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OFFICIAL **APPOINTMENTS**

Effective May 14, 1976

Rev. Paul Dede, appointed pastor of St. Mary parish, Mitchell.

Rev. Paul Ofer, retiring from the pastorate of St. Mary parish, Mitchelf.

Effective July 7, 1976

Rev. Ronald Ashmore, newly ordained to associate pastor of St. Simon parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. James Barton, appointed Archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Falth and Missions, and retaining his assignment as pastor of St. Bridget parish, Liberty.

Rev. Conrad Cambron, newly-ordained to associate pastor of St. Mary parish,

Rev. Larry Crawford, from associate pastor of St. Gabriel parish, in-dianapolis, to pastor of Holy Trinity parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Samuel Curry, from associate pastor of St. Gabriel parish, Connersville, to pastor of St. Jude parish, Spencer.

Rev. Wilfred Day, from pastor of St. Joseph parish, St. Joseph Hill, to in residence at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, New Albany, and continuing his assignment as a full-time instructor at Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarkeville, and assisting at the Aquinas Center, Clarkeville.

Rev. Andrew Diezemen, appointed administrator of St. Joseph Mission, Millitown, and retaining his assignment as pastor of Holy Cross parish, St.

Rev. Paul English, from in residence at Holy Family parish, New Albany, to associate pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus parish; Indianapolis.

Rev. John Fink, from associate pastor of St. Simon parish, indianapolis, to pastor of St. Bernard parish, Frenchtown.

Rev. Magr. Victor Goossens, retiring as Archidocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Missions.

Rev. Mark Gottemoeller, newly ordained to associate pastor of St. Gabriel parish, Connersville.

Rev. H. Michael Hilderbrand, newly ordained to full-time instructor of Religion at Our-Lady of Providence High-School, Clarksylle, with residence at St. Mary parish, New Albany.

Rev. Stephen Jarrell, from associate pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, indianapolis, to director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of indianapolis, and continuing his assistance at the Latin School community, with residence at Nativity parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. John Kirby, newly ordained to associate pastor of Sacred Heart parish,

Rev. Charles Lahey, from associate pastor of Holy Name parish, Beech Grove, to pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Paul Landwerlen, from pastor of Holy Trinity parish, Indianapolie, to pastor of St. Thomas More parish, Mooresville.

Rev. David Lawler, from pastor of St. Ann parish, Terre Haute, to pastor of immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Michael O'Connor, from associate pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Jeffersonville, to associate pastor of St. L'awrence parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Jack Oken, from associate paster of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus parish, Indianapolis, to associate paster of St. Simon parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Carmen Petrone, from associate pastor of St. Matthew parish, in-dianapolis, to associate pastor of immaculate Heart of Mary parish, in-dianapolis.

Rev. Jack Porter, from associate pastor of St. Michael parish, Indianapolis, to associate pastor of St. Gabriel parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Donald Raih, from associate pastor of St. Ann parish, Térre Haute, to administrator of St. Ann parish, Terre Haute.

Rev. Edwin Sahm, retiring from the pastorate of immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Fred Schmitt, appointed pastor of St. Joseph parish, indianapolis, and retaining his assignment as chapiain of the Catholic Student Center of IUPUI, Indianapolis.

Nev. Myles Smith, from graduate studies at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., to notary of the Metropolitan Tribunal, Indianapolie, with residence at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Richard Smith, from pastor of St. Joseph parish, indianapolis, to pastor of St. John the Baptist parish, Starlight.

Rev. Bernard Strange, retiring from the pastorate of St. Francis de Sales parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Thomas Stumph, from associate pastor of St. Simon perish, in-anapolis, to pastor of St. Joseph parish, St. Joseph Hill, and Newman ostolate, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany.

Rev. Mark Svarczkopf, from associate pastor of St. Lawrence parish, in-dianapolis, to full-time instructor at the Latin School of Indianapolis, with residence at the Latin School.

Rev. William Turner, from in residence at St. Lawrence parieti, Indianapolis, to in residence at immaculate Heart of Mary parieti, Indianapolis, and continuing his assignment as a full-time instructor at Chatard High School, Indianapolis.

Rev. Lawrence Voelker, from pastor of St. Thomas More parish, Mooreeville, to in residence at St. Matthew parish, Indianapolis, and continuing his assignment as Archdiocesan coordinator for the Indiana Catholic Conference.

Rev. Eugene Weidman, from pastor of St. Bernard parish, Frenchtown, and the Mission of St. Joseph, Militown, to administrator of St. Francis Xavier Mission, Henryville, with residence at St. Isidore parish, Bristow.

The above appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. George J. Biskup, Archbishop of Indianapolis, Rev. Robert Mohrhaus, Chancellor.

June 28, 1976

Senate removes ban on Federal abortion funds

BY JIM CASTELLI

WASHINGTON—Following , an emotional floor debate, the Senate has voted to remove a ban on the use of federal funds to perform, encourage or promote abortions.

The ban had been added to an appropriations bill for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by the House in a 199-165 vote.

Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) made a motion to drop the ban. A motion to table—kill—Packwood's amendment was defeated 55-27 and Packwood's amendment itself passed

The vote marked the third time in the past two years the Senate has acted on a proposed ban on the use of federal funds for abortions through Medicald and other government health

The first time, in September, 1974, the Senate approved a ban by a 50-34 vote, but the provision was dropped in a conference with the House which had not voted on a ban.

Last year, the ban was defeated 54-36. This year marked the first time a ban was approved by the House.

Pontiff rejects abandonment of faith structures

VATICAN CITY-In a homily here Pope Paul VI rejected attempts to abandon traditional formulations of the Church's "deposit of teaching."

He spoke during an evening Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on the feast of SS. Peter and Paul commemorating his chosen patron and the end of the 13th year of his pontificate.

The authentic teaching of the Church, he said, "is one of the strong points of modern culture and of the scumenical discussions of our times,"

It is too strong, he said, "for the arguments of those who would wish to undermine the firmness of the Church's teaching authority which is itself strengthened by the epostolic

THE POPE CONTINUED: "There are some who say it (the Church's teaching authority) might be more flexible, more susceptible to the influence of history, more closely related to modern ways of thinking, more pluralistic and more free—in a word, that it should be guided more by subjective and historical criteria and less tied to the formulations of a traditional manner of teaching."

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The teaching of the Church, the Pope said, "wishes to remain strong in its historical and logical consistency with the "deposit of teaching" confided to the Church of Peter."

This is not self-glorification, withdrawal, or lack of understanding of the development of human thought, he said. "Rather, it is faithfulness to divine thought, and, therefore, truth and life, even for our own times."

Pope alluded to the authenticity of the relics of SS. Peter and Paul under the main altar of the basilica, and he recalled to the 20,000 people attending the Mass that they were both "witnesses to our faith."

"Every Christian," he said, "ac-cording to his personal and social situation, should be a witness to Christ, whatever he may be, child, adolescent, man or woman. Nothing neither occupation, impediments or illness, can dispense from this duty . . . which is our common vocation."

Providence nuns to elect new Superior General

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. A new Superior General and general officers will be elected by the Slaters of Providence in the Congregation's General Chapter, which opened here on June 27.

The 38-member Chapter includes representations

representation from the Congregation's five provinces

throughout the country.

The five-week session is expected to cover such areas as Mission of the Congregation, Ministry and Living, and Government. The new officers are scheduled to be installed on July 31,

Notre Dame support tops Catholic colleges

NOTRE DAME—Notre Dame topped all American Catholic universities in financial support for the 1974-75 academic year, according to the Council for Financial Aid to Education (CFAE).

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A report showed Notre Dame received \$7,079,594 in total voluntary support, a slight decrease from last year's total of \$7,112,309. Loyola of Chicago was second in Catholic support with \$6,453,697. Hervard lad all schools with a total of \$52.4 million.

million.

Contributions to the nation's colleges and universities fell 3.5% to an estimated \$2.18 billion for the period, reported CFAE, blaming the decline on the recession.



ONE NATION UNDER GOD-Catholics across the country will join with their fellow Americans on Sunday, July 4, in observing the nation's

Bicentennial, commemorating 200 years of freedom founded on the bedrock of Faith. (Related comment on Page 4)

NCCB president urges Catholics to moral fidelity

WASHINGTON—The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has Issued a bicentennial message urging Catholics to lead morally upright lives and to bring their values into the public order.

Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati lauded the democratic system which he said allowed Catholics to take their places in the new land.

According to the archbishop "Catholics feel a true sense of gratification as we review our American past since 1775."

He traced the development of the

American past since 1776."

He traced the development of the Church in America from the days when Catholics labored under legal restrictions. "Even in Catholic-founded Maryland.". Catholics were disentranchised in 1654," the architecture.

AS THE NUMBERS of Catholics increased through large scale immigration beginning, around 1820, thanks to the "open policy" of the new country, the Church "labored hard to help its enormous flock adjust to their new homeland," he continued.
"Catholics have realized the im-

"Catholics have realized the implications of their liberty in another way in the past 200 years. Gradually ... they became an increasingly important element in the nation's political life," Archbishop Bernardin sald.

political life," Archbishop Bernardin said;
Their transition, according to the archbishop, offered proof for "Henry Steele Commager's observation that Catholicism flourished here without raising serious difficulties except in the imaginations of men." According to historian Commager, "It might, indeed, be maintained that the Catholic Church was . . one of the most effective of all agencies for democracy and Americanization," the Cincinnati archbishop noted.

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saying carrious are grateful as they review their role in America, Archbishop Bernardin warned against complacency.

"Our prime duty is . . . to endeavor to make our individual lives mirror our fidelity to moral principle. Secondly, we should strive to sustain religious and moral values in the public domain."

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He pointed to the bishops' bloantennial program, "Liberty and Justice for All," as an attempt to articulate Catholic concerns about social problems.

The challenges of the time call forth "our best energies, our full concern and our highest Christian endeavor," Archbishop Bernardin declared.

Word from the Archbishop

My dear Family in Christ:

On Sunday, July 4, Catholic Americans will join in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In joining that celebration we give special thanks for the freedom this nation has offered to men that each may worship God in his own tradition.

The signers of the declaration stated, "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unallenable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

. . . "These words recognize the constant belief of Catholic Christians who sought freedom in a new world and who continue to work for that freedom which can only be found by adherence to the Gospel of Jesus



As a nation we wish ourselves "Happy Birthday!" We continue to struggle for peace, for freedom, for the rights of men. We give thanks to God the Father for His work of creation in this country. We encourage the efforts of Catholics to join with all men to guarantee those rights enabling men to worship the God who draws all to Himself.

Devotedly yours in Christ.

+ Jung & Biskup

Most Rev. George J. Biskup Archbishop of Indianapolis

June 25, 1976

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Two parishes in New, Albany are united

In a letter read at all the Masses at

In a letter read at all the Masses at St. Mary parish, New Albany, this past week-end, Archbishop George Biskup announced his decision "to units... the parish communities of Holy Trinity and St. Mary," effective July 12.

The decision ends a thorough investigation of the future of Holy Trinity parish in the months since a tragic fire destroyed the historic church on December 29, 1975. Since then, parishloners have been attending St. Mary parish, which is less than five blocks away. Father Bernard Gerdon, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, has been serving his parishloners from Holy Trinity rectory, which was spared in the blaze.

In his letter, Archbishop Biskup indicates that Father Gerdon will receive reassignment to the pastorate of St. Mary parish, Navilleton, following a vacation. Father Stanley Herber is pastor of St. Mary, New

Albany, and will unite the two parishes into one. The full text of Archbishop Biskup's

Apostolic delegate in Bicentennial Mass

PHILADELPHIA—Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States, will take part in a bicentennial Mass July 4 in Old St. Mary's Church

Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia will preside at the Mass and preach.

Earlier that day the cardinal will be among the main participants in an interfaith July 4 service at Independence Mall. National and local heads of 40 denominations will attend.

WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

Ruling is blow to schools

NEW YORK-A three-judge federal court has overturned a New York State law providing funds to private schools to pay for pupil testing and record keeping required by the state. Catholic and Jewish school spokesmen denounced

100 'missing' in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua—Three bishops have protested to Nicaragua's president over the disappearance of more than 100 men, women, and children from villages in their dioceses. Gen. Somoza Anastasio, Nicaragua's chief of state, reportedly promised the bishops that information on the missing persons would be forthcoming, but none has been received so far.

Action taken in torture case

MANILA-in a rare victory for Church efforts on behalf of manual and are victory for church efforts on behalf victory for church efforts and three enlisted men face a court martial here for the alleged torture of political detainess. Nine others, including four lieutenants face severe disciplinary action. The 13 were among 17 military personnel who were denounced by Divine Word Father Edicio de la Torre, a political prisoner, for the torture of political detainess.

Women's ordination 'under study'

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican is studying the question of the priestly ordination of women, but "the study of a question does not imply that any change is foreseen in the matter under consideration," a Vatican spokesman said.

Screws tightened in Bolivia

ORURO, Bollvia—Citing security reasons the military government of Gen. Hugh Benzer has banned all Catholic and Protestant religious services and meetings in the troubled mining towns near Oruro, Bolivia. in La Paz, the Catholic daily "Presencia" said "such an order has brought alarm to all concerned, since never had people faced a similar, harsh measure."

In capsule form . . .

More then 200,000 people attended the 24th annual San Juan Bautista Fiesta in honor of Puerto Rico's patron saint in New York's Central Park... Pope Paul VI told a crowd in St. Peter's Square that the recent Italian elections reflected a renewed sense of community values both in public officeholders and private citizens... A Jesuit scholastic in Seoul, South Korea, has been sentenced to five years in prison for writing a satirical poem critical of the government of President Park Chung Hee ... An editorial in The Pilot, Boston archdiocesan newspaper, has denounced The Boston Globe for publishing a cartoon caricaturing Pope Paul VI "to the point of ridicule."

Names . .

Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Thomas J. Riley, auxiliary of Boston.

Canadian Jesuit Father Jacques Cousiness has been named by the international Catholic Film Organization to be coordinating secretary of its next general meeting on the topic, "Audiovisual M s t h o d s a n d Evangelization."

John F. Fink, executive vice-president of Our Sunday Visitor and immediate past president of the Catholic Press Association (CPA), has been appointed to a committee developing the thems for next year's World Congress of the Catholic Press.

Mother Teress of Calcutta and Archbishop Helder Camers of Olinda-Recife, Brazil, head the list of speakers who will address the Hunger for Freedom and Justice symposium in Philadelphia on August 3.

Philadelphia on August 3.

Father Theodore M.
Heaburgh, president of the
University of Notre Dame,
was honored at the American
Institute for Public Service's
Jefferson Awards ceremony
at the Jefferson Memorial in,
Washington, D.C. for his
work on behalf of the
disadvantaged.

Father Olinda del Donne.

disadvantaged.

Father Olinda del Donno, 84, a priest of the feernla diocese was elected to the Italian perliament on the ticket of the neo-Fascist MSI-DN party, which was recently condemned by Cardinal Ugo Poletti, Pope Paul VI's vicar for Rome.



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Day for the Irish

BY FRED W. FRIES

Irish Catholics played a prominent role in the indianapolis observance of the nation's centennial on July 4, 1876.

Newspaper accounts indicate, as a matter of fact, that the city's various irish societies actually formed the largest single contingent in the gala downtown parade, which was, of course, one of the highlights of the observance.

It is worthy of note that included in the line of march were what the official program identified as "Indians on horseback"—this in the very year of General Custer's celebrated "miscalculation" at Little Big

IN ADDITION TO adding color to the parade, the Irish societies appeared later in the day "in full uniform" at an Independence. Day Picnic for members of the Catholic community. The event was held at old Locust Grove Park in Greenwood. The Indianapolis Irish Cornet Band provided the music.

Picnickers made the trip by train and reports indicate that they filled more than 30 railroad cars. The fare? Fifty cents for the

round trip.

The guest "orator" for the day was the Honorable James B. Ryan, an Honorable James B. Ryan, an acknowledged "spelibinder," who served as State Treasurer from 1870 to 1872. He was a liquor wholesaler by profession and later constructed Ryan's Hall—a block-long emporium located at the corner of Indiana Avenue and Tennessee St. (now Capitol Ave.)

WHILE THE IRISH seemed to dominate the centennial proceedings, we must presume that the other dominant Catholic ethnic group in the city—the Germans— also made a noteworthy contribution to the festive observance.

festive observance.

Actually the Germans must have still been caught up in the suphoria of an event which occurred two days before, on Sunday, July 2: the laying of the cornerstone for St. Mary Academy by the Franciscans of Oldenburg. It was located near the old church at the corner of Alabama and Maryland St. Maryland St.

The Indianapolis Sentinel gave the story

The Indianapolis Sentinel gave the story three columns of space (generous coverage of a Catholic event in that day and age) and labeled it a "grand spectacle."

Nostalgic footnote: Tacker experienced what can best be described as a "senility pang" when he noticed that one of the prominent clergymen who participated in that ceremony a century ago was Father Anthony Scheldeler, pastor of St. Mary's parish, who later—much later, we hasten to add—conferred on your columnist and his twin brother the Sacrament of Baptism.

SPECIAL RITES—In addition to Bicantennial Masses and prayers set throughout the Archdiocese on July 4, additional ceremonies have been announced at two parishes outside the See City. At St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village Church, Vigo County, which dates back to 1837, the presentation

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of new Papal and American flags at 9 a.m. will precede the Bicentennial Mass. Following the Mass a new sign in front of the church property will be dedicated. The pastor, Msgr. James P. Galvin, invites all former friends and parishioners to attend the ceremonies and the reception to follow in the school hall. Another special independence Day ceremony has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday, at the 104-year-old St. Rose Church in Knightstown, where, the pastor, Father Kenneth Murphy, will dedicate a new Verdin electronic carillon in observance of the Bicentennial. The new bells (the first of any kind in the parish's history) will join the community bell injning at 2 p.m. This will be followed by a half-hour "concert" of patriotic melodies. Friends, neighbors and former parishioners are invited to attend the carillon dedication at Knightstown.

HE WENT WHOLE HOG—Our man in Napoleon, Ind., informs us that Megr. Joseph Brokhage, director of clergy personnel in the Archdiocese, won a "whole, live hog" in a summer festival drawing held over the week-end at St. Meurice parish. Someone suggested that the Monsignor bring his prize back to the Chancery Office to show the personnel there "what a real, live hog looks like." Monsignor Brokhage reportedly would have preferred the other grand prize—e "whole, live cow"—since he is a constant "weight watcher" who disdains pork for dietary reasons.

THE CONVENT CIRCUIT—Six Sisters from Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove, participated in General Chapter proceedings at Immaculate Conception Convent, Ferdinand, June 25 to June 30. They were Sisters Mary Philip Seib, Mary Gilbert Schipp, Rachel Best, Harriet Woehler, Jeanne Voges and Mary Jonathan Schultz . Sixteen graduates of now defunct Sacred Heart School, Cinclinati toured the Franciscan Convent at Oldenburg as part of the class' recent 50th anniversary reunion. Their hosts were Sister Mary Jane Peine, O.S.B., a former teacher of the class, and Sister Ciotilda Marie Gohman, O.S.F. . . Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, S.P., Director of Reitrement for the Sisters of Providence, addressed the Oldenburg community recently on "The Philosophy of Aging." Convent, Ferdinand, June 25 to June 30.

TOP CLERGY ATHLETES-Father James Barton, newly appointed Archdiocesan Propagation of the Faith and Missions Director, posted a score of 77 to take low Director, posted a score of 77 to take low gross honors in the recent clergy golf tournament at Prestwick Country Club. Father Robert Hartman, pastor of Holy Name parish, Beech Grove, won the low net award in the Banker's Handlcap. Father Michael Weich, Archdlocesan Vocations Director, took top honors in the tennis competition. The annual outling wound up at a smorgasbord dinner held at Holy Family Council, Knights of Columbus.

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Celebration to honor chapel's anniversary

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, ind.—Priests and people of Terre Haute and other nearby parishes will join the Sisters of Providence in compoin the Sisters of Providence in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the historic St. Anne Shell Chapel in Providence Park, hera.

Together they will honor St. Anne, a "family saint" as well as a protrectrees of the Congregation in a second control of the seco

well as a protrectress of the Congregation, in a special novena July 17-25, in preparation for the saint's feastday on July 25. Parishes will each sponsor one evening of the novens

Summer Program underway at Lady of Grace

BEECH GROVE, Ind. The Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Convent are currently participating in their traditional six-week Summer Program in preparation for the fall activity year.

The program consists of retreats, study, and special meetings. Two St. Meinrad priests. Father Aurelius Boberek, O.S.B., and Father Timothy Sweeney, O.S.B. Timothy Sweeney, O.S.B., are conducting the two

community retreats.

Community ochapter meetings will be held during the week of July 26.

The departure blessing will be conferred at a special Liturgy to be held on Sunday, Aug. 1.

devotions, and the public is invited to participate in the traditional procession on July 25.

Participating parishes include: St. Joseph, Terre Haute—July 17; An-nunclation, Brazil and Holy Rosary, Seeleyville—July 18; St. Leonard, West Terra Haute—July 19; St. Patrick, Terre Haute-July 20; Sacred Heart, Clinton and St. Joseph, Universal-July 21; St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute—July 24; and St. Ann, Terre Haute—July 25.

Each evening's devotions will begin with prayers at 7 p.m., at the historic chapel. The Rosary will then be recited by the group on the way to the campus church, where a closing Benediction will be hald. will be held.

St. Mary's small stone St. Anne Chapel was blessed on July 25, 1876. Like the original log structure which it replaced on the same site, the chapel has been the foca point of the Sisters' long-standing devotion to St. Anne, and their annual procession in honor of the saint. .

Since 1844 the community has fulfilled a promise made by their foundress, Mother Theodore Guerin, who piedged both the chapel and procession in thanksgiving to St. Anne for a miraculous rescue from shipwreck during her return from France, where the foundress had sought funds for her struggling young Com-

Pope 'greets' jailed prelate

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul has sent a message to a Catholic bishop jalled in China "as a result of his faith," Vatican Radio reported.
It said the message was sent to Bishop Peter Joseph Far

Vatican Radio reported.

It said the message was sent to Bishop Peter Joseph Fan of Paoting, Ching-Yuan, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the episcopacy.

The 68-year-old prelate was consecrated bishop on June

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News about the bishop has been scarce. In November 1980, it was learned by church authorities at Taipel, Taiwan, that he had been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a "People's Court."

Two years earlier, it had been reported that Bishop Fan had refused to attend a conference of a newly-organized branch of the Communist-sponsored Petriotic Association of Chinese Catholics. Also at that time, the Communists accused him of having "excommunicated" a thousand-Catholics who had joined the Patriotic Association.

The 1976 Vatican Yearbook, which contains an official listing of bishops and their dioceses, describes Bishop Fan as "in carcers per la Fede"—"imprisoned for the faith."

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-Pope Paul VI

Not on target

The following editorial by Marty Harrison, news editor, appeared in the June 25 issue of Today's Catholic, San Antonio, Tex., newspaper. archdlocesan

A funny thing happened on the way to the bicentennial. Many Americans lost their

What should have been the most festive of occasions-the 200th birthday of the greatest democracy the world has ever known-is falling short.

What should have been a joyous celebration of freedom hasn't measured up.

Somehow, we have managed to miss the mark.

The bishops of Florida, in a bicentennial pastoral, put it into focus. Calling America a "powerful but confused nation," they attributed this confusion to "the forces of history, the collapse of culture, the erosion of traditional values and the disparagement of major institutions."

"Power tends to confuse itself with virtue," they say, "and a great nation is peculiarly vulnerable to the temptation to think of itself as empowered with near-divine attributes."

"Our nation is 'under God.' It is not God itself."

Truly, we do not have as much to celebrate on this bicentennial as Our Constitution guarantees we should have—and much of the celebrating we have devised is hardly worthy of a great nation.

We have packaged and sold our nation's birthday party in every commercial form from red, white and blue caskets to tricolor wigs.

We have inundated our shops with an endless stream of bicentennial souvenirs and trinkets.

And alas, a number of cities-including San Antonio-could find no better way to squander badly needed monles than to trot out red, white and blue buses and-if you please-red, white and blue fire hydrants. Not only is this an Inexcusable waste, it is an insult to citizens squeezed by inflation and picked clean by outrageous utility ripoffs.

And there is something grotesque about seeing our national color draping the ugly physique of fire hydrants.

Greed, Ignorance and bad taste are running rampant.

It was inevitable in an economic setup such as ours that the bicentennial was to be celebrated, to a great extent, in the marketplace—to be recalled in future years by dusty mementos on the shelf.

But it also should have been celebrated in the lives of our people-in the joys of a Godfearing citizenry free from prejudice, moral corruption and the pain of poverty.

Somewhere between the dream of 1776 and the reality of

1976 we lost our way. In recent years the two highest elected officials of the nation-the president and vice president-were driven from office due to misconduct of the most profane nature.

Top leaders of glant cor-porations have been found guilty of giving bribes to obtain contracts.

Labor leaders, in some cases, have been convicted of stealing from pension funds.

And the two agencies charged with protecting our freedoms—the FBI and CIA have been found to be as threatening to these very freedoms as any foreign despot, if not more so due to their cloak of respectability.

And now there is the unfolding sex scandal in Washington which, by the time it winds down, may make Watergate seem like misdemeanor.

What went wrong, America? Did we lose our integrity? Did we lose our goals? Our purpose? And most frightening of all, did we lose our faith in God and in the living of His Commandments?

If we haven't, we surely need to take a fresh look at our interpretation and plementation of these priceless treasures. If so, we as a people certainly possess the heart and the stamina to reclaim them.

Discovering and calling attention to our shortcomings does not accentuate the negative for the sake of negativism. It is the mark of an alert populace striving to eradicate the evils within.

It may be too late to set our house in order for the bicentennial. But it is not too late for the tricentennial. Perhaps by 2076 we will at long last truly see to it that our people live up to the aims of our God, our heritage and our Constitutionand that we will in actuality be a nation of liberty and justice for

If not, there probably won't be a tricentennial to fuss over anyway.

Day of Jubilee

Following is a guest editorial on independence Day issued July 3, 1822, by the United States Catholic Miscellany of Charleston, S.C., the lirst U.S. Catholic newspaper.

Awaken the recollection of the sufferings, the struggles, the triumph and the glories of America. To the citizens of these States, it is, and it ought to be a day of Jubilee. It is the commemoration of their political birth, the evidence of the energies of oppressed votaries of national freedom.

tions, and religion consecrates this national festival.

But to no class of American citizens should this day be more welcome, for none have greater cause for Joy than the Roman Catholics of this Union. To them, indeed, has the Declaration of Independence brought blessings. Previous to 1776, here, as in Great Britain, they were the objects of scorn and persecution—here, as well as in Great Britain, they were



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misrepresented and calumniated, and here their situation was far worse than even in Great Britain.

The full measure of wrath and malediction was poured upon them, and not a particle of balsam of charitable commiseration was applied to heal the scalded, blistered and agonized victims, because the colonies were abundantly supplied with tracts and fables, stuffed with the grossest falsehoods, representing this people as worse than flends, and more ignorant and brutish than any other species of Idolaters.

The Pope was an old rogue, who had a respective pair of horns; the city of Rome, was a great big lady of pleasure, patched and painted and drunk and dressed in scarlet. The people of Spain were perpetually burning heretics; the French wore wooden ahoes. French wore wooden shoes, which were one day to serve them as canoes, in which, they were to be conveyed across the Straits of Dover, for the purpose of eating up the king of England and the archbishop of Canterbury. And the Irish papiets had tails, but we are not informed, whether they were more like those of bulls, or of monkles.

A people, viewing the Roman Catholics through the medium of such communications, could not be expected to feel well disposed towards them. In England, some opportunities were occasionally afforded to correct these unwarrantable impressions, which had been made up on the minds of big and little children, in the alehouses and in the nurseries, in the churches and in the schools. But no such op-portunities existed in the colonies, if we except a portion of Maryland.

The American people,

strongly attached to England, followed the very prejudices of that nation; until, driven to examine, to reflect, and to reason, they discovered their own rights, and asserted them, they discovered the rights of others and conceded them. The correct reasoning of the correct reasoning of the American mind, when it had disengaged itself from the prejudices with which it had been fettered, brought it at the very formation of its Constitution to do instantly an act of plain highly and political. of plain justice and political wisdom, which the parent country, after a lapse of nearly five years, has not yet had the maghanimity to perform.

But though the act was one of justice, they, to whom justice has been rendered, should be grateful on this day, not only to the Lord, who caused their chains to be broken, but to those great and good men, who were His instruments in emancipating a persecuted people. Three of the founders of American happiness, survive as yet, to admire the glorious superstructure which has been raised upon their work,— Jefferson, Adams, and Carroll, must, indeed have enviable feelings upon the recurrence of this day. May they frequently experience such and frequently experience such, and on similar returns; may their days be prolonged amidst a grateful people; and may He who presided as their guiding star in the gloom, from which they were so happily delivered, enlighten and strengthen them to the knowledge and fulfillment of His will, so that they may enjoy the perfection of happiness to eternity.

The return of this anniversary, will be observed at the church of St. Finbars in this city, by the celebration of High Mass, a sermon by the Bishop, and the performance of the Te Deum.

DALE FRANCIS SAYS

Let all give thanks for liberty and justice

BY DALE FRANCIS

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent out a message encouraging Catholic parishes to "create a special physical en-vironment" with an "unmistakably festive character" for

July 4th liturgies.
In our parish we made our plans before the message from the bishops. We are having an outdoor Mass near the Grotto on the church grounds with a homily by a priest who has made a special study of the character of the nation in this bicentennial year, it is to be a festive affair. And it should be.

My concern all along has been that the Catholic Church has seemed to ignore the idea of thanksgiving in this bicentennial year. The official "Liberty and Justice for Ali" theme of the U.S. July 4th Ilturgles.

and Justice for All" theme of the U.S. Catholic Bicentennial has seemed to me to have been flawed precisely because it is future-oriented.

Those of us who have felt this

concern—and I am not the only one have been placed in a peculiar position. We can't very well be op-posed to a concept that proposes a plan to work for "Liberty and Justice for All." Criticism of the approach of the official Catholic Bicentennial observance might suggest we were opposed to correcting social in-

WE HAVE ALL OBSERVED the various consultations that have preceded the final plenary session which will be held next October in which will be held next October in Detroit. What certainly dominated those consultations were complaints of those who are dissatisfied with things as they are in the nation. Again, you can't very well criticize this

things as they are in the nation. Again, you can't very well criticize this because there are injustices, there are people who suffer discrimination and, in a relative sense, oppression.

But what it has seemed to he was lacking was any sense of gratitude for what this nation has offered its people and for the contributions of the people who came before us. The emphasis has been so much on what must be done that we have ignored the search for our roots, an understanding of what it is that has made this nation great—not in a material sense, not in a sense of military power, but in a real spiritual sense.

It seems to me especially that we as Catholics have a reason for gratitude. I am not deluded into thinking that everything is now or has been perfect for Catholics. I am a marries of the

League for Religious and Civil Rights precisely because I do believe some injustices and fragments of bigotry still exist.

still exist.

But the truth is that the Catholic Church has flourished in the United States. We should have gratititude for all this nation has offered us—and for all we have offered us—and for all we have offered this nation, because what this nation is today is a sum of all of its people.

The fad today is to be critical of this nation. There are those who wallow in national criticism. That everything is not perfect in this nation is, of course, true. But the almost total emphasis on the shortcomings not only does a disservice to the full truth, but it also may very well keep us from a realization of how we have achieved the greatness we have.

IT IS NOT CHAUVINISTIC to say eithe United States that this is a great nation, derived from a great people. If there is not perfection, there is no other place that is better, it would be quite easy to give a long list of failures, ranging from abortion to racism, and yet there has been a great concern for the dignity of human beings, a great concern for the welfare of peoples.

of peoples.

If always we must have an awareness of the need for concern for the whole world, this does not mean we cannot and should not have love for our own country, I have seen most of the world, and I have found many things to admire in other nations and other cultures. But having seen the

Send 'birthday' greetings

rest of the world, I know this is the nation I would choose were I to choose between all the nations. My love is not a blind love but is a love based on a recognition of the good there is in the United States and on a proposition to manage all those with a state of the state of appreciation towards all those who have come before us and given this

have come before us and given this nation its greatness.

In a time of ethnic awareness, I recognize the good there is in Americans holding to ethnic and racial roots. I am glad for Black awareness and believe that it is important that Black is beautiful. I am proud of those of Italian, Polish, Irish, German, French, English. Czech, Slovak, Hungarian and other national origins who hold on to a sense of ethnic identity. We have never been, and should never be, a melting pot but a mosaic.

AS FOR MYSELF, I have no other sense of ethnic origin that American. Both sides of my family were in this land more than 300 years ago and my great-great grandfather was a soldier of the American Revolution. His body rests in a little Ohio cemetery near the graves of my great-grandfather, grandfather and two of my aunts.

I am grateful to those ancestors as I am grateful to all who have lived before us, the people of many nationalities who by hard work, by dedication to an ideal of the importance of individuals, have given us a precious heritage. It seems to me

a precious heritage. It seems to me right that if we are to celebrate the bloentennial we should do it not only by pledging even fuller liberty and justice in the future—an important thing to do—but also with a sense of gratitude for what we have have deserves our thanksgiving, to God first of all, but to all those who have come before us. We should celebrate with joy and thanksgiving. The Fourth of July, as the blahops have said, should be celebrated by feetive liturgies.

Have you ever bothered to read it?

Michael True, chairman of the English Mass. from the National Catholic Reporter.

About 10 years ago, at the insistence of friends, my family began a tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence sometime during the July 4th picnic and outing. At that time, my wife and I had six small children, and our friends, Daniel and Marjory Dick, had nine. Both of us had so many small children, in fact, that no one else would think of asking us along for a celebration, so we decided to ask one another.

Somehow, in the midst of the heat, wet dispers, burnt hamburgers, mosquitoes and (inevitably) at least one bleeding foot, the Declaration of In-dependence did get read. Each person took a paragraph or a line, depending upon his/her reading skills on that day, in that year.

Now, a decade later, half of the children are scattered over the Western hemisphere; but we'll be reading the document again this July 4th. And if you don't happen to be going to Washington, for the demonstration organized by the

The following article was written by People's Bicentennial Commission, or to Philadelphia, to significant minority, if not a participate in the activities of majority of the people in this the July 4th Coalition, I'd suggest you think about celebrating the day in a similar manner.

Reading the Declaration of Independence, like reading any document from the past-as Howard Zinn has suggestedmay simply reinforce our passivity, or it may reactivate us. My experience suggests that a reading of the Declaration of Independence serves several useful purposes.

For one thing, it can help us recapture for a few moments the radical spirit of the past, when the people of this country believed government was for the welfare of the living.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, on the anniversary of the Declaration, that he had at-tempted to write not an original document, but something that would express "the American mind." Jefferson understood mind." Jefferson understood that he, like Thomas Paine, in Common Sense, was merely summarizing in simple, direct and effective form what people on the American continent, had been saying for a century-in poems, songs, sermons, town meetings and pamphiets.

is there hope that a country, might decide to uphold those principles once again?

Second, it can help to sharpen our sense of how bad things are for people now confronting the injustices that the colonists confronted two centuries ago. It may remind us of how our own behavior, as a country, impinges upon the freedom of people in our "colonies" throughout the world.

It may assault our complacency, as we remember that the oppression we struggled against in 1776 is very similar to that we inflict, through economic, political and military domination, in South Korea, Chile, the Philippines, or wherever the United States supports antidemocratic regimes against the will of the

native population.
Third, the Declaration of Independence, as even a casual rereading suggests, uphoids the value of speaking out, of resistance in the face of the violence of the status quo.

Another somewhat related the status of the status quo.

way of commemorating the

signing of the Declaration of Independence would be for each

American to decide, once and for all, never to suffer taxation without representation again; never to support a repressive law; never to jeopardize the freedom of anyone in the world; never to pay for an unjust war.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—First Lady
Betty Ford offered 'high hopes for the
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Dorothy Day had a one word message,
"Repent." Father Theodore Heeburgh,
president of Notre Dame University,
called Americans to be "chosen
people." Singer Bing Croeby urged
preservation of strong family life.

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In the long struggle against state tyranny and for human justice, the document is still meaningful. However much we as a country have betrayed its as a country have betrayed its principles—as a revolutionary government, we have become the major counter-revolutionary force in the world—the Declaration of Independence reminds us of a more humane, more responsible way of living.

Americans from all walks of life who gave birthday greetings to the United States in the July 2 edition of National Catholic Reporter, an independent lay edited weekly newspaper here.

Father Hesburgh: "Abraham Lincoin called Americans an 'almost chosen people.' Even so, we showed the world in 1778 that we could proclaim 'that all men are created equal,' and then we spent 200 years trying to make that promise come true."

true."
Four-year-old Heather Marie Morris, Spokane, Wash.: "I want to make America giggle on its birthday but i don't know what bycennial means."
Bing Crosby: "The most important thing to keep us indomitable and reliant is the preservation of a strong and active family life. Family life is the basis for a strong community and a great nation."

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Richard DeMaria, New York City cab driver: "America, I'd say you're great. All other countries look toward America to see what the future's gonna be, so they can fall in line with us. We've got peace here."

Mildred Noble, switchboard operator for 40 years at the Empire State Building, New York City: "Good health to all, and peace and prosperity. I'm not very original, but that's how I feel."

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Archbishop's letter to New Albany parish

Dear Parishioners of Holy Trinity:

After a great deal of consultation and prayerful reflec-tion, I have arrived at my decision concerning Holy Trinity parish and wish to share that decision with you today.

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During these past months, from letters I have received and conversations I have had, it has been a source of great comfort to me to heer once again of the wonderful spirit that has permeated the life of Holy Trinity parish for the last one hundred and forty years. The devotion and dedication of the clergy, religious, and laity of the parish to the cause of Christ and His Church has been a wonderful work of God. This spirit has been truly great because it has been truly Catholic in the basic sense of the word. To be Catholic is to be universal, that is, all-embracing in vision and understanding of Christian life as it must be met in our tradition of faith. To be Catholic is to be willing to live, and to share that vision and understanding of faith no matter where one lives and worships. A desire to absolutely confine or to permanently isolate that Catholic spirit to a particular time and place under any and all circumstances is to weaken and lessen that spirit. That Catholic spirit will not make a difficult decision less difficult, but it will make not make a difficult decision less difficult, but it will make

When your pastor, Father Bernard Gerdon, and your parish representatives discussed with me the future of Holy Trinity, they kindly and proudly shared with me their deepest and sincerest feelings about the life of the parish which has served them, their forebearers, and the New Albany community so very well.

The memory of this service to religion and community shall be engraved in the minds and esteemed in the hearts of men and women for generations and the accident of the destruction of a building will be seen as a tragic circumstance which nonetheless did not destroy the faith and love of the people of God whom the building served.

In addition to the consideration of this historical life of the parish, I had also to consider the factual conditions of the parish, I had also to consider the factual conditions of the present day Church in New Albany. What prompted and motivated your ancestors to build two magnificent edifices for worship geographically so closely situated was a worthy initiative which served long and well the religious culture and heritage of the time. In bringing to bear a judgment on the reality of the tragic fire and present circumstances, different motivations must prompt all of us. I therefore conveyed to Father Gerdon and your representatives my conviction that to rebuild the church it had to be demonstrated that today a church would be built on that site if no building had existed heretofore. It is with the

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deepest regret that I advise you I cannot come to that conclusion.

In virtue of my pastoral authority and concern as Archbishop of Indianapolis, I am uniting in faith and love the parish communities of Holy Trinity and St. Mary in New Albany effective as of July 12, 1978. As of that date therefore, all parishioners shall look to the Pastor of St. Mary, Father Stanley Herber, and his successors, for leadership and priestly ministry in the continued growth and sustenance of Catholic life. After taking an extended vacation for a much deserved rest; Father Gerdon will assume the pastorate of the parish at Nevilleton. I am sure you join with me in wishing him well in his new assignment.

The consolidated school program of Catholic Central will be continued as it is presently. The physical and financial assets will follow the congregation, that is, the assets, inclusive of monies received from the insurance company for the church building, will be joined to the assets of St. Mary. I know that you will cooperate with Father Gerdon and Father Herber in working out smoothly the union of the programs, organizations, and activities of the parishes.

I am grateful to Father Gerdon for his courage and fidelity during these sorrowful months. In this instance, as in all others, he has served his parish well. I am grateful to Father Herber for his willingness to shoulder the new responsibilities which lie ahead. I pray that all of you will imitate these two priests in the sincere desire to serve the Church well.

I thank all of you and your friends in the New Albany community for sharing with me your thoughts in this matter these past months, I assure all of you that I have come to this conclusion only after much prayer and after careful consideration of the needs of the Church in New Albany and my responsibility as Archbishop of In-dianapolis. Pray for me as I do for you each time we gather together for the sharing of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

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NEW TESTAMENT

PENTECOST

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

The Acts of the Apostles is really a continuation of the Gospel of Luke; continuation of the Gospel of Luke; together Luke and Acts form a two-volume work. The Gospel relates the proclamation of the Good News by Jesus that was finally accomplished

by His death, Resurrection and exaitation. Acts tells the story of how the Good News spread from Jerusalem to the "ends of the earth" after the Resurrection. In depicting the

emergence Christianity from a Jewish sect to a catholic religion, Luke places great emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding the spread of the Word, forming the early community of believers and in adding

to its numbers.

Luke also emphasizes the importance of Jerusalem as the place

chosen by God from which the Good News would be spread and as the center of the Apostolic Church and Apostolic authority.

But Acts is something of a travelogue and the action moves steadily and definitively from Jerusalem through Palestine and Syria, to Asia Minor, Greece and finally to Rome itself, the "ends of the earth" to Palestinians but the center of the world to Luke. the world to Luke

Despite its title which reflects a Greek literary form that recounted the deeds of heroes, Acts is in no sense a recounting of the deeds of the Twelve

Apostles, it centers on Peter and Paul. Nearly one-third of Acts is devoted to speeches or discourses, par-ticularly of Peter and Paul but in-cluding the speech of Stephen before the Sanhedrin which led to his mar-

Each discourse, beginning with Peter's Pentecost sermon (2:14-19) and concluding with Paul's address to the Jews of Rome (28:17-20) marks a

possible for a genuine inspiration, "blowing," of the Spirit to turn away from that "action on behalf of justice"

which the 1971 Synod of Bishops said was an absolutely necessary element in the preaching of the Gospel. It almply would not be the Spirit of Jesus that moved me if I was

distracted from a strong commitment

The truth of this can be seen from a look at the fourth chapter of Luke, verses 14-21. There we learn that when

verses 14-21. There we learn that when Jesus began His ministry immediately after His Baptism, "the power of the Holy Spirit was with him." Coming to Nazareth, He began His first public homily by making His own the words of Isalah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." And He tells us the consequence of that anointing with the Spirit: preaching the Good News to the poor, "proclaiming liberty to captives, giving sight to the blind, freeing the oppressed. These are the works of justice. This is the ministry of whoever is moved by the Spirit.

of whoever is moved by the Spirit.

AND SO WE CAN look around the

Church today in the United States and

see much of the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. Responding to the insistent call of the Church's recent social teaching, Catholics are becoming more and more involved in

efforts to bring justice to the struc-tures and conditions of our society. Let me mention just a few of these "aigns of the Spirit" that I see around us at this time.

The Bishops' Bicentennial celebration, "Liberty and Justice for All," has involved large numbers of Catholics in discussions and decisions about the Church's role in When All Catholics and Cath

meeting today's great problems. When the special "Call to Action" conference meets this coming October in Detroit, a five-year pastoral plan will be drawn up to assure that the Spirit's call for us to "preach the Good News to the Poor" is really answered in our country.

declaive step in the spread of the Word.

ACTS CAN BE divided into two portions. The first, of which Peter is the principal figure, describes the spread of the Good News in Palestine, and includes the first nine chapters.

The second portion, which centers on Paul, is concerned with the spread of the Good News to the Gentiles and includes the book's concluding 18 chapters.

Luke's principal sources of material were Paul to whom he was a were Paul to whom he was a companion, Mark who was Peter's companion and scribe, Philip the Deacon, and others with whom Luke came in contact in Antioch, Ephesus

and Casearea.

The "we" sections of Acts (18:10-17, 20:5-15, 21:1-18 and 27:1-18-28:16) attest to Luke's own experiences as being one of his major.

Salvation, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Church are the great theological themes of Acts.

The themes of the Holy Spirit and the Church are distinctive to Acts which could well be described as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit or the Gospel of the Church.

in the Clurch.

In the Old Testament the Spirit was seen and understood as the impersonal power of God but in Acts the Spirit is depicted as a divine being, personal and distinct from the Father and the Son.

Following the Council of Jerusalem the Apostles write that: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours too," (15:28), the Spirit speaks to Philip (8:29) and to Peter (10:19), and the Spirit selects Paul and Barnabas

as the "ekklesia" or church, a term used to describe the People of God in the Old Testament (7:38). The life of the Church is described in the context of the early Jerusalem community, centered around Apoetolic teaching, breaking of the bread (Eucharist), prayer and the common possession of property (2:42-47).

THE CHURCH IN ACTS possesses a definite hierarchical structure but also has those whose roles stem from special charisms or gifts of the Spirit

apecial charisms or gifts of the Spirit (11:27, 13:11).

Apostles are the first teachers (8:2) and primary witheases to the life, teachings and Resurrection of Jesus (1:21-22). Peter is clearly the leader.

Episkopol (bishops) and presbyterol (priests) are leaders of the communities with disknool (desconal).

munities with diakonol (deacons) appointed to care for widows and children and to participate in the ministry of the Word.

Jesus identifies Himself with the

Church (9:5) making it clear that whatever is done to His disciples because of Him is done to Jesus

Himself.

The Acts come to an end in about the year 63 A.D., while Paul is Imprisoned in Rome. It is not certain why Luke chose to end his narrative at that point. Some apeculate that he carried it to the moment of composition and simply stopped. Others feel that he concluded the narrative with what he saw as the fulfillment of Jesus' words: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

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preparation of engaged of engaged persons, we invited with Having discussed at length with each some hesitation married couples at Holy Family to join in a special one-to-

one marriage preparation program. The results, however, have been extremely positive.

Married couples guide

Father Joseph Champlin tells how as a young priest he looked forward to his first meeting with a group of engaged couples. His excitement turned to disappointment, however, when the couples at the Pre-Cana Conference

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

One of my bigger surprises and disappointments in the priestly ministry, has been pre-Cana or marriage preparation sessions.

matrimony; I, too, was young, supposedly related fairly well to people of that age bracket, and enjoyed speaking on this

Then came the shock. Most of the

50 plus couples sat sullen and silent, arms folded, eyes on the clock, feet shuffling back and forth under the

Jokes which normally drew strong laughter hardly brought a smile. Questions were few and far between. There was no applause, no thank-you's, no warm fuzzies at the end,

only a rapid exit from the auditorium.

THAT PAINFUL OPENING oncounter has repeated itself at many pre-Cana meetings since then. Anonymous feedback forms indicated

that despite the hostile and non-responsive atmosphere and reception, the couples in fact liked our presentations and benefited from them. But it certainly was difficult to judge this from the initial reaction or external appearances.

Aware of such an apparent reluc-

ordination with great anticipation to my first experience before a group of engaged couples. After all, they

were young, in love, and presumably anxious to hear words of wisdom about the sacrament

with one of our own couples for a few hours. We have a several options when they come to the rectory and set a definite date for their wedding; travel to Syracuse or Oswego for a diocesan pre-Cana conference; participate in an Engaged Encounter week-end; meet with one of our own couples for a few hours. Most safect the letter.

hours. Most select the latter. After the engaged make this choice, the married couple assigned contacts them and invites the young lovers to their home at a mutually acceptable

THE FORMAT FOR THAT afternoon or evening is quite unstructured. During the several hours they visit, the married couple attempts to guide the easy, free flowing discussion over about 10 topics which include love, communication, finances, in-laws, sex, children, forgiveness and religion.

It is hard to say who is more nervous at the beginning—the engaged or the married couple. Nevertheless, the tension quickly seems to dissolve, common bonds are swiftly discovered and the conversation proceeds from one subject to the next without much difficulty.

be marriage encounter persons. They were the only ones who volunteered, although the opportunity was and is open to any married individual in the parish.

Their week-end and later encounter experiences seer ad to help these couples with ou. .ne-to-one program.

other and with similar people in the movement these basic issues of marriage, they felt more comfortable in articulating those questions to the

falled to share his enthusiasm. Father Champlin explains

in this week's column a new one-to-one program which has been well-received in his parish. [NC photo by Paul Seguira]

engaged couple.
In addition, they allowed the young lovers to talk and avoided lecturing to them. Moreover, they conveyed genuine interest and joy in the couple, Indicating how much they benefited from the engaged persons' sharing of their inner selves with them.

MARRIED COUPLES like this are able to make points about the Church and religion more effectively than we as priests can do. Those who seldom participate in Sunday Mass expect the clergy to say something about that—it is our "lob": similar words from is our "job"; similar words from concerned lay people have greater

Larry Morrell and Barbara Pisano were all smiles after a one-to-one marriage preparation "visit" with the Foleys. They smiled all over again when, in response to their invitation, that couple came to the wedding and the reception which followed.

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Holy Spirit designated nation's 'spirit of '76'

BY FR. PETER J. HENRIOT, S.J.

"The Spirit is a'moving, all over, all over this land!" How often have I heard that popular folk song in recent years? And how often have I reflected on the reality of its message? Truly, the Spirit is a'moving in our Church in the United States today. I

believe we are ex-periencing that "New Pentecost" which Pope John asked us to pray for back in the early 1960s when the Second Vatican Council was beginning. It has not always been an easy experience. Like the early Christian com-

munity at the time of the first Pen-tecost, we've been shaken, disturbed,

tecost, we've been shaken, disturbed, confused. But the Spirit has shown itself in both dramatic and quiet ways: renewing, refreshing, recreating.

Due great sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit, it seems to me, is in the increasing dedication of the Church to the works of social justice. Some have feared that the spiritual renewal movement in recent years. renewal movement in recent years-retreats, liturgies, the charismatic movement, houses of prayer, etc.— might turn people away from an active concern for social issues. Occasionally there do seem to be in-stances of this turning inward on the part of some people in the Church.

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

"Interview with a prophet"

Ezeklel 2:2-5 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

Q. "What's it like?"

A. "You talk and talk, and it feels like no one's listening, but you never know. . . , you always hope and that's what keeps you going. You have to trust that God's going to bring about what He wants even if you're not around to see the results, and that's one of the hardest parts about it from a human standpoint. So you keep plugging away, always trying to purify your own motives so your constant effort is to discern what He's doing and what He wants. And yet in spite of the fact that you and your will and weaknesses get in the way, and you feel like an awful fallure, you can see God at work, often in the people you least suspected He'd be at work in. People come to a new awareness and life, and you just have to sit back and marvel and really give thanks. It makes you feel terribly humble-that chooses to work through little old simple you. It makes you want to be persistent in living and speaking the truth in spite the rejections and hurts along the way."
Q. "Doesn't it?"

2. The tremendous response of Catholics to the global food crisis has been marked by a growing recognition that at issue is justice and not simply charity. If hungry people are to be fad in the United States and in the poor countries of the world—we have to pay attention to social welfare legislation, corporate business practices, foreign policy, and so forth.

3. Recently Catholic bishops have acknowledged that the movement for women's rights is a key social justice question that the Church must address. Bishop Dozler of Memphis, for cress. Bishop Dozler of Memphis, for example, has emphasized that equality, freedom, dignity, and opportunity are such basic rights that a denial of them to women "would be a grave injustice to the People of God." A sure sign of the Spirit's presence is that more and more women—and men—are recognizing this and working for justice.

4. The needs of racial minorities, of the Spanish-speaking, of white ethnics, of the elderly: these are a few of the challenges which have given rise to numerous peace and justice centers across the country, with official and/or unofficial Church sponsorship and support. The growth of these centers seems to me to be a great instance of the movement of the Spirit.

The list certainly could go on. But the lesson is clear. We know that "the Spirit is a moving all over the land" because we see similar results in our Church as were experienced by Jesus when He was moved by the Spirit. The works of justice are great signs of the Spirit in today's Church.

Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q.A.Q QUESTION BOX

Can one who leaves the Church to marry a Protestant still go to heaven?

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

G. Our daughter left the Catholic Church and joined the Methodist Church. Will she still be able to go to heaven? She is going to marry a young man who is a Methodist and very religious who couldn't see becoming a Catholic. Our daughter said she would join his church and still believe in the same God, Mother Mary and the rosary. She says one strong religion in a marriage is better than seach going to his church. Married people should go to the same church. We agree. Before she joined the Methodist Church and talked to the priest. She came away with the idea she never would get to heaven because she left the Catholic Church. I honestly don't think our God is that way.

A. Only God decides who will go to heaven. What ultimately happens to your daughter is in His hands. Neither I nor any other priest has the right to speak for Him.

Whether your daughter sinned seriously by giving up the faith of her youth to get her man and is now

Justifying her actions or whether in good conscience she feels she made the proper decision, she and God alone know. Those of us who believe that in the Roman Catholic Church and in union with the pope we can have a fuller understanding of the Christian faith and a greater source of unity and security than those Christians of a different persuasion do Christians of a different persuasion do find it hard to understand how one of our own could leave us to join another Christian Church. But in this age of ecumenish, as we Christians learn that our differences are not nearly so great as we used to imagline, it is understandable that some young people no longer have a clear-cut distinction between Catholicism and Protestantism. Your daughter grew up at a time when our religious text book writers and instructors were experimenting with teaching religion in a Post Vatican II world. Their notions of the Church are very hazy, to say the least. You can be happy that your daughter has an allegiance to a church. So many youngsters have turned the church off completely.

Q. At a recent meeting of our Bible study group a discrepancy areas over the translation of Matthew 5:22 which changes the meaning considerably. The King James version says: "But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry

with his brother without a cause. , . "
All the other versions that are used leave out the "without a cause" clause. It is beyond my comprehension that scholars would either add or detract from the original meaning. Can you tell me what the original text says?

A. People sometimes ask why there are new translations of the Bible constantly appearing. Here you have the answer. Scholars are comparing biblical texts with ancient manuscripts in an effort to make sure that we have a text as close to the original as possible. We have no original texts of any of the books of the Bible, New Testament or Old. We have only copies and translations. The great Scottish Protestant commentator, William Barclay, has this to say about your question: "It is to be noted in the Authorized Version (King James) that the man who is condemned is the man who is angry with his brother without cause, but the words 'without cause' are not found in any of the great manuscripts, and this is nothing less than a total prohibition of anger."

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English because they are based upon advances made in biblical scholarship. These advances include not only the linding of texts closer to the original but also a clearer understanding of how the original writers thought and wrote. For a proper understanding of the Bible, therefore, it is essential that you have a recent translation.

Q. If you ask God's forgiveness of your sins in church at Mass, can you go to Communion If you have a mortal sin? Some people feel yes, some no.

A. The penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is not a substitute for sacramental Confession. Church law still obliges us to submit our serious sins to the Church for forgiveness in the sacrament of penance, or reconcillation as it is now called. There are times, however, when a person at Mass, aware of a serious sin not forgiven, might judge it all right to receive Communion after making a sincere set of contrition which would include the firm intention of seeking sacramental absolution for it as soon as possible. A reason for using this privilege might be embarrassment before one's spouse or children.

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CYO NOTES

Maria Cantwell, Youth Council President announced that "The Third Generation" band will play for the Summer Outdoor Dance, Friday, July 9, at St. Philip Nerl. The dance will be open to card-carrying CYO Members only.

Entries in the Cadet, 56 and 56 "B" football Leagues have been mailed. They are due July 30 in the Cadet and "56" leagues and Sept. 2 in the 56 "B" League.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Swashbuckler' campy spoot

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Movies continue to live off their own past, like veterans telling each other stories, over and over, in old soldiers' homes. It may be fun, but nostalgle for better days is not a typical ob-



BANQUET SPEAKER-Father George Clements of Chicago will be the principal-speaker at the Second Annual Century Club Banquet to be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 18, in the Holy Angele Auditorium, Indianapolia. Honored guests will be all Holy Angels parishioners who have contributed 100% of the Sunday Collection Com-Sunday Collection Com-minent during the past year. The public is invited. Reservations can be made by calling 926-3324. Father Clements, a long-time community leader, is pastor of Hoty Angels Church in the Windy City.

session for any artform that is young, creative and

"Swashbuckler," a campy but colorful takeoff on old pirate movies, with the very busy but perhaps overly mature. Robert Shaw essaying the Errol Flynn-Tyrone Power role as the likeable buccaneer who annoys and finally over-throws a corrupt tyrant. The setting is the British-ruled colony of Jamaica in 1718, and the blighter in the Basil Rathbone part is Peter Boyle, which may suggest the general approach of director James Goldstone ("The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight").

BOYLE IS A good actor, moderately convincing even in a black pigtailed wig, but

Cardinal Leger receives honor

'TORONTO — Cardinal Paul-Emile Leger has received the Variety Clubs International Humanitarian Award, here for his "dedication to the needy of the world."

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by entertainer Danny Kaye, he received \$50,000 for his charitable work.

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Cardinal Leger, 72, resigned as archbishop of Montreal in 1967 to work among lepers in Cameroun in West Africa. After spending eight years there, he returned to Montreal and company and architectures. now campaigns in-ternationally to raise money for mission work. Variety Clubs international

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as an 18th century British Lord, over-cultured and jeded, his sura is all wrong, recalling innumerable hardhats and taxt drivers, as well as his monster in "Young Frankenstein." Boyle as costume-drama heavy may be on the adge of absurdity, but he plays it flat-out, aided by little bits of decadence (he plays with boats in his bathtub with a male court attendant), nasty chuckles as he alloes victims as an 18th century British

male court attendant), nasty chuckles as he silces victims with his sword, and such meaty lines as "How uneasy lies the head that wears the crown," "I have one master—his name is darkness!" and (as he is about to expire) "The farce is ended."

ended."

The unspeakable Boyle, of course, is looting the local populace, and has locked up the honest Lord Chief justice, whose beautiful and refined daughter (Genevieve Bujold) seeks help from Shaw and his awaggering black colleagues, James Earl Jones and Geoffrey Holder, who enjoy themselves uproarlously swinging into uproariously swinging into battle with cutlasses, knives

and gusty laughter. Beau Bridges is also around, as the klutzy and overly innocent head of Boyle's troops, but it's Jones who gets to tell Shew that it's bad luck to have a woman aboard ship. "A pirate in love," he says cheerfully, "is like a fish out of water."

It seems criminal to send such a notable crew of performers on such an in-consequential mission, but at least they're backed up by at least they're backed up by some imaginative action and production in picturesque locales. The final Shaw-Boyle duel—up, around, and over a huge palacs foyer and staircase—is as flashy, and full of both cliches and surprises, as any in the departed golden age.

BUJOLD'S heroine mixes BUJOLD's heroine mixes some of her predictable routines with a few distinctly post-women's liberation flourishes. She of course blunders naively into the pirates' den, where she has to scratch and hair-pull with Shaw's jealous girl friend. A filerce swords-

The week's TV network films

DON'T DRINK THE material is more familiar, but never has the American ploneer story been told with such poetry, skill and human typical American family mistaken for spies after they recommended for adults and mature youth. their European vacation. What fun there is, and there isn't much, involves watch-ing Jackie Gleason and Estelle Parsons as a Middle American husband-and-wife team. Not recommended. THE EMIGRANTS (1972)

(ABC, Friday, July 2): Jan Troell's masterplece about a poor Swedish farm family and why and how they came to find a new life on a Minnesota homestead. These are our archetypa These are our archetypal immigrant ancestors as we have a right to know them, in a richly detailed, compassionate film that makes the classic "Grapes of Wrath" look primitive in comparison. Highly recommended for adults and making worth

THE NEW LAND (1973) (ABC, Sunday, July 4): Jan Troell's equally masterful sequel to "The roel's equally masterful sequel to "The Emigrants," telling the story of the ordinary struggle of the immigrant family to survive and prosper on the frontier of the 1850's. The

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Royal Flash." One of the few Irreverent moments comes early, when a chaplain is befuddled at finding a prayer to offer at a pirate's hanging and comes up with a hastily indifferent reading of SI. Peter's prayer for fishermen.

THE MAIN problem seems to be the lack of genuine invention. After we've finally done in all the old swash-buckler, gangster, cowboy, musical and 'horror films, what do we do for an encore? What will the next generation have left to satirize? Skin-filcks? "The Godfather"? "All the President's Men"?

If one generation's art is the next generation's art is the next generation's camp, the spoof-makers of 1996 may have to go on welfare. [Rating not available]

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person, she duels Shaw filmself to a standoff, and later challenges the leering Boyle with a repertoire of classic insuits. It's probable that the day when Olivia DeHavilland cowered in the corner while her hero dispatched an army of rufflans is gone forever.

As a spoof, "Swash-buckler" is relatively high level, meaning that much of the action is straight and even the slapstick is credible within the expectations of the genre. The fun is mostly in consciously using a formula that belonged to more innocent times and is now totally played out. But the movie is not even remotely as rich in wit or spocial comment as Lester's "Musketeers" films or

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