

THE CRITERION

Pope defines family's role in culture

by NANCY FRAZIER

VATICAN CITY—In the longest document of his pontificate Pope John Paul II called on Catholics to defend the rights and value of the family and to become "communities in communion" despite difficulties.

"The church knows the path by which the family can reach the heart of the deepest truth about itself," the pope said in his 167-page apostolic exhortation, "Familiaris Consortio," on the role of the Christian family in the modern world.

"She (the church) does not impose it but she feels an urgent need to propose it to everyone without fear and indeed with great confidence and hope, although she knows that the good news includes the subject of the cross," he added.

The document, dated Nov. 22 and made public at the Vatican Dec. 15, declares the church's "will to promote human life by every means," describes artificial methods of contraception as a denial of the total self-giving necessary in Christian marriage and reaffirms the church's stand against allowing divorced Catholics who have remarried to participate in the sacraments.

It also presents the pope's views on a wide variety of marriage and family issues, including sex education, the role of women, polygamy, natural family planning and the duty of families in the political arena.

Pope John Paul wrote the apostolic exhortation after receiving 43 propositions on the role of the family from the more than 200 bishops, 10 experts and 42 auditors who attended the 1980 world Synod of Bishops at the Vatican Sept. 26-Oct. 25 last year.

The papal document follows closely the recommendations of the synod par-

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'LIVING TREE' CAROLERS—These joyous youngsters from St. Louis School in Batesville epitomize the Christmas spirit as they sing Christmas carols while taking their place among the branches of the parish's "Living Tree". The "tree" is 35 feet tall and has become a tradition in the Batesville community. A story and photo of the entire "tree" can be found on page 10. This week's 20-page 'Christmas Special' supplement begins on page 11. It includes an interview with Scripture scholar Father Raymond

Brown as he unpacks the Nativity story (page 20), a quiz to test your knowledge of holiday customs (page 11), childhood Christmas memories from Mary Rose Birchler (page 25) and essays, essays, essays from the Criterion Christmas Contest. The announcement of contest winners can be found on page 2, and the Fourth Sunday of Advent material is on page 7. Happy Holiday reading! (Photo by Ruth Ann Hanley)

Byzantine community grows as members celebrate age-old liturgies, customs

by RUTH ANN HANLEY

Incredible and other-centuries as it sounds, a Catholic mission has begun in Indianapolis.

Some 150 years ago, missions in this area began on horseback, in area homes, with a few dedicated families.

Today one can skip the horses and borrow an available church to replace the home. But the mainstay, the small community of believers searching for something unavailable in the area, remains the same.

In Indianapolis, if one is a Byzantine or Eastern Catholic (uniate), the small mission of St. Athanasius offers familiar customs and rites not available in mainline Catholic churches.

For such a group, still aligned with the

Church of Rome, this Byzantine liturgy is a family tradition, a remembrance, a celebration with mystical tones not so fully expressed in the western Mass. These Slovak people developed their traditions through the Greeks. When the Orthodox church split with Rome during the Middle Ages, it retained part of both traditions—the Eastern liturgy, the Roman allegiance. Thus it is distinct from both the Orthodox and the Western Catholic.

According to Albert Maycheck, parishioner and dean at St. Athanasius, members "could be a link between the Roman and Orthodox congregations. For the first time," he says, "our bishops have been asked to join in the ecumenical dialogue between the Roman and Orthodox."

THROUGHOUT THE United States 250,000 Byzantine Catholics either attend their own services or get spiritual nourishment from a nearby Roman Catholic church.

A large influx of these Eastern European peoples came to the States in the 1890's and settled in coal mining and industrial regions of the Northeast and Midwest, particularly Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and northern Indiana. During this century they have built up parishes in these areas.

Throughout the ages they have retained the liturgy in their specific national tongue or

Eastern language. The Indianapolis group says that after Vatican II, the traditional Old Slavic was replaced in most areas by a more modern Slavic in Eastern Europe, and by English in the States.

In Indianapolis last year the mission of St. Athanasius was founded. Liturgies were celebrated at Cathedral, Holy Angels and St. Vincent parishes. The parish began with about 25 worshippers. Their first priest travelled from Chicago. Now they have about 40 persons, 14 families, who come regularly. Byzantine rite priest Father Basil Hutsko comes from St. Barbara parish in Dayton, Ohio twice a month for a 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon liturgy at Holy Spirit.

On St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6, the small congregation sang through the liturgy without instrumental accompaniment. Cutting across lines, it was somewhat reminiscent of the constant melodious tongues used in a charismatic gathering. The cantor sang from the congregation. The priest officiated with his back to the people, a custom which, according to Maycheck, is more integral to the usual Byzantine worship scene.

If this mission becomes a parish its goal will be to eventually have the icons (pictures) and screened altar which complement the liturgy. This screen of icons "is a symbolic divider

between heaven and earth."

Continual use of incense symbolizes "prayer rising to God."

THE SIGN OF the Cross is the same for all peoples, but one difference involves crossing from right to left rather than left to right.

According to Father Basil, Byzantine Catholics have suffered no shortage of priests, even in this country where they are not permitted to marry as they do in Europe.

With roots in Eastern Europe they support Catholics behind the iron curtain financially and in other ways.

St. Athanasius is under the diocese of Parma which has 60 parishes and extends from Cleveland to the West Coast to Alaska.

Mike Sudik, who would like to see St. Athanasius become the 61st, says that the Byzantine rite is more than worship. "It's our kind of roots. We grew up with it. My wife and I belong to Holy Spirit and it is a beautiful parish."

Still it is not the same.

Especially on Holy Days he misses the singing, the hymns for St. Nicholas, the Eastern traditions.

"It's what we've grown to love," says Sudik, a former Byzantine seminarian. My grandpa came from a village of 100 people. American society has drifted from this kind of smallness, this type of community."

And this type of roots plus faith is what Sudik hopes to find in a Byzantine community. "We're willing to stick it out till we either have a parish or we can't. You have to have trust that the spirit will find a place for you. We're trying to present a type of worship for the people who want it."



TRADITION—Communion under both species is a Byzantine tradition. Here Father Basil Hutsko offers a golden spoonful of consecrated bread and wine to a communicant. (Photo by Ruth Ann Hanley)

Criterion announces winners in essay, art competition

Almost 300 entries came in and the winners are out in The Criterion's Christmas Essay and Art Contest! Taking First Place honors are:

Category A (Kindergarten-Grade 4): Erik Moran, a third grader at Christ the King School, Indianapolis.

Category B (Grades 5-8): Diana Bischof, an eighth grader at Holy Family School, New Albany.

Category C (High School): Becky Brooks, a senior at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis.

Category D (Adult): A. Dietgard Walker of Depauw, a member of St. Bernard's Parish, Frenchtown.

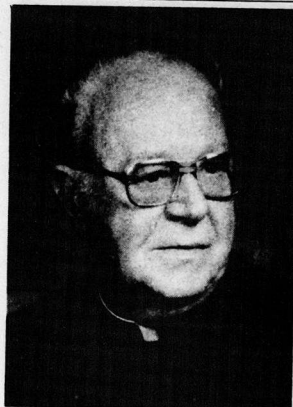
Category E (Art): Benedictine Sister Mary Kay Greenawalt, a teacher at All Saints Catholic School, Columbus.

Other winners are:
Second Place: Candy Carter, Pope John XXIII School, Madison (A); Jim Kane, St.

Mary School, North Vernon (B); Suzanne Hardebeck, Cathedral High School (C); Jack R. Miller, Jr. of Corydon (D); Margaret K. Schroeder of Indianapolis (E).

Third Place: Chuck Jones, St. Mark's School, Indianapolis (A); Trevor C. Miller, St. Mary School, North Vernon (B); Colleen Cassell, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis (C); Providence Sister Ann Patrice McGovern of Providence Retirement Home, New Albany (D); Chuck Ledbetter of Charlestown (E).

Many entries were given Honorable Mention and these are printed, along with winners, in the Christmas Special section (Pages 11-30) and in other parts of this week's Criterion. One Art entry, "Love is for All to Share" by Kenneth Ebachen of Richmond, received Honorable Mention but was not reprinted because it was done in pencil, rather than ink, and will not adequately reproduce.



Father Joseph Vollmer

Funeral Mass said for Fr. Vollmer

A Mass of Christian Burial was said Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Mark Church, Perry County, for Father Joseph T. Vollmer, who died Dec. 10 in his rural home near Tell City.

Following Mass, which was concelebrated by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara, burial was in the parish cemetery.

Father Vollmer had been pastor of St. Mark's Church for 30 years until his retirement in 1979. A native of Washington, IN., he was ordained a priest in St. Meinrad Archabbey Church on May 22, 1934. Besides his pastorate, Father Vollmer served as associate pastor of St. Joan of Arc, St. Francis de Sales and St. Anthony parishes, all of Indianapolis, and of St. Lawrence Parish, Lawrenceburg, and St. Mary's, New Albany. He was 73 years old at the time of his death.

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Pope John Paul named top newsmaker of '81 by editors

by JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (NC)—Pope John Paul II was hands-down winner in the NC News Service poll of Catholic editors on top news stories and personalities for Catholics in 1981.

The attempt on the pope's life in May and his long recovery to health ranked as the year's number one story for 27 of the 37 editors who answered the survey. On a scale of one to 10 for the top 10 stories, he received 343 points out of a possible 370.

Twenty-seven editors also called the pontiff the top newsmaking personality of the year from a religious viewpoint. On a scale of one to five for the top five newsmakers, he got 168 points out of a possible 185.

The conflict in Central America, where the Catholic Church was deeply involved locally and where the U.S. bishops sharply opposed the policies of the Reagan administration, came in a clear second in voting for the year's top stories, with a composite score of 246.

In fairly close order the Catholic editors ranked the struggle of Solidarity, the independent labor union, for social reforms in Poland as number three, the shooting of U.S. President Ronald Reagan as four, U.S. federal budget cuts on social spending as five, the ongoing abortion issue in the United States as six, Pope John Paul's encyclical "On Human Work" as seven, hunger strikes to the death by 10 Irish Republican Army prisoners in Northern Ireland as eight, and the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as nine.

ONE STORY OF 1981, the growing church opposition to nuclear weapons, was added as a write-in vote by several editors, including two first-place votes, indicating that if it had been included in the ballot sent to editors, it would have been among the top 10 stories.

Under personalities in the news, after Pope John Paul the editors gave second through fifth

place respectively to Reagan, Polish labor leader Lech Walesa, U.S. bishops who have spoken out against the nuclear arms race in the past year, and Cardinal John Cody of Chicago, who was involved in a controversy over alleged misuse of church funds.

Sadat, the only other newsmaker to receive a substantial number of votes, came in sixth after Cardinal Cody.

The 1981 balloting marked the fourth year in a row that Pope John Paul II, elected pope in 1978, was named the leading news personality in the annual NC News poll of Catholic editors.

In 1980 the top-ranked story was the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, El Salvador. In 1979 it was the travels of the pope to Mexico, Poland, Ireland, the United States and Turkey. In 1978 it was the double papal transition with the death of Pope Paul VI, election and death of Pope John Paul I, and election of Pope John Paul II.

For the 1981 balloting, editors were given a list of 27 news stories from which they were asked to rank the top 10 and 15 personalities from which they were asked to rank the top five. Their votes were weighted by the ranking they gave—10 points for top story, nine for second, and so on, and five for top newsmaker, four for second, etc.

The ballots had to be returned by Dec. 11, so any major stories that might break in the last two or three weeks of the year could not be considered.

HERE IS THE LIST of the editors' choices for top stories, with the weighted score for each, followed by the number of first-place votes in parentheses.

1. Pope John Paul II shot, hospitalized, slowly regains health: 343 (27).
2. Central America is focus of civil wars (El Salvador) and human rights conflicts (Nicaragua and Guatemala); violence grows against church personnel; U.S. bishops oppose

Reagan policy in all three countries: 246 (1).

3. Solidarity continues struggle for social change in Poland, church plays important role in trying to solve the country's crisis: 176 (2).

4. President Ronald Reagan shot: new debate on violence in America: 166 (1).

5. U.S. federal budget cuts and state cutbacks sharply reduce public programs for poor, Catholic and other religious groups object: 144 (0).

6. Abortion continues as major issue in Congress: with annual abortion rate in U.S. at 1.5 million, bishops back Hatch amendment to end constitutional right to abortion: 133 (0).

7. Papal encyclical "On Human Work" defends workers' rights, states priority of worker over capital: 132 (1).

8. Ten IRA hunger strikers die in Northern Ireland as Ulster conflict continues; Cardinal O'Flaich condemns participation in IRA activities: 121 (0).

9. President Anwar Sadat assassinated, causing new uncertainties about Middle East conflicts: 120 (0).

10. U.S. hostages released in Iran as Reagan starts presidency: 75 (0).

THE ONLY OTHER story on the ballot that received a first-place vote was the papal trip to the Far East, which received a total of 29 points in the balloting.

Growing involvement of the church in the nuclear weapons debate got two write-in votes for first place and a total of 29 points on write-ins. James Breig, acting editor of The

Evangelist in Albany, N.Y., did not write it in on his ballot but commented in an accompanying letter, "It could be argued that the top story was the emergence of a clear anti-nuclear stance by the church."

One editor combined the killing of Sadat and the assassination attempts on Reagan and the pope as a single first-place story, attempts on the lives of world leaders.

Other stories that received 40 points or more in the balloting were the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor as first woman justice of the Supreme Court despite objections by pro-lifers (64), the world refugee situation highlighted by the Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations' refugee office (57), the completion of work on a new Code of Canon Law for the church (43), and Reagan's initiative to begin new nuclear arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union (42). A total of 162 points were scattered among 13 other stories.

Here is the list of the persons voted top five newsmakers of 1981, followed by point totals and the number of first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Pope John Paul II: 168 (27).
2. President Ronald Reagan: 94 (4).
3. Polish labor leader Lech Walesa: 75 (4).
4. Anti-nuclear U.S. bishops: 65 (2).
5. Cardinal John Cody: 50 (0).

No other names on the ballot received first-place votes. The only other figure to receive more than 20 points in the voting was Sadat, who got 37.

Pope defines (from 1)

participants, which were not made public but were seen by NC News.

The pope also accepted the synod participants' proposal of a Charter of Family Rights, which he said "will be prepared and presented to the quarters and authorities concerned."

"The church openly and strongly defends the rights of the family against the intolerable usurpations of society and the state," the pope said in relation to the proposed charter.

"The church has perhaps never before expressed in such a complete and articulated vision the four fundamental duties of the family," said Archbishop Jozef Tomko, secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, at a Vatican press conference Dec. 15.

Those duties, according to the document, are "forming a community of persons; serving life; participating in the development of society; and sharing in the life and mission of the church."

Reaffirming the church's ban on artificial contraception, the pope urged theologians to "collaborate with the hierarchical magisterium and to commit themselves to the task of illustrating ever more clearly the biblical foundations, the ethical grounds and the personalistic reasons behind this doctrine."

On the topic of separated and divorced Catholics, Pope John Paul said those who do not remarry provide a witness to the church and the world with "their example of fidelity and Christian consistency."

HE ENCOURAGED pastoral concern for those who do not remarry and those who do, but said that "the church reaffirms her practice, which is based upon sacred Scripture, of not

admitting to eucharistic Communion divorced persons who have remarried."

Pope John Paul also commented in the document on most of the other major issues discussed in more than 300 interventions during the month-long synod. A sampling includes:

► On sex education: "A basic right and duty of parents, it must always be carried out under their attentive guidance, whether at home or in educational centers chosen and controlled by them." The church opposes sex education "disassociated from moral principles."

► On the role of women: "The church can and should help modern society by tirelessly insisting that the work of women in the home be recognized and respected by all in its irreplaceable value" but, at the same time, "there is no doubt that the equal dignity and responsibility of men and women fully justifies women's access to public functions."

► On natural family planning: "Theological reflection is able to perceive and is called to study further the difference, both anthropological and moral, between contraception and recourse to the rhythm of the cycle... Every effort must be made to render such knowledge accessible to all married couples."

► On polygamy: "This directly negates the plan of God which was revealed from the beginning, because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive."

► On the political role of families: "Families should be the first to take steps to see that the laws and institutions of the state not only do not offend but support and positively defend the rights and duties of the family."



1981 HEADLINERS—President Reagan (top left), Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (top right) and Pope John Paul II (center left) were shot. The pope's assailant was Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca (center). Sandra Day O'Connor (top center) became the U.S. Supreme Court's first woman. Lech Walesa (center right) led Poland's labor movement. Chicago's Cardinal John Cody (bottom center) was accused of misusing church funds. A chief critic was Father Andrew Greeley (bottom left). Bobby Sands (bottom right) was the first of 10 Irish hunger strikers to die.

EDITORIALS

A reign of fear in a season of peace

Christmas 1981. The season of peace once again reigns in a world of fear, violence, hopelessness and despair. These last days of 1981 are little different from the last days of any year since the Christ child was found in the stable at Bethlehem by three wandering Wise Men seeking an answer to their lives they could find nowhere else.

Very often during these past 2000 years men and women have turned to the Christ in search of a lasting peace, one they could find nowhere else. Some have returned disappointed. Perhaps not so much in the Christ as in those who speak for him.

Today's world appears on the edge of despair. Is such a feeling so new? Has history not plagued us with a succession of despairs? What makes 1981 seem so different? Or is it only the arrogance of humankind to think that our age has more despair than any other?

War reigns in many parts of our globe whether it is called such or not. Where war is not already being fought, fear of war pervades. In the United States action is underway as the result of such fear. Rumors of assassination plots by the ruler of a nation whose military could inflict no more damage on the continental United States than a spring rainstorm have aroused the sensationalistic propaganda of the American press. Is the American government overreacting or is it the American press which makes it look like the government is overreacting? Whatever the answer, the effect is plain. Fear reigns triumphant.

This week the Vatican announced that Pope John Paul is preparing a document for leaders of the world denouncing the "disastrous effects" of nuclear warfare. The document contains 'scientific evidence' which the pope is sending to Washington, Moscow, London, Paris, and the United Nations by delegations of members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

With this initiative, the Vatican said, "his holiness wishes to manifest once again his own concern and that of the church about the terrible threat of an atomic war."

The pope's move adds to what has been an intense effort on his part and the part of other church leaders including the American bishops to change the course of nuclear armament in the world.

At the same time fears of a nuclear holocaust frighten our sense of survival, the human right to life continues to be violated again and again around the world. In our own nation the continuing apathetic public acceptance of abortion on demand deprives the creation of human beings of life before birth. In our own hemisphere the rightist governments of central and South American nations continue to build personal fortunes on the bodies of landless peasants and those from whom everything has been taken, often even their lives. A people struggles for political freedom in Poland. A homeless people seeks a homeland in the Middle East. And religious fanatics in Iran interpret the will of God to mean death to their enemies in the fashion of the Middle Ages.

The litany does not end there. But this is a large part of the world in which the Christ child is born this 1981. Is he removed from this world? Is he to be kept safe from its horrors? Is he offering us an escape from them?

Faith continues to confuse us. Christ does not offer escape from the fears and horrors of living. Instead he offers confrontation. It is only because Christ confronted the forces of life and death of his own time that he was able to overcome them.

It is the faith of Christians that Jesus lives on in his followers. It is his followers who today must confront the same forces.

The proclamation issued to those who heard the call of Christ's birth—the shepherds and the Wise Men—was for a lasting peace. If such peace is to come it must be found within the hearts of human beings. It cannot exist separately from them. Peace will not come to El Salvador, to Poland, to South Africa, to the Middle East, to the United States, to Northern Ireland, to anyplace in the world unless the hearts of men and women find their own interior peace.

The promise of the God who sent his son did not protect the Jews from persecution nor from destruction. The world into which God's promises are fulfilled does not keep us safe from war or fear. The peace which is promised by the birth of God's Son is achievable only by learning to live without fear. It is the hope of the Criterion editors that all our readers seek to live for such peace. Only by offering our lives to the Christ born today, only by placing our trust in him, is that possible.—TCW

Closing the gap between rich and poor

This past week Pope John Paul criticized the growing disparity in Latin America between the rich and the poor. It is the Christian's obligation, he said, to work to close that gap.

The Holy Father seeks "an urgent pledge in favor of justice, to seek seriously to even off the grave imbalances which exist in the economic, social and cultural fields."

"A pledge of public morality," he said, "ought to be the first requirement in the foundation of a solid private morality."

The Pontiff's words should strengthen the efforts of Latin Americans who work daily against political forces both left and right which attempt to prevent any change in their societies.

The Church has invested itself heavily in the human struggles of nations living under oppressive regimes. The pope's words are just a few of the many he has issued calling for a continuation of that investment.—TCW

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

Prayer decision called 'disappointing'

by JIM LACKEY

WASHINGTON (NC)—In ruling for a group of students who wanted to hold worship services on their state university campus, the Supreme Court Dec. 8 handed a major victory to religious groups concerned about government limits on the free exercise of religion.



But to those who read Supreme Court opinions closely the decision also had its disappointing aspects.

The court did little to clarify the extent to which voluntary prayer is permissible on public school property. It hardly addressed the free exercise question,

limiting itself to the free speech rights of the students petitioning to have the restrictions removed. And it left unanswered questions raised in other cases about possible distinctions between voluntary worship by college students and voluntary worship by high school students.

In the case, known as *Widmar vs. Vincent*, the court ruled 8-1 that students at the Kansas City campus of the University of Missouri had the same right as other student groups to use campus facilities for their prayer meetings. The court said the students' rights to free speech and association outweighed the university's concern about separation of church and state.

BRIEFS FILED BY religious groups at the Supreme Court prior to the decision held out the hope that the court might give some recognition to the importance of religion for American values.

"It is clear that the university's attempt to sever meaningful religious observance from the public university campus does violence to our academic traditions and the historical parameters of First Amendment principles," the U.S. Catholic Conference said in one of several friend-of-the-court briefs filed in the case.

Others said they hoped the court could clarify its views on school prayer since the court's original school prayer decisions, in 1962 and 1963, have become the focus of an extremely contentious debate both in the courts and in legislative bodies.

But at no place in its opinion did the court cite its earlier school prayer decisions as having any bearing on its present ruling. It also dismissed arguments over the students' free exercise rights, saying that since it was able to decide the case on free speech grounds, "we need not inquire into the extent, if any, to which free exercise interests are infringed by the challenged university regulation."

ONE RELIGIOUS group with more than a passing interest in the case was the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. When the ruling in *Widmar* was announced the Catholic League was awaiting Supreme Court disposition of a similar case in which it is urging the court to allow a group of New York public high school students to meet for voluntary prayer on school property before class begins.

In *Widmar*, though, the court drew a potentially important distinction. While not tipping its hand in the high school students' case, the court said university students "are



less impressionable than younger students" and are better able to understand that when a public school gives meeting space to a religious group it is not endorsing that group but merely showing "neutrality toward religion."

But the Catholic League also was heartened by the court's "welcome acknowledgement that religious speech is on the same plane with and is afforded the same protections as all other types of speech."

While the court avoided the free exercise issues in the case, it had no choice but to address the University of Missouri's argument that granting meeting space to the student religious group would violate the ban on establishment of religion.

There the court broke little new ground as it reaffirmed past holdings that church and state are not separated by a high wall but by a line which sometimes shifts depending on the situation. It noted, for instance, that granting meeting space to a religious group might indeed be an indirect aid to religion, but it also pointed out that it has upheld such "incidental" benefits when warranted.

The overall impact of the decision remains to be seen. Attorneys for the University of Missouri predicted earlier this year that the case could have "a dramatic impact" on state universities, since many have restricted or prohibited religious services on university-owned property. But an undetermined number of others make no such distinction, granting space to religious groups in the same fashion as space would be granted to other groups.

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LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Looking for Christmas we can miss Christ in us

by Fr. THOMAS C. WIDNER

Third week of Advent: reflections. The joyfulness of the season has been picking up. There is great hope reflected in the Scripture readings. But the days are also busier. Priests in parishes are quietly shriving their members—penance services fill the hours. Decorations are going up. Committees are meeting to plan Christmas liturgies. Parties have begun.

It is possible to miss Advent and subsequently, Christmas. Only during Easter is there likely to be more activity. At least in terms of preparation for religious services. Certainly people find more things to do at this time of year. Christmas cards to write. Gifts to buy. Whether we really have to do those things or not, they are being done.

The scribes and Pharisees wanted to know who John the Baptist was in last Sunday's Gospel. The early church needed to convince its hearers that Jesus did not fulfill any of the false expectations of that age. So we hear John being questioned over and over as to his identity. Indeed, Jesus fulfilled no expectations. His purpose was so radically different from what the Jews wanted that many of them missed him. John's answers tell us for sure that Jesus is not what the scribes and Pharisees were looking for.

Perhaps because we expect so much else at this time, we too

are capable of missing Jesus. He is not found where we think he will be located. This is not unusual. Nevertheless, when Jesus appears he usually surprises us. Just when we think we have him pigeon-holed, he pops up somewhere else.

I WONDER HOW MANY people will miss Jesus this year. Our churches will be full. But how many people will be aware that Christ is present? Despite the attendance of Catholics at midnight Mass or other services that day, how many will really find our Lord? A goodly number will not, I think.

Jesus will be missed in the sacrament if he is missed the day before and the day after Christmas. He will not be found in the sacraments by men and women who do not seek him each day of their lives.

The Christ who is found in the poor and the suffering, the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the oppressed—all who have human needs—will not be found by those who refuse to see him in others. This Christ will remain a stranger to those who are too busy to see him.

Such busyness is common to us all. That is why we can—year after year—come to and go away from Christmas hardly noticing it has occurred. It is like what happens to parents when they turn around to find that their children are grown and they ask themselves where life has gone. What does each have in common with his/her spouse? A great loneliness can suddenly descend.

THE ABUSE OF CHRISTMAS in its commercialization, its cheapening, its tawdriness can all be overcome by the way we enter into the season. I realized early in the weekend I had not

made out my Christmas cards. I have still not done my shopping. I am plagued with a busier schedule than I have had this fall. So what will it be? Frustration and exhaustion? Or making the schedule work for me? Anxiety and anger? Or doing things at my own pace?

Because the Criterion does not print an issue the last week of the year, and because that last week happens to be the one coming up, there will be no opportunity for me to reflect on the last week in Advent in print. Therefore, as I go into this last week I offer the thoughts in this column.

The activities which mark this season are the product of our own needs to feel important and to be important in the eyes of others. It is a hard lesson for me to learn that such importance matters little in the face of an overwhelming universe and a span of history encompassing millions of years. Yet I am important. Our living is a process of discovering what it is that makes ourselves important.

Importance is not determined by the job I have or the achievements I accomplish. In our faith the quality of life depends not on the number of stars atop the papers we turn in to the teacher or the merit badges we earn in our organizations. Our busyness about many things seems to distract us from whatever it is that really makes us important. That importance is within. We do not need to send one million Christmas cards to prove it.

What gives the Christ child his importance? He is the gift of a Father who knows only how to love. The reality is so simple yet so elusive. At this time of year, my eagerness not to miss Christmas must be my eagerness to love.



TO THE EDITOR

Downey says, 'Let's stop the nonsense!'

I would like to respond to your article "Changing the Church means changing the Mass" (Nov. 27).

You tell us the Mass was changed to spur us into living Christian lives, not just hearing about them. You imply that if we are busy waiting on tables and handshaking, we will be better Christians. Yet Scripture tells us we are saved by Faith which comes from hearing. There's just too much talking and not enough listening in the conciliar church. The power of God does not depend on a happy hour, but on the Faith which makes one bow down in reverence when the words, "This is my Body, This is my Blood," are pronounced.

You would have us believe that Pre-Vatican

II Catholics were a lazy, passive bunch of hypocrites. And all because they weren't running around shaking hands and entertaining each other at the shared meal.

If the Mass is essentially a meal, why does Scripture tell us the meal was either finished or well on the way when Jesus got around to blessing the Bread or Wine? There is but one purpose of a meal. That is to nourish our body. The Mass is not a meal in this physical sense. St. Paul makes this clear in I Cor. "When you meet together as a group, you do not come to eat the Lord's supper. For as you eat, each one goes ahead with his own meal, so that some are hungry while others get drunk. Don't you have homes in which to eat and drink?"

To show how great a travesty it is to compare the Mass with a shared meal, allow me to make believe. Pretend that a Priest and myself are the sole survivors of a plane crash in a secluded area. Starved and near death, the Priest finds his travel bag which contains a host and a small amount of wine. For the last time, he offers the Holy Sacrifice for our sins. I

am just barely able to communicate from one small sliver of the Host. Strictly speaking that would be one worthless meal, but one beautiful and Holy Mass. Let's stop the nonsense and get back to the Catholic Faith.

Mark Downey

Bedford

Appreciate efforts for refugees

All of us here at Catholic Charities Special Projects appreciate your efforts for the refugees.

Thank you.

Sue Ann Ley
Associate Director,
Special Projects

Indianapolis

Reader takes issue with embarrassment

Mrs. Ogden's high regard for the Masonic Order (letters to the editor, Nov. 27) seems to be based entirely on their act of kindness toward her son. I am not sure I understand their motive in their kindness toward her son. Perhaps it represents atonement for past sins.

As a Catholic Mrs. Ogden should be familiar with the activities of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AUSCS). This organization has had total support of the Masonic Order during most of its existence. AUSCS has, over the years, made the Catholic Church its prime target for harassment. Just

Unfair assumption

I read with interest your editorial on the shooting on the circle. This was a dreadful tragedy and my heart goes out to the family of Mr. Grimes.

However, it is not quite fair to assume that this was the result of a "parking situation." The policeman's life was in danger. I was not present (perhaps you were) but I am sure the whole situation could have been handled differently.

Had the motorist simply moved on and perhaps circled while waiting for his wife, had the policeman approached in a different manner—we could go on for several more "ifs." None of this will restore a life.

It does a disservice to law enforcement to put all the blame on the officer.

Name withheld by request

Indianapolis

Coyle says story was 'far out!'

Your story on St. Michael's parish in Cannelton was far out! I know where the old St. Patrick's parish was located—at the corner of Sixth St. Mister Lowell Taylor's home is where the church used to be. A funeral home is next door. My grandfather was a member of the church and we have a piece of glass with his name on it (Pat Coyle) and I have a picture of the church.

Henry Coyle

Cannelton

Carmel blessings

Abundant blessings on you and all the staff at the Criterion. Be assured of a place in the prayers of all the nuns at Terre Haute Carmel for a blessed and joyous Christmas tide.

Sr. Mary Joseph Trisha
Carmelite Monastery

Terre Haute

Compliments to Valerie Dillon

I compliment you on Valerie Dillon's two recent features of innovative programs in Catholic schools of the archdiocese. You captured well the "Good News" which our parishes make available to families of school-aged children. I am pleased that you have agreed to develop this series which will focus on the unique character of our Catholic schools. I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Steve Noone
Director of Schools,
Office of Catholic Education

Indianapolis

Shea thankful for services to refugees

On behalf of all of the staff at Catholic Charities Resettlement Center, I would like to thank you for your splendid services concerning refugee resettlement here in Indianapolis. The enlightening and compassionate articles written by Ruth Hanley, have planted quite a few seeds in the hearts of your readers. We are constantly receiving phone calls from people who are responding to

the needs of these poor ones, needs of which they are unaware until they read *The Criterion*.

Working with refugees has become, for me, a challenge as well as a great source of joy. Thank you for opening the eyes of so many others whom, I hope, will share that joy with me.

Brother Ed Shea, OFM

Indianapolis

'Love' rings most true at Christmastime

by ALICE DAILEY

Was there ever a night to equal Christmas Eve? It is joy and wonder, pathos and inspiration rolled into one. It is the culmination of faith, hope and love.

For many, the days before Christmas have been frenzied, making sure that the "good" china is washed, the house cleaned, the garlands and wreaths hung and the family fed.

In between have been the ventures into the jostling, shopping crowds, searching for just the right gifts. Many's the time we have yearned to take the biggest, most elegant

department store ever, wrap it in silver, tie it with red velvet ribbons and present it to our loved ones. Then they could possess everything their hearts desired.

But would that guarantee them happiness? For sure, man does not live by bread alone. Something within him reaches out beyond the fleeting pleasure to things of the spirit. Never is this brought home more than on Christmas Eve when a sense of awe fills our being. Strains of Silent Night, whether carolled, softly played on an organ or merely hummed, never fail to bring goose bumps. The old, but ever-new magic begins all over again.

Love is an often overworked and misused word, but at Christmas it seems to ring true. Love may be wrapping gifts into the wee hours, sewing the last stitches on doll clothes, or assembling a train. It may be a deep yearning to give health to those who possess all the other

gifts: charm, talent and friendships; a wish for peace for the troubled.

Love can be merely taking the time for quietly contemplating a burning candle and seeing in it something of the eternal flame of Love Unlimited. A Love which gave Jesus Christ, our Savior, to people everywhere, from those in ice-locked lands to those in torrid zones, and in between, to the people of our own little corner of the world.

check it out...

Christmas Eve will mark a particularly joyful occasion for the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove. After nine months in temporary chapel quarters, the Sisters will return for the first time to their newly renovated chapel to celebrate Midnight Mass and the liturgical service that precedes it at 11:30 p.m. The chapel has undergone extensive interior changes in physical arrangement and furnishings that are complemented with a new pipe organ.

Guests are invited to join the Sisters for this initial celebration in the new chapel. Access to the chapel is now available through an entrance at the left of the convent lobby.

Dedication and blessing of the renovated facility have been set for early spring when Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will officiate.

Dr. Karl M. Koons Jr., a general surgeon on the staff of St. Francis Hospital Center, has been elected president of the Center's medical staff for the coming new year. He succeeds Dr. Robert J. Madden.

Dr. Koons, a graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine, has been a member of the hospital's staff since 1967.

A Christmas Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in the chapel of Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at noon. Fr. Francis Allen of St. Louis de Montfort parish, Fishers, Ind., will be the celebrant. The public is invited to participate in the liturgy.

The fifth annual "Christmas Lights at Heritage Court" will be held at Holy Trinity Heritage Court, 300 E. Market St., New Albany. The event is planned by the liturgy committee of St. Mary parish, New Albany, and involves nine churches and the Interfaith Community Council. The service includes prayers, readings and music.

Participating churches include St. Mary's, Second Baptist, St. Paul's Episcopal, First Baptist, Central Christian, St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Bethel AME, Centenary United Methodist, St. John United Presbyterian and the Interfaith Community Council, all in the New Albany area.



United Way

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Members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Eppich were together on Nov. 29 to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of the Eppichs. A nephew, Father Karl Miltz, officiated at a Mass of Thanksgiving at their home for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Eppich, members of St. Monica parish, Indianapolis, are the parents of three children. There are also five grandchildren.

Two new members have been appointed to the archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. Serving three year terms are Mrs. Pat Kelley and Victor Soergel. Also, Fathers Robert Mazzola and Albert Ajamie were reappointed.

Cathedral High School student Anthony R. Zappia will leave in January for Washington, D.C. where he will serve as a page at the Capitol. A junior, Zappia is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Zappia. He is going to Washington under sponsorship of the 11th District.

Two courses of special interest to clergy and laity will be taught by Third World scholars at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, this spring. Father Theo Mathias of India will teach "The Church and the State" and "Theology of Liberation," with two other scholars.

Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 18. CTS is an ecumenically oriented graduate school related to the Disciples of Christ Church.



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This issue closes out the year 1981 for The Criterion. There will be no paper the last Friday of the year (Dec. 25). Our next issue to reach you will be dated Jan. 1. Advertising is filled for that date. News copy must be in our office by Thursday, Dec. 24.

Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule Week of December 20

SUNDAY, December 20—Parish visitation, St. Anthony parish, Clarksville. Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon with reception following.

MONDAY, December 21—Christmas visitation, St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove. Mass at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, December 24—Christmas midnight Mass, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis.

TUESDAY, December 29—Admission to Candidacy of Archdiocesan seminarians. Mass at 5:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis.

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Penance services continue this week

Indianapolis area parishes are continuing communal penance services for the Advent season during this week. Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of the services at the parish of their choice. At each location several priests will be available for private confession.

Parishes and the scheduled services for the next two weeks include the following:

- Little Flower—Friday, Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Trinity—Sunday, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony—Sunday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
- St. Simon—Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Spirit—Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Matthew—Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Monica—Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Christopher—Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Philip Neri—Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.

St. John parish has scheduled confessions for Saturday, Dec. 19 at the following times: 11-11:45 a.m., 3-4:30 p.m., and 5-5:25 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 21, Tuesday, Dec. 22, and Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 10-11 a.m., 11:30-12 noon, and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 24 at 10-11 a.m., 11:30 to 12 noon, and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Penance services will also be held by four neighboring parishes elsewhere in the diocese this weekend. St. John, Osgood, has a service set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. Immaculate Conception, Millhouses, will hold its service at 4 p.m. the same day. That will be followed by St. Maurice at Napoleon at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 22, St. Maurice, Decatur county, will conduct a penance service.

LIVING ADVENT

Shortest day of the year precedes Christ event

Advent stands at edge of season of great promise

by DAVID GIBSON

Looking outside any evening now about 5 p.m., it is easy to realize that the days are growing shorter. It doesn't seem long ago that, on hot summer evenings, we watched the sun go down between 8:30 and 9.

Now things are different. We're racing toward the shortest day of the year. This year that day is Dec. 21, only a few days before Christmas.

For the church, this time of year is Advent—the season just before Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting and of expectation. It is a time to get ready for the coming of Jesus.

This is when the church in its official prayers reads frequently what the prophet named Isaiah had to say long ago. Isaiah spoke about the one to come, one who would be a just ruler. The prophet painted word pictures of deserts turning into orchards, of a time when people would not hunger or thirst.

In lyrical words of anticipation he wrote: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation."

The natural symbolism offered by the world at this time of year fits Advent and Christmas well. As a season of hope, Advent stands at the very edge of a new season in the church which is filled with great promise. So, as the days wind toward their dimmest point in the year, it

is natural to begin waiting with some excitement for something new to come, something to brighten up the darkness.

When Christmas does arrive, the days will have just begun to grow longer. We hardly realize it when we're exchanging gifts and getting together with relatives and friends. The fact is that the days lengthen slowly. We won't get to the longest day of the year until next June.

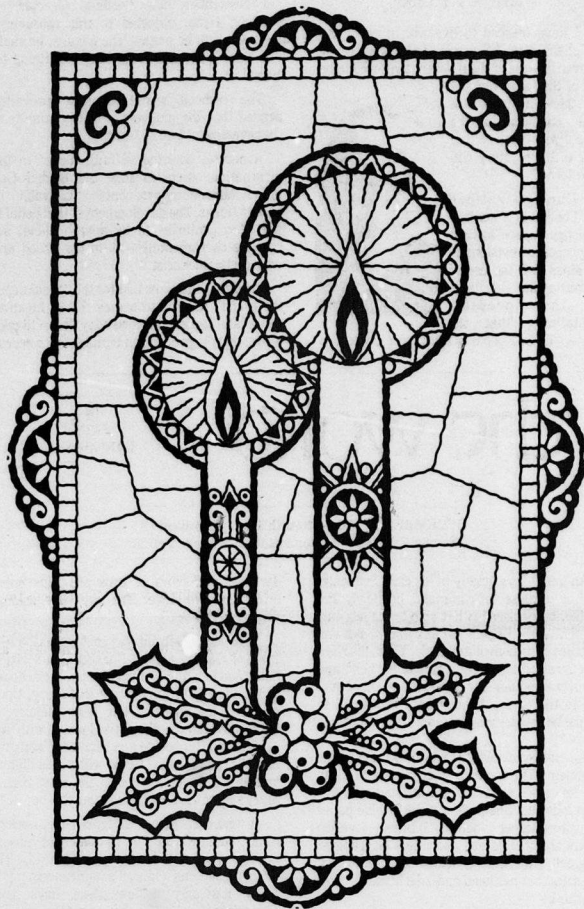
But astronomers have known for many centuries when the shortest day of the year is. And it is no coincidence that Christmas is positioned when it is—just at a time when the sun once again begins to rise in the sky.

It is commonly held among scholars that in the ancient church, when a date for celebrating the birth of Jesus was sought, Dec. 25 was chosen because of its association with the renewing brightness of the sun.

In pagan times, this was when the sun god was worshiped. But in Christian times, it would become a time for celebrating another kind of bright light—the bright light of the Lord.

Perhaps you would like to light a candle at dinnertime this evening, as Advent winds toward its conclusion. Lower the other lights somewhat. Then recall in simple words for your family members, your children, your friends—whomever—the meaning of the coming of Jesus at Christmas: The one who lights a way through the darkness.

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Process of threshing grain requires great human effort

by Fr. DAVID K. O'ROURKE, OP

Encircling old Jerusalem like a modern fortress is a massive ring of apartments and condominiums. But beyond this ring of steel and stone the traveler quickly comes upon the

Arab villages that have been here for hundreds of years. Frequently they are set on the hilltops, on the stone outcroppings, that wind and rain have exposed and left unusable for farming.

On the lower slopes, and in the valleys where the rain waters gather, are the olive groves, the figs, the grapes, the fruit and the grain so basic to the local agriculture and economy.

The grain is grown in small fields or on the terraces around the olive trees. It is harvested by hand, cut by sickles close to the top of the stalk. The remaining straw will be cut later. The grain is taken to the threshing floor.

Near every village in this rocky country, often on a slight slope just below the clustered stone houses, are the natural, white stone floors that are used for threshing. The rock that has formed these hills is frequently just below the surface, and, where exposed, it polishes easily to a smooth finish.

Erosion and human industry have prepared many a good threshing floor in these villages.

Grain is threshed with considerable human effort. I want to describe this process. I will

explain why later on.

On the threshing floor the heads of wheat, still attached to their stalks, are flailed. A flail, put simply, is a wood and leather whip—a short stout club attached to the longer handle by a leather strap. Used on a man it could render him senseless with one blow.

On the threshing floor the heads of wheat are beaten and pounded with flails until the single grains break loose from the stalks. The mixture is then all thrown in the air, the heavy grain falling down, the breezes carrying the light straw off to the side.

To take the outer hulls off the grains, they are trodden by the hooves of animals, or sledges with rocks set into their bottoms are dragged over the grains, grinding the hulls off. Again, the grain which is separated from the useless outer hull is thrown in the air, the grain falling down and the light hulls or chaff being blown to the side. The chaff is then gathered to be burned.

Why do I mention this in such detail? Because John the Baptist used this image to describe the messiah. Think for a moment how this would have sounded to people who knew the work so well. "He will cut you down like

wheat, and beat you with flails, and grind you under a sledge, and separate you, the good from the bad like wheat from straw, and when he has finished he will purify the threshing floor with fire so that no bit of chaff goes unburned."

Talk about scaring the wits out of people! Even the toughest preachers never came up with an image like that one.

Yet, for all its strength and power, it was the wrong one. Jesus came preaching, and what he said was so different from what John the Baptist expected, so much more tolerant, that John sent messengers to Jesus to ask him, "Are you he-who-is-to-come, or are we to look for someone else?"

I suspect that, like John the Baptist, we too have our partly mistaken ideas of who Jesus is and what he should do. We have our own ideas of the way things should be, the way God should run the world, and we create our own idea of Jesus to fit those images.

We do well to prepare for Jesus' birth by having the Lord, as he truly is, take the place of the Jesus who is the product of our imaginations.

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Of an only son through a humble maid

His gift of love has shown the way
To give back LOVE on Christmas day.

Mary Baker

Indianapolis

THE QUESTION BOX

Will mystery ever return?

by Msgr. R. T. BOSLER

Q I have learned to live with most of the changes in the church, but I shall never get over the loss of the mystery that used to be part of the Latin Mass. I hear there are to be still more changes in the Mass. Any hope that some of the mystery will be restored?

A During Vatican Council II a number of bishops spoke against the proposed revisions in the Mass and the use of the vernacular (language of the people), proclaiming that the mystery of the Eucharist must be respected.



I remember how Cardinal Gracias of Bombay, India, objected to this reasoning, declaring it to be pagan. The pagans, he said, hide their gods and everything pertaining to them.

The bishops whose thinking prevailed argued that the uniqueness of Christianity is the revealing of God in Jesus.

A central doctrine of faith, belief in the incarnation, declares that the hidden God made himself approachable, knowable in human terms. The development of that belief is that God continues to be approachable, accessible sacramentally—as in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

The first Christians met for the "breaking of the bread" in private homes. Three hundred years later the simple ceremony began to take on the trappings of pagan temples when recent

converts from paganism felt the need to express their Christian faith in the only way they knew how to be religious.

Subsequent civilizations and cultures left their mark on the Mass. The age of feudalism and the period of absolute monarchy introduced liturgical features and attitudes toward worship that demanded the changes voted for by the bishops in Vatican Council II.

I can appreciate how you feel. We older Catholics do miss something we thought mighty important, but we must keep in mind that the church is building for the future.

This was brought home to me recently by a father who described the attitude of his young sons. A very old priest who was a relative offered Mass for the family one Sunday morning in the old Latin rite, which as an elderly priest he was entitled to do. Not satisfied that this was a real Mass, the youngsters insisted on attending another Mass to fulfill their obligation.

Q If the Holy Spirit saw fit to inspire the evangelists to put the story of the Last Supper in the context of a Seder or Passover meal, why shouldn't Christians celebrate the Seder also? If the inspired Gospels have Jesus changing the Seder into a new Christian rite, why is it wrong for us to do the same?

A The Mass is the Christian Seder. That is why the church is stressing again that the Eucharist is a sacred, sacrificial meal.

In a Seder, Jewish people relive the saving action by which God saved their ancestors from Egyptian slavery and created them his people. They try to experience the continuing saving action of God in their own lives and look forward to the day when God will restore peace and unity to the human family.

In a very real sense, the Mass is our Seder, in which we relive the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, try to experience his living with us as Savior and look forward to his second coming when he will complete the kingdom of heaven with the elevation of men and women to the life of the Resurrection. This is expressed in the acclamation: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

(Msgr. Bosler welcomes questions from readers. Those of general interest will be answered here. Write to him at: 600 North Alabama, Indianapolis, IN 46204.)

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THE WORD

by
PAUL
KARNOWSKIDECEMBER 20, 1981 — Fourth Sunday in Advent (B)
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

An infant lays quietly in his crib. Suddenly, as if by some secret command, he slowly and deliberately raises his left arm to his left ear. His miniature fingers explore the nooks and crannies of its convoluted form. Then, his right arm is raised to the right side of his head and discovers another ear, identical in shape and feel to the other. Although not expressed in words, he wonders in his infant-way, "How can this be?"

An eight-year-old girl sits at a table in the basement. The moment of truth has arrived. The test tubes are filled, the instructions have been followed. She pulls a piece of blue paper from a container labeled, "Litmus." Ever so slowly she inserts one end into Test Tube A. Magically, the blue is transformed into red. She scratches her head and asks herself, "How can this be?"

The twenty-fifth anniversary party is over and all the guests have gone home. A man and a woman lay in their bed snuggled together—each presuming the other is asleep. But in the

darkness two pairs of eyes are wide open, brimming with love. The eyes are asking, "How can this be?"

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving, the angel said to her, 'Rejoice, O highly favored daughter, the Lord is with you . . . You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be . . . ?'"

A writer sits before his typewriter, working on a column for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Scattered thoughts run through his head, "The gospel concerns Gabriel's announcement to Mary—it's only a few short days until Christmas . . ." His fingers take to the keyboard and he types several words on the blank piece of paper, "God becomes man—How can this be?"

DECEMBER 27, 1981 — Feast of the Holy Family (B)
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

JMJ. It was my introduction to the world of Catholic abbreviation. Later I would learn the meanings of BVM, OSB, OFM, and SJ, but for now I listened attentively as my teacher explained why we were to place these three letters on the top of our homework and test pages.

"We write MJM on the top of each page to remind us of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We ask for their help in our work, and we pray that our families may be more like theirs."

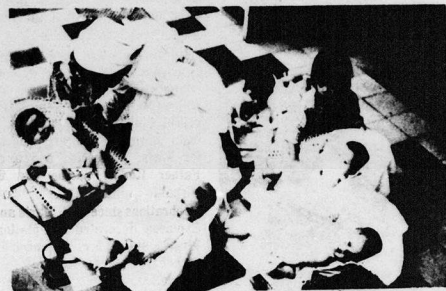
That sounded like a reasonable explanation at the time. But several hundred MJMs later, it dawned on me that I knew very little about the Holy Family. Did Jesus play baseball after he finished his homework? Did he always do everything his parents told him? How about Joseph and Mary? Did they ever argue? I had a thousand questions that I didn't dare ask. I wanted details but I never received any.

When I grew older I found out why. "The gospels," my scripture professor explained, "are not biographical accounts of the life of Jesus. They are proclamations of the good news: by rising from the dead Christ triumphed

phered over evil and death once and for all." He went on to explain that the gospel writers did not place as much emphasis on biographical detail as we do. "Hence," he added, "we know remarkably little about Christ's childhood or his family life."

But what do we know? We know from passages such as today's gospel that Joseph and Mary were devout Jews. They "presented" their son to God, in keeping with the Law of Moses. Luke tells us that the family returned to Galilee and "the child grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." There are a few other passages, but they offer us little more information.

How, then, do we emulate a family about whom we know very little? Perhaps we should take our cue from the gospel writers; instead of bogging ourselves down in the bottomless mire of our family biographies, we should broaden our vision to see the Resurrection at work in our relationships; try to view our encounters with evil, sickness, and conflict as battles already won. MJM, I'm sure, would approve.



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HISPANIC FESTIVAL—Traditional devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated by the local Hispanic community Sunday at St. Mary's Church. Above, the Virgin's platform is carried in procession by (left to right) Juan Diego Espinosa, Loreto Sanchez, Fernando Gamez and Pedro Gamez. At left with Father Mauro Rodas at the offertory is Eduardo Ontiveros who represented Juan Diego. Some 350 persons from throughout the archdiocese gathered for Mass, procession and a chili lunch. Father Rodas, pastor and director of Hispanic ministry, has planned these celebrations since 1983. Maria and Feliciano Espinosa decorated the platform for the Virgin's statue. Mrs. Espinosa also lent her embroidered family picture, as a reproduction of the painting imprinted on Juan Diego's garment so long ago. Dr. Russell Gunderson, a parishioner, prepared chili for over 200 diners. (Photos by Ruth Ann Hanley.)

Hispanics celebrate Mary and Joseph's search for shelter

Every year, for nine consecutive nights culminating Christmas Eve, Hispanics throughout the Southwest re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

According to Auxiliary Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of San Antonio, in some neighborhoods a live donkey carries a young woman representing Mary while a neighborhood lad plays Joseph. In other places, statues representing the young couple are carried from place to place.

The ritual, following a traditional script, takes the form of a sung dialogue, Bishop Ramirez explained.

In the Hispanic re-enactment, Mary and Joseph knock on a door and ask for shelter. Refused entrance, they move on to another house. After being turned away from three or four houses, Mary and Joseph finally find welcome and shelter at a home or even in a parish hall.

At this point, the bishop continued, all involved take part in a fiesta featuring a pinata filled with candy, fruit and nuts and, sometimes, with coins. Then, during the festivities, blindfolded children, hit at the pinata with sticks until it breaks open.

According to the bishop, the tradition of the

pinata is an ancient one. Its roots reach back to the days when the Aztec Indians used to present jars filled with jewels to their idols. Later, when the missionaries were working among the Indians, the pinata was adapted to Christian purposes.

Bishop Ramirez was ordained a bishop this year on Dec. 6 during a celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Antonio. He explained that Hispanic people have a long tradition of honoring Mary, the Mother of God, who "points the way to Jesus" in the infancy narratives.

As Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary is the Queen of Evangelization in Mexico, the one who brought Christ to the New World. Presently, the 450th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe is being celebrated.

According to the tradition, in 1531 Mary appeared to a poor Indian, Juan Diego, in Mexico City, Mexico. She commissioned him to go to the Spanish bishop and ask him to build a church in her honor. As proof of her identity, she left her image on a mantle worn by Juan Diego. In the image, Mary appears as an Indian maiden.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the "Queen of Mexico and the Empress of All the Americas."

Our Catholic faith links us with all God's people

by ANTOINETTE BOSCO

Recently I was reminded what a privilege it is to be a Roman Catholic—to have a heritage which transcends the centuries. The occasion was a Vespers service I attended with my daughter, Margaret, at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

That Sunday we had walked over the bridge of the River Seine to the tiny isle where Notre Dame stands. Joining the congregation in the singing and chanting, and knowing that the construction of this beautiful building began more than 800 years ago, I felt in touch with a past firmly linked to the present and the future.

I kept remembering a line written by Cardinal John Henry Newman, "I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection among persons."

I first heard of Notre Dame of Paris when I was in fifth grade in Albany, N.Y. My family lived in the parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

In a religion class at the parish school, my teacher, Sister St. Joseph, told us how fortunate we were to be in a cathedral parish. She promised to take us on a special visit to the cathedral so that we could learn to appreciate its beauty.

Sister St. Joseph told us the cathedral had been built in the 1850s by parishioners. Men would finish their daily jobs and then work into

the night on the church. It was modeled on the beautiful Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

This cathedral in Paris is where Napoleon was crowned emperor, where kings gave thanks to God after war victories, and where Joan of Arc once prayed.

Finally, my class went on that promised visit to the parish cathedral. From then until I started college, I went to Mass every morning.

Because the cathedral was also the bishop's church, I was able to experience the richest liturgies available to the faithful. Often the late Bishop Edmund Gibbons of Albany celebrated the Mass on a side altar for the handful of early morning worshippers, mainly older women.

For high Masses, the cathedral's choir director would play the organ and sing in his wonderfully rich voice. He often played a bit of Bach after Mass. The choir director taught me to sing Gregorian chant and also communicated his own deep love of it to me.

At Notre Dame in Paris, memories of the past came back to me when the organist played Bach after Vespers ended. Once again I heard the beautiful cadences of Gregorian chant and raised my voice with people who were strangers to me except for the great gift we have in common, our Catholic faith.

I felt more than ever that our Catholic faith is our link, as Cardinal Newman had said, with God and all his people.

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To the new parents experiencing their first Christmas as parents; who wonder if children ever begin to sleep more than two or three hours at a time (they do) and if they are ever again so helpless and dependent and soft (they aren't).

To the young parents who lead Scouts and coach baseball and attend piano recitals; who serve tirelessly on school boards and parish councils and community organizations because community is not a dry word in sociology books, but the place where families grow.

To the parents in the middle who support their aging parents through surgery and hospital stays and their growing teens through auto wrecks from which (thank God!) they walked away; who support everyone with so little support themselves.

To the mature parents who have raised their children, who provided faithfully year after year until the task was complete; who did less than they hoped to do for their children; who did better than they give themselves credit for; who face retirement, wondering if it will prove a blessing or a curse.

To the single parents—the newly widowed, the newly divorced—who view Christmas with apprehension and even dread.

To the grandparents who often find themselves overlooked in a fast-paced, noisy world; who would like to move more slowly and more quietly than the world allows.

To the great-aunts, the bachelor uncles, the honorary grandparents; to all relatives and honorary relatives who expand us beyond the narrow confines of our own walls.

To the young adults, the grown kids spending their first Christmas away from home.

To the college kids coming home for Christmas for the first time who wonder if mom's cooking is as good as they remember (it is) and if she will outdo herself again this year (she will).

To the teens, the kids for whom Christmas means shopping malls and designer jeans; who can never have enough for themselves, yet whose fondest memories linger over the gifts they give to others.

To the children who can't wait for Christmas; who turn every event into a tradition (we always have chocolate-covered pretzels on Christmas Eve!); who fear the trees will be sold out before Thanksgiving; who with unsurpassed ingenuity stretch allowances to cover buying presents for everyone.

To the very young, whose most important need is to discover that the world is an OK place and who have no better time for that discovery than Christmas time.

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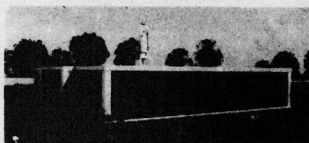
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There's still time to watch and listen to the Living Singing Christmas Tree of more than 100 youngsters at St. Louis Church, Batesville. Youngsters from St. Louis School, grades 4-8, will adorn a 35-foot "tree" and carol to the newborn Babe at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Other groups scheduled are: 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, Cardinal Singers of St. Louis, and on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6:40 p.m. four groups including the St. Louis Adult Choir, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders from St. Louis School, Barbershop singers from Greensburg, and closing at 8 p.m., the Batesville High School Swing Choir.

The "tree" is constructed of a wooden pyramid frame with five tiers of platforms. At the top is a 15-foot live pine tree with a three foot star. More than 1,000 colored lights are strung around the "tree."

Jean Struewing and Lou Voegele originated the tree in 1972 and it was continued for seven years. It now has been brought back after a two-year absence.

In early December volunteers were out checking the framework and replacing parts, replacing lights, gathering pine boughs and testing the sound tract. Meanwhile the children rehearsed their carols for opening night, Dec. 13.

The originators had a special reason for bringing back the Living Singing Christmas Tree this year. They see the display as a "bolstering of the holiday spirit." They are hoping it will bring "some relief from the worrisome burden of high prices and added expenses to our budgets. In the true spirit of Christmas past, the sight of those innocent, joyfully-singing children will draw us all toward the religious meaning of Christmas."

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

How will Christmas end for us?

by Fr. RICHARD P. McBRIEN

We all think we know what the first Christmas was like, but what about the last Christmas? Not last Christmas. The last Christmas. And not just ours, but the world's.

The world, like all good things, will come to an end. On some day, in some month, during some year.

Will it end, in T. S. Eliot's words, with a bang or with a whimper?

Will it be populated by then with roving hordes of brutalized and brutalizing men and women?

Will the earth have been torn and stripped, rendered barren by bombs and barbarisms of every sort?

Will the word "hope" have vanished, if not from the languages of the world, then certainly from the hearts of its inhabitants?

Will fear have replaced joy; apathy, love; selfishness, kindness; meanness, mercy?

Will anyone even remember or care about Christmases past, with their songs and celebrations, much less about that first Christmas in Bethlehem?

It's easier, of course, to contemplate Bethlehem than Armageddon, but the former makes no sense without the latter, just as Christmas makes no sense without the Second Coming.

THE GREAT ENEMY of Christian faith is not heresy. Nor apostasy. Nor even persecution. It is indifference.

The late Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois, once remarked: "Perhaps the chief effect of the organized church was to inoculate the great mass of Western mankind with such a mild dose of Christianity as to make them immune to the real thing."

When Christmas is only the story of the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, or is simply a grand occasion for gift-giving and merry-making and good feelings, the world has surely missed the point of it all.

There was a first Christmas, but there will also be a last. The world will come to an end, and Christians have some responsibility for how it comes to its end, for the direction it takes between now and then.

The Scriptures are filled with warnings about the matter. We are constantly urged to be watchful and ready, for we know not the day or the hour (Luke 12:35-40; Matthew 25:1-13).

Even so, the Kingdom of God will come not as an act of divine retribution, but of divine mercy (Matthew 18:23-35). Indeed, God's redemptive activity on our behalf has already begun (Mark 1:15).

In the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus insists that God shows special favor toward the poor, the oppressed, the despised, the persecuted (Matthew 5:1-12). In fact, entrance into the Kingdom will be determined by our response to the neighbor in need (Matthew 25:31-46).

THE DOORS OF THE Kingdom are open to all, from East and West, but some—even those



"The Nativity" by Lorenzo Lotto

in the Church—will be found unworthy and will be cast into the exterior darkness (Matthew 8:11-23; Luke 13:24-28).

What will be decisive, therefore, is not our membership in the organization which officially celebrates the first Christmas, but our response to the Lord's call to conversion on our way to the last Christmas (Matthew 21:43; Mark 12:1-9).

To be converted is to seek first the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:25-33), and that, in turn, means doing the will of God (6:9-13).

And doing the will of God involves discipleship (Luke 9:57-60), and this requires, among other demands, a renunciation of earthly goods (Mark 10:24-27).

Jesus warns us: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich

man to enter the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24).

For some of us, the richer we are, the happier the Christmas. That's not consistent with the spirit of the first Christmas. We all know that instinctively.

But it's even less consistent with the spirit of the last Christmas, ours and the world's alike.

Remember what happened last year?

by JAMES BREIG

You are almost sorry you asked when you hear the responses. Think back a year to last Christmas. What is your memory of what happened?

An Illinois woman: "I felt harried, tired, in a state of perpetual motion."

A Maryland man: "Overwhelming commercialization and an air of compulsion or peer pressure to conform to the commercial aspect."

A California resident: "It was a psychological letdown."

A woman from Ohio: "It was disgusting to see trimmings in the stores before Halloween."

A Connecticut mother: "A fiasco."

A grandmother from Iowa: "The shopping frenzy and commercial pitch made me feel depressed."

A man from California: "Christmas Eve was desecrated by an office party."

A New York woman: "All I could say was, 'Thank God it's over.'"

It's enough to make you want to skip Christmas this year and move on to Lincoln's

Birthday. The hustle and bustle of yuletide, the commercialization of Christmas, the frenzy of the season must have reached a peak when the slogan "Put Christ back into Christmas" was created—and then slapped up on billboards by outdoor advertising companies. Even the anticommercial movement had been commercialized.

Can it be far off when we will hear someone chortle, "This is a ho-ho-holy time of year?"

That's been the Christmas curse in America for decades now, each year emphasizing the secular holiday over the religious holy day. It's a curse Easter has managed, for the most part, to sidestep. The Easter Bunny never developed the following Santa has; eggs do not enjoy the sales trees do; Easter songs can be counted on the ears of a rabbit while the tunes of mistletoe, missing front teeth, reindeer with rhinitis, and melting snowmen cannot be contained in one record cabinet. And, kids, the purpose of Christmas, saith the TV is to mark the birth of a new G.I. Joe doll.

About the only plus Christmas has left is that people still remember the good old days

when dad chopped down the fir tree and mom strung popcorn ropes. These people forget that, at about the same time, Coke ads featured St. Nick savoring a bottle of frosty cola.

DESPITE all the public grousing about the commercialization of Christmas, there is an underground movement going on. There are subversives afoot who manage to balance it all out. They shrug off the department stores, take over the songs, hold onto traditions, and wind up with a Christmas worth remembering. Better yet, they celebrate a Christmas worth repeating.

How do they do it? Their methods are not secret nor difficult to imitate. The basis for all their activity seems to be the ability to ignore all the tinsel and decorations strung on telephone poles and plastic crib displays in hardware store windows, and to look toward their own families. Rather than let the season overwhelm them, they cut it down to size: the size of their families.

At first this inversion may seem antithetical to Christmas, allegedly the feast of joy and good cheer and wassailing and merry gentlemen.

In fact, their methods are in perfect harmony with the season. These people recognize that joy is not in a bottle of Scotch; that good cheer is not pinching the girl from accounting; that wassailing need not go on until 3 a.m.; and that merry gentlemen and ladies are made so not by running up the Master Charge, but by realizing what Christmas is all about and expressing it in simple ways.

A WISCONSIN doctor, for example, purchases her gifts "all year long whenever one suitable is found for the person involved. I also like to make some of my gifts." The gifts she seeks in return, she continues, do not have to come in packages tied up with string. Among her Christmas joys are "family get-togethers and the antics of young nephews and nieces."

To prepare for Christmas and remind herself of the spiritual dimension of the feast, a Cleveland woman continues a tradition she learned from a grade-school teacher years ago. "She had us put a piece of straw into a wooden cradle every time we did a good deed for someone. It's become a habit for me."

Others still prepare homemade Advent wreaths and Jesse trees, not only to remind them of Christmas, but also to spur family prayer. A West Chicago mother and her ten-year-old daughter focus on an Advent calendar. "Every day she opens a door and we always say a small prayer."

Another custom derives from Eastern Europe and involves the family in a Eucharist-like celebration at home. "Our family gets together on Christmas Eve," one woman explains. "A thin wafer is passed to all. After the blessing and in order of age, we wish everyone health, wealth, and happiness and a specific wish for the new year."

ANOTHER Polish tradition, she continues, "is singing carols before opening the gifts. Each chooses a carol and the whole group joins in. This is a favorite of mine because of the faces of the family; they look so happy and radiant. It is as if we sing our prayers to God as a family."

This focus on the family does not mean these people maintain the meaning of Christmas by shunning everyone else. In fact, reaching out, especially to those in need, is a major part of many families' observance of the holy day.

One New York couple, for example, decided to give as gifts to their relatives "shares" in an overseas foster child. Along with a picture of the child from Bangladesh, they gave a letter explaining their desire to spend their Christmas money "not on something that would end up in a dresser drawer or broken in January, but on someone whose happiness would be the direct result of our effort."



"At Christmastime," notes a California man, "we give two-fold by giving to more missions for the needy, sick, and helpless people and the poor on Indian reservations."

TO A WEST COAST woman, Christmas Day includes inviting "some poor or lonely person for dinner."

What motivates all this—the initial decision to do something to fight back against commercialization, the effort to plan family events, the reaching out to others—is the deep-felt belief that the reason for celebrating Christmas is not custom or habit or the urge to hop on the holiday bandwagon, but the desire to recall the miraculous moment when God became human.

"The reflections on the season and its atmosphere," remarks one woman, "naturally arouse in one a sense that God is always near us and ready to help. The delightful reality of Christmas is that all life is a precious gift."

For many people, babies play a special role at Christmas. They recall with affection children born around the holiday and how that event made the celebration of the Incarnation all the more meaningful.

"The year my son was born on December 23," a Missouri mother remembers, "I came home with a new baby on Christmas Eve. What better way to feel the happiness Mary and Joseph must have felt? It was the best Christmas ever."

A CHICAGO woman explains the connection between the Christchild and children: "Most people can relate better to the idea of a baby being born. The cross and Resurrection we can only visualize."

For others, the infant Jesus is symbolic of their duty to "become like little children." "I focus on the creche at church during the Christmas season," an East Coast woman reveals, "and try to understand how I am to become like a child."

These people are saying they can overcome the frenzy and frustrations of Christmas. They can beat the system; they can give children memories as fond as their own. They can conquer commercialization, not by frontal assault, but simply by turning their backs to it.

Christmas can become once more a season chock full of religious meaning, like Kris Kringle's sack bulging with promised delights.

The method, as a California man puts it, is to "keep it simple even though society wants it the other way." That could include reviving ethnic traditions (or stealing them—you don't have to be Slovak to use their breaking-of-the-bread ceremony), or praying at an Advent wreath or calendar or Jesse tree, or making gifts, or including the needy in your activities, or reaching out to the lonely.

The motivation is the realization that Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and therefore our observance, a West Coast mother notes, should be like the Incarnation: "Always happening, always new, always wonderful always memorable."

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Do you know the history of our holiday traditions?

Millions of Americans celebrate Christmas each year, but the history and origins of many holiday traditions have been lost in the haze of commercialization. This quiz will test your knowledge of unusual facts about the history of Christmas. It was prepared at Catholic University of America.

- The custom of having a Christmas tree originated:
 - in America when the first settlers were trying to clear certain areas of land on which to build their new homes.
 - in Germany, on the left bank of the upper Rhine River.
 - with Martin Luther during the Reformation.
- Christ was actually born:
 - on Dec. 25.
 - somewhere around midnight on the



- night between Dec. 24 and 25, but since nobody knows the precise time of his birth, it was decided to celebrate it on the 25th because there was already another holiday celebrated on the 24th.
 - nobody knows for sure when Christ was born.
- The character of Santa Claus as part of the modern celebration of Christmas originated:
 - one year in Sweden, when a rotund, bearded, jolly-looking father of three children decided to dress up in a bright red costume, in order to live up his family's festivities.
 - with the Feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated in Holland and other Scandinavian countries on Dec. 6.
 - in the last 100 years, as Christmas became increasingly commercialized, and retail store managers wanted a gimmick to draw more attention to their wares.
- How old were Joseph and Mary when Jesus was born?
 - Historical records prove that Mary was 18 and Joseph was 32.
 - They were both about the same age, between 25 and 30 years old.
 - Nobody knows for sure.
- The modern tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas time dates back to:
 - the Feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated on Dec. 6.
 - when the three Kings, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar came to see the Christ child, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
 - the pagan custom of exchanging gifts at the end of the year.
 - all of the above.
- Christmas has always been celebrated on Dec. 25.
 - True
 - False
- The custom of eating ham with Christmas dinner originated:
 - Because pigs were the source of protein most easily raised under European geographical and climatic conditions.
 - because of the pig's economic

- significance in previous centuries.
 - All of the above
- The earliest record of a feast celebrating the birth of Jesus is:
 - in Rome, the first year immediately following Christ's death.
 - in Germany, 96 years after Christ's death.
 - in Egypt, early in the 3rd Century, where it was celebrated on May 20.
- Which one of the following saints is not associated with Christmas?
 - St. Cecilia
 - The Holy Innocents
 - St. Ann
- What great pagan feast was celebrated around the same time that we celebrate Christmas today?
 - The Dionesian Festival
 - The feast of the winter solstice
 - The feast of the autumnal equinox

Answers

- (b) In Germany, on the left bank of the upper Rhine River. In Medieval Germany, religious dramas, called mystery plays, were presented in the town hall. A popular theme was the biblical story of creation. The Christmas tree started out as the Tree of Life in Paradise, but when mystery plays were eventually suppressed, the tree was moved into the private home as a symbol of the coming Saviour, and decorated with apples and communion wafers.
- (e) Nobody knows for sure when Christ was born. Western Christians celebrate Christ's birthdate on Dec. 25, and eastern

Christians celebrate it on Jan. 6. The exact year of Christ's birth is not even known, but it is generally thought to be between 7 and 4 B.C.

3. (b) with the Feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated in Holland and other Scandinavian countries on Dec. 6. Tradition has it that St. Nicholas gave gifts to the poor, specifically in the form of money to poor girls who would have been prevented from marrying for lack of a dowry.

4. (c) Nobody knows for sure. Nonetheless, Mary has often been portrayed as being quite young and Joseph as being considerably older than she.

5. (d) All of the above. See answer to number 3 for more information about the Feast of St. Nicholas.

6. (b) False. Christmas has been celebrated at times in the past on all of the following days: Dec. 25, Dec. 26, May 20 and March 28.

7. (c) All of the above.

8. (c) In Egypt, early in the 3rd Century, according to the Rev. Robert Kress, a theology professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.

9. (a) St. Cecilia. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music. The Holy Innocents were all of the babies that were killed by Herod's decree after Jesus was born. St. Ann was the mother of Christ's mother, Mary.

10. (b) The feast of the winter solstice. This was an ancient celebration of the continuing and renewed strength of the sun, as the days began to grow longer. Some opinion has it that Christians chose to celebrate Christmas in late December in order to compete with the pagan feast.



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Christmas is a time to be happy and ...

It's time to be happy. Time to celebrate Jesus and God for what they have done for us and our country. And time to think of other people than you.

There are other things to be happy about on Christmas.

There are many things to make on Christmas.

It's time to remember people that are in hospitals and nursing home.

A time to give and not to take.

Time to remember people in your family that have died. Caring for others. Hoping other people that are sick can be well. Remember others that have died.

Sing to old people that are in the hospitals and nursing homes.

And be caring and loving. And be sharing.

Erik Moran
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An old-fashioned holiday means more

I think Christmas would have more meaning and be more enjoyable if it weren't so modern. If we had surroundings which suggested the simplicity of Christ, it would be much easier to think of him. Everyone knows Jesus could have come as a great king in an elaborate palace, but he chose to be born in a cold stable.

The Christmas tree is a good example. Most Christmas trees were live, but they are gradually being replaced by artificial ones. Instead of electric lights, tinsel, and tin ornaments, wouldn't it be better to have popcorn strings and homemade ornaments?

Now let's take a look at the gifts around the tree. Are any of these made at home with loving care? No, most of these are store

bought. Electronic games, remote controlled cars, and talking dolls are rather complicated. They don't suggest Christ at all. Besides, everyone treasures homemade gifts because they come from a person's hands and hearts, not machines.

Finally, there are the house decorations. They usually aren't homemade, either. Outside we have electric lights. We might see a wreath on the door. Is it live? No, it is probably artificial.

Therefore, the old fashioned Christmas with its sincere items would be more meaningful to me.

Diana Bischof
Category B

New Albany

A letter to Santa expresses thanks

Dear Santa,

This is not a letter of request, but a letter of thanks. For as long as I can remember, your unconditional giving and love has filled my home with awe and warmth. Even the youngest of children can perceive your love as you recreate Frosty the snowman after he has melted, convince Rudolph that he is needed to guide your sleigh because he is different, or consume countless amounts of cookies, milk and oranges that are lovingly set out for you by tiny hands.

As we grow older, the magic of Frosty may fade, but the magic of the unexpected and visionary outcome of our hopes still lingers. This magic is not only generated by the ex-

pensive present that miraculously finds its way under my tree. However, this magic is more often generated by the family member that was too far away to return home for "just a day" who appears at my door. The greatest magic of all is expressed through your cheer and giving. Young and old people alike become aware of the needs of others and attempt to fill them.

Santa, this Christmas while you're rummaging through your bag for that perfect gift, make sure you include a giving spirit and a stocking stuffed with God's love and blessing.

Becky Brooks
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Cathedral High School

Indianapolis

Memories of Christmas reveal wonder and hope in all the experiences of living

Christmas to me: memories, wonder and hope.

... It is the Christmas of 1944 in Germany. My mother was escaping with her two small children from the Russian take-over of East Prussia. She had been saving a precious candle to light it on Christmas. This small flame was so special—a ray of warmth and hope in the midst of hunger, coldness, homelessness—a feeling of security in the love of my parents and the love of God whose Son was homeless too.

... It is the Christmas of 1947 when the Christchild was going to bring me a special present no one else received—a baby brother.

... Standing at a dark window with my Dad, trying to catch a glimpse of this marvellous happening.

... It is the Christmas when as a teenager I walked with my family to Mass—in the darkness of the night, full of questions about the meaning of it all.

... It is the first Christmas as a married woman, being so happy that I want everybody to share in my happiness—because this love certainly must have its roots in God's love for His people.

... It is when our first son eyed with awe and wonder the lights on the Christmas tree,

wanting to grab them, explore them. Will he always be that eager to grab Your Light, explore it, wanting to be filled with it, shine with it? Thank you, God, for letting me experience the miracle of his birth and the birth of your Son.

... It is the years of exploring with my children why God wants to share Himself in His Son with us, with all people—of discovering how to share His life in us with others.

... It is the first Christmas as a widow, wondering and asking "Why, Why, Why?" God, did you ever ask yourself, "Why?" Why can't my people see my love, my concern—that

my Son is alive among them?

... It is the slow realization that birth and life are joy and happiness, questions and doubts, vulnerability and suffering—change growth and knowledge that something new is always being created in us. And through the birth of His Son God became one of us, experiencing everything we do, except sin.

And Christmas is hope that I will grow to better show His life in me, that others may see Him come more alive in me.

A. Dietgard Walker
Adult Category

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Sr. Mary Kay Greenawalt, OSB
Columbus, Category E

Second place winners

Can Jesus be a part of everyone's life?

Christmas is one of the most important seasons in the church year. It is the time when Christians all over the world celebrate the birth of Jesus. On that day 1,981 years ago Mary and Joseph were so very happy. They had waited so long for Him and had traveled so far from their home. I wish the world could be as happy as Mary and Joseph were at that time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Jesus could be part of everyone's life?

Times were much like our own. There was

high taxes, and many people had very little to eat. They all had to travel to the city where they were born to be counted and many people had no place to sleep. Mary and Joseph could find no place to stay and that is why they were in the stable with the animals. Both of them were very happy after Jesus came.

Jim Kane
Category B

North Vernon

A Christmas revelation offers the gift of love

I think everyone knows the real meaning of Christmas is the celebration of Christ's birth. Even though we sometimes get lost on the way to that celebration by all the commercialization of Christmas. We sometimes neglect that it was a birth that was shared by us and was for us, even though we are unworthy.

I suspect that many of us at some time in our life have had to spend a Christmas away from our families. Those of us who have remember the emptiness and loneliness all too well. The only Christmas I spent away from my family was in 1971.

I had been in the Marines only about six months and I could get leave for New Year, but not for Christmas. I remember when I called home that Christmas Day I talked to my mother first and she told me my Dad wouldn't open up any of his presents. I couldn't understand this because my Dad always enjoyed Christmas and exchanging gifts as much as a small child. My Dad was the one who would sneak around the Christmas tree and shake his presents and try to figure out what was in them. So, I was sort of in shock that he hadn't opened his presents yet. After talking to my mother I started talking to my Dad and I asked

him why he hadn't opened his presents yet and I'll never forget what he told me. He said, "It's not Christmas unless you're here."

For the first time in quite awhile I realized how much he really loved me because if he couldn't share Christmas with his entire family, then he'd wait till his entire family was together. Then he would share Christmas with them. When I came home for New Year we shared Christmas together as a family. I don't remember what everyone else received that Christmas, but the gift I received was that I knew I was loved.

It has now been eight Christmases since my Dad died and every one of them I think about the Christmas of 1971. I think of how loved he made me feel. I think of how important it is to be with one another as a family and to share with one another as a family.

I would like only two things this Christmas. One is that my Dad enjoy Christmas in the Kingdom. And two, that I can pass on to my three children the sense of being loved and needed.

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Christmas sorrows turn to thanksgiving

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At home the family is busy. So many things need to be done. The house needs cleaning because brothers, sisters, and other relatives will be reuniting once again for the joyous celebration of Jesus's birthday. Christmas decorations along with the freshly chopped Christmas tree need to be displayed. Little sis is making those yummy cut-out cookies, mom is sending out the many Christmas cards, and I will have the honor of setting up the crib set which has been passed on to us from our great grandfather.

In this house Christmas will not be the same as in previous years, yet things will go on as if nothing ever happened, although, in each of our hearts his memory always remains. On Christmas morning everyone will be sitting around that oh so beautiful tree. The thought of him will grow more intense as we start distributing the gifts which Ma and Pa Santa left the night before because he is not there to receive one. Gradually tears will come to some eyes because he will not be there for the first time in 22 years to celebrate Christmas with the family. He is my brother, Charles. Charles

passed away this past summer after a two year battle with cancer. Yet, this year the family will be more thankful for the birth of Jesus Christ. The tears of sorrow will turn into prayers of thankfulness because we know that through the birth of Jesus and His death, that salvation for all is achieved. I believe Charles now shares eternity with Christ and knowing this is the greatest gift I could ever receive this Christmas.

Suzanne Hardebeck
Category C
Cathedral High School

Indianapolis

A time of love is joyful

Christmas is a time of love. But what Christmas means to me is joy. You should give instead of taking. That is what Christmas is all about. Jesus was born on December 25th and God finally had a son. At first I thought God did not want a baby son. But I guess I'm wrong. God is great and good. And like his son. But the best thing about Christmas is the pretty ornaments. They are so pretty and the Christmas tree lights up so pretty. And the stockings are big and also filled with candy. Good by.

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Who is Santa Claus?

On Christmas Eve 1980, I served at the children's Mass at St. Mark's Church. After the children brought up all their gifts and communion was served, bells began to ring in the back of the church. It was Santa Claus bringing a special message to the children. They were all very happy to see him, especially my brother, Tony. It was Tony's second Christmas, and he understood who Santa Claus was. He knew that Santa Claus usually rings bells when he arrives. Now every time we go to church and bells ring at communion, Tony asks "Where is Santa Claus?" He does not understand why Santa Claus can't come to church every Sunday.

Chuck Jones
Category A
St. Mark's School

Indianapolis

Third place winners

Going home for the holidays to see most of the family

Christmas is a holiday filled with joy, fun and eating. This is the time of the year that everyone goes back home from college to their families. Our family goes home to New Jersey for Christmas. Three-fourths of my relatives live there and we all get together. Most of us that live away usually try to go home.

But even though some of our relatives can't make it, Christmas is still special. We decorate the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve, we make cookies, we do the necessary shopping for presents, but most of all we are all together. We only get to see them one, two, or perhaps three times a year. This makes it kind of extra

special. This year will be more fun because there are more people in our family now. All the marriages and new babies have added up. Another plus is my grandmother. She is 81 years old, energetic and very caring and loving. This is my reason for the special joy of Christmas.

Colleen Cassell
Category C
Cathedral High School

Indianapolis

Read all about it!

On a cold December night our king was born. Star gazers looked at the heavens for predictions about this. Shepherds saw a star, and angels were singing in the sky. Three great kings brought presents and gifts of gold to Jesus. Jesus and the animals gave homes and love to each other. So we have carried on the tradition by giving presents to our loved ones. It's not just the presents, but the love that counts in Christmas. But not all of Jesus' story is joyous, it is sad too. You should get a book about Christmas, and try to read it. Try your library.

Trevor C. Miller
Category B

North Vernon

When the shepherds came to see Jesus there was joy

When the shepherds came to see You, Jesus,
Did You fill their hearts with joy?
And did You open the eyes
Of the little blind shepherd boy?

How happy he must have been—
Had he ever seen before?
And did he come up close to You
Or stay over near the door?

How he must have loved You—
Did he tell You about the sheep—?
Did he sing some little songs for You—
And did You fall asleep?

How he must have tiptoed out
Did You know he was going away?
Did he tell You he would come again
And visit with You another day?

And did he tell You, Jesus,
He wanted so much to stay?

And did you say, "Come,
Heaven is filled with such?"

I am sure he wanted to stay
Right there alone with Thee,
Because You loved him, didn't You?
Say, Jesus, do you love me?

I am sure You do, dear Jesus,
Or I never would be here.
Help me to serve You always
With a heart of love—not fear.

And when my time comes, Jesus,
Let me tiptoe just as he,
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A new star burns within humankind—one that will not be extinguished easily

Through the winter they traveled, impatient with the slow camels, wet and cold, wondering if the star they followed would prove a dream, a conjurer's trick, or the accuracy of their own star-study and readings. Daylight blew in skepticism, incredulity, and shifting sand, their hopes barren as the plateaus they crossed. But when night brought the star blazing in the sky, their hopes rose.

To Jerusalem they journeyed, knowing it the home of Jewish kings and prophets. Tired,

but thankful for a long journey's end, they obtained an audience with a cunningly foolish king. "Ah," they said, rubbing their hands disconsolately, "we've come to the wrong city. Another trick. To Bethlehem then. Is there any place to stay there?" They set off, wondering if they were on a fool's errand, bearing gifts for a king who did not exist.

The star appeared again, magically, mysteriously, and they, near frantic now, urged their weary camels forward. The star led

them, making them forget tired limbs and drooping eyelids.

Walking the unpretentious streets of Bethlehem that night they asked: Is this the city of David? Could this be the home of a king?

The star lit their way through the unfamiliar streets. They hurried after it, half-running, stumbling, pulling the whining camels behind them. Reaching the door they paused, out of breath. Looking at one another they realized what ridiculous figures they cut. They adjusted

himations and tunics, trying to be dignified.

Tense, skeptical, observant, they entered, the door creaking shut behind them. A woman was rocking a sleeping baby. They stepped forward.

"Is this—?" one began

"We thought—", the second one tried to explain.

The woman stared at them with eyes profound and loving.

The third man, renowned as a scholar in his own country, said nothing, but, overcome by a terrible beauty and an overwhelming love that made the whole world and everything in it and all his learning and all his years of study insignificant, fell to his knees before the child. The other two glanced at one another and then slowly, carefully, knelt down before the child.

They did not know how long they knelt there. Finally they presented their gifts, knowing they were trifles compared to the gift they had received. The next morning they headed east without the star. They did not need it now. A new star burned within them, shedding a light that would never be extinguished.

John D. Tarbox
Adult Category

Indianapolis

Christmas is love

Christmas to me is love. For some people it is receiving gifts, eating, drinking, and laughing. It's love to me because I have a lot to love in this world: my parents, brothers and sisters, and friends.

There is an old saying which goes, "I'll be home for Christmas." But that's not always true for some people. For example, my brother is in the U.S. Navy. He's on a ship in the Middle East and will not be home until March or April. It's hard for me to get used to this because when you have loved to spend Christmas with your whole family for such a long time, it's hard to let go of one.

I'm lucky to have such a wonderful family, because others have no family, no one to love but God, and no one who loves them but God. So I try to love them no matter what the circumstances are.

That's why Christmas to me is love.

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I like to play Silent Night'

It is like this around my house. We all give gifts. But there is something else about it. We all sit around before Christmas and pop popcorn and we get to pick our gifts and this year I am saving my money to buy somebody else a gift. Because they always give me a gift. And I love them. But most of all I like playing Silent Night on the organ at Christmas. I also like Christmas because it's a time for giving and being thankful for what you got for Christmas. And I like being with my family.

Joel Richard Miller
Category A
St. Joseph School

Corydon

Give a hundred presents

If I was Santa Claus, I would give a hundred presents to all the honest kids that tell the truth about not opening any presents till Christmas morning.

My dreams of what I will get on Christmas: I wish I can have a car and driver's license and an island all of my very own and a hundred story house and two puppies and two kittens and one hamster.

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Naturally, some are sad and we would rather forget—but life is a mixture of both sad and happy memories. We should be grateful for the good times and bless those around us with cheer.

The feeling I have on Christmas Eve is like no other time in the entire year—that is what makes it so special. Some people may think there is too much commercialism, too many gifts, too much tinsel, causing us to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Not me! I love it—from the Santa with the cotton beard to the

trinkets on the tree. I have hope for people who can set aside the worries, the bills, and maybe juggle a payment or two to buy a last minute gift. I have hope for a world that participates in the friendly pushing and shoving that no Christmas would be complete without. I have hope for a universe that attempts a Christmas truce in wartime.

We are not losing sight of the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of the Christchild—because His coming is the very cause of our miraculous craziness. I am sure He is delighted by our frenzy over His birthday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS—MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

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Scripture scholar muses on the Christmas event

(Sulpician Father Raymond E. Brown, noted Scripture scholar, shares his theological insights about Christmas in the following interview.)

For many people in America today, Christmas is the liturgical and emotional high point of the religious year. Is this something that should be built upon?

Why not use the Christmas story to preach the Gospel?

How?

The infancy narratives (those portions of the Gospel of Matthew and Luke which relate the story of the infancy and childhood of Jesus) are so dramatic that people remember them while they forget the rest of the Gospel story. So why not make Christmas the occasion to stress the connection between the infancy narratives and the essentials of the Gospel?

Matthew's narrative is a rather simple story: Before they have lived together Joseph is told that Mary is pregnant and he is going to divorce her. The angel says, "No, this child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and he's going to save his people. This is predicted by Isaiah." Then the Magi come from afar to see the newborn king and they have to ask Herod where the child's birthplace is—even though they have the star to guide them. Herod, using the same information, tries to kill the child but the child is taken off to Egypt.

It's a very simple story but has good dramatic interest: a wicked king, a persecution, a hair-breadth escape.

If you look behind the story, you see some of the essential motifs of the Gospel. First of all, the hero in the whole thing is Joseph, who silently but patiently does what God tells him. He is the instrument of saving Jesus; thus he enables Jesus ultimately to save his people. Joseph represents the Jew who is obedient to the law and yet finds in Jesus God's fulfillment of the law.

The story also has the revelation that this is God's Son, the Savior. Then there are the reactions of people: the Magi, whom Matthew describes as Gentiles, since they come from the East and they don't know the Scriptures. The strange thing is that in Matthew the Gentiles, who don't know Scriptures, somehow are more open to God's plan. Yet, Jew that he is, Matthew says the Magi cannot really find Jesus without the Scriptures. So they have to consult those who have the Scriptures: Herod and the scribes. The tragedy is that Herod and the others who have the Scriptures reject Jesus and try to kill him.

In other words, Matthew's infancy narrative is a passion narrative: The scribes are there and Herod is there and they are plotting against Jesus. And in the end, God takes Jesus away and then later brings him back to foil his enemies.

You can read the same things in the Gospel story but the infancy narrative is in succinct form. It anticipates the Gospel story. I think this is the key to the narrative. Matthew says what we say about every great figure: Look, the traits which make him significant were there even in childhood.

But won't it be "baby Jesus" every Christmas?

If I can get people to see the mystery of the cross in the attempt to kill Jesus as a child and to see the mystery of the resurrection in God protecting that child and bringing him back to accomplish his purpose, then that's not so bad, is it?

I really have no objection if the priest turns to the crib set and says, "Notice how this symbol brings up the same things as the rest of the Gospel." By putting the shepherds from Luke's Gospel, who are Jews, with the Gentile Magi from Matthew's Gospel, the crib scene



NATIVITY SCULPTURE—Visitors to Rome can view this traditional art work by Francesco da Pietrasanta year-round at St. Mary Major Basilica. But many Roman churches dress up for the Christmas season with nativity scenes complete with moving figures, waterfalls, sound and light shows and star-studded skies. (NC Photo)

catches the truth that this is a Gospel for Jew and Gentile alike.

Is that why Matthew and Luke wrote infancy narratives?

I think so. In other words, how do you evaluate Jesus? It's not enough to begin evaluating him with the Baptism. Already God's plan was at work before the Baptism. It was at work at the time he was conceived. But the narratives are also a bridge with the Old Testament.

How?

The writers of Matthew and Luke have a sense that you don't start the story of Jesus without knowing the story of Israel. Both infancy narratives are capsules of the Old Testament.

For Luke's narrative, read the story of Abraham and Sarah where the angel says Sarah is going to have a child. Sarah says, "How can this be?" And God says, "Nothing is impossible for God." It's roughly what Luke says.

Or take the Old Testament story of baby Moses and the stories about Jesus. The Old Testament story is simple: the Pharaoh wants to control the Jewish population so he says, "Let's kill all the Jewish male children." But the mother and sisters hide this one baby.

In Jesus' time this story had been built up. Moses' father Amram has a dream in which an angel says to him, "Your wife is going to have a child and that child is going to save his people." Then the Pharaoh is advised by his wise men, "There is a marvelous child going to be born to the Jews who will save them and you had better kill him." Because he wants to kill the child, not because of the Jewish population, the Pharaoh says, "Let's kill all the children up to two years of age." So Amram says, "We had better not have this child because he'll be killed." Then Moses' sister, Miriam (which is the same name as Mary), has a dream and says, "No, Amram, because this child is going to be spared."

This Moses story was being told in Jesus' time and it is the background for the kind of story Matthew now tells about Jesus.

Then what you are saying is that Jesus' birth didn't happen exactly the way it is written?

Well, it wasn't that simple. The narratives are, after all, a popular way of describing basic truth. What they try to say is that right from Our Lord's birth there were already signs of his

greatness and of his identity as God's Son and Savior.

Then is it a good idea to have crib sets in the home?

Of course. Crib sets are a continuation of what the evangelists began. They began to popularize the story of Jesus' birth in a way that caught people's imagination. We've continued in that manner with our crib sets, with Amahl and the Night Visitors, and all those elaborations. They all dramatize the meaning of Christmas. To my mind, perhaps our greatest wealth is not sheer history but some of our ways of representing history.

What difference does it make if Jesus had brothers and sisters?

It's not a New Testament issue; it's a later issue. The New Testament does not present Mary as a model for celibate life. She had obviously chosen to be married. The virgin conception has to do with Jesus; it doesn't really have to do with Mary's choice of life. It's later on in church tradition that Mary as a model of virginity choice comes in. That model appears most clearly in the fourth century, because then celibacy becomes a formal pattern of Christian life.

In the fourth century you get the monastic movement in which men and women choose to give up their lives in the world. It becomes their chief form of sanctity. Then Mary the virgin-ever-virgin becomes the chief model for women.

What does this do to our image of Mary?

I maintain that in modern Scripture study not only is Mary not downgraded, but if anything her real value in the Christian picture is strongly emphasized, particularly by Luke. She is really the first Christian. She is the first one who heard the Word of God regarding Jesus and said, "Be it done unto me according to your word."

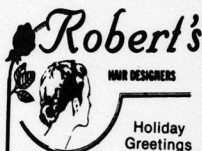
Would the miracle of God becoming human be any less if he had two human parents instead of just one? Or should anyone even raise that question?

I think it's very important that people understand that in Catholic faith Jesus was God's Son from all eternity. In a certain sense, he is God's Son no matter how he was conceived.

On the other hand, I don't underestimate the fact that the virgin conception has been a

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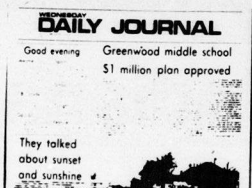
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marvelous tool to get people to see that Jesus was God's Son from the beginning.

I also believe from a combination of church teaching with the evidence of the New Testament that factually Jesus really did not have a human father. He was virginally conceived. The significance of that fact is precisely that Jesus is God's Son.

Is it possible historically that Jesus had brothers and sisters?

This goes beyond the question of whether Jesus was born of a virgin. It involves the question: did Mary remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus? It is not stated in the Scriptures that she did remain a virgin; nor, on the other hand, is it clear from the Scriptures that those who are called the "brothers" and "sisters" of Jesus were children of Mary. It is from church tradition that we learn of Mary's continued virginity, and thus the church has clarified something that was not clear from the Scriptures. Now that doesn't mean that Matthew or Mark knew that these were not biological brothers and sisters of Jesus. Matthew, after all, was writing perhaps 50 years after Jesus' time. He may never have encountered any of Jesus' family or have had precise knowledge of the family relationships. He may have assumed that these were biological brothers and sisters of Jesus, instead of more distant relatives, as we know from church teaching.

If Joseph isn't really Jesus' father, why did Matthew go through the genealogy and end up with Joseph?

The identity of the mother of a child is more obvious than who is the father. In Jewish law, if the father takes the child and puts him in his lap and says, "This is my son," then that's his

son. It's acknowledgement of the child that makes a person the father. That is the whole point of the story following the genealogy. It says very carefully that Joseph took the child and named him Jesus. That is what constitutes Joseph the father.

I think many people would find it easier to identify with the Holy Family if Jesus had a human father.

I don't think either of the evangelists was presenting Mary and Joseph as a model for family life. I think that is a modern usage. I can't really deal with that from the viewpoint of the evangelists. One evangelist, Matthew, tells you all about Joseph and nothing about Mary, other than that she gave birth to the child. The other evangelist, Luke, tells you all about Mary and nothing about Joseph. It would be extraordinary if either one intended to present the family as a model of ordinary life between husband and wife.

In the same way, any suggestion from the doctrine of virgin conception that Mary would have been defiled if she had natural union with her husband is bad doctrine and cannot be used. It was never the purpose of either evangelist to say that a natural conception was unworthy. Their message was one of total surprise at this creative action of God in the virgin conception which was a unique experience.

Did Jesus know he was God from the moment of his birth? Or did he gradually come to realize he was God?

I never say that Jesus gradually came to understand he was divine, and yet people think that is what scholars are saying.

Jesus was a Galilean Jew of the first third of

the first century for whom the term God referred to the father in heaven. Jesus' coming changed the meaning of God. We now know that God can be both up in heaven and on earth at the same time, that God can be both Father and Son.

There is an example in Mark's Gospel where somebody comes up to Jesus and says, "Good Master." And Jesus says, "Why do you call me good? Nobody is good but God alone." Now does that mean that he's saying he isn't God? It all depends on what you mean by God. Jesus is obviously not the Father in heaven.

There was no vocabulary in Judaism to say a human being on earth is God. Every term that existed—Messiah, Son of God, even God—had to be changed in order to meet the reality of Jesus. And I think that really is what happened in the New Testament. It's a very interesting reorientation of language to fit reality. That is where Christian theology begins: finding an adequate vocabulary to convey what the early Christians had seen.

But even as a child in the Temple, did Jesus know he was God?

I think that the Temple story is the same kind of story as the infancy narratives. The whole Gospel is only understood if you move backwards. The early Christians knew Jesus was God's Son through the resurrection. Then they began to ask, was he God's Son during the ministry? Yes, because at the Baptism God said, "This is my Son." Then you move from the Baptism to the Temple story, which is the first time Jesus speaks. You say, "Well, now was Jesus adopted? Did he become the Son of God?" The Temple story was originally told to inform people that even from the first time he

spoke, Jesus is already God's Son. Did he become God's Son then? No. He was conceived as God's Son. Did he become God's Son then? No. He preexisted as God's Son. Each answer is a deeper grasp of truth.

There has been a lot of press attention to two recent books debunking Jesus—a British book, "The Myth of God Incarnate," and the book by the German editor of Der Spiegel, Rudolph Augstein's "Jesus Son of Man." How does your book, "The Birth of the Messiah," compare to these?

My book is meant to be a scholarly rejection of this debunking tendency. My whole career has had the goal of showing people that it is possible to be scholarly and orthodox at the same time.

On the question of Jesus as God incarnate there are three general approaches. On the ultra-conservative side, there is orthodox theology combined with a deplorable lack of modern biblical scholarship. Fundamentalists claim correctly that Jesus is God incarnate but defend this by wrongly finding the doctrine on almost every page of the New Testament, as if there were no growth in Christian understanding. Liberals often have the scholarship to recognize a growth, knowing that only slowly did Christians come to understand pre-existence and incarnation. But then they dismiss such an understanding of Jesus as the creation of the church.

Most of us stand somewhere in between. I believe that Jesus truly was the incarnate Son of God, even if it took some Christians 50 years to recognize that. When the insight came, it was not a creation, but a discovery of truth.

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Christmas cribs got their start from Francis of Assisi

by LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM

The Christmas crib is a universal feature of the celebration of Christ's nativity.

In our town, the local Baptist church has live animals in its nativity scene, while other churches have nativity scenes inside near the altar or outside for passersby. Department stores have them in their windows and many homes have them under their trees.

What many people do not know is that this widely observed custom of Christmas cribs was started by St. Francis of Assisi.

Francis was only three years away from his death in the year 1223. He was ill, nearly blind and burdened with the affairs of his growing order. He decided to spend Christmas in the little Italian town of Greccio.

True to his love for the poverty of Christ, he thought it appropriate to have midnight Mass that year in a cave outside the town, surrounded by the animals mentioned in the gospel account of Christ's nativity.

He desired, in short, to create a living nativity scene.

No words I could write could capture the simplicity of that scene, so perhaps it would be better to simply quote his earliest biographer, Thomas of Celano. This Franciscan knew the friars who attended that midnight Mass with the saint. In describing the first nativity scene, Thomas writes:

"The joyful day came with great happiness. The friars came from their different places.

Neighborhood people prepared with joy, according to their capacity, bringing candles and torches to illumine the night that has been the light for the world through its star.

"Finally, the saint of God arrived and saw it and was glad. The manger was ready, hay was spread and the ox and ass led in. Thus simplicity was honored, poverty exalted, humility praised.

"Greccio was made a new Bethlehem. The night became as day to the joy of men and animals. The people were happy at this great mystery. The forest echoed with the voices of the congregation; the rocks cried out in jubilation. The friars sang their debt of praise to God and the night echoed with their hymns.

"The saint of God stood near the manger, overwhelmed with love and swelling with happiness . . . The gifts of the Almighty were distributed there as a holy man in the congregation saw a vision.

"He spied a child lying in the manger and he saw the saint go to the manger and rouse it from sleep.

"This vision was a fitting one, for the infant Jesus has been forgotten by a number of people, but through the merits of St. Francis he was brought back from sleep and the scene was etched in the memory of many. Finally the solemnities of the night were over and everyone joyfully returned home."

It was from this humble beginning that our tradition of the Christmas crib grew.

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A PIG NAMED DAVID—Students in St. Plus kindergarten enrichment class pencil, cut, and paint their own life-sized crib animals, even a pink pig named David the King. Pretending to be Mary and Joseph and the shepherds are (standing left to right): Toni Purichia, Chris Blethen, Kristen Tucker, Michael Vollmer and R. J. Kroot. Kneeling to feed the pig is Michael Nevitt.

'Every child believes in Santa Claus'

The sight of children laughing and playing fills my heart. They anticipate Christmas more and more with each day that passes. They live in a world of fantasy. They live in a world of Santa Claus and his little helpers. Then finally comes the night that Old St. Nick comes and visits. Setting a glass of milk and some cookies down for the snow white bearded man, the children hurry to bed and sleep peacefully, only to find the milk and cookies gone the next morning. Excitement fills their hearts. Running over to the joyously decorated tree, they find themselves in a mountain of gifts.

Thanking Santa, they open their presents finding just what they asked for. Every child lives this fantasy and every child outgrows it. A child becomes an adult, and an adult lives a new life. But if it weren't for these fantasies, we would have a bland world with no color to fill our lives as well as our hearts. Every child believes in Santa Claus, while deep inside so does every adult.

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On the feast of Stephen, we are reminded of death

by PAUL KARNOWSKI

Christmas is a time of wonderful scents and pleasant images: the warm, hearty aroma of roasted turkey; the sweet odor of still-warm chocolate fudge; the graceful madonnas and chubby cherubs who adorn our cards and trees; the brightly colored bulbs that illuminate the December night.

But the sights and scents of the season are only the surface of the festivity, pointing as they do to a celebration of the soul. Mankind's spirit rejoices because God walks among his creatures.

What an odd time of the year, then, to celebrate a death. Yet the church does exactly that Dec. 26. The aroma of roasted turkey dissipates in the winds of conflict; and the image of a graceful madonna is exchanged for a brutal picture of a man's execution.

The day after Christmas is the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr. Little is known about Stephen except what can be gleaned from the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

At first, his appearance in Scripture seems only incidental. Stephen is listed as one of the seven deacons appointed by the apostles to help with the daily distribution of food.

The appointment of the deacons was made in response to a complaint by one faction of the early church in Jerusalem. This group protested that their widows were being neglected. The apostles turned to seven men "of good reputation . . . full of the Spirit and of wisdom" to help alleviate the problem.

The text does not say how old Stephen was at

the time of the appointment, where he was born, or what he did for a living.

But one thing is certain. Stephen did not confine himself to the assigned task of food distribution for long.

Several short verses later in Scripture, he is found preaching the Gospel, working "great miracles and signs among the people." Apparently Stephen was a gifted orator—gifted enough to unsettle some people.

Called before the elders in Jerusalem, he is questioned about his teaching. False witnesses had testified that Stephen was preaching the destruction of the temple by Jesus, that he was making blasphemous statements against Moses and God. The high priest asks, "Is this so?"

Stephen responds eloquently. He proceeds to a long speech recounting the entire history of Israel. Along the way he emphasizes the rejection of Moses and the persecution of the prophets by stubborn people.

Finally, turning to his accusers, Stephen calls them "stiff-necked people." Just as prophets of old were persecuted, he declared, in their own times Jesus, the Righteous One, had been betrayed.

In a mad rush of indignation, Stephen is seized, taken out of the city and stoned to death.

It's an ugly scene in the midst of a festive season. But lest it be thought that Dec. 26 was chosen as the day for the feast of Stephen by some dour-faced, medieval Scrooge it should be noted that no one knows for certain why the day was selected.



More than likely, Dec. 26 was chosen because of a close association between Stephen and Jesus. Not only is Stephen the first to die for his faith, but his story resembles that of Jesus.

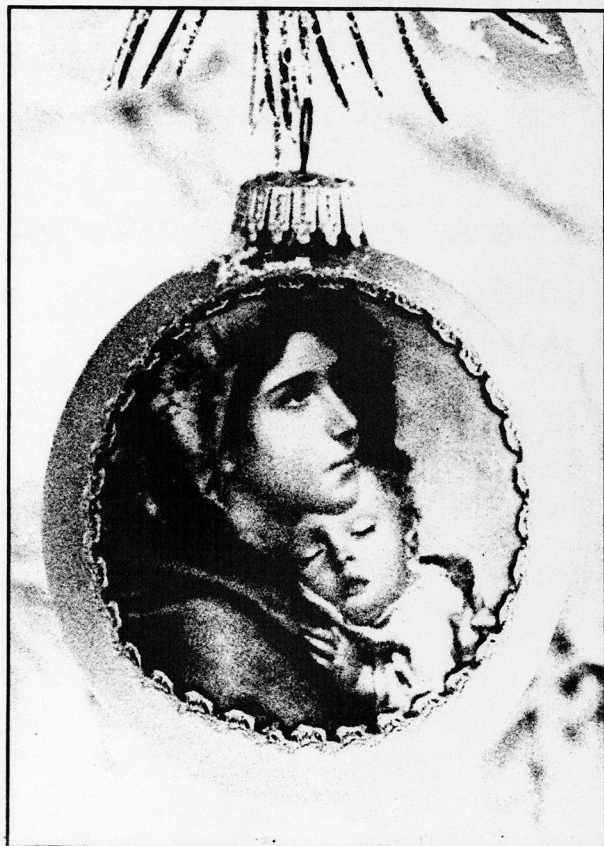
Both Jesus and Stephen are accused of blasphemy, both condemned, and both forgive their persecutors as they die. Consequently, Stephen was given a place of honor in the

calendar.

Regardless of the speculation, the feast of St. Stephen serves as a reminder of the death and suffering that await the infant king of Bethlehem. But the joy of Christmas is not diminished by a sober reminder of death.

The joy of Christmas knows that death will be overcome.

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St. John's nativity scene attracts scores of visitors

When visitors, especially little tots, visit St. John's Church in Downtown Indianapolis at Christmastime, they are quickly drawn to the impressive Nativity Scene.

The scene stands on a platform four feet above the floor in front of the church's Virgin Mary altar. It is 11 feet wide, nine feet deep and 18 feet high.

Beautifully detailed figures averaging two and one half feet include Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and animals, as well as the Christ Child. Set amid a straw-laden stable, they stand against a backdrop of intricately painted and lighted stage flats depicting Bethlehem, with the star shining overhead.

The scene is a sharp reminder to shoppers who stop in for Mass or a prayer of the deepest meaning of the holiday.

But what isn't visible to those who gaze at the crib is the long history and community wide effort involved in its presence in the church.

It was back in depression times—December, 1935—when the set was first installed by the Indianapolis Theatrical Company, which had constructed it of stage flats with concealed lighting. Cost: a not-insignificant \$325 for those economic hard times.

Each year after that, stage hands from the nearby Majestic Theater, located at Illinois and Maryland streets, took on the responsibility for erecting the entire platform and crib set and storing it at the end of the Christmas season. When the theater closed, these duties were assumed by St. John custodian Charles Whitsett, until he retired three years ago.

Now, Father William Stineman, present pastor at St. John's, recruits assistance each year from male members of the church's choir to erect the huge platform. When the platform is up, students from Marian College drama department come over from their north side campus and put up the scenery. Drama instructor David Edgecombe guides them, using it as an opportunity to instruct the



IN READINESS—Michael Crouse (onstage) receives the figure of a shepherd from parishioners Wallace Brining and Bud Koers, a member of St. John's choir, as pastor Father William Stineman

(at left) watches them prepare St. John's annual Christmas nativity scene. (Photo by Valerie Dillon)

students in making stage sets and creating realistic effects with paint and lighting.

The final step comes when the 11 heavy plaster statues are brought up from the parish basement and set in place on the stage. Parishioner Tom Lepper directs this job, being sure that the Christ Child isn't put into the crib until Christmas Midnight Mass, and the Magi do not appear until the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men symbolize the coming of non-Jewish believers from distant lands to

do homage to the newborn King.

"The scene, with shepherds, animals and astrologers surrounding the Holy Family, reminds us each year of the events surrounding the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem 1900 years ago," explains Father Stineman. For many in the Indianapolis area, their annual visit to the crib scene is not only a reminder but one of the most peaceful and pleasant rituals of the Christmas holiday.

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In the midst of a depression, one child remembers a magical time

by MARY ROSE BIRCHLER

One Christmas was engraved on my heart forever. The country was in the midst of the big depression but my parents helped our spirits soar. It was the first Christmas I remember. There were few toys but it was one of the best Christmases I ever had. We were a family of four children; my two older sisters, my baby sister, and me.

The Christmas of '32 I became the three year old mother of a beautiful soft rubber baby. She didn't drink or wet; she didn't have to do anything but be there. I loved her and she loved me. That was enough. She had a rosebud mouth, two pearly-white teeth and chubby dimpled knees. She was a symbol of meager times but a great symbol of love.

When I received my Sarah Sue, she came to me wearing only a blue flannel diaper and wrapped in a little blue blanket. Suddenly the package in front of me burst open with a complete wardrobe—pajamas, dresses, a coat, a hat, everything! Sarah Sue could go anywhere! I was too young to understand why Frances sat giggling, kid curls tossing, as I tried to figure out how my doll got a coat made of the same material as Dorothy's new green jumper. Guess she knew Momma had been busy sewing.

I ran across the cold floor to take the stocking down that I had hung the night before. There were nuts, fruit, and my second toy—a grey windup elephant complete with pink tongue. Daddy wound him up and he walked, trunk moving. I thought it the most marvelous toy ever imaginable. And we received ribbon candy, pep-

permint canes, French cremes, bonbons, and chocolate drops in little cardboard boxes decorated with Santas, angels and winter scenes.

WE THREE sisters busied ourselves seeing what each other had received. We all had new babies and wind-up toys, a Scottie dog, a monkey, and a

new stuffed toy and pink bunny blanket for little sister, Rita. We had more fun that day than almost any day I can remember.

Early Christmases of my life were times of opening presents slowly. Packages were felt, shook, sniffed, shaken, and when you gave up, opened. Moments like those were savored. There were times even if you were sure you knew what the gift was you wouldn't have said it aloud lest you guessed wrong and disappointed your parents. Children seemed to recognize parents and feelings, wants, and desires too, although they usually did not speak of them.

Several days before Christmas the tree ornaments were brought down from the attic. Dad selected the tree, frequently from our property. The afternoon before Christmas the tree was put in its stand, strung with lights and properly watered. Dad was a master at putting lights on the tree. While he was doing that, Mother was busy with Aunt Carrie baking cookies. We were busy telling secrets and wrapping presents.

THE TREE stood in the closed living room, blinds drawn, awaiting decorations from Santa that night. The decoration of the tree, was always a gift in itself. Where is the pink parasol this year? Where is the angel with long flowing hair, the violin, the bell that really rings? The tinsel made the tree shimmer like an ice capped mountain. The lights on the tree made the room

bright and put a sparkle in everyone's eyes. We enjoyed looking for a few new ornaments which we managed to acquire every year.

The year of '32 we had one less bell. I finished my breakfast early and went in the living room to "look, not touch" the Christmas tree ornaments. Well, I accidentally touched a bell and it bounced from branch to branch, popping loudly as it shattered on the floor. I hid behind the tree, certain no one would see me. It seems a bright blue dress showed through a green tree quite well.

I thought, "I'm going to get it this time," (but it was an accident). Aunt Carrie reached around the tree, scooped me up in her arms and said, "Accidents do happen." She carried me to the kitchen and said to mother, "It's all right, Catherine, Mary didn't get cut." She deposited me on a chair and proceeded to sweep up the mess. What a Christmas gift!

AS THE SUN set on that Christmas so many years ago, Momma sang, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," to my baby sister. After she was put to bed my older sisters and I, practically in unison, looked up from our coloring books and said, "Tell us the story of the Christ Child." And we would once again listen to, "Many, many years ago there was a man named Joseph and a woman named Mary. They were of the house of David and had been born in Bethlehem. They were told to journey from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Southern Judea, to the homeland of their fathers to be taxed by rule of Caesar Augustus.

"Joseph walked by Mary's side as she rode a donkey on a rough and narrow road. By the time they reached Bethlehem there was no room in the inn so they sought shelter in a stable. It was there that Mary gave



birth to a son and he was called Jesus. They wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

"A great light filled the sky and the message was sent across the heavens, 'Behold, I bring you good tidings of great

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When Christmas comes it should not be commercialized and pushed down our throats. We should accept it gladly and delight at the chance to show our love. The Christmas season is one of the few times everyone can show their feelings and love for others, without feeling out of place. At least that's the way I feel. Christmas should be done by everyone, at top rate, in all its awe and glory.

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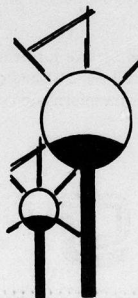
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The two little girls thought they weren't going to get anything for Christmas.

Later in that afternoon their next door neighbor came over and gave them a big and lovely Christmas tree. On the tree were some beautiful flowers. The flowers were big and looked very nice on the tree.

The afternoon on Christmas Eve, Patty and her sister Marty went next door. Their mother and father had five dollars so while the girls were next door their mother and father went to a dime store. They bought the girls all they could. They bought them some little match dolls and candy and tiny other things to play with.

On Christmas morning the girls opened all their presents. They were so happy you almost have never seen anybody so happy before in your life.

A couple of days after Christmas the presents from Kentucky finally showed up. They were sitting in the driveway. Patty and Marty sat in the driveway beside the presents and opened them right there. Patty and Marty threw the wrapping paper everywhere.

Most of the things they got were like table and chairs, baby dolls like their friends, long pretty dresses and much more.

Patty and Marty thought it was the best Christmas they ever had.

Even though my mom, Patty, and my aunt, Marty, only had a little bit on Christmas day my mom and aunt knew only the love counted.

They also knew their parents really had to work very, very hard to keep their family together and they did.

I know today my mom and aunt like presents but more than ever they love all the love that is in the family and the love that is still growing.

Love in the family is enough for my mom and aunt Marty.

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'For you this night was made'

Softly rest, child of my love,
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A warm glow starts deep in the heart

When I think about Christmas time approaching, I get a warm glow that starts deep in my heart and spreads each passing day. This is my favorite time of year because the whole world seems happy. Everywhere you look you see people smiling and saying, "Merry Christmas." Even strangers are nicer during this season.

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When I think of the spirit of giving, sharing, peace and good will, I always think of Jesus. He is the perfect example of these ideals. Because God loved us, He shared His greatest gift, His only Son, with us. So during the time of Jesus' birth, I always remember why He was sent, and I get a warm glow that starts deep in my heart.

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On Christmas night when stars are bright remember that Jesus is our guiding light.

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We still go to grandma's and I still look forward to seeing her. Now my Christmas has expanded from getting closer to her to getting closer to everyone I care about. Christmas is a day to enjoy the company of people that you love and being thankful for their company.

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Christy woke up. She now knew what Christmas was all about. She felt happier than ever before, about Christmas. And the angel was pleased.

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A time to give out presents

Christmas means that it is a time to give out presents. To have a get together. And go to church on Christmas night. We go to church because of Jesus who was born on that night. We go Christmas caroling. We go to nursing homes to sing. We light up our Christmas trees. And on our get togethers we see our relatives. Then while we are asleep, Santa Claus comes with all of the toys you want.

In the morning your mother hands out the presents that belong to you. It might be something you did not ask for. It may be a night gown or a toy you are not expecting. Like a watch—suppose you did not know how to tell time. What would you do? On Christmas night if you stay up long enough and listen you might hear Santa Claus. But when Christmas is over remember Jesus the man who was so nice. He died for us. Jesus was so kind, generous. He cared for short and tall, poor and rich. On Christmas when Jesus was born a bright star shone in the sky. Three wise men came. They brought gold and coins. He is love.

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'Old family rituals' require better memories each year

by DAVID GIBSON

Because of an old family ritual, our household gathers at the top of the stairs on Christmas morning. We line up—oldest first, youngest last—and proceed downstairs in that order.

Among our relatives, this Christmas ritual is variously regarded as charming, quaint, amusing—or a form of torture. Whatever, it gives little children something to ask about for days on end before the holiday: "Why do I have to be the last one in line?" "Why do we have to do it that way?"

None of us knows where the ritual came from. But it has the force of custom.

The first guideline for Christmas at our house, then, is simple: Keep some old family customs—even those, like this one, that mean parents have to get up as early as the kids do.

At our house, the old ritual means that, unless grandparents are visiting, I lead the parade on Christmas morning. Last year, as I entered our family room, my eyes focused on the wooden artist's table intended for my 7-year-old budding artist.

Atop the artist's table was a medium-sized stuffed dog with large floppy ears and a red tongue. Next to the dog were some games—Tiddly Winks was one. Then there was the perennial modeling clay, the dot-to-dot book, etc.

The total monetary value of everything on the table was perhaps \$30. But I knew that the artist's table Santa had left, if purchased in an ordinary department store by an ordinary parent, would cost at least \$40. My heart beat a little faster imagining our daughter's excitement upon seeing that table.

SUDDENLY OUR 7-year-old raced past me in the family lineup, sweeping the stuffed dog up in her arms. Her younger sister swept up another stuffed animal and the two girls quickly turned to deciding which stuffed animal was cuter and more cuddly.

But the poor artist's table! It sat there. Intermittently I said things to our 7-year-old like, "Did you notice this very interesting table over here?" Or, "Isn't this table something!"

But she kept playing with the stuffed animals, the dot-to-dot book, the modeling clay and her sister's new plastic tea set.

It was Christmas night before our daughter took a serious look at her table. It was June before she used it in earnest.

Well, you may be thinking: "Parents never learn." And you're nearly right. But after the artist's table, these two guidelines were formulated:

1. Don't be surprised if the most expensive gifts are not the gifts most highly valued on Christmas.
2. Remember, especially for little children,



FAMILY FUN—A family gets together around one of their new Christmas games. In David Gibson's view, a new game is one way of bringing his family together at Christmas and therefore, games always are included on the family shopping list. (NC Photo by Mimi Forrythe)

it's the little things that mean a lot that day.

NOW LET'S GET back to the Tiddly Winks that were among the toys on the artist's table. Remember?

You may find it strange that parents in their 30s would spend five minutes—let alone an hour or two—playing Tiddly Winks on Christmas. But it's surprising how much challenge Tiddly Winks pose for parents more than 20 years out of practice.

On Christmas, we set up a card table for games in our living room. It remains there about a week. For, as much as anything, the games of the holidays get us together as a family.

Now, clothes can make fine gifts—and perhaps necessary ones. But new clothes alone won't give you much to do on Christmas. At our house, the games of Christmas are taken so seriously they are the focus of another guideline:

Include games in Christmas shopping and planning. They add to the holiday. (In fact, consider giving a game to other families. You may add to their holiday too.)

By the end of the morning last Christmas, I was actually able to shoot some Tiddly Winks into the cup. But not enough to win against my 4-year-old who kept shooting them in, one right after the other.

HERE'S ANOTHER suggestion for Christmas: "Remember, this isn't Thanksgiving."

I'm talking now about those wonderful Christmas dinners that have a way of keeping the cook in the kitchen all day long. At our house we believe Christmas should be a day to simplify cooking.

Rest assured, no one goes away hungry from our house on Christmas. But the fare is simple. No gourmet dishes that take hours to prepare. It takes too much time away from the Tiddly Winks.

We have a Christmas guideline for opening gifts: Don't open the gifts too fast.

Actually, we open gifts slowly, distributing them so that only one gift is being opened at any moment. This allows time to see everything closely. It also helps children to appreciate the giver as much as the gift.

My children have two Uncle Jims who live far away. If gifts are opened too rapidly, the children don't know which Uncle Jim is which. That really is the point, after all.

This way of opening gifts was laid down in my family many years ago by my father. It is part of his legacy to us during the holidays.

Christmas for our family begins in earnest before dinner on Christmas Eve. That's when our parish has a special Mass for children in which we all participate. The children are supposed to bring a bell to ring at various points during the Mass and it's wonderful for them to get to do this.

Except that we never remember the bells. Each year we arrive in church on Christmas Eve only to remember them—amazed that we could have forgotten again.

So last year, after forgetting the children's bells the sixth year in a row, we decided it was time for one more Christmas guideline. It will probably be most effective if we manage to remember to tape it to the refrigerator door about a week before Christmas. It goes like this:

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It's hard to admit, but I really am a lot like Martha in the Bible. I sometimes miss time with Jesus, busying myself with household tasks. Since Advent is a time of preparing oneself to receive our Lord, I need time to talk to Him. Jesus, now is a very good time.

Jesus, I need to thank You for so many things—where should I start? Thank you, Lord,

for being my hiding place in a very troubled world. When my days are filled with sick children, mountains of laundry, and dirty dishes, thank you for giving me the encouragement to start a new day with hope. On days when friends fail me and the sun refuses to shine in my heart, thank you for sharing my burdens and understanding my disappointments. Most of all I thank you for friends, and family to support me along life's way. As I ready our home for the celebration of your birth, Lord, I want you to know that although there was no room in the Inn for you, there will always be room for You in my heart. Happy Birthday, Jesus.

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A German Christmas is alive and well in Milwaukee

by GREGG HOFFMANN

Dozens of people, many of them speaking as much German as English, make their way to the special German-language Mass at St. Michael's Parish in Milwaukee on Christmas.

When one thinks of American cities with a distinctive German heritage, Milwaukee is among the first to come to mind.

Customarily, the Christmas season begins there with the lighting of the city's official Christmas tree. Even then people expect to see some German folk dancing and to hear a bit of

singing in the German language.

Some German Advent customs also retain their force in parts of Milwaukee.

The children of St. Philip Neri School on the northwest side of Milwaukee, for example, still receive visits from St. Nicholas on Dec. 6.

"We have tried to retain many of the customs and the children seem to really enjoy them," said Sister Suzanne Zinda, principal at St. Philip Neri.

"The sisters here are from the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, which has its roots in Germany. So it only seems natural to retain some

of the customs."

The visit from St. Nicholas is a strong tradition of the German people. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, was a gift bringer.

"Our pastor, Father Nicholas Goebel, dresses up like St. Nicholas and visits all the classrooms. The children love it," said Sister Zinda.

In Germany and other middle European countries, the making of the Advent Wreath was a family project.

"We keep an Advent Wreath," said Helen Pelzer, who came from Germany to Milwaukee 22 years ago. "Our children are grown now, but we have continued the custom."

Mrs. Pelzer, along with many other people of German backgrounds, attends the special German-language Mass at St. Michael's on Christmas Day.

"Tradition is important at Christmas," she commented. "To worship in German at that time means a great deal to those who came from the old country."

The Christmas tree itself has German origins. Research proves that primitive man regarded trees as the hiding place of spirits and thus would hold ceremonies in their honor, placing gifts near their trunks and decorating their limbs.

As legend has it, St. Boniface, who was working among the Hessians, converted those pagans to Christianity in the eighth century

and adapted the customs of decorating the tree to Christian life.

Of course, the Christmas tree has become universal, but many Germans still follow the tradition of putting their tree up only on Christmas Eve.

"That is the German custom: never before Christmas Eve," said Sister Elizabeth Dingbaum of the Schoenstatt Sisters Center. "Then, the tree is put up and decorated, and the Christ child is placed in the crib of the manger scene."

"Carols are sung during the ceremony of placing the child in the crib. Singing is a big part of a truly German Christmas."

At the Schoenstatt Center, the sisters also follow the tradition of having the Blessed Mother visit each room of a home.

"A statue of the Blessed Mother is put in a different room each day before Christmas," Sister Dingbaum said. "In Germany, this is done in each room of private homes."

Of course, traditional German food, which abounds in Milwaukee restaurants all year around, is even more popular during the holidays.

"The German customs probably aren't as strong as they once were," Sister Dingbaum said. "But, many have been retained. The Midwest seems to be a little more tradition oriented than some other parts of the country, and you can see that in Milwaukee."

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'HOPE SPECIAL'—St. Mary School in Rushville proudly transports its students to special events in this bus, named for comedian Bob Hope, who donated \$250 for purchase of the vehicle. Principal Don Burkhardt wrote to Hope and other celebrities, seeking help in its purchase. (Photo by Valerie Dillon)

Make Christmas extra special by preparing unusual foods

by JENNIFER PETRONE
Illustrated by VIRGINIA POWELL

Merry Christmas, readers! I am Care-all Christmas back to talk to you for the last time (at least for this year!). December 25, Christmas Day, is finally upon us and I have just a few things left to talk with you about: Christmas and caring. I hope through these past weeks of Advent I have helped you to learn more about Christmas and prepare for it. If this has been the case, I'm sure you qualify for being a care-all, too, and I know you'll have a lovely Christmas filled with Jesus' joy and love.

One last thing that people usually do to prepare for Christmas is to bake Christmas cookies. As you can see from the artwork, I have made some cut-out cookies of my own by carefully using a knife to cut letters out of dough. You might enjoy doing this with your own mother if you haven't done so already.

Preparing special foods, such as Christmas cookies, is another way of celebrating an occasion and making it distinctly different from all other occasions. Special foods remind us in yet another way that what we are doing is different and important.

There is a special food which Christians partake of not only at Christmas. That special food is the Eucharist. A certain type of preparation is necessary to eat this sacred food, which nourishes not only our physical but our spiritual bodies. This preparation to receive the Eucharist is really much like the preparing we have been working on for all of Advent.

If each of us has tried to be the best person possible, our

hearts and souls will be fit resting places for Jesus. We will be worthy to receive him in the Eucharist and worthy to meet him when he comes again.

Christmas is finally here! May you enjoy it as much as I do, and may Jesus' peace, love and joy fill your heart in a very special way in this most holy season.

Essays win honorable mention

Every child (and every adult) believes in Santa Claus

The sight of children laughing and playing fills my heart. They anticipate Christmas more and more with each day that passes. They live in a world of fantasy. They live in a world of Santa Claus and his little helpers. Then finally comes the night that Old St. Nick comes and visits. Setting a glass of milk and some cookies down for the snow white bearded man,

the children hurry to bed and sleep peacefully, only to find the milk and cookies gone the next morning. Excitement fills their hearts. Running over to the joyously decorated tree, they find themselves in a mountain of gifts. Thanking Santa, they open their presents finding just what they asked for. Every child lives this fantasy and every child outgrows it. A child

becomes an adult, and an adult lives a new life. But if it weren't for these fantasies, we would have a bland world with no color to fill our lives as well as our hearts. Every child believes in Santa Claus, while deep inside so does every adult.

Harold Garcia
Category C
Cathedral High School
Indianapolis

Christmas isn't, Christmas is

Christmas isn't just... getting gifts, singing carols, seeing friends and family, playing in the snow, waiting for Santa, decorating Christmas trees, getting out of school, sledding down snow banks.

For these things we give thanks.

But Christmas really is... waiting for Jesus, going to Mass on Christmas Day, sharing, caring,

loving, celebrating the arrival of Jesus, rejoicing, joy, peace, happiness.

This is what Christmas is to me.

Mandy Witt
Category B
St. Mark School
Indianapolis

Do you know where it was?

Now on the first day of Christmas, everything was dark. Then a star gleamed out like the sun. Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem. You know you have a nice home. You have a stocking, candy and everything on Christmas. Think about Mary and Joseph. They didn't have candy, presents. Do you know where they stayed? A stable. Have a nice Christmas!

Stephanie Eppich
Category A
Christ the King School
Indianapolis

YOUTH CORNER

What's the answer when it comes to popularity?

by TOM LENNON

Question: I'd like to have lots of friends and be very popular, but right now my life is a disaster area. What's the answer when it comes to popularity?

Answer: This may seem like an odd piece of advice, but to achieve popularity don't focus on popularity. If you do, you run the danger of being insincere, or flattering people in a phoney way to gain friends.

This too may seem odd: Don't set out to have more friends than anyone else. That goal may be tinged with selfishness and pride.

Instead, examine your own personality to see how friendly you are. A smile may be corny, but a sincere, warm smile delights its target.

Pleasantness sounds corny too, but if you enjoy this quality in others, surely they will enjoy it in you.

"A giving spirit" may sound like a tired, trite phrase, but it's essential to friendship.

Being interested in others and what they do is also a part of friendliness. If you have wide

interests, you are more likely to talk easily with possible new friends.

In examining your personality, check out possible blemishes such as these: a tendency to brag, the use of sarcasm, a liking for mean-spirited gossip, self-centeredness, the desire to talk

about yourself most of the time.

These and similar nasty qualities are likely to leave you "all alone and lonely."

Another bit of advice that may seem odd to you comes from a 22-year old friend of mine, Terry. A couple of months ago he said something like this to me:

"All through high school and the first two years of college I had plenty of friends. Then in my third year my family moved, and I switched to a different college.

"I decided to try an experiment. I set about making friends with people who were different from me.

It was strange at first. I had to work at building friendships with these different people.

"But by the end of the year my experiment was a success. These people turned out to be very interesting, and I made some great friends. I learned some new and unusual points of view too.

"I still have friends who are a lot like me, but I also have some friends who are extremely different and very interesting.

"I've decided friendship is something you have to work at."

Terry's right. No instant magic friendship kit is available. You have to work at it, perhaps over a long period of time.

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Football-less high school is doing just fine!

by RUTH ANN HANLEY

The only all girls school in the archdiocese is doing just fine, thank you.

In fact, the only disadvantage seen by the principal at Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg, "is that we're the only high school without a football team."

Aside from that, Franciscan Sister Jean Marie Cleveland believes the school offers a particularly rich palette of academic choices. Music, art, drama and language are specialties at the school which is an integral part of the Franciscan Sisters' enterprise at Oldenburg.

In the unexpectedly hilly area off I-465, nestled beside the Franciscan motherhouse and once totally encompassed by a high brick wall, the school has roots in the parish and German Catholic community which go back to the town's beginnings in the first half of the 19th century.

As part of the Catholic experience, it has grown there as it were on an inside track and responding to the encouragement of its supporters. Its strengths, aside from the academic, lie in the overall spirit, according to Sister Jean. Having taught in two other girls' high schools, she gives this one top marks for taking more pride in the school and having "almost a feeling of possessiveness."

"The girls volunteer more readily," the principal muses. "They take better care of the buildings. When I asked for volunteers to put displays in 10 area parishes, I got 86! I was impressed with that."

She adds that a "musical response" is

almost taken for granted. Most of the 245 students participate in instrumental and voice lessons. Lots of firsts have come to the school via the state music contest, but "even those who don't intend to become experts add their bit." According to Sister Jean, all freshmen and sophomores and the majority of juniors and seniors are in chorus.

THE QUIN TRIO of 15 select upperclassmen and three barber shop quartets carry the music message to clubs, shopping malls and wherever they are invited. Two large concerts are held in spring and fall.

The fact that one-third of the young women are boarders helps get a large number to drama rehearsals. Sister Marjorie Jeanne Niemer, who directs school productions, says that switching rehearsal times sometimes dictates which plays the girls will be in.

Their latest drama club production, *Sleeping Beauty*, was practiced after school. Like the Robin Hood production last year, it became a travelling show, rotating to five area grade schools. It was a real challenge, says the drama teacher. "We had to keep the props simple because we never knew what kind of stage we would have, or even if we would have one." But the consensus is "the productions are fun and worthwhile and keep up the feeling of good will toward the girls who may be coming here."

The children's theater is not the club's only offering. Last year members put on a dinner theater catered by the Sherman House from nearby Batesville.

The principal believes the art department



CAMPUS CLEAN-UP—Freshmen at ICA take their turn raking leaves. According to schedule each class gets two days of fall clean-up. (Photo by Ruth Ann Hanley)

deserves honors too, agreeing with the drama coach that artists are always willing to volunteer posters for drama productions.

On the fall day of this interview, the girls were engaged in less glamorous work—raking the leaves on campus grounds. "Each class takes two days," explained the principal as she looked out on the uniformed workers.

DESPITE ALL the activities, she verifies that the girls are academically successful: "83 per cent go on to further education." Language is a mainstay with a full four years offered in German, Spanish and French. "For being so small, 12 language classes is a lot," she smiles.

Sister Jean credits parent support for much of the school's success.

"I don't think the parents are looking mainly for a girls' school, but for a Catholic school," she declares. "They are concerned that their children learn values, religion, standards and manners."

Although many students come from as far away as Richmond, Cincinnati, Columbus, Shelbyville and Greenville, the parents have an active and successful club. They work on costumes for plays and put 137 drop linings into the curtains for the classroom and music building.

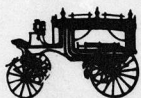
The classroom building was constructed in 1967. A separate auditorium with music classrooms witnesses to the creative thrust of the school. One-third of the large building or motherhouse is used for a dormitory for the girls.

Sister Jean is proud of the school which has been successful in an era of school consolidations and closing.

What is the secret of that success and what lies behind it? Is it the smallness, the traditions, the rural community? She isn't sure. But what makes the school work is "a good spirit of cooperation, that wanting to be involved."



REPORT CARD TIME—Junior Paula Suttman from Holy Family Parish must have done a good job. She's still smiling as she receives her semester report from Sister Jean Marie Cleveland, principal. (Photo by Ruth Ann Hanley)



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New Ruthenian rite diocese created

WASHINGTON—Pope John Paul II created a new Byzantine-Ruthenian-Rite diocese in the western United States Dec. 15 and named its first bishop. Bishop Thomas Dolinay, 58, will be the first bishop of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Eparchy (diocese) of Van Nuys, Calif. Until now an auxiliary bishop of the Byzantine-Ruthenian-Rite Eparchy of Passaic, N.J., in his new post he will be in charge of Ruthenian Catholics in 13 western and southwestern states: Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii and Alaska. The creation of the new eparchy, the fourth of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Rite in the United States, and the appointment of Bishop Dolinay to head it were announced in Washington by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States. There are more than 281,000 Ruthenian Catholics in the United States.

Pope burdened by events

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II, burdened by the "worrysome events" of martial law rule in Poland, said Dec. 13 that "too much Polish blood has already been spilled" and asked for prayers for his native Poland. The pope was addressing about 30,000 people in St. Peter's Square.

New leader elected at UN

UNITED NATIONS—The election of a Peruvian, Javier Perez de Cuellar, as the new secretary general of the United Nations marks the end of a deadlock over the post prompted by a fight to get a representative from a Third

church in the world

World country to head the world body. Perez was a compromise candidate. He was selected, most diplomats believe, because he was the least offensive to the big powers. He will be the first Latin American to hold the prestigious post. Perez has a reputation for skillful diplomacy. He is known as uncommunicative and sometimes aloof. He is well-versed in the problems facing the United Nations, but few suspect that he will be radical or innovative in seeking solutions for perennial U.N. ills, some of which are older than the organization itself.

No prayer at high schools

WASHINGTON—A week after it permitted college students to meet for prayer on their state university campus, the Supreme Court refused Dec. 14 to allow a group of high school students to meet for prayer on public school property. Some students at Guilderland High School near Albany, N.Y., had asked the high court to reverse lower court decisions denying them this right. But the court, without comment, declined to hear the case, leaving the lower court decisions intact.

Disabled deserve care

UNITED NATIONS—The Vatican told the United Nations that disabled persons deserve "the practical concern of the world community, both by reasons of their numbers—in

excess of 400 million" and "for their particular human and social condition." Archbishop Giovanni Cheli, the Holy See's observer at the U.N., made the statement in early December during the General Assembly debate on activities during the 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons.

Church steps up anti-nuclear drive

Stepping up his campaign against nuclear arms, Pope John Paul II is presenting a document containing scientific evidence on the "disastrous effects" of nuclear warfare to world leaders. "I am deeply convinced that... the only morally and humanly valid choice is represented by a reduction in nuclear arms," he said.

Four scientists representing the pope warned President Reagan during a White House meeting Dec. 14 a nuclear attack would wreak such devastation that the medical profession would be unable to help the survivors. They said later the president seemed aware of the dangers and to agree with them that nuclear war must be prevented. The scientists, accompanied by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States, and William Wilson, the president's personal representative to the Vatican, presented Reagan with a copy of a Pontifical Academy of Sciences study on nuclear war and told the president that the only hope for the world is

Bishop says U.S. pride imperiled in world

WASHINGTON (NC) Widespread immorality can erode liberty and justice, the hallmarks of the greatness of the United States, said Auxiliary Archbishop Nicholas T. Elkko of Cincinnati. Opening a two-day observance of the 450th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, the archbishop told worshippers at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, if immorality pervades and national commitment to moral principles weakens, the pride of the United States as "God's number one country of liberty and justice" is imperiled, he said.

preventing nuclear war. The pope also is sending teams to Moscow, London, Paris and the United Nations to present the study to top world leaders.

Meanwhile, in Virginia Beach, Va., two Catholic bishops and the Richmond diocesan priests' council have engaged in a public debate over the morality of the production and possession of nuclear weapons. Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, Va., told a predominantly military audience in Virginia Beach that it is "immoral to be associated with the production or use" of such weapons. Bishop John J. O'Connor, vicar general of the U.S. military vicariate, later disagreed, saying, "I know of nothing in official church teaching that suggests our military people are engaged in immoral activities in carrying out their responsibilities." In an opposing view, however, the Richmond diocesan council released a statement saying that church teaching clearly denounces nuclear arms and the arms race as "immoral."

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tax deduction, a three-year pledge of \$1,200 gift to Marian College can cost about \$80 a year out-of-pocket.

Figure it this way: A three-year \$1,200 pledge means \$400 a year. If that is the only contribution a couple makes to an Indiana college, they owe \$200 less in state income tax because of the 50% credit. That \$400 gift also can be used as a federal income tax deduction. For those in the 30% bracket that can mean they pay \$120 less tax. Subtracting the \$200 and \$120 from \$400 leaves \$80.

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December 20

The annual Christmas card party sponsored by the Women's Club of St. Patrick parish, 936 Prospect St., Indianapolis, will begin in the parish hall at 2 p.m. Admission: \$1.

Christmas Concert XX will be presented by the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, in two performances at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This 20th Christmas concert will include selections by the Holy Name choir and orchestra. For reserved seating call 786-7820.

Penance services will be celebrated in three area parishes including St. John, Osgood, 2 p.m.; Immaculate Conception, Millhouses, 4 p.m.; and St. Maurice, Napoleon, 7:30 p.m. St. Maurice parish, Decatur County, will have a similar service at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 22.

A Christmas concert by Frank Schaler, baritone, and accompanied by the choir of St. Mark Church, will be given at

St. John Church in downtown Indianapolis at 4:30 p.m. This is the last of the Festival of Arts series for the Advent season.

December 21

Our Lady of Everyday Circle, Daughters of Isabella, will have a Christmas party with a pitch-in dinner at St. Elizabeth Home, 2500 Churman Ave., Indianapolis. Each member is asked to bring a \$3 gift for exchange and a \$1 gift.

December 27

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics will meet at St. Mary School, New Albany, at 7:30 p.m. with a celebration of Mass and a pot-luck dinner. Children invited.

December 28

A six-session course on Preparation for Childbirth will be held at the St. Vincent Wellness Center, Carmel, through Feb. 1. The course, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening, prepares the parents for

delivery of the child. To register for the class call 317-846-7037.

December 31

A New Year's eve dance will be held at St. Ann parish, 2650 S. Holt Rd., Indianapolis, from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per couple. For reservations call Marie McKinney, 248-1028, or Ernie Reuter, 241-4378.

Socials

MONDAY: St. Ann, 6:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m. TUESDAY: K of C Pius X Council 3433, 7 p.m.; Roncalli High School, 6:30 p.m.; Little Flower hall, 6:30 p.m.; St. Peter Claver Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., 5 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Bernadette school auditorium, 5:30 p.m.; St. Francis de Sales, 5:30-11 p.m.; St. Patrick, 11:30 a.m.; St. Roch, 7-11 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Catherine parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, 6:30 p.m.; Westside K of C, 220 N. Country Club Road; St. Peter Claver Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., 5 p.m. FRIDAY: St. Andrew parish hall, 6:30 p.m.;

St. Christopher parish hall, Speedway, 7 p.m.; St. Rita parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Hartman Hall, 6:30 p.m. St. Simon, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: Cathedral High School, 3

p.m.; St. Francis de Sales, 6 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1306 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; St. Philip parish hall, 3 p.m.

Marian awarded grant

A \$75,000 grant from the Indianapolis Foundation has been awarded to Marian College for the Capstone Capital Fund Drive, according to Marian President Louis C. Gatto.

Announcement of the grant, which will be paid over three years, was made by Kenneth I. Chapman, executive director of the Foundation.

It will be used to construct a new student activity center on the near westside campus.

The student center is the focus of a \$5 million fund drive at Marian. It will house a new gymnasium, dining room and lounge, and will be the centerpiece on the 114-acre campus.

According to Chapman, Marian's role as a private college in the Indianapolis community was a key factor in the grant.

"Since it was founded, Marian has provided an essential service to the people of Indianapolis and has been a vital factor in the city's continuing growth and prosperity," he said. "The new center will be a welcome addition to Indianapolis and our amateur sports facilities."

Marian's Capital Fund Drive began in September and has now raised more than \$2 million from Indianapolis foundations, corporations and individual donors.

More honorable mention essays

Christmas of 1919 recalled as the best of 87 years

As a child Christmas was special for me, marked by receiving a chair my size, a doll, an armchair on wheels propelled by foot pedals, later clothes, a ring with my birthstone. Yet the unique attraction was a visit to the Crib in Church and gazing with awe on the beautiful Infant.

With the years, the focus shifted to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. In the convent, Christmas Mass was the highlight of this beautiful feast.

But 1919 at Sacred Heart, Cincinnati, was different. Since autumn Father Louis Tieman,

pastor, repeatedly asked Sister Leonida, (later Mother General) superior, "What do you want for Christmas?" Invariably she answered, "The Blessed Sacrament in our chapel." Father was non-committal.

On December 23, without the least inkling the Archbishop's letter came. What joy! What

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† **BEELER, John G.**, 77, St. Michael, Madison, Dec. 5. Husband of Alma; father of Shirley Beeler; brother of Margaret Kannappel, Sara Jones, Mary Seibert and Jane Shrader.

† **DALY, Daniel Martin**, 75, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Dec. 9. Husband of Florence; brother of Lenora C. Roberts, Elizabeth Ann Jansen and Michael Daly.

† **DeBURGER, Paul E.**, 70, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Dec. 15. Husband of Ethel Mae; father of Marjorie Mae Curry; brother of Alice Palmer, Mary Jane Philippi, Annabelle Johantges, Dorothy Appar, Charlotte Dugas, George and Joseph DeBurger.

† **DISHNER, Curtis W.**, 64, St. Andrew, Richmond, Dec. 9. Husband of Genevieve (Jenny); father of Gena Hyre, Lisa, Linda and James Dishner; brother of Lillian Dishner and Jeannette Reardon.

† **FEDERLE, Mable W.**, 79, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Dec. 9. Mother of Robert L. Federle.

† **FENGER, Eugene A.**, 86, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 12. Husband of Katharine (Foley).

† **HAYES, Helen**, 57, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Dec. 12. Husband of Grace L.; father of Saverne,

Thomas, Elliot, Wesley and Duane J. Hayes.

† **HOLLENBACH, Philomena** (Boots), 78, St. Michael, Brookville, Dec. 9. Mother of Robert Hollenbach; sister of Barbara Mahle and Frances DeRegnaut.

† **LARMANN, Pauline**, 50, St. Paul, New Alsace, Dec. 4. Wife of Jerome; mother of Marian Bedel, Linda, Donna and Harold Larmann; sister of Mary Forthofer, Viola Hountz, Edna Suttillier, Anna Fette, Romilda Hoeng, Mathilda Moore, America Weber, Coletta Weber, Marcella Hartman, Sylvester and Nicholas Riehle.

† **LINNEMANN, Irma Marie** (Burea), 76, St. Anthony, Clarksville, Dec. 10. Mother of Irma Sturdy and Edward L. Linnemann Jr.; sister of Caye, Donald and Harold Burea.

† **LORI, Melvin E.**, 63, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 12. Husband of Lenora (Woolfin); father of Virginia Bieser, Diana Graves and Norveta Bartley; brother of Rose Bowman, Marie Pirtle, Freda Jahn, Irma Eaton, Mrs. Jesse Shelton and Francis H. Lori.

† **MADDEN, John Michael Jr.**, 61, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 10. Brother of Mary C. Beard.

† **McDANIEL, Margaret R.**, 91, St. Gabriel, Connorsville, Dec. 10. Mother of Dr. Donald and William McDaniel.

† **McMAHON, Mildred**, 77, St. Thomas, Fortville, Dec. 9. Sister of Denzil Collins.

† **MOORE, Dorothy A.**, 74, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Dec. 10. Sister of Viola B. O'Connor.

† **NESTER, Paul E.**, 65, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Dec. 14. Husband of Pauline; father of Robert, Donald and William Nester; brother of Alma Cummings, Mae Hughes and Fern Gray.

† **NOBBE, Laella P.**, 57, St. Mary, Greensburg, Dec. 9. Wife of Elmer; mother of Joan Greive, Nancy Cuskaden, Deborah Clarkston, Deirda Cuskaden, Kathleen Power, Jeanne Daniel, Norma, Gary and Timothy Nobbe.

† **ROUCK, Anna E.**, 84, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 19. Mother of Dorothy Gagliardo and Edward H. Rouch Jr.

† **ROMWEBER, John M.**, St. Louis, Batesville, Dec. 15. Husband of Marilyn (Falls); stepfather of Andre Falls; son of Paul and Connie Romweber; brother of Paul Romweber.

† **ROTH, Ann L.**, 63, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 12. Sister of Betty Germany, Joan Holzer, William, Tony and Peggy Roth.

† **STREICHELT, Peter**, 40, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Dec. 9. Husband of Linda; father of Dorothy and Sheila Streicher; son of Dorothy McHale; stepfather of Frances Gregory.

† **WALKE, Anna**, 67, St. John, Enclaburg, Nov. 30. Wife of Allie; mother of Vickie Scheele and Kenneth Walke.

† **WHELAN, Lawrence R.**, 41, St. Michael, Madison, Dec. 6. Husband of Wanda; father of Michael, Crystal, Larry Jr., Ricky and Doug Whelan; son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Whelan Sr.; brother of Elaine Swope, Nadine Kaelin, Bill, Roger, Dr. Joseph and Sharon Whelan.

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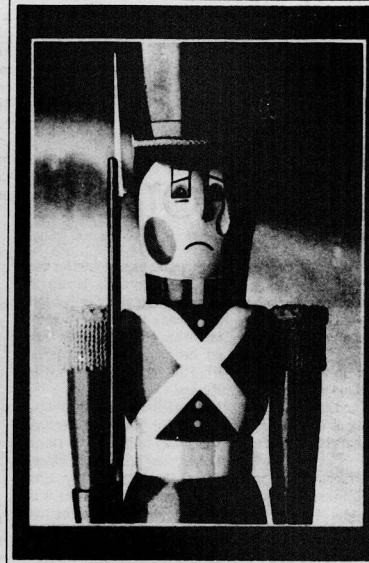
Sister Innocentia Kempf dies

FERDINAND—Benedictine Sister Innocentia Kempf, a former teacher in archdiocesan schools, died at the Convent Immaculate Conception here on Dec. 6. Funeral services were held on Dec. 9.

Sr. Innocentia completed 69 years of religious life in June.

Most of her active years were spent in teaching in elementary schools. In the Indianapolis archdiocese she taught at Starlight, Siberia, Bradford, Floyds Knobs, Cannelton and St. Mark in Perry County.

She is the last member of her immediate family. Two brothers who preceded her in



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Natural Family Planning sessions for engaged and married couples will be offered through Catholic Charities from 7:30-10 p.m. on three Tuesdays: Jan. 5, Jan. 19, and Feb. 2 at St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg. Teaching couple is Paul and Mary Ann Hamilton.

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Portrait of Poland told through Pontiff

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NEW YORK (NC)—The Poland from which came Karol Wojtyla as the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years is dramatically re-created in "From a Far Country: Pope John Paul II," airing Sunday, Dec. 20, 9-11:30 p.m. on NBC.

Rather than the conventional biography of an individual, the program is essentially a portrait of Catholic Poland, a nation proud of its religious heritage, culture and spirit of independence. The foreground is occupied not by the personal story of Wojtyla but by the major events and formative experiences that shaped him and the present generation of Polish leaders.

After the opening sequence of six-year-old Karol watching a local passion play the program tells little of his progress from student days to papal election except through narration and documentary footage. Even in the few dramatic scenes in which he is shown the angle is usually shot from behind the actor playing his role.

Instead, the film's energy concentrates on the Polish resistance to both Nazi and Soviet aggression as seen in the

lives of characters who have only the most tenuous relationship to Wojtyla. The central failure of the program is that these characters—most of whom are non-Polish actors—are cardboard representations of the indomitable spirit of the Polish people but have little interest in themselves.

What is surprising about this lack of human dimension is that the film's Polish director, Krzysztof Zanussi, is famous for his character studie

Perhaps the explanation for this and the program's lapses in narrative continuity is that this American television presentation has edited out more than an hour's worth of material from the version being shown in Europe.

Whatever the dramatic deficiencies of the NBC version, which was "adapted" by David Butler, its production values are of theatrical quality. Shot mostly on Polish locations with entire towns serving as extras, the film succeeds best in conveying the epic clash of historical forces. For example, the great confrontation between people and party over the building of a church in Nova Huta, the regime's showcase city, could have been filmed nowhere else.

What is fascinating about its depiction of postwar Poland is the growing strength of unity

among church, workers and people against the Stalinist persecutions and party mismanagement of an increasingly corrupt government. This is a part of the Polish reality in which is rooted not only the present pontiff as its native son but also the continuing struggle of the Polish nation today.

'Tis the season for uplifting programs that viewers have every right to suspect will offer nothing more than bogus sentimentality. One that does deliver on the promise of its subject is "Bill," the story of a retarded man's adjustment to life in a normal community, airing Tuesday, Dec. 22, 9-11 p.m. on CBS.

Bill, a 59-year-old with a child's mind, is unsuccessfully trying to cope on his own after 44 years in a mental institution. He is befriended by a young filmmaker who, when offered a teacher's post in a distant university, takes Bill along and helps him adapt to working in a campus job. Based on a true story, the program ends with some shots of the real Bill in his University of Iowa coffee shop.

The dramatization is genuinely moving and warmly convincing. At its heart is Mickey Rooney's fine performance as Bill, a loving portrayal of a handicapped person who only needs a little bit of help from his friends to become a contributing member of society. It will win your heart and Rooney a well-deserved Emmy, the only acting award that has eluded him in his long career.

"Bill" is an Alan Landsburg Production produced by Mel Stuart and directed by Anthony Page from Corey Blechman's script. They all deserve our thanks.

Sunday, Dec. 20, (ABC) "Directions," the weekly religion series, presents a one-hour holiday special, "The World of Jesus Christ: A Christmas Celebration." It's a program filled with the legendary religious art surrounding the life of Christ. (Please check local listings for exact time in your area.)

Sunday, Dec. 20, (CBS) "For Our Times" with correspondent Douglas Edwards and CBS News report on the plight of Haitian refugees in Miami. (Please check local listings for exact time in your area.)

Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:30 p.m. (ABC) "Thunderball" (1965) Sean Connery as James Bond spends much of his time underwater tracking down the hijacker of two-nuclear-armed NATO bombers on a fantasy-ramp. This is strictly adult fun, even in a clipped TV version. (A-3)

Monday, Dec. 21, 8-9 p.m. (ABC) "Rain of Terror." Investigating State Department charges that the Soviets are using biochemical warfare in Southeast Asia, "Closeup" visited Cambodia to examine reports of recent attacks on



ANOTHER WORLD—Dennis Quaid, left, stars as a young filmmaker who becomes a friend and eventual guardian to Mickey Rooney who plays Bill Seckler, a retarded adult, in "Bill," a new "G.E. Theater" drama Dec. 22 on CBS. The filmmaker gives Seckler the support he needs to tackle life in the world beyond the mental institution in which he spent 46 years. (NC photo)

civilians from a deadly poison called Yellow Rain.

Monday, Dec. 21, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "All the Way Home." Sally Field and William Hurt star in this live telecast of Tad Mosel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about how the accidental death of their father affects various members of a large and loving family in 1915 Tennessee.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "John Callaway Interviews." In her garden in Nyack, New York, actress Helen Hayes fondly recalls her years in the theater and her recent work to further the rights of the elderly.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 10-11 p.m. (NBC) "High Hopes: The Capra Years." This program pays tribute to the distinguished career of director Frank Capra who won six Oscars for films that kept America smiling through the Depression and the Second World War and ends with an interview with the director today.

Thursday, Dec. 24, (CBS) Christmas Special, 11:30 p.m.-12 midnight "Christmas With St. Francis" is a special holiday remembrance that includes the famous frescoes at Greccio and a visit to Assisi. St. Francis began the custom of the Christmas crib and this year is the 800th anniversary of his birth.

Friday, Dec. 25 (NBC), Papal Mass, midnight to 1:30 a.m. The papal Christmas midnight Mass from St. Peter's

Basilica in Rome is presented via satellite. Pope John Paul II is the celebrant and homilist with music by the Sistine Choir and commentary by Bishop Agnellus Andrew.

Friday, Dec. 25, 8-9:30 p.m. (Showtime) "Trilogy." Cliff Robertson hosts a program retelling three family classics, imaginatively animated in clay, one of which is "Martin the Cobbler," a religious education favorite based on Tolstoy's "Where Love Is, God Is."

Saturday, Dec. 26, 9-11 p.m. (CBS) "A Celebration of the Performing Arts." In its fourth annual entertainment special the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington honors five distinguished American artists—Count Basie, Cary Grant, Helen Hayes, Jerome Robbins and Rudolf Serkin.

Sunday, Dec. 27, (ABC) "Directions" Family violence and what counseling services can offer victims of this disorder is the topic of this week's "Directions." (Please check local listings for exact time in your area.)

Sunday, Dec. 27, (CBS) "For Our Times" presents a tribute to the late Jesuit scholar, Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, on the centenary of his birth. The program includes coverage of the recent symposium at Georgetown University in Washington. (Please check local listings for exact time in your area.)

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USCC changing film rating system

NEW YORK (NC)—The U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication is changing its system of film classifications in an effort, it said, to "clarify and strengthen" them and make them "more useful to parents and others."

Effective Jan. 1, the word "recommended" will be added to classifications of particularly praiseworthy films and the categories of B—morally objectionable in part for all, and C—condemned, will be replaced with a single new category of O—morally offensive.

The other categories of A-I through A-IV will remain essentially the same, although the words "morally objectionable" will be dropped. That is the categories on movie suitability will read as follows: A-I, general patronage; A-II, adults and adolescents; A-III, adults; and A-IV, adults with reservations.

Formally proposed by the USCC Communication Committee, the changes were ap-

proved by the USCC Administrative Board in September. The communication department administers the classification system.

Auxiliary Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan of Greensburg, Pa., chairman of the communication committee, said the new system will enable the communication department to provide moral guidelines for acceptable movie entertainment and also to promote patronage of high quality films.

Merging the two categories of B and C into a single new rating category of O is an attempt to use terminology which better indicates the advisory nature of the classifications while reflecting the moral nature of the judgment, the USCC said.

Use of the word "recom-

mended" with a film follows the communication department's policy for the last two decades to recommend films. It is also intended as a positive step because classifications often appear without the review prepared on the film.

"The changes reflect themes which the communication department has promoted in recent years," the USCC said. "During that time the USCC has made major efforts to promote worthy movies by singling them out for praise and attention and doing the same for particular directors, writers and actors," the USCC stated. "It has also been at pains to point out that the classifications, which are advisory in nature, are offered as a means to help Catholics in the crucial task of forming their conscience in an area that is

especially difficult, particularly with regard to 'problem' films."

The film classification system used by the church had changed little since it was developed by the Legion of Decency in 1934, said the USCC.

"The attitude of the church in the United States toward films and its approach to them has undergone considerable evolution since that time, inspired in part by the Decree on Communications of the Second Vatican Council and other statements of the Holy See which have stressed the importance of competent reviews of broadcast and film materials that assess their worth, morality and religious value," the USCC added.

The communication department will continue to provide film reviews, distributed through NC News and "believes that a classification by itself cannot take the place of a thoroughgoing review that evaluates the aesthetic as well as moral qualities of a film," the USCC stated.

Groups call television 'most troublesome'

Religious organizations consider television the "most troublesome" of all media, and books "the least troublesome," according to an international survey of churches, religious organizations, Christian and secular media agencies, and educational institutions.

Results of the survey by Judith Buddenbaum, an Indiana University School of Journalism doctoral student, have been released at Bloomington.

Buddenbaum's eight-page questionnaire, in English and in German, was mailed to 184 respondents in the United States, Canada, 11 West European countries, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Brazil and Nigeria. The study was done for the Lutheran World Federation's Department of Communications in Geneva, Switzerland. There were 68 replies.

Although a 37 percent return is not normally considered a high response for such a survey, Buddenbaum pointed out that the length and detail of the questionnaire and the high quality of the respondents' positions increased the survey's validity. All respondents were persons in high positions in the church, or in church and religion communications.

The survey found that television was a "near unanimous choice as the medium for which awareness and education programs are most needed." The respondents believed that churches should play an active role in "improving media awareness and media education because of the function of mass media in society."

Respondents criticized television because "it distorts reality and manipulates people." They were also highly critical of television audiences for not being more selective in their television viewing. The report said television viewers "waste hours each day passively viewing anything that happens to be on television."

Respondents commented favorably on the quality and the variety of information available through books. Choosing a book, they said, "is a conscious act and reading it, necessarily, requires thinking about it and evaluating the contents." The survey subjects also said people know how to evaluate books and how to select appropriate reading materials.

Movies, magazines, newspapers and radio received mixed reviews. About half of the respondents were critical of them, and said that programs are needed to help people understand and use these media wisely. The other half felt there was little cause for concern.

The strong need for media awareness/education programs, as expressed by the respondents, stems from their perception of the role media play in society and the effects they associate with the structure, functioning and content of the media and with the way people use the media, Buddenbaum said.

In Europe and in North America respondents saw interest groups, including the church, as being responsible for media awareness/education programs. Third World respondents generally placed the responsibility for such programs with government, schools and the media itself. In all geographical areas the respondents saw these programs as a "natural part of the church's social, prophetic and educational ministry."

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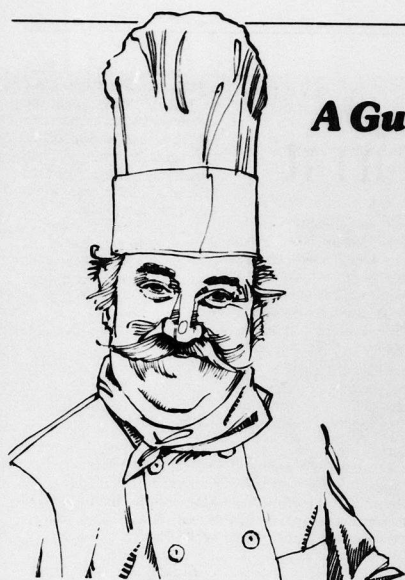
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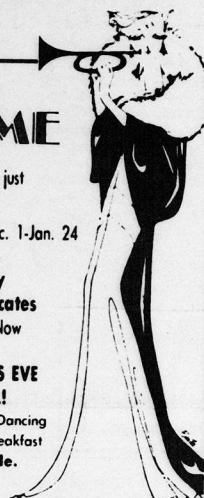
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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

So bad, there's nothing good in it

by JAMES W. ARNOLD

It was said of the great movie critic of a generation ago, James Agee, that he never saw a movie that was so bad he couldn't find something good in it.

In that benign spirit, let me say that there is a good thing in the new Chevy Chase movie, "Modern Problems," which Fox has chosen as one of its major releases for Christmas. No, it's not that it ends. To say that would be mean and sarcastic, and we aren't like that in the Catholic Press.

Let me set up the good thing. Chase is an air traffic controller who acquires telekinetic powers when he is driving home on the freeway and gets sloshed by overflow from a tanker truck hauling nuclear waste. No, that isn't the good thing. It comes later. He's in the tower talking on the phone to his girl friend, and gets so mad a nearby model airplane-ashtay revs its motors, takes off, careens around the room and, trailing smoke from burning engines, crashes into a wall poster of the Matheron.

Other than that, let's be honest. This movie is really bad. For starters, it was written and directed by Ken Shapiro, whose only previous film was "The Groove Tube," a 1974 satire of television done in such bad taste that, in comparison, it makes Mel Brooks seem like a flower arranger for home-and-school breakfasts. It took all this time for Shapiro to get money for another film; next time, it should take longer.

Shapiro's basic problem is that he has a sense of humor like a collector from a loan company.

ONE OF the "funny" sequences takes place in a heavy leather gay bar, where



the publishers are having a promotion party for a new book by a sex-help author (Dabney Coleman). Chase is attacked near the men's room by a huge black man.

Almost the whole final third of the film leans on jokes about

a fat black cook-housekeeper from Haiti, who, sure enough, is into voodoo and at one point gets knocked upside-down exposing her frilly underdrawers—a stroke of wit we haven't seen since the 1930's.

Given the plot premise—a mild-mannered pushover-guy suddenly discovers he has super powers—you'd think Shapiro, with his reputation for the outrageous, would blow our minds with ingenuity. Mostly, except for a naughty sex joke that exploits what "Superman II" had the minimal class to avoid, we get Chase taking

sadistic revenge on supercilious male rivals.

One is given a Vesuvius-like nosebleed in a fancy restaurant, and then has his favorite ballet disrupted when Chase wreaks havoc on the lead male dancer. Coleman is levitated around a dining room and plunged face down into a cake. All this actually reads funnier than it plays, because it is so sluggishly directed that you can do your income tax between the end of a joke and the end of a scene.

THE LAST half hour takes

place, inexplicably, in a "Psycho"-looking house on an eastern beach where Chase's powers begin to take on a demonic look, and the spoofery seems to have some connection to "The Exorcist." It makes Don Knotts look like Chaplin.

Somehow managing to give decent accounts of themselves in this pitiful mess are two pretty and gifted comedienne,

Mary Kay Place and Patti D'Arbanville. The same cannot be said of Chevy, and one wonders what has happened to him. You can always blame your agent for getting you into something like "Modern Problems," but Chase seems frozen into immobility.

He gives his part, absurd as it is, absolute zero energy. He was funny once, he may be again, but now he has bombed for both Simon and Shapiro. What's left?

It's not worth five bucks to find out.

(Comedy that gives new meaning to the word inept; some sex and nudity; not recommended).

The Last 10 Films Reviewed by James Arnold
(ranked for overall quality from best to worst)

Prince of the City; True Confessions; Gallipoli; The French Lieutenant's Woman; Time Bandits; Only When I Laugh; Looker; Rich and Famous; Watcher in the Woods; Modern Problems.

Film ratings

NEW YORK (NC)—Here is a list of recent movies rated by the Department of Communication of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) on the basis of moral suitability.

The first symbol after each title is the USCC rating. The second symbol is the rating given by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Here are the USCC symbols and their meanings:

A-I—morally unobjectionable for general patronage;

A-II—morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents;

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A-IV—morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations;

B—morally objectionable in part for all;

C—condemned.

Here are the Motion Picture Association of America symbols and their meanings:

G—general audiences, all ages admitted;

PG—parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children;

R—restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian;

X—no one under 17 admitted (age limit may vary in certain areas).

Absence of Malice A-II (PG)
All Night Long B (R)
All the Marbles B (R)
Amy A-II (G)
Arduus A-III (PG)
Beyond the Reef A-III (PG)
Blow Out C (R)
The Boat Is Full C (R)
Body Heat C (R)
Brubaker A-III (R)
Bustin' Loose A-II (R)
Cafe Express A-III
La Cage aux Folles II A-IV (R)
Caligula C (R)
Camouflage A-III
Cannonball Run A-III (PG)
Carbon Copy A-III (PG)
Cattle Annie and Little
Britches A-III (PG)
Caveman A-III (PG)
A Change of Seasons C (R)
Charlots of Fire A-I (PG)
Charlie Chan and the Curse
of the Dragon Queen A-III
Cheaper to Keep Her C (R)
Cheech and Chong's
Nice Dreams C (R)
Chin Chin and the
Philly Flash A-III (PG)
City of Women C
Clash of the Titans A-III (PG)
Continental Divide A-III (PG)
Cutter and Bone A-III (R)

Death Hunt A-III (R)
Dirty Tricks A-III
The Dogs of War A-III (R)
Dragonlayer A-II (PG)
The Earthling A-II (PG)
Endless Love B (R)
The Elephant Man A-III (PG)
Escape from New York A-III (R)
Eye of the Needle B (R)
Eyes of a Stranger C (R)
Eyewitness A-III (R)
Excalibur B (R)
The Fan C (R)
The Final Conflict B (R)
First Monday in October A-III (R)
Fish Hawk A-I (G)
For Your Eyes Only B (PG)
Fort Apache: The Bronx A-IV (R)
The Four Seasons A-III (PG)
The Fox and the Hound A-I (G)
The French Lieutenant's
Woman A-III (PG)
Funhouse C (R)
Galaxia A-III (R)
Gallipoli A-III (PG)
Ghost Story B (R)
Going Ape A-III (PG)
The Great Muppet Caper A-I (G)
Hardly Working A-II (PG)
The Haunting of Julia A-III (R)
He Knows You're Alone C (R)
Heartland A-II (PG)
Heavy Metal B (R)
High Risk B
Honky Tonk Freeway B (PG)
The Howling C (R)
Improper Channels A-II (PG)
It's My Turn A-III (R)
The Jazz Singer A-III (PG)
Jesus A-I (G)
Kagemusha A-II (PG)
Kill and Kill Again A-III
King of the Mountain A-III (PG)
Knightriders B
The Last Metro A-III (PG)
The Legend of the
Lone Ranger A-III (PG)
The Lion of the Desert A-III (PG)
Looker A-III (PG)
Looney, Looney, Looney Bugs
Bunny Movie A-I (G)
Mel Brooks' History of
the World, Part I C (R)
Modern Romance A-III (R)
Mommie Dearest A-III (PG)
The Night the Lights Went
Out in Georgia A-III (PG)
Nighthawks A-III (R)
Nine to Five A-III (PG)
Obituary A-II
On Golden Pond A-III (PG)
On the Right Track A-III (PG)
Only When I Laugh A-II (R)
Outland A-III (R)
Paternity A-III (PG)
Polyester B (R)
Popeye A-II (PG)
The Postman Always Rings
Twice B (R)
Prince of the City A-III (R)
Private Benjamin B (R)
Private Eyes A-II (PG)

Private Lessons C (R)
Pursuit of D.B. Cooper A-III (PG)
Raiders of the Lost Ark A-III (PG)
Raggedy Man A-III (PG)
Raging Bull A-III (R)
Ragtime A-IV
Reds A-3 (PG)
Resurrection A-III (PG)
Rich and Famous B (R)
Sea Wolves A-III (PG)
Second Hand Hearts A-III (PG)
Scanners A-III (PG)
Seems Like Old Times A-III (PG)
Silence of the North A-II (PG)
S.O.B. B (R)
So Fine B (R)
Southern Comfort A-III (R)
Squeeze Play C (R)
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Str. Crazy B (R)

Strange Behavior B (R)
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Superman II A-III (PG)
Taps A-II (PG)
Tarzan, the Ape Man C (R)
Tatoo C (R)
Thief A-III (R)
This is Elvis A-III (PG)
Three Friends A-3 (R)
Ticket to Heaven A-II (PG)
Time Bandits A-III (PG)
Tribute A-III (PG)
True Confessions A-IV (R)
Under the Rainbow A-III (PG)
Victory A-I (PG)
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The Woman Next Door A-III (R)
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