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to confession before making his first

While that discussion was restrained, the bishops decided to go into an executive session to discuss the manner

in which the decree was issued. Some bishops had complained last spring that the Vatican decree was issued ar-bitrarily. The bishops refused to talk about their secret discussions.

On the last day of their meeting the bishops' unexpectedly approved resolutions supporting the grape and lettuce boycotts of the United Farm Workers of America and cailing for free and secret union elections for farm workers.

Although many individual bishops had supported the UFWA boycotts for some time, this was the first time the entire

The most intense public debate in the five-day meeting came when the bishops considered a proposal of their Liturgy Committee in favor of seeking Vatican permission to allow Catholics in this country to receive Communion in the head.

the hand.

Opponents of the proposal, led by Cardinal John Carberry of St. Louis, said that the proposal opened the possibility of irreverence and disrespect. They said that the nation's Catholics should be surveyed for their opinions before the bishops made a final decision.

Bishop Walter Curtis of Bridgeport.

Bishop Walter Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn., Liturgy Committee chairman, and other supporters of the proposal pointed out that it was optional, that no

one would be forced to receive Com-munion in the hand, and that it is per-mitted by the Vatican in 26 nations.

THE PROPOSAL was defeated by a vote of 121 to 113, a result that showed Communion in the hand had lost support

since the bishops had originally voted on it in 1969. Then, 54 per cent favored it, but the practice was not started because a two-thirds majority was required.

In an action marked by unanimous agreement, the bishops backed the passage of a con-stitutional amendment that would "repair effectively the damage

perpetrated" by U.S. Supreme Court's abortion ruling of last

The resolution did not give the

bishops' support to any specific anti-abortion amendment now before

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Archbishop reports

to Presbytery, Senate

on national conclave

Archbishop George J. Biskup reported on the annual meeting of the U.S. Bishops to more than 100 priests of the Archdiocese gathered Monday at the Latin School in Indianapolis for a general meeting of the Presbytery and Senate.

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The nation's bishops convened in Washington Nov. 12-16.

Archbishop Biskup's report led off an afternoon of business that included:

—a discussion by Father Reid Mayo, Burlington, Vt., president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, of the federation's goals;

—a discussion by Leonard Piotrzkowski, financial coordinator of the Archdiocese, of the possibility of a fund drive to finance a retirement program for priests, Religious, and lay emplyoees of the Archdiocese;

—committee hearings on resolutions to come before the Dec. 10 meeting of the Priests Senate.

Opening the meeting was a

Opening the meeting was a Eucharistic liturgy concelebrated by Archbishop Biskup and the priests. The homlly was delivered by Father Richard Terrill, pastor of St. Philip Neri parish, Indianapolis.

REJECTIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Bishops finish issue-packed agenda at annual meeting

BY PATRICK JOYCE

WASHINGTON—The bishops of the United States rejected Communion in the hand, endorsed the grape and lettuce boycotts, called for congressional action against abortion, and appealed for peace in the Mideast and reform in the nation's prisons.

the nation's prisons.

The bishops took the actions as they considered a wide variety of social and Church issues at the annual meeting here November 12-16 of their two national organizations, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the U.S. Catholic Conference

and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC).

During the meeting the bishops also issued a pastoral letter on Mary, entitled "Behold Your Mother," which they had approved last spring at regional meetings.

The generally quiet meeting was marked by arrests of demonstrators, a sit-in at the office of the bishops' general secretary and by minor demonstrations at the bishops' Mass in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and in their own meeting room.

ONE ISSUE with a potential for controversy—the Vatican decree ending educational programs that placed preparation for first Communion before first Confession—was handled quietly in the bishops' public meeting. While there was no vote, the bishops seemed to agree with an Education Committee report which said that while the programs must end, the Vatican did not say that any child could be forced to go

Bishops chosen to fill regional committee posts

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops' meeting here (Nov. 12-16) elected regional chairmen and regional representatives for some posts on the Administrative Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the Administrative Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC). The elections took place when the bishops split up into regional meetings Nov. 14. The USCC-NCCB, which consists of all the nation's bishops, is divided into 12 geographical regions which have separate meetings in the spring to discuss various Church issues and provide input for the national meetings in the fall.

ELECTED CHAIRMEN of the regional meetings were: Bishop Peter Gerety of Portland, Md., Region I: Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, II; Bishop George Ahr of Trenton, N.J., III; Bishop Ernest Unterkoefler of Charleston, S.C., IV; Archbishop Thomas McDonough of Louisville, Ky., V; Bishop Edmund Szoka of Gaylord, Mich., VI.

Also, Bishop Cletus O'Donnell of

Also, Bishop Cletus O'Donnell of Madison, Wis., VII; Bishop Justin Driscoll of Fargo, N.D., VIII; Bishop

Driscoll of Fargo, N.D., VIII; Bishop Charles Helmsing of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., IX; Archbishop Francis Furey of San Antonio, Tex., X; Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles, XI; and Bishop Raymond Hunthausen of Helena, Mont., XII.

Five regional memberships on the NCCB Administrative Committee were up for election, and they went to Bishop George Guilfoyle of Camden, N.J., III; Archbishop Philip Hannan of New Orleans, V; Bishop Francis Shea of Evansville, Ind., VII; Archbishop James Casey of Denver, VIII; and Bishop Thomas Connolly of Baker, Ore., XII.

THE FOUR REGIONAL posts that were up for election on the USCC Administrative Board were won by Bishop John Marshall of Burlington, Vt., I; Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Gossman of Baltimore, IV; Bishop Francis Shea of Evansville, Ind., VII; and Bishop Thomas J. Connolly of Baker, Ore., XII. The NCCB Administrative Committee and USCC Administrative Board meet periodically in Washington to carry out the ongoing policy of the twin national conferences of the U.S. bishops.

Pope Paul tells wealthy nations BY JAMES C. O'NEILL

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI criticized the rich countries of the world for failing to set apart even one per cent of their national income to help the developing countries when he received more than 600 participants in the annual meeting of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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At the audience Nov. 16 the Pope praised FAO's programs to aid agricultural development in the Third World of underdeveloped nations, but deplored the lack of cooperation being offered by the world's developed nations.

HE NOTED THAT recent statistics show that global aid from the wealthy nations to those that are still in various stages of development is diminishing and that the contribution of the rich nations has not yet reached the quota of one per cent of the national gross product, which was set as a goal by the United Nations.

"In the name of humanity we ask once

United Nations.

"In the name of humanity we ask once more that the governments, by means of their authorized representatives, who are meeting at this FAO conference, demonstrate that they are not closed in by a too narrow prospect of their exclusive interests and of their own countries, nor by the immediate results of individual political policies," the Pope told his visitors.

The world's nations must be guided, the Pope said, "by decisions that will oblige them to give greater cooperation on the international plane so that economic development and social progress may be guaranteed."

The nations, he said, must "constantly give special attention to nations which are in stages of development."
The Pope also warned rich countries to beware of the "temptations" of isolationism, protective tariffs and of policies that would exploit the weaknesses of developing nations. time, this was the first time the entire U.S. hierarchy had taken such a stand. The bishops were told that the action was necessitated by the breakdown of a tentative agreement between the UFWA and the rival Teamsters Union. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., said the Teamsters had reneged on a promise to get out of the fields.

The most intense public debate in the

FAO IS CURRENTLY holding its 17th annual plenary session Nov. 10-29 at its international headquarters in Rome. Among the 130 countries and special representations present at the meeting is the Vatican's permanent observer to FAO, Bishop Agostino Ferrar-Toniolo, who addressed the assembled delegates

The Vatican representative pledged the Holy See's full support to a FAO proposal to establish a system of world food security. The system envisions the creation of food pools from agricultural production of the world's nations that could offer disastrous affects of could offset disastrous effects of drought, disease or other natural catastrophes.

Vatican prepares unity guidelines

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity is preparing guidelines for ecumenical action on the local, regional and national level.

national level.

Canon Charles Moeller, the Belgian secretary of the Unity Secretariat, reported that the guidelines are undergoing final editing and should be ready "in the not too distant future."

The canon reported on other ecumenical development and on the work of the unity secretariat at annual plenary meetings of the secretariat which ended Nov. 14.

American Jesuit Father John Long,

an official of the secretariat, said the 10-day meeting reviewed much of the work Catholics and other Christian churches and communities and "laid plans for future action."

American participants in the meetings included Bishop Charles Helmsing of Kamsas City, Mo., and Bishop Ernest Primeau of Manchester,

Canon Moeller said that the new document on common ecumenical endeavors which will contain the guidelines, was examined in the light, not only of the teachings of Vatican Council II, but also with the assistance of observations "coming from many parts of the world and from various Christian organizations, including non-

Another area of discussion was the subject of "ministry in the Church,"—how the idea of ministry is conceived by the Catholic Church and other Christian bodies, its differences, and similarities.

YEAH, CATHEDRAL!

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banquet Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the
Indianapolis Athletic Club. The gala
affair, which is co-sponsored by the
Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce
and Cathedral Parents Club, will begin
at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and may
be purchased at the Cathedral Business be purchased at the Cathedral Business

Special features will include films of the playoff games, presentation of trophies and plaques, and an address by Coach Mike McGinley.



SAHM 'SUPPORT TEAM'-Behind every successful candidate there are many hard workers. Bill Sahm, Jr., newly-elected National CYO Federation President, is shown above with Father Donald Schneider, Archdiocesan Youth Director, and his special support team—members of his family. He is flanked by his mother, Mrs. Reva Sahm, left, and grandmother, Mrs. Walter Sahm, Sr. Also shown are sisters Karen, right, and Cewa, second from left. Both at-tend Chatard High School. Five younger Sahms attend Immaculate Heart of Mary School and one is a pre-schooler.

CONVENTION PASSES 17 RESOLUTIONS

Delegates elect Bill Sahm national CYO president

INDIANAPOLIS—William S. Sahm Jr., a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis, was elected president of the teen-age section of the National CYO Federation during the 12th national convention held here

November 15-18.

More than 3,100 teen-agers and young adults from around the country par-ticipated in business sessions held at the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center.
Sahm, a freshman at the University of

Notre Dame, is the son of the late William S. Sahm Sr., longtime executive director of the Indianapolis Archdiocesan CYO, who died last June. The elder Sahm was honored as Worker of the Year by the 1971 national convention.

In an unprecedented emphasis on informed decision-making, the convention urged the Church to strengthen its commitment to family life by providing sex education with a Christian perspective and better training of clergy and Religious in family counseling

DELEGATES ALSO urged federal legislation to reverse the U.S. Supreme

Court's ruling on abortion.

The proposals were contained in 17 resolutions, 16 of which were hammered out in study committees which were the focal point of the education-oriented gathering. The last resolution offered assurances of prayers to the Kennedy family for 12-year-old Edward M. Kennedy Jr., the cancer-stricken son of the senator from Massachusetts.

The convention began with another Kennedy name, when delegates were reminded that exactly 10 years before— on November 15, 1963—President John F. Kennedy addressed the federation just one week before his assassination.

The 1973 God and Youth Award was presented to entertainer Danny Thomas for his work in support of the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., which he founded.

In an upbeat address to the awards dinner, Thomas encouraged delegates to keep faith with "the system" by remaining loyal to those institutions which have been the bulwark of home and Church. He urged them to support the police in their local communities and to stand up to the small minority of students who would force the closing of colleges and the abandoning of cherished traditions.

HONORED AS 1973 "Padre of Youth" were Msgr. William Awalt, youth director of the Archdiocese of Washington, and Msgr. Philip J. Murphy, youth director of the Ar-chdiocese of New York.

Selected as Outstanding Catholic Youth Worker of 1973 was Philomena Kelly Kerwin, former executive secretary of the national federation. A posthumous award also went to Patrick H. Kane, who died last year after serving 17 years as CYO athletic director of the Archdiocese of Washington.

At the opening session of the convention, Bishop William D. Borders of Orlando, Fla., chairman of the committee on Education of the U.S. Catholic Conference, told delegates that the Beatitudes are guidelines for a good Christian life. He reminded them that they influence everyone they meet and urged them to exert a positive influence

by putting their Christianity into action.

a universal motivating force but its misuse brings unhappiness and

"The difficulties that we, as a nation, have been experiencing at the highest level of government because of the misuse of freedom and, therefore, of the misuse of power, has resulted in an abuse of responsibility and a lack of integrity," he said.

HE ADDED THAT it was fortunate that young people do not need to depend on a political system to understand and realize their personal freedom. "We have a manifesto from Jesus Christ called the Sermon on the Mount," he said. "The call and teaching of Jesus is a serie a relitical stance but a permanent not a political stance, but a permanent reality."

In other resolutions passed by the convention, delegates voted to support the United Farm Workers Union boycott of grapes and lettuce and the work of the

National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The convention also asked for the following changes in high school administration: student evaluation of teachers, a pass-fail grading system, more and better quality vocational education and greater attention to those

students not going on to college.

In the area of religion, delegates advocated improved religious education which stresses the solidarity of Catholic youth in both private and public schools. As aids to worship, they supported parish liturgical commissions, com-munity prayer, and a more flexible and relaxed liturgy. They requested the U. S. Bishops "to expand the 'Big Four' canons into a more flexible expression of our thanks."

IN THE ONLY business session designed for adults, Auxiliary Bishop

Joseph C. McKinney of Grand Rapids, Mich., told adult advisers that personal witness is the most effective way of

reaching young people.

He said the renewed interest in prayer was as prevalent among young people as among their elders.

"Young people know they should pray." Bishop McKinney said. "What they need to know, and are asking, is how to pray."

He advised adult leaders to "quit being afraid of memorized prayers" and to make more frequent use of music, particularly songs currently popular with the young.

Delegates elected to the CYO executive council along with Sahm were Peggy Moran of Miami, Fla., Frank Sutton Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Karen Miller of Greenville, S. Car.

Deny Pope is planning trip to Soviet Union

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican has emphatically denied a report by a German weekly magazine that Pope Paul VI is considering a trip to the Soviet Union.

The German magazine Quick reported that the Pope was considering undertaking a visit to the Soviet Union in the spring of 1974 to make a formal visit to Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen. It also suggested that the Pope would then have the opportunity to meet with top officials of the Soviet govern-

Vatican press spokesman Federico

Allessandrini termed Quick's report the "fruit of fervid fantasy."

Allessandrini also took the occasion to deny a rumor that the Pope is also considering a visit to Ireland.



RECEIVES TOP NCYOF AWARD-Entertainer and humanitarian Danny Thomas received the "For God and Country" Award during the 12th blennial convention of the National CYO Federation last week in Indianapolis. He is shown above receiving the award from Joseph Staub of Trenton, N.J., outgoing NCYOF president, At left is Msgr. Thomas J. Leonard, director of the USCC Youth Division and convention chairman. On the right is Msgr. Raymond J. Boland, assistant director of the Washington archdiocese CYO. (Additional convention photos on Page Fight) WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY...

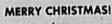


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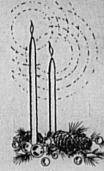
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Reporter's convention thoughts

BY PAUL G. FOX

It's hard to sort out one's feelings and reactions after witnessing a national convention. Last week's NCYOF biennial event hosted in Indianapolis was no exception.

From the arrival of the advance party from national headquarters several days in advance to the final dispersal of delegates by scores of chartered buses, a sea of humanity

scores of chartered buses, a sea of humanity paraded before this reporter's eyeballs. A confessed people-watcher, I found the entire experience utterly fascinating.

Having attended one previous NCYOF convention, two years ago in Washington, D.C., I was not unaware of the sequence of events and certain expectations. Comparisons between the two sites and the general tone constantly flashed across the mind. Indianapolis scored heavily over Washington.

Item number one was the location and facilities—the massive Indiana Convention-Exposition Center. It's probably true that most See City natives have attended only musical productions or trade shows in the Center and have not experienced the over-all arrangement of meeting rooms, large and small, and the flexibility afforded a convention of this type. The Center is truly a marvelous facility.

Item two: Because of the separation of the convention from the housing accommodations, the entire program went smoothly and relatively on schedule. It is hard keep things business-like with conventioners running constantly to their rooms

Item three: The Indianapolis Convention Bureau and the downtown hotels and motels basically performed well in accommodating the more than 3,000 teen-agers and adults in attendance. Two major flaws occurred, however, which made the convention unpleasant for a number of persons. Despite confirmed reservations, one hotel turned out at least three large groups upon their arrival at least three large groups upon their arrival on Thursday morning (after long, long bus

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Congress, and Cardinal John Krol of

Philadelphia, NCCB-USCC president, said that the bishops are seeking "an amendment with the best possible

amenament with the best possible language."

At the same time the bishops declared their support of the 1974 United Nations Population Year while warning against immoral forms of birth control and calling consideration of population problems "within the larger context of man's total relationship to the entire

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man's total relationship to the entire human family."

In a resolution on the Middle East worked out with the aid of experts on both sides of the question, the bishops called for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, guarantees for the continued existence of Israel, and recognition of the rights of Palestinian Arabs.

THE BISHOPS urged that a 1967 United Nations resolution be used as a "basis for negotiations" to end the Middle East conflict and they asked for an "international guarantee" of access

A statement on prison reform approved by the bishops condemned abuses and suggested a long list of

The bishops also sent a list of requests

for liturgical changes to the Vatican for approval. One proposal would create two new lay ministries in the United States—catechist and minister of music.

The ministries would be open to

volve the formal installation of certain

persons who are deeply involved in music and religious education

programs.

The bishops heard conflicting reports

The bishops heard conflicting reports on the strike at the Farah Manufacturing Co. clothing plant in El Paso, Tex. A statement presented on behalf of the company claimed its employes were satisfied and did not want a union. Bishop Sidney Metzger of El Paso said working conditions are poor at the plant,

to Jerusalem.

U.S. Bishops finish issue-packed

rides) because another group of conventioners stayed over another night.

The young people were shuttled to other temporary lodging, some on the perimeter of the county, until the next day—requiring another move back to the original hotel. A large delegation from Colorado was given emergency lodging in another uptown motel and was promptly "ripped off" of \$1,000 in cash and cameras. Delegates' rooms were ransacked upon their return from the con-vention's first-night proceedings.

Item four: Much credit goes to the unheralded efforts by the adult volunteers recruited by the Indianapolis Archdiocesan CYO. They had organized adequate numbers of parents and other youth workers to staff the registration desks and to patrol both the convention center and various hotels and matter the registration and the process of the registration desks. motels to protect the young people. As a result, convention damage was negligible and annoyances to other hotel guests were minimized. Indianapolis police, notified that youthful conventioners would be out past curfew while returning to their hotels, provided additional security on downtown streets late at night streets late at night.

Item five: Friendliness and courtesy of the conventioners were abundant and contagious. They were polite and orderly at all sessions, responding quickly to directions and suggestions. They were appreciative of all services rendered on their behalf. Even concession workers at the Center had compliments for the demeanor of the teen-agers, a far-cry from some of the behavior demonstrated by those attending other attractions at

Item six: One person was sorely missed during the proceedings—Bill Sahm. His name was on the lips and in the hearts of many throughout the four-day convention. Emotions swelled up when his oldest son was elected national president of the organization he had devotedly served for 19 years before his sudden death last June. It was the most fitting tribute imaginable. We know he is pleased.

and he challenged the company to allow

IN ADDITION, at the meeting the

bishops:

—Heard a report that seminaries frequently deviated from the bishops' 1971 seminary guidelines.

—Learned that there are now more than 400 permanent deacons, most of them married men, in the United States.

—Declared that the United Nations

Declaration on Human Rights was "a testament of vital importance to the global family." Those words were in a resolution passed marking the 25th anniversary of the UN declaration.

-Established a committee to

develop a "proposal on morality in the mass media."

—Agreed to help fund an international Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia in 1976—if the Vatican selects that city as

1976—If the Valican Selects that they are the site of the Congress.
—Elected Cardinals John Krol of Philadelphia, John Dearden of Detroit, and John Carberry of St. Louis, and Archbishop Joseph Bernardin as U.S. delegates to next fall's world Synod of Pishens in Rome

Bishops in Rome.

—Designated days on which plenary indulgences may be obtained by Americans during the coming Holy

-Heard Bishop Mark Hurley of Santa

Rosa, Calif., warn that technological innovations threaten basic human

rights, including the right to privacy.

—Announced that justice in the world would be the theme of Catholic participation in the celebration of the 200th

—Were praised by observers at the meeting—lay, religious and clerical— for most of their actions but chided for

their rejection of Communion in the

Evangelization in the World," the topic of the 1974 Synod of Bishops. The comments were responses to a Vatican study document sent to the bishops in preparation for the synod.

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The school is located at 5225 E. 56th Street, with the entrance just east of Fall Creek.

'Bash' slated by Holy Angels

INDIANAPOLIS - Holy Angels Finance Committee will sponsor a Pre-Holiday Bash at Pearl's Lounge, 116 McClain Place Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning at 9:30 p.m. There will be music, refresh-ments and dancing. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and they may be purchased at the door.

Prizes to be given away include a liquor basket, decorated accent table and a steam iron.

Miss Vivian Owsley is chairman of the event assisted by Mrs. Auriguelena Lyles, co-chairman.

ND Club sets annual dinner

INDIANAPOLIS — The Notre Dame Club of In-dianapolis will hold its annual Communion-Dinner on the evening of Friday, Dec. 7, at Fatima Retreat House. Members and their wives and Members and their wives and guests are most welcome. The club's special guest for the evening will be Archbishop George J. Biskup.

Mass will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a cocktail hour and a buffet dinner. The cost

is \$5.50 per person.

Reservations should be made by December 3, by contacting Cathy Collet or Joe Jansen, co-chairmen of the

Golden Wedding

INDIANAPOLIS - Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baumgartner, members of Little Flower parish, will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in Little Flower auditorium. They were married November 21, 1923 in St. Peter's Church,

Montgomery, Ind.
They are the parents of
Edward Baumgartner of
Texas and John Baumgartner
of Indianapolis. A daughter, Delores, is deceased.

Friends and relatives are invited to the reception. No invitations have been issued.

Coaches to meet

INDIANAPOLIS — Coaches of all CYO basketball teams are urged to attend a meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Brebeuf Preparatory School Schedules and other pertinent materials for the forthcoming season will be distributed Refreshments will follow the



and retired parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis, gathered recently at the Brown County cottage of their pastor, Father Edwin F. Sahm, above left. Designed to promote a friendly association of its members, the group "fosters a continuing spirit of fellowship that perpetuates the principles considered as ideals and traditions of the Church." Each Wednesday members attend a special Mass at 11 a.m., followed by lunch, brief business

meeting and general social. Other activities have included dinner parties, birthday parties, theatre parties and holiday events. They have also sponsored group bus trips in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Founded in 1969, the group presently number 110 members. Betty Linville is president. Other officers are: Marie Wilson, vice president; Edna Schmutte, second vice president; Helen Volz, secretary; Marty Luichinger, treasurer; and Cecil Doyle, sargeant-at-arms.

Slate 'on-site' blood drawing at St. Michael's

INDIANAPOLIS -Michael's parish is the first in the North Indianapolis Deanery to qualify for an "on-site blood drawing" as part of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's blood donor campaign. The drawing will

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BEHIND THE NEWS

KANSAS CITY—A steep decline in church attendance by Catholics that started several years ago "has reached catastrophic proportions," according to two researchers who have been studying trends in American Catholicism.

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"The changes of the past year may well constitute the most dramatic collapse of devotion in the entire history of Christianity," the researchers said in a report printed in the National Catholic

a report printed in the National Catholic Reporter, an independent weekly published here.

The researchers, Father Andrew M. Greeley and William C. McCready, expressed some hope, however, that "the worst may be over,." They said there are some signs that the "rate of colleges" is allowing. collapse" is slowing.

"But only the most naive would take consolation from this tiny ray of light. If the worst is over, the Church will emerge from its present crisis only a shadow of its former self." they said.

The observations of Father Greeley and McCready are based on data collected from two national samples of Americans, the first in July, 1972, the

Decline in church-going

STAYING AWAY IN 'CATASTROPHIC' NUMBERS

second in July, 1973. Both are staff members of the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago which conducted the survey.

ONE OF THE MOST significant revelations in the survey, the resear-chers said, was that "for the first time decline in church attendance is occurring among older members of the

They reported that the survey also shows:

-"Support for the Catholic position on abortion is eroding in rank and file membership of the Church."

-"There seems to be a relationship between decline in church attendance

and confidence in Church leaders."

The erosion of church attendance "is not occurring mainly among the young, as it did during previous years," the authors wrote. "On the contrary, there was almost no change in the weekly or almost weekly church attendance of those under 30 during the past year. Rather the decline is taking place among those between 30 and 49 years old and especially among those over 50,' they said.

THE AUTHORS SAID one "ray of light" in the survey was that there has been almost no decline in church attendance among those under 30. "What we may have seen in the past year is a 'catching up' of those over 30 to a trend that was 'already set by younger Catholics."

The resarchers said that maybe when the next survey is taken it will be more certain where the trend is heading. "But if the upper two age levels (30 to 49 and 50 and over) should stabilize at their present level next year, then it should

appear that a new norm for church, attendance has been achieved by American Catholics. It is a thin ray of light, one on which not too many ex-pectations should be placed."

On the subject of abortion, the survey found that sympathy for abortion has increased among three religious groups since the U.S. Supreme Court's January 22

Catholics, like Protestants and Jews, overwhelmingly approve abortion in cases of danger to the mother's health, rape or of the chance of a defective

In 1973, 91 per cent of Protestants, 88 per cent of Catholics and 100 per cent of Jews favored abortion if carrying the child would endanger the mother's health, the survey showed.

Eighty-one per cent of Protestants approved of abortion in cases of rape, as did 75 per cent of Catholics and 98 per cent of Jews.

In the case of a defective child, 83 per cent of Protestants, 77 per cent of Catholics and 100 per cent of Jews approved abortion.

"IT SHOULD BE noted," the researchers said, "that the Catholics in our sample are approving only the legal possibility of abortion; they are not saying that they believe it is moral or that they would do it themselves."

Father Greeley and McCready concluded: "Something dramatic and not a little frightening is happening in the American Catholic Church. Our data gives some precision as to the dimen-

gives some precision as to the dimen-sions of the events, but most parish priests are well aware of what is going

on."

The researchers proposed "a national conference of bishops, priests and scholars," particularly theologians and social scientists, who will "diagnose tentatively the nature of the problem, lay out a research program to discover its roots, and take vigorous action to reclaim for the Sunday liturgy those reclaim for the Sunday liturgy those who no longer show up."

EDITORIALS

Paying for an old injustice

Untold thousands of hapless, helpless creatures live out their lives in mental institutions simply because there is no other place for

Additional thousands of patients are kept past the time they could be released because they perform jobs necessary to the operation of the institution. Moreover, they are working without pay and without any of the usual employee guarantees.

Fortunately, the exploitation of such patient-labor is coming to an end, having been outlawed recently by a federal court ruling.

The ruling came in a class action suit filed by the National Association of Mental Health (NAMH) against the U. S. Department of Labor on behalf of patients working in state mental institutions and hospitals across the nation.

Plaintiffs contended that the labor department was not enforcing the Fair Labor Standards Act and was thereby inhibiting the legal rights of patient-laborers.

The court agreed, saying that patients must be paid minimum wages for any work not con-

sidered therapeutic. According to the NAMH, states now are obligated to release patients retained at the hospitals for work purposes only. States also will be forced to pay patients for their work or hire employees to replace them.

The decision is expected to have tremendous fiscal impact in the various states. Here in Indiana, Department of Mental Health records indicate that 2,660 patients worked nearly two and a half million hours without pay from July 1971 to July 1972 in nine of the state's 12 hospitals for the mentally ill.

It is estimated that a minimum of \$2 million annually will be required to recompense either patients or outside help for jobs now performed without cost to the taxpayors. That's a gizzable is taxpayers. That's a sizeable increase in the state budget, but a small price to pay for ending a disgraceful injustice worked against the mentally ill.



THE YARDSTICK

Buckley on bishops

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

William F. Buckley, Jr., editor of the National Review and moderator of a highly successful television talk show, is a man of many talents. He is a clever debater, a witty controversialist, and a master showman who takes a kind of adolescent delight in

playing the role of the sophisticated in-tellectual snob who knows more big words and more esoteric words than anyone else in the class. Buckley, in other words, is a man to be reckoned with and, besides, he is generally lots of fun.

Unfortunately, however, he has never learned to stick to his last. He will tackle learned to stick to his last. He will tackle
almost any subject you can think of and
will do so with all of the brash selfassurance which many years ago
prompted him, as a callow undergraduate, to take on The Establishment at his alma mater in a book called

This is the book that first made him famous—or notorious—as the college debater par excellence. Ever since its publication, he has been sounding off periodically on a number of controversial subjects which, to put it as mildly as possible, are not his particular can of the subjects.

THE SUBJECT of labor-management

that suggests if enough committees are funded the problem of the poor will go

away.

I did not have sardines and lemon

juice for breakfast but I do remember when the word pop was what the weasel

P.S. I put this missive in the envelope with my 11 ft. pole.

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relations is a pertinent case in point. Buckley knows very little about this subject, but he can't seem to stay away from it in his syndicated column. He returned to it again on November 6 in a very patronizing column on the role of the Church in the field of labormanagement relations and, more specifically, on the role of certain churchmen in connection with the Farah strike in El Paso, Texas. Frankly, it was an extremely superficial and extremely supercilious column.

Buckley would have us believe that Bishop Metzger of El Paso and the other American bishops who are supporting the Farah strike are a bunch of boobs who don't know enough to come in out of the rain and are woefully misinformed about the Farah controversy. The fact is, however, that Bishop Metzger, who has lived in El Paso for more than 25 years, has studied the Farah controversy inside out, whereas it is quite apparent that Buckley's very limited knowledge of the strike has come almost exclusively from his casual reading of company propaganda.

I might add that Buckley, whether wittingly or not, has gotten himself involved in a nasty little conflict of interest in connection with the Farah Buckley would have us believe that

terest in connection with the Farah controversy, the tol belle tan bas

DURING THE recent meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, several public relations people representing the Farah Company bombarded the bishops with outrageously one-sided pro-Farah propaganda and carried on one of the most blatantly offensive lobbying campaigns I have ever witnessed at an NCCB meeting. As might have been expected, the campaign boomeranged against the company, for it forced Bishop Metzger to take the floor at the bishops' meeting and to set the record bishops' meeting and to set the record straight. This he did very effectively much to the embarrassment of the Farah lobbyists.

Be that as it may, the principal Farah lobbyist somehow or other managed to get himself accredited to the NCCB get himself accredited to the NCCB meeting as a working journalist, thereby gaining entrance to all of the public sessions of the meeting. Believe it or not, he produced credentials from Buckley's own publication. In my opinion, that was a clear violation of professional journalistic ethics—and an even clearer indication that Buckley, who claims to be an expert on the Farah strike, is getting his information directly from the Farah PR firm.

This is not the first time that the celebrated college debater from Old Eli has outsmarted himself, but it may be the first time that he failed to cover his

"So say researchers at the University of Virginia . . . The most common method by which cold virus are transported into people's systems, they said, is from the hands to the nose or eyes."

In view of the above, why don't we give a simple nod of the head if we must acknowledge the presence of those around us at Mass?

A Worshipper A Worshipper

What's so great about football? Brown asks

To the Editor:

It was with some sadness, if not surprise, that I read a front page article, in the Nov. 16 issue of The Criterion, by F. W. Fries entitled "A Tale of Two High Schools." Typical of the middle-class previncialism of this entire state, Mr. Fries goes to great length to laud the schools as imminent successes because of their superior football teams.

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because of their superior football teams.

Those of us interested in the area of education require more rigorous and pertinent evaluative instruments when measuring the success of a secondary educational facility. To the majority who read this shallow article, I'm sure the two schools will be held in high esteem. It is pathetic, however, how intellectually aware people will now judge the success of the schools in light of this article.

To the Editor:

"WASHINGTON (UPI)—You are more likely to catch a cold from shaking hands than from kissing or wandering too near a sneeze.

"So say researchers at the University of Virginia... The most common

the first time that he falled to cover his tracks and therefore got caught so openly in the act. Hopefully the experience will be good for his humility. Who knows—it might even prompt him to offer a public apology to Bishop Metzger and the other bishops whom he criticized so saidely in his unfortunate column of November 6.

It is my hope that the schools are indeed successful. However, my reaction is that there should be much more effort exerted by The Criterion, as well as the public relations offices of these schools, to promote the academic as well as the sports.

In short, I think the article was in very

Timothy F. Brown

Claims it's easier

in East Germany

MINNEAPOLIS—It is easier in some ways to be a Christian in East Germany than in the U.S., an official of the Christian Democratic Union in East Germany claimed here.

The reason Karl Ordnung gave for his assertion is that in America Christianity is too easily "confused" with secular culture.

The visitor said he had found much identification of Christianity with secular culture in America. He felt that the tendency to make that identification is less in his country.

Spending holiday among stars

The event created about as much excitement as a tiddlywinks tournament, but Skylab 3 and its three-man crew went into orbit last week. If all goes according to plan, the mission—the final one in the \$2.5 billion Skylab project-will last 84 days.

The prospect of such an en-durance test for earthbound man would have left Americans breathless a few years ago. Today it rates scant attention and even less concern in a public worried about having enough gas to drive to work this winter.

The ho-hum attitude is at once bad and good. Bad because we have ended, for the time being at least, our love affair with the stars. Good because our disinterest results in measure from monotonous success. Right now it would take some horrible tragedy to get us all worked up again about space.

There is one aspect of Skylab 3, however, that is generating a modicum of excitement. The astronauts, up there above the obscuring atmosphere of the earth, should get an awesome view of the comet Kohoutek, rated the brightest comet observed in decades. The comet may, in fact, surpass expectations and prove to be the astronomical wonder of the century.

Kohoutek is expected to be at its nearest approach to the sun and at the height of visibility during the Christmas and New Year holidays. In between shooting what should be spectacular footage of the comet's fiery trail, the Skylab crew is planning two space walks for Christmas day. We look forward to the holiday's double attraction. After the dismal revelations of year, the nation needs to look up and search the heavens for inspiration.

Atheists 'take over' schools

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The atheists have taken over public education in the United States with the passive approval of those who believe in God, declared Dr. Weldon P. Shofstall, Arizona state superintendent of public instruction.

superintendent of public instruction.
While speaking at the dedication of a
new building for a local private high
school, Dr. Shofstall said:

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"The greatest achievement of the devil in America today is the fact that a state superintendent of schools may not legally participate in any activity in a public school building for the purpose of overtly knowing, understanding and doing the will of God,"

THE TREND toward atheism, he said, is caused by four misconceptions on the part of those who believe in God:

—A belief that religion is exclusively a personal matter. —A belief that separation of Church and state includes the separation of religion and education.

—An acceptance of collectivism in the name of its opposite, individualism.

—An acceptance of humanism as theism.

Turning to the belief that separation of Church and state means a complete separation of religion and education, Dr. Shofstall said: "The (U.S.) Supreme-Court had banned prayer. and in effect convinced the American public we can have education without belief in a supreme being."

The decisions of the court banning prayer in public schools, he said, are not the reasons for atheism in the schools.



I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT AWAY THAT NOVEL, SIR! IT OFFENDS COMMUNITY STANDARDS ON THIS FLIGHT!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say thanks for pizza, tales of 'parish peril'

To the Editor:

We would like to publicly thank the priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who participated in the last phase of their "Continuing Education Program" held at St. Meinrad during the week of November 5. These priests were gracious enough to take up a collection among themselves to provide the students of St. Meinrad with free pizza at our campus center, The Unstable. This generosity was, however, incidental when compared with the entertainment they provided.

After several days of conferences, laboring over Scripture texts, in Hebrew and in Greek, intense discussions, and To the Editor:

laboring over Scripture texts, in Hebrew and in Greek, intense discussions, and engaging in the painful processes of reeducation, these priests found time to give Meinradians a talent show in which they displayed their long hidden talents. Father Paul Courtney enlightened us as to the perils of being a parish priest. Father Tom Carey demonstrated the subtle art that is required of a good Master of Ceremonies. We would also like to thank Fathers Moriarty, Sahm, Minta and Papano for their fine rendition of our school song. "We Are The Sons of St. Meinrad" was sung with a verve and vigor that has long been absent at St. Meinrad.

Our special thanks to Father Ken Sweeney who was the originator of this delightful evening.

Al Kirchgessner, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Larry L. Lazart, Diocese of Gary

Jorge Canez Diocese of Phoenix

St. Meinrad College St. Meinrad, Ind. Answers CO's mother

To the Editor:

This is in reference to the letter (11-9-73) from "A Mother" in Indianapolis who would like to have her son, who is in Canada, back home with her.

Her son had several choices to make. It was against his conscience to go to Vietnam: He tried to be a conscientious objector, but this was denied. To do alternate service would indicate a

compromise of his principles. He could wait until he might be called for duty. If wait until he hight be called its duty. It he refused to report he might spend three years in prison. He could remain a full-time student, but he felt this was unfair to young men who weren't in a position to be students. So he chose Canada.

Canada:

I, too, am a mother. My daughter's husband is Mike. Mike didn't especially want to go to war, but he got into the Naval Reserve. Since May 28, 1973, he has been out to sea. He was due back in the United States November 9, 1973, but because of the Middle East conflict he is not head home. not back home.
Like that Indianapolis mother, I miss

my son-in-law and would like to have him back with us, but at this time he can not come back. So I can say, as that mother whose son is in Canada and she wants him home, that Mike is out to sea, I miss him and want him home. Mrs. John Kruer

Doesn't like jumps

Clarksville, Ind.

To the Editor:

For years I have received The Criterion and always enjoy reading it. However, I am always disturbed by having to refer to another page to complete reading a story. In one recent issue, I had to refer to another page seven times before I completed reading the first page.

The last two issues I read with great pleasure—I did not have to keep turning to a second page to finish an article. A sincere thank you for the change. Personally, I feel I am less likely to overlook a short story if I can read the paper page by page.

Mrs. Geneva Weiss Richmond, Ind.

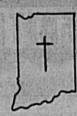
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'Calvinistic' Campaign

To the Editor:

Please help me!
The Campaign for Human
Development strikes me as a bit
Calvinistic. There are two distinct
groups of people. The "haves" and the
"have-nots." In the IV Canon the priest
reads"., to the poor He proclaimed
the good news of salvation." There
seems to be a dichotomy here. We have
money and the poor have good news.
It seems to me that people are fast
arriving at the point of satiety—or are
succumbing to American Liberalism

I would think the administrations and staffs of these schools would be sorely affected by the use of such meager criteria as sports to judge the success of the total school.



Christian Heritage

A history of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER FIVE

in Central and Southern Indiana

BY MSGR. JOHN J. DOYLE

For his first two years Father Rivet occupied a house belonging to Father Flaget, which he shared with Pierre Mallat, who had functioned as guardian of the church from 1789 till 1792 and continued as clerk thereafter.

He received but little help from the parish to supplement his

government salary.
Only a score of families
were able to pay their
tithes and the offerings for baptisms, marriages, and burials in the first six months amounted to only ten

In the second year, however, he put the parish on business-like basis, having Rules of Administration in 15 Articles drawn up to regulate in minute detail the payment of dues and of pew rent. The Rules received the formal approval of the bishop

of the bishop.

A peculiar feature of the Rules is the requirement that the warden should use all means in his power "even by order of court" to collect the pew rent. Once Father Rivet mentioned that he was at the point of taking this ultimate step, but whether he actually did so is not clear. Perhaps the threat was sufficient to bring the delinquents into line. On what ground court action could be taken is not clear.

ABOUT THE same time the construction of a new presbytery began. In August 1797 the pastor reported that it was not yet completed. The men had not worked on it but three days since Corpus Christi (15 June). But in June of the next year he told the bishop that it was finished, though it would cost him \$50 to make it ready for occupancy.

Perhaps he was not able to entertain Father Richard in the new house.

Nixon should resign, diocesan paper says

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Nashville diocese, has called for the resignation of President Nixon as a service to the common good.

The image of the presidency "is crumbling, many would say. With that image might go confidence in the institution and the system, both too treasured to manipulate or to forsake," Father Owen F. Campion, Register editor, said in an editorial.

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Finding a housekeeper "40 years old Finding a housekeeper "40 years old and of the character required" presented difficulties. The one he hired was a black woman, which would come "pretty high," he said. He hopes that the bishop would pass on the age, "when the morals, the prudence, and the other qualities" were present. Since there was no mention of the presbytery in later letters, the arrangements must have been satisfactory.

been satisfactory.

The church was another matter. Just a year after his arrival Rivet reported:

"The church of the parish is in the most pitiable state. Four wooden candlesticks are the total ornament of the altar. No communion rail, no confessional, pews are often nothing but planks thrown together. The roof and the floor and the rest are in

He hoped that the new Rules would so increase the revenues that the church could be put in better order, but six years later he had to say that it was in a deplorable state. He threatened that he would place the church under interdict if the people did not repair it. One can only speculate what he would have done for a place to say Mass if he had carried out his threat, for there was no other

meeting place in town.

He confessed, however, that "the only improvement to be made would be to pull it down and build a new one." Yet such a project was impracticable, so extreme was the poverty of the people. The church, built by Father Gibault in 1786 and pronounced dilapidated by Father Flaget in 1792 would serve for 20

THE PEOPLE were indeed poor. To what extent their depressed condition was due to their "idleness and ignorance," as Volney maintained, and to what extent it was the result of the "evils of every kind which they had to suffer from the American government and especially from the Indian war," as Inch the Plant extended he not easy as Father Rivet contended, is not easy to

Volney dwelt upon their lack of skills and foresight: "their women neither sew, nor spin, nor make butter, but pass their time in gossiping and tattle, while all at home is dirt and disorder." "the men take to nothing but hunting, fishing, roaming in the woods, and loitering in the sun."

Father Rivet called attention to the losses sustained while the town was occupied by the Virginia soldiers and to the later invasion by Kentucky militia, which led to the action by Congress in sending the army to expel the lawless men that held the town.

Father Rivet enlisted Volney's help in gaining recognition by the government of the people's ownership of the tract of land ceded by the Piankeshaw Indians to the Vincennes inhabitants, arranging that the traveler should be given power of attorney to represent them with the government officials.

He was so confident of the outcome of this mission that he men-tioned a proviso in the petition calling for the "establishment of a college for which there will be determined a certain quantity of land to endow it." It was specified that "the choice of masters and the mode of education shall be con-certed with the Bishop of

The priest did not understand that the government interpreted this grant of the Piankeshaws as having been made not to the inhabitants of Vincennes but to the King of France, from whom it had passed to the British King and then to

the United States. Some years earlier the people had conceded this interpretation and had surrendered their claims when they applied to Congress for grants of land to compensate them for their losses. In all likelihood they had but little un-derstanding of what they were doing in

whatever papers they signed.
Several acts of Congress beginning in
1788 had made grants of 400 acres to
those who were heads of families in 1783 and of 100 acres to all who were in the militia in 1790. These constituted little enough compensation for the losses the people, had sustained, but even from these most of the people gained but

The actual conferring of title to the The actual conferring of title to the land was delayed for many years by the process of verifying claimants' rights and of surveying the land, but before Rivet's coming most of the French people had sold their rights for a few cents an acre; though the value was soon to be two dollars.

The people's improvidence was no doubt due in part to their dire need. The few dollars they got for their claims relieved their families from want. Probably more important was their lack of confidence in the government's promises after the long delay of the law in bringing them relief.

But the weightiest factor in reducing them to destitution was the breakdown of their way of life. They were never colonists. They were fur traders, retired soldiers who had married into one of the

families, voyageurs transporting furs and other goods by canoe. That in the midst of a vast area of fertile ground they were content to cultivate 70 or 140 acres shows how far from their minds was any ambition to be farmers.

WHEN WAR diverted the fur trade to Detroit the basis of Vincennes' prosperity was lost. No longer was there an incentive to industry. Then the influx of Americans with experience in far-ming and a lust for land had an impact on the French inhabitants not unlike the impact of the complex European civilization on the Indians.

To expect them to undertake the clearing of land far from the town would be a considered the complex to the comple

clearing of land far from the town would have been as unrealistic as to expect the Indians to settle down like European peasants. Whether Father Flaget's school to "train up youth in the different trades" would have been effective had he stayed a few years longer is doubtful. One might ask of what use looms would be if the women could not spin.

The lowly condition of the French people has an illustration in the incident that occasioned Father Rivet's facing

that occasioned Father Rivet's facing up to Captain Pasteur, referred to above. The priest had arranged a conference between Volney and the Indians. When Pasteur got wind of this he took Rivet's interpreter out to the fort and submitted him to an interrogation regarding what had gone on, threatening him with imprisonment if he failed to tell the truth. It was this that aroused the priest's ire Parhana Pastaur's passants

ire. Perhaps Pasteur's paranoid behavior arose from his ignorance of French, the language of Rivet and Volney. In this ignorance of the other's language in each element of the population, which Volney mentions, may lie the failure of the two to come together. A bilingual school, in which the children of each group could have learned the other's mother tongue, might have done much for the town.

Notwithstanding the poverty of his people, Father Rivet was able to gather a modest store of possessions. Solicitous for the parish, he made his successor the beneficiary of his will. Writing to the bishop in 1800, five years after his coming to Vincennes, he said:

"My successor, anyway if God allows me yet a few years on earth, shall have. I think, a precious resource in this regard. I hope that on arriving he will find linens, furniture, animals, provisions, and perhaps some money. What a precious resource in arriving in a parish. My greatest desire is to assure the parish which God has confided to me a pastor who may be able after my death to repair my numerous faults and above all to animate in the souls which I have led there the feeble spark of the love of Mary which I have tried to

Since he did indeed have nearly four more years, he did leave these things, but unfortunately, there was no successor to carry on the work. It was by frugal living and even self-denial that he accumulated them, yet it would be the fruit of his preaching and example rather than what he called the "precious resource" that would endure.

resource" that would endure. Father Rivet is said to have suffered from tuberculosis. In his last two years his letters were fewer, perhaps because of the advance of the disease. Still, he of the advance of the disease. Still, he carried out his pastoral functions, for his entries in the register continue unbroken except for trips to Illinois in 1802 and 1803. The last three entries were made on 21, 30, and 31 January 1804. He died on 13 February.

THE STORY IS told that when he became aware that death was near he sent for Father Donatien Olivier to come and prepare him for his end and

that he wrote his confession in case the priest did not arrive in time. It is believable in the light of concern about the lack of opportunity for confession. Another story is that he had himself carried to the church in order that he might administer Holy Communion to himself

himself.

One might suppose another motive, for he more than once showed himself to be uneasy lest the sacred species should remain unconsumed. His extreme rigidity comes to light here, if the story is true, for almost any theologian would have told him that it would be perfectly proper for Pierre Mallet to bring the Blessed Sacrament to him.

Just how soon Father Olivier reached Vincennes is not clear. His first entry in the register was made on 28 February.

the register was made on 28 February. It recorded the supplying of the ceremonies of a baptism conferred by Pierre Mallet of a baby born on 9 February. The indication is that by that date Father Rivet was too ill to baptize

From the date of this first entry one might conclude that it was not until Father died that a messenger went to fetch Father Olivier. Strange to say, the latter did not notify the bishop but sent word to Father Badin in Bardstown. It is from a letter of his to Bishop Carroll that we know the date of Father Rivet's

Father Olivier made other records until 5 March. It was on the next day that he wrote to Badin. Strange to say

lat he wrote to Badin. Strange to say also, neither Olivier nor Pierre Mallet made an entry in the register concerning the death of Father Rivet.

Father Badin urged that Father Olivier should move to Vincennes to take possession of the pastor's estate, but he apparently returned to Illinois but he apparently returned to Illinois after a week or so and returned only in November. Thus the parish of St. Francis Xavier was to be without a resident priest until 1818. (End of Chapter Five)

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THEME ARTICLE

BY JANE WILLIAMS PUGEL

There are certain games people play which make complete fools out of grownups.

Have you ever been enticed into a game of Concentration by some child who hardly comes up past your knees? I

have. After it was over,
I heard my opponent,
boy about seven, say
seriously to his brother,
"Mom's nice, but
sometimes she seems
kind of dumb." have. After it was over,

Of course, Con-centration is totally unfitted to the adult

mind. It's a sadistic face down on a table, and the object is to peek at one, remember what it is and where it is, and eventually match up all the pairs in the deck.

When I play, I plan menus, figure out a new wardrobe for a daughter which will cost less than \$10, try to recall what my husband told me to do without fail, and occasionally glance at a king of hearts or a 10 of spades. I worry, think, dream, plan—but do very little concentrating, while the pint-sized card shark opposite me makes a clean sweep of the deck.

what Got ME started on this pathetic review of my card playing was the realization the other day that we are smack up against the holiday season with all its attendant revelry. I've found myself thinking about the traditional year-end merry-making, and just how it might fit in with the part play should have in our family life.

What is family play? A game of Concentration is one thing, but family recreation in the total picture is something else. Before we get sucked into the undertow of holiday

into the undertow of holiday "festivities," it might be a good time to stand back and take a thoughtful look at our more relaxed side as a family.

Is play merely a series of parties from which we have to recover? Or should it be some activity that rests us and leaves us ready to renew our efforts? From what we see and hear around holiday time, and from the groans and complaints of "Never again!" after the holidays, it seems that a lot of us equate play with din, spirits and late hours. It also seems that a lot of our family merry-making falls into the adults-only, teens-only, tots-only brackets. teens-only, tots-only brackets.

be generally aimed at strengthening the ties that bind. We should discover family. Not everybody is going to enjoy everything each of the others do, but we do have common meeting grounds in our pursuit of fun.

IN OUR FAMILY, we just happen to be bicycle freaks. We do other things too—but bicycling is a good example of a recreation which can include the whole family, be restful, healthful and fun. We look forward to Sundays when we can get out and hit the bike trail. I consider it to be family play in the best

pletely blah experience for other families. Other people ski, listen to their stereo, talk, or just be quiet. Play is what you think is fun and need not require money, fresh air or muscle fatigue.

The important thing about family play is for each family to assess itself on what it is gaining from the way it recreates. Is the family more fractured and frantic when it is trying to relax? Or does its play really amuse and rest it as

Play, like everything else in God's plan, is given us for our ultimate good. I happen to think it's one of our nicest means of getting to Heaven.

Family play should not only rest, amuse and divert us, but it should also leisure activities that include the entire

IN OUR FAMILY, we just happen to sense—for us.

I also know that it could be a com-

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CATECHETICS

Seven-year-old writes about 'family play'

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

Dear Father Pfeifer.

About our Family Play. It's the best time of all because It's the time when we know that momy and daddy realy realy

care about us.

Come And Play with us! You'll see!!

Love, Amy.

Seven-year-old Amy wrote me this letter last week. Actually her letter arose out of a dinner conversation she had had with her parents. They were talking about what to do on the week-end. Amy immediately suggested:
"If it's nice, let's play kickball, or football, or baseball."

football, or baseball."
Her parents asked her why it was so important that they spend the week-end playing together. Amy was silent for a moment as she thought about the question. Then she said, "Because when you play with us (Amy has a younger brother, Benji) we know you really care about us." about us."

Her parents were surprised. They spontaneously responded, "But we care about you all of the time. We cook for you, take care of you when you are sick, buy clothes for you." They mentioned several things they had done recently that seemed more important than playing.

But Amy firmly insisted: "But when we have fun and play all together, we know you really really care about us."

WHEN AMY'S PARENTS told me about their conversation, I asked them if Amy would write me her ideas on family play. She wrote me the letter. Her insight is profound beyond her seven years. Family play may somehow be a surer sign of genuine love than working together or helping each other.

me some of their feelings about their parents. A common theme was: "Mom and Dad give me anything I ask for that

and Dad give me anything I ask for that they can afford, I get almost anything I want. But they seem never to have time just to be with me, to enjoy being together, to play with me."

Perhaps the explanation of Amy's intuition and that of the teen-agers I listened to is that play so obviously reveals personal values. Amy and the teen-agers knew in their own way that their parents showed love for them by working, cooking, caring for them, and giving them gifts. But when mom and dad found time just to play with them they most surely sensed their own value as loved and lovable individuals. Real playing together has no other purpose than simply enjoying each other's company. This says without words, "You're important to me. I love just being with you."

YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE sense human love in the experience of play. Because play can be such an important indicator of love, families might well reflect on what part play has in their lives together. Do they find or make time just to be together, enjoying each other's company? Are there practical ways they can find to make their moments of relaxation together more meaningful and enjoyable? It might not be a bad idea for parents to ask their children, as Amy's parents did, how they feel about family play. Other parents may find as Amy's parents did that their children have challenging ideas on serious and important matters like play.

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Finding time to play together may not only deepen bonds of love within the family, but family play may also open young and old alike to God whose delight, according to the Bible, is to enjoy the company of people, and whose creative activity is called play. Playing together can therefore be a very effective form of family religious education.

education.

Read over Amy's letter once again.

Then test her invitation: "Come and play with us! You'll see!"

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"Bicycling is a good example of a recreation which can include the whole family, be restful, healthful and fun. We look forward to Sundays when we can get out and hit

the bike trail. I consider it to be family play in the best sense—for us." (NC Photo by George P. Koshollek)

LITURGY

Human involvement vital to celebration

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Which is more important for good worship: the process through which a liturgy is planned and executed or the finalized product which results from these efforts?

Translated into specific illustrations:

—Would it be better
for a worshiping
community to have at
Mass one of its high
school girls who plays Mass one of its high school girls who plays the flute only moderately well or a professional musician from outside who can handle that instrument

flawlessly?

—How about participation leaflets designed by a grammer school student which leaves something to be desired or

more technically excellent items produced by a commercial artist?

—What of a liturgy planned carefully and well by a priest-sister team or one less perfectly done by a committee from the congregation?

MOST PERSONS would probably opt for the teen-age flutist, the grammar school booklet, the committee prepared worship service. They consider the process as ultimately more critical and valuable than the product.

Those who judge in that fashion will find impressive support from today's experts in group dynamics and from liturgical principles outlined in the revised Roman Catholic ritual books.

A key paragraph (No. 313) in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal establishes this basic norm for every worship service:

"The pastoral effectiveness of a celebration depends in great measure on choosing reading, prayers, and songs which correspond to the needs, spiritual preparation, and attitude of the participants . . In planning the celebration, the priest should consider the spiritual good of the assembly rather than his own desires. The choice of texts is to be made in consultation with the ministers and others who have a function in the celebration, including the faithful." "The pastoral effectiveness of a

Similar sections in the rituals for baptism, marriage and funerals urge the priest to work with the parents, the in planning and executing the ceremony.

FINALLY, THE Vatican Letter on

FINALLY, THE Vatican Letter on Eucharistic Prayers discussed last week emphasized that Roman Catholics have not yet given sufficient attention to the spiritual good which a worshiping assembly derives from planning liturgical celebrations.

Persons skilled in the area of group dynamics would speak a loud "Amen" in response to that statement, recognizing behind it the natural, human value of involving each individual within a community or committee in the decision-making process.

Thus, the more a chair person calls upon or elicits remarks from members of the unit under his direction, the better a leader he or she is, the more effective the meeting, the greater the satisfaction for every participant.

Similarly, the deeper members of a worshiping community become engaged in the process of planning and executing their liturgy, the more they feel part of the finished product. They sense a responsibility for its success or failure, they suffer or rejoice over what was right and when things went wrong. In a word, they belong; it becomes their

Jesus and pins that masterpiece at presentation time to a cork board in the sanctuary, then every participating child tends to consider this "my very own Mass." Interest prior and attention during the celebration increases; the spiritual benefits reaped presumably are deeper. are deeper.

Do we not see these points verified in various family activities, especially recreation? When a man's wife and children sit in the stands and cheer him on as he plays in a very competitive slow pitch softball league, there is a certain involvement and satisfaction for all. But when that same family hitches up its camper and takes off for a weekend, I would think both the personal involvement and consequent satisfaction of everyone increases.

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PARISH LIFE

Today's decisions shape tomorrow

BY JAMES J. PHILLIPS

Most of what we do and think today is almost completely out of our control. It has been determined by decisions we— or someone else—made weeks, months

or years ago.

—A mother is washing diapers today because a baby was born several months

One of the reasons you are reading this column is because you, a distant ancestor or the leader of your ancestral land decided to embrace Catholicism.

Catholicism.

—Where you go to work tomorrow—or whether you go to work is the product of a lot of things, including decisions you made years ago. It will have little to do with anything you decide tomorrow morning.

—What you thought of today's sermon or whether you thought of it at all, depends less on any decision you made today than it does on a thousand things you did and had done to you in the years that led up to today.

A HUSBAND, a wife, a manager, a production worker, a priest have very little control over how they will spend their time today. Those decisions have already been made by what happened a week, a month, a year, a decade, even a century ago.

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This is neither good nor bad. It is simply a fact; and there are two ways we can look at that fact.

We can dumbly accept it and be contented or disturbed, depending on whether we do or do not like what is happening to us today.

Or we can realize that, if the past controls today, then the present will control temorrow.

pleased with the way you must now spend your time, then you need to make certain that the future you—or your successor—is not saddled with the same situation. It does little good for you to wish that you had more time now to pursue this or that goal, to perform this or that action, to render this or that service. Too much of today is out of your control.

But you can make certain that you will have that kind of time next year, if you begin now to make the right kind of decision.

Most of our present time and resources have already been committed. For that we can blame or credit decisions of the past. When today becomes the past, the blame or credit for the way men use their time will go to the decisions you make now.

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"When that same family hitches up its camper and takes off for a week-end, I would think both the personal involvement and consequent satisfaction of everyone increases." (NC Photo)

LANDS OF THE BIBLE

What's a 'threshing floor'?

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

A friend recently asked me the question: "Why is the Bible always talking about threshing floors?" A look at the concordance seems to indicate at the concordance seems to indicate that while threshing floors were not mentioned as often as he seemed to think (only nine times), nevertheless, they did play an important role in some of the Old Testament stories.

The most famous

The most famous threshing floor would have to be the one belonging to Araunah the Jebusite (2 Sam. 24:16) located on Mount

24:16) located on Mount
Moriah in Jerusalem. The Bible relates
the story of David incurring the
displeasure of God by taking a census of
Israel. The census is interpreted by
scholars as a lack of faith in God by
David, since its purpose seemed to be to
determine available military man-

power. In any event, David confessed his In any event, David contessed his sinfulness when a plague struck his people. He was then directed to offer a sacrifice in atonement for his offense against God. He bought the threshing flobr of Araunah the Jebusite, set up an altar there, and offered sacrifices. The

THE SPECIAL significance of this story is that the site of Araunah's threshing floor is the traditional site of Solomon's Temple and, according to legend, is the same spot where Abraham's hand was stayed as he was about to sacrifice Isaac.

The story in 2 Samuel establishes
David as purchasing the Temple site

David as purchasing the Temple site and offering first sacrifices there. In the Book of Ruth, the Moabite comes to Boaz while he sleeps on the threshing floor (Ruth 3:6f) as farmers would do to prevent thieves from stealing their grain.

It was the report brought to David that the Philistines were "plun-dering the threshing floors." that resulted in his rescuing the citizens of Cella (1 Sam 23:1f).

There are other references to threshing and threshing floors usually in

connection with defeat in war or with the judgments of God (Is. 41:15, Hos. 13:3, Mi. 4:13 and Hab. 3:12).

By the time the mention of threshing By the time the mention of threshing floors comes up in the Bible, the Israelites had long since abandoned their nomad's tents for the plow (a fact frequently bemoaned by the prophets).

For farmers and for farm villages, a threshing floor was a common and multi-purpose thing. When the grain was harvested it was brought to the threshing floor where a variety of methods were used to separate the stalks from the head. Sometimes only the hooves of animals were used, on the hooves of animals were used, on other occasions, wagons, sledges and flails were utilized.

WHATEVER THE method, the threshing required a flat, dry surface. The threshing floor usually was paved with stones to keep it from getting muddy. The result was that the threshing floor was frequently the only paved area in the village and lent itself to many uses by the villagers.

In order to assure good drainage it was ordinarily located on a hilltop or some other high ground. Unfortunately, the Israelites had a hang-up about high places for worship, and while such practice was forbidden, nevertheless many threshing floors served as places of clandestine worship of Yahweh or Canaanite gods.

The threshing of grain and the related process of winnowing were part and parcel of Israelite life in both Old and New Testament times. For this reason John the Baptist (Matt. 3:12, Luke 3:17) as well as the prophets were quick to compare the separation of the grain from the stalk, and the chaff from the grain to God's separating the good from the evil, the faithful from the unfaithful.

To get back to my friend's question:
"Why is the Bible always talking about
the threshing floors?" I guess the answer would have to be because
everybody had one in their village or up
on the hillside and, to put it in today's
idlom, it was something with which
everyone could identify.

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"The threshing of grain and the related process of winnowing were part and parcel of Israelite life." (NC Photo by Steve Landregan)

Parents obliged to prepare children for sacraments

Q. Can anyone deny a child a sacrament if his parents do not attend so-called preparation meetings for the sacrament? We, like many other parents in our parish, feel these meetings are ridiculous and a waste of time and do not intend to

attend them and be treated like children. Why should a string be attached to a sacrament, when as a baptized Catholic a child has every right to go to Confession, receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation?

A. As parents you have the right to obtain the sacraments for your children, but you also have the obligation to see to it that the children are properly prepared for the reception of Holy Communion, Penance and Con-firmation. Your parish priests have the obligation to see to it that you are able to prepare your children properly. That is why they arrange classes for parents and expect them to attend.

You are not being treated as children; you are being given an opportunity to bring your own knowledge of the sacraments up-to-date and learn how to use to best advantage the books your children will study from. School teachers, as you know, are required to attend worshops and lectures to learn the newest techniques of teaching and how to use new text books. You as teachers of religion to your children ought to welcome the opportunity your priests are offering you.

ought to welcome the opportunity your priests are offering you. Your attitude shows that you have much to learn about your religion. The sacraments do not work like magic. To

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receive them fruitfully a person must have a knowledgeable faith and an intelligent response. Help yourselves and your children to benefit more from the sacraments by enlarging your knowledge of the faith.

Q. At a recent "posh" wedding the bride's parents employed a harpist to play "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" during the ceremony. While it was beautiful, different, the question arises: Since when is "Irish Eyes" considered church music, or is it? To me it was out

of place. To others it was OK.

A. "Irish Eyes" is not church music. It would be out of place and probably forbidden by church music commissions forbidden by church music commissions to use the song during liturgical services. But the harpist, I presume, was playing before the bride came down the aisle, putting the people waiting in the proper mood. A wedding is an occasion for joy and gaiety. I personally think that the familiar melody of "Irish Eyes" played with dignity by a harpist could set the proper mood for an Irish wedding. It would, of course, be monstrously improper for a Polish, Italian or German wedding.

Q. I am not a Catholic: my husband and four children are. For the last couple of years my husband has been having an affair. I've hung on because I love him, and he says he loves me above anyone, but I'm slowly giving up and frankly feel that I'm about ready to be institutionalized. What I'm really writing for is to say that every Sunday he takes the children to church and they all go to Communion. I don't know all about his religion, but I thought this was wrong. He says it isn't because he has no guilt feelings about having an affair. Please help me.

A. Your husband knows that what he is doing is sinful and that he should not receive Communion. He is joining the children, I suspect, because he doesn't know what to tell them if they ask him why he doesn't receive. I recommend you see the pastor of the church your husband attends. Tell him your problem. He may be able to help you both.

Q. I have been married over 25, years, have a nice family, but my marriage is "dead." My husband has abused me both physically and mentally, and there are times I know not if I can stand on two feet and make it. Have had therapy sessions (he wouldn't go) etc. My problem is that even though I have children in grade school that need me, I

want to pray for death. Is it seriously wrong to pray for death when life is so unbearable?

A. In the mental turmoil you are

experiencing you would not be guilty of serious sin if you prayed for death. But this would be giving up, and the one thing you must not do is stop hoping that God will give you the strength you need

to survive and that some therapist or

to survive and that some therapist or psychiatrist can help you.

Pray for the strength to carry on. Your children need you, for if your husband is so selfish that he is not willing to help you face your problems by cooperating with your therapist, he can not be much of a father. Your husband, unfortunately, is like many

other marriage partners who are largely responsible, for the mental problems of their spouse and refuse to admit they themselves need counseling. Keep on seeking for competent medical help and someone who can convince your husband that he must cooperate.

THE CHURCH AND I

Running down enemy part of sales pitch

BY F. J. SHEED

Through the twenties of this century and most of the thirties I kept an interest in Communism, but not a very vital one. My Marxist father's mealtime monologues, whatever they may have been doing in the depth of my mind,

were no longer very actual in my mind's front. The brief hope that Marxism would be given a thorough workout by Soviet Russia had flickered and died. At least I never saw the Russian blood-bath as disproving Marx, any more than I saw the Medieval Inquisition as disproving the Church.

How did I see Communism in those years? On the way to one of our plat-forms I would pause and listen to other forms I would pause and listen to other speakers. Being a speaker, I was interested in their techniques, weighing their ways of communication against my own. I found the majority concerned with attack, not much given to exposition of their own cause! This was particularly true of three platforms—the Protestant Alliance, the Communists and the men with something to sell—a patent medicine usually. For the Protestant Alliance, a strange underground of which normal Protestants had never heard, it was all attack, on the errors of Rome naturally. Apart

from that they seemed to have no case. The other two were definitely for something—an ideology to be spread, a bottle of medicine to be sold.

IT MAY SEEM frivolous of me to mention a thing so small and a thing so vast in the same breath. But it was the medicine sellers who helped me to see what the Communist speakers were doing. Each lavished all his skill on the disease to be cured—cancer, capitalism—with a minimum of talk about the remedy. The techniques were precisely the same, but easier to see when stripped to the bone by men who had to have quick sales or starve. Certainly most of the Communist propaganda one actually met was about Capitalism. By the time he had dealt faithfully with all that the poor suffered, he felt no need to show the values of

he felt no need to show the values of Communism—it had the one all-suffering virtue: it was not Capitalism. And while most of the horrors of Capitalism belonged in the previous century there were plenty still, including England's Means Test.

The result was that most of the Communists—the rank and file and even many of the most active speakers—hardly knew Marxism at all. Lenin had said that without Hegel, Marx's Das Kapital is unintelligible. I could count on the fingers of one hand the Communists I've met in 50 years who could talk three intelligible sentences on why Hegel matters to the

But it did not seem to matter—the horrors of nineteenth century capitalism were enough. Any criticism of Communism, any question even, was taken as proof that one was pro-Capitalist. So deep-rooted was this reaction that the anti-Capitalist Encyclicals of Pius XI produced no effect

I SHOULD HAVE GONE on at this level of interest in Communism-real but detached. But two things of very different sorts forced me to a closer study, turning me from a mere spectator into what I may call an active observer. One was the contrast between the apostolic fervor of Communists and the apostolic unconcern of Catholics. The other was the Spanish Civil War.

Since writing my columns on Princes of the Church, I have had a couple of letters from angry Catholics who thought I was letting down the Church-we should leave criticism to the Church's enemies, they said. One said: "You have lost your awe of Cardinals. I have lost my awe of you": but no one who knows me has ever held me in awe. When I was doing my compulsory military service as a boy in Sydney an officer called me "the worst bloody blot on God's otherwise beautiful universe." The other writer asked if my earlier pose as a loyal Catholic had been only a pretense: but no one who knows my writings would think I had ever soft

pedalled ecclesiastical ill-doing—though I never equalled Catherine of Siena's words on worldly Cardinals—"not men but demons, in love with the filthiness of their own bodies."

IN THE COLUMNS under attack I wrote of Renaissance Cardinals. I have just come across something in a book we published. The Church of the Word Incarnate by Charles Journet. In advertising that book we quoted Jacques Maritain's opinion that the author was the greatest living Catholic theologian. The opinion was challenged—some saying that there is no way of grading theologians, some selecting another theologian as greater, some writing him off as too orthodox! Orthodox he certainly was, all the same he did not stop at criticism of Renaissance Cardinals, at criticism of Renaissance Cardinals, he thought Renaissance Popes "were fascinated by will to power and absolutism." And he wrote, "A war does not become holy just simply because it is the Pope who declares it, for the person who holds the pontifical authority can be led into injustice, ambition, revenge and other faults of the utmost gravity." the utmost gravity."

Rome did not seem to mind either criticism. It canonized Catherine of Siena. And Paul VI made Charles Journet a Cardinal. Long ago my wife and I had lunch with him in Freibourg. I remember a faint beginning of awe of him. I have not lost it.

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CONVENTION MASS—Nearly 3,000 teen-agers attended the Sunday morning Convention Mass in the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center. Archbishop George J. Biskup was principal



PRELATE AND DIRECTOR—Archbishop Biskup, above left, is shown with Msgr. Thomas J. Leonard, director of the USCC Division of Youth and convention chairman.



SCECINA BAND ENTERTAINS—The Crusader Show Band of Scecina Memorial High School, directed by Robert Cashman, provided the musical highlights for the convention's opening plenary session on Thursday evening.

CONVENTION PHOTO COVERAGE BY PAUL G. FOX



NCYOF PRESIDENT—Bill Sahm, Jr., a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis, addresses the convention dresses the convention banquet Saturday evening. A graduate of Cathedral High School, he is a freshman at the University of Noire Dame. He formerly served two terms as president of the Indianapolis Deaneries Youth Council,

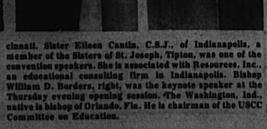




INDIANAPOLIS DELEGATES—About 350 young people from the Indianapolis Archdiocese took part in the 12th biennial National CYO Federation Convention. All deaneries were represented. In addition, a corps of adult volunteers performed yeoman service in streamlining the procedures and security of the convention-goers. Delegates from throughout the nation were housed in nine downtown hotels and motels, all within walking distance of the convention center.



CONVENTION PERSONALITIES—Indianapolis Mayor Richard G. Lugar, above left, officially welcomed the NCYOF convention delegates during Thursday evening's opening session. The second photo shows Frank Sutton of Cincinnati, who was elected to the NCYOF executive council. Sutton is a former indianapolis resident, where his family resided in St. Andrew's parish. He attended Cathedral High School two years before moving to Cin-





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New PR person

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'The Paper Chase' pure Ivy League

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

"The Paper Chase" is a super-smooth Ivy League version of those old potboiler films about making it at West Point or the Marine flight school-back in Hollywood's mil i tar is tic

You start with a bunch of freshmen crunching in-to a tough elit-ist system in

which only the absolutely fit survive. The discipline is personified by a flinty no-nonsense type, usually the CO, who is Simon Legree most of the time. But he Knows His Stuff. And he is mean only to help the guys learn so they can muddle through when the real shooting starts.

THE FROSH are always a varied group, including at least one snob nobody likes and a weakling who wants so badly to succeed you know he will fail. He is usually bur-dened with an ambitious, overbearing father, or a rich wife who expects triumph; when he fails, he will at least try suicide. The hero is a sort of rebel with a love-hate relationship toward the CO. One minor obstacle is that he falls in love with the CO's beautiful but spoiled daughter. At first the one most resentful of the regimen, he comes to understand it better than the others and winds up the star of the class. On graduation day he wins the girl and the grudging approval of the CO, and flies off to his new career as a hero. In "Paper Chase," most of this happens (with some carried or this happens (with some carried or this happens) at the carried or the

Harvard Law School, which required assignment for all

cold, impersonal and high. The students must meet them or break. The movie (based on John Jay Osborn's 1971 novel) explores these breaking points, and asks whether it is all worth it.

THE ANSWER is somewhat THE ANSWER is somewhat ambivalent. The hero in the end comes to worship both the teacher and the law; he survives the grueling system and works like a dog to surpass the challenge of the final exam. But he has seen the system bring out the worst in his classmates and watched his classmates, and watched others drop out, some tragically. He has realized that his personal admiration for the prof—the human factor—is not returned. He know he is the product of a Very High Class Factory. And Very High Class Factory. And he seems ready to take the advice of his girl friend (yes, the professor's beautiful spoiled daughter!) to drop out and explore the joys of non-Success. Having passed the intellectual challenge, he is free to reject its rewards and trappings. Will he go to a commune? to social work in the slums? Or to a beach in the Bahamas? We don't know. the Bahamas? We don't know.

Audience reaction is un-predictable. Possibly upwardphisticated variations) at bound students (the movie i

is, of course, the exclusive academic people) will find the American officers academy inhuman pressures all too American officers academy inhuman pressures all too for entry into the higher familiar and take the film as echelons of power. All the an indictment of the cruel way students know the value of our whole society in-their goal, and so does the CO, doctrinates and destroys its who in this case is a crusty young. Others may be imprestigious professor. Thus pressed, in spite of themarises a situation unique in selves, by the aura of American education. The students are the cream of their generation, or at least of those who intend to compete, to struggle for the command disappointing for the life is their generation, or at least of the teachers and students who are those who intend to compete, really trying. The film is to struggle for the command disappointing for not taking posts. The teacher can be as an obvious and better miserably demanding as he likes, and his standards are cold, impersonal and high. Harvard Law is something like Vince Lombardi's ap-proach to football and Pat-ton's approach to war. Mad in its way, but there is beauty in

> THE FILM IS adapted and directed by James Bridges with intelligence: the nearly dozen classroom scenes are among the best ever filmed, and there is an almost frantic attempt to make the in-tellectual conflicts visual. E.g., one boy-girl con-versation is on the edge of a frozen lake (both eventually fall in), another in the empty

expanses of Harvard stadium.
John Houseman, the almost
legendary theatrical producer
who worked in the 1920's with who worked in the 1929's with Orson Welles, makes a strong acting debut (at age 70) as the hard-nosed prof who has learned how to teach but not how to be a human being. (As a producer he doubtless has had much practice as an had much practice as an authoritarian). The young couple, Timothy Bottoms and Lindsay Wagner, are photogenic and credible, but few of the other characters are developed on more than a surface level. The subtle low-light photography by Gordon Willis (very much like his

Willis (very much like his style in "The Godfather") is a notable quality asset. "Chase" has many im-"'Chase" has many imperfections, e.g., its lighter
elements often seem forced,
as when Bottoms is caught in
flagrante in the prof's house
in a simple-minded comic
scene right out of "Tom
Jones." But there have been few films about higher education as honest and stimulating as this one.

Film on Rome massacre called total distortion

ROME — A noted Church puts it, "Pius XII remains as historian has challenged the only bad man as the film claims by an American ends. They (the Germans, Jewish author, Robert Katz, Nazis and Italian Fascists) that Pope Pius XII had been are all innocent except the informed beforehand of the Pope."

Nazi massacre of 335 Italians

The American Robert World Was II.

a new movie starring Richard Burton and Marcello Mastroianni. Father Graham said the movie, "Massacre in Rome," is a total distortion of

THE MASSACRE is an historical fact. The Germans in wartime Rome killed 335 Italians, selected totally at random in reprisal for the Italian partisans' killing of 33

SS soldiers.

What Father Graham is furious about is that, as he

Nazi massacre of 335 Italians in Rome during World War II and did nothing to stop it.

Jesuit Father Robert Graham, an American Jesuit who has been working with Vatican, U.S., and German archives for several years and who is a specialist in the wartime work of Pope Pius XII, challenged Katz in connection with the release of a new movie starring Richard

Said Father Graham: "This very clear statement of Dollman appears differently in the movie, where he is even shown taking the execution order off the teletype himself. This calculated misrepresentation, blandly disregarding the repeated witness of Dollmann, is a measure of the historicity of the film. It is also a measure of the accusation against the Pope, which rests on Dollmann's alleged role as portrayed in the film."

This may be the most mature and perceptive crime film ever made: it makes "The Godfather" stuff look like a comic-strip. A revealing study of the paradoxes of American society, it represents the victory of human art and understanding over the dark mysteries of human experience. Not to be missed by mature audiences.

The week's TV network films

TO SIR, WITH LOVE (1967) (CBS, Friday, Nov. 23): Sidney Poitier comes to teach at a London slum school and at a London slum school and becomes a one-term Mr. Chips, reforming not only the micro-miniskirt and Teddy Boy pupils but parents, faculty and racial bias as well. Sid does all this by extolling the old-fashioned virtues and teaching "life" instead of school sibjects. It's pleasant, bit rather fanciful. pleasant, bit rather fanciful. Satisfactory entertainment for all but young children.

ANY WEDNESDAY (1966) (NBC, Saturday, Nov. 24): Muriel Resnick's kitschy little Muriel Resnick's kitschy little comedy about the hardships faced by a millionaire who must divorce his wife of many years and actually marry the dumb blonde he's been spending Wednesdays with. This is what the world doesn't need now, another cheesy comedy about adultery, and even Jason Robards and Jane Fonda are incapable of Fonda are incapable of sparking a rescue job. Not recommended.

WHERE IT'S AT 1969) (ABC, Sunday, Nov. 25): Noted writer-director Garson Kanin's flop film, apparently intended as a satire of Las Vegas and its values, about a casino operator (David Janssen) who teaches his college-educated son the tricks of the gambling trade a bit too well. Comic Don

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Thursday, Nov. 29): The new TV film based on Brian Moore's intriguing novel about a conflict in faith, in some future time, between conservative Irish monks and reform elements in the reform elements in the Church. IN COLD BLOOD (1968) (CBS, Friday, Nov. 30):
Richard Brooks' utterly
brilliant film-documentary
recreation of Truman
Capote's book about a tragic
murder and why it happened.
This may be the most mature

Rickles appears in a serious role. The flick received a C rating for nudity and sex scenes in its theatrical ver-

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