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Archbp. questions lethal injection bill

Says the deliberate taking of a human life can never be a humane act

by John F. Fink

Indianapolis Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara has questioned the morality of the bill passed by the Indiana House of Representatives Tuesday that calls for substituting lethal injection for electrocution in carrying out the death penalty. "For me," the archbishop said in a

the archbishop said in a letter, "it has become increasingly difficult to accept the notion that the deliberate taking of a human life can ever be a humane act." The entire letter is published on page 2 of this issue

Writing as chairman of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), Archbishop

O'Meara said that "all taking of life, whether it be a violent murder in an alley, a tearing of a human fetus from a mother's by the state of a person who has committed a capital offense, is heavy with moral implications.

The lethal injection bill was approved by the House on Tuesday by a vote of 60 to 37. It now goes to the Senate. Proponents of the bill consider it a more humanitarian way to execute persons than the present method of electrocution because it is less painful.

Before passage, the bill was opposed in judiciary committee by Dr. M. the judiciary committee by Dr. M. Desmond Ryan, ICC executive director, who said that using an allegedly painless method of killing would make the death penalty more acceptable and further erode respect for life.

Ryan also pointed to the necessary involvement of health care professionals in the killing. This, he said, compromises the ethics of a group whose profession is devoted to maintaining health and

preventing death.

Testimony before the committee was limited to the means of carrying out capital punishment, not on the merits of capital punishment itself. According to Ryan, the morality of capital punishment is the fundamental question. death, the ICC was successful in having the proposed Senate bill amended to limit the criteria used. The bill, as amended, says that persons can be determined dead only if they have sustained irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions or all functions of the brain, including the stem. According to Ryan, ICC's amend-ment excludes other criteria, such as irreversible coma

The amended bill was approved by the Senate on Tuesday by a vote of 46 to 2. It now goes to the House.

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India's Catholics find ways to spread message

Pope John Paul to visit country where Catholics are only 2 percent of huge population

by John Thavis

ROME (NC)-Pope John Paul II will visit India Feb. 1-10, where a Catholic minority is finding new ways to bring its message to the poor and the Hindu

India's 12.5 million Catholics are less than 2 percent of the country's estimated 745 million population, but the church's presence—especially in tribal areas—is increasing through programs that stress prayer and social action.

Indian leaders have been sensitive to, and sometimes critical of, Christian evangelization. As their guest, the pope is expected to emphasize the common spiritual values that unite the country's 25 million Christians with its 600 million Hindus and 80 million Moslems.

In a visit Feb. 1 to the funeral monument of Indian independence leader and Hindu philosopher Mahatma Gandhi, the pope plans to read a message of peace and religious harmony, Vatican sources said. On Feb. 8, he will speak at a meeting with non-Christian leaders in Madras.

But the pope also is expected to carry a

specifically Christian message when he visits 14 cities—all places where the Catholic Church has become firmly established.

The stops include the southern state of Kerala, the most strongly Catholic region, kerala, the most strongly Catholic region, where tradition says St. Thomas the Apostle preached; Goa, where Portuguese missionaries landed in the 1500s; and Ranchi and Shillong, where "tribal" churches have grown in recent years. It will be the Polish-born pope's first trip to India. Pope Paul VI was the first pope to Visit India traveling to a gueharistic

visit India, traveling to a eucharistic congress in Bombay in 1964.

ALTHOUGH constitutionally a secular nation, India has a Hindu tradition that goes back about 4,000 years. It also has had periods of religious violence, most recently between Hindus and militant Sikhs in the northern Punjab state—a place not on the papal itinerary. Fighting between 1982 and 1984 left thousands dead and culminated in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by two Sikhs.

Indian authorities have promised strict (See CHURCH IN INDIA on page 19)



SPIRITUAL LEADER—An Indian boy stops to look at a statue of the late Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Pope John Paul II, on his Jan. 31-Feb. 10 visit to India, will visit New Delhi and pay tribute to the late spiritual leader. (NC photo from UPI)

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Cardinal Bernardin says pro-lifers can take hope

WASHINGTON (NC)-Despite mourning for aborted babies, pro-lifers commemorating the Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973, abortion ruling can take hope because of recent accomplishments, said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago.

Cardinal Bernardin, who chairs the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, cited recent advances in public opinion, gains in anti-abortion legislation, reiteration of the U.S. bishops' pastoral plan for pro-life issues, and other developments as signs of encouragement.

"While the passing of another year and the sacrifice of another million-and-a-half

innocent lives to legalized abortion makes this 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion decisions a time for mourning, pro-life Americans also have reason to be hopeful," said the cardinal. "In the last 12 months much happened to advance the cause of the unborn child."

appreciate the humanity of unborn children as a result of the educational impact of films like 'The Silent Scream,' " a sonogram depiction of an abortion, Car-

sonogram depiction of an aborton, did dinal Bernardin said. In addition, "public opinion polls recorded dramatic gains for the pro-life (See BERNARDIN on page 3)

FROM THE EDITOR

The Palestinians are victims of terrorism

With the terrorism committed against innocent civilized people by members of Abu Nidal's branch of the Palestine Liberation Organization, it's sometimes hard to feel sorry for the Palestinian people. But we should. They, too, are innocent victims of Abu Nidal's terrorists.

Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabry Khalil Bana, reportedly has only between 200 and 500 people in his Fatah Revolutionary Council. Yet they have been blamed for more than 100 terrorist attacks. These fanatics must not be seen as typical of all **Palestinians**

Palestinians.

Since they were expelled from their homeland by the Israelis, the Palestinians have been trying to live in countries throughout the Middle East. Many of them (about 1.5 million) still live in 61 refugee camps set up in five countries by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

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I visited the largest of these camps, the Baqa'a in
Jordan, three years ago. About 70,000 people live there in
about one square mile, in very impermanent shelters,
their roofs weighted down by stones. It was extremely dusty in the camp and, I understand, very muddy when it

Fains.

Education is considered vitally important to the Palestinians and about 60 percent of the UNRWA budget goes for education—\$240 million in 1962. At Baqa'a when I was there, there were 14,000 children in elementary school and 3,000 in secondary education. The schools were constructed by the Catholic Church's Pontifical Mission

for Palestine and were furnished mainly through money contributed through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association

We visited some of the classrooms and enjoyed watching the children recite their lessons. In one of the ching the children recrie their lessons. In one of the classrooms, the girls were anxious to show off their English. They were counting in English and answering questions. Whenever the teacher would ask a question, every hand in the class was raised. When one of the girls

every hand in the class was raised. When one of the girls would be called on, she would stand up and call out the answer in a clear and loud voice.

There were children everywhere in the camp, and kids are the same everywhere—very friendly. They also were obviously used to posing for pictures because cameras drew a crowd quickly. I started saying hello and shaking hands with some small hove and was impediately.

drew a crowd quickly. I started saying hello and shaking hands with some small boys and was immediately engulfed. Every one of them had to shake my hand.

The older children, though, understand why they must live in camps like Baqa'a and they blame the United States for it because of our support of Israel. While I walked in the camp from one place to another, several of the older boys stopped me to ask why the Americans won't be their friends. "We want to be friends with the U.S. but the U.S. won't even recognize our existence," one said.

ONE OF THE meetings we had in Jerusalem was with about a dozen Arab Christians who talked about what life about a dozen Arab Christians who taiked about what like was like for them in Israel. They were all professional men and women, highly intelligent—doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists. They certainly were not terrorists. They talked about the discrimination Arabs suffer and were not at all optimistic about the future.

In my diary that night, I wrote this: "In listening to them I could not help comparing their plight to that of blacks in the U.S., except that the U.S. government doesn't discriminate against blacks as a matter of policy and doesn't encourage them to emigrate from the coun-

The Catholic Church is trying to do the opposite: encourage Palestinians to remain in what is now Israel and the occupied territories Israel took from Jordan on the west bank of the Jordan River. One way it is doing that is through Bethlehem University, which was founded by the Christian Brothers after Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Lord in 1864. The university is which was founded by the Christian Brothers after Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land in 1964. The university is subsidized by the Vatican, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Pontifical Mission for Palestin

The mission of Bethlehem University is to train Palestinians (both Christians and Moslems) so they can Palestimans (both Christians and Moslems) so they can find useful employment there on the West Bank and not have to emigrate to some other Arab country. While we were there, the hotel management course students prepared a fabulous Arab lunch for us. In thanking them, I said that apparently we were their final examination and, if so, they all deserved an A+.

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MOST OF THE Palestinians are peaceable people. They aren't terrorists and they don't support terrorists. They recognize that terrorism delays what they want most of all, a homeland of their own, because it delays the peace process. At the same time, they realize that they cannot oppose the PLO because of sure retribution.

Archbishop William Carew, the Apostolic Delegate to Israel and Jordan, who knows the Palestinians well, emphasized that he does not favor the PLO. He said that they are terrorists because they have never attacked military targets, only civilians. He characterized them as cowards. However, he said, the local people have no other cowards. However, he said, the local people have no other choice and they are afraid to follow any other leaders. Once again the Palestinians are victims of terrorism.

Philippines cardinal warns of 'sinister' plot to sway Feb. 7 presidential election

MANILA, Philippines (NC)-The Philippines' outspoken Cardinal Jaime Sin has warned of a corrupt "sinister plot" to sway the country's Feb. 7 presidential elections. In a pastoral letter released Jan. 18, the cardinal said "some people and groups" were involved in the plot, but he did not identify them.

"Already money has flowed freely into the hands of teachers, (ward) officials and the common people to induce them to

support a particular candidate in a manner unworthy of free persons," the letter said. It also noted reports of "undue pressure on hapless government employees to make them work (illegally) for certain candidates." Referring to the "party in power," the letter said that "if a candidate wins by chasting, he can cally be foregiven by God if cheating, he can only be forgiven by God if he renounces the office he has obtained by fraud."

Philippines church spokesmen said the

reading of the letter was required during services Jan. 19. They said that, because of the heated political climate, the instructions accompanying the letter allowed priests to delegate its reading to lay people. The letter said "lies and black propaganda" have been used "against opponents who are on the other hand deprived of adequate access to media." It

opponents who are on the other hand deprived of adequate access to media." It emphasized church support for the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections, a private election-monitoring group which has been criticized by the government of President Ferdinand Marcos.

The organization has said voter registration lists in one district in Manila,

the nation's capital, were padded during a 1984 registration. In one case 60 people for more than 616 were responsible for more that registrations, the organization said.

The government has accused the organization of receiving CIA funds and of

being biased toward the opposition.

The opposition ticket is led by Corazon Aquino, a Marcos opponent who was assassinated at Manila's international airport in 1983 as he returned from a selfimposed exile in the United States.

Cardinal Sin's letter urged the "poor Cardinal Sin's letter urged the "poor and the oppressed" to resist "those who have victimized you." It said the vic-timizers will "continue to use money, persuasion and intimidation for their own selfish ends."

Speaking during a Jan. 1 Mass, the cardinal said, "I do not take sides in the elections" but that in urging "the sanctity of the ballot be effectively guarded, I must speak out."

ICC coordinator appointed

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Kinney has been appointed coordinator of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The appointment was made by Archbishop Ed-ward T. O'Meara. Sister Mary will continue in her role as administrator of the Urban Parish Cooperative.

In her new role, Sister Mary will direct ICC parish networks which work with the ICC board of directors, advisory council and staff to impact public policy. Net-workers receive regular mailings from the ICC and contact their own legislators on certain issues, deemed to have a moral component by ICC's board of directors.

ICC has represented the Catholic Church in Indiana at the state house for 17 years. Priority issues this session involve the public welfare system, education, life and others.

Sister Mary has served as both provincial superior and general superior of Immaculate Heart of Mary women religious organization, and as a teacher and principal in Michigan and California. As administrator of the Urban Parish Cooperative, she facilitates planning and cooperation among 14 urban Indianapolis parishes.



Sister Mary Kinney



At this very moment our Indiana legislators are considering a "humanitarian" way to execute persons who have been sentenced to death for committing a capital crime. They are being told that execution by lethal injection is the most advanced method science can offer when sentencing calls for extinguishing human life. It is quick, cost effective and allegedly painless for victims as well as witnesses.

Although we must all be concerned with increasing violence in our communities and demand strict accountability from those who harm others, each of us, and especially those who acknowledge Christ as our teacher, must indeed, carefully reflect on the humaneness of a life-terminating action that is carried out in our name.

As Christians, we must at the same time struggle with Gospel values of love, repentance and forgivessess. All taking of life, whether it be a violent murder in an alley, a tearing of a human fetus from a mother's womb, or an anesthesiological extinction by the state of a person who has committed a capital offense, is heavy with moral implications.

About the lethal injection bill

Then, as citizens, we must thoughtfully consider the following:

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1. Is the health of a society served by autuing the violence of the care professionals of the state in carrying out executions?
 2. Should persons who have taken an oath to defend life (health care professionals) be struments for the state in carrying out executions?
 3. Would the direct or indirect use of these professionals condition us to accept the tition of death at their hands in other situations?
 For me, it has become increasingly difficult to accept the notion that the deliberate aking of a human life can ever be a humane act.

Participatory democracy is at its finest when concerned citizens share their opinions ith their elected representatives at the state house. This I have done. I urge my fellow oman Catholics and indeed all my fellow citizens to do the same.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

+ Edward T. Onion Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, S.T.D. General Chairman, Indiana Catholic Conference



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Ethiopia situation is better but no time to relax

NEW YORK (NC)-Terrence Kirch has a difficult assignment for 1986—telling people the situation in Ethiopia is much improved but the aid effort still cannot be relaxed.

relaxed.
Formerly director of Catholic Relief
Services work in India, Kirch was assigned
last October to the Ethiopia desk at CRS
headquarters in New York. He was in
Ethiopia Nov. 16-Dec. 18.

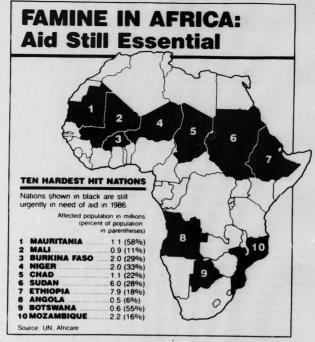
Interviewed at his office Jan. 7, Kirch said he found the situation much better than when Americans were shocked Oct. 23, 1984, by televised scenes of massive starvation. But although some drought areas got rains in 1985, he said, harvests nationwide were still 20 percent below the levels of 1980-83, and 1.2 million metric tons of food are needed for this year.

"We're afraid people will assume the situation has resolved itself," he said. "It hasn't. There has been tremendous im-provement, but if we don't keep the resources coming, we'll see serious famine problems again, and undo a lot of the good that has been done.'

KIRCH SAID the United States government had been providing about a third of the outside food aid, and was willing to give that percentage of the 1.2 million tons needed this year. The European Economic Community has also been contributing about a third and other donors the rest, he said, but so far these countries have not made commitments for

Although the United States plans to continue its assistance, Kirch said, CRS faces a problem because the U.S. Agency for International Development at the start of this fiscal year Oct. 1 began to allocate more of its Food for Peace commodities to other agencies working in Ethiopia and less

Initially, Kirch said, CRS got most of



NOT OVER—Drought-ending rains and humanitarian efforts have eased the worst of Africa's famine, but relief agencies, while applauding the global response, warn that the crisis is far from over. Map indicates the worst-hit countries. (NC map from UPI)

these commodities because it had worked in Ethiopia since 1958 and was almost alone in having a capacity for distributing the food. But now other American groups have begun working in Ethiopia, and in order to

let them share in food distribution AID has

let them share in tood distribution, AID has reduced the CRS allocation, he said. Kirch said CRS did not resent the in-volvement of other groups, but he doubted whether AID was "wise" in making the

shift after CRS had its distribution inother groups are working in other areas with different people, he said, and so will not be meeting the needs of recipients CRS may be forced to drop.

If that happens, Kirch said, many of the

people served by CRS will again start crowding the camps where direct feeding formerly occurred. He said CRS director Lawrence Pezzullo and other officials had been meeting with AID in an effort to get additional allotments.

IN PARTNERSHIP with the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat, the Ethiopian Or-thodox Church, the Lutheran World Federation and the federation's Ethiopian affiliate, the Mekane Yesus Church, CRS has been feeding 1.8 million people. "Now the partnership has to decide whether to start phasing out needy people who are in the program," Kirch said.

"We can feed the current number for about six months, using our allotment for the whole year. We are already trying to reduce rations where there have been harvests and we can."

Kirch said relief workers were divided on the Ethiopian government's relocation policy. The government contends it is enabling people to survive by moving them from drought areas to more fertile regions of the country. But critics accuse the government of using forced relocation tactics against people resistant to its oppressive policies, and in December the French agency, Doctors Without Borders, was expelled after it accused the Ethiopian

government of causing the deaths of 75,000-100,000 people in the relocation program. Kirch said an ecumenical delegation of Ethiopian church leaders was scheduled to begin a trip Jan. 27 carrying aid appeals to the United States, Canada and Europe. He said Cardinal Paulos Tzadua of Addis Ababa was expected to be part of the

Post-polio syndrome victim determined to earn her degree

by Jim Jachimiak

Until last November, "Sam" (not her real name) had a job as a computer operator. She wasn't wealthy, but she was able to support herself and her 13-year-old

Then post-polio syndrome, which causes deterioration of the muscular and nervous systems in polio victims, became so severe that Sam had to leave her job.

While the illness caused Sam to give up her job, she is finishing a degree in social work and plans to eventually become a medical social worker. Then, she says, she wants to draw on her experience to help others with problems.

Sam's application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) has been approved, but until payments begin around the middle of the year, she and her daughter are living on \$200 in child support from her ex-husband. Once SSI begins, it will mean an additional \$333 each month, and Sam says that would be enough to keep up with their living expenses. In the meantime, bills are going unpaid.

Because of her physical disability, Sam needed a vehicle which would ac-commodate her motorized wheelchair. She now has a van, but was not able to pay her auto insurance premium earlier this month. Three years ago, she bought a house. Now, mortgage payments are presenting a problem. Her homeowners' insurance has lapsed because she was not able to make a Jan. 1 payment.

SAM SAYS it is against her nature to leave bills unpaid. "The homeowners' insurance is due once a year and I would say if you know it is due, you should be prepared," she says. "But with no money coming in, what can you do?

It isn't that Sam hasn't tried. With the help of Don Gatwood of Catholic Social Services, she has applied for assistance from a number of sources. Her income of \$200 a month was too high to meet the requirements for assistance from the Wayne Township trustee's office. Facing

winter heat bills, she applied for help from Project SAFE. She was told that funds allocated for the program, administered by the state, had already been spent.

Gatwood was able to find some financial help for Sam from the Knights of Columbus Council No. 437, located at 13th and Delaware in Indianapolis, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Most people assume that government programs are there to cover living ex-penses," Gatwood says. But as he sees it, they are inadequate. "Our approach to public assistance is that we should always give less than is needed because there is always a question about the worthiness of the recipient."

For example, he sees two problems with Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in Indiana. First, the program is based on subsistence figures which have not been adjusted since 1969; and second, it provides only 90 percent of those subsistence figures.

EVEN IF funding were adequate, Sam's difficulties are more than just financial. "I also have to deal with what's happening to me physically," she says. "And on top of that I have a child who all of her life was used to seeing her mother one way, and now she says, 'Mom, you're not any fun anymore.' I have to have somebody help me clean house. Can you imagine having to do that?

For years, Sam has experienced pain, but doctors could not tell her why. Then she began suffering fatigue and muscular problems, and noticed a change in her walk. Last July she went to Georgia for hospital treatment and was finally told that she suffered from post-polio syndrome

Post-polio syndrome has puzzled doctors. "It is a label applied to polio people when a lot of things are going on and the doctors don't know why," she explains. "They are sure it has something to do with polio but exactly what they don't know."

But, she adds, "At least when I left Georgia I was officially labeled. I knew what was wrong with me

Her case is unusual because she had been completely paralyzed when she had polio, then regained complete movement. The complete paralysis "indicated that everything was affected" by the polio. So now, "the pain is everywhere.

WILL SHE BE able to return to a normal life when her financial situation im-proves? "What normal life?" she asks.

"This is not normal." She pauses, then adds, "It's hard to be honest because over the years you learn to protect yourself. People look at you out of the corners of their eyes and feel sorry for you. It's em-barrassing. It's humiliating. It's a horror story. You just have to try to maintain a certain amount of dignity."

But in spite of that, Sam still longs to do something for others. She has been studying part-time at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. Now that she has had to give up her job, she plans to begin taking classes full-time next semester, and to graduate within two years with a degree in social work.

Her goal as a medical social worker would be "not necessarily to get someone through the problem, but to eliminate the lem in the first place.

Those problems are often more difficult for the poor than for the rich, says Sam, who has taken classes on death and dying, and served an internship in Methodist Hospital's hospice program for the terminally ill. "It's not only the wealthy who get sick and die. It's very sad to be poor and terminally ill."

Those who can afford it "have various things that they can take or do to deal with the pain." Then they can make the most of the time they have left. For the poor, that is often impossible. Medication for the pain may be too expensive, and insurance often does not cover hospice care. "The poor are looked down upon in society, and that's carried on into the medical field as well," Sam says.

"I've always been very concerned for people on welfare," she adds. "I don't

happen to believe that you are there because you don't want to work. Circumstances put people in various positions.

Anybody can fall into a poverty situation. Anyone can find themselves in a situation where they have no one to turn to.

Her own experiences have helped her to see that. "I've always had compassion for the underdog," she says. "But I'm a lot less judgmental now."

She is also more determined than ever to earn her degree. "Then," she says, "I can go back to work."

(CSS has established a fund to assist Sam. Contributions may be sent to Sam, c/o Catholic Social Services, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.)

Card. Bernardin

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message," he said. "The most recent poll. commissioned by The New York Time CBS News in November, indicates that a majority of Americans see abortion as murder, and almost two-thirds would support legislation to protect the unborn in all or nearly all circumstances."

A spokesman for the NCCB said that in the poll one question asked, "Which of these statements comes closest to your opinion—abortion is the same thing as murdering a child; or, abortion is not murder because the fetus is not really a person." The first assessment "abortion is the same thing as murdering a child," was chosen by 54 percent of respondents. The alternative answer that abortion is not murder was chosen by 35 percent.

According to the poll, 15 percent of Americans believe abortion "should not be permitted" while 47 percent "favor (it) only to save (the) mother or in case rape or incest" and 34 percent "favor legal

Cardinal Bernardin said another development of the past year was that "entertainment media, especially prime-time television, began giving high visibility to the abortion issue.'

COMMENTARY

Behind The Headlines

Who were the losers at the extraordinary synod?

"Who won the synod?" a reporter asked Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law as the World Synod of Bishops closed its doors in Rome Dec. 8.

The young cardinal responded with a

quip worthy of his wisecracking predecessor, Cardinal Cushing: "The church won the synod." The reporter, un-fortunately, was not equally clever enough to ask the former Mississippi priest-edi-tor a logical follow-up question: "If the church won, who lost?"

You can't have winners without losers,

can you? A careful reading between the lines of the synod speeches and recom-mendatins, together with the pope's final words, may provide some clues.

The pope called the synod to assess the

results of Vatican II and check on the current state of renewal in the church. What surfaced was a ringing endorsement of the council's reform along with several lved conflicts, among them the independence of the eastern rites, the future for ecumenism and new understanding of the instruments of collegiality.

Bringing all this to light is certainly a win for the church as a whole. But I also think we should identify at least some of the losers too, now that the delegates are gone.

Loser 1: Those wedded to the past

Before it began, there were fears that the synod would "turn the clock back" on the council. But there was no sense of 'doom and gloom" in either the main hall or during the small group sessions. The overwhelming majority of speakers echoed the spirit of Bishop Singkai of Bougainville, president of the episcopal conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. "The church (in the Pacific) is alive (and) enthusiastic in her life and work" of evangelizing.

The church will not turn back to another

era in evangelization. Missioners in the 21st century will not put Solomon Islanders in bowlers and spats with handy bum-bershoots to keep off the rain. "The younger churches," as Cardinal Arinze younger churches, as Caronnai Arinze said in reporting the results of his small group session, "call for a level of in-culturation consistent with the teaching of Christ in the church." The local culture will

Loser 2: Those ignorant of the present. Some folks refuse to understand that the church is a divine institution run by human beings. It is naive to say that there is no struggle between the Curia and the local churches for decision-making power.

churches for decision-making power.

This question of the "power" of conferences turned up in a number of speeches, from India to South Africa, to North America and Europe. It is not an "American" power play or a "Western Church" problem by any means.

The synod's conclusions, published in a number of languages by the Vatican Press office the day after the synod closed, is the best evidence of the importance of the

best evidence of the importance of this issue. Nearly the entire section (about onefourth of the total document) which talks of e church as communion deals with bishops' conferences, and two of the three recommendations here concern their role in the overall view of the church.

The Curia, whether it likes it or not, no longer has the free hand it once may have had in dealing with the "particular chur-ches." The bishops of the world have found their own voice and the pope, in his wisdom, by publishing their document "in wisdom, by publishing their document 'in toto,'' indicates he is paying attention. Do not forget that he dealt with the Curia as a diocesan bishop for 16 years before he became pope and knows whereof he

Loser 3: Those fearful of the future.



The keynote of the synod's blueprint for the future is an outward "missionary openness" for the "salvation of the world" openness" for the "salvation of the world"
based on the "realism of Christian hope."
There is no "circle-the-wagons" mentality
but a realism that includes accepting
"positive values" from every culture, on
the one hand, joined to dialogue with the
whole world on the other, as a "pathway for
communicating the fullness of grace."

The council said the great in the

The council, said the synod, is "the eatest grace of this century." The synod, greatest grace of this century." The synod, said the pope, is both "effective and practical." It has already "brought great

benefit" to the universal church.

Now, just as long as those losers don't ask for a rematch, I think everything'll be

The Bottom Line

Study of divorce does not tell us very much

"Time doesn't heal wounds from divorce," the USA Today headline announced.

The article that followed said that the

negative effects of divorce may last divorce may forever. Contrary what is generally believed, it said the pain caused from a broken marriage persists, albeit unevenly, long after the knot is broken.

It was the kind of story that, in my opinion, does not tell us much about the effects of divorce on

The story was based on a study reported in the January issue of Psychology Today. The study found that 10 years after divorce,

40 percent of divorced women and 30 percent of divorced men still carry the of rejection, remain intensely angry at the former spouse and express a ring sense of having been exploited.

I have worked with divorced and separated Catholics and many groups of divorced women dating back about 15 years. It seemed to me that most have gotten on with the business of living good, productive, happy lives.

Thus, curious to know more about the research behind the article, I got a copy of

Psychology Today.

The magazine headline had a sexist focus, "Women and divorce: Ten years after," even though the piece was clearly about both men and women.

Judith Wallerstein conducted the study the California Children of Divorce Project. It was based on periodic in-terviews with 52 mostly white, middle-class couples in California over a 10-year period.

The study reported that half the "older men" were "clinically depressed," and

all were moderately or severely lonely. Women in the 20s and 30s were not as "bitter" as the older women.

In 10 percent of the families, "life had demonstrably improved for both the former partners." For the majority of families (63 percent) one partner improved his or her lot in life "substantially," while the other's life did not change or got worse.

Few people in the study viewed the divorce as a mistake, however, and only one woman in the group would have opted to return to the previous marriage.

Once I saw the numbers the study was based on, however, the whole picture changed for me. If 40 percent of the women—out of 52 couples—remained ingry, in actual numbers we're talking about 20 or 21 persons. As for the men, 30 percent comes down to 15 or 16.

The percentages boil down to very few

Unquestionably, some of the divorced persons I have worked with expressed bitterness, especially if their economic

situation had worsened. And some had sadness over "what might have been.

Most, however, expressed relief, adding that after divorce they were able to get on with the important task of building a life.

Yet, my guess is that many people picked up USA Today, saw the headline and generalized from the article's findings to huge numbers of divorced people.

We're so in the habit of reading quick,

breezy items in the press that we often repeat what appears to be startling news without digging deeper into the reality of what is being reported.

From reading the article on the California study, I concluded that I didn't learn much from it about an important subject. I simply had read a report on the results of one very small sample of divorced people.

The study showed divorced people to be limited. But then so are all people who must learn to deal with broken relationships, loneliness, psychological needs, stress and

How a pastor taught his students what true love is all about by Richard B. Scheiber

It was dialogue homily of sorts between the pastor and some second graders during a children's Mass. The topic was "love." "Can you tell me what love is?" the

pastor asked these tots. The answers were predictable. "Liking people;" "Caring about others;" "Being about others;" "Being nice to people." "Very good," said good,'' said the homilist. "Now who can tell me how you love for others?

Once again, the swers were what one might expect from second graders in a good parochial school.

'Giving food to hungry people," said on "Helping your mother. another. Then one of the youngsters, a tiny girl, said, "By shoveling snow.

The pastor took a long look at this little sprite, who could barely have lifted a snow shovel, much less shoveled a walk, and

asked gently, "Dear, do you know where I The tot told him she knew he lived next door, at the rectory. "Do you love me?" he asked. "Yes, I do," she said. "I have a big driveway," he said. "Would you shovel the snow off my driveway becau you loved me?"

Faced with the reality of her commitment, the little girl wasn't so sure

The pastor had deftly pointed out to the youngsters there, and even more forcefully to the adults, the truth about Christian love: that love is not some vapid, soupy, easy, marshmallow thing. There are deep, ecting emotions intertwined with love but in the last analysis, love itself is not an emotion, but an act of the will. We choose to love someone, or something, to give our very selves to that person, thing or idea. True love, lasting love is when we make that choice on the most intimate level, giving ourselves without condition to the beloved. That is what Christian marriage

That is also how much God loves us. He showed us that love by sending his divine Son to live among us, and ultimately die for us. There is nothing sweet or sentimental about a death on the cross, but that is the hard choice Jesus made because he loves

It is not easy to tune out all the inane prating about a bogus kind of love we hear day-in and day-out in popular story and song, but tune it out we must if we are to keep in mind the true nature of this greatest of all virtues

Neither is it easy to love our enemies, as Jesus told us to do. Today, Col. Moammar Khadafy is not the best example of a lovable person, but love him we must if we re to be true to our claim to be Christ's followers. That doesn't mean we have to approve of his actions, or even like him personally, nor does it mean we should not personauy, nor does it mean we should not take measures to protect ourselves from terrorists, but it does mean we must make the hard choice to love him and wish the highest good for him, eventual union with

Even that is easy to do from a distance The toughest love comes when we deal with unpleasant things and people we face each day in our own lives: debilitating illness in

uncaring people on the job; snappish neighbors; people who don't agree with us. And pastors who ask little kids to shovel

off their driveways.



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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Purple' lacks artistic and intellectual depth

by James W. Arnold

"The Color Purple" as a movie brings together Steven Spielberg, Whoopi Goldberg and Alice Walker in a highly improbable mix of talents and visions of the world. The result: an angry and radically

mainstreamed into a movie product that appeals to the eye and heart if not to the head.

Actress Goldberg (most accurately described as a black Lili Tomlin) is the key ingredient. She is this year's media celebrity, after a decade of paying her dues as a

paying her dues as a drudge on the Show Biz fringes of California and New York and a major success in a one-woman show that flipped wildly from satirical comedy to touching reality. Whoopi has irresistible charm and wit, and gives Celie, Walker's downtrodden heroine, a childlike innocence and warmth that transforms the work. It's like a gloomy day, and somebody turns on the sun.

Spielberg is responsible for this choice, and with screenwriter Menno Meyjes brightens the story further by poeticizing the rural Georgia locales into images that could be published on a calendar of changing moods. It's not that the movie is pretty: that would be inappropriate. But its look is dramatic, fascinating, often lovely but never stark or depressing. The characters are the same: never frightening or truly evil, now and then funny, but not, definitely not, "The Cosby Show." Some major scenes are even staged (no kidding) as Quincy Jones musical numbers.

In short, without really changing the hard central messages of Walker's book, Steven and Whoopi have shifted its tone and feeling. You hardly notice that this is a tale of growing up 'poor, black, ugly and female,' of rape, incest, brutality and lesbian love, of oppression of black women not only by whites but by their own husbands, fathers and sons.

As social history within the black culture, it may be accurate, but as art, it's loaded and unsubtle, like a fight in "Rocky."

Poor Celie is raped in early adolescence by her stepfather, who gives away her babies and sends her off in virtual slavery as common-law wife to Albert (Danny Glover), a tyrannical brute with five "rotten" kids. Albert beats her, tries to rape her sister Nettie, and then banishes Nettie from the farm forever, breaking Celie's heart and leaving her virtually alone. For 20 years, Nettie writes letters, but that dadmant oaf—who is incapable of even dressing himself for a social event—hides them in the attic (a typically dumb mistake).

Deprived of her sister's affection, Celie endures. Eventually she finds the strength to confront and leave Albert through her relationships with more formidable women—the feisty, no-nonsense Sofia (delightfully played by Chicago talk-show personality Oprah Winfrey) and the sexy blues singer Shug (Margaret Avery), who enters as Albert's girlfriend and ultimately becomes Celie's lover and the main force in her life.

Both of these women are also victims, either of whites or men, but female solidarity wins the day. The Dickens-like plot has a Dickens-like happy ending, with Albert denounced and moving toward repentance, Celie inheriting her stepfather's farm and living there with the other women, reunited with her sister and children (who had somehow gotten together in Africa)—all free at last, as the saying goes.

Some of this is undeniably moving and powerful, and the soft luster of the images and vitality of the performances help to humanize what tries very hard to be a triumph-of-the-spirit. But all the talent lavished on "Purple" can't disguise its basic contrivances, blatant stereotypes, feminist didacticism, and unbelievably loose construction

Perhaps the best you can say is that Whoopi, Steven and friends have made the best possible commercially viable film of "Purple." But in the end, style, skill and even enormous moral sympathy cannot redeem a fundamental lack of intellectual and artistic denth.

(Sexual situations; satisfactory for mature viewers.)

USCC classification: O-morally offensive.

BEST MOVIES OF 1985, listed in general order of preference:

The Purple Rose of Cairo (A-II, FG)
The Killing Fields (A-II, R)
Out of Africa (A-IV, PG)
The River (A-II, PG-I3)
Ps/zzi's Honor (A-IV, R)
Riss of the Spider Woman (A-IV, R)
Blood Simple (A-IV, R)
Starman (A-II, PG)
Agnes of God (A-IV, PG-I3)
Chorus Line (A-IV, PG)

Honorable mention: After Hours, Mask, Back to the Future, The Jagged Edge, Silverado.

Recent USCC Film Classifications

The Adventures of Mark Twain.... A-I
The Clan of the Cave Bear......

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.

Updike's 'The Roommate' and medical malpractice

by Henry Herx

The second presentation in the new season of "American Playhouse" offers a wry drama about the conflict between conformity and idealism, circa 1950. The program, titled "The Roommate," airs Monday, Jan. 27, 9-11 p.m. EST on PRS

The script by Morton Neal Miller is an adaptation of John Updike's short story "The Christian Roommate." The plot concerns Orson (Lance Guest), a college freshman from a small Midwestern town, whose dorm assignment is to room with Hub (Barry Miller), a devotee of Eastern mysticism and radical causes.

Orson knows little of the world other than the traditional values of working hard, starting a career, getting married and becoming a member of the country club. He has never met anyone like Hub and is unprepared to deal with someone who practices yoga, quotes Gandhi and tears up telegrams from his draft board.

Worse, Hub never studies, disdains textbook knowledge and is popular with the coeds. Orson's initial tolerance turns to resentment and then outright hostility. By the end of the semester, however, he has learned to accept Hub as a person while continuing to reject his ideas.

Directed by Nell Cox, this 1984 movie was filmed on and around the campus of Northwestern University. It every seem to the same conformity of the early 1950s but its story of learning to cope in a world of conflicting values is still relevant today. The result is meaningful entertainment for older teen-agers and adults.



UNDERGROUND—Chris Hendy examines stalagmites in a cave in the PBS series "Planet Earth," which began Jan. 22. The series travels to all seven continents, the bottom of the sea, and outer space to explore geophysical forces that have shaped Earth. (NC photo) "Sue the Doctor?" PBS, Jan. 28

What the public should know about medical malpractice suits is the subject of "Sue the Doctor?," airing Tuesday, Jan. 28, 9-10 p.m. EST on PBS.

According to this "Frontline" documentary, introduced by Judy Woodruff, one out of every six doctors is currently facing a malpractice suit. That is three times higher than the number of such cases 10 years ago, and jury awards are five times greater.

Doctors, who are paying greatly increased sums for malpractice insurance, blame unjustified lawsuits and excessive judgments. They argue that they should be protected by limiting their liability in malpractice suits.

Lawyers, on the other hand, point out a number of cases in which doctors made medical mistakes that caused catastrophic harm to their patients. They argue that lawsuits are the only protection patients have against incompetent or careless doctors.

Giving an insight into how physicians regard the present situation of having to function with lawyers second-guessing their actions is Dr. Bert Rochelson, a New York obstetrician who allowed "Frontline" to document how he approached his current medical cases.

Rochelson spends much more time recording the state of his patient and the care given. This is good, he says, because it makes doctors think more about what they are doing. The result, however, is that doctors have less time to spend with their patients.

Doctors do make mistakes, admits Rochelson. But the present situation of practicing "defensive medicine" by ordering every test possible and insuring that every act is according to medical school textbooks may not be in the best interest of the patient.

Produced by Andrew Liebman, this documentary is a sensitive exploration of the legal complications that arise in conflicts between the rights of patients and their physicians. Because there is proposed legislation in various parts of the country about this matter, the program provides a valuable service for the public.

TV Programs of Note

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-11 p.m. EST (CBS) "The Vanishing Family—Crisis in Black America." CBS correspondent Bill Moyers reports on how and why the family structure in black America is crumbling.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 3-4:30 p.m. EST (PBS) "The Cradle Will Rock." A revival of this Depression-era musical satire about American institutions and values, with words and music by Marc Blitzstein, is presented in a production directed by John Houseman and starring Patti LuPone.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 8-9 p.m. EST (PBS) "The Feathered Swarm." This documentary in the "Nature" series journeys to the plains of East Africa to record the battle for survival of small birds called queleas which, when they join in swarms, are feared by farmers almost as much as locusts.



TROUBLED TEENS—"Babies Having Babies," a CBS "Schoolbreak Special" on Jan. 28, is the story of five pregnant teen-agers played by, standing from left, Renee Estevez, Lori Laughlin and Claudia Wells, and, front from left, Jill Whelan and Akosua Busia. (NC photo)

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m. EST (CBS) "Babies Having Babies." This drama explores the issue of teen-age pregnancy by looking at the problems encountered by five young girls. This "CBS Schoolbreak Special" was directed by actor Martin Sheen and stars his daughter, Renee Estevez, as one of the pregnant teen-agers.

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10-11 p.m. EST (PBS) "Debates and Political Advertising." Ending the three-part series "Campaigning on Cue: The Presidential Election of 1984" is this program devoted to the issues of candidate debates, fund raising and paid political advertising.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 9-10 p.m. EST (PBS) "Planet Earth." The second program in a seven-part series that provides a comprehensive view of recent scientific discoveries about our planet. "The Blue Planet" explores recent discoveries in second property.

recent discoveries in oceanography.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 10-11 p.m. EST (PBS) "The Third Annual Report of the Secretaries of State." Hosted by Edwin Newman, this program is a discussion of contemporary foreign policy issues by former secretaries of state Alexander Haig, William Rogers, Dean Rusk, Cyrus Wance and Edmund Muskie.

TO THE EDITOR

A reply to Dr. Bourke's letter

Your letter (Criterion, Dec.6) sounded angry, bitter, frustrated and disapr do you think that you need to hear sermons about chastity and the sinfulness of pre-marital sex? Sin is anytime there is a diminishment of self and/or of another. It is whenever I refuse to grow-to hear and to see with my heart and to become vulnerable. It is whenever I make myself like God and say that this or that will never happen to me, that no one is ever going to hurt me or see me cry, etc. It is when I am in slavery to the law. It is when I have no heart for my own misery and, therefore, no heart for the misery of another person.

There is a way to live in this world in

which we can allow another person to be which we can anow another person who he or she is without being personally threatened by it. (We will never travel this way unless and until we come to know ourselves.) When I cannot allow this to happen, perhaps it is because I am afraid and insecure within myself. I am a stranger to myself. Often I am angry with another because I am afraid that I might be just like him or her. I often project onto others the very things of which I am guilty. Where we are unaware of self, we are unfree! Even in the face of the constancy and fidelity of goodness, we still insist on being mean to others and, most especially, to ourselves. Each one of us needs to meet

and come to know intimately the pharisee who lives within us

In reply to your comment about coun-teracting the "feminist thrust for careers for women which is one of the major causes for women which is one of the major causes of family disturbances," I want to remind you that we belong to a God who moves through history with us—ahead of us. He is present to and directly active in our lives today right where we are whether it be in the home or in the work field—or both, as is often the case when one parent must support and raise the children. God has not us or remained somewhere behind us in history. In other words, none of our present circumstances is beyond redemption. Frankly, I believe that it is our lack of receptivity to God's healing and creative love that causes most, if not all, disturbances in all relationships—in or out of the home.

God desires mercy—not sacrifice. Do

not spend your precious life listening to words (inner and outer) that will never feed or heal you. Rather, listen wherever and whenever you can to words that speak about loving, caring and being merciful. These will nourish your heart, mind and

This makes forgiveness of self possible. It also makes a deep love of self and of one's own life possible. This is how it is meant to be. Jesus spoke of it so often. He

taught us about a God who is for us-in our immediate humanness. He taught us that being fully human is God's gift to us—his desire for us. In Jesus, God entered into our humanity. We should do no less. When we enter into our own humanity, we will meet him and become friends with him. We will know him as lover, comforter and susta of exactly who we are at every given

The Spirit encourages us to become in

our lifetime the unique name that God has spoken for each one of us. It is more imortant to be concerned with becoming your own name than to spend time and energy fretting about the law. Sometimes we can get lost in the law and hide from ourselves. When a heart of stone has become a heart of flesh, it will keep God's

Indianapolis

K.M. McBride

Why blacks haven't 'made it'

This letter is in response to the article "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me," by John F. Fink (The Criterion, Jan. 3). Fink's statement, "But every group of migrants (except the blacks) eventually made it in this country," says blacks haven't "made it," but flagrantly omits reasons why this is so.

First of all, other immigrant groups who came to this country came willingly, precisely for opportunity which America provides. They were not kidnapped from their homeland, chained on huge slave ships, and forced to endure 300 years of humiliation, degradation, and treatment not fit for animals.

Perhaps Mr. Fink can tell what other race or class of people has survived such an extended period of physical and mental trauma. It is impossible to exaggerate the anguish of being stripped of God-given rights, even human dignity. Blacks surely have not been permitted to take part in the educational opportunities and all of the afforded mainstream privileges

Blacks have been in America since the early 1600s. In this time they have gained only partial access to educational and oyment opportunities, and this has taken place only within the past 20 years. I say partial because the public school system still allots more money for predominantly white schools than it does for predominantly black schools. Once out of school and into the workplace, racism and discrimination can still be found in hiring practices. Blacks are usually hired at a lower pay scale than whites performing the same tasks, and it is no coincidence that in upper-level executive jobs there is scant sentation of blacks, women

I challenge Mr. Fink, and others of his mentality who quote the words of Jesus "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," to live by those words and "welcome" all of God's children; not just those who have come willingly, but those who came against their will as well.

T. Thompson

Indianapolis

Resent being called racists

My sister and I request that the paper not be sent to us anymore. Our parents were foreign-born. They and we were treated badly and discriminated against because of being foreign-born and Catholic.

No one helped them or us. Least of all the

church.

We resent being called racists and the so-called minorities. M. L. King was a communist sympathizer. He belonged to many communist front groups. It turns our stomachs the way he is pictured by you and other liberals. We favor the death penalty and the right to keep and bear arms. You are against both. We are both about ready to quit the church and do all praying at home. We hope you will print our letter in full. Thank you.

Raymond Marra

Terre Haute

Great uncle helped erect cathedral

The feature in Faith Today on the cathedral in Covington, Ky. (The Criterion, Jan. 10) brought back to me memories regarding its origin. It was as a small girl that I remember my mother talking about its beauty and the struggle to obtain funds to build it.

The reason my mother, who lived here in Brookville, knew about this is because of the fact that her uncle, my great uncle, Father Ferdinand Brossart, was called to Covington in 1888 by Bishop Maes, to become vicar general of the Covington Diocese. By virtue of this office he became rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, which it was called then, and 28 years later was con-secrated Bishop of the Covington Diocese, after the death of Bishop Maes. So you see, he assisted in the erection of

the cathedral, as assistant to Bishop Maes and also as Bishop.

Mrs. Fern Amrhein

Brookville

the pope teaches In the act of creation, God calls a being into existence

by Pope John Paul II

Today we are continuing our catechesis

on the Christian truth about creation.

Through philosophical reflection we can conclude that the world and all created reality depends on the absolute. But the formulation of this dependence as the explanation of creation belongs in an original way to divine revelation.

The most ancient professions of faith, such as the Apostles' Creed, proclaim our belief in God as "the creator of heaven and ." Here the truth about creation occupies a fundamental place. God is un-derstood as the creator of all that exists, and through his revelation he has made known what it means to be the creator of all

Both the Old and New Testaments are filled with the truth about creation and about God as the creator. The book of Genesis begins by asserting, "In the

beginning God created the heavens and the beginning God created the neavers and the earth." When we read these first words of the Bible we understand that the verb "created" is translated from the Hebrew 'bara," which describes an action of extraordinary power whose subject is God

Likewise, the prologue of St. John's Gospel speaks of the Word as being with God. Through the Word "all things came to be." The fathers of the church and later theologians explained this divine action as creation "from nothing." In the act of creation God calls a being into existence. Through his creative power God is present in all of creation. But God's eminence in no way diminishes his transcendence.

The truth about creation is expressed in different ways in the various world religions, even if not with the same clarity as it is in the sacred Scriptures. In fact, our faith in God as the creator is an important point of dialogue religions of the world. with the

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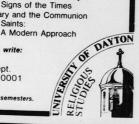
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New Year's resolution

BE IT RESOLVED: that this is the year to throw out all items whose time has come

To wit: Since no difference is visible in y epidermis after 22 jars of Visible

Difference, out it goes. Sorry, Elizabeth Aryou tried.

Other cosmetics which lack redeeming qualities will also go: white lipsticks which had my doctor testing me for anemia; the large economy-size lotion that gives my hands the measles; plus all perfumed bath

oils. If I want to ski it will be at Paoli Peaks, not in a slippery bathtub.

Also high on the hit list are various paper products no longer worth the pulp they came from: wedding invitations from a couple who've already passed their 20th anniversary, and one from Lou and Kit (Lou and Kit have long since split). A road map that says "Roger Branigin welcomes you to Indiana," and magazines with Billy Carter on the covers (why was I saving

It has been said that a woman's housekeeping qualities can be judged by the state of her dresser drawers. If that's so then either I seal the drawers against snoops or get rid of: empty pill bottles with people-proof caps; three watches that do not choose to run; pop-it pearls; a choker that lives up to its name; and shell jewelry which I shelled out for.

Likewise, that Michael Jackson glove; a bumper sticker, "I heart Daytona Beach"; the wig that got singed when I baked cookies; a butterball gadget bought at a garage sale, not because I had a yen for butterballs but because the hostess and her five relations running the sale gave me dirty looks for not buying; receipts from the 1950s; and clothes from the same era which no amount of aerobics could squeeze me into now.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that shelves too shall have their own Dump It Day for: handle-less cups and the dried up glue which was supposed to make them whole again; little cans of touch-up paint for cars that went bye bye in the '60s; a checkerboard with no checkers; garments in frozen semi-altered states, such as seams that were let out but never reseamed, others with hems to go up or down, plus that blouse with sleeves I tried to depuff (puffed sleeves being as appropriate to my face as Mary Lou Retton is to Geritol).

Other shelf parasites scheduled to make the great exodus are plastic container

used by delis for fruit jello with two scraps of fruit, sandwich spread, potato salad and other such gourmet foods; also that pile of empty cardboard boxes, some you could fit an elephant into, and which all fall down enever I reach for one.

BE IT KNOWN, however, that whereas the big tossout may leave my home echoing, perhaps the whole project needs re-thinking. Since pearls are making a comeback on the necks of Very Important Females, notably TV anchorwomen, my

pop-its will stay.
And whereas those plain old cardboard boxes that used to wind up in dumpsters are now commanding hefty prices, let me not be too hasty. Pitching them might prove to be like pitching golden eggs. Anyway, I never know when I might need to mail an elephant or something.

VIDS...



Obstetrician/gynecologist Dr. Martin To Feeney, pictured with his wife, Diane, has been elected 1986 president of St. Francis Hospital's medical staff. Feeney has been a member of the staff for 17 years.



Dr. Rebert E. Dicks, right, recently received the Edward M. Micon Teaching Award for outstanding service to the St. Francis Hospital Family Practice Residency program. Also honored was third-year resident Dr. James B. Records, left, who was awarded the Micon Resident Research Award. The Micon Awards are given in memory of Edward M. Micon, M.D., a

former resident and member of St. Francis

check it out...

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) wil hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28 in the IUPUI Student Union building on the I.U. Medical School campus. Interested residents of Indianapolis and surrounding counties are invited to learn about MADD programs with the country of t such as court monitoring, victim assistance, and public awareness education. For information contact: MADD, P.O. Box 34304, Indianapolis, Ind.

Senior citizens and low incomepersons may receive free help in finding answers to basic state and federal tax questions through a Tax Aide Program for Central Indiana sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons from Friday, Jan. 24 through Tuesday, April 15. IRS-trained volunteers will be available Mon.-Fri. from noon to 4 p.m. at Tax Aide sites or by calling 317-241-1040 from noon to 4 p.m. (only). From outside central Indiana, call 800-424-1040.

✓ A free presentation and discussion of the second draft of the Bishops' Pastoral on the Economy will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 in room 208 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. The program will feature a one-hour videotape of Jesuit Father Peter Henriot of the Center of Concern in Washington, D.C. Bring a brown bag meal if desired. Refreshments

Graduates of Sacred Heart, Kennedy, Chartrand and Roncalli High Schools are chartrand and koncain High Schools are invited to belp organize a southside Alumni Association which will produce a semi-annual newsletter beginning this spring. Please send the following information: name, address, phone, school/year of graduation name of sequential products. graduation, name of spouse if graduate, spouse's school/year of graduation.
Women should include their maiden
names. Send to: Chuck Weisenbach,
Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Rd.,
Indianapolis, Ind. 46227.

Single Christian Adults, affiliated with CYO, will host a Valentine's Day/Membership Party for single adults ages 21 to 40 at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the north clubhouse of Brendonway Apts. For information call Alan Seville at 293-9781 or Karen Seal at 545-5793.

"English as a Second Language" classes are offered Monday and Wed-

nesday nights at 6 p.m. at the International Center, 1050 W. 42nd St. No registration is required. For more information call 923-1468.

 ✓ The Irish American Heritage Society will sponsor "Hearts and Shamrocks," a concert by three Irish musicians, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.13 at the Holiday Inn, 6990 E. 21st St. Mick Maloney, Robbie O'Connell and Jimmy Keane will perform Irish music on traditional and modern instruments. Tickets at \$5 each are available by calling Alice Davis at 353-6664 or Kathleen Ensley at 356-7670.

The Indiana Council of World Affairs will sponsor its 1986 Great Decisions lecture and discussion series at 7:30 p.m. on eight consecutive Tuesday nights, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Christian Theological Seminary, 1000W. 42nd St., room 122. Topics include foreign policy, peace talks, terrorism, etc. with "Religion in International Edition" et he. within 1 in International Politics" as the subject of the concluding session on Tuesday, March 25. Advance registration requested. For rates and other information, call 923-1468, 264-2081 or Helen Bernheisel 356-2532 or Howard Campbesll 299-4973.

"One Voice," a new musical play, will be presented by Indiana Central University at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 7-8 and 14-15, and on Saturdays, Feb. 7 and 14-15, and on Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16 at 3 p.m. in Ransburg Auditorium. The musical attempts to show how the Spirit of God has always been present among his people, and how God has used individuals as his spokespersons. The box office will open Monday, Jan. 27. For information call 788-3251.

A Lenten Parish Retreat sponsored by the Large Group Committee of RENEW at St. Matthew Parish will be conducted by at St. Matthew Parish will be conducted by Providence Sister Barbara Doherty and Dr. Ernie Collamati on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 in Moriarty Hall, 4100 E. 56th St. The event will begin with a soup and bread supper at 6 p.m. Fri. and end with a 4 p.m. Anticipation Mass on Sat. For details and reservations call Sandy Jones at 842-065 or Dave Hooper at 840-070. at 842-0052 or Dave Hooper at 849-20

The 4th Annual Family Mass for the Divorced sponsored by Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) and the Family Life Office will be celebrated by Archbishop Edward O'Meara at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Franklin. A reception will follow in the school hall. For more information call 236-1596 days or 259-8140 or 255-3121 evenings.

A four-part series on Women stemming from the Bishops' Pastoral on Women meeting, will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 6 and 20, in the meeting room of St. Andrew Parish office, 3922 E. 38th St. On Thursday, Jan. 30 Eileen Canton will begin the series with a discussion on Woman, her Self Esteem, Who She Is. For more information call Sister Ellen at 546-1471.

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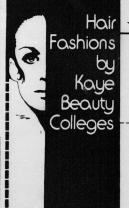
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QUESTION CORNER

Old church, new church

Q Several weeks ago you responded to a woman's comment about changes in Catholic Church. Your first sentence was in error; you said you understood her feelings in the matter, but you do not!

current Catholic Church administered by liberal clerics. No Vatican Council required these changes, only a group of liberal bishops. Today our churches are good replicas of rotestant churches The Mass is a horror. Nothing can take the place of the Tridentine

Mass, and no group of liberal clergy can change my mind.

Liberals have provided a mass of shallow rationalizations to support their unnecessary changes. In view of the decree by Pope Pius V that the Tridentine Mass never be legally revoked or amended, how can anyone recognize the validity of the new order?

I remain and always will remain a Catholic as I have been taught. I accept no rationalization for unnecessary changes. You and the other priests are always on the defensive about this. (Mississippi)

A I hesitated to pursue this subject further, but in light of the static most priests still receive from a few very vocal people, perhaps your words need some

First of all, what you see as defensiveness on the part of some priests is, I think, rather a deep frustration. A major responsibility of priests (and other pastoral ministers) in these years is to help people bridge the transitions that are being asked

We take that responsibility seriously. To

see people deliberately close their minds and hearts to the tremendous opportunities the church offers them today to greater less and fidelity is not something we

take lightly.

I think I do understand. I was raised way back in the "old church," and we had to go through the same process of study, prayer and (I hope) openness to the Holy Spirit as did other Catholics to understand where the Spirit is leading us as the people of Jesus Christ.

I know as well as the next Catholic or other Christian that to be asked by anyone, including God, to take up anchor and move where we have never been before is painful. But the fact is he did just that with Mary and all the saints, and he does it with

Name calling may help us feel good about our position, but it is no substitute for some plain thinking, or for facts. As I said in a recent column, a little knowledge of history is a big help, if we're really in-terested in the truth and facts, that is.

You speak of the "Tridentine Mass" approved by Pope Pius V in 1570. Are you aware that this Mass has not been used by the church for nearly 400 years? Only 34 ears after Pius V gave his decree, Pope years after Plus v gave his decree, Pope Clement VIII issued changes, and said that now his was the definitive edition. Several subsequent popes did the same, right up into our own century, resulting in the Mass we had before Vatican II.

Obviously the so-called Tridentine Mass, held in such veneration by some lics today, isn't that at all. In fact, the "new" Mass we have today is far more traditional in the church than the pre-Vatican II Mass.

You say you will always be a Catholic as you were taught. In what catechism did you learn that one pope may be accepted at the rejection of others? To say acts are "irrevocable" is routine in official church documents. Pope Pius V changed such irrevocable acts of popes before him, as he

had every right and responsibility to do as he saw necessary for the church.

Are we to say that as of the beginning of this century Jesus betrayed his promise to be with his church always, and to give it the guidance of the Holy Spirit? If not, then we must believe that John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II, and the bishops who are with them, deserve our

respect and obedience every bit as much as any pope who has led and served the church in the past.

I believe that the Catholic Church, and most other Christians, are moving with great faith and courage—and truth—into an age of enormous challenges. The recent synod in Rome proves loud and clear that our Holy Father and the vast majority of bishops of the church believe the same— and believe that Vatican Council II provided the greatest impetus for this

I know there is much pain and stumbling and bruising along the way. But I truly feel sorry for those who are unable or unwilling to make the journey.





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FAMILY TALK

When mental illness strikes your adult child

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I have a problem with my 45-year-old son. Eighteen years ago he drugs. Now he is going overboard with religion. He carries the Bible wherever he goes and puts religious signs all over his car and bedroom and outside rever he can. He has withdrawn from the family and said all he wants to do is go to heaven.

Several mental clinics told us he should be hospitalized. But he says he is doing nothing wrong. I couldn't live with his religious beliefs so I told him to get a room and he did. But I feel guilty.

He works a few days a week but I don't know how he gets through the day. He doesn't have friends because he always preaches to them. I want to help him, but he won't listen. I can't stand the thought of having him committed. What do you think I should do? (Ohio)

Answer: You are right to distinguish religion and religiosity. Because he has the trappings of religion does not make his behavior intrinsically religious. Your son sounds mentally ill.

You have been told that your son would benefit from hospitalization. I suspect he might also benefit from medication. He needs to see a psychiatrist

A psychiatrist is a physician who specializes in mental disorders. Psychiatry is a recognized specialty in medicine. However, since any physician may refer to himself as a psychiatrist, you need to ask your psychiatrist if he is board certified in his specialty. If you are lucky and skillful enough to get your son to see a professional you should be sure the professional is fully qualified.

How do you get him to see a psychiatrist? Why not begin where he is, instead of where we think he should be? Why not begin with his religious frame of

Find a priest or minister your son respects and who can separate true religion from mental illness in religious terms. Ask your son to see the priest. If your son will not, ask the priest to go to your son.

A wise priest or minister will begin with the religious issues that preoccupy your son, and move from there to a discussion of the drives and fears and pain behind his fanaticism. At no time will he confront your son with the "wrongness" of his approach. In time, he may lead your son to professional help.

If your son will not talk to the priest or minister, then you have to ask yourself some questions. Is your son a serious danger to himself? To others?

If your answer to either question is yes you should take steps to have him com-mitted to a psychiatric hospital. Commitment laws are different in every state, but ordinarily one or two physicians must assert that a person is mentally ill and dangerous, and a judge must agree. Do not worry that you are "putting him away" forever. Most psychiatric hospitals teday complete in-patient treatment within three

The fact that you have done everything you can should help allay your guilt. The love that waits is love no less.

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The Omnipresent Camera

By Cindy Liebhart

An earthquake devastates Mexico City, and rescue workers toil night and day to reach the thousands of people trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings.

The television cameras are there, silently recording it all—the shock and grief of people who lost parents or children, spouses or friends; the glimmers of hope and then joy as an infant, miraculously spared, is pulled from the ruins.

Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu plunges into the midst of a rioting mob outside Johannesburg, South Africa, to shield a police officer the mob has seized and plans to kill. In a scene familiar to viewers of the evening news, an overturned car burns in the background as the television cameras focus on the angry faces of people denied basic human rights too long, and the impassioned, courageous face of a man pleading for an end to the violence.

And the television cameras are there, too

•as an Illinois parish keeps nervous vigil for its pastor and fellow parishioners aboard a hijacked TWA jet on a runway in Beirut;

TWA jet on a runway in Beirut;

•as hundreds of Washington's
homeless men and women line up
in a city park where several community groups are providing
Thanksgiving dinner;

•when more than 100,000 people in Philadelphia and another 72,000 people in London assemble for a 16-hour concert by the hottest names in pop music to raise money for African famine relief.

These days, television cameras seem to be everywhere, capturing life's myriad experiences.

On any given night of the week, you can turn on the news at 6 o'clock, at 7, at 10, at 11, and be transported half a world away. Or, perhaps more precisely, half the world is transported to you.

How does this glut of information and images from all over the world affect individuals?

Television possesses an ability to deliver live pictures of people caught up in an unfolding drama, bringing the events and people to life. It gives viewers the sense of being there.

Even those who work in television often wonder whether the cameras ought to intrude in every situation or whether viewers should be present as every drama unfolds — a family's personal moments of grief or anxiety, for example. But there is a recognition that this aspect of television makes a powerful impact on people's understanding of themselves and their world.

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More than just making viewers aware of the world, television involves viewers at a very basic level. In the way it shows people's faces, television can serve to establish a bond, a heightened sense that we are all members of the same family.

"The shock of recognition!" is the way the late Marshall McLuhan described this power in "The Medium is the Massage."

"In an electric information environment, minority groups can no longer be contained — ignored. Too many people know too much about each other. Our new environment compels commitment and par-

"Media literacy." It's a label used by many who urge TV viewers and moviegoers to reflect on the positive and negative ways they may be influenced by these media. As Faith Today looks into this question of media literacy, it now asks: What is the impact of television and movies on people's view of the world and their role in it?"

ticipation. We have become irrevocably involved with, and responsible for, each other," McLuhan said.

Television, by its very nature, stimulates the intellect, engages the senses, arouses the emotions, perhaps even sparks the conscience. It can stir feelings of anger

or compassion, pleasure or fear It can also give viewers the sense of participation in the events taking place

events taking place.
"It was the funeral of President Kennedy that most strongly proved the power of television to invest an occasion with the character of corporate participation," McLuhan wrote. "It involves an entire population in a ritual process."

Television can help lead people to action on behalf of justice or Christian charity. A recent, dramatic example of this is the outpouring of contributions for famine-stricken Ethiopia after people viewed graphic scenes of starving children that nightly flooded the airwaves last year.

"Television demands participation and involvement in depth of the whole being," McLuhan wrote. "It will not work as a background. It engages you."

(Ms. Liebbart is media reporter for NC News Service.)



Can Television Change Behavior?

By Dolores Leckey NC News Service

Sometime in the 1960s our television broke and we decided not to have it fixed. There were few objections from our young children, who were obviously in-fluenced by their parents' anti-TV bias. (Football fever eventually returned television to our home!)

Given my assumption at the time that television contributed little to learning in the home, it was somewhat surprising to find myself working in a TV studio in the early '70s. An educational station hired me to design an adulteducation program titled "Talk Back to Your Television."

The program involved an experiment: How could television be used, in a more-or-less organized way, as a learning tool? Obviously television often influences people But education as I mean it here brings lasting change in people's behavior. Could television serve in that kind of educational process and aid people in the ongoing exploration of life's meaning

I felt strongly that to truly learn in this way, adults must be as engaged in the process as possible. So my first step was to host a

conference bringing together representatives of major community organizations to tell what the thought would be most helpful for adult viewing audiences.

The second step was to build what we called "viewing groups." For example, if the topic was nutrition, we tried to arrange for groups to meet with nutrition experts. Together they would view

our program and discuss it.

But the experiment was only moderately successful. Why?

For one thing, the viewing groups were temporary: Once the program was over, so was the group. There was no opportunity to reinforce what was learned or to question the information.

This is education's human factor. It means that one who learns is not merely a passive party. It suggests that the learner — the viewer — must actively participate in the process. What happens is this human factor is slighted?

As I moved from behind-thescenes programming to on-the-air production, more discoveries awaited me. Television, even educational television, is an action medium, which often takes the form of conflict.

This meant finding issues of potential conflict that might emphasize divergent viewpoints. Best if the show's human interaction involved a bit of argument, I was told! Some programs have inherent conflict. One was a series of dialogues in which parents and teen-agers talked about respon-

sibility, countercultural lifestyles, the demands of love. Churches organized parent-teen viewing groups for this series. From pastors, I heard it helped foster initiatives promoting parent-teen understanding.

Now, 10 years later. I have had time enough to sort through any ambivalent feelings about this powerful medium. Is television a viable educational tool? I've answered that question for myself in the following ways.

By itself, television can inform

and even inspire. Witness public television, which makes the lessons of history or the mysteries of nature available to all.

But, generally, the interaction of

people on a longer-term basis is needed to change behavior and stretch horizons lastingly.

Sitting in the studio control room watching ideas get transformed into TV programs, I admired the technicians creating a new language through the camera. In the intervening years my ad-

miration grew.
So did my conviction that a key ingredient for genuinely educational television is human interac-- the human factor

(Mrs. Leckey is director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for the



By Katharine Bird NC News Service

The mysterious world of India, the ancient, rich culture of Japan, the fascinating saga of Russia — all are brought within reach of the average person for the price of a movie ticket or the twist of a TV switch

Two recent blockbuster media events, the movie "A Passage to India" and Masterpiece Theater's 14-week TV series "The Jewel in the Crown," offered intriguing glimpses into Indian life and culture along with lush views of a country little known to many Westerners

Both the movie and the TV series explored the nature of the relationship between the British, the minority but ruling class, and the people of India, the majority but ruled race. The fictional accounts provided viewers further unsettling evidence that troubled racial relationships have a long history

The movie and TV series, perhaps building on the interest fueled by the award-winning movie "Gandhi," also depict characters on each side who are aware of just how demeaning the British-Indian relationships are to both parties. Convinced that this is an issue of justice, and despite the danger involved, they courageously take steps to lessen the distance between the races. In "The Jewel in the Crown," for instance, an Indian, Hari

Kumar, strikes up an unlikely and

Popular Media of Biblical Times

By Father John Castelot

One could easily get the idea that the only books the Jews and early Christians had to fill their lives were those of the Bible. The invention of printing was a long way off, writing materials were expensive and, anyway, relatively people could read or write

The Greeks and Romans had their poets and playwrights, but few Jews or Christians read them.

However, recent discoveries focus attention on an amazingly rich and diverse literature which flourished from the second century B.C. to the second century A.D. Some of it came from Jewish circles, some from Christian, some - in the form it came down - from Jewish authors later edited by Christians.

A recent edition of these books contains 52 compositions. They include works purported to be revelations made to great figures of antiquity. They were of the "now it can be told" type. They pretended to reveal secrets of the heavenly world and of the end of the present world.

Written at a time of persecution, insecurity and anxiety, they offered assurances of God's ultimate victory over evil. They were the products of lively imaginations. Most of all, the works satisfied the popular thirst for in-formation about the unseen world and the future.

People always have been insatiably curious about such things; they still are. Witness the astonishing popularity of Hal Lindsey's "The Late, Great Planet Earth." In this book, he lays out the whole future course of human history in minute detail

A favorite theme of the literature was the origin of sin.
Some authors worked out of the Adam and Eve story but embellished it so as to emphasize Eve's guilt. This led to a general depreciation of women as the cause of all human ills.

On the contrary, the author of 4 Ezra," a popular non-biblical "4 Ezra," work of the time, shifted the blame to Adam.

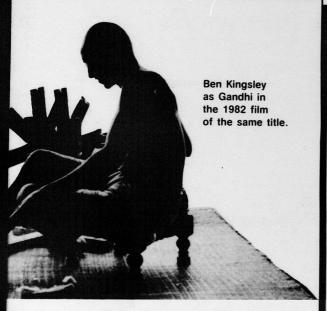
There was in the Bible's Genesis, Chapter 6, another explanation of the origin of sin in humanity. It was that reference to

the "sons of God" who married the daughters of men. biblical author adapted an ancient story here, not to teach all its details literally, but to help people understand the growing estrange-ment of humanity from God.

But some authors of apocalyptic works, notably those who wrote the non-biblical books titled "I Enoch" and "II Enoch," proceeded to develop the Genesis account very imaginatively. The author of portrayed the offspring 'I Enoch of this union in Genesis 6 as giants who wrought all sorts of havoc on earth. They corrupted the people by instructing them in forbidden sciences like making arms, cosmetics and precious metals.

One can easily understand the fascination these popular works must have held for their first readers, offering all sorts of "revelations" to fire their imaginations and to spark lively discussions.

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



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"Television and movies bring home to me how many problems and joys and interests are shared, whether people live in North America, Australia, Africa or Asia."

iewers intrigued by Japan had r appetites whetted by the TV iseries "Shogun" starring and Chamberlain. Highlighting missionary activities of Jesuit lorers, the series provided a ce into Japanese history. o Western viewers whose wledge of Japan may be ted to "made-in-Japan" cars other products, "Shogun" ned a window to a rich and rese culture that stretches back by centuries.

n NBC miniseries on the legeny 17th-century Russian czar er the Great may provide a llar service for viewers hungry mow more about this nation. ording to advance information, ter the Great" was filmed enly in the Soviet Union at such orical sites as the medieval city luzdal, the monastery at orsk, Moscow and Leningrad. istorians value Peter the Great lly because he was the first Russian emperor to make overtures to the West, hoping his country could benefit from knowing and understanding Western technology and institutions.

Such media events can be considered simply an evening's entertainment, to be enjoyed for the moment and then forgotten.

At the same time, I like to think that they can serve another purpose. They can open doors into other countries and cultures. The media can whet our appetite to learn more about the others who inhabit our world.

Sometimes, television and movies bring home to me how many problems and joys and interests are shared, whether people live in North America, Australia, Africa or Asia.

Some decades ago Jesuit Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a paleontologist and explorer in Northern India, China and Burma, developed a theory about the world moving forward through distinct stages toward greater unity — unity under Christ.

Today, television and movies offer graphic evidence on a regular basis that the world is shrinking and that its people are growing increasingly interdependent.

I'd like to think, with Father Teilhard de Chardin, that the communications media today possess a potential to move the world closer to unity.

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

FOOD...

Have you seen a TV program in the last two weeks that was so amusing, or so informative, or that so angered you that you later felt compelled to talk about it with friends or co-workers? Can you recall a movie that delivered a message with such force that you later found yourself talking it over at home or in the neighborhood?

Chances are the answer to both questions is yes. Television, after all, is part of life's daily fare for an awfully lot of people. And with the advent of the videocassette recorder, it appears that movies are becoming more and more a part of the ordinary home's atmosphere.

Television and movies are ab-

Television and movies are absorbing experiences — in more ways than one. Almost through a process of osmosis, viewers can absorb ideas and messages projected from the screen about the world and its people. Or viewers can be absorbed into the world as it appears on the screen, feeling — for better or worse — a part of it all.

The process taking place touches the viewer directly.

Yet with all the emphasis in society on television and movies, on actors and actresses, or on the messages producers and directors want to communicate, viewers can seem almost incidental.

Isn't the viewer meant to be

...for thought

passive: sitting, watching, listening?

Talking about television shows and movies is one way of becoming more actively involved with what you view. In part, this is what is meant when experts speak of "media awareness" or "media literacy." They want people to bring their own judgment to bear on the value systems, lifestyles and attitudes encountered on the screen.

But when?

In many adult groups today, one thing people share is a TV program they've all viewed at home. It may be just the resource needed to stimulate their discussion at certain points — bringing up Bill Cosbys' TV program, for example, when the topic is family life.

And it is not surprising that a few church-related discussion groups are carefully selecting films to view that they hope will stimulate their examination of values and their discussion of the implications of faith.

But you don't need a formal discussion group to foster media literacy. TV shows and movies pop up so readily in ordinary conversation that media awareness can even be promoted around the dinner table at home.

How absorbing is your experience of television and movies? What makes you more than just a passive viewer?

...for discussion

Imagine, if you will, that for the next three months there will be no television programs to watch, no movies to see. Would anything good come of such a situation? Would there be any real disadvantages in such a situation? What do you think?

What is meant when people say that the modern communications media help to make the world a smaller place, a global village? What difference does it make if the world grows smaller in this sense?

Do you think that because of television your understanding of the world is different than it otherwise would have been?

How would you define the terms "media awareness" or "media literacy"? Why is this topic important?

SECOND HELPINGS

"The Electronic Giant," by Stewart Hoover. "Now is the time for Christians to begin developing skills and awareness" in evaluating mass media, Hoover writes. For "the tendency is to forget that the viewer is always a participant in the viewing process. Viewers decide what to watch and decide what to do with what they watch." Knowledge of the institutions "that are fueling the new age and how these things are converging to transform our daily lives" should be considered "basic adult education," he says. But even more important from a Christian perspective is knowing how these developments will affect ministry now and in the future. "As one societal institution that is free to take moral and ethical stands, the church can find an important mission in this endeavor," he thinks. Chapters treat the electronic church, the future of home computers, cable television, common myths about television, common myths about television, common myths about television, lie.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR Clare of Assisi

NC News Service

Clare was 18. Her family had a beautiful home in Assisi, Italy They were wealthy and Clare had everything most girls her age wanted. But she felt something was missing.

She hungered for something more than the good food she and her family enjoyed every day, though she wasn't sure just what it was.

One day during Lent Clare went to church to hear a man everyone was talking about. His name was Francis. His words were simple but they spoke volumes. Francis spoke about Jesus and the way Jesus lived. He talked about being poor and how poor Jesus was.

Clare was deeply touched by Francis' words. She could feel how much he loved Jesus. She could see how poor Francis was. He lived what he preached. Clare felt that Francis knew what it was she was longing for.

So she told him how she hungered for something more in her life. Francis told her he had felt the same way until he gave up all the nice things he had and

began to live like a poor man. During the rest of Lent Clare thought about how happy Francis seemed. She thought about what he told her. By Palm Sunday she had made a big decision.

She decided to leave home and live as Francis did out of love of

On Palm Sunday evening Clare ran away from home. She went to where Francis and his friends were living, about a mile from her home. They welcomed Clare

That very evening Clare put on a rough sackcloth gown in place of her fine dress. She promised to serve Jesus Christ the rest of her life, without any possessions of her own. Francis then took her to a convent.

Her parents, friends and relatives tried to bring Clare back home. Instead, her younger sister left home to join Clare at the convent.

Francis then moved them to a poor house next to the church at San Damiano. Eventually even Clare's mother joined them. So did other young women. Clare's community came to have many monasteries

Clare and her followers ate no

meat and had no beds but slept on the floor, owned nothing. They lived only on what people gave them. They spent much time in prayer. They never left their monasteries, but were most generous to all who visited them, especially people who were poor and suffering.

Francis and Clare re mained good friends. During the next 20 years Clare suffered much. She had to spend most of her days sick in bed. She was so admired and loved that even the pope came to visit her

The church celebrates the feast day of St. Clare of Assisi each Aug. 11 St. Clare, born in the year 1194, is the patronness of television. Her community of sisters, now known as Poor Clares, is still alive



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

Hidden Words

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below. They may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. All the words are found in this week's children's story.



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 $\hfill \Box$ St. Clare didn't own lots of things like most people do. She lived very simply. Why do you think she lived this way? Do you think people sometimes want things they don't really need?

Children's Reading Corner

In the story "I Be Somebody," by Hadley Irwin, 10-year-old Rap lives with his Aunt Spicy. As the story unfolds, Rap, his Aunt Spicy and most of the other folks decide to move to a far-off place to get away from the discrimination they had suffered. On the trip Aunt Spicy becomes very III. But before she dies she gives Rap a message about his heritage and his family that will change his life from then on and that makes him determined to "be somebody." (Atheneum Publishers, 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. 1984. Hardback, \$11.95.)

-the sunday READING

BACKGROUND: The first reading is

from the book of Nehemiah. The narrative of the book takes place during the fifth century B.C. The Babylonian exile had nded and a small remnant of Jews had returned to their land. But the task of rebuilding the land and the spirit of the

tion still remained.

During this time, two men played a significant role in achieving these goals.

One was Nehemiah, a devout Jew and the cupbearer for the Persian King Artaxerkes. He helped the Jews rebuild the walls of Jerusalem to protect them from attack by pagan armies. The other was Ezra, a priest and scribe. He helped the Jews to build a different kind of wall by organizing and reestablishing the religious laws to protect them from attack by pagan values

In the passage we see the Jews celebrate something very similar to the liturgy of the word, the first part of the Mass. First there was an opening prayer. Then the people made a gesture of submission by bowing and lying face down on the ground. Then Ezra opened up the scroll and read the codified law, explaining it as

After hearing the words of the law, the people began to weep for they realized how much they had failed to keep the law. At this Ezra and his assistants urged the people to celebrate rather than weep. The law and the interior knowledge of oneself that it gives are gifts from God which called for feasting. How appropriate, then, that our liturgy of the word is followed by the feast of the Eucharist.

The second reading, is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In this letter we get a glimpse into a local church which

by Richard Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 I Cor. 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

might have been characterized as alive and charismatic. As with any church in which there is a lot of life, there were problems. One problem had to do with some of the extraordinary gifts of the spirit such as the ability to speak in tongues. Those who did not have this gift tended to feel inferior, as though there were something lacking in their faith.

In response, Paul pointed out two things in his letter. (1) Different people are given different gifts of the spirit. (2) This is because these gifts are not for the individual who exercises them but for the community. Just as a human body needs to have different parts performing different functions, so the church needs individuals with different gifts to be a unified and

healthy spiritual body.

This Sunday's gospel reading has two parts. The first is taken from the introduction at the very beginning of Luke's gospel. In it Luke explained how he went about writing his gospel and why he wrote it. In doing so he also revealed the threestage process that gave birth to the gospels as we know them today. The first stage consisted of the events and teachings that made up the life of Jesus. The second stage consisted of the oral transmission of these events and teachings by eyewitnesses and people specially designated to proclaim them. The third stage consisted of people like Luke researching, editing and writing down organized accounts of these events

In the second part of the reading we get a picture of how Jesus began his formal ministry. Basically, what he did was enter his home parish and volunteer to be a lector for the reading. Then, after finishing his reading, he simply announced that the reading was talking about him!

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FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

First reading: How much impact does the reading of scripture have on you? On your family? On your parish? How is God inviting you (your family, your parish) to let it have more impact?

Second reading: What spiritual gifts has God given you? (A good prayer is that God would better show you what your spiritual gifts are.) What would happen to your family (your parish, community, the world) if no one were to share those gifts?

Gospel reading: How might you learn more about how the Bible came to be written? How is Jesus announcing his presence to you today? How are you responding?



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the results of the Feb. 7 presidential election.
The cardinal told a meeting of businessmen Jan. 13 that he had met with

the generals at his house.
"When it comes to the armed forces, the most feared act of violence is a military he said. The officers swore they would not lead a coup, "and I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of their promise," he said.

'On several occasions I have met privately with the top generals of the army, the navy, the air force, the marines, the Philippine Constabulary and the Integrated National Police.

Opposition leaders have said if President Ferdinand Marcos loses the election, they believe he will declare martial law or the military will stage a

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January 24-25

A 24-Hour Retreat for persons considering service-oriented careers will be conducted from 7 p.m. Fri. to 7 p.m. Sat. at the IUPUI Catholic Student Center. Cost \$10. For information contact Father Jeff Godecker at the Center, 1309 W. Michigan St., 317-829-4378.

January 24-25-26

Father Jeff Charlton and ster Barbara Piller will conduct a Retreat for Young Adults on "Brokenness/Wholeness/Holi-ness" at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 545-7681 for

A Serenity Retreat on the 12-step program will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. For information call 812-923-8817.

A "Day-by-Day Growth Ex-perience" AA/Al-Anon retreat will be conducted at Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand. Call 812-367-2777 for information.

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

The 9th Parish Renewal Weekend for St. Andrew Parish, Richmond, will be conducted by Father Robert Mazzola in Hillman Hall. For information call 317-962-3902.

January 25

Scecina High School Alumni will sponsor an All-Alumni Basketball Game and Social at 8 p.m. at the school. Admission \$3; refreshments available. For more information call Ott Hurrle

The Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will meet at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd St. for a 2:30 p.m. performance of "Morning's at

The Indianapolis Catholic Singles Family will sponsor a Square Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Catholic Center

Assembly Hall, 1400 N. Meridian Assembly Haii, 1400 N. Meridian St. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks provided. Admission \$3.50. For more information call Dan 842-0855 or Mary 255-3841

The Roncalli Booster Bash and Raffle will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Msgr. Downey K. of C. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets on sale at the

January 26

The Focus on the Family Series sponsored by the Adult Faith Team of St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, continues at 7:30 p.m. with "Preparing for Adolescence: The Origins of Self Doubt."

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 Rahke Rd.

The Adult Catechetical Teams of St. Susanna and St. Thomas More Parishes will sponsor an afternoon of spiritual renewal, "Come Away and Rest Awhile," beginning at 1 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. \$3 registration fee includes dinner. For information call 839-8487 or 839-9732.

The 9th Annual Birthline Baby Shower will be held in all parishes.

The Indianapolis Chapter of Catholic Golden Age (CGA) will meet at 2 p.m. in the staff lounge of the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian St. Father James Moriarty will speak on "Retire-ment: Make the Most of It."

The Secular Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Fraternity will meet at 3 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome.

January 27

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will meet at 7:30 p.m. for program on "What Can I Do to be Whole?" at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. For more information call 236-1596 days or 259-8140 or 255-3121 evenings.

January 28

Midlife and Beyond, the retirement planning series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of St. Barnabas Parish continues at 7:30 p.m. with attorney John Higgins' discussion of "Wills, Estates and Trusts"

January 29

The Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles: A Catholic Perspective continues from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in St. Luke reception room.

A Father/Daughter Evening will be conducted by Father Joe Schaedel at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 545-7681 for more information.

January 30

Midlife and Beyond, the retirement planning series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of St. Barnabas Church, continues at 7:30 p.m. with Indianapolis Social Security district field representative John Treanor discussing "Social Security—Issues and Concerns."

The Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Problem Centers will hold an Information Night for prospective volunteers at 7 p.m. in the Pregnancy Problem Center, 445 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 819. Call Julie Dinger at 632-3720 for information.

Eileen Canton will present a program on Woman, Her Seif Esteem, Who She is, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St. Andrew Parish, 3922E, 38th St. For information call Sister Ellen at 546-1471.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1-2

Benedictine Father Vincent Tobin will conduct a Men's Retreat Weekend on "Living the Word of God" at Fatima Retreat

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A Beginning Experience Weekend for divor-ced/separated/widowed persons will be held at the CYO Center, 580 Stevens St., Indianapolis. For information call Kathy Totis 317-783-2556 or Linda Sutherland 317-547-0909

February 1

A placement examination for the Class of 1990 will be held at 8 a.m. at Chatard High School. \$10

Benedictine Sister Kathy Huber will conduct a program on "Mid-Life: Breakdown or Freakthrough?" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST at Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand. Suggested offering includes lunch: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Registrations due Jan. 25. Call 812-367-2777 for information.

The Fifth Wheelers Club will hold its regular monthly meeting and installation of new officers at 8 p.m. in the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

Scecina Memorial High School will administer a placement test to prospective freshmen from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. \$30 fee includes \$25 non-refundable

The Lawrenceburg Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Chicken Dinner Carryout from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$3.50 donation. Pickup available from Father Kasper Hall or free delivery by calling 812-537-3690. Proceeds benefit Gibault School.

A Taste of Mardi Gras Dance sponsored by Christ the King Parish will be held from 8 to 11

p.m. at Chatard High School. Pre-sale tickets at \$7.50 per person include refreshments, door prizes and a free drink. Call 849-9192 or 257-4778 for information.

Roncalli High School will hold a placement examination for incoming freshmen. For information call 787-8277.

The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) will hold its First Saturday Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of the parish center of Little Flower Church, 13th and Bosart. Everyone is welcome.

Cathedral High School will hold a placement examination for incoming freshmen. For in-formation call 542-1481.

February 2

The Focus on the Family film series sponsored by the Adult Faith Team of St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, continues with "Preparing for Adolescence—Peer Pressure and Sexuality" at 7:30 p.m.

The Focus on the Family film series sponsored by the Adult Catechetical Teams of St. Susanna and St. Thomas More Parishes begins from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, with "How to Raise a Strong Willed Child."

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for quiet prayer and reflection from noon until Benediction at 5 p.m. in St. Joan of Arc Church, 4200 N. Central

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Churches plan South Africa strategy

WASHINGTON (NC)—In 1986 U.S. Catholics and members of the other mainline Christian bodies can expect to see more visible, concerted and intensified action by the U.S. churches to fight South African apartheid. Answering last December's plea from

South African church leaders to quit issuing statements and start doing things instead, some 150 leaders of U.S. churches met in Washington Jan. 13 to devise a common strategy against apartheid.

They proclaimed 1986 "the year of action by U.S. churches against apartheid," and they seem ready to make good on that promise. Economic pressure to force relatively peaceful change may be the only alternative to violence.

They said that apartheid—South Africa's policy of segregating the races and denying the vote and other civil rights to the nation's black majority—is "an unmitigated evil, the product of sin and the work of the devil" work of the devil.'

Among their plans for 1986, a day-long lobbying action on Capitol Hill this spring and a day of prayer, fasting and public

witness June 16 are just the more obvious, public events. June 16 is the 10th an-niversary of the Soweto riots—equivalent South Africans to the storming of the Bastille in France or the Boston Tea Party in the United States

KEY GOALS enunciated by the U.S. church leaders include "comprehensive economic sanctions" against South Africa by the U.S. government, getting U.S. banks to deny South Africa any renewal or rollover of short-term loans coming due romover of short-term loans coming due this spring, and escalating the campaign to force U.S. corporations to dissociate themselves from apartheid. Several Catholic officials attended the

meeting. They included Father Rollins meeting. They included Father Kollins Lambert, African affairs specialist of the U.S. Catholic Conference; Father Joseph Witmer, ecumenical affairs officer of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Conference of Canonic Bisnops, who led the meeting's closing prayer; and African Missionary Father Thomas E. Hayden, president of the board of the Washington Office on Africa.

The Catholic Church is not a member of the World Council of Churches, whose U.S. office coordinated the Washington meeting,

but participants said that they consider Catholic involvement important.

Catholic involvement important.

Father Lambert said afterward that if
Catholic officials got involved in the actual
development of interfaith strategy, "so
much the better." Even if the U.S. Catholic Conference did not participate in that way, it would work on a parallel track, cooperating wherever it could with the plans, he said.

IT'S NOT THAT U.S. churches—including the Catholic Church—have ignored apartheid so far and are suddenly getting involved. Far from it. In one way or another a policy of opposition to South African apartheid has been part of the institutional fabric of virtually all non-fundamentalist U.S. churches since at least the early 1970s.

But the key words in the new movement are "common strategy." Each American church body or church agency opposing apartheid until now has generally operated

at its own pace.

In the Catholic Church, many religious orders and a few individual dioceses have been members of the Interfaith Center for Responsibility.

shareholder resolutions or divestiture, the have pressured transnational corporation with investments in South Africa to leav South Africa or to adopt corporate policie there resisting apartheid.

THE U.S. Catholic Conference which represents the American Catholi bishops on public policy issues, consult closely with the South African Catholi bishops in formulating its positions. It has not yet called for corporate divestment, but in a major policy statement last September it said that investments and loans to Sout Africa "carry grave moral burdens an have critical impact on issues of huma

While the USCC has been more cautiou in that area than many Protestant bodie which openly advocate divestment, it ha been on essentially the same track as the

been on essentially the same track as the are regarding U.S. government policy. In the Sept. 11 policy statement, the USCC specifically called for congressional passage of the Anti-Apartheid Action Act despite the fact that President Reagan had advanted many of its prepopulse but the adopted many of its proposals only two days earlier by executive order in order to preempt the congressional action.

eempt the congressional action.
The USCC said it welcomed Reagan' executive order but still believed stronger and broader approach . . . necessary."

So. Africa, arms race are focus of stockholder resolutions

by Tracy Early

NEW YORK (NC)—South Africa and military produc-tion, particularly nuclear and space weaponry, will be the principal targets of 1986 stockholder action by churches in the corporate responsibility movement, said Timothy

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In an interview at ICCR offices in New York, he said activity regarding South Africa had grown far beyond what he could have expected five years ago, with churches now joined by major institutional investors.

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But though some of the latter continue to call on com-But though some of the latter continue to call on companies doing business in South Africa to sign the Sullivar Principles, which set out equal employment guidelines, church agencies working through the ICCR no longer place much emphasis on that approach because the principles "don't speak to ways of pressuring the South African government to end apartheid," he said.

Smith said that the Rev. Leon Sullivan, a black Baptist minister of Philadelphia who developed the principles several years ago, has now himself declared that corporations should withdraw from South Africa if apartheid is not dismantled by next year.

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According to the ICCR's annual compilation, published in early January, church groups have submitted 84 resolutions to 68 companies for votes at this year's stockholder meetings, most of which are held in the spring. In addition to South Africa and military production, they deal with such issues as environmental protection, infant formula, the world debt crisis and discrimination against women and

The latter includes the relatively new effort to get U.S. companies with plants in Northern Ireland to adopt the Sean MacBride Principles against discriminatory employment

The ICCR, an agency related to the National Council of Churches but operating under its own board, provides staff assistance for units of a dozen Protestant denominations and 220 Catholic organizations, mostly units of religious orders.

Though their investments of pension, endowment and reserve funds are substantial, totaling several billions of dollars, they do not own enough shares to win stockholder votes. But they file the resolutions as a way of forcing discussion of issues and bringing public pressure on cor-

One of this year's resolutions, filed in similar form with several corporations, calls for warning the South African government that the corporation will withdraw unless the government ends its "homelands" and apartheid policies, gives full political rights to all, releases all political prisoners and increases funding for black education, health care and social services. care and social services.

In the long list of supporters of the resolution are bodies such as the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (10,650 shares), the Sulpician order (6,300), Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo (1,200), Jesuits of Detroit (2,600), Episcopal Church (19,380) and the Blessed Sacrament Sisters (5,600).

A resolution filed with American Telephone and Telegraph calls for it to end its management of the nuclear weapons-related divisions of the Sandia National Laboratories. It quotes the appeal of Pope John Paul II for scientists to "desert the laboratories and factories of death" and the declaration of the M. S. bit of the scientists to "desert the laboratories and factories of death" and the declaration of the U.S. bishops' in their 1983 peace pastoral that "the quest for nuclear superiority must be rejected."

Smith said that although church investors had raised questions about use of pesticides in past years, a new focus on how they are manufactured has come in response to the on now they are manutactured has come in response to the Union Carbide accident in Bhopal, India. He said the Sisters of Charity of Elizabeth, N.J., were taking the lead in this area with a resolution asking Union Carbide to publicize potential hazards at all its plants in the United States or abroad and to report on what precautions it is taking against

Smith, a United Methodist layman, said a reference to investment responsibility in the Catholic bishops' proposed pastoral letter on the economy has led Catholics involved in pastion letter on the economy has led Catholics involved in the ICCR, most of them representing religious orders, to predict that many more dioceses will become active in this field.



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Hang on also to the idea that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted. He's as close as a whispered prayer. Talk to him in your own words and let him know how much you

The Lord can comfort you, and eventually you will find that in some way he has answered your prayers and has strengthened you to bear what seemed unbearable.

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

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Diocesan youth news briefs

St. Nicholas quest night

The St. Nicholas Youth Organization will hold a guest night Friday, Jan. 31, from 7 p.m.-midnight at the St. Nicholas Youth Center. The evening will provide an op-portunity for youth to socialize and find out more about becoming a member of the organization. Dinner will be served around 9 p.m. The center is located at 1644 Roosevelt Ave. in Indianapolis. For more information, call the center at 317-634-2275.

Terre Haute senior retreat

There will be a retreat Thursday, Feb. 26, through Saturday, March 1, for all high school seniors in the Terre Haute Deanery. The

cost is \$55 which will cover all room, board and materials. The retreat will be held at the CYO Center, 580 Stevens St. in Indianapolis. Interested seniors are asked to register by Friday, Jan. 31. They do so by calling Linda Shipp at 812-232-8400 or by sending their registration form to the Religious Education Center, 2391 Ohio Blvd., Terre Haute, Ind 47803.

New Albany scholarships

Two scholarships are available for high school seniors in the New Albany Deanery. The scholarships are named for Fr. Tom Stumph and Dean Kraemer and can be used for college or trade school. The application deadline is April 1. The scholarships will be awarded at the Deanery Banquet at St. Joe Hill on May 8. For application forms and more

information, contact Jerry Finn at the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry Office, 707 W. Highway 131, Clarksville, Ind. 47130, telephone 812-945-0354

CYO One-Act Plau Festival

The deadline for entering the CYO One-Act Play Festival is Friday, January 31. Any parish CYO or youth group in the archdiocese may enter. Plays may be entered in any of three categories: comedy-farce, light comedy or drama. There is an entry fee of \$25 for each play en-tered. The festival will take place Sunday, March 2, at St. Catherine in Indianapolis. Those interested in entering are encouraged to start planning and rehearsing as soon as possible. To register or for more information, call the CYO Office, 317-632-9311.

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Book reviews

KOR was the midwife of Solidarity

KOR: A HISTORY OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN POLAND, 1976-1981, by Jan Josef Lipski. University of California Press (Berkeley, 1985). 561 pp., \$39.95.

> John H. Carroll NC News Service

Americans sympathize with the Polish people in their resistance to the oppressive rule of the Polish United Workers Party, ac-

Much of the information about the situation in Poland available in the West comes from Western newsmen, who frequently are in the Polish capital only on temporary assignments. Many do not speak Polish or know the country well.

In this study of KOR (Komitet Obrony Robot-nikow), Jan Josef Lipski presents an informative and firsthand chronicle of an organization which has played an important part in This nationalist and re the continuing Polish tradition survived

regime and Moscow's struggle against Communist surrogate in Warsaw. dictatorship. The author is a Polish historian and writer who was a founder of KOR and a Solidarity activist. He was intimately involved in many of the activities described in this book.

Lipski traces the background of Polish resistance to foreign domination. He refers to the Home Army, the nationalist, anti-Nazi underground active during World War II, and its struggle during the dark days of the German occupation.
This nationalist and religious

terrible time of Stalinist oppression after World War

June 1976 Polish workers demonstrated against rising food prices and poor working conditions at Radom, a provincial center and industrial area about 60 miles south of Warsaw, and Ursus, a working class suburb of the capital. The regime of Party Chairman Edward Gierek reacted sharply. Ministry of Internal Security units, the Militia (uniformed police) and Motorized Detachments

continued even through the the Militia, along with the dreaded Secret Police, brutally suppressed the demonstra-

In reaction to this suppression, a group of dissident intellectuals, churchmen, workers and peasants united to proclaim their sympathy with the persecuted workers and their families at Radom and Ursus. This group called itself KOR.

Lipski covers much of KOR's overt and covert activities. On the open side, KOR activists traveled throughout Poland and encouraged workers to stand firm in their resistance to the party and the government and assist one another in the struggle for freedom and political rights. Underground actions consisted of the publication of newspapers and journals and exchanges

of correspondence regar

KOR strategy and tactics. The author provides, well, an insight into practical workings of a po state. Security units and secret police, although no free to operate as in Stalinist era, were ac operationally against K On the one hand, the se police tried to infiltrate K On the other, the police the militia resorted murders and beatings in effort to intimidate members and their

Lipski makes a case for KOR and its ideal a better Poland. 'leadership dissolved KOF 1981. At that time most o membership became ac in Solidarity. KOR has le legacy to Poland resistance to oppression hope for the future

(Carroll is a retired government official who lectures Georgetown University's Schoffor Summer and Continu

REST IN PEACE

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† ACTON, Florence M., 89, St. Mary, Mitchell, Jan. 7. Wife of Clyde; stepmother of Delores.

ANDRES, Mabel, 88, St. Mary of the Knobs, St. Mary of the Knobs, Jan. 6. Mother of Lucille Johnson, Otto Jr., Helen, Mary Reynolds, Richard, Wilbur and Robert; grandmother of 23; great-grandmother of 19.

† BANSCHBACH, Gus, 81, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Dec. 31. Father of Charles A.

† BRIGGEMAN, Josephine, 95, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 10. Mother of Betty Ransom, Margie Gehlhausen, Marie Edward, William and James; grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 11.

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Sister Lea Ihle buried Jan. 17

Franciscan Sister M. Lea (Rosemary) Ihle died in Methodist Hespital, Indianapolis, on Jan. 15 and was buried from the Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse in Oldenburg on Jan. 17. She was 74.

Sister Ihle entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1933 and served as an elementary teacher in Ohio and Indiana. Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in Lawrence Schools in Indianapolis, St. cluded St. Mark and St. Lawrence Schools in Indianapolis; St. Joseph School, St. Leon; and St. Vincent de Paul School, Bedford. In 1976 Sister Ihle retired to the motherhouse. She is survived the motherhouse in the state of th

one sister, Elizabeth Kerley of Cincinnati.

Bringing rays of hope to the lonely

For the Christian, loneliness should not be an enemy but a challenge to growth

BEYOND LONELINESS, by Edward Wakin and Father Sean K. Cooney. Twenty-Third Publications (Mystic, Conn., 1985). 92 pp., \$5.95.

> Reviewed by Msgr. Charles Dollen NC News Service

Loneliness, the authors tell us, is more common than the common cold, and a great deal more painful. It is difficult to imagine that anyone

Loneliness is not an enemy, these writers maintain, but it is a challenge to growth. Using many examples, they show that the problem is real for the very young and the very old, and for everyone in between. How they respond is the challenge the book presents.

For the Christian, this

reaches maturity without tinuing spiritual growth. learning to cope with First of all, the lonely person must come to terms with his own faith, a belief in a God who cares for him and loves him. This response starts off a real program of growing and maturing in faith, the authors

After coming to terms with loneliness in one's own life, the need to respond to others becomes more ob-

and weave into it a positive Christian outlook. It is easy to read and it brings some fine rays of hope for those who suffer loneliness.

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feeling. This leads to building

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The church in India

(Continued from page 1) ecurity for the trip. Some extremist Hindu eaders have sharply criticized the visit, saying it would "accelerate" conversions mong tribal peoples and members of the ower Indian classes. Protests against the rip could include demonstrations along the

In India, Catholic evangelization has stressed "presence" over "preaching," according to several church sources interviewed in Rome. It has been marked increasingly by two movements, they said: social action among the poor and inculturation—an effort to translate Christianity into traditional Indian languages, prayer forms and ceremonies.

The trend is away from simple charity and toward greater social education, particularly among the country's 17,000 missionary stations, they said. Jesuinssionaries, for example, have set up regional theology centers in local languages and village programs for adult education and literacy. About two-thirds of Indians are illiterate.

Several Jesuit-run high schools have switched from English to native languages. According to Father Henry Volken, a Swiss Jesuit who has worked in India for 38 years, this change has upset some wealthier Indian parents who want their children to learn English so they can "get ahead."

Near Bhopal in central India, Father Volken worked three years to organize resistance to bonded labor, an illegal but still common practice in India that has kept some families indebted for generations. Other Jesuits and Religious have organized on behalf of poor fishermen in southern India, whose livelihood is threatened by increasing mechanization.

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These activities have at times upset the

government and church leaders because of their political implications, he said.

THE POPE will visit a home for the dying and destitute run by Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity in downtown Calcutta, where 9 million Indians live, many in slums or shacks. But, according to Bishop Henry D'Souza, co-adjutor of Calcutta, the church does not plan to make a public issue of poverty during the trip.

"So much of the poverty in India is structural. The Catholic Church in India has not highlighted this because of its minority status. It doesn't want to be seen as a complainer," he said. "We would rather give a witness of justice to people who are poor, and arouse consciences."

In addition to social awareness, some believe the church in India needs to further emphasize individual spiritual development. "Our fundamental commitment is to have more prayer among the poor," said franciscan Father Gualberto Gismondi, who is in charge of missions for his order. "If you underline the social problems too much, Indians will admire you, but do not accept you as a religious person."

U.S. Father Joseph Connolly, vice general of the Divine Word missionary order, agreed. "A big complaint Hindus have is that, while they see the social work of the church as good, they really don't see that the church produces men of sanctity," he said

THROUGH inculturation, the church has emphasized Christian prayer, blending it with India's traditions of meditation and asceticism churchmen said.

This has helped the church shed its "foreigner" image, said Archbishop Simon Pimenta of Bombay, president of the In-

dian bishops' conference. "We are a church in transition, toward adopting local cultural values and toward the 'Indianization' of the church. It's a long and painful process," he said.

The painful part, he said, is that the movement is viewed with suspicion, not only by the Hindu majority, which fears conversions, but by Catholics who resist change. "They say, 'You're making us Hindus again,' "Archbishop Pimenta said.

Indian liturgies have adopted local languages, complex traditional dances, burning of incense and the priest's wearing of the traditional Hindu saffron shawl.

The bishops of India have been divided over some of the modifications. In 1975, for example, they ended all unauthorized experiments and prohibited readings from non-biblical scriptures in the liturgy. The readings, from such Hindu books as the Upanishads, had become popular in many churches.

BUT MUCH of the inculturation is happening outside the churches, in smaller houses of prayer known as "ashrams." In Hindu tradition, an ashram is where a resident guru meets with disciples. Catholic ashrams are open to all faiths, and the main activity is shared prayer and meditation.

Critics say the ashram is part of the India church's "Hinduization," but most church leaders see it as a necessary cultural bridge. "Many of the traditional Hindu practices are adopted—yoga, diet, meditation. Even the architecture of the ashram is modeled on Hindu forms," said Father Connolly. Like other religious orders, his Divine Word missionaries run several ashrams throughout the country.

In the Christian ashram, yoga exercises are considered "bodily preparation for prayer," he added. Bible readings are short, followed by long periods of silent meditation.

In several states, "anti-conversion" laws prohibit the church from active evangelizing. To protect themselves, priests sometimes ask converts to sign a statement saying they have adopted the faith under no coercion.

The conversion issue is still a sore spot in church-state relations, the sources said, but the general situation has improved under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who succeeded his mother as head of government. The pope is expected to meet with the prime minister and other officials Feb. 1.

THE CHURCH and Indian government have battled over birth control, sterilization and abortion in recent years. Faced with a population that has more than doubled in the last 35 years, the government still promotes birth control and allows abortion, but the forced sterilizations of the late 1970s have disappeared, church sources said.

One positive result of the sterilization campaign was that the church developed a strong natural family planning program in response, Father Volken said.

The variety in the Indian church will be in evidence during the trip. Three rites have developed in Kerala, where the pope will make four stops. The oldest rite is the Syro-Malabar (Chaldean) church.

In one of the central liturgical events of the trip, the pope will beatify a Malabarese nun and priest during a Mass at Kottayam Feb. 8. Kerala Catholics are preparing for the visit by fasting and other exercises of self-denial, church officials said.

Meanwhile, in the northern Assam state where Catholicism is less than 100 years old, the church is preparing for the pope's visit to Shillong, a resort center in the region's tribal hills. Local Catholics plan cultural dances and songs as part of their welcome for the pope, whom they have described in leaflets as having "a warm heart of friendliness."

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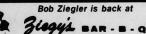
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Church in Cuba: no God in state's classrooms



CONFLICT IN CUBA—In the courtyard of the bishops' house in Havana, Msgr. Carlos Manuel Cespedes, secretary of the Cuban Bishops' Conference, talks ab at problems faced by the bishops in dealing with the Cuban Communist government. (NC photo by Steve Taylor)

HAVANA (NC)—Catholics in Cuba say one of their biggest problems with the Communist government is that state schools teach children that God does not exist. They say the confusion this causes among Catholic youth is hard to counteract because the churches have no access to government-controlled media.

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"At home and in the parish Sunday schools, our young ones receive a Catholic education," said Msgr. Carlos Manuel Cespedes, secretary of the Cuban bishops' conference. But all Cuban children must attend state schools where, Msg. Cespedes said, "it is not a neutral education. It is a very atheistic one."

A Cuban government official, however, said state education is neutral on the subject of religion.

Religious education is one of the issues in meetings between the government of President Fidel Castro and the Catholic bishops

Catholic bishops.

The government has attached more importance to such meetings in the last few years, Msgr. Cespedes said. "The situation of the church in Cuba is better than it was 10 or 15 years ago," he added. However, he identified education as one of the biggest remaining problems.

RELATIONS between the Castro government and the church were hostile following the 1959 revolution when the church was seen as aiding anti-Castro forces. The Cuban Communist Party, echoing Marxist attitudes in other countries, called religion an "unreal, distorted and false reflection of reality." reflection of reality," according to a report in Latinamerica Press, a publication based in Lima, Peru.

Many Catholics and other Christians responded to that attitude by opposing the new government. The result was an atmosphere of mutual mistrust which lasted more than 20 years. More recently newly to the state of t willingness to work together.

Jose Felipe Carneado, director of the recent established Office of Religious Affairs of the Cuban Con munist Central Committee, said that there was a different of opinion on education. He insisted that government

education is not anti-religion, but simply neutral.

"Children are not taught that God does not exist," I said. "If they were they would only ask, "What is God?"
This, Carneado said, is just the kind of question a nor religious state wishes to avoid.

Msgr. Cespedes said that older students who ar Catholics can differentiate between what they learn i school and what their faith teaches. "But for a child of 5, 6, years old, that's very difficult.'

BOTH MSGR. Cespedes and Carneado said they think th dispute can be resolved in the continuing church-stat meetings. "The government is non-religious, but not ant religion," said Carneado. "The churches may teach whateve they wish," he added.

Recalling a time when clergy who preached agains Communism were arrested as counterrevolutionaries Msgr. Cespedes said, "We have the hope of getting probably not Catholic schools but at least a neutral education at the official schools, in order not to create problems of con science for the children and for their parents.

Those problems would be less severe, Catholic leaders said, if the church had ready access to Cuba's mass media

CARNEADO SAYS the churches also would like access to television. "We have about 50 Catholic and Protestant religions in Cuba," he said, "and we can't put them all or

He noted that the national newspapers publish some religious material, mostly schedules of services, and he said that agreements on wider access could come out of future meetings between the bishops and the government.

(Taylor, a Washington-based free-lance journalist, visited Cubi on a TV assignment in late 1985.)



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