

## Word from the Archbishop

My dear Family in Christ:

The one desire we each share with every other man, woman, and child on earth is the desire for happiness. The search for happiness is a driving force in every human being from birth to death. The paths followed in search of this happiness are many. Unfortunately, too many are dead-end roads which bring frustration rather than joy.

But for those who are Christians, there need be no frustration. Christ has told us "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." In our faithful following of his example we come to share in the joy of his triumph, his Resurrection. Here and here alone the fullness of life, the fullness of truth, the fullness of joy can be found in the person of our Savior, Christ Jesus.

Especially at this Easter season is our joy great. We share the personal triumph of Christ, our friend, our brother, in his victory over death. In addition, we have cause to rejoice since Christ's Resurrection gives a firm foundation to our faith. By rising from the dead our Redeemer has proved himself to be the Son of God, and all his teachings become worthy of belief.

But our rejoicing must not be a selfish thing. Every person in this world needs Christ. Our family, our friends and neighbors, those with whom we work, even our casual acquaintances all need the joy of Christ in their lives. May we share with them the joy of our Christian faith. We each have the calling to be missionaries of Christian joy.

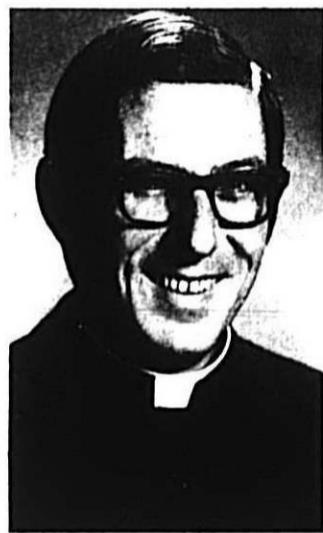
As additional testimony of your joy in being united with the risen Christ, I ask you again this year to share in preparing full-time missionaries for the Church in our Archdiocese. By the witness of their lives, by the Sacraments they administer, by the Word of God they preach, your priests in a special way bring Christ to men and men to Christ. Your contribution on Easter Sunday will be used for the education of young men preparing to serve you as priests.

Asking for each of you an abundance of joy because of the Resurrection of Christ Jesus, and asking that each might succeed in presenting the happiness of Christ to others, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*George J. Bishop*

Archbishop of Indianapolis



FR. CONWAY



DR. BRIGGS

## Fr. Gerald Conway to head Seminary

**Dr. R. W. Briggs**  
Board president

INDIANAPOLIS—The Board of Trustees of Catholic Seminary Foundation of Indianapolis has elected Father Gerald W. Conway, S.T.D., as president of the Seminary. In formal action this week, the Board of Trustees elected Father Conway to the post for a term of three years.

Father Conway has served in the capacity of Acting Administrator for the past year, and earlier served as associate professor of theology and director of field education.

A PRIEST OF THE Diocese of Winona, Minn., Father Conway completed his seminary education at the North American College and the Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest in Rome in December 1956 and was awarded the doctoral degree in theology in 1966 from the Gregorian University.

Before coming to Catholic Seminary Foundation, Father Conway held teaching positions at St. Mary College, Leavenworth, Kas. and at St. Mary's College in Winona.

Father Conway presently holds the position of chairman of the Faith and Order Division of the Indiana Council of Churches, is a member of the Social Action Committee of the Priest's Association of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and is the

organizer of the Indianapolis Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

IN EARLIER ACTION, the Seminary Foundation announced the election of Dr. Robert W. Briggs, Indianapolis physician, to head its Board of Trustees for the next three years. Dr. Briggs served on the Board for the past year. He is also vice-chairman of Martin Center and vice-president of the Central Indiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Active in the city's drug abuse program, Dr. Briggs is also active in inner city renewal.

He assumes leadership of the Catholic Seminary Foundation at a time when the local Catholic theological school is attempting to attract to Indianapolis the National Black Ministry Center.

The Catholic Seminary is affiliated with the Christian Theological Seminary in an ecumenical cluster known as Foundation for Religious Study. The two schools have pooled their resources in an effort to improve the quality of education for the ministry and to attract other theological schools to the northwest Indianapolis constellation.

Other officers elected for a three-year term at the March 27th meeting include: Vice-chairman—Thomas Binford of D-A Lubricant, and Thomas Moses of the Indianapolis Water Company; Legal Counsel—Charles E. Wilson, partner of the law firm of Lee, Miller, Donadio & Ryan; and Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Mario R. W. Shaw, O.S.B. (reelected).

## Clergy Senate votes support of Latin School

The Archdiocesan Priests' Senate this week unanimously affirmed its support of the Latin School of Indianapolis as the major source of vocational recruitment and approved a management consultant study to clarify the school's goals, philosophy and public image.

Support was voiced and approved through a resolution submitted by a Senate task force which has been studying the role of the Latin School in the Archdiocese.

Father William Cleary, chairman of the Senate task force on vocations, described the action as "a positive indication of support" and a recognition of the school's contributions in recruiting priests to serve the Archdiocese.

"For the past 15 years," Father Cleary said, "the school has been the recruitment source for the majority of priests who have entered the seminary and are now serving the Archdiocese."

FATHER CLEARY noted that of the 35 young men from the Archdiocese now in the School of Theology at St. Meinrad, 21 are graduates of the Latin School. Of the 54 Archdiocesan collegians at St. Meinrad, 38 are Latin School graduates.

The purpose of the resolution and the action it will precipitate, said Father Cleary, is twofold: to strengthen the vocational recruitment resources already available in the Archdiocese and, where possible, to develop alternate programs.

The resolution proposed "that the Senate commit its support to the Latin School of Indianapolis and encourage the present efforts of the school's staff to evaluate and strengthen its program of creating an atmosphere in which vocations to the priesthood can develop. At the same time the Senate sees the need of exploring and developing parallel programs of vocational recruitment on all age levels."

ROBERT E. TINKER, a member of one of the oldest public relations consultant firms in Chicago, will be conferring with the Latin School staff and the Senate in the near future, Father Cleary said.

Tinker has worked as a consultant with St. Meinrad for seven years and is well-known nationally as a specialist in religious education management.

## 4-state parley on Charities to convene here

INDIANAPOLIS—Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, will be one of the 100 Catholic Charities representatives attending an April 13 and 14 Catholic Charities regional meeting at Fatima Retreat House.

Chairman of the meeting is Father Donald L. Schumlin, archdiocesan director of Catholic Charities, who is regional co-ordinator for Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

Purpose of the meeting is to present the results of a study for renewal of the NCC movement, to hear the response of the four state representatives, and to begin ground work for implementing proposed changes.

KEYNOTING THE meeting will be a talk on "The Theology of Renewal of the Catholic Charities Movement in the United States," by Father Robert Fox, director of Full Circle, a New York City Catholic agency. Father Fox was one of the cadre of Catholics, lay and clerical, that made the study.

Other members of the cadre who will attend are Richard Kelly, past president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, who served as chairman; Father Joseph Sullivan, Brooklyn, N.Y., director of Catholic Charities; Rashey B. Moten, director of

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PLAZA RITE CELEBRANT—Father Edward McLaughlin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Shelbyville, will conduct the Outdoor Way of the Cross on the Indiana War Memorial Plaza on Good Friday. Sponsored by the Indianapolis Chapter, Knights of Columbus, the services will begin at 12:15 p.m. Father McLaughlin is chaplain of Holy Family Council, Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis.



MOTHER, DAUGHTER RECEIVE SCOUTING AWARDS—The annual Marian Medal and St. Anne Medal ceremonies, honoring Girl Scouts, Catholic Daughters of America and their selected Outstanding Leaders, featured a unique coincidence in 1972—a mother and daughter combination. Mary Ann Byrum (middle) received the Marian Medal in company with 18 other girls from Archbishop George J. Bishop at St. Anthony Church. In the accompanying awards for adult leaders, her mother, Mrs. Clark (Joan) Byrum, was awarded the St. Anne Medal by Archbishop Bishop for her outstanding service as a Girl Scout Leader over a period of years. Mrs. Byrum presently serves as Troop Leader of Mary Ann's Troop, No. 1176 at Immaculate Heart parish.

## OPPOSES NIXON PROPOSAL

# USCC raps complete busing moratorium

WASHINGTON—The general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) said that a complete moratorium on school busing "would be a serious mistake."

In a statement on President Nixon's busing moratorium, Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin said that busing should not be "employed indiscriminately" and he said that the USCC would support efforts to improve the quality of education and equal education opportunity.

Bishop Bernardin said the USCC is studying the administration proposals and will make a detailed statement on it.

His statement, the bishop said, was intended to point out "certain principles which form the basis for the conference's approach to this entire matter."

Bishop Bernardin said the bishops have called the question of race relations "fundamentally a moral issue" and, he said, the conference hopes that "the moral dimensions of public policy will be at the fore" in the controversy over busing.

"ONE CANNOT GIVE a simple yes or no answer to the question of busing," Bishop Bernardin said. "In some cases it may be the only effective instrument by which justice in education can be secured for children of all races. For this reason, it would be a serious mistake to rule out busing entirely."

The bishop stressed that "caution should be exercised not to undermine the position" of persons attempting "to deal with the problems of racial separation and quality education in the schools."

Acknowledging that busing "is not the total solution to racial and educational problems," Bishop Bernardin said that "in particular situations busing may be an extreme and counter-productive measure and should not, therefore, be employed indiscriminately."

IN AN APPARENT reference to the President's proposal to increase aid to poor schools, the bishop said the USCC "is committed to quality education and equal educational opportunity" for all. The conference, he said, "would naturally be in favor of any legislation which does, in fact, help to achieve these goals."

Bishop Bernardin pointed out that Nixon had said that decisions on busing should be taken for the right reasons. "The best right reason," Bishop Bernardin said, "is the right of every child to quality education."

## INTE-FAITH VIGIL

INDIANAPOLIS—The bulldozed site of the new Second Christian Church, 130 West 29th St., will be the scene of a Passiontide anti-war protest sponsored by Hoosiers for Peace.

A round the clock vigil will be maintained from 12 noon Good Friday until 8 p.m. Holy Saturday at a symbolic bomb crater dug at the site. The crater is intended to memorialize the millions who have been killed, wounded, or made refugees by the bombing in Indochina. Ecumenical prayer services will be conducted at intervals.

Hoosiers for Peace is an interfaith group affiliated with the national Clergy and Laymen Concerned (about the war).



FATHER HOSEY

## Father Hosey to lead seminars at RE Congress

INDIANAPOLIS—Father Keith Hosey, director of the John XXIII Retreat Center at Hartford City, Ind., will direct group seminars on Celebration during the Indiana Ecumenical Teaching Ministry Congress to be held here April 10-12.

The seminars are intended to aid participants in designing religious celebration appropriate for both interfaith and sectarian worship.

In addition, Father Hosey will conduct daily periods of joint celebration for all registrants.

The first of its kind in the state and the nation, the Teaching Ministry Congress is expected to attract religious educators from throughout Indiana and neighboring states.

Sponsored by the Indiana Council of Churches and supported by the five Catholic dioceses in Indiana, the congress has been planned to facilitate communication among religious educators and discuss problems common to Catholics and Protestant teaching ministries.

Further information may be had by writing to the Indiana Council of Churches, 1100 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis 46208 or phoning (317) 923-3674.

## Marriage Encounter program scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS—A Marriage Encounter week-end is scheduled for April 14-16 at Alverna Retreat House. An international program designed and conducted by husbands and wives, this program will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weber, Indianapolis, and Father Ted Tempel of the Evansville Diocese.

Popular already on the East Coast, this will be the first Marriage Encounter program to be offered in the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

The week-end concentrates on communication efforts and techniques designed to further understanding and love in marriage. Open to all faiths, the Marriage Encounter week-end stresses methods and opportunities for dialogue between husband and wife.

The week-end begins on Friday evening, April 14th, at 8 p.m. and closes Sunday afternoon. Reservations may be made by phoning the Rev. Charles Bloss, O.F.M. at Alverna, 255-1340.



EASTER PARTY AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S—Mrs. Martha McAtee, a 16-year resident at St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, was the surprise recipient of a portable television receiver presented by the Marion County Sheriff's Department during an Easter Party held for the residents there March 24. She is shown above with Sheriff Lee R. Eads, center, and Lt. James L. Wells, public relations officer for the department. Wells is a member of St. Jude's parish, Indianapolis. Also appearing on the program were the Brebeuf Singers and the Brave Sounds of Brebeuf Preparatory School. The television was donated by Recommended TV of Indianapolis.



# WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

## Score Nixon China policy

ST. LOUIS—Four "old China hands," priests who served as missionaries in pre-Communist China, criticized President Nixon's China policy at the 10th annual national leadership conference of the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation here. In a joint statement the priests objected to several points in the communique issued by Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai at the end of the President's visit to China. "President Nixon has deserted our faithful ally of 30 years," the priests' statement said. Their criticism drew strong applause from the audience. Approximately 200 persons attended the conference. Cardinal John J. Carberry of St. Louis gave the address at the opening banquet.

## Prelate rejects leftist bid

SANTIAGO, Chile—Cardinal Raul Silva of Santiago told a leftist group of priests he definitely could not sponsor their continent-wide efforts to help a Marxist revolution. Answering an invitation by Jesuit Father Gonzalo Arroyo, a leader of the Christians for Socialism Movement here, the Chilean cardinal said the group "is out of line with the Church and says and does things totally in conflict with recent teachings of the Chilean Bishops' Conference." Christians for Socialism's first Latin American congress is scheduled for the end of April.



## Urge Vatican press spokesman

VATICAN CITY—The Church's top experts in communications media are urging Pope Paul to improve the Vatican's press relations by naming a full-fledged spokesman at the policy-making level here. Consultants and members of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications proposed at a week-long meeting that a representative of the commission be placed in the top echelons of the Vatican, be fully briefed and backgrounded on Vatican events, and be made freely available to the mass media. The meeting was called by Archbishop Edward L. Heston, the American who became president of the commission last year.

## Seek aid for Soviet Jews

CHICAGO—Catholic participants in a national interfaith meeting here pledged to appeal to Pope Paul to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jews. Members of a Catholic caucus at the National Interreligious Consultation on Soviet Jewry were unanimous on such an appeal. The full consultation voted to establish a secretariat to press for religious freedom for Soviet Jews. The two-day meeting at the University of Chicago drew 175 participants, including Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D.-Mass.), a priest serving in Congress.

## Rocky proposes school aid

ALBANY, N.Y.—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has proposed an aid program which would provide \$30.7 million in state "health and safety" grants for students at nonpublic schools. The state legislature had earlier approved a \$33 million aid measure benefitting the state's nonpublic schools, but that law was declared unconstitutional by a U.S. court of appeals in January. The new bill would provide grants for nonpublic school maintenance and repair, on the basis of \$30 per year for each nonpublic school child.



## Picket GOP headquarters

WASHINGTON—Leaders of the United Farm Workers (UFW) union picketed the Republican Party's national headquarters here, charging that the Nixon administration had prompted a federal regulatory agency to ask a court to ban one of the union's chief weapons—its boycott activities. "The boycott means life and death to us," commented Richard Chavez, UFW contract officer and brother of the union's president, Cesar Chavez. Citing the union's success in its recent grape boycott, he said, "we found that this nonviolent method was the best way to build an organization."

## Assassinations thwarted?

LA PAZ, Bolivia—A bishop and four Catholic newsmen were among 152 anti-Communists scheduled for assassination last summer by Communist guerrillas, Bolivia's rightist government has charged. The government of President Hugo Banzer claimed the killings were to have been carried out last August, the month he ousted the leftist government of President Juan Jose Torres. Col. Banzer said Auxiliary Bishop Benaro Prata of La Paz and four writers for the Catholic daily here, Presencia, were on the death roll of Operation Red Zafra (sugar cane harvest), to be launched by guerrillas backed by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

## Boston heavily in debt

BOSTON—The Boston archdiocese, second largest in the United States, is in heavy debt and owes \$35.5 million according to Archbishop Humberto S. Medeiros. In a report, which he called "the first account of the stewardship of funds which come directly under my supervision," the archbishop said the debt is so great that he must use 51 cents of every dollar collected to pay off principal and interest of long-term obligations. Archbishop Medeiros also stated that the archdiocese had a net deficit at the end of 1971 of \$2,909,675.



## Vatican plans mission rites

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican will stage two public ceremonies this year featuring a panoply of peoples from mission countries to mark the 350th anniversary of the Church's organized effort to bring the Gospel to all men. The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples was founded in 1622 and was until recently called the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. On May 22, Pentecost Sunday, a concelebrated "Mass of the Nations," with priest-students from mission lands, will be held on World Mission Day, October 22.

## People of India cautioned

CHANGANACHERRY, India—A group of Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant bishops warned the people of India to be on their guard against moves to curb the educational rights of religious minorities. The bishops met here following reports that Law Minister H. R. Gokhale had advocated restricting the rights of minorities to establish and administer education institutions. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said later that the government has no intention of abridging the constitutional rights of minorities in the field of education.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS NAMED—Cathedral High School seniors Terence Osburn, left, and David Muller have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for this year's commencement class. Osburn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osburn, of St. Mark's parish, while Muller's parents are Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Muller, of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

## NCRLC supports bill to aid family farmers

WASHINGTON—A bill designed to aid family farmers was favored in testimony by the co-director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. Father John J. McRaith told a House subcommittee that land reform proposed in the Family Farm Act is inevitable.

"The question is whether we will enact legislation... or will we wait until people demand reform in a bloody and destructive manner," Father McRaith said in a statement to the subcommittee. The bill would prevent conglomerates—large corporations which control a variety of businesses—from owning large tracts of farm land, Father McRaith said. The conglomerates, he said, could soon control all of agriculture. Father McRaith opposed this trend and said the Catholic Rural Life Conference "is convinced that more widespread—not less—ownership of income producing property is urgently needed."

FATHER McRAITH said that the bill would force conglomerates to sell their present farm holdings, but he compared such actions to "anti-trust laws enacted... to protect the rights of individuals and to promote the common good." The bill, he said, will help the United States "to avoid the dangerous situation where wealth becomes concentrated in the hands of a few, especially in the area of agriculture," and he compared the growth of big business farming here with the experience of other countries. When a revolution occurs,

Father McRaith said "in almost every case one of the very first acts of a new government is to enact sweeping land reform. This tells me that perhaps one of the reasons for the revolution in the first place was the abuse of land ownership by the few."

FATHER McRAITH said that Americans "seem to agree that our rural areas must be revitalized and made into fitting places for people to live and earn a living and raise a family."

"Now," he said, "I hope we can agree on legislation that will make this a reality and not just a conversation piece." In an interview with NC News, Father McRaith said that conglomerates have an unfair advantage over family farmers because they can afford to take losses on farm operations that family farmers cannot.

"They can use the losses for tax write-offs, or if they are a vertical conglomerate (one which owns all facets of a single business) they can drive down prices, say for beef cattle, but make up the loss in the processing or retail sales, since they own the processing plants and the stores."

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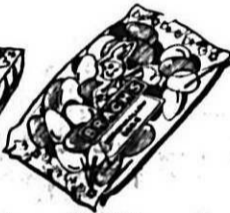
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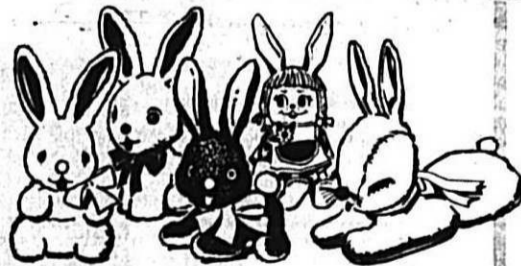


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IN PALM SUNDAY TALK

# Pope lauds sincerity of young protestors

BY JAMES C. O'NEILL

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI opened Holy Week in Rome by praising young people for looking for new expressions of life and protesting against the "emptiness" passed on to them by their elders.

While not approving excesses in the youthful revolution of today, the Pope made it clear that he sees behind it more than empty protest and trouble-making. To thousands of young men and women in St. Peter's Basilica on Palm Sunday, the Pope said that behind their anxiety today he sees "something profoundly interesting"—sincerity.

The Pope walked in procession in St. Peter's and celebrated Mass for thousands of visitors, including many young Italians who had been especially invited by him. During the Mass the Prayer of the Faithful was recited by four young boys who are polio victims.

THE POPE DEDICATED the major part of his sermon to the young. The thrust of his homily was that youth are seeking

today a true Messiah. "The Messiah is Jesus Christ," the Pope said. "It is for you (young people) to reveal the glory of Christ to the modern world and to show why and how He is today more than ever the focal point of a world searching to know itself in justice, freedom, brotherhood and peace."

The Pope stressed that he has great confidence in the young, saying: "We have called you here because we trust you. If we speak of trust, it is a sign that we understand you, that we want to sustain you in the personal and intelligent effort of giving to your life a style of its own, new and original if you like, and of assuming in our days the initiative and responsibility that belong to you."

POPE PAUL GRANTED that young people today show a "certain anxiety" to avoid conventional education and prefer "to pose as free and at times unprincipled and eccentric individuals, in order to give in to the strangest fashions and often to amoral and anti-social passions... so long as they can throw off environmental habits and can make everyone understand that society, as it has emerged from modern evolution, is not satisfactory and that they do not like it."

The Pope said that in this "vast and complex phenomenon of youthful restlessness" he finds profoundly interesting "the sincerity of your spirit, which is not afraid to denounce the emptiness that modern life affords and even creates within you: an emptiness without real and strong ideas, without reasons worthy of giving life meaning, value or faith."

In short, said the Pope, youth today "is suffering from a fatuousness to which you have been led by a skeptical and hedonistic concept of life." He added that this empty concept was due in no small way to "the preceding generations (who) were foolish teachers."

THE POPE SUGGESTED that young people in their acts of protest are seeking "those transcendent ideals and those tests of courage and heroism" which they feel they have a right to. He told youth that "you have a 'Messianic' need at the bottom of your heart" which has been in some ways "completely disappointed by our secularized society... without perhaps realizing it, you sense the sublime demand, the need of a Messiah, of a true Messiah."

The time has come for a change, Pope Paul concluded, "a change from the vacuous and negative attitude to a truly human and positive one."



GUILD CARD PARTY—The Guardian Angel Guild will sponsor its annual Card Party at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Tickets are \$1.50 and are available only in advance by calling 898-7596. Chairman is Mrs. David A. M. Diehl, above right, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Bauman, center, co-chairman. Also shown is the ticket chairman, Mrs. Daniel Sweeney.



RECEIVE ST. ANNE MEDAL—The highest award offered to Catholic Girl Scout, CDA, and Camp Fire Girl Leaders, the St. Anne Medal, was presented by Archbishop George J. Biskup (center) in impressive ceremonies at St. Anthony Church, Indianapolis, on March 28, to five outstanding women leaders. Shown with the Archbishop are, left to right: Mrs. Robert De Hoff, St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America; Mrs. Ralph J. Graf, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Girl Scouts; Mrs. Clark H. Byrum, Immaculate Heart, Girl Scout Troop No. 1176; Mrs. Paul S. Weber, St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America; Mrs. Bernice Miller, St. Patrick, Girl Scouts, who also received the medal, was not able to be present for the ceremonies. Collectively, the five recipients represent more than 50 years of service to girls, and countless hours of selfless leadership.

## U.S. church membership levels off, report shows

NEW YORK—After a period of ups and downs, membership in U.S. churches has leveled off, according to the 1972 Yearbook of American Churches.

The just-published book reports small gains by the Catholic Church and several conservative Protestant denominations. Several large Protestant churches had slight losses.

Total church membership in the U.S. is 131,045,963, according to the book compiled and edited by the National Council of Churches (NCC). Total U.S. population on April 1, 1971 was estimated to be 206,511,000.

THIS YEAR'S total, according to Editor Constant H. Jaquet, Jr., is 1.97 per cent (or 2,540,869) higher than the previous 128,505,804. But the gain, he warned, may not represent an actual increase, but can be attributed to the addition of several churches to the listing and changes in methods of reporting.

The Catholic membership of 48,214,729 is the same as that listed in the 1971 Official Catholic Directory published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons.

NCC officials termed the new total a "levelling off" in overall church growth in proportion to

the gain in the general population.

Last year's statistics showed what could roughly be called a standstill in membership for the first time, up only .03 per cent, according to an NCC statement.

IT NOTED THAT during the mid-1950's, religious membership climbed at a higher rate than population growth. But by the mid-1960's, it had slipped behind the general population increase.

The Catholic gain of 342,640 or 7 per cent reversed a previous year's decline. The Southern Baptist Convention, second largest communion in the U.S., went up 140,324 members, or 1.2 per cent of a total of 11,628,032.

Other smaller conservative denominations registering light gains were the Christian Reformed Church (285,628 members); the Church of God of Anderson, Ind. (150,198); the Church of the Nazarene (383,284) and the Seventh-day Adventists (420,419).



AWARDED MARIAN MEDAL—One of the highlights of a girl's experience during her years with Catholic Daughters of America or the Girl Scouts is the reception of the Marian Medal. Awarded to girls at least 12 years of age or in the seventh grade, and requiring a solid record of knowledge about and service to the Church, the medal is the highest religious award girls in these organizations can receive. Archbishop George J. Biskup presented the coveted award on March 28 to 49 girls representing nine units of CDA and Girl Scouts in the Archdiocese. Shown with the Archbishop are three of the recipients. Left to right: Rosemarie McLeish, Nativity, Catholic Daughters of America; Lynn Walker, St. Philip Neri, Catholic Daughters of America; Teresa Revard, Immaculate Heart of Mary Girl Scout Troop No. 1176.

## Card. Cicognani named dean of Sacred College

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI appointed Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, once apostolic delegate in the United States, as dean of the College of Cardinals.

Under the provisions of the College of Cardinals, the dean is elected by the cardinal-bishops, titular heads of dioceses that ring the Diocese of Rome.

Cardinal Cicognani, 85, succeeds French Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, who died February 21.

Cardinal Fernando Cento and Cardinal Giuseppe Ferretto.

The office of cardinal dean is today largely ceremonial, although he ranks first among all the cardinal members of the college and on special occasions speaks in their name.

## 4-state parley

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Catholic Family and Community Services in Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Helen McDaniels, director of Catholic Social Service, Columbus, O.; and Father Francis Stafford, Baltimore director of Catholic Charities. The NCCC staff also will be represented by Brother Joseph Berg, C.S.C.

ONE PHASE OF the meeting will focus on proposed changes in the organization and structure of NCCC. One proposal calls for the reorganization of the national office into task force project staffs. Another call for regional personnel to spend part of their time acting as liaison between Catholic Charities groups within the region. A third proposal would convert NCCC into a membership organization, with delegates elected to an annual assembly to determine general policy of Catholic Charities throughout the country.

Another discussion will look further into the concept of regional and state organizations to interpret NCCC renewal plans in local communities. Serving as hostesses, registrars and a transportation committee for the meeting will be members of Caritas, women's volunteer group aiding Indianapolis Catholic Social Services.

## AT TORONTO MEETING

# Don't despair over Church crisis, stagnation, top theologians urge

TORONTO — Thirty-three prominent European and North American theologians have issued a challenge to all Catholics not to despair over the Church's crisis of leadership and confidence, which they described as her own fault.

In a 2,400-word open statement released March 26 to some news media on both sides of the Atlantic, including the New York Times and the National Catholic News Service, the theologians offered five simple steps on how any Catholic can help the Church become "more open, more humane, more credible, in short, more Christian."

Entitled "Against Discouragement in the Church," the statement blamed the current situation on "the ecclesiastical system itself, which in its development has remained behind the times and still exemplifies numerous

qualities of monarchical absolutism... one finds that the Church is not only far behind the times but also and especially behind her own mission."

THE 33 SIGNERS asked: "Is there still a middle road between revolution and resignation?"

They answered by saying that their statement was not the place to "draft a detailed program of reform." They said they had no intention of taking upon themselves the functions of Church government, yet neither could they excuse themselves from co-responsibility for their Church because "we share in the guilt" for what was called her "present stagnation and resignation."

The five brief steps they put forth: Do not remain silent, do something yourself, act together, seek provisional solutions, don't give up.

Repeatedly stressing a need to again make the Gospel of Jesus Christ what it is supposed to be—"the Church's own center and foundation"—the theologians said about the fifth step:

"Why should we continue to hope? Because the future of the Church has already begun, because the desire for reform is not restricted just to certain groups, because the recent polarization within the Church can be overcome, because many and especially the best bishops and pastors as well as the superiors of religious orders, men and women, approve and promote a profound transformation of Church life."

"There is hope simply because the Church cannot stop the world from developing, because the Church's history itself moves on... the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shows itself time and again as more powerful than all our human failures and foolishness in the Church, stronger than all our discouragement and resignation."

THE SIGNERS, all Catholics, included three Canadians and four Americans: Gregory Baum and Leslie Dewart of Toronto, Jean-Paul Audet of Montreal, Richard McBrien of Boston, John L. McKenzie of Chicago, and Gerard S. Sloyan and Leonard Swidler of Philadelphia.

The rest of the signers were theologians on university and seminary faculties in 11 German, five Dutch, four Swiss, three Austrian and three Spanish cities. They included Hans Kung, Edward Schillebeeckx, Piet Schoonenberg and Norbert Lohfink. The originators and first drafters of the statement, NC News learned from sources, were seven theologians at Tuebingen, Germany, where Father Kung is a professor.

## Owgie Bush dies; baseball figure

INDIANAPOLIS — A Funeral Mass was offered today (Friday) at Holy Cross Church here for Owen J. (Owgie) Bush, former major league player and manager. Many former teammates and baseball celebrities attended the services.

Mr. Bush was a former teammate of Ty Cobb on the Detroit Tigers. The home of the Indianapolis Indians was renamed Bush Stadium in his honor several years ago.

Mr. Bush left no immediate survivors.

## Accept crosses willingly, Pope asks new priests

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI told 24 newly ordained priests that the obligations of the priesthood are a cross they had willingly accepted, but that they are assured of God's help and the esteem of the people of God.

The Pope received the new priests in a special audience March 20, the day after their ordination. Of the group, 14 were students at the Urban College of the Propagation of the Faith, the missionary college in Rome, and 10 were from the Beda College.

Beda is a college in Rome that specializes in preparing men with late vocations for the priesthood, mainly for dioceses in Britain.

The eldest of the newly ordained priests from Beda College this year is Father Elmer Ponton, 66, who for many years was a department store manager in Louisiana. He was ordained for the New Orleans archdiocese.

## Films for parents

INDIANAPOLIS — St. Gabriel's parish, 6000 W. 34th St., will sponsor monthly fish fries on the first Friday of each month beginning April 7. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the school hall. Games and entertainment will be provided. The public is invited.

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CHRIST THE KING CARD PARTY—A Card Party and Style Show will be sponsored by Christ the King parish at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, in St. Plus X Council, Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st Street. Schambers will present the styles. Tickets are \$1.25 and are available at the door. Shown above from left are: Mrs. Rosemary Ryan, chairman; Mrs. Jackie Meyers, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Nellita Cuniffe, model.



# Church needs Easter's joy all year round

It used to be that the most stringent exercises in pessimism could be found in journals circulating among political ultra-conservatives. The world was always headed for Hades in a basket, blind to impending doom, or locked in a conspiratorial death embrace with the forces of evil. One had to be a ghoul to find a smile in the whole depressing lot.

Today the saddest tales of men and pen originate within the Church. We are awash in a pool of frustration and defeatism. It would appear we have declared a moratorium on hope.

Much of the current popular writing on the state of the Church is predicated on one or more of the following propositions:

—The Church is foundering in a shambles of dissension and defection.

—All priests are down on bishops, all bishops are down on the pope and all young people are down on everything.

—The religious life is peopled by dissatisfied wretches who want nothing more than to get out of their vows.

—Our school system is beyond saving and anyone who says otherwise is suffering from delusions of political grandeur or is juggling the books. In that same connection, it is sheer demagoguery to point out that such diverse groups as the Baptists and the Jews are beginning to funnel an un-

precedented proportion of their resources into sectarian education.

—Nobody under 30 goes to church any more, everybody over 50 feels betrayed by Vatican II, and everybody over 65 has been intimidated into saying his rosary in secret.

—The ecumenical movement is kaput, its proponents having concluded that Church leaders are too jealous of their prerogatives and ordinary Christians are not really capable of loving one another.

—Religion texts come in two brands: heresy and myth. Likewise religious educators.

—A uncommitted Catholic is one who belongs to neither the underground church or the pentecostals.

—The hierarchy is composed of arbitrary, insensitive clods who couldn't care less about the problems and pressures of their flock. On the other hand, the people are an untrustworthy lot ready to kick over the traces at the first relaxation of discipline.

—An optimist is someone who believes that the Church may survive after all, but only through the efforts of a certain select group, of which the optimist is, of course, a member.

Like their political counterparts, the religious doom-dayers see nothing but unrelieved gloom. They wouldn't recognize a

ray of hope if it knocked them down. They expect the worst from their leaders and their fellow men and they usually get it because fulfillment, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

Today Christians everywhere commemorate history's most solemn event. It is a day for mourning that Innocence incarnate had to be sacrificed for guilt. Good Friday, however, is only one day on the Church calendar. It is followed fast by the

anticipation of Holy Saturday and the exultation of Easter Sunday.

To this garden-variety Catholic, it seems that the most pertinent lesson of this Easter season is that every day of the year is not Good Friday. For the health of our Church, we have to turn away from the gloom and the recrimination that has become too much a part of our lives as fellow Christians. We have to start trusting one another and

have the charity to recognize that the person in the next pew is also trying his level best.

More important, we have to remember that there is such a thing as grace still operating in the world. It may be naive and simplistic to believe that everything turns out for the best. But right now perhaps what we need most is faith, spiced with optimism and a little bit of humor.

—B. H. ACKELMIRE

The Criterion staff wishes its readers and advertisers all the joys and blessings of Easter.

## THE YARDSTICK

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

It is fashionable these days in "radical" and "populist" circles to take pinks on the so-called "liberals" and to blame them, in large part, for many of the socio-economic and political ills that continue to beset the nation.



They are accused, among other things, of having become "elitist" in their political philosophy and style and of being indifferent to the bread-and-butter needs of the poor and the working class. Even the most revered liberal heroes of the 1950's and 1960's—Adlai Stevenson and John F. Kennedy—are being subjected posthumously to this kind of criticism, as, for example, in a new book by Jack Newfield and Jeff Greenfield entitled "A Populist Manifesto: The Making of a New Majority" (Praeger Publishers, New York).

"In his famous 1962 commencement address at Yale," we read in this hard-hitting tract, "President Kennedy argued that the crucial problems of the economy were no longer political or distributive, but had become managerial and technical. We argue the exact opposite." In other words, Newfield and Greenfield argue that the redistribution of income—with special concern for the needs of lower-income workers of all races and colors—is the No. 1 political requirement of the 1970's.

MUCH AS THEY admire Adlai Stevenson's record in the area of foreign

policy and civil liberties, the authors fault him rather severely for his (and the Democratic Party's) alleged indifference to the needs of the average working man. After 1950, they contend, "The Democratic Party... began to move away from the working masses, began to take on an elitist approach."

Stevenson—the Party's leading standard-bearer in the 1950's—is characterized as "a fine Tory," a man of admitted elegance and wit who managed nevertheless to convey "the impression that he did not really like people or politics," and instead of talking in plebeian language about bread-and-butter economic issues, "preferred to lecture sweaty crowds of workers about abstractions of foreign policy."

This rather free-wheeling indictment of "liberals" in general and of Stevenson and Kennedy in particular may or may not be well founded and may not stand the test of time. Be that as it may, there is at least one current issue on which many of the liberals, in this writer's judgment, are definitely open to the charge of having taken an elitist approach and having developed a kind of snobbish indifference to the needs of the poor and the working class. I refer to the proposal approved by Congress to provide equal rights for women.

ON THE FACE of it, this proposed Equal Rights Amendment seems to make perfectly good sense and to be long overdue, but, for reasons which ought to be well known to its supporters, it is open to serious criticism from the point of view of social justice. Incidentally, if this be treason, Women's Lib will have to make the most of it.

Congressional liberals, by and large, supported the Amendment. One of them—Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana—correctly predicted a few weeks ago at a meeting of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs that the Amendment would be passed by the Senate before the Easter recess.

This came as welcome news to the professional and business types who made up the bulk of the Senator's upper middle-class audience. It's exactly what they wanted to hear.

I must say, however, that I don't quite understand why Senator Bayh and so many of his liberal colleagues supported the Amendment so uncritically. They must know that working class women, by and large, are strongly opposed. Why they have decided to ignore the objections of the latter group and to side with their more privileged sisters in the business and professional world is a bit of a mystery so far as I am concerned. I can only repeat that, in doing so, they lend a certain credence to the charge that the liberals have gone elitist and are losing touch with the poor.

THE OBJECTIONS of working class women to the Equal Rights Amendment are stated very clearly by Myra Wolfgang

## Old Testament days 'more enlightened' about women leaders

ST. LOUIS—People in the Old Testament times apparently were more "enlightened" when it came to accepting women in government than the people of modern America, according to a columnist for The Lutheran Layman, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod publication for men.

Dr. Lambert Brose, a Washington-based official of the Lutheran Council in America, noted that with God's sanction Deborah was one of the heads of the ancient Israelite government.

He contrasted the acceptance of Deborah to "America's archaic attitude toward the participation of women in government." Dr. Brose also noted that Premier Golda Meir of modern Israel and Premier Indira Gandhi of India "have been showing their male counterparts a thing or two about running a government."

Dr. Brose's comments were considered particularly significant since the Missouri Synod is governed primarily by men. It is one of a few U.S. Protestant denominations which do not ordain women to the clergy.

## MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING

# Dioceses say report on RE ignores facts

BY SUE CRIBARI

WASHINGTON—Officials of the two U.S. dioceses accused of having the highest percentage of children receiving no religious instruction have disputed the charge that an overemphasis on Catholic schools is the reason for the large number of uneducated children.

Also disputed in one of the dioceses—Anchorage, Alaska—was the number of children which a recent National Association of Lally (NAL) report claimed were uneducated there.

NAL's "First Annual Report on Catholic Schools," released last month, said at least 2.1 million U.S. Catholic children were receiving no religious instruction.

THE 5,000-MEMBER lally group blamed the situation on neglected Fraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) programs for the great bulk of Catholic children—those who attend public schools—and said this neglect was based in part on church officials' preoccupation with preserving the struggling Catholic school system.

Those U.S. dioceses with the highest percentage of children not reached by either Catholic school or CCD religious education programs, according to NAL estimates, were Fresno, Calif., with 90,139 uneducated children, or 66 per cent; Anchorage, with 5,736 or 63.1 per cent; Brownsville, Tex., with 35,144 or 53.2 per cent; Miami, Fla., with 75,501 or 52.5 per cent; Newark, N.J., with 196,781 or 44.4 per cent; and San Francisco, Calif., with 91,134 or 43 per cent.

A Fresno diocesan spokesman said NAL's figure for that diocese was incorrect and double the actual number of uneducated children there.

ASSERTING THAT "to the best of my recollection, in all of our parishes we are hitting from 65 to 85 per cent of our children," Father Francis J. Fish, chancellor of the Anchorage diocese, also disputed the NAL figures.

Father Fish said where children were not being reached it was not because of an overemphasis on Catholic schools. The diocese of Anchorage has only one. Instead, he said, lack of cooperation from parents and student indifference were the root causes.

The chancellor said all 15 parishes in the diocese have CCD programs, and that three Sisters who run CCD teacher training programs are doing "a bang up job."

Father Harry Schucaenbrock, CCD director for the Brownsville, Tex., diocese, confirmed NAL's estimate that 53 per cent of Catholic children receive no religious instruction there.

"That figure is correct," he said, adding that because of the normal dropout rate in CCD programs by the middle of the year, "it's probably worse."

FATHER SCHUCAENBROCK said NAL's assertion that 96 per cent of church educational revenues nationwide go to Catholic schools did not apply in Brownsville because only 13 Catholic schools are now operating there and no new schools

have been erected since the diocese was established.

In contrast, he said, about 21 catechetical centers have been erected, 33 parish religious education coordinators have been appointed, and CCD enrollment has doubled in the last five years.

"I think any diocese that has any kind of adequate budget is aware that it's going to take more than just money to solve the problem," the priest said.

Religious education programs in the Brownsville diocese face a special challenge, Father Schucaenbrock said, due to an average educational level of fourth grade and also to its "bicultural and bilingual" nature, with the large majority of Catholics being Mexican-American.

FATHER ED DUFFY, CCD director for the Newark diocese, said his estimate for the number of uneducated children in the diocese—based on baptismal records—approximates the NAL figure of 44.4 per cent.

He said NAL's proposal of a voucher system to redistribute church educational resources and strengthen CCD "sounds just and fair," though he was not familiar with details.

He added, however, that good programs are not always enough.

"We have better high school programs than ever and less kids coming," the priest said, attributing the decline to a general disillusionment among youth with church structures, and similar attitudinal factors.

"With the vigorous program we have here, I just find it hard to believe that we're not reaching that many children," said Father Bernard Cummins, San Francisco archdiocesan school superintendent.

FATHER JOHN VEREB, director of education for the Miami archdiocese, also said the NAL estimate "does not appear to be realistic."

Neither diocesan official, however, had compiled data on the subject, although Father Vereb said the Miami archdiocese is doing so.

The value of a report like NAL's, "even if it is not flattering," said Father Vereb, is that it "may be a good shock for those of us in religious education to step back and take an honest look at our efforts, as well as feasible alternatives for religious education."

## Could boost sagging morale of Council

ADRIAN, Mich.—The National Council of Churches "is certain to undergo some radical and much-to-be desired changes" if the U.S. Roman Catholic Church joins the ecumenical agency, according to the newsworthy of Michigan United Methodists.

An editorial entitled "Toward Catholic-Protestant Unity" in the Michigan Christian Advocate said Catholic membership "will boost the sagging morale of the Council and stimulate Churches still outside to join."

# BEHIND THE NEWS

## Bishop assails 'big business' for social ills

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Profit-seeking and a lack of moral responsibility in big business were blamed for much of the social ills in the world, according to testimony given a U.S. Senate subcommittee here recently by Auxiliary Bishop John J. Dougherty of Newark.

The prelate, who heads the U.S. Catholic Conference's Committee for International Affairs, told the Senate Anti-Trust and Monopoly subcommittee that the main purpose of large international corporations is "to make a profit for stockholders."

"These stockholders buy and retain their shares on the basis of skillful management and have in fact little influence over management decisions," he said.

Without control over the actions of big corporations, the bishop continued, stockholders "avoid any sense of moral responsibility for the conduct of affairs of the enterprise."

Bishop Dougherty said this trend in big business negates the more equitable concept of the distribution of profits. Internationally, it leads to the rich, developed corporations getting richer at the expense of lesser developed nations.

He echoed a recent plea by Catholic bishops at their recent Synod in Rome, who, speaking on world justice, asked for a "re-balancing of power relationships between the developed and less developed nations."

## Aid to Soviet Jewry disputed at conference

CHICAGO—Differing views on the Nixon administration's role in aiding Soviet Jewry were expressed at the National Interreligious Consultation on Soviet Jewry here.

Mrs. Rita Hauser, vice-chairman of President Nixon's re-election campaign and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, declared that the administration "has repeatedly expressed its concern for the plight of Soviet Jews and for their right to emigrate freely."

Congressman Robert F. Drinan of Massachusetts, the only Catholic priest in Congress, differed with Mrs. Hauser, charging that in 1970 and 1971 the Administration "appeared to default on its pre-election promises... to create world opinion, as well as document all the facts, in order that, through diplomatic and other channels, the concern of the American people for the cultural and religious freedom of Soviet Jews may be firmly communicated on many levels to the leaders of the Soviet government."

He cited a letter from the State Department to a member of Congress last February 7, which stated that "no U.S. aid, direct or indirect, is granted to any of these (Soviet Jewish) refugees in Israel... nor has it been decided whether any programs will be initiated in Israel."

In her remarks, however, Mrs. Hauser said that U.S. aid to Israel in the last fiscal year was about \$500 million and that "a substantial portion of this aid has been utilized for refugee resettlement," including resettlement of Soviet Jews.

## Times demand new questions about God, man

SEATTLE—Father Andrew Greeley said in an interview here the American Church of the 1970s is in a time of "pause, despair, loneliness, apathy and indifference."

"We are at a time of emotional exhaustion," the sociologist priest said. "We are weary of controversy, of stridency, of the cycle of elation and discouragement which has been typical of the last several years."

"We are tired of enthusiasm, tired of the steady stream of magic answers that came along each year: cursillos, sensitivity, kerygmatic catechetics, priests' organizations, lay organizations, nuns' organizations, Pentecostals. All of these have tried and have failed."

TO RESPOND to this frustration among its members and to make progress, the priest said, the Church must not devise new answers to old questions, but rather must ask new questions about man's relationship with God and with his fellow man.

Father Greeley said a "new agenda" covering eight areas in which the Church must ask new questions is taking shape. Those areas are faith, community, Christian education, the structure of the Church, ritual or liturgy, the issue of social involvement versus contemplation, sexuality, and asceticism.

The Church must, he said, "loosen up," unshackle itself from some pre-Vatican II modes of thinking, and avoid the tendency to become bogged down in debate over specifics.

ALTHOUGH HE did not indicate who will formulate the new agenda, Father Greeley emphasized that the effort will move slowly in taking the best from the pre-Vatican II "immigrant Church," characterized by stability and certainty, and combining it with modern ideas and modes of religious expression.

"One of the mistakes we made in past decades is that in quasi-panic we tried to do everything all at once, to solve every problem in six months, a year, or two years at the most."

"But now we know," the priest said, "that urgency, passion and enthusiasm are no substitute for precision, discipline, intelligence and realistic analysis."

Father Greeley said he could not be more precise about the new agenda. He emphasized that the agenda is just now beginning to take shape.



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# No trailblazing, but even so an interesting journey

BY B. H. ACKELMIRE

INDIANAPOLIS — "Some of my old sermons would come out a little different now," Indiana's first priest-legislator admitted while reminiscing about his experiences in the 1972 General Assembly.

Father Lawrence W. Voelker, associate pastor of St. Patrick Church, said he is now "a little more optimistic about the human condition."

"Wrestling with the tensions and problems first-hand gives you a sympathy and understanding you might not otherwise have."

"In the legislature you begin to think in terms of what it is possible to do—given the variety of pressures and prejudices—not what ought to be done," he said.

FATHER VOELKER served in the Indiana House of Representatives with Rev. Dan E. Hoff, minister of the Linwood Christian Church, and a legislative ground-breaker himself. Now Rev. William Hudnut III, senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, is seeking the Republican nomination in the 11th Congressional District.

Does Father Voelker see himself as a political trailblazer for other Indiana priests? Decidedly no.

"I got in (the legislature) accidentally, and that's how any other priest will get in in the future," he said.

Father Voelker recalled speaking to a group of seminarians at St. Meinrad recently. One young man cornered him after the talk and confessed that he, too, wanted to be a priest-politician.

"I told him he'd better make up his mind which he'd rather be," Father Voelker said. The combination is and will remain extremely rare, he believes.

FATHER VOELKER views lawmaking as strictly a part-time occupation as far as he himself is concerned. He rejects the idea that he could be part of a year-round legislature, though he believes the state is moving in that direction. "The line has to be drawn somewhere," he says, but for now, yes, he will run for another term.

Father Voelker feels he was well-received by other legislators. Most, he said, thought priests and ministers had a



FATHER WILLIAM VOELKER, INDIANA'S FIRST PRIEST-LEGISLATOR ... adding it all up, it was a positive experience

definite place in the Assembly and that there ought to be more participating.

He did get some flak from lay Catholics. It came during the campaign last fall in the form of letters protesting his running for office.

"Most of the letters started out asking me why I didn't stick to saving souls. That was the first paragraph. Next, they wanted to know how I could possibly be a Republican."

THE ONLY SUCH partisan protest that worried Father Voelker came from a man to whom he was giving instructions. "He told me he would have to stop taking in-

structions from me because he was a man of the people and I was a Republican."

It was his involvement with people that landed Father Voelker in the legislature. For the past several years he has been active in community organizations in the inner-city, particularly groups in the near Southside neighborhoods surrounding St. Patrick's. Based largely on his reputation for achievement in that area, he was slated to fill a vacancy in the House in the 1971 elections.

Father Voelker said he was not pressured, from within or without the legislature, to assume the role of political moralist.

"Most legislators consider themselves as judges, not advocates," he said. They do not see themselves as spokesmen for causes but rather judges of a particular piece of legislation.

Therein, says Father Voelker, lies one of the weaknesses of so-called church lobbyists.

HE NOTED THAT the Indiana Catholic Conference had maintained a low-key profile in the last session, but had effectively campaigned for school aid in 1971. The ICC was impressive in 1971 because it was armed with facts and figures and made a strong case for support, he said.

Too often, however, church groups advocate positions but don't have the facts or don't bother to investigate both sides of a question, Father Voelker commented. This he feels was all too evident in church sponsorship of the foreign doctors bill.

"They just kept saying we need more doctors. Everybody knows that. But they

had no information on the qualifications of foreign doctors and that was what the bill was all about."

This doesn't mean that Churches have no business in legislative councils. Just the opposite, Father Voelker believes.

"One of the basic dilemmas of the Church today is resolving the problem of partisanship while stressing the underlying moral values of politics and legislation. Vatican II emphasized the need for the people of the Church to get involved, but it didn't say how and that is still our problem."

OFTEN, HE SAID, principal moral questions are overlooked or ignored. He cited the fact that with all the activity of numerous ecology groups in the last session, not one mentioned man's obligation of stewardship of the environment.

Given sufficient organization, he acknowledged that church groups can turn the political screws.

"Letters against the abortion counseling bill did have an effect. Some lawmakers who thought it was a good bill did not vote for it on the basis of a Catholic constituency," he said.

A legislator needs sensitivity to human problems and feelings, he said, because the man in the street doesn't propose or sponsor specific legislation. "What people do is bring their problems to your attention. It's a very personal thing with them. They are looking for some kind of help and they want to tell someone their troubles."

In the past several months, Father Voelker said he has told people repeatedly that they can't expect the legislature to solve their problems but they do have a

constitutional right to petition for a redress of grievances.

"That often is the chief function of the legislature—redressing grievances."

THE GREATEST handicap of most legislators is lack of information and familiarity with the issues, Father Voelker stated. Most members have knowledge or expertise in only one or a few areas.

"Most of them don't even see a piece of legislation until it comes out of committee," he said. "What's more, reading a bill rarely gives you an idea what it's all about. You have to know what other laws it will change, how it will be implemented, its impact on different groups, etc."

Legislators depend on established lobby groups to provide a background of facts. "There just isn't time to find out for yourself," he said, and he doesn't expect that situation to change in a full-time legislature.

His overall impressions of the session are more positive than negative.

Committee meetings were open, free-swinging and more democratic than he had expected.

"I saw people getting mad and lawmakers changing their minds," he continued.

He was impressed with the caliber of leadership in both parties and with the House as a whole.

HOWEVER, he came away with the idea that the primary duty of the legislature is designed to be that of collecting and spending money, deciding who is productive, and then protecting the "producers."

He believes much of the welfare hassle hinges on the fact that people on relief don't produce taxes and

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therefore are not among the "deserving" that have to be protected.

For that reason, he said, the legislature had no qualms about passing a stepfather support bill that would produce \$1.5 million—regardless of its effect on those involved—and then turn right around and spend the \$1.5 million to renovate the Senate chambers.

He believes sentiment in the legislature is running in favor of taxing the churches. "Churches are caught in the backwaters of the effort to get at traditionally tax-exempt properties," he said.

The withdrawn proposal to levy police and fire protection fees against city tax-exempt properties might not have passed the legislature, Father Voelker said, but it had the approval of the Marion County delegation.

## Low morale among clergy disputed by survey

PHILADELPHIA—A large majority of priests in the Philadelphia archdiocese say that their morale is "good," "very good" or "excellent."

The results were in a survey which was answered by 756 priests, about half the priests of the archdiocese.

Personally, 17.2 per cent of the respondents said their morale was excellent while 32.1 per cent described their morale as very good, 27.1 per cent as good, 13.1 per cent as fair and 6.1 per cent as poor.

RESPONSES CAME from 150 pastors, 207 diocesan priests serving as assistant pastors, 188 diocesan priests in specialized fields, and 211 priest-members of religious orders.

Pastors cited "personal holiness" as the

foremost factor influencing morale. "Living conditions" were singled out as most influential by assistant priests and "support by superiors" by priests in education. Administrators, chaplains and retirees, also saw personal holiness as the most important morale factor.

Those most critical of the general morale in the Archdiocese were the assistant pastors. Almost 27 per cent rated general morale as fair and almost 28 per cent as poor.

Some 15.7 per cent of all priests said that there is "a severe lack of communication and coordination between diocesan officials and the clergy."

THE PASTOR-CURATE relationship in the parishes of the Archdiocese was described as excellent to good by 80 per

cent of the pastors and almost 68 per cent of the assistants.

The report also indicated that diocesan priests seem to view the laity as changed "either as a result of Vatican II or stemming from changed social, economic and educational characteristics."

"On the one hand," according to the report, "the laity are seen as more independent, more prone to criticize their clergy but more involved in truly religious activities. Some of the respondents feel, however, that the laity have become less religious and that their priests have become less important to them."

The survey was conducted and compiled in late 1970 and 1971 by Dr. John E. Hughes, chairman of the sociology department at Villanova University.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Raffles and immorality

A notice on page one of this week's Idaho Register should reassure those who might be worried that the federal government is getting lax on morality.

We have been notified, it seems, that we are in danger of having our second-class mailing privileges revoked. We have, we're told, printed advance notices of parish raffles—which, as we all know, are a terrible national menace tearing at the very fabric of our society.

Postal regulations, only recently enforced with enthusiasm, forbid us to make any mention in advance of a raffle which, for instance, might assure that some outback Idaho parish might have new altar linens. Yet no such law exists, we find, which could have us prosecuted for printing the most blatant advertisement

from an abortion referral agency (we know that for a fact ... a year ago such an agency attempted to run an ad with us, and we checked the laws on the matter).

We could, if we wished, print advertisements for pornographic films, without fear of legal sanction. We could publish reviews of books which advocate treason, and nobody would touch us. But slip in a word about St. Philomena's parish raffle a coffee-pot so they can provide a high-school scholarship for a needy kid and some dunce in Washington is on the phone post-haste threatening to revoke your mailing privileges.

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**WORSHIP**

# How candle can serve as symbol

BY FR. JOSEPH CHAMPLIN

The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil service is not one of our more popular ceremonies, but it certainly ranks second to none in terms of symbolism. The opening light ritual, when executed properly with darkened church and burning tapers, conveys quite beautifully through signs Christ's victory over darkness and death.

There are several other symbols in the liturgy which have recently found favor and success throughout the United States. This column is about them.

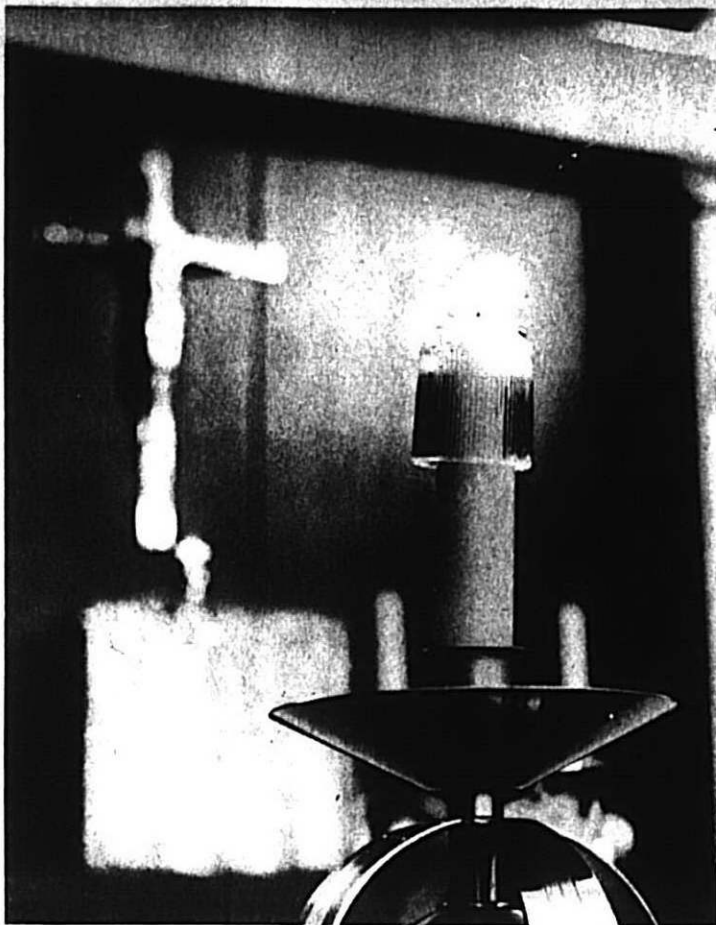
I described some time ago the personal candle presented to a child at baptism. Its sales continue to zoom, and parish priests hear most favorable comments from parents and relatives about this gift.

The taper, of course, represents Jesus' light-giving life, now a part of the baptized baby's being. We hope each family will burn this yearly at the anniversary date and renew on that day the young person's baptismal promises. In time perhaps the child, grown to adulthood, will remake those vows on his or her own.

A LOCALLY PRODUCED baptismal garment brings even greater "oohs" and "ahs" than does the boxed candle. A few of our parishioners, copying patterns from another church, cut, weave and sew these attractive pull-over items. The priest uses them for Sunday baptisms, explaining who made the gifts and how they symbolize the "new man" that emerges from the font.

Msgr. Theron Walker, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Memphis, Tennessee, believes a special candle for the bride and groom is becoming more common at Catholic weddings. At a nuptial celebration in his parish, for example, the newlyweds, immediately after their exchange of vows, walked to a nearby table upon which rested a three-pronged candleabra.

Two of the candles burned during the marriage ceremony. Upon completion of the rite, husband and wife extinguished



The candle remains one of the many symbols used in the Church's liturgy. (NC photo)

them and together lighted the third, unique wedding taper as a sign that they, though two, had just become one.

We offer couples a similar candle, but employ it in a different manner. The taper itself, decorated with a cross and interlocking circles, comes packaged in a carton with space on the bottom for the statistics of names, date and place.

AT THE SERVICE'S conclusion, while a celebrant imparts the final blessing, bride and groom hold the burning symbol between them. Following the multiple benediction, they blow out the flame, hand the candle to their best man and leave the sanctuary to start a life as husband and wife.

We naturally hope they will retain this gift and even make it an annual reminder of the wonderful occasion when each promised to love and cherish the other until death do them part.

One American company manufactures a huge (\$5.00) Cana candle, also with cross and interlocking circles, which serves as an appropriate parish remembrance for silver and golden jubiliarians. We keep it on the altar during the Sunday Eucharist and present this handsome object to the celebrating couple after Mass. I suppose, if we were truly logical and generous, the smaller taper should go to older husbands and wives, the larger one to newlyweds.

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**QUESTION BOX**

# New practices worry him

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. I am a 31-year-old Catholic who is beginning to wonder about what is happening in the Church. Only 20 years ago I was taught in a Catholic school never to let the host touch the teeth and to burn or bury blessed items like old rosary beads or palm. Now you tell us we can throw old religious objects into the trash and other priests recommend we chew the host. If what I was taught once was correct, how can it be changed now? If what I was taught 20 years ago is now changed, does that mean what my children are being taught now will be changed when they are adults?



A. If what your children are taught is as faulty and useless as what you were taught, then let's all hope that by the time they are adults our religious teachers have found better techniques and material.

What would happen to a business firm that refused to improve its products and insisted upon holding on to the same merchandising plan and advertising approach? It would go out of business! And a church that refused to change would disappear.

What you and most Catholics suffer from is a lack of the knowledge of church history. The Church has changed continually from the day of Pentecost. Not in the essential teaching, but in her laws, her structures, her worship, and above all in the way her members lived and understood the Christian life. The Church has had her ups and downs, with good popes and bad popes, worldly bishops and saintly bishops. She has been in regular need of reform, as the medieval councils, held in the Lateran Palace in Rome, honestly admitted when they were called to "reform the Church in head and members." And that head referred to no less than the pope.

The changes that bother you are certainly not monumental, but they do reflect, I think, an improvement in Catholic practice. We were always taught that the Eucharist is our spiritual food in the form of food for the body, that bread is the sacramental sign of the Body of Christ. Well, the thin wafers we grew accustomed to were a poor excuse for bread; they never did seem to be anything like food to be eaten. That's why the Church now encourages us to use an unleavened bread that will look and taste more like our daily bread. If you are eventually given the Eucharist in this form, you had better chew it or you may choke yourself.

And now for your problem of the blessed

religious objects. Haven't we in the past been a bit superstitious about this, and inconsistent? Priests bless fields, houses and cars. This blessing does not attach any magic powers to what they bless. It's a prayer of the Church begging God to be favorable to those who use the objects. Rosaries and statues and palms are blessed for the same purpose. When they are no longer useful they may be broken up and thrown away, without any more qualms than we consign a blessed car to the junk yard. I say broken up, because we don't want what obviously are religious objects used for profane purposes.

Q. I think you were wrong in agreeing that a person in mortal sin could permit himself without confession to receive Communion at a funeral Mass solely because of a love for the deceased person. The moral books permit this to avoid giving scandal or to escape embarrassment. But I wonder whether love is a good enough reason. Does not the communicant violate and offend a great love, the love of God, in favor of a lesser love, that of his deceased friend. In receiving Communion? I would agree that he might go, but not for this basic reason alone. Besides, this might be carried into other fields where sin is excused and lead to a multiple series of risky conduct.

A. Evidently I have not been clear enough. I am not talking about receiving Communion in a state of mortal sin. To receive Communion worthily, one must be in a state of grace and not turned away from God. But to receive forgiveness from mortal sin a Catholic does not have to wait until absolution in the sacrament of penance. Hasn't the Church always taught that a sinner as soon as he was aware of a serious offense should make an act of contrition and let God restore him to grace? This very act of sorrow included the determination to confess the sin to the Church when possible. The sinner was forgiven, but still had the obligation to confess.

Now this obligation is based upon a Church law, and it is this law we are talking about. Ordinarily a Catholic who has committed a mortal sin obeys this law and abstains from Communion until he has confessed his sin. But there are circumstances that excuse one from this law, as there are excuses from the Sunday Mass obligation. Moral theologians in the past have admitted as excuses from this law the fear of scandal or embarrassment. I agreed that the need to show love for the deceased or the bereaved would also be a sound reason. Is this so surprising? Ultimately the other reasons spring from a love motive. It's love for my neighbor

which moves me to avoid embarrassment. This explanation should take care of your other objections. There is no question here of offending the love of God in favor of a lesser love, for it is presumed that the person who excuses himself from the law has made every effort to be truly sorry for his sin and wants to love God above all. There is no claim here that would open the way to the conclusion that love permits us to sin or excuses an objectively sinful act, such as adultery.

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the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and he became man."

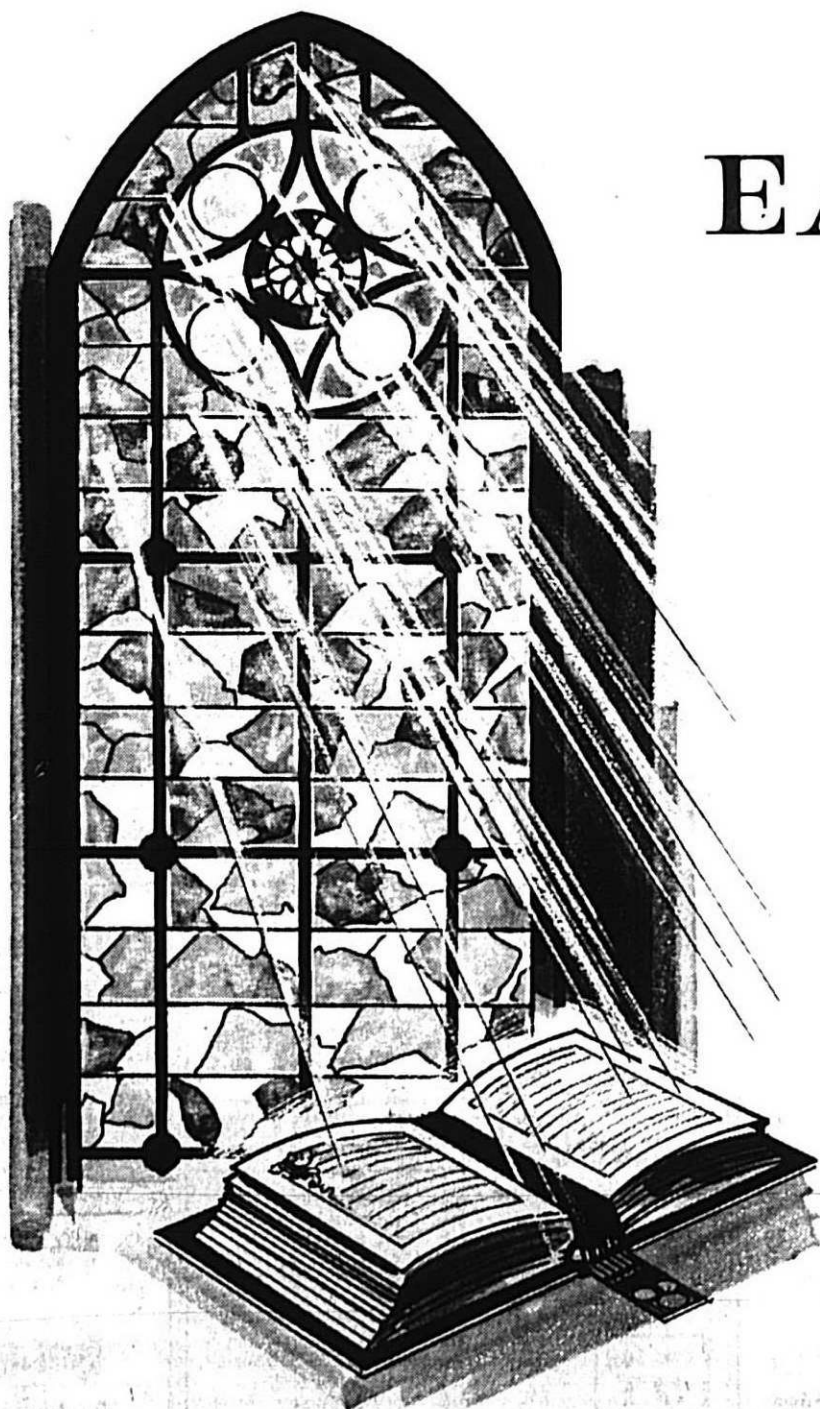
So we learn in faith how the story began. And we know in faith how the story ended: "On the third day he rose again from the dead, sits at the right hand of the Father. . . . Knowing all this, the crucifixion which comes between the beginning and the end can seem less real to us.

But it was very real to those first disciples who had to look at it. "My heart is so full of sorrow that I feel I may die" (Mark 14, 34). "Father, my Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But not what I want, but what you want" (Mark 14, 36). "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?" (Mark 15, 35). And "the people passing by shook their heads and threw insults at Jesus . . . the chief priests and the teachers of the law and the elders made fun of him . . . even the bandits who had been crucified with him insulted him in the same way" (Matthew 27, 39-44).

THOSE WERE THE realities the first disciples had to face. And what happened? "You will be scattered, every one to his home, and I will be left all alone" (John 16, 32). "This very night all of you will run away and leave me" (Matt. 26, 31). "Then all the disciples left him and ran away" (Matt. 26, 56). They had to face a great challenge to their faith, such as none of us has ever had to experience. They knew the feeling of absolute failure, abandonment, loss, emptiness, futility, meaninglessness, death. The first disciples failed that challenge and in the crisis lost their faith. But God restored it in Christ's resurrection. And Christianity began.

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# KNOW YOUR FAITH



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Meet St. Simon, the 'UCLA' of CYO wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS—St. Simon captured its fifth consecutive CYO Cadet Wrestling Tourney championship last Saturday at Cathedral High School...

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ST. MARK, Indianapolis, won first place in the most populous division, Comedy, with "True Blue and Trusted"...

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A total of 57 plays were entered in this year's contest.

CYO SPORTS

CYO CADET WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 72 Pound Class—Championship: Mark Zoller of St. Simon defeated Jim Brown of Little Flower (Pin)...

- 105 Pound Class—Championship: Greg Riley of St. Lawrence defeated Harold Salvage of St. Simon...



NEW ALBANY DEANERY VOLLEYBALL TITLEHOLDERS—These two squads posted triumphs in postseason tournament competition to emerge as New Albany Deanery grade school-age CYO Volleyball champions for 1972...

CYO NOTES

With the instrumental music contest deadline past, the CYO Office is preparing schedules and hopes to have all schedules mailed back to participating schools and teachers by early next week.

Series slated at New Castle NEW CASTLE, Ind.—A special adult lecture series on Church History will be conducted by Father Michael Kattau at St. Anne's parish here on four consecutive Thursdays beginning April 6.

FESTIVAL May 10 to May 20 Raymond & Shelby St., Indpls. Includes details about ticket prices and proceeds for St. Jude Scholarship Fund.

Announce convention plans

More than 500 teen-age delegates are expected to attend the 15th annual Junior CYO Archdiocesan convention to be held at Secina High School, Indianapolis, April 21-23.

Good spots open on camp slate

Registrations are coming in at a steady pace for the summer season at the two CYO camps in Brown County, Camp Rancho Framasa and Camp Christina. There is still space available in all weeks.

St. Christopher takes Junior volleyball title

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"56" "B" TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—These lads from St. Simon, Indianapolis, had this picture taken just after winning the championship of the 1972 CYO-Little Flower "56" "B" Basketball Tournament, winning a tight championship game battle from St. Matthew (White), 73-28. Head Coach Lee Schlage is standing behind the boys in the back row.



RECEIVE ST. CHRISTOPHER AWARD—These young adults were the recipients of the St. Christopher Award, presented by the Indianapolis Deameries Council for participation in and service to the Single Christian Adult Clubs of the area. Front row, left to right: Ann Drew, Helena Radloff, Theresa Welch, Mary Ann Delaney, Debbie Tucker. Second row, left to right: Karen Lane, Joe Parrott, Tom Peters, Donna Harrig, Mary Gasper, Lanny News, Denny Smith, Denny Fitzpatrick. The awards were presented by Father Donald E. Schneider, Archdiocesan CYO Director and Moderator of the SCA, at the organization's recent annual Awards Banquet.



AWARDED "EAGLE OF THE CROSS" MEDAL—These three young ladies were named recently as the 1972 Indianapolis Deameries recipients of the National CYO's "Eagle of the Cross" Award, presented for outstanding service to deamery and regional Young Christian Adult organizations. They are, left to right: Theresa Welch, Mary Ann Delaney, and Barbara Buckel. Barbara is also the present National Young Adult Secretary for the CYO Federation.

### ATTRACTING WRONG GROUPS

## Project Commitment aim off target, study shows

INDIANAPOLIS — Project Commitment, a community-oriented discussion series designed to foster better race relations, may be suffering from a serious case of overkill, the board of directors of the Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality was told last week.

ICHE has sponsored the discussion series in many of the state's larger cities, including Indianapolis and Richmond.

Professor Walter Hopkins of the Department of Sociology at the Indiana State University campus at Evansville, informed the board that Project Commitment is, for the most part, reaching those who don't need it, presenting information that many participants consider elemental, and thereby is reaping only minor success.

HOPKINS BASED his assessment on an extensive study of attitudinal and behavioral changes among participants in a series held in the spring of 1971 in Evansville. His findings were confirmed by a computerized survey of Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Madison participants made by the IUPUI-Indianapolis Research Computation Center.

The majority of those attending the discussions, according to Hopkins, are white, middle-class, college-educated liberals "who tend to play a role in such circumstances." He said they join such programs because they feel an obligation to support them and to set a good example for others. These same people, Hopkins said, register only slight gains in racial understanding because they are already open-minded toward minorities.

Hopkins recommended that efforts be made to attract conservatives and working-class whites to the series.

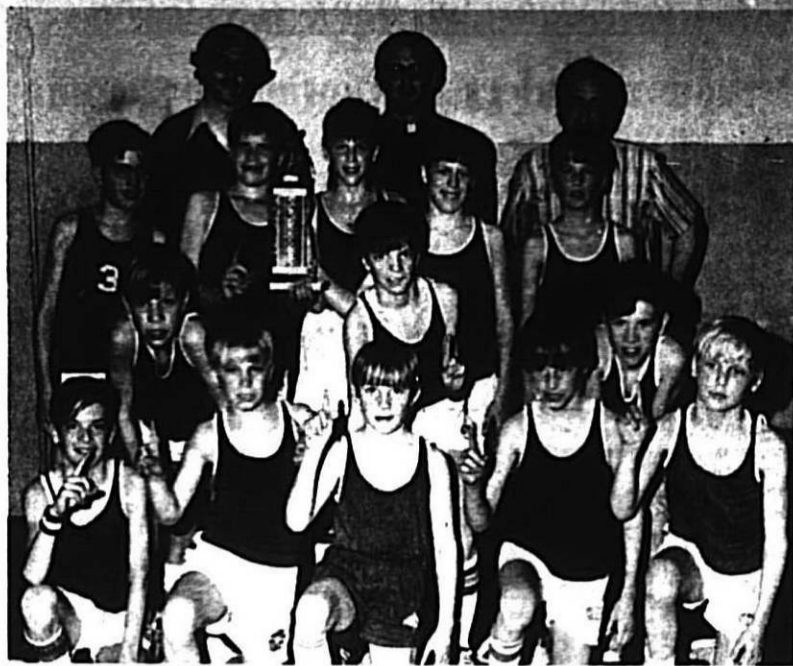
The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Jude's.

Though they have infrequently participated, these two groups show a significant change in attitudes, he said.

ALSO SPEAKING to the board was Rev. Robert A. Hoppe, director of National Project Equality, which held its annual meeting here last week. Indiana Project Equality, operating under the direction of ICHIE, encourages church and synagogue groups to use their purchasing power to bring about equal employment opportunities for minority workers.

Rev. Hoppe stressed the need for reviewing the employment records of those businesses and industries which have pledged opportunity in hiring.

In addition, he emphasized the need for church-affiliated employers, such as hospitals, retirement homes and publishing houses, to stop using denominational membership as a factor in employment.



"56" "A" LEAGUE CHAMPIONS—Although they fell to St. Monica in the quarterfinals of the postseason Holy Cross Basketball Tournament, St. Catherine's lads were left with one big prize for their efforts in the 1971-72 CYO season... the league championship. This team joined with the parish's Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior basketball representatives to post a fine over-all record for St. Catherine. Head Coach Tom Greer is at the left in the back row. At the right is Assistant Coach Tony Corsaro. In the middle is the parish's CYO Priest Moderator, Father Michael Welch.

### St. Jude's sets special program on RE teaching

INDIANAPOLIS — On Thursday, April 13, the Committee for Continuing Christian Education of St. Jude's Parish has planned a program to discuss the topic "How are They Teaching Religion in our High School?" The program will feature short talks by Father Gerald Kirkoff, and Robert Tully, followed by a question and answer session. All are invited.

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# Nobel prize-winning Russ novelist says Orthodox leaders kowtowing to regime

MOSCOW — Nobel prize-winning novelist Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn has denounced leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union for not opposing the anti-religious policies of the country's "atheistic dictatorship."

In a "Lenten letter" circulating in Moscow and addressed to Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and all Russia, Solzhenitsyn cited restrictions on the rights of priests, church closings, and repression of dissident clergymen as examples of submission by Orthodox Church officials to the government.

The novelist, winner of the 1970 Nobel Prize for Literature, recalled that Patriarch Pimen had appeared in a New Year's message to Russian Orthodox abroad to teach their children to love the Church, but had avoided making a similar ap-

peal to believers in the Soviet Union.

"WHY DO YOU address this call only to Russian emigrants?" Solzhenitsyn asked. "Why do you call for only those children to be brought up in the Christian faith? Why do you urge only the distant flock to discern slander and falsehood and be strong in justice and truth?"

He denounced Church leaders for complying with the Soviet Union's ban on teaching religion to children.

"Do not let us suppose, do not make us think," Solzhenitsyn wrote, "that for the arch-pastors of the Russian Church, earthly authority is higher than heavenly authority, earthly responsibility more terrible than responsibility before God."

In reference to Russian Or-

thodox Church statements in support of Soviet views on world affairs, Solzhenitsyn said: "The Russian Church has an indignant opinion about every evil in distant Asia and Africa, but none ever about domestic ills."

"We are losing our last traces and signs as a Christian people," the novelist wrote. "This surely cannot fail to be the principal concern of the Russian patriarchate."

ACCUSING THE Church leaders of lacking the courage to fight for religious freedom, Solzhenitsyn referred to the suffering of the early Christians and added: "We who are living now remember that our priests and fellow believers have accepted just such martyrdom worthy of the first centuries. Then they were thrown to the lions, but today you only lose well-being."

Charging the Church leaders with taking orders from the government's Council for Religious Affairs, Solzhenitsyn said:

"The entire administration of the Church, the appointment of priests and bishops, including even sacrilegious clergymen who seek to ridicule and disrupt the church—all these are secretly managed by the Council for Church Affairs."

"A church dictatorially directed by atheists is something not seen in 2,000 years."

There are an estimated 40 million members of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union. Although the nation's constitution guarantees freedom of worship, official policy opposes religion and makes atheism obligatory for Communist party officials.



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## Religious life strong in Soviet, bishop says

HELSINKI, Finland— "Religious life is strong in the Soviet Union," said a Russian-born Vatican official who visited the Soviet Union last fall.

The official, Byzantine-rite Catholic Bishop Andrei Katoff, is visitor delegate of the Vatican Congregation for Eastern-rite Churches to Russian Eastern-rite Catholics outside of Russia. He lives at the Russian College in Rome.

The bishop, who was born at Irkutsk in Siberia in 1906, visited the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Moscow patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church.

salute bishops. He was honored in this way in all the churches in Moscow where he participated in the liturgy.

Bishop Katoff also visited the Trinity-Sergiyev monastery in Zagorsk, where Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and all Russia was elected to head the Russian Orthodox Church last June.

LENINGRAD, he attended the opening of the academic year at the patriarchate's theological academy. At the ceremonies, Metropolitan Nikolai of Leningrad, chairman of the department of foreign relations for the patriarchate, gave an address on Christian unity, and Bishop Katoff was asked to bless the more than 60 new students.

Bishop Katoff said that, during a visit to the archdiocese of Odessa at the invitation of Archbishop Sergei, he witnessed a number of baptisms of infants. "The number of infant baptisms was so great in the Odessa cathedral," he said, "that the water in the font always had to be kept at a suitable temperature."

He said he had "friendly and fraternal conversations" with 11 Russian Orthodox bishops altogether.

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## A 'DIFFERENT' EASTER

Editor's Note: Brother Theodore Brune, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad Archabbey, wrote a number of mission letters to Criterion readers during his years in the Peruvian missions. The letter below was written from Rome, where Brother Theodore has been sent by the Archabbey to take up studies for the priesthood.

Easter Time, 1972  
Dear Relatives and Friends:  
Easter time this year finds me in Rome, and I'm sure it will be different than Peruvian Easter. No doubt spring has come to the United States; it came to Rome in February but didn't last long. Flowers are out now, and they seem never to be out of flowers at the street stands. Flower lovers would like it here. People are always getting on buses with flowers and plants and other things.

After Christmas two other Benedictines and I left for the north of Italy. The 26th of December saw us rushing to the train station early in the

## Ex-Peruvian missionary pens letter from Rome

morning. When we got to the subway, one train was broken so we hailed a cab. The trip was enjoyable as we went to Bologna, Ravenna and Cesena—the former monastery of Pope Pius VII. He was the Pope Napoleon took the crown from and put it on his own head. From Cesena we went to Rimini, a city on the coast. From there we went to San Marino which is a country inside Italy. They have their own government with postal system and the like. It was an enjoyable trip, and we returned to Rome on January 3rd. Classes at the Beda started on January 7th. The holiday made going back to school easier.

Life at the Beda has been enjoyable since there are so many from different walks of life and ages going there. We have nearly 100 seminarians from all countries, and they speak English as all classes are in English.

Before Ash Wednesday, all colleges had a few days off since it was semester break here.

## Remember them in your prayers

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MRS. BERNIE EGAN, 64, St. Michael, March 27. Wife of Bernie; mother of Mrs. Adam Flynn of Charlestown.
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MRS. ESEEL HUNTER, 81, St. Mary's, March 22. Mother of Mrs. Loretta Calahan of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Ruth Mantz of Hawaii; sister of Mrs. Fern Hays of Christian, Ill., and Mrs. Myrtle McCollum of Peoria, Ill.
- FULDA**  
AMELIA HALLER, 95, St. Boniface, March 25. Mother of Carl and Albert, both of Evansville; Edward of Woodland Park, Colo.; Mrs. Nettie Ernst of Louisville; Mrs. Mildred Weimer and Mrs. Paul Nemer, both of Evansville; and Mrs. Ed Hildenbrand of Fulda.
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MARY B. TIERNEY, 82, St. Simon's, March 22. Mother of Mary Jones; sister of Frank and Sylvester Flood; Katherine Rayball, Elizabeth Greeley and Richard Hennessy.
- PEARL F. LOWE, 78, Our Lady of Lourdes, March 23. Mother of Joseph Lowe, Rose Condon and Martha Roseman; sister of Earl Walters, Thelma Huber and Catherine Walters.
- JUNE A. CRAWFORD, 48, Our Lady of Greenwood, March 23. Wife of Robert W. Mother of Donald H., U.S. Coast Guard, Stacy and Cheryl Forstund.
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- DONALD S. BURNETT, 41, Holy Angels, March 25. Stepson of Vanilla Burnett; brother of Patrick Jr., Michael, James, Phillip, Frederick, Christopher Burnett, Alice Adams, Mary Temple, Theresa Montgomery, Frances Haywood, Valerie Powell, Virginia and Ava Marie Burnett.
- GEORGE R. OTTMAN, 81, St. John's, March 25. Father of Beatrice Keppel; brother of Selma Witthie, Marguerite Gerard and Vera Anderson.
- HANNE BOKHAIR, 75, Holy Spirit, March 27. Husband of LaBee Bokhair, M.D., and Evalin Hallie; sister of Eddie, Henry, Miss Nazie, Pearl Zambie and Rose Rossie.
- CHARLES R. BRANNON, 39, St. Rita's, March 27. Husband of Barbara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brannon.
- BERNARD BOYCE, 55, St. Simon's, March 27. Husband of Dorothy; brother of Richard Mitchell, Norman Boyce and Violet Smedeker.
- JOSEPH F. FLAJS, 57, Holy Trinity, March 28. Brother of Frank and Rudolph Flajs, Mary Ivancie and Frances Mason; stepson of Louis Flajs.
- JEFFERSONVILLE  
JOSEPH C. LEE, 54, St. Augustine, March 27. Father of William and

- Joseph, both of Jeffersonville; George Michael with the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox, Ky.; and Mrs. Helen Phillips of Westminster, Calif. A brother and a sister also survive.
- MADISON  
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- FLORENCE McCLELLAND, 78, St. Patrick, March 19. Mother of Elmer Buchanan, Nederland, Tex., and Alfred Buchanan of Madison.
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MARIE B. KERSTIENS, 65, St. Mary, March 21. Wife of Albert; mother of James of Chesterport; Larry and Jerry, both of New Albany; Richard of Georgetown; Mrs. Ida Andros of Indianapolis; Mrs. Marie Stoner of Clarksville; and Miss Joan Kerstiens of New Albany. A brother and a sister also survive.
- FRANK TAYLOR, 70, Holy Family, March 21. Husband of Fern and stepfather of Robert of Galena. Two brothers also survive.
- NEW MIDDLETOWN  
LAWRENCE F. (Buddy) SCHILLER, 47, Most Precious Blood, March 20. Husband of Mary A. Schillier. Father of James and Lawrence, Jr., both at home; Mrs. Donna Newton, New Salisbury; Mrs. Francis Dshman, Biloxi, Miss.; and Mary J. Schillier, at home. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schillier, New Albany. Two brothers and three sisters also survive.
- RICHMOND  
FRED W. SELM, 91, St. Andrew's, March 23. Survived only by nieces and nephews.
- SHELBYVILLE  
ALBERT J. ERNSTES, 47, St. Vincent, March 17. Husband of Florence; father of Mrs. Roger (Jeri) Sullivan of Orange, Calif.; Bernard Ernest of Indianapolis; Mrs. Paul (Alberta) Rutenbom, Edwin Ernest and Mrs. John (Marjorie) Long, all of Shelbyville. Two brothers and one sister also survive.
- ST. JOSEPH HILL  
KENNETH JOHN RENN, 48, St. Joseph, March 24. Husband of Florence; father of Bruce, Monica, Wanda, Peggy and Robin. A sister, three half sisters and five half brothers also survive.
- TELL CITY  
MALINDA BRUGGENSEMIDT, 49, St. Paul, March 25. Mother of James of Tell City; Paul, Mrs. Mary M. Shircliffe and Mrs. Rosalie Hammerle, all of Louisville; and Mrs. Yvonne Wood of Panama City, Fla. Sister of Edwin DuPont of Hawesville, Ky., and Mrs. Agnes Haerle of Tell City.
- TERRE HAUTE  
ANNA MAE COLLISTER, 71, St. Joseph's, March 25. Wife of Glen; mother of Mrs. Martha Rousch of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Joan Somes of Wichita, Kansas; half sister of Mrs. Catherine O'Shea and Mrs. Margaret Decker, both of Chicago, Ill.
- WILLIAM G. DOYLE, 54, St. Joseph's, March 24. Husband of Helen; sister of Mrs. Helen Al Terbury of New Orleans, La.; stepfather of James Harkness of Terre Haute and Mrs. Kathleen Hamblen, both of Terre Haute; Robert Harkness of Rosedale.

A REPORT ON his trip appeared in Hufvudsattskadet, a Swedish-language Helsinki daily affiliated with the Swedish People's party, a minority party in the Finnish parliament.

In Moscow, the report said, Bishop Katoff was "invited to a great number of churches. He was greeted with the crucifix in the same way as an Orthodox bishop and was accompanied to the altar through the sanctuary door."

"At the end of the liturgy, he was asked to bless the congregation and speak to the people. The choir greeted him with the ancient anthem used to

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**PARISH CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**—More than 175 members of St. Anne's parish, New Castle, participated in their first Parish Convention March 19. Theme of the convention was "We Are One Family in Christ," carried out in the keynote address, workshops and the concluding liturgy and family meal. Resource personnel included Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tolen and family, of Richmond, Father Jeff Godecker, of Indianapolis.



Father Kenneth Murphy, of Knightstown, Sister Margaret Lynch, S.P., of Indianapolis, and Sister Antoinette Rellino, O.S.F., of Richmond. Host pastor was Father Charles Berkemeler. Shown in the first photo above are intermediate grade children: Joyce Antic, Joe Stawick, Debbie Trainor, Derek Acra and Robert Wickens, with Miss Betsy Tolen. The second photo shows John Clift modeling the hand-made



liturgical vestment made by the teen-age section, with an assist from Maryellen Horak, center, and Mrs. Judi Baranski, one of the chairmen. Junior High youths, third photo, discuss mobiles constructed to illustrate the convention theme. From left are: Joe Durbin, Jim Stawick and Chris Horan. General convention chairmen were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baranski and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wickens.

**VIEWING WITH ARNOLD**

**'Funny as a broken leg'**

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

"The Hospital" is still another black comedy about the decaying, unmanageable modern city, this time attacking the sprawling, impersonal urban medical center in the broad, Arthur Hiller-directed style of "The Out-of-Towners," with hopeful little dashes of "M.A.S.H." to season the stew. Unfortunately, writer-producer Paddy Chayefsky is not much funnier than a broken

leg, and good touches of realism and compassion are finally submerged in empty fantasy and nonsense. George C. Scott has brilliant moments as a harassed medical director already deep in the suicidal blahs (his marriage has collapsed, his adult children have become insipid radicals, he has become too aware of the failures of modern medicine) when the hospital mysteriously begins to disintegrate. Healthy patients are made ill, wrong people are operated on, doctors and nurses die in embarrassing situations, self-serving radical protestors storm the gates. Then Diana Rigg appears to offer romantic

solace. After a beautiful scene in which he ridicules simplistic love as a panacea, Scott leaps headlong in to the arms of Freud, and the film falls apart. Still, except for some overdone bits (the protestors especially get shoddy treatment) and the strained absurdity of plot developments, there is much good acid satire of the horror of being ill in a modern institution that sells its soul for efficiency and survival, then finds that survival on those terms is self-defeating. Neither the AMA or Blue Cross or Dr. Welby will like this movie very much, and it's not recommended for hypochondriacs with operations scheduled. (Rating not available.)



**The week's TV network films**

**THIS WEEK'S NETWORK TV MOVIES** (Made-for-TV films are excluded as simply long TV shows. Schedules are subject to late changes):

**SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN** (1969) (CBS, Sunday, April 2): A charismatic Pope (Anthony Quinn) changes the Church and the world in this film of Morris West's idealistic novel, written in the shadow of Vatican II, John XXIII, and the Cold War. It seems even more naive now, and some of the hokey plot is embarrassing. But there is impressive footage of a papal election, and an interesting sub-conflict between a Teilhard-like Jesuit and the Curia. Satisfactory for general and non-discriminating audiences.

**SMOKEY** (1966) (ABC, Monday, April 3): The Fess Parker version of the famous Will James novel about a cowboy who trains a wild horse, loses him, and then searches for him after the war. A treat for fans of any age who can get sentimental about horses.

**KING: A FILMED RECORD** (MONTGOMERY TO MEMPHIS) (1970) (NBC, Monday, April 3): Ely Landau's magnificent compilation documentary on the career of Martin Luther King brings the man and his stature completely to life. In the perspective of time King looms as a rare moral giant in a time of pygmies, and the film restores him to us and generations who did not know him. The poetic narrative has terrific emotional impact. Recommended for all.

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**Final report released on population**

**WASHINGTON**—The Commission on Population Growth and the American Future has issued the third and final part of its report on recommendations for slowing down the nation's population growth. Part three of the commission's report contained recommendations on immigration, internal migration, urban development and research on population. The report cited as "a major and growing problem associated with immigration" immigrants who enter the United States illegally.

"THE ECONOMIC problems exacerbated by illegal aliens are manifold and affect the labor market and social services. It is often profitable for employers to hire illegal aliens for low wages and under poor working conditions; these workers will not risk discovery of their unlawful status by complaining or organizing," the report said.

According to the report, eight out of 10 illegal aliens found are Mexicans. "Most of the others are Canadians and West Indians, although there are also sizeable groups of Portuguese, Greeks, Italians, Chinese, and Filipinos."

BECAUSE THE immigration issue "involves complex moral, economic, and political considerations," the report said, there was a division of opinion within the commission about policies regarding the number of legal immigrants.

The majority felt that the present level of immigration should be maintained because of humanitarian aspects and "because of the contribution which immigrants have made and continue to make to our society."

The commission recommended that immigration levels not be increased and that immigration policy be reviewed periodically to reflect demographic conditions and considerations.

**EASTER PROGRAM**

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind.**—Television station WTWO (Channel 2) will telecast a special Easter program in color at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1. It is entitled "The Master," and was released by Father Patrick Peyton's Family Theatre Productions.



**ST. MICHAEL'S SETS STYLE SHOW**—The Women's Club of St. Michael's parish, Indianapolis, will present its annual Style Show "A Stitch In Time" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the church basement. A Card Party will follow. Mrs. Charles Fender, above right, is chairman. Also shown, from left, are: Mrs. Guy Shrum, special prizes; Mrs. Patrick Walsh, refreshments; and Mrs. Richard Downton, publicity. Tickets will be available at the door for \$1.



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**BROOKLYN, N.Y.**—A group of parents here may begin transferring more than 38,000 children from nonpublic to public high schools on May 1—unless substantial financial aid is forthcoming from the New York state legislature.

The plan was disclosed at a recent rally here, sponsored by Parents' Association of Secondary Schools (PASS).

About 6,000 persons—including U.S. Congressman Hugh Carey (D., N.Y.) and several state legislators—attended the rally at nearby St. John's University.

"There should be equal treatment for all children in all schools..." said Carey, a member of the House ways and means committee.

Carey also said he would push for passage of a federal tax credit bill benefiting parents of nonpublic school children.

Those attending the rally did not discuss a \$30.7 million aid program proposed recently by New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

**Retreat is held at St. Meinrad**

**ST. MEINRAD, Ind.**—Jesuit Father Edward J. Malatesta, theological scholar from the Institute of Spirituality of the Gregorian University in Rome, conducted the annual week of retreat here for St. Meinrad School of Theology students. The 127 students of the theology school planned their own retreat, which emphasized inner silence, deep prayer experiences and Scripture. Father Malatesta, who holds degrees from the Catholic Institute of Paris and the Biblical Institute in Rome, was cited by the seminarians as an expert on discipleship, contemplation and discernment. Last summer the Jesuit theologian took part in the National Conference of Seminary Spiritual Directors held at St. Meinrad.

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