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## CEREMONIES TODAY

# 17 college heads will attend Guzzetta inaugural at Marian

INDIANAPOLIS — Seventeen presidents of Hoosier colleges and universities will be among 200 official delegates scheduled to attend the inaugural ceremonies today (Friday).

Dominic J. Guzzetta, first lay president of Marian College.

Inaugural activities will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the college auditorium. The principal address will be given by Dr. Donald H. Gardner, former vice-president and dean of administration at the University of Akron.

Other speakers will include Dr. William H. Hale, of Langston (Okla.) University, Dr. John J. Kamerick, of North Texas State University, and Dr. Guzzetta.

A reception in honor of Dr. Guzzetta and his wife will follow the formal program.

**AMONG** the college and university presidents attending are:

Dr. John E. Horner, Hanover



**DR. D. J. GUZZETTA**  
College: Dr. William E. Kerstetter, DePauw University; Sister Mary Gregory Knoke, S.P., St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Tay-

# Fr. W. C. Fehlinger resigns as pastor

The Chancery Office this week announced the resignation of Father William C. Fehlinger as pastor of St. Anne parish, New Castle. He has been named pastor emeritus of the parish he has served since 1950 as pastor.

Named administrator of the parish was Father James Shanahan, 46, a former assistant at St. Anne who has served the past nine years as pastor of St. Rose parish, Knightstown.

New administrator at Knightstown will be Father Kenneth Murphy, 30, who has served as assistant at New Castle since his ordination in 1965.

All appointments are effective May 1.

**FATHER FEHLINGER**, 71, a Brookville native, was ordained in 1926 after seminary studies at St. Meinrad. His first parish assignment was at St. Mary's, Richmond, where he served seven years, followed by four years at Little Flower parish, Indianapolis. In 1959 he was named pastor of St. Rupert's parish, Red Brush, now in the Evansville diocese.



**FR. WILLIAM FEHLINGER**  
Father Murphy, an Indianapolis native, is a Secunda Memorial High School graduate who attended St. Mary's (Ky.) College and St. Meinrad School of Theology. He was ordained in 1965.

## Benefit dinner for Seminary Foundation set

For 11 years prior to his appointment to New Castle, Father Fehlinger served as chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

**A NATIVE** OF Rushville, Father Shanahan was ordained at St. Anne seminary studies at St. Meinrad. His first parish assignment was at St. Mary's, Richmond, where he served seven years, followed by four years at Little Flower parish, Indianapolis. In 1959 he was named pastor of St. Rupert's parish, Red Brush, now in the Evansville diocese.

**Co-op plan**  
NEW ORLEANS—Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans said plans are underway for an inter-church federation in Louisiana aimed at pooling efforts of all denominations to solve community problems.

lor University; Very Rev. Hilary Ottensmeyer, O.S.B., St. Meinrad College; Very Rev. Adrian Fuerst, O.S.B., St. Meinrad School of Theology.

Dr. Alan C. Rankin, Indiana State University; Dr. Ben M. Elrod, Oakland City College; Dr. A. Blair Helman, Manchester College; Very Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.S., St. Joseph's College; Dr. E. D. Baker, Huntington College; Dr. I. Lynd Eick, Indiana Central College; Dr. John J. Pruis, Ball State University; Dr. Woodrow Goodman, Marian College; Dr. Beaufort A. Norris, Christian Theological Seminary; and Dr. Harry A. McGuff, Indiana Vocational Technical College.

The oldest institution to send a delegate is Oxford University, founded in 1264, represented by George T. Potter, an alumnus. The youngest institution represented will be Indiana Vocational Technical College.

**DR. GUZZETTA** became the first lay president of Marian College in February, 1968, succeeding Msgr. Francis J. Reine, who had served since 1954. At the time of his appointment by the Marian board of trustees, Dr. Guzzetta was serving as senior vice-president and state president of the University of Akron.

Conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Marian College has been located in Indianapolis since 1937, when it first admitted lay women students. Prior to that time the institution was a normal (teacher-training) college located at Oldenburg since 1851. The college, which has a present enrollment of 1,100 full-time students, became co-educational in 1954.

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## Statement address 'not authorized'

Officials of Archdiocesan Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services told The Criterion this week that the group known as "Concerned Christians" did not have authorization to use the address of those organizations.

—623 E. North St.—on a statement passed out at a number of Indianapolis-area churches last Sunday.

The disclaimer, issued by Father Donald Schmidlin, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, and David L. Gerwe, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services, read as follows:

"The Concerned Christians who signed the letter which was passed out at the doors of many Indianapolis Catholic churches on Sunday, April 20, did not

## Champion parochial school aid

**PROVIDENCE** — Nine Protestant church leaders issued a statement here urging "the Protestant community to stop acting as though its only concern was the destruction of the Roman Catholic school system and start acting in trust toward our Roman Catholic brethren."

In a letter to the Rhode Island Assembly, the Protestant ministers argued that public funds could "become available for the education of all the children within the state" in accordance with the U.S. Constitution.

In Boston, meanwhile, the Rev. Paul L. Sturges, executive minister of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, told a state legislature: "We cannot oppose public monies being used for the support of non-public or religious schools, provided that the leaders of schools seeking such support are willing to accept the obligation involved in the acceptance."

**THE RHODE** Island Protestant leaders said their statement was made "to deny any impression that Protestants are united in their opposition" to a bill in the State General Assembly, which would provide salary supplements to non-public school teachers.

Under the bill, the state would pay about one-third of the salaries of non-public school teachers of exclusively secular subjects. Father Edward W. K. Muller, superintendent of Providence (R.I.) diocese, said the bill would provide salary supplements to non-public school teachers.

**THE STATEMENT** of the nine Protestant clergymen followed one by Episcopal Bishop John S. Higgins of Rhode Island and a long-time opponent of aid to parochial schools.

Bishop Higgins said the salary supplement bill was "immoral" legislation, because some of the private schools it would benefit do not need assistance.

"We believe the argument being raised about the 'immorality' of teacher-support to certain 'rich' private schools to be nothing more than a red herring," the nine Protestant leaders said.

## Inner-city priests ask school aid

Six pastors of inner-city parishes appeared before the Archdiocesan Board of Education meeting last Thursday night to ask for assistance in meeting their school budgets. They cited the present financial "squeeze" in addition to the new salary schedule for lay teachers which goes into effect next September as factors contributing to the crisis.

Board president Frank James replied that committee would be appointed to consider alternative suggestions of financial relief for the parishes located in the inner-city area of Indianapolis.

The Board also approved the request by St. Gabriel's parish, Connersville, to drop its seventh and eighth grades at the close of the current school year. There are 120 pupils involved in the two grades, which would be absorbed by a new public junior high school to open in Connersville next fall.

**REASONS** CITED by the parish in making the emergency request included the school's inability to secure replacement teachers for retirements, and general inadequacy of physical facilities and curriculum for the junior high grades.

The split-vote approval of the request prompted some Board members to call for a re-evaluation of the Board's previously stated commitment to require a year's notification to public school officials before any major reorganization or closings.

(At its March 13 meeting, the Archdiocesan Board approved the emergency request by St. Joseph's School, Shelbyville, to close its seventh grade next September and its eighth grade the following year. The inability to secure lay faculty was also cited by the Shelbyville parish in making the request.)

The Board gave its approval for a \$53,000 budget for the Religious Education Program, presented by Father James P. Elford, Superintendent of Schools and Board executive secretary.

Included in the program, to be financed by the parishes through an equitable assessment, will be a staff consisting of a priest-director, 11 Sisters and a secretary. Nine area centers, to be announced later, will have a \$2,000 budget each for audio-visual and other instructional materials.

**THE INDIANAPOLIS** Deane-ries Board of Education was convened after the adjournment of the other group to hear the proposal for a change of name for the consolidated high schools on Indianapolis' southside.

Student representatives Raymond Mader, of Kennedy Memorial High School, and John Whittle, of Chartrand High School, made a joint recommendation that the new merged school be known as Roncalli High School, in honor of Pope John XXIII.

A secret ballot was taken by Board members resulting in a 7 to 3 affirmative vote for Roncalli. At the conclusion of the ballot the Board asked that an expression of "regret" be noted in the minutes for dropping the Chartrand name, in memory of the late bishop who served from 1919 to 1953 and who was noted for his devotion to Catholic education.

The next meeting of both the Archdiocesan and Indianapolis Deane-ries Boards will be held Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Doney Council Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis.

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**PREVIEW ACCW CONVENTION**—Archbishop Schulte receives a preview of the biennial convention of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, scheduled next Tuesday and Wednesday in the Athenian Hotel, Indianapolis, from Mrs. Bernard B. Blinn, above right, ACCW president, and Mrs. Louis J. Kossman, president-elect. Theme of the convention is "What's Ahead for the People of God?" Keynote speaker will be Father James P. Higgins, director of St. Paul's Catholic Student Center at Indiana University, Bloomington. Registration for the convention is 1 p.m. Tuesday.



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**CLASS IN CHARCOAL**—A group from the Spencer County unit of the Lincoln Hills Arts and Crafts Association are shown above sketching a live model in charcoal. Father Donald Walpole of St. Meinrad Archabbey conducts the class. The Benedictines are spearheading a revival of the "folk arts" in their section of southern Indiana. (Additional photos on Page 8)

## Ask action by bishops in strike

**WASHINGTON** — One of the nation's top labor leaders has urged the country's Catholic bishops to help settle the long farm workers' strike.

George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, sent a telegram to Cardinal-designate John F. Dearden of Detroit, president of the United States Catholic Conference, expressing appreciation for the support the farm workers already have received from the bishops.

The bishops, at their recent meeting in Houston, adopted a strong statement sent to congressional leaders urging extension of the National Labor Relations Act to agriculture workers. The bishops observed: "The right to organize must be realistically vindicated."

**MEANY** praised the action and noted that labor wanted "an early end to the strike and a halt to the boycott made necessary by the intransigence of the employers."

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## Hoosier 'folk arts' to be shown in DC

By MARY ALICE ZARRELLA  
CHRISNEY, Ind.—Hoosiers go to Washington, D.C., for other things than to see their government in action.

In July the Lincoln Hills Arts and Crafts Association will participate in the Festival of American Folklife. An invitation was extended by the secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, S. Dillon Ripley.

Last October, Mary Girvin Conen, a member of St. Martin's parish who is an enthusiastic supporter of folk arts, took a small sampling of ceramics, painting and woodwork to the Co-operative Crafts Exhibition in Washington. The display drew enough interest to merit the invitation.

**ARTISTS** and craftsmen from all over the United States will demonstrate their skills at the festival, which will be held on the Smithsonian Mall.

Located between the Washington Monument and the Capitol building, the three blocks will be filled with whittlers, woodcarvers, weavers, ceramists, needlecrafters, instrumentalists, singers and dancers—all in action.

Ripley hopes "this festival will bring American people more fully into touch with their own past and that from this acquaintance the way may be pointed towards a richer life for some, and a more meaningful understanding of the roots of our society."

**FOR PEOPLE** of Southern Indiana the Spencer County unit of the Lincoln Hills Association will hold a two-day Fair at Clay-Huff School, Lamar, Ind. The national capital in July. They exhibit will open on Saturday, April 26, at noon and close at

8 p.m. Again on Sunday, April 27, the hall will be open from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Clay-Huff School is located on Route 245, three miles south of Santa Claus and four miles from Lincoln Memorial.

The Arts and Crafts Association was organized in 1963. It is composed of members from the four counties of "Lincoln Hills," Crawford, Harrison, Spencer, and Perry.

The revival of folk arts has been greatly encouraged by the interest of the monks at St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Brothers Zachary DeBernardi and Kim Malloy give lessons in weaving, ceramics and silk-screen techniques. Father Donald Walpole conducts classes in painting.

Because of the interest of pre-teens a special evening class was begun this year by Father Quentin Colman, who teaches ceramics and painting on Tuesday evenings.

**THE LATEST** craft to be introduced to the association is basket weaving.

Alfred Marshall of Taswell learned his craft by "unweaving" a basket he admired. Only by undoing and reweaving time after time did he finally master the skill.

A shaving horse, or "schmitzbank" will stand ready at the exhibit for use by any visitor who wants to have a try at the art.

The association will serve sassafras tea to their Hoosier guests, but it is not likely that delicacy will be taken to the national capital in July. They will be too busy demonstrating their hand crafts.

## 500 hear Fr. Groppi rap 'racist society'

An audience of 500 persons heard Milwaukee's Father James Groppi castigate the white, racist society of America last Saturday night in Butler University's Atherton Center.

The civil rights advocate told those attending the 15th anniversary observance of the Catholic Interracial Council of Indianapolis that more disturbances can be expected as militant blacks seek ways to equalize the power structure in the nation.

He stated that law and order would not be maintained unless existing civil rights laws are implemented and building codes are enforced to correct deficiencies of housing in the black communities.

White racism has done "horrible things to the black community," said the Milwaukee parish priest, who gained national attention in 1967 for his nightly marches to force open occupancy legislation there. Negro youths spend 95 per cent of their educational time studying, white culture, rather than instilling pride in their color and contributions to culture.

The Catholic Church did not escape scathing criticism from Father Groppi, who said that the institution "must listen to the priest working in the black community and start following his advice. The sensitivity of the people in the community should direct the Church's action," he stated.

Proceeds from the anniversary event will be used for scholarships.



SEE HOLY SPIRIT LEADING TO UNITY

# Ecumenical trailblazers go into action

By KIM LARSEN

WASHINGTON — Ecumenical trailblazers are making their way through a wilderness, slowly but progressively, but they are not sure what they will find once they conquer the wilderness.

It may sound like an exercise in futility, but the trailblazers are inspired by a sense of optimism and a faith that the Holy Spirit is indeed leading them to a promised land of Christian unity.

The wilderness is a vast, uncharted land filled with many obstacles. But the pioneer spirit of the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, gives hope.

## One communion service for all Christians seen

NEW YORK—One of the Catholic Church's ecumenical leaders foresees a time "when all Christians will be so united in faith that they will be able, with full integrity to their faith, to be united in the Eucharist, in one communion service."

Msgr. Bernard F. Law, executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, made this prediction in an interview on Guideline, an NBC television network program.

He added, however, that such unity is not possible now. In predicting a future time when there will be one communion service, Msgr. Law was asked about the problem of Catholics not being allowed to participate in other churches' Eucharistic services.

"The reason for the necessity for a Catholic not letting something else take the part of, the place of, his participation in the Eucharist is because by taking part in this Eucharistic celebration on Sunday one expresses his identity with his Church," he said.

"And so I don't believe that this should be viewed as a slap in the face at others," he continued, "but rather that this should be viewed as an expression of what we are, and we regret, as well as everyone else regrets, the division within the Christian Church. But to regret doesn't give you reason to ignore," he added.

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that the ecumenical frontier will be tamed.

**THE TRAILBLAZERS**, uncertain what their goal is, have inspiring visions of what they hope to encounter. The Catholics' chief scout, Msgr. Bernard F. Law, executive director of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs committee, expressed his vision in an interview with NC News Service:

"I believe it is God's will for His Church that Christians manifest their unity in a common faith in Christ and in a common celebration of the Eucharist."

"The ecumenical movement," he added, "is in response to this will of God."

This movement consists in a

series of dialogues with other churches. Dialogue means talk, and there seems to be a lot of talking. To the casual observer, all this talk might seem meaningless. But there is a significant reason for it, Msgr. Law insists.

**DIALOGUE** opens up new avenues of approach, he said, and this takes time. He admitted that there is a division among the ecumenists.

"The way is not clear how we can unite," Msgr. Law said. Dialogue can help clear away the fog, he said, adding that prayer also is very important. Msgr. Law also emphasized that there must be hope "that the Holy Spirit will guide us to a fuller unity."

He pointed out that "there is no guide by which to measure our success because this is a new venture. In a sense, you could call our office a trail-blazing office."

The process that is taking place, he said, requires a measure of time. How Christian unity will finally be expressed and when the goal will be reached are not known, Msgr. Law said.

"I can't predict how things will be at that point when unity is reached," he said.

There are many difficulties to be overcome, he pointed out. One of the major difficulties, Msgr. Law said, is how so many different points of view will converge. "I believe they will converge," he added.

**MSGR. LAW** observed that the present Catholic relationships with Protestants and Jews did not exist 50 years ago. The fact that dialogue has been achieved is a measure of success toward unity, he said.

"There are a lot of intangibles in regard to an operation like this," Msgr. Law said about the Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs secretariat.

"Getting to know, and to love, one another is a very important thing and it takes time."

Msgr. Law said he approaches ecumenism from a point of view of hope, not as a bureaucratic program. Even so, his desk was cluttered with papers that he must continually shuffle.

Msgr. Law may have some appearances of a bureaucrat, but he does not think like one. "We want nothing more than to be put out of existence," he said. When unity is achieved, there will be no need for his office.

Ecumenical unity is the ultimate goal of the ecumenical movement, Msgr. Law said. He pointed out, however, that such a union does not have to be a strict monolithic structure.

**MSGR. LAW** explained that the Catholic Church already has "a vast variety" of customs and liturgy represented by separate rites that are in full communion with the See of Rome.

"No one is to say there are no other types of variety," he said. "I don't think we've exhausted the types of variety that are possible. Development along these lines, Msgr. Law said, will come in the future."

"I do have hope that develop-

ment in the future will make possible an essential unity, which, at the same time, allows for sufficient diversity," Msgr. Law said.

"We can't be boxed in by the moment," he declared. "We must stick to the essentials of the Faith. But we have to keep in mind right now there is a rich variety of those churches that are in full communion with the Bishop of Rome. The principle of diversity is a part of Catholic tradition." All of which means that there is hope for some kind of unity in the future. What it will consist of is not now known. This is what Msgr. Law's office hopes to achieve in its dialogues with other churches.

**PROGRESS** in ecumenism made by the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs so far is measured by the fact that there has been a lot of it. It is through talk that the different churches can discover mutual understanding and

## Celibacy issue is second

# Collegiality is major subject at Canadian bishops' meeting

By MIKE O'MEARA

OTTAWA, Ont.—Collegiality—sharing responsibility with bishops and lay people—is the primary concern of Canadian priests. They want that "team-work" more than anything else. That was the primary point expressed as a national consensus by delegates present from the English-speaking regions of Canada, addressing a workshop of the Canadian Bishops' general assembly here.

The celibacy issue ranked second among nine national concerns of Canadian priests.

Others were experimentation — "a total openness" is establishing policies for orderly adaptation "in every aspect of pastoral life," according to Father Philip Hanley of Nanaimo, B.C.; research — sociological, psychological and through other sciences; continuing education of priests as professional development; more useful deployment of clerical personnel across Canada (catholic areas have a surplus of priests while others are desperately short); spiritual life of priests, the role of diocesan priests' senates, and laicization procedures.

**ON THE LAST** point, they asked for more prompt handling of cases in which men ask to be relieved of ministerial duties, and that the decision be left to national groups or even individual bishops.

"Collegiality is number one," Father Hanley told a press conference. "The national consensus is that priests must collect in the government of the Church."

"We want to dialogue with the bishops on an on-going basis; we want it on a diocesan level through the senate with the bishop, and among the priests of the diocese," he added.

Father William Roach of Sidney, N.S., added: "We are getting more people involved in the government of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada—bishops, priests and, eventually, the laity."

Asked whether he agreed with that concept, Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria, B.C., chief coordinator on behalf of the Canadian bishops on the dialogue among English-speaking priests, said:

## Thirty Canadian bishops take part in clergy 'talks'

OTTAWA—Collegiality — optional celibacy ... experimentation ... research ... more education ... personnel policies ... spiritual life ... senates ... laicization. These were the topics when eight priests representing 6,000 English-speaking Catholic clergy in Canada set down for an afternoon of formal dialogue with 30 bishops.

The clergy-bishop interaction was a highlight of the semi-annual meeting of the Canadian hierarchy. It also had an historic ring to it, for that was the first time such a structured conference had been set up. It was a product of both Vatican II and a study by the priests themselves to find the right way to develop the clergy in the changing Church.

The conference was a vehicle for the clergy to formally ex-

press themselves to the bishops. What they said carried weight because five of the priests were elected by senates across Canada and the other three were appointed by regional priests conferences which have been holding seminars and workshops during the past year.

**DISCUSSION** on the theology of marriage. Both sides have been considering New Testament teachings of the indissolubility of marriage. The discussions are still in process; thus there have been no results yet, Msgr. Law said.

**ANGELICAN CHURCH:** The nature and meaning of the office of bishops and the meaning of collegiality in both churches is the present concern of dialogue here.

**LUTHERAN CHURCHES:** Some results of the dialogue are available in three publications. The Eucharist has been a recent dialogue topic with the Lutherans. The ministry has been another subject.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** The question of federal aid to parochial schools has been

raised in this dialogue. Purpose of getting into this subject, according to Msgr. Law, is an attempt to understand the issue in all its perplexity. "The issue has caused much tension between Christians," he said. "It needs to be looked at closely in light of today's realities and the exposure of yesterday's myths."

**AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION:** Authority in the Church has been the topic of this dialogue.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ):** Theology of the Eucharist and marriage have been recent subjects. Discussion now is centering on the ministry.

**PRESBYTERIAN-REFORMED CHURCHES:** Again, the question of ministry has been of concern to both sides. All of these topics have some relationship to unity, Msgr. Law said. Mixed marriages, certainly, "present some very practical problems," he added.

**CONTACT WITH THE Jewish community** has been another

satisfied Canadian priests, Father Roach said. "No. When priests across Canada talk about this problem they are also talking about the possibility of a priest already ordained being allowed to marry."

"But we're not sure whether we are talking about all the priests or 50% or what?" Bishop De Roo said: "I make the distinction very clearly in my mind between ordaining married men (possibly) and allowing priests to marry. In the tradition of the Eastern Church married men have been ordained, generally mature men. Some people just don't see the distinction, but I think it is very valid. When you see the Church accepting a tradition over a period of years it is rather irresponsible to wave it aside and say 'sociological conditioning.' We are talking about the mystery of God here ... and the very nature of vocation."

Asked whether that concept

## Catholic U. professors to publish testimony

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Father Charles Curran and other professors at the Catholic University of America here said the professors have arranged for the publication of a two-volume work containing testimony which helped clear them of charges of dissent from the university's commitment to the universal in issuing a statement of dissent from Pope Paul VI's birth control encyclical, Humanae Vitae.

The work will be dedicated "to those Roman Catholic priests who shared the professors' views on the right to 'dissent' and who were cruelly punished because of their views."

**"AS LAWYERS,** we are deeply concerned that the due process which provided the vehicle for our clients' vindication should be extended to all those in the Church who suffer from regrettable accusations of disloyalty. Witness the present situation of many priests in the archdiocese of Washington," they said.

The lawyers statement hailed the report of a faculty board of inquiry which said the 20 professors did not engage in unprofessional conduct by their protest against the encyclical. The inquiry was mandated last September by members of the board of trustees, including Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle of Washington, university chancellor.

**CARDINAL O'Boyle,** as archbishop of Washington, disciplined a number of archdiocesan priests who publicly disagreed with his interpretation of Humanae Vitae.

The inquiry board found that the professors statement on Humanae Vitae was "responsible theological dissent," and did not conflict with their Profession of Faith. "No special norms are

required because of the pontifical character of the university or of any of its schools," the board stated.

**Professionalism** TECHNICAL proficiency is something the professional man shares with the technician, but obviously is not the essence of professionalism. In all professions, there is a credo of values associated with integrity, high moral character, and sensitivity which sets the professional man apart and engenders public confidence and respect. A person buffeted by tragedy rarely thinks of the Funeral Director in terms of technical proficiency, but reaches out to a man he assumes to possess the professional characteristics he can lean upon in a time of sorrow and bewilderment.

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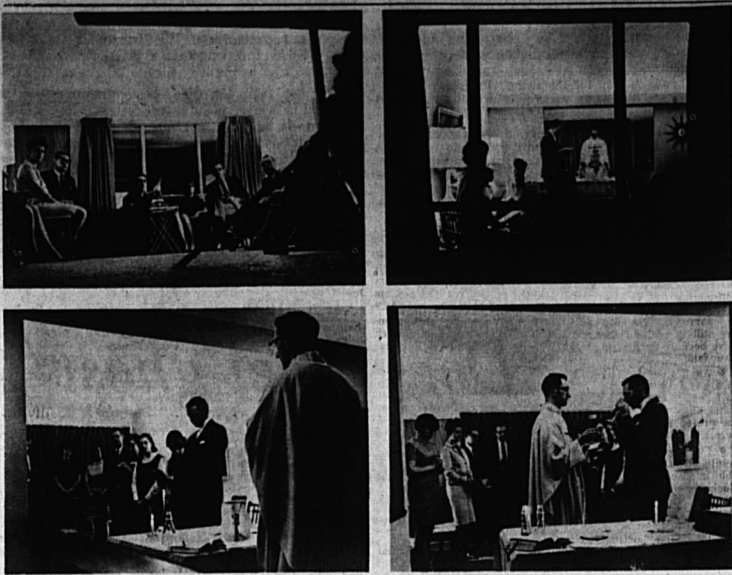
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## A Dutch bishop speaks out

By JOHN A. GREAVES

**LONDON**—Dutch Catholics are frank and practical and independent. They are receptive to new ideas which they like to try out, but they are responsible and always loyal to the Church.

This is the gist of what English Catholics were told during a brief speaking tour of this country by Bishop Theodore Zwartkruis of Haarlem, described as the most turbulent diocese in one of the Church's most turbulent provinces.

His talks gave a new complexion to sometimes very sensational reports seen in the British press—and heard and seen on television—about Catholic events in his country.

Bishop Zwartkruis gave two lectures at Leicester in the English Midlands, at the invitation of the local university. There he told crowded audiences that the Dutch Church is making a serious attempt to put life into the decrees of Vatican Council II. It has embarked on what Pope Paul called "a delicate and difficult enterprise," but is being undertaken in full loyalty to the Pope and in real membership of the Universal Church, the bishop said.

**POPE PAUL LAUDS 'COMMON' BIBLES**

**VATICAN CITY**—Common translations of the Bible for use by Roman Catholics and other Christians were praised by Pope Paul VI during an audience here.

Addressing a group of Catholics and others who are engaged in joint work on the Bible, the Pope said that "co-operation in the translation of the Scriptures, making them easily accessible to all people, results in bringing Christians closer together and this fraternal collaboration in this work renders the Christian message more credible."

non-Catholics, tends to come together to discuss it.

The Dutch bishops, for instance, recently issued a statement condemning the sale of arms to Nigeria and this was read in every sort of church in the country—and the sale of arms was stopped.

Bishop Zwartkruis spoke on the same lines at an ecumenical gathering to which he had been invited by an Anglican group in London.

The apparently tempestuous situation in Holland is due to an extraordinarily inspired and active faith, he said. The symptoms are in fact universal and have originated mainly in other countries, but the Dutch are a particularly frank and practical people who seek to test the practical value of new ideas, he stated.

**ON THE CHURCH** level this mentality has since the war sometimes proved to be stronger than formal obedience," the bishop said. But strict obedience to the laws of the Church "has been for centuries an element that united Catholics in times of persecution."

"Things were bound to change when full Catholic emancipation was released and the unifying force no longer needed." Catholics in general are now showing a spirit of criticism and also a sense of co-responsibility in the Church.

"After 1945 this spirit manifested itself in the ecumenical field via the Vatican Council and The Netherlands Pastoral Council," he said.

Bishop Zwartkruis said 11 other churches have been invited to be represented on the Dutch Pastoral Council. His own church has a council of churches which has produced a booklet on joint church building and hopes to become far more than an advisory body. Catholics and Protestants are working on a joint Bible. There has for some time been a joint Catholic and Protestant radio program, he reported.

Mixed marriages are now no problem in Holland. The bishop last year told their clergy to co-operate if the non-Catholic partner objects to making the Catholic promises and gave them permission to give Holy Communion to the non-Catholic at nuptial Mass provided the non-Catholic was baptized and believed in the Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist was expressed.

"The attitude of Dutch Catholic clergy is mild and understanding. We realize that it is couples in a mixed marriage

who have been bearing the burden of a divided Christianity on their own shoulders," he said.

**BISHOP ZWARTKRUIS** in an interview with the Catholic Herald expressed thanks for its own correspondent's suggestion in an earlier report that all should pray for the Dutch bishops—"provided it is not being suggested that we are a lot of heretics in need of salvation from ourselves. We need your prayers because of the extreme difficulty of the decisions we have to take."

"I think Pope Paul trusts the Dutch bishops and he has said so several times. . . I think that he is perhaps a little too pessimistic about some things. After all the Pope above all must have faith in the Holy Spirit's action within the Church. But it is quite unfair to subject everything he says and does to that interpretation and we have a duty to take this tendency to misrepresent him fully into account before passing judgments."

The bishop told the Catholic Herald also: "The Dutch bishops and all Dutch Catholics believe in the high ideals of celibacy and we deeply regret that the debate about obligatory celibacy has obscured the splendor of the ideal."

For this reason, he said, the National Pastoral Council has set up a special commission to study the functions of the priest with a subcommission to study celibacy.

"We feel that we should put before young people the real splendor of it all, but in terms adapted to our times."

He said he thinks there could be occasions in which the Church "must at least consider" the possibility of ordaining married men. He instanced an Indonesian prelate who told him it would be very useful in his area to be able to ordain the head of a village who with his wife commands local respect. The same might be true in our own industrial society of factory workers, Bishop Zwartkruis added.

**"WHY DO WE** talk so much about priest-workers and not worker-priests? I know people in my own circle who would be eminently suitable for this role," he said.

In The Netherlands ordinations are falling and the number of priests leaving the priesthood is rising, and these facts have to be faced, he said. The subject is being scientifically investigated "before we can decide what to do. Decisions too must be taken in discussion with the rest of the world episcopate

—with the Pope at the center of it all."

The bishop said there has been no drop in Mass attendance by Dutch Catholics, which at 55% of the Catholic population is he said one of the highest in Europe.

He said he does not believe a report about Amsterdam chaplains throwing away the sacred species. "If it is true, it will be dealt with by the commission. I have appointed to supervise the Amsterdam experiment."

What was happening in the students' chaplaincy there was an experiment, it must be remembered and not typical of Catholic life in the country he said.

Asked about Father Jos Vrijburg (reported to be carrying on as an ordained chaplain in the university although he is getting married) and about the bishop's reported organizing of a special cadre of priests to take bible services and look after souls but not celebrate Mass, Bishop Zwartkruis said: "The suggestion that I or any of my colleagues in the Dutch hierarchy have defied Rome is untrue and deeply resented. Nor is there any question of organizing a body of 'non-sacramental' priests."

The position about Father Vrijburg is that he was a Jesuit but has now left the order, as he must do if he wishes to abandon the celibate state. If he preaches today, it is because he has been granted the permission which can be given to any suitable laymen to preach.

The supervisory body is there to ensure that what is preached is authentic doctrine. Equally he does not take part as a priest in the celebration of the Eucharist."

**THERE IS NO** question of the chaplains wanting to abolish the institutional Church, he said. He added he had told them plainly that he must supervise what goes on. "To talk about an illicit situation is sheer nonsense."

He concluded: "All in all I am not pessimistic about what happens in Holland. At least there is no indifference. . . There is a certain amount of bewilderment about what's happening in the Church. . . Then too there are extremists on both sides. . . But the striking thing is that in spite of it all people go on believing in the Church. . . Thank God Catholics are coming to see that religion must be all-pervasive. But there is a danger of coming to think that God can only be encountered in man."

## Warns against firing ex-priests or nuns

**DETROIT**—A Jesuit legal expert warned here that firing former priests and nuns from former positions at Catholic colleges and universities could harm the church-related colleges' efforts to secure federal assistance funds.

Father Charles Whelan, S.J., of Fordham University, said the opponents of aid to church-related institutions may try to use such instances as evidence that the institutions insist on special religious requirements from their faculties and that "ridiculous discrimination" disqualifies them from public funds.

Father Whelan's observations were made during a session of the 66th annual convention of the

National Catholic Educational Association here.

**HE ADVISED** the Catholic college and university administrators in the audience against exempting non-Catholic students from religion courses. Such exemptions might be interpreted as evidence that the courses are not so much academic in nature as vehicles for propagating the Catholic faith, he said.

Father Whelan noted that disloyal persons are scheduled to begin in a case involving four Catholic colleges in Connecticut. The plaintiffs in the case are a group of Connecticut residents who claim the church-related institutions should be denied grants obtained under the Higher Education Facilities Act. He said counsel for the plaintiffs is expected to claim either that the

colleges involved propagate the Catholic religion or that they discriminate in regard to faculty or students.

Famed trial lawyer Edward Bennett Williams will represent the Catholic colleges, with Father Whelan and other lawyers assisting him. The case is expected to go to the Supreme Court by summer or early fall.

**FATHER WHELAN** asked his audience to provide him with information on how widespread the practice of dismissing former priests and Sisters from Catholic colleges has become, indicating the data might be useful information for the defense should the plaintiffs take the approach of "religious discrimination."

A former college president in

the audience, a nun cited a "personal experience" in which she lost a battle to keep a former priest on the history faculty. The bishop of the diocese involved forced the priest to leave, she said.

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## Form diocesan group to support Pope Paul

**BUFFALO, N.Y.**—Credo, a new association of "concerned Catholics" among the laity and Religious of the Buffalo diocese, was formed here to support Pope Paul VI and the bishops in "the current doctrinal crisis facing the Catholic Church."

Robert J. Jacobi, Buffalo businessman and president of a new group, expressed how Credo "would become a focal and vocal point for the faithful, silent majority of Catholics concerned with some recent developments in the Church."

**ORGANIZED** at an invitation-only meeting at Rosary Hill College, Credo, through Jacobi, issued a statement which cited some of the developments causing concern. Listed were:

"Unauthorized liturgical experiments, the unorthodox catechetical texts and religious instruction in some Catholic schools and CCD classes, various scandals involving disobedience to legitimate Church teaching and authority, the concern of many parents over sex education programs due to the very clinical approach without stressing moral principles and the infringement on their parental rights in this extremely personal area, and finally the current campaign to either drastically liberalize or completely abolish present abortion laws."

**CREDO's** statement said its objectives include: to develop a richer spiritual life in its members, to support the truths of the Church and refuse error, to unite itself with legitimate authority, and "to profess our religious assent of will and mind to the 'Credo of the People of God' proclaimed by Pope Paul VI."

The release said the objec-

**Churchmen study inter-communion**

**GENEVA**—The controversial issue of inter-communion was discussed by a group of 13 Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and Anglican theologians that met here.

They prepared a study paper for the Faith and Order working committee of the World Council of Churches, which will meet in England in August.

The committee will forward the study to appropriate agencies of the WCC member churches and related theological groups for further study. A report then may be submitted to the WCC Faith and Order Commission at its meeting in 1971.

**Ex-defense chief will speak at ND**

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.**—Robert S. McNamara, president of the World Bank and former Secretary of Defense, will be principal speaker at the May 1 dedication of the University of Notre Dame's Hayes-Healy Center for graduate business education. The \$1 million building was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. John F. Healy, who will be honored at a luncheon. Healy, a 1950 graduate of Notre Dame's college of arts and letters, and his wife, the former Romona Hayes, are owners of a Chicago travel agency.

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By MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. If your Dad or my Dad were hung for horse theft, it is most unlikely that you or I would wear a medal with a picture of a nose on it. Is there really a good reason why Catholicism accepts the cross?

The cross, like the nose in American history, was in Roman times the symbol of disgrace, for it was the means by which criminals were put to death. Jesus by dying a criminal's death won our freedom for us. That is why the cross became a glorious symbol of victory.

We tend to forget the true significance of the cross, however, for we no longer think of it as being anything like a nose. St. Paul in Philippians 2:8 brought out the significance of the cross when he described how completely he who "though he was in the form of God," humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

If you were to translate that language that would help your fellow Texans understand just what St. Paul meant, you could not do it better than by saying: "even death by hanging like a common horse thief."

Q. Is there any move to reform the traditionally formal

style of papal statements and encyclicals? This use of language suggests the binding of the feet of Chinese women. They are deliberately crippled in the performance of their main jobs and still they are expected to do it.

A. The comparison is apt, but it would be unfair to imply that the reasons were the same. The official teachings of the Church are written in a medium designed to be stable and lasting and not subject to the vicissitudes of living languages. Rome tends to worry less about immediate results than about the future effects of what is written.

She wants future generations able to understand what the Church taught in the past. This makes less and less sense today. If there is one lesson the Church learned in Vatican Council II surely it was that truth cannot be fully expressed in propositions that will be forever valid. The council made no attempt to define truth as did previous councils. It used what it called a pastoral approach to teaching. In other words, it aimed primarily at reaching the hearts of men and discussing the problems peculiar to men of today in the thought patterns of today. It is significant that in the one document that spoke to the problems of the world of today, the council used modern languages for the original drafts.

God, when he spoke to men, did not hesitate to use the vernacular. Written in the course of many centuries, the Bible reflects the development of language. God presumably had enough trust in man to leave it to future generations to discover how to read the language their ancestors used in the Scriptures. Papal writings are important, but not more important than the Scriptures.

Q. Your column continues to reflect the sickness of the Catholic laity and the failure of the Church in its teaching mission. The following gem appeared in a recent column:

"I used to go in time for the sermons, but gave that up because all the priest does is talk about racial issues or the like. I'm dying for some spiritual help during the sermon."

What this person is saying is: "The priest is talking about the cardinal virtues of justice. He wants to hear about that? It's so disturbing. The priest is holding the wages of the laborers who moved your fields which

sounds like communism to me, so I practice charity: I give a day's pay every year to the Catholic Charities Drive. What more do they want?"

The last sentence I quoted was: "I'm dying for some spiritual help during the sermon." A nice soothing sermon on the latest novena perhaps would have satisfied the "confused Catholic."

A. I'll keep your name a secret. You do so well you might be asked to take over this column.

As I read your remarks I kept imagining what "confused Catholic" would think about the sermons preached in the first days of the Church. A good example of this is the Epistle of James, which is a sermon in letter form. There our friend in search of "spiritual help" would read:

"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. . . . Be- hold the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields which

you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the Lord of hosts." (James 5:4-5)

Or perhaps this passage which seems to be addressed to a problem of discrimination something comparable to the racial issue:

"My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in and you pay attention to the one and ignore the other, you are acting in a way that is not of the Lord. Listen, my dear brethren, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?" (James 2:1-5)

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## • YOUR WORLD AND MINE

# A new look at China policies is in order

By GARY MACDOIN

I have just been reading a book, shortly to be published, that purports to describe the state of Asia and offer solutions to its problems. It is a good book. The author has lived and traveled continuously in Southeast Asia for 25 years. He combines knowledge with compassion.

But there is a glaring defect. He has never been in China. And what he doesn't know seems not to trouble him. His blueprint for the future assumes the continuation of the present policy of containment of China and a "normalization" of life for Asia minus China through American-Japanese co-operation.

It takes a lot of imagination to visualize a normal Asia or a normal world in which China has no voice or exercises no influence. It is not the mere weight of numbers, nearly a quarter the population of the earth and half that of Asia. It is even more the quality of the people.

The Chinese have a civilization, a culture and an ability to work at other peoples and races unexcelled by any other great power, past or present. Wherever they settle, and that includes the United States, they are outstanding as industrious, virtuous and peaceful workers and neighbors. At the same time, they retain strong ties to their homeland for far longer than almost any other national group.

Their industriousness, it seems to me, particularly in the United States, the Thai, the

Vietnamese, the Filipino—to take four neighboring peoples—work at a slower tempo than the corresponding Europeans or North Americans and have difficulty in adjusting to the regimentation required for industrial production.

Anyone who has recently been to Singapore, Hong Kong or Taiwan, as I have, quickly realizes that the Chinese workman is far ahead of us on both counts. If his productivity per person is lower than ours, it is only because of the enormous investment of capital and the service of each of our workers. It would be foolish to assume that China is not narrowing that gap by its forced savings.

Short-term political reasons have for 25 years prevented the Chinese from reaching an understanding with Japan. But the logic of history and geography work at the same tempo. Japan's economic technology at the service of China's wisdom and manpower would form a unique combination. Ironically enough, the element operating most strongly to forge that alliance is undoubtedly the racism which colors all American dealings with the Far East, just as it colors our domestic policies.

Some may object that I am talking about a China that perhaps once was but not about the China proletarianized and dehumanized by more than a generation of the most extreme totalitarianism. I find the argument unconvincing. The Soviet Union went through a similar experience for an even longer time. Today it is quite clear that the driving forces there, both the good ones and the bad, derive far more from the history and tradition of Russia than from the mystique of Marx. And China's traditions are incomparably more rooted than those of Russia.

At least one point today is clear. Nobody thinks seriously of the possibility of a return to pre-Mao China. As well imagine the restoration of the Romanoffs.

It is not necessarily a criticism of the framers and earlier supporters of the policy of isolation of Communist China to believe it is no longer viable. Here, again, the experience of our dealings with Soviet Russia is pertinent, in both the political and the religious sphere. Today, it is official policy on both sides of the Atlantic that the only way to lessen East-West tensions is to build bridges. Similarly, it is official policy on both sides of the Atlantic that the "underground" mission behind the Iron Curtain are today dialoguing not only with the Catholics but with the theologians of Communism.

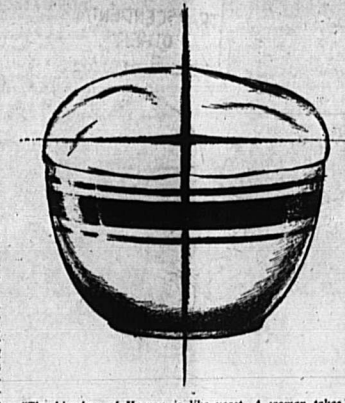
Christians no less than Americans need to take a hard new look at their policy toward Communist China. And they must not be surprised if the first reaction to their overtures is negative.

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## Fr. Kueng given Karl Barth chair

BASEL, Switzerland—For the first time in Western Europe, a Catholic educator will teach in a Protestant theology department when Father Hans Kueng, S.J., begins a series of lectures at the University of Basel this month.

The 41-year-old Father Kueng, a Swiss-born theologian now teaching at the University of Tübingen in Germany, will lecture in the chair of systematic theology formerly held by the late Karl Barth, the famous Protestant theologian who died last December at the age of 82. Father Kueng's assignment to the chair is to begin April 28 and last through the summer.



"The kingdom of Heaven is like yeast. A woman takes it and kneads it into a batch of dough rises. 13 Matthew 32

## Links tension to quest for 'understanding'

NEW YORK—The search for what it means to be born with certainty which dominated Catholic thinking for centuries is to be "relentlessly replaced" by the "quest for understanding," a Jesuit theologian said here.

Father Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., professor of historical theology at Woodstock (Md.) College, a Jesuit seminary, spoke on "From Certainty to Understanding: The Exciting Pilgrimage of Contemporary Catholicism," at Hunter College here.

The lecture was delivered under the auspices of the John Courtney Murray Forum—named for the late Father John Courtney Murray, S.J., theologian, author and expert at the Second Vatican Council, who died in 1967.

Father Burghardt said this quest for understanding has created "tensions" within the Church which "need not be disastrous, but can be 'creative, provided they be lived in a new context, a fresh certitude, a paradoxical perception of faith as a passionate affirmation and risk."

"YESTERDAY'S Catholic looked for answers," Father Burghardt said. "Today's Catholic is not even certain he is asking the right questions. Put another way, the Church of today is more explicitly a pilgrim Church, even in her doctrinal affirmations."

As Vatican Council II, so today she does not come to the world with a list of answers. She is a struggling Church, a people in travail, trying to understand before to understand, to understand herself and the world she wants to serve, to understand the "sin of the world" and the sin in each man, to understand

## Colleen, 21, wins seat in Commons

OMAGH, Northern Ireland—A 21-year-old Catholic, Miss Bernadette Devlin, member of a leftist student group, has defeated her Protestant Unionist opponent in a race for a seat in Britain's House of Commons.

Miss Devlin will be one of 12 members of the British parliament from Northern Ireland. All the others are members of Northern Ireland's Protestant Unionist party, except for Republican Labor member Gerry Fitt.

The student group to which Miss Devlin belongs is called People's Democracy. It has been prominent in the series of marches and demonstrations organized by Catholics and their sympathizers since last October to protest against discrimination by Northern Ireland's Protestant majority. The demonstrations have been erupted into violence.

Miss Devlin defeated her opponent, Anna Forrest, widow of the former sea-holder, by 4,211 votes out of the 63,000 cast in a 91.8% turnout.

The Mid Ulster seat that Miss Devlin won has long been held by the Unionist Party. Though

Catholics have a more than 3,000 vote majority in the district, many have not voted in the past. Since 1956, they have twice elected an Irish Republican to the post in what were nominal victories since the jailed winner could not take his seat.

## Black, white and beautiful

DETROIT—A Catholic parish in an all-white suburb here has found that "black is beautiful."

This has been generated by a group of black nuns, members of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, who staff the school at St. Maurice church in Livonia.

The culmination of this attitude was reached during the recent annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in Detroit when four members of the order were housed by a white woman. Four others lived in the home of a family who offered it to them while they were spending the Easter vacation in Florida.

Father Thomas Cain, pastor, explained that the order of black nuns came to the parish school at its invitation when they were the only religious community available to staff the school when it opened.

"The nuns have been very well received right from the beginning. The kids don't seem to know the difference," he said.

The school, which started with only five grades, now has the full eight, a capacity enrollment of 325, and a long waiting list.

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## OPINIONS

Back 'D.C. Nine'

To the Editor:  
Several weeks ago your paper featured an article concerning the "D.C. Nine," the priests, laymen and Sister who "burglarized" (?) the Dow Chemical Corporation.

This nation's involvement in the war in Vietnam is simply APPALLING from the human and Christian standpoint.

The Christian image of man—in the light of a father-son relationship, a kinship—should prompt Christians of an unmitigated sensitivity to be the most outstanding of protesters against human separation and its causes.

The apathy of the Christian communities in general, is and should be, an evident sign that the Gospel message has been completely misunderstood, misinterpreted and ignored. Merely because we might not agree with the protesting meth-

od, we cannot overlook the vocality of the prophetic Christian people as being one of peaceful revolution (yet even Jesus overturned the tables of business in the temple).

What we need during these times are more revolutionaries like Jesus, Gandhi, Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., John and Robert Kennedy, John XXIII, Daniel and Philip Berrian, Thomas Merton and the "D.C. Nine." These are the Christians. These are the prophets of the new covenant.

Bill Jones  
Joe Dant  
Indianapolis

'Who is at fault?'

To the Editor:  
Does it not seem strange to anyone that the CEP is fighting for funds for parochial schools, and can't get them, yet the schools that are or were receiving (Continued on page 7)



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## TIC TACKER

## Can 12 girls a panel make?

By PAUL G. FOX

Twelve St. Agnes Academy sophomores have initiated a unique approach to rational discussion of sensitive interracial topics, which is earning much respect for them and their school.

Known as "Project Awareness," the group has four Negro and eight white members. They have made panel presentations at their own institution, Ladywood School, Chartrand High School and last week-end's Archdiocesan Junior CYO Convention at Secunia Memorial High School, opening up conversations between teens on interracial and civil rights matters.

Lynn Bynum, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, is spokesman and moderator for the girls, which hail from no less than eight separate parishes and areas of Marion County. She believes that the geographic areas represented by the 12 girls is a positive factor toward an effective presentation.

In addition to Lynn, the other panelists include: Judy Cullina, Sandy Beaven, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Sherman, Donna Russell, Kris Mattingly, Libby Henn, Stephanie Heard, Betty Burkhardt, Patsy Brady and Beverly Sanders. The girls come from racially-mixed neighborhoods as well as black and white "ghettos."

General purpose of Project Awareness, according to the girls, is "to make people aware of the problems of interracial communications." They tackle without wincing such topics as black power, interracial dating, effectiveness of riots, family prejudice and "labels."

They claim a strong bond of friendship and understanding on the ground issues, but will vary greatly on personal response to a given question from an audience.

How are they received by an audience of peers?

"We are definitely more comfortable among people our own age, talking about problems of interest to all of us. Other students appear genuinely interested and do not hold back dirty looks and hostilities upon occasion. We are not sure we are changing attitudes, but we feel it is healthy to bring things into the public forum for discussion."

Technique? "Our only technique is being ourselves. We have no canned format or preparation. Lynn sets the pace and we chime in according to the audience reaction."

The girls readily respond that the year's efforts have been personally helpful. "Project Awareness has helped my attitude by hearing other opinions, new aspects of old problems. It offers us more hope following depressing news."

They make no bones about the "flack" they receive from family, friends and classmates. "It's tough," said one, "when your friends begin to think that you are warped on a subject."

Future plans? "We accept all invitations to appear at school or youth groups," the 12 chorused. Arrangements with school administrators are made by the group faculty moderator, Sister Alma Jacob, S.P.

**NAMES IN THE NEWS**—Sister Ann Pitsenberger, O.S.F., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pitsenberger of St. Joan of Arc parish, Indianapolis, will become administrator of St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, Ill., on April 26. She formerly served as assistant administrator at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill. Sister Ann attended St. Agnes Academy before entering the Franciscan convent. . . . Harry Burkhardt, Brebeuf Preparatory School senior, recently placed first in the discussion category of the Indiana High School Forensic Association's state finals. Outstanding speakers from 66 schools competed for the awards.

**HERE AND THERE**—"The Relationship Between Roman Catholicism and Latin American Economic, Political and Social Development" will be the topic of Dr. Thomas G. Sanders at a luncheon meeting of the Indianapolis Council on World Affairs next Wednesday. The noon meeting will be held at Roberts Park United Methodist Church, Delaware and Vermont Street, Indianapolis. Reservations may be obtained by calling 868-0600 or 866-1676.

Lunch will be \$1.50. . . . Students from Brebeuf Preparatory School, Indianapolis, captured 18 awards at the recent 17th annual Central Indiana Science Fair, held at Butler University. The number was the highest from any single school. . . . The Governing Board of the Priests' Association will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, in the Catholic Information Center, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. . . . Eighteen art students from Marian College are featured in a multi-media exhibit, to be seen through May 1 in the rotunda of the State Capitol Building in downtown Indianapolis. . . . St. Maur seminary will honor O.S.B., on the occasion of his 25th Jubilee of Ordination next Friday, May 2. Mass will be offered at 4:30 p.m. on that day, followed by a dinner at the seminary. A member of St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Ill., Father Brendan is a member of the Catholic Bishops' Association and presently serves as president of the American Benedictine Academy.

## Seek to shorten time for marriage cases

HOUSTON—Annulment and Father Lynch noted, "The Defender of the Bond must present even cut and dried cases. Under this proposed norm, he must still elect to appeal a decision, but he would not be required to be Catholic to do so."

"I believe that if all these norms are confirmed by the Holy See, even the most difficult cases can be cut to six months. Today, even the simplest cases require a minimum of two years, and borderline cases can drag along for three or four years."

**Other stories on Bishops' meeting on Page 12.**

procedures in this country, but voted to keep them secret until Rome has ruled on them.

**SPOKESMEN** for the bishops, however, have divulged three of them. These reduce the number of judges from three to one, call for decisions based purely on the evidence, and make all evidence available at all times to the attorney for the petitioner.

A fourth was made known to newsmen by Father Thomas J. Lynch, Hartford, Conn., canon lawyer and past president of the Canon Law Society of America. Under this new provision, Father Lynch said, a court's defender of the validity of marriages would no longer be required to appeal to the court of another diocese a decision handed down in favor of the petitioner for an annulment.

"UNDER present statutes,"

## Sacred music program slated at Ferdinand

**FERDINAND**—A program of sacred music will be presented in the chapel of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday evening, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

"On the Resurrection of Christ," a cantata by David H. Williams, will be performed by the St. Benedict College Chorus. Soloists are Mary Bachus, soprano; Marilyn Snyder, alto; Charles Rich, tenor and Allan Eyer, baritone.

Sister Mary Inez, O.S.B., will direct. Sister Theresita, O.S.B., will be the accompanist.

Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in C" will be played by Sister Mary Kristan on the organ, followed by "Prelude and Fugue in F" by Charles Rich.

Dandrieu's "Magnificat" will be presented by Sister Kristine Ann.

The program will end with Langlais' "Christus Vincit" from Suite Medival, by Sister Theresita.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

**Oppose stamp**

LONDON—Opposition to government plans to issue a postage stamp May 28 depicting Liverpool's great new Roman Catholic Cathedral was announced here by the United Protestant Council, to which is affiliated 13 Protestant societies throughout Britain.

## Opinions

(Continued from page 5)

ing public funds cannot keep their standards up to meet minimum requirements set up by the state.

Who is at fault? The children—the parents—the priests—the bishop?

In our area we could have consolidated but our priest said it wouldn't work. The other priest said the school had to go with his church. The parochial school board said nothing.

No wonder parents are glad to send their children to public schools. At least we are allowed to speak up and work for what we think is best for our children.

Gulford, Ind.

## 'Lack of leadership'

To the Editor:

The recent indications of the hierarchy of the Church and its media in Indianapolis manifest the lack of leadership in our Church at a time when exemplary direction is most important.

We refer specifically to the abrupt and ill-considered treatment of Father Boniface Hardin, the failure of The Criterion to give appropriate news coverage to the responsible protest in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday, and the negligence and lack of co-operation by certain pastors in publishing the Catholic-sponsored lecture by Father James E. Groppi on April 19.

Concerning this last grievance, we speak from experience in our own parish though we are aware that others received similar responses in a variety of parishes throughout the city.

When it appears that the pastor of a parish refuses to announce the opportunity to hear a true Christian leader such as Father Groppi for fear of alienating parishioners, we can only conclude that the ultimate concern is monetary—church debts.

One can hardly help but question the integrity of such an individual who places his reputation upon his ability to collect money rather than upon his participation in effecting the spiritual welfare and harmony of the community.

Is it the prerogative of our priests to make a decision of conscience for the laity—to promote what will pacify and to withhold what will irritate, to decide what will endear and what will alienate?

That men such as Father Boniface Hardin and Father James Groppi emerge in these times clearly shows the guidance of Christ and not the leadership of the Church on earth. It becomes increasingly deplorable to hear the Pope feebly and repetitiously denounce the thinking layman who is supposedly, but not actually, looking to leadership within the hierarchy.

## Ask action

(Continued from page 1) and the struggle," Meany added.

**HE URGED** the bishops to "use their good offices to persuade the grape growers to adopt a sense of social responsibility and treat their employees as human beings."

"We stand ready to meet at any time in any place with any group of farm owners you could convene for the purpose of achieving an honest peace of this struggle," Meany said.

## Cronin to speak

INDIANAPOLIS—Bill Cronin, instructor at Purdue University Extension, will discuss flower arrangement at a meeting of St. Andrew's Altar Society on Tuesday, April 29. The meeting will be held in the parish hall immediately following Benediction at 12:45 p.m. in the church. Women from neighboring parishes are invited to attend.

hierarchy. Who has seen fit to criticize the laxity of the latter? Catholicism has truly become a religion of the thinking laity and a very few clerics, and we are hopeful that the hierarchy and the press will follow their lead.

Dr. and Mrs. William Hoffman Indianapolis.

## 'Inconsistencies'

To the Editor:

In reading Paul Fox's column in the April 18th edition of The Criterion, I felt it necessary to

point out several inconsistencies in the interest of good journalism. For expediency's sake, it was necessary to find available scapegoats; enter Charles Williams and Joe Smith leading 200 lambs from the flock who were no doubt duped, misguided,

purposeless idiots in a so-called walk-out. To clarify your so-called reporting: it was indeed out, including some very intelligent, well informed Christians whom Charles Williams and Joe Smith joined and did not lead. There was definite unanimity of purpose and intent. Countless and fruitless letter writing and verbal approaches to the Archbishop concerning poverty, priorities of Archdiocesan monies and the injudicious handling of priests and nuns culminated in that walk-out Easter Sunday.

The Archbishop firmly believes there exists no poverty in Indianapolis. He asserts that 95% of his "good" Catholics aren't interested in them anyway. The last remark seems to be self-confessed dereliction of duty.

In the interest of "good jour-

nalism" it perhaps would have been more precise to report the trite "no-comment" from the Chancery. You had the facts from the Concerned Christians and most likely you read reports from other news media yourself. It may also have been reported that the priests had other thoughts in mind when thinking of asking Archbishop Schulte to delegate more authority to Archbishop Bishop. That in itself was a compromise to what many wanted. Then in the eleventh hour, our parish priest chickened-out and patted the Archbishop on the back for having erred egregiously.

Father Boniface Hardin has been the focal point, but this action should have happened many moons ago when the first priest or nun was transferred without due process. Our priests are obliged to serve their par-

ishes' best interest, and no one has the right to impede or impair by transference or intimidation, unless these acts are amoral and contrary to the laws of God.

The Archbishop's offices compromised principle and duty and to add insult to injury did not give Father Hardin redress of any sort. This is only one example, for there have been other clergymen and nuns transferred, ostensibly for other reasons, but the real reason is comfort. The Archbishop has a Cross to bear, that being the supporting of all his ministers in the fabrication of social justice. And as the saying goes: If you can't hear the cross . . .

Aside from the few journalistic errors, Paul Fox's article was well written.

Charles Williams Indianapolis

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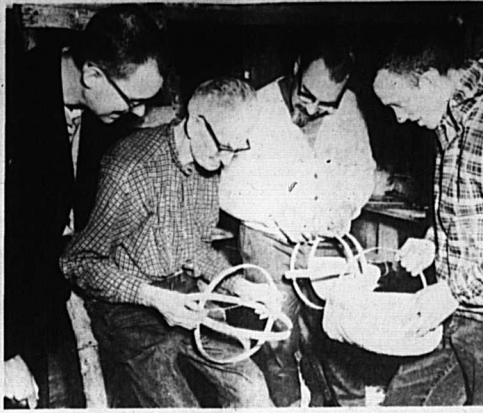
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second picture. Conducting the demonstration is Alfred Marshall, second from left. Looking on are Brother James, left, Father Prosper and Brother Blaise. In the third photo Mary Alice Zarrella, far left, puts the finishing touches on a

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## Msgr. Higgins

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the absence of strong trade unions, they are so badly needed.

It should also be noted that this will not be the first time that the official Church has publicly thrown its support behind the ILO. From the very beginning of the organization, shortly after World War I, the Holy See has been one of its strongest backers. Pope Pius XII looked with particular favor on its work and on several occasions spoke out eloquently and very effectively in support of the organization.

Moreover, the Holy See has—again, from the very beginning—been represented on the official staff of the ILO by a succession of highly qualified priests. I have known two of these men—the late Father Albert Le Roy, S.J., and the present incumbent, Father Joseph Joblin, S.J.—and can personally vouch for their professional competence and skill and for their sense of dedication to the cause of social justice.

In closing, it will not be out of order to remind some of the

Vatican's current critics that the Holy Father's forthcoming trip to Geneva is simply one more proof that during the past 50 years most of the so-called local churches throughout world. Bernard Wall, who would be just as critical of the Roman system as the next man, takes note of this fact in his autobiography, "Headlong Into Change." The Vatican system, in spite of all its faults, Mr. Wall points out, has "survived nationalism, and nationalism (has) been much the strongest motive force in Western mankind for the last 150 years—something for which the masses were prepared to die." Wall is afraid that nationalism, in the bad sense of the word, is still alive in certain sections of the Universal Church. He even thinks he can detect worrisome traces of it in the writings of some of our most celebrated avant garde theologians. Be that as it may, the Roman system, to repeat, has a much better record on the matter of international relations than most of the local Churches, including our own Church in the United States.

The pope's trip to Geneva illustrates this point rather dramatically. The ILO was established as one of the specialized agencies of the League of Nations. The Holy See supported the League enthusiastically, whereas American Catholics, unfortunately, rejected, by and large, on nationalistic grounds.

Our record in support of ILO has been somewhat better than that, but never as good as that of the Holy See. It is worth considering the implications of this fact in connection with current debate over the precise role that the Holy See ought to play vis-a-vis local churches, as we begin to implement the councils teaching on collegiality.

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## George Shuster

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Those among us—young or old—who still treat the spiritual life and the great masters who have taught many generations what it is, will be quite certain that what is missing is any concern with the Holy. The Holy is that which, if men are sane enough to see themselves and human nature as they really are, assumes willingly the discipline that makes the burden light. We can, especially if we are young, be very unrighteous even about righteousness. But if a man really understands what is unholiness in his spirit and in the soul of his time, he will curb his exasperation and deepen his sense of mission.

Many young people in Germany, as well as many young people right here, have not heard their elders say this with any fervor or sense of commitment. They have instead listened to other words, born in the desert of our collective life and our time. No one knows what will come of all this. Those of us who are Christians will hope that the grace of Christ will come again into countless hearts. But, alas, it may be that he will weep at the wall of the city to be destroyed.

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### Benefit social

RICHMOND, Ind. — The 8th graders of St. Andrew's parish will sponsor a social, for the benefit of the 1969 class trip, on Sunday, April 27. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Admission is \$1 at the door.

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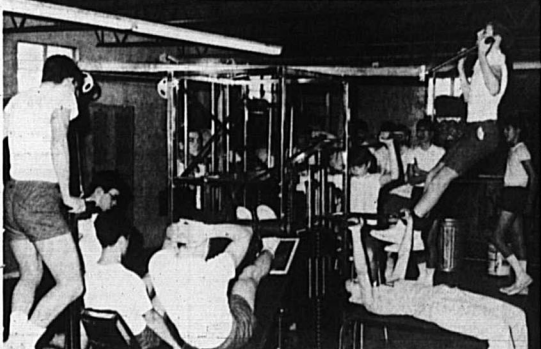
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**SUPPER, SOCIAL TO AID ATHLETIC FUND**—A Chili Supper and Monte Carlo Night Social are being planned at St. Michael's parish, 3354 W. 20th St., Indianapolis, for Saturday, April 26, to aid the school's athletic fund. Young Chris Swarczkopf, left, and Robert Mohr, right, look on as Robert Hagan tries a baseball glove on attractive Marilyn Wiwi. Hagan and Mohr are serving as co-chairmen. Both the chili supper and the social will begin at 4 p.m. Food service will continue until 7 p.m. The public is invited.



**NEW WEIGHT MACHINE AT SCENIA**—Athletes at Scenia Memorial High School, Indianapolis, are able to utilize the school's new physical conditioning machine 10 at one time. The \$2,400 piece of equipment was purchased through voluntary contributions of alumni, parents, friends and Scenia students.



**SOLO MEDALISTS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONTEST**—These talented young people are the outstanding soloists in the Instrumental solo section of the recent CYO Cadel Instrumental Music Contest. The musicians shown here were chosen as medalists from a field of more than 150 soloists. Front row, left to right: Gordon Haboush, Holy Name, Beech Grove; John Wachter, St. Anthony, Clarksville; Rick Kalbfleisch, St. Anthony, Clarksville; Jerry Weaver, St. Ambrose, Seymour; Dan Pickard, Holy Name; and Martin Fischer, St. Mary, Rushville. Second row, left to right: Jeanine Rinsley, St. Anthony, Clarksville; Rosa Vance, St. Ambrose, Seymour; Susan Heuserberger, St. Ambrose, Seymour; Cindy Elmer, St. Ambrose, Seymour; Nancy Bernardon, Christ the King, and John Mullin, St. Monica, Steven Marquer, St. Charles, Peru, and Theresa Louise McGimpsey, St. Lawrence Indianapolis, were not present for the picture.

## The Ladies Club of St. Lawrence plans card party

INDIANAPOLIS—The Ladies Club of St. Lawrence parish will sponsor its annual card party on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish's Father Conen Hall, 46th St. and Shadeland Ave.

Theme of the event will be a circus. "Ringmaster" or chairman is Mrs. George M. Binder. Other chairmen include: Mrs. James J. Dougherty, refreshments; Mrs. John Matthews, decorations; Mrs. J. E. Nicks and Mrs. Vincent A. Chiano, table prizes; Mrs. James Schaffer and Mrs. Raymond Hiro, door prizes; Mrs. William Stricker and Mrs. John Larson, tickets.

Peanuts, popcorn and other circus refreshments will be available. Also featured will be a calypso, "thin man," "fat lady" and clowns. Tickets are available by calling 545-3074 or 546-6477.

## CAC to meet

INDIANAPOLIS—The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will sponsor an evening of dancing, vaudeville and a sing-along tonight, April 25, in St. Philip Neri parish hall. The hall will be decorated in an atmosphere of the 1920's. For additional information contact Gerald Spahn, 787-5064.

**IN CATHEDRAL PLAY**—The Cathedral High School Student Theatre will present "Thieves' Carnival" at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, in the auditorium. Michele Kuntz, St. Agnes junior, and Joseph Vitale, Cathedral senior, (in photo above) have key roles in the play. This marks the 50th anniversary of the student theatre group. The first student production in 1919 was "The Millionaire Janitor," presented for members of a service organization called the Chetrand Club.

## Open House

INDIANAPOLIS—St. Michael's Church, 30th St. and Tibbas Ave., will hold an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. Guided tours will be conducted through the church, which has been rebuilt following a destructive fire in December, 1967. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

## To be ordained for Florida See

MIAMI, Fla.—A native of Indianapolis will be ordained to the priesthood for the Miami archdiocese here Saturday, May 3, in St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll. Rev. Harry W. Ringenberger, Jr., the ordinand, was graduated from St. Catherine's School, Indianapolis, prior to moving to Florida in 1957. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ringenberger. Two grandmothers reside in Indianapolis—Mrs. Agnes Weingard, of St. Patrick's parish, and Mrs. Irene M. Sullabower, of St. Catherine's parish.

The First Solemn Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Marys Church, Ft. Lauderdale, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25. Reception will follow at Aquinas High School.



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## Observance set for firemen

INDIANAPOLIS—More than 100 uniformed members of the Indianapolis Fire Department will attend the 16th annual Corporate Communion Breakfast to be held Sunday, April 27, at St. Simon's Church, 8600 Roy Rd. Breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria immediately following the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Father Charles V. McSweeney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, Indianapolis, will be the guest speaker.

## Retreat planned by Third Order

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sacred Heart Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, in Sacred Heart Church.

Following the meeting, reservations may be made for the retreat to be held at Alverna Retreat House on June 27, 28 and 29. Reservations may also be made by calling Alverna Retreat House, 235-1340 or Mrs. Barbara Stewart, 631-1995. The retreat is open to men and women.

## Set card party and style show

INDIANAPOLIS—The card party and style show, sponsored annually by the Women's Club of St. Patrick's parish, will be held Sunday, April 27, in the school hall at 950 Prospect. Playing begins at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1 at the door. Chairmen of the event are Mrs. Arthur Gundlach, Mrs. Theodore Oechle, Mrs. Ed Huck and Mrs. John McHugh.

## Clergy Night

INDIANAPOLIS—The annual Clergy Night, sponsored by the Infant Jesus of Prague Council, K of C, will be held Thursday, April 24, at the Lantern Room, 3748 N. Meridian St. A social hour beginning at 4:30 p.m., will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. All clergy in the council area are invited. Council members should call 235-1120 for reservations.

## Chatard seniors to present play

INDIANAPOLIS—The senior class at Chatard High School will present "Dear Me, the Sky Is Falling," on Sunday, April 27, in the school auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Leading roles will be played by Jan Breiner, Carol Hofmeister, Ray Berndt, and Jack Moran. Student directors are Steve Scheidter and St. Johnson. Richard J. Powell is the faculty advisor.

Admission at the door is \$1.50. Tickets purchased before Sunday will be sold for \$1. The public is invited.

## Disciples invest in black banks

INDIANAPOLIS—Agencies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have set aside \$325,000 for investment in black-controlled banks.

The United Christian Missionary Society and the Board of Church Extension have committed \$300,000 of the total, which was announced by Reconciliation, a denominational emergency urban crisis program.

Reconciliation has set a goal of \$1 million to be placed in black banks or other enterprises managed by minority group members.



**'A NIGHT IN OLD WILLIAMSBURG'**—The Women's Club of St. Luke's parish, Indianapolis, will sponsor "A Night in Old Williamsburg" dance with a colonial theme Friday, April 25, in the ballroom of Stouffer's Inn. Colonial invitations have been extended, written in colonial-style script with a Williamsburg crest. Twelve committee members and their husbands will be attired in elegant colonial dress at the dance. The ballroom will be decorated as a Williamsburg garden, featuring a band dressed in colonial costumes, complete with wigs. Mrs. Richard V. Baxter, above center, is chairman of the event. Also shown are Mrs. Russell C. McDermott, left, invitations committee member, and Mrs. Robert H. McKinney, decorations committee member.



**IN 'CHARLEY'S AUNT'**—The Catholic Theatre Guild of Indianapolis will present the old perennial "Charley's Aunt" at Eastgate Auditorium Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26 and 27. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 357-2314. Curtain time is 8:30 on Friday and Saturday and 7:30 on Sunday. Shown in the scene above are, left to right: Tony Hileman, Wanda Peden, John Fouts, Donna Jeffs and Jerry Vollmer.

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## New Albany CCW to hold retreat

**NEW ALBANY, Ind.** — The New Albany Deaneary Council of Catholic Women will hold a closed retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, the week-end of May 16-18. The retreat is open to women of the New Albany area only. Father Kenny Sweeney, director of the retreat house, will conduct the spiritual exercises.

A chartered bus will leave the corner of East 8th and Elm Streets, New Albany, at 5:30 p.m., May 16. Bus reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

Reservations for the retreat should be made by Thursday, May 8, with Miss Margaret Richard, 1906 Charleston Road, New Albany, phone: 945-6724, or Mrs. Louise Livingston, 1311 N. Market St., New Albany. Mr. Livingston may be reached during the day at Holy Trinity Rectory, 944-3217, or at other times by hours at 944-0832.

## Set card party at Sellersburg

SELLERSBURG, Ind. — The Ladies' Club of St. Paul Church will sponsor a dessert can party on the evening of April 2

beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Room of the church building. There will be a prize for the winner at each table and

The proceeds will be used for the various activities of the Club. Admission will be \$1 per person.

of Evansville; Dr. Jerold Baker of Ter Haute; sister of Mrs. Clara McDonald, Clinton.

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**'Budd' offered  
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Sunday, April 27**

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. — St. Meinrad College students will present a public performance of Herman Melville's sea tale "Billy Budd," at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27, (slow time). Tickets at \$1 will be available at the door of St. Bede Theatre at the college campus.

The play in three acts is modern morality play about good and evil. According Melville, absolute good and absolute evil cannot live in the

solute evil cannot live in the world together. Each will destroy the other, for human life forces a compromise that follows a middle way.

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## BISHOPS 'POSITIVE'

Meeting 'realistic,'  
NCCB president says

By FLOYD ANDERSON

HOUSTON—At the closing session of their semi-annual meeting here, the U.S. bishops approved issuance at the earliest possible date of a statement reaffirming their commitment to retain priestly celibacy, and restated their strong conviction and growing concern over opposition to abortion.

The bishops also urged Congress to extend the National Labor Relations Act to agricultural workers, pointing out the farm workers' strike is now entering its fourth year, and heard Auxiliary Bishop William E. McManus of Chicago discuss Church and education.

Cardinal-designate John F. Dearden of Detroit, National Conference of Catholic Bishops president, was asked at a closing news briefing about the "tone" of the meeting. He said: "Generally, it has been very positive and I think we can say it has been realistic. Basically, we have accomplished most of the things we set ourselves to do."

HE SPOKE of the long range effectiveness of some of the actions and referred specifically to the guidelines given for the logical training of candidates for the priesthood. "It represents a very substantial updating of theological training they will receive," he said. The long range result will be reflected in the generation of priests ahead.

Asked whether he believed schism is imminent at all or within the foreseeable future in the U.S. Church, Archbishop Dearden said:

"I think we have reason for great optimism. We began with a very strong religious faith. The Church in the U.S. had a vigor quite outstanding among all churches throughout the world. This is something strong on which to build. In this strength, while tensions will undoubtedly occur, I do not think they are of such nature that we look for anything that would be a schism."

Newsmen asked him about the possibility of making bishops' meetings more open to the press. He said: "We would not have the same open, unbridled and blunt dialogue we have in a meeting closed to our own membership. We have achieved this to a very high degree."

Questioned about the celibacy resolution, Archbishop Dearden said: "It came up because the matter was constantly talked about; the bishops simply wanted to reaffirm their position. Some think it is of great importance to the Church today."

The celibacy resolution pointed out "systematic opposition" to priestly celibacy being organized in many circles, which "when highly publicized, creates further confusion and leads to unfounded speculation among many, especially some students for the priesthood."

Cardinal-designate Terence J. Cooke said consultations with other bishops' conferences "make it clear that certain of the decisions concerning preparation for and ideal norms for exercise of the priesthood... make it clear that certain of the heritage of priestly celibacy will be in no way abandoned or compromised."

He then urged that a "public statement be made by this conference in the name of the Church in the U.S. reaffirming commitment to retention of priestly celibacy," and that a new statement be released "at the earliest possible date."

IN OTHER actions during the three-day meeting, bishops:

• Heard a report citing the decline in vocations from 45,000 to 35,000 in three years, and listing as causes "growing acceptance of a materialistic value system in modern society, exaggerated individualism, and a growing rejection of values of close knit family life." A major problem, it said, is the "uncertainty of a large number of sincere Catholics with priestly and religious life and with the Church itself." Contributing to this is the "departure of priests and religious from the Church and to dramatization of this in the press."

• Approved a report on guidelines for an academic program in the theological for seminarians and on seminary administration; the guidelines are being sent to Rome for approval.

• Discussed due process in the Church; approved a resolution asking for suggestions to apply more effectively existing canon law procedures, for the revision of those procedures and for new procedures, saying "the canon law is ready, within the limits of its competence, to suggest to its members experimental procedures and prompt implementation on the diocesan, provincial and regional levels of a schism."

well-conceived plans for the greater protection of human rights and freedoms within the Church."

• Heard a report on establishment of a central office for black Catholicism to enable the Church to operate more effectively in black communities and to provide closer relationship among clergymen, laymen and laity; the committee to continue discussions and refine the proposal of such an office.

• Approved 26 proposed new norms to guide canonical procedures. In formal trial cases concerning the validity or nullity of marriage bonds, these are now sent to Rome.

• Heard a report on the permanent diaconate: five experimental programs for training were approved; 40 bishops expressed interest in the program.

• Approved a resolution on pornography, commending efforts of civic officials, clergymen and citizens groups—especially young people—to counteract this and to support wholesome and positive presentations. We appeal to the communications media to respond to their efforts.

• Discussed liturgy, including successful use of experimental rites for funerals, for the Baptism of adults. Announced that the revised rite of Holy Eucharist will be issued as a new lectionary with a three-year cycle of Scripture readings will be issued shortly. He decried proposals to restrict Mass for small groups and for small children.

• Approved creation of the National Mission Council, a new service organization for missions sponsored by religious superiors of men and women and the bishops' conference.

• Regional meetings of bishops.

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TIME RUNNING OUT?

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CONFIDENCE CRISIS

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among youth seen

threat to schools

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HOUSTON—The present rumblings of unrest among youth in the Church may be "only a prelude to a roar of rebellion by a whole generation of young people," a Catholic prelate told his fellow members of the national Conference of Catholic Bishops in session here.

Speaking on "The Church and Education," Auxiliary Bishop William E. McManus, superintendent of Chicago archdiocesan schools, said the "crisis of confidence" among youth may drive them away from Catholic schools.

"We may find ourselves in the embarrassing predicament of having plenty of buildings, teachers and money, but few pupils to educate," he said. "Declining enrollment is a sign that this crisis may have begun."

BISHOP McMANUS, in addressing the closing session of the semi-annual bishops' meeting, said that the Church is merely to "bemoan" the problem posed by youth will do little to solve it.

"A high and mighty approach will only keep us aloof from it," he said. "Condescending and patronizing projects will be rejected by most youths."

He quoted from a recent statement of Pope Paul VI to Italian school teachers in which the pontiff said, "It cannot be denied that many problems which young people often pose with much indignation and violence are real problems."

Youth rightfully complains, Pope Paul said, about excessive authoritarianism, and adults should listen to and correct the grounds for just complaints so that "we can ask young people to keep their demands within the levels of reason."

"For the Church in education," Bishop McManus said, "a renewed and radically restructured apostolate to the young is imperative. Their number and their characteristics dictate this course of action."

THE CHICAGO prelate said youth is serious and wants to be taken seriously, and that youth "rejects the timeworn idea that a young person is only a future adult to be trained and conditioned to acceptance by adult society."

"Youth demands respect for his person as a responsible individual here and now," he said.

The evils of war, nuclear weapons, racism and poverty in the midst of abundant food, "trouble today's youth," the bishop stressed.

Despite its rebellion against the Church, he said, youth continues to be religious, but on its own terms. "Youth's problems with the Church are honest and open," Bishop McManus said, "but time is running out for their full commitment to the Church. The present attitude is to wait and see whether they will remain with the Church. They will remain, I believe, if we can persuade them that the Church and by the Church they will be heard."

Celliacy poll  
RIO DE JANEIRO—Eighty per cent of the Catholic priests in Brazil believe that the requirement of celibacy for ordination should be dropped and that priests should be left free to marry or remain single, according to the results of a nationwide poll made public here.

WORKSHOP HELD ON JUDAIC STUDIES—The St. Meinrad School of Theology and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith recently co-sponsored a workshop at the seminary to study the possibility of integrating Jewish studies into the curriculum of Catholic seminaries. Under consideration for implementing the program are faculty exchange between institutions, part-time professors of Jewish studies and summer institutes on Jewish studies in Catholic seminaries. Shown above from left at the workshop are: Father Damien Dietlein, O.S.B., of the St. Meinrad faculty; Dr. Yechanan Muffs, of Jewish Theological Seminary, New York; Father Marcin Strange, O.S.B., of the St. Meinrad; Dr. Michael Wyszogrod, of Baruch College of the City University of New York; Very Rev. Adrian Fuerst, O.S.B., acting president-rector of St. Meinrad School of Theology; Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, director of the Department of Intercultural Affairs, Anti-Defamation League; Father Colman Graber, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad; Mr. William Carpe, of St. Meinrad; and Dr. Ellis Rivkin, of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati.

## Hong Kong

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