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# Pope will visit Colombia July 1-7

Nation is plagued by guerilla warfare and a flourishing illegal drug trade

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VATICAN CITY (NC)-Pope John Paul II's planned July 1-7 pastoral visit to Colombia will take him to a nation battered by a natural disaster, and plagued by guerrilla warfare and a flourishing illegal drug trade.

Vatican sources said the pope's visit will highlight the church's external concerns, such as drugs and violence. They said they do not expect strong words on internal church matters.

Most Colombian Catholics go regularly to Sunday Mass and Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo of Medellin leads a united episcopate which once asked its clergy to wear cassocks

as a sign of allegiance to the pope.

The visit includes a brief stop at the predominantly Catholic West Indies island of St. Lucia and marks the seventh time the traveling pope has visited Latin America.
Pope John Paul is scheduled to visit 11

Colombian cities, including Armero, which was nearly 90 percent destroyed last November when the Nevado del Ruiz volcano melted the mountain's snowcap and sent a river of mud racing down the mountain. An estimated 22,000 people died in the disaster, which turned the once financially sound town into a muddy plain, now called the Holy Field Cemetery.

Colombia's guerrilla war has also killed thousands of people, and Vatican sources said they expect the pope to decry violence during his visit.

Several guerrilla groups are fighting throughout the country.

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STONE PILLOW—A stone doorstep is home and bed for three waits in Bogota, Colombia, as they huddle together for warmth. They are among an estimated 3,000 homeless children living in grim poverty

on Bogota streets. Pope John Paul II will arrive in Colombia July 1 for a weeklong visit. It is to focus on the church's external concerns, not internal matters. (NC photo from Wide World)

# Court decisions help fuel abortion debate again

Abortion opponents heartened by 5-4 decision; politicians decry decision at pro-life convention

WASHINGTON (NC)-In two major decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court added new fuel to the national debate over abortion and the related issue of the rights of handicap-

And in Denver, delegates to the conven-tion of the National Right to Life Committee were courted by prospective Republican presidential candidates who decried the court's actions on abortion.

In the first decision, the Supreme Court June 9 threw out federal regulations by the Reagan administration which had demand ed medical treatment for severely handicap ped newborns

The regulations were developed after the 1982 death of a Bloomington infant boy

born with Down's syndrome. The case, which came to be known as Baby Doe, gained na-tional attention because the infant's parents denied permission for surgery to open a blocked esophagus. (See article on page 1 of last week's issue of The Criterion.)

Two days later the court in a 5-4 vote struck down a Pennsylvania law regulating abortion and reaffirmed its landmark 1973 decision legalizing abortion.

The Pennsylvania law required that women be provided information on abortion, its risks, and fetal development. It also required detailed physician reports, the use of the abortion method most likely to result in a live birth and the presence of a second doctor to help save the fetus. Justice Harry Blackmun, writing the court's majority opinion, said that "few decisions are more personal and intimate" than a woman's decision on abortion.

"The states are not free, under the guise of protecting maternal health or potential life, to intimidate women into continuing pregnancies," said Blackmun, who also wrote the majority opinion in Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 abortion case.

Three justices who dissented, however, urged the court to reconsider Roe vs. Wade. The harshest criticism came from Justice Byron White, who called the court's record on abortion "fundamentally misguided since

its inception."
Chief Justice Warren Burger, also in dis-

sent, said the Pennsylvania decision 'astonishingly goes so far as to say that the state may not even require that a woman contemplating an abortion be provided with accurate medical information concerning the risks inherent in the medical

MANY ABORTION opponents pointed to the narrow 54 vote as evidence that the court may be close to reconsidering or even over-

turning Roe vs. Wade.

Douglas Johnson Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said the National Right to Life Committee, said the latest ruling means that the United States is "only one vote away from having a (See ABORTION FOES on page 23)

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# Catholic nominated to fill vacancy on Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (NC)—Antonin Scalia, a Catholic known in judicial circles as a con-servative, was nominated to the U. S. Supreme Court June 17 by President

Reagan.
Scalia, 50, would replace Justice William
Rehnquist, 61, Reagan's nominee to take
over as chief justice upon the retirement in
July of Chief Justice Warren Burger, 78.
If confirmed by the Senate, Scalia would
become the first Italian-American justice to
serve on the nation's highest court.
A member since 1962 of the U.S. Circuit
Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, he is known for his emphasis on the
separation of powers in government. separation of powers in government.

Scalia, the father of nine, was born March

11, 1936, in Trenton, N.J. He was graduated from Georgetown University in 1957 and received his law degree from Harvard in 1960. He was a law professor at the University of Chicago when he was appointed as an appeals court judge by Reagan.

A 1984 article on him in the magazine Policy Review described him as personally opposed to abortion. It said that his first involvement in politics was in a fight for tuition tax credits for parents of children in non-public schools.

public schools.

He and Rehnquist refused to speak to reporters about their views on controversial issues following the announcement of their nominations. They said those questions should be left to the confirmation hearings.



# FROM THE EDITOR

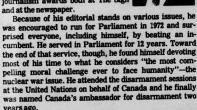
# The true realists about nuclear weapons

"Doug Roche is a Catholic journalist who made good," I told delegates to this year's Catholic Press Association convention when I introduced the Canadian ambassador armament at a press conference. He later spoke at

a convention luncheon.

Doug and his wife Eva started going to Catholic Press Association conventions back in the 1950s a year or so after my wife Marie and I did (this year's convention was my 31st).

He was an editor of The Sign magazine until 1965 when he returned to Canada to be founding-editor of the newspaper for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Alberta, Harmas and ton, Alberta. He was an ex cellent editor, winning numerous journalism awards both at The Sign



It was nice having a couple hours to renew our long-standing friendship, but Doug was at the convention for a serious purpose: to urge the Catholic press to do more to

make religion "become identified with the new realism," as he put it. And what is the new realism?

The new realists, Doug said, "are those who understand the vulnerability of the human species to nuclear destruction and want to replace the outmoded war system with a new system of collective security."

He contasted them with the "new idealists," who, he said, "are those who think the world can go on safely still, and the second property wearons systems when

piling up ever more powerful weapons systems when nuclear winter threatens to destroy all life."

IN DEFINING the new idealists and new realists, Doug said that he knew that cynics would say that he is the idealist because he believes it is possible to create a "new global ethic" whereby "countries in every region could implement those global strategies for collective security and international economic development that have been so painstakingly laid out by the United Nations."

He said that the new global ethic establishes peace as the goal, reached by enlarging our understanding of the said that the country demands economic and social security. "Security they demands economic and social security."

the goal, reached by enlarging our understanding of security. "Security today demands economic and social development, the protection of human rights, an end to

development, the protection of numan rights, an ent of discrimination—as well as viable arms control and disarmament steps," he said.

He praised the growing number of cultural, religious, athletic, scientific, agricultural, and business exchanges between nations, particularly between the United States and the Soviet Union, because they should increase our understanding and respect for one another as human beings, "for we all have the same joys and sorrows, griefs and hopes. Our common purpose is to live in peace," he

Doug insists that it really is realistic to think that th things will lead to peace and it is idealistic to think that more weapons will bring more security. He pointed out that there are 50,000 nuclear weapons now in existence with a destructive power one million times the power of the Hiroshima bomb, that upwards of one trillion dollars are being spent annually on the arms race, that the arms are being spent annually on the arms race, that the arms race has been fueled by new technologies in the name of deterrence, and that the development of a defensive shield against nuclear weapons could accelerate the offensive

arms race.
None of these things has made the world safer, he said. In fact, "fears that deterrence is no longer enough have led to the production of offensive, first-strike weapons in order to 'prevail.' While denying attempts at superiority in nuclear arms, neither side is willing to be inferior." Although Doug favors global strategies developed by the United Nations, he says that today the ideological divisions, mistrust and enmittes are too deep for the U.N. to achieve global harmony by itself. "This is precisely why the catalytic influence of a spiritual vision needs to be

why the catalytic influence of a spiritual vision needs to be injected into the system to strengthen the foundation of mutual understanding and areas of common purpose," he

Despite the continuation of the arms race and no indication that it will end soon, Doug says that he has reasons for hope that the world will continue its process of

reasons for hope that the world will continue its process of global development. He sees growing recognition by the public that our planet is a place of common ground and more political support for those political leaders who do see and understand the need for more global cooperation.

Therefore, he said, he is not discouraged by the length of time required to change societal mentalities. He remembered the words of Reinhold Niebuhr, "Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must have hope."

# Two Catholics among those arrested in abortion clinic

Father Donald Schmidlin watche two of his parishioners were arrested. Now, he would like other Catholics to follow their

Kathleen A. Yeadon, 23; Patricia R. Yeadon, 26; and three others were arrested the morning of June 14 inside an In-dianapolis abortion clinic. The Yeadons are members of St. Joan of Arc Parish in In-dianapolis, where Father Schmidlin is pastor. He was outside the clinic when the arrests were made.

The incident occurred at the Affiliated Women's Services clinic, 5726 Professional Circle. The five protesters were arraigned June 16 on charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing. A trial for all five is scheduled for July 23.

Father Schmidlin said that he supports the Yeadons and would like to see more Catholics take similar action. "I had a wedding that morning and I didn't go into the clinic," he said. "But I was there with

He said, "I believe that some kind of re said, The better that some said of dramatic action is necessary to point out the seriousness of the way in which civil law violates God's law. Jesus ran afoul of the civil law and got himself crucified. So what else can Christians expect?" Father Schmidlin acknowledged that taking such action is not easy. "Crucifixion is always painful, especially when one sees thappening in people one loves and cares about. Its necessity does not make it easy, just important."

But Catholics, he said, are not doing all that they can. "I believe that Catholics have become numb on the issue of abortion.

that they can. "I believe that Cautolics have become numb on the issue of abortion. We are tending to accept the situation in a fatalistic way. We need to be jolted out of that position. We need to do more as a total activities the state of the state o Catholic community. We need to not leave this horror up to the bishops or a certain sector of the Catholic Church."

In the pro-life movement today, he

added, "the leadership seems to be coming almost only from fundamentalists, and not at all sufficiently from the ordinary Catholic, and especially from ordinary Catholic women. That's why I admire these two young ladies so much."

two young ladies so much.

The others arrested with the Yeadons included Wayne Kefauver, 45, Indianapolis; Robert Adair, 50, Indianapolis, and Mel Haftield, 39, Marion. Kefauver is director of the Pro-Life Action League. He was convicted of trespassing last year after handcuffing himself to an operating table in another abortion clinic. As part of his probation after that conviction, he was to stay off the property of abortion clinics.

# St. Matthew, Indianapolis, to dedicate new church Saturday

With the dedication of a new church this weekend, a three-part building program at St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis is nearly complete.

The new church, at 4100 E. 56th St., will be dedicated June 21 during a 5:30 p.m. liturgy. A reception will follow in the newly completed Moriarty Hall.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will preside at the liturgy and deliver the homily. Concelebrants will include St. Matthew's pastor, Father Joseph Wade,

and former pastors Father James Moriarty and Msgr. Joseph Brokhage. All priests of the archdiocese were invited, but a special invitation was given to those who have been associated with St. Matthew's.

Moriarty Hall is named in honor of Father James Moriarty. He invitated to

Moriarty Hall is named in honor of Father James Moriarty. He initiated the three-phase building project in 1985 before retiring as St. Matthew's pastor. The multi-purpose hall is designed to accommodate athletic events and large gatherings.

The final part of the project, to be completed this summer, involves the

er church. It will be remodeled to include offices, meeting rooms and social rooms. It will be named the Diezeman Building, in memory of Father Albert Diezeman, St. Matthew's founding pastor.

Father Diezeman died in 1984.

Those three buildings, plus the parish school, are connected to form one complex.

The new church features a floor which is elevated in the rear, and seating arranged in a fan shape. Seating capacity in the main sanctuary is 550, an increase of about 100 over the old church. Pews from the old

church were refinished and adapted for use in the new building. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, designed to be used for daily Mass, includes movable seating for 75. With doors open between the chapel and main sanctuary, those seats become ad-ditional sanctuary seating. Stained glass windows in the sanctuary

Stained glass windows in the saintenay depict the five liturgical seasons, Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter. In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, they depict the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The new church includes a baptismal font with flowing water, which will allow for baptism of infants by immersion. It also includes a narthex at its entrance, brides'

room, recreation room and cry room. St. Matthew's has had four pastors since it was established in 1958. Father Diezeman it was established in 1986. Father Diezeman held the post for 15 years. He oversaw construction of the original parish plant, plus an addition to the school in 1987. He was followed by Msgr. Brokhage in 1973. During Msgr. Brokhage's pastorate, the rectory was enlarged. Father Moriarty was appointed in 1974, and Father Wade in July 1965 when Father Moriarty retired.

# Architect's sketch of St. Matthew's Church

### Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule

Week of June 22

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, June 25-26—USCC Committee on Social Development and World Peace meeting, Washington, D.C.

### When Are You Receiving Your Criterion?

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# Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

# Day care for seniors helps families, too

by Gwen Weh

It was with considerable reluctance that Miss B. called to inquire about adult day care for her 82-year-old mother while she, the daughter, went out to work each day

Many more calls from the daughter were needed for encouragement to at least try day care as an alternative to leaving her mother alone at home while worrying about her throughout the day.

As the elderly woman became more and

# Oldenburg Sisters are rewriting their constitution

by Barbara Jachimiak

OLDENBURG—Changes are underway for the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg.

They are in the process of rewriting their chapter's constitution, and new chapter delegates to the General Council will be installed in July. The new delegates are Sisters Annata Holohan, Julie Hampel, Canal Ang Sunderwan, Jean Larghia and nderman, Joan Laughlin a Carol Ann Si Marya Grathwohl. The chapter is the highest governing body of each community in the Order of St. Francis.

In the Order of St. Francis.

On June 14, the General Council members for 1982-86 were honored at a farewell paraliturgy. The ceremony closed Chapter 82-85. It followed a chapter preparation for new delegates to the council. The new delegates will be installed in a liturgical coremony July 8

in a liturgical ceremony July 6.

The community is rewriting its constitution so it may better meet the needs of the modern church, said Sister Mary Lynne the modern church, said sister Mary Lynne Calkins. She said that in view of the financial status of religious orders and declining membership, it is imperative that religious communities re-evaluate their direction and structure.

The proposed constitution will be discussed and ratified during Community Day activities, then sent to Rome for approval by Pope John Paul II.

On July 7, after an opening liturgy, Sister Marie Kathleen Maudlin will present the State of the Community address about government structure, ongoing formation, ministry, social justice, membership and other areas of concern. Sister Margaret Mary Modde, canon lawyer, will explain the content of the chapter's proposed constitution and the ratification procedure. She will discuss canonical aspects of

preparing the constitution—why some things are in it and why some are not. She will also explain the process of taking the document to Rome, and what happens if all

of it is not approved.

Sister Ann Carville, former executive director of the Franciscan organization, vill facilitate the chapter's program on Community Day.

Sister Ramona Lunsford, general council liaison to the steering committee, said, "This process of writing a new constitution and the new direction the chapter is taking in a consecutive to the chapter." stitution and the new direction the chapter is taking is of concern to the Christian community." She made reference to Cardinal Peronio's comment, "A salvific event, an ecclesial event, a community event constitutes a moment when the Lord is particularly present and the Spirit is outpoured not only upon our community but also upon the whole church."

Sister Ramona noted, "Because we are part of the church, whatever we do as a religious community is a moment of grace

religious community is a moment of grace for us in the church. The fact that we are for us in the church. The fact that we are writing a new constitution at this time, looking for approval, and finding where we need to concentrate our efforts now that our numbers are declining, illustrates that we are looking at the total needs of the church today."

ister Mary Lynne said, "Our group sister mary Lymne sam, our group stance four years ago was on nuclear arms and nuclear proliferation. We proposed a process to poll the church on what its stand would be on those issues." Now, she said, the order's group stance is pointed toward the sanctuary movement, which provides ary movement, which provides

shelter for refugees from Central America.

"We as Religious want to be on the cutting edge of social justice and political issues," Sister Ramona said.

more frail Miss B.'s apprehension in-creased, and finally the time came to try day care. The rela uctance turned to relie d surprise as Miss B.'s mother began to take an active interest in the others arou her at the day care center. Conversation between mother and daughter became enjoyable as the two wound their way to and from the center each day. The daughter's supervisor at work even com-mented that the placement of her mother in day care had alleviated stress, and that the daughter seemed to be less pre-

This small vignette barely begins to This small vignette barely begins to describe the dynamics of interaction that occurred during the client's initial three months of participation. And this is just one of 72 different persons who have participated so far this year in one of the two adult day care programs operating in Indianapolis under the auspices of Catholic Social Sarvices.

Located on the eastside at 4424 East Michigan St., in the Linwood Christian Church, and on the westside at Holy Trinity

Parish, 907 N. Holmes Ave., both centers are serving a growing community need for many elderly, as well as their families. The many elderly, as well as their families. The concept of day care is steadily becoming more recognized as a meaningful ex-perience for the elderly, as well as a source of respite for their families who must struggle to prevent premature institutionaliza-

On the continuum of the long-term care system, adult day care is finding its proper place improving and enriching the quality of life. Frail elderly adults in day care of the Franciscon against the day care receive personal care and supervision while they participate in an organized program of physically and mentally stimulating activities in a protective setting during the day Care diverse divided. stimulating activities in a protective set-ting during the day. Care-givers (children or spouses) can participate in a monthly support group which offers opportunity for emotional support as they struggle to cope with other day-to-day care for their family

For additional information about either adult day care center, call 356-4853 or 638-8322.

# 35 Sisters of Providence to observe golden jubilees

Thirty-five Sisters of Providence, in-cluding 13 who live and work in the Arcluding 13 with rive and work in the Ar-chdiocese of Indianapolis, will celebrate the golden jubilee of their membership in the congregation during special festivities June 20 and 21 at St. Mary of the Woods.

June 20 and 21 at St. Mary of the Woods.
Sisters Edward Ann Breen, Annette
Marie Bruce, Mary Victoria Cannon,
Catherine Hayes, Mary Michael Lager,
Edwardine McNulty, Mary Alma Murphy,
Veronica Ann Rooney and Joseph Miriam
Sheehan live and work at St. Mary of the Woods.

Sister Ann Regina Fisher has been the parish secretary at Annunciation Church in Brazil.

Brazil.

Three of the sister jubilarians work in the Indianapolis area. Sister Ann Bernard Sullivan is coordinator of a retirement center for Sisters of Providence. Sister Charles Ellen Turk is provincial treasurer for the Sisters of Providence in the Indianapolis area. Sister Mary Isabelle Welsh is secretary/receptionist at Fatima Retreat House.

Five of these 13 jubilarians are also natives of Indianapolis: Sisters Edward Ann, Annette Marie, Mary Victoria, Ann Regina and Ann Bernard. Sister Veronica

Ann entered the congregation from Terre
Haute; Sister Mary Alma from Linton.
Jubilee activities include a Mass of
Thanksgiving June 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the
Church of the Immaculate Conception at
St. Mary of the Woods,
The day before the sister jubilarians will
participate in a day of recollection given by
Sister Anne Doherty, general superior, and

Sister Anne Doherty, general superior, ar will be honored by the congregation at an

will be honored by the congregation at an evening reception.
Other Sister of Providence jubilarians are Sisters Louise Beverley, Mary Ellen Cronin, Catherine Ellen Joy, Ann Maureen Loaney, Agnes Pauline Meisert, Maureen Cecile Palmer and Francis Marita Schuler, all of Chicago; Sisters Kathleen Marie Cronin, Alice Rose Greenwell, Ann Michael Cronin, Alice Rose Greenwell, Ann Michael O'Donnell and Ann Denise Reger, Los Angeles area; Sisters Maureen Clare O'Donnell and Ann Denise Reger, Los Angeles area; Sisters Maureen Clare Lehmann, Dorothy McLaughlin, Margaret Eleanor Powers, Massachusetts; Francis Michael Driscoll, Lockport, III.; Paul Marie Gutgsell, Jasper; and Ann Jerome Strbjak, Whiting.

The 1996 jubliarians have spent almost

2,000 years of collective service in primary, elementary and secondary schools and colleges as teachers and administrators.

# Reunion planned for all 30 Shawe graduating classes

by Jim Jachimiak

MADISON-Members of all 30 graduating classes from Shawe Memorial High School will gather here for a reunion June 28-29.

The celebration will begin with an open house at the high school from noon to 5 p.m. on June 28. Registration for the weekend will be held in the school lobby from 5:30 to will be need in the school house than view of 6:30 p.m. Evening activities will include a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., an outdoor dinner in the school parking lot from 7 to 9 p.m. and a sock hop in the gymnasium from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday's activities will begin with an open-air Mass at the Shawe Activity Field at noon. That will be followed by a picnic for alumni and friends of Shawe at 1 p.m. The Madison Regata Balloon Race will be held on the Shawe Activity. Field we the held on the Shawe Activity Field from 4 to 6

About 700 are expected to attend the anniversary celebration. All known alumni and past faculty members have been invited. Any faculty members, alumni, parents of students, or past school board members who have not received invitations but wish to attend should call Thomas but wish to Shawe Memorial High School, 201 State St., Madison, Ind. 47250.

The celebration has been planned by the officers of the Shawe Alumni Association. VandeWater is president of the association.

Other officers are Michele Barlow, vice president; Sherry Lockridge, secretary; and Beth Kring, treasurer.
Shawe High School was dedicated on

Dec. 12, 1954, by the late Archbishop Paul C. Schulte. Beginning in 1952, however, it was operated as a junior high school based at St. Michael's School in Madison. Shawe's first graduating class was the Class of

The school was named in memory of Father Michael Shawe, the first Catholic priest in the Madison area. Father Shawe came to the United States from France. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Brute of Vincennes in 1837. Father Shawe arrived in Madison on July 18 of that year and helped to found St. Michael Parish. He was transferred to Vincennes in 1843.

During its early years, Shawe High

was transferred to Vincennes in 1843.

During its early years, Shawe High
School was supported by five parishes—St.
Mary, St. Michael and St. Patrick, all in
Madison; St. Anthony, China; and St.
Magdalen, New Marion. At the same time
that Shawe was established, elementary
schools at two of the Madison parishes were
combined to form St. Mary-St. Michael
School.

School.

Today, Shawe is operated jointly with Pope John XXIII Elementary School, which was established in 1966. Pope John XXIII is a consolidated school serving the four Jefferson County parishes—three in Madison and one in China.

Current enrollment at Shawe is 80.

Enrollment was at its peak, about 200, during the 1960s.

# James R. Yost is named new principal of Chatard H.S.

James Robert Yost II has been appointed principal of Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis. The appointment takes effect July 1.

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Yost, 35, comes to Chatard after having been employed by the West Clark Community Schools for 14 years. He had served as assistant principal at Silver Creek Junior High School since 1982. He taught at Henryville Jr.-Sr. High School from 1972 to 1982. He also taught part of the 1970-71 school year at St. Mary's School, New Albany.

Yost is working toward a superintendent's license. He received a specialist degree in education from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1984. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's degree in 1978, both from Indiana University Southeast, New Albany. He was graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1984.

Yost has served on the parish council at New Albany School, Sellersburg, in 1984.

Yost has served on the parish council at St. Paul, Sellersburg. In the West Clark Teachers Association, he has held several posts, including president. He also has 12 years of experience with the Indiana Jaycees at the local, regional and state levels, and served as state president.



mes Robert Yost II

Yost and his wife, Susan, have two children—Brooke, 4, and Brian, 1.

As chief administrator of Chatard, Yost faces the challenge of continuing academic, religious and athletic tradition as Chatard prepares to celebrate its 25th

# COMMENTARY

Anti-union trend is gaining

# Labor unions still key to winning workers' rights

Twenty-five years ago Gary Wills, a dgling columnist for the National Catholic Reporter who has since deservedly gained a national reputation as a distinguished author and scholar, came up

with what he regarded as a sure-fire way of telling "the older neration of Catholic liberals from the younger." The older liberals, he said, "still think of labor unions as sacred cause. Placidly mellowing monsignori, if they hear criticisms of the unions, still get red

under their white Roman collars, and begin to froth the rhetoric of the '30s. Th labor was, for many of them, The Great Fight; and, like all victorious veterans. ey get a bit misty-eyed and prosey on the bject."

Subject."
That was a simple, litmus test that one would have thought even a monsignor could apply without advance training. Try as I would, however, I couldn't get the hang of

Very few monsignors I knew pers had anything to say in public about unions; fewer still seemed to fit Wills' pejorative definition of an older liberal.

But time marches on and, behold, the labor issue, which Wills apparently thought was old hat in 1965, is still with us. In 1965, if was out nat in loops, is still with us. in 1900, is the III am not mistaken, approximately 30 percent of U.S. workers were organized into unions. At present that figure has shrunk to approximately 18 percent—the lowest in any of the industrialized countries.

I hope Wills and his younger liberals of the middle '60s find these statistics

"democratic capitalism." Do they really agree with Pope John Paul II that unions are "indispensable" in highsomewhat disturbing. Ditto for today's are "indispensable" in highly industrialized economies such as our own?
George Weigel, a leading Catholic
neoconservative, says yes. In a recent
essay on the future of Catholic social
teaching, he says that "most theorists of
democratic capitalism I know understand
that the Wagner Act (labor's so-called
Magna Charta) was a damn good thing."

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I wish I could say the same for n ost of the theorists of democratic capitalism I have encountered in recent years. To be sure, some of them (Michael Novak, for example) say many of the right things on this subject as a matter of theory. But frankly I don't find them doing much about it in practice.

Item: Novak is a regular contributor to the National Review. On occasion, he has some good things to say about labor in this magazine whose editors, to put it mildly, are anything but labor-oriented. The trouble is that an occasional Novak column in support of organized labor in the pages of National Review is neutralized by the magazine's policy of running vertisements for an anti-u management consulting firm which is avowedly in the business of helping em-ployers, for a hefty price, to thwart their workers' right to organize. The failure of neoconservatives to make an issue of this with National Review is disappointing.

I wish there were more monsignors and more younger liberals and neocon-servatives of any age who would speak out as clearly on this subject as did the dean of



all of the "liberal monsignori" of this century, the late Msgr. John A. Ryan, at the height of the Great Depression. His words are just as true today as they were then. "Effective labor unions." Msgr. Ryan wrote, "are still by far the most powerful force in society for the protection of the laborer's rights and the improvement of his condition. No amount of employer benevolence, no diffusion of a sympathetic attitude on the part of the public, no increase of beneficial legislation, can adequately supply for the lack of organization among the workers them-

At St. John's Abbey

# American bishops continue to work together

In the beautiful Minnesota setting of St. John's Abbey and University, the Catholic bishops met June 9-16 to listen to papers, to think about, meditate upon and discuss trackles and the second secon together, vocations to the church.

The concept of the bishops meeting together, in the setting of a retreat, away from media. the news media, meeting both in small and larger groups, exchanging views, exchanging getting to know each other, without any with a statement or any

with a statement of the result except the benefit of mutual exchange of thoughts, is an important and necessary development in the history of the bishops together.

The first time the bishops met in quiet

together at Collegeville was in 1982. There

was agreement among the bishops who shared the experience that it was a great moment. It belongs in the history of the bishops of the United States with the dates that led to the formation of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It was in August 1917 that the National Catholic War Council was founded. It was needed to unify the efforts of various Catholic organizations during World War I, did not include all of the bishops, and was organized hastily to meet the needs of the

But a lesson was learned from it. The bishops learned there was value in working together, discussing problems on a national level. They organized the National Catholic Welfare Council, which, on April 10, 1919, was approved by Pope Benedict XV. There was later an objection from the Vatican that the organization could not properly be called a council, in the sense the church uses the word, so in 1923, it became the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Following the Second Vatican Council, But a lesson was learned from it. The

acting under the directives of the council with the approval of the Holy See, the U.S. bishops established the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Nov. 14, 1966. It is an ecclesiastical body with defined juridical authority over the church in the United States. Its constitution was formally ratified at the November 1967

formally ratified at the November 1967 meeting of the bishops.

The U.S. Catholic Conference is sponsored by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is a civil corporation and secretariat in which, and through which, the bishops together with other members of the church, act on a wider

cale for the good of the church and society. The bishops of the church in the United States have been meeting together an-nually for 67 years, sometimes twice a year. But there has been a change in the last 20 years. There was a time when the ops at the close of their November meeting issued a statement or a pastoral that was released to the news media.

But in the last two decades, those

covered by the news services, most of the major metropolitan dailies and the television networks. The agenda of the bishops grew. They were faced with what seemed sometimes to be an almost insurmountable number of things to do. When items appeared on the agenda where there might be difference of opinion, the news media were ready to report every disagreement. There was so much to do that the bishops were in an almost constant whirl. And at the same time, there were more

bishops and little time for them to get to know each other. From this situation came the important and necessary decision that the bishops should meet together, getting to know each other, having a free exchange of views, thinking about, meditating upon, views, training about, mentating upon, discussing together problems before them. That's what they did at St. John's as they approached the problem of vocations to the ordained ministry, the religious life in the church and lay leadership in the church and in the world.

### Profile of new mistresses in Psychology Today is lacking

A psychological profile of "The New her Woman" in Psychology Today esents the findings of author Laurel presents the innuings of actions and Richardson's conversations and correspondence with 1,000 women involved

However, I don't see how we can get a true psychological profile of these women if the subject of morality

never arises.
Conducted over an eight-year period, Ms.
Richardson's study reports that it is not at all difficult to find these

women in all areas, age groups and social

The women, all single, were asked to describe their feelings and behaviors at each stage of their relationship. The findings are presented from the women's

point of view.

Sex is apparently not the primary goal.

Those involved want the same things everyone wants—sharing, love, mutual

vulnerability-with one difference. The single woman and her married partner want to avoid commitment and responsibility.

Many women in the study have busy careers. They purposely entered into af-fairs with married men believing that this would allow them to keep control over how

their time was spent.

In the end, most women say they were distillusioned and hurt. They lost control of their feelings, became totally invested in affairs that couldn't grow and lost self-

esteem.

The men, the author reports, got the satisfaction of controlling two worlds: their secondary world of secret romance and their primary world of wives and children.

Recent research indicates that 40 percent to 50 percent of married men have had affairs and that 70 percent of married men under 40 expect to have extramarital affairs.

ffairs.

The numbers are staggering. What specially bothers me is that nobody nentioned the wife.

Doesn't anybody ever consider what it oes to people when their spouses are nfaithful? The pain felt by the victim of nfidelity never lessens. infidelity never le

How would the other woman feel if she really tried to identify with the wife? Instead of accepting the man's view of his marriage, what if she looked at things through his wife's eyes? Chances are that the wife is a good

chances are that the wife is a good person struggling to make her marriage work and raise children. Chances are she has invested a good chunk of her life in her marital relationship.

I have known single women who rationalize their involvement with a married man by telling themselves that the man's marriage was "no good anyway."
They align themselves with the husband
and see the wife as a rival.

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The other woman could ask: What kind of man cares so little for the dignity and feelings of the woman he married that he betrays his commitment in favor of his own gratification?

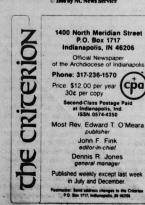
If the man is unhappy in his marriage, he ought to face his problems with honesty, not deceit.

Somewhere in a psychological profile.

Somewhere in a psychological profile, how an individual responds to moral choices must be factored in. The ability to forego self-centered pleasure that could hurt someone else is a measure of humanity.

The kind of betrayal inherent in extramarital relationships can never be considered a morally neutral phenomenon. Both the unfaithful husband and the other woman need much greater awareness the serious moral choice they are making.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

# 'Top Gun' is superficial Navy pilot action-romance

"Top Gun" makes no pretense about having a strong connection to reality.

It's an exercise in shrewd commercial

moviemaking, a glossy package of goodies containing every trendy element in popular entertainment, while

of B updating one of Movieland's most durable formulas. This is the World War II situation of hotshot combat pilots learning to surrender their egos to become a well-honed fighting team. Some successful

producers are creative. daring and brilliant.

Others may have only a little of all that stuff, but they are incredibly lucky. Consider Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer, who now follow their megahits, "Flashdance" and "Beverly megahits, "Flashdance" and "Beveriy Hills Cop," with a gung ho movie about Navy carrier fliers within months of the widely popular raid on Libya. The only thing they neglected was signing up Khadafy to play the villian. Be reassured (more or less) that "Top

Gun" is not an orgy of self-indulgent, neo-Cold War patriotism in the style of "Rambo" or "Rocky IV." It's anti-Soviet only in the sense that a movie about combat pilots need a war, and there doesn't happen to be one right now. Never fear. The script juices us up for the next one by contriving a climactic "incident" with some Commie MIGs (they shoot first). The heroes blow them away, without causing Doomsday.

Cheers all around. Like it was the Olympics, or something. If this were a movie about gallant Soviet pilots shooting down F-14s, it would be less exhilarating.
But "Top Gun" instead goes to a deeper

American machismo—the need to com-pete, to be the best, but within the context of control and teamwork. As Maverick (all the pilots go by their call sign monickers), Tom Cruise is the essential Yankee hero, according to some standards (and a long movie tradition). He is the hot dog among hot dogs, a star, a genius. But he's a little too cocky, a little too independent.

Just telling him to cool down never works. He has to experience tragedy and failure before he learns that his brilliance serves society best when he plays by the es and for the team. Thus we have the contemporary U.S. pop solution to the dilemma of freedom vs. responsibility. "Top Gun" is what Hollywood people call a concept movie—an artifact contrived

call a concept movie—an artifact contrived to sell to a large audience with a few dominant images. Hotshot Navy pilots, sweaty, muscular, in intense competition. Spectacular supersonic jet dogfights, shot with full Pentagon cooperation. Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis, fan magazine superstars, pearly whites agleam, making lust in soft focus against Pacific sunsets to an album load of Giorgio Moroder music.

How do we get McGillis into a movie about the Navy's elite flight school at Miramar, north of San Diego? Simpson and



ACTION FILM—At a training facility for top recruits for the naval aviation program, a locker room argument breaks out between rivals Iceman, left, played by Val Klimer, and Maverick, played by Tom Cruise, in "Top Gun," a Paramount release. The film is a "highenergy celebration of the exploits of Navy aviation hot shots," said the U.S. Catholic Conference, which classified it A-III because of profanity and emphasis on sex. (NC photo)

Bruckheimer have no problems with things like that. No corny commander's daughter stuff. She is a Ph.D. in astrophysics helping instruct the guys to maneuver their \$30 million aircraft. Out of all the hunks in class, she picks Maverick, who is short but arrogant. He rides a motorcycle. (She has a Ferrari convertible.)

The rest of the formula requires giving

The rest of the formula requires giving the hero a few obstacles so we can all feel as if we've experienced somthing. A nice guy sidekick created to get killed. Death shakes Maverick's confidence. Lots of brooding to music. A father, also a hot pilot, the died whater sustaines in comparance. who died under mysterious circumstances in Vietnam. The chief instructor just happened to be his buddy. Don't worry, kid. He was a hero. (This is not "Apocalyps Now.") Then a nasty young rival (optional hunk Val Kilmer). They become pals when it's time to kill Commie

These are all fake, script conference gredients, and director Tony Scott (Ridley's brother) gives them the final touch—the gorgeous look and sound of an American Airlines commercial, or a romantic rock video. Come to think of it, it is a commercial—for the Navy budget.

you like Cruise and McGillis, slick violes and superbly edited aerial "combat" at mind-blowing speeds, and admire the simplified aggressive American masculinity "Top Gun" glorifies, you'll love this movie. Be sure to see it in a big

But if you prefer subtlety and complexity, and cling to rather fundamental Christian values about love, peace and humility, you may prefer to spend your five dollars somewhere else.

onlars somewhere else.
(Flash) but superficial Navy pilot action-romance; PG language, non-marital
sex, dubious values; not especially
recommended.)
USCC classification: A-III, adults.

### **Recent USCC Film Classifications**

The Karate Kid Part II . . . . . . . A-I 

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.

# Specials on Nelson Mandela and Statue of Liberty

by Henry Herx and Tony Zaza

The long imprisonment of Nelson Mandela, leader of the outlawed African National Congress, is a symbol of the systematic oppression needed to maintain the racist policies of the South African government.

The story of his struggle for the political equality of all South Africans, white and black—the cause for which he received a life sentence—is told by his wife, Winnie, in "Mandela," a documentary airing Wednesday, June 25, 8-9

Because her husband has been closely confined since 1962, the program is largely about how Winnie Mandela has carried on the cause in her own way during the intervening

She has been arrested many times, brutally interrogated, placed in solitary confinement and eventually exiled in the late 1970s to a small unfriendly suburb where her home was

Despite such shows of force and government orders restricting her movement and speech, Winnie Mandela has refused to withdraw from the struggle that motivated her

refused to withdraw from the struggle that motivated her husband. She is recognized today, more than ever, as the leading woman activist against the injustices of apartheid.

Using period photographs and film footage to document Mrs. Mandela's account of past events, the program also shows scenes of oppression in contemporary South African life, especially the terrible conditions of the black townships.

Produced and directed by veteran firm maker Peter Davis, the program is a testament to all who have dedicated themselves to ending the social injustice of apartheid.

"Liberty," a three-hour NBC movie dramatizing the events surrounding the creation of the Statue of Liberty, airs June 23, 7-10 p.m. EST, on NBC.

Featuring Frank Langella, Chris Sarandon, Carrie Fisher, George Kennedy, Claire Bloom, LeVar Burton and Dana Delany, the drama focuses on the men and women who conceived and erected the statue in New York harbor 100

Langella is Bartholdi, the French sculptor obsessed with creating some representation of liberty to donate to the United States as a kind of benevolent propaganda for the French liberalist movement.

Sarandon is Marchand, the French immigrant coppersmith who returns to France to help build the statue. He is portrayed as a Jewish intellectual frustrated by the limitations of his Irish-Catholic wife with whom he has had two children, the first serving as his rationale for marriage. He keeps chasing after Emma Lazarus (Miss Fisher), a well-to-do Jewish literary personality who writes the dedication for Lady Liberty.

Corinne Touzet plays Jeanne Baheau, Bartholdi's lover and the model for the statue. Their love-hate relationship ends in a happy marriage and further inspiration to erect the Statue of Liberty.

As history, the program only gives hints of the complex political and social events of 1870 to 1866. There's much effort to give a sense of period and place, but the overall feeling is of an interior drama of emotionally overwrought characterizations

The program has many elements unsuitable as familyoriented entertainment. It offers a casual glance backward through the tapestry of fact and fiction. But as popularization of history, "Liberty" pays the price of credibility by coming closer to soap opera than document. It makes a vain effort to reflect what liberty has come to

It makes a vain effort to renett what morely has come to mean in the lives of the real and imagined people involved in the creation of our national monument. It tries to make the viewer involved in a personal way in the process of history by concentrating on the human equation behind historical facts and figures.

But its humanistic elements play against underdeveloped characterizations which simply act to shift historical emphasis from the significant to the trivial.

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Journalist Pete Hamill's script takes too much liberty in its personalization of history. He's taken the subject and couched it in the language of romantic melodrama. The narrative sees the success of the endeavor as essentially a function of the emotional relationships between characters. If the program didn't take itself so seriously as a celebration of a national monument, it might easily be confused with a weird period parody of "Dynasty."

History converted to drama at least has the obligation to maintain some sense of authenticity and proportioned truth. Viewers without any background in the period may be confused by the chain of events depicted in "Liberty." Historians may be outraged. But the rest of us must simply grin and bear the trivilization of authenticity.



CENTENNIAL SPECIAL—George Kennedy, top, and Chris Sarandon, right, attempt to rescue fellow worker Terrence Higgins in "Liberty," a dramatization of the construction of the Statue of Liberty 100 years ago, airing June 23 on NBC.

### TV program of special interest

Monday, June 23, 8-9:30 p.m. EST (PBS) "Private Conversations. 4 Hosted by actress Joanne Woodward, this new series about the life and work of talented American artists premieres with a study of the creative process by which Dustin Hoffman's performance in the recent Broadway production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" was adapted to the television screen for the CBS version of the plan. version of the play.

# TO The Editor

# Thanks to those who held hands

This final media communication from Indiana's Hands Across America Office is a thank you. The creation of a line of people across the United States was a project which concluded on the afternoon of May 25, 1986. But the spirit which Hands Across America has come to represent is very much alive and active. I hear that spirit in the phone calls that continue to come to the office and I see it in the faces of the people who take the time to thank me for creating this event in Indiana.

Therefore, I wish to take this final on-

this event in Indiana.

Therefore, I wish to take this final opportunity to thank all of those people who made Hands Across America a success in Indiana on May 25. There are many more people deserving of my thanks than I could ever reach by phone or letter. They worked as volunteers the day of the event or for weeks in advance answering the phone or

suring what seemed an endiess stream of envelopes. They came together on a Sun-day afternoon to hold hands and through much of Indiana astounded folks across the nation because Hoosiers held hands even in

the rain.

My sincerest thanks go out to each of you that worked in the project, discussed it through the media, or simply joined us on the line. With this final message, then, the work to do the impossible on May 25 comes to an end. Ahead of each of us is the challenge to apply the same creativity, imagination and dedication seen across our state on May 25 to the problems of hunger and homelessness where we find them in our neighborhoods, or towns, or cities or state.

J. Bradford Senden HAA State Director, Indiana

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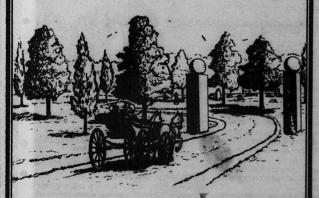
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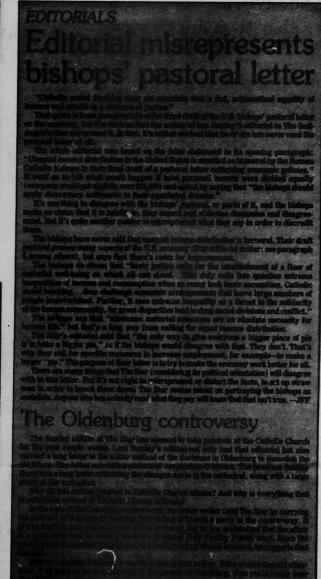


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# the pope teaches In our crucified Lord, God has brought good out of evil

Remarks at audience June 11

Last week, we considered the problem of evil and how it can be properly understood in the context of the loving providence of God. The Old Testament begins to answerour question when it affirms that "against the wisdom of God, evil does not prevail." God does not desire evil or suffering, but he allows it for the sake of a higher purpose. The fullest response to the problem of evil is found in the New Testament, in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul proclaims that Christ crucified is "the power of God and the wisdom of God." The marvelous power of God is manifested in the weakness and suffering of Jesus on the cross.

In the eternal plan of God, every evil and all sin is made subject to the good of the redemption by means of Christ's death and resurrection. In our crucified Lord, God has brought good out of evil. He has conquered sin and death forever. And now, is Christ, God is united with every person who suffers.



oose and value.

his is why St. Peter exhorts us with the
ds: "Rejoice insofar as you share
st's suffering, that you may also rejoice
be glad when his glory is revealed."

### CORNUCODIA

# Lord, save us from the experts

It was experts who put the Challenger space shuttle together, and experts who figured out why it failed. Experts have

tinkered with our economic system to a point where the country is nearly bankrupt, and they've educated our children so cleverly that scores of them can't read or write their own language.
But that's OK. I

mean, if you're going to goof up, aim high.

The experts who really irritate me are the ones doing damage at a lower level: the advice-givers,

damage at a lower lever: the author-givens, the counselors, the (what a word!) facilitators of our fragile psyches.

Now, we all need help once in a while. A sign of maturity is the realization that for no identifiable reason life will hand us problems over which we have no control: serious illness, death, world events like war

But most of our problems come from US—from "what we have done, and what we have failed to do," as we say at Mass. We used to have a built-in system of

we used to nave a built-in system or therapy. Families were closer, larger, and extended to include fringe relatives and communities of neighbors and church members who knew each other for generations. There was always someone around who knew us and had time to listen, someone who cared about us but was removed enough to be objective.

Today we have to hire this done. We have public and private programs to nurture us the way a less sophisticated society used to do. We get our strokes from

strangers.
Our toddlers are sent to day care and pre-school whether both parents work or not, because they don't have as many brothers and sisters to bounce off. They need playmates, but the neighbor kids are either transient, into heavy metal or non-

Older children fill up the time they used to spend after school playing ball in the neighborhood with paid entertainment and organized repression because the vacant lots are being used for Rambo tryouts or auditions for porno films.

Mom and Dad are not living in the Dick

and Jane readers anymore, either. They have to consult experts who teach them to have to consult experts who teach them to be parents, to cook, to change the oil in the car, and to stay married to one person for as long as possible. They might have learned such things from their own parents, but Grandma and Grandpa live somewhere else now, where the sun shines and crafts are taught by trained volun-

Unfortunately, degrees and P.R. and embossed stationery do not make experts expert. There are a lot of wounded out there trying to heal themselves by giving others dubious paid advice.

We must be careful to pay attention to needs, real and imagined, spoken and unspoken, our own and others'. Common sense may be rare, but there's no substitute for it. And it's free.

### VIUS...

Angelo di Salvo, a professor of foreign languages at Indiana State University, recently received the Caleb Mills Distinguished Teacher Award which is selected from nominations by faculty and students. Di Salvo a member of St. Joseph Parish, Terre Haute.

Alumnae of St. Mary of the Woods College have established an endowed scholarship in honor of Providence Sister Mary Joseph Pomersy, retired professor emerita of English at the school. Sister Mary Joseph graduated from The Woods in 1921, earning master's and doctoral degrees later. During nearly half a century

of service before her retirement in 1970 she served as an English and art history teacher, editor of the alumni news, director of the centennial celebration, director of development and vice president of the college. Criteria for the scholarship will be determined later.

Etienne will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of marriage vows at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, in Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Danville. A reception for friends, former students and parishioners will follow in the church hall.



Indianapolis native Sister Jenny Howard, left, pictured with Sister Kathleen Leonard, postulant director, will pronounce first vows as a Sister of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods during a 10 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, June 22, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Sister Jenny is a graduate of Ladywood High School. She earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology from St. Mary of the Woods College and Ball State University, and currently teaches high school science in Chicago.



Daughter of Charity Sister Margaret
Marie Clifford has been appointed director
of outreach services at St. Vincent Hospital
and Health Care Center. The newly created
position was developed to coordinate
programs for meeting the needs of the
underserved in the community. Sister
Margaret Marie holds degrees in nursing
and health care management and has
experience in outreach services, medical
education and day care services.

### check it out...

St. Francis Hospital and Indiana RESOLVE will offer Our Child classes for parents of adopted infants on Saturdays, June 21 and June 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Francis Health Support Center, 7216 S. Madison Ave., Suite S. Fees are \$30/couple for RESOLVE members; \$35/couple for non-members. Call 783-8554 for more information.

The Parkinson's Awareness association will meet at 11:30 a.m. on

Tuesday, July 1, for a pitch-in luncheon meeting at the Holiday House in Holiday Park. Parkinson's patients, their families and the public are welcome to attend. Call 255-1993 for more information about the

St. Mary Academy Class of 1976 will hold its 10th Reunion beginning at 11 a.m. at Shelter B, Eagle Creek Park. All class members, their spouses and children are invited. Bring a salad, ice, lawn chairs and SMA memorabilia. For more information call Ginny Maher at 317-926-6105.

P mouner and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Problem Centers will host a Silent Auction at noon on Saturday, July 19 in the Garden Walk Condominium Clubhouse, Hwy. 37 and E. 56th St. Donations of new or valuable used items are still needed. To donate, call Mrs. Lee James at 782-4263. Mother and Unborn Baby Care

to keep in touch after its recent 50th Reunion by meeting for lunch on the first Monday of each month at the Mariott Hotel in Indianapolis. Class members will meet

t 11:30 a.m. and have lunch at 11:45 a.m. All who wish to attend will be welcome each

Catholic Social Services in Bloomington announces the opening of a branch office at St. Martin Parish, Martinsville. Rick Brunner, MSW, will provide professional counseling services to parishioners and the community on a sliding fee scale one evening per week. Call CSSB at 812-332-1262 (collect) for information and/or appointments

The Jumping Mouse Players, a drama troupe of developmentally and physically handicapped adults sponsored by the Repertory Theater at CTS, will conduct its Wednesday workshops during the development of the Mountains of Conducts 1831 conduct its Wednesday workshops during July in the Municipal Gardens, 1831 Lafayette Rd. The Players are inviting new Lafayette Rd. The Players are inviting new members to join their troupe of 20 as they interpret and present fables, poems and original works composed by troupe members. Fall sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Repertory Theater at CTS, 1000 W. 42nd St. For more information call director Rose Kleiman at

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# Index of Forbidden Books

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q I am a convert of several years to the Catholic faith. A few days ago a friend (Catholic all his life) mentioned something I never heard of before, the Index of Forbidden Books. Is there such a list of forbidden books? What does that mean? (Pennsylvania)

A Almost from the beginning, the Catholic Church has

recognized that what people read has enormous potential in-fluence, for good or bad, on their faith. For example, this is

one reason Christian

people were always so careful that transla-tions and copies of the Sacred Scriptures were as accurate as humanly possible. Among the most colorful documents we possess from early Christian centuries are

letters that flowed between the early theologians and saints arguing over the most appropriate translation of a word in the Bible.

By the fifth century this concern was already shown toward other writings and what later became the Index of Prohibited Books came into existe

Books came into existence.

This was simply a list of books relating to religion, Christian religion particularly, that members of the church were not to read without sufficient preparation and

The index continued, in one fashion or another, up to our time. Gradually, par-ticularly in this century, this sort of prohibi-tion against printing, selling or reading cer-tain books was greatly mitigated and now is repealed altogether. The new (1883) Code of Canon Law contains no provision for such a prohibition of backs. prohibition of books.

Approval by proper church authorities is still required for certain types of publications either before or after they are printed. These include mainly editions of the Bible,

liturgical and devotional books and books in-tended to be used as texts for religious in-struction (see especially canons 824-828). These provisions are considerably less strictive than in previous church law.

The church, of course, retains the same

concerns for the integrity of our faith as in the past. The shift is toward a different understanding of the purpose of church law. As the Canon Law Society of America ex-

As the Canon Law Society or America ex-plains: "The purpose of this legislation has partially changed, from a rather pater-nalistic attempt to protect the faith and morals of the people by safeguarding them from harmful religious publications, to a more restrained and positive effort to assure that those writings which express the that those writings which express the church's prayers and beliefs do so accurate ly" ("The Code of Canon Law: A Text and

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FAMILY TALK

# What to do about grandson who may steal

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: I am concerned about my grandson. He steals. He is 22 years old, and I strongly suspect he has been stealing since he was a small child. He thinks it is all right he was a small child. He thinks it is all right to steal from some people and firms, but not others. I have never heard my son-in-law say anything to him. My daughter and son-in-law left the church a long time ago, so he has no training in religion. I know it is only a matter of time until he gets into real trouble. Is there anything I can do?—Ohio

Answer: The problem you pose applies not only to grandparents, but to other relatives and close friends when they see a difficult situation within a family. What can you

do? What should you do?
First, be very certain of your facts. How do you know your grandson steals? Have you observed him personally? Has he told you all

### Reasons for writing pastoral on economy

MINNEAPOLIS (NC)—A primary rea son for writing the U.S. bishops' pastoral let-ter on the economy is to reach Catholics who misunderstand or do not accept the church's social teachings, said Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio.

"Our first purpose in writing is to teach Catholics about the basic elements of Catholic social teaching," Bishop Malone said. "It is not understood by Catholics, and when understood it is not completely ac-

when understood it is not completely accepted."

Bishop Malone, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, made his remarks in a speech in late May at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Addressing the 10th annual conference on ministry sponsored by Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, Bishop Malone spoke prior to the release June 3 of the 53,000-word third draft of the proposed pastoral. The bishops are to vote in November on whether to issue the pastoral in final form.

The first draft, issued in 1994, received 10,000 pages of comments and criticism, Bishop Malone said. Such a response proved that the values the bishops are putting forth need to be internalized by large numbers of people first, he said.

By teaching Catholics about the church's social teachings, "we hope to create a community of conscience within a broader society," he said.

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The second reason the bishops are writing the pastoral letter is to "influence the public debate," he said.

people, have a tendency to emphasize or ex-aggerate the point we are trying to make. Unless you live within the immediate family, you are not likely to get the facts of a situation with complete accuracy.

situation with complete accuracy.

Second, supposing that your grandson does steal, there is very little effective direct action that you can or should take. Your grandson is an adult. Even his parents are not responsible for his discipline. Perhaps that is why you have not heard your son-in-law "reprimand" him. It is doubtful that a reprimand would be effective with an adult child. You, as a grandparent, have even less responsibility for his behavior than his parents do.

Since your facts may be doubtful and your responsibility non-existent, it is not your business to take action regarding your grandson's behavior. And it is even more doubtful that you would be able to take effective the state of the state ctive action if you did try.

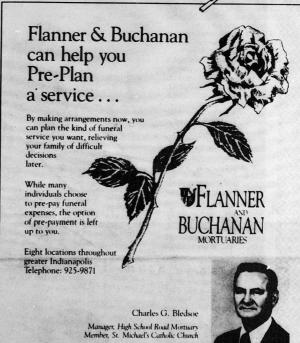
Is there anything you can do? Certainly. You can act like a grandparent. Grandparents believe that their grandchildren are the most beautiful people on earth. Grandparents are interested in their grandchildren's activities and are proud of their achievements. Grandparents love their grandchildren unconditionally, just for being themselves.

grandchildren unconditionally, just for being themselves.
Your grandson is a young adult. Treat him like one. What interests or expertise does he have that you might use? Many young men, for example, know a great deal about cars. Perhaps you are thinking about tuying a new or used car or perhaps your car needs repairs. Ask his advice on the subject. Sometimes grandparents would like to travel but the not like to drive for long periods of time. An adult grandchild can make an ideal traveling companion. A young adult grandchild might be eager to drive and might enjoy taking a trip with you.
Your own knowledge of your grandson can suggest other areas which might bring you together. Share information with him. Share experiences with him. Let him know that you think he is a terrific person.

In short, ignore the whole matter of stealing, a matter you cannot and should not get involved in. Instead, act like a grandparent. Let him know that you are interested in him, you care about him and you think he is wonderful. In the long run, he just might measure up to your opinion.

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# From concurrence to dissent: hief Justice Burger on abortion

WASHINGTON (NC)-It took Chief WASHINGTON (NC)—It took enter Justice Warren Burger only three paragraphs in 1973 to concur with the Supreme Court's 7-2 decision that made abortion legal nation-wide.

He said then that abortions were sometimes necessary to protect women's health or to respond to cases of rape and

That, however, was before the days of 1.5 million legal abortions a year, neighborhood abortion clinics, and noisy public sentiment against what is widely perceived as "abor-

And so 13 years later, when the court June 11 struck down major provisions of a Penn-sylvania abortion control law, Burger had joined the ranks of the court's dissenters.

In his 1973 concurrence with the court majority, Burger suggested that the Texas and Georgia laws barring abortion that were at "impermissibly limit the performance of abortions necessary to protect the health of pregnant women, using the term health in its broadest medical context."

He went on in 1973 to place abortion within parameters of help for pregnant victims of rape and incest and to quell fears that the decision would lead to unwelcome conse ences. Even when abortion was outlawed, he said, it was permitted at the discretion of government prosecutors in cases of rape or "No one in these circumsta should be placed in a posture of depende on a prosecutorial policy or prosecuto tion," he said.

"Of course," Burger added in that 1973 document, "states must have broad power, within the limits indicated in the opinions (Roe vs. Wade), to regulate the subject of

He indicated that his own preference would be for allowing states to permit abor-tion only with the certification of two doctors, which he said would not be "unduly

Nonetheless, he added, "I do not read the court's holding today (Jan. 22, 1973) as having the sweeping consequences attributed to it by the dissenting justices" who repudiated Roe vs. Wade and worried about its

Instead, the chief justice argued that physicians making decisions about performing abortions would "act only on the basis of carefully deliberated medical judgments relating to life and health."

"Plainly, the court today rejects any claim that the Constitution requires abortion on demand," he concluded in 1973.

BUT TODAY there is the perception that abortion on demand has become the norm. And Burger, in a four-page dissent in the Pennsylvania case, while not calling for the overturning of the 1973 court ruling still urg-ed that Roe vs. Wade be re-examined.

In the Pennsylvania case the court ma jority threw out the state's requirements that women be provided information on abortion, jority threw out the state's requirements that women be provided information on abortion, its risks, and fetal development, that a second physician be present in abortions of viable fetuses, and that the abortion method used offer the best chance of saving the child.

Burger in his dissent said he had concurred with the 1973 abortion ruling because of "the principle expressed in the court's opinion in Roe that the right to abortion is not unqualified..."

In 1973, according to Burger, "every ember of the court rejected the idea of abortion on den

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He continued, "The court's opinion today, however, plainly undermines that important principle and I regretfully conclude that some of the concerns of the dissenting justices in Roe... have now been realized."

THE CHIEF justice complained that "we have apparently already passed the point at which abortion is available merely on

Burger also noted that Roe vs. Wade also Burger also noted that noe vs. wave also had cited the "compelling interest" of the state in protecting the viable fetus. "Undoubtedly," he said, Pennsylvania enacted the stipulation that a second physician be present to save a viable fetus "on the mistaken assumption that this court meant mistaken assumption that this court meant what it said in Roe concerning the 'compell-ing interest' of the states in potential life after viability.

"The court's opinion today is but the most recent indication of the distance traveled since Roe," he added.

"The soundness of our holdings must be tested by the decisions that purport to follow them," he added, referring to the Penn-sylvania ruling and a ruling in an earlier Missouri case in which the court struck down a rule requiring parental consent for

"If (the ruling in the Missouri case) and today's holding really mean what they seem to say, I agree we should re-examine Roe,"

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# Cardinal's Lebanon visit brings hope for hostages

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (NC)—Cardinal John O'Connor of New York visited Beirut in his role as president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association amid reports that he was also there to promote efforts to free Americans taken hostage in Lebanon.

Cardinal O'Connor met with President Amin Gemayel June 14 and later told reporters that he had offered to do whatever he could to help free the U.S. hostages, including visiting Syria or Moslem-controlled

"I told the president that I hope that soon there will be some breakthrough in the question of our American hostages. I have sp with their families. Their families wa me to convey their love and prayers." he

But the cardinal said he would not inthe cannal said the would not the territorie in any negotiations already under way to free the hostages and called his June 14-16 visit "purely pastoral." He said the visit was sponsored by the papal nuncio, the Lebanese Maronite patriarchate and the pontifical mission.

Accompanied by the nuncio, Archbishop

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Luciano Angeloni, as well as other Lebanese cierics and a convoy of security men, Cardinal O'Connor crossed into west Beirut June 16. He met with Sheik Haasan Khaled, the Grand Mufti and spiritual leader of the Sunni branch of Islam. Only four miles south, Palestinian guerrillas and Shiite militiamen battled with artillery, tanks and machine guns.

The cardinal told reporters June 16 that although he sought "information or help in regard to the hostages" throughout the trip, he has not been able to convey

"I bring them messages from their families, and I bring love from their families. I had talked with families back in the United States but, unfortunately, no one has been able to make it possible that I would be able to get that word to them,"

He expressed hope that messages through the media would reach the hostages and "tell them not to lose heart, that we are still praying for them and hoping for their safe return."

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reportedly by the Moslem group Islamic Jihad, is Servite Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, director of Catholic Relief Services in

The kidnapped priest's sister, Mae Mihelich, said June 16 that she hoped Car-dinal O'Connor's visit would be "the little key that's going to open the door for Father

Asked if the cardinal had gone to Lebanon on behalf of the hostages, Mrs. Mihelich said, "yes," but then added that his primary reason for going was on Catholic Near East business although he hoped to try to help the ges too.

Hostage family representatives met with Cardinal O'Connor in May. "He said that when the time was ripe, he would go," said Mrs. Mihelich, who lives in Joliet, Ill. "I think Cardinal O'Connor's going there is go-ing to make it a little bit smoother. Even if he can't be successful, the 'try' is there. Then

we'll try something else."

Americans taken hostage in Lebanon, in Americans taken hostage in Lebanon, in addition to Father Jenco, are Associated Press Beirut bureau chief Terry Anderson; Thomas M. Sutherland and David P. Jacobsen of the American University Deirut; and U.S. Embassy political officer William Buckley, who is believed to have been killed by his captors although no body been been found. has been found.

Vatican radio reported that Cardinal O'Connor arrived in Beirut by helicopter from Cyprus June 14 and was welcomed by the new Maronite patriarch, Archbishop Nasrallah Sfeir, and by Lebanese Finance

Minister Victor Kassir.

Vatican Radio quoted the cardinal as saying, "I am very happy to be here in Lebanon at the invitation of the Maronite Church." He

at the invitation of the Maronite Church." He expressed the support and admiration of the U.S. church for the Lebanese people. A statement issued by the cardinal in New York shortly before he left said he was traveling to Lebanon as president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association "to cardiaw the discurrences of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the discurrence of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the discurrence of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the discurrence of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the discurrence of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the discurrence of "control of the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association "to the catholic Near East Welfare Association" to the catholic Near East Welfare Association to the catholic Near East W review the circumstances of various humanitarian activities supported by Catholic Near East and to see what further

causing rear mass and to see what further help may be needed at this time."

The statement said Cardinal O'Connor would be "extending to various religious leaders in Lebanon the greetings and prayerful support of the bishops of the United States."

BEIRUT VISIT—Cardinal John J. O'Con of New York is welcomed by Lebanese President Amin Gemayel at the presidential ace in Beirut. Cardinal O'Conr patace in Beirut. Cardinal O'Connor visited Lebanon as president of the Catholic Near East Weifare Association. The cardinal called his visit "purely pastoral," saying that he was there to review the association's humanitarian activities. But he also said that he would do whatever he could to help secure the release of foreigners held hostage in Lebanon. (NC photo from UPI-Reuter)

The cardinal was accompanied by Msgr. John G. Nolan, national secretary of Catholi Near East, which supports various humanitarian programs in Lebanon.

Cardinal O'Connor had scheduled the trip for last January, but it was postponed after an outbreak of intense fighting. At that time he said he planned to go "at the invitation and with the encouragement of church of ficials in Lebanon and at the invitation of

# Background on Colombia where the pope will soon visit

(Continued from page 1)
The communist-backed M-19 guerrilla group seized the Palace of Justice in Bogota, the Colombian capital, last November. In the resulting battle with government forces, 100 people, including 11 of the nation's 24 supreme court justices, were killed.

Vatican sources said they also expect the pope to speak against the illegal drug trade. Four years ago the Colombian cocaine industry was valued at about \$5 billion. Today its worth is estimated at \$8 billion. The illicit industry has prompted pressure on Colom-

its worth is estimated at \$8 billion. Today its worth is estimated at \$8 billion. The illicit industry has prompted pressure on Colombia from foreign governments, including the United States, to stop the flow of cocaine. Pope John Paul goes to Colombia a little more than a month before Liberal Party President Virgilio Barco Vargas assumes the presidency Aug. 3. Barco, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will succeed Conservative Party President Belisario Betancur.

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During the campaign Barco promised to liberalize laws on marriage, divorce and abortion. The Colombian bishops objected to campaign criticism of the Colombian-Vatican concordat by which Catholics are barred from obtaining divorces.

Pope John Paul is not expected to address issues such as liberation theology, which Colombia's ambassador to the Holy See Bernardo Galtan Mahecha said 'is not a problem of any significance in Colombia."

Gaitan said the vinit reflects the pope's often-expressed concern for Latin America, which Galtan called 'the world's only totally Christian continent."

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In Latin America, Gaitan said, the pope 'confronts many problems that have implications for the church," including

Colombia, the ambassador said, has "200

years of democratic practice" and "a Catholic Church which is very strong." For the pope, "it is the key to Latin America," Gaitan said.

About 95 percent of Colombia's 27.
million people are Catholic.
A Colombian priest working in Rom
described a division between bishops, whom he said "love their reds, their hats, the nutiful cars and their drivers," and the combian people, whose per capita incom-estimated at little more than \$1,00

"Colombia has a very conservative hierarchy," he said. "Traditionally our people see the hierarchy closely linked to the ""."

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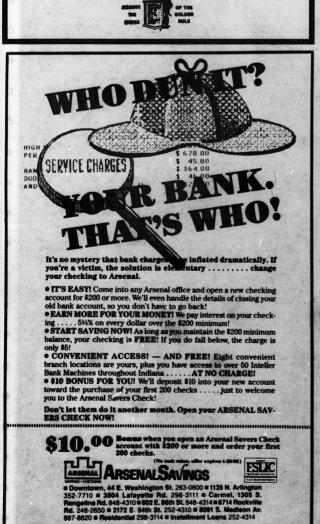
The bishops "don't want to hear about liberation theology or openness to the left They consider an excellent relationship with the politicians as the ideal situation for evangelization."

e priest said some priests an Religious support liberation theology, but they "try to take a progressive approach their work, you can be sure that sooner o later they will be in trouble with the histoner"

In Colombia, the pope is scheduled to meet with two Latin American churc groups, the council of Latin American bishops and the Confederation of Lati American Religious, both with headquarter

On July 7, the pope is to travel to S Lucia, which established diplomatic relations with the Vatican in 1944. During th visit, he plans to celebrate an evening Mass visit the cathedral and meet with the governor before departing for Rome in lat

He is scheduled to arrive in Rome July



# Theologians urge no action against Fr. Curran

CHICAGO (NC)—Saying the good of the church is at stake, Catholic theologians June 13 urged the Vatican not to remove moral theologian Father Charles E. Curran from his Catholic teaching post.

Members of the Catholic Theological Society of America voted 171-14 for the resolution at their annual convention in Chicago.

Chicago.

"For the good of Roman Catholic theology, Catholic higher education, and the Catholic Church in North America, we strongly urge that no action be taken against Charles Curran that would prohibit him from teaching on the theology faculty at The Catholic University of America," it said.

The resolution, drafted by the board of directors of the society, "shows the high respect that Father Curran's fellow theologians have for him and his work," said Francis Schussler Fiorenza, outgoing president of the society, who also teaches at Catholic University.

IN A SEPARATE development in the Curran case, the directors of the interna-

tional theological review Concilium also released a statement in mid-June backing Father Curran and criticizing the Vatican for its proceedings against him.

The Concilium board, which includes some of the world's most widely known Catholic theologians, approved the statement at a meeting in the Netherlands in late

May.

The Concilium theologians particularly criticized Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, for adopting a "dublous interpretation" of church teaching on theological dissent. Ratzinger's stand, they said, would make it "impossible" for theologians to engage in a "serious exchange" of views.

SINCE 1979, the doctrinal congregation has been investigating Father Curran's dissenting views in areas of sexual morality and medical ethics. He revealed this March that the congregation had asked him to retract those positions, warning him that he could face loss of his teaching post if he refused.

Because Catholic University is a pontifical institution, Vatican approval is needed by members of its theological faculty.

The priest has refused the Vatican request to retract, and at the time of the Catholic Theological Society of America meeting he was awaiting the congregation's

response.

In a talk June 12 at the society's meeting,
Sister Anne E. Patrick, head of the religion
department at Carleton College, Northfield,
Minn., said Vatican actions against
theologians have created a "stifling
climate...in which one's perception of truth
cannot be spoken nor one's honest questions
pursued."

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The "climate of fear" is hurting "the growth of moral theology" and is "ruining the atmosphere in which Catholics must live and breathe," said Sister Patrick, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and

IN ANOTHER resolution at their June 11-14 meeting, society members expressed support for the U.S. bishops' effort to develop

a "consistent ethic of life" and urged theologians to assist in those efforts through their research, writing and teaching.

Monika Hellwig of Georgetown University, president-elect of the society for the past year, succeeded Fiorenza as president during the meeting, becoming the first lay woman ever to head the society.

Augustinian Father Michael Scanlon of the Washington Theological Union advanced automatically from vice president to president-elect.

SOCIETY MEMBERS elected Father
John Boyle, head of the religion department
of the University of Iowa and a priest of the
Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, as vice president, placing him in line to become president

Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, as vice president, placing him in line to become president of the society in two years.

Last year Father Boyle was involved in a controversy at Catholic University when he was the leading candidate to become dean of its school of religious studies but withdrew because Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, chancellor of the university, opposed him.



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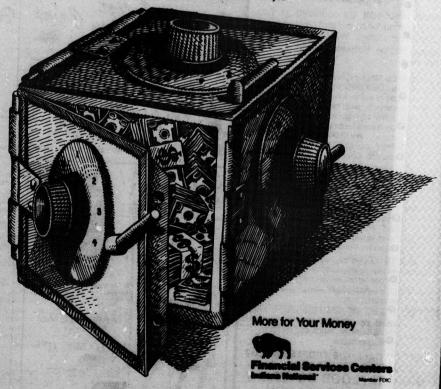
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Zechariah 12:10-11 Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

I'm with Peter.

When he first heard about the cross, he was appalled. It didn't fit in with his picture of a triumphant Messiah. But then he didn't understand how the cross was going to be a greater triumph for the Messiah than he could ever have imagined.

I haven't been comfortable with the cross

either. In my mind it has been connected with the horrible idea that suffering is an end in itself, that God WANTS me to suffer. But that's because I, too, have not really understood what the cross means.

The first reading is from Zechariah, one of the 12 minor prophets whose books appear at the end of the Old Testament. It talks about a mysterious unnamed person, something like Isaiah's Suffering Servant, who sums up the experiences of the Israelites.

The reading begins with God's prom "pour out a spirit ... on his people. This language is a signal that we are dealing with the world to the Lord." The spirit to be poured out is a spirit of grace and

petition. Grace means an attitude of pleasing someone so as to obtain a favor. Petition means that the favor sought is mercy.

Next we are told that the people will see someone "thrust through" and they will mourn for him as parents would at the death of their only child. This person must be a great leader. For the mourning, we are told, will be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. It was near this site that the popular King Josiah was killed in battle in 609 B.C. His death was remembered each year in national death was remembered each year in nati

The New Testament writers saw in this ne New Tessament writers saw in this on the cross. John and the author of Revelation in particular echo this passage in referring to Jesus as "thrust through" or the control of the contr 'pierced" (John 19:37, Rev. 1:7).

The gaspel reading comes from Chapter 9 of Luke's gospel. In particular, this section is concerned with the identity of Jesus. After praying, Jesus asks the disciples who he is. Peter answers that Jesus is the Messiah.

# the Saints





JOHN RIGBY WAS BORN NEAR WIGAN, LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND, AROUND 1570. THE SON OF AN IMPOVERISHED GENTLEMAN, HE WAS A CATHOLIC BUT WAS OBLIGED TO EARN HIS LIVING AS A SERVANT IN A PROTESTANT HOUSEHOLD. HE ATTENDED PROTESTANT SERVICES TO CONFORM WITH THE LAW BUT REPENTED OF HIS ACTIONS AND RETURNED TO HIS CATHOLIC FAITH. WHILE APPEARING TO ANSWER A SUMMONS FOR THE PAUGHTER OF HIS EMPLOYER, HE ADMITTED HE WAS A CATHOLIC AND WAS IMPRISONED AT NEWGATE PRISON. WHEN OFFERED A CHANCE TO REGAIN HIS FREEDOM BY ATTENDING PROTESTANT SERVICES, HE REFUSED AND WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH. HE WAS HANGED, DRAWN, AND QUARTERED AT SOUTHWARK ON JUNE 21, 1600. HE WAS CANONIZED BY POPE PAUL VI IN 1970 AS ONE OF THE 40 MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.



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Jesus then tells them not to reveal this to anyone. The sense is that Jesus wants to ex-plain more about this before it becomes general knowledge so that people will not misunderstand. That something more is the cross. Having identified himself with the Messiah promised in the Old Testament, he will now seek to link the Messiah with another key figure in Old Testament pro-phecy, the Suffering Servant.

From the other gospels, we know that eter and the other disciples found this very ard to accept. But rather than including hard to accept. B Herrica to accept. But I start goes on to quote Jesus as strongly stating that we cannot have the Messiah without the Suffering Servant. He goes even further. Not only must we ac-cept the cross as being central to his life pur-pose, we must accept it as being central to

Like Peter, I have been slow to accept this. In my case, the problem has centered around my understanding of how God views suffering. It is true that the cross involves great suffering. But that is not what is at the heart of the cross. If the main message Jesus wanted to communicate through the cross was that God wants us to suffer, then he was that Gou wants us to surrer, then ne would have suffered the first chance he got. But time and time again we read in the gospels about Jesus eluding those who wanted to kill him.

What Jesus did every chance he got was to love. He accepted suffering only when it to love. He accepted surrering only when it was necessary in order to love. The heart of the cross, then, is love. Jesus' experience of the cross is so important because it uniquely reveals the kind of love that God has for me. A love that doesn't quit, even if it means accepting great suffering.

But love, not suffering, is the point. For ffering without love is empty, without purpose, a horror.

Seen in this way, the cross becomes something very positive. To pick up my cross daily and follow after Jesus means simply that I choose daily to love God, others and myself. I should embrace a particular suffering only when it helps me better answer God's call to love in that particular moment.



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# Your own stories

By Dolores Leckey NC News Service

Dear Friends:

Several weeks ago I invited you to write to me about your concrete experiences of God in everyday life and about what faith means to you. Hundreds of you did so from all over the United States.

Responses came from small farms and big cities, nursing homes and kitchen tables. One person wrote sitting on a big rock in a national park, another from jail.

Mail came from children as young as 10 and adults almost 90. Some wrote poems, others wrote a kind of spiritual autobiography.

Although your circumstances vary, certain themes emerge from the stories of your relationship with God.

Nature continually reveals the Creator's glory and mystery in your letters. A child observes: "Yesterday I saw a robin let a worm go; that's like God." A young park ranger feels closest to God when she's backpacking alone in the wilderness.

An Ohio reader writes: "Where I live in the city I observe 10 crabapple trees in their different seasons...they remind me of Christ." One woman glimpses God in "the marvelous complexity of the human body which never needs to be redesigned."

The family is an almost universal theme in the letters, a place of contentment, but also of challenge and even deep sorrow. Families give rise to faith and hope.

Some of you are parents of special Down's syndrome children; their gentleness is your blessing. Others have buried children, and that form of cruci-

fixion has rooted you still more firmly in the mystery of God.

A teen spoke about a younger sister: "Megan's just a toddler, always so happy; she gives me hope." Husbands and wives cherish their small, everyday sharings, so much like rituals in the flow of a day. Widows and widowers are grateful for what has been; they move through their grief to a new kind of waiting.

God's presence was felt by one woman who tapped into unexpected courage in deciding to leave an abusive spouse. Adult children write about forgiving alcoholic parents.

No matter what the family's shape, readers find it a primary means for encountering God, day after day.

Many of you identify work as a means of deepening the experience of God. One young man finds his work environment stressful, but says he's actually learned to enjoy it through prayer.

Another reader views his labor with a contemplative eye. "Sometimes while cleaning furnaces in dark and lonely cellars, God presents himself to me in the intricate designs of the spider webs, the fire from the furnace or the friendly cat."

Almost all of you mentioned friendship as a sign of God. A reader writes: "I have a friend at work, a very down-to-earth sort of guy...he understands so many things I'm going through. I believe he's close to God."

Young people, especially, under-

stand God's presence in friendship. "When my friend smiles at me, God is smiling."

The special friendship that characterizes Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon is a healing, sustaining force for others.

Your commitment to ministry cannot be overlooked. As you visit nursing homes, care for invalid spouses or serve as eucharistic ministers, you are concrete evidence that Jesus was right to

say that in giving you will receive.
Woven through these tapestries of faith and hope is a reliance on the sacraments. Some of you identify a return to Mass and Communion as the beginning of a total life conversion, a crossroad that led to concern for the poor, for example. You have sensitivity to society's social and structural sins.

Many of you spoke of your parish's importance. Clearly you are distressed by what a reader calls un-thought-through homilies, is not to be disturbed.

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But many others cite moments when a homily's words were exactly what was needed. You speak of pastors who gave you self-

esteem and courage to change. You value the post-Vatican II participation in parish life. A Milwaukee correspondent said: "The church today is a real force in the world, not so much because of politics, but because people really seem to be more caring...to be doers of the word, not just hearers. I love the church today."

So many of you said that no one ever asked for your stories of God before. We are glad we asked.

Yours gratefully, Dolores Leckey

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

We asked you to tell us where you experience God in everyday life. And hundreds of you took us up on it. Your letters — personal stories of finding God's presence in the midst of failure and hope, loss and love, contemplation and gratitude — speak eloquently about the richness of human experience and Christian faith. We're glad we asked. We're glad you answered.

# Pathways to mature faith

By Jane Wolford Hughes NC News Service

Jesus invites each of us to join him in a journey. It often starts early; but the deep commitment to walk the full way asks more than a child can give. In some cases, it is more than an adult can give — if the adult does not seek maturity of faith.

This commitment demands the ability to make mature decisions. Even then, one's original "Yes, Lord" is rarely enough. In most lives it will be repeated many times — not because it was not sincere, but because life's rhythm brings us into new situations with varying seductions.

Faith continues to develop. And with each fresh "Yes, Lord" believers grow.

When a couple can move through a crisis together, leaning on one another and on God, they are blessed. This is the story of such a couple.

Tom and Arlene recognized the

need for faith; this brought them together in a strong marriage. They had it all: each other, a family, success.

But problems came, disappointments, some loss of security. Looking back, Arlene sees they evolved in stages of anxiety and tears, holding each other up, always depending on the Lord.

Tom feels their real sense of commitment came after they were 35. Now in their 50s they say: "We know a pervading sense of peace. God is always with us."

They read Scripture together and in parish groups. Slowly their lifestyle has shifted. More time is spent being Jesus to others through volunteer work but principally through those who cross their paths, what I call the sacrament of the here-and-now. They fast twice a week to increase their awareness "that all is on loan to us, even life itself."

From appearance they could be any other couple, until you come to know them. Then they seem larger than the reality you see. Judy is a vigorous former university professor. "Perhaps because I've just turned 69 I am making God more and more my top priority," she says. "It's not that I think I'm ready to toddle off and better be on good terms with God. It's just more evident now that by being closer to God I feel more loved and loving."

Age has an advantage, she thinks. People trust you more; so when you reach out to bring the Lord to them they don't resist. Fulfilling my commitment to serve him is easier as I grow older."

People hunger to talk about God, says Judy. "They need a grandmotherly ear to pick up the fears and hurts and guilts and be reminded that God loves them. I must say that the privilege of entering into another's life has widened mine."

Judy set up a parish library — a sign of her own tremendous desire to grow in knowledge of her faith. And she is a considerable force on the side of justice for the elderly, serving on several commissions on aging.

Cathy is 37. She thinks it takes maturity "to really cope with the perpetual dying and rising to new life that a real commitment calls us to." As she matured, she became more and more conscious of keeping justice and love foremost in her relationships.

an intensive care unit, says age doesn't seem to be the factor in mature commitment. Teen-agers are capable of it if they really think about what it means

But Leo, a 27-year-old nurse in

think about what it means and how it will affect their lifestyle.

'Once you know Jesus it's hard to turn away. It's awesome. I know from my dying patients, hearing their stories and praying with them," he says.

With God, all things are possible — and at any age. But ordinarily childhood seems to be the period of preparation for a full commitment to the way of life with Jesus. It is by living — laughing, crying, praying, fearing, rising to great strengths — that

we arrive at the moment when we can say: "So this is what it's all about! Yes, Lord."

(Mrs. Hugbes is a consultant for adult education in the Archdiocese of Detroit.)

# Faith pond

By Neil Parent NC News Service

Some adult religious educators are fond of saying that in the Gospels Jesus blessed children and taught adults, whereas we in the church bless adults and teach children.

That saying is meant to drive home an opinion strongly held by some educators that the church and its people frequently have their priorities backward: They focus their energies and resources on children when adults should be receiving more of their attention.

While one may question the literal accuracy of such a view of both Jesus' and the church's respective ministries, the basic sentiment behind it remains true enough. Christianity is first and foremost intended for the mature believer.

Obviously, I am not suggesting that Christianity has little relevance for children. On the contrary, it has much to say to them, as our youthful saints would attest.

Still, when we examine some of Christianity's major tenets of belief, such as the incarnation, atonement, redemption, grace, we immediately recognize that they are difficult enough for adults to grapple with. There are dimen-

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By Father John Castelot NC News Service

Many of St. Paul's converts in Corinth considered themselves very grown-up, mature, sophisticated. They were wise in the ways of the world and could smartly spout all the latest philosophical jargon, which was the "in" thing in their society.

The apostle's assessment of them was quite different. He complained that he could not talk to them as spiritual persons because they were only "infants in Christ. I fed you with milk and did not give you solid food because you were not ready for it. You are not ready for it even now" (I Corinthians 3:1-2).

The Corinthians' conduct gave them the lie. They talked like adults but acted like children: selfish, petty, egocentric.

Maturity is not just a matter of smartness; it does not come automatically. Aging is inevitable but maturing takes effort.

A view of the world which does

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sions of faith that only can be assimilated when one has attained a certain level of maturity and experience of life.

For example, people need to have reached a certain level of maturity before concerns such as marriage, love, sex, commitment, work and purpose in life can be understood and appreciated from a Christian perspective.

Some years ago, I attended a lecture given by an atheist who once was a Roman Catholic. During her presentation, the speaker described how she had come to reject the existence of God.

Essentially, she felt that she had no choice but to deny a God whom she had been raised to see mainly as a harsh judge, a quick punisher. In her view, this God and the churches in his service were essentially cold, removed from human life and authoritarian.

When she finished speaking, my major reaction was: "She is absolutely right; a God like that shouldn't be believed in."

This woman's notion of God was essentially infantile, under-developed and, in my opinion, just plain wrong. Since she could not reconcile that view of God with what were her own more positive experiences and feelings

about life, she felt compelled to deny God's existence.

Her problem, as I saw it, was not that she could no longer believe in God, but that her notion of God could no longer support her belief. Essentially, she had failed to mature as a believer.

Today there are many Catholics who have left the church thinking its beliefs and practices are untenable for the thinking person. But in many instances it is they who have failed to grow in faith. What they believe they are rejecting are often less the church's beliefs than their own childlike formulations of them.

Our task as believers is to continually reflect on our faith, to seek deeper understanding and meaning in it and to apply it to every aspect of our lives. To do otherwise is to risk our faith becoming insipid, like the salt Jesus described as having lost its taste and that was therefore good for nothing.

A faith that is alive is a faith that matures, a faith that is pondered, practiced and loved.

(Parent is representative for adult education in the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education.)

# FOOD...

"This letter is unlike any I have written and probably that you have received," writes a Kentucky reader. She and hundreds of others responded when Dolores Leckey, director of the U.S. bishops' Laity Secretariat, wrote an article titled R.S.V.P. for our pages. Mrs. Leckey asked where people find God and experience hope.

Our Kentucky reader was not the only one who hadn't written such a letter before. Some said they had never been asked such a question before. It was not unusual for readers to take five to 10 pages to express their

thoughts.
A vibrant faith changes and grows. That is clear in the letters. For many readers, growth was stimulated by something unexpected. So many indicated that with faith came courage to work through what seemed, at first, impossible to accept.

One reader told of the spiritual odyssey she and her husband followed after being shattered by the news of their infertility. They "didn't know where to turn...We never once thought God might be our answer," she explained.

The couple's odyssey was gradual, beginning three years later. To make a long story short, they relate their capacity now to accept the infertility and their decision to adopt a child

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directly to the development of their faith.

Our reader concluded: "We are still growing in our faith;...it is a lifelong process you continually have to work at."

A mother of eight wrote: "As a mother, my first response is to want to solve their problems." A daughter caused the family much anguish. In trying to help her, the mother learned she has "not been called to solve but to love. When a person feels loved, they are better able to solve their own problems."

Countless readers revealed that they glimpse God in other people and in their relationships. A West Coast reader wrote: "I realize that God is where daily life is, in relationships that work to last."

A Midwest reader experiences God's presence in "a woman, unable to speak, pressing my hand as I leave after installing a Lifeline unit in her home," and in a newly married woman who takes responsibility for her late grandmother's alcoholic friend.

One reader finds God present "in the couple across the street who are holding together despite some obvious difficulties."

A joint letter came from a Golden Age club. "The sound of children's laughter" reminds one member that "God is in his heaven."

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not take God into account is only a partial view, limited and woefully inadequate for truly mature human conduct. And for a Christian to live without seriously implementing the teaching and selfless example of Jesus' love is folly.

Later in the same letter, Paul will address another dangerous weakness: smug complacency. Some Corinthians acted as though they had it made since they had Christ's forgiveness in baptism, were one with the risen Lord and nourished by the eucharistic food. What more did they need? Why did they still need to grow?

Paul clearly implies that Christians find the guidelines to balanced, mature living in the Scriptures. They must reflect seriously on them and apply them honestly to their own lives.

A disciple of Paul later wrote a letter to his own community — a community probably founded by Paul — and gave this important bit of advice: "Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, the source of

the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation. All Scripture is inspired of God and is useful for teaching — for reproof, correction and training in holiness" so that the Christian may be fully competent and equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Where does one go for guidance in living a mature, happy, Christian life? One goes to the word of God, "the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation."

"Let us, then, be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine that originates in human trickery and skill in proposing error. Rather, let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ the head" (Ephesians 4:14-15).

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

### ...for discussion

When does a person reach the point of being a fully mature person of faith?

Jane Wolford Hughes describes some signs of a mature Christian faith. What qualities impressed you? What qualities would you add?

Dolores Leckey publishes excerpts from reader responses on where they see God's presence in ordinary life. Where do you find God's presence in ordinary life?

A reader has written to tell of the role faith played in the decision she and her husband made to adopt a child. Do you think that in some similar way faith has influenced a major decision you have made?

### SECOND HELPINGS

"Why We Serve: Personal Stories of Catholic Lay Minis-"edited by Douglas Fisher. This book contains the stories of 14 lay Catholics "who preach what they practice," as Bishop Albert Ottenweller of Bishop Albert Ottenweller of Steubenville, Ohio, puts it. "Some volunteers, some full-time professionals, they teach, they counsel, they organize, they lead parishes." They inthey lead parishes." They indicate that to grow as believers
means listening to the Spirit in
their lives and finding ways to
respond creatively. "I think that
any ministry is a school of discipleship," says Patricia
O'Connell Killen of Sewanee,
Team "The people the induly nn. "The people, the joyful es and the hard times are all invitations of love and hospitality from God, invitations to noce who I am and how I am in e world...Through my ministry I have grown in wisdom and love and willingness to suffer as a follower of Christ." (Paulist Press, 997 Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, N.J. 07430. 1984. aperback, \$6.95.)

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# CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR A studious teacher

By Janaan Manternach NC News Service

Robert Bellarmine was born in 1542, just 50 years after Columbus discovered America

His parents were well-known in the small city of Montepulciano, Italy, where they lived. Robert's mother was a sister of the pope.

Robert received a good educa-tion at the Jesuit high school that had just opened in the town. As a teen-ager, he decided to become a Jesuit. He told his parents of his plans but his father said, "No!" Robert was disappointed but he did not give up.



Finally his father agreed to let Robert go to Rome to enter the Jesuits if he would spend one more year at home. Robert agreed.

Robert Bellarmine lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation. Thousands of men and women were leaving the Catholic Church.

Many Catholics had no idea what to believe. They had forgotten or never learned Catholic

prayers. And they were not sure how Catholics should live.

Robert wanted to help Catholics understand what to believe, how to pray and how to lead good lives. So he studied very hard and read the Bible. He studied the writings of early Christian bishops and teachers.

What he learned he taught to others. Before and after he was ordained a Jesuit priest, Robert Bellarmine taught university students. He saw the need for books that would clearly explain Catholic teachings, prayers and moral principles.

So he began to write. He wrote an important work called "Con-troversies" on Protestant and Catholic teaching. Eventually he wrote a catechism to summarize Catholic beliefs, prayers and moral teachings for children and uneducated people. Then he wrote a larger catechism for educated adults.

His catechisms were so popular they were translated into at least 62 languages. They were used by many Catholics until about 100 years ago.
In time Father Bellarmine was

ordained a bishop and later a cardinal and served as the personal adviser to the pope.

Robert Bellarmine died in 1621 and was canonized by the church as a saint in 1930. His feast day is

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



# **HOW ABOUT YOU?**

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# Presidents say Vatican norms would 'cripple' Catholic universities

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (NC)—Proposed Vatican norms for Catholic colleges and universities would "cripple" those institutions in North America and squander the generations of sacrifice that went into building them, said 15 of the leading Catholic university presidents in the United States and

If the proposals were to take effect, "secularistic critics of Catholic education would find that their most searing crities of Catholic universities had been confirmed by the

ques of Catholic universities had been confirmed by the Vatican itself," the group said.

The group sent its joint commentary to the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education after meeting at the University of Notre Dame last fall to discuss the proposed norms.

The joint commentary was made public in early June in A Report on Religion, a Notre Dame newsletter.

Also in the newsletter was a separate report to the Vatican by Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, who in the 1960s and early 1970s spearheaded an international effort to formulate the nature of Catholic universities today and their relationship with the church.

Father Hesburgh said the new Vatican proposals would force Notre Dame into "tragic" alternatives, "either to cease being formally Catholic . . . or to cease being a university."

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SIGNERS OF the joint report included Father Hesburgh and heads of some of the nation's most widely known Catholic

institutions of higher education, including The Catholic University of America, Fordham, Georgetown, Villanova, St. Louis, Marquette, DePaul, and Boston College. Also signing were heads of the Catholic universities of Dayton, Detroit, San Diego and Santa Clara, and, in Canada, Laval and St.

were heads of the Catholic universities of Dayton, Detroit, San Diego and Santa Clara, and, in Canada, Laval and St. Jerome's College.

The proposed norms, drafted last year and sent out to Catholic college and university heads for their criticisms and recommendations, have been particularly attacked in the United States because of the way they link Catholic identity of higher education institutions with direct control by bishops. A report issued earlier this year by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities said the proposed norms would violate standards of institutional autonomy and academic freedom that U.S. institutions must observe in order to keep their accreditation and professional status.

The group meeting at Notre Dame expressed agreement with the objectives of Catholic higher education cited in the Vatican's "schema," or draft document, but said that if the norms were implemented as proposed, they would "actually cripple the present efforts of our North American universities to fulfill the mission the schema describes."

Direct ecclesiastical control would lend credence to charges that Catholic universities are "places of narrow sectarian indoctrination," and this would threaten their rights to public funds and erode their credibility, the presidents said.

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If that should happen, "decades of sacrifice by generations of faculty, students and benefactors of Catholic universities in North America would have been squandered," they said.

THEY SAID the "single most important problem in the present document" was its failure to recognize any form of authentically Catholic university except one "under the jurisdictional control of ecclesiastical authorities."

They called for recognition of "another category of Catholic university," referring to institutions which are "not under direct church control" yet are "authentically Catholic . . . not only in their original tradition but in their continuing inspiration."

They urged the Vatican congregation to adopt as its model the "far more successful" formulations of institutional autonomy and academic freedom in the document, "The Catholic University in the Modern World," unanimously approved in 1972 by delegates of the International Federation of Catholic Universities meeting in Rome.

"Failure to do so, we fear, can result in serious, if not fatal, damage" to Catholic universities, the group said.

IN HIS SEPARATE response to the Vatican as president of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh quoted extensively from the 1972 document, urging adoption of its approaches.

The Holy Cross priest, whose 34-year tenure at Notre Dame makes him the longest-reigning president of any university in the United States, said juridical norms in the draft are "contrary to civil law" and would subject Catholic institutions to costly, destructive litigation.

He said the draft also "violates the essential structural components of a university in a democratic society." and

components of a university in a democratic society" and threatens U.S. Catholic institutions "with total loss of financial support" from public funds and private foundations.

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# Women priests favored by almost half of U.S. Catholics, survey shows

WASHINGTON (NC)—Nearly half of U.S. Catholics now favor women priests, according to a new survey report released June

Catholic support for ordination of women hit 47 percent last year, rising "a remarkable 18 percentage points in the 11 years from 1974." said the report, the fifth in a series on future church leadership by Dean Hoge, a sociologist at The Catholic University of America.

America.

Hoge, who is engaged in a lengthy study of influences on priestly and religious vocations among U.S. Catholics, said the new data also indicated that:

A decline in parental support for priesthood as a vocation during the late 1960s and early '70s appears to have been

Catholics today are not as critical of the preaching and sensitivity of priests as they were in the 1970s.

HE SAID the growing Catholic support for women priests—from 29 percent in 1974 to 47 percent in 1965—was the "sharpest trend" measured in the survey, indicating

trend" measured in the survey, indicating that "strong changes are occurring among American Catholics on this topic."

He reported that in both of the surveys Catholic men supported women's ordination more than Catholic women did—by 10 percentage points in 1974 (35 to 25 percent), and by seven points in 1985 (51 to 44 percent) and by seven points in 1965 (51 to 44 percent).

Hoge said that the new survey's "most important" information, in terms of the immediate purposes of his study, was that Catholic parents in 1985 were slightly more supportive of the idea of priesthood for their



GROWING SUPPORT—A B GROWING SUPPORT—A new study by Dean Hoge, Catholic University of America sociologist, shows that nearly half of American Catholics now favor ordination of women. Support for women priests rose "a remarkable 18 percentage points" between 1974 and 1985, the report said. (NC graph by Michele Grandison Smith)

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The increase was slight, but it reversed a sharp decline between 1963 and 1974, he said. A 1963 survey found 67 percent of Catholic parents saying they would be "very pleased" if a son chose to be a priest. In 1974, the figure was 50 percent, and in 1965 it was

while mothers tended to be more suppor-tive than fathers about the idea of a son becoming a priest, Hoge said, "mothers and fathers have similar feelings about a daughter becoming a nun." He said the survey showed a slight decline since 1974 in the percentage of Catholics who favored allowing priests to marry, from 57 percent to 51 percent.

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Hoge said that his 1965 survey also ask-

on to be drummen as practs." That question, not asked in the 1974 survey, drew a positive response from 63 percent of Catholics.

Hoge speculated that the 12 percent difference in the positive responses to the two questions about married priests might have been due to the different phrasing. Catholics may be more open to ordination of men who are already ordained.

For the 1965 survey the Gallup organization conducted telephone interviews with about 800 Catholics across the country. The survey repeated a group of questions asked in 1974 and 1953 surveys by the National Opinion Research Center under the direction of Father Andrew Greeley.

Hoge said that, following conservative norms for interpreting such data, differences of less than 5 percent from one survey to the next were not considered a change.

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# Parents' faith, Mary's intercession influenced Cardinal Sin's vocation

DALLAS (NC)—A seriously ill young Filipino who feared he might have to leave the seminary because of his health wrote a letter to the Blessed Virgin asking her to

"Dear Mother," he wrote, "I want to be a priest. . . . I am asking you to cure me and I am giving you a deadline . . . . If I am not cured by that date, it is a sign that I do not have a vocation."

not have a vocation."

If he were cured, he promised to promote Marian devotions.

The young man recovered, was ordained and eventually became a bishop of Today Cardinal Jaime Sin is archbishop of Manila and spiritual leader of 52 million Philippine Catholics.

CARDINAL SIN, 57, is a man with strong family ties, an affection for storytelling, and a special devotion to the Blessed Mother. During a recent visit to Dallas, he spoke of his family life and his devotion to Mary with The Texas Catholic, diocesan newspaper of Dallas and Fort Worth.

The cardinal's mother was Spanish and

Filipino, his father Chinese. Although theirs was an arranged marriage, a common Philippine practice at one time, "the marriage was very successful," Cardinal Sin said.

The 14th of 16 children—eight are still living—Cardinal Sin was born in New Washington, Philippines, named after the U.S. capital.

The cardinal likes to joke that his

The cardinal likes to joke that his mother told him she loved him the best "because I was so ugly." The real reason, he said, was that he was always a sickly

His parents' devotion deeply toucheo the young boy, who would often see them on their knees in prayer each morning as he set out to buy bread for the family. Wanting to become a priest from the time he was an altar boy, Cardinal Sin said his decision to enter the seminary made his mother very

happy.

"My mother was very good to me. She was always guiding me to become a priest," Cardinal Sin said. It was his mother who arranged for him to stay at the local rectory when the seminaries were closed after war broke out and paid the priest for her son's room and board.

"Be careful. Do not lose your vocation," she told her young son.

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HIS MOTHER died of cancer in 1945, when U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was returning to liberate the Philippines from the Japanese. She was 55.

"If MacArthur had arrived earlier, I think my mother would have lived. She died with pain," Cardinal Sin said. He noted the occupying armies of the Japanese controlled the hospitals and did not provide a cure, or even relief, for her cancer.

Even on her deathbed, the cardinal's mother did not give up, he said, laughing.

"My mother said to my father. I am dying. I only sak you one favor. When I did, I want this boy to pursue his studies in the seminary, and if he does not become a priest because you are so materialistic, I will rise from my grave and stand up and squish your neck!"

"She was very courageous," he said. Cardinal Sin's father lived to see him ordained a priest, dying shortly afterward.

Cardinal Sin's father lived to see him ordained a priest, dying shortly afterward. As his father lay dying, he turned to his children who surrounded him and said, "You have a gift from God. Your brother is now

Cardinal Sin was ordained in 1954, became a bishop in 1967 and was appointed archbishop of Manila in 1972. Pope Paul VI named him a cardinal in 1976.

THE CARDINAL said he feels his parents, especially his mother, are watching over him from heaven.
"My mother is very close to me. When I was troubled, I would ask my mother. Anything I needed was immediately given," Cardinal Sin said.
The cardinal said he turned in prayer to both his heavenly mothers for strength and guidance during February's revolution.
"I put her (his mother's) picture near the picture of Our Lady," he said, and he prayed on his knees before their pictures.

THE PHILIPPINES is under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, and in a speech to the Dallas Council on World Affairs May 21, Cardinal Sin recalled a ld to him by a group of soldiers who the non-violent demonstrators d the protesting the government of Ferdinand Marcos.

The reason they laid down their guns was not because of the people in the street, the soldiers told the cardinal.

Rather, they said, "we saw a lady, so beautiful, and she smiled at us and said, 'I am the queen of this country. Do not touch my children.'"

'Who is that lady? I do not know," the cardinal said, adding, "She could not be Imelda Marcos."

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St. Simon Parish Festival will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Fri., from 5 to 11 p.m. Set. and from 3 to 11 p.m. Sun. at 8400 Roy Rd. Rides, games, food, live en-tertainment.

### June 21

Boy Scout Troop #125, spon-ored by St. Philip Neri Parish, 50 N. Rural, will hold a Rum-nage Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the community room.

St. Mary Academy Class of

### June 22

A Deanery Family Gathering wil be held from 2 to 5 p.m. EST at St. Anthony Parish, Morris.

St. Paul's Heritagefest will be held in Tell City park opposite the church from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Barbecue chicken dinners,

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### June 27-28

Holy Rosary Parish will sponsor its annual Rallian Street Festival from 5 p.m. to midnight on the streets around the church, in the 600 block of S. East St. Rallan food and grocery booths, religious processions, organ concerts.

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### June 28

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### June 28-29

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served from 5-9 p.m. Sat. and a chicken dinner served from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sun. Beer garden, Bingo, arts and crafts booths.

### June 29

St. Simon Parish will celebrate its Mortgage Burning from 4 to 7 p.m. Free refresh ments and games for children Bring chairs and picnic lunch.

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# Abortion foes 'actually heartened'

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Supreme Court that now may be prepared to abandon Roe vs. Wade."
He added that abortion opponents are "actually heartened by the decision."
Meanwhile, the abortion issue also came up briefly during the Senate's debate of tax reform legislation. An amendment, offered by Sens. William Armstrong, R-Colo, Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., and Jesse Helms, R-N.C., would have denied tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations that perform or finance abortions.

After a personal plea from President Reagan, who had earlier pledged to oppose any amendments to the tax-overhaul package, the amendment was withdrawn June 12. Armstrong said the amendment would be attached to another piece of legislation in the near future.

MUCH OF the politics of abortion, however, seemed to pass through Denver June 12-14 as several Republican presidential hopefuls addressed the National Right to Life convention.

ovangelist who has been exploring the possibility of seeking the Republican nomination, railed against the Supreme Court's abortion decisions and advised the pro-lifers to seek "qualified candidates at every level who are committed to the life of the unbory."

Mr. Robertson told the 1,300 delegates that the Supreme Court "has become an unelected oligarchy and the justices have

Both Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., and Sen. obert Dole, R-Kan., in addition to noting their pro-life voting records, stressed to the convention the importance of a "pro-family" tax code and a strong moral education for American youth.

A group of pro-life feminists, in a full-page vertisement in the Rocky Mountain News ne 12, called on the National Organization for Women to "practice what they preach" and allow "open-minded debate" on abortion. The group, Feminists for Life, said the ad was in representations. ad was in response to a New York Times ad published in 1984 by Catholics for a Free

Choice claiming a diversity of opinion among Catholics on abortion.

Catholics on abortion.

The new ad, published as both the pro-life and NOW conventions were opening in Denver, asked NOW to "allow the same diversity and open-minded debate within their own organization."

IN ANOTHER development, NOW an-nounced June 10 that it had filed suit against Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Ac-tion League, and two other anti-abortion activists over demonstrations at abortion

Eleanor Smeal, NOW president, said the suit was filed because "there is a reign of ter-ror going on, a national conspiracy to close abortion facilities."

Arriving in Denver June 12 for the right to life convention, Scheidler was arrested on an unrelated warrant issued in Florida for conspiracy to commit burglary and felony criminal mischief in connection with an at-tack on an abortion clinic March 26.

Scheidler was later released on his own recognizance.



ACTIVIST FREED—At the National Right to Life Convention in Denver, anti-abortion activist Joseph Scheidler (left) smiles at supporters after his release from the Denver County detention center. He was arrested June 12 for conspiracy to commit burglary and felony criminal mischief after an attack on an abortion clinic in March. He was released on personnal recognizance. Scheidler, a native of Hartford City, has a brother and a sister who live in Indianapolis. (NC photo from UPI)

### the ACTIVE LIST

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Socials

MONDAY: St. Ann, 6:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; St. James, 5:30 p.m. TUESDAY: K. of C. Pius X Council 3433, 7 p.m.; Roncalli High School, 5:15 p.m.; Roncalli High School, 5:13 p.m.; St. Peter Claver Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., 5 p.m.; St. Simon, 6:30 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m. WED-NESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Patrick, 11:30 a.m.; St. Roch, 7:31 pm. THJIRSDAY: St. och, 7-11 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Roch, 7-11 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Catherine parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Bioly Family K. of C., 6:30 p.m.; Westside K. of C., 220 N. Country Club Rd. FRIDAY: St. Andrew parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; St. Christo-pher parish hall, Speedway, 7 p.m.; St. Rita parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Central Catholic School, at St. James Church 5:15 n. S4\*\* sam., 6:30
St. James Church, 5:15 p.m. SAT-URDAY: Cathedral High School, at 3 p.m.; K. of C. council 437, 1305
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### **YOUTH CORNER**

# High-risk activity

by Tom Lennon

Question: Why is it wrong to drink if you enjoy it and everyone does it? (New

Answer: For a moment, let's look at some old black and white newsreel clips. Maybe you've seen some of them on television at one time or another

The scenes were photographed in the 1930s. They show huge crowds, each person with right arm raised high and each person cheering stily for the speaker at the podium

Everybody seems to be enjoying the political rally im-

mensely. And as you watch the huge crowd cheering their leader, it does appear that just about "everybody's doing it."
All of them are shouting, "Hail, Hitler!" They are praising the evil genius who contibilited are with the theory of the state of the

ited so much to the start of World War II and the death of

Maybe no one in these crowds was aware of the disastrous consequences of what they were doing. These people were, however, terribly misguided.

And although they enjoyed cheering their leader, it was a mistake to do so. Some things can feel so right and yet be terribly wrong. And the lame ex cuse, "Everybody's doin' it,"

is a stupid reason for doing anything. It's letting the crowd dictate how you will act. But all this is not to say that

drinking alcohol is always wrong. It's not. At the right time and in the right place and in proper quantities, the drug we call alcohol can be a pleasurable relaxant.

What must be ruled out is ess, which attacks a person's humanness. Someone who gets drunk does not even often what she or he is

o to be cond excessive drinking that prevents a person from carry-ing out well his or her daily

duties and obligations.

For teens, drinking alcohol
is a super high-risk activity.
It's especially dangerous if
you are having other problems
in your life. Alcohol can so easily become an escape from those problems, an escape that provides no solution for whatever is troubling you. To underline the wisdom of

this advice, I could introduce you to quite a few young peo-ple, some barely out of their teens, who would speak to you words like these:

"I wish to God I had never ten that first drink of alcohol

MUSHY STUFF—Second graders at Pope John XXIII Elementary, Madison, won a Best of Category trophy for a slide/tape entry in the 1986 Indiana State Media Fair. They chose love as their topic, and Daniel McClure came up with the title, "Mushy Stuff." Pictured from left are (front row) Timothy Steelman, Daniel McClure, Ryan McKinney, Adam Sorenson and Regina Brown; (second row) Adam Miller, Roby Cordona, Mark Pietrykowski, Susan Frisque and April Willet; (back row) Meredith Hoffman, Blythe Thomas, Shelley Straker, Emily Keal, Colleen Potter, Shella Kring and April Tilley.

when I was younger. It screwed up my life something awful.
"I was too young to know how to handle the stuff and I now to nandle the stuff and I had enough other problems on my hands without having blackouts and getting arrested for driving under the influence and having to call up dad and mom to come down and bail me out of jail."

(Send questions to Tom Len-on, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

### Retreat for youth ministers August 5-6 at River Vale Camp

youth ministers from noon Tuesday to noon Wednesday, Aug. 5-6, at River Vale Camp.

The camp is located near Spring Mill State Park in Mit-chell. The retreat will be open to volunteer as well as paid youth ministers. Mike Carotta,

There will be a retreat for director of adolescent catesis for the archdiocese, will lead the retreat.

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# Youth news briefs

## Mass for New Albany Deanery youth

"Hawaiian Get-Together" is the theme of the next New Albany Deanery youth Mass. It will be 6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at Mt. St. Francis. Come dressed in your best Hawaiian outfit. After the Mass there will be limbo dancing, native games and awards for the best costume. Each parish should bring a tropical treat. Drinks will be provided. St. Augustine parish in Jeffersonville is plan-ning the evening.

# Youth rally at St. Joan of Arc in Indy

An inter-church youth rally will be held Saturday, June 28, at St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis. The rally will be from 1-8:30 p.m. and will feature Chris Scott, a defensive linebacker with the In-dianapolis Colts.

Also featured will be "Friends," a Christian rock band, and the "Good News Clowns."

"One of the goals of the rally is to put kids in touch with

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programs that serve youth," according to Gary Rietdorf, pastor's assistant at St. Joan of Arc. Toward that end, there will be information booths and displays. There will also be displays. There will also be food booths and amusements.
St. Joan of Arc School is

ocated at 42nd St. and Park

### Workshop on leading vouth retreats

A retreat offering training experience in leadi experience in leading youth retreats will be offered for the first time in the archdiocese Aug. 7-9. The retreat is aimed at high school and college-aged people interested in serving as team leaders in youth retreats. The training retreat will begin Thursdow. will begin Thursday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. and end Saturday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis. Registrations must be accompanied by a \$5 non-refundable deposit or the full registration fee of \$20 by Friday, July 25. For more information and registration forms, contact Ann Papesh at the CYO Youth Office, 580 E. ns St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46203, 317-632-9311.

## Tell City Deanery youth help charities

A planned famine conduct-ed by members of St. Paul's High School Youth Group of St. Paul Parish in Tell City has Paul Parish in Tell City nas resulted in contributions to aid three efforts of Catholic Charities. The group held the famine as part of a program of education on world hunger. Some \$300 was raised by having needs appage youths having people sponsor youths for 24 foodless hours during which the youths prayed, studied scripture and

studied scripture and reflected on materials about hunger needs of others.

As a result, \$50 gifts have been given to Tell City Catholic Charities, the Bethany House soup kitchen in Terre Haute and The Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis for homeless families.

### Entry deadline soon for CYO Talent Contest

The entry deadline for this year's CYO Talent Contest is Friday, July 18. The talent contest will be held Sunday, contest will be held Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Garfield Park

mphitheater in India There are four divisions: There are rour divisions: dance, variety, vocal and in-strumental. The entry fee is \$5 per person per act. The fee for acts including five or more acts including five or more people is \$25. For more information and entry forms, contact the CYO Office, \$50 E.
Stevens St. Indiananolis, Ind. Stevens St., Indianapolis, Ind 46203, 317-632-9311.

# Brebeuf senior wins Merit Scholarship

Shannon E. Wilde, a senior at Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indianapolis, has won a college-sponsored merit scholarship to the University of California-Berkeley. The chalarship is for four years. scholarship is for four years

# Semi-formal dance for youth in Terre Haute

A semi-formal dance for youth in the Terre Haute Deanery will be held Saturday, June 28. The dance will be held at St. Benedict School, 118 S. Ninth, ct. from 8 Ninth St., from 8 p.m.-midnight. Prior to the dance, the youths of St. Benedict and the youths of St. Benedict and Sacred Heart will prepare a spaghetti dinner and slide presentation of the past year's activities for parents and youth in the two parishs. For more information, contact

John Flak at 812-466-4445 or Janet Roth at 812-535-3391.

# Dance for all in Bloomington Deanery soon

A dance for all youth in the A dance for all youth in the Bloomington Deanery is scheduled for Friday, June 27, at St. John Parish in Bloomington. It will begin at 8 p.m. and end at midnight. The disc jockey will be Mike Daggy. Bring a snack to get in. Guests are welcome. are welcome

# St. Thomas Aquinas youth wins award

Paul W. Malone has won a Paul W. Malone has won a four-year Achievement Scholarship to the University of Chicago. He is a senior at North Central High School and secretary of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish CYO in Indianapolis. The

scholarship, one of 675 that will be awarded nationwide in 1986, is given under the auspicies of the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students and was based on Malone's per-formance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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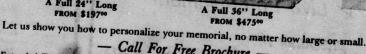




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# MAY They REST IN DEACE

ALLEN, Gertrude, 94, St. atrick, Terre Haute, June 10. tother of Elizabeth Burke and ill; grandmother of six; great-randmother of eight.

BARRETT, Margaret M., 72, St. Joseph, Terre Haute, June 5.

† CANTER, Ernest John, 71, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, June 9. Husband of Elizabeth Zipp; father of James, and Phyllis A. Morgan; brother of Jane Holland; grandfather of six; great-grandfather of one.

† FINNERTY, John J., 64, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, June 9. Husband of Margaret; father of Michael, James, Dennis, Shawn, Kathleen Keller, Maureen Knapp, Karen and Bridget.

Time is Ticking Away...

† FRIES, William D., 64, Im-maculate Heart of Mary, In-dianapolis, May 19. Husband of Mary Ellen Sullivan.

† GATES, Ralph E. "Bud," 66, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, June 12. Husband of Dorothy Scofield; father of Fred, Tim, Delores Mundy, Linda Quackenbush, Kathy Thorne, Diana Davies and Debbie Parker; brother of Katherine Reeve, Margaret Waldon and Kenneth; grandfather of 11.

† GEORGE, Mamie, 94, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, June 9. Mother of Raphael and Cecilia.

† FLAMION, Cecilia, 68, St. † HAGEDORN, Clara, 87, St. Mark, Tell City, June 3. Mother of Mark, Tell City, May 9. Mother of Barbara Goffinet and William; John, Ed. Joseph, Irene Gelardin,

Dorothy Beckman and Louise Mattingly; sister of Charles and Norbert Peter, Cecile Boerste, Agnes Lasher and Frieda Hubert.

† HAMMERLING, James P., 33, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, June 10. Husband of Monica M.; son of Jane P.; brother of Douglas, John and David.

† HILLMAN, Mary A., 91, St. Andrew, Richmond, June 9. Sister of Clara, Sister Anna Marie and Franciscan Sister Catherine

† JONES, Leo R., 68, Little Flower, Indianapolis, June 4. Husband of Bertha M.

† ELEAVING, Nora A., 91, St. Paul, Tell City, June 6. Mother of Velma Dickman, LaVerne Zuelly, Geraldine "Jerry" George, Mac Snyder, Marcellus "Eney," Delberty and Kenneth; grand-mother of 33; great-grandmother of 61; great-grandmother of eight.

† LEAKE, Wilard, 65, St. Mary, New Albany, June 8. Husband of Dorothy E. Shively; father of Lyonell R., Janice Wells, Betty Winburn, Laquita Ledford and Vicky Divine; brother of Durbin, Pete, Joe, Frankie, Peggy Sec. cy, Joan Flaugh, Doris Kinser, Darlene Roberts and Carol Abel; grandfather of four.

RECEVEUR, Joseph S., 69, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, June 6. Husband of Wanda Harrison; father of Joseph W., Raymond D., James D., Michael L. and Mary L. Van Winkle.

Mother of Charles, Opie, Wilfred and Leona Densford; grand-mother of 11; great-grandmother of five.

† RUST, Zita Mae, 80, St. Mary, Greensburg, June 5. Mother of Robert, Richard, Gregory, Joseph, Suzanne Croy and Sister Renee (Christine); sister of Charles F. Scheidler.

† SHEETS, Carl J., 92, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, May 10. Husband of Loyola Ann; father of Robert, David, Ronald, Frances Wells and Mary Sue Klinkose.

† REED, Loretta T., 76, St. † WELCH, Maryon K., St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, June 9. Benedict, Terre Haute, June 11.

# Sr. Rose Alma Regan buried

QUINCY, Mass.—Providence
Sister Rose Aima Regan, 84, died
here June 4. She received the
Mass of Christian Burial on June
7 in Chelsea, Mass., and was
buried in the Sisters of
Providence section of Holy Cross
Cemetery, Malden, Mass.
The former Gertrude Clare
Regan was born in Chelsea,
Mass., where she attended
elementary and high school. She
earned a B.A. at St. Mary of the
Woods College and an M.A. in
education at Indiana State
University. She entered the
Congregation of the Sisters of

riviuence in 1918 and made final rows in 1927.

As a teacher, Sister Rose Alma taught on junior and senior high levels and served as principal in a number of schools including St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis. She taught high school at Our Lady of Providence, Clarksville, and at Ladywood, Indianapolis.

Sister Rose Alma spent her continuence of the continu

# So. African archbishop forsees long, hard siege

WASHINGTON (NC)—South Africa's declaration of a state of emergency and the hundreds of arrests and searches which followed "constitute one further stage in the long, unwinding tale of conflict between apartheid and liberation," said the head of the southern African bishops.

Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, South Africa, said June 13 that a "long, hard siege" is under way, and it "must end with black government."

"The black gooper liment."

"The black people have taken their destiny in their own hands," he said. "All that seems to remain is naked Christian hope inspiring prayer and penance."

The archbishop, president of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, was in the United States to receive an honorary degree from Jesuit-run Santa Clara University.

Archbishop Hurley noted the detentions of such prominent Catholic leaders as Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, secretary general of the bishops' conference; Sister Bernard Ncube, a member of the Companions of St. Angela and president of a women's organization connected to the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front; and two lecturers at St. Joseph's Scholasticate outside of Pietermaritzburg: Oblate Father Theo Kneifel and Redemonfariet Father Larry Konference Theo Kneifel and Redemptorist Father Larry Kaufmann

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### Book reviews

# 'Ethics' gives official teachings

ETHICS, by Father Ronald Lawler, O.F.M. Cap., Joseph Boyle, Jr., and William E. May. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Ind., 1985). 276 pp., \$7.95.

Reviewed by Mitch Finley NC News Service

This is a compact little book on sexual ethics meant to explain and defend official church teachings.

Once the reader grants the authors' debated assumption about the nature of teaching authority in the church-a kind of practical infallibility which applies to all official church teachings with which authors agreeeverything else falls neatly into line.

This book could be summarized with a series of 'buts." Human sexuality is good, but... Family planning is okay, but... Follow your conscience, but... Marriage is good,

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Documents such as John Paul II's "Familiaris Consortio" (1961) note that married people should be consulted in the formulation of official teachings on marriage, family life, and sexual behavior. The authors do not touch upon whether it happens or not

The Old Testament, they ite, "articulates fundamental truths about human sexuality and its place in human life and the divine economy." I would have been happier had they included in this evaluation the Song of Songs, that poetic celebration of erotic love

With a line of reasoning that to me strains credibility the authors state that "some of the arguments used in the past (by official church t.... teachers) to show that cer"The church's moral tain types of actions were

these arguments led were

false..."

However, the authors then go on to say that "a Catholic is to give assent to church teachings, not because of the arguments scholars in any age use to support this teaching but because this teaching but because this teaching by those who have been divinely appointed as the authentic interneteers..."

The reasoning does not

This well-meaning bo which does present official church teachings will be cherished by those inclined to agree. I question how well it will persuade others.

(Finley is author of "A Special Way of Being Alive: Reflections on Christian Love and Marriage for Engaged Couples.")

# immoral were poor, (but) this does not of itself show that the conclusions to which Comforting the comforter

ANYONE? by Hirshel Jaffe, ANYONE? by Hirshel Jaffe, James Rudin and Marcia Rudin. St. Martin's Press, 175 5th Ave., New York 10010.

When a marathon-running rabbi, nicknamed "The Running Rabbi," suddenly finds himself in the hospital at the brink of death, his own spiritual stability, as that of his family, frie al stability, as well as congregation, begins to

"Why Me? Why Anyone?" is a twin narrative by Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe and his close friends, Rabbi James and Marcia Rudin. Through Jaffe's reflections and the Rudins' recollections, it recounts Jaffe's battle with a

is a moving account of three people attempting to make theological sense of life-threatening illness.

Throughout his long and arduous battle, Jaffe never became angry, though he was prompted to question his faith. "Why should someone like me, who's trying to do God's work, be affilted? It this the 'reward' I get?" he

Remission of his illness allowed him to return to his temple to conduct services. uring a funeral for two embers of his congregation. members of his congregation, he comforted the survivors. ne comforted the survivors. Suddenly Jaffe asked himself the anguished question, "Who will comfort me? Who will comfort the comforter?"

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Through his questioning Jaffe renews his religious faith and discovers that he can gain strength from his h heritage.

This obviously is not a Christian book since it is written by Jews and it is a arching of the Jewish faith for answers to illness, but Christian leaders have praised it for its universal

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# There's room tor everyone in St. Joseph's Church

In rural Crawford County, the word is going out from friend to friend that there is room for everyone in St. Joseph's Church. As a matter of fact, it was rather

d around the altar on Trinity Sunday, May 25, when 17 new members came into the church. But it was the crush of a family gathering—infants and children, teen-agers and adults, surrounded by relatives and friends.

In one family, the five children of Bill and Sharon Pullen were baptized: 15-year-old Michael, 13-year-old Angel, 12-year-old Richard, 7-year-old Damion and 4-year-old Marci. The four oldest made their first Holy Communion together. They will wait for their confirmation until the archbishop

From the youngest, 2-week-old Danielle Michelle Newton, through the oldest, there were 13 baptisms, two professions of faith, six confirmations and 14 first communions. Father Andrew Diezeman, administrator, had presided at the convalidation of three marriages the Tuesday before.

With his help the Pullens are working

and praying for the church's blessing on their marriage, too. It was about a year ago when they met Father Diezeman, whom they've come to call Father Priest.

The Pullens had both been married and divorced before they married each other, and they thought there was no hope the church would ever consider their marriage valid. But a friend said, "There might be a

chance," and introduced them to Father

"You can never find Father Priest too busy to talk," Bill said. As their marriage case progresses, things come up which Bill doesn't understand—things which hurt. "He always says, 'Let's get this straightened out right now,' whenever I come to him," Bill said.
"We call him Father Priest not because

his name is hard to say, but out of special respect. He's a friend," Bill said, and he paused. "He doesn't put himself above you, yet he's earned his authority."



FAMILY CELEBRATION—Marci Pullen, 4, is anointed by Father Andrew Diezeman. At left is her godmother, Joyce Berger. In center is Debbie Cox, who made her profession of faith, received first Holy Communion and was confirmed. In foreground is Marci's brother Damion. Marci is the daughter of Bill and Sharon Pullen. All five of their children were baptized May 25. The four oldest also received first Communion. (Photo by Peg Hall)

Father Diezeman downplays his own role in bringing converts into the congregation. The parish numbered 25 or 30 ers when he was assigned to it in 1977, and is now up around 200. It is a mission of his parish in St. Croix. "The priest doesn't get them," he said. "It has to be the people. If they invite them to come to church and they see how the community likes it, it's bound to rub off on 'em."

He said of St. Joseph's, "There's a lot of faith in a few families, but the families are so few." Looking out over his flock at ekend Masses, he was struck by the fact that only about one in four persons was born a Catholic. "The converts bring in other converts," he said. "Those of us who have always been Catholic are overcautious

He said, "There are worlds of Protestant churches in Crawford County, but only one Catholic church." It was established in 1855. When a tornado destroyed it in 1874 that could have been the end of the story, because the congregation was so small. But when the people of St.
Joseph's became his people, Father
Diezeman gained permission from the
archdiocese to rebuild by persisting in the idea that every county should have a Catholic church.

Father Diezeman feels that if there had en one more Catholic church someplace in the county, which has a population of about 8,000, he wouldn't have gotten ap-proval. He says, "the day of the small parish is gone for good."

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