

WHERE MARTYRS DIED
Pope Paul's visit to Africa will have ecumenical overtones as he seeks to honor 21 Ugandan martyrs he canonized in 1984. Shown is a view of the Protestant church at Namugongo with its encircled area marked by a cross. It is the spot where nine Protestants and four Catholics were burned alive on June 3, 1886. They were among 200 Christians who were put to death by King Mwanga of Buganda, known as the African Nero, during a two-year period. (RNS photo)

AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Catholics, Southern Baptists hold historic first dialogue

By MSGR. BERNARD F. LAW
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
—A group of Southern Baptist and Catholic scholars met for the first national dialogue between the two traditions at Wake Forest University, a Baptist-related institution here.

The three-day (May 8 to 10) conference, sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University, under the presidency of Dr. Brooks Hays,

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featured papers and discussions on theological areas dividing the two traditions.

Auxiliary Bishop John S.

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Spence of Washington led the 20-member Catholic delegation to the conference. Southern Baptist representation numbered 36.

Catholic speakers included Father Raymond Brown, S.S., Scripture scholar at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, who spoke on "The Impact of Biblical Criticism on Roman Catholicism and on Contemporary Christianity in General"; Father Goffrey Diekmann, O.S.B., of St. John's College, Collegeville, Minn., who spoke on "Liturgy and Sola Scriptura in Worship"; and Father William McDonnell, O.S.B., the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, Minn., who spoke on "Retreat, Renewal and Monasticism."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST speakers included Prof. Samuel S. Hill, religion department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., who spoke on "The Holy Use of the Word"; Prof. Glenn Hinson of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., who spoke on "Creeds and the Faith: Living Force of the Present or Dead Hand of the Past"; and Prof. Judson B. Allen of Wake Forest University, who spoke on "From Dark Enlightenment to the Middle Ages: The World View of Ecumenism."

At the conclusion of the conference, the members approved the following resolution:

"A group of Southern Baptist and Roman Catholics have met together, in a three-day conference,

once upon the auspices of Wake Forest University, a Baptist-related institution. The group included Catholic bishops, Southern Baptist denominational executives, theologians, Scripture scholars, pastors and representative laity. It is believed that this is the first meeting on such a broad scale, convened to discuss our common heritage and to confront our historic differences. We came not as official representatives of ecclesiastical groups but as individuals interested in realizing our oneness in Christ.

"Two factors emerged in the discussions which illustrate with particular force our unity. The Baptist participants reacted most favorably to the evidence of renewal of Scripture studies in the Catholic Church. Baptists and Roman Catholics were one in their insistence upon the importance of the interior life for Christians.

"The principal focus of our interest is the unchallenged and overwhelming fact that, we are brothers in Christ. We did not attempt to disguise our theological differences, but we were made aware of the possibilities of mutual enrichment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are completely united in the belief that a continuing dialogue is desirable, so that together we may better meet our responsibility to the Gospel and serve the world in a period of great peril and staggering human problems.

Consequently, we propose to continue these discussions and to renew our efforts to acquaint those within our respective constituencies with the urgency of promoting the unity for which Christ prayed."

BISHOP Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., expressed special thanks to the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University for taking the initiative in sponsoring the dialogue.

Celebrants of the Funeral Mass were Father Bernard Shea and Father William Fehlinger, classmates. Msgr. Cornelius B. Sweeney, V.G., preached the sermon.

Burial took place in St. Mary's Cemetery here.

A NATIVE of Napoleon, Father Wagner was ordained in 1928 after seminary studies at St. Meinrad.

Early appointments included: St. Mary's parish, New Albany; St. Peter's parish, Montgomery; and St. Philip Neri parish, Indianapolis.

HE WAS named administrator of St. Leonard's parish, West Terre Haute, in 1937. Six years later he became pastor of Annunciation parish, Brazil.

Father Wagner was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in 1964.

Survivors include two sisters—Mrs. Frank Frey, of Greensburg, and Mrs. Mae Hurst, of Cincinnati.



FATHER CHARLES WAGNER

ICC eyes new body on schools

INDIANAPOLIS—The formation of an association or commission on non-public schools in Indiana will be initiated or supported by the Indiana Catholic Conference, according to action taken last week by its board of directors.

Purpose of the non-public schools association would be to help create a more effective voice for the independent schools.

In other action approved by the board at the conclusion of the two-day annual meeting of the 80-member delegate assembly, held May 7-8 at Fatima Retreat House, the ICC encouraged co-operation with local community task forces in implementing inner-city programs designed to correct racial and social problems.

"Such co-operation is seen as involving personnel, school facilities and other resources on the diocesan and parochial school level," the board said in part.

THE BOARD also publicly recognized the work of the newly-formed Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality (IICHE), which serves minority problems in the state. The product of a task force convened by the ICC and the Indiana Council of Churches, IICHE is presently supporting Project Equality and Project Commitment and the funding of indigenous programs for the poor. Future financial and personnel for IICHE was authorized by the ICC.

A recommendation for the adoption of a training course in human relations for clergy, religious and lay people in administrative and teaching positions in Catholic institutions throughout the state was approved by the board.

The ICC board expressed disappointment in "the lack of positive action on social issues resulting from the recent legislative session and subsequent executive action."

Specifically cited was the failure of the legislature to provide adequate funds or independent children and the curbing of a centralized system that is the apparent wish of the Catholics of Evansville.

Dr. Tavorina, the father of sight, is a member of St. Philip parish. He is director of the department of bio-chemical research at Mead Johnson Co.

A native of New York City, Tavorina is also chairman of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Marion and is also on the board of directors of the Indiana School Board Association.

Council backs ND

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—The right of the administration to confront violence with remedial force was upheld—but tempered with an emphasis on the necessity of restraint—in a statement of opinion issued by the University of Notre Dame's tripartite Student Life Council.

WOMEN AND HATS

Church rule same; on other hand...

NEW YORK—Women's hats have always caused trouble for most men and that seems to be the case in the Catholic Church as well as elsewhere.

A Vatican press officer announcing changes in the newly approved missal was asked by a reporter whether the new regulations required women to wear hats in church. The priest answered "No," and reporters had a headline story.

However, the full answer should have been: "No, there is no mention of women's hats in the missal, but there never was any such rule in the old missal either."

Father Frederick R. McManus, executive secretary of the U.S. Bishops' Liturgical Commission in Washington, D.C., told Religious News Service that the reporter's question is one of custom, not of liturgy, morality or strict Church law.

THE PRACTICE of women wearing hats in church, he said, is contained in the Church's Code of Canon Law, approved in 1917 and still in force.

Canon 1262 has two parts, Father McManus explained. The first says that it is to be hoped, in agreement with ancient discipline that men and women will be separate in church. The second part speaks of modest garb to be worn to church and takes note of the custom in some places of women covering their heads.

There was never any sin attached to the wearing of hats or not wearing them to church, Father McManus said.

"It is a matter of local custom or mores," he said, "a social thing, and as such depends on local practice."

IT IS NOT something that you find practiced everywhere, he continued. Thus, in Italy women don't wear hats to church as a matter of law. Some do at times, but because of style rather than any sense of obligation to do so.



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SIX NEW DEACONS ORDAINED—Coadjutor Archbishop George J. Bishop ordained six new deacons for the Archdiocese last Saturday in St. Peter's Basilica, Indianapolis. The ceremonies featured the newly revised rite of ordination. Flanking the Archbishop are Very Rev. Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., left, rector of St. Maur's School of Theology, Indianapolis, and Very Rev. Conrad Louis, O.S.B., former president-rector of the St. Meinrad School of Theology. The deacons, from left, are: Rev. Mr. Daniel Wagner, of Napoleon; Rev. Mr. Thomas Stumph, of Indianapolis; Rev. Mr. James Bonke, of Indianapolis; Rev. Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Indianapolis; Rev. Mr. Eugene Okon, of Indianapolis; and Rev. Mr. Samuel Curry, of Indianapolis. Nine other men from other dioceses and religious communities were called to the diaconate during the same ceremonies.

CALENDAR UPROAR DEPLORED

'Local veneration' of saints not changed: Vatican paper

VATICAN CITY—In an editorial note, the Vatican daily declared that "local devotion and veneration" of saints has not been in the least cut

into or called into question, "even when the historical proof of the lives of some saints are not so very exhaustive."

The note appeared in the issue published May 10, but dated May 11.

The daily, L'Osservatore Romano, added that there is no reason for alarm, "which we trust will be promptly dissipated."

It said that some newspapers are reporting—either through an incredible misunderstanding or a facetious vein or doubtful taste—the notion "that about 30 saints were pulled from the (liturgical) calendar, from veneration and from devotion, because they never existed."

THE TEXT of the editorial note, headed "Have the Saints been Abolished?" follows:

"We do not know whether it is through an incredible misunderstanding or a facetious vein of doubtful taste that some newspapers are giving an account of this misunderstanding, because the new liturgical calendar with the notion that about 30 saints were pulled from the calendar, from veneration and from devotion, because they may never have existed."

Among these are saints very well known and venerated, such as St. Januarius, St. Christopher and St. Barbara.

"It seemed that the terms of the press conference were clear. The universal calendar of the Church could no longer remain European, much less Italian or French, without falling short of a precise pastoral criterion."

As was noted, as the Second Vatican Council ordered, "to choose the more outstanding saints throughout the Church, leaving the others for local veneration, whether national, regional or diocesan."

"LOCAL devotion and veneration have not been in the least cut into or called into question, even when the historical proof of the lives of some saints are not so very exhaustive, as present criticism would pretend.

"Thus there has been created—and we should hope not deliberately—baseless alarm which we trust will be promptly dissipated, because public opinion has a right to know the reality of the situation: that of a Church which is adequate to the new worldwide dimensions of her penetration without in any way denying the value of a genuine devotion to local and healthy veneration for local saints."

A STATEMENT distributed

at the press conference given that they had existed, such as St. Christopher, St. Barbara, St. Catherine of Alexandria. They have been suppressed from the general calendar: the Christian people may not be invited to an official prayer except in the "truth."

Father Journe personally added: "When I arrive in heaven, they will be waiting there for me one could not even guarantee with cudgels."

Interchurch monthly gets foundation aid

A grant of \$15,000 has been made by the Irwin Sweeney Miller Foundation of Columbus, Ind., to Interchurch, the monthly Indiana ecumenical newspaper to be published by the Criterion Press, Inc., beginning this month.

The purpose of the foundation's grant is to assist in the promotion and establishment of the new not-for-profit venture in religious journalism, believed to be the first of its kind anywhere.

Although the Criterion Press, Inc., a non-profit corporation which also publishes The Criterion, has been in existence since 1964, it has not yet begun publication of the new newspaper.

The first issue of the tabloid-size, 24-page newspaper, printed in offset in color, is due off the presses on May 27. According to (Continued on page 7)

Pastor at Yorkville ordained 50 years

YORKVILLE, Ind.—Father Charles Walsh, pastor of St. Martin's parish in Dearborn County, will observe his 50th Jubilee of Ordination with two celebrations May 20 and May 25.

Archbishop Schulte will attend the Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated by the jubilarian at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. Celebrating with the jubilarian will be a classmate, Msgr. John Dudine, retired priest of the Louisville archdiocese, and three neighboring pastors—Father Victor F. Wright, of St. Leon; Father William Engbers, of Alsace; and Father William Buhrmer, of Sunman.

THE SERMON will be given by Father Placidus Kempf, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad Archabbey. Also attending will be Archbishop Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad. Music will be provided by Latin School students.

About 100 priests are expected to attend the Mass and the banquet to follow in the parish hall. Serving as "toastmaster" at the banquet will be Very Rev. George B. Saum, V.F., of St. Peter's parish, Franklin County.



FATHER CHARLES F. WALSH



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

NEW YORK—"We see Christian education today as that process which is concerned with forming people of faith, people who are totally committed to the Christian message," Father Raymond Luckey, director of the Department of Christian Formation, United States Catholic Conference, said in a radio interview here.

Speaking on Guideline, an NBC radio broadcast, Father Luckey explained that his job is to coordinate the activities of the six USCC divisions which relate to Christian formation.

These departments include the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; the division of elementary and secondary education; adult education; the division of higher education; religious education; and youth activities.

Father Luckey said Christian education today takes place through the home and family, through adult education pro-

grams, through the liturgy and through many other forms of communication. It is not restricted, he said, to Catholic schools and CCD programs although these contribute to the total process of Christian formation.

FATHER LUCKEY said he does not think Catholic schools are divisive because our whole culture is based on the concept of pluralism—the idea that people "can be members of the same democratic society and yet have different interests and backgrounds and beliefs."

Catholic schools provide at least as good an education as public schools do, Father Luckey said, although both systems have teachers and schools that are not up to standards. He said that Catholic schools, like all educational programs today, have serious financial difficulties.

Many Catholics, Father Luckey said, are asking "how long we can continue to put the great majority of our economic and personnel resources into a school system which is for only half our children."

He said: "This means that we have to place a much greater emphasis on religious education for children attending public schools, adult education programs, and if this means we will have to cut back on some of our Catholic schools to do this then I think we have to be ready to make those adjustments."

The difference between Catholic and public schools, Father Luckey said, is "not that we teach religion as such all day long, but it's that the children are living in an atmosphere

where religion is an important part of the adults who make up the program."

THE USCC division of adult education is new, Father Luckey said, and is "based on the concept that perhaps the greatest need in the church today in terms of Christian education is the need for adult education." In view of the changes and development in the Church since Vatican II, the Christian formation director continued, more programs in adult education are vital if adult Catholics are to play an informed part of the whole movement of Christian renewal in the Church.

Father Luckey agreed that some parents have said they have difficulty in bringing up their children because of Vatican II's emphasis on personal responsibility.

He said that he does not feel that Vatican II is necessarily the source of the problem, adding: "Perhaps there is a conflict between those people who feel that religious education is merely a matter of conveying a certain number of truths, and instilling a certain number of practices. But I like to think that religious education is much more than that. And just like we used to say in college that teaching, college teaching involves the transfer of the notes of the professor to the notes of the student without going through the mind of either, it seems to me that if religious education is merely a question of transferring a certain number of facts and practices without any real commitment then we really haven't done our job."

FATHER LUCKEY discussed problems in Christian formation work but said that there are also many "wonderful things going on" in religious education.

In concluding, he said religious educators must be concerned with the use of television in their work since it is a tremendous influence in people's lives today. No one has been able to quantitatively measure the impact of television, he said, "but it certainly has had an impact," and this offers opportunities to bring the Christian message to many more people.

Pope urges 'dialogue' with media

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has called for establishment of a "dialogue" between families and the communications media.

In a message for the third annual World Communications Day (May 18), whose theme is "Social Communications and the Family," Pope Paul said: "The families are called upon not simply to make known their wishes and criticisms, but also to show understanding for those who, often at the price of strenuous effort, provide them day by day with so many elements for their culture and entertainment."

"The communicators, must, in their turn, know and respect the needs of the family. This presupposes at times much courage on their part, and always a high sense of responsibility."

The Pope said communications media "should exclude from the one side all that can damage the family in its existence, its stability, its order, and its happiness."

"Every attack on the true fundamental values of the family—whether it be eroticism or violence, the defense of divorce or antisocial attitudes among young people—is an attack on genuine human welfare and the good of society," he declared.

Also, Pope Paul said, communicators have "the difficult task of educating the public to know, appreciate and love values that are often unknown or despised but which are the strength and glory of a given society: such as, the dedication of one's self to a great ideal, the sense of sacrifice and the hidden heroism of daily routine."

ACCC comments Rev. Ian Paisley

ATLANTA—The American Council of Christian Churches has commended the Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the opposition to Catholics in Northern Ireland, as a "great Protestant leader."

The ultra-fundamentalist ACCC, which claims to represent 16 Protestant denominations in the United States, charged that the "so-called Civil Rights Association" in Northern Ireland "has created strife and disorder between the Roman Catholics and the loyal Protestants."

"Dr. Paisley is not guilty of gross crimes," the resolution adopted at the ACCC meeting declared, "but has faithfully proclaimed the Word of God and has unselfishly called for loyalty to Protestant Britain."

In other resolutions, the ACCC condemned the Today's English Version of the New Testament published by the American Bible Society, rapped National Council of Churches curriculum designed to teach "about religion" in public schools, and declared it was against any kind of sex education in public schools.

Catholic peace group disbands

WASHINGTON—After 41 years of work, the Catholic Association for International Peace (CAIP) has ceased operations.

Dr. William V. O'Brien, president, acknowledged that the CAIP's usefulness had diminished with the establishment a year ago by the U.S. Catholic bishops of the Division for World Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference of which Msgr. Marvin Bordelon is director.



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SOFT ON ST. CECILIA

Rigid historians drop saints from the liturgical calendar

By PATRICK RILEY

VATICAN CITY—Hard-nosed historians have moved out of the Roman liturgical calendar several dozen saints they cannot prove existed.

Among them are St. Christopher, patron of travelers; St. Ursula and her companions who are sometimes numbered at 11,000; St. Catherine of Alexandria, one of the saints whom St. Joan of Arc testified had spoken to her; and St. Barbara, patroness of artillerymen.

The new calendar makes an exception for St. Cecilia, whose existence is a matter of historical doubt. "Because of popular devotion," the commentary on the calendar said, she remains. Her commemoration is even obligatory.

Yet St. George (of dragon fame) has been left in the calendar. His existence is not in doubt, though his dragon and his maiden in distress did not come into existence until the Middle Ages.

AMONG others to be shunted off the liturgical lists for historical reasons are:

- St. Hippolytus (not the antipope, who remains in the calendar, but the one surnamed "the Roman")
- St. Pudentiana, who is believed to have entered the lists of saints through a misunderstanding. A hiberno name for the undoubtedly historical personage Pudens was called, in Latin, the Basilica Pudentiana. Pudentiana appears to have been not a saint but an adjective.
- St. Alexis, who has been described as a 5th-century Roman, but was apparently never heard of in Rome before the 10th Century. Yet his historical existence in the Levant is deemed probable.
- St. Susanna, about whom nothing is known except her existence in Roman times. She is patroness of the American Catholic Church in Rome.

But soundly-established saints have been displaced from the new liturgical calendar. Pope Paul himself explains why in his motu proprio introducing the calendar:

"It is true that in the course of time the multiplication of feasts, vigils and octaves, as well as the progressive simplification of the different parts of the liturgical year, have often driven the faithful to particular devotion in such a way that their minds have been somewhat diverted from the fundamental mysteries of our redemption."

HE QUOTED from the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Liturgy:

ALONE

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"Lost the feasts of the saints take precedence over the feasts which commemorate the very mysteries of salvation, many of them should be left to be celebrated by a particular church or nation or religious community. Only those should be extended to the universal Church which commemorate saints who are truly of universal significance."

Saints with feasts of their own are few: besides the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph there are the 12 Apostles, St. Paul, St. Mark and Luke, the Evangelists, St. Lawrence the Martyr, St. Stephen the Protomartyr, the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (who share a single feast), and the Holy Innocents. All Saints' Day is preserved.

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker is no longer in the calendar, mainly because the date of labor day varies from country to country.

Three days are "solemnities" (corresponding to former feasts

of the first class) of the Blessed Virgin: Christmas, the Assumption and the Immaculate Conception. She has two "feasts" (corresponding to former feasts of the second class): the Visitation and her birthday. There are four obligatory commemorations (Continued on page 8)

Concordat signer dies in Germany

OBERSASBACH, Germany—Former German Chancellor

Adolf Hitler came to power and was a principal figure in negotiating the 1933 concordat between the Holy See and Germany, died here (May 2) at the age of 89.

Von Papen, a prominent Catholic politician, became chancellor in 1932, but later that year he asked President Paul von Hindenburg to appoint Hitler chancellor. Hitler then took over as chancellor and Von Papen became vice chancellor.

VON PAPPEN, leader of the Center party, which included many conservative Catholics, represented the German government and Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli—later Pope Pius XII—was named by Pope Pius XI to represent the Holy See in the concordat negotiations. Van Papen and Cardinal Pacelli signed the document.

AFTER the concordat had been signed in Rome, Von Papen returned to Germany and gave the following report on the concordat negotiations at a meeting of the German Catholic politicians.

"The Holy Father (Pius XI) was very well aware of the fact that he had to put aside many a serious doubt and that he even was taking a risk in the face of the Catholic world. But he felt that countries like Italy and now Germany had done so much for Christianity by fighting Bolshevism and Godlessness that he now had to do everything possible to support these countries. 'It is for this reason, the Holy Father told me, 'that I want to conclude the concordat with the country of Chancellor Hitler.' I answered that Germany would not disappoint him and that the new Germany was to be built on Christian foundations."

Von Papen was acquitted of plotting war by the International Military Tribunal in 1946. In 1947 a German denazification court convicted him of being a major Nazi offender and sentenced him to prison and confiscated his property. In 1949, however, an appeals court ruled he was only a minor offender, released him and restored his property, but barred him from politics.

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Growth in God

However blighted the chronicle of his deeds, man continues to progress and evolve. As one generation builds on another, the sum total of human knowledge expands, takes on new dimensions and directions. Civilization is equated with the degree of accumulated experience, insight and discovery.

If man, then, can advance in conceptual and material terms, it is unreasonable to assume that his relationship to the Maker of the Universe is static and unchanging. It is not only logical, but imperative, to believe that man progresses in religious thought and in his conscientious knowledge of God. It is imperative to the validity and the credibility of faith. Isn't that what Vatican II was all about?

We hope that is what the long-awaited Central Theological Commission is all about, too. In establishing the commission and naming its 30 members, Pope Paul responded to a priority recommendation of the first Synod of Bishops held in the fall of 1967.

The bishops were clearly aware that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was out of touch with contemporary theological and philosophical speculation. The "dangers to the faith" report given by Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani, its ultra-conservative head, was stark confirmation, if such was needed. A revised report, prepared by a special task force under new leadership, was overwhelmingly adopted.

More importantly, the bishops looked ahead. They proposed a new international commission, one with the geographic and theological diversity capable of reflecting a balanced presentation of religious thought. Hopefully, then, the influence of the former Holy Office could be diminished and modern Christianity enhanced with the large measure of relevancy so desperately wanting.

We believe the commission will accomplish that end. But with what degree of success remains to be seen.

The commission, as it is now established, is firmly within the orbit of the Doctrinal Congregation. Its impact will be limited because its achievements are circumscribed by structure and membership. The Doctrinal Congregation proposed candidates for membership and its first president was chosen by virtue of his past as prefect of the Congregation.

Even accepting these limitations, there remains much promise. The commission has been established. It does represent a diversity of nationalities and backgrounds, contemporary thought and ecumenical persuasion. Some giants have been summoned to the table: Karl Rahner of Germany and Henri de Lubac, to name but two. None will be content to serve out five-year appointments without leaving a mark on the official mind of the Church.

Misconception

The National Black Economic Development Conference has drawn up a remarkable "manifesto" which, among other things, demands \$200 million from the Catholic Church in America as its share of "reparations" due Negroes from white churches for past injustices.

Black militant James Forman, representative of the conference, says the \$200 million is two-fifths of the total sum being sought "due to the role of the Christian and Jewish religions in exploiting black people in this country." Just how he arrives at that two-fifths division is left unexplained.

However, Forman goes on to estimate the American Catholic Church's assets at \$44.5 billion and calls it the "biggest corporation" in the nation. In this figure he is woefully off base. The American Church has no assets in a corporate sense. If it did have, it would be using them to keep schools open, for one thing. The only way anybody could arrive at a figure of \$44.5 billion or even of \$4.45 billion as the "assets" of the Catholic Church in the U.S. would be to somehow lump together all the church structures, schools, etc., arrive at a net value and subtract the unpaid balance due on them. The final figure might even be a deficit, for all we know.

We choose not to comment on the merits of the manifesto itself, except to say that quite obviously the white churches of this country owe the black man a staggering debt for injustices both past and present, but that the payment of this debt in coin of the realm is a most dubious notion.

But we do wish that everybody, Mr. Forman included, could rid himself of the misconception of the Catholic Church in America as a super-rich corporate entity, when in fact it is nothing more than a loosely-knit band of individuals and organizations paying homage to a common religious faith. And most of those who pay that homage do so at great personal and group financial sacrifice.

Food stamps

We hope Congress approves President Nixon's proposal to give food stamps free to the country's very poorest and reduce the cash outlay required of those slightly better off. The stamp recommendations are part of an administration hunger package expected to cost \$2.5 billion annually by 1971 as compared with the present \$1 billion spent each year on various food programs.

The President called hunger in America "embarrassing and intolerable," and certainly it is. But some (Continued on page 7)

Courting disaster

The Warren court has had to take more lumps than any other Supreme Court in the nation's history. Its landmark decisions on fundamental social and political questions have won it the manifest hostility of large segments of the population. Chief Justice Earl Warren, the longtime target of venomous detractors, has seen demands for his impeachment splattered over roadside billboards and heard calls for his downfall screeched from thousands of rooftops.

Now the alleged improprieties of Associate Justice Abe Fortas pose what may be an even harsher burden to bear. At stake is not only the reputation of an individual justice but the credibility of the court itself. In the public mind, the ethical and professional caliber of the court cannot be divorced from the decisions which so profoundly influence American life. If the integrity

of the justices is questionable, so are their rulings. This is not fact but realism. The moral authority of the Supreme Court is being severely tested.

This would be bad business anytime. At this point, it can be dangerous. No other court has so prodded and pushed the United States into redeeming the pledges of freedom and individual rights extended in the Constitution. No other court has exposed in such specific the devices by which the privileged protect their privileges. No other court has been so keenly attuned to justice and equality.

Can the progress of the past two decades be washed down the drain with Justice Fortas' reputation? The possibilities are there. Opponents of the Warren court have been slashing away at the principle of judicial supremacy for years. They insist personal philosophy, not objective interpretation or precedent, has shaped the decisions of the court, therefore, has usurped the rights of the legislative branch.

• GEORGE SHUSTER'S VIEW

There are many ways to create hope

By DR. GEORGE N. SHUSTER

The most heartening message I received this last Easter was from the Pestalozzi Foundation, which helps as many children as it can in all parts of the world, in honor of the great Swiss educator, whose name it bears. I first heard of the Foundation when my wife and I were trying to do something for children in German refugee camps after the Second World War.

The first part of the message reads:

"While commemorating the martyrdom of a Man, who, out of his commitment to mankind accepted the cross, it seems appropriate to re-examine our own commitment to the human race. Before celebrating the resurrection of hope, it seems necessary to reconsider our own contributions to hope."

"Our contemporary history does not offer too much encouragement—Galgotha appears in many places, from Asia to Africa, from slums to poverty ridden rural areas. While the new heroes of our space age conquer the myth of the universe, we tend to accept our defeat by the realities of the earth, regarding hope as an anachronistic emotion, its preservation a quiescent illusion."

I am sure that Passiontide emotions like these are a necessary prelude to the glorious feast of the Resurrection. May it not be that the Holy Spirit, acting through the Church, lifts the Lenten fast and so much else because in every way possible we were to ward off the defeat of hope?

There are so many ways of creating hope. I am convinced that the best way to ease a poor man's burden is by creating opportunity for him—not by giving him a handout. And what encourages me so much about young America is that they really and truly want to hope.

and to create social and educational opportunities for their fellow young people who are without much hope.

The second part of the Easter message reads:

"But whereas negative statistics and theoretical debates about the problems make big stories in our news media, the wordless actions of the anonymous individual remain untold. They are spread by example, not by publicity. This is why we know so much about your efforts, while you hear from us so little. Good will propagated in words is but a paper commitment, hope im-

planted by deeds grows with the lives of those being helped."

Indeed, when one stops to think of how many people the world round try in this way to keep the flower of hope alive and make it blossom, one's eyes gladden with affection for the human race which in its collectivity so often seems crass and delighted to have blood on its hands. The great Christian novelists—Manson, Dickens and Dostoevski among them—wrote in the spirit of recognition of that human vision of kindness, so often associated with humility.

• THE BLACK VOICE

Doesn't the NAACP need updating?

By REV. LAWRENCE LUCAS

A few weeks ago, I was asked to give the invocation for the local NAACP branch. I was somewhat surprised because rumor has it that I am becoming disillusioned with that noble organization.

Well, I offered a prayer. I prayed the Lord that while we are asking people to dip down in their pockets, they might also dip down in their minds. I asked Him to help us to realize that in the complex and multifaceted struggle of the black man to live in dignity and freedom in America, there is no understanding, there is no approach, there is no technique which is the understanding, the approach, or the technique.

History has shown us that there must be many understandings, many approaches, and many techniques—even some frowned upon in the past—which are also necessary aspects of the movement. Moreover, they directly related to and more than half responsible for the

way because I think it is something NAACP is losing sight of. It is our detriment and that of the cause.

I was once very active with the NAACP in New York and a conditional life member. Now, a little confusion has set in. Rather than having its feet planted firmly on the ground, the organization is beginning to sound as if its both feet are planted solidly in the going past.

No one in his right mind can deny or minimize the tremendous contributions the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was making in the areas of voter education, legal and community action, education, housing, employment, etc., at a time when most of today's activists were hardly in the cradle. Yet, great accomplishments in the past and present cannot become justification for roadblocks to progress in the present.

When Roy Wilkins talked about crime in the black "ghettos" without talking about the root causes of crime and the worse crimes being committed outside the black communities, he was directly related to and more than half responsible for the

former, white people cheer and quote him all over the place. But, I wonder.

When Roy decries the upheavals being caused by black students for black studies and other things without recognizing that these "terrible" youngsters have accomplished more on some campuses in a few short weeks than their fathers and grandfathers were able to accomplish in half a century, white people and Negroes say "Amen." But, I wonder.

When the NAACP urges Negroes to speak out against "extremists and militants" using the same terms and methods of the oppressor as "black anti-

Go a step further, stretch an individual scandal to cover the entire court and the hatchet job should be accomplished. There could be wholesale resistance, not acceptance, however grudging, for unpopular decisions.

A change in the liberal complexion of the court is not far off. Chief Justice Warren retires this summer. Fortas may resign rather than face the possibility of a bill of impeachment now being considered in the House of Representatives. Age is resting heavily on a few of the other justices. The Nixon appointees, which may follow in rapid succession, will restore a conservative climate. It will be a time of subtle undoing. The achievements of the past 20 years could be overruled with little backlash.

There are those who will say we have gone too far down the right road to lose our way. Let us hope so. Just the same, it will be well to remember that the open housing decision was based on a law which had been ignored by every court in the land for more than 100 years.

I have known in my life these two stand out. For they revealed what the deep wellspring of the Christian faith are, even while so-called Christians were voting, cursing and jailing throughout the great old city.

Then after 1943, I had a driver in Frankfurt—a young Texan named Hogan, who had gone through the battle of the Iapido, one of the most costly in terms of young lives in all our military history. Hogan was slated to go home, but he did not seem too happy about the prospect.

When I questioned him about it, he said that he was worried about his old lady. He rather

stammeringly confessed that he had seen her trying to fish a bit of something to eat from a garbage pail and had told her not to worry. He would meet her there every day and bring her something to eat from the Army mess. That was, to be sure, not strictly in accordance with the rules.

But it meant that Hogan could see beyond the vast panorama of battle and hatred to the truly human, truly religious relationship. To make you feel better about it, Hogan found a fellow soldier who promised to look after his old lady.

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semitism," whites praise and contribute generously. But, I shudder.

When the NAACP is fearful "lest the entire Negro race be branded as hate-mongers, segregationists, advocates of violence and worse," whites and certain Negroes rejoice. It is what white liberals refer to as the "responsible voices of moderation," speaking out against Negro excesses.

But, I scream. We have gone so far that we are fearful that awakened black people will be called "hate-mongers, segregationists, advocates of violence and worse" by

people who for some time have distinguished themselves and continue to prove themselves as some of the best hate-mongers, segregationists, advocates of violence and worse that the world has ever known.

So I prayed that morning. I asked the good Lord to open our eyes to the recognition of other understandings, other approaches and other techniques brought together under a unity of purpose. I asked Him to let us see the interrelationships involved between these different understandings, approaches, techniques, and goals. Then I asked Him to carry on.

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• A VIEW AT WEEK'S END

'Creativity by committee'

By JOHN G. ACKELMIRE

In a recent issue of the New Republic, Michael Straight, former editor of that estimable journal, deplored the fact that our national priorities, as represented in the

1968 Federal budget, provided only \$7 million for the arts, a sum smaller than a small town's aid to Costa Rica or a minor grant to the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

One does not have to disagree, however, that lack of federal aid to the arts is shameful to us content that subsidies for the arts do not automatically produce great art. In fact, quite often a reverse process is set in motion which might be called "creativity by committee."

Creativity by committee is a curse. I recall how about a decade ago a Chekhov play was being re-jiggered by some subsidizing group to conform to the findings of a media research outfit, pulled at a test audience. I also recall how in the early 1930's the immortal Serge Koussevitzky defied the trustees of the financially shaky Boston Symphony Orchestra and their nincompoop "communicators" by insisting on playing the then little-known Jean Sibelius. His triumph was historic.

The creative instinct of a lonely artist is always superior to the committee. I recall how in the early 1930's the immortal Serge Koussevitzky defied the trustees of the financially shaky Boston Symphony Orchestra and their nincompoop "communicators" by insisting on playing the then little-known Jean Sibelius. His triumph was historic.

The creative artist has been made a very junior member of a merchandising team which measures all the commercial aspects of his work. He is to be another Melville to be shaped by the creation of the pre-conceived demands of a board of editors, public-relations consultants and market research specialists.

In defense of this team system we hear, tremendously, how Thomas Wolfe would not have amounted to much without the editorialship of Maxwell Perkins. A question arises here, of course, as to how much Wolfe amounted to as it was.

Also cited is the case of the late Harold Ross, the comically tyrannical editor of the New Yorker magazine. Ross did create a "New Yorker style," if that is your dish. But he also was a deadly roadblock against the effort of good writers to do their basic job of communicating directly with readers.

Ross was not typical, to be sure. Most intrusions by editors and "creative committees" are more benevolent, and most creative artists submit. A Koussevitzky is a rarity.

A good editor or counselor or teacher, functioning individually certainly can help incipient artistic talent to flower. But too many of them want to change the very nature of the bloom.

As for committees—so com-

• THE YARDSTICK

Professor dramatizes pulpit anti-Semitism

By MSGR. GEORGE HIGGINS

On Sunday, April 7, 1968, Dr. Fabrizio Fabbrini, an assistant professor of jurisprudence at the University of Rome, went to Mass as usual at one of the parish churches in the Trastevere section of Rome. Everything proceeded according to the parish priest, but the course of his homily, put in the blame for the Crucifixion on the Jewish people, said that they were guilty of decide, and added, for good measure, that they, therefore, deserved all of

the persecutions they have suffered in the course of the past 2,000 years. That was too much for Professor Fabbrini. He lost his cool. God bless him, and shouted at the parish priest: "You are a buffoon. These are Nazi concepts."

The parish priest didn't respond, but after the Mass was over he talked to Fabbrini outside the church. We are told by the press, rather cryptically, that their conversation "ended without a quarrel." Personally, I find that rather hard to believe. In any event, the parish priest subsequently preferred charges against Dr. Fabbrini. The judge who heard the case in the first instance acquitted (Continued on page 10)



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By MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. I need help. I have had an "affair" and have not been to confession since or during. I am so guilty ridden. I can't forgive me. How could a priest? How could God? I have practically despaired of heaven. And I don't hate the fellow involved. I am not completely sorry for my conduct. I enjoyed it. Why don't I hate him? What should I do? Do you think God has forgiven me? How can I get the emotional closure to tell a priest? If he starts talking about it to me, I know I'll crack up.

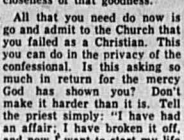
A. Of course, God has forgiven you. And you are closer to Him than before. Because you recognize your need of Him. How can you know God has forgiven you for having given you? The very fact that you are aware that you have done something wrong is a grace of God. The very fact that you feel that you have done something wrong is a grace of God. The very fact that you feel that you have done something wrong is a grace of God. The very fact that you feel that you have done something wrong is a grace of God.

Q. Would you please explain how a Catholic could be married

in an Episcopal church by the Episcopal pastor and a Catholic priest. The bride was the Episcopal. Both pastors were reported as performing the ceremony.

A. The pastors were only the official witnesses of their two churches. The couple exchanging vows married themselves. The only performance the pastors were capable of was blessing the marriage and conducting the ceremony by reading the Scriptures and directing the proceedings.

Our bishops may grant per-



ALL that you need do now is go and admit to the Church that you failed as a Christian. This you can do in the privacy of the confessional. Is this asking so much in return for the mercy God has shown you? Don't make it harder than it is. Tell the priest simply: "I have had an affair; I have broken it off, and now I want to start my life over." Let him carry on from there.

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● YOUR WORLD AND MINE

France: more faith, less churchgoing

By GARY MACEOIN

France has long been thought of, and has thought of itself, as a country in which the masses had abandoned religion. The application of sociological techniques to the study of religion has recently permitted a more scientific evaluation than was previously possible. Specifically, a survey by the French Institute of Public Opinion has brought to light some significant facts about young people aged 15 to 29.



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TIC TACKER

St. Pius X to explore media

By PAUL G. FOX

Multi Media '68, an audio-visual program designed to stimulate Christian social action, will be sponsored by the St. Pius X parish adult education committee this Sunday, May 18, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The program grew out of the St. Mary's Neighborhood Demonstration Project during last summer, which was sponsored jointly by St. Mary's parish and Catholic Social Services. Experimental communications techniques are used to awaken and mobilize interest in Indianapolis inner-city poverty, social disorder, and neighborhood breakdown.

Group discussions will follow the viewing, designed to confront directly the fear, frustration and anger felt by Indianapolis suburbanites over the core-city problems. Multi Media '68 focuses attention on the various forms of "live-in participation" depicted by the program — new liturgies to bring white and black, rich and poor together, visiting with inner city families to share feelings and viewpoints, listening openly to how the poor experience their needs and hopes — and challenges viewers to discover within themselves the desire to invest in the lives of the poor.

Sister Jeanette Metzger, O.S.B., of Our Lady of Grace Academy, Jun Sulgit and Robert Owen, of Catholic Social Services, and Peggy Loudon, participants in the summer project, will present the program.

AROUND AND ABOUT—The new Marian College academic catalogue, recently published, lists some new names among its faculty who aren't really new at all. Several members of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, who conduct the college, are changing back to their baptismal names this summer. It will be confusing for some time. . . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Weinmann, members of Holy Family parish, New Albany, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary this week. . . . Msgr. James Mahon, Archdiocesan priest who served 27 years as U.S. Army chaplain, is visiting friends last week in the Indianapolis area before returning to his home in Tempe, Ariz. He retired from the service last August after a varied career which included a period as vicar general of all military chaplains in Europe. . . . The Divine Liturgy of the Melkite Rite will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in St. Mary's Church in downtown Indianapolis. Celebrant is Father Albert Alamin, pastor of Holy Angels parish. The liturgy is conducted on the third Sunday of each month.

Hospitalized this week in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, are two pastors: Father Earl Feltman, of St. Simon's parish; and Father H. Francis VanBentzen, of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral parish. Father VanBentzen was an indirect casualty of last Saturday's tornado which passed through Central Indiana. He was serving as a "good samaritan" in the removal of some fallen trees at the home of a relative when a branch collapsed and hit him in the back. . . . Father George Ziemer, retired pastor of St. Mary's parish, Greensburg, is now living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is one of two priests observing his 50th Jubilee of Ordination this year. The other is Father Charles F. Walsh, pastor of St. Mary's parish, Yorkville. . . . The location of the clergy celebration for this year's priest-jubilarians, scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, has been changed from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to St. Jude's Church because of the "500" Festival Parade which will block traffic in the vicinity of the Cathedral.

Paper sale

INDIANAPOLIS—The Martha and Mary Helpers of the Little Flower Church will sponsor a paper sale for the benefit of the parish organ fund on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20 and 21. Paper crates will be found at the school yard at 1401 N. Bosart. Arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling Little Flower rectory, 357-8332.

Food stamps

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members of Congress, notably Senator Jacob Javits (R, N.Y.) and Senator George S. McGovern (D, S.D.), have called the Nixon reaction to recent reports of hunger woefully inadequate. We hope their judgment is inaccurate. We fear it is not.

The limitations of the proposals are obvious. Those entitled to the free stamps could not have a monthly income exceeding \$30. Furthermore, extensions of the food stamp program will take place largely in the rural South and Southwest. In those areas public welfare is meager at best and always susceptible to deductions on any premise or whim. Free stamps from the federal government will not bring a cut in local aid. So what practical good the program will do for the desperately poor is open to question.

This much must be said for the Nixon proposal. It recognizes the basic flaws in the stamp program. There are just too many poor people who cannot make the lump sum payment for a month's supply of stamps. And even though the stamps can be redeemed for more groceries than cash would buy, the proportions are not adequately balanced in favor of the needy.

Furthermore, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert H. Finch made it clear to a special Senate committee that the Nixon proposal was only an interim solution. He said a major reform of the welfare system was being drafted which would stress cash payments to the poor and guarantee incomes for those who cannot work or be trained. It may be submitted to Congress within a few months. This is encouraging news, even though such a program is bound to be vigorously opposed. Given the present trend of Congress, it is likely to fail the first time around.

Logic and necessity dictate it will be accepted eventually. But until those become the prime motivations of Congress, the present proposal, even with its limitations, deserves bipartisan support. The strong accents on the plight of the poorest of the poor is a step in the right direction.

PARADE OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

David L. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Albright of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis, was graduated cum laude from Villanova (Pa.) University on May 12 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration (marketing). He has received a scholarship to Indiana University for a graduate degree in marketing. . . . Miss Sandra Kay Albright, his sister, received a master's degree in social work (May 3) at the University of Michigan. . . . Four Indianapolis seniors will receive degrees Sunday, May 18, at the College of Mt. St. Joseph (O.). The graduates will include: Miss Ellen Chrapla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Chrapla of St. Joan of Arc parish, bachelor of science in elementary education; Miss Suzanne Simment, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simment of St. Jude's parish, bachelor of arts; Miss Katherine Leahy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leahy of St. Joan of Arc parish, bachelor of science in elementary education; and Miss Nancy Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer of Holy Spirit parish, bachelor of science in nursing. . . . Miss Margaret M. Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Kimball, Indianapolis, will receive a bachelor of arts degree (June 1) at Immaculate (Pa.) College. The Shortridge High School graduate is a member of St. Joan of Arc parish.

WILL JOIN MISSION SOCIETY—Very Rev. James Rogers, V.F., Beech Grove native now serving as pastor of St. John's parish, Newburgh, in the Evansville diocese, has been released by his bishop to serve five years with the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle in Latin America. The 54-year-old pastor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora H. Rogers, will leave for Lima, Peru, on June 27 for four months' language and culture training. Originated 11 years ago by Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston, the society now has 115 American diocesan priests serving in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. Two Archdiocesan priests are members of the society—Father Steve Hay and Father Paul Eward. Father Rogers has been serving as Evansville diocesan director of the Spanish Speaking Apostolate and has been taking language courses the past two semesters at the University of Evansville.

HERE AND THERE—Three Sisters of Providence participated in last Friday's service held in the United Hebrew Congregation Temple, Terre Haute. The service was entitled "Ecumenism, King David Style." Participating were: Sister Paula Ann Kasperak, organist; Sister Faith Anders, soloist; and Sister Marie Brennan, soloist and director of the Madrigal Singers. . . . The Parents' Organization of St. Agnes Academy, Indianapolis, will sponsor an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, in honor of the principal, Sister Miriam Joseph Cahill, S.P., who will be re-assigned at the close of the school year. All former students and friends are invited. . . . The "Last Round-up Dance" will be held in the Kennedy Memorial High School gymnasium, Indianapolis, at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Sponsored by the Kennedy Parent-Teacher Club, the dance will be the last social event to be held at the school. The school will be closed in June after continuous operation since 1914. All adult alumni and friends of the high school are encouraged to attend. Reservations are available by calling 636-7208 or 636-9360.

Laity to direct Lay Carmelites

CHICAGO—Members of the Little Lay Carmelite Order decided to run their organization themselves, but they will retain Carmelite priests for spiritual aid and vice.

This was one of several changes made by the lay order at its 18th National Conference

Rev. Michael Raff to be ordained

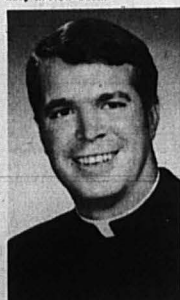
Saturday, May 24

JACKSON, Miss.—Rev. Michael E. Raff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Raff of St. Pius X parish, Indianapolis, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Natchez-Jackson (Miss.) diocese here Saturday, May 24.

The ceremony, conducted by Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, will be held in the diocesan seminary chapel here. His First Mass will be offered the following day in St. Peter's Co-Cathedral.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by the ordinand in St. Pius X Church, Indianapolis, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1.

Raff is a native of Sioux City, Iowa. He attended the University of Notre Dame, Immaculate Conception (Mo.) Seminary and the General Theological Seminary in New York.



REV. MICHAEL E. RAFF

AT NATIVITY CHURCH DEDICATION—An effertory procession highlighted the dedication ceremonies for the new Nativity Church, blessed last Sunday by Archbishop Schulte. Father Louis Goothe, the pastor, is shown above receiving the gifts from parish leaders. On the left is Father Fred Schmitt, assistant pastor. Msgr. Victor L. Goossens, Archdiocesan director of mission-aid societies and pastor of St. Mary's parish, preached the dedication Mass sermon. An overflow crowd of 700 persons attended the services. The \$300,000, circular church replaced the former parish church which was completely destroyed by fire in 1945.



OFFICERS OF NEW ORGANIZATION—Officers of the newly-organized Catholic League of Indiana are shown above. Standing is Fred G. Johnston, Jr., president. From left are: Joseph F. Ebever, treasurer; Mrs. L. R. Schmitt, secretary; and Joseph C. Zurschmiede, vice-president.

Opinions Announce formation of 'Catholic League'

(Continued from page 5)
and hardy works for betterment of the conditions he deplors.

Of what possible concern can it be to a priest from a Milwaukee diocese if the Archbishop of Indianapolis has not been allowed to retire? It is downright ill-bred to accept a people's leadership and then make snide remarks about their spiritual leader.

By what authority does he proclaim as gospel truth that "police brutality is not overrated." There may be some good policemen, but I haven't met many of them. Some few individual bullies who have allowed the badge of authority to cover for them should not indict the entire national police force whose majority constitute humane, dedicated men.

While I am 100% in accord with Father Groppe's cause, I question the advisability of nipping to justify his position. Picking out one or two graceless nuns from the thousands who truly strive to see Christ in each child is one example. Calling people who quite innocently belong to a benevolent society "racists" is another.

Father Groppe said the Church is not supposed to be pacifistic, that Christ said he came not to seek peace. Christ also said, "Peace be to you," and "Blessed are the peacemakers." We may not be pacifistic in the sense that we close our eyes to injustice and evil to others, but teaching disobedience and violence certainly is not the solution.

Many of us are sincerely extending the hand of friendship to our brothers, and are striving to promote a good black image in white communities. Let us hope some are likewise striving to promote a better white image in black communities so that we may all live together, under the God who made us, in justice and harmony.

Alice Dailey
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Ball to benefit

Child Center

Friday, May 23

INDIANAPOLIS—St. Mary's Child Center will benefit from the proceeds of the third annual "500" Charity Ball, to be sponsored by the Msgr. Downey Council, Knights of Columbus, at 9 p.m. Friday, May 23.

Theme of the Charity Ball, according to Paul Schroeder, chairman, will be the "500" race activities.

The Ralph Marterie Orchestra has been engaged for the event.

CYO dance set

INDIANAPOLIS—The "500" fling dance sponsored annually by St. Roch's Church will be held Friday, May 23, in the parish hall at 3003 S. Meridian St. Admission is \$1 and a CYO card.

and methods used in the Catholic elementary, high school and CCD courses.

"OTHER AREAS that concern the Catholic League are unauthorized liturgical experiments, various incidents in adult education sessions involving disobedience to legitimate Church teaching and authority, the experiments with sensitivity training in the schools, and 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.

The organization recently distributed thousands of brochures throughout Marion County parishes drawing attention to their goals and objectives. Mailing address for the group is: P.O. Box 1074, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT lists the following among the objectives of the League: "to develop a rich spiritual life in its members; to support the teaching of the Church; to unite itself with legitimate authority; to strengthen family unity and to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother through daily recitation of the rosary."

The release continued: "The Catholic League of Indiana believes that we, as parents, the primary educators of our children should insist upon the teaching of the true doctrine of the Catholic Church particularly as it applies to the texts

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Notification policy on schools stressed

The Archdiocesan Board of Education at its May 8 meeting re-affirmed its commitment to a one-year notification period for parish schools wishing to change from present school formats.

Discussion on the policy, contained in the previously-approved Archdiocesan Education Plan, came after "emergency requests" from parish education boards resulted in the announced closings of three elementary schools and the termination of junior high grades at two other schools at the close of the current school term in June.

AT THE same meeting the board heard a proposal by St. Anthony's school, Morris, to terminate its seventh and eighth grades next month because of the shortage of available teachers. Action on the "emergency" request was deferred until an investigation is conducted by board representatives from the area.

Announcement was made at the meeting, held at St. Mark's School, Indianapolis, of the resignation of Father Arthur Mooney, pastor of St. Gabriel's parish, Connersville, from the board. The resignation, made for reasons of health, was accepted.

APPOINTED as Father Mooney's replacement to represent the Richmond Dugan pastor of St. Mary's parish, Richmond.

Board president Frank James reported that as yet no chair-

Announce Canada

Theology school

to be interfaith

TORONTO, Ont.—The Toronto School of Theology, which will federate Anglican, Protestant and Catholic schools on the University of Toronto campus and in the Toronto area, is in the process of formation.

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LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION—Seventy-five first graders attending St. Michael's School, Indianapolis, experienced a unique preparation for First Communion recently. A special Bible Service was conducted by

the pastor, Msgr. Richard Kavanagh, V.F., in their classroom during which the atmosphere was set for the sacramental reception scheduled the following day. The sequence of photos above illustrate highlights of the Bible Service, which includ-

ed Scripture readings, hymns, songs, symbolic eating of bread and drinking of grape juice. At the conclusion of the service the youngsters, and parents who attended, placed

altar breads into a ciborium that would be consecrated at the Mass of the following day. First grade teachers at St. Michael's are Sister Vivien, O.S.F., and Sister Vera, O.S.F.



NEW PRESIDENT RECEIVES GAVEL—Mrs. Louis J. Kossman, second from right above, was installed as president of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at the recent ACCW convention in Indianapolis. She is shown above receiving the symbolic gavel of office from the retiring president, Mrs. Bernard B. Blinn, of Indianapolis. Also shown are Mrs. Leo Tebbe, left, of Brookville, new treasurer, and Mrs. Carl W. Peterson, of Indianapolis, new recording secretary. Not present for the photo was Mrs. Walter Krain, of Columbus, auditor.



ST. SIMON'S MAY DEVOTION—These five eighth graders at St. Simon's School, Indianapolis, last week enacted a scene familiar to many parishes throughout the Archdiocese during the month of May—the traditional May Crowning ceremonies honoring the Mother of God. On the ladder is Terry Grubb, assisted by (from left) Jane Strack, Elaine McPherson, Vicki Tuhle and Melissa Pfeuffer. The ceremony at St. Simon's was held on a school day before the student body.



JUBILARIAN—Father Richard Mueller, founding pastor of Our Lady of Greenwood parish, Greenwood, Indiana, will observe his 25th Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday, May 25, with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the parish church at 12:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated on the parish grounds with a reception to follow until 3:30 p.m. in the school hall.

Vincent de Paul Announce theme, meeting slated for parish dance

INDIANAPOLIS—The quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of Indianapolis, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held Sunday, May 18. The meeting will convene in St. Mary's parish hall, 317 N. New Jersey, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be John R. Emison, Deputy Attorney General of the State of Indiana.

Brebeuf junior wins scholarship

INDIANAPOLIS—Brebeuf Preparatory School junior Richard E. Talley was awarded the first place scholarship at the awards program of the American Chemical Society held on May 15 at the I.U. Medical Center.

The \$300 prize represents the highest score among 175 students from 42 Indiana high schools on the 1969 Scholarship Examination of the Indiana section of the American Chemical Society. The test was designed for a college level course in beginning chemistry.

INDIANAPOLIS—"Moonlight and Roses" will be the theme of the annual Spring Dance sponsored by the Altar Society of St. Joseph's parish. The event will be held Saturday, May 31, at the need for ritual structures in the Holy Family Council Knights of Columbus.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. William R. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Michael Purichia, co-chairman. Other chairmen are: Mrs. Patrick Cassidy, decorations; Mrs. Robert Wathen, reservations; and Mrs. George Albrecht, special gifts.

Plan bus trip to Cincinnati

INDIANAPOLIS—The Junior Daughters of St. Peter Claver plan a bus trip to Coney Island and River Downs in Cincinnati, on Saturday, June 14. The round trip fare will be \$6.50 per person. For additional information and reservations call Mrs. Lucille Anderson, 631-4510 or St. Bridget's Rectory, 635-6604.

Hospital Guild recollection set

INDIANAPOLIS—The annual Evening of Recollection for members of Our Lady of Hope Hospital Guild will be held Tuesday, May 20, at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservation deadline is Monday morning, May 19. In charge of reservations are Miss Mary Hickey, 356-3746; Miss Georgia Voglesong, 253-2816; and Miss Eula Murphy, 356-8745.

Two Cemeteries officials are retired

INDIANAPOLIS—The board of directors of the Catholic Cemeteries Association this week announced the retirement of two 20-year employees, including the superintendent. John Deery, cemeteries' superintendent, and Hugo Saunders, grounds' foreman at Holy Cross, will each be the beneficiaries of a new retirement plan adopted by the board. Commenting on the retirement plan action, Archbishop Schulte stated that the Association wanted to recognize the "loyal and dedicated service of these two men."

Plan luncheon and card party

BEECH GROVE, Ind. — St. Francis Hospital Guild will sponsor a luncheon card party on Wednesday, May 21, in the hospital auditorium. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the card party at 1 p.m. All games will be played and silent tallies will be accepted. Chairmen of the event are Mrs. Carl W. Sanders and Mrs. William H. Lassin. Mrs. John B. Kistner and Mrs. Matilda Hill are in charge of tickets.

Brebeuf to offer entrance exam

INDIANAPOLIS — Brebeuf Preparatory School will offer a supplemental entrance exam at the school, 2801 West 80th Street, May 17th, at 9 a.m. The exam is for boys who may have missed the exam given earlier this spring. Boys of all faiths are invited to take the entrance examination for admission as freshman next autumn. The testing takes approximately three hours and costs \$2.

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College at Ferdinand slates commencement

FERDINAND, Ind.—St. Benedict College will convene its 25th annual Commencement Exercises at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18. Nineteen students are from the Evansville Diocese and four from the Indianapolis Archdiocese. Dr. R. Wayne Perkins, Director of Religious Life at the University of Evansville, will address the graduating class. His topic: "The Generation Gap with the Church-Related College." Rev. Bernard Verkamp, Professor of Theology at the College, will celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass and give the Invocation and a Benediction.

Miss Maureen Quinn, a graduating senior from Colonia, New Jersey, will present the student address. Dr. Perkins is an ordained elder and full ministerial member of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. His S.T.B. degree, summa cum laude, was granted by Boston University School of Theology. He will be introduced by Sister Debra Wilson, O.S.B., Ph.D., St. Benedict's president. Graduating seniors from the Indianapolis Archdiocese are: Margaret Elaine Denning (St. Menard), Phyllis Louise Meyer (St. Meinrad), Beverly Ann Poehlein (Tell City), and Joseph W. Kress (Tell City). Graduating seniors from the Evansville Diocese are: Susanne Knust, Susan R. Potter, Mrs. Estelle K. Burger, Sr. Jeanne Ellen Niehaus, Anthony J. Hasenauer, Tanna Hohl, Mrs. Earlene L. Holland, Roberta A. Hulsman, Mrs. Linda E. Jacobs, Joinda S. Jochim, Elizabeth A. Masterson, Mrs. Evangeline McDaniell, Phyllis L. Meyer, Mrs. Carol Jo Minton, Mrs. Mary M. Thompson, Sister Mary Constance Weinapfel, Werner A. Bender, Weldon E. Michel, Sister Carolyn Ann DeLage and Judith Ann Reising.

AIC Sister wins language grant
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Sister Mary Philip Berger, O.S.B., of the Academy of the Immaculate Conception, P.O. Box 100, among the 12 Hoosier high school foreign language teachers awarded summer grants by the Indiana Language Program for travel and study in either France, Germany, Spain, Italy or Russia. The program, funded by the Ford Foundation and based at Indiana University, is designed to improve the proficiency of teachers of modern foreign languages in the state. Sister Mary Philip will study in France. The participants have the option of studying in an organized school or institution, or on a project of their own choosing which shows initiative, ingenuity, and major contact with the language and culture of the country. The Teacher Development Overseas Program grants are available to teachers with Indiana teaching certificates who will be employed in Indiana schools next fall.

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Providence nun dies at Woods

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—Funeral services for Sister Mary David Bodine, S.P., were held at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence on Thursday, May 14. Sister Bodine, 51, died May 5 in the convent infirmary.

A native of Bradford, Pa., Sister Mary David entered the convent in 1920. She was an elementary grade teacher. Her last appointment was in Wilmette, Ill.

No immediate family survives.

DCCW to install at Terre Haute
TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The installation luncheon of the Deany Council of Catholic Women will be held at the DCCW on Tuesday, May 20, in Henri's Restaurant, 3631 Wabash Ave.

Guest speaker will be Sister Mary Ann Duffy, O.P., of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis.

Solon to speak at CEF rally
EVANSVILLE—State Senator Al LaMere, Munster, Ind., will be the speaker at a rally for the Indiana Citizens for Education Freedom Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.

The meeting, to be held at Mater Dei High School, will be devoted to a study of the Supreme Court rulings on the First and Fourteenth Amendments and is open to the public. No admission fee.

Society honors Bible scholar
NEW YORK—Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., general secretary of the recently formed World Federation of the Biblical Apostolate, has been elected an honorary life member of the American Bible Society.

A member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, the American Jesuit is believed to be the first Catholic to receive such an honor from the traditionally Protestant organization.

Moynihan, prelate will speak at ND
NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Daniel P. Moynihan, assistant to President Nixon for Urban Affairs, and Cardinal George Flahiff of Winnipeg, Canada, will be the principal speakers at the University of Notre Dame's 124th annual commencement exercises June 1.

Moynihan, who is also executive secretary of the administration of the Urban Affairs Council, will speak at graduation ceremonies scheduled for 2 p.m. (EDT) in the 11,000-seat arena of Notre Dame's Athletic-Convocation Center. Cardinal Flahiff, who was appointed to the College of Cardinals by Pope Paul VI last March, will preach at the 9 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass which will also be held June 1 in the Athletic-Convocation Center arena. Both men will be awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees.

Nearly 2,000 undergraduate, graduate and law degrees will be awarded at the commencement exercises.

Discussion program set at IU Center
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—A one-day program of open discussions "will be conducted Saturday, May 17, at the Indiana University. St. Paul Catholic Student Center under the direction of Father Edward J. Whyte, vocational director of the Marist Fathers, who is a doctoral student in counseling psychology at IU.

Planned in response to requests from students at the university, the theme of the program will be, "What Is Significantly Different About Us Because We Are Christians."

Father Whyte will give the main talk, following which the students will break up into natural discussion groups rather than structural ones.

"We plan to take a group dynamics approach in the discussions," Father Whyte said. "In this way the students will have a feeling of openness and honesty with one another."

Student speakers for the discussions will be Roberta Doyle, sophomore from South Bend; Joseph Cavallo, Marietta, Ga.; and David Dutschke, Louisville, both graduate students. Miss Kristiana Tautvill, freshman from Gary, is in charge of registrations.

The program will begin at 1 p.m., with a Mass scheduled for 5 p.m. This will be followed by a dinner for the participating students and staff.

New officers
RICHMOND, Ind.—Rita Gillman was elected president of St. Andrew's PTO at a meeting held recently. Other new officers for the 1969-70 school year: Shirley Parker, vice president; Rita Kinley, secretary; Barbara Hager, treasurer; and Nancy DeLuca, historian.

Remember them in your prayers

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CLARA O. WILLIAMS, St. Philip, Marietta, May 3.

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LEONARD J. PUTNAM, 55, St. Patrick's, May 13. Brother of Mrs. Leonard Putnam, of Evansville, Ind. (Ruth) Putnam, formerly Mrs. Leonard Putnam, of Evansville, Ind.

ANNA M. BARRY
ANNA M. BARRY, 82, St. James of P.O., May 3. Wife of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Barry, of Evansville, Ind. (Ruth) Barry, formerly Mrs. Anna Barry, of Evansville, Ind.

Higgins

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Fabbrini, holding that the parish priest had spoken contrary to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the subject of Catholic-Jewish relations and arguing, furthermore, that Fabbrini's protest "had not disturbed the Mass, but only a part of a religious ceremony. That a rather subtle legalistic distinction had been made, but I admire the judge for giving it the old college try."

On April 30, 1969, Professor Fabbrini's acquittal was overruled by a superior court, and the hapless professor was sentenced to two months in jail. The May 1 edition of the Turin daily, La Stampa, which I picked up at the airport in Rome that morning, was waiting for a flight to New York, reports that the president of the superior court interrogated the defendant as follows:

President of the Tribunal: "Why did you interrupt the priest?"
Fabbrini: "Because I wanted to open up a dialogue."

President: "But certainly there is no dialogue when you use the word 'dialogue'!"
Fabbrini: "I admit that my reaction was rather sharp (vivace)."

President: "You understand that it's easy to foresee what would happen in a church if 5 or 10 of the faithful were to do what you did."

Fabbrini: "The council encouraged a dialogue between the faithful and Church officials. Since 1957 I have been a missionary of the Company of St. Paul, and I have faculties to speak in Church from the pulpit."

President: "The problem is not whether you had reason to take issue with the priest because of his statements. The problem is whether it is licit to interrupt a religious ceremony."

The good judge, consulting only the letter of the law, decided the latter question in the negative and therefore felt compelled to let Fabbrini go for a couple of months.

I don't know anything about the intricacies of the Italian law, but I wish the judge had found it possible to rise above his legalistic principle. Poor Fabbrini should have been acquitted.

To be sure, his rather elastic definition of the dialogue leaves something to be desired.

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something to be desired in this particular case, but his heart was obviously in the matter. Fabbrini was putting it very mildly when he called him a buffoon. He would have been justified in using much stronger language than that to express the feeling of disgust which came over him when he heard this pseudo theologian muttering the worst kind of anti-Semitic nonsense and doing so with the clerical equivalent of what we have come to know in the United States as Congressional immunity.

That the pastor of a parish which is hardly more than a stone's throw away from St. Peter's Basilica, where the sessions of Vatican II were held, should be so completely ignorant of—or so contemptuous of—the council's teaching on Catholic-Jewish relations and its explicit rejection of the deicide charge is almost incredible and most certainly intolerable.

As a good civil libertarian, I would be opposed to sending him to jail for a couple of months, but I would like to see sincere congratulations to the professor. He is admittedly paying a very heavy price for his rather eccentric show of apostolic zeal, but I hope that he will have the satisfaction of being able to persuade himself, once he has been released from the clink, that it was worth it in the long run and that he has made a genuine contribution to the cause of Catholic-Jewish relations.

For my own part, then, I should like to offer sincere congratulations to the professor. He is admittedly paying a very heavy price for his rather eccentric show of apostolic zeal, but I hope that he will have the satisfaction of being able to persuade himself, once he has been released from the clink, that it was worth it in the long run and that he has made a genuine contribution to the cause of Catholic-Jewish relations.

Meanwhile, I trust that his conferees and friends will rally round him and will see to it that he is well supplied, during his period of incarceration, with cigarettes and all of the other little luxuries which are so dear to the heart of the average prisoner.

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READS 'BLACK MANIFESTO'

Forman burns writ on chancery steps

NEW YORK — Standing on the steps of the New York archdiocesan chancery, James Forman burned a copy of a court order enjoining him from disrupting services at the Riverside interdenominational Protestant church. The action followed an incident a week earlier when Forman, a one-time leader of

Plan to push test case on disciplined priests

CHICAGO—The National Federation of Priests Councils announced it will take the cases of priests disciplined in the Washington, D.C., and San Antonio archdioceses into Chicago courts. The proposed litigation will be a test case on the rights of due process for disciplined priests, an NFPC spokesman said, with eventual appeal to Rome if satisfaction is not forthcoming in the United States.

The NFPC is a national organization formed last year from some 120 priests' senates and associations in the United States. Its president, Father Patrick O'Malley of Chicago, suggested the proposed litigation might set a precedent in the American Catholic Church since church courts ordinarily concern themselves with such matters as marriage annulments.

"It's a whole new bag, a whole new approach to disputes of this kind," Father O'Malley stated. "Canon lawyers have been enjoining the regulations to see what they might take. They'll have to work it out, step by step."

IT IS NOT yet known in what U.S. diocese the case will be tried. This and other details will be worked out in an upcoming meeting planned here between NFPC representatives and leading canon lawyers.

The NFPC, at its convention in New Orleans last March, called on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) to appoint a fact-finding

Back Amish
MONROE, Wis.—The National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors has given support to the legal defense of three Amish farmers arrested in New Glarus, Wis., for failure to have their high school-aged children in school.



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shows the racist nature of the church.

Forman had requested a meeting with Cardinal Terence Cooke but the prelate was in Washington for a meeting of the President's Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, of which he is a member.

During the meeting with chancery officials, Forman again read the "black manifesto."

HE SPECIFICALLY requested \$200 million from the Catholic Church, which, he said, "must be the biggest corporation in the United States." He estimated the Catholic Church's assets in the nation at "approximately \$44.5 billion."

The manifesto demands 60% of the profits of other religious denominations but Forman said such a figure could not be specified for the Catholic Church because no one knows its holdings for sure.

However, he demanded that he be given a list of the Catholic Church's assets.

Members of both sides at the meeting described the session as friendly.

Following is the text of the \$200 million demand from U.S. Catholics as taken from the mimeographed press release distributed by Mr. Forman.

PRESS STATEMENT

TO: Cardinal Cooke
FROM: James Forman
Director, United Black Appeal
National Black Economic Development Conference
RE: Black Manifesto

The following are facts relating to demands made of the Catholic Church archdiocese of New York:

- "Every year religious organizations gather about \$5 billion in contributions. The value of their 'visible assets' has been estimated at \$79.5 billion—almost double the combined assets of the country's five largest industrial corporations."
- "Of this treasure, approximately \$44.5 billion worth is held by the Roman Catholic Church."
- "The Catholic Church must be the biggest corporation in the United States. They have a branch office in almost every neighborhood. Their assets and real estate holdings must exceed those of Standard Oil, AT & T, and U.S. Steel combined. Their roster of dues-paying members must be second only to the tax rolls of the U.S. government." (above information taken from The Religion Business by Alfred Balk, page 8, John Knox Press)
- "When one remembers that churches pay no inheritance tax (churches do not die), that churches may own and operate business and be exempt from the 52 per cent corporate income tax, and that real property used for church purposes (which in most states are most generally construed) is tax exempt, it is not unreasonable to prophesy that with reasonably prudent management, the churches ought to be able to control the whole economy of the nation within the predictable future."—by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

We demand a list of all Catholic Church assets, unrelated Business Income, stock and real-estate investments, pensions, real-estate and investment funds. We have demanded 60% of profits of all assets from other religious denominations. The percentage demanded from the Catholic Church will be negotiated upon receipt of the list of all assets.

We ask \$200 million dollars to establish a Southern land bank, as outlined in the Black Manifesto.

We demand that the Catholic Church in America support the Black Manifesto of the National Black Economic Development Conference. The Catholic Church is to use its influence to pressure all white racist Christian Churches and Jewish Synagogues to meet the demands of the National Black Economic Development Conference for reparations due to the role of the Christian and Jewish religions in exploiting Black people in this country.

Signed,
James Forman
Director, United Black Appeal
National Black Economic Development Conference

Mission Helpers Urge loan freeze
LOS ANGELES—Twenty men and women will leave here this month to work as Lay Mission Helpers in New Guinea, western Canada and seven African nations. The group includes four married couples.



IN HONOR OF MARY—Mrs. Agnes Johnson of the Seattle Catholic Youth Organization office created this "Madonna College" from Christmas cards. The inspiring grouping combines modern, traditional and foreign versions of the Madonna. (RMS photo)

Pope hits 'malicious' reporting on Church

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul spoke out here against "aggressive" proponents of renewal and "superficial, malicious" reporting of Church news in his weekly public audience.

However, the Pontiff made clear that he agreed with the need for reform of the Church in its human parts, specifically referring to "abusive agencies and customs."

But the authority for bringing about these changes is his and will be carried out with "full speed" tempered with "due meditation," he said.

"We do not want to make ourselves the advocate of legalism and legalism," the Pope added, "but rather we seek to give

the Church a new face. The revision of existing structures is now going ahead with full speed but also with all due meditation throughout the responsible Church."

"WE WANT to put you on your guard," he told the pilgrims at the audience, "against the proponents of sudden surgical simplifications that at times are even subversive of the traditional patrimony of the ecclesiastical life."

"We want to remind you that the modernity of the Church does not always depend on the repudiation of its traditional structures—especially," he said, "when these have been tested

by centuries of experience and are still capable of continuous rejuvenation."

The problem of renewal has been complicated, Pope Paul said, by reports of the world press on Church matters which are "too often superficial, malicious and jealous to uncover and create sensational impressions."

He said this coverage is "as irresponsible as it is assertive in judging the duties and failures of the hierarchy."

"MANY PEOPLE," he noted, "discovering the obvious defects take pleasure in turning them into scandals and accuse the Church authorities of having betrayed the faith of those who

wanted quite rightly to see the Church as worthy, perfect and sublime in every detail."

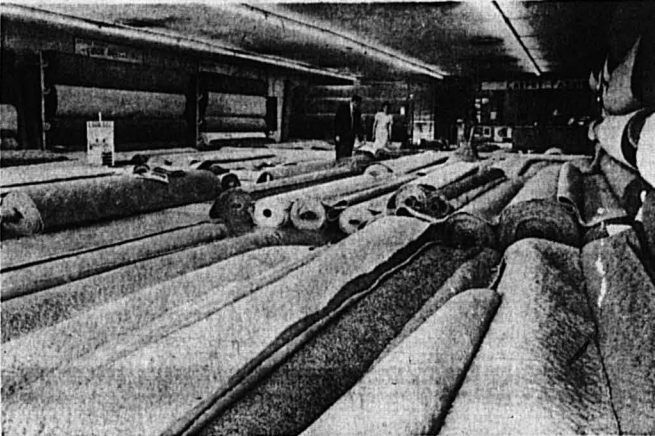
Finding that the Church does not always reach the "sublime heights of her vocation," he said, these people use this as a pretext "for professing a Christianity of their own." This frequently is a neo-modernist or Marxist ideology, he added.

"You will not retain true youth in the Church," he warned, "by secularizing and liberalizing the ecclesiastical life itself."

What is needed, he said, is to revitalize the structures within the Church with the "life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit."

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