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**APPOINTEE AND FRIEND**—Nguyen The Nhan, left, recently named to the staff of Catholic Charities, is shown above being congratulated by a long-time friend Ngo Van Cu, as he leaves to assume his new duties. Both families live in the Parc Chateau apartment complex in Indianapolis.

#### BI-LINGUAL ASSISTANT

## Vietnamese added to Charities staff

BY RUTH ANN HANLEY

which sought sponsors, communities, and jobs.

Attempting to eliminate the English-Vietnamese language barrier which hampers its resettlement program, Catholic Charities of Indianapolis has hired a Vietnamese, Nguyen The Nhan, as its bi-lingual assistant.

"Since none of us on the staff speaks Vietnamese, the need, for someone who could pinpoint the refugees' problems became pressing," according to Father Donald L. Schmidlin, Director. "Hopefully with Nhan's language ability, we can help the sponsors, the community, and the Vietnamese understand each other better and work together more fruitfully."

Father Schmidlin said that funds for Nhan's job have been furnished by the Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Catholic Conference under its Phase II program which aims at "helping the Vietnamese become self-supporting." This plan is an outgrowth of Phase I, a finding phase,

Nhan, who since 1955 has made four separate trips to the United States for legal and military training, is enthusiastic about his new duties which will take him to all 39 counties in the Archdiocese.

**THESE DUTIES include:**  
1. Vocational guidance—helping identify skills and talents in order to make use of educational and job opportunities in the state.  
2. Aid in Catholic Charities continuing program to inform Vietnamese with useful information, such as translations of: compilation from Indiana driver's manual; tax information; liturgy for coming Sundays.

3. Survey—face to face interview with every family to satisfy request from U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in order to seek every possible way to help the families become self-supporting.

4. Help arrange community events such as the special Masses planned in Indianapolis and Terre Haute during Palm Sunday week-end. This, too, is a continuing program, according to Father Schmidlin and gives "those who are Catholic an opportunity to worship in their own language."

**NHAN, WHO WORKED** as a staff accountant at Price Waterhouse Company, in Indianapolis, feels his background of previewing problems and recommending solutions for military personnel in Vietnam, will help him with resettlement problems. Nhan and his wife were sponsored by St. Luke's parish in Indianapolis. They have six children, four of whom attend St. Luke's School. Nhan says that because of the confusion during the last days of the war, he and his wife left Vietnam independently of each other. Nhan says that he "sent messages all over for three months trying to find her," though he wasn't certain she had left.

Finally one of those messages reached her and the family was reunited at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The family arrived here in Indianapolis last July.

## Workshop set to aid volunteers

Principals and Directors of Religious Education or Parish Coordinators are invited to an all-day workshop on Volunteers on Friday, March 19. The workshop will be held at St. Jude's Rectory, 5353 McFarland Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conducted by Michael Kanney, Consultant in Value Education and Group Process, the workshop will deal with recruiting, motivating, and evaluating the volunteer in Catholic Education. Registration fee is \$5.00. Lunch is not included.

Participants are asked to bring a list of names and tasks of the volunteers who serve in their respective programs. For more information or pre-registration by March 12, call Sister Mary Margaret Funk, Office of Catholic Education, telephone 317-634-4453.

## From the Old to the New

The year-long Know Your Faith series on Sacred Scripture has reached the half-way point. Beginning with the issue of Sept. 5, 1975 the weekly articles have covered the Old Testament beginning with the Call of Abraham and ending with last week's theme article on the last two books—Ezra and Judith.

Beginning with the current issue and extending through next August, the overall Know Your Faith theme will be the New Testament, covering the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and the Apocalypse of St. John. Setting the stage for the New Testament series in this week's issue are articles by veteran Know Your Faith authors Father John J. Castellet, Father Alfred McBride and Russell Shaw.



## Right to Life head to address convention here

INDIANAPOLIS—Mildred Jefferson, M.D., president of the National Right to Life Committee, Inc., will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, March 26 at the opening of the second annual statewide convention of the Right to Life chapters to be held here March 25-28.

Other speakers include:

Carolyn Gerster, M.D., Chairman of the Board, National Right to Life Committee.

Nicholas Palen Thimmesch, nationally syndicated columnist.

Edward F. Lenoski, M.D., human behavior consultant and author of a five-year study on child abuse.

Also appearing before the convention will be Ellen McCormack, Democratic candidate for President of the United States, and Richard Lugar, former mayor of Indianapolis and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. Congressmen Philbin, Madden and Roush, who have sponsored Human Life Amendments, have been invited to attend.

**CONVENTION WORKSHOPS**, a Saturday lunch and banquet, and Sunday breakfast will be held at the Atkinson Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

Registration fee is as follows: Adult \$22.50; Couple \$27.50; Student \$12.50. Other charges are: Saturday lunch \$5.50; Saturday banquet \$10; Sunday breakfast \$5. Thimmesch will be the banquet speaker.

Reservations may be made through the Committee for the Preservation of Life, Inc., Indianapolis affiliate of Indiana Right to Life, at P.O. Box 11-414, Indianapolis, 46201, or by calling 241-8547.

**MILDRED JEFFERSON, M.D.**, the convention keynote, was the first black woman to be graduated from Harvard Medical School and was named by former President Nixon to the National Committee for the Observation of World Population Year.

Nicholas Palen Thimmesch, has been a guest on network television programs such as "Meet the Press" and "Face the Nation" and has done many radio and television commentaries for CBS. He is the author of several books including: "Robert Kennedy at 40," with William Johnson; "The Bobby Kennedy Nobody Knows"; and "The Condition of Republicanism."

## New Roncalli chapel symbol of mourning

BY FRED W. FRIES

On Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. Mass, Roncalli High School will dedicate a symbol of mourning, the new Bob Taylor Memorial Chapel.

This altogether unique place of worship is named for one of five students or recent graduates of the Southside secondary school who have died during its relatively brief six-year history.

### Legislators propose funds for handicapped

**ST. PAUL, Minn.**—At the urging of Gov. Wendell Anderson, two Minnesota legislators will introduce proposals making state-funded auxiliary services available to handicapped nonpublic school students.

Sen. Jerald Anderson and Rep. Joseph Graba, both Democrats, said they will develop legislation in accord with the governor's recommendations, the governor's office reported.

Anderson said he "strongly believed" that special education services provided by public schools should be extended to eligible non-public school students.

"I hope you will make it clear in law," the Democratic governor wrote, "that a public district must provide a handicapped child in a private school access to the same special education services provided to a public school student, and further that such services are fully eligible for state aid."

### Women Religious will attend workshop

INDIANAPOLIS—"Sexuality and Celibacy" will be the subject of a workshop for women Religious of the Archdiocese to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Our Lady of Grace Academy, Beech Grove.

Dr. David Thomas, associate professor of theology at St. Meinrad School of Theology, will be the speaker. His appearance is being sponsored by the Association of Religious of the Indianapolis Archdiocese. Members of the clergy have been invited to attend the presentation.

Dr. Thomas, who holds a degree in Systematic Theology from Notre Dame University, will conduct the workshop under two headings: "Toward a Theology of Christian Celibacy" and "A Creative Tension: Celibate Love and Sexual Development."



**WINNING SOLOISTS IN PIANO DIVISION**—Pictured above are the winners in the Piano Division of the 1978 Cadet Music Contest. Four of the students are pictured with their teachers. Left to right: Tony Lee, St. Mark; Mary Lou Mann, Immaculate Heart, and her teacher Mrs. Gary

Hofmeister; LaVerne Treadway, St. Ambrose, Seymour and her teacher Sister Melita Schenk; Cathleen O'Bryan and Kathy Mazelin from Immaculate Heart pictured with their teacher Sister Joseph Ellen.

## Ladywood-St. Agnes School to be up for sale in 1977

Ladywood-St. Agnes School will be up for a transfer of ownership after the close of the 1976-77 school term, it was announced this week by Sister Mary Plus, superior general of the Sisters of Providence, who own and operate the all girls' school in Indianapolis.

Sister Mary Plus expressed the hope that the Congregation would be successful in transferring ownership "in order to assure the school's continuance."

"WE WANT TO MAKE IT very clear," the superior general added, "that

Ladywood-St. Agnes will continue its program of quality education not only for this present year, but through the next academic year of 1976-77 as well.

"However," she added, "the Sisters of Providence are having to face the hard facts of a continuing high inflation and a decreasing personnel—realities, I might add, that almost all religious communities must cope with today."

"In view of overall Congregation responsibilities," her statement continued, "we are having to make some difficult economic choices in order to assure continued viability. There is a growing realization that our Congregation cannot much longer own and operate Ladywood-St. Agnes. We are accordingly exploring the possibility of transfer of ownership."

"The Sisters of Providence have served the people of Indianapolis through education for more than 115 years. Our Congregation wants to continue that commitment although the ways and means may necessarily have to adapt to changing circumstances. At Ladywood-St. Agnes, for example, we would welcome a new owner who would not only own and operate the school, but would also be committed to the kind of Catholic, quality education that Sisters of Providence have stood for through the years."

**THE SISTERS OF Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods** purchased the Stoughton Fletcher estate in 1928 and shortly afterwards opened Ladywood there as a private preparatory school for girls.

Through the years the school has witnessed several changes. As need or opportunity occurred, most of the surplus land of the original 220 acres was sold or diverted, with the latest instance being the current Windridge development.

The 1960s saw both the erection of a new academic building and the beginning of a shift from a resident

student population to a full day student body.

In 1970 the school merged with the older St. Agnes Academy founded in 1893 and operating until its close at 1350 North Meridian. The resulting school was the present Ladywood-St. Agnes, at the Ladywood site—a college preparatory school with a present enrollment of 385.

## Brebeuf may go coeducational?

INDIANAPOLIS — Brebeuf Preparatory School for Boys may become a coeducational institution effective in August 1977, if plans for the conversion are approved by Jesuit authorities in Rome.

In an announcement made this week, Father Carl E. Meirose, S.J., Brebeuf president, stated that the proposed shift to coeducational status had been approved by local school trustees "after extensive discussion with the school's administrators and members of the Executive Committee of the President's Council, an advisory group of leading Indianapolis business and professional men."

**THE PETITION** was later approved by Father Daniel L. Flaherty, S.J., head of the Society's Chicago Province, but the ultimate permission is in the hands of the Superior General, Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., in Rome, Father Meirose said.

In his statement, Father Meirose emphasized that, if permission is granted, "Brebeuf will maintain its academic standards and will continue to administer a selective entrance examination for all students applying for admission and that the school will continue to seek the highly motivated student who is capable of meeting the challenge of a college preparatory curriculum."

## Fr. Borchertmeyer re-elected president of Priests' Senate

Father Robert Borchertmeyer, pastor of St. Charles parish, Bloomington, has been elected by the priests of the Archdiocese to be president of the Priests' Senate for another year. The announcement came at the monthly Senate meeting held March 6 at the Chancery Office.

Elected by the priest senators for other offices in the coming year were: Vice-president, Father Martin Peter, co-pastor of St. Thomas parish, Indianapolis; Secretary, Father Stanley Herber, pastor of St. Mary parish, New Albany; Treasurer, Father Joseph Beechem, pastor of St. Lawrence parish, Indianapolis; and Delegate-at-large, Father John Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony parish, Indianapolis.

**AT THE MARCH 8TH** meeting the senators agreed to strive for developing a program for deepening the spirituality of priests. In order to achieve this goal, a meeting is being arranged April 5 for the Senate, Archbishop Bishop, and interested,

### Mass in sign language to be held at Marian

A special Mass in Sign Language, featuring a "sign choir," will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 4, in the Marian College Chapel.

Sponsored by Chapter 38 of the Indianapolis Catholic Deaf Society and the Religious Affairs Committee of the college, the Mass will be offered by Father Joseph Dooley, co-pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, and Father Athanasius Ballard, O.S.B., chaplain of St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove.

The first rehearsal for members of the choir will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Marian. Directing the choir will be Mary Hazel and Sister Judy Hazel.



FR. BORCHERTMEYER

priests with Father Vincent Dwyer, O.C.S.O., who conducts such programs with diocesan bishops and priests. This is the first step in reaching the goal.

In addition, the Senate appointed committees for its work in the coming year. Preparation was made for the annual House of Delegates meeting of the National Federation of Priests' Councils to be held in Houston, Texas, March 21-25. A working paper on ministry was discussed and reviewed.

**UPDATING WAS MADE** on a committee working on the establishment of the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese, the implementation of parish council constitutions, and teen-age marriage guidelines.

A proposal concerning the Criterion was made by Father Thomas Widner asking for the establishment of a committee to study the operation and funding of the Criterion for the purpose of making recommendations to the Senate and to Archbishop Bishop.



## WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

## Good Shepherd council dissolved Pope begins week-long retreat

ARLINGTON, Va.—The dispute at Good Shepherd parish in Mt. Vernon, has taken a new turn with the dissolution of the parish council and the celebration of an unauthorized Ash Wednesday service by some parishioners. Members of the parish council, now calling themselves the "council in exile," have voted to establish a nonprofit corporation in order to receive funds to carry on publicity and to hire a canon lawyer. The controversy stems from the different interpretations about what a parish council is and how it is to carry out its functions, expressed by Bishop Thomas J. Welsh and some Good Shepherd parishioners.

## Schools lose 'grass-roots' touch

NEW YORK—"A rabbi needs a Jewish training and a Catholic priest a Catholic one," said a new report on seven of the country's major university-related divinity schools. The \$35,000 study by the Rockefeller Foundation concluded that such schools have become more integrated into their university settings than they once were. But it said that by turning from theology to religious studies the schools have lost some of the depth of study in their own denominational traditions. In addition, it said, they have lost touch with grass-roots church life.

## In capsule form . . .

A delegation of Shinto priests have pledged to intensify ties of friendship with the Vatican after meeting Pope Paul VI March 3. About 70 million Japanese officially claim to be members of the Shinto religion . . . Canada's bishops have come out against capital punishment, basing their action on respect for life, and asked the government to reform the country's penal and judicial systems . . . recent ruling by the California Supreme Court makes it easier to close down pornographic shops and movie houses under public nuisance laws. The 4-3 decision permits local authorities to use civil procedures to prosecute theater owners and operators of shops which sell pornography when criminal procedures do not apply. . . . The Spanish Bishops' Conference has pledged efforts to preserve parents' right to choose schools for their children. They also endorsed what they called the "socialization of education"—broader state support of schools through subsidies and teacher training so the poor can attend them—but warned that socialization should not become a "monopoly of education" by the government.

## † Remember them in your prayers

† ROSE HUTSON, 81, Annunciation, March 11. Mother of Mrs. Arlene Rahe.

† MICHAEL L. WERNER, 34, St. Malachy, Feb. 27.

† ANNA FRANCES FEY, 71, St. Michael, March 6. Wife of Earl G. Fey; mother of Tommie Fey and Gloria Spencer.

† HUBERT J. O'CONNOR, 73, St. Anthony, March 8. Husband of Louise; father of JoAnn Hutell of Bloomington.

† LOUISE J. YEAGER, 86, Holy Trinity, March 3. Mother of Stephanie Novacek, Louis J., Julius F. and Arthur S. Jugg.

† CATHERINE T. GALLAGHER, 72, St. John, March 8. Sister of Ann L. McMeils, Edward J. and John B. Gallagher.

† GUERINO CENTO, 75, Holy Name, March 8. Husband of Carmela; father of Catherine LaMonaca, Rosa, Antonietta, Paul and John Cento. One sister and three brothers also survive.

† HARRY E. TODD, 79, St. Philip Neri, March 8. Husband of Mary C.; father of Margaret Ricci, Cecelia Deeter, Mildred Stone, Mary Bailey and Patricia Chance; brother of Flora Stricker and Bertha Harding.

† NONA M. HAYES, 91, St. Lawrence, March 8. Mother-in-law of Frank Maley.

† LOUIE M. RINEHART, 53, St. Bridget, March 8. No immediate survivors.

† ANNA H. PEELE, 93, St. Joan of Arc, March 9. Mother of Charlotte P. Mathews.

† JOHN J. DEVER, 57, St. Patrick, March 9. Husband of Mary M.; father of Marjorie Hinz, Peggy Fitzgerald, Theresa Andrews, John, Michael T. and Thomas J. Dever; son of Mary E. Dever; brother of Mrs. Edward Cook, Mrs. Francis Cassin, Mrs. Elmer Cooper, Bernard Dever and Brother Kerick Dever, C.S.C.

† VIOLA A. WELSH, 81, Little Flower, March 9. Mother of Maurice and Leo F. Welsh; sister of Ethel Mitchell.

† ELSA SCIFRES, 64, St. Mary, March 1. Wife of George E. Scifres, Sr.; mother of George E. Scifres, Jr., of California.

† LOUISE LIVINGSTON, 79, St. Mary, March 6. No immediate survivors.

† RICHARD H. (Rich) MCCARTNEY, 58, St. Mary, March 6. No immediate survivors.

† GUY ANTHONY PORFIDIO, 57, St. Mary, March 10. Brother of Mrs. Josephine Janaka of Easton, O.; Mrs. Catherine Conit of Dayton, O.; Mrs. Theresa Niles, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Viola Wilson and Miss Constance Porfido, all of Richmond; Frank Porfido of Springfield, O.; Dominick and Clarence Porfido, both of Richmond.

† HILDA WEISSBROD, 82, St. Andrew, March 10. Wife of Clifford; mother of Miss Ruth Weissbrod of Richmond; Mrs. Keith

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI began a week of retreat here March 7 to prepare, as he said, for Easter and for his own death. The Pope told crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus that his retreat would be "a preparation for Easter and a preparation for death, which cannot be too far off for us."

## Poll says Italians favor abortion

ROME—Most Italians would vote to abolish Italy's strict anti-abortion laws if a referendum on abortion were held now, according to a poll in Italy's news weekly, Panorama. More men than women polled were in favor of abrogating the laws (Men, 60%; women, 47%). New legislation which would permit liberalized abortions is now being debated in parliament.

## Names . . .

Father Patrick J. Farrell, associate superintendent of schools for the Chicago archdiocese, has been appointed representative of Catholic schools in the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education.

Archbishop Enrico Bartolotti, 59, secretary general of the Italian bishops' conference, died in Rome, March 5, after being hospitalized for cardiac insufficiency.



PLAN HOT STEW SUPPER—The All Saints Home and School Association will sponsor its annual Hot Stew Supper on Saturday, March 13, at St. Anthony parish hall, 359 N. Wexman Ave. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. Hot dogs will also be available. The price is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children. Association officers shown above are, left to right: Jan Gohman, vice-president; Barb Easton, president; and Justine Koerberlein, secretary.

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## THE TACKER

## 'Too far gone'

BY FRED W. FRIES

Down through the years an undetermined (if considerable) number of readers have seen fit to cancel their subscription to the Criterion. Too many (sob, sob) for our own good.

Some cite personal financial difficulties as their reason for dropping the paper; others point to ideological differences. Some cancellation notices are bitter and abrupt, while others leave us smiling through the tears.

One such example is the following minor classic, which our circulation department dug out of the files recently. Since it dates back to 1969, and the reasons for the cancellation may no longer be valid, we are purposely withholding the letter writer's name.

"Gentlemen:

Please do not bother to send the weekly subscription of the Criterion to our house any more because we are sure that it is a waste of time.

"My wife and I are too old (33) for your progressive ideas.

"I believe primarily in going to work every morning to earn a buck, and my wife believes primarily in taking care of our children. But since we haven't been in jail recently, or poured blood on draft records, or acted like a good nun should and been arrested during the holidays for obstructing people from shopping, I think we are obviously too far gone to read a paper like the Criterion.

"Please, please, please—free or not, and I am sure I have paid for it at one time or another—send it to a good Catholic who will go along with your ideas. We must be too far gone!

(Name Withheld)"

Editor's Note—If you change your mind, sir, the door is always open.

COACHING VACANCY—Marian College is in the market for a basketball coach

following the recent resignation of Ed Schilling. Minimum requirement is a master's degree in physical education. Applicants are asked to contact Cleon Reynolds, athletic director, at the college no later than Monday, March 15.

**VINCENNES PLANS BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE**—Monsignor Leo Conti, pastor of the Old Cathedral in Vincennes, informs us that plans are underway for a Bicentennial Field Mass to be held in the historic French and Indian Cemetery at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13. Cardinal John Dearden of Detroit will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Many other church and civic dignitaries are expected to participate. As a prelude to the liturgy, the Vincennes Municipal Band will present a concert of patriotic music on Clark Plaza beginning at 3:30 p.m. Monsignor Conti urges his good neighbors in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to mark their calendars and plan to attend this unique Bicentennial observance.

**EVENING OF SONG**—An "Evening of Liturgical Song" will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Holy Rosary Church. The session will be devoted to a discussion of *Worship II Hymnal*, published by the Gregorian Institute of America. Robert Batastini, vice-president of the publishing firm and one of the hymnal's editors, will conduct the workshop, which is open to "anyone interested in good church music." The \$2.00 registration fee can be applied to the cost of purchasing one of the hymnals. Details on the workshop can be obtained by calling Charles Gardner at 357-8352 (days) or 359-3571 (evenings).

**CLASS REUNION**—The 1966 graduating class at Secaucus High School is planning a ten-year reunion on July 3. The contacts are Ben Remmeyer Stephens (636-8859) and David Dinn (925-9821).

## IU grid coach to be annual St. Pat speaker

INDIANAPOLIS — The 108th annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast will be held at the Convention Center here at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14. The traditional Mass will precede the breakfast at 10:30 a.m. in St. John's Church.

Guest speaker for the breakfast will be Lee Corso, coach of the Indiana University football team.

Concelebrants of the Mass will be Magr. Charles Koester, pastor of St. John's Church, and Father Joseph Barry, who will also preach the homily. Father Barry is chaplain of the Kevin Barry Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, sponsors of the annual observance.

Special entertainment at the breakfast will be provided during the break by the Paul Burton Orchestra and Marie Olohan and her Irish Dancers.

Honored guests expected to attend include Frank M. Kehoe, National A.O.H. Director, and Father Thomas Carey, Indiana A.O.H. Chaplain.

Breakfast tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased at the door.

## Providence nun dies at Woods

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. — The Funeral Mass was offered on March 8 for Sister Margaret Eileen Kilday, S.P. She retired from active teaching in 1966.

Among her teaching assignments were several in the Archdiocese including St. Agnes Academy, St. Philip Neri, and St. Joan of Arc, all in Indianapolis; St. Benedict, Terre Haute; and Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville.

Immediate survivors include two sisters: Sister Mary Ellen, S.P. of Cary, North Carolina, and Mrs. Isabel Fabing of Chicago.

## Three to observe Jubilee

INDIANAPOLIS — Three Sisters of Providence now teaching in the Archdiocese will return to their native Jasper for a joint 25th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 21. A Jubilee Mass will be offered in St. Joseph Church there at 1:30 p.m.

Sister Lucille Lechner, S.P., now at St. Charles in Bloomington, also has had teaching assignments in Richmond and Indianapolis schools. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lechner of Precious Blood parish.

Sister Gloria Sermerheim, S.P., who currently is teaching at St. Matthew School, Indianapolis, has also taught at St. Malachy, Brownsburg. She is the daughter of Mrs. Harry Sermerheim and the late Harry Sermerheim of Jasper.

Sister Mary Marvellus Moeller, S.P., is now principal of Annunciation School in Brazil. She is the daughter of Mrs. Leo Moeller and the late Leo Moeller of Jasper.

Friends and relatives are invited to both the Mass and

the reception to follow in the Tenth Street School Cafeteria. No individual invitations have been mailed.

## Antique Show

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. — A spring antique show, featuring dealers from several Midwestern states, will be sponsored by the Terre Haute Alumnae Club of St. Mary-of-the-Woods on March 13 and 14. Proceeds of the show will benefit the SMWC scholarship fund.

The ballroom of Le Fer Hall on the college campus will be the site for a "Stroll Through the Elegance of Years Gone By." The show will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. A donation of \$1 is asked at the door.

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## ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

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Tuesday, March 16: "Community Sin," Sister Gloriat Conway, S.P., Lecture/Discussion, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.; "Theological themes and concerns in Luke," Dr. Mary Jo Weaver, Lecture/Discussion, St. Charles, Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.; "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers," Dr. Thomas J. Liggett, Lecture, Lilly Center, Room 93/CJC, Indianapolis, 11:30 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17: "The Recognition of God: Commandments I, II, III," Rev. Matthias Neuman,

Lecture/Discussion, St. Charles, Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.; "Getting to Know Jesus Christ," Rev. Martin Wolter, Lecture/Discussion, St. Michael, Greenfield, 8 p.m.; "Confluence and Conflict," Rev. William Morley, Film-strip/Discussion, St. Jude PAD, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.; "Your Hunger for the Spirit," Rev. Ervin Van Dorn, O.F.M. Conv., Homily (Mass), St. Anthony, Clarksville, 7 p.m.; "The Council and Marriage or Vatican II and I do, I do," Rev. Fred Easton, Lecture/Discussion, Blue Room Catholic Community, Indianapolis, 12:20-12:50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17: "Conscience and Church Authority," Rev. Richard Zore, Mass/Lecture/Discussion, St. Susanna, Plainfield, 7 p.m.; "Introduction to Epistles of St. Paul," Sister Mary Slattery, S.P., Lecture/Discussion, St. Thomas More, Mooresville, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18: "Parents, Values: Adolescents," Sister Gloriat Conway, S.P., Lecture/Discussion, Roncalli High School, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Eucharist and Community," Rev. Kenneth Smith, Lec-

ture/Discussion, Christ the King, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.; "Response in personal affairs. Faith overflowing in personal relationships," Rev. Donn Raabe, Lecture/Discussion, St. Thomas, Indianapolis, 8:15 p.m.

Friday, March 19: "The Volunteer," Michael Kenney, Workshop, St. Jude Rectory, Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## ST. PATRICK DANCE

INDIANAPOLIS — A St. Patrick Dance will be held at the St. Joseph Council #5290, K of C, on Saturday, March 13 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$2 per couple and includes refreshments. For advance reservations call 897-1006, or 546-6578.

## Friend had abortion

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her wardrobe while putting something by for the children's college. In other words, a third child would have been inconvenient. And so she got rid of her unborn baby, then two months in development, which is too bad because that baby would have been born just about now.

I HAVE BEEN thinking about her child-that isn't for several days. He or she would have been born into a happy, active family, that lives in a fine house with a huge, sunny back yard. There is even a toddler seat still hanging on the swing set. The father spends every available minute with his children, even though he has the kind of job that forces him to do a lot of thinking and worrying in the evenings and on week-ends. The mother is cheerful even

when things are tough, and she always reads her children a story at bedtime. The two children that would have been brother and sister to the child-that isn't are attractive and bright. All in all, the family is one that seems to have almost everything. Now it has one thing more: a decision to remember always, especially at this time of the year.

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**GOLDEN JUBILARIAN—**Sister Aloysius Joseph Soland, C.S.J., a graduate of old Sacred Heart High School in Indianapolis, will observe her Golden Anniversary on Friday, March 19, at the St. Louis motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, where she now resides. Among her teaching assignments were Holy Angels, St. Roch and Sacred Heart, all in Indianapolis. She has two brothers: Father Humilis, O.F.M., Lac du Flambeau, Wisc., and Dr. Emerson J. Soland of Indianapolis; and two sisters, Rosemary Sheehan and Louise Schipfel, also of Indianapolis.

## HOLDOUT

Due to space problems, Monsignor John J. Doyle's "Christian Heritage" is being omitted from this issue of The Criterion. It will be resumed in next week's paper.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Circle will be held on March 15, in St. James Hall at 7:45 p.m.

## For the engaged

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — A Pre-Cana Conference for Engaged Couples, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Aquinas Center, will be held at Providence High School in Clarksville, in a two-day program—Thursday, March 25, from 7:15 to 10 p.m. and the following Sunday, March 28 from 12:45 to 5:30 p.m. Interested couples are asked to pre-register with their parish priests.

## ANNUAL CARD PARTY

INDIANAPOLIS — The St. Matthew Ladies Guild will sponsor their annual card party on March 17 in the School Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and for table reservations call Rita Ennis, 545-5190.

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## NEW TESTAMENT

# GOSPEL TRADITION

BY FR. JOHN J. CASTELOT, S.S.

If you open any edition of the New Testament, you find the Gospels printed first. And they do come first, but in the order of dignity rather than of time. As a matter of fact, many of the Epistles were written before the first of our canonical Gospels, that of Mark, made its appearance. This is a very important point to remember for a true appreciation of the Gospels.

Far from being primitive naive little "lives of Christ"—which they were never intended to be—they are in fact works of deep theological import. They were given their present form after decades during which the apostolic Church meditated upon, penetrated deeper and deeper, applied more and more widely, and especially, lived the Christian message.

That is why, in some ways, it is better to study the Epistles first. They give us a picture of how the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, grew in its understanding and expression of the mystery of Christ. What a tremendous difference there is, for example, between the early Pauline Writings, like Thessalonians, and the later ones, like Colossians and Ephesians.

Over the intervening years he—and his disciples after him—developed an increasingly keener, profounder insight into the mysteries of the faith: the Person and work of Christ, his

Mystical Body, the Church, the nature and workings of grace and the sacraments. Or, to take an example from the Gospels themselves, compared at random a chapter or two of Mark with a chapter or two of John. Almost three decades separate these two Gospels, and the Holy Spirit was not idle in the interim.

IN OTHER WORDS, the Gospels had an oral and written prehistory. "Many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events which have been fulfilled in our midst . . ." (Lk 1:1). Before the Resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were in possession of the bare facts of Jesus' life; afterwards they were supernaturally enlightened to understand the meaning of those facts. Their mission was precisely to teach, to interpret that meaning for all men. This they did in different ways. Their proclamation of the Christ-event to unbelievers was rudimentary, covering just the essentials, designed to lead them to belief in Him. The instruction they gave to those who entered the Church was fuller, deeper.

Over the years this teaching began to assume more or less fixed forms in the different communities in which it was given. And as circumstances permitted or required, there were put into writing little collections of instructions: descriptions of Jesus' activities, interpretations of his parables, and the like.

Of course, these accounts, these interpretations varied from community to community. For the Christian message was a living, vital, relevant

message, and it had to be applied to all sorts of varying circumstances by those in authority. Christ's official teachers would stress this aspect of His activity for this community, another aspect for another; this interpretation of His words for this church, another interpretation for another church.

AS A RESULT OF ALL this preaching and teaching and writing, the evangelists had a great deal of material, oral and written, upon which to draw when they set about writing the Gospels as we know the Gospel of Mark. An immense amount of very valuable work has been done on the Gospels in recent years, work which has contributed immeasurably to our understanding of just how the Gospels came to be, what their authors had in mind and what we can—and cannot—expect to find in reading them.

In the following articles we shall try to present as clearly as possible the results of the research of centuries. But I beg you to be patient. It is impossible to say everything in a short space. If something is said which surprises or puzzles you, wait just a bit. The study of the Gospels is a delicate one; one must read carefully and, most important of all, avoid jumping to conclusions which may be unwarranted.

Here is how the bishops of the world at the Second Vatican Council summed all of this up in the "Constitution of Divine Revelation": par. 19):

Holy Mother Church has firmly and with absolute constancy held, and continues to hold, that the four Gospels just named, whose historical character the Church unhesitatingly asserts, faithfully hand on what Jesus Christ, while living among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation until the day He was taken up into heaven . . . Indeed, after the ascension of the Lord the apostles handed on to their hearers what He had said and done. This they did with that clearer understanding which they enjoyed after they had been instructed by the events of Christ's risen life and taught by the light of the Spirit of truth . . . but always in such fashion that they told us the honest truth about Jesus.

Read this paragraph very carefully, especially the sentence beginning, "This they did with that clearer understanding . . ." For they were interested, not in writing a so-called "life of Christ."

ANYONE WHO HAD observed Him could have done that. Only one with post-resurrection faith could have written a Gospel, could have told us the "honest" truth about Jesus—not just the historical truth, but the honest truth. For Jesus was not just an historical figure; he was unique, the Word made flesh, the only people enlightened by faith could have given us the honest truth, the full truth.

This makes the Gospels unique in human literature, the fact that their subject was unique: There has been only one God-man in human history. They contain some very solid historical material, but they transcend history, as He did. They are trans-historical, meta-historical.

In conclusion, I should like to suggest this definition of a "Gospel." A Gospel is an inspired interpretation of the historical Christ-event in the light of post-resurrection and post-Pentecost faith.

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THE BIBLE IS AN essential source of our belief but not the only one. As Vatican Council II put it, "sacred tradition, sacred Scripture, and the teaching authority of the Church . . . are so linked and joined together that one cannot stand without the others."

So it is healthy and encouraging that recent years have seen a great growth in the number of groups which come together regularly to study and pray the Scriptures. It is equally healthy and encouraging that the renewed liturgy places fresh emphasis on shared worship which included prayerful proclamation of the Word of God and homilies rooted in Scripture.

Such developments help place Scripture in general and the Gospels in particular exactly where they belong: in the context of a believing, praying community of faith. That is where the Gospel tradition was formed 20 centuries ago, and it is where the Gospels speak most powerfully to us today.

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THE PROPHET HOSEA—His message is perennial. (NC photo)

## Divorce: lack of loyalty

BY FR. ALFRED McBRIDE, O.Praem.

Divorce is getting easier in America all the time. Some states even have "no fault" divorce codes. This behavior testifies to the growing inability of husbands and wives to find ways to conserve the fervent loyalty

characterized by the love pledges made during the days of dating and at the ceremony of marriage. The prophet Hosea may well hold the record for being a loyal husband in the face of a wife so inconstant that she would surely test the tolerance and good will of even the most open minded of husbands today—or in any age. Hosea is a marvel of forgiveness and understanding, thus possessing one of the most truly Godlike of spiritual qualities.

Hosea begins his prophetic utterances with a candid recounting of his own personal marital tragedy and the heartbreak it brought to him. He married a girl named Gomer. After the birth of their first child, Gomer began to consort with other lovers. She bore two more children in Hosea's house, but he was not the father. Within a few years she simply deserted her

husband. Eventually, she became a temple prostitute and apparently drifted into slavery thereafter.

THE STORY SHOULD be seen against the backdrop of the ever influential Canaanite religion that constantly captivated the covenanted people of Israel. Canaanite religion was aimed at solving the needs of farmers. Every farmer has a natural fear for the fertility and productivity of his land. The Canaanite cult offered the farming population a religious theory and ritual practice designed to assure them the crops would grow.

The God Baal was the Lord and husband of the land. Asherah, the female goddess, represented the earth. Their divine and mystical nuptials united the rains of the heavens with the dust of earth to create fertile soil for growth.

Each temple was supplied with priests representing Baal and priestesses standing in for Asherah. The basic ritual was "sacred" fornication in which the worshippers mated with the temple personnel. Thus by this imitative magic ritual they presumably brought about the much sought for productivity on their farms. Their earthly rituals reminded the god and goddess to do their job.

NORMALLY, THE BIBLE refers to

their temples as "high places," that is, artificial mounds upon which the structure was mounted. Each temple boasted of a sacred tree or a carved tree trunk that represented the goddess Asherah. The god Baal was symbolized by a bull. This practice of religiously approved prostitution scandalized the Israelites when they first arrived in Canaan (read Palestine). The austere and disciplined sex life of Israelites contrasted jarringly with the licentiousness of their Canaanite neighbors.

This is why the prophets reserve so many strong attacks against the Canaanite cult. A breakdown in Israel's rigid sexual standards would be the first step in dissolving their faith and covenant and turning them into just another polytheistic religion.

The worst fears of all the prophets did come true. Israelite religion came so much under the spell of the Canaanite seduction that God seemed to become synonymous with Baal. Hosea faced this dilemma on two levels. He preached that God was indeed a husband, but not of the land like Baal. God was the husband of a people. The relationship is moral and not physical.

FURTHERMORE, the marriage bond is sealed in service and unrelenting love, hence not in the justification of magic, promiscuous sex rites. "I will espouse you to me forever . . . in love and mercy." (2:19) Just as Gomer had deserted Hosea and fled to a life of prostitution, so had Israel. However, just as Hosea tirelessly sought to bring his beloved wife back home with acts of inexhaustible forgiveness, so God pursues Israel, his beloved. He will not give her up. "How could I give you up, O Israel. My heart is overwhelmed. My pity is stirred." (11:6) With all the passion of fresh young love, God never abandons the quest for his beloved. "So I will allure her. I will speak to her heart . . . She shall call me 'husband' and never again 'my Baal.'" (2:16,18) Hosea's genius is that he concentrates on the most basic of all attitudes, that of the love/loyalty relationship between God and People. He preached what he practiced. His message is perennial.

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## THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"Devotion"

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

"I know how devoted you are to me since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." These were God's words to Abraham. They paraphrase Paul's words in the second reading: "We know how devoted God is to us since He gave up His own beloved Son for us." The Gospel presents Jesus as having a glimpse of what it meant to be "given up" for us: he was to be like Moses leading a stiff-necked people to a new life: he was to be like Elijah and as a prophet speak for God to the people, but few prophets got away with it without getting hurt. Do I try to realize the extent of God's love for me?

## QUESTION BOX

## Morality is social matter

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. How do we answer those who say that morality is a personal thing and say that if you don't think it is a sin it is not wrong for you?

A. Ask them how they can accuse the Nazis of evil who thought it was good for society to preserve the superiority of the Aryan race by gassing six million Jews. Ask them to explain why it is evil for a man to rob a bank who thinks he is doing a good thing by advancing his family with the money he steals.

There must be some objective norms for determining what is wrong and right, otherwise no killer, no thief is guilty of any sin.

Modern society is greatly threatened by the notion that each individual or generation can determine what is right or wrong, that each individual can decide that what he wants is good. How can we claim that man is endowed by His Creator with inalienable rights, as the U.S. Declaration of Independence proclaims, if each individual reserves for himself the privilege of determining how he wants to respect the rights of his fellowmen?

Q. Is it our body that we possess in this life that is united with our soul at the end of time, or are our souls glorified so as to become like God?

A. The resurrection of Christ is the basis of belief in our own resurrection. The resurrection is the good news or the Gospel preached by the first Christians who saw the risen Jesus. He was not a mere reuniting of soul and body. The resurrection of Jesus was not a return to His previous condition of life but a glorification of his whole humanity. He was not seen by any other than his disciples who had faith, with the exception of Paul who likens his own vision of the resurrected Jesus to that seen by Peter and the twelve and the 500 (1 Cor. 15).

Precisely what happened in the resurrection of Jesus we do not know. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians contains not only the earliest account in the New Testament of the

resurrection of Jesus, but also the first attempt to explain what our own resurrection will be like. Paul uses the metaphor of the small seed which once planted springs forth into a glorious new life. So our bodies are buried in corruption and rise incorruptible. "A natural body is put down and a spiritual body comes up." (15:44) "This is what I mean, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; no more can corruption inherit incorruption . . . This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility; this mortal body with immortality." (15:50-53)

Man's body, which is an essential part of being human, somehow shares in the spirituality and immortality of the soul. The resurrection does not mean that cremated ashes scattered over a countryside are going to come back together to form a resurrected body nor that bodies are going to rise from graves and tombs. It means that somehow our whole selves, glorified, will share in the resurrected life of Jesus, and what that means precisely is the surprise that awaits us after death.

Q. Which is the proper Catholic Bible for children and adults? Which is Catholic and which non-Catholic? Which Catholic edition is recommended, the St. Joseph, etc.?

A. Any Bible that has in the front a "nihil obstat" and "imprimatur" is authorized for public use in the Church. This applies to several editions of the New American Bible, the Jerusalem Bible and the Revised Standard Version, Catholic edition. The New English Bible is an excellent translation which any Catholic may use for private devotion and study. "The Good News" an inexpensive, illustrated edition of the New Testament in up-to-date American language, has been authorized for Catholics. The so-called "new translation" in many different versions, for youth, college students and adults, which is a paraphrase translation, is recommended for study and private devotion. This translation appeals to children. The Protestant King James and the Catholic Douay-Rheims versions are antiquated and do not represent the results of modern scholarship. They are best forgotten.

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## Three win top Science Fair awards

BY DENNY SOUTHERLAND

Three boys won "Over-all Awards" in the 1978 CYO Science Fair held last Sunday at Little Flower parish, Indianapolis.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Young Miller plans to attend Brebeuf Preparatory School next fall.

The dual entry of Danny Williams and Mike Lines, representing St. Simon's parish, won the Physical Division top award. Their project, "The Break-up of Pangea" earned them a \$150 scholarship and camperhip.

Williams will receive the scholarship and use it at Scenic Memorial High School, while Lines will take the camperhip.

APPROXIMATELY 3,500 seventh and eighth graders from Archdiocesan schools participated in the Science Fair. Two-hundred then advanced to Sunday's Archdiocesan Fair at Little Flower.

CYO Executive Director Bill Kuntz expressed his appreciation to the five Knights of Columbus Councils which provided camperhips for this year's Science Fair: Mater Dei #437, Monsignor Downey #3660, St. Plus X #3433, Holy Family #3682, all in Indianapolis, and Monsignor Sheridan #6138, Greenwood.

### CARD PARTY SET

INDIANAPOLIS — The Annual Card Party of St. Roch parish will be held on Sunday, March 21, in the school hall, 3600 S. Meridian St., at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Also acknowledged was the donation of scholarships by Our Lady of Fatima Council #3228.

THE SCIENCE FAIR chairman was Hugh Sullivan and the honorary chairman was J. Earl Owens.

The winners in the Science Fair in each category were as follows:

#### 7th Grade Biological

Michael Dowling, Immaculate Heart of Mary—(Overall Winner); Herb Benton, St. Monica; Julie Carroll and Marilyn Tretter, St. Simon; Kim Johnston and Linda San Miguel, St. Bartholomew; Columbus; Mike Gynat, St. Barnabas; Tony Lee, St. Mark.

#### 7th Grade Physical

Philip Lauer, Our Lady of Lourdes—(Overall Winner); Jim Zieles, Holy Spirit; Joe Davis, Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Lisa O'Connell and Cathy Russell, Holy Spirit; Dan Fillenworth and Ray Molstner, St. Mark.

#### 8th Grade Biological

Jack Miller, Immaculate Heart of Mary—(Overall Winner); Theresa Huffman and Sue Taylor, St. Simon; David Fischer and Vinny McMahon, St. Patrick; Terre Haute; Elizabeth Pfeiffer and Gregg Woods, St. Monica; Debbie Polonick and Chris Riach, St. Malachy, Brownburg.

#### 8th Grade Physical

Danny Williams and Mike Lines, St. Simon—(Overall Winners); Shondor Miko, Our Lady of Mount Carmel; David Kuehr, Holy Spirit; Brian Shaw, Central Catholic; Eddy Scheidter, St. Barnabas; Paul Lockhart, St. Jude; John Jensen and Tim Eaton, St. Lawrence.

## CYO NOTES

Baseball entries are due no later than March 29 for Cadet and "56" Leagues.

Entries for the Spring Kickball Leagues are due March 22 in the CYO Office.

Junior One Act Play contest moves into the second round this week. The finals are scheduled for March 19, 20 and 21.

The CYO Junior Youth Council meets Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the CYO Office.

## Crown champs in volleyball

Coach Eileen Walters' Little Flower Cadet Volleyball team defeated St. Michael, 2-0, for the league championship last Friday at Little Flower.

The victory gave the Little Flower team an undefeated season.

After losing four of their first five games, St. Michael battled back to win their league Division title. Cathy Cassell coaches the St. Michael team.

Other Division champions are: St. Joan of Arc and Our Lady of Greenwood. Twenty-eight teams are participating in the post-season tourney this week. The championship game will be played Friday night at 6:45 p.m. at Little Flower.

## Benefit Brunch

INDIANAPOLIS — Holy Cross CYO will sponsor a brunch this Sunday, March 14, in the school gym at Oriental and Ohio Streets after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The youngsters will serve scrambled eggs, ham, rolls or doughnuts, milk, coffee or orange juice for \$1.50 per person. The proceeds will go to benefit financially burdened children attending Holy Cross School.



JUNIOR CYO TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS—Above are pictured members of the team from St. Michael who won the over-all team champion award for the fourth consecutive year and retain the traveling trophy for another year. Front row, left to right: Jeff Gwinn, Jeff Nielson, Steve Fleetwood, Sharon Giovanni; Middle row, left to right: Leslie Crockett, Joan Fleetwood, Joan Metallic and Tina Weeks; back row, left to right: Frank Svarczkopf, Mike Oatis, and Coach Charles Kinley.

## St. Jude Wrestling Results

### Individual Winners

72 Pound: Winner was Halverson from Christ the King. Runner-up was Getz from Christ the King.

80 Pound: Winner was Kavenough from St. Jude. Runner-up was Hofmeister from Our Lady of Lourdes.

88 Pound: Winner was Scofield from St. Jude. Runner-up was Stricker from St. Lawrence.

93 Pound: Winner was York from St. Lawrence. Runner-up was Hannum from Holy Trinity.

98 Pound: Winner was Edwards from Holy Trinity. Runner-up was Cruise from Christ the King.

105 Pound: Winner was Pfeiffer from Our Lady of Lourdes. Runner-up was Deshyver from Christ the King.

112 Pound: Winner was Radex from Holy Trinity. Runner-up was Mascari from St. Lawrence.

119 Pound: Winner was Mappes from St. Roch. Runner-up was Luzar from Holy Trinity.

126 Pound: Winner was Kress from St. Jude. Runner-up was Cunningham from St. Roch.

132 Pound: Winner from St. Roch.

was Deppa. Runner-up was Cleary from St. Jude.

138 Pound: Winner was Chapin from Our Lady of Lourdes. Runner-up was Early from Christ the King.

145 Pound: Winner was Un-

derwood from St. Jude. Runner-up was Kimbrough from Holy Trinity.

160 Pound: Winner was Deck from St. Lawrence. Runner-up was Putnam from St. Jude.

175 Pound: Winner was Rice from St. Lawrence. Runner-up was Deal from Holy Trinity.

Heavyweight Class: Winner was Hanes from Christ the King. Runner-up was Burris from Holy Trinity.

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## VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

## Cassavetes obtuse as ever

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Gee, I'd like to see you lookin' swell, Baby. Diamond bracelets. Woolworth doesn't sell, Baby. Till that lucky day you know darn well, Baby. I can't give you anything but love.

Imagine this old pop standard sung angrily, close up and directly into the camera, by the fat, middle-aged male emcee of a sleazy Los Angeles stripshow nightclub, and you have the climactic moment—and perhaps the meaning—of John Cassavetes' new film, "The Killing of a Chinese Bookie."

If it doesn't grab you, don't be surprised. "Bookie" is the unpredictable Cassavetes ("Faces," "Husbands," "Woman Under the Influence") at his most obtuse, and probably in his most sincere attempt to be arty and profound. The low

life club becomes a kind of symbol for the lost modern world—a world without God?—in which what you see is what you get. In this case, "love"—not just cheap sexual thrills, but a substitute family, composed of familiar strippers, waitresses, bartenders, bouncers, all presided over by the genial owner-producer-director Cosmo Vitelli (Ben Gazzara), who has no family of his own.

HEAVY, OF COURSE, and more than a little silly. Cassavetes' improvised style is best at reproducing the illusion of reality and life, wandering, aimless, full of inconsistencies and mistakes, and occasionally electric with excitement. Adding a symbolic layer to all that is like trying to find a pattern in the throbbing pedestrian traffic in Times Square. At times "Bookie" seems like a collection of scenes in search of a controlling intelligence—"Cabaret" waiting to be

organized by Ingmar Bergman. And waiting very slowly.

The easiest things to describe are the photography, which is close-up, nervous, fragmented, and the story line, which is now and then painfully clear. (It's very melodramatic for Cassavetes, who usually makes films about the ordinary problems of everyday people). Gazzara may be a father-figure at his club, but he is also a marginal hoodlum with ties to the Mob (a different kind of pseudo-family). He gambles on credit, runs up a \$23,000 debt, and is bullied into being the hit man on a rival mobster, a fat cat Chinese whose suburban mansion is protected by more armor and bodyguards than Fort Knox. The theme repeats, because the Chinese is also father of a surrogate family. As one character puts it, "The whole world needs a father at the same time."

Much to everybody's surprise, Gazzara succeeds.

The episode is slightly incredible, but apparently the point is that the Chinese is vulnerable to a single amateur, who simply walks in, feeds hamburger to the guard dogs, and plugs the old man in his swimming pool. Anyway, Gazzara's crooked pals then figure they have to eliminate him, and he survives even that. In one of the dullest, most protracted scenes of violence ever recorded on film. (For 10 minutes, the killer searches a two-story garage, opening every closet in the place, but never finds him).

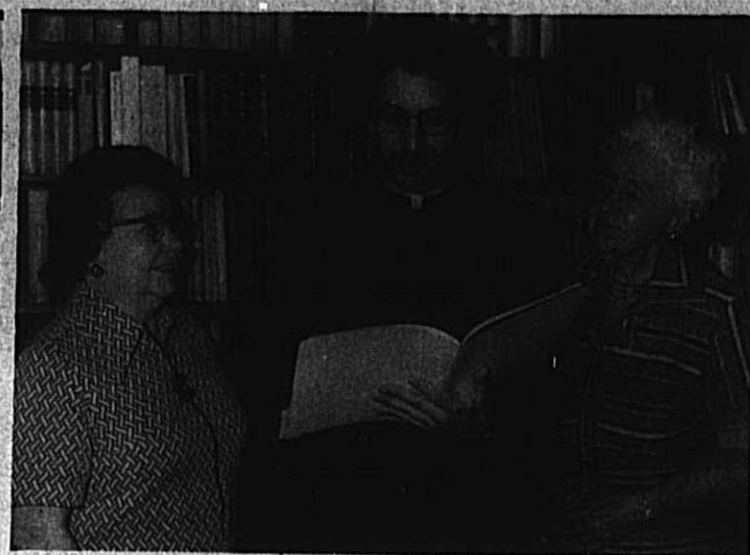
THE APPARENT point, through all of this, is that Gazzara is as much concerned with the operation of his club as with his own safety. He keeps calling, checking in, returning to settle hassles with the girls and the emcee. It's his life and seems wonderful to him; it gives him purpose and status. But to us, in the audience, it's obviously just

a joint, a fleabag. Nobody has any style or talent. But what they do have for each other is something like comfortable family affection.

The idea—if that is really it—is not all that bad, but it's tediously drawn out (135 minutes), with all the pointless banter and dead-end scenes of a typical Cassavetes flick. It's all a little worse in "Bookie" because of the tawdriness and stupidity of the characters and setting. You must sit through several achingly awful cabaret shows—with more female nudity than the steamroom at the YWCA—for no apparent purpose except to establish the cheesiness of it all.

The emcee (played by Meade Roberts, and called Mr. Sophistication) is a classic case of a performer so bad he is good. He stands largely expressionless, bored, pasted on in the spotlight, singing songs a cappella and without feeling while the girls have a try at dancing. It's appalling but fascinating—doubtless some kind of comment on the emptiness of contemporary life and taste.

For many, the film itself will exemplify the same emptiness. But I can't be that nasty to Cassavetes, who is one of the rare originals in American film. Next time, better luck. (Rating not available)



PLAN MASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS—The Third Annual City-Wide Mass for Senior Citizens will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Little Flower Church, Indianapolis. Shown at a recent planning session are Father Edwin Soergel, one of two coordinators for the project, Anna Marie Bauer, left, and Frances Graney, who are serving as co-chairmen. Not pictured is the second coordinator, Sue Lay. A luncheon will follow the Mass in the Secena High School Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased through the parishes.

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## The week's TV network films

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.

HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER (1973) (ABC, Sunday, March 14): Clint Eastwood directs himself in this brutal and grisly western in which the hero commits three murders and one rape in the first 20 minutes just as an appetizer. Not recommended.

THE CANDIDATE (1972) (NBC, Thursday, March 18): Jeremy Lerner's intelligent and obviously timely indictment of the New Politics, in which image manipulation is more important than a politician's substance. Robert Redford is the young idealist who, in winning, becomes as bad as the rascals he has turned out. The film is full of perceptive detail, virtually an education in the current system of election politics on the Senatorial level, and

its skill and brains make most previous political movies look like Mickey Mouse. Highly recommended for all but young children.

Sexual ethics  
offered as theme  
in lecture series

INDIANAPOLIS— "Understanding Sexual Ethics" is the theme of a three-week lecture series beginning Monday, March 15, at St. Gabriel Church. The Monday evening programs will start at 7:30 p.m. in the parish school's A-V Room.

Lead-off speaker on March 15 will be Msgr. Francis J. Reine, S.T.D., pastor of St. Christopher Church. His topic is "A New View of Sex?"

Father Charles Henry, O.S.B., S.T.L., J.C.D., a professor of moral theology at St. Maur Theological Seminary, will speak on "What is Fundamental Option?" on March 22.

Father Martin Wolter, O.F.M. of Alverna Retreat House, will close the series March 29 with a talk entitled "How To Handle Sex."

The programs are open and free of charge to adults and those of high school age.

Franciscan dies  
at Motherhouse

OLDENBURG, Ind. — A Funeral Mass was offered here on Monday, March 8, for Sister M. Jovita (Clara) Rosfeld, O.S.F., who died at the Motherhouse on March 4. She had retired from active teaching in 1971.

Archdiocesan schools at which she once taught include St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, and Immaculate Conception, Millhousen.

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