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## Supreme Court backs hospital right to refuse abortion, sterilization

BY JIM CASTELLI

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court has defended the right of church-related hospitals receiving federal funds to refuse to perform abortions or sterilizations.

The Court's action represents "a major victory for Catholic hospitals," according to Eugene Schulte, director of legal services for the Catholic Hospital Association (CHA).

The decision "definitely strengthens" the right of Catholic hospitals to refuse to perform abortions, Schulte said.

BISHOP JAMES RAUSCH, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said he was gratified by the court's action.

Ironically, the court's action came on the only case in the United States so far in which a private, denominational hospital was ordered by a court to perform a procedure it considered morally unacceptable.

THE CASE INVOLVED a 1972 challenge to policies at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, Mont., by Mr. and Mrs. James Michael Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor was refused a tubal ligation at the hospital following her

second childbirth by Caesarian section. Mrs. Taylor and her physicians sought the sterilization on the grounds that Mrs. Taylor's health problems, including diabetes, made pregnancy a severe health risk.

U.S. District Court Judge James Battin ordered the operation in a temporary ruling before trial, and the operation was performed several days later. St. Vincent's was the only hospital in the Billings area with obstetrical-gynecological facilities.

As a result of issues raised by the St. Vincent's case, Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida.) introduced an amendment to allow hospitals and individuals to refuse to perform sterilizations and abortions "on the basis of religious belief or moral convictions." Congress passed the amendment by an overwhelming margin.

Following passage of the Church amendment, Judge Battin reversed himself and decided in favor of St. Vincent's. His ruling was later upheld by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco. It was the Taylors' challenge to that ruling that the Supreme Court refused to hear.

Bishop Rausch called the Church amendment "essential to the American tradition of respect for the rights of conscience and individual liberty. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear a challenge to the law is therefore supportive of these principles."

"The court's action, does not, however, represent any backing-off from its 1973 decisions, which legalized virtual abortion on demand," he said. "Thus its latest action, while welcome, falls far short of correcting the situation created by its earlier rulings and restoring the protection of law to the unborn."

THE EFFECT OF THE Supreme Court's action, Schulte said, is to leave the lower court ruling standing. "Naturally we would prefer to have a clear Supreme Court defense of the right of religious hospitals to refuse such procedures, but this is the second best thing," he said.

Schulte added that the court's action would lend support to administrators of Catholic hospitals under pressure to allow sterilizations. Such pressures are being brought by medical staffs and particularly non-Catholic medical staff, he said.

There have been press reports in recent months that a number of Catholic hospitals in some areas are allowing sterilizations which are not purely contraceptive in purpose.

Schulte said, for example, that

### Memorial honors Marian trustee

INDIANAPOLIS—The board of trustees of Marian College has announced the establishment of a memorial scholarship in honor of C. Bruce McConnell, civic leader and long-time trustee of the college, who died January 31.

Dr. Louis C. Gatto, Marian's president, acknowledged the receipt of a number of memorial contributions and indicated that the funds would be applied to the scholarship.

Mr. McConnell, who served as a Marian trustee from 1967 to 1974, was president of Hamilton-Harris Co. and was the founder of WISH-TV. He received an honorary doctorate from Marian in 1970.

### Pope fills See

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul has filled the primatial See of Hungary, Esztergom, left vacant since February, 1974, when he removed the late Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty.

The new archbishop of Esztergom and primate of Hungary is Archbishop Laszlo Lakai, 65, who has been apostolic administrator of the archdiocese since 1972.

Cardinal Mindszenty, at Pope Paul's request, left his refuge in the U.S. embassy in the Hungarian capital of Budapest in 1971 for the West, and died May 6, 1974. He had maintained the title of archbishop of Esztergom and primate of Hungary during his years in communist jails, in the shelter of the U.S. embassy, and in exile, until Pope Paul lifted it.

## Report \$15,000 in donations to quake fund

As of March 1, the Archdiocesan Mission Office has reported the receipt of \$15,344.11 for the Guatemalan Emergency Relief Fund. Of that amount, \$13,995.82 was from adult donations and \$1,348.29 from pupil members of the Holy Childhood Association in the Archdiocese.

As his Lenten Appeal letter indicates, Monsignor Victor L. Goossens, Mission Office Director, will use the income from that appeal to aid the Guatemalan Earthquake victims.

LATEST INFORMATION from the National Catholic Relief Services office (March 1st) indicates that nearly 3.5 million dollars worth of goods and services have been provided by the U.S. Agency alone to stricken Guatemala. Material assistance has been in the form of blankets, clothing, food, medicine, as well as large shipments of badly-needed building materials and tools.

It is estimated that the long term reconstruction program of clearing the debris and rebuilding will take many months and more than seven million dollars in materials.

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## Prelate restates support for bill for family aid

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis has reaffirmed his support of a comprehensive child and family services bill sponsored by Sen. Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) and Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.).

Archbishop Roach had sent Mondale a letter last December supporting the bill on behalf of the Minnesota Catholic Conference after Mondale requested help from state Catholic conference directors in refuting anonymous charges that the bill would create communist style child-rearing centers.

The bill would provide federal funds for day care programs and related medical and social services for children and their families.

THE FEB. 27 EDITION of the Catholic Bulletin, St. Paul diocesan newspaper, carried a full-page, small-print advertisement criticizing the bill. The ad was signed and paid for by Msgr. Arthur Durand of Northfield, Minn.

Msgr. Durand said the bill takes away rights from parents and gave the state too large a role in rearing children.

In a letter to the editor in the same edition of the Bulletin as Msgr. Durand's ad, Archbishop Roach said "I respect Msgr. Durand's position and certainly his right to disagree with my position."

"I have read and reread the bill," he said, "and I endorse it only because I see in it an opportunity for families, on a totally voluntary basis, to have access to basic health, education, and child care services which they may want for their children, but often cannot afford. It is my belief that the provisions of that bill will strengthen, rather than weaken, families."

"I MERELY WANT to assure Msgr. Durand," Archbishop Roach said, "that I may be wrong about the Child and Family Services Act, but I am not uninformed."

The Mondale-Brademas bill is supported by the National Conference of Catholic Charities and a number of other religious groups.

State and diocesan Catholic officials in Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Ohio and other areas have issued statements either supporting the bill outright or defending it against false charges.

### BULLETIN

The Terre Haute District Board of Education voted Monday, March 1, to "continue the operation of Schulte High School" on an indefinite basis. Response of the Catholics in Terre Haute has been positive and a pre-registration goal of 300 was surpassed, a spokesman stated. In addition, the promise of financial assistance through the private community was viewed optimistically. The Terre Haute Board further responded to the need to study Total Catholic Education in the Terre Haute area in the coming months.



ARCHDIOCESAN DELEGATION—Laymen and laywomen representing the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at the National Catholic Conference Delegate Assembly held this past week at Notre Dame University assembled for this picture in the Continuing Education Center. With the delegates are Father Larry Voelker (far left), Archdiocesan coordinator for

the ICC, and Archbishop George Biskup, center. To the immediate left of Archbishop Biskup are the two Archdiocesan delegates elected by their peers to the newly reorganized Advisory Council to the ICC. They are Amanda Strong of Indianapolis and J. Larry Osborne of Jeffersonville. (Staff photo by Father Thomas Widner)

## State assembly concludes initial 'Listening Session'

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

In a "first" for the Church in Indiana and the United States as well, 69 delegates, six bishops, and 48 consultants took part in the Indiana Catholic Conference State Delegate Assembly at the University of Notre Dame Feb. 29-March 2.

"Nowhere else in the United States has anything like this ever been attempted," said Theodore Staub,

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president of the Ohio Catholic Conference, and guest of the assembly.

The assembly resulted from the participation of more than 13,000 Catholics in the five dioceses of the state in the "Speak Up! I'm Listening" program which began on the parish level in October, 1975.

The program was the response of the state's bishops to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Bicentennial Program. The listening sessions attempted to "listen" to the opinions, concerns and feelings of Catholics at the grass roots level.

THE SIXTY-NINE delegates from the five dioceses spent a day and a half reporting on the results of the listening sessions in their own dioceses. A comparison of the results in each diocese was achieved and delivered to the Advisory Council of the Indiana Catholic Conference for study and implementation.

The Council membership is made up of Bishop Raymond Gallagher of Lafayette, 10 priests, four laymen and one Sister. In addition to submitting the reports to the Council, the Delegate Assembly elected ten of their participants to be added to the Council. Thus, the Indiana Catholic Conference has reorganized its own Advisory Council as the first response to the Listening Sessions.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, Feb. 29,

## Senior Citizens Mass scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS—The Third Annual City-Wide Mass for Senior Citizens will be held in Little Flower Church at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7. A luncheon will follow in the Scelina High School Cafeteria.

Archbishop George J. Biskup will serve as the principal celebrant of the concelebrated Mass. Special music is planned for the Mass and special entertainment for the luncheon.

Father Edwin Soergel, co-pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, and Sue Ley of Catholic Charities are serving as coordinators for this year's programs. Father Soergel has invited priests of the Archdiocese to assist in serving the meal, as they did last year.

SERVING AS co-chairmen for the project are Frances Graney of Christ the King parish and Anna Marie Bauer of Little Flower parish.

Miss Graney is also directing the sale of tickets along with Ed Welland of St. Matthew's parish. Luncheon tickets are \$3.00, the same as last year, and may be purchased through the parishes.

In charge of the liturgy is Father Steve Jarrell, associate pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Entertainment coordinators are Mary Hickey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bridenbach, all of Holy Spirit parish.

Contact for the Council of Catholic Women is Cecilia Eschenbach of St. Catherine parish, and Marjory Moriarty of Our Lady of Lourdes parish is handling publicity.

An estimated 900 persons attended last year's Senior Citizens Mass and more than 800 were at the luncheon.

Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, addressed the assembly in a keynote speech entitled "The Shared Responsibility of the People of God." In his address Archbishop Bernardin outlined four conditions necessary in developing the concept of shared responsibility. These are: a careful and solid theological grounding; the recognition that no one structure or model is adequate to embrace the total reality of the Church; the recognition of human limitations; and the avoidance of a too-exclusive concern with intramural

issues. Elected to the Advisory Council from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were J. Larry Osborne, Sacred Heart parish, Jeffersonville, and Amanda L. Strong, Holy Angels parish, Indianapolis. Newly elected members from the other dioceses of Indiana were: Evansville: Walter Backes and Carol Merkel; Fort-Wayne: South Bend: Janice Brunner, and Benito Salazar; Gary: Ellen Firme and Jerry Smith; Lafayette: Anthony Petrucci and Michael Vandenbosch. (Analysis of the Delegate Assembly will begin next week in Fr. Widner's column "Living the Questions.")

## Pius XII hailed on anniversary for laying council groundwork

VATICAN CITY—Without the groundwork laid by Pope Pius XII, Vatican Council II would have been "historically inconceivable," the late Pope's postulator said on the 100th anniversary of the Pontiff's birth.

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, the postulator or Church official in charge of the process for the canonization of Pius XII called Pius XII the precursor of the council.

"Obviously I don't intend to say that the council did nothing but codify Pius XII's teaching," Father Molinari said.

"But at the same time it is undeniable that the advances of the council are largely the logical evolution of the work of Pius XII. They are rooted in his teaching and manner of governing in such a way that without them the council's progress would be historically inconceivable."

TO DEMONSTRATE the influence of Pius XII, Father Molinari noted the number of times the late Pope was cited in conciliar documents. "Except for quotations from Scripture, the council does not cite any other source with such frequency as it does the official teaching documents of Pius XII."

The Jesuit said that Pius was cited 180 times in all. He added: "Today it is recognized that for years the Pope had begun preparatory studies for an ecumenical council, but he finally suspended them since he judged that the times were not yet sufficiently ripe

and the Church needed a more suitable preparation." Pius XII, Father Molinari said, prepared the field for the council by establishing local hierarchies in mission lands; internationalizing the College of Cardinals, promoting liturgical and biblical studies and reform, and in other important ways.

FATHER MOLINARI asserted that Pius had a great intellect, but that his importance for the Church did not end in the intellectual realm.

"He was, above all and especially, a priest of Christ and as such he knew that at all times and in all circumstances priority of action in the Church belongs to charity."

"The charitable works which Pius promoted and accomplished during the Second World War and in the post-war period will always be one of the most beautiful pages in Church history."

### City-wide Ultreya

The Indianapolis Curial Center announces a city-wide Ultreya at 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, in St. Matthew's Cafeteria, 4100 E. 58th Street. The theme of the evening is "Self-Surrender—Choice or Chance?" The program will consist of group prayer, songs and short talks by Betty O'Connor, Tom Rothermel and Father Mike Carr. All Christians are invited to attend.



TO MANAGE CYO CAMPS—Bernard Welmer has been appointed Manager of CYO Camps Rancho Fransas and Christina in Brown County. The appointment was announced this week by the Camp Committee of the CYO Board of Directors. Shown with Welmer, looking over a camp brochure, is Father Donald Schneider, who will continue as Spiritual Director at both camps. Welmer has had many years' experience at the CYO Camps.



AT ST. MEINRAD ALUMNI DINNER—Retired Archbishop Paul C. Schulte was a surprise guest at Tuesday night's annual St. Meinrad Alumni Dinner at the Monsignor Downey Knights of Columbus. He is shown above being greeted by Father Kenny Sweeney, Director of Fatima Retreat House. It marked one of the rare public appearances for 85-year-old Archbishop Schulte, who lives in retirement at St. Augustine's Home. (Staff photo by Dave Skripky)



# WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

## Treasure sold to aid poor

VENICE—Asserting that the Church's real treasures are the poor, Cardinal Almino Luciani of Venice authorized pastors and rectors of sanctuaries to sell gold and silver objects to help a center for the retarded. Cardinal Luciani made the first contribution himself by putting up for auction a pectoral cross and gold chain which had belonged to Pope Pius XII.

## Chavez announces raisin boycott

FRESNO, Calif.—A nationwide boycott of Sun-Maid raising, Sun-Maid processed foods and nuts and the products of several other major Fresno County growers was announced by Cesar Chavez, president of United Farm Workers of America. Chavez also said that his union, in cooperation with other groups belonging to the AFL-CIO, will try to extend the boycott to the European Common Market.

## In capsule form . . .

A relic of the True Cross contained in a cruciform golden reliquary was discovered in Venice, Italy in the archives of the Benedictine Abbey of San Gioglio Maggiore Feb. 24. Documents in the archives say that the relic was given to Doge Grimani of Venice by Pope Paul V in the early 17th century . . . The Newark N.J. archdiocesan Institute of Social Social Justice and Peace has appealed for amnesty for Vietnam war resisters in a statement supporting National Amnesty Week Feb. 22-29. "Although we hold little hope that President Ford will reverse his current position, (against unconditional amnesty) we think it is worthwhile to raise the issue of unconditional amnesty before the nation once again at this time," the statement said.

## Protestants endorse anti-abortion

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—In a statement critical of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR), two Protestant anti-abortion groups have endorsed Catholic involvement—political, educational and pastoral—in the anti-abortion movement. The statement was issued by the Houston-based Baptists for Life and the American Citizens Concerned for Life, headquartered here, in reaction to what they charge is an effort by RCAR to "polarize religious bodies against one another in order to protect its support of abortion on demand."

## Court releases textbooks

COLUMBUS, O.—About \$11 million worth of textbooks will be available to nonpublic schools in Ohio next year because a court action lifted some restraints on state money appropriated for auxiliary services and materials. A modifying order, issued here by U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Kinneary, released about one-eighth of the \$88 million approved by the state Legislature. The money has been under a temporary restraining order while challenged in court by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

## Names . .

Cardinal Efram Forni, 87, long-time Vatican diplomat, died in Rome, Feb. 27.  
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.  
Mother Elizabeth Minister has been named United States provincial of the 4,000-member Daughters of the Heart of Mary, a 186-year-old religious community in many dioceses of the United States and Canada.  
Archbishop T.J. Toolen, who retired as head of the Mobile, Alabama diocese in 1969, celebrated his 90th birthday here Feb. 28.  
Divine Word Father Francis G. Wade, one of the first black priests to be ordained in this century, died at Bay St. Louis, Miss. Feb. 25, after suffering a massive stroke eight days earlier. He was 81.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, March 7: "New Morality," Rev. Wilfred Day, Rev. Joseph McNally, 2-hour presentation questions/answers, Holy Family School, New Albany, 7:30 p.m.; "Church Authority—Where do you fit?" Rev. Martin Peter, Lecture/Discussion, St. Monica, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Contemplation in a World of Action," Sister Gilchrist Conway, S.P., Lecture/Discussion, St. Mary, Indianapolis, 11 a.m.  
Monday, March 8: "Meeting the Lord in Prayer," Rev. George Knab, O.M.I., Lecture, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 9: "Vocation: I am Called," Rev. Gerald Jansen, Lecture, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Will You Lay Down Your Life for me?" Rev. John Schoettelkotte, Lecture, Eli Lilly Co.-Lilly Center-Room 93/CC, 11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.; "The Place of Luke/Acts in the New Testament," Dr. Mary Jo Weaver, Lecture/Discussion, St. Charles School, Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.; "Marriage," Rev. Anton Braun, Lecture/Discussion, St. Joseph, St. Leon, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 10: "What is Happening to My Church," Sister Gilchrist Conway, S.P., Lecture, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Growing Nation, Growing Church," Rev. Gerald Burkert, Film-strip/Discussion, St. Jude, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.; "Your Hunger for Freedom and Justice," Rev. Ervin Van Dorn, O.F.M. Conv., Homily (Mass) St. Anthony, Clarksville, 7 p.m.; "Death and Dying," Sister Jane Berger, Lecture/Discussion, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "The Elements of Christian Morality," Rev. Matthias Neuman, Lecture/Discussion/Mass, St. Charles, Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.; "A Walk with Christ during Holy Week," Rev. Mark Svarczkopf, Lecture/Discussion, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.; "Parables," Rev. Lawrence Volker, Lecture/Discussion, St. Thomas More, Mooresville, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 11: "World Hungers are Many," Rev. Stephen Hay, Sister Marykay Duffy, Lecture, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 12: "The Celebration of Marriage," Rev. Clement Davis, O.S.B., Lecture, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Response in National Affairs," Rev. Stephen Hay, Lecture/Discussion, St. Thomas, Indianapolis, 8:15 p.m.



'BICENTENNIAL LADY OF THE YEAR'—The Indianapolis North Deanery Council of Catholic Women named Mrs. Agnes Miller their "Bicentennial Lady of the Year" at an informal gathering last week at the Miller home. Mrs. Miller has been active in the CCW for nearly four decades and served a term as Archdiocesan President of the Council. Pictured above presenting a bicentennial gift to Mrs. Miller is Mrs. Mary English, current president of the North Deanery Council.

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### Lenten Services

All Wednesdays of Lent—7:45 p.m. Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal followed by Holy Mass.  
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## THE TACKER

## It's shamrock time

BY FRED W. FRIES

"Buy a shamrock to help the poor." This is the motto of the Ladies of Charity as they launch their annual campaign to raise funds for their year-long work in aiding the needy, regardless of race, color or creed.

During the campaign—which begins on the week-end preceding St. Patrick's Day—the Ladies will be seen with their familiar baskets of shamrocks at the entrance of Catholic churches after all the Masses. Later on they will visit Indianapolis banks, department stores and other business establishments seeking aims for a most worthy cause.

As in the past, members of the Council of Catholic Women will augment their numbers in soliciting donations. Miss Marie Lawhorn and Mrs. Paul Reese are serving as Shamrock drive chairmen.

**RECOLLECTION FOR PRIESTS**—An Afternoon of Reflection for priests of the Archdiocese will be held at Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on Monday, March 8. Father Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B., rector of St. Meinrad School of Theology, will be the retreat master. The recollection will begin at 3 p.m. and close at 8 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling Fatima Retreat House, 545-7681.

**DRAMA GRANT**—Ladywood-St. Agnes School has received a \$200 grant from the Indiana Arts Commission to assist the LSA Drama Troupe in presenting a rock musical to elementary school students. Mrs. K. C. Sowder, Drama Troupe director, announced that "Aesop's Fables" will be produced in May with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Indiana Arts Commission. The one-act show will be given at Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Matthew School on May 13; at Spring Mill School and St. Luke's School on May 20; and at Holy Spirit School and School 71 on May 27. The 13-member Drama Troupe at Ladywood-St. Agnes has been appearing in other shows at schools throughout the city this year. Academic credit is given to the performers.

**ECUMENICAL NOTE**—The latest issue of the National Franciscan Directory contains a listing of all known American groupings of Franciscans including Anglicans. Of some 90,000 Franciscans in the U.S., 6,000 belong to Orders of men, 30,000 to Orders of Women, and 55,000 are lay Franciscans. The Directory may be ordered at \$2.00 a copy from: National Franciscan Communications Conference, 1229 S. Santee St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90015.

**LENTEN UNITY SERVICES**—St. Mary's Church, Greensburg, is participating with seven Protestant congregations in the community in a program of Sunday night Lenten services. All the services are being held at the United Methodist Church. The series will be climaxed with a Union Sunrise Service on Easter morning at the First Christian Church.

**HERE AND THERE**—City champion Don Mappes, Roncalli High School senior, is the 145-pound Indiana state wrestling champion—the only Catholic high school representative among the title holders crowned this past week-end at Tech High School, Indianapolis. . . . Father John LaBauve, S.V.D., pastor of St. Rita's Church, Indianapolis, will observe his Silver Jubilee of ordination on June 27. . . . SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral is offering a special daily noon Mass, Monday through Friday, during the Lenten season. . . . The 1951 graduating class of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Indianapolis, will hold its 25th anniversary reunion on Friday, May 28. Members of the class are asked to call Jeanne Mayer O'Gara (359-6806) for details.

**TV MASS CELEBRANTS**—Charles J. Schiela, Director of the Catholic Communications Center, has announced the names of the celebrants of the Sunday morning TV Mass for the month of March. The Mass, intended primarily for shut-ins, is taped on Saturday evening in the studios of WTHR-TV, Channel 13, Indianapolis, and telecast at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday. Celebrant of the Inaugural Mass on Feb. 29 was Father Kenny Sweeney, Director of Fatima Retreat House and former Director of the Communications Center, under whose auspices the locally-produced program is being presented. Celebrants during March include March 7, Father Richard Mueller, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis; March 14, Father Gerald Gettefing, Director of the Office of Catholic Education; March 21, Father James Wilmoth, associate pastor of Holy Name Church, Beech Grove, and religion instructor at Roncalli High School; and March 28, Father Jack Porter, associate pastor of St. Michael parish, Indianapolis.

**EXPLORER OLYMPICS**—Marion College will be one of four Indianapolis sites for the Explorer Bicentennial Olympics slated on successive week-ends, March 6-7, and March 13-14. Competition is open to all Explorer Scouts in the Crossroads of America Council. Winners will compete in the National Explorer Olympics at Ft. Collins, Colo., June 27 through July 3.

## Remember them in your prayers

## BRAZIL

† ANTHONY WINKLER, 75, Annunciation, March 3. Husband of Fern; father of Donald Winkler of Terre Haute; Mrs. Barbara Galtier of Anna Maria, Fla.

## BROOKVILLE

† MARTHA T. HONECKER, 89, St. Michael, Feb. 28. Sister of Carl V. Honecker of Brookville.

## INDIANAPOLIS

† HANNAH E. McGINNIE, 76, Holy Name, Feb. 25. Mother of Loretta Ward, William T. and Leonard Babbitt.

† WILLIAM M. STEELE, 71, St. Monica, Feb. 28. Brother of Joseph Steele.

† MILLARD T. SWAIN, 54, St. Michael, Feb. 28. Father of Mrs. Teddy Glingorich and Kyle Swain.

† KATHERINE M. LEONARD, 88, St. Pius X, Feb. 26. Sister of Lenore L. Leonard.

† JULIANA E. SCHLANZER, 71, Sacred Heart, Feb. 27. Sister of Bertha Kriech, Lorena Baker, Clarence, Norbert and James Schlanzer.

† MARIE L. LENAHAN, 75, Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 28. Mother of Anna Hutt and Margaret Pfeiffer; sister of Loretta Kennington.

† NORMA C. NORRIS, 70, St. Jude, Feb. 28. Mother of Norma J. McBee, Esther Koebel and Cecil J. Norris; sister of Leona Beck and Charles F. Fink.

† KATHRYN M. KEEN, 88, St. Philip, Feb. 28. Mother of Rosemary, Louis F., Elmer A. and Albert A. Keen; sister of Frank Shue.

† HELEN SULLIVAN, 92, St. Andrew, March 1. Sister of Kate Sullivan.

† CHARLES M. SHEETZ, Holy Cross, March 2. Husband of Rose C.; father of Marie and David Sheetz; brother of Ruby Swazy, Alma Miller, Cleo Logsdon and Charles Sheetz.

## JEFFERSONVILLE

† MARTHA ANTZ, 55, St. Augustine, Feb. 28. Wife of W. Keith Antz; mother of Keith R. Antz of Jeffersonville.

## NEW ALBANY

† LOUIS F. SCHILLMEYER, 83, Holy Family, Feb. 23. Husband of Anna; father of Louis J. Schillmeier of Floyd; Vincent Schillmeier of New Salisbury; Mary Frances Hess of Garden Grove, Cal.; Lucille Fessel of Palmyra; and Mary Ruth Kutter of Richmond.

† ANNA MAY BRODFUEHRER, 74, Holy Family, Feb. 24. Wife of William C. Brodfuehrer; mother of Kenneth and Glenn Brodfuehrer, and Mrs. Robert W. Emerson, all of New Albany.

† JOSEPH F. NAVILLE, 85, St. Mary, Feb. 24. Father of Herbert

and Joseph Naville, both of New Albany; Mrs. William Murphy of Elizabethtown, Ky.; Mrs. Sam Bonasso of Fairmont, W. Va.; and Mrs. Robert Read of Jeffersonville.

† JOHN W. KLEIN, 85, St. Mary, Feb. 23. Father of Robert J. Klein of New Albany; and Helen A. Pfarr of Clarksville; brother of Henry Klein and Magdalen Walt, both of New Albany; Edward Klein of Floyd Knobs and Marie Renn of St. Joseph Hill.

† THERESA B. SPATH, 76, St. Mary, Feb. 26. Wife of Clem W. Spath; mother of Mrs. Herbert Summers of Campbellburg; Clem A. Spath, Mrs. Jim Bunch, Mrs. John Cochran, and Miss Norma Spath, all of New Albany.

† CHARLES F. UNRUH, 82, St. Mary, Feb. 28. Husband of Ruth; father of John D. Unruh of New Albany.

**RICHMOND**  
† JOHN E. SHEEHAN, 45, St. Agnes (Toledo, O.) Feb. 26. Husband of Beverly; father of Michael James, Robert Edward, James Patrick and Cathleen Theresa. Son of Mrs. Madeline Sheehan of Toledo, O.; brother of Mrs. Jean M. Goins of Orchard Lake, Mich.

**TERRE HAUTE**  
† VICTOR FRANK KINTZ, 90, St. Joseph, Feb. 26.

## Providence nun, ex-teacher, dies

**ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.**—A Funeral Mass was offered here last Monday for Sister Francis Louise Kinstle, S.P., who died on February 26.

Teaching assignments in the Archdiocese included St. John and St. Agnes Academies in Indianapolis; St. Patrick, Terre Haute; and St. Mary-of-the-Woods Academy and Providence Convent, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.

She is survived by two brothers: Joseph Kinstle of Fort Wayne, and Bernard Kinstle of Hamilton; four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Williams and Mrs. Olive Klopfenstein, both of Fort Wayne; Sister Mary Luke, O.P. of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Mrs. Mildred Broxon of Angola.

## Men's Retreat

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Father Martin Dussau, O.S.B., Director of Recruitment for St. Meinrad College, will direct a Men's Retreat March 5 to 7 at Fatima Retreat House. The retreat will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and close at 3 p.m. Sunday. This March retreat is to be followed by another Men's Retreat April 30-May 2. For further information, call Fatima Retreat House, 545-7681.

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**ST. PATRICK DAY DANCE SLATED**—St. Andrew Parish is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 17, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. in Father Herold Hall. Music will be by D.J. Jimmy Mack, and there will be games, contests and a \$25 cash prize. Corned beef and green beer will be available. Admission is \$1.50 in advance, or \$2 at the door. Committee members shown above are, left to right: Jo Ann Schramm, Mary Dunson, Father Harry Monroe and Father Michael Carr.

## Women's Club to present Fashion Show

**INDIANAPOLIS**—The Immaculate Heart of Mary Women's Club will present a Fashions—Past and Present Show on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart Auditorium at 5692 Central Ave. Wine and cheese will be served.

A 1920 First Communion dress will be shown along with a 1976 model. The gown worn by the Mardl Gras Queen in 1910 will be modeled, along with a dress worn by Irene Dunn in a movie in 1926; a day dress worn in 1891; an original flapper outfit; a bloomer bathing suit and a wedding dress from the early 1920's. An original habit from the Sisters of Providence will be modeled by a surprise guest.

Fashions for 1976 for women will be shown from

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**INDIANAPOLIS**—The Ave Maria Guild will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m., following dessert, in St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove.

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## CCW workshop in Lawrenceburg

**LAWRENCEBURG, Ind.**—The Council of Catholic Women of the Lawrenceburg deanery will hold a workshop at St. Peter School, St. Peter, on Tuesday, March 9. The workshop will start at 10:30 a.m. and the Council is asking all parishes in the deanery to have at least five ladies present.

There will be Mass at noon followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Afternoon speakers will be Sister Luke, S.P. from Fatima Retreat House and Mrs. George Stragand, A.C.C.W. organization chairman.

## CARD PARTY SET

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## Criterion Comment

"Today the Catholic newspaper is not a superficial luxury or an optional devotion. It is an instrument necessary for those ideas which feed our Faith and which in turn render a service to the profession of our Faith."

—Pope Paul VI

## Religious women

At his midweekly general audience on Feb. 18, Pope Paul told a group of novice Sisters that there was much work to be done by religious women. "We want them to be associated with our ministries, involved in parish apostolates," he said.

Though the remarks were general ones, I'm sure this is pleasant news to religious women. They have often been looked upon as the slaves of a male-dominated religious society. Like any slave, they were to have no say, do as they were told, and not complain about it. From the religious woman's acceptance of her role, we have seen her grow to become more than capable of decision making and leadership in the Church. The structure appears to be her only obstacle.

Our intent here is not to build a case for or against changing the structure. We do applaud the unselfish service of religious women in the Church. This is true of them as teachers

and it is true of them, more recently, as parish ministers. They are able to provide a service of ministry where a priest is not available or where a priest needs assistance in his ministry.

The issue is not one of women's rights or anyone else's rights. The issue is one of service to the people of God. The religious woman is needed to help meet the pastoral needs which are increasing in the face of a growing dearth of priests.

As the religious woman professionalizes herself, she runs the risk of forgetting her role as a religious. We have seen this happen to priests. That does not mean, however, that such professionalism is not desirable. What is important for the religious woman is the strengthening of a personal faith lived out in community. We must all constantly update ourselves. But we cannot indulge in professionalism at the expense of a life of faith. —T.W.

## Franciscan vision

The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, met with a group of pastors of the Indianapolis Archdiocese on Feb. 23 to discuss the future of Catholic parochial education. Presently 187 Franciscan Sisters contribute full-time service to the educational apostolate in this diocese. A similar meeting is scheduled later for pastors of the Cincinnati Archdiocese. Our two dioceses staff the largest number of Oldenburg Franciscans in the country.

The Franciscans have formulated a series of questions for determining the viability of individual schools as well as a set of criteria for withdrawing Sisters from individual schools. We think that such questions and criteria are vitally necessary in determining the future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese. Combined with a commitment and a willingness to serve the Church, the Sisters reflect a common sense and faith-filled approach.

Their questions concern the academic, economic and religious viability of a school. On the last point, the Sisters raise questions regarding the theological updating of faculty and curriculum in religion according to the guidelines of the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education; they

question the integration of curriculum for the development, appreciation, and clarification of the Christian message, social justice and Christian values; they look for the kinds of evaluation, cooperation, professional growth and communication that exist among faculty, parents and children. A significant question relates to the evidence of faith in all of these groups.

Among the kinds of criteria the Sisters have established in withdrawing Sisters from schools, attitudes within parishes suggest their importance; a commitment to the poor and to inner city schools is considered; witness of the Sisters in their own lives is reflected. There are additional considerations, of course, but these stood out to us.

Future planning by the Sisters is not something called for by crisis. Future planning is vital if there is to be a continuation of life. What the Sisters are doing, it seems to us, is reassuring the Church that they are interested in Catholic education in this Archdiocese and that they are attempting to solve problems that need attention. We cannot ask for more. We can only support them in their endeavor. —T.W.

## New hope for the Church in Archdiocese

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

As we move into the first week of Lent, we may already be needing to remind ourselves to fast and to pray. It is Easter that we are preparing for, and it is Easter that should be in our thoughts as we do our fasting and prayer. We are like lovers separated from our beloved. Or as the Gospel indicates, we are like the bridegroom's attendants who are without the bridegroom. We have nothing to celebrate at the moment. We have, however, the hope of the bridegroom's return.



The recently completed Indiana Catholic Conference Listening Program provides much for its participants to contemplate during the lean days as they look forward to a glorious Easter. Many thousands of Catholics throughout the state of Indiana will be waiting for results from the state assembly. The most heard statement at the meeting was a question: "Will anything be done after this?"

The answer is simply that Lent is upon us. Lent is a time of patient endurance, of waiting for the Lord. It is also a time of preparation through fasting and prayer. For the 20 delegates who attended the state assembly from the Archdiocese, Lent will be a time of reflection and work. It

will be a time of decision making. Now those 20 delegates must begin to implement the findings of the Listening Sessions on the local level.

I could do a lot less than to ask that anyone who reads this keep these 20 delegates in your prayers and petitions during the season of Lent. For a powerhouse group has been born. A crackpot group has come together. They have the vision of Ray Ruffo, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, to thank, the listening of Archbishop Bilezikian and the other bishops of Indiana to thank, the intense work of Father Larry Voelker, coordinator of the ICC for the Archdiocese, to thank, and the groundwork laid by the Justice In Our Lives Commission to thank.

I will be writing more about the State Assembly in the coming weeks. But I hope that readers will get to know the delegates more than the assembly. It is the delegates who have responded to the Church's call. If it is Barbara, Joe, Anne, Mary, Janet, Alberto, George, Frances, Tim, Dan, Larry, Don, Jackie, Tony, Pauline, Marty, Betty, Amanda, Don, and Zoltan who are our stars this week. They are the ones for whom this particular Lent will be special.

The future of the Church in the Archdiocese and in the state has been brightened by a new hope, a new Lent. Lent is an important time of hope. Lent is the effort that makes Easter possible. And Easter is the timeless hope of the Church.

DALE FRANCIS SAYS

## Sins of multi-nationals reflect all sin

BY DALE FRANCIS

Watergate was a scandal. The evil that was done by the varied incidents that have come to be known as Watergate was the worse because it occurred on the highest level of government. It was compounded because it was denied in a way that the denial asked trust—and then the trust was betrayed.

But if Watergate was a real example of the iniquity in our society, it would be a mistake to conclude that it is an aberration, an unusual occurrence in the American society. Rather the terrible thing about Watergate is that the principles that were betrayed in that scandal are betrayed all through our society. Watergate was not unique. It is the ubiquity of iniquity that is the fact.

We are reminded almost daily of this in our newspapers. The Lockheed scandal, the bribes and illegal contributions made by dozens of major multinational corporations, are testimonies to the low estate of morality in our society.



area of business, however, deserves consideration.

However, to talk of the crimes of Watergate, Lockheed and various other multi-national corporations is to shield against recognition of the reality. The reality is that examples of this very same lax morality exist almost everywhere in the nation.

SOME YEARS AGO I moved into a position in which a part of my responsibility was the letting of contracts that amounted to about a quarter of a million dollars. That isn't a large sum in the world of business, but it was greater than any I had had responsibility for in my life.

I was amazed to discover that those with whom I did business took almost for granted that we would have an arrangement that a portion of the contracts I let would be returned to me. When I made clear I did not intend to agree to any such arrangements, I found that I could get prices from those who were doing business with us at a savings of almost \$50,000.

One of the businessmen, who did not offer any kickbacks and who did offer us a lower price, talked to me

about the situation. He said that in this midwestern city, where there were several major companies, that kickbacks to those who gave out contracts was an accepted practice. It happened on the level of major corporations, it happened on the level of small businesses.

It was enlightening for me but I have long since realized that it was only my naivete that left me surprised. The plain truth is that dishonesty is ingrained into almost every aspect of our society.

A good and moral man who is a banker told me that he lost business because he was unwilling to play the game. Car dealers expected kickbacks if they brought the purchaser of a car to the bank. When his bank refused to do it, car dealers simply moved their business to a more compliant bank.

It exists in the professions. There are physicians who have arrangements with pharmacies and clinics. If they send the patient to the pharmacy or clinic then the pharmacy or clinic returns a portion of the receipts back to the physician who sent the patient.

IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE to go on

listing innumerable examples of kickbacks and bribes but then that would let others off the hook. If employees do not have the opportunity to get kickbacks, there are no end of workers who fall to give a full day's work for a full day's pay. I'm not speaking about coffee breaks, which have become ingrained so that twice a day they are expected, but of people who simply loaf when they could be doing constructive work. The idea that a worker should not exert himself to produce all that he can is not only accepted but institutionalized in some labor contracts.

The truth is that while there is outrage expressed over some of the more sensational examples of public immorality the fact of immorality exists through the whole society. I do not doubt there are many moral men and women in our nation so I do not intend to indict all. But unless we are willing to face up to the fact that the immorality that scandalizes us when it makes headlines is everywhere about us then we cannot hope to cleanse the evil from the nation. Our trouble is not just immorality in high places. It is the ubiquity of iniquity—that's the problem.

THE YARDSTICK

## After the pro, now for the con

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

Last week I urged ecclesiastical leaders to carry on a continuing, open-ended dialogue with the Women's Liberation Movement and predicted that if the hierarchy and the Roman Curia make light of this movement or give only a token hearing, the Church's credibility among women will suffer greatly.

That is one side. On the other side, it is equally necessary for Women's Lib to face its own mistakes, then correct them as soon as possible.

It is always difficult to admit mistakes. Reform movements are usually short on self-criticism. It's easier to blame problems on the so-called "opposition." This is always a serious error.

Recently, partially through its own fault, the movement suffered an unexpected setback—the defeat of Equal Rights Amendments in New York and New Jersey.

According to "The Nation," a liberal, pro-ERA magazine, both supporters and opponents of ERA, say the women liberationists of those states defeated the amendments. Three liberal periodicals—"The New Leader," "The New Republic" and "The Village Voice," sympathetic to Women's Lib—bluntly stated that blame for failure to win women voters' support rests with the movement.

IN GENERAL, the three periodicals agree that most people think Women's Lib is an elitist movement with no feel for the problems of middle America's average housewife. Worse, wittingly or not, it often shows a certain contempt for family-related and other cultural values that women highly regard.

In "The New Leader," Walter Goodman says, "There is no reason to doubt that the movement's leaders have great sympathy for their sisters out there who have not yet joined them on the road to liberation. At the same time, there is not much doubt that they despise these women's way of living, along with that of the rest of Middle America."

That's not Phyllis Schlafly talking, but a well-known liberal journalist and author.

In a similar vein, Marion K. Sanders, an emancipated editor for "The New Republic," says that the demeaning rhetoric of too many feminists has scared the Edith Bunkers and roused many average housewives' resentment. After observing the ERA campaign during October, Ms. Sanders feels that ERA is doomed and probably deserves to be. ERA's proponents "had failed to establish how or in what way ERA would ad-

vance the equality of women." The message that got through to the voters was that "the amendment would give new rights to men, deprive women of some they believe they now have, and impose new responsibilities on them."

Pete Hamill, in the "Village Voice," strikes much the same note. Many women perceive the women's movement as "elitist, upper-class, and, in this city (New York), Manhattan-oriented." He quotes one housewife: "They're the limousine liberals. They don't know what it is to live the way we live. We want equality, but they want to open a woman's bank or run a magazine." Hamill concludes that "it might be time to start asking again whether our problems aren't more a matter of class than a matter of gender."

WOMEN LIB LEADERS should take this question seriously. Whether they admit it or not, they are widely perceived as being "strikingly similar," in Walter Goodman's words, "to the McGovernites of 1972, for they are both unrepresentative of the larger group they purport to speak for, and in many ways at odds with it."

I still favor the ERA even though I understand why many housewives and

working women are opposed either because they see no benefit for themselves or they resent the elitist, counter-cultural rhetoric of its more vocal supporters. I disagree with Ms. Sanders that the ERA Amendments deserved defeat. Up to a point I agree with "The Nation" editors that "we should avoid generalizing from the ERA's losses to a damning critique of the women's cause generally."

However, my agreement is conditioned on the willingness of Women's Lib to shed its elitist disdain for the values of the average American housewife. The movement must talk and listen to these women.

Equating Women's Lib with abortion on demand should, cease immediately. I am not suggesting that all women liberationists or even the majority support abortion on demand. But enough of them have created the impression that the movement is ideologically pro-abortion.

As Mr. Goodman says, "If a person is out to form any sort of political movement, or is trying to get through a constitutional amendment, contempt (for the values of Middle America) is not a profitable attitude." I thoroughly agree.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Greg Helms suggests power of Rosary

To the Editor:

With reference to Monsignor Bosler's answer to a question regarding the "grandeur" of the Pope's life, I should like to add other information regarding his lonely and mortified life, and it is this, for he eats just enough food to keep alive! In other words, he fasts 365 days a year!

Christ, Who did everything important and pleasing in the sight of God, gave us the example, and taught the necessity of unceasing prayer and mortification. Communism, Red Communism, is gradually taking over the entire earth—the wave of the future belongs to them—if we Christians don't do something NOW about it. The Blessed Mother said that Russia will be the scourge chosen by God to punish mankind—if we Christians do not obtain the grace of her conversion through unceasing prayer, fasting and the reception of the Sacraments.

These are her words: "A great chastisement will come over all

mankind in the second half of the 20th century" (Isn't that the one we have just entered into?)

Let us remember this: Since the Blessed Mother of God gave such great effectiveness to the Rosary, she promised there is no material, spiritual and/or national problem that cannot be solved by and through this means. Have you ever read its history?

We should make this the best Lent ever—there are no truer words than these: "It could be our last." You will experience a good and peaceful feeling—one of having accomplished something so worthwhile for, and in the sight of, God!

Greg W. Helms

Clarksville, Ind.

### Issues challenge to Terre Haute

To the Editor:

"T.W." indictment of Terre Haute is correct. I am sorry and ashamed that our lack of Christian behavior must be aired publicly. However, perhaps now we who see the situation as you do can challenge the district board of education to examine the divisions in our community which lead to such unchristian behavior.

I challenge the board to present a program whereby the divisions of school versus non-school programs, clergy versus laity, parish versus parish, "conservative versus liberal" can be examined. These are our

problems in Terre Haute. These problems may not be constitutionally in the area of a district board's jurisdiction, but I suggest to you that they must be dealt with by this board or a committee thereof. Until these problems are dealt with, the disregard of the gospel message of love and tolerance will continue.

It follows further that no amount of Catholic education can succeed if its products and leaders do not exemplify what it teaches.

Beverly Meyerhofer  
Terre Haute, Ind.

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## OLD TESTAMENT

# HEROINES OF ISRAEL

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

As we conclude our study of the Old Testament with this week's Know Your Faith installment, it seems appropriate to return to the first of our theme articles which appeared last September.

That article began: "Above all, the Old Testament deals with promise and response. God's promise to a man . . . and then to his descendants, and the response of that man . . . and of his descendants . . . to the promise."

For the past six months we have considered promise and response in the religious history of Israel. We have seen in the Books of the Old Testament how God first called Abraham to covenant with Him so that his children might become a sign of and witness to God's plan to restore broken humanity to the original integrity or wholeness for which it had been created.

Through people and events God revealed Himself and His unselfish love to Israel. Through prophets and kings, through faithful men and women, through the Exodus and the Exile, God repeated His promise and demonstrated His forgiving love, seeking a response from Israel in love and faithfulness.

**THE LAST TWO BOOKS** of the Old Testament that we are to study, Esther and Judith, repeat again the great theme of faith and faithfulness . . . Israel depends on the promise of Yahweh.

The Book of Judith is the story of a widow, whose name, Judith, means Jewess. She is the embodiment of the faithful Israelite, confident of God's promise of protection and deliverance in the face of a clearly impossible human situation.

Opposing Judith is Holofernes, also a type characterization of the proud pagan determined to seduce or force Israel into idolatry.

The story is not historical, but in the opinion of most scholars is didactic or teaching fiction. The names of characters and nations are plucked at random from the history of the Ancient Near East and rearranged by the author to provide a background for his inspired story.

Armed only with faith, Judith enters the enemy camp and wins the favor of Holofernes, the opposing general. The would-be seducer of Israel and Judith is beheaded by Judith in a slaying that is depicted as a religious act . . . the working out of God's justice.

**AS IS FREQUENTLY** the case in the Old Testament, the methods of Judith will not stand up to rigorous moral examination, but as Father John L. McKenzie observes, "God saves His people by the deeds of men acting as men," or in the case of Judith, a woman acting as a woman.

In the Book of Esther we find the virtue of faith exemplified by Mordecai, a courtier of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) of Persia, and his stepdaughter, Esther, descendants of Jews who had migrated to the East

after the Exile of Judah to Babylon. Like Judith, Esther is not considered historical, although it is likely that the story has its roots in a pogrom or persecution from which the Jews of Persia were delivered in a providential manner. King Xerxes reigned from 485-465 in Persia, but his Queen's name was Amestris, and not Vashti or Esther as related in the book.

Esther does not set out to give a lesson in history, but again is a teaching document that repeats the Old Testament theme that God will be faithful to His promise of protection to those who respond in love and faithfulness.

**IN THE STORY**, Haman, an honored official of Xerxes, seeks glory for himself and orders that all citizens bow down and adore him when he passes. Mordecai, who bows down only to Yahweh, refuses. Haman, infuriated, vows vengeance upon Mordecai and his people.

Esther, whose relationship to Mordecai is unknown by Xerxes or Haman, had been chosen Queen after Queen Vashti had been deposed for her refusal to answer a royal summons.

Haman uses subterfuge to get Xerxes to agree to the issuance of an irrevocable proclamation calling for the extermination of the Jews.

Mordecai appeals to Esther, who after prayer and fasting intercedes successfully for her people. In the original Hebrew form of the book, the name of God is never mentioned but there is no question that God's hand is seen in Esther's successful intervention.

Haman is deposed and replaced by Mordecai, and in an ironic twist is hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai's execution. The dilemma of the irrevocable order is solved by Mordecai who issues a new order over the King's signature authorizing the Jews to defend themselves against their enemies. Thus the situation is reversed and those who would slay the Jews are themselves slain.

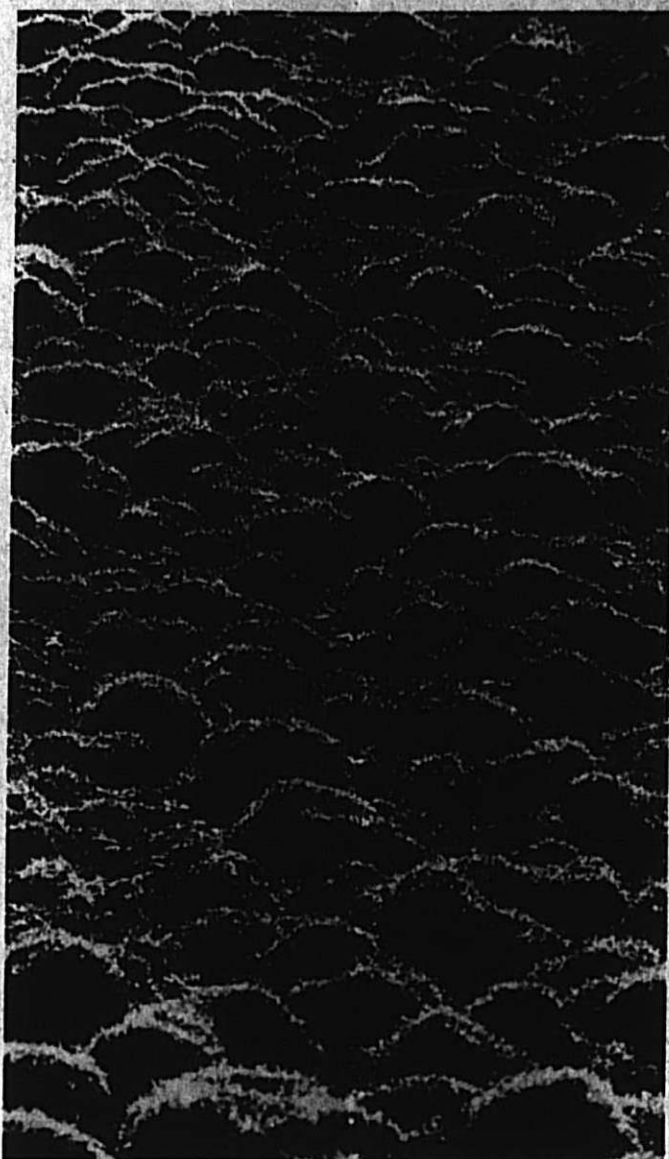
**THE JEWISH FEAST** of Purim celebrates the victory of Esther and Mordecai over Haman. The Purim comes from an Akkadian word, "puru," which means lot or destiny, and refers to the fact that in the Book of Esther the date for the extermination of the Jews was determined by the casting of lots.

So we end our study of the Old Testament's two short books, each depicting an heroic woman whose covenant loyalty to God is rewarded by God's covenant loyalty to His people.

Sadly the response of Esther and Judith was never the response of Israel and the Old Testament is a testament of murdered prophets, broken covenants and apostasy, a testament of God's election of a people that was misunderstood as an election to privilege instead of an election to responsibility.

The New Testament begins when, after seeking in vain from Israel a response in love and faithfulness, the God who calls becomes the Man who responds.

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A southeastern Wisconsin marsh, rimmed with frost and dappled by sunlight, has the look of the earth in its earliest days. (NC photo by Ray Barth)

## A Christian vision: strangers welcome

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

The anonymous letter I received contained only an annotated newspaper clipping with the headline: "Viet Generals Find Refugee Life Not Too Hard."

The sender had circled in red this paragraph:

"Refugees who traveled with the generals said the wife of Gen. Cao Van Vien deposited nearly \$1 million in Guam. The line formed by other wives of Saigon officials to sell gold was broken only when the bank ran out of money."

My critic had scribbled around the bottom edge of that article: "To think you want people of this parish to support these people, I will not donate to the church again."

**FORTUNATELY**, over a hundred Holy Family parishioners indicated by their actions that they disagreed with the objector. That generous and hard-working group, which included many modern-day Judiths and Esthers, simply cut through all the negative arguments and arranged a home in Fulton for the Nguyen Van Ngan family.

These people saw the Vietnamese refugee problem in a clearer and more Christian perspective.

It had and has nothing to do with one's views on the war in Vietnam or

whether our government should have even brought these persons to the United States. It is not affected by the fact that some refugees like the generals may abuse our charity or that this particular county of New York State has a higher than average unemployment rate.

The resettlement question, for us, was reduced to these essential points: Here is a family living in a tent at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; they escaped from Vietnam in a small canoe with very few of their personal belongings; only the eldest child, a 16-year-old son, speaks English; the camp cannot care for the remaining refugees throughout a cold winter; this father and mother plus the seven children (from three to 16) are anxious to find a new home.

Those were the clear facts; the Christian vision said this: "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, naked, and you clothed me . . ." A Christian answer could not be, "I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was a Vietnamese family and you wouldn't take me in or give me a house or help me start a new life."

Spurred on by our American bishops' call for each parish to sponsor a family and encouraged by the earlier experience of a Lutheran committee, the Holy Family Resettlement group within about six weeks accomplished the entire project or at least the initial move.

They met twice, accepted the suggested family, searched out and rented a house, completely cleaned, painted and furnished the home, secured a temporary, janitorial job for the father and were ready for their arrival on Nov. 7.

**ON THAT FRIDAY NIGHT** tears came to the eyes of many of the 20 committee members present as we welcomed the family after their six-hour trip from Pennsylvania. Others shared similar feelings when they participated in Mass and received Communion the next Sunday.

Since then there have been many big and little tasks cared for by different parishioners: medical and dental examinations, enrollment in school, Wednesday and Friday night English classes, assistance with the budget, proper clothing for our winter weather, governmental forms.

Our goal has been to lead them as soon as possible to fiscal and personal independence. I am sure this is what the family wishes as well.

Before their arrival they wrote: "With the help of Father and your believers, our family hopes that we will adapt to the new life in the United States of America and will be useful American citizens soon. In the Lord and relying on Father and your believers, our family does not worry at all."

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## IN THE BEGINNING

# Scientist views last three days of the creation

(Editor's Note—Earlier in the KNOW YOUR FAITH series, Dr. James Burkhart, a physics professor at Gettysburg College in Washington, D.C., wrote an article on creation from a scientific point of view. He treated the first three days. We found it so interesting that we asked him to continue with the next three days. As we close the Old Testament study, we thought it fitting to offer the article at this time.)

BY JAMES BURKHART

In a previous article which appeared earlier (The First Four Days), we tried to give a chronology of the large scale events responsible for our universe. These events were more or less arbitrarily divided into time periods called "days." You readers were invited to make comparisons between this scientific account and the Biblical account of creation, although you were cautioned that no such parallel necessarily existed or was intended. At the end of this aforementioned article, "day four" was briefly outlined. I would like to continue, in somewhat more detail with this epoch, the origin of life on the planet earth.

## DAY FOUR:

Time—10 Billion Years (after the beginning of the universe)

Between 2.2 and 3.5 billion years ago, the earth was solidifying into a core surrounded by a mantle. The top of the mantle was covered by a thin crust, somewhat like the crust covering the earth today, but much more active. Volcanic action and short-term, limited mountain building was going on as the new earth cooled and tried to compensate for the tremendous pressures building up inside it.

Gases, originally trapped inside the earth during the creation (growth) process, vented out of the crust, forming an atmosphere. This carbon dioxide rich atmosphere replaced the hydrogen atmosphere left over from the earth's earlier history. Another major constituent of the "air" was water vapor. This quickly condensed forming rivers and oceans. Most scientists believe that life started in these oceans. Indeed, the oldest known fossils are of algae (which did not require free oxygen). This algae dates back to the astonishing time of 3.4 billion years ago (hardly more than one billion years after the earth began).

The beginning of this early algae, and of any kind of living thing, is still shrouded in mystery. But, researchers have done a great deal since 1955 to show that a logical process permeates the transition between inanimate and animate matter.

Here is a general discussion of the current thinking on the matter: Atoms of hydrogen, oxygen and the like, can (and often do) come together quite spontaneously to form molecules. These molecules can group together under fairly average conditions to form special acids associated with living things. Here, a gap occurs in the inanimate-animate chain.

To this author's knowledge, grouping these special acids together with a base to form DNA (the true basic building block of nature) has not yet been observed to occur spontaneously in nature. The closest scientists have come

to creating a "living thing" is the formation of a virus from a ready-made RNA (a cousin to DNA) molecule and a pool of proteins.

Because DNA is a specially formed giant molecule, it is able to duplicate itself. This ability is certainly the borderline between living and non-living matter. This molecule is also one of the great puzzles of modern times.

Regardless of how life started in the sea, it certainly proliferated over the next two billion years. The beginning of the Proterozoic era (two billion years ago) greets the onset of bacteria, algae and single cell organisms. The surface and the interior of the earth are taking on an aspect that would seem familiar to a modern person. Free oxygen is being released into the atmosphere, and multi-celled organisms are appearing.

## DAY FIVE:

Time—800 Million Years Ago

Life begins to crawl from the sea. This era, called the Paleozoic, is astounding in the incredible variety of plants and animals which are thriving in the new oxygen environment. The usually accepted progression (if we may use that word) is from invertebrates (organisms with no backbone), land plants, fish, to amphibians.

Also, around 250 million years ago, all of the present-day continents began to drift apart from one large land mass. This slow drifting is responsible for the mountain building of the immediate past and of the shape of the earth's surface today.

The earth, with its oxygen atmosphere and its land masses and oceans, appears essentially as it does today. It has green trees, flowers, small mammals and birds.

About 70 million years ago, large mammals (such as the dinosaurs) ruled the earth. The still cooling earth suffered through many volcanic upheavals and periods of glaciation. The dinosaurs came and left. A tool-using, upright animal appears on the scene. This animal is called "man" by some scientists. The time is three million years ago.

## DAY SIX:

Time—Three Million Years Ago

Recall that we cautioned the reader (in the first of these two articles) that much of what is said here is highly speculative. It does have the "respectability," however, of being generally acceptable science. One of the areas which is both highly speculative and not generally acceptable is the area of man's beginning. Here are some of the unanswered questions. Is the ability to use tools and to walk upright sufficient to call an animal a man? If not, what would physically distinguish this animal from a "true" man? What really constitutes intelligence and how could one distinguish between an intelligent being and a tool-using, "non-intelligent" being? Were there more than one species of intelligent beings living at the same time three million years ago? The famed Leaky family of scientists says yes. If so, what happened to these other peoples?

What can we say for sure about Day Six? We can say that when modern man inherited the earth, the planet was truly a garden. It was green and luscious. Mankind was uniquely equipped to rule it as no other animal had been. Now that man has dominion over all the earth and its creatures, the next question is this: what will man do with his inheritance?

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## THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Repent and Believe"

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 St. Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

I make a Covenant with you—my Spirit is with you. And so Noah rebuilt and Jesus went out preaching. Lent is a time for us to be renewed in the Covenant and Spirit we have been given. To repent, believe and live the Good News is our calling.

## Relationships are a human hunger

BY FR. JOHN P. FOLEY

How do we get to become members of God's family?

In one sense, all human beings are members of God's family, because all human beings are children of God. Since all of us have the same Father, we are all brothers and sisters—all members of the same human family.

In another sense, however, members of the human family hunger for a deeper relationship with God and with one another—and God has made such a relationship possible by giving to human beings a created share in His own inner life. Since God is vastly superior to human beings who are, after all, only His creatures while He is their Creator, the inner life of God is

really something beyond human comprehension or capacity. Thus, it is only by a special gift of God—a gratuitous gift—that human beings receive a specially created share in God's inner life: a new type of life which enables them to live in the company of God and to appreciate the company of God forever. That special gift of new life is called grace.

**BECAUSE GRACE** is a created share in God's own life and because Jesus Christ was not only man but God, the grace we receive as a gift from God is truly the life of Christ. "Of his fullness," St. Paul said, "we have all received." And we receive the fullness of Christ in the Eucharist, in Holy Communion, the sacrament or outward sign in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ Himself under the appearances of bread and wine.

Jesus Himself has said: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you." He also said: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him."

Before we can feast at the table of the Lord, however, we must be introduced to it.

Just as food has no effect if it is fed to a dead body, so the spiritual nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist have no effect

unless they are received by one who is spiritually alive, one who has received the gift of grace, the gift of God's own life, one who has been born again.

Our Lord has also said: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he shall not enter the Kingdom of heaven."

**THIS BAPTISM**—the sacrament or outward sign by which we are introduced to grace, to God's own life—is an essential prerequisite for reception of the Eucharist. Just as life is an essential prerequisite for nourishment with natural food.

But Baptism is a lot more than a prerequisite for the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist as spiritual food for our journey to an eternal home.

Baptism is an initiation into a community—the community of all those who are not only our brothers and sisters in the human family but are also our brothers and sisters in faith and in the life of Christ. Our brothers and sisters in faith and in grace are those we join at the table of the Lord in a community truly Christian as we satisfy the human family's most profound hunger for nourishment which is everlasting in receiving Jesus who is the Bread of Life.

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# Parade of Champions

# Joan of Arc cadet winner

## MUSIC FINAL

## Science Fair on tap



ARCHDIOCESAN CADET CHAMPIONS—St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis. Coaches (left to right): Sam Thompson, Larry Lee, Vic Belinski and Dan Coogan. Principal: Sister Joseph Fillerwarth.



JUNIOR-SENIOR ARCHDIOCESAN CHAMPIONS—Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Coaches: Jim Cook (left) and Tom Wilson.



JUNIOR-SENIOR 'B' DEANERY CHAMPIONS—Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis. Coaches: Bill Cobb and Phil Wilhelm.



CADET 'A' NATIONAL DEANERY CHAMPIONS—St. Rita, Indianapolis. Coaches: Terry Smith and Steve Guynn.



HOLY SPIRIT FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Coaches: Kevin Dooley and Tom Crimmins.



LOURDES TOURNAMENT CADET 'B' CHAMPIONS—St. Ann, Indianapolis. Coaches: Norm Buckrop and Don Dodds.

St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, exploded in the second half to defeat St. Mary's, Richmond, 65-48, for the Cadet Archdiocesan Championship at Scelma High School last Sunday.

Both teams were knotted at 28 at half-time. However, Coach Sam Thompson's St. Joan of Arc squad outscored the visitors, 37-20, in the second half for the victory.

## CYO NOTES

Junior One-Act Play competition begins this week at various locations. Schedules have been mailed to all Directors, Priest Moderators and Judges.

Cadet and "56" Baseball entry blanks have been mailed and are due in the CYO Office no later than March 29.

Entries in the Cadet Wrestling Tournament are due Monday, March 6. The Seeding Meeting is scheduled for March 11, and the Tournament Preliminaries are March 18 at Ritter High School. The finals, also at Ritter, are slated for March 21.

League Championship competition for Cadet Volleyball ends tonight, (Friday, March 5) at Little Flower at 7 p.m. Division champions competed in the two-day playoffs. The consolation game is at 6 p.m.

## MAKE-UP TEST

The entrance examination make-up test for Cathedral High School will be held Saturday, March 6. There will be a \$3 fee. Starting time is 8:30 a.m.

Twins Daron and Aaron Thompson led the victors with 27 and 25 points, respectively. John Macke was the top scorer for St. Mary's, Richmond, with 26 points. Ed Zuzolo coached St. Mary's.

## TABLE TENNIS

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

OVER-ALL CHAMPION—St. Michael.

OVER-ALL RUNNER-UP—St. Catherine.

Freshman-Sophomore Boys' Overall—St. Michael.

Freshman-Sophomore Girls' Overall—St. Mary, North Vernon.

Junior-Senior Boys' Overall—St. Catherine.

Junior-Senior Girls' Overall—St. Catherine.

Junior-Senior Boys' Singles—Jim Murdock, St. Pius X.

Junior-Senior Girls' Singles—Jane Lentz, St. Andrew.

Freshman-Sophomore Boys' Singles—Jeff Nielson, St. Michael.

Freshman-Sophomore Girls' Singles—Diane Johnson, St. Catherine.

Freshman-Sophomore Girls' Doubles—Joan Fleetwood, Leslie Crockett, St. Michael.

Junior-Senior Boys' Doubles—Tu Hung Dang, Jim Murdock, St. Pius X.

Freshman-Sophomore Boys' Doubles—Jeff Quinn, Frank Svarczkopf, St. Michael.

Freshman-Sophomore Mixed Doubles—Frank Svarczkopf, Joan Fleetwood, St. Michael.

Junior-Senior Mixed Doubles—Steve Fleetwood, Sharon Giovanni, St. Michael.

CADET WRESTLING LEAGUE Through Feb. 28

DIVISION I—St. Michael 4-0; Holy Trinity 3-1; St. Joan of Arc 1-1; St. Barnabas 1-2; Central Catholic 1-3; St. Malachy 0-3; St. Roch 0-4.

DIVISION II—Our Lady of Lourdes 4-0; St. Simon 4-0; Little Flower 3-1; Christ the King 2-2; Holy Spirit 2-2; St. Lawrence 1-3; Mount Carmel 0-4; St. Bernadette 0-4.

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812-535-4141, Ext. 222

Contestants in the 1978 Archdiocesan Science Fair are preparing for competition this Sunday at Little Flower beginning at 12 noon.

Exhibitors from Indianapolis should bring their entries to Little Flower Saturday, March 6, between 2 and 5 p.m. Entries from outside Marion County must register Sunday between 10 and 11 a.m.

The hall will be opened at 3:45 p.m. for public viewing and at 4:30 p.m. awards will be presented.

The Little Flower cafeteria will be open for refreshments.

## Supper slated

INDIANAPOLIS — The annual St. Patrick parish Pitch-In Supper will be held on Wednesday, March 17. No charge for pre-school children; elementary students 50 cents; all others \$1 plus one covered dish per family.

The winners of two halves of beef will be drawn during the evening.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

# Chiller recounts Vichy tyranny

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Constantin Costa-Gavras, the Greek-born French movie director, has obviously discovered an ideal specialty for our times. That is making films about power-grabbing, corruption and greed in high places.

The man who gave us "Z," about the cover-up of a political assassination by the military government of Greece, and "State of Siege," about the kidnap and execution of an American AID official by revolutionaries in South America, returns now with "Special Section."

Like the others, it is tight and tough, and describes the establishment and operation of special courts that persecuted political prisoners under the French Vichy regime during the 1940's Nazi occupation. (The film won Costa-Gavras the best director award at the 1975 Cannes Film Festival).

THE EARLIER MOVIES were presumably fiction based on fact, but unnervingly close to current realities. We saw "Z" in 1969, long before Watergate and the recent doubts and revelations about political murders, here and abroad, and "State of Siege" when we were still ignorant of the extent of CIA involvement with right-wing Latin tyrannies. "Special Section," however, claims to be fully documented fact—the sort of acted-out dramatization of history that ABC has embarked on so enthusiastically in television—

"Missiles of October," "Eleanor and Franklin," etc. According to the film, based on Herve Villere's book, the Petain government was anxious to mollify the Germans, partly out of the conviction that the Nazis were going to win the war and run Europe, partly out of personal ambition, greed, or natural fascist sympathies.

When the Resistance began a program of random killing against the German military, the Vichy impulse was to out-tough the Nazis by proposing the execution of already jailed "undesirables"—anarchists, communists, Jews—in retaliation. The rationale was that if they did not act, the Nazis would order something worse. It was comparable to feeding your cousin to the Great White Shark in hopes that it wouldn't eat your wife and children.

The Germans, in fact, were somewhat surprised, even shocked by the French offer, but agreed to accept the execution of six men. The film concentrates on the legal horrors—how the cabinet was persuaded to pass a retroactive law to apply the death penalty almost arbitrarily to innocent men, how a tribunal of judges was persuaded to participate, the kangaroo court mockery of the trials themselves.

One of the more ironic sequences details the selection of the victims—a tedious sorting out of musty files of "politicals" serving sentences of five years or less (no real terrorists happened to be in custody), with officials dropping names into life or death categories on the basis of a cursory bureaucratic glance.

THE FILM ENDS discreetly with the preparation of the guillotine, mercifully foregoing the actual executions. But there is the now familiar, ice-cold Costa-Gavras postscript, indicating that the guilty

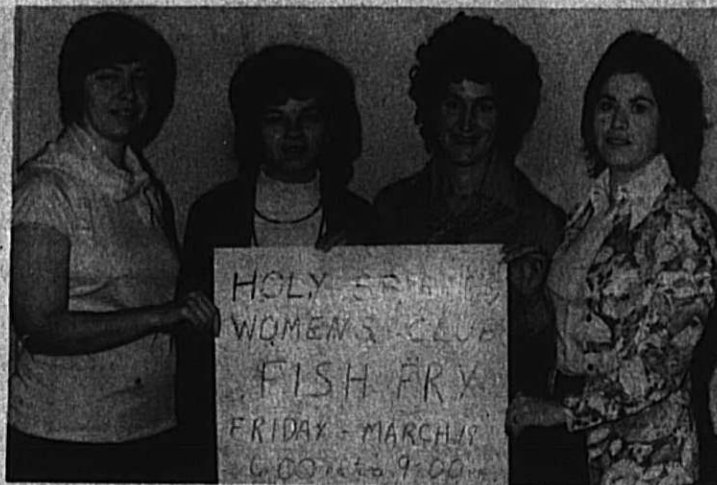
officials and judges, though they had indeed guessed wrong about the outcome of the war, were never prosecuted. Why not? There is only the enigmatic: "The reasons of State prevail."

After 35 years, one might reasonably ask so what? It seems simply another of the endless tragic cases in which ordinary people—non-conformists and members of minorities—have been crucified by the powerful, who have then gone unpunished. One simply wants to cry out: leave them to Heaven. But France is still in the useful process of purging its soul, e.g., "The Sorrow and the Pity." There is also an eternal lesson in knowing the depths, not here of human depravity, but of indifference to moral principle. These were privileged, educated men—most of them undoubtedly Catholics—who could describe injustice to individuals as a "trifle" compared to the dangers to national security, and condemn a man for no other reason than that he is "a soulless, faceless person of no significant value."

As a film, "Section" has less audience appeal than its

predecessors. It ignores much of the potential for pathos among the victims' families and friends, and explores none of the characters in depth. It is satisfied with the high-level debates and machinations, the courtroom scenes, the judges wrestling with (and losing to) their consciences. (It's probably the strongest examination of the corruption of the legal profession since "Judgment at Nuremberg"). The film's only physical excitement occurs early, as the young Maquis members try to pick their victims among the Germans passing idly on the street. Is there a moral difference between the anti-Nazi killers and the collaborationist judges? Very little, Costa-Gavras suggests, except in their motives and relative respect for human life.

It's easy to criticize Costa-Gavras for a leftist bias, although in one of his political thrillers ("The Confession"), the evil authorities are Communists. Basically, he is an artist who effectively argues against inequality, cruelty, the



ANNUAL FISH FRY TO BE HELD—The Women's Club of Holy Spirit parish are planning their annual Fish Fry for Friday, March 19. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for children under eight, all others \$1.50. Pictured, left to right, above are four members of the committee, Christine Berkman, co-chairman; Judy Woodbridge, treasurer; Ellen Rodgers, President; Sharon Stanton, co-chairman.

## Lenten retreats slated

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of April 9-11 and April 23-25. For further information, contact Alverno at 257-7338.

## Guild to hold Style Show

INDIANAPOLIS — St. Augustine's Guild will present a "Spring Fantasy" Style Show on Wednesday, March 10, at 1 p.m. in Lanagan Hall at St. Augustine's Home for the Aged. This event will benefit the Home operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Carolyn Churchman, Indianapolis media personality, will be the commentator for the show, featuring spring and summer fashions by Penelope's and shoes from Michaels.

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## CARD PARTY SET

INDIANAPOLIS — A card party and luncheon will be held at St. Mark's parish hall, U.S. 31 South and Edgewood Ave., on Wednesday, March 10. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the card party one hour later.

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## The week's TV network films

M.A.S.H. (1970) (CBS, Friday, March 5): Robert Altman's famous sex comedy with blood, later developed into a long-running TV series, has something to offend everyone and often does. This overrated farce, which is neither original nor very funny to anyone bright enough to tie their own shoes, lands morally somewhere between fraternity row and the Las Vegas strip. Not recommended.

YOUNG BILLY YOUNG (1969) (NBC, Saturday, March 6): Routine western melodrama, out of the Burt Kennedy factory ("Support Your Local Gunfighter"), with Robert Mitchum as a western marshal seeking to avenge the killing of his young son, Angie Dickinson as a dancehall girl, and Jack Kelly as the town meanie. Not recommended.

EMPEROR OF THE NORTH (1973) (ABC, Sunday, March 7): Will the world's No. 1 Bum be able to sneak a ride on a freight train guarded by the world's

meanest sadist? A terrible idea, terribly done, designed for those who read the funnies by sounding out the words. Not recommended.

THE NEPTUNE FACTOR (1973) (ABC, Friday, March 12): A kiddie-level sci-fi flick about the adventures of a team (Ben Gazzara, Ernest Borgnine, Yvette Mimieux) trying to rescue a research lab in distress deep in the Atlantic. Giant crabs and other gushy creatures get in the way. Satisfactory for children.

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