, exercising, charting and imaging.

Weight No More has five components that work together: choosing, avoiding, exercising, charting and Choose your det. Select something you can live with. It might be as single as no second helpings. The most popular det that one can learn to live with and enjoy is the series of "Calorie Exchange" does.

Avoid the garbaty took. Eliminate all candy, desserts, sugar snacks, the frust and veggles to snack on. Refined sugar and fatty doods. Eliminate all candy, desserts, sugar snacks, the frust and veggles to snack on. Refined sugar gives enemys calories with no nutritional value. Include an aerobic exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise. No weight loss program can be successful without exercise that the gold of the successful without exercise that the gold of the successful without exercise that the gold of the program of the successful with an aerobic activity. These exercises stretch your heart and lungs, not just your muscles. They include brisk walking, climbing statis, jogging, running, swimming, bicycling, exercycling and handball. You will know you are getting, the necessary aerobic effect when your breathing pattern changes. Go slowly in the beginning, I you have been sedentary, check with your physician first.

Choosing your eating and exercise plan is one thing, Doing it is another. Motivation can be enhanced by charting and guided imagery. Chart your success. Focus on your planned changes in charton. Reep a chart in the kitchen where you can give yourself credit each night for the big three; following your dex ver

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law and the Introduction to the Rite of

Both canon law and the Introduction to the Rite of unless he has some solidly founded hope that the baby will be raised properly as a member of the Catholic religion (Canon 868). Normally this requires at least that one of the parents is a practicing Catholic. It does not automatically require that the child be living with two parents.

In other words, if a priest is persuaded that the faith commitment and practice of a single parent is sufficient for this reasonable hope that the child will be nourshed and cannot be baptized.

In fact, this is not at all unique. Children of single parents are often baptized in this type of situation. It would of course be valuable, for this among our reasons, to establish your membership and attendance in a parish, if you haven't done so already. Check on the pre-baptism requirements in your parish, and talk to a priest as the time approaches and ask insignificance.

Our discussion group was talking about lay people now leading many activities, including prayers in our parish. What about Benediction?

Some said a eucharistic minister can officiate nediction, and others said not. Who is right? (Indiana)

A According to the Ritual for Exposition of the Blessed priest or deacon

Before the end of adoration, the priest or deacon blesses the people with the sacrament and places it back into the tabernacle.

If there is no deacon or priest, or if they are for some good and repose the holy Eucharist for public adoration.

An acolyte, that is one who has been installed in this

role by the church, not simply an altar server.

A "special minister of Communion."

►A special minister of confindment.

A member of a religious community or of a lay association of men and women devoted to eucharistic adoration, if this individual has been appointed by the

These three groups may open the tabernacle and place ciborium on the altar or place the host in the inese times groups may open the tabernacie and place the host in the monstrance. At the end of adoration time, they replace the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle. They should not, however, give the blessing with the sacrament ("Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass" in 910. Mass" n. 91).

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Sr. Pat Benson will speak on "Making Time for God" at 10:15 a.m. at Christ the King Parish Resource Center, 5858 N. Critten-den Ave.

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#### December 13

St. Monica Singles will hold a Feliz Navidad celebration with free buffet 4-8 p.m. at El Torito, Michigan Rd. at 86th St.

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#### December 13-17

Father Kenneth Roberts will pre-sent Five Days of Renewal on "Behold Us Lord" at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington.

### December 14

Brebeuf Preparatory School will hold an Entrance Exam from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Call 317-872-7050.

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The Adult Catechectical Team of Christ the King Parish, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr. concludes its Advent series with Fr. Martin Peter speaking on "Peace in Our Peter speaking on "Peace World" from 7-8:30 p.m.

Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will shop and eat dinner in Metamora. Call 317-852-8774 for details. Separated, Divorced

#### December 15

The Allison and Stokely Man-sions at Marian College will be included on a Historic Holiday Homes Tour from 12 noon-7 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

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Marian Devotions are held each Sun. at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St.

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narried Catholics (SDRC) will meet for a program on "Planning for a Positive 1992" at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

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Franciscan Sister Diane Jamison will present an Advent Lectio Divina program for women religious at 6:30 p.m. at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681 for details.

A Candlelight Evening Prayer Service on the theme of Las Posadas, featuring music of Taize, will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greencastle.

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The Young Windowed Group win hold a Christmas Party at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St. Women bring 2-3 dozen cookies, men bring soft drinks, etc. Call Tom Pruden 317-283-2353 if you need transportation.

#### December 17

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will hold a Newsletter Meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 212 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

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An hour of prayer and devotion to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother is held each Tues. at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St. Call 317-786-7517.

An introductory Centering Prayer Workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. at Terre Haute Deanery Center. Registration due Dec. 16.

#### December 18

The Catholic Widowed Organiza-tion (CWO) will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center Assembly Hall for a Christmas Party. New members meet at 7 p.m.

#### December 19

An hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Hospital Chapel, Beech Grove. Everyone wekome.

The Divorce and Beyond re-covery program continues at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

Advent Evenings of Recollection conclude at 7 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center.

December 20

An Over 50 Eucharist and Pitch-In Dinner for Richmond area Catholics age 50 and older will be held at 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Parish, 240 S. Sixth St. \*\*\*

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold a City-Wide Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400

N. Meridian St. Teaching, healing prayers.

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Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St.

#### December 21

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will visit Conner Prairie for Candle-light Walk. Meet at 9049 Autumn Woods Dr. Apt. 2 B at 6 p.m. Call 317-842-0855 for details.



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## Synod sees opportunity, challenge in Europe

by Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY—Evangelizing Europe requires ecumenical cooperation, sharing resources and facing up to the fact that the end of communism did not mark the end of

that the end of communism did not mark the end of challenges to Christianity on the continent, said members of the special Synod of Bishps on Europe.

Some 120 members of the synod took advantage of the eight minutes allotted for individual speeches Nov. 29-Dec. 6 before breaking into small groups to discuss a proposed statement to be issued Dec. 14, at the end of the synod. The speeches were summarized for synod members Dec. 7 by Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome and recording secretary of the synod.

Cardinal Ruini said many speakers cautioned against an "excessive optimism after the fall of the communist regime in Eastern Europe."

Eastern Europe.

Bishops from former communist countries told the synod

Bishops from former communist countries told the synod of ethnic and ecumenical tensions, a lack of resources for training priests and laity and psychological and moral wounds left by generations of totalitarian rule.

Ukrainian-rite Bishop Sofron Dmyterko of Stanislavis said Dec. 6 that the Catholic Orthodox tensions in Eastern Europe, cited by several bishops, Vatican officials and an Orthodox ("fraternal delegate" to the synod, are not surprising. "Intolerance is a residue Marxist ideology has left in the minds of its subjects," he said. "To dead with this evil we need a lengthy spiritual Christian therapy and a purely human dialogue."

human dialogue."

People on both sides of the old Iron Curtain feel ar emptiness that can be expressed as "a thirst for religion," but the vacuum leads many to search for fulfillment through materialism, Cardinal Ruini said.

Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels told the synod Dec. 4 that European Christians are marked by a "crude religiosity," a superficial church membership that lacks real influence in a Chemistry, 4 ab. 116. Christian's daily life.

In some ways the collapse of communism in the East and In some ways the collapse of communism in the East and belief in freedom as an absolute value, the summary said. Values such as respect for life and love of neighbor are not influencing the exercise of that freedom.

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In its evangelization efforts, the summary said, the church must teach people who a true freedom means.

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Getting to the specifics of the new exampelization of Europe. The sum aary said the am is not to preach a "new Gospel." not stay a message of justice and peace. "It is necessary to a nounce the person of Christ."

In his Di. 2 speech to the synod. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, p dect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said evangelization is the biggest task facing the church pr. grams.

The church speaks too much about herself, polishing her own structures, with the consequence that God doesn't shine through enough." The said.

Other synod members speaking the same day said men and women today are "hungry for God," but are not attracted by abstract church statements or by competition between churches.

between churches

We all talk too much like doctors of the law. We need to

"We all talk too much like doctors of the law. We need to rediscover the message of evangicial simplicity." said Archbishop Joseph Duval of Rouen, France. "We need to give witness to unity and peace—that's much better than words." Auxuiary Bishop Norbert Werbs of Schwerin, Germany, said Dec. 3 that effective evangelization requires the church to continually ask itself if it is being faithful to the spirit of the Gospel and the New Testament proscription against burdening believers with unnecessary laws.

He said the church should review its ban on artificial birth entry die echysise reliance on men for positions of authority.

control, its exclusive reliance on men for positions of authority, its treatment of divorced and remarried Catholics and the lack of

consultation among the laity when appointing bishops,
Several bishops, most of whom are from Eastern Europe,
said they looked forward to the publication of the universal catechism being written by a Vatican-appointed commission
As Archbishop Istvan Seregely of Eger, Hungary, put it

Catholics want the catechism so they will have "sound

Catholic Want the cateculsm's oney wan inserce sources Catholic theology" and "not a collection of opinions." Cardinal Rum's summary also said evangelization should reach the cultures of Europe. The starting point is individual conversion, but Catholic laity must use their faith and their talents in the media, in politics and other fields to bring

taients in the media, in pointes and under news to some Christian values to European cultures. Byzantine-rite Bishop Jan Hirka of Presov, Cze-choslovakia, said the collapse of communism marked an end to the experiment of building a world without God. But now, he warned, "there's the totaliatranisms of the dollar," which

he warned, "there's the totalitarianism of the dollar," which entrenches poverty. The church needs to bring a more Christian spirit to economic and political spheres. When Pope John Paul II called for the synod in the spring of 1990, he said it would be an opportunity for bishops from Eastern and Western Europe to explain the experiences of their churches, offer help where possible and ask for assistance where needed.

'Communication and an exchange of gifts' between loca churches is essential in a church which is not "international, but supernatural," the summary said. Bishops from Eastern Europe asked for Western assistance

Western bishops said their people could learn from the strength of iaith that kept Catholicism alive despite communist repression.

"This synod must turn to tangible things. It must be a synod of visible communion" with the poorest in Europe,

mod of visible communion" with the poorest in Europe, id Portuguese Bishop Antonio Marcelino of Veiro. Cardinal Cahal Daly of Armagh, Northern Ireland, said se of the grantest obstacles. one of the greatest obstacles to evangelization in Europe is the widening gap between rich and poor individuals, regions and

countries
The practical benefits and moral requirements of Christian
unity were mentioned repeatedly in the synod, by Catholic
members and by the 10 Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant
leaders participating as fraternal delegates.
The absence of five Orthodox churches invited by the pop
to participate in the synod showed there are serious
challenges to Christian unity on the continent. The Orthodox

craueriges to Curristan unity on the continent. The Orthodox churches of Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia and Greece declined the invitations, citing Catholic-Orthodox disputes over property and claiming there are extensive efforts to convert Orthodox believers to Catholicism in traditionally

Orthodox territories.

The 10 fraternal delegates who attended the synod spoke

frankly of the new ecumenical tensions, but reaffirmed their church's commitments to dialogue.

Cardinal Ruini summed up the speeches as saying, "even if we have not yet reached a true unity, we need to give the world a strong witness of truth and fraternal Christian charity."





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December 22

Secular Franciscans will meet at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St. Franciscan Rosary recited 2:30 p.m. during Marian Devotions. Business meeting and refreshments follow.

Christmas Concert XXX will be performed at 3 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Name Church, Beech Grove. Call 317-784-5454.

"Come Home for Christmas" will be held from 1-5 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 42nd and Central. Reconciliation, consultations on marriage and church in

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will co-host a Christmas Dance for

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The Organ Concert Series concludes at 4 p.m. at St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St. Free-will offering taken.

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# Youth News/Views

## Awareness opens door

by Marietta Aruta

Freshman Awareness Day at Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indianapolis opened a new door to my life.

I actually got hands-on experience with hat it's like to be blind, deaf, and a paraplegic. It was a really good experience to come into the understanding of those less fortunate than I am.

While blindfolded, I felt very unstable with each step I took. I had to walk very slowly and reach my arms out to feel if I

slowly and reach my arms out to feel it I would bump into something.

As I was "blind," I thought about my grandpa. He is legally blind and gets very frustrated when he can't do something. I always felt sorry for him, but I never understood why he couldn't just try a little harder. Now I know. He's unsure of himself and afraid of making mistakes.

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That's how I felt walking around with a blindfold over my eyes. I had to step up onto the bleachers. I was so scared that my for would slip off the edge, or I'd overstep and trip on the bleachers.

The next time I see my grandpa, I will understand and be more patient and sensitive to his feelings. In a way, I almost feel closer because of my under-

standing of how he feels.

Also during Freshman Awareness Day, Also during Freshman Awareness Day, we saw a video about people who are deal. It had a section where the speaker mumbled some words and we had to try and guess what was said. The first couple of times we could only hear and not see what she was saying. I had no idea what she was mumbling, but then we were able to read her lips and I could actually make out what she was could actually make out what she said. She was recting the Preamble to the Constitution.

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It was so weird to know that people only hear the mumbles that we heard. I think that would be so difficult to have to read someone's lips to understand what they were saving

We learned that for deaf people, their eyes become their ears. They compensate for what they don't have it's mazing how

we take advantage of being "normal." Deaf people can't ever listen to music. If

they were born deaf, they probably don't even know what it is. They can't talk on the telephone or even hear themselves talk. I would find that very frustrating. People with hearing aids are not cured. The device with hearing aids are not cured. The device only makes sound louder, not clearer. It doesn't correct the problem like glasses

correct eyesight.

During another Freshman Awareness
Day event, students participated in activities about paraplegia. We got to use a
wheelchair and move in and out of chairs. Then we had to try to shoot a basketball. That was a feat in itself!

Truthfully, it was actually a little bit fun to wheel around, but only because it was something new and different. I realize that all new things get old very fast.

all new things get old very last.

People who are confined to movement
with a wheelchair have it tough. They
must accept the fact that they will most
likely never walk again. They can't run or
play tennis, soccer, baseball, etc. The list
of activities they are restricted from goes

I really don't think I could cope with such a huge handicap. With blind and deaf people, they can at least stand up and walk around. Paraplegics just sit all day every day. That would get very boring. I'm sure When I was seated in the wheat the

day. That would get very boring, I'm sure. When I was seaded in the wheelchair, I couldn't even shoot a basket. I hit the rim, but I couldn't get enough momentum to shoot amy farther. My arms are much weaker than those who wheel themselves around all day, but it just isn't the same shooting a ball sitting down as it is to run, stop, and jump to shoot it.

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Nothing would be the same viewed from a wheelchair.

At all the stations I went through, I was only temporarily handicapped. But so many people can't just rip off a blindfold or turn up the volume or stand up and walk away from a wheelchair. It's a part of their lives that doesn't go away.

I admire those people for living their lives as best they can. It's like losing someone close

People must pick themselves up and move on. The world won't stop for them so they have to live for the world!



CHALLENGES—Brebeuf Preparatory School freshman Paul Hayes of Indianapolis discovers that a simple task like tossing a basketball can be very difficult while seated in a wheelchair. Brebeuf's Freshman Awareness Day helped students understand the many challenging, and frustrating aspects of life that disabled people face each day. (Photo by Brian Christy)

## Teens try to cope with disabilities

by Kelly Williams

The Freshman Awareness Program at Brebeuf Preparatory School was aimed at helping us understand what it would be like to have a physical handicap.

We participated in activities such as ading one arm and trying to button up a shirt and only using one hand to tie a shoe.

This was effective in teaching us the physical side of being handicapped, but there is no way of simulating the emotional effects.

Some people are handicapped from birth, but for others it is a result of some sort of accident or an acquired disease. A person who has been affected since birth person who has been attected since turn has never known anything else. A person who becomes handicapped during his life has to learn to quickly adjust to a completely new lifestyle. Many can no longer be independent and must find someone to help them accomplish simple would take for granted.

Many new items have been invented to

help the handicapped, such as hearing aids and highly maneuverable wheelchairs.
There are also many centers to aid the handicapped and their families. There are doctors and therapists specializing in care for the distributed. for the disabled.

Dul's opinion of the handicapped is also changing. Instead of feeling sorry for them or avoiding them, many people treat them as they would anyone else. There are many companies who will hire a disabled person and fit him to a job he is able to accomplish. This helpe the commany and also views the This helps the company and also gives the employee a sense of self-worth.

employee a sense of selt-worth.

The Freshman Awareness Program helped give us a small insight into the direct effects of a physical handicap, but after a few minutes we were able to remove the handicap and go on with our everyday activities without much thought to what it would be like if we lived with the handicap manently

We hope nobody who went through the program will ever have to know what it is like to really be disabled.

## Can you beat this game?

by Mark Pattison Catholic News Service

A new Catholic trivia board game, "Catechic," is due to hit store of all "Catechic," is due to hit store shelves in time for Christmas.

It features 1,000 trivia questions, but among the answers are five wrong ones that have to do with some fundamentals— Ten Commandments.

And the mistakes won't be corrected

And the mistakes won't be corrected until the first shipment of 50,000 games is sold out.

Unfortunately for the game maker, Tyco Toys Inc., and consumers, the Catechic edition with the incorrect answers will probably linger on store shelves because there is no television advertising to promote it.

By comparison, games like Scattergories and Pictionary sell 1.5 million copies a year because of their broad appeal and aggressive marketing techniques, Tyco marketing director Dave O'Neill told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from the Tyco headquarters at Mount Laural National Control of the Laurel, N.I.

The idea of having wrong answers about so fundamental a religious principle as the Ten Commandments is "just ludicrous, frankly," O'Neill said.

For example, a question asks what the Fourth Commandment is. But the answer gives "keeping the Sabbath"—the Third Commandment—rather than "honor your father and your mother.

Catechic is the U.S. version of a game introduced in France. Its makers, O'Neill said, got an audience with Pope John Paul II and got Vatican permission to use the pope's likeness on the game's box.

For U.S. consumption, O'Neill said, For U.S. consumption, O'Neill said, 700 new questions were written this year with the aid of a theologian who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. O'Neill said the priest did not want his name attached with Catechic.

"We really tried to go over this with a fine-toothed comb," said O'Neill, who acted as an editor on Catechic. "I would not be surprised if there were a couple of other errors in 1,000 questions."

In addition to the Ten Commandments In addition to the Ten Commandments mistakes, Catechic underestimates the average age of U.S. women religious and misspells the given last name of the pope as "Woijila" rather than "Woijyla." And some might dispute wheher some answers for questions related to theology and which bistory are accurate. church history are accurate

of Catechic, like trivia board games that have preceded it, is to get around the game board by correctly answering trivia questions.

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In this case, up to four teams—named after the Evangelists—start at a church entrance and try to get up to the chapel, they have to answer a question correctly to receive a halo and start heading out of church. The first team out of the church wins.

O'Neill said Tyco intends to advertise Catechic in selected Catholic publications and sponsor Catechic tournaments on the campuses of 10 prominent U.S. Catholic universities before Christmas to spur interest in the game.

(Contributing to this story was Jerry Filteau in Washington.

### Providence, Cathedral students present festive holiday shows

Theater students at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville are spreading holiday cheer this month with a riety of Christmas programs

Again this year, Providence performing arts students are presenting their popular "Christmas to Go" programs.

Christmas on Wheels groups for comic performances by the Popcorn Play-ers, Cricket Company and Wise Guys, and lively holiday skits by mini-traveling groups called the Berry Good Time Bunch and Candy Wrappers. The Providence Singers, a show choir, combine seasonal music with choreographed routines, and the Snowflake Singers lead audiences in

For information about "Christmas to Go" programs, contact Rosie Shannon Providence High School at 812-945-2538

Cathedral High School music students will present a Christmas concert featuring

the CHS choir, band, and jazz ensemble at 7 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the school auditorium.

Matt Murdock, Cathedral's music director, said the free concert will also feature local eighth-grade music students performing with the CHS beginning band.

Terre Haute Deanery teen-agers are invited to attend the Deanery Youth Mass on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at 5t. Benedict Church. Teens are asked to bring gifts of clothing for newborn babies for later distribution to mothers in need. Donatings will also be to

for newborn babies for later distribution to mothers in need. Donations will also be requested for the Birthright ministry. A dance will follow the Mass, from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Admission to the dance is \$2 a person.

Youth group members from St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis will host the monthly CYO Youth Dance on Dec. 15 from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Admission is \$3

## Catholic-Orthodox tensions emerge at synod

by John Thavis

VATICAN CITY-Like an airplane struggling to take off the special Synod of Bishops on Europe dragged an unexpectedly heavy cargo of Catholic-Orthodox tension through its first full week

through its first full week.

Time and again the synod, called by Pope John Paul II to explore the wide array of pastoral possibilities in the wake of communism's collapse, was slowed by debate over complicated new difficulties between Catholic and Orthodox churches in Eastern Europe.

During the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 6, the synod heard a sharply worded critique of Catholic actions by an Orthodox delegate, a hopeful reply by the Vatican's top exumenical official, a detailed detense of the Catholic position by the Vatican secretary of state, and numerous pledges exhortations and warnings on the topic by individual Catholic bishops.

Catholic bishops

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One sign of how deeply the issue has cut into the synod's agenda was the suggestion by a Romanian bishop that the pope may need to call a regional Catholic-Orthodox congress to iron out the problems—an idea that was being taken seriously at the Vatican.

"That's certainly one of the presibilities used to approximate the control of the programment of the

'That's certainly one of the possibilities we'll want to take a look at 'to get dialogue moving again, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, told Catholic News Service Dec. 6.

Unity, told Catholic News Service Dec. 6.
Cardinal Cassidy acknowledged that some matters up for discussion in the Nov. 28-Dec. 14 synod had been eclipsed by debate over Catholic-Orthodox problems. "Everybody knew this would be one of the issues at the synod. But it has d. ainated more than anyone expected," he said. He said he thought the Orthodox question would "Kake his rightful place" during the synod's second phase of small-group discussions.

GISCUSSIONS.

For synod planners, it was not supposed to be like this.

The synod's working document, after all, never mentioned the word "Orthodox" and gave relatively little attention to inter-Christian relation

On the other hand, the invitation to Orthodox and other non-Catholic representatives to participate in the synod as "fraternal delegates" was a breakthrough—a major ecumenical gesture that the Vatican hoped would be a sign

When five of the eight Orthodox churches declined to

When five of the eight Orthodox churches declined to come, cting a resurgence of ecumenical problems, the empty seats turned into an embarrassment and became a point of reference in many synod speeches.

It fell to Metropolitan Spyridon Papagheorghiou of Venice/Itatly/to explain the absence of fellow Orthodox from Russia. Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece. In atlast to the synod Dec. 2, he said many Orthodox leed that Cathodic churches in the East are following overly aggressive policies on church property, "proselytism" and hierarchical appointments.

There is a widespread belief among Orthodox that the Vatican is progressively distancing itself from the ecumenical opening of the Second Vatican Council and that the

### Pro-Vatican Chinese bishop dies while in police custody

by Catholic News Service

HONG KONG—Auxiliary Bishop Paul Shi Chunjie of Baoding, clandestinely ordained in 1987, died in police custody in November, said mainland Chinese Catholic sources.

However, by Dec. 9, the exact date and cause of Bishop Shi's death were not yet known, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Bangkok, Thailand.

The 71-year-old bishop in Hebei province was believed to esult of maltreatment, have died of a heart attack mainland sources said.

An unconfirmed report alleged that the bishop we beaten to death in police custody. But according to the De 2 issue of the Hong Kong newspaper South China Mornir Post the bishop ded in a senior citizens' home where he we supervised by the police.

Bishop Shi was arrested around Dec. 14, 1990, and had been detained along with 23 priests, nuns and laypersons.

The bishop, who was almost blind, had long been suffering from a series of illnesses, including heart disease, sources said. He reportedly needed special medication which is expensive in China. The lack of medication might have contributed to his death, a source said.

Born in January 1920, Bishop Shi was ordained a priest on June 1, 1947. On April 29, 1987, clandestine Bishop Stephen Li Xinsheng of Tianshui ordained him auxiliary bishop of Baoding.

Bishop Shi was named a bishop when Vatican-appointed Bishop Peter Joseph Fan Xueyan of Baoding was imprisoned and the health of Bishop Fan's auxiliary at the time, Bishop Chen Jianzhang, was deteriorating. Semi-paralyzed, Bishop Chen is confined to a wheelchair

Bishop Shi's health deteriorated a few years after his episcopal ordination.

Authorities in Baoding ordered the funeral held within two days of his death to avoid large crowds at the service. Nevertheless, about 1,000 people attended, the South China Morning Post reported.

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The progress of decades of Catholic-Orthodox dialogue, he said, was now "seriously compromised."

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The speech marked a dramatic moment in the synod. It
was met by silence in the hall, until the pope rose to embrace
the metropolitan. Then the assembly applauded.
A reply came the next day from Cardinal Cassidy, who
coordinates the Vatican's ecumenical efforts. Saying he
wanted to offer the "hand of friendship" to Orthodox
partners, Cardinal Cassidy pledged understanding and
consideration for the Orthodox point of view.
But surely the Catholic side has the right to expect the
same respect from the Orthodox, he said.
Cardinal Cassidy said it was true that some Eastern

Cardinal Cassidy said it was true that some Eastern Catholic churches, having barely survived decades under communism, were behind in implementing the Vatican II teachings on ecumenism. But he strongly defended the right

teachings on ecumenism. But he strongly defended the right of Eastern-rife Catholic churches to operate in traditionally Orthodox regions. Here the cardinal touched an important nerve in the Catholic-Orthodox debate: the role of "uniatism," or the past Catholic practice of welcoming separate groups of Orthodox faithful into full unity with Rome. He said the Vatican, at a dialogue session last June, agreed that this is no longer an acceptable method for Christian unity—but list does not imply that churches born of uniatism have no right to exist.

When Eastern-tik Romanian Cardinal Alexandru Todea

When Eastern-rite Romanian Cardinal Alexandru Todea rose in the synod Dec. 5 and said, "Let us no longer say that uniatism is an impediment to ecumenical progress," he was uniatism is an impediment to ecumenical progress," he was expressing the resentment felt by many Eastern-rite faithful

are for ecumenism," but dialogue is impossible

a church that despises the other, Cardinal Todea said

with a church that despises the other, Cardinal Todes Said.

He said the Orthodox in Romania seem reluctant to allow
the Eastern-rite Catholics their freedom.

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano took
his turn Dec. 6, telling the synod that the church had every
right to set up jurisdictions in Eastern Europe. The pope's
recent appointments there did not signify "the slightest
tectorism of messelotimes," and should not be missingless. recent appointments there did not signify "the slightest intention of proselytizing" and should not be misinterpreted by the Orthodox, he said.

In giving a point-by-point rebuttal to the Orthodox complaints, Cardinal Sodano said he wanted to set the record straight so that "inexact or even unjust affirmations would not continue.

swould not continue.

Adding their comments about tensions with the Orthodox—aimost always coupled with statements of commitment to dialogue—were delegates from Moscow, the Ukraine, Romania, Czechosłowakia and elsewhere.

For example, Archbishop Tadeux Kondrusiewicz, the apostolic administrator of European Russia, proudly defended the growth of his church community and said:

"We cannot prevent Russians from joining our church. It is not proposition to accret them."

"We cannot prevent kussains from joining our function to not proselytize to accept them." The complex debate over Catholic-Orthodox problems overshadowed and robbed time from the discussion of other main synod topics: Now to help re-emerging churches in the East, the church's evangelizing role in European society, and the worsening problems of ethnic strike, economic disparity and internal migration on the continent.

asparity and internal migration on the continent. Pope John Paul, seated at the front of the svnod hall, listened carefully to the proceedings in silence. On Dec. 7, in St. Peter's Basilica, he was scheduled to lead a major ecumenical prayer service, which he had called to help overcome "every barrier and hostility" among Europeans.



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Reviewed by Margaret Maher and Barb Fraze

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Bradbury Press (New York, 1991), 111 pp., \$13.95.

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BROTHER FRANCIS AND THE FRIENDLY BEASTS, by

Margaret Hodges, illustrated by Ted Lewin. Charles Scribner's Sons (New York, 1991), 30 pp., \$13.95.
Francis, of Assisi, Italy, was born into a wealthy family, but relinquished his riches to spend time with the poor and lowly peasants of the surrounding countryside. This biographical story of St. Francis of Assisi clearly characterizes his love for all living things, especially members of the animal kingdom. Watercolor illustrations illuminate the story of this sami's life, which will inspire children to love all of God's creatures as St. Francis demonstrates. Ages 6-8. (Most.) demonstrates. Ages 6-8. (MM)

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come join us.

+ ASCHBACHER, James Robert, 73, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Nov. 26. Husband of Anna L.; father of Robert J., David L., William J., Janice M., and Carol F. Gilstrap, brother of Charles T., and Rita Bates.

brose, Seymour, Dec. 1. Wife of Carl; mother of Ron; sister of Roy and Paul Mackey and Ella Carr;

† CLARK, Agnita Mary, 65, St. Mary, Richmond, Nov. 27. Sis-ter of Marilyn Shoemaker,

+ DAILEY, Anna M., 91, St. Mary, New Albany, Nov. 27. Mother of Edith Honeycutt and Marie Paris; grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of

Bill, Rick, Cary, Diane, and Kathy Allen; son of Helen; brother of Joe, Charles, Jim, Mike, Tom, Steve, Pat Seay and Mary Bering; grandfather of eight.

grandtather of eight.

†EASTIN. Christina Joann
(Truitt), 45, 5t. Christopher, Indianapolis, Nov. 28. Wife of
Cameron; Mother of Becky,
Heather, Robert, Vincent and
Aaron; daughter of Mae Truitt;
sister of Richard Truitt and
Sandy DeBates.

+ GRILLO, Nazar John "Jack," 83, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Nov 17. Husband of Mary Jane (Stuck)

+ HARMEYER, Arthur, 74, St

Mary of the Rock, Batesville, Dec. 1. Husband of Dorothy (Seifert); father of Cathy Wintz, Patricia Leher, Diane Kessens, John, Richard and Robert; brother of Albert, Clarence, Herbert, and Dorothy M. Roell; grandfather of 17.

thodes, Columbus, Dec. 2.

Mother of Thomas, Andrew,
Daniel, and Jane E. Keller; sister of Bernard Prepp and Lolly
Rudar; grandmother of Brett
and Tad Keller, Benjamin and
Madeline.

† HUBBUCH, Fred J., 75, St. Mary, New Albany, Nov. 27. Father of Gloria, and Judy Schoonver; brother of Evelyn Canter; grandfather of five.

Kiter, grandatner of tive.

† KIEFER, Mary Catherine, 83,
St. Ambrose, Scymour, Dec. 2.
Mother of Patricia, Mary Jans.
Sally Williams and Michael: sister
of Msgr. Patrick Kilfoil, Ann
Kilfoil and Virginia Tharpe;
grandmother of seven.

t LYNCH, Elizabeth (Balta), 75 Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 30. Wife of James N.; mother of James N., Paul Robert, Peggy Kramer, Patsy Katterjohn, Carol, and Betty Sangsuwangul; sister of John Balta, Mary Lawrenuk and Verna Simpson; grand-mother of 10.

† MALONEY, Alice W., 82, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Nov. 26. Sister of Helen Miller.

+ MERRELL, Bernadine H., 74, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Nov. 28. Mother of Dorothy Snyder; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of four.

H MEUNIER, Irene, 93, Annun-ciation, Brazil, Nov. 22, Grand-mother of Helen Anne, Bernard A. Il and Christopher A.; great-grand-mother of Bralynne, Brek, Brinn, Casey, Chryslin, and Britany, Breanna and Brendi Walden.

Breanna and Brendi Walden.

\*MICHAELS, Mildred E., 75,
Christ the King, Indianapolis,
Nov. 23, Wife of Albert; mother
of William, Lee, Rick, Rosemary
Dehart, Joanne Cater, Debbie
Busfield and Mary Beth Beadle;
sister of Louis and Frances Nally,
Evaline Wire and Pauline Ring;
grandmother of 18; great-grandmother of four.

grandmother of 10, grand mother of four.
† MOORE, Charlene, 45, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Nov. 23.
Wife of 80b; mother of Christian and Michelle; daughter of Charles Hartley.

MULLOY, Leo, 90, St. Mary, New Albany, Nov. 26.

New Aldany, Nov. 26.

† MYERS, Irene M., 62, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Nov. 30. Wife of Clyde R.; mother of Ross; sister of John L., Edmund, Hubert and Sister Windred Mary Sullivan, Marie Bushur, Joan Grimly and Rita Jeanne Paitson; grandmother of one.

† OTTO, Merritt, 82, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Nov. 27. Husband of Leona K., father of Jerome, Suzanne Mary M. Sweeney and Betty Domer; brother of William; grandfather of 11; great-grand-father of two.

† POPE, Margaret J., 101, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Nov. 29. Mother of Edward, and Mildred Fitzgerald.

† QUILL, John T., 74. Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 28. Husband of Catherine (Boyle); father of John, Cathy White, Sheila Ludwig and Patty Gieger-ich; brother of Joseph F., and Mary Judd; grandfather of eight.

† ROHE, Robert H., 71, St. Andrew the Apostle, Richmond, Nov. 24. Husband of Betty; father of Cindy Russell; brother of Lois and Katherine Brooks; grandfather of two.

† ROSETTA, Carolyn Marie, 44, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Nov. 20.

Robert, Paul, Brian and Donna; sister of Madeline Hrasna.

† SHATTUCK, Helen L., 65, St Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Dec. 1 Mother of Edward, Crysta Platteter and Judy Geuder, grandmother of five. , Crystal Geuder;

t WELDISHOFER, Donna Lee, 23, 5t. Joseph, 5t. Leon, Nov. 23. Mother of Ashley; daughter of Paul and Carole; sister of Randy, David, Chad, and Cindy Batte, granddaughter of Albert and Norma Kraus, and Margaret.

† WURTZ, Elizabeth M. (Seitz), 100, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Nov. 29. Mother of Drs. Raymond A. and Robert W.; grandmother of four; great-grandmother of 10.

### Franciscan Sister Francis Theresa Hietter, 90, dies

OLDENBURG—Franciscan
Stept Francis here restact
here Nov. 29 at the age of 90 A
Memoral Mass was celebrated for
her on Dec. 2 at the motherhouse
of the Sisters of St. Francis of
Sister Francis Theresa was
born in Illinois. She entered the
Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1918 and professed final
vows in 1923.
Serving as a music teacher,
Sister Francis Theresa taught
individual music leasons, directed
band and choir, and played the
organ in parishes. She taught in
Ohio, Missouri, Illinois and India
ana schools.
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ana schools.

Signer Francis Theresa's assignments in the Archdioces of Indianapolis included the following schools: St. Louis, Bates'ville; Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis; and St. Mary, motherhouse in 1983.

Two nieces and sephew survive Sister by the school of the survive Sister by the survive Sister was the survive sister and supplied to the survive sister and survi

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN 47036.

### Sr. Mary Joyce Gastenveld, OSF, 73, dies Nov. 30

OLDENBURG—A Memorial Mass was celebrated here on Dec. 3 for Franciscan Sister Mary Joyce Gastenveld, who died Nov. 30. She was 73 years old.

Gastenveld, who died Nov. 30.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio Steve entered the Oldenburg, Franciscan Community, The Community of the Community

1965-71.
Sister Mary Joyce also taught in Ohio. She retired to the motherhouse in 1987.
One brother, Robert, of Park Hills, Ky., and nieces, nephews and cousins, survive Sister Mary Loyce.

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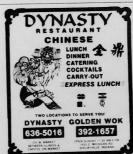
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# Vatican unhappy with Anglican-Catholic report

by Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY—The beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church are not fully represented in the final report of the first Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission,

Inst Anguan-count Catoos said a Vatican response to the report.

The response, released Dec. 5, praised the commission's work but said parts of the report, published in 1982, "do not satisfy fully certain elements of Catholic doctrine" and, therefore, "prevent our speaking of the attainment of stantial agreement.

There still remain between Anglicans and Catholics

"There still remain between Angicans and Cautonics important differences regarding essential matters of Catholic doctrine," the Vatican said.

The main sticking points include papal primacy and infallibility, the sacrificial character of the Eucharist, the practice

The commission, known as ARCIC I and made up

The commission, known as ARCIC I and made up of bishops and theologians from both communions, held 13 sessions during the first phase of its work, from 1970 to 1981, before the 1982 publication of its final report. A second commission, known as ARCIC II, was established in 1982. The Vatican's 12-page response to ARCIC I's final report was written by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Fath and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Anglican Communion had issued its official response to the report in 1988. It said then that statements on the Eucharist and on ministry and ordination were "consonant in substance with the faith of Anglicans" and said statements on authority in the church were a "firm basis" for continued discussion. for continued discussion.

nests nor communed discussion.

Archishop George Carey of Canterbury, head of the Anglican Communion, said in a Dec. 5 statement that the two churches had been asked if the report was "consonant" with their faith. But the Vatican's response, he said; seems to have changed the question to, "Is the final report identical with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church?"

"If either communion requires that the other conforms."

"If either communion requires that the other conforms to its own theological formulations, further progress will be hazardous," he said.

hazardous," he said.

The Votacan said some may object that its response "does not sufficiently follow the ecumential method by which agreement is sought step by step, rather than in full agreement at said, did not ask for "a simple evaluation of commencial study." Rather, it wanted "an official response as to the identity of the various statements with the faith of the church."

More than four pages of the Vatican's response raise questions about how the final report discusses authority in the church, especially regarding papal infallibility, clurch teaching and dogmas, the role of the bishop of Rome and the interpretation of Scriptures describing St. Peter's role among the Apostles.

The authority statements, it said, are ' which include "certain signs of convergence that do indeed open the way to further progress in the future."

The "most notable progress" toward agreement between Catholics and Anglicans in the dialogue concerns

between Catholics and Angiscans in the dialogue concerns eucharstic doctrine, the response said.

Although the Roman Catholic Church "looks for certain carifications which will assure that these affirmations are understood in a way that conforms to Catholic doctrine," it welcomed statements of agreement that the Eucharist is "a sacrifice in the sacramental sense" and that it is "the real

sactince in the sacramental sense and that it is the real presence of Christ."

The Vatican praised the ministry and ordination statements for acknowledging the sacramental nature of the priesthood and the distinction between the priesthood of all

believers and the ordained priesthood. But it said the agreements are affected by the practice of some member

agreements are affected by the practice of some meaning-churches of the Anglican Communion that ordain women. Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops and theologians on the commission said Anglicans recognize that "it is possible to think that a primacy of the bishop of Rome is not contrary to the New Testament and is part of God's purpose regarding the church's unity and catholicity."

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That statement, together with others made by Anglican leaders supporting a special role for the bishop of Rome in promoting and protecting the unity of the church, are major moves toward healing four centuries of division between the churches, the Vatican response said. Given such statements, it said, "one can rejoice in the fact that centuries of antagonism have given way to reasoned dialogue and theological reflection underraken together."

But the Vatican response insists on affirming Catholic teaching that the primacy of the bishop of Rome and the infallibility of his doctrinal pronouncements were "postively intended by God" and derive from "the will and institution of Jesus Christ."

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## Pope criticizes bombing of civilians in Croatia

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VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II criticized the bombing of civilian centers in the Croatian city of Dubrovnik and prayed for "peace and compassion" in Yugoslavia.

The Dec. 8 appeal was yet another papal call for peace during the months of fighting between the central Yugoslavian government and the breakaway Croatian republic.

The following day, the special Synod of Bishops on Europe asked European governments to respect the independence decisions of Croatia and Slovenia.

"May the legitimate aspirations of the people who express themselves in a free and democratic manner be heard," said a Dec. 9 synod statement.

The pope, in his midday Angelus talk from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square, said, "I must deplore the terrible bombardments which, in the previous days, have sown death and destruction in Croatia,

days, have sown death and destruction in Crotati, especially the city of Dubrovnik."

The "inhuman" attack left "innocent civilians dead and wounded, families homeless, and historical monuments and religious buildings destroyed," he said.

The bombing by federal forces of Dubrovnik, an Adriatic seaport city in Croatia, occurred Dec. 6.

The pope also asked West European government leaders gathered in the Netherlands for a weeklong meeting to pave

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the way for greater harmony among the region's East European populations. Western Europe must "consolidate the principles of living together in the Europe of tomorrow," the pope said. Europe, "bloodied by too many wars," must become a land of traternal peace, he added. The meeting in the Netherlands of the 12-member European Economic Community was scheduled to examine the thorny issue of recognizing Croatia and Slovenia. Both declared independence last June after national referendums.

Germany and Italy favor recognizing the two republics, while other West European nations want to postpone any decision until there is a lasting cease-fire and meaningful

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Meanwhile, Bishop Zelimir Puljic of Dubrovnik criticized Western Europe and the United States for not recognizing Croatian independence.

Croatians' have faith in Europe and the United States, knights of freedom and democracy," he said in a Dec. 8

countries "are not coherent in the principles they proclaim" such as "the self-determination of peoples," he said.
"These are things which now sound hypocritical to our ears," he added.

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"You must become aware that apocalyptical events are happening to us," he said. Bishop Pulic was interviewed while attending the synod at the Vatican.
The synod statement was addressed to European heads of state. It said that "the people of Croatia are dying" and criticized "the atrocities which defenseless private citizens are victims of."

are victims of: "The people of Croatia and Slovenia have exercised their right to self-determination," the synod said. "May the laws be applied everywhere and in all circumstances in an identical manner," it said.

The Vatican has supported the right to self-determination for Croatia and Slovenia, but added that it will not recognize the two republics until other countries recognize them.

### Catholics asked to help Haitians in crisis

by Laurie Hansen Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The head of the U.S. bishops' office of Migration and Refugee Services has issued a nationwide appeal to Catholics for help with a new emergency legal aid program to assist Haitinas arriving in the United States. Especially needed are volunteer lawyers, persons who speak English and Haitian Croel to act as interpreters, and other individuals who would be willing to be trained to acts thatiants fill out asylum applications, said Jesuit Father Richard Ryscavage, MRS executive director.

The program, begun Dec. 9, is expected to cost \$488,000. Donated clothing, monetary donations, photocopying services and computers are also needed. MRS has set up a toll-free number for persons interested in volunteering time or donating items. The number is (800) 428-3717. Father Ryscavage, in a Dec. 6 interview, said the bishops'

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Father Ryscavage, in a Dec. 6 interview, said the bishops' system for resettling refugees has been overtaxed by the needs of recent Haitian arrals. But, he added, "we're the one agency in the United broader Catholic community."

These are the boorest people in our hemisphere. They are agong, poorest in the world, "said Father Ryswaws," At Christmas time we talk a lot about helping the poor. Well, these are the poorest of the poor, "he said.

Larger numbers of Haitians than usual have set out for the United States on perious rafts following the Sept. 30 ouster of Haitian President Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide,

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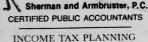
resulting in what Father Ryscavage termed a "crisis of major proportions in the Caribbean."
He said the U.S. bishops' conference had already spent more than \$100,000 in relief and services for Haitians since

the emergency began The U.S. Coast Guard in early December reported having removed 6,372 Haitians from 91 boats in one month. About 3,100 have been housed in tents at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The U.S. government interviewed and then returned 538 refugees to Haiti in November before the Haitian Refugee Center in Maint sued successfully for a temporary ban on the expatriations.

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Since the coup, immigration agents at Guantanamo have found 161 Haitians with "plausible" claims for political asylum and sent them on to Miami. Father Ryscavage said government officials have indicated that number could swell to 2,500 in coming months.



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