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## Sell-out crowd to hear Archbishop Sheen

A self-out crowd of more than 1,500 persons will hear Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen address Saturday's banquet at the Convention Center in findlangoils marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of Fatima Refrest House.

Pat Cronin, general chairman for the observance, announced that the capacity figure was reached early this

The banquet will follow a Mass of Thanksgiving to be offered in St. John's Church at 5:30 p.m. at which Archbishop George J. Biskup will be the principal celebrant.

AMONG THE CONCELEBRANTS House since it was founded 25 years ago; Father Kenny Sweeney, the present Director, and Father James D. present Director, and Father James D. Moriarty, his predecessor, and now pastor of St. Matthew's Church, in-dianapolis.

Father Philip Marquard, O.F.M., former Director of Alverna Retreat House, Indianapolis, will be the

Distinguished guests who will attend the celebration include Archabbot Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B. of St. Meinrad Archabbey and Ms. Marjorle E. Samburg of Salina, O., president of Retreats International, Women's

THE PRESENT RETREAT House, which includes 70 private rooms and dining and chapel facilities for 100 retreatants, was completed in 1963 as the result of a \$500,000 fund campaign



ARCHBISHOP SHEEN

among the parishes of the Arch-

During its early years and later on in the mid-1960's the Retreat House was staffed and operated by volunteer workers of the Lay Women's Retreat

In 1966 three Dominican Sisters from Media, Pa., accepted an in-vitation from the Fatima board of directors to staff the Retreat House. They served until 1975, when the operation was assumed by the Sisters

## St. Andrew, Indianapolis, dedicating new church

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

Dedication of the new St. Andrew Dedication of the new St. Andrew the Apostie Church, Indianapolls, will occur Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. In a concelebrated Mass presided over by Archbishop George J. Biskup. Father Michael Carr, pastor, and Father Harry Monroe, associate pastor, will assist along with priests who have served there or were ordinated from the served there or were ordained from the parish. Father Gregory Chamberlain, O.S.B., the first son of the parish to be ordained, will be the homilist.

An open house will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 2 until 4 p.m. All ministers of the area and the general public are invited to view the church at that time. Guided tours will be given and refreshments will be served by the Half Century Club. A dinner dance on Saturday evening has been added to the activities.

### Presidential rivals to join pre-election TV prayer appeal

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—Both President Gerald Ford and Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter will participate in a television program which calls on Americans to begin a special period of prayer during the 40 days between the time of the program, Sept. 17, and election day, Nov. 2. The program, "it's Time to Pray, America," will be broadcast over the Christian Broadcasting Network and aired on radio over the Mutual Broadcasting Company the following evening, Sept. 18.

More than 200,000 churches and synagogues have been invited to

More than 200,000 churches and synagogues have been invited to participate in the prayer program and thousands of pastors will lead special prayer sessions on the seven Sundays between the program and the election, according to the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Casting Network.

Others appearing on the program include alnger Johnny Cash, evangelist Billy Graham, singer Pat Boone, evangelist Rex Humbard, Dallas Cowboy coach Tom Landry, Washington Redskin chaplain Tom Skinner, and miler Jim Ryun.

### Sorry, Scecina

Did you notice that in listing in-formation about the Archdiocesan high schools in last week's Criterion we inadvertently omitted the name of Scecina High School's principal, Raymond F. Riley? We are, indeed, sorry for the oversight. Scecina has a faculty of 46 with enrollment hovering right at 900.

The Sunday afternoon dedication Mass will be preceded by a concert at 1:30 p.m. presented by the adult and children's choirs. An ice cream and cake reception served by the CYO and Girl Scouts will follow

the Mass. Founded in 1948, St. Andrew parish held Masses in the school gymnasium until 1965, when the location was moved to the basement of an unfinished church building. Ground was broken for the new church December, 1975.

The fan-shaped structure, which includes a separate bell tower, was designed by Ron DeLap of Brandt, DeLap and Nice, Indianapolis architectural firm. The exterior is done in stucco and contrasting cedar shingles.

THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR for the church, which seats 360, was Pearson Construction Co. of In-

The interiors were done by Brother Mei Meyer, S.M., well-known liturgical artist and designer from St.

Louis, Mo.

The interior features a high beam ceiling with textured plaster walls finished to artist's specifications. The walls are covered with modern symbolic frescoes highlighted by a depiction of the Resurrected Christ in the sanctuary. The background is a macrame tapestry. Twelve large panels depict basic beliefs of the

### Fr. Edward Flannery to address luncheon

INDIANAPOLIS-Father Edward H Fiannery, author and national leader in interfaith relations, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the interchurch Center. His appearance is being sponsored by seven local denominational and interfaith appraisa.

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Father Flannery, Director of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops is the author of the book, The Angulsh of the Jews, as well as numerous papers and magazine articles.

The luncheon is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of Brail Britth, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Church Federation of Indianapolis, Indiana Council of Churches, Indiana Interneligious Commission on Human Equality and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The luncheon is open to the public and reservations may be made by calling the Indiana NCCJ at 634-1972.

## **Indiana Bishops** support migrant workers' appeal

the Indiana Catholic Conference have upheld the justice of workers' grievances and supported the migrants' demands calling for a just living wage and more humans living conditions at the Morgan Packing Plant, Warren, Ind.

THE BISHOPS ARE appealing to the Morgan Packing Company for "immediate and sincere negotiations" to result in an equitable agreement and return to work of the migrants.

in addition to support of migrant grievances, the Bishops have urged donations of money, food and clothing which may be sent to:

Department of Spanish Speaking Diocese of Fort Wayne/Bouth Bend 919 Fairfield Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46802

THE TEXT OF THE appeal sent by the Bishops to Morgen Packing Plant officials reads as follows:

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Indiana and the Indiana Catholic Conference recognize the reasonableness of the farm workers' grievances calling for a just living wage and more humane living conditions at the Morea Parking Pleas ditions at the Morgan Packing Plant,

While aware of the problems of both workers and growers, we support the just grievances developed and listed by the migrant workers. It is our earnest hope and concern that an early reconcillation be achieved of the following grievances listed by the migrants:

1. Immediate hiring of both head of household and spouse
2. Minimum of ten working hours

day 3. Right to know what their pay is

per hour
4. Company should pay the 10 cent per hour deduction presently being paid out of farmworkers' individual checks to crew-leader who recruits workers for the company 5. Better camp care, i.e. provide bed

mattresses, away from strong ammonia odor of packing plant
6. The right to establish a grievance system for workers' complaints
7. Base pay of 26 cents per 30 lb. basket of tomatoes

8. Written contract to be negotiated

We strongly urge immediate and sincere negotiations between the parties so as to reach an equitable streament.

Most Rev. George J. Biskup, D.D. Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Most Rev. Francis R. Shea, D.D. Diocese of Evansville

Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, D.D. Most Rev. Joseph R. Crowley, D.D. Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend

Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka, D.D.

Concern for terminally ill

dying priest's last legacy

Most Rev. Raymond J. Gallagher, D.D. Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich .- In his

report on "Counselling the Terminally III" at a Lake Superior State College

institute, Dr. Raymond Carey cited the

Dr. Carey, head of the office of evaluation and research of the Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, III., said that Father Sweeney

was extremely frustrated because the had been independent and proud of the fact he was a doer, finding fulfillment in serving his parishioners.

"Now he was helpless and

dependent on others. Finally, he found he could help others become

better human beings by letting them show consideration and thought-fulness to him. He could help them grow in their love for God and their fellow man by accepting what they did for the man by the

Father Sweeney, 47, died in Jan., 1976 of "Lou Gehrig's disease," amyotrophic laterial scierceis (ALS), at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. A longtime friend of Dr. Carey, the priest was ordained for the Chicago exhibition of the Chic

FATHER SWEENEY WROTE these suggestions for various people who

Cemetery Mass

The monthly Mass for the faithful departed will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in St. Joseph Chapel, St. Joseph Cemetery, Indianapolis. Father Charles Lahey, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, will be the celebrant. The public is invited to participate.

for him with gratitude graciousness."

case of Father James Sweeney.



across the plaze from his summer residence to the church in Castelgandolfo to celebrate Sunday Mass. The pontiff is terminating his annual working vacation in the Alban Hills town and is expected to return to the Vatican shortly. [RNS

## Theme is announced for liturgy parley

"Christian and Parish: Rebirth and Renewal" is the theme for the 1978 national meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions to be held at Stouffer's Indianapolis Inn Oct. 11-14.

The meeting, which is expected to attract as many as 600 delegates from throughout the United States, is being co-sponsored by the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"A person with a terminal illness

relies on many people. Each individual answers a definite need and can be a

source of great help. From the doctor he wants knowledge; the nurse should be a source of comfort,

support, and consolation; the chaplain and visiting clergymen give

guidance and direction; the famili

give strength and love.
"To doctors I would like to say:

Remember your patient is a person, a human being. He came to you because

he trusted you and had confidence in you. He came to find out what was the matter with him. You know. He should

know too. He wants to hear the

"To all nurses I would recommend: You give your professional support. With your nursing technique and

know-how you might be able to make him a little more comfortable, but

what is even more important is that you be a source of human compassion. The time you give him and the interest you show will bring much comfort and consolation.

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"To chaplains and visiting clergy may I say: You will never have a more opportune time. Pray not only for him but with him. Guide and direct him in his moments of doubt and discouragement. He doesn't want your pity or sympathy. He wants to find strength in you so that he can find God in his suffering.
"To family and friends may I say: He needs you now more than ever.

"To family and friends may I say:
He needs you now more than ever.
Sure it is hard on you; but it is hard on
him too. He didn't choose this. Some
day soon you will probably be wishing
you had done more for him. Do it now
while there is still time. Don't neglect
or desert him. Be a source of strength,
a source of love.

"And finally to other terminally sick
patients: We have been given infirmity
so that we might do better things. Let
us pray for each other so that we will
live until death with dignity."

diagnosis from you. Tell him.

and consolation; the

Thrust of the convention will be examination of the new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with emphasis on the need of the ongoing renewal and continued updating of the local parish as the Faith Community within which the rite of initiation takes

HEADING THE LOCAL organizing committee is Father Richard Mueller, chairman of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. As general chairman, he is responsible for the coordination of the convention. coordination of the convention program with the FDLC Board of Directors and the Secretariat of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy. Other members of the Executive Committee are: Father Albert Ajamie, Ilturgies chairman; Father James, Bonke, program and publicity chairman; Father Charles Fisher, arrangements chairman; Magr. Joseph Brokhage, secretary; and Herschel Livingston, treasurer.

The chairman of the Federation of (Continued on Page 5)

### Vietnam religious leaders invited to U.S.

NEW YORK-Seven Vietnamese religious leaders have been invited to visit the United States by 170 U.S. Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders, including 11 Catholic bishops.

Signatures for the letter of invitation were gathered by Clergy and Lalty Concerned here, an Interfaith organization formed originally to oppose U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam.

"We invite you into our churches, temples, homes and communities," the letter said. "We invite you to share with us your life, worship and com-munity as it was experienced during the war and as it is today in this time of reconstruction.

The letter was addressed to Cardinal Joseph Marie Trinh Nhu Khue of Hanol, Archbishop Paul Nguyen Van Binh of Salgon, two Protestant clergymen and a Buddhist leader.

### WAR CASUALTY

VATICAN CITY—An unheralded casualty of the war raging in Lebanon is the canonization of Father Sharbel Makhlouf, a Maronite monk who was beatified in 1965 and whose canonization was announced here some months ago.

"I would say that the canonization is temporarily shelved until peace is restored to Blessed Sharbel's native land," a Vatican official told NC News.

## Religious study courses slated at 12 localities

The annual Religious Studies Program for the fall term is slated for twelve different locations in the Archdiocese. The Program, under the direction of the Office of Catholic Education, will begin at St. John parish, Bioomington, on Sept. 14. The remaining 11 sites have later starting

All interested adults are invited to participate. Religion teachers either in CCD or in the schools may apply courses toward certification.

Sessions will be held, weekly for four consecutive weeks from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at each location. The fee is \$7 per person. A registration form for last minute registrations appears on Page

The program will be implemented in The program will be implemented in the following locations: Indianapolis District—Chatard High School, Our Lady of Grace Academy, St. Plus X School, St. Rose of Lima Church, Franklin; Bedford District—St. Ambrose School, Seymour; St. John the Apostle Church, Bloomington; Lawrenceburg District—St. Louis School. Batesville: New Athany School, Batesville; New Albany District—Providence High School, Clarksville; North Vernon District— Pope John XXIII School, Madison; Richmond District—St. Elizabeth School, Cambridge City; Tell City District—St. Mark Church, Perry County; and Terre Haute District— Schulte High School.

COURSES BEING OFFERED In-

Theology for Catecheticscomposite picture of major developments in Catholic Theology from Vatican II to the present covering Revelation, Sacraments, Scripture, Church, and Morality.

Justice In Our Considerations of the Church and its dimensions, and justice as a constitutive dimension of the Church with emphasis on societal values and beatitudes.

Eastern Religions-Introduction to the non-Christian religions and a study of Hinduism, Taolem, Bud-dhism, Confucianism, Shinto and

Introduction to Scripture—Basic introduction to the Bible.

Indiana Church History—Highlights of the Catholic Church in Indiana.

Gospel of Matthew—An overview with special emphasis on themes, style, and the Beatitudes.

Moral Issues—Emphasis on moral Issues in the Church today.

Rite of Reconciliation— Understanding the development of the rite with consideration of the aspects related to the sacrament: use of Scripture, conscience, and sin.

How to be a Christian and be You-The fundamental processes of change and its challenges in life.

Canon Law Today-The role of law in the community today.

Catechetical Methods—A "How to" course geared to assisting teachers apply appropriate methods to specific doctrines.

Planning the Sunday Liturgy— stended for those responsible for and interested in planning the Sunday liturgy. The instructor will continue this course one evening each month until May for anyone who wishes to

Child Psychology—The develop-ment of the inner world of the child and the crucial relationships with the

Religion in the Home—Explains the ways within the home to convey religious attitudes and growth ex-

IN THE INDIANAPOLIS District courses will be held on Tuesdays at Chatard High School from Sept. 28 to Oct. 19. They include introduction to the Bible with Father Clement Davis, O.S.B., of St. Maur Seminary; Rite of Reconciliation, with Father Donn Raabe of St. Joan of Arc parish; How to be a Christian and Be You, with Father Donald Schmidlin of Holy Rosary parish, Seelyville; Canon Law Today, with Magr. Charles Koster, of the Archdiocesan Matrimonial Tribunal; Catechetical Methods, with Sister Antoinette Purcell, O.S.B., of St. Plus X parish; Planning Sunday Liturgy, with Sister Diann Neu, S.P., of the religion department at Cathedral

Our Lady of Grace Academy on Thursdays from Sept. 30 through Oct. 21. Courses Include Education to Justice, with Father Stephen Hay, of St. Mary parish, Indianapolis; Introduction to the Bible, with Father Fred Schmitt of the IUPUI Catholic Student. Center: Introduction Student Center; Introduction to Judaism, with Rabbi Jonathan Stein, of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation; Gospel of Matthew, with Sister Mary Slattery, S.P., (Continued on Page 7)

### Annual Appeal

The annual appeal for the indian and Negro Missions in the United States is scheduled this week-end, Sept. 11-12. Archbishop Biskup has urged the faithful to be generous in their response to this worthy cause.

## WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bishop Zuroweste resigns at 75

WASHINGTON-Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation for reasons of age of Bishop Albert Zuroweste of Belleville, III., 75, long a leader in the Catholic press of the United States as an editor and an official of what was then the Press Department of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC). Named to succeed him in Believille was Bishop William Cosgrove, auxiliary of Cleveland, 59.

### Church reforms 'misunderstood'?

VATICAN CITY—A cardinal directly involved in the Vatican's conflict with traditionalist Archbishop Marcel Lefebyre declared Sept. 2 that a "considerable part of the faithful no longer understand" Church reforms. Cardinal taithful no longer understand" Church reforms. Cardinal Gabrielle Garrone, prefect of the congregation for Catholic education, was one of three Roman Curia cardinals who interrogated Archbishop Lefebvre at the Vatican last spring. The causes of the Catholics' confusion, said Cardinal Garrone, are those who reject the Vatican Council II without knowing what it says and those who give arbitrary interpretations to conciliar decrees.

### Editor named auxiliary bishop

WASHINGTON—Pope Paul VI has named Msgr. Thomas Dolinay, a pastor and newspaper editor whose father was an Eastern-rite Catholic priest, auxiliary bishop of the Ruthenian-rite diocese of Passaic, N.J. Msgr. Dolinay, 53, was born when Eastern-rite priests in the United States were allowed to marry. His grandfather, Father Victor Dobra, was also a priest. Pastor of St. John the Baptist parish in Bridgeport, Conn., he is editor of Eastern Catholic Life, the newspaper of the Passaic diocese. He studied for the priesthood at St. Procopius Seminary in Lisle, Ill., and was ordained in 1948. Since ordination he has served in Eastern-rite parishes in Pittsburgh, Potthas served in Eastern-rite parishes in Pittsburgh, Pott-stown and Johnstown, Pa., and in Bridgeport. He is also vicar for Hungarians for the Passaic diocese.

## In capsule form . . .

A movement has begun in Tucson, Ariz., of parents whose children attend nonpublic schools to obtain the whose children attend nonpublic schools to obtain the same free supplies that are being furnished public school students. Alex Carillo, whose two children attend Our Mother of Sorrows School, said he feels the parents of nonpublic school students are entitled to the paper, pencils and crayons, because they are paying for them through taxes . . . Three decades of governing the archidocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka, ended for Cardinal Thomas Cooray Sept. 1 with the acceptance of his resignation by Pope Paul VI. The 74-year-old cardinal, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, has been in poor health for the last year. His headship of the Colombo archdiocese and of the Sri Lanka headship of the Colombo archdiocese and of the Sri Lanka Bishops' Conference has spanned years of Church-state tension . . . Plummeting baptismal rates point toward a much smaller and older Catholic Church in the United States in the future, according to a priest-editor in Oklahoma City. Father David Monahan of the Sooner Catholic, newspaper of the Oklahoma City archdiocese, pointed out that infant baptismal rates for the entire country fell off from 35.9 per 1,000 Catholics in 1955 to 18.3 per 1,000 in 1975—a drop of 49%.



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### Maternity services bill passed

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The California Senate has passed a bill providing a pregnant minor does not need payental consent to receive maternity home services. The bill, introduced by Assemblyman Terry Goggin of San Bernardino, is now is a Senate-Assembly conference committee for agreement on minor points before going to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. for signature. California law provides that pregnant minors who want an abortion need provides that pregnant minors who want an abortion need not get parental consent. The Goggins bill now provides that pregnant minors may obtain help for their unborn infant and bring it to term.

### Appeals for Argentine prisoners

WASHINGTON—LaSallette Father James M. Weeks has asked the people and government of the United States to save thousands of political prisoners in Argentina, including five of his seminarians. He was speaking a few days after his own release from jall in Argentina, where political violence has killed 800 this year alone. "Riight now my major concern is the five seminarians whom I painfully left behind," he told reporters at the Capital. Representatives Father Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.) and Edward Koch (D-N.Y.) introduced him. Citing a recent report by Amnesty international, a London organization concerned with the fate of political prisoners around the world, Father Drinan said Argentina authorities have arrested and jalled without trial some 20,000 persons. WASHINGTON-LaSallette Father James M. Weeks has

### School 'meditation' law upheld

BOSTON—A Massachusetts law permitting a minute of silent meditation of prayer in public school classrooms was ruled constitutional in a unanimous decision here by a three judge panel of the U.S. district court.

### Names . .

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety of Newark has cabled his support to Bishop Donal Lamont of Umtall, Rhodesia who has been charged with alding those opposing its white minority government.

Father James B. Sullivan former director of Seton Hall Divinity School in Newark, N.J., has been named to a three-year term as executive director of the seminary department of the National Catholic Educational Catholic Educa Association (NCEA).

James S. Mitchell, a former official of National Catholic Community Service (NCCS) and the National Council of Catholic Men (NCCM), died Aug. 30 at a nursing home near his residence in Hamesburg, N.J. after a long illness. He was 74.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Ellott Trudeau pald a

private visit to Pope Paul VI at his summer residence in Castelgandolfo.

Mayor Kevin H. White of Boston named a Catholic pastor and a Baptist minister to an 11-member committee to serve as a forum for neighborhoods with racial tensions and to evaluate the city's preparations for opening of schools. Religious representatives of a Committee for Boston will include Msgr. Matthew P. Stapleton, a former rector of St. John's Seminary and pastor of Brighton's St. Columkille's Church, and the Rev. Michael Haynes, pastor of Roxbury's Twelfth Baptist Church.

Edward M. Kinney, 62, assistant to the executive director of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the overseas relief and development agency of U.S. Catholics, has retired.



OBSERVE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Book of Palmyra will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 11:15 a.m. with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Michael Church, Bradford. A reception for relatives and friends will follow the Mass in the parish hall. Mrs. Book is the former Anna Jacobi. The couple has three sons, Charles and Earl Book of Palmyra; and Robert Book of Floyds Knobs.

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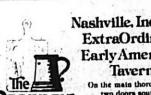
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### **Teen Commandments**

BY FRED W. FRIES

The following list of "Ten Commandments for Teen-agers" is reprinted from "Teens," a youth publication of the San Francisco archdiocese. We believe that some of the admonitions apply to adults as well.

Stop and think before you drink.
 Don't let your parents down. They

brought you up. 3. Be humble enough to obey. You'll be ving orders yourself some day.
4. At the first moment, turn away from

unclean thinking—at the first moment.

5. Don't show off when driving. If you must race, look for a track.

6. Choose a date who would make a good

7. Go to Church faithfully. The Creator gives us a week. Give Him back a thoughtful, reverent hour.

8. Choose your companions carefully.
You are what they are.
 9. Avoid just following the crowd. Be an

engine, not a caboose.

10. The "original Ten" are for you and all

THE SPORTS BEAT-Father James Moriarty, pastor of St. Matthew parish, indianapolis, won the annual St. Meinrad Alumni golf tournament held recently in connection with the group's annual reunion connection with the group's annual reunion at the seminary. Father Moriarty fired a 79 at the nearby Christmas Lake layout to capture low gross honors. The low net award went to Bishop Francis Shes of Evansville . . . Ed Knych, a member of St. Lawrence parieh, indianapolis, annexed his fourth State Open Golf title recently at Bloomington. Bloomington.

BITS AND PIECES-Maryknoll Sister Janet Srebalus, a native of Indianapolis, is now doing youth work at a mission in Dar es Salaam, Tarizania, South Africa . . . Miss Mary Rita Babbitt, well-known church organist in the Indianapolis area, has ac organist in the Indianapolis area, has accepted a teaching post at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Maryland . . Bill Kuntz, executive director of the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization, is the president-elect of the Marian College Alumni Association . . The new attractive draperies in the dorm rooms at Alverna Retreat House are a recent contribution of the hard-working girls in the Alverna Sewing Guild.

RARE OPERATION—An Edinburg man's right arm, which was virtually severed in an utomobile accident, was restored recently in a rare operation performed at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Dr. Paul F. Muller medical director at St. Vincent's, stated that this was the first time an operation to restore an arm was performed there, and that doctors gave the victim "a 60% chance" of keeping his entire arm.

RONCALLIS GUESTS-Cadet football players from seven parochial schools in the indianapolis Southside area will be guests of Roncalli High School at the varsity game against Ritter High School this Friday, Sept. 10. Participating in the annual "Thank You, CYO Night," along with the coaches and cheer leaders, will be teams from: St. Barnabas, St. Jude, St. Mark, Our Lady of Greenwood, Nativity, Holy Name and Central Catholic.

PAGING NATIVES OF DUBOIS COUN-TY—A reunion of all former residents of Dubols County now living in the in-dianapolis area will be held on Saturday evening, Oct. 9, at Holy Family Council #3682, 220 Country Club Road. A reception is set for 7 p.m., followed by a smorgasbord dinner at 8, Dancing to the music of "Bill and the Twillight Trio" will conclude the festivities. Contacts are Mrs. Steve Dugger (356-0765) and Glenn Meyer (844-9711).

CONNERSVILLE
† FRANCES WIETMARSCHEN,
St. Gabriel, Aug. 31. Sister
Vincent Grant. PRO-LIFE SPEAKER-Ms. Valerie Dillon, Director of Research and Communication for the Indiana Catholic Conference, will be

the guest speaker at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Rockville, Ind. Speaking on the topic "Choose Life," her appearance is being sponsored by the Parke County Ministerial Association. Par-

ticipating pastors include Father Larry Moran, St. Joseph Catholic Church; Rev. Thomas Arthur, First Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. Donovan Hounschell, First Baptist Church; and Rev. Lindy Russell, Church of the Nazarene. A question-and-answer period will follow Ms. Dillon's talk. Refreshments will be served by women of the participating churches. The public is invited. There is no admission



continues stabilizing trend BY JOHN MAHER stitution of a system-wide program of evaluating the performance of schools WASHINGTON—The trend toward stabilization in Catholic school

Cathòlic School enrollment

enrollments that has become evident during the past five years is con-tinuing as the 1976-77 school year opens. Catholic school officials around the United States Indicate.

A number of dioceses forecast increases, the declines projected in others are small, and very few schools have been closed since the last school year ended in June.

More and more Catholic elementary schools are establishing kindergartens, both because school officials consider them educationally sound and because the officials want to introduce parents to Catholic education at an earlier stage in their children's lives.

The ratio of Religious to lay teachers in most areas remains what it has been for several years, about 40%. Religious to 60% lay. The higher salary requirements of lay teachers have led to increased costs and increased tultions.

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† ALICE E. MONTGOMERY, 81,
Annunciation, Sept. 4. Wife of
Harry T. Montgomery.

HENRYVILLE C. BERNARD WISEMAN, 77, St.

INDIANAPOLIS
† LOUISE E. PHELAN, 71, St.
Roch, Sept. 1. Mother of Rose M.
Gill, Patricla Brehob, Rita Boyle,

Mary J. Brewer and Hugh F. Phelan; sister of Mrs. Frank Pitt-man and Arthur T. Kirk.

† SARAH A. GIBBONS, 77, Holy Name, Sept. 1. Mother of John J. Gibbons, Sr.

Workshop slated

Tuesday, Sept. 14

INDIANAPOLIS — Sister Vincent Honc, D.C., of the pastoral care department at St. Vincent Hospital will be

the speaker for a workshop

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T PAUL S. NICHOLS, Sr., 55, St. Andrew, Sept. 2. Husband of Grace; father of Vickl E. Koors, Paulette B. Schmutte, Paul S. Jr., Tim R. and Marigrace Nichols; brother of Lillian Moore and Ernle Nichols.

† MARY D. ABEL, 61, St. Francis de Sales, Sept. 4. Mother of Martella Biedsoe, Otla, James and Thomas Abel.

† HERMAN J. SIEMER, 84, St. Jude, Sept. 4. Father of Geraldine McCormick; brother of Marie Wilmer and Gertrude Gysler.

1 JAMES E. CALLAHAN, 37, St.

Catherine, Sept. 7. Son of Elizabeth Callahan; brother of Jean Holly, Nancy Miller, Pamela Mason and Teresa Percifield.

† BEATRICE MARSH, 59, St. Joan of Arc, Sept. 8. Wife of James C. Sr.; mother of Jeanne Stahl, Viola Polley, Rebecca B. Chanay, Constance A. Brown and James C. Marsh, Jr.; daughter of Bernadetta Alter; silater of Viola Douglass and Mary L. Alter.

† EDWARD J. KIRKHOFF, 74, Little Flower, Sept. 8. Husband of Rose; father of Rev. Gerald J. Kirkhoff, religion leacher at Secina High School; Robert E. and Joan Kirkhoff; brother of Bertha Tiernan.

† MARGARET G. CRANEY, 70, St. Anthony, Sept. 8. Mother of Mrs. Mel Payton and Patrick Craney.

† ADA L. MARONEY, 84, Holy Name, Sept. 8. Mother of Dorothy

† EDWARD F. MULVANEY, 66, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sept. 9. Husband of Mary; father of James E. Mulvaney.

and several have appointed district superintendents to work more closely with schools in different areas of the

Dioceses projecting increases include: New York, Chicago, Louisville, Paterson, N.J.; Louisville, Paterson, N.J.; Providence, R.I.; Fort Worth, Tex.; Belleville, III.; Miami, Fia.; Peorla, III.; Fresno, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; and Baton Rouge, La.

Dioceses projecting enrollments or slight declines in-clude: Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Dallas and In-

In many areas where busing for integration has been ordered in public schools, Catholic dioceses have issued guidelines to prevent transfers into Catholic schools by those seeking to escape integration.

In one such area-Boston-Father Eugene Sullivan, school superintendent, said he expects enrollment to

The Louisville archdiocese anticipates an increase of about 800 students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools. The increase is the third in a row for Louisville grade schools and the fourth in a row for high schools

FATHER SULLIVAN said that Boston Catholic schools are not accepting transfers from public schools. "There were not as many schools. "Inere were not as many applications for transfers this year as in the past few years," he said. "The policy is now quite familiar." He added that it was also unpopular.

In Louisville, more than 90% of Catholic grade school graduates are now applying for admission to Catholic high schools, compared to about 70% five years ago. Principals have conceded that busing may be a factor in the increased demand. factor in the increased demand.

Every diocese contacted reported that tuition would be up this year in both grade schools and high schools. In most high schools the rise is about \$25 to \$50 a year.

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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."

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## **Choices**

The executive committee of the National Council of Catholic Bishops met with presidential candidate Jimmy Carter last

If they thought they were going to change his mind on the pro-life issue, they did not succeed. Some reports indicate that some of the bishops thought they only had to suggest to Carter a "Catholic backlash" and he would "see the light."

It is true that Catholics are not solidly behind the U.S. Bishops on the pro-life issue. It Is even more true that the day is long past when a Church leader can speak and expect every Catholic to fall in line with his command.

This does not mean that what the Bishops have to say is all wet. Indeed, their knowledge of the issue is probably second to none. Unfortunately, their political savvy is less expert.

Not only Catholics, but all Americans will have a lot of difficulty choosing a President in November. Neither candidate has an especially strong pro-life platform. What one lacks, the other seems strongly to favor and vice-versa. The most recent polls are suggesting that the majority of voting Americans may even stay away from the polls in November.

Choosing a President on the basis of the pro-life issue calls for extensive education. Needless to say, Catholics are going to have to study both candidates carefully. In the end, a choice will have to be made. Past performance is more crucial than the promises being made. Whoever is chosen will not reflect the most desirable pro-life stance. The seriousness of the issue, however, cannot excuse any Catholic from informing himself nor from questioning the candidates at every opportunity.-T.W.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Pro-life vs. anti-abortion

To the Editor:

In response to your article on Father Marty Peter's comments in the publication "Priests—U.S.A.", in which he called Ellen McCormack's nomination speech "not pro-life but anti-abortion," we would like to say the following.

How can one be pro-life and not be anti-abortion? The very nature of abortion is the deliberate violent action of annihilation of innocent human life.

We, the supporters of the pro-life and anti-abortion philosophy, are concerned about world hunger, lack of hope amongst the poor and oppressed and all inhumanity to man, but Father Peter must not—will not, blunt our outrage at the legalized killing of the unborn. We are not myopic, we are not nearsighted. We have our eyes wide open and see the broad implications of legalized abortion.

Abortion is a legal act only because the court declared that personhood "does not include the unborn." May we ask who is next, the infirm, the mentally retarded, the aged, the handicapped, perhaps our unwanted poor and starving whose plight we seek to alleviate?

Strangely enough our missionaries who are fighting hunger in the drought-stricken areas of Africa, testify to the abhorrence to abortion by these "uncivilized" natives. Their respect for life is too great.

Concerning Father Peter's tolerance of Birch Bayh, and criticism of the electorate, who do not "take a broader view and be open to people who hold different views." We state: The Catholic Church itself now has a U.S. Bishops' Committee for population and Pro-life Activities, as stated by Father Peter. If the Church has seen the need to shift to a much more aggressive stance on abortion, and if we are to urge political action to curb abortion, how can we defend Birch Bayh, or any politician with a voting record such as his? Father Peter claims that some people in public office "do not favor a constitutional amendment, and yet are committed to working to enhance human life." This is a contradiction. The "broader view, must include all phases of human life. We cannot defend or support those who are so myopic as to exclude the

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### **Italian Church-State relations**

To the Editor:

The front page article on the plight of Catholic schools in Italy in your August 27 issue may give your readers the notion that it is a Church-State issue in American terms and anothe Illustration of the enmity between Communism and Catholicism.

The Italian bishops complain that leftist-dominated local state aid to Catholic schools.

The 1929 Lateran Accords between Mussolini and Plus XI provided fo religious instruction in state schools The Church could also choose to ru its own schools. This right was granted along with Italian recognition of Vatican independence and the payment of an indemnity of almost two billion lire.

Article 33 of the present Italian Constitution confirms the right of private organizations to found schools

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"which do not involve charges on the State." That local administrations controlled by Christian Democrats subsidized private schools, possibly contravening the Constitution, was a political decision. That Communists and other parties decide differently on school subsidies should be viewed as a change of policy resulting from free a change of policy resulting from free elections.

The high court will undoubt review the policy change in light of the terms of the Lateran Accords and the Constitution. The withdrawal of private school subsidies, moreover, is not necessarily a Communist attack on the Church. After all, the Church would not enjoy its present legal position in Italy if in 1947 the Communists had not strongly supported the retention of Mussolini's Lateran

Indianapolis

An open letter to gamblers

James J. Divita

To the Editor:

My name is Mr. X, and I'm a compulsive gambler!

The first time I remember having anything to do with gambling was when I was in grade school, it was at a school festival where they had spinning wheels. I knew that I put my money down on a number, and I could win or lose whichever the case may be. I didn't understand the game, but it excited me. I kept on playing until I lost all the money I had with me.

When I was in high school, one evening I was introduced to the game of poker which, in the years to follow, brought me and my family a lot of

When I got out of the service, we had a Friday night game of poker with a few friends where I lost heavily all

I got away from that for awhile when

I went to work for my brother in Illinois.

On Thanksgiving week-end, I came home for a visit. My brother gave me some extra money—enough for about three car payments. I said to myself that I wouldn't use this money for gambling, but I knew deep down in my heart that I would. I lost it all. My brother didn't understand my problem and, naturally, he was hurt when I told him what I did.

I quit selling insurance a few months later and came back to in-dianapolis to take the job i'm working at today.

I met a few guys who introduced me to a new form of gambling—playing the horses. I got in the hooks for about \$500 and did have sense enough to quit the horses.

As the years went on, I got farther (Continued on Page 5)

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

## Convenience vs. abandoning principles

Last week Msgr. Bosler in his uuestion Box responded to a woman reader who inquired about her Sunday Mass obligation. The woman, a Catholic, and her husband, a non-Catholic, camped frequently on weekends, and she found her installations. Question Box responded to a woman

her insistence on getting to Mass not only an inconvenience but also a threat to the harmony of marriage. The question was a

legalistic one, and so was the answer. It is the kind of answer found in a pre-Vatican II Church, one in which the "do's" and "don'ts" were stressed so rigidly that ex-ceptions had to be dealt with as if one that life does not follow set patterns. Today the exception is in many cases the rule, and the inconvenience of fulfilling obligations is perhaps thought of long before one considers the obligation itself. I believe this is true not only of the Sunday Mass obligation, but of far more serious obligations which apply to one's moral

The basic question, I believe, is one of value. For the woman in the or value. For the woman in the question, her marriage relationship is obviously of greater importance than her Sunday Mass obligation. Certainly, if all she was worried about was whether or not to be present at Sunday Mass, it might not make much dif-ference at all. If besides attending Mass, however, she was a faithful participant, and her worship was truly a joining together with the Catholic a joining together with the Catholic community to praise God, then I think her missing Mass would be a different thing. Only the woman in question knows what Sunday worship means to

There are a great many in-conveniences that are offered as a

valid excuse for not attending Sunday walid excuse for not attending Sunday
Mass. One cannot, however, deny that
the obligation exists. And inconveniences keep us from fulfilling
many other obligations. Individuals
use them to keep away from God.
Parishes use them to keep from implementing Church reforms. Nations
use them to ignore internal issues,
like raclam, right to life, etc.

I believe that we have too often made convenience the principle norm of behavior for our lives. We seem to be forgetting that being Christian is be forgetting that being Christian is not really a question of convenience. Indeed, it is doubtless more in-convenient to be Christian. It takes work; it calls for sacrifice, for giving up, for doing without, because we believe we have something far better than convenience can offer.

To the woman who finds it into the woman who inos it in-convenient to get to Mass on Sunday because of her camping, and who finds it a potential danger to her marriage, I would say, "Look again!" Perhaps the couple has never realized that they already have a lack of harmony in their spiritual lives. It seems to me that a little conflict ought to be created in their marriage and the husband should be reminded that his lack of feeling for his wife's Sunday Mass obligation is a problem he needs to deal with. I do not believe that a mixed marriage can be made happler or more secure by the Catholic's denial or compromise of his own obligations as a Catholic. There is a principle to be observed, and no amount of legalism will alter that.

I believe that some Catholics think that the lack of principle in the lives of others excuses them from having any principles either. Legalism may excuse the woman from her Mass obligation. The principle certainly doesn't. Bringing her husband to his salvation is a responsibility she has salvation is a responsibility she has through the sacrament of matrimony. That will never occur if his lack of principle is not challenged.

### THE YARDSTICK

## Misconceptions of desegregation analyzed

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

Representatives from all civil rights organizations (I was a participant) met with President Ford and Attorney General Levi to discuss the busing controversy on June 14 at the White

House. They argued that the Administration should not introduce legislation that would legislation that would require the federal courts to limit the definition of illegal segregation. And they said "no" to introducing legislation that would limit the

extent and duration of student transportation. They said that these actions would not remedy the situation. They argued that the constitutional rights of minority constitutional rights of minority children to equal educational opportunity would be jeopardized seriously by such legislation. I reported that several official U.S. Catholic Conference statements took

WHILE IT WAS A COURTEOUS hearing, the President and attorney general made it clear that our arguments left them unconvinced. But they never told us why. Shortly af-terwards, the Administration announced its intention to proceed with its plan to try to limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts on the busing matter

I believe that the 315-page report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights entitled "Fulfilling the Letter and the Spirit of the Law," Aug. 24, demon-strates that the Administration's decision to move in this direction was ill advised. It seems that the decision is calculated both to undermine the desegregation process and to reinforce popular misconceptions about desegregation.

The report shows how false these

misconceptions are. The view that segregation in the North and West arises from natural ("de facto") causes rather than the statutory ("de Jure") causes that existed in Southern and border states is one misconception.
The commission points out that this is completely contrary to fact. If the courts find segregation "de facto" (not caused by an unconstitutional statute or government regulation), no remedy is provided. But if the courts find segregation "de jure" (imposed by unconstitutional means), various remedies—busing among them—can be brought to bear.

Actually the federal courts in the North and West have ordered desegregation only when constate school officials have illegally used their powers to foster segregation. Boston is one example.

The public has been led to believe the courts have required racial balance in schools in districts found practicing:
"de jure" segregation. Again, the commission report states this simply The courts do not require racial

balance in an imposed desegregation plan. When the courts find "de jure" segregation under the Constitution, that school district must eliminate the that school district must eliminate the racial identity of schools. And if a school district falls to remedy such segregation, a federal court may issue orders to abolish a dual school

MANY AMERICANS HAVE such misconceptions about busing. This disturbs the Civil Rights Commission. But they have an even greater concern over so many state and federal officials giving credence to miscon-ceptions by callously showing a willingness to jeopardize the con-stitutional rights of minority children. arguing that busing is a panacea. We rnment officials, are arguing that government officials, especially the President and attorney

general, should be expected to get their facts straight. Above all, they should engender public respect for the Constitution.

By citing hard-core evidence, the commission's report shows that when local political officials and community groups give con-structive leadership, student transportation can and does remedy "de juru" segregation.

This commission report proves that the Administration's negative, legalistic approach to the busing controversy leaves much to be desired. Whether or not it will influence the White House remains to be seen. It is certain, however, that the Administration will look foolish if it attempts to get around the report by labeling it a partisan political

Civil Rights Commission chairman, Arthur Fleming, is a lifetime Republican who has served with Republican who has served with distinction in many top level government posts under Republican presidents. Throughout his public service career, especially in his present post, he has exercised great moral leadership. He has completely cut the ground out from under those who would like to make political have who would like to make political hay out of the busing controversy.

### DALE FRANCIS SAYS

## Some thoughts about Church leadership

BY DALE FRANCIS

Last week I began an evaluation of the Church in the United States today—a purely personal assessment. Social concern in the Church today: The statistical surveys have shown

that even among Catholics there are those who are not opposed to legalized abortion. That is sad, among but it is not surprising.
There are Catholics
who simply do not
think as Catholics. Yet I do not doubt

that there is no issue on which Catholics are more united. There has been criticism of the U.S. Bishops on this issue—from some who have been embarrassed because they think the leadership is too strongly politically committed and, ironically, from some others who think the Bishops have not been strongly

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The truth is, I believe, that the great majority of Catholics have been grateful for the leadership of the Bishops on this issue and proud of the stand taken by their

While many of us believe this is the

most important social issue in the nation, it is obviously not the only

THE U.S. CATHOLIC Conference has taken positions on a wide range of political issues. Before the two political conventions, a Catholic spokesman appeared before platform committees to give a Catholic viewpoint on the various issues before the political parties. the political parties.

The positions expressed by official agencies of the Church have been, by and large, politically liberal. Do these positions represent the views of the Catholic people?

There is really no way to determine this. Perhaps the way Catholics vote in the fall national elections will give some idea of just what the political orientation of the Catholic people is. My own opinion is that the Catholic people are concerned about social justice, but are probably not as liberal in their thinking as official statements from the U.S. Catholic Conference.

This doesn't seem strange to me. The statements from the Conference come from specialists in areas of social concern, and the truth is that such specialists, Catholic or non Catholic, tend to take more liberal positions.

The people, whether they are Catholics or not, tend to take views con-ditioned by broader concerns. They ditioned by broader concerns. They are the ones who pay the taxes to support programs that are supported by the specialists. They are the ones whose children are involved in busing programs, and this understandably influences their lives.

The way in which the ordinary people see issues and the way specialists see them are different because they approach the issues.

because they approach the issues from different directions. It is the nature of specialists to be liberal; it is the nature of the people to consider issues in the light of the effect of those issues on their own lives.

There is nothing wrong in this:
It is the way we reach consensus
and the way we progress. But it
believe that the Catholic people
do not as a group take as liberal a
view of issues as some of the
official statements that come
from Catholic agencies.

At the same time, I do not doubt that there is real social concern among the Catholic people. They understand it is of the essence of their faith that they must be concerned for their fellow human beings, and they must be opposed to social and racial injustice.

There is no negation of this concern

Catholic Conference on specific legislation or foreign policy. The truth about Catholics is that on political fisues we are not monolithic, and no one who really thinks about this is anything but happy that this is the

SPIRITUALITY IN THE Church today: Nothing in the Church today offers greater hope than the growth of spirituality in the Church. The charismatic renewal movement remains controversial, but what cannot be denied is that it has drawn many Catholics to new emphasis on

But this is not the only movement in the Church today. There are priests who are uniting to pray together.

portance of spiritual growth. There is a renewed recognition that we must be concerned for a foundation of prayer and meditation in our lives.

There was a time in recent years when there was so much emphasis on social concern, so much emphasis on the truth that our faith must reach beyond our own personal lives, that there was a neglect of prayer, meditation and personal spiritual development and growth.

Today there are real signs of a spiritual renewal in the nation, a recognition that before we can act effectively in the whole community, we must first of all come to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And this is, I believe, the most hopeful thing about the Church in the United States today.



IT WAS ONE OF THE WORST FISHING TRIPS EVER. I CAUGHT ONE FISH--ONLY THIS BIG " AND HE GOT AWAY!"

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# Right to religious freedom God-given

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. Would you please comment on the following: "Athelsm is a God-given right."

A. Athelsm is an abstract concept that can have no rights; only human

persons have rights. The statement should be rephrased to read: The right to profess atheism is God-given. It is a dramatic way of saying the right to religious freedom is 9 God-given. Vatican Council

proclaimed that the "right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the

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Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

is Father Daniel Coughlin, of Chicago. The official representative of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy will be Bishop Rene H. Gracida, of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fia. Arch-

bishop George J. Biskup will serve as official host to the national meeting.

Monday evening, Oct. 11, will be Father Richard McBrien, professor of theology at Boston College, who will speak on "The State of the American Church." Father Aldan

Keynoting the national meeting on

human person" and explained why in these words: "It is in accordance with their dignity as persons—that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore privileged to bear personal responsibility—that all men should be at once impelled by nature and also bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially mildious to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to truth. They are also bound to achiere to the truth, once it is known, and to order their lives in accord with the demands of truth. However, men cannot discharge these obligations in a manner in keeping with their own nature, unless they enjoy freedom. Therefore, the right to religious freedom has its foundation, not in the subjective disposition of the person. subjective disposition of the person, but in his very nature. In consequence,

Theme announced for liturgy parley

Kavanagh, O.S.B., prominent American liturgist and professor at Yale University, will address the convention on Tuesday morning, Oct. 12, on the subject of "Adult Initiation:

"Renewing the Parish Community"

will be the theme of an after-dinner talk on Tuesday evening by Msgr. Joseph Champlin, nationally known

author and lecturer, whose Know Your Faith column appears in The Criterion.

Father Nathan Mitchell, O.S.B., professor of liturgy at St. Meinrad

Indianapolis

Process and Ritual."

the right to this immunity continues to exist even in those who do not live up to their obligation of seeking the truth and adhering to it." (Declaration on Religious Freedom)

Specifically concerning atheists the council had this to say: "While rejecting atheism, root and branch, the Church sincerely professes that all men, believers and unbelievers alike, ought to work for the rightful bet-terment of this world in which all alike live. Such an ideal cannot be realized, however, apart from sincere and prudent dialogue. Hence, the Church protests against the distinction which some state authorities unjustly make between believers and unbelievers, thereby ignoring fundamental rights of the human person." (Constitution on the Church in the Modern World No.

Behind this thinking is the conviction that religious belief must be free from all compulsion, that God Himself gives men the free choice of believing or not believing and does not want men to curb that choice.

Q. You recently stated that a young Catholic couple who still consider themselves Catholic but no longer receive the sacraments could be married by a priest without a Mass. married by a priest without a Mass.
Could such a couple be validly married
without receiving the sacrament of
matrimony? Since they are not in a
state of grace because of the mortal
sin of refusing to make their Easter
duty, wouldn't if be impossible for
them to benefit from the sacrament?

A You have opened a can of

A. You have opened a can of theological worms with your questions. Let's begin by saying that it is possible to receive a permanent sacrament, such as baptism, without gaining any spiritual benefit im-mediately, but with the possibility of receiving the spiritual benefits later on, with a change of heart. For example, a man might receive the sacrament solely because he wants to marry a Christian, without any sorrow for sins, without any real belief. He would receive the sacrament, but not what we call the graces of the sacrament. If at a later date he repents and is sorry for what he did and wants forgiveness of his sins and full union with Christ and the Church, he is not baptized again; the sacrament finally takes full effect. So it is with the sacrament of matrimony. A Catholic couple may enter marriage while in a state of sin. They would receive the sacrament, though not its full effects until they make their peace with God and the Church through a good confession

We ought not be too quick to conclude that young Catholic couples are in a state of mortal sin because they no longer receive the sacraments. Many young people are confused and

tormented with doubts about the faith; so they stay away from church and the secrements because they do not want to be considered hypocrites. Subjectively they may be doing what they think is right even though objectively it is wrong.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### An open letter to gamblers

(Continued from Page 4) and farther into debt. I decided one

### Reader says, 'Jesus has a special room'

To the Editor:

I belong to an Eastside parish where we have recently acquired a Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It is a beautiful, peaceful Chapel where we can spend time in adoration of our Lord.

I tend to think in positives, unlike some children I've read about who think in negatives. To me it seems we have placed Jesus in a very special room in His own house.

Kathleen M. Cabell Indianapolis

I would quit. They always shoot craps at this party. Before I left for the party, prayed to God to make me a winner lost about \$650 that day. I didn't realize it at the time, but God did make me a "winner" that day. I haven't gambled since that day over three years ago.

day that after this party I was going to,

I went to my first Gambiers Anonymous meeting the following Sunday. If it wasn't for Gambiers Anonymous, I wouldn't be where I am

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[Name withheld]

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School of Theology, will speak on Wednesday morning, Oct. 13, on the topic of "Elements in Catechumenate

The final general session of the convention, on Wednesday evening, will feature an address by Father Gerard Sloyan, professor of religion at Temple University, on "The Restoration of the Church."

THE CONVENTION program will also include sessions for various interest groups, including religious educators, parish priests, and others, and workshops focusing on the theme of the meeting. A special program for Church Musicians will precede the national meeting, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. This will feature talks by Father Nathan Mitchell, O.S.B., Rev. Richard Avery and Mr. Donald Marsh, Presbyterian musicologists from New York.

Attendance by priests, Religious and laity of the Archdiocese is welcome and encouraged.

Registration for the full convention is \$35.00 (which includes the Music Meeting); registration of or individual General Sessions is \$5.00 per session, excluding the dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Only those who register for the full nvention will be admitted to the

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ROOTS OF OUR FAITH: BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

# GOD AND HUMANITY

BY FR. JOHN J. CASTELOT

In the first chapter of the letter to the Ephesians there is a magnificent survey of the heavenly Father's plan of salvation. It begins:
. . . God chose us in him before

the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight, to be full of love; he likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be his adopted sons—such was his will and pleasure—that all the might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved (Eph 1:

These verses enunciate a theme which is basic to our whole understanding of the relationship between God and humanity, between God and us: Salvation is a gift, a gift which the Father planned to give us before we or anything else existed. And all throughout what we call salvation history it has always been He who has taken the initiative, not humanity.

The actual working out of this plan in human history began with the call of Abraham about 1800 B.C. Abram as he was named originally, was a pagan, a worshiper of the Babyionian moon god, a semi-nomad—in other words, from the viewpoint of salvation history, a nobody.

CENTURIES LATER THE PROPHET Ezekiel reminded Jerusalem and her people of their shady origins in what is one of the most powerful graphic chapters in the Old Testament (Ez. 16). But salvation history was not Abram's project; it was God's, and He could use the most unlikely instruments for the accomplishment of His purpose.

The Lord sald to Abram: 'Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that the will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; .I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the seth shall lide blessing in you.' (So shall find blessing in you' (Gn

This powerful act of divine initiative was the first in a long series of similar acts from which a definite pattern gradually emerged. St. Paul gave expression to this pattern:

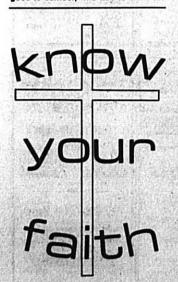
God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise; he singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God (1 Cor. 1, 27-29).

All of the great prophets who played influential roles in the salvation drama were called to their task by the Lord of history. Most of them, from Moses on, were reluctant to answer the Divine call. But in the face of God's Insistent initiative, they felt what amounted almost to a compulsion to respond.

THE SAME WAS TRUE of the kings who were called to shepherd God's people. Their situation was not quite the same as that of the prophets, of course. For the prophetic office was not hereditary; the royal office was. Once the dynasty of David had been established, son succeeded father on the throne—a not too happy arrangement, as it turned out.

But again, God took the initiative in establishing the dynasty in the first place. And again, His choice of David was unexpected, according to human

Jesse's first six sons all looked good to Samuel, who was to make the



youngest, whom God wanted: David, who happened to be out tending the sheep at the moment (1 Sm. 16, 1-13). In the Divine plan he was to be the founder of the royal House of David, the dynasty on which the people came in the course of time to pin their messianic hopes (see 2 Sm. 7, 8-17). In spite of his all too human failings, came the ideal king, so much so that later generations thought of the "Messiah" in terms of a new David.

Looking back on the culmination of this history, Paul wrote: " . . . when the wrote: " . . . when the designated time had come, God woman, born under the law [of Moses]" [Gal. 4,4]. And the Gospel of Matthew begins: "A family record of Jesus [the] Christ, son of David, son of Abraham" [Mt. 1,1].

The salvation history climax was reached in the coming of Jesus. Eighteen centuries had passed since the call of Abram and the divine promise that in him all the nations of the earth would be blessed. A thousand years had gone by since the

young shepherd boy David was called to shepherd God's people and was promised a dynasty which would stand firm forever.

Here now is the ideal Son of Abraham, the new israel, the one in whose person and work the Divine promises would be fulfilled beyond man's fondest dreams. Here now is the ideal Son of David, come to inaugurate God's kingdom and to realize in a transcendent way the promise made to David. For as risen Lord He would be King of kings, and of His kingdom there would be no end

BUT EVEN HERE the pattern persists; the Christ-event itself is the result of God's initiative. It would be hard to find a more explicit statement of this than the one from the Fourth Gospel: "Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die

but may have eternal life" (Jn. 3, 16).
And this finds a strong echo in the first letter of John: "Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins" (1 Jn. 4, 10).

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## The problem of evil, one cause of unbelief

BY RUSSELL SHAW

Two thousand years ago a distraught father, mildly rebuked by Jesus for hesitating to believe that his possessed son could be freed from the spirit who tormented him, summed up the problem of belief as experienced by many people then and now:

"I do believel Help my lack of trusti" (Mk

As Vatican Council II

As Vatican Council II suggested, there may be something new in the systematization of disbellef today. It is certainly "one of the most serious problems of our time." ("The Church Today" 19) But there is nothing new about disbellef itself.

Skepticism, doubt, crises of faiththese things have always existed. So has the sort of halting conviction bellef without trust-expressed by the father of the possessed youth in Mark's Gospel. The worm of doubt has always gnawed in human hearts. Perhaps it always will.

VATICAN II DEVOTED A long section to problems of belief and unbelief in its document on "The Church Today." It identified many causes of unbelief. One in particular has persisted throughout human history: the problem of evil.

Evil is more than a problem-it is a mystery. It is not difficult to accept the idea that God permits physical and moral evil so that good may come from it. But it is often extremely difficult to see this happening-and the all-good and all-powerful God should tolerate this state of affairs.

The Book of Job probes the mystery profoundly and arrives at the answer that, humanly speaking, there is no answer. At the end Job concedes to

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. I have dealt with great things that I do not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know." And God observes that "my servant Job" has "spoken rightly concerning me" [Job 42, 1-

Still it is a matter of Christian belief that "God makes all things work together for the good of those who have been called according to his decree" (Rom. 8:28); that "God must be proved true even though every man be proved a llar" (Rom. 3:4); that "I' we are unfaithful He will still remain faithful, for He cannot deny Himself" (2 Tim. 2:13). Most of us do believe this, truly though imperfectly. Our biggest problem of belief is less with God than with ourselves.

To speak of diabelieving in ourselves may sound paradoxical. It is not meant to be. Regardless of how they think about God, many people find it next to impossible to accept the truth about themselves: that they are God's adouted solidiers. Christie God's adopted children, Christ's brothers and sisters, rescued by Him from sin and destined to rise as He did

MOST CATHOLICS HAVE heard these formulas repeated since early childhood. If pressed, most of us would say we believe them. But do we really? Does belief make any practical difference in the way we live? If not, what does that say about our belief?

Pessimistic skepticism about the human is commonplace these days, perhaps especially among those who think of themselves as humanists. It amounts to a denial, in theory or in practice, that human nature has been raised above the limitations imposed on it by sin or that human life enjoys a transcendent destiny and dimension. Such disbellef in ourselves can be more corrosive than disbellef in God. It leads us to settle for tragically less than the destiny to which we are

Fully accepting the truth about ourselves would make a profound difference in our lives. What is the truth? St. Paul puts it this way: "We are children of God. But if we are are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so as to be glorified with Him" (Rom. 8, 16-17). We are to "consider (ourselves) dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6, 11). And "if we have been united with Him through likeness to His death," we know that "through a like we know that "through a like resurrection" we shall be raised from the dead by the glory of the Father (Rom. 6, 5).

As a practical matter, then, the problem of belief for many people centers more upon the human than the divine. Who are we? Why

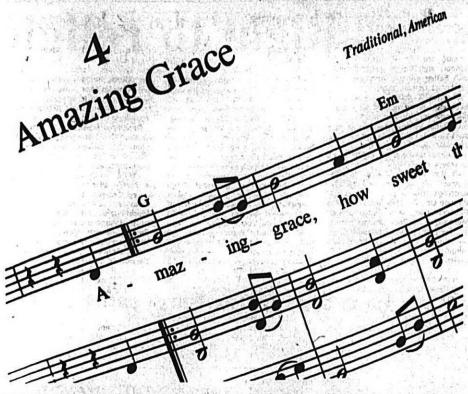
These are perennial human questions. Upon the answers we give depends the meaning—or lack of meaning—we assign to our own lives. Jesus that we must find the answer. In revealing God's immense love for us, He "brings to light (our) most high calling" ("The Church Today," 22).

How is one to acquire and sustain this vision of human life? To do so is a significant part of what it means to have faith. Philosophy, theology, apologetics—these things can help. But in the last analysis faith is a free gift given to us by God who loves us. He will give us this gift if we open ourselves to receive it as did the father that the last of th In Mark's Gospel: "I do believel Help my lack of trust!"

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### **NEW THEME**

With this issue, the Criterion inaugurates its new Know Your Faith series, entitled "Roots of Our Faith: Biblical insights." The 1978-77 series builds on the study of the Old and New Testaments, which formed the Know Your Faith basic theme during the past year.



Steve Landregan writes "It is only when we are aware of our natural desires to seek the things of this world that appear to us to be good but are actually mirages that we become aware of the truly amazing aspect of God's grace that of anything we have done but simply because God's love for us is so limitiess. This awareness in itself is the fruit of God's grace." [NC photo]

# Is all life a grace?

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

"Amazing Grace . . . how sweet the sound . . . that saved a wretch like me . . . " Once in a while a hymn finds its way into the realm of popular

music. The old Baptist hymn, "Amazing Grace," did so a couple of seasons so a couple of seasons ago, and Americans listened to the venerable revival song in the simple and clear voice of Judy Collins, and the unlikely strains of Scottish pipes. "I once was lost . . .

but now I'm found . . . was blind but now I see . . . " Its message of God's mysterious seeking after man's response seemed a strange contrast to the lyrics of many pop songs with their messages of man's seeking ever-elusive happiness

in the unspiritual and the ungodiya-The paradox of the creature, man, seeks himself is the heart of salvation history, which is, in fact, the story of a God who will not take "no" for an

IN THIS NEW SERIES of Know Your Faith articles entitled "Roots of Our Faith: Biblical Insights," there can be

only one starting place; God's reaching out to man, God's revelation of himself, in search of a loving response from man that will restore him to the intimate union with God for which he was created.

We call this grace, because God's reaching out toward man seeking a

loving response is an undeserved gift . . . freely given by God. It is not something that man has either earned or deserves. It is from the idea of gift . . and the Latin "gratia" meaning a favor freely given . . . that we get the

The old hymn's title is apt because God's grace is amazing. In a world where men and women In a world where men and women frequently profess to be Christians yet live much more frequently by the rule of "an eye for an eye" than "turn the other cheek," the concept of a God who wants to give man more than he deserves is both amazing and confounding. confounding.

It would be better to say that God wants man to deserve more and thus not only reaches out to him seeking a loving response but gives to men and women the ability to respond to the Divine invitation.

Human consciousness is innately

aware of a tendency toward selfishness and sin that theologians call concupiscence. It is likely that this is what the hymn writer was referring to when he wrote of the amazing grace "that saved a wretch like me"

IT IS ONLY WHEN WE are aware of our natural desires to seek the things of this world that appear to us to be good but are actually mirages, that we good but are actually mirages, that we become aware of the truly amazing aspect of God's grace that constantly calls us and enables us to respond not because of anything we have done but simply because God's love for us is so limitless. This awareness in itself is

the fruit of God's grace.

God's grace, which is actually His own Spirit dwelling within us, leads us to faith in God's love and mercy, hope that He will never abandon us, and unselfish love of God and our neigh-

The journey that each person makes toward God begins with God's in-sistent call to share in His life, to become an heir with His Son. Each one's final destination is determined by his response to God's call which continues until death seals man's final

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## Film aids in understanding

BY MSGR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Our parents of First Communicants at Holy Family Parish, Fulton, N.Y., gather in small groups at different homes for the second of their in-struction classes. During the course

of that session they view a film-strip called "Understanding the Liturgy" which sket-ches the historical development of the

The reaction of these adults to this audiovisual always seems to be the same. "We never

be the same. "We never understood before that the changes in the liturgy being introduced now are not really something new, but more a going back to the old ways of the Church in the early Christian days." They refer by such a comment to

recent reforms like alters facing the people and congregational par-

THESE TWO DEVELOPMENTS and other similar liturgical revisions thus follow the principles for updating Catholic worship approved by the Second Vatican Council and published in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Article 23 states:

Liturgy. Article 23 states:

"That sound tradition may be retained, and yet the way be open for legitimate progress, a careful investigation is always to be made into each part of the liturgy which is to be revised. This investigation should be theological, historical, and pastoral, "Also, the general laws governing the structure and meaning of the liturgy must be studied in conjunction with the experience derived from recent liturgical reforms and from the induits conceded to various places.

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"Finally, there must be no in-novations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them; and cere must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing."

These columns during the weeks shead will in part consider that historical aspect of Roman Catholic liturgy. By examining worship yesterday, we can, as our

First Communion parents did, gain a better understanding of worship today.

The goal of liturgical reform, however, is not simply to recreate something from the past. Instead, "the aim to be considered before all else," in the words of Vatican II, is full and active participation by all the people."

To encourage such involvement, the Council Fathers recognized and directed that certain elements of the liturgy subject to change should be modified if they no longer help, but instead hinder a congregation's full sharing in the Sacred Mysteries.

THESE ARTICLES OF MINE, by also describing actual examples of successful worship today around the United States, will attempt to illustrate how concerned parishes or worshiping communities are adapting the liturgy in that fashion to meet current circumstances.

Those illustrations may recount a Those illustrations may recount a huge diocesan celebration with magnificent music of the past and the present, a moving parish Thankegiving Day liturgy, a practical program for more effective use of the reformed Rite of Penance or a very popular Lenten sacrifice calendar.

Finally, in these columns we will occasionally peek at worship

The Church is a pilgrim Church always on the move. As members of such a changing body, we must be careful about clinging to practices which are not essential, but accidental. Not all change is progress, but all progress does involve change.

Catholic worship will remain fairly stable for a few years at least. The reform of major liturgical books has been completed. But, again as noted in the Liturgy Constitution, articles 37-40, the Church allows bishops in each country to make further substantial or radical adaptations of rituals if particular needs of the people demand it.

Time will tell just how much of this adapting we can expect in the United

States. For example, will there be additional eucharistic prayers? Will the official translations of liturgy text be improved, made less sexist? Will Communion in the hand become an accepted practice in our country? Will permanent deacons anoint the sick? Will general absolution be more

Worship Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow shall consider some of these possibilities for the future as well as explore how our present liturgy has roots in the past.

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### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Reabe

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

"You Can Count On Him"

Isalah 50:4-9 Psalms 116:1-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

If you believe like Isalah that In the midst of everything God upholds you, then you'd better be ready for the test. James says that you can talk faith but you've got to live it tool if you talk faith and hold back from your neighbor's needs to save yourself, you lose! If in the face of another's need you put yourself out without thinking of yourself, you win! "Because you counted on me—not with nice words, but with your life on the line—come to me blessed of my Father, because when you did it for them, you did it for me." "But Lord, when . . . ?"

## Religious study courses slated at 12 localities

(Continued from Page 1)
religion teacher at Roncalli High
School; and Rite of Reconcillation,
with Father William Turner, religion
teacher at Chatard High School.
St. Plus X School on Thursdays
from Sept. 30 through Oct. 21. Course
offerions are Rite of Reconcillation.

offerings are Rite of Reconcillation, with Father James Ferrell of St. Plus X parish; and Religion in the Home, with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks, director of religious education at St.

Courses will be held on Thursday mornings from 9 until 11 Sept. 30 through Oct. 21. They include filte of Reconciliation, with Father Robert Mazzola, of St. Rose of Lima parish; and Religion in the Home with Slater. Mazzola, or St. Hose of Lima parish; and Religioh in the Home, with Sister Catherine Gardner, O.S.B., director of religious education, Christ the King parish; and Sister Mary Helen Kane, C.S.J., Office of Catholic Education. In the Bedford District, courses will

be offered at St. Ambrose School, Seymour, on Tuesdays from Sept. 28 through Oct. 19. They include in-troduction to the Bible, with Father Patrick Kelly, of St. Luke parish, Indianapolis; Rite of Reconciliation, with Father John Fink, of St. Simon parish, indianapolis; and Catechetical Methods, with Sister Mary Luke Jones, O.S.B., of St. Columba

Jones, O.S.B., of St. Columba School, Columbus.
St. John the Apostle Church, Bloomington. Tuesday mornings from ten until 12 noon, Sept. 14 through Oct. 5. Courses are Catechetical Methods, with Sister Lucia Betz, O.S.B., director of religious education, presently attending IUPUI; and Child Psychology, with Sister Mary Helen Kane, C.S.J.

IN THE LAWRENCEBURG District. the courses will be held on Monday evenings, Sept. 27 through Oct. 18, at St. Louis School, Batesville, included are introduction to the Bible, with Father Matthew Krempel, O.F.M., of St. Louis parish; Moral Issues, with Father John Schoettelkotte, of Our Lady of Greenwood parish, Green-wood; Rite of Reconcillation, with Father John Gels, of St. Mary parish, Greensburg; and Catechetical

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In the North Vernon District, the courses will be held at Pope John XXIII

courses will be held at Pope John XXIII School, Madison, on Monday evenings, Sept. 27 through Oct. 18. They are introduction to the Bible, with Father Fred Easton, of the Archdiocesan Matrimonial Tribunal; Indiana Church History, with Magr. John J. Doyle, Archdiocesan ar-chivist; and Rite of Reconciliation, with Father Robert Mazzola, of St.
Rose of Lima parish, Franklin.
The one Jocation for the Richmond
District is St. Elizabeth School,

WASHINGTON—The general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has criticized some media coverage of a meeting between six Catholic bishops and the Democratic candidate for president, Jimmy Carter.

In commenting on the meeting immediately after its conclusion, the

NCCB president, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, said the bishops "continue to be disappointed" with Carter's unwillingness to support a constitutional amendment to restrict

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Media coverage of meeting

criticized by NCCB secretary

Cambridge City, on Thursday evenings from Sept. 30 through Oct. 21. Courses include introduction to the Bible, with Father Karl Miltz, religion teacher at Sceolna High School, (Indianapolis; Rite of Reconcillation, with Msgr. Joseph Brokhage, Archdiocesan Personnel Director for Priests; and Catechetical Methods, with Sister Christing Er-Methods, with Sister Christine Ernestes, O.S.F., director of religious education of St. Gabriel parish,

Connersville.
In the Tell City District, the courses will be available at St. Mark Church, Perry County, on Monday evenings from Sept. 27 to Oct. 18. Courses are from Sept. 27 to Oct. 18. Courses are Moral Issues, with Father Wilfred Day, of St. Joseph parish, St. Joe Hill, and Father Joseph McNally, of Sacred Heart parish, Jeffersonville; Rite of Reconcillation, with Father Richard Lawier, of St. Paul parish, Tell City. Courses in the Terre Haute District will be disensed at Schulte Mich School.

will be offered at Schulte High School on Thursdays from Sept. 30 through Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Courses include Rite of Reconciliation, with Father Jeffrey Godecker, of Schulte High School; and Ernest Collamati; Experience with God, with Father Christian Moore, O.F.M. Conv., chaplain at Indiana State University.

SOME TELEVISION networks and newspapers treated Archbishop

newspapers treated Archisnop
Bernardin's statement as an attack on
Carter, whose abortion position the
bishops have criticized in the past.
"The media contributed to the
impression that the meeting was

much more confrontational than it was," Bishop Rausch, who attended the meeting, told NC News.
"Just because we were disappointed with his position on abortion

doesn't mean the meeting was hostile or confrontational," he said.

The meeting was not hostile, Bishop Rausch sald, but was "a very open and honest discussion."

pression was given that we met in an atmosphere of hostility or distrust,"

he has seen on the meeting was the

one issued by NC News Service.

That story "most accurately" reflected the tone of the meeting, he

The NC News story detailed Arch

bishop Bernardin's statement on the need for a constitutional amendment

to restrict abortion, as well as his comment that there was "no sub-stantial disagreement" between the

Bishops and Carter on the Democratic

platform positions on issues such as hunger, poverty, housing, education and health care.

ARCHBISHOP BERNARDIN'S

statement described the meeting as "courteous" and said that there was "a

good exchange of Information."

Much of the media contrasted Arch-

bishop Bernardin's expression of disappointment at Carter's position with endorsements Carter received the

with endorsements Carter received the same day from AFL-CIO president George Meany and from Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.).

But Archbishop Bernardin's statement that the Catholic Church does not endorse candidates or parties was not widely reported.

"It is unfortunate that the im-

Blahop Rausch said the "best" story

## CYO NOTES

Entries for the 1976 Junior Touch Football League were due Monday, Sept. 6.

Entries for the Cadet Hobby Show are due Tuesday, Sept. 21. They were mailed to all parochial school principals. Those youngsters who do not attend Catholic schools should call the CYO Office, 632-9311, for information.

INDIANAPOLIS — Two social events are on the calendar for the Fifth Wheelers Club. The organization's annual hayride and weiner roast will be held Saturday evening, Sept. 18, near Trafalgar. Mrs. Marjorle Brittain, club secretary, will host the party. Any item lost at CYO Camp may be claimed at the CYO Office, 1502 W. 16th St. until Wednesday, Sept. 15. After that date, items which remain will be sent to Catholic Salvage.

Information regarding the St. John Bosco Medal has been mailed to the priest moderators and parish pastors. The blanks should be returned to the C Office by Friday, Oct. 8.

Kickball rosters and eligibility blanks are today, Sept. 10.

### Woods alumnae elect officers

INDIANAPOLIS - The St. Mary-of-the-Woods Alumnae Club, Indianapolis Chapter, is announcing its officers for the coming year. They include Mrs. Thomas E. Stuckey, president; Mrs. Larry K. Rust, vice president; Mrs. Paul A. Scherrer, secretary; Mrs. Kathann Wyss, treasurer.

The Club was founded in 1903 and now has a mem-bership of 170. Some of the activities on the year's agenda include a holiday tea, a spring luncheon, and a Madrigal banquet.

Proceeds from these and other events go to the club's scholarship fund.

#### D OF I TO MEET

INDIANAPOLIS - The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of Isabella, Mother Theodore Circle No. 56, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the K of C Hall, 13th and Delaware St. Dinner at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting. Members are asked to bring either a salad or a

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CYO Kickball and Football each begin this week. More than 1,500 girls are expected will play in the Annual

on Saturday, Nov. 20, the

group will have a pitch-in supper and entertainment at

the K of C Hall, 1305 N. 5122.

BEECH GROVE, Ind. -

of Grace Convent Thursday, Sept. 2. The Funeral Mass of

the Resurrection was held in

the Convent chapel Monday,

Sept. 6. Sister Mary Bernard was

born in St. Henry, Ind., and entered the Convent of the

Immaculate Conception at Ferdinand in 1923. She made

her first profession in 1925. She celebrated her golden

for E. J. Kirkhoff

INDIANAPOLIS - Edward

J. Kirkhoff, 74, died in Methodist Hospital Sunday,

Sept. 5. He was the father of Father Gerald Kirkhoff, a member of the religion staff

member of the feligion start at Scelina High School.
The deceased was a member of Little Flower parish and its Men's Club, Our Lady of Fatima Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians

Hibernians.
Funeral services were held
Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Little

Flower Church.

Funeral rites

Club plans social events

Benedictine Sister, 80, dies

Sister Mary Bernard Knust, year.
O.S.B., 80, died at Our Lady In 1981 Sister Mary

Sisters

(E.S.T.)

all leagues next week.

Delaware St. Mrs. Elleen Elliott is chairperson for this

The club membership

includes Catholic widows and widowers in the Arch-diocese. Business and

social meetings are held the first Saturday of each month. For information call

Bernard Browning, 291-

8498; Thelma Clark, 255-

9839; or Aleen Yocum, 251-

jubilee of profession last

Benedictine Convent of Our Lady of Grace.
As a convent homemaker,
Sister Mary Bernard served

in parishes in both the Arch-

diocese and the Evansville diocese. She retired to the

Survivors include two

brothers, Robert and Leo Knust, of Evansville.

PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNMAN, Ind. - St. Nicholas parish will hold a turtle soup and fish fry festival on Friday, Sept. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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St. Mary, Rushville (Fall Festival)—Sept. 12.

St. Louis, Batesville (Festival)-Sept. 19.

St. Nicholas, Sunman,

(Turtle soup supper and fish fry)—Sept. 24.

#### SLATE CARD PARTY

INDIANAPOLIS - The Little Flower Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, will sponsor a card party at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the Little Flower Auditorium, 13th and Bosart. The public is invited.

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## 'Midway' mainly a lot of noise



BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Movie war is considerably more fun than real war, and it's unsporting to be too nasty or critical about "Midway," which is Hollywood's latest episode in an apparent effort to restage most of World War II. The film is only a modest success because it fails to solve the typical war movie problem, which is to find characters and human drama to match its battle scenes

Midway, in the central Pacific, was one of the war's crucial encounters, oc curring almost seven months to the day after Pearl Harbor and giving the Americans a devastating (and badly needed) victory over the Japanese navy. The real threat of invasion to Hawaii was permanently averted, and Japanese operations had to withdraw sharply to the west. All this was achieved by a crippled, absurdly outnumbered fleet under Chester Nimitz, and suggests a classic David-and-Goliath story about the triumph of the underdog-in

THAT'S MOSTLY the way the film comes out. But the days of chauvinistic war movies are over, and there is much compassion for the losers. (The film differs from those actually made during

significant way—tough language. The officers don't say "golly" anymore when their ship blows up). Director Jack Smight ("Airport '75") goes out of his way to make direct comparisons between the two sides, to suggest that they were equally smart and courageous, suffered the same doubts and difficulties.

The Americans won because they were luckler. The Japanese were beaten because their code was intercepted and they lost the element of surprise, and because their scout planes coulded. If they the American couldn't find the American carriers. When one finally did, the plane's radio wouldn't work—a development that ought to give pause to 1976 American stereo and small appliance

The event's scope and complexity makes it horrendously difficult to film, and there is a feeling throughout that producer Walter Mirisch was much too ambitious. Midway was the first great see battle in which opposing ships falled to come even within sight of each other, but fought entirely with land and carrier-based bombers. The combat then consists of an awful lot of planes diving, bombing and crashing, their pilots anonymous behind heimets and goggles, followed by huge fireballing explosions, made even more terrifying by the theater-rumbling Sensurround gimmick from "Earthquake."

IT'S FAR from dull. Actual Navy footage is expertly matched to fit in with the new material (the ship used

conventional, trashy Show Biz ripoff. Not recom-

HERCULES (1959) (NBC,

Reeves) and his search for the golden fleece. Lively adventure on one level, and

clowning, whimsy and cotton candy that ranges from the insipid to the

delightful, this is Ken Hughes film about a nutty

inventor (Dick Van Dyke) who finally and by accident makes something com-

mercial. The best episode is

a fairy-tale trip to a Bavarian castle via a flying automobile. Heroine Sally Ann Howes and set designer

Ken Adam add considerable visual appeal. Entertaining,

vhlp-creamy stuff, mostly

The week's TV network films

shots of burning models, and the illusion is so real it's likely to make Clint Eastwood fans cringe and timid whisper patrons get battle fatigue.
Occasionally the spectacle
Is awesome, as we are
reminded of the unique
horror and beauty of a kind of warfare that will probably never take place again. Then there is the big music by John Williams, who is a specialist in backgrounding disaster ("Towering Inferno," "Earthquake," "Jaws").

But ultimately it's just a lot of noise, as we lose track of who's who and what's what, despite the gabblest collection of identification titles since silent movies. Shot of planes in formation: Strawberry 5. Shot of more planes: Strawberry 9. Shot of man in ocean: Ensign Gay. Shot of Island: Mid-way. Shot of Charlton Heston—well, we know him. We also see so many officers on both sides debating tactics, announcing wireless messages, and looking grim as planes endlessly land and take off that we wish they had numbers, like in the

Olympics. Writer Donald Sanford's Monday, Sept. 13): One of the most famous camp films main try at human dimen-sion is an ineptity contrived subplot involving staff of-ficer Heston and his pilot son (Edward Albert) who adults and adolescents] of all time, this is the original Italian spear-andsandal epic about the famous Greek hero (Steve

wants to marry a Nisel girl. theme borrowed from "South against Japanese-American citizens during the war. Nothing is ever settled, but Dad and son end up shaking bandaged hands on the Yorktown before the final

ONE ADVANTAGE of such a film is that it gives em-ployment to a crew of aging actors capable of playin admirals and senior officers Henry Fonda is predictably inspiring as Nimitz, and Toshiro Mifune is stolid as Yamamoto ("I'm the only one who has to apologize to the emperor.") Hal Holbrook is folksy as the officer who breaks the Japanese code, but most others make no Impression beyond mere recognition—Glenn Ford, Robert Mitchum, Cliff Robertson, James Coburn. Customers too young to remember the war or the

panicky situation in 1942 will be fascinated but mostly confused. What "Midway" needed was a straight documentary style, if not like "Victory at Sea" then in the manner of Costa-Gavras ("Z"). But it's an honest, if flawed, effort to mix history and entertainment. [Rating:

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femaleness, Joe Namath and Ann-Margret. But small-fry

fans of Broadway Joe should be spared enduring this





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WELFARE (1975) (PBS, Monday, Sept. 13): This was the best film made in 1975 anywhere by anyone, getting Its second exposure on TV t's Frederick Wiseman's three-hour cinema verite masterpiece on life and routine frustrations at a New York welfare center, Nobody can really understand the human, social and political problems of welfare without seeing this film all the way through. Highly recom-mended, one of the best documentary films of all Providence nun dies at age of 80 nieces and nephews are Father Denis Quinkert, O.S.B., of Blue Cloud Abbey, S.D., and Sister Joann Quinkert, S.P., New

Albany.

another. Trivial but fun.

CHITTY CHITTY BANG
BANG (1968) (CBS, Monday,
Sept. 13): A mixed bag of ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. — Sister Helen Celeste Quinkert, S.P., 80, died here Wednesday, Sept. 1. A native of New Albany, she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Providence in 1916.

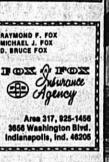
> Sister Helen Celeste taught in a number of schools in the Archdiocese, in the Evansville diocese and in Chicago. Her last ap-pointment was at Providence High School, Clarksville. She retired to the motherhouse in 1970.

Survivors include brother, John Quinkert, and a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Parish, both at Providence Retirement Home, New Albany. Among several

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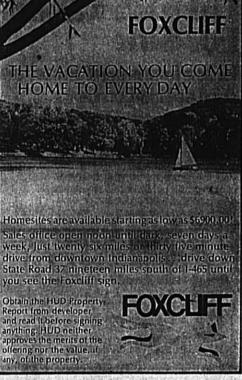
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