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EASTER LETTER

My dear Family in Christ:

Jesus sealed with His own blood the covenant God made with us. As we proclaim in the acclamation at Holy Mass:

"Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory."

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign and pledge for us that God will ever remain faithful to His covenant with us.

Because of our faith and trust in His covenant, we are moved to enter other covenants and agreements with the hope that we, too, can and will remain faithful to them. Depending on how faithful we are to God and His commandments, we will share in the glory of the new coming of Jesus and in His resurrection.

To help us celebrate God's covenant and remain faithful to it, Jesus has shared His priesthood with us through the service of ordained priests in the Church. Through the priesthood and in the Church, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed and made present to us in a special way.

To share in the promotion and development of priestly vocations, I ask you to pray for priests and vocations during this sacred time. I also ask you to continue your financial generosity for that cause in the Easter Sunday collection which is devoted entirely to promote vocations, educate seminarians and develop your priests spiritually and intellectually.

May the joy and the peace of this holy season be yours.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

George J. Blaskup

Most Rev. George J. Blaskup
Archbishop of Indianapolis

April 5, 1978

Charities slates kick-off dinner

BY RUTH ANN HANLEY

A Kickoff Dinner Meeting to launch the 1978 Catholic Charities Appeal will be held on Sunday, May 2, in the Holy Name Cafeteria in Beech Grove. It was announced this week.

Charles G. Wagner, Appeal Chairman, will address the meeting, which is set for 5 p.m.

Sponsorship of the roast beef buffet will be shared by the St. Pius X Council, Knights of Columbus, and the three Indianapolis Councils and Courts of the Knights of St. Peter Claver—St. Bridget, St. Rita and St. Francis de Sales—as well as Holy Name parish, which is providing the hall and the service. Mrs. Leonard Delahanty, a member of St. Pius X parish, is serving as dinner chairman.

Step up relief for Guatemalans

NEW YORK—Catholic Relief Service (CRS) has stepped up its Guatemalan relief effort, shipping additional roofing materials to the devastated country because heavy seasonal rains are expected to begin soon there.

CRS has already shipped some 2,000 tons of roofing material to provide temporary housing for victims of the February earthquakes which left an estimated one million Guatemalans homeless.

The decision to send an additional 75,000 pounds of roofing supplies by air was prompted by on-the-spot reports indicating the rains could begin before their traditional mid-May arrival, said Bishop Edward E. Swanson, executive director of the overseas aid agency to U.S. Catholics.

CRS temporary housing is slated to be built for 60,000 homeless persons in the devastated rural areas of Guatemala. The additional air shipment of roofing supplies will hasten construction of the units, which is all but impossible after the rains transform the countryside into a quagmire.

"CRS, with its latest shipments of roofing materials and lumber, has become the prime supplier of building materials to Guatemala, at least as far as voluntary, non-governmental agencies are concerned," Bishop Swanson said.

On April 2, the aid agency shipped 600 tons of lumber and will follow up later in the month with 500 additional tons.

HELP WANTED

Catholic Charities is still in need of volunteers to help prepare mailings for the annual Charities appeal. Those who are willing and able to give some time to this worthy cause are asked to call Ms. Pat Kelley at 848-5803.

INVITATIONS from Archbishop George J. Blaskup and Wagner will be sent to representatives of the sponsoring organizations. Catholic Charities Board and staff as well as members of the Appeal Steering Committee.

Invitations are also being sent to the District Chairmen and Deacons Coordinators of the Appeal together with their pastors from the 39-county Indianapolis Archdiocesan area.

Archdiocesan officials and deans are also being invited together with representatives of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Social Services and St. Elizabeth's Home. Also invited to send representatives are the following other Catholic Charities oriented projects and services: Birthline, Vietnamese Resettlement Program, Pre-Cana, Thanksgiving

Common date for Easter soon to be reality

VATICAN CITY—A common date on which major Christian Churches would celebrate Easter is now awaiting only the agreement of the Orthodox Churches, according to Vatican sources.

"The Orthodox Churches have indicated their interest in a common date for Easter and hope to decide upon their position at forthcoming pan-Orthodox meetings," an informed Vatican source said.

The source said that most Western Christian denominations are ready to set a common date as soon as the Orthodox can agree among themselves.

CARDINAL JAN WILLEBRANDS, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, suggested last year that the common date for Easter be the Sunday after the second Saturday in April (the Sunday in the period April 8-15).

The Orthodox representatives to the World Council of Churches assembly last November in Nairobi, Kenya, discussed the issue and decided to try to reach agreement at their next pan-Orthodox meetings.

Before the Nairobi meeting, it was believed that the Orthodox Churches could only take a position on a common date for Easter at a pan-Orthodox council. Since such councils are rare, the possibility of a decision at the next informal pan-Orthodox meeting has buoyed hopes that a common Easter date may soon be set.

Vatican sources could not say when the next pan-Orthodox meeting would be held.

THE EARLY CHRISTIANS celebrated Easter—which with Pentecost was the only special feastday on their calendar—on the Sunday after the Jewish celebration of Passover.

That was the earliest practice everywhere except in Asia Minor, where the feast coincided with the day of Passover.

At the end of the second century, Pope Victor I became the first of many Church authorities who tried—unsuccessfully—to set a common date for the celebration.

Differences between lunar and solar based calendars and errors in calculations complicated the setting of a common date.

As the situation stands today, the celebrations of Jewish Passover, Orthodox Easter and the Easter as celebrated by Western Churches rarely coincide.

Next year, despite the different calculating methods currently used, all Christian denominations by coincidence will celebrate Easter on April 10.

Clothing Drive, Campaign for Human Development and Simeon Project.

Father Edwin Soergel, co-pastor of Our Lady of Greenwood parish, will be toastmaster for the evening. Catholic Charities staff will offer a slide presentation depicting the year-round work of the organization. The Madrigal Singers of Ladywood-St. Agnes School will entertain.

BEFORE THE CLOSING Benediction by Father Bernard Gordon, pastor of Holy Trinity parish, New Albany, those present will be given an opportunity to make their contribution to the 1978 Appeal.

Father Robert Hartman, pastor of the host parish and a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors expressed the hope that the kick-off dinner, being held for the first time, would become an annual feature of the Appeal.

BOARD TO MEET

The Board of Directors of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Fatima Retreat House. Principal speakers will include Past President Mrs. William Miller, who will sketch the history of the ACCW, and Mrs. Larry Detweiler, whose topic will be Legislation. Mrs. Leo Kesterman will preside.



"WHERE'S MY EASTER EGGS, BUNNY?"—Three-year-old Rachel Bickels claims she nabbed the Easter bunny in her grandma's backyard. Lucky for the rest of you kids, the bunny got away. The latest reports say he should be on time Sunday morning. Rachel is the daughter of Nancy and Bernie Bickels of Fort Collins, Colo. (Photo by Uncle Dave Skripeky)

Doubts motivation in Quinlan decision

VATICAN CITY—Vatican Radio has expressed some reservations on the court decision to allow Karen Quinlan to die if her father and doctors and a hospital ethics board agree on ending the use of an artificial respirator to keep her alive.

"The decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court which acknowledged to Karen Quinlan's parents her right (to die in peace)," the broadcast said, "is the object of some doubt as far as motivation is concerned, but it is obvious that speaking of a license to kill or a death sentence, as some news media have done, is merely a sign of superficiality and scant journalistic regard for the reader."

"ALONG THIS little-known frontier between life and death, which medicine seems to be able to prolong indefinitely," the comment continued, "all our scientific, moral, juridical and social problems remain; from the definition of clinical death to the humane use of technical instruments, from the duty of the lawmaker to the right to hope, from respect for the life of the individual to the legitimate needs of the community."

Vatican Radio cited the case of Brenda Sorrell, an 18-year-old American girl who resumed normal life after three months in a deep coma.

Miss Sorrell had undergone two delicate brain operations in St. Petersburg, Fla., after an auto accident. For three months, however, she was comatose and entirely dependent on a respirator and other equipment to maintain her breathing and vital functions. The broadcast said her relatives had begun to wonder if eventually they would have had to shut off the life-sustaining apparatus.

"THE CASE BRINGS UP again the complex question of artificial preservation of life," Vatican Radio said.

"Greater scientific knowledge is necessary before the moralist forms a judgment," it concluded, "but in the present situation the Christian feels the very concept of man, his dignity, his destiny, is in play. . . . And for this reason Christian conscience shows itself instinctively jealous of the sacred value of life and the right to hope."

Who's making the coffee? His Excellency, who else?

BY GERARD E. SHERRY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A bishop who has to type his own letters? A bishop who does his own office chores, including making the coffee, licking the stamps, answering the switchboard and dropping the mail at the corner letterbox?

This may sound strange, especially when the bishop works for a multi-billion dollar organization known as the State of California. But that is the condition of Bishop Roger M. Mahony, auxiliary of Fresno, and chairman of the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB).

Ever since the board ran out of money on Feb. 5, Bishop Mahony has seen a staff of nearly 200 in his state and regional offices, dwindle to the present—when only board members turn up for work.

What is worse, neither the bishop nor his fellow board members are getting paid for turning up to work. As long as they retain their state posts, they cannot accept any other paying jobs, even part-time. That's the law in California. It's also the law that the ALRB cannot use the staff or funds of any other state agency.

Of course, Bishop Mahony isn't homeless or starving. He resides five days a week at St. Paul's rectory here, where, he says, "My credit is good." On week-ends he travels to Fresno, staying at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, where he is nominally

rector. He also carries out a Confirmation schedule, and any other duties assigned to him by his Ordinary, Bishop Hugh Donohoe.

Bishop Mahony would like to see the ALRB refunded soon for several reasons. "Apart from the very important work of bringing peace and stability to the fields," said the bishop, "it would also be nice to have decent office coffee and to send out letters without my usual typos. But his has been a very useful experience, and it makes one appreciate an efficient office staff."

NCCB Catholic-Jewish Relations head resigns

WASHINGTON—Father Edward H. Flannery has resigned as executive director of the Office of Catholic-Jewish Relations, National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), to become director of the continuing education program for clergy in the Providence, R.I., diocese.

Father Flannery, who has directed the NCCB office since its establishment in 1967, will return to his home diocese of Providence Oct. 1.

Father Flannery's resignation was announced by Bishop James Rausch, general secretary of the NCCB-T.S. Catholic Conference. He praised the priest for "exemplary zeal and total commitment for many years to deepening the relationship between the Church and Judaism."

REPORT FROM THE CHANCERY

CHANCERY—Archbishop Blaskup will ordain seven men to the priesthood this spring. For the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Saturday, May 22 will see ordained Rev. Conrad Cambron, Rev. Mark Gottmoeller, Rev. John Kirby, Rev. Ronald Ashmore, and Rev. Michael Hilderbrand at the Cathedral. For St. Meinrad Archabbey, Rev. Noah Casey will be ordained Sunday, May 2. For the Society of Jesus, Rev. Terrence P. Charlton will be ordained at Brebeuf Preparatory School on Saturday, June 26. . . . Pension plans for priests and lay employees are now operational. Funds held in government securities have been placed with appropriate investment media. Benefits have been paid to retired priests since July 1, 1974, under the program, and initial checks to lay retirees, retroactive to July 1, 1975, will be mailed as soon as each qualified recipient indicates his/her choice of options. . . . Within the past month the last parish financial report was submitted to the Chancery. Now that all have been received, parish copies of the report will be returned. . . . The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis area Cemetery Association have announced the completion of construction of Phase I of the Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery. Phase II is 95% complete, and the final section (Phase III) is under construction. All construction is scheduled to be completed this year. Furnishings for the chapel are on order, and are expected to be installed within a few weeks. Dedication plans will be announced shortly. In the meantime, the main building is open each day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION—An analysis of the results of the Archdiocesan Testing Program (Stanford Archdiocesan Tests) indicates that the students in our schools not only rank well above the national norm, but have gone up a point or two at almost every level. . . . Dr. Daniel McDavitt, director of schools, and Sister Sharon Sheridan, coordinator of schools, are conducting visitations at this time. Religious programs seem strong, particularly liturgies. The overall greatest asset is the dedication and positive interaction of faculty and principal. The only perceived weakness is in the teaching of penmanship. Secondary schools have very good programs and elementary schools have highly respectable to outstanding programs. Two secondary schools and 14 elementary schools have been reviewed. . . . The preliminary program for the Indiana Catholic Education Institute, to be held in the fall, will be distributed within the month. Speakers for 101 small groups and eight assembly sessions have been confirmed. The St. Meinrad Schola will do the music for the liturgy on the morning of Friday, October 29. . . . Department of (Continued on Page 5)

Catholic Deaf conference set

INDIANAPOLIS—On Saturday, May 1, the Indiana Catholic Deaf Society (I.C.D.S.) Chapter 38, will host the midwest area conference of the International Catholic Deaf Association. Delegates from eight states representing the midwest conference will meet at the Marriott Inn.

Howard Kelley, President of the Indiana Catholic Deaf Society, and John Shaffenberger are co-chairmen of the event. Glenn Carstrand, Community Services Chairman, and member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Association will give a presentation at the Saturday morning workshop. Robert Downing, State Secretary of the I.C.D.S., will preside over the general meeting.

Officers of the national I.C.D.S. who are expected to be present are Robert Bates, President, Vienna, Va., and Keith Dirschner, Vice-President, North Bay, Canada.

CLERGY FROM the Indianapolis area participating in the conference include Father James Farrell of St. Pius X Church; Father Joseph Dooley, St. Thomas Aquinas Church; and Father Athanasius Ballard, O.S.B., of St. Paul Hermitage. At the Saturday evening banquet the guest of honor will be Father Francis Tuohy, Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

Deaf and hearing Catholics alike, who are interested in this field are urged to attend. The conference will have interpreters, so that both the spoken word and manual communication can be clearly understood, by both the hearing and deaf participants. Parents of deaf children are urgently urged to attend.

MASS WILL BE celebrated at 5 p.m. and a Deaf Choir will perform, accompanied by guitar music provided by Marian College students, under the direction of Sister Judy Papesh.

Following the banquet at 7:30 p.m., entertainment including a magic show will be provided from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. For information concerning the conference contact Mrs. Kathy Norrod, 802 Miami Drive, Pendleton, Ind., 46084.

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

NEWPORT, R.I.—The former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives told the Democratic Platform Committee that the "natural home" of most pro-life people is the Democratic party—but instead, those people "feel disfranchised along with the unborn." John W. McCormack, House Speaker from 1962 to 1970, urged his party to "reaffirm life," saying that "as a party we ignore this challenge at our peril."

ASUNCION, Paraguay—After a police raid on a suburban home here that left two officers wounded and three alleged guerrillas dead, the government of Gen. Alfred Stroessner charged a Jesuit priest with leading the group. Orders for the capture of Father Miguel San Marth were issued by the Interior Ministry as "chief of the subversives," supposedly banded in what it called the Political-Military Organization. Opposition sources, most of them underground after decades of dictatorial rule under Stroessner, said the name was unknown to them.

HERSHEY, Pa.—"Religious indifference, far more than religious differences, is a threat to our American heritage and government," Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia told an ecumenical body of religious leaders here. He advised several of Pennsylvania's Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders to stop "sectarian skirmishes" and cooperate with one another to preserve human dignity.

RESTON, Va.—A panel of five ethicists appearing at a three-day conference here on energy independence suggested that American energy independence might not be a very good idea. The panel moderator, Episcopal Bishop John Burt of Ohio, summed up the panel's comments by saying that there should be "more emphasis on developing energy for all mankind, not just for the United States."

The Church in Portugal is ready to support reconstruction efforts after the 1974 revolution and side with the poor while teaching the Gospel to all, said Cardinal Antonio Ribeiro of Lisbon . . . A coalition of churches and Catholic religious communities has filed a shareholder resolution here to stop England's Midland Bank from making new loans to South Africa or renewing or extending existing ones . . . Pro-Life Democratic presidential candidate Ellen McCormack brought her campaign to an estimated 8 million viewers during halftime of a professional basketball game on the CBS television network recently. CBS affiliates in 139 cities carried the game and Mrs. McCormack's appearance . . . An official of the Brooklyn diocese has denied an unfair labor practice charge filed by a lay teacher's union, alleging that the diocese violated a two-year contract by transferring Bishop High School to a private board of trustees.

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—The president of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College announced this week that the institution has successfully matched its initial \$100,000 challenge grant from the Lilly Endowment, Ind., of Indianapolis.

Sister Jeanne Knoerie, S.P., said the college was "delighted to announce the successful effort only seven months after the challenge was issued." Success was due, Sister Jeanne noted, to a coalition of support from students, alumnae, Sisters of Providence, parents and the Terre Haute business community.

Specifically, the grant consists of \$100,000 each of those years provided the college can match it with \$200,000.

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**REMAINING
SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK — 1978**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th—12:00 (noon)-3:00 p.m.
The Good Friday Liturgy. Holy Communion will be distributed about 2:30 p.m. Holy Communion may not be distributed at any other time on Good Friday; 7:45 p.m. Reading of the Passion according to St. John, followed by Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 17th—No Liturgical Services are permitted during the day on Holy Saturday. The Regular Anticipation Mass ordinarily at 5:30 p.m. will not be held. 7:30 p.m. The Holy Saturday Liturgy and the Vigil Mass of the Resurrection. You may fulfill your Easter Sunday obligation by attendance at this Mass. But if you then attend another Mass on Easter Sunday, you may again receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion may be distributed only at this Mass on Holy Saturday.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK
Good Friday, April 16th—12:00 (noon)-5:00 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 17th—12:00 (noon)-7:00 p.m.

REMINDER: On Friday and Saturday of Holy Week, Holy Communion may be distributed only during the Masses.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE—6:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Sung Mass), 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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THE TACKER

'My wife is dying'

The following account is taken from a letter written to his friends by the husband of a dying woman. We came across it more than 20 years ago (the author is unknown), and have read it many times during the intervening years. A warm and poignantly human document, we felt it uniquely appropriate for our Good Friday issue. It is entitled—simply—"My Wife Is Dying."

—The Tacker.

"My beloved wife Virginia is dying as I write this in her hospital room.

"To the hundreds of relatives and friends across the country who expressed their compassion in cards, flowers, Masses, and family meals during her many weeks of hospitalization since Easter Sunday, this expression of gratitude, while impersonal, is nevertheless in the spirit of Virginia's comment on July 1, 'We're going to give a lot of parties when I get home for all the friends who have been so kind to us.'

"THOUGH I RECEIVED the dreadful news on cancer from the doctors on June 11 (shared at first only with Martha and Mike, the oldest of our nine children) it was not until July 7, the day after my father's funeral, that I could summon the courage to tell her. She received it with typical Christian resignation and charity, her only regrets being expressed for me and the children and the burden she was leaving us.

"Each of you knew Ginny in varying degrees of time and intimacy. She was my other self for practically all my adult life, from the fall day in 1932 when a tall, slender, auburn-haired, 18-year-old freshman walked into a college newspaper office and the editor's heart. This, it was easy to see, was a girl with class—warm, friendly class.

"Her Irish nature was genial, spontaneous, sentimental. With it a mind that was quick, retentive, and analytical. Her talents were many, whether at the piano, the bridge table, the cookstove, the rostrum or the living room. She could bring tears to her father's eyes—and mine—with her feeling piano treatment of special favorites.

"She loved her married state, her home, her children, her husband. She had wonderful things to say about marriage as one of God's 'best' sacraments and the Cane Conference gave her many opportunities to say them. Thousands of engaged couples benefited from her insights, as did priests, doctors, and other married couples engaged in fostering Christian ideals of matrimony. She looked forward, as we neared our 25th anniversary in August, to a freer 25 years ahead that would permit more apostolic work.

"SHE MADE FRIENDS readily—genuine people from every walk of life. A high school girl with tragic family background whom she had taught and befriended 27 years ago is among those praying for her recovery. A Notre Dame football player pleads for the opportunity to argue again with her about philosophy and music. A college girl hopes for an early return to gab sessions—"It is not often that people really talk with one

another, which must be why our hours together are so special—I can't tell you how special. Well represented among the get-well cards are those from her friends at the A&P. (I had always thought of supermarkets as impersonal places until I observed how rapidly she was on first-name terms with butchers and clerks). Her kindness and personal interest in the staff at Holy Family hospital won their friendship and their loving attention and care.

"Blessed with provident and loving parents, well-educated, well-employed, well-traveled, Virginia had no misgiving about surrendering her comfortable life for an uncertain future with a college instructor. She welcomed the children that God gave her—four of the nine were born after she was forty—and had no regrets or nostalgia for an easier life.

"She was fiercely loyal to her husband—never a critical or unkind word would she say of him. 'Art can do no wrong,' her mother summed up Virginia's attitude toward him. She was similarly devoted to her children. 'She's not just my mother—she's my friend!' said Mike on the sad night I shared with him the smothering news. Many a time I would reach across the double bed for a missing partner—to find her at a late hour talking somewhere in the house with one of her children.

"Though her love reached out abundantly to each of them, her special concern during the past year was for 8-year-old Jonathan, whose left eye was accidentally lost a year ago. Her mourning ministrations were matched by daily study of psychological effects this loss may have on him. 'Poor Jonno' was one of the deathbed problems she regretted to leave behind her.

"SHE WAS A WOMAN that women trusted. Only I knew (she and I could never keep anything from each other) about the confidences she preserved and the counsel she freely and wisely gave to troubled women who sought it.

"Men too found easy rapport with her. On rare occasions when she was able to join me on conference trips, she was at home in all-men settings—whether a smoky bull session or a late-hours poker game—and, after brief deferential treatment, was readily accepted as 'one of the boys.'

"She loved the big old house she found in 1956 after two years of searching. It happened on an April day—Holy Thursday—and she wrote in her calendar book, 'Today I saw the house!' It was typical of the quick decision she was able to make all her life; she knew what she wanted and didn't waste any time hemming and hawing. Like her mother, she had a flair for interior decoration and furnished her home tastefully. After nine years, she was ready for a complete renovation and preferred this as our 25th anniversary present to a lengthy trip by ourselves.

"This expression is the inadequate picture of an extraordinary woman, whose talents were largely hidden in the bosom of her home and family. Perhaps it will assure you dear friends how well-founded was your affection for her. Soon she will be gone—and oh the difference to me."

Set workshop on new Rite of Penance

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — A workshop on the new Rite of Penance will be held in the library of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College on Sunday, April 25. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Speakers for the workshop, which should be of special interest to teachers, parents, priests and program directors, include Father Andrew Ciferni, P. Praem., director of liturgy at Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, Pa.; Father Nathan Mitchell, O.S.B., professor of sacramental theology at St. Meinrad School of Theology; and Father Jeff Godecker, director of religious education in the Terre Haute District. Also participating will be Ernie Collamall, chairman of the Theology Department at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$3.00, with advance registration preferred, but not required. Registration can be made with Father Jeff Godecker, 2901 Ohio Blvd., Terre Haute, Ind., 47803.

Slate 'Encounter' in Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Terre Haute's first Marriage Encounter program will be held April 30, May 1 and 2, 1976. With the emphasis on dialogue, Marriage Encounter is an enrichment experience for couples who wish to renew their basic commitment to one another.

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VISITATION SET

INDIANAPOLIS — Father Benet A. Fonck, O.F.M., Associate Provincial Director, will conduct the annual visitation of Lay Franciscans of Holy Stigmata of St. Francis fraternity, on Monday, April 19, at the Alverna Retreat House. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Thirty-five years ago the Senior Class of St. Agnes Academy presented the comedy "Your Uncle Dudley" in the Cathedral High School Auditorium. The cast included the Misses Jessica Lawrence, Peggy Heim, Gerry Fitzpatrick, Margaret Ann Feehey, Barbara Mellett, Mary Kripke, Nancy Nell Morrison, and Ruth Krump.

Remember them in your prayers

BRAZIL

† ALBERT J. ZENTKO, 81, Annunciation, April 9. Husband of Elizabeth; father of James Zentko of Carboro; Albert George Zentko of Crawfordville; Mrs. Mary Frances Gonzales of Rosewell, N.M.; Mrs. Elizabeth Garrison of Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Theresa Newport of Fremont, Calif.

DOVER

† ESTELLE ANDWAN, 68, St. John the Baptist, March 28. Mother of Lawrence Andwan of Cincinnati, O.; Anita Ratz of Brookville; Joan Rennekamp of Waldron; Jean Seaver of Aurora.

GREENWOOD

† DOROTHY B. BEHLER, 78, Our Lady of Greenwood, April 13. Sister of Adeline Rohr, Mary Kattau, Cecilia Struener and Rudolph Behler.

INDIANAPOLIS

† MICHAEL J. TRAUB, 90, St. Philip Neri, April 7. Father of Mary T. Nohl, Bernard J., James J. and William M. Traub.

† ANN MARTINA COFFEY, 46, Holy Cross, April 8. Sister of Sister Agnes Josephine, S.P., Agnes Perry, Mary O'Brien, Joe and Michael Coffey.

† TRESSA A. BREWER, 77, St. Philip Neri, April 8. Sister of Nell Wehlage and Mrs. Joseph Dippel.

† GEORGE E. RUTH, Sr., 50, St. James the Greater, April 8. Husband of Margaret E.; father of Mary M., Teresa M., Ann E., George

E. Jr., and Michael J. Ruth; brother of Julia M. Goetzinger, Yvonne M. Ancelet, Hortense and Justin A. Ruth.

† FRANK H. HECK, 86, Little Flower, April 8. Father of Robert L. and John F. Heck.

† IDA MAE HOLLISTER, 86, St. Monica, April 8. Father of Bea Eva C. LeBeau and Mildred Bozzell; sister of Pauline Powers, Estelle Ihig and Marie Griso.

† DOROTHY M. WIEGAND, 70, Little Flower, April 9. Mother of Mary Jane Hehmann. Four brothers and four sisters also survive.

† WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, 51, Holy Rosary, April 9. Brother of Pauline Burns Patrisay.

† THOMAS HENRY TEAGARDIN, 56, Holy Name, April 12. Husband of Helen M.; father of Jane Burgess, Ann Decker, Theresa and John Teagardin; brother of Joseph E. Donohue and Paul Teagardin.

† ANNA M. CONCANNON, 88, Christ the King, April 13. Mother of Mary E. Willie, Joseph L. and Clotus A. Concannon.

† NICHOLAS R. MATES, 81, Holy Trinity, April 13. Husband of Mafalda; father of Marilyn O'Harrow, Carole Duh and Nicholas Mates; brother of Michael G. Mates.

† ELIZABETH GREELEY, 92, St. Philip Neri, April 13. Mother of Francis J. and Peter W. Greeley; sister of Frank J. Flood.

† ELIZABETH B. RICEY, 87, Our Lady of Lourdes, April 13. Mother of Paul Ricey, Jr.; sister of James Head.

† JOHN J. McNEFF, 85, St. Susanna, April 12. Brother of Margaret Beach.

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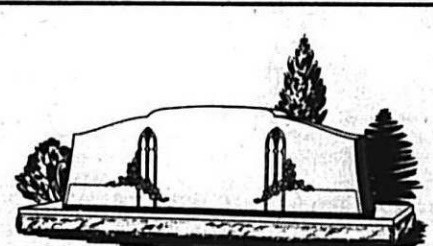
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Criterion Comment

"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

Changes and rumors

Much anxiety is being generated in the city of Indianapolis over the future of Ladywood-St. Agnes School and the prospective co-educational status of Brebeuf Preparatory School. Recent rumors cloud the discussion by suggesting transferring Cathedral High School to the Ladywood-St. Agnes campus and establishing a new co-educational school.

Whatever the rumors imagined and the facts accepted, the reality is this: Indianapolis does not need another co-educational high school nor any other kind of high school. This includes Archdiocesan status schools or private status schools. What Indianapolis does need is for the existing schools to come together in mutual cooperation. Competition in recruiting and myths concerning value are out of hand.

Our high schools sometimes appear to have forgotten the purpose for their existence. Grade school recruitment has been as keenly competitive as trying to get a parking place for an event at Market Square Arena. Our schools exist to continue the mission of the Church, to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ. With the number of high schools in existence, however, and with

the fiscal problems the Archdiocese is facing, that purpose seems often forgotten in the face of competition for warm bodies.

Moreover, our high schools also sometimes appear to be trying to outdo public school competition. Is it more fashionable to be a graduate of Brebeuf or Ladywood-St. Agnes than North Central? Is it more prestigious to be a part of the Cathedral spirit than the Park-Tudor spirit? Are Chatard, Ritter, Roncalli and Secelna safer than Broad Ripple, Howe, Manual and Washington?

The worst division among our Catholic high schools is the division between private schools and Archdiocesan schools. Are Brebeuf, Ladywood-St. Agnes, Cathedral, St. Mary's, and Our Lady of Grace any better than Chatard, Ritter, Roncalli and Secelna? Or any worse? The arguments are reminiscent of Paul addressing the Corinthians: "It is clear to me that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have like: 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas,' 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? As Scripture says: If anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord."

—T.W.

Nothing has changed

A recounting of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ always brings to mind a bit of bafflement. How could the trouble makers of that time have been so blind? They walked and talked with Jesus; they witnessed his miracles, feats that no other had performed. They knew he was someone very special. Why, then, were they so blind, so bloodthirsty?

Jealousy was the root cause. The evil started as a bit of nitpicking, of malicious hassling for such things as helping others on the Sabbath, or for welcoming sinners. As Christ's following and popularity grew, the jealousy and dislike shared by a few became more intense.

A whispering campaign was begun, a planting of the seed of suspicion in the minds of those who had been his friends. Then, gaining momentum, it spread like a plague, blocking all sane reasoning and terminating in a frenzied rage of murder.

Sad commentary of an unenlightened age? Hardly. People in this highly educated era haven't really changed all that much. We're still the same, small-minded persons who delight in digging away at another's good name. By deflating them we inflate our ego. We still engage in whispering campaigns against those we dislike, extending our venom even to those who should command our respect. Rash judgment abounds; half-

truths are passed along as gospel truth.

We have become so calloused against character assassination that even the name of the dead is no longer sacred. Lurid exposes crop up against those who are no longer around to defend themselves. And among the living, those persons in office or in administrative roles seem to be favorite targets for trouble makers.

If Christ himself, in the flesh, were to come now and fill certain jobs, the nitpicking and vicious hounding would go on just the same. Why? Because we're self-appointed paragons of virtue, the holier-than-thous who feel that our way is the only way. If we find a "mote" in another's eye we feel it our self-righteous duty to spread the word.

So what are we then, we who profess to be followers of Christ? Are we Christians or barracudas? Do we use the tongue upon which the Body of Christ has rested to cut others down? Do we do a hatchet job on another's reputation but would abhor the thought of missing Sunday Mass?

"Do unto others" If used as the guideline it was intended to be, could change the world overnight. The Christ who was reviled and murdered by vengeance gone wild held no trace of hatred within him. As we stand on the threshold of his glorious triumph can't we shed the hateful forces within us and put on His spirit of charity?

—A.D.

ICC delegates serve as resource persons

(Last week we began an interview with the two recently elected delegates to the Indiana Catholic Conference Advisory Council. We continue that interview.)

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

Amanda Strong and J. Larry Osborne were two of the 20 delegates from the Archdiocese who attended the state assembly of the Indiana Catholic Conference program initiated through the parish Listening Sessions. Both agree that this group of 20 delegates now has a function which ought to continue even though the assembly itself is past history.

"The delegates need to educate themselves," says Osborne. "We have to learn about the diocese." At the assembly the delegates recognized the diversity and size of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"We are key resource people for expressing the needs of the diocese to those in authority," responded Ms. Strong. "We believe that we can be a helpful link in the chain of com-

munication."

The work of Ms. Strong and Osborne now involves linking the Advisory Council with the other delegates who in turn are responsible for communicating this to the parish level.

"We have no power," says Osborne, "but we can certainly tell if communication is getting down to the parish."

It is this role which both Strong and Osborne reflect as vital. Both agree that information must continually be moving up and down. The parish must be heard by the diocese and the diocese must be heard by the parish. "We need the support of the average parishioner," Strong pleads.

A DIOCESAN PASTORAL council remains a top priority. Both delegates emphasize this.

"The problems in the diocese," according to Osborne, "are complex and can't be solved overnight. We need to look at priorities and needs. We need to see also what is working now."

Ms. Strong concurs. "There is a need to plug into already existing means of solving problems. Rather than establish new committees and

task forces, we should re-vitalize the ones in existence."

Osborne feels strongly that the layman and his priests need to experience new ways of renewal. "We need to help people be themselves," he says. The question for Osborne is one of growing together. The problem with present structures thus may not be the structures, but the individuals within the structures, he emphasized.

A dual issue which became crucial at the state assembly was justice and the concept of social sin.

"This meant nothing to me until our delegation caucused," says Osborne. "I saw it more clearly in Amanda Strong's appeal."

"We have dealt with this in our parish," Ms. Strong stated. "I was surprised that many of the delegates throughout the state couldn't handle it."

"This really hit me," Osborne continued. "I can now look at the problem through the eyes of someone who has experienced it. Usually I just see things from my own comfortable lifestyle. It took a confrontation to make me aware. You know, we may hear the message of Christ, but we never really listen to it. We think of sin as something we do rather than something we don't do."

"I have a hard time with people who talk about social sin as something without a sinner," said Ms. Strong. "Sin is sin and is wrong. To say that social sin has no sinner is to avoid placing guilt. That's wrong. I've been in organizations all my life that deal with social sin. Catholics usually have very little to risk. We should get into some groups and organizations and become aware of social sin. Those who tried to make us aware of it in the past have left the Church. Many of them were ostracized by us."

OSBORNE'S REFLECTION reveals a definite growth. "People have trouble sharing themselves. Instead of discussing things we want to jump into organizations. What about the everyday caring and healing that people need to do between each other? We need a perspective, and we have to believe that the Spirit is with the Church. I wonder if some people aren't dealing with issues of justice only because they become confronted with it. I feel more responsible now to become aware of issues. Why should I wait until they confront me?"

Ms. Strong adds another dimension. "We can't just walk around acting like Holy Joe's. We need to work to change the world!"

DALE FRANCIS SAYS

New rite of penance has pitfalls too

BY DALE FRANCIS

There is much in the revised rite of Penance that is beautiful, that should extend the understanding of the people of their relationship with God and their fellow men, that should make more meaningful the reconciliation that comes from this Sacrament.

There is nothing in the revised rite with which I would disagree. Yet realistically it is necessary that it be pointed out there are dangers involved, there are possibilities for abuse that could be harmful to the Church.

In honesty it is necessary to speak of them. We are, after all, entered into the revised rite on a one year experimental basis. If this is to have any meaning then there should be a willingness to face up to possible distortions so they might be eliminated during the experimental period.

THE FIRST POINT of possible abuse lies with the provision for general absolution. General absolution, the revised decree makes clear, should be utilized only under the most unusual circumstances.

In situations where a priest is able to reach the people only on rare occasions and then only for a brief time, it may be impossible for him to hear the confessions of all. Then general absolution would be permitted, although before those who receive it come to a situation of general absolution again they must have privately confessed their serious sins. When there are those who are in immediate danger of death—soldiers going into battle, great numbers of people coming under the eye of a killing hurricane—then general absolution is permissible.

In this country, the decision concerning when general absolution might be used is left to the Ordinary, who knows his own area best. It is conceivable that even in a non-mission area a priest might be confronted with more penitents than he

can honestly reach with private confession. But as one archbishop warned in guidelines for his archdiocese, there must not be "planned emergencies" and when general absolution is utilized priests are told to make an immediate report to the archbishop, explaining fully the circumstances.

YET THE TRUTH is that in many places in the nation there have been priests who have already given general absolution, without permission of their bishops, without their bishops even being aware they have done it.

This is a fact, and this is a danger. Even more important, there are those who advocate the use of general absolution in ordinary circumstances. The liturgical chairman of one archdiocese has publicly advocated the use of general absolution several times a year, particularly at Lent and Easter, Advent and at Christmas.

Since it is certain the revised rite did not contemplate an end to private confession, it is obvious that this destroys the intent of the revised rite.

It could bring an end to private confession, which some make no secret is what they wish.

This is a real danger that must be met vigorously by authority in the Church. Nor can authority take any comfort in the fact that those who receive general absolution must privately confess serious sins. Those who would extend the rare option to common practice cannot be expected to follow that obligation any more faithfully than they have followed the rule that general absolution must be used only rarely.

THE SECOND DANGER concerns face-to-face confession. There is certainly nothing wrong in face-to-face confession—it may well be the better option for some people. But it is an option. There are already signs that the option may be forced. I heard one pastor explain that private confession would remain "for old people who can't change." It was a suggestion that only the intransigent would use any thing other than face-to-face confession. The truth is that any may choose private confession, that in most circumstances even the confessionals will remain. Face-to-face confession is only an option; the obligation of the priest is to offer private, anonymous confession for those who wish it. And those who choose it are not necessarily only "old people who can't change."

There is another danger in this that is more subtle. Last fall a priest told a national convention the role of the priest in the future would be primarily that of the counselor. But that is not true. Under the revised rite, as before, the priest is one who absolves sin, the forgiveness comes from God. The counseling of the priest may be of value, but it is not the essence of his role. Priests are by their ordination able to absolve sins; they are not by ordination made competent counselors. I am not belittling the importance of the counseling role of the priest; I am only saying neither priest nor penitent should be deluded into thinking this is his primary role.

There is much good in the revised rite of Penance. We should welcome it, but there must be recognition of the possibility of dangers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nancy Stewart relates Communion-in-the-hand experiences

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to the subject of receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

Having recently returned from an overseas trip to Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia, I have had opportunity to observe the many different ways in which Mass is celebrated, and, in particular, the variations in the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

The small different ways in which the Mass are celebrated are not worth mentioning, but the reception of Communion is.

The first time we were able to go to Mass after we left the United States was in Queenstown, New Zealand, in the South Island. We had to climb a two-in-one foot grade to reach the small church, and arrived much out of breath. The Mass was an early one, and the Church was not too full.

When Communion time came, we realized that some people were receiving the Host in the usual fashion—on the tongue—and others in the palm of one hand, with the other hand placed underneath and then being used to transfer the Host to the mouth, this being done before leaving the altar position.

As we waited our turn, we discovered that not all received in the same manner, and, specifically, there

appeared to be no distinction between sexes or between Religious and laity. We, therefore, received in the hand, copying those alongside us. Incidentally, we received in the standing position. On arriving in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, Communion was distributed in the church we attended to those kneeling at the rail. No Communion in the hand.

On Thanksgiving Day, we arrived in Perth, Western Australia, and the following Sunday, at the local church, we found the homily almost exclusively directed to the fact that, commencing at Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, Holy Communion would be distributed to the individual at his or her option, on the tongue or in the hand, directions being given as to the latter choice. For the remainder of our stay in Perth we received, post Christmas, Communion in the hand.

About February 12th we were in Adelaide, South Australia, where we attended a private Mass celebrated by a friend, a former Christian Brother, and a recently ordained priest. We received under both species, but the Host was placed in our hands.

In Brisbane, Queensland, at our first Mass there, it was announced that the reception of Communion in the hand would begin soon, but in the meantime, we received on the tongue

standing up.

In Sydney, New South Wales, at both the Masses we attended, it was announced and elaborated on that the reception of Communion in the hand would commence on Ash Wednesday, at the person's own option, directions again being given concerning this method of receiving.

The United States is about the last major country in the world to turn to a completely metric system. It appears it is going to be about the last to go back to the method of distributing Our Lord in the form of bread held in the hand, as Christ did at the Last Supper, and whose example was followed in the early days of the Christian Church.

J. Nancy Stewart

Indianapolis

Earl Owens questions the 'size' of Catholic education

To the Editor:

Father Widner's editorial "School Survey" in the April 2nd issue raises some questions.

Do those in education stop to consider the high cost of Catholic education for the parents of a growing family? Have the basic subjects so vital to living and spiritual growth changed so much that those in the business of educating the youth need to add on and extend this burden uselessly?

Father Widner's grandfather and parents, no doubt, got a Christian Catholic education perhaps principally from teaching nuns, or lay people who never saw the inside of a college where extravagant methods are given top priority.

Have those promoting education brought forth a monster they can't support?

When I retired at the age of 60, I took two years at my own expense of refresher work in physical-natural science and taught as a volunteer for 18 years.

When the pressure on the over zealous teaching profession got so heavy that many of those dedicated people who were willing to serve God and humanity for low wages were dumped, I left the parochial system in sympathy. Since that time I have been

LETTERS WELCOME

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a volunteer science teacher in our public schools, and my work has been in such demand that I could lecture every day in the week, but I limit it to not more than three days, since I am now 83 years of age.

Where are the lay people who could teach Christian character building and the basic three R's, and many of them well qualified, but not needing financial remuneration? They are here, but the so-called professionals can't find them.

I don't know how many people are in the volunteer public school program, but there are so many, they are putting out a bulletin about them, and if any are interested they can get details from the Department of Education. I lecture to groups of 50 to 70, and when I leave the school, they crowd about me to show their affection.

J. Earl Owens

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"OH, COME NOW—THERE MUST BE OTHERS
UP HERE WHO FAVORED LATIN MASSES!"

Report from the Chancery

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Religious Education is participating in the development of Guidelines for Youth Ministry. Being addressed in the Guidelines are Religious Education as well as Religious Formation. The concern for formation of adults involved with youth work will also be considered. . . . Father Robert Drewes and Dr. Daniel McDewitt have completed work on a process for the selection of education administrators for the education year 1976-1977. This will be used by parish and district boards of education in the hiring of administrators (principals and directors of religious education).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES—The Annual Senior Citizens Mass and luncheon held at Little Flower parish on April 17 was attended by 950 senior citizens. . . . New St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences have begun at St. Monica, St. Simon and St. Lawrence parishes in Indianapolis. Plans are being made to convene 12 more conferences. . . . The Natural Family Planning program in Richmond is scheduled for May 15 and June 26. Twenty-five couples are expected to attend this pilot program. . . . A profile speakers bureau training program was attended by 11 people for the Richmond-Connersville area. . . . Missalette in Vietnam have been ordered for May-June. These will be distributed to refugees. . . . Volunteers began work on the Catholic Charities appeal around April 15. Meetings with District Coordinators are set for the week of April 19.

HOLDOUT

Due to space problems, Monsignor John J. Doyle's "Christian Heritage" is being omitted from this issue of The Criterion.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION—Under the title "Christian and Parish: Rebirth and Renewal," the preparatory study booklet for the National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is available to commissions and individuals for a \$1 fee. It contains reprints of articles on the subject of the convention—adult initiation and parish renewal. It also presents the full text of the introduction to the new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The rite is authorized for use on a provisional basis. No date has been set for mandatory use. . . . Charles Gardner has been meeting with liturgy and music personnel of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to exchange ideas.

PERSONNEL OFFICE—In addition to completing its work concerning policy for priest-teachers and job description for deans, the Personnel Board is beginning almost weekly meetings to plan special ministries and parochial assignments.

VOCATIONS OFFICE—Father Mike Welch, Archdiocesan Vocation Director, attended the Region VII Vocation Directors Conference in Chicago on April 5. A presentation was made by Bishop Arthur O'Neill of Rockford concerning proposed guidelines for Diocesan Vocation Offices to be discussed at the spring Bishops' Meeting. . . . Sunday, May 9, is World Day of Prayer. A suggestion is made that this be celebrated in the Archdiocese on Sunday, May 2, so as not to conflict with Mother's Day. . . . Ministry of Acolyte was received by Charles Eder on March 29 at Louvain, Belgium; Kenneth Taylor on March 31 at St. Mary's in Baltimore, Md. Ted Lang received the ministry of Reader on April 9 at the Josephinum in

Worthington, Ohio. . . . Assignment of newly-ordained deacons to parishes is being discussed. Ten seminarians will be assigned to parishes in the summer ministry program. . . . A planning session for the College Renewal Program occurred in Terre Haute. Representatives from the diocese of Evansville, Lafayette and Indianapolis were present as were Maryknoll and Franciscan Orders of Men, and Benedictine, Providence, and Franciscan Sisters. Next year the team plans to visit eight Indiana colleges. . . . The Eighth Grade Vocation Retreats have been completed in the Indianapolis area. The retreat was held in 22 schools. Three additional retreats are planned outside the city of Indianapolis. . . . A 15-month Vocation Awareness Poster Campaign will begin the week of April 26. Every three months different posters will be sent to each parish, elementary and secondary school, college and university Newman clubs.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CENTER—Much cooperation from various parishes who have requested the St. Joseph Sunday missals have been received. . . . Preparation of subjects and recruiting participants for the Focus on Faith program is stepped up at this time so that all programs through September are recorded by mid-May so that vacations do not interfere. . . . The Communications Center staff is analyzing the time spent on services and administrative activities performed for diocesan entities so it can better allocate time and efforts. . . . Invitations were sent through the Center to the Indianapolis Star and News and Channels 4, 6, 8, and 13 to cover the Senior Citizens Mass. . . . Radio and TV spot announcements for the 39th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross have been arranged through the Center with the assistance of Father Carmen Petrone.

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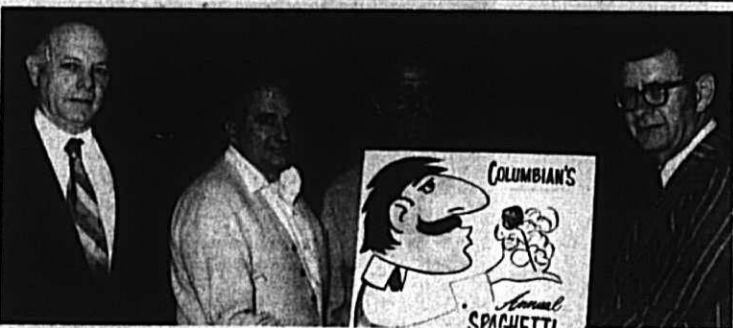


HOLY SPIRIT of '76 CARD PARTY

BICENTENNIAL THEME—The Women's Club of Holy Spirit parish, Indianapolis, is planning its Holy Spirit of '76 Card Party on Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Pictured above, left to right, are four members of the committee, Ellen Rodgers, president; Rosemary Jennings, decorations; Barbara Brown, general chairman; and Carol Chesterson, table prizes.



BOOSTERS TO SPONSOR DANCE—The Sccecina High School Boosters' Club will sponsor the Annual Spring Dance on Saturday, April 24, in the gymnasium. Handling details are co-chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Underhill, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hood. Advance tickets are \$5.00 a couple and can be ordered by calling 357-6488 or 358-0891.



PLAN SPAGHETTI DINNER—The Columbians of Council 437, Knights of Columbus, will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Monte Carlo Night on Friday, April 23, at the K of C Hall, 1305 N. Delaware St. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment by the Columbians and the Monte Carlo activities to follow. No reservations are necessary. Dinner prices are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for youngsters under 12. Shown above, left to right, are: Don Polinsette, president of the Columbians; Vic DeFelice, chairman; Jim Rivelli and Bill Boyer.

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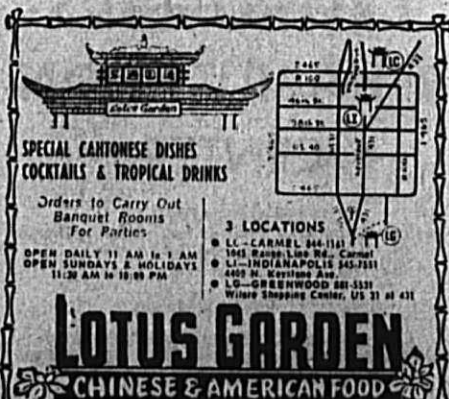
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West Side KC planning dance

INDIANAPOLIS — Members of the West Side K of C will sponsor a dance on Wednesday, April 28, at the Council on Country Club Road. The Don Glasser Band, will provide the music from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. The price of tickets is \$4 per person, and the event is open to the public.

For further information call Gus Powell, chairman, 636-5766, or Mike Mates 924-0432.

SUPPER AND SOCIAL

INDIANAPOLIS — The St. Gabriel Women's Club will hold an Old Fashioned Church Social on Friday, April 23 in the church hall, 6000 W. 34th St. A Chili Supper will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Games for all ages will be played and craft booths will be open from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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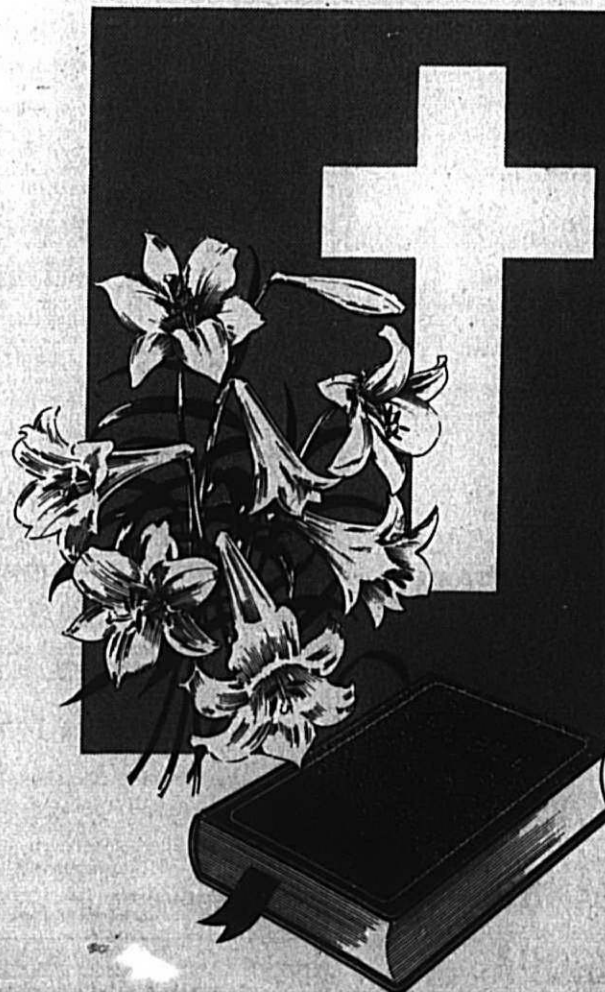
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AT SENIOR CITIZENS' MASS—An estimated 950 persons attended the Third Annual City-Wide Mass for Senior Citizens at Little Flower Church on April 7. The great majority stayed for the luncheon which followed in the Secina High School gymnasium. Principal concelebrant of the Mass was Archbishop George J. Biskup, shown in the first picture above with Frances Graney of Christ the



King parish, chairman of the working committee for the observance. At the luncheon members of the clergy continued the popular tradition of donning aprons and serving as waiters. Father John Ryan, in the second picture above, pastor of St. Anthony parish, Indianapolis, pours coffee for some of the luncheon guests. [Probably the most colorful attire was worn by Father Ed Soergel, co-pastor of



Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, who served as one of two co-ordinators for this year's observance. Sue Lay, of Catholic Charities, second from left in the third picture, was the other co-ordinator. Also shown in the final picture are Catherine Vitale, left, Charities volunteer, and Thomas Morgan, Charities Associate Director. The idea of the Senior Citizens' Mass and luncheon originated in 1974, when the senior citizens group at Christ the King parish and Father Robert Scheldier, associate pastor, organized the inaugural event, which drew an attendance of about 550. The number expanded to 750 last year and to a record 900-plus for the 1978 renewal. [Photos by Douglas Johnson]

Two receive Roger Graham Award

BY DENNY SOUTHERLAND

Ed Loughery from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis, and Sherry Spellman, of St. Anthony parish, Clarksville,

received the "Roger Graham Memorial Award" last Sunday at the 19th Annual CYO Archdiocesan Convention at Secina Memorial High School.

Plaques were presented to Loughery and Miss Spellman at the closing convention banquet as the outstanding boy and girl in the Archdiocesan Youth Council. Nearly 550 teen-agers attended the three-day-convention. They participated in such varied activities as politics, meetings, educational sessions, Mass, dances and a banquet.

NEW YOUTH COUNCIL officers elected were: President, Mike LaGrange, New Albany; Vice-President, Gail Rissler, Tell City; Recording Secretary, Colleen McNulty, Indianapolis; Corresponding Secretary, Jane Fulmer, New Albany; and Deanery Coordinator, Cindy Farquhar, Bedford. Vince Roberts, of St. Lawrence parish, Indianapolis, is the retiring Archdiocesan president. He has held office for the past two terms.

HOLY SPIRIT, Indianapolis, won the Mickey McCarty Memorial Trophy for the Over-All Publications Contest. St. Lawrence placed second and St. Joan of Arc won third place.

This is Holy Spirit's second consecutive year to win the traveling trophy presented to the CYO by the late Frank E. McKinney, Sr. Other 13 Publications Contest winners were:

Best Design and Layout:

1) Our Lady of Lourdes, 2) Holy Spirit, 3) St. Lawrence. Originality: 1) St. Catherine, 2) St. Joan of Arc, 3) St. Lawrence. Best Single Article: 1) Sue Moran, Holy Spirit—"Remember When."

JON MCGLOCKLIN, a Butler University Sophomore, delivered the keynote address Saturday. Gregg Gallo, St. Charles, Bloomington and President of the Executive Council of the National CYO Federation, addressed the convention at the Banquet.

CYO NOTES

Baseball coaches will meet next Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the CYO Office. All coaches are urged to attend.

Youth Council president Ed Loughery announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the CYO Office. Nominations will be accepted for officers for next year's council.

Entries for the Boy's City-Wide Track and Field meet have been mailed. They are due no later than May 12.

Pupils at IHM exhibit photos

INDIANAPOLIS — Some 41 photos taken by seventh and eighth graders of Immaculate Heart of Mary School are currently on exhibit at the Indiana State Museum at 202 N. Alabama St. The pictures will be on display until April 30.

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Watergate film 'convincing'

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

"All the President's Men," the much-awaited movie about the crucial journalistic role in exposing the Watergate affair, is tight, tense and convincing, like a good newspaper story. It doesn't pretend to explain very much, or even to get us emotionally involved. Swiftly and cleanly, it lays out the basic facts.

The film's focus is on the artful execution of a difficult reportorial assignment. The scandal itself and its significance remain the shadowy background. But for the vast public which hasn't read the book, it will clarify important details about the intentions and achievements of the Washington Post, and correct misconceptions potentially harmful to public

support for freedom of the press.

THE SUBJECT is the pursuit of the complexities of the Watergate story—in the awesome context of the 1972 presidential campaign—by young Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. It covers the period from the Immortal break-in at Democratic headquarters (June 17, 1972) until late October, when the reporters have their first major defeat in a mess-up effort to link the burglary and the "dirty tricks" operation to top presidential aide Bob Haldeman.

While the book continues through the shocking revelations and resignations of the following spring, the film ends on a note of defeat-but-try-again—harder,

and flashes ahead (in the style of "Z") to the stunning list of eventual convictions and acts of semi-contrition.

Actors Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman bring their box-office charisma to the project as Woodward and Bernstein, but they underplay and subordinate themselves to the roles. Unknowns could have done as well. Jason Robards is especially helpful as flinty, flamboyant Post editor Ben Bradlee, and there are excellent cameos by Jane Alexander, Hal Holbrook, Jack Warden, Martin Balsam and dozens of less familiar performers.

The Post's major contribution was to keep the pressure on the official investigators who—as we know—were being strongly discouraged from following leads beyond the immediate "third-rate" crime. In the early phase, Woodward and Bernstein were even a step ahead—in making the connection through Howard Hunt to Charles Colson and the White House, and especially in uncovering the huge secret fund and the names of those who controlled it.

Once the existence of the fund was established—and this was the heart of the scandal—it was possible to enter the rest of the incredible labyrinth, following passages that led here to the late Howard Hughes, there to the genial dirty-tricks expert Donald Segretti.

Later on, more controversially, the reporters tried to pry loose explosive information revealed to the Grand Jury. In the context of the time and the mood of cover-up, their zeal was understandable. But it led to the error on Haldeman, which was at least temporarily embarrassing.

DURING 1972, much of the public swallowed the Agnew-Ziegler line that the

The week's TV network films

HOW SWEET IT IS! (1969) (CBS, Friday, April 23): A cliché romantic comedy about a couple of American innocents abroad (James Garner, Debbie Reynolds) who fall into the romantic clutches of some sexy Europeans before getting back to each other. If you've avoided this so far it's no time to change your luck.

JENNY (1969) (ABC, Friday, April 23): A tender, unpretentious little love story (the network figure it's spring) about two troubled young people (Mario Thomas, Alan Alda) who meet in Central Park and decide on a marriage of convenience. Social and moral issues are not dodged. Satisfactory for adults and mature youth.

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Post was part of a liberal media conspiracy to inflate a minor crime into an election victory for McGovern. (A similar paranoia was the root cause of the entire Watergate phenomenon). The film, like the book, clarifies the apolitical characters of Woodward and Bernstein, who are simply hungry reporters on the track of a big story, and the doubts, anguish and scruples of their editors.

Most of the movie follows the detective story pattern, but not the typical movie detective one, with sexy ladies, ambushes on dark streets, car chases and shootouts. It's the agonizing real story of endless telephone calls, dead-end leads, checking of files,

records and lists, knocking on doors, interviewing hostile or reluctant witnesses. Relentless thoroughness. In the collection of facts—many of them trivial in themselves—is what pays off. For reporters, it's also the painstaking working-out of stories under deadline urgency and the critical eye of skeptical editors. Much of the film takes place in the office—a 95,000 square-foot replica of the Post newroom reconstructed in Burbank. The major achievement of director Alan Pakula ("Kluge," "The Parallax View") is in giving all this dogged detail a pace and depth that keeps it fascinating. (Rating: A-3—unobjectionable for adults)

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