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## WORLD CONGRESS

# Top theologians gather to discuss future of Church

BRUSSELS-A highpowered world congress of Catholic theologians, even before its opening Sept. 12, is said to be the most important such gathering since the end of the Vatican Council five years

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Such touchy subjects as infallibility and cellbacy are sure to surface when many of Catholicism's leading linkers sid down next week to explore "the Future of the Church," the theme of the six-day gathering in Brussels' Palasi des Congress had congress and the congress had congress to the congress had congressed to the congress had congressed to the congress had congressed to the planners of the congress had congressed to the planners of the congress had congressed to the congress which may be congressed to the congress.

"An theology which fails to cope with this new situation will consequently lose is relevance to the world and the Church."

SPONSORED BY THE Concilium Foundation, the congress will feature a series of day-long work sessions involving some 200 personally invited theologians and ecumenists. Another 1,000 persons are attending as observers.

The chairmen and speakers make up what one observer calls "the honor guard of Catholic theologians." They include Fathers Hans Kung and Kart Rahner, S.J., from Germany, the French Dominicans Yves Congar and Marie-Dominique Chenu, and American Fathers Roland Murphy, O. Carm., Raymond Brown, S.S., and Andrew Greeley.

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Jesuit theologians from the Gregorian
University have notified, along with two
officials from the Vatican's Doctrinal

Two members of the Washington staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference-Pathers Thomas C. Donian, O.P., director of research and development in the department of education, and Louis Colonnese, ...director of the Latin American division of the international affairs department—are among the invited participants.

Cardinals Leo Suenens of Brussels and Bernard Alfrids of Utrecht, outspeken progressive during the 1962-1965 Vatican Council and criticized since then for seeing the exercise of authority in a different light from Vatican difficialdom, are expected to involve themsives with the congress.

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THE OSTENSIBLE occasion of the congress is the 50th anniversary of the Consilium publishing project, a theological review that has so far carried essays by 300 theologiasa in ten editions and nine languages. Based in Nijmegen, Holland, it has a global circulation of 50,000.

But the "real reason" for the gathering, according to Father Schillebeeckx, "is rather that these five years of cooperation have laught the team that the churches and theological thought within the churches have entered upon a crisis."

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The Dutch theologian—whose name stands behind Concilium along with those of Congar, Kung and Rahner—explained that the theological crisis "is obviously related to the 'crisis' or dividing line where what we call 'modernity' now finds titself—that is, at the point in history where we stand now."

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The congress could have special importance for the Church because, unlike most past theological gatherings, all the invited participants will be voting on congress resolutions—a conscious striving for consensus, much as the Vatican Council tolerated delays in passing some documents for the sake of maximum possible agreement.

The discussion topics leave much room for diversified views. They range from a technical study of "the function of theology in the Church" to an open-ended analysis of "what is the Christian message?"

# Priesthood seen as possible main '71 Synod topic

BY JAMES C. O'NEILL

ROME—Catholicism's problems with its priests, and the priesthood's own problems within itself, appear destined to become the prime subject when the third Synod of Bishops meets in Rome in 1971.

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Sept. 1 was the deadline for national hierarchies to submit to the Vatican suggested topics for the synod-a meeting of bishops called to advise the Pope on Church trends and global problems. The topics sent in are to be studied, sorted and approved in October by the Council of the Synod, then sent up to Pope Paul VI for his decision. Thus it cannot be said yet just what

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Thus it cannot be said yet just what the agenda of the 1971 synod will be. But the priesthood and all the problems that go with it today seems a sure bet.

"The First Vatican Council dealt with the place of the Pope in the Chutch," goes a saying in Rome, "the Second Vatican Council with the place of the bishops, and the Third (who knows when) will have to deal with the place of the priest."

THE POSSIBILITY exists, however, that because of such postconciliar organisms as the Synod of Bishops and the Commission of Theologians, the problem may not have to await a Third Vatican Council.

That is one of the hopes and promises of new church bodies like the synod. In other words, it may not be necessary in the future to await the convocation of a body such as a general council of the entire Church to deal with problems in a

collegial way which are pressing and need more immediate answers. The best source of information at present on what the 1971 synod may be like is Cardinal Francois Marty, the Archhishop of Paris, Cardinal Marty is a member of the Council of the Synod-a-15-man group which oversees synodal matters during periods between synods. The French Cardinal last June let slip a number of details agreed upon during the

number of details agreed upon during the last meeting of the synod council in April.

RECOMMENDATIONS of the synod council are not binding on the Pope. Nevertheless, he takes them into serious

consideration.

It was recommended that the 1971 synod be an "ordinary synod," meaning one composed of a proportionate number of bishops from the world's 97 national bishops conferences, instead of one composed only of conference presidents and assorted other designates.

It was also recommended that the synod run at least four weeks to allow all views to be presented and voted on and also to provide time for the Pope to make his own comments.

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According to Cardinal Marty, the agenda should be limited to two main themes and those themes should be made public early enough to permit discussion on national levels not only by the bishops but also by the priests, Religious and laity.

It was Cardinal Marty who, during the last synod in 1969, suggested that the No.

1 problem for the next synod should be (Continued on Page 7)

# Card. Cushing resigns Boston See at age 75

WASHINGTON-Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation for reasons of health of Cardinal Richard Cushing, 75, who has been archbishop of Booton for nearly 26 years. The Pope named Bishop Humberto Mediros, 54, of Brownswille, Tex., to succeed Cardinal Cushing.

The Pope also accepted the resignation of Bishop Leo F. Dworschak, 70, of Pargo, N.D., because of Illness and appointed Magr. Justin A. Driscoll, 30, president of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, to the Fargo diocese.

These changes-were announced here (Sept. 8) by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate in the United States.

Archbishop-designate Mediciros will be installed in Boston's Holy Cross Cathedral on Oct. 7.

The archdiocese of Boston is the second largest Catholic diocese in the United States, with 1,917,000 Catholics in a total population of 3,335,000.

CARDINAL CUSHING is one of the best known U.S. Bishops, widely admired for his warmth and his efforts on beard of numerous charitable causes, and widely recognized for his longtime friendship with the Kennedy family.

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In April 1939, Pope Pius XII named him auxiliary bishop of Boston. He became head of the archdiocese on Sept. 25, 1944, succeeding the late Cardinal William O'Connell. Immediately after assuming office he inaugurated many new religious, educational and charitable activities and launched an extensive building program.

His success in encouraging religious vocations enabled him to start a "lend-lease" personnel program to assist areas of the country suffering a shortage of priests, as well as the missions and the armed forces.

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Pope John XXIII appointed him a cardinal at the consistory of Dec. 15, 1958.

BISHOP MEDEIROS, his successor as archbishop of Boston, was born on Oct. 6, 1915. in Arrifes, Sao Miguel, the Azores, the son of Antonio Sousa and Marie de Jesus Medeiros, both of whom are deceased.

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He attended an elementary school in Artifies and, after coming to the United States in 1931, the Border City and Danforth Street schools and the B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass. He became an American citizen in 1940. He attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and studied for the priesthood at its Theological College. He was ordained on June 15, 1946, in St. Mary's Cathedral; Fall River, Following ordination he studied dogmatic theology at Catholic University and at the Gregorian University in Rome.

Returning to Fall River, he became secretary to the bishop of the diocese and later chancellor, He was chancellor and also pastor of the Church of St. Michael, Fall River, when Pope Paul named him Bishop of Brownsville, Texas on April 20, 1966.

A. "man of—the people," Bishop

A "man of the people," Bishop Medeiros has consistently supported the rights of farm workers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley to higher wages and improved living conditions. He once spent part of Christmas Day in Brownsville's Camero County Jall in order to share Christmas dinner with some of the "people who need me most."

He is a member of the Committee on the Farm Labor Dispute of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and is a member of the Administrative Board and the International Affairs Committee of

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Bishop Dworschak was appointed coadjutor bishop of Rapid City, S.D., in June, 1946 and consecrated bishop in August. From 1947 to 1960 he served as auxiliary bishop of Fargo. He became bishop in 1960.

Msgr. Driscoll served as superintendent of schools in the archdiocese of Dubuque from 1953 to 1967.

## USCC sets nucleus for poverty drive

WASHINGTON—Bishops in 135 American dioceses have appointed development directors for the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) "Campaign of Human Development," with directors yet to be chosen in the remaining 25 dioceses.

The development campaign is a new nationwide program sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops to help, in the words of Pope Paul VI, "break the helish circle of powgty."

A major collection in all parishes of the country on Nov. 22, during the Thanksgiving period, will raise money for self-help projects unqualified for government or institutional funding, in addition, a continuing educational program is to thramatize the scope of American poverty.

# For the engaged

INDIANAPOLIS—A three-week course of marriage instructions for engaged couples will be held from October 5 through October 27 at the Catholic Community Center, College and North St. All sessions will start at 8 p.m. and meet on Monday and Thursday evenings. Admission cards may be obtained from a parish priest.



PLAN ST. JOHN'S REUNION—The 11th annual reunion of the old St. John's Academy Alumnae will take place Sunday, Sept. 20, with Mass and a luncheon. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. John's Church, followed by a luncheon in the grand ballroom of the Atkinson Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Chairman of the event is Mrs. Mary Jo McHlugh Keegan, 605 N. Limwood Ave., Indianapolis, who is accepting ticket reservations until September 12. Shown above discussing the program are graduates Sister Cecilia Gertrude, S.P., moderator, and Miss Mary Ann Roman. The Academy, located on W. Maryland St., was closed in 1959 after 99 classes had been graduated from the institution.

## BY SPEAKER AT MUNDELEIN

# National Pastoral Council seen urgent U.S. Church need

CIIICAGO - One of the broadest cross-sections of American Catholichmiever housed under one roof met at Mundelein College here to probe further what establishment of a national pastoral council in the U.S. would mean.

Task of the participants, representing 97 dioceses and 45 national church organizations, is how to relate the potpourri of ideas to "the folks back home" and ask for their suggestions.

"A national pastoral council must be established and soon," said DF. Arthur X. Deegan, director of the Detroit archdiocese's planning and research office. He was one of four specialists delivering papers sparking discussion at the conference.

Dr. Deegan said more and more frustrated Catholic individuals and groups "are concluding that their Christian witness can be devoted with greater effectiveness to issues of Christian concern outside the official Church."

To delay the formation of a national pastoral council would increase this number, Dr. Deegan said, noting it would affect the calber of such council when it finally was formed.

The frustration of many delegates at conference to Dr. Deegan's words.

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TOLD IN ADVANCE that the three-day meeting was only one further step in a study begun last February by the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) Advisory Committee, some participants nevertheles voiced strong displeasure that decisive action was not taken.

"I think the issue (of a national pastoral council) is being evaded," said Mike. Kers,herr, -of-Oregon, Ollio, -a Young Christian Students' representative. "Notfling concrete has been detailed,"

By mid-meeting-after listening to some participants urge, formation of a fully-representative, decison-making, largely, lay council and others caution that any structure might harm the Church-frustration at the meeting's lack of specific direction reached a high point.

But a USCC spokesman said Msgr. J. Paul O'Connor, coordinator of the conference, soothed most ruffled feelings

# Pope hits use of destructive drugs as 'evil'

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy-Pope Paul VI told a group of 150 scientists from America and Europe that use of destructive drugs today is among "the most serious and threatening evils of our generation."

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The Pope speaking in English (Sept. 5), told the scientists that for some time he has wanted to speak out on drugs and their widespread use today.

He said he wanted "to say a word, both frank, loving and at the same time sewere, about the fearful spread of certain poisons which join to their destructive power the attraction of inebriating emotions, and today form one of the most serious today form one of the most serious and threatening evils of our generation. We refer to drugs."

It is known that Pope Paul has been particularly disturbed by drug usage. When he met Preiduent Nixon's special envoy to the Vatican, Henry Cabot Lodge, for the first time last July, drugs was one of the topics discussed.

In addition a special desk has been established in the Vatican to keep abreast of the drug problem on a worldwide level.

Msgr. O'Connor, chairman of the 15-member steering committee the USCC Advisory Council set up to study the NPC proposal, reminded delegates the meeting had never been intended to make decisions, and that it would be unfair to chart a specific course for an NPC without reporting back to the grass-roots level and adding their suggestions to the growing brain-trust.

THE USCC SPOKESMAN said this "feed-back process"—in the form of a massive questionnaire distribution and collection—would probably take from six to eight months. Many delegates also suggested that similar regional or national meetings be held.

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When the fact-gathering is completed, the steering committee would present its findings to the Advisory Council—which would recommend, or not recommend, that the U.S. bishops take steps to establish a national pastoral council.

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In addition to individual Catholics representing their dioceses, conference delegate groups included, among others, the National Councils of Catholic Men and Women, Catholic Press Asociation, Sister Formation Conference, Legion of Mary, Society of Priests for a Free Ministry, Catholic Warner, Catholic War Veterans, Caucus of American Priests' Association, Knights of Columbus and Conferences of Major Superiors of Men and Women.

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The four papers presented on the history, theology, competence and feasibility of a national pastoral council, were different in their suggestions as to what form an NPC should take. But all four agreed that such a council was necessary.

Father William LaDue, of St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisc., said an NPC of 200 members might include 150 lay and Religious, 20 delegates elected from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), and 30 representing a national association of priests' senates.

STRESSING THE necessity to "safeguard the inalienable prerogative of the episcopate within the context of a national council," Father LaDue said bishop council members should be able to determine the agenda and relain a veto power "to block resolutions which, in their estimate, are not in the best interests of the Church of America."

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Dr. Deegan recommended a more complex pastoral council system, consisting of a small national group of about 50 persons, as well as diocesan and regional groups—operating interdependently.

"The threat of democracy always looms large in Roman Catholic discussions such as these," said Father Thomas O'Meara, O.P., of the Aquinas Institute, Dubuque, Iowa. "Clearly, it can (Continued on Page 7)

# Fr. Joseph Barry named chaplain

The Chancery Office this week announced the appointment of Father Joseph Barty, O.M.I., as chaplain of the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, with residence at St. Bridget's parish.

A former pastor of St. Bridget's, Father Barry replaces Father Raymond Crowe, O.M.I., who was reassigned outside the Archdiocese by his religious superiors.

# 'Washington 19' clergy case goes to Rome

CHICAGO—The case of 19 Washington priests—disciplined nearly two years ago for their stand on artificial birth control—has now been sent to the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, a priests' monthly reported here.

The September issue of Priests USA, newsletter of the National Federation of Priests USA, newsletter of the National Federation of Priests Councils (NFPC), cited a letter from Cardinal Jean villot, papal secretary of state. The letter said the Washington priests' case had been sent to the "competent" Roman congregation, which is the Congregation for the Clergy, headed by American Cardinal John Wright.

The papal secretary's July 23 letter was sent to the Committee of Concerned Canon Lawyers (CCCL), a group sponsored by the NFPC to give legal aid to the disciplined priests.

CCCL's letter of response, dated August 6, revealed growing impatience at their unsuccessful efforts to obtain a formal hearing for the 19 priests.

"As canon lawyers," the CCCL letter said, "we found it incredible in this day and age that the ecclesiastical law would deprive clerymen of a right that the civil authorities of this country have long since guaranteed."

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"EVEN A COMMON criminal in these United States is considered innocent until proven otherwise." CCCL told the papal secretary, "and no one would dare to condemn a man unless head first been afforded a fair and impartial hearing. And that, Your Eminence, is what this case is all about."

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The 19 were among a group of 39 priests disciplined by Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle of Washington for signing a statement disagreeting with the Cardinal's interpretation of Pope Paul's 1968 birth control encyclical; Humanae-Vitae.

The priests signed a statement that said spouses may responsibly follow their own consciences if they feel artificial-contraception is necessary to preserve the sacredness of marriage.

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CARDINAL O'BOYLE relieved them of various priestly faculties, such as hearing confession or preaching. He had numerous meetings with the priests—both individually and collectively—but said the dispute was not subject to mediation or arbitration because it involved doctrine. Jurisdictional questions blocked their case in two church courts, so 19 volunteers from the original group sent a direct appeal to Rome. Cardinal Villot had sent an earlier letter to the 19 in April, saying the Pope preferred "conciliation" in the dispute. Correspondence had continued to try to determine the exact meaning of the conciliation request.

Officials at the Washington chancery were unavailable for comment on the present status of the case.

# Lady of Grace plans Institute of Man series

BEECH GROVE, Ind.—Our Lady of Grace Convent is sponsoring a two-day workshop at the end of September to be conducted by Duquesne University's Institute of Man, according to an announcement by Sister Mary Philip, O.S.B., convent superior. It is the first time the workshop has been presented in the Indianapolis area.

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On September 26 and 27, Saturday and Sunday, the three staff members of the Institute of Man, headed by the eminent author-lecturer-teacher Father Adrian van Kaam, C.S.S.p., will conduct the workshop in the Academy Student Center. The other panel members include Father Bert van Croonenburg, C.S.S.p., executive director, and Susan Muto, assistant director of the Institute.

THE INSTITUTE of Man is a unique three-year program of study, research and training at Duquene University for those who hold or will hold leading positions in the formation of Religious and directors of seminaries. This master's degree program is an interdisciplinary approach to human development, emphasizing the dynamics of human and spiritual development.

The Institute of Man Workshop is open to Sisters, priests and Brothers in the Archdiocese, as well as to lay people.

THERE WILL BE A \$5 attendance fee per person for the two-day workshop. In addition, there will be a buffet luncheon available for \$1 each day. Registration is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis ending September 19.

For advance registration, send checks to The Institute of Man Workshop, Out Lady of Grace Convent, 1402 Southern Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana 46107. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Convent.

# Ghanian named

VATICAN CITY—A 37-year-old Ghanian educator has been named a member of the Council for the Laity, the highest office in the Vatican dealing with the needs and problems of Catholic laymen around the world.

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# Religious education: high school level

(Joan Benson is Coordinator of Training Programs, Division of Youth Activities, United States Catholic Conference).

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Certain mind wracking questions are continuously present in these days of wrap around communication and instant experts. We're forewer hearing: "I don't understand what young people want," "What does this do-your-own-thing mean?" "Kids just have no values today."

Like most twentieth century problems there is no ONE practical and containable solution to these gropings nor to the underlying fears and lack of communication indicated in such feelings. In fact, not only are "solutions" to the problems multifaceted—so are the questions

themselves! Teachers of religion are among the first to know this.

Adults working with youth readily recognize the frustrations endemic to a transition from the older forms of religious education, more readily recognizable to a parishioner, to newer flexible ways of programming which attempt to key in to where the contemporary teenager is.

High school programs of religious education today engaged as they are in the teaching and healing missions of the church often approach their educative process in three phases; first, by examining the needs of youth today and concurrently sharing these perceptions with other interested adults; second, by setting up viable goals vis-a-vis their programs and the previously considered needs of teen-agers; and third, by working

IN CONSIDERING THE contemporary IN CONSIDERING THE contemporary concerns of teen-agers today, parish programs should consider the idealism of the young person; his trying to understand who he is and what he is about; his working through the boy-girl relationship; his questions regarding faith, his self assertiveness (and what adult working with the high school student has not discovered the young person as lawyer!); and his action orneted auture. Each school of religion or parish program should set up its own goals and priorities to meet its own needs. A key factor in this phase (as well as in the others) lies with the adults of the parish. For any program to be in anyway

factor in this phase (as well as in the others) lies with the adults of the parish. For any program to be in anyway successful it is necessary to foster within the local community a climate of understanding and acceptance of teens themselves and of what the parish program intends to do.

Operating on the principle that involvement begets commitment, programs of religion are utilizing methods less cognitively oriented than previous modes of operation. Such approaches are structured to encompass the total person and especially those areas of human development dealing with feelings, attitudes, values and relationships.

Procedures which various parishes have found to be useful and effective include focumently. Such programs may utilize the many forms of weekends of Christian living such as SEARCH, ENCOUNTER and related followup programs; issue oriented workshops on hunger and racism may be offered; strategies for involvement in parish councils may be oriented workshops on hunger and racism may be offered; strategies for involvement in parish councils may be devised and implemented; the development of youth lituges may be encouraged; an understanding of the interaction of people whenever they gather together may be explored. All of the above seek to engender in the young person a sense of responsibility for one's growth and behavior; an openness to the experience of God in everyday living; and an understanding of the church as a way of relating to the world.

OTHER PROCEDURES which parishes have found helpful include workshops on values; outdoor religious education programs through camping; small discussion group classes in homes; meetings around themes such as awareness, loneliness, patriotism; and the replacement of weekly meetings by one lengthy monthly meeting during which the teens and adults have a chance to spend an afternoon and evening recreating, eating, sharing, discussing, working, dancing and worshipping together.

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Perhaps the variety offered today in religious education programs will encourage you to become involved in your own parish. Your tens' catchists reflect in their lives Christ the man for others. Their past and present involvement counterbalances the many adults critical of young people today who do nothing but complain of youth, who never try to understand them let alone work with them or for them in trying to produce feasible solutions to their problems. By involving themselves in the concerns of youth, by helping their developing as human beings and concerned Christians, adults can dispet the disillusionment of young people with their elders and with a society which older people have left them.



"If I could talk with St. Luke for just two minutes, the first thing I would ask him would be this: 'What did you do in Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles'?', writes Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., in this week's column. Today the Holy Bible is easily accessible for those interested in vital questions regarding the Scriptures. (NC Photo by Richard T. Lee)

WORSHIP AND THE WORLD

# The sign of peace

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

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Perhaps the kiss of peace is strange for us and will soomer of later be discarded as unsuitable to our temperament. There can be no question the gesture strikes a strong blow at strictly individualistic religious habits. Our Roman Catholic Liturgy, as we know well, has changed of a stic ally in a half-century-from Latin to English, from Mass towards the wall to altars facing the people, from silent worshipers to stinging communities. Each of these steps represented, for some, a gradual encroachment upon their rights, their privacy, their desire for a few quiet moments with God in Church.

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During those fifty years silent reflection gave way to the rosary; the rosary to Father Stedman's MY SUNDAY MISSAL; this weekly text to a massive daily missal; the missal to leaflets and missalettes; and now we hear speculation about hymnals without the scriptural texts finally replacing printed eucharistic prayer books. These developments, however, except possibly for congregational singing, did not force a person to yield or conform. One could continue unbothered to read the missal or pray a rosary or kneel in silence.

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The sign of peace destroys that last defense barrier. No longer, the unhappy critic thinks, can I worship alone. I must now reach out and take the hand of a stranger, someone I don't know, perhaps don't like, certainty don't love. This innovation cuts deeply.

WILL IT SUCCEED? Will explanations about the community nature of worship, the "my brothers and I and God" approach to Mass rather than the "Jesus and I only" mentality slowly develop a willingness to reach out and join hands at worship? Will talks and homilies on the true purpose of this peace sign (to express and build as we discussed last week) overcome initial reluctance? Will time and repeated use make the kiss of peace commonplace and saccepted like the revised fast laws and vernacular liturgy?

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The kiss, of peace destroys the dignity of Mass, weakens reverence, lacks respect. True enough, young people, while very open and generally willing to show their inner feelings, sometimes giggle or laugh or supposedly make a joke out of the peace gesture. Such reactions do not personally disturb me since I view them mainly as a nervous coverup of extreme, youthful self-consciousness. But this concern lest causalness invade worship is understandable and praiseworthy.

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Equating reverence with silence, however, is, in my judgment, seriously off the mark. Last Christmas eve, Megr. Brown, long-time pastor of St. Ambrose parish in suburban Washington, was dreased by attentive priests at the rectory in priestly vestments and pusshed in a wheel chair up the center aisle to the sanctuary. He had suffered a stroke six months earlier and was making his first appearance in church since the illness. The capacity congregation broke out into applause as he came into the building, an action they repeated after the homily and a public announcement of his return. Magr. Brown could not respond with words, for his speech had been impaired by the sickness, but itears flowed freely down his checks, as they streamed from the eyes of many in the pews. There was no irreverence here, no absence of respect, no diminution of dignity. The applause expressed feelings which could be conveyed in no other way.

THE GESTURE OF PEACE will soon be come a mere formality. Unquestionably this is a real danger, for all repetitive, ritualistic acts face that peril. Something new-a song, a prayer, a gesture-attracts and for a time seems attifactory, then we tire or take the once fresh, now ordinary for granted. Carelessness creeps in and we

perfunctorily rush through these actions (the sign of the cross and genuflection in church are good examples). One feature in the kits of peace may forestall such formalism. The one with whom we exchange this greeting, even if the identical person from a previous Mass, is always a new individual. A good bit of life has passed by for both since the earlier celebration and we greet each other in many ways as totally different people. Nevertheless, only constant care and eternal vibiliance will keep this or any rite from drifting into a state where it is meaninglessly repeated out of pure habit. It is unhypienic for a priest to shake hands with many people and then distribute communion. This observation, supported later by a trained nurse, is well taken. The priest who moves through the congregation for an exchange of peace (the rubrics do not oblige him to do so) could obviate that objection by simply washing his hands upon return to the altar.

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There is indiscriminate kissing at the sign of peace and embracing of strangers. The problem of an exchange with strangers presents real difficulties especially in mammoth units where many the strangers present of the strangers of the service can break down some of these barriers. Morrover, perhaps an added function of the peace gesture is to welcome visitors and make them feel at home in a new church or a large parish.

THE AMERICAN BISHOPS left the method for the kiss of peace to local custom and thus we have many options—a bow, handshake, kiss, embrace. I would like to see parish priests be gentle and free both about the introduction of and the manner for the sign of embrace. Explain it, offer different options, give personal example, then leave the rest to people in the pews. So far, I have seen no indiscriminate kissing, nor have I heard of a young man fighting over a seat next to some pretty girl or of a young lady "arranging" to be by the side of that boy she has been anxious to meet, But who knows, one day a couple about to marry may proudly THE AMERICAN BISHOPS left the method for the kiss of peace to local

# FOCUS ON THE LEARNER



BY FR. CARL J. PFEIFER, S.J.

One of the most obvious aspects of Jesus' teaching was His flexible adaptation to His listeners. His focus was on the learner, as well as on His own message. When discussing a joint with the message. When discussing a joint with the frequently adapt his approach to their highly technical way of arguing from the Scriptures. With mature but leas educated adults He was usually very concrete and human, using the ordinary language of everyday life even when teaching the deepest puystries. His apostles, received special instructions beyond what the crowds could grap, yet without the sublicities of rabbinical logic. Children received from the Teacher chiefly affection and His blessing, learning in that way the attractiveness and tenderness of God's love. With Nicodemus Jesus spoke directly but gently, respecting the sensitivities of a man so genuine yet so fearful that he dared come only under cover of darkness. He played upon the curiosity and basic honesty of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The rich young man was challenged by Jesus with an ideal directed to the generosity of youth. Pharisees he ard from Jesus threats and condemnation aimed at pricring their stiffnecked hypocrisy whereas the repentant adulterous woman received a gentle admonition to sin no more.

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MOST CHRISTIANS admire the sensitive skill of Jesus, the Master Teacher, in dapting Himself and His message to the capacities of His listeners. However, many Catholics are not aware that many of the changes in religious education approaches foddy are based on Jesus' principle of adaptation to His learners.

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Admitting imperfections in their attempts, contemporary religious educators are consciously attempting to shape their efforts according to the example of Jesus. Serious efforts are made-sometimes with more success than at others-to sensitively enable the learner to grow in faith knowledge according to his present capabilities. A child does not learn like an adult. An adolescent has particular needs and abilities which differ from both adult and child. Adults differ among adults as to ability, experience and

ratticular needs and abilities which differ from both adult and child. Adults differ from both adult and child. Adults differ among adults as to ability, experience and e duestion. Contemporary studies by the psychology, sedagogy, and sociology help the religious education adapt flexibility to the needs of the search.

Adaptation affects overy aspect of parish religious education today, but is most obvious in the newer religion texts which differ so much from the older catechisms. The catechism attempted to encompass all of the basic Truths of Faith in one small book, phrased in philosophical language. Children, adolescents and adults learned exactly the same text, with some gradations of quantity and complexity. In fact the basic catechism was repeated in cycles of one, two or three years, so that periodically the learner was exposed to "all the basic doctrines" of the Church in a regular patetern of repetition. Even the six year old was taught about "transubstantation." Whatever the merits such an approach may have had, it has been seriously questioned already for centuries.

A DEEPLY HUMAN and very learned introduction to a catechism composed in 1683 highlights the very contemporary



Man today, with computers to aid his thinking, still must focus on a learner as well as on a message, just as Jesus adapted His own message to His listeners. (NC

His own message to His listeners. (NC Photo)
concern to focus religious education on the learner. Monsignor Fleury wrote at that time in France: "After you have quite exhausted yourself making the children or country folk repeat several hundred times that there is in God three persons and one nature, while in Jesus Christ there are two natures in one person. You will run the risk of hearing them respond that there are two persons in one nature and three natures in one person... And this comes from the fact that they have no idea what the words 'nature' and 'person' mean." His solution is to follow the example of Jesus, the prophets, and early Christian teachers like St. Augustine. "They spoke the common language of men: their expressions were simple, clear, concrete, without losing anything in grandeur and nobility. They communicated clear but living ideas, and made great use of the imagination, since few people are able to think without its help." His final principle is that the teacher study the mentality and language of the learners and "enter into their mentality, so that he may to the greatest extent possible, accommodate himself to them." This is exactly the advice of Vatican III for contemporary religious educators.

exactly the advice of Vatican II for contemporary religious educators.

FOR THOSE EQUIPPED to understand abstract and technical, philosophical language, it can be very illuminating to speak of "substance and accident," or "hypostatic union" or"red emptive incarnation." But the doctrines in question can be expressed and learned in other ways more suited to most people, and adapted to the Small children may fearn the deepest meaning of "grace" by being lowed with faithfulness and understanding, and gradually educated to prise and thank God. The young adolescent may gain insight into the same doctrine by honestly exploring his own relationships with others and reflecting on them in the light of the Gospel. Adults may well find an avenue of approach to grasping the meaning of "grace" through their experiences of marital love and the biblical theme of "covenant."

It may well be that a Catholic, young or old, knows how to define "sanctifying" and "actual" grace without grasping its meaning because it has never been seen in the context of his experiences, interests, or abilities. Therefore religious educators today follow Jesus' examples of adapting their teaching to the needs and abilities of their learner.

SCRIPTURE

# Council of .Ierusalem

BY FR. WALTER M. ABBOTT, S.J.

If I could talk with St. Luke for just two minutes, the first thing I would ask him would be this: "What did you do in Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles? Did you combine two different meetings into one for your account? If so, was one of them a real "council"? Was that letter in the second part of the chapter issued by the chapter issued by the whole church" took place, or one meeting of the apostles and "the whole church" took place, or one meeting of the apostles and observance of the Mosaic Law in general) and another meeting of apostles and observance of the Mosaic Law in general) and another meeting of apostles and others (about circumcision and others (about other observances of the Law), the matter described in Chapter 15 of the Acts has often been called the "Council of Jerusslem," a turning point of Luke's book of Act.

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"And the second meeting and the elders" met to consider the first question, and verse 22 adds "together with the whole church" when Luke takes up the letter about the four other points. They argue, therefore, that since James in verses 18-21 talks about those four points, he was probably speaking at the second meeting. If they are right, the first meeting was something like a synod in the Eastern Churches, or like an Ecumenical Council, and the second meeting was like our modern pastoral council, including bishops, priests, religious and laity.

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pastoral council, including bishops, priests, religious and laily.

LOOKING BACK ON IT, we can see that the early Christians of Jerusalem were faced with a choice between a Christianity for all mankind and a Christianity for all mankind and a Christianity for all mankind and a Christianity that would be the preserve of a small group of Jewish legalists. It seems to me, from what Peter is reported to have said (verses 7-11), that he understood it that way too. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that he saw there would be two forms of Christianity, if they did not go along with what he proposed, with one form growing ever larger and going along without the small stable group centered at Jerusalem and devoted to continuation of Old Testament practices.

It is an interesting fact that the apostles and elders met to discuss whether the Jewish law of circumcision should be observed by all Gentile converts to Christianity, decided it need not be, and ended up imposing four other prescriptions of Jewish law on the Gentile converts: can food offered to idols; eat no blood; eat no strangled animal; avoid immorality. You could say what happened was that they met to discuss how much of Jewish law should be regarded as binding on Christians too (circumcision being the first test case) and ended up requiring only a handful out of the hundreds of laws. You could say what this seems they wanted a sympathetic understanding of sensitivities on the part of the Jewish Christians who were still attached to their earlier religious practices.

How does that general prescription against immorality fit in? It seems odd, eagainst immorality fit in? It seems odd.

How does that general prescription against immorality fit in? It seems odd, doesn't it, that a basic moral principle is tacked on to the three ritualistic items. In tacked on to the three ritualistic items. In the 18th century a scholar, therefore, suggested that perhaps the original Greek reading was "choireis," meaning pork, rather than "porneis," meaning immorality. Now that would seem to fit better with the other three things, wouldn't it? And it would be easily explained as a slip of a scribe's pen that we ended up with a slightly different word.

word.

Other scholars have dug up interesting facts that help them to favor the reading of "pork" here. They have found that some postbiblical writings refer to prohibition of pork in the context of the apostolic decree of Acts, and that the Koran contains a four-fold interdiction parallel to that of Acts but with prohibition of pork in place of porneia.

HOWEVER, MOST scholars still hole HOWEVER, MOST scholars still hold that pornels, or immorality, is indeed the right reading here. Read in the Book of Leviticus, the third book of the Old Testament, from Chapter 17, verse 8 to Chapter 18, verse 18. Do you see there the four things referred to in the letter of Acts, Chapter 157 That passage of Leviticus gives the things proscribed for the alien or foreigner (or "stranger" as the RSV puts it) residing among the Jewish people in their land of Israel. Those 18 verses of Chapter 18 give the fourth item, which is quite a collection of immoralities under the heading of what we would call today relations within degrees of kindred.

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I have always thought that the decree requiring these things of Gentile converts of Christianity must have fallen between two stools, as the British say. The lovers of Mossic Liw among the Christians must have regarded the decree as wholesale abandonment of a sacred tradition. Those at the other extreme, like Stephen's followers, for example, must have regarded the decree as an unacceptable compromise, and the rest of the Christians, that ever-growing group of Gentile converts, probably regarded the first three items forbidden by the decree as simply practices to avoid when socializing with their Jewish brethren. Do you agree?

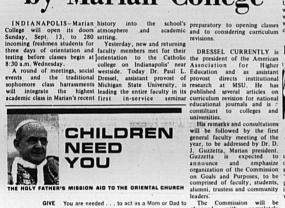




ANSWERS BISHOP-Father John J, McLaughlin, S.J., Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Rhode Island, reads a statement at a Providence press conference during which he answered Providence Bishop Rusell J. McVinney. The prelate had issued a statement declaring that Father McLaughlin was campaigning for public office "without permission from me and without endorsement of any kind from the Diocese of Providence." The Jesuit priest, who is running against the Democratic incumbent, Sen. John Pastore, said that his order does not disapprove of some members entering into politics, (RNS photo)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

# **Orientation set** by Marian College

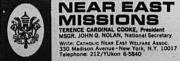


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# ACLU will appeal 'bus aid' ruling

ST. PAUL, Minn.-The linnesota Civil Liberties Union Minnesota Civil Liberties Union has announced that it will appeal the Minnesota supreme court's decision upholding the state's "Fair bus law" to the U.S. Suprement said they will ask the high Court to overrule the 1948 Everson decision in which it held that bus aid to parochial schools did not violate the First Amendment.

# WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

## Catholic CO released

In BOSTON, attorney Mitchell Benjoya said that a client from nearby Newton, Mass., had become the first Catholic to be released from the armed forces as a conscientious objector. Benjoya said that Army 1st Lt. John J. Forrest, 27, a lawyer in the support command at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., was discharged after applying for conscientious objector status, Forrest based his appeal, Benjoya added, on "a new strain" in Catholic theology based on the Church's traditional just war principles.

## Deplores bombing incident

In MADISON, Wisc., Bishop Cletus F. O'Donnell classed bombing of the University of Wisconsin's Army math research center as "a completely irrational act committed by people bent on overthrowing free institutions and our free society." The killing of Robert Fassnacht, 33, a physicist, in the blast was "just horrible," the bishop said, expressing sympathy to Fassnacht's widow and three children. Four persons were injured. The bishop said, expressing sympathy to Fassnacht's widow and three children. Four persons were injured. The bishop said the bombing is a "terrible blot on one of the great, free universities of the world" and a "disgrace to our own society and the city of Madison."

## Support study of drugs

In UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., the Holy See ratified the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, drafted in 1961 to bring together existing legal instruments for the control of drug traffic. The conference that drafted the convention in 1961 was attended by the late Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths of New York as the representative of the Holy See. He signed the convention on its completion, March 30, 1961, on behalf of the Holy See.

## Rhodesia backs down

In SALISBURY, Rhodesia, the Rhodesian government called off a showdown with Christian churches over forced segregation of the population into black and white areas. The Land Tenure Act, which came into effect in March of this year, originally gave the churches until Sept. 2 to register as voluntary associations. Under the act, white missionaries would not be allowed to work with Church schools and other institutions in the area for blacks without government permission. Registration by the churches would have meant tacit submission to racial segregation and curtailment of their activities among the races.

### Hurls stones at Pontiff



In CASTELGANDOLFO, an Italian described by police as a mad man, hurled two stones at Pope Paul VI at the end of a general audience but missed him by a wide margin. Vatican sources said the Pope had not been aware of the attack, which came shortly after had given his closing blessing. A monsignor on the papal staff soon told the Pope of the inoMent, and the Pope showed no visible reaction.

# Ask end to oppression

In OTTAWA, Ont., a call for generous support of all Canadian churches in a "movement of liberation from all forms of oppression's "among minorities was made in the 1970 Labor Day statement issued on behalf of the Catholic bishops of the nation." Across Canada, a creative minority of Christians is resign priorities, sharing more resources, animating fellow citizens, and initiating new coalitions to seek social justice from local and world levels," the statement said.

### Organize new community

In SAN DIEGO, Calif., 14 Dominican Sisters seeking a more modern approach to religious life left their former congregation and established a new community. Calling themselves Community of the Holy Spirit, the 14 women are under the jurisdiction of SAn Diego Bishop Leo T. Maher. They will serve as teacher counselors and social workers within the diocese "striving to bring about an adoption of religious life that will meet the times," Bishop Maher said.

## Probes arrest of bishop

In VATICAN CITY, the apostolic nuncio to the Republic of Cameroun has cut short his visit to look into the arrest of a Cameroun bishop who, according to news reports, has been charged with adding rebel activities. A source close to the Vatican said Archbishop Ernesto Gallina took the first plane available to the Cameroun capital of Yaounde after hearing of the arrest of Bishop Albert Ndongmo of Nkongsamba.

## Deplores amendment defeat

In WASHINGTON, defeat in the U.S. Senate of the McGovern-Hatfield "amendment to end the war" in Vietnam "disappointed" an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference division of world justice and peace. By a 55.39 vote the measure proposed by Sens. George McGovern, (D-S.D) and Mark O. Hatfield, (R-O) to rejected. "I was disappointed in the dept of the particle of the Mark O. Hatfield (N-O) to rejected." "I was disappointed in the dept of the Particle R. McGovern, U.S. J. assistant director for peace of the USCC division, "because the Senate action did not help to settle the crucial issue, that is, the continuing American military presence in Southeast Aila.

# Plan new basilica

In MEXICO CITY, construction of a new basilica at the Shrine of Cut Lady of Guadalupe will begin next year, Mgr. Gullermo of Chulemburg, director of the shrine, announced. In spite of efforts to save the 200-year-old building, the front walls of the structure have sunk more than 10 feet and are still sinking, he said. Nearly a million dollars has been spent over a six-year period placing reinforced concrete pillars underneath the building.

## Hits 'imported socialism'

In MEXICO CITY, Father Gustavo Perez Ramirez, Colombian priest-sociologist, declared that socialism is the answer to the underdeveloped and underprivileged status of Latin Americans. But an "imported socialism, or communism if you will," is not the answer, he said.

## Belgian priest defections up

In BRUSSELS, Belgium, it was reported that the number of Belgian diocesan priests leaving their ministry was six times as great in 1969 as it was in 1960, only six Belgian diocesan priests left the ministry; in 1969, the number was 36.

# Sees accommodation with Chinese Reds

## Favorable ties seen with Tito

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ROME—A seasoned Vatican
diplomat who returned from a
three-day, official visit to
communist Yugoslavi said to
expects future relations between
Yugoslavi and the Holy See to
be favorable.
Archbishop Agostino Casaroli,
secretary of the Council for the
Public Affairs of the Church,
returned from the official visit,
including a meeting with Manhal
(Josip Broz) Tito on Aug. 27,
following full restoration of
diplomatic relations after a
14-year brasic.
The 54-year-old Italian prelate
is one of the Vatican's top
diplomatic negotiators. He has
been the key man on the
Vatican side in negotiatons with
Yugoslavia over the past several
years.

## A CONCEPT OF SERVICE

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# Comment

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# Joe has the right dream

When was the last time you summoned up the courage not even to smile, let alone to titter nervously, when the beady-eyed office terror told one of his elaborate "Polish jokes," that emetic substitute for humor so popular in some sick circles?

popular in some sick circles?
When was the last time you took
it upon yourself to inform some
crackpot who was parroting the
widespread carnard about
Irish-American Catholics being the
most "racist" group in America
that he didn't know what he was
talking about and that you had
Harris Poll figures to nowe it? (A talking about and that you had Harris Poll figures to prove it? (A Harris survey made last March for the National Urban League showed that far fewer Catholic so-called "white ethnics" have anti-black attitudes than so-called "native white" Anglo-Saxon Protestants.) When was the last time you made it plain to some benighted bigot that were must as offended to

it plain to some benighted bigot that you are just as offended to hear an Italian-American called a "dago" or a German-American a "kraut" as you are an Afro-American a "nigger"?

When was the last time you showed a measure of empathy for the annual Captive Nations Day

the annual Captive state the annual Captive state the Hungarians and the Slavs who have escaped to this country from behind the Iron Curtain? If you found the anti-Communist diatribes of some of the speakers of some of the speakers superheated, did you stop to reflect that your own emotional thermostat also might be set dangerously high had you suffered as they have?

Yes-and did you ever bother to Yes-and did you ever bother to learn the name of that young Greek-American squad-car cop who risks his life nightly patrolling your increasingly lawless neighborhood? Did you ever invite him and his wife to your house for a few sociable drinks on his night off?

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Or do the foregoing questions seem hopelessly irrelevant to you inasmuch as they do not directly involve campus actionists, blacks, and New Left Theoreticians?

To us, the questions seem quite relevant, to use a tired term that really is long overdue for cold storage. We believe they also would be accepted as relevant by Msgr. George G. Higgins and Msgr. Geno C. Baroni, the authors of this year's Labor Day statement of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

The statement, from which a news story in last week's Criterion quoted extensively, was the most provocative one in a long series. It was directed altogether to the problems of the white ethnic working groups form a a "homogeneous mass" and that society is divided "principally along black-white lines." It warned that "continued neglect of the white ethnic working class is bound to bring disasterion seults," a theme The Criterion developed editorially last July.

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The authors laid unusually heavy emphasis on a sociological insight that has been too long ignored by those who have concerned themselves solely with the pressing concerns of blacks, to wit: Urban America today is the most ethnically and culturally pluralistic nation in the world. They stressed the need for new community structures that will join white working groups with non-white minorities in efforts to solve The authors laid unusually heavy

common problems. They said "the common problems. They said the Church must play a pivotal role in bridging the ever-widening gap between working class ethnic whites and the non-white minorities..."

minorities . . . "

Insofar as the statement goes, we Insofar as the statement goes, we heartily agree. And it is not in a spirit of criticism that we suggest that the repeated use of the terms "white ethnic" and "working class" may in themselves be too limiting, just as is the phase "blue collar" as used by other keen observers of the American scene who are as disturbed by what they see as is the

The larger problem is a growing alienation across the board among whites who can be classed only as "lower middle-class" families. They "lower middle-class" families. They are the ones who have had to bear the greatest monetary and psychological burden of the necessary social changes in America. It is their sons who go off to be killed in Vietnam while sons of privilege whose parents can afford to be "limousine liberals" stage campus riots and burn the

stage campus riots and burn the flag.

Many of these alienated lower-middle-income whites are the children of ethnics. They feel unsure of their status in an American society which seems to place less and less prestige value on the work they do, even though both their skills and earnings may be on a higher plane than those who treat them with what they interpret as self-righteousness and intellectual snobbery.

interpret as self-righteousness and intellectual snobbery.
Dr. William Sloan Coffin, Yale University chaplain, made a speech in West Lafayette this past July at a national meeting of the United Presbyterian Women in which he bore down heavily on the "hard hats" as being "pro-war" and "anti-kid." He criticized the church for "hard having rearests excess the control of the control of the pro-man and control of the pro-man an "anti-kid." He criticized the church for "not having enough courage to go to the worker and say, 'Look, Joe, you have the wrong dream." He went on to say that "the church tends to stress personal morality and the kids know social morality is what is important." We did not see a text of Dr.

what is important."

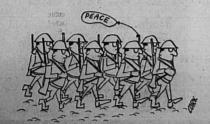
We did not see a text of Dr. Coffin's speech, only newspaper accounts. So we may be running the risk of interpreting his remarks out of context when we say that, if what he meant by Joe's dream is one that stresses personal morality over "social morality," then Joe has the right dream. If Joe is a Catholic, he knows that his Church always, has given and always will give primacy to personal morality.

In fact, it is only the quality of

In fact, it is only the quality of In fact, it is only the quality of the personal morality of all the Joes of America—the great amorphous majority, white, black, whatever skin hue, who are neither among the very rich nor the very poor but in the broad middle and overwhelming in votting power—that will decide the future of this land

the Joes find the nourishment of the spirit—the self-respect, the sense of individual worth, the faith in the innate goodness of God's universe, the qualities of justice and mercy, determination to hang on no

Without personal morality, there can be no social morality-only chaos, Armageddon, oblivion. Joe's dream, then, is the most important thing this nation and the world have going for them. It is precious stuff, and it needs to be cultivated, not bad-mouthed.



# No time for threats

Missing from the school scene this September is advance statistical data on how many Catholic schools opened their doors and how many pupils walked in. The National Catholic Educational Association in recent years had issued a late August forecast that proved to be strikingly close to the mark when strikingly close to the mark when verified numbers were toted up in October. But no more. The NCEA

October. But no more. The NCEA said from now on it would wait until the figures were in before giving out enrollments and closures.

One NCEA official said it had become a bit difficult to separate threats of school closings from actual closings and consolidations, particularly in those states where legislation to aid nonpublic schools was pending. That, in our view, is a pretry sorry development.

pretty sorry development.

Catholics have nothing to gain and a great deal to lose by crying wolf. We already are saddled with

accusations enough that we are poor-mouthing just because we think it's our turn to sidle up to the public trough and not because we really do need state aid to keep our schools intact. It would be folly of the worst sort to play into the hands of the cynical and the dubious by issuing threats. If aid is not given and those threats do not materialize, then we have given opponents all the ammunition they need to continue to evade justice. We jeopardize future efforts to marshall support for our schools and we may well be lessening the credibility of arguments made by Catholic school spokesmen in other states.

states.

Moreover, threats of wholesale closures or shutdowns can create inordinate confusion among Catholics themselves, many of whom are working feverishly to develop feasible plans to save

schools in their own particular

parishes or communities.
Why some supporters of aid to
nonpublic schools think the facts
have to be larded over is beyond us.
Those facts are eminently clear to
anyone who wants to study them
and arrive at a logical conclusion as
to what can be expected in the
future.

The Official Catholic Directory The Official Catholic Directory reported that on January 1, 1970, as compared with January 1, 1969, there were five fewer Catholic colleges and universities, with a decrease of some 5,000 students; 100 fewer high schools with a drop of 60,708 students; and 459 fewer grade schools with a decrease of of 60,708 students; and 459 fewer grade schools, with a decrease of 252,813 students. The decline started in 1965 and has been accelerating ever since. What with inflation, a drop in vocations, a growing disaffection among Religious for elementary teaching assignments and a loss in overall Church contributions, the end is nowhere in sight. We don't need to exaggerate our troubles. They are bad enough without blowing them

Any state lawmaker knows that hen Catholic children are forced, for whatever reason, to stop going to Catholic schools, they wind up in the public schools. Their education then becomes the full burden of the taxpayers. Lawmakers who don't give a hoot about the double taxation of Catholic parents or the right of free choice can figure out what economic consequences will be.

economic consequences will be.

No reasonably informed lawmaker is ignorant about recent developments in nonpublic schools. If he remains diametrically opposed to aid, however much it is needed and whatever the consequences if it is not given, then he is going to try to capitalize on any mistakes that are made by supporters of aid. One of the worst mistakes, in our book, would be making threats which we have no intention of carrying out.

# **QUESTION BOX**

# What about marriage in Heaven?

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. My wife asked me this question several times: What happens when a wife remarries, who is the man she spends eternity with Can you answer this?

A. The only answer I can give is the one the Saduces got when they tried to argue with Jesus about belief in the resurrection. The Saduces, who denied the possibility of the resurrection, tried to make Jesus look problem of a woman married successively to seven brothers.

seven brothers.

"Now, at the resurrection to which of these will sake be wife since she had been married to all seven?" they asked.
Jesus replied: "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God." (Lk. 20:27-37)

So keep your chin up. You and any possible successor are not apt to be rivals in heaven. But just what is on your wife's mind?

mind?

Q. I am a widow in my 50's planning to get married again to a single man the same age. He's not baptized although he attended Sunday school in his youth. From what I gather, he fears marriage. He has common law in mind, which I ruled out. He suggested the justice of the peace, but that I wouldn't agree to either. The always stayed with the Church. I wonder if I would commit a grave sin by getting married by a Protestant minister with the understanding we would have the marriage rectified in the Catholic Church later? It would make him feel better, I know with just a tiny obstacle in the road, he'll back out.

A. A man in his 50's who has never married is a poor gamble as a marriage partner. He is used to living alone and not accustomed to thinking of the needs and wishes of others. He may, therefore, be inconsiderate and selfish. This is not true, of course, of all long-term bachelors, but your man gives every indication of the worst.

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on his own terms, wake up. Uness ne is willing to marry you on your terms, drop him like a hot potato. If a "tiny obstacle" will induce him to back out, he's not worth having. He's certainly not worth committing sin to get. And, yes, what you are contemplating is gravely sinful.

Ou What do you do with a 16-year-old girl who won't go to Mass any more?

A. Demonstrate to her by the way you live that going to Mass makes you a more loving, generous parent and neighbor. Be serious about this, Ask yourself how you act on Sunday after Mass, and what Sunday is like in your house, and what effect Sunday Mass has on the rest of your week.

Call her attention to youth Masses when scheduled. Invite her to go with you occasionally, But, don't argue with her. Don't threaten or nag. Don't try to force her. Pray for her instead.

Q. I've noticed since the new Mass liturgy the Epistles and Gospels for Sundays are not the same as the ones in my missal. What is, the reason for these new Epistles and Gospels? A. Vatican Council II ordered that "in sacred celebrations there is to be more

reading from Holy Scripture and it is to be more varied and suitable." This was an admission that in the old missal the readings were not sufficiently varied and not always suitable. Consequently, the commission set up by the council for the reform of the liturgy selected a whole new series of Scripture readings for Sundays and weekdays. The Sunday readings are arranged in three year cycles so that the readings you hear now will not be heard again for three more years. Moreover, an additional reading from the Old Testament has been added for Moreover, an additional reading from the Old Testament has been added for

Old Testament has been added for Sundays.

A great number of the best Scripture scholars of the world helped make these selections. The choice was remarkably good. I think that in time we shall come to realize that this change, which will open up all the Scriptures to us, may do more to renew the Church than anything-else the council did.

Q. I am bothered by an act I've done that has hurt someone else very deeply. In a time of stress and in anger I made false statements, gave broken promises and wilfully lied about another person behind his back. This was a long time ago, and I've done nothing to try to make up

for this. I go to confession but feel I'm not making a good one even though I try. Actually, the person had not done me any wrong. I only thought he had and later found how mistaken I was, but the harm had already been done. I even helped through a writer of the later of the harm had already been done. I even helped through a writer of the later of the l later found how mistaken I was, but the harm had already been done. I even helped through my statements to turn others against him too. I know now he was a good man sincerely trying to do good, but at the time I couldn't see it that way. What can I honestly do to erase this act in the eyes of God and my Church?

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A. Go to confession and honestly come clean and admit to God and the Church what you have done and there promise to do all that you can to rectify the mistake you made. You'll never be able to live in peace with yourself until you admit to those you misled how mistaken you were and how unfair. This will not repair the damage you have done, but it may help a little to clear the name of the person you harmed. God will forgive you no matter how much harm you caused. Ask him for forgiveness and the help you need to rectify your mistake.

Your letter and the misery it describes may keep others from jumping to hasty conclusions about others and making the same mistakes.

# THE BLACK VOICE

# The curious case of Mrs. DuBois

When black folks talk about the different approaches and set of rules for doing things that this country has for white folks as opposed to those for black folks, many don't even want to hear it.

Fewer care at all or care enough to do something real about it.

Take the present situation of Shirley Graham DuBois, widow of the late W. E. B. DuBois Mrs. DuBois re no un ced her American cititenship and moved to Ghana with her husband in 1963. W. E. B. DuBois was in his inheites—then fatigued from a lifetime of battling with American racism.

his nineties—then fatigued from a lifetime of battling with American racism Harassed, persecuted and embattled by

government witch hunters, he decided to become a Ghanian.
Now, the widow is seeking permission to return to this country to attend to some personal matters, to accept a lecture invitation and a citation honoring her deceased husband and enrolling him in the Hall of Fame of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters.

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'Absurd as it may seem and is, our distinguished State Department has refused her an entry visa reportedly on the recommendation of the Justice Department. The reason is that she would constitute a menace to national security because of some of her political

THE ABSURDITY OF THE thing—a very elderly lady becomes a menace to the great United States—is topped by its stupidity at the moment. Secretary of State Rogers made a well-publicized tour of African countries earlier this year for the alleged purpose of seeking better relations with Black Africa. A few months later, the country that can welcome South African racists to come and go as they please, is barring Mrs. DuBois.

Before you jump into your "Communist" bag and remind me about DuBois affiliations, stop!

DuBois affiliations, stop!

Remember Svetlana Stalin, daughter of the late José Stalin? Now talk about political affiliations! Her father was the leader of the Communist world. For years he kept this country in a quandary in the so-called cold war. She lived in the Kremlin and was on friendly acquaintance with Communist leaders not only in, but outside of Russia. Many of these were directly threatening the United States.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN this young lady, who can hardly claim to have suffered the injustices and indignities this country heaped on the DuBois and black people here, decided to come to America? She posed no threat on account of her wonderful affiliations. The State and Justice Departments fell over themselves to welcome her. It was red-carpet all the way.

And now the elderly widow of one of the great men of our times, a thinker, scholar and activist, one of the leaders in the present struggle for human rights, becomes a major threat to our land because of her affiliations.

Either Washington is too ignorant of who Mrs. DuBois sor what her husbandmeans to black people, or it simply doesn't give a damn or maybe it's both. Whatever it is, we should bow our heads in self-disgust.

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# THE CRITERION

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"I THINK OUR ATHEIST FRIEND NEXT DOOR HAS BEEN DRINKING!"

# Label pornography as nation's No. 1 pollution problem

BY DORIS R. PETERS

NEW YORK-POrnography is considered by some as the nation's No.1 pollution problem. This may be so. Sleazy smut shops abound, full of paperbacks describing orgies and incestuous relationships in explicit detail, magazines displaying page after page of nude men and women in coarse poses are readily available to teen-agers; underground newspapers, and campus publications combine vulgarities and obscendites with portrayals of drug usage as the hip thing; sex ads are coming into the home, falling into the hands of the young, through the United States mail. And parents complain that they can't had parents complain that they can't children.

children.
What is being done?
In October, 1968, President Nixon stated: "I pledge that my administration will take immediate steps... to initiate an immediate program to protect our young boys and girls from the twisted minds trying to seduce them with pornographic literature."
A year before that, in October, 1967, an 18-member commission established by Congress and appointed by President Johnson began a study on the effects, extent and legislation for the control of pornography.

THREE YEARS AND \$2 million later the commission's report, although not yet official, caused grave concern to all segments of society. Although not slated for release until September, some recommendations of the report were leaked to the House sub-committee on postal operations, causing alarm. Public hearings designed to test the validity of

the commission's conclusions immediately were scheduled.

The leaked part of the Presidential Commission report states "all of the available scientific evidence suggests that pornography is neither a powerful activator nor initiator of sexual behavior. Research indicates that erotic materials do not contribute to the development of character deficits nor operate as a significant factor in anti-social behavior or in crime and delinquency causation... there is no evidence to suggest that exposure to pornography has a detrimental impact upon moral character, sexual orientation or attitudes about sexuality."

It further suggested "rigid and conservative attitudes (commerning sexuality may play a more significant role in anti-social behavior than pornography."

Strong adverse reactions to these conclusions were instantaneous, both within the commission and among concerned segments of society.

Dr. Victor B. Cline, University of Utah psychology professor, who testified before the commission in May as a member of the American Psychological Association, called the draft report a "gross mistxture of truth and error, part science fiction, and certainly a travesty as a scientific document." Dr. Cline, citing data from many studies on sexual data from many studies on sexual attitudes and behavior, said the commission misused and ignored much available information.

Rep. Robert N. C. Nix of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House postal operations subcommittee, voiced dissatisfaction with

'COINS IN A FOUNTAIN'

# ACCW PROJECT DIGS WELL IN THAILAND

The Indianapolis archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has helped dig a well in Thailand.

Father R. Malsert, pastor in the village of Ban Han, Thailand, fold a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) representiative there that his village needed a well for irrigation, drinking and bathing.

Villagers are presently limited to raising only rice, but the well-drilled do meters deep and serving about 500 people-may enable farmers to raise corn, jute or cotton as well.

THE BAN HAN PASTOR told CRS
that villagers were willing to dig the well
themselves, but needed about \$500 for
materials. CRS relayed the fund request
to the National Council of Catholic
Women's "Works of Peace"
program—where member councils raise
money for peace-promoting projects
throughout the world.

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of Catholic Women volunteered to get funds for the Ban Han well, and dubbed their money-raising project Three Coins in a Fountain.

Edith Tighe, of New Albany, international affairs commission chairman for the Indianapolis ACCW, said the project had the double effect of raising the necessary funds and acquainting a large number of women with an example of council activities.

CONTRIBUTORS WERE asked to give only three coins each of any denomination, and Miss Tiple estimated about 1,000 women throughout the archdiocese contributed coins.

A CRS spokesman said the \$500 had been forwarded to Father Malsert and the well-drilling project is now underway. But so many coins were tossed into ACCW fountains that an additional \$600 was raised—earmarked by the council to aid earthquake victims in Peru.

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the report and said he didn't see how such conclusions could be drawn

RONALD ZIEGLER, President Nixon's press secretary, said if the commission's report on pornography "recommend what newspapers say it will recommend the White House would be opposed to

the White House would be opposed to that."

Here in New York, Father Morton A. Hill, \$J., a commission member and president of Morality in Media, 10-year-old interfaith organization fighting smut, said," It is important to point out the division of thought within the commission. It is not unanimous. The danger is not with the President and Congress but with the messes of people. They will hear what the commission is saying, that there is nothing dangerous with all this obscene and pornographic material, and they Il follow it.

Earlier this year Father Hill stated in an interview that he expected absolutely nothing from the commission; that it was headed in the wrong direction from the very beginning." Now he again voiced disapproval of the operation of the commission "because it did not bring the individual commissioners into direct contact with the problem. For most of them, obscentiy and pomography are notions or ideas. They don't look at is as a concrete reality."

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FATHER HILL SAID although he respects the opinions of the "eminently qualified" commissioners, he took exception to tactics of William B. Lockhart, commission chairman, and complained that most of the commissioners adhered to Lockhart's thinking

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"From the beginning everything has been slanted to prove Lockhart's pet theory, that pornography has no bad effects." Father Hill said.

Lockhart is dean of the University of Minnesota law school, Minneapolis.

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Minnesota law school, Minneapolis.
Father Hill also charged the commission was not concerned directly with the viewpoints of local communities where smut is being injected. In his opinion, it is extremely important that the people in the community get a hearing. Yet the voice of the community has not been heard from for two reasons-parents are often unaware of the kind and amount of material that is available to the young, and when they do become aware, they are often at a loss as to how to voice protest, he said.

"While the community is silent, the libertarians' voices are ringing in courts where justices, afraid of being considered illiberal, hand down decisions which continue to shrink the area of the legally obscene almost to nothing," Father Hill stated.

Morality In Media is working to mount the citizens' crusade called for by the President; to alert the community to urge and channel expression, he said. It also is establishing a nationwide network of fulltime state affiliates which will give voice to public opinion, he added.

Father Hill characterized pornography laws, nearly as "a cancer running wild to destroy our country." Citing the damage wrought in such a situation he quotes Dr. M a x Levin, widely known psychiatrist-neurologist who said. "The greatest charge against pornography is not its occasional connection with rape or some other spectacular crime which reaches the headlines; the gravest crime is the damage done to the youngsters' image of sex."

FATHER JOHN McLaughlin, S.J., of America magazine, testifying on behalf of the U.S. Catholic Conference before House judiciary subcommittee in January, said 50 to 100 million pieces of sexually-oriented materials pour through

# "ADEQUATE INSTRUCTION" URGED Superiors) may concede Commu FOR LAITY BEFORE RECEIVING EUCHARIST UNDER BOTH SPECIES

WATICAN CITY—"Before the faithful are to receive Communion under both kinds," warms the Holy See's latest, and apparently saws the Holy See's latest, and apparently saw the Holy See's latest, and apparently saw the Holy See's latest, and apparently saw the Holy See's latest, and bringing the challes the people, "they should be adequated by the theorem of the received on the significance of the rity of the Congregation for Divine Worship and one of the two men (the other is the congregation's cardinal-prefect to sign the new instruction, told NC News that "Communion under both pecies recalls more fully and per testis precise recalls more fully and per testis words on taking up the cup; "All of you drink of this." And he emphasized the word "all."

He cited Challes and saw the significance of the Mass as a sacred food and drinks a spiritual drink."

He stressed Christ's words "My flesh is food indeed and My blood is drink indeed."

THE SACRIFICIAL aspect of the Mass, the priest said, is brought into sharper relief by Communion under both forms "because breaking the bread-body

long-term Congressmen than that received by them on any other subject. The citizens of this country are rightly vexed by this traffic. Over 230,000 complaints were received by postal authorities during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1069."

Father McLaughlin said Dr. Nicholas G. Frignito, medical director and chief neuropsychiatrist at Philadelphia Municipal Court, reported antisocial, delinquent and criminal activity frequently results from sexual stimulation

by pornography.

"The Philadelphia Municipal Court has case histories in which sexual arougal from smutty books led to crinfinal behavior from vicious assaults to homicide. Some of these children did not transgress sexually until they read suggestive stories and viewed lewd pictures of licentious magazines," Father McLauphin declared.

Widelly-known sociologist Pittirm Sorokin has stated that obscene advertising sent through the mails, "certainly contributes a tangible share to the growth of juvenile delinquency, to the too early and too crotice sexual life of the wild portion of our youth, and to the cult of cynicism, vandalism and sterile rebellion," Father McLauphin asserted.

you and armsing the plood recalls that it was 'spilled for you and for all in the remission of sin.'

Father Buginin was anxious to emphasize that the "adequate instruction" called for by the Holy See's document must state the Church's integral doctrine-formulated by the content of the third of the Council of Trent and repeated frequently by the popes-that the consecrated wad by itself and the consecrated wine by itself and the Consecrated wine by itself each Christian who receives Communion under the species of bread alone or under the species of wine alone receives Christ entire," Father Bugnini emphasized.

The instruction, he said, 'might also me consecrated the historical reasons why Communion under both kinds fell interesting the state of the consecration of the Eucharistic devotion and liturgists have noted how love of the Eucharist led to putting the chalice side for fear of spilling the precious blood.

"Today, love for the Eucharist leads to Communion at the chalice, out of a desire to take part fully in the ascramental sign left by Christ.

"In the first case devotional motives prevailed, in the second, emphasis is put on biblical and liturgical reasons."

FATHER BUGNINI ALSO observed that Communion under both kinds has always been maintained in the Catholic Church, in its Eastern rites, and also by the Orthodox Church.

"It is arousing interest too in various Protestant confessions," he said. "The new discipline derives a certain importance for the ecumenical movement from the fact."

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Father Bugnini said it might also be instructive to point out that the Church has given permission to receive Communion under the single species of wine in certain cases, such as in the case of ill persons unable to take solid food.

The chief novelty of this latest document on giving the chalice to the people—there have been several new regulations from the Holy See since the Second Vatican Council stated somewhat laconically that the faithful might be permitted to receive Communion under both kinds—is its decentralization.

Beyond the 14 specific cases already

Beyond the 14 specific cases already set out by the Holy See, this document gives bishops' conferences power to decide "to what extent, for what motives and in what conditions Ordinaries (diocesan bishops and major Religious

under both kinds."

IN ITS COMMENTARY on the new instruction the Congregation for Divine Worship said that Communion under both kinds "should not be allowed indiscriminately, but that the cases should be fixed, either one and for all, or one by one, either on a national level by each Episcopal Conference or on a diocesan level by individual bishops."

Bishops' conferences may lay down the conditions, norms and limits whereby bishops for their own diocess and major superiors for their own diocess and major they do the faithful or the religious Communities.

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The congregation's commentary said that permission will in general not be given when the number to receive Communion is very large.

The instruction said that among the approved ways of distributing Communion under both kinds, "the reception of Communion by drinking from the chalice itself certainly has preeminence."

BUT THE INSTRUCTION said that this method should be chosen only "when everything can be carried out in an orderly fashion and without any danger of irresvence."

or in which the community from the third that any danger of irreverence.

It said that if there are other priests present, or deacons or acolytes, they should be asked to help by presenting the chalice to communicants. If such ministers are not available, it added, then the priest should distribute Communion first under the species of bread and afterwards under the species of wine.

"It does not seem that that manner of distribution should be approved in which the chalice is passed from one to another, or in which the communicants come up directly to take the chalice themselves," the instruction stated.

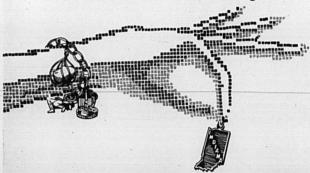
directly to take the chalice themselves,"
the instruction stated.

The congregation's commentary said
that "in practice, in the case of a parish
or similarly diversified assembly.
Communion by intinction (in which the
priest first dips the Eucharistic bread into
the wine) is definitely to be preferred.



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# **Annual Jamboree** to lift the lid on CYO grid season

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INDIANAPOLIS-Hundreds of grade school football players will flie through the CVO Office tomorrow (Sept. 12) at the annual weigh-in ritual of Amintersary, The liturgy will be offered by Face of Elford, of Louise and many the Church, the annual weigh-in ritual of Amintersary, The liturgy will be offered by Father John Elford, and misstart of St. Pattick's parish. Terre Haute, and Father Coaches are reminded by CYO officials to have all players rosters, parents 'permission slave's permission slave and proceed the coaches and the coaches an

participants' fees ready for payment.

Players may be weighed only once, which will be recorded as the official weight. New players may be idded as the season are limited to a maximum of progresses, but regulations must be observed by all.

Important weights to be remembered Saturday in the season are limited to a maximum of pounds will be listed as unveiled here recently as a pounds will be listed as unveiled here recently as a permanent memorial of the late two-stripers. CYO officials also said that no pope's visit to the Marian shrine two-stripers and 115-pounds for the roster of either league except sculptor Alessandro Montelionit, for where necessary to complete a stands in the town square named three stripers. Minimum weight minimum squad roster.

# Cage clinic

# Richmond plans kickball loops

is scheduled

at Brebeuf

INDIANAPOLIS-Coach John
Wooden of UCLA's national winderway Sunday, Sept. 20.
Entry deadline for the fifth-sixth grade league and the searcht-light grade league and the seventh-light grade league and the search search will highlight the first annual statements of the Deanery Sports Committee Basketball Clinic to be held Sunday, Sept. 27, at Brebeuf Preparatory School.

Athletic directors, coaches and high school players have been invited to the clinic, according to an announcement by Jim MacGregor, Brebeuf's athletic director.

Also to be featured are Angus has been designated an official state of the clinic will kick off a losession physical education theory course at Brebeuf, which has been designated an official college, Jim Rosenstihl, of [Calif] Pacific College.

Lebanon High School, and and several members of the Indiana Pacers, professional basketball be obtained from MacGregor.

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Junior Kickball games will begin next Tuesday and Wednesday. Cadet "B" League will be inaugurated next Thursday with 21 teams, while the Cadet League teams will start Friday, Sept. 18.

Information on the CYO-sponsored Physical 1144 Education Program for Catholic elementary schools has been mailed to all schools in the Archdiocese. There is no charge for this service. Deadline for cresponse from participating przeschools is September 29. Last year there were 19 parishes which took part.

Cadet Hobby Show information blanks have also been mailed. Deadline is September 25. Parishes may schedule their shows between October 4 and October 25. The CYO Office will provide ribbons and judges for the parish shows.

## OPTIMISTIC

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C H E STN UT HILL,
Mass.—Father Theodore M.
Hesburgh, C.S.C., has expressed
his optimism over an "ultimate itheoretical solution" to the
problem concerning the freedom
and autonomy of theology in a
Catholic university. The
University of Notre Dame,
president made his observation
in his presidential report to the
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INDIANAPOLIS—The Our Lady of Angels High Irvington Catholic Woman's School, Cincinnati, O., will be annual President's Day Luncheon, at 12

# Yes, the classes are smaller

BY PAUL G FOX

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The first clue that parish school enrollment was dropping rather sharply this fall in Marion County came when my six-year-old son returned home after his abbreviete first day Tuesday and reported that his first grade class consisted of 20 pupils.

In turn, the other three youngsters-third, fourth and fifth graders-commented that all of their classes had dropped and that many of parish school enrollment had indeed dropped total of 90 pupils since Spatember, 1969

A check at the Catholic Office of Education on Wednetday revealed a substantial drop in total enrollment from 16,200 to 14,200 since stay ear in Marion County. There are two fewer parish schools open this fall with the close of Assumption and the consolidation of St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's into All Saints at the latter facility on the near westside of Indianapolis.

Only one Marion County parish school-Nativity-registered an increase in enrollment this week. While a half-dozen remained relatively constant as before, most schools lots 50 to 75 pupils, a couple more than 100.

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An informal survey indicates that the principal reason for the decline appears to be the adoption of a hard line of futition and/or implementation of new "minimum parish contribution plans." Various systems are in effect from parish to parish, but the net effect is that fewer families are electing to patronize the parish schools.

HOLY NAME SCHOOL, Beech Grove, appears to have the largest enrollment—733 pupils, while five others have more than 4730 pupils, HOLY SPIRIT, ST. JUDE, ST. LAWRENCE, ST. SIMON and LITTLE FLOWER.
FOUR have fewer than 200 pupils—HOLY ANGELS, HOLY CROSS, ST. BRIDGET and ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, while ST. BERNADETTE reports an even 200 enrollment.

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Secondary school enrollment reports were slow to be reported, as upper classmen did not report until later in the week at several locations.

Significantly, two parish-upported higherhoods in Maison County reported an increase: RITTER with 551, up from 528; and 560, and 560, and 560, and 560, serolled 665 and 560, respectively, both down about 80 pupils. RONCALLI has 656 pupils, down from last year's 822.

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The total enrollment of the 10 Catholic secondary schools in Marion County is expected to be nearly 5,000 pupils.

PROFILE OF A FRESHMAN CLASS-A

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class at MARIAN COLLEGE, which reports this Sunday, indicates that 66 per cent of the 350 students are Hoosiers, half of that figure being from the Indianapolis-area. Ten states and nine foreign countries are also represented in

Seventy-three per cent of the class will live on the Cold Spring Road campus, while the men-women ratio is exactly the same as last year-44 per cent men and 56 per cent women

students.

Eighteen members are listed as Presidential Scholars, indicating that they finished in the pt three per cent of high school graduating classes. Forty-three have received Marian College honor scholarships, while another 15 received academic grants for tuition payment. The total scholarship money invested in the above amounts to \$32,500.

Marian considers the class its brightest (on paper) to date.

HERE AND THERE-ST. THOMAS
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MATÉRIALS ON THE DRAFT-Many parish priests and guidance counselors are frequently asked by young men for advice about the military draft. Hodges Publications, P.O. Box 293, Waterlown, N.Y. 13601, has prepared a packet of material on the subject especially designed for pastors. The 54.59 packet includes the following: Guide to the Draft, by Ardo Tatum and Joseph S. Tuchinaky (Beacon Press); Handbook for Conscientious Objectors; Religious Statements on Conscientious Objectors; Religious Statements on Conscientious Objectors; Medical Fitness Standards, for appointment, enlistment and induction into the Armed Forces; plus other Selective . Service forms. A letter of endorsement on the materials, written by Paulist Father John B. Sheerin, editor of The Catholic World, calls the kit "a marvelous timesaver for the busy priest and the materials are utterly reliable and authoritative."

# National Pastoral

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be questioned theologically and
politically whether pure democracy is
effective or legitimate as Church policy,"
he said.

The lowa priest noted, however, that there is a distinction to be made "between popular choice in Church policy and in determining doctrine."

"The means of choosing policy and office-holders is open to most adequate alternatives," Father O'Meara said, "The deciding of doctrinal questions by majority vote would seem to be

majority vote would seem to be theologically naive."

Author of the fourth paper was Father James Hennesey, S.J., of the Fordham University theology department, who pointed out that the concept of a representative council in the American Church was nothing new. Experimental regional councils, including lay representatives, cropped up as early as the 1930s, Father Hennesey noted.

MOST INFLUENTIAL comment during discussion periods apparently came from Dr. Cynthia Clark Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches, who had been invited as a "reactor" to one of the papers.

feel that younger people and lay people will ask why we waste time on these meetings," Dr. Wedel said. "The church is in an important spot to do something symbolic, without getting wound up in institutionalized legislative matters."

Several Protestant and Orthodox faiths have representative bodies similar to an NPC-such as the General Convention-of the Episcopal Church or the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.-but Mrs. Wedel urged the U.S. Catholic Church not to imitate the existing structures.

"This calls for imagination in having a brand new kind of body," she said "Many of our current structures seem to be out of tune with the times."

# Priesthood

(Continued from Page 1)

that of the entire priesthood in today's world. Implicitly, this would include in one way or another the burning point of clerical celibacy.

clerical celibacy.

One member of the Roman Curia told NC News, however, that he doubted celibacy would be brought up as a separate and deliberate subject. Rather, he said, it most probably would come up along with the subject of the possibility of ordaining married men in specific cases. Once introduced, the discussion could take its own course, he said.

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TO AUGMENT FATIMA STAFF-Shown above with Sister Ann Costello, seated left, are three novices of the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St, Catherine de Ricci, whose motherhouse is in Media, Pa. The four will arrive next week for formation and training in retreat work at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Seated at right is Sister Patricia Lyn Herley, Top row from left are: Sister Diane Geary and Sister Betty Shillingbourg.

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# Fathers' Club

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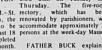
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on a 17-acre site on the westside
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facilities which already are
completed, according to Father
prancis Buck, the parish's first
pastor.

At the present time Sunday
masses are being celebrated in
the catechetical-occial center, a
circular building located east
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"The education program is of particular importance because there are no plans at the present time to construct a Catholic school," Father Buck said, "Children of parish members must either send their children to public schools on Bloomington's west side or enroll them at the St. Charles parish school."
After completion of the

parish school."

After completion of the 750-seat church, a dedication program and open house will be held, probably in October, Father Buck explained.

THE CATHOLIC population in Monroe County has grown from a small group which began settling here about the year 1850 to three large parishes now in Bloomington.





IN FINAL STAGES—Father Francis Buck in front of the "almost" completed St. John the Apostle church complex in Bloomington. The building immediately behind him is the catechteid-social center and is being used mow for Sunday Masses.



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# **Catholic Adults** plan activities

IN DIANA POLIS—The Catholic Adult Club of Indianapolis will hold a Cultural Activities meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, in the home of Ginni Arata, 108 Diplomat Court, Apt. 2.

Other CAC activities include a Röad Rally, at 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Northside CC, 2100 E. 71st St., and a CAC party (members free) on First St

C, 2100 E. 71st St., and a CAC party (members free) on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Glenbrook Apartment Party House, 600 N. Keystone Ave., at 9 p.m. Admission for non-members will be \$2 per person.



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