



**'REMEMBER, MAN'**—March 3 is Ash Wednesday, the opening of Lent. Ashes, symbolic of penance, will be conferred by the priest with the age-old reminder: "Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." (RNS photo)

## LENTEN LETTER

My dear Family in Christ:

Ashes are placed on your foreheads. The color of vestments worn by the priest changes to violet. The "Alleluia" is not heard at Mass. Readings and homilies speak to us of the harsh realities of sin and evil and our need to repent. With these dramatic signs and words the Church introduces us to a new season of the Church year, the season of Lent.

What is the Church telling us? You and I are being told that the time for realism and the time for basic assessment of our goals and priorities is upon us. For most of us, it is easy to view ourselves as "good people," who have a few minor faults, but who are certain to share God's goodness forever because He is such a good and loving Father. The extreme of this attitude is presumption.



The fact is that God is not only our good and loving Father, but also He is a just Father. It is because of God's justice that we need to be redeemed. If sin is not horribly evil and very much a part of each of us, and if God is not obligated to punish us because we are sinners, then the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus are not necessary.

This realistic understanding of God and knowledge of self can only come from prayer and penance. During the weeks of Lent, each of us needs to adopt a program of increased and improved prayer. This should include more frequent and better celebration of Mass and the Sacraments as well as private prayer and meditation. The penance we each choose for ourselves should first commit us to virtuous acts we will try to practice faithfully and then include acts of self-denial.

May God help us to prepare for the Resurrection with prayerful thought and live this season of Lent with fidelity and perseverance.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*George J. Blaskop*

Most Rev. George J. Blaskop  
Archbishop of Indianapolis

February 24, 1976

### Lenten obligations are these:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of complete abstinence (no meat) and fast (only one full meal).
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).
- Fast is of obligation for Catholics who have completed their 21st year, but have not completed their 59th year. Abstinence is of obligation for Catholics who have completed their 14th year of age and older.
- Other acts of penance are to be chosen by each person according to circumstances. These ideally will include increased prayer, life, greater effort in pursuit of virtue, and the voluntary surrender of some pleasures.

\*The Bishops' statement describes the seriousness of the obligation involved in these terms:

"With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there is frequent question about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope Paul may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or 'substantially,' the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious; rather it is the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days which must be considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less: fast and abstinence on the days prescribed; works of religion and charity on the Fridays outside Lent should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life."

The Mass of Priestly Commitment and of Christ will be celebrated on Tuesday evening of Holy Week, April 13, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in our Cathedral Church.

# Middle-pew Catholics to rap with Indiana bishops at ND

What does a "middle-pew Catholic" say to his Bishop when they finally meet?

The answer will come Feb. 29-March 2 at Notre Dame University, when the two come together at a Statewide Delegate Assembly sponsored by the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC).

The Delegate Assembly, to be held at Notre Dame's Continuing Education Center, will open on Sunday evening with a keynote speech by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference.

Two days of reports and discussion will culminate on Tuesday afternoon with the election of 10 non-clerical delegates, two from each Diocese, to the ICC Advisory Council, and formal presentation of final Delegate Assembly conclusions to the Bishops.

A "FIRST" IN INDIANA and possibly the nation, the assembly climaxes a year of parish-level discussions and regional diocesan meetings.

Called "Speak Up, I'm Listening," this program was a call from the state's six bishops, asking all Catholics to voice their feelings and opinions about being members of the Church.

More than 350 Indiana parishes held a series of listening sessions at which thousands of parishioners responded to questions in four basic areas:

What it means to them to be a Catholic, what it means to be part of a parish, what "acts of mercy" they perform, and what "justice" has to do with being Catholic.

The wide spectrum of answers given will be carried to the State Assembly by 60 official delegates, chosen to represent the "grass roots" in each of the five Catholic dioceses. On hand to hear the answers will be the policy-making bodies of the Catholic Conference—the Board of Directors, made up of the bishops and five laypersons, and the Advisory Council.

Issues presented as priority concerns will be used by the Conference to help shape future programs and activities.

These findings, according to Bishop Raymond Gallagher of Lafayette, "will be valuable to the bishops as they attempt to find a workable combination between the needs of society, today and the teachings of the Church."

**BISHOP GALLAGHER, ICC Executive Chairman,** noted: "We intend that the end product which we offer to all our brothers and sisters will be reflective of the Church—not only that the teachings will be correct, but that this end product will be reflective of the love, the concern, the involvement, the sense of responsibility and the feeling of being accountable for the world in which we dwell."

The Conference, statewide coordinating body for the dioceses, is involved educationally and legislatively in such issues as poverty and justice, the aged, abortion, prison conditions, family life, racism and various other social questions.

## Westside plans Pulpit Exchange

Five Westside Indianapolis parishes will participate in a Lenten Pulpit Exchange program each Friday night during Lent, beginning March 5. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The general theme for the program is "Sin and Reconciliation." Each service will consist of a Sermon, Way of the Cross, Distribution of Communion, and some parishes will also hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The parishes involved and the topic the priests from that parish will talk on as they go to the various other churches are:

St. Christopher—The Consciousness and Experience of Sin.

St. Gabriel—The Practice of Penance Today.

St. Joseph—The Church: Sign and Ministry of Reconciliation.

St. Michael—Why a Sacrament of Reconciliation?

St. Monica—Why a Celebration of Reconciliation?

## POPE ON RADIO

NEW YORK—The CBS radio network will transmit to all its affiliated stations a Lenten message from Pope Paul VI to school children of the United States Ash Wednesday, March 3. It was announced here.

The Pope's message, which will run approximately five minutes, will urge school children to make some personal sacrifices during Lent.



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## St. Meinrad Alumni slate annual dinner

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—Father Thomas Ostlick, O.S.B., President-Rector of St. Meinrad College, will be the featured speaker at the Ninth Annual St. Meinrad Alumni Dinner in the Indianapolis Archdiocese. The reception and dinner will be held in the Magr. Downey Knights of Columbus Hall, 511 E. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis, at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 2.

Father John Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony parish, Indianapolis, is chairman for this year's dinner. He has announced that Father James Moriarty, pastor of St. Matthew parish, Indianapolis, will serve as Master-of-Ceremonies.

Archdiocese representatives attending, in addition to Father Thomas, include Father Daniel Buechieli, O.S.B., President-Rector of the St. Meinrad School of Theology; Father Gregory Chamberlin, O.S.B., Vice-Rector of St. Meinrad College; Father Eric Lies, O.S.B., Associate Director

of Development and Public Relations; Father Louis Range, O.S.B., Director of Estate Planning; John S. MacCauley, Director of Development and Public Relations; and Paul F. Stabile, Alumni and News Information Director.

The dinner is one of 12 hosted in areas of alumni concentration throughout the United States this year. Other dioceses in which dinners are being held include: 1) Owensboro; 2) Lafayette; 3) Fort Wayne-South Bend; 4) Gary-Chicago; 5) Evansville; 6) Pittsburgh; 7) Toledo; 8) Louisville; 9) Washington, D.C.; 10) Covington-Cincinnati; and 11) Belleville-St. Louis.

Of 420 students who attend St. Meinrad Seminary, 33 are from the Indianapolis Archdiocese—12 in the School of Theology and 21 in the College. Three of every four diocesan priests in the State of Indiana are alumni of St. Meinrad, including 232 in the Indianapolis Archdiocese. Some 517 laymen living in the Indianapolis area are also alumni of the Seminary.

## Future planning object of study by East district education board

Attempting to define a sense of "Church," the parishes in the Indianapolis East education district have organized an ad hoc committee to study future planning regarding education on the East side of Indianapolis. This committee was set up at the same time representatives of the Sisters of Providence and Franciscan Sisters met with the board to discuss their involvement in the future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese.

This information was related by John O'Connell, president of the East district board, in the district profile presented at the Archdiocesan board of education meeting held Feb. 17 at St. Simon parish, Indianapolis.

The East district includes nine parishes: Holy Cross, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Francis de Sales, St. Philip Neri, St. Simon, Little Flower, all of Indianapolis, and St. Michael in Greenfield. The district includes the largest parish in the Archdiocese—St. Simon—with over 7,000 registered parishioners. The district also includes Scelcina Memorial High School.

Indianapolis East district board members express a concern that education problems are being met in a chuckhole patching manner, covering over problems as they occur with solutions which will not hold for long, rather than devise methods which would eliminate the chuckholes. All of the parishes of the East district, with the exception of St. Francis de Sales, has a grade school. Combined enrollment is close to 3,000 pupils. Enrollment at Scelcina stands at 850.

Attitudes toward adult education depend on the parish providing the service. In other words, little coordination exists between the parishes. Most parishes require preparation meetings for parents of children receiving the first Sacraments. Overall, however, adult education varies from parish to parish.

## NOTICE

Confirmation will be held at St. Michael parish, Madison, on Sunday, March 7, at 4 p.m. There will be no ceremony at St. Mary parish, Madison, as previously scheduled.

## Two Richmond schools agree on merger plan

RICHMOND, Ind.—The boards of education of St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes here have agreed to combine the two Catholic education programs of their parishes into a single effort toward Total Catholic Education. This was announced to the members of the two parishes in sermons given this past Sunday.

The proposed consolidation has been approved by both parish boards of education and by the Richmond District Board. The proposal has been submitted to the Archdiocesan Board of Education for its approval and recommendation to the Archbishop for ratification.

The measure is the result of work accomplished by the Richmond Tri-Parish Catholic Education Study Commission this past year.

According to the proposal, the two parishes will have a common board of education. If the plan is adopted, in the fall of this year, children in grades from kindergarten through grade four will attend classes at St. Mary while children in grades five through eight will attend classes at St. Andrew. An appropriate name describing the centralized concept will be chosen in the near future.

A single full-time principal will oversee the two school operations and centralized buying will be a feature of the plan. In addition, the common

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## Matching funds appeal granted

BY JIM CASTELLI

WASHINGTON—The Federal Election Commission, by a 4-1 vote, has approved federal matching funds for Ellen McCormack, a Long Island, N.Y. housewife running in Democratic primaries as an anti-abortion candidate.

Her campaign will receive \$100,000 which matches contributions of \$5,000 from each of 20 states, the requirement for eligibility.

The McCormack campaign says it has raised a total of \$169,000. Funds above the first \$100,000 will be reviewed for matching funds in the future.

The final commission action came after a week's delay in determining eligibility because of several questions raised by the FEC staff about the McCormack campaign.

MRS. MCCORMACK has charged that the commission's delay in approving the funds had hurt her primary campaign in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. She received 1% of the vote—about 1,000 votes—in the New Hampshire primary Feb. 24.

An FEC spokesman said Mrs. McCormack had filed for matching funds on Jan. 31 and that the time taken for final approval was not out of line with the time needed to certify other candidates.

One question—the "intent" of Mrs. McCormack's campaign contributors—caused the dissent of FEC vice-chairman Neil Stabler.

He expressed concern that Mrs. McCormack was not a genuine

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**NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE AID**—Governor Olie Bowen signed into law Wednesday a bill which will establish a bi-lingual, bi-cultural education program in the state's public schools for all non-English-speaking children. The bill originated through a combined effort of numerous Spanish-speaking groups throughout the state. Alberto Gonzalez, a member of the Indiana Catholic Conference's Spanish-speaking resource committee and vice-president of the Hispano-American organization based at St. Mary's Church, Indianapolis, was instrumental in providing testimony at Senate hearings on the bill. The Indiana Catholic Conference gave strong

support for the bill and is confident that the new law will provide aid not only for Spanish-speaking children in the state, but for the newly resettled Vietnamese refugee children as well. Pictured above at the bill's signing are, left to right: Ray Ruffo, Executive Director of the Indiana Catholic Conference; Senator Adam Benjamin (D-Gary), Senate sponsor of the bill; Governor Olie Bowen; and Representative Jewell Harris (D-Gary), House sponsor of the bill. Several dozen Spanish-speaking Hoosiers were on hand by special invitation of the Governor to witness the bill's signing. (Staff photo by Dave Skripaky)



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## THE TACKER

## Try this for Lent

BY FRED W. FRIES

The following was submitted by a reader who asked to remain anonymous. It was reportedly written by the pastor of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City. It suggests a good work for each of the six weeks of Lent, and, as the reader who sent it in stated: "It looks simple, but requires some thought and conscious effort."

## LENTEN JOURNEY OF LOVE

**1ST WEEK—The Hand of Love.** Write a letter a day to a friend, near or faraway. Tell that person how much you appreciate him or her.

**2ND WEEK—The Voice of Love.** Telephone someone each day for a short chat. Call people you've intended to call but never have, to say "Thank you" or "I'm sorry" or just to tell them what they mean to you.

**3RD WEEK—The Deed of Love.** Visit two or three friends or acquaintances who are shut-in or confined to a nursing home or hospital. Bring a small remembrance with your love as a wrapping.

**4TH WEEK—The Heart of Love.** Make a list of 10 people for whom you will pray daily. Include friends and enemies. Forgive them if they have wronged you and ask forgiveness if you have wronged them.

**5TH WEEK—The Mind of Love.** Pray for yourself and look inward. Meditate daily and read the Bible.

**6TH WEEK—The Victory of Love.** Celebrate God's love for us. Get outside and see God's Hand in everything about you. Let your joy be full with life, abundant in faith, hope and love. Try to share this joy with everyone you come in contact with.

**AROUND AND ABOUT—**For the seventh consecutive year Marian College has received a grant of \$2,000 from the Shell Companies Foundation for student scholarships and administrative use. Amy Krohn, sixth-grader at St. Lawrence School, Indianapolis, won second place in the essay contest sponsored annually by the Sorority Club of East Indianapolis. Two Indianapolis women, Maura Healey and Nanette Shelton, are on the Dean's List at St. Catherine College, St. Paul, Minn.

**PILGRIMAGE OF HERITAGE AND HOPE—**What has been called a "Pilgrimage of Heritage and Hope" will be held in New Albany on Sunday, March 7. Participants will meet at St. Mary's Church, Eighth and Spring Sts., at 2 p.m. and then march to Centenary United Methodist Church, St. Mark's United Church, both on Spring St., and finally to the site of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, which was destroyed by fire last Dec. 29, where the pilgrims will make a nostalgic stop on the steps of the old church. At the end of the pilgrimage, the marchers will repair to the Holy Trinity gym for refreshments and a glimpse at photographs of old New Albany, provided by the New Albany Historical Society. Purpose of the pilgrimage is two-fold: "1) To highlight, in the Bicentennial year, the influence of the Christian faith on the heritage and history of the formation of our country and in particular upon New Albany and Floyd County, and 2) To honor the parish of Holy Trinity . . . for the way it symbolizes the Christian Church's commitment to spread a life-changing Gospel and do the good deeds of God."

**PARISH ANNIVERSARY—**An early invitation has been extended to friends and former parishioners to attend the Silver Jubilee celebration of the founding of St. James the Greater parish, Indianapolis, on Sunday, May 16. Initial plans call for the celebration of the Jubilee Mass at 3 p.m.; with Archbishop George J. Biskup as the principal celebrant. Marking the 40th anniversary of his ordination this year will be the pastor of St. James, Father John Betz.

**ANNOUNCE CLASS REUNION—**The eighth grade graduating class of 1942 at St. Philip Neri School, Indianapolis, are making remote plans for its 35th year reunion in the late spring of 1977. Loretta (Hickey) Sweeney—coordinator for the project—has asked all members of the class to contact her at 8125 E. 11th St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46219, telephone 898-7596.

## Remember them in your prayers

## CEDAR GROVE

† AMALIA MEIER, 88, Holy Guardian, Feb. 24. Wife of Edward; mother of Arthur Meier of Indianapolis; George and Robert Meier, both of Cedar Grove; Frank Meier of Brookville; Miss Mary Meier, both of Cedar Grove; Frank Meier of Brookville; Miss Mary Meier and Mrs. Elizabeth Beckus, both of Cincinnati, O.; Miss Edith Rosenberger of Bath; sister of Sister M. Assumpta of Covington, Ky.; Mrs. Josephine Keuhn of Connersville; Harry Holmeyer of Earl Park.

## CHARLESTOWN

† CLARA L. MAY, 92, St. Michael, Feb. 20. Sister of Myrtle Miller of Owensboro, Ky.

## GREENWOOD

† FRANCIS T. GERAGHTY, 68, Our Lady of Greenwood, Feb. 19. Brother of William Geraghty.

## INDIANAPOLIS

† EDWARD A. HORNBERGER, 80, St. Mark, Feb. 20. Brother of Rosemary Speth.

† SALVATORE J. GATTO, 79, Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 21. Husband of Helen; father of Salvatore and Robert F. Gatto and Joan Kinzie; stepfather of Jayne Kalfex; brother of Rose Gatto, Mrs. Robert DeHill, Josephine Jardina, Mary Schadow and Roy Gatto.

† HELEN M. KOTTRAMP, 50, Holy Spirit, Feb. 21. Wife of George E.; mother of Michael Kottramp; sister of Maryline Bove, Anna Atwood, Francis and William Brady.

† MICHAEL P. KEATING, 80, St. Mary, Feb. 21. Brother of Elsie O'Connell.

† EMIL ZURCHMIED, 84, St. Michael, Feb. 21. Husband of Dorothy M.; father of Marlen Dinkel; brother of William and Oscar Zurchmied.

† WILLIAM M. HOLLAND, 84, St. Joan of Arc, Feb. 24. Husband of Frances C.; father of Dorothy Ostheimer, John W. and C. Warren Holland.

† TERESA MORALES, 95, St. John, Feb. 25. Father of Juan, Manuel, Robert, Rudy and Tino Morales, Teresa Simpson, Mary Portillo, Delores Neilson and Rosa Luster; brother of Raymond and Avundio Morales.

† ALBERT MARTIN, 87, St. Bernadette, Feb. 25. Husband of Mary T.; father of Mary Mattingly, Louise Cheuli, Joan Endicott, John E. and William A. Gannon.

† OSCAR H. FOX, 70, Holy Name, Feb. 25. Husband of Ruby M.;

father of Barbara Keister, James, Richard and Charles Fox; brother of Loretta Mackell and Gertrude Fox.

## JEFFERSONVILLE

† MARY R. R. JENNINGS, 89, St. Augustine, Feb. 19. Mother of Robert M. Jennings of Clarksville.

## NEW ALBANY

† ZETTA B. BYERLEY, 79, St. Mary, Feb. 17. Wife of Shelby Byerley, Sr.; mother of Shelby Byerley, Jr., Mary Lowe, and Elsie McCutcheon, all of New Albany; Cecil Byerley of Floyd's Knobs; Floyd Byerley of Corydon; Loren Byerley of DePauw; and Raymond Byerley of Denver, Colo.

† JAMES E. MURPHY, 52, St. Mary, Feb. 18. Husband of Alma; father of James L. Murphy of Georgetown.

## RICHMOND

† LILLIAN A. TOSCHLOG, 75, St. Andrew, Feb. 23. Wife of Carl; mother of Mrs. Irene Wiggs and Mrs. Thelma Matthews, both of Richmond; Mrs. Mildred Larkin of Springfield, O.; Kenneth Toschlog of Richmond; Lorin and Verlin Toschlog, both of Fountain City; sister of Ray Wells of Greens Fork; Miss Marie Wells and Mrs. Loretta Wissler, both of Richmond; Mrs. Melinda Jurgens of New Paris, O.

## ST. MEINRAD

† RAYMOND A. GESSNER, 66, St. Meinrad, Feb. 23. Husband of Marie; brother of Mrs. Albert Fetter of St. Meinrad; Joseph Gessner of Grandview.

## SHELBYVILLE

† ANNA E. FROMER, 55, St. Joseph, Wife of Kenneth; mother of Elaine A.; sister of Arthur L. McNurney.

## TELL CITY

† CYRIL SPRINKLE, 71, St. Paul, Feb. 23. Husband of Violet; father of Mrs. Nola Waininger of Owensboro, Ky.; Mrs. Jonell Harding of Tell City; brother of Noble Sprinkle of Mt. Pleasant; Ivan Sprinkle of Coral Springs, Fla.; Leonard Sprinkle of Leopold; Mike Sprinkle of Lamer; Mrs. Naomi York of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Ann Dutcheska of Bradenton, Fla.

## Ritter parents dine and dance

**INDIANAPOLIS —** The Parents' Club of Cardinal Ritter High School is sponsoring their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance on Saturday, March 13. In the school cafeteria. A buffet dinner of corned beef and cabbage will be served at 7:30 p.m. George Nickoloff will provide music for dancing beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and must be purchased in advance, either at the school office or by contacting Helen Dowd, 928-5293, or Chuck Ernst, 253-6870. Chairmen for the dance are Chuck and Lois Ernst.

## ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

The following list is a compilation of adult education program information for the coming week. If you would like your parish or area's programs included in this list during Lent, contact Sister Gilchrist Conway, Office of Catholic Education, 131 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis [317] 634-4453.

**Wednesday, March 3:** "The Founding Fathers," Rev. William Morley, Filmstrip/Discussion, St. Jude, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.; "Changes in the Church," Rev. Joseph Beechem, Lecture/Discussion, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, 8:15 p.m.; "What is Sin?" Rev. Richard Zore, Liturgy/Presentation/Discussion, St. Susanna, Indianapolis, 7 p.m.; "Parables," Rev. Lawrence Voelker, Lecture/Discussion, St. Thomas More, Mooresville, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 4:** "The Role of the Family in Determining Values," Sister Gilchrist Conway, Workshop, Abraham Lincoln School, Indianapolis, 7 p.m.; "New Rite of Penance," Rev. Fred Easton, Lecture/Discussion, Our Lady of Grace Academy, Beech Grove, 7 p.m.; "New Rite of Penance," Rev. Joseph Rautenberg, Lecture/Discussion, St. Bridget, Liberty, 7 p.m.; "New Rite of Penance," Rev. Jeffrey Godecker, Lecture/Discussion, Schulte High School, Terre Haute, 7:30 p.m.

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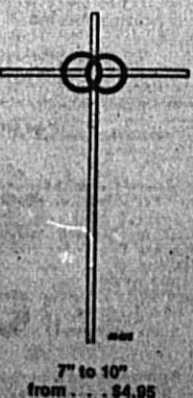
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## Parish sharing

Some of the most volatile discussions taking place in local Catholic education concerns high school assessments and parish sharing. These are two distinct concepts which, unfortunately, are often locked together, and the average board of education member frequently finds himself opposing both.

High school assessment is a subsidy for which parishes are billed on the basis of the number of students attending an inter-parochial high school from a particular parish. The subsidy is figured on the basis of the funds needed for the high school to meet its budget once the monies collected from tuition have been exhausted. In the past, the attempt has been made to equalize tuition with subsidy so that each covers approximately half the budget of the high school.

Parish sharing, on the other hand, is a tax imposed upon certain parishes in order that the elementary school of another parish can meet its bills. Basically, it amounts to taking from the rich and giving to the poor. It was created primarily as an attempt to help our parish elementary schools which could not otherwise really afford to keep operating.

High school assessments affect those areas of the diocese where there are high schools: Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Madison, New Albany. Parish sharing affects only Indianapolis.

When parish sharing is applied, it works like this: Parish "A" is in good financial shape and so contributes \$10,000 of its income to a pool. Parish "B" is not in good shape and so asks for and receives \$8,000 to help pay for its elementary school teacher salaries. Who will be taxed is determined by the Indianapolis District Coordinating Committee, a group selected from membership of the four Indianapolis

education district boards. Who will receive is also determined by this group on the basis of requests made by the parishes. The working out of the funds, however, is done through the billing in the Office of Catholic Education. The Office bills Parish "A" for its teacher salaries plus the amount of its sharing and bills Parish "B" for its salaries less the amount shared.

The basic idea of parish sharing is a good one. It was born out of charity, those who have helping those who have not. Moreover, it was meant to help the elementary schools and has nothing to do with the high schools. In practice, though, it really amounts to a tax.

We are still learning that education, no matter on what level it exists, is expensive. Should parishes free themselves of the financial burden of high schools, there will still remain the financial burden of elementary schools. High school education is, in fact, more of a financial bargain than elementary school education. High school enrollment in the Indianapolis area has stabilized and even increased slightly in the past five years while elementary school enrollment continues to decline.

The concept of Total Catholic Education is meant to teach us that we cannot escape the responsibility for religious education at any level. To sacrifice one for another is like cutting one arm from a man's body because he has one too many. The real question in Catholic elementary education is whether or not each and every parish needs to have an elementary school. Isn't it about time to change the concept of parish sharing from sharing money to sharing people? After all, the Catholics in the parish next door to my parish are just as Catholic as the ones in my own. —T.W.

## Terre Haute woes

The agony occurring in Terre Haute due to an education crisis there is rapidly taking its toll. The leadership of clergy and Sisters appears to be enduring its Garden of Gethsemane in an attempt to unite a sorely divided Catholic population. What is particularly frustrating is a disagreement on the issues.

On the surface, the crisis appears to be over the solvency of Schulte High School. In reality, the crisis concerns Catholic education in the Terre Haute area. There are six parishes serving 8,000 Catholics, four elementary schools serving 700 children, and one high school serving 400 pupils. The high school has become the scapegoat, and few seem to be united in questioning the solvency of the elementary schools.

Recently the Terre Haute District Board voted to keep Schulte High School open under certain conditions. One of these conditions was the lowering of a subsidy from \$209,000 to \$100,000. One Terre Haute parish alone last year paid a subsidy of \$106,000 for the support of Schulte High School.

In the board's decision, only one parish voted not to accept the proposal. It said that it lacked the funds and could not go into debt in order to keep the high school open. We wonder if it was the only parish that could not really afford to pay the subsidy. We wonder if all the other Terre Haute parishes are able to afford any subsidy at all.

The real question in Terre Haute is not just whether Schulte High School will survive, but whether or not Catholic education will survive. Are four elementary schools absolutely necessary? Are six parishes necessary?

The opportunities the Catholic community there has for coming together to build a strong religious education program both in school and out of school are tremendous. Parochial loyalties, unfortunately, are blinding many to the goals in the first place. Catholic education is not Catholic if it is not about the work of proclaiming Jesus Christ. In the uncharitableness that has characterized much of the discussion in Terre Haute, one wonders if anyone has ever heard of Jesus Christ. The crisis there is far from over. It is just beginning. —T.W.

## Listening to parishes: justice and mercy

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

This is the fourth and last report of the results of the Archdiocesan assembly held Jan. 25 at Bloomington bringing together the reports of all the parishes in the Archdiocese participating in the Listening Sessions. The state assembly of the five dioceses will be held Feb. 29-March 2 at the University of Notre Dame. Next week's Criterion will have extensive coverage of this meeting.

The final questions in the listening sessions dealt with acts of mercy and justice and the role these play in the lives of Catholics and within Catholicism. Of all the areas responded to in the sessions, these seemed to cause the most confusion. Insofar as the question of who has the primary responsibility for performing acts of mercy, the answer was unanimously given as the individual. This was not viewed in opposition to or in exclusion of collective responsibility on a parish, deanery or diocesan level. It seemed to indicate that collective efforts rest on the foundation of individual motivation and concern.

RELATED TO THIS WAS the strongly and universally expressed need for moral leadership and "conscious-raising" from the pulpit and from Catholic organizations. The primary role assigned to the Church through the leadership of its pastors and through its collective efforts seems to be that of motivation of individuals and increasing the awareness of individuals of the needs for acts of mercy which exist around them. This need was seen as especially vital where the needs of

minority groups are concerned. A call for a greater exposure of parishes to these needs was made.

What would motivate Catholics to perform acts of mercy? Only two of 11 deaneries reported on this question. Much specific discussion on this question was found in the Lawrenceburg deanery report. The belief was expressed that charity is strictly individual and that it is performed because of humanitarianism and not Catholicism. The representatives who compiled this report saw this attitude contradicting the belief that Catholics are special since most people of the world act in humanitarian ways: whether they are Catholics, Christians, or non-Christians.

DIFFERENCES WERE SHOWN among people or parishes in their response to these questions. People in rural parishes tended to stress the notion that acts of mercy can mean help with one's hands and not just giving money. Money was viewed by them as a "cop-out."

Parishes in the Indianapolis West deanery expressed several concerns related to the needs in their deanery: the lack of acceptance of ex-religious and the lack of use of his talent; discontent with reassignment of priests and Sisters without consultation of parish members; educational and social disregard of youth; need to have priests give full-time attention to the spiritual well-being of a parish no matter what else it is; racism. It was noted in the West deanery that outlook on issues and needs differed from one parish to another. For example, within the West deanery there are parishes which do not have an elementary school,

parishes which have large high school assessments, black parishes, parishes with no contact with minority groups, and one parish which has a college located within its boundaries. The treatment of divorced Catholics was also regarded as an issue by West deanery parishes.

Parishes in the Bedford deanery stressed the difficulty of relating to questions of charity and justice. People tend to become apathetic because the poor and victims of injustice, in many cases, have become institutionalized with great bureaucratic structures dependent on them to justify their existence.

HOW CAN PARISHES collectively respond to human needs? Other than the importance of motivation and consciousness-raising, the responses included the following: create parish referral centers, i.e., sources of information regarding community resources and agencies; parish collection centers for organized food and clothing drives; organize parish efforts for visiting the sick and elderly, for helping families in times of death, for welcoming newcomers, for recruiting individuals for larger community efforts such as community blood banks, for counseling; revitalizing such organizations as the Legion of Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul Society; forming parish committees to coordinate groups to bring to the attention of a parish situations of need.

THERE WAS LITTLE difference expressed between deaneries and parishes in the perception of the question. Rural parishes, naturally, preferred a more informal way of

responding with less official organization than urban parishes. A unanimous conviction was expressed that the parish itself should in no way support or encourage individuals to support agencies or organizations in conflict with the teachings of the Church.

Overall, the representatives at the Archdiocesan assembly expressed the following needs as requiring action on the part of the Church at all levels:

1) Leadership and motivation, educating people to what acts of mercy are and what needs exist. Confusion was expressed on what is an act of mercy and how far do I go? The responsibility of priests to educate people through homilies and other programs about needs existing in parishes was recognized.

2) Programs in leadership and support for people with special problems such as divorced Catholics, youth, senior citizens, minority and racial groups.

3) Increased communications between parishes and between parishes and the Archdiocese. Some negative competition between parishes was noted in small towns where there were one or two parishes.

4) Possibility of ecumenical cooperation should be explored.

5) The establishment of a formal system to communicate the needs of the people to the parish at large. A strong desire was expressed for keeping the format of the Listening Sessions continued at all levels, particularly at the parish level, where the humanness is not lost in condensation.

## MEDITATION

## How to renew yourself spiritually in Lent

BY FR. DONN RAABE

Co-pastor, St. Joan of Arc parish, Indianapolis

Lent starts once again this coming week. How can I make it a more profitable time, a time of personal and spiritual renewal?

Lent came into existence as the climax of a training period for candidates for Church membership. The training period was a process of learning to live with Christians and among Christians, learning to live in a

Christian group or local church (which today we call a parish.) They learned to share prayer, faith, discipline, ritual and mission—the elements of the Christian Community.

The Easter Mystery, celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass, was the high point of their initiation into the Church. The catechumen went through a process of experiences aimed at helping him live a common life with other believers. After the initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), he would take up sharing

fully in the life of the community.

The local church also was part of the process. The initiation of the catechumens was carried on in the midst of the community of the faithful who, together with the catechumens, considered the value of the paschal mystery and renewed their own conversion. It was an experience of renewal for those who were already members of the Church.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE already members of the Church, Lent was the experience of renewing their life of discipleship to Jesus. It was during that special time that the Christian renewed himself, so that Jesus could more truly be the Lord of his life. It meant making a special effort to discipline himself, to put off the things that kept him isolated and selfish.

The penitential practices were not aimed at bettering his standing in the eyes of God, but were aimed at making him deeper in faith, more a member of the faith community and more responsive to the needs of his less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Discipleship demanded a conscious choice. It's the same today as well as then. Lent is a time for making us more conscious of what we personally choose, when we choose to be a disciple of Christ in the Catholic Church.

The Church is not meant to be a "service station" for individual spiritual needs, but a community of faith, worship, fellowship and service. That can be only to the extent that the majority of its members continue to make a conscious, mature and personally demanding choice to belong.

We're not talking about a fraternity

or sorority, but the local church, which God himself gathers together. Belonging is just as much God's doing. This kind of choice can't be solely based on the instructional passing on of a body of facts and formulas, the content of faith. But it has to be based also on the experience of faith, which is a gift as we have always said. It is these experiences of God in our lives which lead us to conversion, to put on Christ and change our ways. This demands a mature decision.

THIS KIND OF DECISION is personally rooted in the Scriptures. Our gathering at Sunday Mass shouldn't be all "What am I going to get out of it?" but "What am I bringing? What has my reflection on how God has been at work in my life during the past week led me to know and celebrate today?"

Part of that reflection ideally should include the Sunday Scripture readings. Active participation at Mass comes from being actively present to what is said and going on. Otherwise, we come as passive spectators observing, getting, but not giving and getting in return.

As a preparation for the Lenten Scripture readings at Mass, may we suggest the reading of "The Word This Sunday," a capsule feature of the Criterion's "Know Your Faith" page? It is being provided with the hope that the brief meditation will serve as a "thought starter" and a reflective preparation for each Sunday's readings. In addition, shut-ins and others unable to attend the Eucharistic Liturgy may find in it a prayerful link with their brothers and sisters attending the weekly parish celebration.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Brother Golden notes 'typos'

To the Editor:

Since your paper is such a tribute to Catholic journalism, and something to be proud of, I must offer two corrections regarding your issue of Feb. 20, 1978.

On page 1, you picture Rev. Thomas E. Chambers conducting a National Leadership Institute at Cathedral High School. Father Chambers is a Holy Cross priest, (C.S.C.) not a Jesuit (S.J.). He still serves as chaplain to our Brothers at St. Joseph High School here in South Bend.

In the obituary notice for Theodore C. Clouser, you list his two surviving sisters as members of a Dominican community (O.P.) when they are actually Sisters of Providence (S.P.).

Keep up your excellent work. I especially enjoy the series on the Old

and New Testament in the Know Your Faith section. I have used them many times in conducting discussions at Notre Dame.

Brother Thomas Golden, C.S.C.  
Notre Dame, Ind.

Editor's Note—We regret the errors and thank Brother Golden for drawing them to our attention. We are also grateful for his generous comments about *The Criterion* in general.

### 'Thanks' for Rosary to columnist Francis

To the Editor:

It is good that the Rosary is being broadcast over the radio, but it is more important that families say it together and that neighbors come together and ask our Blessed Mother's intercession.

Priests these days don't even mention the Rosary, and that is bad. I want to say thanks to Dale Francis for his beautiful articles about the Rosary. It would be nice to hear more people express their opinions about the Rosary.

Mrs. M.A.

Indianapolis

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Featuring Cantor Robert Zalkin as soloist, the Choral will present "The Ballad for Americans," a musical tribute to the history and meaning of America.

Marian freshman Phil Kern will conduct and accompany the group.

The Madrigals, a swing choir, will be accompanied by cellist Lynn Harold, flautist Astrid Obey, and Kern on the electric piano.

Cantor Zalkin, a member of the Marian music faculty, is the director of both groups.



**SPECIAL DAY**—Mayor William H. Hudnut officially proclaimed last Sunday as "National Junior Catholic Daughters of America Day," coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Daughters in the United States. Shown above with the Mayor are, left to right: Laura Kriech, St. Philip Neri; Janice Tandyk, Nativity; and Margie McHugh, St. Catherine. All are eighth graders. Gov. Bowen later issued a proclamation covering the entire week.

## Greenwood sets St. Pat's dance

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## HOLDOUT

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## McCormack funds approved

(Continued from Page 1) McCormack's campaign committee, the Pro-Life Action Committee, had existed before the campaign and did not mention the candidate's name.

Staeble said he did not "dispute the validity" of her candidacy or comment on the "merits of her cause." He said he expected that she would be declared eligible soon in any event.

But, he said, he was concerned about a large number of checks made out to the committee without mentioning Mrs. McCormack's name. Staeble said there were several other campaign committees—including one for Nelson Rockefeller and one for

John Connally—which did not mention their candidate's name and that he was using his dissent to draw attention to that problem.

A SPOKESMAN FOR the commission noted that the Pro-Life Action committee had been a "dead" committee with a bank account of less than \$20 when Mrs. McCormack began her campaign, making it clear that it was her campaign which was attracting contributions.

The spokesman said "it might have been a different story" if the campaign committee had been active and thriving and then launched a presidential campaign.

## East district

(Continued from Page 1) board of education will have responsibility for the total religious education in both parishes.

The parishes see the effort as making more efficient use of both facilities. Grades can be more easily expanded or contracted depending on current needs. In addition, a greater opportunity is foreseen to strengthen parish financial support through the combined leadership and through PTO groups. Also predicted is more opportunity for specialization of instruction. The common board is now in the process of forming committees for finance, curriculum, and public relations.

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## Mount Carmel cagers cop championship

Our Lady of Mount Carmel jumped to an early first half lead and continued to surge to beat Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, in the Junior-Senior Archdiocesan Championship game last Sunday at Secina, 56-51. Jim Cook is the coach of the northlanders from Mount Carmel. Dave Bldgood led Mount Carmel with 15 points

followed closely by teammate Steve Hanger with 14 points.

Although Sacred Heart led by three at the end of the first quarter, Mount Carmel held a 29-24 lead at the break.

Both teams were champions of their respective Deaneries.



**SPEAKER — Father Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C.,** professor of theology at Notre Dame University, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Archdiocesan Religion Teachers Council on Tuesday, March 2, at St. Maur's Seminary. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Father Sheedy's topic will be "Moral Theology." High school personnel other than religion teachers are invited to attend.

## Secina host to Cadet cage finals Sunday

St. Joan of Arc meets St. Mary's, Richmond, this Sunday at Secina High School at 2 p.m. for the Cadet Archdiocesan championship.

In action last Sunday, St. Joan of Arc waltzed past Pope John XXIII, Madison, 54-41 in the first round, and Holy Family, New Albany, beat St. Ambrose, Seymour, 51-40. Holy Family provided stubborn competition for the Indianapolis representative, St. Joan of Arc, before falling, 54-50, in overtime at Providence High School in Clarksville.

At Secina, St. Mary's, Richmond, had little trouble with St. Patrick's, Terre Haute, winning, 45-34.

St. Michael tripped defending champion St. Rita, 32-39, in the afternoon at Secina. St. Rita had been in the championship game five of the last six years. St. Mary's, Richmond, then nipped St. Michael, 28-26, on a last second shot.

## Music Contest opens Feb. 28

Competition in the 1978 CYO Cadet Music Contest begins promptly at 9 a.m. at Chataud High School, Saturday, Feb. 28.

Performers in Piano, Instrumental and Vocal (all Solo and Ensemble) will vie for medals in the various areas of competition.

According to CYO Executive Director Bill Kuntz, participation in the contest has more than doubled last year's figures.

Piano performers begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and should be finished by 12:30 p.m. Outstanding soloist in each category will play for the audience.

Instrumental and Vocal competition is scheduled from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Outstanding soloist and ensembles will be announced.

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## CYO NOTES

Entry blanks for all Spring Kickball Leagues have been mailed, and they are due on Monday, March 22 in the CYO Office.

Entry blanks are due for Cadet Boy's and Girl's Track on Monday, March 8.

Table Tennis semi-finals and finals will be held Sunday, Feb. 29, at Little Flower beginning at 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded immediately following the competition.

The pre-season Junior Volleyball Coaches Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, at the CYO Office at 7:30 p.m.

## Richmond sets Pre-Can dates

RICHMOND, Ind. — The spring session of pre-marriage instructions for the Richmond deanery will be held on two consecutive Sundays, March 7 and March 14 at the Y.M.I. Club, 320 S. 5th St.

The Pre-Can sessions are held twice a year for Catholic couples planning marriage or recently married. Couples may obtain more information by calling St. Andrew rectory, or by contacting their own pastor.

A registration fee of \$5 will cover both sessions.

## Daughters set Emerald Ball

INDIANAPOLIS — The annual Emerald Ball sponsored by the Daughters of Erin of St. Bridget parish will be held Saturday, March 6, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Columbia Club.

Mrs. John Laughlin is chairman of tickets and reservations; Mrs. Rosemary Coffey is general chairman.

## MARDI GRAS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis, an organization for single, adult Catholics, will hold its annual Fasching Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at Little Flower Cafeteria. Music will be provided by the Hot Ice band. Single Catholics over 21 are invited. Tickets are \$3 per person.



ANYWAY, IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE—These glamorous characters will show off some unique fashions [you'll pardon the expression] at the Luncheon-Style Show to be presented at the Elks Club, 8845 Township Line Road, on Thursday, March 4. A 11 a.m. social hour will precede the luncheon. The whole affair is being sponsored by the Northside segment of the St. John Bosco Guild with the proceeds going to the support of the CYO. The models, dressed in fashions "For the Gal Who Just Blew Her Budget at the Grocery Store," are, left to right: Mrs. Anthony Lorenzano, St. Bernadette; Mrs. M. Dooley Norris, Our Lady of Lourdes; Mrs. Richard Wagner, St. Plus X; and Mrs. Donald Austill, St. Gabriel. Reservations may be phoned in to the CYO Office, 832-8311. Admission is \$5.00 for the luncheon and show. Mrs. George Bindner is chairman.

## Joint recital slated March 7

INDIANAPOLIS — Patricia Humpe, organist, and Michael Cancilla, tenor, will present a joint recital in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunday, March 7, at 3 p.m.

Miss Humpe is organist at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and Cancilla is a parish cantor.

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March 14	Fr. Gerald Gettelfinger	Staff of Office of Catholic Education
March 21	Fr. James Wilmoth	Roncalli High School Students
March 28	Fr. Jack Porter	St. Michael's Parish, Indianapolis



## VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

## Kipling classic now on film

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Movies about white men who get in over their heads in inscrutable Asia may have an eerie relevance in the post-colonial and post-Vietnam eras, and that may explain why veteran John Huston has spent \$7 million to make a film of Rudyard Kipling's 90-year-old short story, "The Man Who Would Be King."

Huston's project has been in the works for 20 years, and there may be other trendy reasons for its emergence now. It can reasonably be described as a story with two male buddies, both rascally con-men, as heroes, and it is a British India frontier adventure that makes one recall with affection the fine Kipling-esque

films of the 1930's: "Wee Willie Winkie," "Gunga Din," "Bengal Lancer," etc. Granting all this, it doesn't seem quite worth the wait or all that money, either as parable or spectacle.

**THE ORIGINAL TALE** describes the efforts of ex-soldiers Dan Dravot and Peachey Carnehan to parlay their wits and military expertise into literal kingship among the primitive tribes north of the Himalayas in remote Kafiristan. They reason logically that in a region where everyone is constantly at war, no one could be more successful than two of her majesty's skilled warriors, equipped with a score of rifles. It's a variation on folk wisdom—in the land of the blind, the

one-eyed man is king—and the cocky Englishmen have no doubt of their superiority over the back-country wogs.

The scheme works even better than they planned. Mistaken for gods, they become not only rulers but benevolent deities. Divinity, however, proves a double-edged sword that leads to disaster. They cannot cope with religious subtleties. In modern military lingo, they failed to research adequately the local culture.

**WRITER-DIRECTOR** Huston starts his version with a major coup: casting Sean Connery and Michael Caine as the brash, greedy but oddly loyal and gentlemanly soldiers of fortune, and Christopher Plummer as the ink-stained journalist

Kipling. Not only are they genuinely British, but play off superbly against each other, with Caine's wily Cockney adding considerable spice to Peachey's rather flat character. Connery's Dan is the central figure, the ruffian who grows in his role as king and begins to see himself as a minister of peace, justice and civilization. There is real irony in that his subjects revolt when they discover he is flesh and blood, not divine.

The film's major new contribution is, of course, the visualization of the journey through the wilderness and the ice-capped mountains, the heroes' semi-comic conquest of the ragtag tribes and their eventual con-

frontation with the priests in the holy city.

**THERE IS ALSO** a dollop of modern misanthropy in the film that is not in Kipling, including emphasis on Dan and Peachey's plan to loot the tribes for their personal wealth.

This leads to an ironic

finale, with the treasures being spilled down a dusty hillside like so much rubble, that dimly recalls the ending to Huston's "Treasure of Sierra Madre." The script also comes uncomfortably—and unnecessarily—close to drawing Christian parallels to a "son of man" who claims to be a god.

In sum, "King," written by Kipling in his twenties, is mostly a man and boy's adventure film—women appear only as beautiful background objects—of mixed quality and significance. What adds to Kipling is mainly visual splendor. [Rating not available]

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## WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

## Labor Act changes 'not needed'

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Changes in California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act "would be inappropriate at this time," Bishop Roger M. Mahony, auxiliary of Fresno, told the California Assembly's Committee on Labor Relations. Bishop Mahony is chairman of the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board. It ceased operations recently for lack of funds and is awaiting an emergency appropriation which is being blocked by growers, Teamsters, and rural legislators favoring changes in the law.

## Pope raps 'overcoat religion'

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has urged Catholics not to wear religion like an overcoat, which covers a person without changing that person. The Pope told about 4,500 people at his weekly general audience Feb. 18 that a Christianity based on "Habit, custom, protocol or established ways of behavior—a Christianity worn like an overcoat covering only the external part of a person" was not desired today.

## Canadians aid quake victims

MONTREAL—A massive emergency relief campaign by six Canadian churches is under way to aid victims of earthquakes that struck Guatemala Feb. 4 and 6. A total of \$150,000 in relief funds has been sent since the initial earthquake. The bulk of the relief monies, \$100,000, came from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The balance came from the Anglican, Baptist, United, Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches.

## Spokane priests seek experiment

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Spokane diocesan priests' senate voted Feb. 13 to ask Bishop J. Topel of Spokane to "designate a territorial parish as an experimental center for optional Communion in the hand." A spokesman for the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in Washington said, however, that Bishop Topel does not have the power to do so.

## In capsule form . . .

Cardinal Sergio Pignedoli, president of the Vatican's Secretariat for Non-Christians, will visit the United States next summer to attend the 41st International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Philadelphia Aug. 1-8 . . . Robert Beusse, secretary for communication of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC), and Norman Lear, producer of several controversial television series, will be among panelists discussing television's "family viewing" plan at a forthcoming meeting of the National Association of Television Executives . . . An unemployed school teacher is being held under \$50,000 bond for allegedly threatening to assassinate Msgr. Hugh M. Beahan, acting editor of the Western Michigan Catholic. Grand Rapids diocesan newspaper. The suspect, Roger Reindel, was arrested by the FBI.

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## Names . .

Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, has been named to a 10-member federal advisory committee on equal employment opportunity programs in colleges and universities.

Jesuit Father Robert J. Hente, retiring president of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. has accepted an appointment to the McDonnell Chair in Justice in American Society at St. Louis University.

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