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Anti-Catholic posters posted in Indianapolis

The latest wave of anti-Catholic posters appearing throughout Indianapolis Monday, Indianapolis police reported no new appearances previous Wed-

"We're trying to determine where they are coming from," said Capt. Robert J ein, captain of estigations for the Indianapolis Police Department. "We don't have a whole lot to go on right now

The posters, which claim Vatican control of everything from the news media to schools, the judicial and the United Nations, have been appearing on abandoned buildings. A brochure titled "The Pope's accusing the of Nazi crimes and Jesuit-backed Vatican to rule the world been appearing in parking lots tucked under windshield

of the posters postmarked Memphis, Tenn. were recently mailed to The Criterion office in Inoffice in Indianapolis. Accompanying one of the items was a note saying "We are the ones who made this poster up and you (See POSTERS on page 20)



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MORE POSTERS-Anti-Catholic posters like this one have shown up in Indianapolis. The poster alleges that the Vatican controls the news media, many government agencies, public schools, the Supreme Court, the United Nations, the post office the telephone companies and organized crime. (NC photo)

Synod on laity postponed

by Agostino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC)-The 1986 world Synod of Bishops on the role of the laity has been postponed until the fall of 1987 because bishops need more time to prepare for it, the Vatican announced April 12

The one-sentence announcement said the decision was made by Pope John Paul II after he received numerous requests for

'Many bishops' conferences asked to be given more time for consultations now that they also have to prepare for the 1985 ex-traordinary synod," Archbishop Jozef Archbishop Jozef Tomko, secretary general of the synod, told

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National Catholic News Service after the Vatican issued the announcement.

In January the pope, in a surprise announcement, said an extraordinary synod would take place Nov. 25-Dec. 8 to analyze the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and to mark the 20th anniversary of the end of the council.

"Many bishops' conferences meet only once a year, making it difficult for them to consult with the laity and to consult among themselves for both synods," said Archbishop Tomko.

The archbishop said the synod on the laity probably would be held in October

On Feb. 19, the Vatican released a preparatory document on the role of the laity, to be used as the basis for consultation by bishops' conferences.

The 40-page document stressed the need for the laity to bring their faith to secular society through "work itself, education, the society through "work itself, education, the family, politics, the economy, culture and mass media." It also warned of the "persistent danger of a scientific and technical development" insufficiently rooted in ethics and religion.

Pope John Paul, in announcing the extraordinary synod, said its aim was "to favor the further study and constant in-troduction of Vatican II in the life of the church, in the light also of new needs."

The Second Vatican Council resulted in major reforms of the liturgy, strongly promoted ecumenical dialogue with other Christian churches and emphasized shared authority between the pope and the

The council was conducted in four sessions spread over three years. It began Oct. 11, 1962, and ended Dec. 8, 1965.

To begin post-abortion reconciliation program

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is beginning a program of post-abortion reconciliation for persons who have been involved with an abortion—the woman who has had an abortion, the father of the child, and other family members.

In announcing the program, Father Larry P. Crawford, director of the Office of Pro-Life Activities, said: "As a church, we are very much concerned about these persons. It is essential that they understand and experience the church as loving, forgiving and welcoming. They need to see the church as an agent of reconciliation.

"Post-abortion reconciliation is a very real need in our day," Father Crawford

continued. "It is important that the ministry provided be both sympathetic and

The first step in the new program will be a post-abortion reconciliation workshop, co-sponsored with the State Council of the Knights of Columbus, on May 2 at the Catholic Center in Indianapolis. The goal of the workshop is to give those invited insight and skills in working with persons who have been involved with an abortion, and to set up a network whereby appropriate referrals can be made.

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Among those who will speak at the workshop are Lori Nerad, national president of Women Exploited by Abortion, who will discuss her personal journey; and (See POST-ABORTION on page 3)

NCEA speaker calls for daring curriculum

ST. LOUIS (NC)-Education in the classroom must reflect the needs and problems of today's world, speakers told teachers and administrators at the National Catholic Educational Association convention. convention April 8-11 in St I ouis

U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Robert Muller urged the educators to design a "daring" curriculum which could be taught in all Catholic school so the planet. He said the Catholic school is the ideal place to devise on the planet. He said the Catholic school is the ideal place to devise such a curriculum because the church is universal and already has a "global perspective."

Muller's remarks on global education

highlighted the convention's theme, "Gateway to Global Understanding."

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee spoke on the bishops' proposed pastoral on the economy and on justice for the poor, while astronomer Carl Sagan warned against the dangers of nuclear war that threaten the entire world.

U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett addressed the 82nd annual convention on the right of parents to choose where they will send their children to school

Numerous educators from the chdiocese of Indianapolis participated in the convention. Frank X. Savage, executive director of Catholic Education, and Susan Weber, coordinator of boards of education, conducted a workshop on ap-proaches to board training; Glenn Tebbe, principal of St. Mary's, Greensburg, spoke on the future of Catholic schools; Ellen Healey of Indianappelic above. Healey of Indianapolis, chairman of the National Federation of Catholic Parent Organizations, presented awards for Catholic school expansion; and many teachers and administrators sessions, workshops and exhibits.

In a press conference before his April 8 speech, Muller noted that in his 37 years as a U.N. official he has come to the conclusion that the spiritual aspect of education must be emphasized. He encouraged the educators, whatever their particular subject areas, to integrate spirituality in their courses.

In his address April 11 Archbishop Weakland said the care of the needy "is a matter of justice . . . not one of charity."

The archbishop, who heads the committee drafting the pastoral on the economy, said he received many letters from people who view the poor as objects of voluntary charity and protest against forcing taxpayers to pay for the needs of the noor.

Justice is not based in the biblical sense on my tax-deductible contributions but on the needs of others that have to be met," the archbishop said. While charity makes people "feel good, justice often frightens us and asks uncomfortable questions about the values of society and how we might have to change our lifestyle to meet the needs of others.

Archbishop Weakland told a press conference that recent U.S. bishops pastoral letters are getting increased at-tention because the bishops are filling a vacuum in upholding the values American society.

In answer to criticism that the pastoral on the economy is "naive" the archbishop said, "I will admit we do not discuss adequately in the second half what you might call the economic trade-off to the solutions that we have picked. We do need

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FROM The EDITOR

Let's give Gorbachev the benefit of the doubt

He promised "new directions" in liberalizing individual, social, economic and political life. He called for "enhancing the independence of enterprises." He advocated a more effective media, saying, "The better informed the people, the more consciously they act, and the more actively they support the

party, its plans and programmatic objectives."

A politician running for office here in the United States? No, this was new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in his first speech after succeeding Konstantin Chernenko as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party. He was outlining what he planned to do in his new position and at the top of the list was "restruc turing the economic mechanism and the entire management system."

Much has been written about the new Soviet leader since he took over a little more than a month ago. In fact, much had been written about him even before he formally took over—during his visit to England, for example. The world seems fascinated by this relatively young and vigorous Russian leader because he is such a contrast to his recent predecessors

But I have been surprised by how quickly U.S. politicians and pundits have been to warn us that we should expect no changes in Soviet policies, that Gorbachev will be no different from the other Kremlin leaders because, after all, they are the ones who selected him. Besides, we are told, Russia is run by a collective, not by an individual.

I don't believe it

At the risk of being considered naive by some, I believe

that Gorbachev will make a big difference and that we will see changes in Soviet policies. In fact, I think we have already seen them. I believe that Gorbachev has been the de facto leader of the Soviets for some time now and that he, not Chernenko, was responsible for the decision to return to the nuclear arms negotiations. I believe that he was able to convince the other members of the Politburo, through his powers of persuasion, that that was the best move for Russia.

One indication of this was the admission by Soviet arms negotiator Viktor Karpov that Gorbachev had chaired meetings, at which the Soviets planned their strategy, before Chernenko's death. Another indication was the quickness of the announcement that Gorbachev had succeeded Chernenko

GORBACHEV'S RISE to power was very quick; he has been a member of the Politburo only since 1980. He obviously is a skilled politician. But what the other Politburo members apparently see is a man who has the ability to do what is best for their country—particularly to improve

Russia's sick economy.

I suspect that most of Gorbachev's efforts will be devoted to trying to improve the Soviet economy rather than on foreign affairs. That certainly was his emphasis in his first speech and where his interests lie; he's con-sidered a farm and economics expert. It seems certain that he will try to decentralize economic planning and give more authority to local managers. This is now appening in other communist countries, including China, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Because of his primary interest in domestic affairs, I

believe that Gorbachev is serious in wanting an agreement with the United States for "real and major reductions" in nuclear weapons, as he has said. The Soviets will continue to try to match the U.S. in weapons and this is too costly for the Russian economy

from developing its "Star Wars" defense—not because he's afraid that such a defense would tip the balance of terror in favor of the U.S., but because it would be so costly for the Russians to develop their own defense and/or produce enough missiles to overwhelm the U.S.

GORBACHEV UNDOUBTEDLY is an ambitious man or he would not be where he is today. I strongly suspect that his ambition is to strengthen the Russian economy so that its citizens will enjoy as high a standard of living as do the citizens of any other country in the world. This is why he talks about modernizing Soviet industry in order to produce "qualitative improvement of the material conditions of the life and work of Soviet citizens." And this is why he'd like to have a nuclear arms agreement—so that money now devoted to weapons can go toward improving

That can't be done overnight. But there's every reason to believe that Gorbachev will be in power for 20 years or more. He has a lot of time to accomplish what he wants to do. And if there should be opposition from some members of the old guard, time will take care of that

I believe that Gorbachev will accept President Reagan's invitation for a meeting and that that will result in a relaxation of international tensions. Once again, Gorbachev's motive will be what is best for Russia's economy—and that will include "mutually beneficial cooperation.

Perhaps I am too naive and overly optimistic, but, until he shows otherwise, I think that we must give Gorbachev the benefit of the doubt and assume that he really is ready to become more friendly with the United States—because that is what would be best for Russia. It is also what would be best for the United States

Indiana General Assembly

Adult Protective Services bill passes state legislature

by Ann Wadelton

The Adult Protective Services bill has passed the last legislative hurdle and now goes to the governor for his signature, making it the law in Indiana.

As the bill, HB 1002, emerged from the

As the bill, the bill low, emerged from the House-Senate conference committee, it protects individuals who cannot care for themselves because of mental illness or retardation, senility, habitual drunkenness, excessive drug use, infirmities or old

The Indiana Catholic Conference has worked with other human services and church groups for several years in support of this type of legislation, but this is the first time it has received majority support and funding.

According to the bill's author. Rep Robert K. Alderman, R-Fort Wayne, the support of Governor Robert D. Orr and his staff played a significant part in the bill's success this year.

The bill would establish a system for

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threatened with harm through neglect, battery or exploitation. A 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week free telephone hotline would be established by the Indiana Department of Aging and Community Services to receive abuse complaints, which would be forwarded to local authorities for investigation

Data from six of the state's 16 area Agencies on Aging indicate 516 cases of alleged abuse reported in a three-month period from September to December, 1984. Most of those involved persons 75 years and

Among the alleged victims, 209 were physically handicapped and 82 were mentally ill. Offenses cited included 79 cases of economic exploitation, 26 cases of

Plan Encuentro for April 27

Archdiocesan "Encuentro" ("Encounter") for Hispanic Catholics is planned for Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. It is expected that participants will include represen-tatives from every parish in the ar-

According to Father Mauro Rodas, director of the Hispanic Apostolate, the Encuentro "is an opportune moment for the Hispanic in the archdiocese to respond to the call sent by the bishops of the United States in their pastoral letter 'Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment.' "

The Archdiocesan Encuentro is part of a national program this year. Propositions and recommendations will be made for regional meetings that will take place later in the year, with a national Encuentro to follow

wishing to attend the Ar-Those chdiocesan Encuentro are asked to call the Office of the Hispanic Apostolate at 317-637self-neglect, 89 cases of neglect by others and 92 cases of abuse by others

Advocates of the bill point to the wellpublicized Sheridan (Indiana) case demonstrate the need for an Adult Protective Services law. That case in-volved three retarded adults who were poorly housed and fed by their employers Although caseworkers were alerted to the situation when one man was hospitalized and had his leg amputated, they were powerless to remove the two remaining adults. Four years later, one died from an untreated illness.

Sen. Sue Landske, R-Cedar Lake, cited another case in supporting the bill on the Senate floor. A senile woman, she said, lived with 35 dogs in unsanitary conditions which disturbed the entire neighborhood. Indiana law allowed the dogs to be removed because of the poor care and unsanitary conditions but the law, at that time, made no provision for the senile adult.

In each of these cases, the new law, which will take effect July 1, would allow the authorities to help individuals who cannot help themselves.

GOV. ORR is also expected to sign the Living Will bill into law. Officially called the Life-Prolonging Procedures Act, it was assigned to a conference committee to rectify differences between the House and Senate versions. The committee report was then approved by both chambers.

Singles' Sunday to be April 28

National Catholic Singles' Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 28, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. A reception will follow in the social hall.

This annual event is presented by the Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis and all adult Catholic singles in the archdiocese are invited. According to Louise R. Tremblay, the purpose of the event, now in its sixth year, is to focus attention on the vocation of Catholic men and women who are called to the single life, either temporarily or permanently, by choice or by circumstance

A special Sunday liturgy for singles will be celebrated by Father David Coons.

ICC worked with Rep. Dan Pool, R-Crawfordsville; Sen. William Vobach, R-Indianapolis; and Sen. Joseph Zakas, Indianapoiis; and Sen. Joseph Zakas, re-Granger, as well as representatives of the medical and hospital associations, to amend the Living Will bill. That brought it in line with a model approved by the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Catholic Hospital Association. ICC supported the bill as

Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule Week of April 21

SUNDAY, April 21-Confirmation at St. Elizabeth Parish, Cambridge City, for the parishes of St. Elizabeth and St. Rose, Knight-stown, Eucharistic Liturgy at 2:30 p.m. with reception following

April 22-National Development Council meeting, Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, April 23-Confirmation at St. Ambrose Parish, Seymour, for the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Mary, North Vernon, Eucharistic Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. with reception

THURSDAY, April 25—Confirmation at St. Joseph Parish, Rockville, for the parishes of St. Joseph; Sacred Heart, Clinton; St. Joseph, Universal; and Immaculate Conception, Montezuma, Immaculate Eucharistic Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. with reception following.

FRIDAY, April 26-84th annual State Convention of the Indiana Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, Hilton Hotel, In-dianapolis, Memorial Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed with dinner

SATURDAY, April 27-Confirmation at St. Anthony Parish, Morris, Eucharistic Liturgy at 2 p.m. with reception following.

-Confirmation at Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, Eucharistic Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. with reception



Your AAA dollars at work

Center services Bloomington parishes Albertson also visited every parish in

by Jim Jachimiak

Parishes in the Bloomington Deanery have access to the latest video materials through the deanery's Religious Education Resource Center

Ellen Howard, director since January, said the center includes some books and films, but the emphasis has been on video equipment. "We have a good library of filmstrips and we're building up a good library of videotapes," she said. "But we haven't done much in 16mm films because we see the trend going toward video

The interest in video equipment began several years ago with Jack Albertson, director of religious education at St. Charles Borromeo, where the deanery resource center is located. Funds from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal were sought expanding the collection of video equipment at that time.

Now, Albertson is developing an adult religious education series on videotape. He is doing the taping, Mrs. Howard said, "and I'm picking up pointers on the use of

Smith named ND man of year

J. Albert Smith, Jr. was given the 'Award of the Year' by the University of Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis at the club's annual dinner Friday, April 12, at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Smith is president of the American Fletcher Mor-tgage Corporation and executive vice president of the American Fletcher National Bank.

Smith was honored particularly for "aiding the youth of the community." His youth activities include serving as chair-man and director of Junior Achievement, as past president of Penrod Arts Club, on the board of lay trustees of Brebeuf Preparatory School, as awards committee chairman of the Pan American Games, as a director of the central council of the Boy Scouts of America, and as a director of Crossroads Rehabilitation Center.

The award was presented by James E Rocap, Jr., who said that Smith's list of accomplishments "run through two single-spaced pages" in addition to those specifically mentioned. He, his wife and three children are members of St. Luke's Church

Charles F. Lennon, Jr., executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, was the main speaker for the evening. W. Francis Brezette, club president, conducted business and turned the gavel over to new president, K. Clay Smith. J. G. Leicht, Jr. was chairman of

Post-abortion reconciliation

(Continued from page 1)

Lawrence Lennon, a clinical psychologist who is director and founder of Human Potential Associates, which is affiliated with the Kennedy Adult and Child Guidance Clinic. Dr. Lennon will speak on What Does Having an Abortion Do to a Person?

Other workshop speakers will be Marjorie Becker, coordinator of the Respect Life Committee for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and executive director of Lifeline of Southwest Pennsylvania, who will explain how to begin a diocesan reconciliation program; Rev. William Yockey, from Munhall, Pa., who has a background in social work; Msgr. Joseph Brokhage, a judge for the archdiocesan tribunal; and Grace Hayes, program director of Birthline for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will conclude the workshop by leading a prayer service

the deanery and taped religious education programs in progress at each one. The collection illustrates the variety of programs in the deanery. It has been shown to the Bloomington Deanery Board of Education and the Archdiocesan Board of Education

Each parish is also being given the opportunity to compile the same kind of collection of its own. "When the DREs—or anyone in the parishes-are interested in learning to use the video equipment, we're training them," Mrs. Howard explained. They can use the VCR to film first communions, confirmations and other parish events. The films are valuable not only as historical records but also as training materials for those involved in the programs, Mrs. Howard noted.

resource center was pretty well established when I took over. Mary Flaten (the former director) did a good job of establishing it. So Mrs. Howard's emphasis will be on expanding the materials available and learning the use of the equipment.

Nearly all of the parishes in the Bloomington Deanery have purchased their own videocassette recorders, she said. But she will be available to instruct parish religious educators in how to use the equipment available at the resource

Another one of her goals as director of the center is "to expand the resources for use in elementary and high school religious education, because to date the main thrust has been in adult ed."

for the video equipment, they are currently being used "to maintain what we have," Mrs. Howard explained. "We have applied again for next year." If this year's request approved, the allocation will be used to expand the library for high school and

expand the fibrary for high school and elementary religious education. Mrs. Howard, who also serves as director of religious education at St. Martin parish in Martinsville, spends Wednesdays at the center. "And whenever I'm needed I go on my own to visit the DREs and the

"I find it very exciting to do this kind of work," she observed. "I've been DRE for nine years, and not that that gets stale, but it's exciting to get into something new. I enjoy it and I have a great bunch of people

'Lifesigns' wins national religious award

For the second time in four months, a segment of the weekly teenage program "Lifesigns" has won a national award for excellence. WICR-FM radio in In-dianapolis, operated by Indiana Central University, will receive the 35th annual Wilbur Award for the segment on divorce.

The segment was judged the best radio entry for local market release in the awards competition conducted by the National Religious Public Relations Council, an interfaith organization of professional religious communicators. The award is presented to secular agencies for religious excellence in the communication religion through journalistic and broadcast media.

In 1983, Edward W. Roehling, general manager of WICR-FM, provided the equipment and facilities enabling "Lifesigns" to become a reality. The station has carried the program each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. since its inception.

"Lifesigns" was the brainchild of Mike Carotta, coordinator of youth catechesis for the Office of Catholic Education. He and John Kirby of the American Cancer Society of Central Indiana have acted as producers of the series. The program is jointly produced by the Catholic Communications Center and St. Meinrad College. "Lifesigns" also can be heard weekly on



WINNING VOICES—Some of these members of St. Luke's parish were involved in taping WINNING VOICES—Some or tress memoris of St. Marc's parish which will be used to the "Lifesigns" segment which won the 35th Annual Wilbur Award. Pictured in the studio at the Catholic Communications Center with Mike Carotta (third from left) are Jerry Harkness, John Griffin, Suzie BeGuhn, Kathy Koon and Mike Nastav. Carotta is one of the

WRCR-FM in Rushville and WWWY-FM in Columbus. In addition, selected programs are transmitted by satellite on the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America

Lifesigns is made possible in part by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and an additional grant from the National Catholic Society of Foresters

Anti-pornography group organizing picket and boycott of four Indianapolis stores

by Richard Cain

Citizens for Decency through Law of Central Indiana, an anti-pornography group, and the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis are organizing a picket and boycott of four of the five Super 7 ood Stores located in Indianapolis. Stores targeted for picketing on

Saturday, April 27, are located at 3350 N. High School Road, 9945 E. 21st St., 1731 E. 52nd St. and 5102 E. Washington St. A fifth Super 7 store, located at 5055 English Ave., has not been targeted because it does not sell pornography, according to Ron Hackler, chairman of the Citizens for Decency executive committee.

The action is part of a nationwide effort to picket stores owned by the Southland Corporation. The National Federation of Decency plans to picket as many as 5,000 stores on that day

According to Hackler, the head of the National Federation for Decency, Methodist Minister Donald E. Wildmon, met with Southland Corporation officials three times prior to calling for the boycott, but was told that the company makes too much money on the sale of pornographic magazines to cease selling them. Each of the four local stores has been notified of this action and asked to withdraw the magazines, Hackler said.

He said the picketing was designed to express concern that hard-core por-

nography depicting ultimate sexual acts is available in family convenience stores

"We think that when citizens are made ware of the hard-core nature of some of these publications, they will see that they are not just the concern of extremist groups," Hackler said. "'Hustler' groups," Hackler said. "'Hustler' magazine has a clear record of ridicule for the Christian faith and is also sold in local porno shops. It runs a regular cartoon

called 'Chester the Molester.' We urge concerned citizens to join us in this boycott to protest the action of these stores.

A meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Krannert Assembly Room of the Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 West 42nd St. in Indianapolis to make assignments and give instructions to picketers. All interested persons are invited to participate.





PLANNING PICKET-At an April 10 press conference, Ron Hackler, chairman of the executive committee of Citizens for Decency through Law of Central Indiana, Inc., and Dorothea S. Green, president of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, announce a picket and boycott of four of the five Indianapolis Super 7 Stores. (Photo by Richard Cain)

COMMENTARY

Good youth ministry critically needed

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

At times I sit in on hearings where a candidate for a doctoral degree defends his dissertation. The last one I attended was terrifying.

The dissertation was titled, "Violence,

Development and Malad-Social justment." The candidate was a man in his 40s, married and living in Ireland. He was Catholic comparing grade school boys who live in Northern Ireland with those living in the Republic of



Some of the questions raised in the dissertation were: What happens when youths are exposed to bullet holes in their classroom, when classmates have uncles killed by security forces and parents are taken from homes by the police? What is the effect on a child who daily witnesses barriers, barbed wire, army posts and graffiti on the walls of burned-out homes?

One reply is that this violence tends to one reply is that this violence tends to induce youths to form large personal networks—gangs. These gangs provide protection and security. Youths also become more accepting of violence within the family, the possibilities of divorce and family breakdown.

Another result of living in a violent atmosphere is that youths, on a true or false questionnaire, will usually answer to questions such as: "most people will cheat a little in order to make money "a person is better off if he doesn't trust people"; "sometimes I feel like I don't really have a home"; "a person like me fights first and asks questions later"; "it's fun to give police a bad time.'

What is most frightening about these youths is that they have grown up before

their time. Most will never reassess their thinking about trusting, wanting to fight or considering all police as the enemy. They will always feel they were born on the wrong side of the tracks and are social outcasts whose only way to deal with

society is through force.

As I listened to the doctoral candidate explain his work, I realized that this phenomenon isn't confined to Northern Ireland. Recently the Chicago newspapers were filled with stories of neighborhoods terrorized by gang murders and violence. Chicago is only one of several large cities, and suburbs, in which the lives of youths are being destroyed. If they don't die a physical death they go through life warped and anti-social.

What's the answer? If I had one encompassing response, I believe every funding foundation interested in youth would be knocking on my door. There is no one answer.

I do, however, have a suggestion. Many years ago there was a document on youth ministry which defined it as being for youth, by youth and with youth. When further defined, this slogan meant that youth ministers should get youth involved in such ministries as singing at Mass, youth retreats and community action

I believe the day has come to redefine the work of youth ministers. I suggest that we look for a special corps of youth ministers who are conversant with the latest studies on youth violence and gangs I see these youth ministers resembling the old CYO coaches who channeled street violence into healthy competition on a gym



These youth ministers should be trained to educate parents about the violence of a gang mentality. They should be able to read the signs of a neighborhood in trouble and know how to react and how to serve as a go-between for youths, police and the

community. What I envision is no easy task Neighborhood violence is as old as the ancient Greeks. What we need are ancient Greeks. What we need are dedicated people who believe in youth and who will seek every means to help them enter adulthood as complete and whole

Our society is reaping the bitter fruits of sexual liberation

by Richard B. Scheiber

Let's hear it for the sexual liberators!

They are the people who have enlightened our minds about one of God's most sublime gifts to mankind, the means by which a man and a woman can so

completely express their love for one another that their action can result in the creation of another human being, a new person made in God's image, a creature possessed of a soul, indestructible eternal.



us that we need to shed our hang-ups about this great mystery, that after all, it's just another "animal" act that needn't concern us too much. "Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas do it," goes the song, which could be the "natural anthem" for the

No need to worry any more about homosexuality, either, they say. After all, it's just another option, another lifestyle, like choosing what color socks to wear with green pants

Marital fidelity? Who needs it? You know the trite old saying, "If the going gets tough, the tough get going"—right out the door, presumably, when it comes to matrimony.

And talk about sexual hang-ups. Who in this day and age believes for a minute young people should avoid sex before marriage? Why, think what that can do to one's psyche, one's inner peace, one's sense of self-esteem. Bottling up that sexual drive can really make people nervous, and being nervous is not a good thing. There are those who think such mindless continence may even cause acne

Yes, we should thank the liberators. That would be some of our more progressive educators, the movie and TV script writers, novelists, people whose job it is to shape opinion, the "r shakers" everybody looks up to. "movers and

So let's thank them for the fruits of their

labor. Let's thank them for the explosion in teen-age pregnacies, which they blame on inadequate sex education, by which they mean inadequate contraceptive education. It never occurs to them that the most effective method of birth prevention is the two-letter word "no.

Let's thank them, too, for a large part of the 17 million infant deaths through abortion that have taken place in this country in the past 12 years. They admit, some of them, that this sort of thing can be tragic, but view it as a good solution to a human problem. While we're at it, we should thank them for the devastating physical and emotional problems that have come about because of so many of these abortions.

They deserve our gratitude, too, for the hundreds of thousands of children who, after a while, are not sure whom they should call "Mon" or "Dad," and who must grow up rootless, having an imperfect idea at best of what it means to have the anchor of a stable family.

Thanks, too, good people for the epidemic of veneral diseases, some of them

previously almost unknown, some of them incurable, all traceable in large part to the idea that it's okay to go to bed with anybody, anytime, because if it feels good, do it. I'm sure the ones whose lives have been ruined because of this are really grateful.

We really appreciate the fact that in some places in this country, getting a blood transfusion is like playing Russian Roulette, because of homosexual activity and drug abuse. That one is really a gift from the sexual liberators.

None of these problems has an easy solution. By their very nature, they are not tailored to a "quick fix," which is the kind of solution people have been trying to apply to them. Nobody among the liberators seems to have any inkling how deep-seated the cause is.

It never occurs to them that God may have had a reason for using the word "no, which everybody seems to have forgotten. in his commandments.

One thing we should have learned, but have not yet, is that God will not be mocked.

Reagan policy critics ignore bad

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

The Reagan administration's escalating war of words against the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua is cause for grave concern. The administration consistently portrays the regime in black-and-white terms which admit no grays. The

president himself sounds almost demogogic on this

Taken at face value. Reagan's increasingly belligerent anti-Sandinista rhetoric suggests that, so far as he is concerned, there is little if any hope the Nicaraguan crisis can

be resolved by peaceful means. Either the regime says "uncle" or the United States directly or indirectly-will overthrow it, by

force of arms if necessary.

Fortunately there is mounting opposition to the administration's policy. But unfortunately, some of its severest critics have gone to the other extreme.

While the president can find nothing good to say about the Sandinistas, some of his critics can find nothing to criticize

They admit the Sandinistas have made a few "mistakes." Generally, however, they tend to ignore or rationalize human rights violations in Nicaragua that they would condemn in authoritarian right-wing

Two examples will suffice. Some U.S. apologists for the Sandinistas excuse, even defend, Nicaraguan press censorship and repression of free trade unions. For some strange reason, this is particularly true of a number of church people.

Some, of course, admit that press freedom is severely limited, but that doesn't seem to concern them much. Very few mention the trade union situation; those who do tend to echo the Sandinista

Clearly a double standard is at work, a reverse image of the administration's tendency to condemn human rights violations by "unfriendly" regimes more severely than it does similar violations by "friendly" regimes.

There's little to choose between these two forms of selective indignation. The Sandinistas' censorship of the press and repression of trade union freedom are no more defensible than similar offenses by right-wing dictatorships, and vice versa

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.,

Sandinista human rights record observed several years ago that "the best quick test of the political nature of a regime is to read the local papers on arrival. If they are filled with bad news, you have landed in a libertarian society of sorts. If, on the other hand, the press is filled with good news, it is a fair bet that the jails will be filled with good men.

While Nicaraguan jails are not exactly "filled" with good men, neither are they empty of political prisoners.

The record shows that the Sandinistas have been guilty of a number of serious human rights violations. Anyone who doubts this would be well-advised to put aside his legitimate antipathy for the Reagan administration's Nicaragua policy long enough to read with an open mind the Department's country-by-country compilation of human rights violations in

There is no reason to question the basic accuracy of the report's chapter on Nicaragua. If anything, it is understated. Parallel reports by independent agencies have made an even stronger case against the Sandinistas.

In summary, the State Department reports that the regime exercised prior censorship of the media throughout 1984

and that it has attempted to weaken the independent labor movement in Nicaragua while creating alternative labor bodies under its own control. Both charges are spelled out in considerable detail.

It is ethically indefensible to ignore these charges or rationalize them on grounds of "national security." Surely it is counterproductive.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

In 'Purple Rose,' fantasy meets real life

by James W. Arnold

If there is no God, it's like a movie with no point, with no happy ending. —The Purple Rose of Cairo

Woody Allen's extraordinary love affair with movies continues in "The Purple Rose of Cairo," which is the most original, brilliant and touching movie since, well, Allen's "Zelig."

This time Woody functions not as star, but only as writer-director (for the first time since "Interiors"). He challenges the most basic characteristics of the film medium, makes a hilarious gag out of it, and thenartist that he is—turns



it around to make a wry but poignant statement on the human condition. One marvels, then laughs, then cries, as one always does with good poetry.

For years, film teachers have been telling their students that the rock-bottom difference between movies and theater is that stage actors are live and subject to all the advantages and disadvantages of being flesh and blood. They exist in real time and space, they can touch you, they can sneeze or trip over a prop. But movie characters are made of light and shadow, *rozen forever into their perfected performance.

So what happens in "Purple Rose"? A character comes off the screen of a movie, right into the audience, and brightens the life of a beleaguered, unhappy woman. He fails in love, and never wants to go back into the movie. Something like Pinocchio, he wants to be a real human being.

The setting is a small town in New

Jersey in the 1930s, and the wandering movie character (Jeff Daniels) is a sterling fellow in a pith helmet and safari jacket who has escaped from one of those brittle comedies of high society manners. You know, Manhattan socialites stand around in evening clothes sipping champagne, then spend an evening of fun at the Copacabana. Tom Baxter, Daniels' character, is the charming, morally perfect 1930s hero. (If he had escaped from a 1980s film, mothers would hide their daughters.)

The unhappy movie buff he tries to rescue is Cecilia (Mia Farrow), who is the epitome of the long-suffering but loving feminist victim. She is married to Monk (Danny Aiello), a boorish jerk who is slightly lovable only because of the self-doubt with which he plays his macho husband role. He tyrannizes and even beats her, fools around with other women, and lives and plays off her pitiful earnings as a coffee shop waitress. He is confident in this master-slave relationship, because he knows she has no place else to go.

But he's wrong, because she takes refuge in the cinema. Farrow as Cecilia beautifully embodies and speaks for all those millions who, especially in Hollywood's golden years, fled their wretched lives for a few hours of wonderment in the movies. So it's only natural that a movie hero would come to her incredulous rescue.

The comic complications are sheer delight. The other movie characters have to stand around and wait, bickering among themselves and with members of the audience, because the film can't go on until Tom comes back. The producer and other Hollywood types fly into Jersey in a panic, wondering what will happen to their business if characters discover they can just walk off the screen whenever they want.



CARING FOR 'BABY'—William Katt and Sean Young, as an American couple exploring in Africa, comfort a baby dinosaur who has been separated from his mother in "Baby . . . Secret of the Lost Legend," a Touchstone release. The fantasy-adventure also stars Patrick McGoohan as a ruthless paleontologist who will stop at nothing to claim the discovery as his own. The U.S. Catholic Conference calls it, a "pleasant movie" which should provide good entertainment for a wide age group though a violent battle scene and some mild vulgarity rule out young children. The USCC classifies it A-II. (NC photo)

Among them is Gil Shepherd, the young actor who plays Baxter and fears the ruin of his budding career. When he meets Cecilia, he also falls in love, and she is in the puzzling position of having to choose between real and fictional versions of the same man.

Allen's more fundamental joke, of course, is the difference between real life and life in the movies. The naive Baxter, for example, finds that his fake movie money buys nothing, that bad guys like Monk fight dirty, and that when you have to escape in a hurry, real cars don't start without ignition keys. He also learns that after a romantic kiss, there isn't an automatic fadeout.

Perhaps the best sequence comes when Baxter asks Cecilia to show him the real world, and he sees things that seldom appeared in old movies, like unemployment lines and a pregnant woman. She also shows him a church, and talks about God, whom he'd never heard of before. He thought everything was created by screen writers. He also pays an innocent visit to a brothel, where to the amazement of the employees, he cheerfully describes his loyalty to Cecilia and the beauties of motherhood.

In another wonderfully imaginative passage, Baxter takes Cecilia back into the

movie for a night on the town at the Copa and other traditional romantic places. Alas, it is her only tangible reward.

Allen's problem as a writer is finding an ending to this provocative and wacky fantasy, and not everyone will be happy with how it develops. But at least it's honest, with a sweet edge to its bitter insight on the lack of romance and morality in most real lives. The film's final image is, frankly, an unforgettable tribute to the fantasy of the movies. Short of heaven, Woody seems to know, art offers the only sure refuge from desolation.

Perhaps, as theologians have often speculated, it is a sign of happy endings yet to come.

(Creative, funny and touching movie with something for everybody; recommended for all but very young children).

USCC classification: A-II, adults and adolescents

Recent USCC Film Classifications

Legend: A-I-general patronage; A-II-adults and adolescents; A-III-adults; A-IV-adults, with reservations; O-morally offensive. A high recommendation from the USCC is indicated by the • before the title.

American Catholics not as polarized as program suggests

by Henry Herx

In St. John's account of the Last Supper, Christ says the world will know his followers by their love for one another. Unfortunately that's not the impression conveyed by "Catholics in America: Is Nothing Sacred?," a "Frontline" documentary airing Tuesday, April 23 on PBS. (Check local listings for time in your area.)

It is always instructive—and sometimes quite humbling—to see oneself as others do. In this program, the perception of America's Catholics is limited to two extremes, traditionalist and liberal, in a bitterly disedifying conflict over matters of individual conscience and church authority.

One can argue that such a narrow focus misses entirely the mainstream of American parish life and practice in the post-Vatican II church. In the 20 years since the council, changes have not come easily nor without human hurt, but this still-ongoing process of renewal is more a pastoral concern than a doctrinal one.

That being said, this "Frontline" program makes an honest attempt to deal with some controversial issues within a church whose membership numbers about one of four Americans.

It will interest Catholics, of course, but also other Americans who would like to know their Catholic neighbors a little better. If nothing else, they will discover that the church is not monolithic and that "easy stereotypes of Catholics are no longer possible and never were true."

The program begins by explaining the impact of the Second Vatican Council's reforms. Speaking for the Vatican is Cardinal Silvio Oddi, who heads the Congregation for the Clergy. He discusses the need for unity of belief because "moral values don't change according to the day, to the time, to the country."

Within this context, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee serves as a microcosm of the church in America. Here producer Irv Drasnin centers his program with a number of provocative but one-sided interviews. It creates the impression of an archdiocese split between conservative and liberal factions, surely unrepresentative of the vast majority of Milwaukee Catholics.

On one side are those such as Msgr. Alphonse Popek of Catholics United for the Faith. An example of CUF's activities cited by the program is an appeal to Rome to investigate a sex education course in a local Catholic junior high school.

On the other side are the dissenters and the disaffected, such as theologian Daniel Maguire and social activist Jim Groppi, both former priests, as well as others who question aspects of the church's moral teaching or institutional structure.

In a short interview toward the end of

the program, Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee speaks about the values of diversity in unity and the importance of inspirational leadership. In spite of the heated confrontations which precede these remarks, his is a voice of reason which commands respect and acceptance.

By concentrating on the controversy between extreme factions, Drasnin's report misses the big story about the American church. Instead of that fragmentation, the center has held, and most American Catholics welcome the changes of Vatican II and the challenges of renewal.

Television programs of special interest to viewers

Tuesday, April 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m. EST (CBS) "Student Court." A 15-year-old girl (Katy Kurtzman) caught shoplifting chooses to face a jury of her peers in Student Court rather than risk spending time in juvenile hall by appearing in Juvenile Court in this "CBS Schoolbreak Special."

Tuesday, April 23, 10-10:30 p.m. EST
Humorist Shepherd's America."
Humorist Shepherd journeys to a neighborhood tavern in Milwaukee to probe the
connection between baseball and beer
commercials.

Wednesday, April 24, 9-11 p.m. EST (PBS) "The Well-Tempered Bach with Peter Ustinov." Celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach, Ustinov hosts a lively examination of the musician's career, punctuated by performances of many of his most popular works. Thursday, April 25, 10-11 p.m. EST

Thursday, April 25, 10-11 p.m. EST (CBS) "Honor, Duty and a War Called Vietnam." Ten years after the fall of Saigon, Walter Cronkite returns to Vietnam to reflect on the war, the battles and the lessons learned there while veterans at home remember fighting the war.

Friday, April 26, 8-11 p.m. EST (CBS)
"Arthur the King." Touring England's
Stonehenge megalithic pillars, an
American (Dyan Cannon) discovers a
cavern deep underground where time has
stood still for a millenium. There she
witnesses Camelot's epic saga.

TV film fare

Monday, April 22, 9-11 p.m. EST (ABC)—"Marathon Man" (1976)—Dustin Hoffman stars as an introspective student who finds himself involved with a terrifying fugitive Nozi (Laurence Olivier). Heavy on violence and experiting the tragedy of the Holocaust, this film is the kind of shrewd, hollow, profoundly anti-human thriller that only a society as indifferent to secular graces as to moral values could embrace as legitimate entertainment. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is Omorally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is Rerestricted.

New religious education program released

Program was born in this archdiocese

by Richard Cain

A new religious education program developed locally and piloted in local archdiocesan schools has been published by Winston-Seabury Press. The program, called "Junior High: Growing Selves, Emerging Faith," is one of the few programs available that is aimed specifically at the junior high age group, according to author Mike Carrotta, archdiocesan coordinator of curriculum.

The program was born in this ar-ocese," Carrotta said. Piloted at St. chdiocese," Carrotta said. Piloted at St. Barnabas, St. Christopher and St. Joan of Arc in Indianapolis and at St. Mary of the Knobs near Floyd Knobs, the program stresses personal application as well as presenting information.

There is no student text. Rather, the program centers around the experiences of the students. It consists of 14 one-hour ions and uses reproducible student worksheets and background material for the teacher in communicating the Christian story. It can also be used in a retreat for-

The program design takes into account the difficult challenges of the junior high age group, Carotta said. "It's a messy time physically and emotionally. That's why it's very important that you walk right into the mess and help them see that God is right there with them at this time in their life

He expressed the hope that the students would come away with "a better un-derstanding of their life stories, see those stories as stories of faith and realize that they themselves can write the next chapter in that life/faith story."

Carrotta has worked with adolescents for the last 12 years teaching and designing church, school and radio programs. recently won a Gabriel award for the locally-produced radio show, "Lifesigns."

Other religious educators in the archdiocese who helped in the development of the program include: Mark Corsaro, Mary Ann Hurle, Mary Jaffe and Connie Schmidt from St. Barnabas; Lisa Merchant and Ann Myers from St. Christopher; Sheila Jolivette and Nancy McKeown for St. Joan of Arc; and Joe Exline from St. Mary of the Knobs

The book is available from Winston Press, 430 Oak Grove, Minneapolis, MN 55403 for \$11.95

the Saints Make

WHEN GEORGE BECAME A CHRISTIAN, WHEN GEORGE BECAME A CHRISTIAN, HE RESIGNED FROM THE ROMAN ARMY. HE REBUKED THE EMPEROR HIMSELF FOR BEING SO CRUEL TO THE CHRISTIANS. HE WAS THEN PUT INTO PRISON AND TORTURED. BUT NOTHING COULD MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND. HE WAS BEHEADED ABOUT THE YEAR 303.

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the sunday READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

by Richard Cain Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9 Luke 24:35-48

Thanks to technology, our cars are now graced with a wonderful array of indicators telling us how well they are operating. In a similar way, God has supplied our souls with an array of spiritual indicators to

guide us in their operation.

One spiritual indicator to keep a special eye on during Easter is joy. As this Sunday's first reading taken from the Acts of the Apostles suggests, a true and lasting joy has its source in the Lenten knowledge of our weakness and need for reconciliation with God.

The chapter from which this passage is taken begins with Peter's miraculous healing of a cripple at the gate of the Jerusalem temple. The spectacle of the joyous cripple leaping around attracted a crowd of people who had come to worship. As the crowd gathered in wonder arou him, Peter found it necessary to explain the truth about the healing. It resulted not from me power in him, he explained, but from faith in how God was working through Christ to offer them healing from their crippled state of sin.

Thus, the miracle was really an invitation. But if the crowd was to respond to that invitation, they first had to see themselves in the cripple. Peter supplied the link when he first invited the Jews to come to terms with their role in Christ's death and what it said about their relationship with God. That is, he invited them to see how they were spiritual cripples. This self-knowledge in turn transformed what had been a mere impersonal spectacle of one man's physical healing into a powerful personal message of God's offer of spiritual healing

There is a lesson here for us. We are the crowd. Through the preaching and liturgical celebration of the church, we experience (if you will) the miracle of the rising of Christ from the dead. But like the crowd, we must go beyond being mere spectators of that miracle. We must see ourselves in Christ crippled on the cross if we are then to experience true Easter joy at seeing Christ rise to new life within us

The First Letter of John, from which

this Sunday's second reading is taken, is also concerned with maintaining deepening Easter joy. That joy began with when the apostles and selected disciples witnessed the fact that Christ was alive But it would only find its completion when others accepted their proclamation of the good news and lived in harmony with one another and with the truth.

Joy, then, comes through truth. In this ge, John is concerned that we accept two truths. Both are central to maintaining our link with God and therefore with one another. One states that we have the joy of knowing God if we obey His com-mandments. But since our obedience is at best imperfect, another truth becomes essential. Jesus died and lives to heal us of disobedience—if we choose to let Him. Joy, then, comes also through repentence and

But joy can be reclaimed after disobedience only if we acknowledge the truth of our disobedience. If we refuse to acknowledge the truth of our disobedience, we will lose sight of the truth of our need for Christ's salvation

The darkness of disobedience, then, is in its denial that it is disobedience. When we fool ourselves into thinking that disobedience is obedience we cloud our sense of moral judgment and lose our very ability to know what God has commanded. Neither is the cross a license for disobedience. For true acknowledgment of disobedience cannot take place without at the same time the desire to obey in the

Just as our Easter joy begins when we begin the process of identification with Jesus, so it finds its completion when we complete that process of identification. As this Sunday's gospel suggests, we do this by taking up Jesus' mission as our own. That mission is no less than reconciling the world to God. In last week's gospel, which recounts the same incident as this week's, Jesus put it best: "As the Father sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) There is much joy in sharing God's purpose

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Eating for fun and profit

by Cynthia Dewes

Having eaten my way through life with idisguised (in more ways than one) en-usiasm, I can report with some authority

n the sharing of public We have all ard of the standard lunch of reamed chicken and speeches and for money. We w about the bowling anquet with prime rib trophies, and we could predict with a air degree of accuracy he menu to be offered at several common events



At my age, the ladies' luncheon looms on the social horizon, destroying the possibility of a slim old age or even, at the rate it's going, an ambulatory one. The food presented at such affairs always seems to involve quantities of cream sauce, puff and ward tropical fruit. Real are candied, nuts are spiced and sugared beyond all recognition, and vegetables are relentlessly tortured by clever knives into parodies of their natural selves in order to attract the attention of charitable, solvent women who are ever willing to eat for a good cause

Miniatures are prepared for our anticipated delight: tiny slices of water chestnut, dabs of generic pate, slivers of almonds, twists of cucumber and curls of cheese decorate finger sandwiches. Petit fours, whipped cream, butter cookies and rum-flavored anything defy nutrition. The odds are against us, and the evens too.

The irony of all this is that the luncheon is usually accompanied by a fashion show a lecture by a beauty expert, or advice from some other authority on staying slim and lovely throughout our natural decay We listen raptly, drooling croissant butter down our chins and transferring chicken salad stuffing from tomato to mouth.
Unless the models are wearing stylish stouts, we dismiss their tiny waistlines with a contemptuous toss of heaped forks.

Any resolve that we may have built by witnessing analyses of food-induced problems (fat), figure and weight charts, dissolves with the last lick of meringue from our lips. The causes we support by our public eating-health, reduction of poverty hunger, spiritual regeneration, whatever-seem definitely

out of step with the excesses we are indulging ourselves in

But there is a value in public eating that defies incongruity. Chowing down on fried chicken together at a retirement dinner cements a community of friendship among co-workers, and helps the retiree ease the pain of his parting (or celebrate it, as the case may be). And how would we know we'd witnessed a wedding unless we'd eaten chicken drumlets, eggrolls and white cake, all at the same meal'

So it is with the ladies' luncheon. We enjoy being rewarded before our peers for our good works. Short of that, we'll settle for a "free" meal and a door prize.

VIUS...

St. Anne Sister Susheela Kurian, a native of Bangalore, India, will profess final vows on Sunday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Mount St. Francis in southern Indiana. A reception will follow in the main dining room and lounge. Sister Susheela is one of five Sisters of St. Anne currently serving at the Mount. She will visit India this summer and return to studies at Marian College in the fall.

Cathedral High School senior Chuck Dunn has won the 1985 AAU All-Around State Gymnastic Championship. Dunn also won three individual event championships, bringing home four gold, two silver and one bronze medal

check it out...

Holy Angels parish will sponsor its City-wide Rummage Sale, Flea Market and Fish Fry on Saturday, May 4. Admission 25 cents; table rentals \$20. Fish dinners, sandwiches, and side orders will be offered, with carry-out and free delivery available. Call 926-3324 for more information.

A 10-mile Crop Hunger Walk sponsored by Church World Service Crop and the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis will be held on Saturday, April 27 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. downtown on the Circle. Among the beneficiaries of the \$50,000 goal set by Crop will be the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Gleaners Foodbank. Walkers or joggers interested in obtaining sponsors for the walk should contact: Rev. Roger Heimer,

Crop office, 1100 W. 46th St., Indianapolis,

The Adult Catechetical Team of St. Joan of Arc parish will present a seminar for parents of teens and small children rentitled "Has Your Child Hugged You Today?" on Sunday, April 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. Communication, mutual respect and discipline from a Christian viewpoint will

✓ Single men ages 17-45 are invited to 'Meet St. Francis and His Friars" for dinner, prayer, slides and a little discussion on Sunday, April 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. Louis Friary, 13 St. Louis Place, Batesville. Call Father Ric Schneider 812-934-3204 for information

The 10th anniversary Indiana Religious Heritage Tours led by Dr. Grover L. Hartman will take place Tuesday through Thursday, June 4-6 in southern Indiana, and Tuesday through Thursday, June 11-13 in northern Indiana. St. Meinrad Archabbey, the Benedictine Sisters' convent in Ferdinand, and the University of Notre Dame are among the historic religious sites to be visited. Send \$15 registration fee for each of the tours to: Dr. Grover Hartman, 54 E. Beechwood Ln., Indianapolis, Ind. 46227, or call 317-786-1035 for information

Marian College Chorale and Chamber Singers will present their free Spring Concert on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. in the college chapel, Marian Hall, 3200 Cold college chapel, Marian Hall, 3200 Cold Spring Rd. The Cantata 112 by J.S. Bach, with soloists Sare, Point with soloists Sara Reid, soprano, Deborah Bishop, mezzo, Farrell Scott, tenor, and David Crokette, bass, will be featured, and Dorothy Scott will be organist.

The 14th Annual Children's Folk Dance Festival sponsored by the In-dianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center, Hall D. Traditional dances from Portugal, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Israel and many more will be performed by over 1,300 students from Indianapolis area public and parochial schools. Admission at the door only is \$1 for adults and free for children age 16 and under

New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry will sponsor their annual Belle of Louisville Dance Cruise on Wednesday, June 5 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. EDST. Music by "Speak English." Tickets 'are \$5.50 per "Speak English." Tickets are \$5.50 per person, limited to 800. One chaperone per 15 students. Contact: New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry, 707 W. Highway 131, Clarksville, Ind. 47130, 812-945-0354.

The St. Mary's Diamond Jubilee Committee in Indianapolis invites all former students and alumni of St. Mary's Academy to the May 19th Homecoming Celebration, the first of four celebrations this summer honoring the 75th anniversary of the present church structure. If you are, or know of a former student, call 637-3983 with your name and address.

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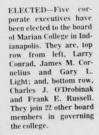












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QUESTION CORNER

Will church marry first cousins?

I have a disturbing question and I Q don't know anyone else to approach My first cousin and I are in love with each other. It is a beautiful relationship, but the realities are difficult. What do the church's rules say about our

getting married? (California)

According to the A general law of the Catholic Church 1091) any (Canon 1091) any relationship up to and including the fourth degree (what call first usually is an cousins) impediment to marriage.



For a serious enough reason, however, the bishop of the diocese can dispense from this impediment for a first cousin. In some other cultures marriage of first cousins is far more common than it is in our own. In those countries dispensations by the church for such marriages also are relatively

In most U.S. states your problem would be more with civil law than with canon law. California happens to be one that has no law prohibiting marriages between first cousins. At least 30 other states not only prohibit them but some have rather severe

legal sanctions for resident couples who travel to another state to enter such a marriage

You also wondered in your letter why laws against first-cousin marriages even exist. They are based on social and health reasons which, upon a little reflection, are rather obvious

A few ancient cultures apparently allowed some type of marriage relationship even between brother and sister and parent and child. However, for the familial and physical health of their societies, marriage between relatives to some degree was forbidden by every major code of law with which we are familiar, even those which predate the Jewish law of the Old

If you're serious about a possible marriage, please talk with your parish priest soon. He will advise you on the steps

How does one address a bishop or Q monsignor in public places or social gatherings? (New Jersey)

Just "bishop" or "monsignor" is per-A fectly acceptable.

In response to a recent question you stated that there are occasions when a -Catholic may receive Communion in a Catholic church. I would appreciate your explaining what those occasions are.

FAMILY TALK

How agencies should handle adopting parents

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I am writing about my attempts to adopt a child after I discovered I was infertile. One in five couples is affected by this sad condition

I have seen many couples spend long scouraging years and then many thousands of dollars trying to have a baby without success. Then when we turn to an adoption agency, we are often examined and analyzed as if we were second-class citizens. The message is: "We may give you a baby if we think you're perfect."

When I asked our parish priest to write a reference letter for us to an adoption agency, he refused, saying: "This is God's will for you to be childless

Despite many obstacles we now have two beautiful daughters from Korea. But I can still hear the pain in my own voice as I would call the adoption agency and rather hesitantly ask about the progress in our adoption process. I was afraid to be assertive out of fear they would say no.

Answer: Adoption is a wonderful way to become a parent: to want a child so much that you reach out and bring into your home and heart a child already born. I love to hear a story like yours today when so many other people see children as a nuisance and

Four of our 12 children are adopted. We tell all our children that they each have two sets of parents: their biological parents and their forever parents. For some, both sets are the same. But our adopted children are unique; they have two sets, both of whom have loved them.

What saddens me about your letter is your experience with adoption agencies. Unfortunately, some agencies treat prospective parents as if they must prove themselves worthy, and then they are kept in the dark about waiting periods and

I wish the reaction were the oppositethat couples wishing to adopt were given the red-carpet treatment. Every couple wishing to adopt is a tremendous love



ource, and that resource should be tapped, even if adoption is not possible

One of the difficulties is that not many babies without problems are available today. Yet almost every state has a hardto-place list, with physically handicapped, mentally handicapped, sibling groups, older children, children of mixed race and foreign-born children. You had the courage to explore alternative sources for a child, and have thus been specially blessed.

Agencies sometimes put their newest workers in charge of adoption. Unfortunately, the more experienced workers are doing marital therapy, counseling and psychotherapy. In such cases, the wisdom that only comes from experience may be

Further, there is no common agreement about what constitutes a thorough home study and how decisions are made. I believe a home study should be very thorough, consisting of a complete social history, psychological testing, medical exams, letters of reference and a home visit. Then I think the agency should have the courage to let the prospective adopting parents sit in on the staff meeting when the critical decision is made. Prospective parents can be treated as colleagues in this process. Their willingness to go through so much and offer a lifetime of love deserves

Thank you for giving me the chance to speak my mind. You have a very special gift in your daughters. Love them wisely

(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address question to The Kennys, Box 872, St. Joseph's College, Renssalaer, Ind. 47978)

A The requirements for this kind of intercommunion are given in an instruction from the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (June 1972), and in the new Code of Canon Law (Canon

Five conditions must be fulfilled for administration of the sacrament of the Eucharist, penance and anointing of the sick to non-Catholic baptized Christians. The person involved must:

- ► Be in danger of death or in urgent need (examples: during persecution or
- ► Be unable to have access to a minister of his or her own faith;
- ► Ask for these sacraments on his or her own initiative:
 - ► Have faith in these sacraments in

accord with the belief of the Catholic

► Be properly disposed. That is, he or she must be aware of no serious offense against God which would contradict union with him professed in the Eucharist

The bishop of a diocese may allow reception of Communion by other Christians in certain other "urgent Christians in certain other "urgent necessities." In some individual instances. for example, a bishop has allowed non-Catholic parents to receive Communion at the marriage of their Catholic son or

In all such cases, however, only the local bishop (not the parish priest) has the right and responsibility to judge whether intercommunion should take place.



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Digging In

By Katharine Bird

"When I'm on the site that's a thousand years old it's like being on a scavenger hunt, seeking the unknown," said anthropologist James Bellis of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, "It appeals to my fancy.

"My interest as an archeologist is in the history of our species," Bellis said. "For archeology is the study of past cultures, people's ways of life, through their material remains — the garbage people left behind," he explained.

"It's hard to cheat with garbage," Bellis added. "We can learn a lot not evident in written records. Everything left behind tells us about people's behavior."

Archeologists are the only persons who can approach the earliest ages of the human saga, the part predating written history in 3000 B.C., Bellis continued.

"Anything we call ancient events is current history" for him. But studying people in any long-gone age convinces Bellis that they were "virtually identical to us" in many ways.

"There's a lot of history between Homeric Greece and us, but we can recognize them as us," he said. Both the ancient Greeks and people today have similar brain size and body shape; both ate domesticated foods — pigs and chickens and fruit; both used metal and wove woolens to make cloth; both had inside fires and lived in permanent communities with relatives.

Bellis recalled a book by anthropologist Loren Eiseley, "The Firmament of Time" (Athenium Press, 1960). Eiseley wrote about looking into a Neanderthal grave and noted that these early human ancestors "laid down their (dead) in grief, placed stones to guard the head and food for the journey."

For Eiseley, it was as if the Neanderthals were sending a wordless message from 40,000 years ago, saying: "We too were human; we too suffered; we too believed the grave was not the end; we too, whose faces afright you now, knew human agony and human love."

That description stands as a prime example of what can be learned from archeology for Bellis. "We discover what human nature is," he said. And that can tell us a lot about ourselves.

For archeology teaches us that "all societies deal with similar kinds of problems," he said. This helps people develop a perspective on themselves and their own times, he added.

His archeological studies have convinced Bellis that "human cooperation and compassion are enormously critical to our survival" as humans.

He thinks there is "far more evidence of cooperation than of antagonism" in early human history.

This runs counter to some popular beliefs that portray the earliest human ancestors as warlike and brutal. "People forget that the Neanderthal man was about 70 years old, had arthritis and was toothless," Bellis said. Warriors seldom get the time to develop such characteristics.

Bellis said that when people discover he's an archeologist, they almost always react by saying, "Oh, that's what I wanted to be!"

That's because people see archeologists through romantic eyes, in the "frame of the Indiana Jones movies which appeal to the mythology of archeology," Bellis said Such movies portray archeologists as "soldiers of fortune" on the trail of high adventure.

In reality, he said, "most archeologists spend their lives in dusty basements" going methodically through bones and pottery and samples of pollen.

At the same time, people have a genuine interest in those who preceded them. And, for Bellis, this is because of what we can learn about ourselves. "If you want to know how we got here today," Bellis said, it is important to know where we have come from.

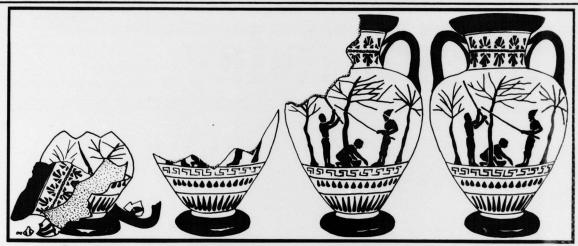
He observed that people had "9,000 years to get used to living in more or less permanent communities with agriculture" as their base and only 200 years to learn how to get along in gigantic metropolitan centers.

"Archeology gives us the perspective of that long time line," Bellis concluded.

(Ms. Bird is associate editor of Faith Today.)

To an archeologist, the "garbage" of ancient cultures reveals a great deal about the drama of human life thousands of years ago. But anthropologist James Bellis, interviewed by Katharine Bird, also believes that if we look closely we can see ourselves reflected in the remnants of the past.





Picking up the pieces of our past

By Joe Michael Feist NC News Service

Moving dirt.

From the mouth of the archeologist, those words take on an enthusiastic, almost musical lilt

"When you're moving dirt, the thrill part comes in. Someone takes a piece of pottery and says, 'You know, I'm the first person to touch this pottery since the time of Abraham.' It's a sense of reliving the past."

Dr. James Ross has felt that sensation many times. Ross, a biblical archeologist and Old Testament scholar, has "moved dirt" on numerous excavations in the Middle East.

Ross is typical in that he is not a full-time archeologist. His interest in archeology grew out of his biblical studies. A member of the United Church of Christ, he holds a doctoral degree in Old Testament studies and has taught for the past 18 years at the Episcopal-run Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va.

Since 1960 Ross has participated in "digs" at Shechem on the West Bank of the Jordan, at Caesarea, Herod's scaport on the Mediterranean coast and at Tel Jemme.

Ross also spent more than three years teaching and doing research at the Albright Institute of Archeological Research in Jerusalem. Most recently, in 1983, he worked at Tel el-Hesi, a Bronze Age site 40 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

Digs in Israel are held only in the summer, Ross explained. Summer is the dry season and it is impossible to dig during rains. Moreover, most digs rely totally on volunteers who receive college credit for their work.

A typical dig is six to seven weeks of demanding labor. "We live in tents with pit toilets and outdoor showers," Ross said. "We dig from 5 o'clock in the morning until noon. Then we have a big meal and rest until 3:30, then work again until 5:30. At night there are lectures about the history, language and culture of the people."

By carefully digging and sifting through layers of dirt the archeologist comes across ancient walls, floors, cisterns, Ross noted. The most common find is broken pieces of pottery.

"Pottery is the language of archeology," said Ross, "The way we date (areas) is by different styles of pottery. The dating of Palestinian pottery is very precise," usually to within 25 years.

Sites also yield "a variety of ob-

jects that show us how people lived. You'll find awls, weaving tools, installations like hearths and ovens. The simple measurements of rooms will tell you what they were used for "Ross said."

What motivates a person to travel halfway around the world to sift through dirt under a grueling sun? Ross is driven by curiosity to understand how ancient people lived, but "it's not idle curiosity."

In a sense, Ross continued, "you can see yourself mirrored in ancient man. You can see yourself in those (Bible stories). Archeology fills in some of the details. It illuminates.

"To be able to understand the way the Bible is the word for us,

we have to know something of how it was the word for early people," he said.

But Ross said that only a "very few archeologists set out trying to prove that the Bible is literally true" in every historical and physical detail.

The stories in the Bible are the way Israel interpreted its past over centuries, Ross believes. "The process of passing on that information and the way generations retold it is more important than the truth or falsity of any detail in any story."

In the final analysis, said Ross, "the truth of the Bible transcends archeological research."

(Feist is associate editor of Faith Today.)

The cave that talked ba

By Father John Castelot NC News Service

It would be hard to think of an archeological discovery that excited the world more than the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947. They were found in caves on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea.

The manner in which the scrolls came to light was enough to fire the popular imagination. As a result there are several different versions of the event. One thing is certain: The discoverer was not a professional archeologist. It was a 15-year-old Bedouin boy named Muhammed edh-Dhib ("the wolf").

One of the more likely accounts of his discovery has Muhammed roaming around the bleak area with his flock and becoming understandably annoved when a

skittish goat ran off into a cave.

The boy threw a stone into the cave to scare the fugitive out. In the eeric stillness he heard the sound of breaking pottery. He called his companion and the two clambered up to investigate.

There they found several ancient earthen jars which seemed to be crammed with scrolls wrapped in age-darkened linen. Sensing their value, they brought the scrolls to a Moslem sheik in Bethlehem.

Thus began a fascinating cloakand-dagger affair, with several parties conniving for possession of this extremely valuable material.

An intensive search over a decade yielded about 600 manuscripts in 11 caves in various stages of preservation. Central to the area was a ruin known as Qumran.

Excavations at Qumran unearth-

ed buildings of a religious community known as Essenes.

The buildings had been in use from about 135 B.C. to 31 B.C. and then again from 1 A.D. to 68 A.D.

When Roman armies overran the area, the Essenes fled, first carefully storing their precious literature in the caves which serv ed as their living quarters. Apparently they figured on returning.

However, the Essenes had not reckoned on the completeness of the Roman victory. Their writings were to remain hidden for almost 19 centuries.

The scrolls made a considerable impact. They contained copies of all the books of the Hebrew Bible, except Esther. Before, our earliest Hebrew text of the Old Testament went back only to 982 A.D. Here were manuscripts a thousand

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Images at Tel Dan

By George Tombs NC News Service

I could feel we were about to discover something important. Already the landscape had changed. What had been stark and dry like a desert was now a sweet grove of poplars and ash, shading us from the burning sun of the Mediterranean.

Here it was: a huge mound of earth.

There were ladders along its sides and archeologists at work.

I felt a lump in my throat as our guide said this was the ancient city of Leshem, also called Laish and later on Dan. The Canaanite people of Old Testament times lived here for more than 3,000 years. Here, the Bible tells us, King Jeroboam lifted up the golden calf and plunged his people into idolatry.

My wife and I felt lucky to be

My wife and I felt lucky to be in the Holy Land. And this was one of the most exciting moments. We stood before the ruins of Tel Dan — "tel" means mound — and we felt the thrill of discovery. Here was a city mentioned in Genesis and Judges, in Kings and Joshua, a city older than almost anything we could imagine.

Something so incredibly old, yet so new — because Tel Dan has been explored by archeologists only since 1970.

Now, as the guide spoke, the doors and walls and stone road became once again a living city. We could picture how the peaceful settlement of Laish was laid waste by the tribe of Dan.

It was well situated, just beside the Dan River, one of the four sources of the River Jordan, in a land where fresh water is coveted

The gate on the southern rim of the mound is the largest ever discovered in Israel. That gives an idea of just how important a city it was.

I was impressed by the ruins of Tel Dan and even more impressed by the work of the archeologists.

Everywhere you go in the Holy Land, from Upper Galilee to the Red Sea, archeologists are at work at biblical sites. In fact, archeologists have almost a privileged role. They can stop modern buildings from going up long enough to move in and check the site for signs of treasure.

They can take mere chunks of stone and mortar and pottery, or weapons and bits of tile, and from that read a story of how life was a hundred generations ago, a story no one intended to rell.

Some archeological discoveries, like the Dead Sea Scrolls or part of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem, have made news around the world and excited the imagination of many persons.

But what has been learned from digs like Tel Dan?

To the expert, the study of the ruins helped piece together the culture and organization of the peaceful city of Laish when the tribe of Dan entered.

The study of the mound has given experts a better grasp of when events occurred. Moreover, archeologists have gained a deeper understanding of Israelite culture itself.

Of course, from the work of archeologists in the Holy Land we have learned about New Testament times, too. Near Tel Dan is Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus said to Peter: "On this rock, I will build my church."

I suppose it's natural when you walk among ruins to imagine how life was long ago, to picture past events.

The image that kept wandering through my mind was the golden calf, that symbol of despair, of a people turning away from God. Even Aaron, Moses' brother, worshiped the calf, centuries before King Jeroboam raised it above his people.

And then prophets foretold the destruction of the city, and the reduction of its pagan sanctuary and its proud palaces to ruins.

After that, the ravages of time took over.

(George Tombs is a freelance writer in Montreal, Quebec.)

FOOD...

St. Paul is one of the more unforgettable people met in Scripture. The story of his conversion, in which he is blinded by faith's light, is fascinating.

Without a doubt, the discovery of more information about him, more details of the years he spent on the road forming the earliest Christian communities, would be considered a great find. Why?

Well, there is a human tendency to be fascinated by the past. By digging into the past, the archeologist and the historian have unearthed enough treasures to line the halls of many great museums: ancient sculpture, books, coins, maps, furniture, clothing.

When an exhibit on the times of Alexander the Great toured great museums in a number of large cities recently, thousands of people waited patiently in long lines for the opportunity to view it.

Perhaps this fascination reflects humanity's need to establish and maintain connections with its roots. Is there a sort of collective hope that important facts about humanity's roots won't be lost, won't be forgotten forever?

But again, why? Do we dig into the past with

Do we dig into the past with more than the hope that new museum pieces will be found? Are people satisfied by the mere opportunity to "view" their

...for thought

past? Or is there more to it than that?

The Christian community takes great interest in its past, its origins. But it does not tend to approach this as a matter of interest only for museum curators. Take Scripture, for example.

Few Christians approach Scripture as a scrapbook that only reminds them what things used to be like. Instead, Christians look to Scripture as a word to proclaim now, which is exactly what they do with it each Sunday during the Mass.

Scripture represents much more to Christians than a powerful memory. It is believed to have power to form people now

But then why do Christians take an interest in the work of archeologists? Why are Christians fascinated by the opportunity for a fuller view of life among the first followers of Jesus?

In part, of course, because it is interesting and valuable to know about the past for its own sake. But there is more

But there is more.

Christians hope that a view of the past will renew their vision of what Scripture can mean now Christians sense that by penetrating their past, they will also be helped to penetrate the meaning of their lives now.

Isn't it a sense that our past is worth knowing because somehow it is life-giving?

...for discussion

1. Is there a story out of your family's history that still means a lot to you because it is in some way a reminder of what you consider most important in life or of how much others in your life mean to you? What do you think you learn — what do you discover — from your own history and the history of your family?

2. An archeologist or a historian can help the human family rediscover some of its past. But do you think this work can illuminate the human family's big questions today or contribute to our future? Why?

3. Why do you think the church's memory of its earliest days nearly 2,000 years ago is important?

SECOND HELPINGS

"Prayer Pilgrimage Through Scripture" by School Sister of Notre Dame Rea McDonnell. In Scripture people recognize that 'biblical people are above all community people, those who can recognize God at work not only in their individual lives but also in their community life," writes Sister McDonnell, "Our God is one who wants to be and so he reveals himself in the prophets, psalmists, in the stories of Adam and Abraham, through wrestling with Jacob and arguing with in our prayers and through our history. In all these ways, God "still reaches out to lure his people into union with the author says. Each chapter in this book contains a short tour through biblical history along with exercises to help connect the biblical message to the modern world. (Paulist Press. 545 Island Rd. Ramsey, N.J. 07446. \$6.95.)

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years older!

Some biblical books known previously only in Greek translation were now available in their original languages. Aramaic translations of many biblical books increased our knowledge of the language Jesus spoke.

Many scrolls contained intrigu-

ing information about the life of the community which produced them. This made it possible to reconstruct more fully the thought world of an important group of Jews who flourished when Christianity was just beginning.

The Qumran discoveries, spectacular though they were, are just one instance of the many archeological finds that have contributed to deeper understanding of the Bible in modern times.

(Father Castelot teaches at St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, Mich.)

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CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR Pierre's love of nature

By Janaan Manternach NC News Service

Pierre loved to take walks through the woods with his father. Their home was in a rugged part of France with many hills and dark woods

He was amazed how his father knew the names of all the trees and flowers, the rocks and minerals. Pierre and his father picked up many interesting objects during their walks.

Pierre's mother was excited each time the two came in from their walks. She greeted them with tea and cookies. Pierre showed her each rock and flower they picked up. He carefully added each one to their growing collections

Pierre's greatest find was a piece of iron from an old plough. He kept it in a secret place and loved to take it out and rub his hands over it. He liked it because it felt so solid and strong. But then he discovered that it could rust. That made him sad.

He became fascinated with

some of the colored stones he found in the area around his house. Pierre loved quartz crystals. They were solid, but let light through.

His childhood love for iron and rocks and everything close to the earth remained with Pierre Teilhard de Chardin all his life When he was a young member of the Jesuit religious order, studying in England, he never took a walk without taking along a magnifying glass and a small hammer

With the hammer he broke open rocks he found. Then he could look at them carefully with the magnifying glass. He was learning to be a scientist.

He felt close to the world and everything in it. Pierre seemed to find God everywhere.

He became a priest and continued his work as a scientist. He went to Egypt to study and teach There he discovered the remains of a world long past — pyramids and tombs, the Nile River, the

And his contact with the past



sparked his interest in the future. He sensed that the Spirit of Christ was drawing people over the centuries to a better life, a more loving life.

Then Father de Chardin went to China. There he did important work mapping the rocks and fossils in areas that never had been mapped before.

Father de Chardin spent his last years in New York. People who knew him were impressed by his scientific knowledge. He still loved to look at rocks and flowers as he walked in Central Park. He still studied relics of ancient times

But those who knew him were even more impressed by his love of people and of God. He was kind and sensitive. He listened to others as few people listened. He suffered much but was mostly cheerful and full of hope

(Ms. Manternach is the author of catechetical works, scripture stories and original stories for children.)

a game Fill in the vowels in the phrases below. All of the phrases are contained in this week's children's story.

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answers: I. walks through the woods, 2, the names of all the trees.
3. with tea and cookies, 4, piece of iron, 5, to find God everywhere,
6. mapping.the rocks and lossils, 7, relies of ancient times,
8. kind and sensitive.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you like to watch films or TV programs, or read books that tell the story of life hundreds of years ago, in biblical times for example? Can you name a story you enjoyed about life long ago? What do you think you can learn by knowing about the past?

Children's Reading Corner

To understand more about ourselves, we often trace our family trees visit the birthplaces of our ancestors and gather stories about grand-parents and great-grandparents. In the story "The Sky Was Blue," by Charlotte Zolotow, a little girl does this with her mother and a photograph album. Children and adults might enjoy reading this book together. Afterward they might look at some family albums together. Perhaps this will help them to recall something from the past that is important to them now. (Harper and Row Publishers, 10 E. 53 St., New York, N.Y. 10022, 1963 Hardback \$6.95)



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- DOINT OF VIEW

Church's Saturday Mass privilege being abused by Fr. Aelred Tegels, OSB

Twenty years ago it seemed like a good idea to allow Roman Catholics to satisfy their obligation of Sunday worship by attending Mass on Saturday evening. A good number of people, particularly service personnel, have a work schedule which more or less regularly prevents attendance at Mass on Sunday. Surely it is better to encourage such people to attend a Mass of the vigil of Sunday rather than simply suggest that they consider attending Mass sometime during the week.

Furthermore, it is impossible in many urban parishes to schedule a sufficient number of Masses Sunday forenoon to accommodate the crowds. Scheduling Masses on the hour results in hurried celebrations which violate the integrity of worship. In such parishes it is necessary to schedule Masses either on Saturday evening or on Sunday afternoon or evening.

A good case can be made for Mass on the vigil. Surely a priest can preside at three or lebrations on two successive days more effectively than on a single day Given the increasing shortage of priests, this in itself is a legitimate consideration.

MASS ON THE vigil of Sunday was a good idea, a necessary reform. The problems arise, as in the case of some other from the irresponsible way in which it has been implemented.

A Saturday evening Mass was scheduled in some parishes where there is no pastoral need for one, and two Masses or more have been scheduled where one would have been quite sufficient. Too often these schedules represent a concession to mere convenience, not to genuine pastoral need. Attendance at Saturday evening Mass is simply equated with attendance on Sunday, the Lord's Day

Surely any observant pastor can name a good number of people who could easily attend Mass on Sunday but who fulfill their obligation of Sunday worship at a Saturday evening Mass almost every weekend of the year. These people are, for the most part, very faithful Catholics who hardly dream of neglecting their Sunday obligation. Although they probably don't realize it, they are not being well served. They are, in fact, being misled, and very often, in effect, cheated.

To begin with, indiscriminate promotion of Saturday evening Mass un-dermines appreciation of Sunday as the Lord's Day. After all, people do not choose to attend Mass on Saturday evening in order to keep Sunday free for reading the Bible and singing spiritual hymns. Sunday is less and less perceived as a free day devoted to the Lord. It is perceived as simply a vacation.

unnecessary multiplication of Saturday and Sunday Masses also impairs the reality of assembly, so vital to the full symbolism of eucharistic worship. Early Christians generally seem to have per-ceived "togetherness" as an essential attribute of worship. And rightly so. Dispersing the assembly violates the integrity of worship.

Needless multiplication of Masses usually results in deterioration of the quality of worship in other ways as well. In an average parish resources are limited. There are only so many really competent readers and cantors, not to mention choirs. A sparse congregation, scattered throughout the church, does not, cannot sing. Priests become tired and preside less effectively. People may think that they are being nicely accommodated with the full schedule of weekend Masses but in reality they are being cheated.

THE NEEDLESS multiplication of weekend Masses, especially of Saturday evening Masses, has been a grave mistake.

Can this be rectified? Not easily. People have already become accustomed to convenient schedules. It is difficult for pastors to reduce the number of Masses. They find themselves in competition with neighboring parishes.

They are often, with good reason, acutely conscious of the need for parish income, and cannot face the prospect of having people go elsewhere for Mass with equanimity. They also know that if they reduce the number of Masses, some people will criticize them for shirking their work

No, we need clear diocesan policies limiting Masses to the number for which there is pastoral need and giving clear priority to Sunday Mass. And we need those policies now

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Bring needs of world into classroom'

(Continued from page 1) some kind of economic conclusion to the letter, not just a religious conclusion.

Sagan told educators April 9 that no religious or political belief is worth the extinction of the human race. He warned that the threat of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union in-creases as the number of nuclear weapons increases.

Even a small-scale attack could, Sagan believes, end human existence. "There is no religion, or politics or anything else that is worth the extinction of the human species," he said.

One problem close to home that Catholic schools must deal with is abortion. Patricia

Tierney, coordinator for Catholic schools in St. Augustine, Fla., warned April 10 that "our heads are in the sand if we think that (abortion is) not happening in our schools, even grade schools.

She said the minimal increase in pregnancies reported among Catholic high school students—despite data that shows sexual activity among U.S. teens has increased 67 percent in the past 10 years may indicate a growing number are seeking abortions.

"Once again the school is put into a position of providing education in an area that should be the realm of the parents but is not being treated by them," said, adding that some dioceses have begun

programs in human sexuality and peer counseling in response to the problem.

In his talk April 10 Bennett called parental choice "the key that will open the parental choice "the key that will open the door to a better education for all our children" and said parents should be able to choose "environments that affirm their own best principles, schools where their own values will be extended instead of lact."

Two of the most promising instruments of choice are vouchers and tuition tax credits, Bennett said, outlining the Reagan administration's support for giving parents vouchers to be used for educational ex-penses or tax credits for part of the tuition they pay to private schools

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April 19

The Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Harry Grile and Robert Miller con-cludes at St. Philip Neri Parish, Rural and North streets, at 7:30

The Columbians of Mater Dei Council 437, K. of C., will hold their 19th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dance at 1305 N. Delaware St. Dinner from 6 to 8:45 p.m.; dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Adults \$5, children 12 and under \$2.50.

Little Flower Parish will sponsor a Las Vegas Night for the benefit of their athletics from 7 p.m. to midnight in the cafeteria, 13th and Bosart. \$2 per person includes free drinks and a sand

A Monte Carlo Night for the benefit of student athletics will be sponsored by the Men's Club of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St. beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone over 21 welcome.

April 19-20-21

A Men's Retreat on the theme "Let the Holy Spirit Lead You Into the Desert" will be presented by Franciscan Father Charles

Dahlby at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for more information.

"Contemplative Weekend A "Contemplative Weekend for Men and Women: Being in the Desert" will be conducted by Franciscan Father Thomas Krupski at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 545-7681 for information.

April 20

Scecina Memorial High School's Annual Booster Club Dance "Up, Up and Away" will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by buffet at 7:30 p.m. and dancing to "Indy 5" from 9 to 12 p.m. \$10 per person. Call 357-9874 or 894-2585 for reservations.

St. Joseph Parish, Terre Haute, will sponsor a Spring Dinner Dance at the K. of C. Hall. Music by Mourning Missed II. Dinner and dance: \$10 per per-son; dance only: \$2 per person. Call 812-232-7011 or 812-299-1077 for reservations.

A Personal Enrichment Day A Personal Enrichment Day for Divorced Persons, sponsored by SDRC and Beginning Ex-perience, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

The 4th Annual CWO Birthday party will be held at 6 p.m. at Chatham Walk Clubhouse, 21st and Franklin Rd. Bring covered dish and \$3

Deadline for reservations for Indianapolis Deanery Council of Catholic Women buffet luncheon on April 25. Send \$4.50 reser-vation to: Ella Wagner, 5427 E. 79th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46250.

A Monte Carlo Night will be held at Chatard High School cafeteria, 5885 N. Crittenden Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Free ad-mission. Early bird specials 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. ½ price beverages and free raffle ticket.

All Saints School will sponsor a Stew Dinner from 5:45 to 8 p.m. in Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. Adults \$4; children ages 6-13 \$3; children under 6 free.

April 20-21

A Wholistic Retreat for women of all faiths will be presented by Benedictine Sisters Gwen Goss and Carol Falkner at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 788-7581 for brochure or information

A "Vocation Retreat Ex-perience" for freshmen, sophomore and junior high school girls will be held at Our Lady of Grace Convent, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Pre-registration required. Call 787-3287 for information

A Retreat for High School Freshmen will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center from 9 a.m. Sat. to 3 p.m. Sun. For in-formation or registration call 812-

April 21

An Indianapolis area Pre-Cana Program will be held from 12:45 to 5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Pre-registration required. Call 236-1596 for information

A Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Gary Heinecke and Robert Miller will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church Edinburgh

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 9 a.m. every Sunday in St. Barnabas Church, 8300 Rabke Rd

The Women's Club of St. Patrick Parish will sponsor a Card Party at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 936 Prospect St. Admission \$1. Door prizes, refreshments.

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 42nd and Central, will present a workshop on Christian parenting entitled "Has Your Child Hugged You Today?" from 1 to 5 p.m. in the rectory basement.

Marian College Chorale and Chamber Singers will present their free Spring Concert at 3 p.m. in the college chapel, Marian Hall, 3200 Cold Spring Rd.

Ladies of St. Roch Parish, Sumner and S. Meridian streets, will sponsor a Bridal Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon at 2 in St. Roch's Hall. Ad mission \$2. For reservations call 784-6394 or 786-8911.

April 22

The Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Gary Heinecke and Robert Miller continues at Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh, at 7:30 p.m.

April 22-25

A Peace and Justice Leadership Seminar sponsored by the Office of Catholic Education will be held from 7 p.m. Mon. through 4 p.m. Thurs. at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove.

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April 23

A Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Gary Heinecke and Robert Miller continues at Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh, at 7:30 p.m.

A Mature Living Seminar on "Carl Jung" will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 251 of Marian Hall, Marian College. Bring sack lunch or buy in

A Regional Meeting Pastoral Musicians sponsored by the Office of Worship will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Albany, from 7:30 to

April 24

A Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Gary Heinecke and Robert Miller continues at Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh, at 7:30 p.m.

The Visual Art and Liturgy Lecture Series continues with "Liturgical Furnishings and Other Objects" presented by Franciscan Sister Sandra Schweitzer at Marian College from 6 to 8 p.m. Call Marian College art department for information.

The Guardian Angel Guild will sponsor a "Spring Carousel" luncheon and fasion show beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Meridian Hills Country Club. \$15 per person. Call 283-2437 for in-formation.

April 25

A Parish Mission conducted by Redemptorist Fathers Gary

Heinecke and Robert Miller concludes at Holy Trinity Parish Edinburgh, at 7:30 p.m.

The Indianapolis Deanery Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a respite training session and buffet luncheon in Ross Hall of St. Pus X Parish, 7200 Sarto Dr. Call 356-4060 for information. ...

The Divorce Recovery program conducted by Anton R. Braun continues at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Call 253-1461 or 255-7483 for information.

April 26

The Southside K. of C., U.S. 31 and Thompson Rd., will hold a Monte Carlo Night from 7 p.m. to a m \$2 admission. Everyone

St. Philip Neri Parish Spring Festival sponsored by the Home School Association will be held in the school community rooms, 560 N. Rural St., from 5 to 9 p.m

The St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing Banquet will be held in Holiday Inn North beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Reservations at \$16 per person are due by April 24. Call 356-4849.

April 26-27-28

A Retreat for High School Juniors will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center from p.m. Fri. to 3 p.m. Sun. Call 812-923-8817 for information.

Charismatic Weekend Retreat will be offered at Mount (Continued on next page



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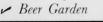
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U.S. considers ratifying treaty banning genocide

WASHINGTON (NC)-In the aftermath of World War II, with the horror of the Nazi Holocaust still fresh in the minds of people around the world, the newly established United Nations adopted an international treaty banning

Many nations moved

quickly to ratify it.
The United States was not among them.

Despite repeated discussions of the issue in Congress and the fact that 96 other countries have agreed to the treaty, the Senate has failed to approve the treaty.

That may change soon. however. President Reagan, like several of predecessors. b backs ratification of the treaty. Last fall, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 17-0 in favor of the treaty, formally known as the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

The treaty defines genocide as any of a series of of the convention today.

acts "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group."

Five acts are specifically cited as actions against a group of people:

-Killing.

- ► Causing serious bodily or mental harm.
- ► Deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about total or partial physical destruction.
- ► Imposing measures intended to prevent births.
- ► Forcibly transferring children to another group.

ONE OF the organizations backing the anti-genocide treaty at its inception was the Catholic Association for International Peace. Individual Catholic bishops, organizations like the Catholic War Veterans and the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, and numerous others signed petitions supporting the

treaty some 36 years ago.

The U.S. Catholic Conference supports ratification

"It's long overdue," said Holy Cross Father William Lewers, director of the USCC Office of International Justice and Peace, in testimony last September before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

While various Republicans backed the treaty, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., did not and managed to stall the measure until adiournment

What Helms, and others before him-including former Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., of Watergate fame—found objectionable is a provision of the treaty giving the World Court jurisdiction in disputes relating to genocide.

As Ervin said in 1970, this would "give an international tribunal the power to tell the president of the United States and the Congress of the United States and the courts

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said of the United States what they

A SECOND complaint is that under the treaty U.S. citizens might be brought to trial in the World Court without safeguards of the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Helms has proposed a compromise that would add to the treaty, for U.S. purposes, two "understandings" saying the treaty is not ap-plicable to U.S. domestic law and that the United States reserves the right to refuse World Court jurisdiction in domestic disputes.

Treaty backers, including some Justice and State departments officials, say Helms' proposal is unnecessary and may raise suspicions in other nations about the U.S. commitment to the genocide ban.

The World Court arguments aside, critics also

dislike the treaty for several other reasons, including these claims:

►That the treaty could cover the military, raising speculation that killing citizens of an enemy nation during war could be regarded as genocide

►That the rules against "prevention of births" among a group of people could apply to normal family planning practices.

►That ethnic or racial extremist groups could claim law enforcement actions against them are a form of genocide, since the Black Panthers once made such a claim about local police.

► That "removal of children" could apply to manadatory busing of U.S. school children

SUPPORTERS respond that the treaty is valuable for real and symbolic reasons.

vention's shortcomings, but say it is an important beginning.

"It is now abundantly and disappointingly clear that. despite the fact that many nations have signed . . . the convention has failed to stop genocide," acknowledged Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, during hearings in

Yet, he added, the treaty dramatizes revulsion against massive crimes against peoples and reiterates "a nation's commitment to human rights. Nonratification, our ablest diplomats tell us, puts the United States at a disadvantage when confronting other nations about human rights violations.'

The active List

(Continued from page 14) St. Francis Retreat Center. For information call 812-923-8817.

Leadership for Ministry II." "Leadership for Ministry II," the fourth course in the youth ministry certificate program sponsored by CYO and St. Meinrad School of Theology, will be held at the Youth Center, 580 Stevens St. Call 632-9311 for information

A Tobit Weekend for engaged couples will be conducted at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for information.

A Charismatic Retreat will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 545-7681 for more information.

April 27

The annual Dinner Dance sponsored by St. Mary's Child Center will be held at the Marten House. Call 635-1491 for details.

Holy Angels Alumni will present a Spring Dance "On the Avenue" from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Madam C.J. Walker Urban Life Center, 617 Indiana Ave. Donation \$6. Call 926-5211 for information.

The Young Adults Group of St. The Young Adults Group of St. Patrick Parish will sponsor Arm Chair Horse Races at the Southside K. of C., 511 E. Thompson Rd. beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Doors open at 7 p.m.

April 28

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 9 a.m. every Sunday in St. Barnabas Church, 8300 Rahke Rd.

The New Albany Deanery Festival of Performing Arts will be held at Holy Family Parish at 1 p.m.



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SESSION VII

VOUTH CORNER

The aggravation of taking too much alcohol

Question: I would like to know more about drinking beer and hard liquor. (Missouri)

Answer: A case can be made for drinking beer or hard liquor if it is done wisely and in moderation. Nevertheless there seem always to

A little alcohol helps one relax, breaks down barriers, makes conversation easier and very often promotes friendly feelings. Yet even the moderate drinker can sometimes take one too many, and then another, and then he may get in gruesome trouble.

Consider the following decent, non-alcoholic, very "ordinary" people who, without ever intending to get bombed, had one too many and ended up with much aggravation.

Sue, 23 years old and just starting a new job, was invited to her boss' house for a Sunday supper.

Because of emotional problems, she took a prescription tranquilizer (according to her doctor's orders) just before going to the dinner party.

Wishing to appear sophisticated and forgetting away. Clad only in his un-

all about the tranquilizer, she accepted the offer of a martini from the wife of her

Half an hour later at the dinner table she suddenly became very sleepy and quietly passed out, her face falling squarely into her beef stroganoff. She woke up four hours later!

Jeff, a Vietnam veteran, did not have any emotional problems as a result of the war. He was a very together person and not a heavy drinker at all. But one night he did have a little too much and on the way home he ran a red light at a busy intersection.

The police nailed him and took him to the county jail of a very large, Midwestern city. They threw him in a cell and left him there all night, cold and shivering.
Says Jeff, "I don't think

I'll forget that night as long

Mark had been in a college seminary just two days when some of his new buddies invited him out for "a couple of beers" at night. Mark can't remember all that happened, but he does know that he drank more than he ever meant to.

The police caught up with him in another city 50 miles and shouting all kinds of crazy things about "Mister

Mark was not kicked out of the seminary. But the moment when he first returned to chapel and faced all his classmates was, he said, the deepest humiliation of his life

In case you still don't get the picture, alcohol is treacherous recreation. Try to picture every glass containing an alcoholic beverage as having the label, "Handle with extreme caution."

If you don't, you may be letting yourself in for some terrible aggravation-at the very least.

(Send questions to Tom Lennon, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

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FAVORITE THING-Grade school students at Mary's School in New Albany observed Lent with a service project to help the needy. On March 25, they held a "Bring Your Favorite Thing Party." Students brought their favorite things to show to their classmates. Admission was 25 cents and a canned good. The proceeds, \$113 worth of food and quarters, went to the Interfaith Community Council in New Albany. Pictured at the party are Kathy Parker, Matt Mader, Chrissy Gedeon and Beth Caufield.

Catholic school students win awards in Indy regional science fair

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, was awarded the overall championship in biological sciences in the 33rd Central Indiana Science and Engineering Fair. The fair, co-sponsored by Marion College and the Indianapolis News, was held March 27-29 at Marian College in Indianapolis.

The fair featured students who won top places in school

six surrounding counties

Carson was awarded the overall championship for her project, titled "Extraction, Separation and Purification of Anthocyanin Pigments for Use as a Natural Food Colorant—Phase II." It was Carson's third overall championship in the fair. Her prize is an expense-paid trip to the Shreveport-Bossier (La.) International Science

with regional champions rict Dental Society Award)
from the United States and
Winners in the 8th and 6 other countries. She also won the overall Scientech award and the first place U.S. Army

Award.

Other Catholic school winners in the senior (9th-12th grade) categories of the regional fair included: John Ansty from Chatard (third— 10th grade physical science, honorable mention—U.S. Army Award), Matt Grimes from Chatard (honorable mention—10th grade Angus Scientech award), Matt Morley from Chatard (honorable mention-10th grade Angus Scientech award), Michael Myers from Chatard (second-12th grade physical science, honorable mention- 12th grade Angus Scientech award, In-dianapolis Scientific and Engineering Foundation Award, American Society of Civil Engineers Award, second-U.S. Army Award), Marion O'Loughlin from St. Barnabas (honorable Chatard (honorable mention-12th grade physical science, honorable mention-12th grade Angus Scientech award) and Mary Strigary from Chatard (honorable Award).

Fair where she will compete mention-Indianapolis Dist-

Winners in the 8th and 9th grade categories were: Doug Brindle from St. Simon (third-8th grade physical science), Ann Connealy from St. Pius X (second—7th grade biological science, third-7th grade Angus Scientech Award), Jaemy Hwang from St. Simon (second—8th grade biological science, first-7th grade Angus Scientech Award), Greg Moebs from St. Roch-American Meterological Society Award), Ann Riehl from St. Barnabas (honorable mention-7th grade physical science) and Dan Traub from St. Pius X (honorable mention-8th grade physical science).

Winners in the 4th-6th grade categories were: Kathleen Harris from St. Lawrence (Indianapolis District Dental Society Award), Joe Riehle from St Barnabas (second-4th grade), Kevin Stizman from mention-fourth grade boys Angus Scientech Award) and Maureen Walsh from St. Lawrence (Indianapolis District Dental Society (Indianapolis

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Terre Haute Deanery youth Masses

Two special Masses for youth will be held this week in the Terre Haute Deanery.

The monthly Terre Haute Deanery Youth Mass will be held Sunday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Religious Education Center, located at 2931 Ohio Boulevard in Terre Haute. St. Ann is the host parish and Father Chuck Fisher, pastor of St. Ann's, will be the celebrant. Refreshments will follow.

high school seniors in the Terre Haute Deanery, their families and friends will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, located at 2322 N 13½ St. in Terre Haute. Father Fisher again will be the celebrant and seniors are asked to be there at 7 p.m. A reception will follow in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria.

Pope asks U.S. senators to protect unborn

Senators give pope letter from Reagan

by Agostino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC)—
Pope John Paul II asked
visiting U.S. senators to take
legislative action to protect
the unborn as U.S. Senate
Majority Leader Robert
Dole, R-Kan., gave the pope a
letter from President Reagan
on Central America and arms
control April 13.

"As senators of the United States you are in a splendid position to make a monumental contribution to the defense of life, the preservation of liberty and the attainment of true hap-

piness for countless men, women and children millions of whom are yet unborn," the pope told Dole and five other U.S. senators accompanying him.

The pope did not elaborate.

President Reagan, in an April 4 announcement, said he was sending Dole to seek papal advice on his Nicaraguan peace plan, which includes mediation by the Nicaraguan bishops of the fighting between the Sandinista government and U.S.-backed guerrillas.

Dole said after the papal

meeting that he delivered a personal letter to the pope but could not disclose the specific details.

"But it did address two troubled areas of great concern to the pope and the president—Central America and arms control," said Dole.

The pope did not discuss the issues during the meeting and "we don't anticipate public reaction soon," said Dole.

Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said April 15 that it was still too early for a papal response to the Reagan letter. In a 250-word speech to the pope, Dole said Reagan "is firmly committed to doing everything reasonably possible to make progress" in current arms talks and in achieving peace in Central America.

The pope also asked the senators to foster international solidarity among people.

"I am sure that this visit of yours to Europe is in fact placed under the sign of solidarity—a solidarity that you wish to manifest as representatives of the American people, a solidarity that transcends your national boundaries and reaches out to people everywhere," the pope said in a 400-word speech to the delegation.

The visit came at the end of the delegation's trip to Britain, France, West Germany and Italy to discuss international issues.

Pax Christi lauds Soviet freeze

ERIE, Pa. (NC)—Pax Christi USA has endorsed the Soviet Union's decision to freeze deployment of medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe and called on the U.S. government to "make a similar creative proposal."

"This historic independent step by Soviet leader (Mikhail) Gorbachev is exactly what the United States Catholic bishops called for in their 1983 peace pastoral," said Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, president of Pax Christi USA, in a statement issued April 9.

Pax Christi USA, which recently moved its headquarters from Chicago to Erie, is the U.S. branch of an international Catholic peace movement.

Gorbachev announced the temporary moratorium April

7 and invited the West to follow suit. The Reagan administration quickly repudiated a parallel U.S. freeze, saying the Soviet Union had been massing intermediate-range missiles in Europe for years and was now trying to freeze them with an imbalance nearly 10-1 in its fayor.

Bishop Gumbleton, a member of the committee that drafted the U.S. bishops' 1983 peace pastoral, said that the pastoral "called for a freeze on deployment of new nuclear weapons systems and urged each superpower to risk taking 'a first step,' an independent initiative in hopes that the other side would respond."

"The temporary freeze offered by the Soviet Union is what we meant by an independent initiative," he added.



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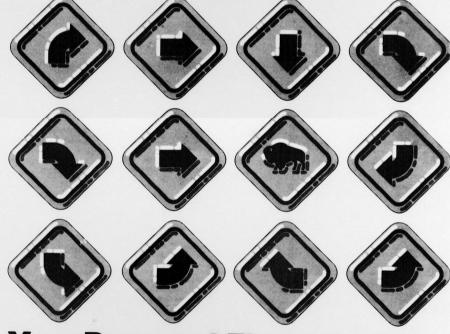
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Book review

Story of Mo. Teresa and her sisters

SUCH A VISION OF THE community of women MOTHER TERESA, THE SPIRIT AND THE WORK, by Eileen Egan. Doubleday (New York, 1985). 448 pp., \$16.95.

Reviewed by Msgr. Charles E. Diviney NC News Service

Between Sept. 28 and Oct. 7, 1975, Thanksgiving services were held by Jews in a synagogue, by Armenians in their church, by 5,000 Muslim men gathered in the open, by Methodists, by Jains in their temple, by the Assembly of Hindus in their temple, by Parsis followers of Zoroaster, in the Catholic cathedral of The Lady of the Rosary, by Sikhs in their assembly hall, by Buddhists. and by a number of other religious communities of widely different beliefs and practices.

It is generally conceded that this was one of the most events in the world.

What was the occasion? It was the silver jubilee of the establishment of the Missionaries of Charity, a Soon a group of 10 other

Religious which was begun by a sister who was born in Yugoslavia and is now known worldwide as Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

From the outpouring of love and respect from people of all faiths and even of no faith, these sisters must have been doing something right.

What they did and how they did it is told in simple, clear prose by Eileen Egan in

It all began when Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, age 18, entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Loretto. She trained in Ireland and was sent to Calcutta. For 19 years lived in a cloister and taught in St. Mary's School for Indian girls and young

much prayer and guidance, with no possessions but her sari, she stepped out into the teeming slums of the city and dedicated her life to the dying, the lepers, the orphans and the poorest of the poor.

That was the beginning.

women joined her. She organized them into a religious community which was soon approved by Rome.

They were helped immeasurably by a non-Catholic English author and BBC television broadcaster, Malcolm H. Muggeridge, who, though indifferent at first to Mother Teresa and work, eventually was totally captivated.

He then wrote a book, "Something Beautiful for a glowing tribute which, translated into several languages, became a bestseller. Later, he and his wife received into the Catholic Church.

The community continues to expand and grow so that now in 35 years they have 2,400 sisters scattered over five continents in many, many countries of the world.

There is now a community of brothers allied with the sisters who have established 70 houses in their brief existence.

Unfortunately everyone is enamored of Mother Teresa and her work. She has been criticized for

birth control sterilization.

She has been chided for her unswerving loyalty to the pope and her agreement with his stand on the ordination of women and married men.

Perhaps the unkindest cut of all has come from some nuns and priests who say her work is superficial because it

does not attack the social and economic structures that are the cause of human ills.

But none of this disturbs her. She continues on her way doing what Jesus did in his day for society's outcasts.

Ms. Egan is more than competent to write this book because, although an active member of Catholic Relief Services, she has traveled with Mother Teresa for more than 30 years.

I have only two minor reservations about this book. It could use more careful

editing to eliminate duplications, and there should be some more should be examples of human failures in the organization because after all, these sisters. priests, brothers are human and it is human to err.

However, my last and lasting expression after finishing "Such a Vision of the Streets" is, "The finger of God is here.

(Msgr. Diviney, a consultant to Bishop Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn, is a former chairman of the theology department of St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn.)

MAY They rest in peace

(The Criterion welcomes death notices from parishes and/or individuals. Please sub-mit them in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of publication.)

BREWER, Irene, 80, St. Joseph Hill, St. Joseph Hill, April 2. Wife of J.W.; mother of Ronald W.; sister of Mary Haworth and Josephine Simon; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of

COSTELLO, Margaret M., 81, St. Catherine of Siena, In dianapolis, April 5. Mother of John R., William T. and Jerry J. sister of Helen Perkins; grand-mother of 16; great-grandmother

† FLETCHER, Robert, 66,

Nancy Ehret; brother of Thelma Harris and Eileen Hayden.

FREESE, Louise M., 80, Holy Family, Oldenburg, March 16. Mother of Gerald, Mary Jean Moran, Ann Wolf, Margie Laugle, Patricia Gauck, Dollie Braunagel Patricia Gauck, Dollie Braunagel and Jolene Newman; sister of Edward, Victor and Hubert Schmidt, Ludwina Enderle and Claire Woeste; grandmother of 48; great-grandmother of 14.

FULLENKAMP, Albert J., 64, Our Lady of Lourdes, In-dianapolis, April 5. Husband of Geraldine; father of Lanny, Lynn, Luke, Albert, and John Fullenkamp, Richard, Gerald, Delton and Victor Dinsmore, Toni Navarra and Tina O'Gara; ner of 21: greatgrandfather of 21; great-grandfather of one; son of Olivia; brother of eight.

GIBBONS, Russell, 64. St. Michael, Indianapolis, April 9. Father of Bernard, Darryl, Eileen Volchko and Barbara Doyle; son of Sophia.

† HEDRICK, Roger D., 51, St. Michael, Brookville, Feb. 22. Husband of Marilyn; father of Kim, Karen and Kris; son of Edna; brother of David, Dennis, Kathleen Skilling and Mary Ann Stewart.

HOOE, Lorena, 75, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyd Knobs, April 4. Mother of Lonnie, Mary Ruth Banet, Clara Lee Carroll and Mickle Seewer; sister of Charles and William Stumler, Anna Losson and Leona Naville; grandmother of eight; greatgrandmother of eight.

† **JESSUP, Hurschel**, 65, St. Andrew, Indianapolis, April 2. Husband of Columbia.

KAELIN, Joseph M. Jr., 57, St Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, March 29. Husband of Ida Knobs, March 29, Husband of Rob Mae; father of Robert, Terry, Jane Humphrey, Jayme, Sherry and Crystal; son of Joseph M. Sr.; brother of Rosemary Million and Margaret Hentrup.

† LEWIS, Sylvia, 78, St. Mary, New Albany, April 9. Mother of Jack K. Flanagan; sister of Jerome and William King; halfsister of Crystal Denbo.

LIVERS, Francis, 78, St Catherine of Siena, Indianapolis, April 9. Husband of Mamie (Coomes); father of Shirleen James, Gerald and Ronald.

MAHER, Ethel, 84, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 6. Mother of Rita Meyer, Thomas E. and H.M. (Bud); grandmother of 20; great-grandmother of 25.

O'CONNELL, Mary Margaret, 79, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 5. Sister of Catherine Murray and Mrs. S.W. Swartz.

† PAYNE, Mary Jean Graf, 60, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New

mother of Carolyn, Robert and Paul; sister of Robert and Betty Graf, Carolyn Davidson, Lucille Triplett and Matilda Cooke.

POPP, Louis G., 90, St. Joseph Hill, St. Joseph Hill, March 19. Father of James L., and Ruth Sipes; brother of Raymond, and Elnora Henderson: grandfather five; great-grandfather

PRATHER, Buford Belmont, St. Michael, Charlestown, l 4. Husband of Margaret Wurful; father of Gary R., Donna J. Poe and Mary Ann Shelor; brother of Harold, and Rita Morris; grandfather of three.

SCHEURICH, Emma, 92, St Ambrose, Seymour, April 9 Aunt of Wilma Waldkoetter, Oren Shade and Maurice Taulman

† SIEG, Agnes G., 86, St. Ber nard, Frenchtown, March 26 nard, Frenchtown, March 26 Mother of Mary Rita Robertson Joan Seipel, Wilfred, Eugene Donald and Mark; grandmothe of 45; great-grandmother of 36.

† SMITH, J. Lavere, 64, St. Mary, Mitchell, March 21, Son of Mildred; brother of Nanette Golden, Sarah Mathena, Barbara Brewer and Linda Tedrow

SMITH, Roman W., 85 Gabriel, Connersville, April 5. Husband of Agnes: father of Richard W., and Betty Jean Goris; brother of Theresa Starke, Jeanette Selm and Mary Lou McCarty; grandfather of great-grandfather of three

+ STRAWBRIDGE, Mary L., St. Matthew, Indianapolis, April 2. Mother of Scott and Steve; sister of Thomas Price; grand-

† STURWALD, Stanley M. St. Michael, Brookville, M 25. Father of Lois and Mary March Johnson; brother of Harry, Andrew, Mildred Bischoff and Andrew, Mildred | Marjorie Schwegan

TAYLOR, Stephen A., 21, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, April 6. Son of Stephen A. and Karell A. (Bentley); brother of Kevin L. and Tamiko D.

TONEY, Lorraine. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 8. Mother of Patrice McConahay, Dorothy Alerding, Mary Herald, and Kenneth R.

TULAUSKAS, Pauline, 77, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 31

† WILSON, Alyce, 55, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, March 31. Sister of Alpha Smith, Laura Jean Rickman, Juanita G. Green, Billy Henry and Lula Douglass

† YOUNG, Mary H., 48. Our Lady

of Lourdes, Indianapolis, April 10. Mother of Paula Wade, Leslie Brooks, Mark and Gary; daughter of Helen Crews.

Sister Monica Scheu dies April 7

FERDINAND-Benedictine served as a teacher. Her ar Sister Monica Scheu, a member of Convent Immaculate Con ception, died here April 7 at 83. She had celebrated her diamond jubilee in religion in 1984. Sister Monica was a native of

Evansville and the oldest of nine children. She entered the convent

For 51 years Sister Monica

chdiocesan assignments included chdiocesan assignments included Tell City, Floyd Knobs, Seymour and Sellersburg. She also taught in the Diocese of Evansville and at Belcourt, North Dakota. In 1976 she returned to the motherhouse in semi-retirement. Sister Monica is survived by two brothers, Leo of Evansville, and John of San Diogo Calif

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Committees restore Planned Parenthood funds

congressional foreign policy panels have voted to restore funds to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Planned overturning a Reagan administration decision to withhold allocations from the group because of its abortion

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, chairman nardin of Unicago, chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, had urged members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee March 25 to reject aid going to groups linked to abortion, such as Planned Parenthood and the U.N. Fund for Population Activities.

The House committee action April 2 to restore funding followed a similar vote a few days earlier by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Both panels also approved measures stipulating that U.S. contributions to incontributions ternational family planning efforts cannot be used in China because of widespread accounts of forced abortions in that nation.

The Senate committee also agreed to an amendment that would cut off all aid to an organization involved directly or indirectly in supporting a family planning

program relying on abortion or permitting infanticide. Similar restrictive language was defeated in the House committee.

According to Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life

China issue means that the U.N. fund can still get U.S. contributions and that it only must make sure that the U.S. money does not go to China. "It doesn't apply any leverage," he said April 4.

ahead.

ernment has declined to directly fund abortions as part of family planning everage," he said April 4. programs worldwide. The "This changes nothing." Reagan administration Further actions by the full tightened restrictions by

Planned Parenthood, although that group's backers claim it has not paid for abortion-linked activities out of its U.S. government

restrictions, some \$14 million

which would have gone to Planned Parenthood has been directed by the U.S. Agency for International Develop ment instead into other nonabortion-related family planning services in Africa

Pope hopes visit will help heal Dutch divisions

VATICAN CITY (NC)-Pope John Paul II has expressed hope that by stressing a common Catholic faith his May visit to the Netherlands will help overcome the sharp divisions in the Dutch church

"I know that there are many tensions in your church," the pope said in a pre-trip message to the Netherlands released April 10 by the Vatican.

"But I am confident that the grace of God and the great spiritual riches you have will permit us to overcome the differences," he added.

"I encourage you with all my heart to prepare your spirits for our common celebration of the faith," the pope said.

The Dutch bishops have

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visit May 11-15.

"I come to you as a brother, as a friend," the pope said. He added, however, that he does not "have the power to make these troubles disappear."

ARCHBISHOP Adrianus Simonis of Utrecht, Netherlands, has said the visit will be a challenge for the pope because of the sharp divisions among Dutch Catholics which have developed since the end of the Second Vatican Council.

Dutch Catholics have become polarized 'conservatives' who become traditional church teachings and "progressives question centralized papal authority and oppose many key church teachings, the archbishop said in an in-terview published shortly terview published shortly before the papal message was released.

A survey of Dutch Catholics published in March showed that a majority disagreed with church teachings on abortion, birth control, divorce and A majority also favored women priests.

Sixty percent said they disagreed with most of the appointments of bishops since Vatican II, saying the posts have gone to chur-chmen who are too conservative and who do not dialogue with the people.

THE POPE, in his pre-trip message, said he hoped the visit would also allow him to meet leaders of other religions, but he did not did not religions, but he did not mention the cancellation of a Dutch Jewish leaders.

Jewish leaders said the Catholic organizers of the visit told them the pope would not discuss two key agenda

Maurits Goudeket, a spokesman for the Jewish community, said Jews wanted the pope to "speak about the state of Israel as a fact" and "express the guilt feelings of the Catholic Church before and during World War II and the period of the Holocaust

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Malone: religious freedom means church will speak

by Liz S. Armstrong

WASHINGTON (NC)-Religious freedom cannot be when religious voices are kept quiet, Bishop James W. Malone, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishop journalists April 12. Bishops, told

"We do not purchase religious freedom at the price religious receipt a tree of silencing religious voices," said the bishop, addressing members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, holding their annual states in Washington. meeting in Washington.

Separation of church and state should not mean separating the church from the life of society, for that would be to silence the public voice of religion, and to do that would be entirely unacceptable," he said.

Bishop Malone said critics often cite separation of church and state as the basis for their views that the bishops should not speak out on such issues as abortion, linkage the bishops find

U.S. nuclear policy, or the economy. But he said the critics' real motivation is disagreement with bishops' conclusions on those questions.

"To be blunt about it, I don't believe these selective critics of ours deserve serious bishop consideration," the bishop said. However, he added, the churchmen should take seriously the criticism of Catholics and others "who have a sense of the have a sense of the uniqueness of the American experiment in religious pluralism and a principled concern for keeping the lines of the delicate relationship between church and state clear

BISHOP Malone said the issue of religion and politics has taken on new urgency because of the moral aspects of the questions-everything from in vitro fertilization to nuclear war.

He told editors of the

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between abortion and nuclear war as threats to life and explained that the bishops "conditional moral ac-ceptance" of nuclear deterrence "requires that we remain involved" in the debate over nuclear weapons.

He also reiterated the bishops' rejection of a military solution to the conflict in Central America and their belief "that longstanding injustice and human rights problems" are the primary cause of unrest in that region.

On the domestic scene, the on the domestic scene, the bishops are focusing on economic justice because "the poor are with us," despite overall economic improvements, Bishop Malone said.

HE WAS later questioned by the editors on such topics as whether the church's 'preferential option for the poor" is contradicted by its positions regarding family planning, and whether planning, and wind planning, and wind planning, who voted President Reagan will back the economics pastoral.

"The Catholic Church recognizes the need for family planning" and en-dorses natural family Bishop Malone planning, answered. What the church opposes is forced family planning that violates a planning that violates a person's cultural traditions or religious beliefs, he added.

He acknowledged that many Catholics were staunch Reagan supporters in the 1984 election and that "we may be facing an unsympathetic reception to our views" on the economy. He said the pastoral letter is intended "to address what the economy is doing to people and what the economy is doing for people

Anti-Catholic posters appear

(Continued from page 1) have permission to reprint this. For obvious reasons we cannot sign this." The note was signed "Your Christian Brothers and Sisters.

Brothers and Sisters.

The present outbreak appears to be limited to Indianapolis. When contacted by The Criterion on Monday, police departments in Terre Haute.

Richmond, Bloomington, Columbus, New Albany and Tell City said they had received no reports the posters or brochures appearing in their respective

The content of the posters resembles material linked to the Tony and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation, run by Tony Alamo of Alma, Ark.

reported (March 29) Alamo's denial of responsibility for the posters. He was also reported as saying he agrees with their contents.

The appearance of anti-Catholic literature has been increasing throughout the nation for the past several years, according to the Milwaukee-based Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Last fall Orlan Love, a Catholic League told spokesman, told The Criterion that the problem was at its greatest level since 1960 when John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, successfully ran for president.

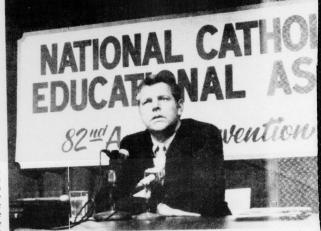
According to Love, the two worst offenders are Alamo and Jack Chick. Chick, along with Alberto Rivera, has

produced virulently comic books and tracts, ir "Alberto" cluding Double Cross

A Criteron investigation last fall turned up only sporadic appearances of anti-Catholic literature in th

archdiocese. The Catholic League ha been encouraging civic religious leaders to speak ou against anti-Catholic bigotry Our position is that silence in the face of bigotry is the same as consent," Love said

The Anti-Defamation
League of B'nai B'rith and
the National Congress of Christians and Jews ha cooperated with the Cathol Christians and League in denouncing material.



ADDRESSES EDUCATORS—U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett speaks at press conference following his address at the National Catholic Educational Association Convention in St. Louis. (NC photo by Richard Finke)

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