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Archbp. O'Meara new CRS chairman

He says his new responsibilities won't negatively affect his local duties

by John F. Fink

Indianapolis Archbishop Edward T. O'Mear thas been appointed the new chairman of the board of directors of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the largest private volunta y relief agency in the world.

The appointment was made by Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, the new president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The appointment will be effective Jan. 1, 1987.

Archbishop O'Meara has been a member of the CRS board of directors since 1974 and currently serves as its treasurer. He will suc ceed Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Norwich, Conn. as chairman.

Archaishop O'Meara is in Ethiopia this week on behalf of CRS. Before he left he said of his appointment that he "takes as a great compliment that the bishops would entrust this responsibility to me. I will be diligent in pursu't of it and very enthusiastic about the challenge. At the same time, I promise my own people (in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis) that I won't let it affect negatively

my own pastoral ministry here."

The archbishop said that he expects his new position to take a considerable amount of telephone time rather than frequent trips to the New York headquarters of CRS. The board of trustees meets four times a year.

In describing CRS as the largest private voluntary relief agency in the world, Archbishop O'Meara pointed out that it is now in 70 countries of the third world doing the work of disaster relief and social and human development.

"CRS always works in the closest

cooperation possible with the Catholic Church in these countries, and often in cooperation with other churches, as in Ethiopia," he said. "It also works with at least the acquiescence of the government of the host country. But it also strives to maintain its autonomy and independence as an agency of the church in the United States,"

Concerning CRS's relationship with the U.S. government, the archbishop said, "The U.S. provides a massive amount of food that CRS distributes on behalf of the people of the United States." During 1985, this amounted to \$248 million.

According to CRS's financial statements, ic support and other revenue totaled \$499 million in 1985, with program services' expenses of \$458 million and supporting expenses of \$13 million. Archbishop O'Meara said that he feels a "tremendous responsibility" for an operation so large.

At the same time, though, he said that he feels well-prepared for the task because he has been associated with CRS or with similar types of work for 30 years. Although known primarily for the assistance it gives in times of disaster, such as the famine in Ethiopia and the Sudan and earthquakes in Colombia and Maxico, CRS actually spends more money in human development programs to help people to help themselves so that future emergency funding will be unnecessary. During 1985, CRS's statements show, \$125 million was spent on disaster and emergency relief while \$278 million was spent on human development. In addition, \$60 million was spent on general welfare and \$15 million on



RINGING ERROR—Kristen McCombs looks aghast after striking a wrong note on a bell during a rehearsal for a Christmas program at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. (NC photo from UPI)

Bishops speak hopefully about Hunthausen case

They stress that they gave support to Seattle archbishop while maintaining loyalty to the Holy See

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC)—U.S. bishops, upon returning home after their mid-November national meeting, spoke hopefully about the controversial case of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle and asked their peo-

ple to take a wait-and-see stance.

"We have to enter into deep and thorough dialogue," said Bishop Cletus F. O'Donnell of Madison, Wis. "I think Rome surely wants to heal any disruption. The church fears any schism that might occur."

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A number of bishops stressed that, contrary to some media reports, they gave sup-port to Archbishop Hunthausen in his dif-ficulties as well as expressing a strong loyalty to the Holy See. They also empha-sized that the archbishop was not a dissident on church teachings, as some reports

suggested.

Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, newly elected president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said there were reasons to hope "that the NCCB offer may be accepted to help work out a method of restoring peace and unity to the pastoral administration of the Seattle Archdiocese."

The offer of help was made on behalf of

The offer of help was made on behalf of the bishops by the outgoing NCCB president, Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio. He said the NCCB had no legal authority to intervene in the conflict but would help in any way it could if invited. way it could if invited.

way it could if invited.
At least one bishop complained that
groups which publicly advocate positions
dissenting from Catholic teaching or practice have hurt Archbishop Hunthausen by trying to tie their names and causes to his

case.
"I was saddened by the realization that a number of individuals and organizatio..s

the blighon Hunthausen's ordeal have used Archbishop Hunthausen's ordeal as a vehicle for promoting ideas and causes which are quite foreign to his convictions," wrote Bishop Edward O'Rourke of Peoria, Ill., in his diocesan newspaper, The Catholic

"Such a tactic," the bishop added, "is mischievous and unjust to Archbishop Hunthausen and to the Holy Father.'

One national campaign for signatures backing Archbishop Hunthausen, launched within a week after the bishops' meeting, included among its monsors a number of people widely known for advocating changes in church stands on abortion, homosexuality or ordination of women.

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The sponsoring group, a new organization called Catholics Speak Out, said the signatures would be run in an ad Jan. 9 in the National Catholic Reporter.

In another objection to tactics of that kind, Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, in his archdiocesan newspaper, the Catholic Bulletin, warned against "a kind of popularist ideology in the United States" which seeks to affect church positions through a showing of popular support.

The controversy over the Holy See and the church in Seattle has raged throughout the U.S. church since September when Archbishop Hunthausen announced that, under Vatican instructions, he had ceded his authority over several archdiocesan matters

vatican instructions, ne had ceded his authority over several archdiocesan matters to his auxiliary, Bishop Donald Wuerl. The Seattle case was a center of media attention during the bishops' Nov. 10-13 meeting, and the bishops devoted most of an extraordinarily long closed-door meeting to discussing it. In a statement made public discussing it. In a statement made public afterward, Archbishop Hunthausen told the bishops that he considered the division of episcopal authority "unworkable." Bishop Kenneth Povish of Lansing, Mich.,

said in a column in his diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Weekly, that the bishops supported Archbishop Hunthausen "in two

The first, he said, was when a draft statement on the case prepared by Bishop Malone "was rejected by a heavy majority" of bishops because it said that the Vatican ac-

bishops because it said that the Vatican ac-tion in the case was not only in accord with church law but "just and reasonable."

The bishops did not approve the state-ment until it was changed to say the process was in accord with church law and was made by the proper church authorities, and "ac-such it deserves our respect and con-fidence".

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FROM The Editor

The church's influence in the Philippines

by John F. Fink

Politics in the Philippines continues to be front-page news here in the United States. I think most of us are rooting for Cory Aquino to have a successful administration were glad to see her fire Juan Ponce Enrile as her defense

The surprising thing about the situa-tion in the Philippines is the tremen-dous influence the Catholic Church has in the political sphere. There is no other country in the world today where the church has as much influence. Certainly not Italy, or France, or Ireland, which are considered "Catholic countries." The closest would probably be Poland when Cardinals Wyszynski and

Woityla were there, but even they were not able to overthrow a dictator, and it is generally acknowledged that Ferdinand Marcos would not have been overthrown if it had not been for Cardinal

I've written before about how the people rose up against Marcos as a result of Cardinal Sin's efforts to communicate with them through Radio Veritas and the newspaper he started, Veritas, and I don't plan to repeat that. That's history now. But some comments are in order about the church's present activities in Philippine politics.

CARDINAL SIN has continued to back Aquino. He said recently, "It was God who installed her last February. How can God allow her to fail?" After she fired Enrile, the cardinal said, "People are saying this is a second miracle," the first being the peaceful revolt that toppled Marcos. The church had made no secret of its opposition to Enrile. I don't think Cardinal Sin made any public state-Enrile. I don't think Cardinal sin made any public state-ments opposing him, but in October another Filipino bishop, Francisco Claver, called Enrile typical of older politicians "who will do anything, say anything, to keep themselves in or get themselves into positions of power. Enrile's fulmin-ations have become rather tiresome, and the reason is that he is as predictable as when he worked for Marcos."

Before Enrile's firing, there was much talk about a possible coup and one was foiled because General Fidel Ramos remained loyal to Aquino. This bore out what I was told by Felix Bautista, the editor of Veritas, when I saw him in New Delhi, India. After dinner with Felix on Oct. 20, I noted in my diary for that day, "Felix believes that Cory Aquino has a great deal of support in the Philippines now, and that the only way that Juan Enrile could get power would be with the military—something that he doubts could happen because the people would not stand for it. The people would once again respond to the cardinal's call to face down the tanks." I suspect that General Ramos realized that the people would not back a coup. in case he was termoted to side Felix Bautista, the editor of Veritas, when I saw him in New ple would not back a coup, in case he was tempted to side

THE CHURCH NOW is supporting the proposed new constitution that the Filipinos will vote on Feb. 2. The Philippine bishops' conference endorsed the constitution in a pastoral letter issued Nov. 25 after a meeting of the bishops pastoral letter issued Nov. 22 after a meeting of the bishops Nov. 20-21. The endorsement was approved by 62 of the 69 bishops who attended the meeting. Cardinal Sin had come out strongly for ratification of the constitution before the meeting, but he said that his stand was taken as a private citizen and he "didn't want to compromise the bishops

ould they take another position."
The bishops' letter said, "At this historical moment,

many forces are striving mightily to destabilize what we have gained dramatically in February 1986. We believe that this new constitution will provide a firm basis for governance, a clear direction for national renewal and de ment, and a covenant toward peace." Conference president Cardinal Ricardo J. Vidal of Cebu said the bishops believe that the constitution's ratification would lead to national stability, but he also added that the bishops would not impose their position on those "who by reason of conscience or conviction" decide to reject the draft.

WHY DOES THE church have such influence on Philippine politics? Cardinal Sin had part of the answer when he said, in his speech at the congress I attended in India, that it's because the Philippine culture is deeply imbued with religion. The Filipinos are accustomed to following their priests; that's part of their culture, he said.

But it's more than that. It's also because of the leadership that Cardinal Sin has exerted through the years. Unlike the politicians the Filipinos had to put up with during Marcos' regime, there was never any doubt that the cardinal was for the people. Because of the greedy graft of the es, the people have had to rely on the church for many of their physical, as well as spiritual, needs. There seems to be little doubt that Cardinal Sin is the most popular and loved person in the Philippines.

The cardinal really has tried to stay out of partisan politics, but that's awfully hard to do in a situation such as exists in the Philippines. It's just so obvious that he's pro-Aquino, and his statements confirm it. But then, he's not ne in that. During her recent visit to the U.S., it was fun watching our politicians maneuver to get next to Cory when there were press and TV cameras around. They know that the U.S. people are on her side.

Sisters of Providence reflecting on sanctuary movement

by Sr. Dawn Tomaszewski

The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods are using Advent to study and reflect on the sanctuary movement
"Advent is a time for listening, a time for

"Advent is a time for insterning a time for conversion, a time for hopeful waiting, and a time for action because God is in our midst," said Sister Judith Shanahan, second councilor for the congregation. "The sanc-tuary movement will also chailenge us to listening, conversion, hopeful waiting and action.

The process for education on this issue is a result of the 1995 Sisters of Providence General Chapter which endorsed the concept of the sanctuary movement and affirmed each Sister who participates in the move-

ment after discernment with her superiors.
The 430 Sisters of Providence ministering and living in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are among the congregation's total 900 membership who are studying and reflecting on sanctuary during the four weeks of

The sanctuary movement is a public commitment by communities of faith to protect, defend and advocate for the rights of Central American refugees. It offers a safe haven for refugees from Guatemala and El Salvador refugees from Guatemaia and El Saivadu until they can safely return to their home-lands or until they receive federally recognized residency status. Sister Judith said that prior to the General Chapter, 220 Sisters of Providence indicated that sanctuary was an important

issue to address. There are currently four Sisters of Providence actively and publicly involved with the sanctuary move

"We are moving slowly right now with regard to this issue and are taking it step by step." Sister Judith said. "It is important that each Sister be properly informed on the sanctuary movement."

The study process will enable Sisters to reflect on scripture readings from the

perspective of the poor in Central America
who seek refuge in the United States.
Sisters are also being urged to encourage
their legislators to provide "Extended Voluntary Departure Status" for those in the U.S.
who have fled the violence of Central

Extended Voluntary Departure mean that refugees from designated countries, n matter what their legal status in the U.S., d not have to return to their home countries a the present time.

the present time.
Only the attorney general, in consultatio with the State Department, may grant Extended Voluntary Departure. In "past, Extended Voluntary Departure has bee granted to Lebanese, Ethiopians and Ugan dans, among others. Currently the Stat Department's concern does not extend to be a state of Cartendam of the Cartendam.

Department's concern does not extend to Salvadorans and Guatemalans. According to Sister Judith, "The granting of Extended Voluntary Departure Status to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala would be a temporary, just solution to the challenge posed by these refugees."

women busy constructing banners for cathedral events

Two women have spent many of the spare hours constructing banners to be use for celebrations at the SS. Peter and Pa

tor celebrations at the SS. received and Faut Cathedral.

They follow the instructions of Sister Sandra Schweitzer, liturgical-artist consul-tant for the archdiocese. But "they are both artists in their own right," according to

In fact, Maureen Suelzer, St. Michael

MOVING?

if you give us 2 weeks
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Parish, Indianapolis, teaches art at Marian College. And Marilyn Neill, St. Thomas Aquinas, who has had training in education in art and in architecture said, "Tve always enjoyed having my hands on art projects. I'm excited, not only by the renovation, but he ideas Sister Sandra has in mind."

The two brought their sewing machines

(which turned out to be identical) to the south sacristy of the Cathedral and sewed the 12 sets of banners. The dimensions are 10-1/2 inches by 111 inches. There are 12 blue and 12 purple banners.

Two banners are hung together, one on each side of a long "T" standard. Six inches from the top of each panel, there is an art

deco design in a style that would have b appropriate at the time the cathedral was built. The artists have carefully cut the designs out of gold and black felt.

ndra said that she "figured i Sister Sandra said that she "figured if out," but the banner team knew how to execute her plans. Though they are first being used as Advent banners, they are versatile pieces and can be used later in other ways. The project has also involved Dr. John Suelzer, Maureen's husband. The orthopedic surgeon has designed and constructed stands for the banners.

Behind the beauty of the cathedral's Ad-ent banners lies the collaborative gift of the and effort from this talented "Cathedral

Guild" team.

BANNER TEAM—Advent banners for the SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral are the project of (from left) Sister Sandra Schweitzer, Dr. John Suelzer, Marilyn Neill, and Maureen Suelzer. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Archbishop O'Méara's Schedule

Week of December 14

ONDAY, Dec. 15—Meeting with Presidents of Deanery Boards of Education of the Archdiscese of Indianapolis, St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus. 7 p. c.

ESDAY, Dec. 16—Visitation to R. Paul Hermitage, Beech Gro Eucharistic Liturgy at 10 a.m. w mech following.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, Dec. 17-18—Catholic Relief Services Board meeting, New York.

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St. Mary's in Greensburg starts 'Grand-o-gram'

by Margaret Nelson

Schools are finding communication more and more essential. And extended families are becoming more geographically distant. Principal Glenn Tebbe of St. Mary's elementary school in Greensburg is tackling both of these problems by mailing out a "Grandogram."

Grandparents and other people "special" to students at St. Mary's receive the four to six-page publication that tells what is going on at the school. Started last year, the paper will be published three or four times each school year. Approximately 225 copies are mailed, to 15 states and overseas to Africa, England, France, and the Philippines. The aunt of one of the students is with the Peace Corps in Africa.

One of the main purposes is to show the unique things being done in the Catholic schools, especially St. Mary's. And careful scrutiny will divulge what is happening in the educational life of the recipient's own favorite student. This, in turn, helps

strengthen the family unit, eliciting understanding and support.

The first issue each year has announced the special all-day open house planned for the grandparents during the governor's Grandparents' Week. The day started this year with 120 adults attending Mass and included a special lunch for the 90 visitors who stayed. Class projects were planned to focus on the contributions made by grandparents and older citizens. Many of the students wrote special letters to their grandparents to personally invite them to participate.

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Awards that the children have received for art, speech, sports, and other competition are shared with the "Grand-o-gram" readers. Some of the comments of the students about certain issues or events are sprinkled through the paper. And sometimes the children write the articles.

For grandparents, the Catholic school is quite a bit different from the school they attended two generations ago, Tebbe commented. Now, with basic costs spiraling and more sophisticated equipment necessary,

tuition must be charged in most parishes. And other fund-raising methods often need to be utilized to supplement the tuition. Every job that is done by a volunteer constitutes a savings. Since both parents work in so many families, there are fewer room mothers in most schools than in years past.

Many who learn the needs of the school through the "Grand-o-gram" have offered to help. Sometimes they assist the child or the family, with time or material support, because they are made aware of what is needed. Others have offered to visit the school and share their experiences and talents connected to their hobbies and careers. Grandparents have filled in as lab iddes, playground supervisors, tutors, and special resource persons. Some have made

financial contributions for small and large needs of the educational setting, even to the computers. For the past two years, patrons have funded the remedial reading classes.

Since the school is proud of its achievements, it makes sense to let people know what is being accomplished. The readers also see the sacrifices the parents, teachers, and others in the community are making to maintain excellence.

Glenn Tebbe, who has been St. Mary's principal for 11 years, believes that the "Grand-o-gram" project helps "build a bond" between the school, the family, the student, and the grandparents. He thinks it is well worth the time, effort, and postage. The cost of printing—what a surprise—has been donated!





GRAND-O-GRAM—Steven Gauck (photo on left) pays attention, while grandmother Juanita Scheidler visits. And (right photo) Vicky Grimes' grandfather, Don Wamsley shares his Cherokee Indian heritage with Angela Koors (left) and Kathy Muckerheide.

Jesuit Brother Patrick Sheehy named new president of Brebeuf

Jesut Brother J. Patrick Sheehy has been the fifth president of Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indianapolis. He will begin his term July 1, 1987, replacing Jesuit Father M. Joseph Casey, who will begin a sabbatical year at that time.

Brother Sheehy's election was announced by J. Aibert Smith, Jr., chairman of the Brebeuf board of trustees.

Brother Sheehy was a member of the Brebeuf staff from 1965 to 1976. Since then he has been senior chaplain and director of the Victim Assistance Program of the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

In accepting the presidency, Brother Sheehy said, "It is an exciting time to be in private education. My attraction to Brebeuf is the uniqueness of its interfaith mission and the concern of the entire staff for the students and their families. Our priorities for the next few years will center around the continual evaluation of our educational process as well as the building of our teachers' endowment. We will continue our student scholarship aid so that no student who is academically qualified will be denied admission for financial reasons."



Brother Patrick Sheehy, SJ

Chatard plans Hall of Fame

Chatard 25th Anniversary Committee and the Chatard Alumni Association will present the first annual "Hall of Fame" banquet on April 25, 1987 in the school cafeteria. Three awards will be given at that time for outstanding contributions to Chatard or to the community. The committee is

deserving Chatard alumni, faculty (past or present), or friends (parents, local businessmen, etc.) for the awards. Nomination forms will appear in Chatard's Dec. newsletter and will be due by Jan. 15.

A selection committee

A selection committee Fame. Anyone connected with composed of one member Chatard may nominate as from each of the following many persons as he/she organizations has been anyonishes.

pointed: the Trinity Club, Music Boosters, Athletic Club, Alumni Association and current Chatard faculty. Award winners will have a plaque placed permanently in their honor on the Chatard Hall of Fame. Anyone connected with Chatard may nominate as many persons as he/she wishes.

Updating the pagan babies

by Cynthia Dewes

In May, 1963 a small black priest from Tanzania, East Africa made the annual visiting missionary appeal from the pulpit of St. Jude Church in Indianapolis at the invitation of its pastor, Father William Morley. His name was Father Damas Mfoi and he was sent "on the road" to help his church back home while studying at DuQuesne University in Pittsburgh.

According to Bernard Morley, Indianapolis businessman and brother of Father Morley, Father Mfoi was not very dynamic as a fundraiser at the first Mass he preached. He and Father Morley, who "really knew how to get money from people painlessly," did not hit it off right away. But by the end of the weekend Masses, Father Mfoi had a generous donation for his home church and the two priests were friends.

Father Morley died in 1985, but Bernard, with friend Dick Higgs and other members of the Cathedral High School class of 1935, decided it would be a fitting memorial to the beloved priest to continue helping Father

Mfoi, who is now 2º and back in Tanzania.
They spent the next year collecting money to buy a truck which Father Mfoi could use to carry foot to his people and which would serve as an ambulance. Morley and his son Matthew, a student at Chatard High School, have visited Tanzania twice and were happy to see the truck being put to good use while they were there.

Tanzania is a country twice the size of California which was formed when Tanganyika and Zanzibar ceased to be European colonies. It is poor and backward, despite rich soil and a hardy and intelligent population. The average wage is one dollar for three days work. People do not have enough food or clothing, and shelter is another problem in a high plateau climate similar to that of North America.

Africans are "running to the church" in great numbers, Morley says. Hundreds are ordained annually, and in Father Mfoi's diocese 12 men are preparing for priesthood at this time. Older buildings have been converted to classrooms and living quarters for the seminarians, who tend the small farm which supports them.

Morley is trying to help Father Mfoi erect.

Morley is trying to help Father Mfoi erect a new seminary building which will contain individual rooms for the students, plus accommodations for a few visitors. The building will be dedicated to the memory of Father William Morley, and will cost \$100,000, partly because of the high cost in Tanzania of construction items, plumbing fixtures, and other goods such as tires, etc. He is also collecting clothing suitable for all seasons, household utensils and other useful items which will be shipped through the auspices of the Salvatorian Brothers to ensure delivery to their intended destination. Morley has already filled one huge container equal to the space in a one and one-half car garage.

garage.

Donations for Father Mfoi's work are encouraged and welcomed by Morley and his Cathedral classmates. Money: clean, usable clothing; household supplies; or any non-perishable items would be welcome.

Make checks payable to Father Damas Mfoi and send them to: Bernard Morley, Morley's One Hour Cleaners, 1901 Belleview Place, Indianapo'is, Ind. 46222. Other donations may also be taken to the Belleview address. Call 317-634-3500 for more information.



HERCULES—Second graders at St. Anthony School, Clarksville, gingerly examine "Hercules," the teaching skeleton brought to Mrs. Mariin's class by Mrs. Gina Weber, an X-ray technician at St. Anthony's Hospital in Louisville.

COMMENTARY

Many critics of economy pastoral

Lack balanced view of Roman Catholic faith

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

Five years in the making, the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on the economy was adopted at the bishops' recent meeting in Within days, several Washington.

newspapers, including the Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times and the Detroit News. launched counterattacks. Other prestigious publications, notably The New York Times, have strongly supported the document, however.

Debate about the specifics of the pastoral is all to the good. In fact, the more input the better the understanding

the more input the better the understanding.

One has a right to expect, however, that
people who write about the pastoral will first
take the trouble to read it. I doubt that all of

its critics in the media have done so. Many em to have rushed into print on the basis of fragmentary news summaries or simply parroted or paraphrased the critique re-leased by Michael Novak and William

It is frivolous at this late date for a ma jor paper like the Detroit News to argue that the bishops ought to stick to their "spiritual" last and stop "dabbling in the secular world of politics and economics." This is an old argument, and the News is not the only one

Twenty years ago, to cite but one exam-ple, the late Sir Arnold Lunn, a distinguished British author and convert to Catholicism who wore his religion on his sleeve almost belligerently and had a flair for muscular polemics, went the item in the *Detroit News*

Writing in the London Tablet, Lunn said that "an active and mischievous minority" of American Catholics were leading the

church astray. He was particularly indignant about those supporting the "War on Pov-erty." Perhaps, he wrote, "the most perious haeresis in modern (American) Catholicism is the allusion that the only Catholic activity of importance is social work among the poor.

In the final analysis, however, U.S. Catholic preoccupation-or lack of it-with the plight of the poor was beside the point.

Lunn's essential point was that preoccupation with economic and social problems was "evidence of declining belief in the primary mission of the church, the salvation of souls and the conversion of those who now reject the supernatural."

I mean no disrespect to Lunn's memory when I say this is a classic example of not heresy (to quote his own definition) in the sense of the repudiation of defined dogmas, but "haeresis" in the sense oosing one aspect of Catholicism and ignoring other equally important aspects.

Lunn, as an overly solicitous watchdog of Catholic orthodoxy and thus a careful stu-dent of official Catholic sources, must have known, even if the Detroit News does not, that there are umpteen directives in umpteen church documents on the danger of drawing such a sharp dichotomy between spiritual and temporal duties.

Two years before Lunn's article ap-peared, Vatican Council II's "Pastoral Con-stitution on the Church in the Modern World" cut the ground out from under him. "They are mistaken," it said, "who knowing that we have here no abiding city but seek one which is to come, think that they may therefore shirk their earthly responsibilities. For they are forgetting that by the faith itself



they are more than ever obliged to measure up to these duties, each according to his pro per vocation

"Nor, on the contrary, are they any less wide of the mark," it went on to say, " think that religion consists in acts of worship alone and in the discharge of certain moral obligations, and who imagine that they can plunge themselves into earthly affairs in such a way as to imply that these are altogether divorced from the religious life. This split between the faith which many profes and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age."

The Detroit News, please copy!

Mothers not only cause of mental ills in children

Mothers get blamed for everything that goes wrong with their children, according to a recent edition of *Psychology Today*. When I saw that article I found myself relating. I

think it is true, and it is time to put a stop to that unfairn

Psychologist Paula Caplan, who studied 125 mental-health articles published in the past 15 years, said that "mother-blaming" is encouraged by mental-health professionals. And the rest of us accept the abuse. "No matter what

the situation, the mother always gets blam-ed," she said. Mothers got blamed for 72 different dis-orders in the research Ms. Caplan studied including phobias, schizophrenia and hyperactivity. Fathers were treated well generally, but mothers almost always were described

but moders almost always were described in negative emotional terms.

But, as Ms. Caplan points out, mothers can't possibly be the root of all problems. What about fathers, teachers, other children, poverty, heredity, physical disorders, television, movies, books or the host of external and internal influences that arise in the life of any human being?

ociety's unfairness to mothers starts right at the beginning. A priest told me recently that if an infant cries in church, the ction is that the mother can't control her baby, with not a thought given to the father's responsibility. "Mothers are in charge of crying bables," he said.

As a single mother, I encountered mother-blaming in spades. No matter what hap-

pened I was at fault for not having a husband.

If my children had a problem in school,

nounced: "It's because there's no father. When my children excelled, the usual comment was: "It's overcompensation for hav-ing no father." It was a no-win situation.

Why is everybody so eager to tear mothers down, especially the mental-health profession, never giving mothers credit for all

Ms. Caplan says that mother-blaming is as old as the hills, and Sigmund Freud set the practice in stone as a central theme of

psychotherapy.

Mothers make convenient scapegoats.
Why? Because no matter what, most hang in with their children unconditionally. We're

non-moving targets.

The first problem is that society tells us we have to raise perfect people, an impossi-ble task. Then we get blamed for not living up to society's unrealistic expectations. The second problem: We get seduced into accepting the impossible goals set for us and

then feel guilty for not being able to achieve

If we get defensive in the face of unfair criticism, society says that only proves our guilt. Well, I think it's better to get defensive than to accept and internalize this misplaced

I think mothers ought to begin fighting back, first by accepting our limitations. No human being on earth is perfect, not moth-ers, not fathers, not children. We have to reject society's impossible demands upon us. We have to let ourselves off the hook.

Mothers should strive to do the best they can in raising their children and the rest is really in God's hands. There is no predicting what the outcome of child rearing will be.

If a child ends up having serious problems, it is not necessarily the moti fault. If children turn out pretty well but not perfect the mother who raised them deserves a pat on the back.

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Most of the conflict in the church here is in the media's 'eye

by Dale Francis

Archbishop John L. May, new president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, asked by a *USA Today* interviewer about Pope John Paul's 1967 visit, said, "You

have proposed that we go over there with a group of leaders of the church and that we pre-pare him for this trip by putting before him th mood of the people and the problems that are . So, as he develops his talks, speeches and his appearances, he will be aware of this."

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It was Bishop James Malone, retiring president of the bishops' conference, who made the proposal for the meeting. He said it would be unusual but he explained "no one who reads the newspapers of the past three years can be ignorant of a growing and dangerous disaffection of elements of the bursh is the Listice State Search Helicity. church in the United States from the Holy

It will require thoughtful study on the part of the delegation of bishops to know what to tell the pope. It will take something more than the reading of the news media scenario of the conflict between U.S. Catholics and the

pope. It is within the news media that much of the conflict has been generated and

Bishop Malone was right in noting that in newspapers of the past three years there was evidence of a disaffection of some elements of the church in the United States from the en: its definition is alienation of loyalty.

But to note the existence of disaffe is meaningless without identification of the source of the disaffection. In these three years of media-inflated dissension, the major sources of disaffection are identifiable.

It began with the public challenge on the rt of some Catholics to the clear to part of some Catonics to the clear teaching of the church on abortion. In an advertise-ment in *The New York Times*, this group of Catholics declared the teaching against abor-tion was not the only acceptable Catholic

Were these Catholics in a position of "dis-affection" from the pope? Of course they were. That was the point of their public state-ment. And what was the pope to say, all to their own opinions? Of course it wasn't. When the Vatican spoke it was firmly. The pope said Catholic priests and religious who opposed the clear teaching of the church shouldn't be in a position of confirst track. ouldn't be in a position of posing to teach for the church.

Another source of the growth of disaffection came with the Vatican's decision that.

since Father Charles Curran's theological positions were at several points at variance with the teaching of the church, he could not logically teach Catholic theology. The outcry that this hindered legitimate theological lation was irrelevant. Father Curran made clear he was not offering speculations, that he considered what he was teaching to be true and it was his intention that his posi-

be true and it was his intention that his posi-tions should replace what he opposed in pre-sent Catholic teaching. he offered not theo-logical speculation but a counter-magis-terium. Is this disaffection from the Holy See? Of course it is. That is the essence of it. The controversy the new media inflated most disastrously concerned the Archdiocese of Seattle and its Archbishop Raymond Hun-thausen. It was not made public by the Vat-ican but by Archbishop Hunthausen. It brought into the controversy those who took sides with little knowledge and less charity. Archbishop Hunthausen was not censured, Archbishop Hunthausen was not censured, was not removed as archbishop, was only asked to share authority in some areas. It asked to share authority in some areas. It was complicated by the natural affection of those who knew him as a likable, sincere and devout archbishop, but the real issue concerned the clear teaching that all bishops hold office in communion with the pope and der his authority.

U.S. News and World Report, in support

of the existence of disaffection among U.S. Catholics from the pope, said a CBS-New

York Times survey showed a majority of

York Times survey showed a majority of Catholics approve of pre-marital sex, contraception, divorce and re-marriage and legalization of homosexual relations. Are they among the disaffected? In this, yes.

But the bishops should not suggest the pope tip-toe around issues that might peeve them. He won't do it. Besides, the disaffected only get the majority of media attention. The real majority, the real mood of the people, is in those loval to the none. is in those loyal to the pope.



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point of view

Share a tear with me

by Robert J. Eggles

It is with pain that I find it necessary to write this. The object of my love is slipping away. The distance between us is increa She beckened me in my youth, nurtured me in times of stress and chastised me when I went astray. Through it all, she was always willing to take me back. For years she fostered and encouraged a torrid love affair, or so I thought. Oh, there were those who disparaged her, but I would not listen. After all, I had known her almost all my life, and could not accept the claims of infidelity. For years, my energies and dedication were focused upon her. But as her family members began talking openly against her, I was forced to stand back and consider our love

In the beginning and for many years, her family proclaimed her virtues and fidelity and would not hear of any imperfections as they told the world of her beauty. Eventually the whispers became stronger and some of the family became outspoken. Suddenly they claimed outright that she had been trying to dominate me. That she did not want me to live my own life. I refused to listen to them, but their numbers increased and their claims became bolder. Each tried to warn me not to let her stifle my lifestyle.

The family split had begun and eventually the detractors gained the majority; they were everywhere. So much so that her defenders became as silent as her detractors defenders became as silent as her detractors had once been. I can no longer easily find those who were in support of her. None of the younger members of the family seem to know what it was I saw in her. As a Catholic, I cannot bring myself to consider divorce. She has given too much and I feel compelled to stand by her in these times. I still believe in her, in spite of what the family says.

Through all of this, each member of the family, and I, claim to love the child who is our common focal point.

For you see, she is the Catholic Church in America, and the child is Jesus. I am aware that every family has its black sheep;

in my time I have been one myself. But I have always believed that black sheep were an absolute minority, the exception. Somehow the exception is now perceived to be the majority.

I am not a theologian, nor am I a scripture scholar. There were years in my life that I was not even a Christian. In those days I uld have relished this task, to join with them and tear down, destroy. At this junc-ture of my life, it is painful, not pleasurable. But I am compelled to sound an alarm, for someone more qualified than I, to respond to.

There are too many, it appears, in a posi-tion of leadership, who do not believe sin is an absolute. I believe that deliberately going against the will of God, ignoring his laws, the Commandments, constitutes sin. Being a homosexual is not a sin; committing exual acts is a sin. I believe any sex ual act outside marriage is sinful. Stealing is sinful, including those pencils, clips, and rubber bands we tend to take home from work. As is the time we steal from the

I believe the pope is the head of the Catholic Church and am puzzled by those who deny his headship, while at the same time claiming the allegiance of those entrusted to their care.

I have come to love the new liturgy. It has meaning for me that the Tridentine Mass could not provide. The increased role of the laity has afforded me tremendous growth. The renewal programs have provided the opportunity to realize a personal relationship with Jesus. I have learned, within the Catholic Church, to love Jesus.

I feel that the Holy Spirit had protected me through those formative years of new growth and love, protected me from the attacks from within the church, protected me until such time that I would be capable of defending myself from them.

The grace of God removed many sins from my life, not forever necessarily, but their occurrence has diminished to almost zero. All the while, I have been shocked by how much harder it is to remove the lesser sins from my life. While this struggle is going on, I am hearing that sex before mar-riage can be o.k.; that homosexual acts are not necessarily sinful; that the Bible is a good book and even the word of God, except that you are not expected to believe the "stories" you read because they really didn't happen that way; that Catholics who accept tern mysticisms as an alternative have not done anything wrong; that belief in Buddha is as valid as belief in Jesus; that all religions, whether self-centered or Godcentered, are equal; that contact with the spirit world is permissable and that spirits can even be used as advisors and guides. I have heard with my own ears a priest

who succumbed to sexual relations claim that it has helped him understand his parishioners. He saw no problem with continued fornication.

To my knowledge, no one individual has professed all of these beliefs. Few of them are pronounced from the pulpit. But one by one, verbally or by support and sponsorship, those in authority take these positions.

It seems that those who believe otherwise

do not feel they can attack the structure and survive. They are subject to the same peer pressures that the rest of us contend with After all, if you are the only one out of step

it is difficult to convince the parade leader that everyone else is not in step and wrong. Noah found himself in that position. The Lord saw fit to back Noah.

I do not claim to be always right and the rest of the American Catholic Church to be wrong. But I do believe in Jesus and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I believe the teachings I have cited to be wrong and in need of correction. I believe my concepts are to be preferred over theirs. I believe the Trinity to be without equal. There is no other God except those created by man. L'oellieve the Bible to be the inspired word of individual believe that violating the Commandments is a sin. I would rather that the pain and suffering of the situation did not exist.

I pray that my fidelity to my belief will to impugned by professionals who disnot be impugned by profe agree with me. I also pray that they hear my concerns rather than the accusations. I pray that, upon reflection, they will agree that promulgation of their beliefs is not in the best interest of the American Catholic Church.

Lastly, I ask those who read this to spend time in prayer for the accused and the ac-cuser, that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us to his truth.

(Mr. Eggles is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford.)



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Bishops and the economy

by William J. Byron, S.J.

"This document is not a technical blueprint for economic reform. Rather, it is an attempt to foster a serious moral analysis leading to a more just economy." That's how the Catholic bishops of the United States describe the outcome of the long process which has produced their "pastoral letter" on Catholic social teaching and the U.S.

economy.

The "serious moral analysis" the bishops hope to foster is pinned to what I would identify as five basic principles: the principle of human dignity, the principle of solidarity, the principle of participation, the principle of a preference for the poor, and the principle of subsidiarity. Dignity, solidarity, participation, subsidiarity, and the preference for the poor are all interrelated. Reason weaves them together; revelation supports the reasoned aren; ed argum

It all begins with an acknowledgement of human dignity, the natural endowment of every human person. All human rights relate

every human person.

to and depend on it.

"Solidarity," a word selected by the
bishops not to suggest a link to the Polish
labor movement, but to make the point that

"Builty requires association with lanor movement, out to make the point can human dignity requires association with other human persons, is required for human development. Human persons are social beings; the social dimension is part of their natural endowment. Solidarity fosters social development.

The principle of participation derives from human dignity. To foreclose on par-ticipation by some individuals or groups in decisions which shape their social and economic lives is to disrespect, disregard, or even attack directly their human dignity. Every person, in virtue of being a person, has

a right not to be marginalized, shut ou , put down, isolated. Without participation, human development does not happen.

"Subsidiarity" might best be explained by simply repeating the classic expression of this principle as stated in the papal encyclical Quadragesimo Anno in 1931; the bishops quote the passage in their economics passtoral: "Just as it is gravely wrong to take from individuals what they can accomplish by their own initiative and industry and give it to the community, so also it is an injustice and at the same time a grave evil and disturbance of right order to assign to a greater and higher association what lesser and subordinate organizations can do. For every social activity ought of its very nature to furnish help [subsidium] to the members of the body social, and never destroy and adsorb them." This principle will protect freedom, initiative and creativity in the economy. It will also justify subsidies where they are really needed.

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really needed.

Laced through the entire pastoral is the principle of preference for the poor—a biblically based, Christian norm that measures the individual's values and actions against those of Christ. Reasoned argument, built on the other four principles, would produce the same conclusion. When it comes to protection of human dignity, preference should be directed to the point of greatest vulnerability, to situations of exclusion from association and denial of participation. In terms of economic survival, the poor are most vulnerable. Hence the poor need preferential protection. preferential protection.

Serious moral analysis, based on these five principles, can lead to a more just

(Jesuit Father William J. Byron is president of The Catholic University of America.)

The adventure of Advent

by Cynthia Dewes

The connection between "Advent" and "adventure" becomes clear when we consider the season at hand. The coming of the Lord is an exciting experience, something to

look forward to every year. And God comes as a baby. What could be more thrilling than

waiting for a new baby?
But the biggest adventure involved is trying to restrain the party before the guest of honor arrives. Keeping obstreperous ular Christmas celebrations under (uh) wraps

until the Holy Child arrives can take all our concentration. It can overshadow the really important preparation, the interior prepara-tion we should make for the coming of the savior

Unlike the season of Lent, which is solemn in anticipation of the sad and dramatic events ahead, Advent is cheerful. So it becomes too easy to overshadow the

great day by having all the fun ahead of time. The day after Christmas is probably the most anti-climactic day of the year, and as for as the octave following, forget it. But there are lessons to be learned. Slog-

ging through crowded department stores ca be distinctly un-adventurous unless we make some effort to lighten up. Try creative

Re-think the Beatitudes, as in: Blessed be aisle hogs, for they shall be squeezed into Yugos; blessed be those who drag screaming children, for they shall sit Rosemary's baby; blessed are the pure in greed, for they shall reap Krugerrands.

Pass the time with more adventuresome occupations than the usual holiday orgies. Trade kids. Take your third grader whose perpetual whine of "I wanna" is making you deaf, and trade him for your neighbor's baby for an afternoon. The contrast may be startling and may even make you want your own

hig and may even make you want your win kid back in time for Christmas. Cook and bake up a storm, calories be Cook and we hope they are). Do this the week before Christmas, and then donate everything to the local nursing home, mission or St. Vincent de Paul. Fix something more adventurous, like homemade soup and bread, for your own family's dinner

Wrap gifts in copies of the bishops' letters and hope that someone reads giftwrap. Invite handicapped, elderly, or non-English speaking people to share lunch and a movie with you

Phone all the persons you really care about with a personal Christmas greeting and forget Christmas cards. Buy a real tree and then sit beside it with your family. Go out for breakfast every day between Christmas and New Year's Day and get to know the strangers you meet.

Stock up on cider and popcorn and invite everyone you've ever wanted to have over (including your breakfast strangers), to an open house. Mix circles of friends, ages, political and religious affiliations. Buy a dozen roses for your mother and a Scruples game for your boss.

We're talking Adventure here. We're talking about expecting a visit from someone special, preparing ourselves for his joyous arrival, and looking forward to sharing our lifetimes (and beyond) with him. We don't want foolishness to eclipse the event. And we don't want the adventure to fade ... ever.

VIPS...

John and Velma (Schultz) Flouder celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 22 with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Family Church, Oldenburg followed by a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren. The Flouders were married November 26, 1936 in Shelbyville. They are the parents of three children: Joyce Carpenter, Ross B. and Mark A. They also have eight grandchildren.

For 25 years Jerry Craney has directed a Christmas Concert at Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove devoted to traditional, contemporary and classical church music. During that time, an estimated 20,000 people have enjoyed afternoon and evening performances which today include four choirs, strings, brass and percussion instruments. Southsiders and others throughout Indianapolis look forward to this annual event which



Jerry Craney

is so popular that tickets to the 6:30 p.m. evening performance sell out immediately.

During the Christmas Concert, the choirs "carol the church," an old English custom in which singers circle the church as they perform. Some are located in the choir loft, some in other locations as they engage in "antiphonal singing," (like singing in rounds), which creates a beautiful sterophonic effect.

Fifteen members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's string section are hired, and several of Craney's former brass and percussion players return, to accompany the choirs. Lighting and decoration complement the music. Practice for the extensive undertaking begins in earnest around Thanksgiving time.

Craney came to Holy Name as music director in 1960 while still a student at Butler University. At the request of Father Hartman, Holy Name's pastor at the time, he formed a 48-member choir of men and boys. Today there are four choirs totalling 140 members: men, boys, girls, and a high school/college age folk group. In addition to serving as choir director,

band director, and church organist, Craney teaches music in the grade school, gives in-strumental lessons, and plans special lit-urgies for major church feasts and other occasions. Six popular music groups around town, including "New Begannings" and "Third Generation," have been formed by some of his former students.

Tickets to the 3 p.m. afternoon Christm Concert on Sunday, Dec. 21 are still available at \$3 each. Call Helen Gasper at 786-9767 for

offers classics Madison school

Pope John XXIII elementary school in Madison is proud of its "Reading Classics" program. Started in 1980, it is designed for those students in grades four and five who display outstanding reading ability. They must also be self-motivated.

The program offers the students direction in choosing quality literature, either in the form of children's classics or in literature which has received the Newberry award, given to outstanding children's books. It also provides an atmosphere of shared interest in reading for boys and girls of different

Five books are chosen each year. Material is assigned each week for reading and it is discussed during the next Monday after-noon class meeting. This year, 25 students are involved in the program under the direction of Judith Collins.

For the past four years, the class has ttended performances at the Louisville Children's Theatre of one of the pieces of literature selected for the program during the year. This year, the class will be reading two Sherlock Holmes short stories, "Silver Blaze" and "The Speckled Band." Students will attend the performance "A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" in February. Children's classics that have been read

Children's classics that have been read include "Anne of Green Gables," "Anne of Avanlea," "Anma Frank," "Animal Farm," and "Heidi." Also, "Tom Sawyer," "Wind in the Willows," "Greek Mythology," "Black Beauty," "Treasure Island," "A Christmas Carol," and "Aesop's Fables."

Newberry Award literature covered includes "Witch of Blackbird Pond," "Bronze Bow," "Johnny Tremain," and "Ables Island."



REWARD—To celebrate St. Nicholas Feast Day, Dec. 6, at St. Therese Little Flower school, students left messages in their shoes outside the classroom doors, telling something special about themselves. They were rewarded with candy treats. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)





Check it out

Franciscan Sister Sue Bradshaw will be assisting at a retreat for Mercy Sisters in Melbourne, Australia this month. She is an associate for the Center for Human Development in Washington, D.C., which offers holistic retreats for priests and Religious.

The Ladywood-St. Agnes Class of 1976 will hold a Ten Year Reunion on Friday, Dec. 26. Class members and former faculty members are invited to attend. Call 257-0169 for

The Hispano-American Center located at 617 E. North St. is gearing up for the Tenth Pan American Games next summer by offering Spanish language classes and cul-tural sensitivity training. Ten-week courses will begin in January for organizers of the games, businessmen, families traveling to Spanish-speaking countries, Hispanics who want their children to be bi-lingual, and other interested persons. For more information call the Center at 636-6551.

Shamrauction X: Shamrauction Goes
Pan American will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, 1987 at the Indiana Roof. Co-chairpersons are Larry and MaryLou Conrad.

St. Christopher's Singles will sponsor a free Christmas Dance from 8 p.m. to mid-night on Saturday, Dec. 13 in St. Christopher School basement, Lynhurst Ave. at 16th St. in Speedway. All single adults are invited to attend this semi-formal affair. Refreshments will be provided and a DJ will supply enter-tainment. For more information call the following people after 5 p.m.: Denise Albrecht 247-8311, Vicki Borre 299-9112, Dave Miller 293-1239, or Dennis Eckert 291-0977.

Key persons in archdiocesan agencies and other Catholic groups will be interviewed

in the coming weeks for a professional management study being conducted by Fatima Retreat House. The study will gather infor-mation to determine how Fatima, as the archdiocesan retreat center, may better serve its constituents.

An Irish Christmas at the Roof will be co-sponsored by Cathedral High School and the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, Dec. 28 in the newly renovated Indiana Roof ballroom. A social hour at 6 p.m. will precede a dinner catered by the Marott and dancing to former Cathedral graduate Tim Barnett's 14 piece orchestra. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call Susan Lord in Cathedral's development office at 543-4940 for tickets or informa-

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will hold its annual Christmas Brunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 in Meridian Hills Country Club, 7099 Springmill Rd. Tickets are \$15 per person. Call Mrs. M. Kennedy Bryant at 253-2864 or Mrs. John Huebi at 251-1114.

Central Indiana Regional Blood Center needs volunteers to assist at local blood drives by registering donors, serving re-freshments and observing donors' reactions. Volunteers work flexible hours one or two times monthly, or evenings and weekends if they wish. For information call Mary Osborn at 926-2381.

St. Barnabas Parish will dedicate the organ in its new church building, located at 8300 Rahke Rd. at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. John Gates, organist for St. Mark Church, will play a recital which is open to the public in honor of the occasion.

 Oaklawn Memorial Gardens will sponsor a Christmas Mass celebrated by Franciscan Father Justin Belitz at 12 noon on Sunday, Dec. 21 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Chapel on the cemetery grounds

ANNIVERSARY—"Bill Pearson Day" was celebrated at St. Mark's School to honor his 25 years of service as custodian. Shown here with his wife, "Mr. Bill," as he is referred to by years of service as custodian. Shown here with his wife, "Mr. Bill," as he is referred to by the students, was treated to a program of skits, songs, "raps," cheers, and poems recapping highlights of his quarter century there. His son, Randy, and guests including former pastors Msgr. Leo Shafer and Msgr. Francis Tuoby, and former teachers and Religious from the school, joined the present pastor, Father Richard Lawler, and principal Mickey Lentz for the tribute. A luncheon followed the program in the church hall.

Penance services for Advent

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have announced communal penance services for Advent. Several confessors will be present at each location. Parishioners are encour-aged to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation at a parish and time which is convenient.

Following is a list of services which have been scheduled, according to deanery:

Indianapolis North Deanery

Dec. 14, 3 p.m., St. Joan of Arc.

Dec. 14, 5 p.m., St. Andrew. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Matthew. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Pius X.

Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence.

Indianapolis West Deanery

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph.
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Gabriel.
Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity.
Dec. 21, 2 p.m., St. Anthony.
Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Michael.

Indianapolis South Deanery

Dec. 14, 4 p.m., St. Mark. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Jude. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Nativity.

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Central Catholic at St.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., Holy Name.

Indianapolis East Deanery

Dec. 12, 6 p.m., St. Mary.

Dec. 14, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., St. Simon. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Holy Spirit. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Greenfield. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Holy Cross. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Philip Neri.

Dec. 18, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Little

Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes.

Batesville Deanery

Dec. 14, 2 p.m., St. Maurice, Decatur Co. Dec. 14, 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception,

Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Maurice, Napoleon. Dec. 15, 7 p.m., St. Louis, Batesville. Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist,

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Magdalen, New Marion.

Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Martin, Yorkville. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception,

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Greensburg. Dec. 19, 7 p.m., St. Pius, Ripley Co. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne, Hamburg.

Connersville Deanery

Dec. 12, 7 p.m., St. Bridget, Liberty. Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Holy Family, Richmond. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Cam-

bridge City. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael,

Brookville

Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Rushville. Dec. 20, 12:05 p.m., St. Mary, Richmond. Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Richmond.

Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual

Help, New Albany.
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael, Charlestown.
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Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, Sellersburg.
Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart & St.
Augustine, Jeffersonville, at Sacred Heart.
Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Lanesville.
Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony,

Tell City Deanery

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Augustine, Leopold. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Cannelton. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Meinrad, St.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Martin of Tours,

Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Crawford Co. Dec. 23, 7 p.m., Holy Cross, St. Croix.

Terre Haute Deanery

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Rockville. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle,

Dec. 21, 7 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle,



Women's pastoral will not get to U.S. bishops for approval in 1987

WASHINGTON (NC)—If a "miracle" oc-curred, a refined and updated first draft of a planned pastoral letter on women's concerns could be ready by next November, but miracles are rare, said Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill., chairman of the panel drafting the letter.

The bishop, who chairs both the U.S. bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church and a separate but affiliated writing committee for the pastoral letter, said Dec. 2 that four of six chapters of the pastoral had been written and two

more were under way.

Meanwhile, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops announced Dec. 2 that the Committee on Women in Society and in the Church had been changed from "ad hoc" to a standing committee of the bishops. The

Bishop Imesch that the newly upgraded committee intends "to take positive steps to advocate the equality of women

"We've done an awful lot of writing," Bishop Imesch said in the interview about progress on the pastoral letter. He added that by late February, when the committee meets, "we will have written a rough draft of the entire letter."

But the committee will need several months after that to make refinements in the draft before it is presented to the NCCB Administrative Committee, he said.

This means that it is likely to be early 1988 before a honed, updated first draft is released to the public, he added.

"I suppose if a miracle happened we would be ready in 1987," he said. A miracle "is a possibility. They happen sometimes. (But) I haven't had any yet," he said.

The Michigan Catholic, newspaper of the Detroit Archdiocese, Bishop Imesch said the letter will focus on concerns raised by women during various local hearings. These include, he said, "women's desire to participate in the church decision-making that affects them, sexist language, and the fact women want to be appreciated for the gifts

On the subject of women's ordination he noted that women "who were angry before are now angrier.

"Women who have expectations of ordination are now having to face it that these expectations are not going to be met," the bishop said. "The issues dealt with in the letter will not be the answer to everything

Bishop Imesch's Dec. 2 statement on the work of the Committee on Women in Society and in the Church said the committee has

directed the bishops' conference staff to review and take appropriate action on legis-lation affecting women. The statement then went into more detail.

"We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and of the Roman Catholic Church," the statement said. It continued, "Within the parameters of these teachings, and with respect for the viewpoints of all women, we will give positive support to all legislation or initiatives that promote the dignity and the personhood of women and that promote equal opportunity and rights for women.

The statement said that "many women have clearly articulated the pain they have experienced from inequalities and injustice" and "have expressed their desire for recognition of their dignity as persons, for equal opportunity and rights, for partnership, allowing all women and men to achieve their full potential.

"In addition to supporting, a firming and advocating legislation to foster women's equality, we ask that attitules toward women in the church and church practices regarding equity for women an iployees be studied and that women be involved in all discussions of issues affecting heir lives,' the statement concluded.



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Assessing the 99th Congress

by Liz Schevtchuk

WASHINGTON (NC)-As 1986 draws to a close it also brings to an end the 99th Congress, which leaves behind a mixed legacy of social justice

One highlight of the congressional term was the tax reform bill. The new tax plan removes some 6 million lowincome taxpayers from tax rolls. It also ends some tax loopholes, including those which supporters of the bill said had harmed family farmers while aiding big inves-

Charitable groups, how-ever, including Catholic Charities USA, have com-plained that the tax plan also would hurt charities by letting the tax deduction for charitable contributions by nonitemizing taxpayers to expire.

In other action, Congress held the line on important prolife initiatives through such actions as a continued ban on use of federal funds for abortions not needed to save a woman's life. But it made no progress on any constitutional ban on abortion or even on a permanent prohibition on gov-ernment-funded abortions.

And in another issue that drew Catholic response, efforts were defeated to add the death penalty to legislation aimed at curbing drug abuse.

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After six years of bickering
by three different congresses,
the 99th Congress finally passed an immigration bill. But
the new law contains both
pluses and minuses, according
to church officials. One key worry is that sanctions against employers for hiring illegal aliens may foster discrimina-

Congress refused Reagan administration requests to end some federal social service programs for the poor, but it also rejected efforts to adopt an alternative budget that would have cut defense spending and increased funding for social programs.

And it went ahead with funding for such controversial programs—opposed by the U.S. bishops' conference—as military aid to the "contra"

rebels in Nicarage a and funding for the MX m ssile.

In a yearend ar alysis, Network, a social justice lobby founded by nuns, described the 99th Congress as "contentious, messy, politically (ivided" but one which "produced a record of accomplishment which touches every phase of U.S.

The U.S. Catholic Conference, public action agency of the National Corference of Catholic B'shops said in its own analysis that there were some major successes for the " on the bud et and tax fronts.

However, according to the USCC analysis, "several one-time-only 'savings' were counted toward reducing the fiscal year 1987 cefficit, and the corresponding magnitude. the corresponding deficits in the following)
years were ignored."

"All this means that the 100th Congress, which will convene in January will face much worse deficits," the USCC analysis added. "In 1987, a non-electio year, domestic programs will again face the threat of severe cuts, and massive grass-roots efforts will be needed to protect" assistance to the poor and disadvantaged.
On another front, Congres

also refused to enact a provifamilies with both parents at ome to receive w states. About half forbid families where the parents live together to get the benefits.

Congress also authorized funding for several child nutrifunding for several child nutrition programs, in-luding the school lunch program in which Catholic schools participate, "at a significantly ower level than need indicate s."

Capitol Hill, in ts \$576 billion ornnibus appropriations bill, also provide i approximately \$290 billion or defense, billion is that the administration's request of approximaterials approximately approximately \$290 billion less that the administration's request of approximately services of approximately servic

istration's request of approximately \$320 billion.

Congress earm rked some \$1.1 billion for MX nissile production, and provided \$3.2 billion for the Strate ic Defense Initiative, though the President Reagan had vanted \$5.3

The pastoral letter on the economy

Participation is key element in economic justice

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC)-"What does the economy do for people? What does it do to le? And how do people participate in ("Economic Justice for All," No. 1.)

In the opening lines of the U.S. Catholic bishops' new economy pastoral, the third question—How do people participate in the economy?—is the one that gives the pastoral its distinct flavor.

The first two are also important moral questions, but only the third treats people actively rather than passively.

Only the third defines human dignity and rights in terms of the person's right to build, contribute, help—to work with others in fulfilling God's creative design for the world.

It leads the bishops to say that the nation must concern itself not only with providing economic necessities to the poor and unen ployed, but with enabling them to find employment and get out of poverty. It goes past treating the poor as objects of charity and demands power for the powerless.

The 54,000-word economic pastoral h

already been compared frequently with the bishops' 1983 peace pastoral as a model of significant religious leadership.

The new pastoral specifically analyzes the policy directions on economic issues such as unemployment, poverty and welfare, farming and food production, and international economic relations.

But its purpose is moral teaching, not technical discussion, and the moral principles developed in the document are far more important to it than any specific

"Our letter turns to Scripture and the social teachings of the church," the bishops say in a short pastoral message accompanying the letter. "There we discover what our economic life must serve, what standards it must meet."

And a central principle they argue for in the pastoral, based on a theology of man's place in creation, is the idea of economic participation as a human right.

The bishops say that, just as each person's ability to participate in the political process is essential to guarantee political and civil rights, so each person's ability to share in the economic process is essential to economic rights.

Since work is such a central means for people to meet their material needs and to make their contribution to the life and growth of the community, "people who are both able and willing to work, but cannot get a job, are deprived of the participation that is so vital to human development," the bishops sav.

Other moral principles the bishops spell out in the letter, as summarized in the accompanying message, include:

► "Every economic decision and institu-

Bishops stress human dignity

WASHINGTON (NC)—Human dig-nity is at the heart of the bishops' new economy pastoral.

In the bishops' view, economic deci-sions are moral decisions and economic rights are human rights because they affect human dignity.

"The economy is a human reality...

People shape the economy and in turn
are shaped by it," the pastoral says.

It insists throughout on interpreting
economic realities in human terms.
"Serious economic choices go beyond
purely technical issues to fundamental

purely technical issues to fundamental questions of value and human purpose."
"The U.S. value system emphasizes economic freedom," it says, but "the market is limited by fundamental human rights." These include economic rights, which "are prerequisites for a dismified life in community." dignified life in community."

"Every human person is created as an image of God, and the denial of dignity to a person is a blot on this image,

Various Levels of authority

WASHINGTON (NC)-"The movement from principle to policy is complex and difficult," the U.S. bishops say in their new economy pastoral.

As a result not everything the bishops say should be interpreted at the same level, they say. "Our judgments and recommendations on specific mic issues...do not carry the same moral authority as our statements of universal moral principles and formal church teaching

On the one hand, the bishops insist, "moral values are essential in deter-mining public policies."

On the other hand, they say, the specific judgments they make about concrete issues depend "not only on the moral force of our principles, but also on the accuracy of our information and the validity of our assumptions" regarding the factual situation

What the bishops ask of Catholics and other fellow Americans is "serious tion" of the pastoral and deal ing with differences in a "spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue."

Catholics are asked to use the economy pastoral to help them "deter-mine whether their own moral judgments are consistent with the Gospel and with Catholic social teaching.

tion must be judged in light of whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person" because "the economy should serve people.

▶"Human dignity can be realized and

protected only in community" because peo-ple are social beings.

> "All members of society have a special obligation to the poor and vulnerable." This principle, deeply embedded in the Scrip-tures, today is often called the "option for the poor"—a recognition by Christ's followers that "those with the greatest needs require the greatest response." the greatest respon

► "Human rights are the minimum conditions for life in community," and these cutions for life in community," and these
include not only political and civil rights but
economic ones. "All people have a right to
life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical
care, education and employment."

"Society as a whole, acting through
public and private institutions, has the moral

public and private institutions, has the moral responsibility to enhance human dignity and protect human rights.... This does not mean that government has the primary or exclusive role, but it does have a positive moral responsibility in safeguarding human rights and ensuring that the minimum conditions for human dignity are met for all."

The pastoral calls for "a new American experiment" in sessions economic rights

for human dignity are met for all."

The pastoral calls for "a new American experiment" in assuring economic rights and participation, comparable to the American experiment in political and civil rights and participation over the past two centuries. It says such an experiment, requiring creation of "new structures of economic partnership," would involve changes in economic cooperation at every level, from the workplace and local community to regional and national levels and "across borders."

The letter also focuses on the need for the

The letter also focuses on the need for the church—meaning all Catholics, not just bishops, priests, Religious and lay officials who form church leadership—to witness economic justice by action as well as to

This, the letter says, must be done within church structures—parish-based groups, parishes, dioceses, Catholic organizations and institutions—and by Catholics in the family, school, workplace, community and

Behind structural changes to achieve or enhance economic justice, the bishops say, there must be personal conversion and com-

mitment by individuals.

"We should not be surprised," they say,
"if we find Catholic social teaching to be demanding. The Gospel is demanding.

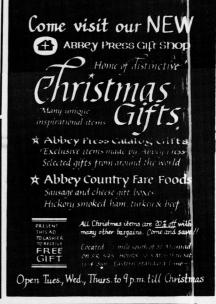


RIGHT TO WORK—The glow of an arc welder is seen on his mask as he contributes his labor to a restaurant under construction in Salem, Va. "All people have a right to life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, education and employment," the new U.S. bishops' asstoral, "Economic Justice for All," states. The pastoral questions how human dignity will be defined in terms of the person's right to work, build, help—to collaborate with others in fulfilling God's creative design for the world. (NC photo from UPI)



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New ND president called real sharpshooter

WASHINGTON (NC)—The new president-elect of the University of Notre Dame, Holy Cross Father Edward Malloy, is a real

sharpshooter, according to longtime friends.
"When Monk shot, we just walked to the
other end of the court. There was no question about it going in," recalled Billy Barnes, a high school teammate commenting on Father Malloy's basketball career.

Father Malloy, a 45-year-old Washington rather manny, a very mount washington native who is now associate provost and associate theology professor at Notre Dame, will succeed Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh next May. Father Hesburgh will have headed Notre Dame for 35 years.
Nicknamed "Monk," Father Malloy as a

boy in Washington was a forward on Archbishop Carroll High School's 1958-59 basketball team, one of the greatest in city history with a 28-0 record and tournament trophies to prove it.

Carroll's team included center Tom Hoover, who later played for the New York Knicks during a five-year pro career, and forward John Thompson, the current Georgetown University basketball coach who played two seasons for the Boston

In a telephone interview with the Catholic Standard, Washington archdiocesan newspaper, Father Mailoy said his high school team had "the physical capability to play with anybody" and that "we were an unselfish team."

After starring at Carroll, Father Malloy went on to play college basketball for Notre

Father Malloy said his nickname had nothing to do with his later priestly ambi-tions—he was tagged with it by an older neighborhood boy nicknamed "Bunky." neighborhood boy nicknamed "Bunky."
After he regularly referred to the boy as "Bunk" that boy in turn dubbed him

"He was always called Monk. We never knew his name was Edward," said Barnes, who grew up in the neighborhood and has taught math at Archbishop Carroll for 23

Barnes said he played many hours of basketball with the future priest at Turkey Thicket, a local playground not far from The Catholic University of America. "Monk" was a leader of the pickup games there, earning the honorary title of "mayor of Turkey Thicket," Barnes added.

"I wrote him a letter and said it was a long way from (being) the mayor of Turkey Thicket to the president of Notre Dame," Barnes said, adding jokingly, "He's gonna have to pass the ball more up there."

George Leftwich, a Carroll teammate who later starred at Villanova, said he converted to Catholicism while at Carroll because of his friend's example.

Father Malloy said he would like to

Father Malloy said he would like to develop a collegial leadership style with an administrative team that would work well together-an unselfish team like the one he



'MONK' A CHAMP—Edward "Monk" Malloy, right, and Tom Hoover of Archbis op Carroll High School in Washington, accept the Knights of Columbus tournament champion hip trophy from Georgetown President Father Edward Bunn in this 1959 photo. Malloy, now ioly Cross er Edward Malloy, was named presid ent of the University of Notre Dame and vill assume his duties next May. The Carroll team that went 280 that season also included do in Thompson, who played two seasons with the Boston Celtics and now is head coach for the C corgetown son, who played two seasons with the Boston Celtics and now is head coach for the (corgetown Hoyas. Hoover played for the New York Knicks during a five-year pro career. Ma loy played on the Notre Dame team while an undergraduate there. (NC photo)

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Carpet Column

JIM O BRIEN

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

With the holiday season beginning to pick up momentum, the family home becomes a beehive of activity. Parties are planned, friends and relatives are visiting, the fireplaces are burning, children are home for a couple of weeks vacation from school, college and maybe the Service -WOW!!! Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday.

As the Sergeant on "Hill Street Blues" says after completing roll call, "Be careful out there." I say the same for your fine carpet - Be careful out

Be sure your fireplace is properly screened. Make sure the floor near your wood-burning stove is protected. Sparks flying can ugly out pretty carpet - a hot spark will melt nylon carpet and burn wool carpet.

Party punch and mixed beverages will stain carpet - blot the spillage up immediately and treat properly.

Bad weather is on the way so take extra care for tracking in ice and snow. Sometimes the beautiful snow you walk on has picked up oil and grease from the street, sidewalk or driveway then tracked onto your carpet. House animals don't stray too far from the house during bad - someone may walk where animals have left their imprint — then tracked onto your carpet. Animal paws track in, also.

Needles and decorative icicles from Christmas trees are a vacuum cleaner repairman's dream. They clog the hoses and housing of cleaners, reduce suction and cleaning power and end up

Above all - Drive Carefully and Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.

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Fundamental theme running through Bible is saving love of our God

God calls each person to intimacy with him

by Fr. John Castelot

Right after humanity has alienated itself from its Creator in the biblical story of the fall, he roundly denounces all the actors in the tragic drama. However, the curse leveled against the tempter contains an assurance that all is not lost (Genesis 3:15).

And before ejecting the man and the woman from his garden, God provides them with clothing so that they will not perish in the harsh, cold world to which they are being sent (Genesis 3:21).

In the story of Cain and Abel, after excoriating the murderous Cain, God is portrayed as giving him a protective mark to forestall any attempt of people to wreak vengeance on him. "'If anyone kills Cain, Cain shall be avenged sevenfold" (Genesis 4:15).

fold'" (Genesis 4:15).

The great flood is interpreted as God's punishment on a humanity which has so exasperated him as to merit extinction. However, God selects a little group, Noah and family, to survive and get people off to a fresh start (Genesis 6:5-8).

It is not hard to recognize a recurrent pattern here, a persistent theme. That theme is the invincible mercy of God. God is not a vindictive lawgiver but a loving Father. While he cannot condone his children's disobedience, he cannot utterly destroy them or leave them without hope either.

This is, above all else, a saving God. In fact, this basic theme is so strong that the whole account of God's dealings with humanity is called salvation history—not damnation history. It is a history rooted in the experience of his people at the time of the Exodus from Egypt. For first impressions are the strongest and the most lasting.

The first impression the people had was that of a saving God, one who on his own initiative, intervened to rescue them from insufferable bondage and lead them eventually to become a nation in their own right.

So deep was this first impression that it was to color the Israelites' whole understanding of their relationship with God. The theme of the loving kindness of a saving God is the fundamental theme of the whole Bible.

After the disaster of the Israelites'

Babylonian exile, the historians of Israel looked back over the 700 years that had intervened between their entrance into the Promised Land and their present sorry plight. What had gone wrong? The beginnings had inspired so much hope.

As they reflected on the events which made up their past they discerned a pattern, a theme. It has been called the theme of "call, fall, recall." This was the cycle that they saw repeating itself.

God, as always, had taken the initiative in freely calling them into a relationship with him. His people responded gratefully, eagerly, determined to live according to the terms of the agreement. But with the passage of time and the influence of alien value systems, they fell—so far down that they could look in only one direction: up.

Looking up to God and crying for help, they found him always faithful, always ready to forgive, to recall them. And so the cycle began again—always, tragically, to repeat itself. Those are only some examples of the many themes running through the Bible that give it a coherent unity. Recognizing such patterns helps us to avoid missing the forest for the trees. It is so easy to get lost, bewildered by all the details.

But a recognition of the patterns, the unifying themes, makes it clear that the details themselves are far from irrelevant. They fall into a framework and take on meaning from that framework.

One realizes too that these themes are by no means foreign to one's own experience. The pattern of "call, fall, recall" marks the lives of all who try to live in a sincere relationship with God.

He calls each person to intimacy with himself. But other voices call us too and so often we listen to them and fall flat on our faces. Still, when we call to God for help, and as often as we do, he is waiting to recall us and start the cycle anew. Each time we begin again we are stronger, having learned from experience and having gained fresh courage from the experience of the never-failing, loving kindness of an essentially saving God.

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Message on a pickup truck

by Neil Parent

As I walked toward the rectory on that warm spring day 10 years ago, I spotted the parish's old pickup truck parked in the driveway. Having hauled countless tons of food, clothing and furniture to needy families over the years, its dull-white body wore its scrapes and dents like campaign ribbons.

dents like campaign ribbons.

Drawing closer, I noticed that the truck was marked with graffiti. In bold, black letters starting at the rear of the cab on the passenger's side, and extending onto the door, someone had written: "Drugs is the answer."

But someone else had obviously not liked that sentiment and had drawn a thick line through the words. Above them the new author wrote: "Sex is the answer."

Alas, he fared no better than the first, for his message was similarly

crossed out. And across the bottom of the big hood was scribbled: "Jesus is the answer."

As I gazed at the truck, my feelings seesawing between amusement at the youthful competition and irritation at seeing an old friend defaced, I was reminded of all those "Jesus save" bumper stickers.

"Jesus is the answer" and "Jesus saves" are the kinds of expressions that say both everything and nothing at the same time. They crystallize some fore truth of our faith; they reflect one of the Bible's great themes; yet they are so unnuanced and overused that they can be virtually devoid of meaning

What does it mean to be saved In the New Testament salvation is presented with a variety of meanings It is deliverance from sin (Acts 5:31); his the attainment of immortality (2 Timothy 1:10); it is entrance into the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:25, Mark 10:26, Luke 13:29).

Jesus does not say much about what salvation finally holds for us. But he does emphasize that it will differ si miciantly from our present experience of life (Matthew 22:30).

I like to think of Scripture's salv atton theme as somehow addressing all those aspects of life that leave us feling incomplete, unfulfilled, fragmet ted. Take relationships, for example. As we go through life we come to know many people who share important momen's with us: childhood friends, sweethearts, trusted confidants. Yet we are able to retain only a few of those relationships. The rest vanish with the years, leaving us with only faded memories. Salva ion

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This Week in Focus

The pages of the Bible are punctuated by a number of recurring themes. This week our writers present an overview of biblical themes and discuss why awareness of these themes can increase understanding of the Bible.

Father John Castelot says that the fundamental theme of the entire Bible is the loving kindness of a saving God. A professor of Scripture at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, Mich., Father Castelot provides an interesting discussion of what is known as the "call, fall and recall" theme of Scripture

Dominican Father David O'Rourke says that as one of its basic themes the Bible speaks of the value of ordinary life. It is vital that people who think of the Bible as a book for experts or as a philosophy text understand

this, he suggests. Father O'Rourke is a staff member with the Family Life Office in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.

Neil Parent, adult education representative in the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education, explores the biblical theme of salvation. Salvation begins here and now, he writes. It sprouts and grows as people attempt to model their lives on the life of Jesus.

Katharine Bird explores the theme of sin and salvation in the Bible. She interviews Passionist Father Carroll Stuhlmueller, a noted biblical scholar, who says that the theme of sin in the Bible always throws into relief the goodness and mercy of God. Ms. Bird is associate editor of the NC Religious Education Package.

The Bible is a family story

by Fr. David O'Rourke, OP

The Bible is not a philosophy text. It is a family story

Let me illustrate by telling of a father and his son. One day recently when I was helping a friend repair an uncooperative garage door, his 7-year-old son came up in anger and frustration, muddy streaks outlining the tears on his cheeks. "That stupid bike won't move. The wheels stick."

My friend walked over to the bicycle heaped on the sidewalk, worked the chain which seemed unusually tight and came back for his tools.

"Let me show you how to do this," he said to the little boy. When he asked for a wrench the boy picked up the largest one he could find. It just spun on the of ending nut.

My friend then picked out the proper wrench. "See how this socket wrench fits just right? The inside has to match the size of the nut. With this one I can loosen up the axle."

Then he showed his son how to use each wrench, the right degree of looseness the chain needed. When they were finished, for good measure they greased all the moving parts. A beaming little boy soon went

the moving parts. A beaming little boy soon went pedaling at full speed down the street.

"That was some lesson," I commented.
"My father was an expert in keeping bicycles in good repair," he replied. Then he laughed, "With four kids and these potholed streets he had to be."

A simple story. But what, you may wonder, does it have to do with the Bible? A lot.

The Bible was put together for people like this, ordinary people. And, perhaps most important, it was put together this way to highlight one of the most important themes—the importance of the ordinary.

Think for a moment of this remark by Jesus: "The

son...can do only what he sees the father doing and whatever the father does the son does too. For the father loves the son and shows him everything he does himself" (John 5:19-20). Is that a statement about the Messiah and the eternal Father? Yes. But it also tells of a Galilean carpenter and how he helped the boy he raised learn everything from the use of tools to the reading of Scripture.

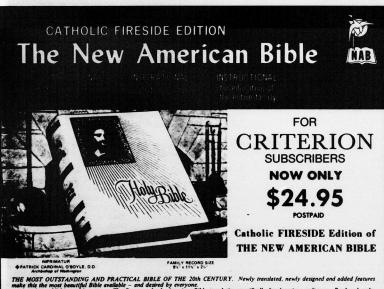
The Bible deals with many extraordinary issues, from the origins of life through to its end and purpose. There are no issues raised by philosophers and theologians that do not receive their moment somewhere in these pages.

But woven into the entire fabric of Scripture is the great value of ordinary human life. The Bible finds no better way to picture this importance than by describing a parent's love for a child. This love is the same repairing a broken bike in California as it was at the carpenter's table 2,000 years ago.



LIKE FATHER—Larry Hendricks helps his son put the wheels on a racing car the boy is building for the Cub Scouts. The author says that the Bible was written for ordinary people. Jesus said, "The son...can do only what he

sees the father doing and whatever the father closs the son does too. For the father loves the son and shows him everything he does himself" (John 5:19-20) (NC photo by Roger W. Neal)



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The Bible and Us

Sin is a break in relationship with God

by Katharine Bird

What does it mean to speak of "themes" in the Bible?

Passionist Father Carroll Stuhlmueller explained that a theme is "an important religious idea," often with roots in ancient events, which helps people to understand their relationship with God and with each other. A theme comes up again and again throughout the history of God and his people, added the professor of biblical studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

In the Bible, a primary theme is that of the "strong, personal relationship between God and humans in which God takes the initiative" and is concerned about what we do, Father Stuhlmueller explained.

Another biblical theme brings to the fore the sinfulness of God's people. The Bible portrays sin as "the rupture of a personal relationship with God or with the community," said Father Stuhlmueller.

Education Brief

Discover in Holy Scripture the history of our salvation

What do modern people long for? Happiness? Freedom from stress or anxiety? Fulfillment?

For the church, the days before Christmas always have been a time of longing—of expectancy. The mood of the Advent season echoes one of the Bible's great themes: the hope for a messiah and the awaiting of a time vhen God's promises will be fulfilled.

Like all seasons of the church's year, Advent is rooted in the Bible.

Advent's theme is an ancient one, reaching deep into the history of biblical people. The Israelites longed for freedom from oppression and suffering. But there was another side to this longing. Like parents awaiting a child's birth, the longing was expectant: It fired them with enthusiasm; their hopes for freedom were raised

To speak of the mood of longing and expectancy as a then e of the Bible is to say that as Scripture's pages are turned, this mood will be met again and again. Like a fine thread, it is woven into Scripture's fabric—now a little more dominant, now a little less

Other themes, too, color the pages of Scripture: God's love for the poor; the exodus theme that links liberation from death with a journey into new life in a new land; faith and faithfulness, illustrated especially by God's own commitment to people; love.

Of course, the Bible can be approached as a series of isolated passages—verses and chapters worth pondering in themselves. But the discovery of biblical themes opens another route into the Bible. It is the discovery of an unfolding history of salvation. It provides a new perspective on the Bible, allowing a glimpse of the overall unity found among its many books.

What is interesting is that the threads coloring Scripture's fabric are so universally appealing. The

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'Through Seasons of the Heart," is a collection of thoughts for each day of the year culled from the writings and audiovisual programs of Jesuit Father John Powell. These brief readings are arranged according to the year's four seasons. In the reading for Dec. 15, Father Powell states: "It is extremely important to realize that God's love is a covenanted and not a contractual love." When one party in a business contract fails to meet its commitment, the second party can withdraw. But "a covenant implies a promise of unconditional love," one never canceled. In the reading for Dec. 17, Father Powell says that had he been in charge of arrangements for the birth of Jesus, the whole message would have been lost "in the magnificence of my trappings Christmas really brings me to my knees and helps me to realize much more clearly what is important and what is unimportant." (Tabor Publishing, 25115 Ave. Stanford, Suite 130, Valencia, Calif. 91355. Hardback, \$12.95.)

"Whenever Israel wanders from the exalted hopes of God, there is sin."

But in the Bible sin is always an indirect theme. It throws into sharp relief "the goodness of God which is shown in his loving, persisting presence" in his people's life.

Father Stuhlmueller turned to the Old Testament Book of Hosea to illustrate the two themes.

In Hosea, the themes of sin and God's goodness are handled on two levels, he said: on the personal level in the marital relationship between Hosea and his wife Gomar; on a broader scale in the Israelite people's unfaithfulness to God and God's loving response.

In the first three chapters, the focus is on Hosea's rocky relationship with his wife Gomar, who repeatedly is unfaithful. "What comes to light," Father Stuhlmueller reported, "is Hosea's promptness in remaining faithful and hopeful, despite the terrible deeds" of Gomar.

But at Chapter 4 the focus switches to the broader social scene of the Israelites in the eighth century

human spirit finds them enticing, which may help to

explain why the seasons of the church's year are so

firmly rooted in the Bible.

In Advent, the universally recognizable theme of

human longing is linked with a recollection of God's

promise to his people. From this grows a refreshing

Just ask any child in the days before Christmas

Which takes us back to the point at which we began: What are you longing for? Undoubtedly your

longing and your expectancy find a clear echo in the

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what it means to be an expectant person

mood of expectancy

pages of Scripture.

B.C. Hosea indicts the people for "a general breakdown in their moral fiber and expectations," Father Stuhlmueller said. Hosea castigates the Israelites for lying and cheating, for injustice and a lack of concern for the poor and weak.

The beauty of the Book of Hosea, the biblical scholar indicated, is that Hosea "takes what is happening with his wife" and applies it to the larger picture of what is happening with the Israelites who are not living up to God's hopes. Hosea makes a connection between the bond of marriage and the covenant—the relationship—that God has with his people.

Throughout the book, "the Lord loves the people of Israel despite what they do," in much the same way that Hosea continues to love Gomar, Father Sti himueller said.

"God's goodness brings to light our shadow ide, those occasions when we fail to live up to God's hopes," just as human sin casts light on God's percy.

Thus, in Hosea's Chapter 11, God is angry with his people for their unfaithfulness. But he is unwilling to give vent to his anger. His attitude, as always, is forgiving.

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Discussion Points

The Bible is not a philosophy text. It is a family story, says Father David O'Rourke. What does he mean?

According to Father O'Rourke, the Bible is not divorced from the ordinary lives of people to Jay. Have you ever regarded the Bible as a bool for other people—people not like you? Why? Why not?

The pages of the Bible are punctuated by a number of recurring themes. What are some of those themes?

What difference might an understanding of biblical themes make in the way one approaches the Bible?

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Children's Reading Corner

Young Jean Vianney decides to be a priest

It was late at night. The French countryside was cold and still. The stars stood out in the black,

Inside the Vianney family's farmhouse a group of neighbors gathered secretly. The shades were drawn. Young Jean watched as a priest put on the

What Do You Think?

As Christmas approaches, think about the meaning of gifts. Do gifts need to be expensive to be good? Are there any gifts you can give that don't cost money?

Reading Corner:

How can you learn more about living in a way that creates happiness? "Blessed Are You—The Beatitudes for Children," edited by Father William Murphy, CP, is a little book that describes the Beatitudes of the New Testament as a happy way of living. It encourages attitudes and actions that flow out of the Beatitudes. For example, it encourages us to realize that everything we have is a gift of God; to believe that Jesus is with us to give us comfort and courage when we are sad; to know that we are showing mercy when we are kind to someone who needs a friend, when we help someone who is hurt or comfort someone who is crying. (Regina Press, New York, N.Y. 1982. Paperback, \$1.75.)

vestments for Mass. The boy remembered what his father had told him about this brave priest.
"If the soldiers catch him here at the altar, they will put him in prison and maybe even kill him.

These secret celebrations at night were part of Jean's life all during his childhood. He was about 4 in 1789 when the government closed churches after the French Revolution. Catholic families like the Vianneys risked arrest to let their homes be used as secret churches. Jean celebrated his First Communion during one of the secret Masses.

Jean's admiration for the brave priests that came at night continued to grow. When he was 16, the government allowed the churches to reopen.

Jean told his parents he wanted to be a priest. His father said no. He said he needed his son to help with the farmwork. There was no money for him to go to

But a priest from a nearby village agreed to teach Jean without cost. Jean studied for many years with Father Balley and was ordained a priest in 1815.

Father Jean Vianney became pastor of the church in Ars, a small village not far from his hometown. The people of Ars were not bad people, but they were not living like good Catholics. Few went to Mass on Sunday. They were not happy at first with their new priest who wanted them to change.

Father Vianney preached strong sermons about how his parishioners were living, but he went out of his way to show that he loved them. He visited their homes. He gave the poor almost everything he owned. He prayed and fasted for the people of Ars.

Slowly the people changed. They began to live good



Catholic lives. They came to love their pastor and he became famous all over France.

People came from far away to talk with I ather Vianney about their problems and to confess their sins to him. They came by the thousands. Each day the kindly priest sat almost all day and half the night in the confessional hearing people's confessions

For some 30 years he spent most of his time bringing people Christ's peace and mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation. When he died at age 73 in 1859, people felt Father Vianney was a saint.

In 1925 Pope Pius XI canonized St. Jean Vianney feast day is Aug. 4.

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Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 Psalm 146; 6-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 1986

by Richard Cain

Charles Revson, who built Revlon into a \$3 billion cosmetics giant once said, "In the factory we make cosmetics. In the store we sell hope

This Sunday's readings are also a response to the deeply felt human need for hope. At the time the first reading was written, Judah was desperately in need of hope. Her land had been devastated and her people taken into exile in Babylon. To add insult to injury, the Edomites, Judah's enemy to the south, had taken advantage of the situation to move up into the land.

In order to encourage the people, the author of this passage needed very powerful images of hope. So he went back to the exodus and creation. With back to the exodus and creation. With the power God had displayed in these two great events, he would rescue his people and restore them to their land. In the passage, there is the sense of a festive procession entering the promised land. In order to communicate the idea of a new creation, the author used images of gardens blooming in the desert. Lebanon, Carmel and Sharon were known for their rich vegetation and would have been especially evocative of the Garden of Eden.

The sense of a new creation is strengthened by the images of healing. The blind are the first to see the restored land. The lame leap, the deaf hear and the dumb sing with joy. There will be no sorrow or mourning.

There is also a sense of judgment in

this passage. But to the people of this time, this was a natural part of the restoration. After all, the Edomites had been the enemies of God's people. They deserved judgment. And if I am honest with myself in my moments of vindication, I find deep in my heart sometimes a similar desire for retribution.

But this desire can become a stumbling block to seeing how God is rescuing us. As we see in the gospel reading, it seems to have become one for John the Baptist. To understand why, we need to take a step back for a moment. For a long time, the prophets had been preparing Israel for the coming day of the Lord. This day would be both a day of reward and judgment. Isaiah refer-red to it as "a year of favor from the Lord,/and a day of vindication by our God." (61:2)

When Jesus began his ministry, he quoted from this passage (Luke 4:18). It is interesting to note, however, that when Jesus got to the verse announcing a year of favor and a day of vindica-tion, he stopped in mid-sentence! He did not read the part about a day of

When John the Baptist heard about Jesus healing people, this only con-firmed his belief that Jesus was the firmed his belief that vesus was the messiah. But when Jesus didn't bring about the judgment part, John was puzzled. So from prison, he sent a delegation of his disciples to question sus about the second half of the

Jesus responded with a riddle. History has not known a man born of woman greater than John. But the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than he. In other words, something entirely new was happening.

It's something like boiling water. If we put energy into a container of water, the temperature will steadily rise until it hits 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Then something funny happens. We continue to put energy into our water, but the temperature remains the same. What is happening is that the energy is being used to change the molecules from a liquid to a gas state. The water is becoming steam. Once most of the water has been turned into steam, then the temperature will begin to climb

A similar thing was happening in salvation history. For a long time God had been working in his people preparing them for the messiah. This process culminated in John the Baptist who was the prophet par excellence of the messiah. But when Jesus came, something new began to happen. God was creating a new people. This process is continuing today. So in a sense, the last 2,000 years have been a changing between states, a pause in the middle of a sentence! And that is what hope is, living in the middle of the word of God.

My Journey to God

Getting Close

by John L. Ostdlek, OFM

Quite a few visitors have asked about a small statue decorating one of our bookshelves.
It shows St. Francis of Assisi

standing at the foot of the cross of Jesus, looking up at Jesus. In his turn, Jesus is not only looking cown at Francis, but his right arm is from the cross and is draped Francis' shoulder.

Francis' shoulder.

Obviously, Jesus and Francis loved each other very deeply.

Now, suppose I take Francis' place there. Then what?

Jesus loves me and is willing to draw me as close as he drew Francis. He is willing to reach out to me as he did to Francis. No doubt ab suft that

The question is: and avilling to me close enough to Jesus so that can put his arm across my

Salvation can begin right now

Continued from page 11) in some way has to address this void; it has to turn absence into presence, isolation into union.

Another example would be all those who experience life filled with injustice, pain and sorrow. In some way salvation must right this seeming imbalance in

life's fortunes.

Need all such hopes and dreams wait until the next life? According to the New Testament, no. The salvation that Jesus brings can and does begin now. Salvation begins when we seek to build loving relationships, when we

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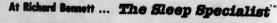
offer forgiveness, when we care for the needs of others.

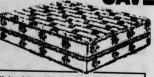
The salvation that Jesus offers begins like a newly planted seed in our hearts. It sprouts and grows as we strive to model our lives on Jesus. Thus we should have the hope and courage not only to await salvation but actively to seek its beginning for ourselves and

Jesus is indeed the answer. The mesage scrawled on the white pickup truck in the rectory driveway had it

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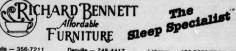
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FINNIAN PIED AT CLONARD OF YELLOW PLAGUE, WHICH SWEPT IRELAND AROUND 549. THOUGH CALLED A BISHOP IN IRELAND, IT IS POUBTFUL IF HE WAS EVER CONSECRATED A BISHOP. HE IS OFTEN CALLED "THE TEACHER OF IRISH SAINTS" AND AT ONE TIME HAD AS PUPILS AT CLONARD THE SO-CALLED 12 APOSTLES OF IRELAND, ONE OF WHOM WAS ST. COLUMBA. HIS FEAST IS DEC. 12.

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I'm assuming here, of course, that the Catholic partner is a person of intelligent faith and is reasonably practicing his or her faith. If that is not true,

celebration of Mass as part of the wedding ceremony could be as meaningless for the Catholic as for the

Family feelings and belief also must be considered. If the non-Catholic family, from its religious traditions, can appreciate the significance of the Eucharist

in a marriage ceremony there might be some advan-

Sometimes, however, in spite of appropriate explanations by the spouse and by the priest, the Mass remains unintelligible to many who should be able to

Another concern: Without special permiss on, the

participate prayerfully and understandingly in the

non-Catholic partner would not be able to join in

For these reasons, both partners must s

always takes place outside of Mass.

reception of the Eucharist at the Mass. This could

seem divisive to attending family as well as o the

desire the celebration of the Eucharist at the r wed-

ding. They must decide whether it will be so ritually

Please note again that all the above refere to a

marriage in which one is a baptized non-Catt olic. If the non-Catholic is not baptized the wedding ceremony

helpful or not for themselves and their loved ones.

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Ouestion Corner

lixed marriages

by Fr. John Dietzen

What is the Catholic law regarding mixed marwhat is the Catholic law regarding make a mass? I have attended several weddings in the past few years where Masses have been offered even though one party is not Catholic

Isn't it even more important for the (atholic and non-Catholic to receive the special blessings of a nupt al Mass? (Illinois)

Catholic legislation does provide A for the possibility of the celebration of a nuptial Mass at the wedding of a Catholic and a baptizec non-Catholic.

This possibility has existed for 17 years now. It is provided for in the Rite of Marriage and in Pope Paul VI's letter determining norms for interfaith marriages. his church.

So what you have seen is not at all uncommon or outside the law.

Many concerns must be evaluated by the bride and groom. Does the celebration of the Eucharist, or as Protestants often refer to it, the Lord's Supper, really have a religious significance for the non-Catholic partner? If it does, Mass may constitute a significant element in the wedding ceremony; if not it would be something only the Catholic would find important.

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The most obvious reason, of course, is that according to our theology the marriage of any two baptized persons is a sacrament, a communion of life between two people who because of their Christian faith are in a special way an image of the love between Jesus and

It must be said, however, as is repeated often in our church's documents on marriage, that such a possibility must be implemented with great care that it does not harm more than help the unity of the new husband and wife.

Open Year Round For All

Family Talk The money conscious teen

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: I have an attitude problem with my 15-year-old daughter which is seriously hurting our relationship. She seems totally focused on money.

My daughter seems to choose her friends by the amount of money they have (or seem to have). We give her an allowance but she always seems broke. When I buy her something she has a way of naking me feel cheap.

I find myself actively disliking this moneygrabbing, materialistic child. How can I improve things between us? (Ohio)

Answer: Welcome to life with a sophomore. In Greek the term "sophomore" means "wise fool." The problem has been around for quite some time. A sophomore acts very wise and self-assured. As the king says in "The King and I," he is very certain that "what he does not know is so."

A sophomore has very little life experience. Much of the view of the world which your daughter absorbs is materialistic and unrealistic.

Does anyone anguish over paying the rent for those lovely homes and apartments in TV land? D d you ever see ragged furniture in the living room or scruffy clothes on the kids? Money is a problem for many, many American families but on television the lack of money does not exist.

Spending money has become a mark of s atus for the modern teen. My daughter once told me in triumph and disgust: "Laura told everyone she spent \$50

winpin and disgust: "Laura told everyone said spent as for her shoes. I know where she bought them and I know she only spent \$40."

Your first step in living comfortably with a free-spending teen is to get your money-dealing out in the open. An allowance is a good beginning. Be sure you beth leave they would be settle what there has been much the set. both know how much she gets; what items the allowance must cover; how non-allowance items vill be handled and how emergency situations might be

Not all these problems can be solved in one session. However, holding an open discussion vith your daughter can start the process.

We suggest that an allowance for teens over all

their clothing, entertainment and school needs. Par ents provide room, board and medical expenses. If the allowance is not adequate to cover extraval ent clothes or to maintain a car, the child can i et a parttime job.

Such a program prevents an argument ϵ bout money every time the child needs jeans. E entually it also gives some much needed experience is managing

As your daughter has more life experier ce and as she has more experience with money her a titude is likely to change. Remember that a sophom re does not know nearly as much as she pretends to. You can help her learn about money just as you do about other aspects of life. Give her opportunities to manage money but stick to your decisions about how much money she should have. You have far more life experience than she

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Spaghetti Zen' for newcomers in Rome

ROME (NC)—When a letter mailed on one bank of the Tiber takes two weeks to get to the other, and rush-hour traffic seems only slightly faster, one may be forgiven for asking, "Why did I ever move to Rome

It has been asked by more than one American tired of diesel fumes, Gypsy pickpockets, gouging landlords and buses packed to eye-popping limits. The tourist's experience of the Eternal City's

churches and horse-drawn carriages can seem all an illusion once Rome becomes home.

As Father Thomas Powers, director of the graduate school of the North American College put it, many of the U.S. priest-students who arrive every year come with more than just luggage: "They bring a great many presumptions as well, and their presumptions do them in."

Rapid mail service, attentive waiters, orderly lines—these are a few of the expectations he advises them to check at the door.

But it isn't just a matter of Italian inefficiency vs. American standards of service. The operating principles of Roman life differ from any American city of equivalent size. Despite superficial evidence that Rome is just another blue-jeaned colony of American cultural values, quite a different heart beats beneath its cobblestoned exterior.

"Rome seems like a big city, yet it follows many village ways," said Kimberly Monari, an Italian-American and free-lance journalist who recently moved here

She cites as an example the three-hour lunch that bisects the working day, closing every government and church office and almost every shop. Not for love or money can one buy a loaf of bread at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Americans see time as money," said Father Powers. "Italians see time as a gift."

The first commandment of the Eternal City, therefore, is patience in all things. One might call it "Spaghetti Zen."

The long view comes as naturally as breathing, and their words of advice to Americans are often simply 'piano, piano" (slowly, slowly).

The Pope Teaches

His latest pastoral visit

In today's audience I wish to give thanks to God in a special way for the two-week pastoral v-fit that I made to Bangladesh, Singapore, Fiji, New Zeeland, Australia and the Sa vcheles. This pilgrimage has been a service and an experience of the chur. In in these countries. I am most grateful to the bishops and to the respective governments for their invitations and to all those who prepared and made possible this long and fruitful journey.

I was especially presend to ordain in Diacoa (Bangladesh) 18 new priests for that amail but fer vent Catholic community which lives in the midst of a predominantly Moslom population. In Singapore I encountered a Christian community which reflects a very rich veriety of ethnic traditions; in the Fiji Islands the whole visit was marked by the colorful Polynesian tradition.

The visit to New Zeeland was centered on the theme of peace: "Peace of Heart is the Heart of Peace." The service of peace in New Zeeland embraces the particular solicitude of society and of the church for the Maori population and for ecumenical collaboration among the various Christian communities.

The Australian stage of the journey was the longest. There I met representatives of the abordinal peope, who are seeking a just recognition of their cultural heritage and of their legitimate rights. The church in Australia is only 200 years old, her presence there coinciding with the arrival of the first European settlers. Tod ay the great ethnic diversity of its people is a striding richness of Australian life. The church's service, through her perishes, schools and family apostolate, as well as through her dedication to the slok and the needy, is most generous and committed.

During the brief stopover in the Seychelles I had the pleasure of experiencing the warm-hearted hospital ty of that inclian Ocean nation.

Throughout the entire visit the hope I shared with the various local churches was that Jesus Christ would be ever more fully the way, the truth and the life of the world in which we live. To all who lo



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'Name of the Rose' doesn't make it on film

Technically, the Middle Ages were not the Dark Ages, but they are terribly gloomy in "The Name of the Rose," Jean-Jacques Annaud's expensive movie version of Umberto

Eco's international bestseller

Annaud is the director whose "Quest for Fire" (1982) was another grimly disturbing tour into the deep past. If nothing else, his films help you appreciate the 20th century. "Rose" begins

in cold gray daylight and gets progres sively dimmer, into incessant fog, smoke and night, lighted only by candles and

The murkiness is arguably appropriate, since this is a mystery story set in the dank passages of a 14th century Benedictine abbey in the cold mountains of northern Italy. Still, the first requirement of a movie is that it be visible, and this may be the first film you have to watch with a flashlight.

humane Franciscan scholar-detective, William of Baskerville, tries to unravel a puzzling series of violent deaths among the monks. Many, fearing the Devil, are eager to turn the problem over to the Inquisition. But William, aided by his novice-companion Adso of Melk (young Christian Slater), is both a wry Sherlock Holmes figure and a model of the happy mixture of Faith and Reason. What he uncovers is a bizarre (but very human) conspiracy to defend God by preserving human ignorance.

The abbey is a repository for one of Europe's great libraries, and the murders are designed to prevent discovery of one of its treasures, Aristotle's legendary lost manuscript on the theory of comedy. The villain engages William in debate on one of those issues dear to the medieval mind: did Christ laugh? is comedy good for Christians? or will it distract them from the serious business of penance and salvation?

"Laughter kills fear," the bad guy observes. He goes on: "Without fear of the Devil, there can be no need of God... If men can laugh at God there is

This fanatic, who has more than a few kindred spirits in the modern world, also believes the library exists to preserve truth, not to aid in the search for it. Searching, like comedy, only encourages

But William is clearly an ancestor of Chesterton. He believes in laughter and the humor of a benevolent God, and in the freedom of the human mind, even in faith, to explore and question.

The attentive Catholic is bound to be reminded of the eternal contradiction in the church: it is composed of human beings, yet claims to be the repository of unchanging truth and the protector against intellectual temptation. The issue rubs today as it did six centuries ago, and it is an idea that attracts scoundrels as well as saints.

The movie's example is the obnoxious Inquisitor (F. Murray Abraham), who arrives late and blames the abbey's wicked events on two oddball heretic monks and a grimy peasant girl he takes for a witch. When he decides to burn them, not even William can oppose him, because his authority is, unhappily, absolute.

Provocative as some of this may be, Annaud and his quartet of writers fail miserably to get much more of Eco's rich 500-page novel on the beauties, complexities and lore of monastic life on the screen.

The image of the abbey and its denizens, including the Franciscans and the arrogant papal legates who come to debate (relevance bell ringing again) the issue of the church's wealth vs. Christ's poverty, is relentlessly ugly, even

The giant abbey, which feeds the poor by dumping garbage out of its sluice-gates, with its towers, catacombs and labyrinth, is a haunted Spielbergian

castle, peopled by diseased lunatics. The characters range from a grunting hunchback who dines on rats to an aged wild monk whose glassed-over eyes kept reminding me of Marty Feldman.

All (except Connery and Slater) are encouraged to overact as if they were auditioning for Wagner's "ring" cycle. Most of them seem cast and made up for horror show about vampires.

Typical of Annaud's rampant earthiness is the potentially touching episode in which young Adso is seduced by the peasant girl, who is destined to become his one memory of human love. The sex scene is gross and animalistic, and the disheveled girl never utters a human syllable, even after the innocent Adso's prayers to the Virgin have apparently miraculously saved her from the stake and William from the fire that destroys the library.

Eco's novel is complex and difficult, though a great deal of literary fun. But it's the sort of clever achievement that resists translation into film. Some of its qualities still manage to surface through the debris of this movie. But admirers of the novel will be mostly frustrated, while the uninitiated search in vain 'or Peter Lorre and Vincent Price.

(Unintentionally funny and fuzzy monastic melodrama; sex scene, moderate violence; not recommended.)

USCC classification: O-morally offen-

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How organized religion has survived in Soviet Union



SOVIET RELIGION—Many ornate houses of worship can be seen thro Union but many no longer are used for religious purposes. The state of religion in the U.S.S.R.—from officially tolerated expressions of faith to secret ceremonies which participants attend at their own risk—is the subject of "Candle in the Wind," a documentary airing Dec. 15 on PBS. (NC photo)

How religion has managed to survive in the Soviet Union despite the official state credo of atheism is the story told by "Candle in the Wind," documentary airing Monday, Dec. 15, 9-10 p.m. EST on PBS.

Not entirely dispassionate but scrupulously factual, this program is devoted to the tragic story of what happened to Russia after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. Going from privileged status under the czars to proscribed enemy of the state under the commissars was the fate not only of the Orthodox Church but also that of all organized religion.

The party line from Lenin to Stalin consistently advocated the eradication of all vestiges of religion in the new Soviet society. Only the need to rally the entire peoples of Russia in the war against the Nazi invaders forced Stalin to halt his war against religion.

Since then the Soviet authorities have tolerated officially registered religious communities but have strictly controlled their activities. According to the program, there are some 3,000 churches, 450 mosques and 50 synagogues for an estimated 100 million Russian believers.

In a state that so severely limits the availability of places of worship, one cannot talk about the "freedom of religion," certainly not in the same sense as in the West. The current Soviet persecution of the Jewish minority and of unregistered evangelical Christian groups has been reported in the press.

Less well understood, however, is the difficult position of the Orthodox Church whose very survival had meant some degree of compromise with the Soviet system.

The program mentions briefly the problems of Catholics in the Ukraine and Lithuania, which Pope John Paul II has indicated an interest in visiting.

Written and directed by Arthur Bar-

ron, a documentary film maker whose career includes four Emmy awards. "Candle in the Wind" penetrates the clouds of Soviet disinformation and anti-communist rhetoric to present a clear and historically documented study of the plight of believers under communist rule

Some will find the program riveting because of extensive use of rare Russian film footage from archives in the Soviet Union, Europe and the United States.

It is a fine documentary, giving no evidence that it originated five year ago as a graduate thesis project of its executive producer, Eugene Shirley.

The result, narrated by veteran actor John Carradine, is excellent television but even more important, a program that will have considerable use in schools and libraries for many

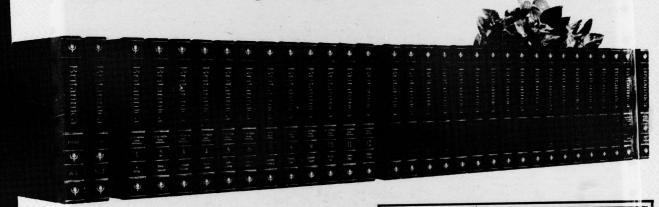
TV Programs of Note

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Monday, Dec. 15, 8-9 p.m EST (NBC) "Mickey's Christmas Carol." The Disney stable of characters per-form in a series of short an inated segments with Yuletide themes One seg-ment, "The Simple Things," is a 25-minute featurette, the first starring Mickey since 1935, which tells children about sharing and the special meaning of Christmas giving.

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December 12-13-14

A Retreat for Women will be conducted by Benedictine Father Martin Dusseau in St. Jude Guest House at St. Meinrad Archabbey. Call 812457-6585 for information.

December 13

Providence High School, Clarksville will hold a free exam for incoming freshmen from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call Rene Lippman 812-945-2538 for information.

The Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will hold a Christmas Party in St. James auditorium after 5:30 Mass in St. James Church, 1152 Cameron St. \$8 cost. Call Al Boat 787-2852 or Paul Arkins 787-4011 for information.

St. Christopher Singles will sponsor a free semi-formal Christ-mas Dance for single adults from 8 p.m.-midnight in the school base-ment, Lynhurst and 16th St.,

December 14

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

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

Solemn Evening Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at 4 p.m. in Mount St. Francis chapel.

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will hold its Annual Christmas Brunch at 12:30 p.m. in Meridian Hills Country Club. \$15/person. Call 253-2864 or 251-1114 for informa-

Anointing of the Sick will follow 9 a.m. Mass in St. Luke Church. Social hour follows in reception room. Call Doris Dimond 846-9049 or Jean Wawrzyniak 259-4373 for information.

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Our Lady of Everyday Circle #1133, Daughters of Isabella will hold a Christmas meeting, covered dish supper and gift exchange as its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Home, 2500 Church-

South Central Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will hold a Wine and Cheese Social at 7 p.m. in the K of C Hall, 4th and Wahnut Sts., Bloomiester. For information call Patington. For information call rick Fitzgerald 812-336-1500.

The Office of Worship will sponsor a Seminar on the Revised Order of Funerals from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N.

December 16

Father Jeff Godecker will con-clude his Advent series on "From Head Trips to Foot Trips" at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 545-7681 for informa-

The Archdiocesan Board of ducation will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Parish, Colum-

December 17

The Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will hold a support meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Election of officers and program by Sr. Connie Kramer on the Moltanelizer Than During tha Holic "Loneliness Trap During the Holi-days." 5 p.m. Mass in Cathedral chapel.

December 18

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics of St. Christopher Parish invite all interested persons to a "Welcome-Open House" from 7:30-9 p.m. in the parish activity room

The Advent Evening Series con-cludes from 7:30-9 p.m. at Alverna Retreat House, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 257-7338 for information.

December 19-20-21

A Christmas Family Retreat will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817 weekdays between 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for information.

December 21

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Holy Name Parish, Beech

Grove will sponsor Christmas Concert '86 at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Helen Gasper 786-9767.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at a 4 p.m. Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, followed by a reception in the Cath-olic Center.

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Traveling with Mother Teresa

by Harv Bishop

DENVER (NC)-Making a documentary film on Mother Teresa of Calcutta is an exhausting but unforgettable experience, said one of the new film's co-producers.

"When you are hitched to a saint it's a whirlwind," Ann Petrie said in a telephone interview from her New York of-fice. "I haven't taken a break

in five years.' Ms. Petrie, with her sister Jeanette, co-produced the film, which is simply titled "Mother Teresa." It opened in more than two dozen U.S. cities, including Denver, in

late November.
In the interview, with The
Denver Catholic Register, archdioce: an newspaper, Ms. Petrie said she and her sister 'wanted to give audiences an experience" of the nun.

They also wanted viewing audiences to see "what it would be like if you could travel with her, know Mother and what she is about. With Mother, what you see is what you get."

"We found Mother very different from our original con-cept of her "said Ms. Petrie. "The first big shock was the breadth of her work. When you think of Mother you think of India, but her order is active in 70 countries on all five

"She works with the sisters nd brothers of her order in the slums of New York, Chicago and Detroit. She is in rich countries as well as poor. he doesn't discriminate. She has a great sense of human-ity," Ms. Petrie said.

Ms. Petrie said Mother Teresa does not make much of er celebrity status although her celebrity status aitnough she "recognizes that part of her work is to speak not only to the materially poor, but also to the spiritually poorest of the poor."

poor."

"She is speaking to everybody, people who may be desperately lonely even though
they are very rich," Ms. Petrie
said. "She has extended her
ministry to reach out in different ways to touch the poor erent ways to touch the poor of another kind.

"She doesn't evangelize or try to convert," Ms. Petrie added. "She only talks of the importance of God's love. I think in her heart she still prefers working directly with people. The last time we saw her in New York, the first place she visited was her new AIDS house. She had to see h people. In Calcutta, the first place she goes is the House of the Dying. She has to be

"She has tremendous instincts for dealing with pro-blems and crises. She has the ability to be executive general of the United Nations or to run General Motors.

Ms. Petrie said Mother Teresa's "strength is her spirituality and faith." She spends four hours of her average 18-hour days in prayer, said Ms. Petrie



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YOUTH CORNER

Lauper song 'True Colors' says that it's OK to like yourself

by Charlie Martin, NC News Service

TRUE COLORS

You with the sad heart, don't be discouraged/though I realize that it's hard to take courage/in a world full of people/you can lose sight of the light/and the darkness makes you feel

Refrain: But I see your true colors shining through/I see your true colors/That's why I love you/So don't be afraid to let them show/Your true colors, true colors/Are beautiful, like a

Show me a smile then, don't be unhappy/I can remember when I last saw you laughing/If this world makes you crazy and you've taken all you can then/You call me up because you know I'll be there.

Repeat refrain twice

Sung by Cyndi Lauper, written by T. Kelly and B. Steinberg © 1986 by NC News Service

darkness inside makes you feel so small.'

Unfortunately, sometimes we forget this inner rainbow exists. We think we lack whatever it tales to be successful or liked. We feel out of place with others, and feel like we have no real value. Our true colors are hidden behind a wall of doubt and fear, so much so that we no longer see our inner goodne

When we feel like this, we tend to compare ourselves with others. And we almost always seem to come up short. This kind of comparing miss the boat. It only makes us feel smaller and colder.

Our lives are often filled with pressure from school, and sometimes even peers, and sometimes even from our families. The

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for others to see our gifts than for us to see them.

than trying to be someone else. Doing this is not selfish or Only by being ourselves can let our true colors shine. conceited It takes courage. Give someone the privilege of 1986 by N. News Service

self will shine through. As

Lauper says, we really are beautiful. Believe it! All of us

face difficulties and times of

insecurity. But they don't wipe

gifts, how much you have that

can make other people's lives better. If you have a hard time

doing this ask a friend or an

adult you trust to tell you what

gifts you have to share with

others. Sometimes it is easier

away our rainbows. Remind yourself of your

'Lifesigns' schedules for Dec. The following are the schedules for the 'Lifesigns' series for December on the four Central Indiana radio stations that carry the program. All times are E.S.T. WICR-FM, 88.7, Indianapolis, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.; WWWY-FM, 104.9, Columbus, Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; WRCR-FM, 94.3, Rushville, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.; WAXI-FM, 104.9, Rockville, Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 "The Phone" — St. Mary, New Albany
Dec. 21 "Crying" — St. Monica, Indianapolis
Dec. 28 "Making It" — St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis

Upcoming CYO retreats

There will be a Christian Awakening retreat Feb. 18-21, 1987. The retreat is for high school seniors who want to take a dynamic look at themselves, others and God. The total cost is \$60 which includes a \$15 non-refundable fee that must be sent in with your registration. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 6. To register or for more information, contact the CYO Office. 580 E. Stevens St., Indpls., Ind., 46203 317-632-9311

There's still room in the Quest and Search retreats The Quest retreat is for freshmen and sophomores and will be January 9-10. The registra-tion deadline is Saturday, Dec. 20 The Search retreat is for juniors and will be January 22-25. The deadline for regis tering is Friday, Jan. 9. To register or for more information contact the CYO Office.

Retreat date changed

The day of the retreat for juniors in the New Albany Deanery has been changed to ry 23-25, 1987. It will be at Mt. St. Francis. The cost is 42 per person. Many parishes will pay half and there is also financial help available from the deanery. To register or for more information, contact the Aguinas Center, 707 W. Highway 131, Clarksville, Ind., 47130 812-945-0354.

Cathedral graduate

of Cathedral High School, has been named an All-American high school tennis player by e National High School Athletic Coaches Association and Prince Inc. Boyle led her

a freshman at Miami (Ohio University where her sister Kathleen, is a junior. Kathlee also received All-American honors while at Cathedral.

The annual Christmas Concert sponsored by Chatard High School music department will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 in the cafeteria. The program will in-clude the freshman choir, beginning band, advanced choir, concert band, jazz band and show choir, "Sound on

Stage." The choir will also per form at several locations t Indianapolis during the Chris mas season. Some of these is clude: Tuesday, Dec. 16, card ing at Methodist Hospita Thursday, Dec. 18, music d partment grade school tour and Friday, Dec. 19, an al school Christmas assembly

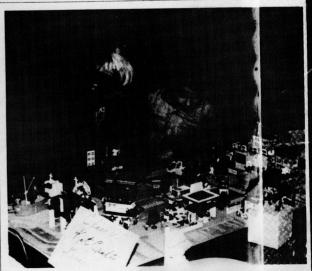
Housing needed for youth rally

Housing is needed for peo-ple who will attend the Mid-Winter Youth Rally the weekend of Feb. 7-8. Those who would like to open their home up to one or more participants

should contact the Aquina Center at 912-945-0354. Volumeteers are also needed for other work connected with the rall Those intere ted should ca

is named All-American Meg Boyle, a 1986 graduate high school team to the 1986 Cathedral High School, has state championship and is now

Chatard Christmas concert



CORRECTION—The maker of the lego city pictured above and on pg. 25 of the Oct. 31 issue was incorrectly identified. The maker was Ryan Schroeder of St. Plus X parish in Indianapolis. His entry won the Class "A" kit crafts division of this year's $CY \cup Bobby$ Show.

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Pope has busy weekend

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The principles of solidarity are closely connected with Christian values and should not be used to promote a class condict. Date Laborated to promote the conditions of the co conflict, Pope John Paul II told Catholic labor representatives.

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In a Dec. 6 speech, the pope called solidarity "a fundamental expression" of human nature and Christian love rooted in Christ's injunction to "love one another as I have loved vou."

I have loved you.'"
The met at the Vatican with participants The first at the valuean with participants in a national congress of the Workers' Movements of Italian Catholic Action, diocesan vice presidents of Catholic Action and members of the Fifth National Catholic Action and the control of the Fifth National Catholic Action and the catholic Action an bers of the Fifth National Congress of the Christian Workers' Movement.

Also Dec. 6-7, the pope met with members of a symposium on Catholic universities and peace. He sent greetings to Lithuania on the eve of the ordination of a new auxiliary eve of the ordination of a new auxiliary bishop and told Italian pilgrims that weekly diocesan newspapers "have a great value in the structure of the local church." The pope told the workers they should not limit their solidarity to matters of self-inter-

"True solidarity must always be present wherever one finds the subject of work—that wherever one rings the subject of work—that is, man—in conditions of poverty, of misery, of exploitation, of injustice," he said. However, he cautioned that "the way to

However, he cautioned that "the way to improvement cannot pass through hate, systematic divisions of social groups, violence and oppression."

Calling Christ's sacrifice on the cross for paper and improvement can be considered to the cross for paper and improvement and

Calling Christ's Sacrifice of the Cross for mankind's salvation "the most sublime form of solidarity," the pope encouraged Christian labor movements to affirm values of dial-

ogue and peace in their social action efforts. At a national and international level, the At a national and international accognition to said, solidarity means the recognition of the interrelationship of many different

The solidarity at a national level calls

for the commitment of all responsible forces, public and private, so that the progress of some is not paid for by others with exorbitant sacrifices and humiliations," he added.

During a meeting with various Catholic groups a short while later in the Vatican's Paul VI auditorium, the pope spoke to pil-grims of the Archdiocese of Udine, Italy, commemorating the anniversary of their

commemorating the anniversary of their weekly newspaper, The Catholic Life. The pope said weekly Catholic news-papers—through the "correct interpretapapers—through the "correct interpreta-tion" of church events, news coverage of local events and various columns—help to bring the faithful together as "a great fam-ily." The pope also stoke to market oring the rathrith together as "a great tam-ity." The pope also spoke to members of a symposium titled "Peace: The Challenge to the Catholic University." He said Catholic universities are "necessarily committed" to universities are "necessarily committed" to helping build a "mentality of peace" in con-formity to the message of salvation. The symposium, the first to be sponsored by 20 ecclesiastical institutions of higher

arning in Rome, met Dec. 3-6.

Before addressing the symposium's par-ipants, the pope met privately with one of the keynote speakers, Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, director general of UNESCO.

Also Dec. 6, the day before the ordination of a new auxiliary bishop in Lithuania, the pope sent a telegram expressing his "com-munion and paternal affection" with the Lithuanian church.

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The telegram to Archbishop Domino Ludovice Povilonis said the pope would be "united in thought and in the eucharistic collaboration to the contract of the collaboration to the contract of the collaboration to the contract of the collaboration to the coll celebration to the prayers of the bishops, priests, seminarians and faithful" witnessing the ordination of Bishop Vladas Michalutions a Lithuanian seminarian

ing the ordination of bisnop viatas microelevicius, a Lithuanian seminary instructor.

The new bishop will assist Archbishop Povilonis, apostolic administrator of the Lithuanian Archdiocese of Kaunas and the



HANDS OFF—Vandalism several years ago to a statue of Jesus in front of Christ the King Church in San Diego left the statue without hands, so the pastor placed a sign at the base to reflect the mission of the people of God. The sign since has been rep aced by a permanent plaque. The current pastor, Jesuit Father Robert Fambrini, says i e has been offered money to repair the statue that he has turned the offers down. (NC photo

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Strong Catholic presence in Congress

Still outnumbering other faiths, Catholics in Congress down by one

WASHINGTON (NC)—Although still outnumbering other faith groups, the 141 Catholic senators and representatives in the upcoming 100th Congress will be one short of the record set in the 99th Congress, according to a survey.

The 99th Congress convened in January 1965 with an all-time high count of 142 Catholics.

The 141 total in the upcoming Congress, which convenes Jan. 6, is identical to the number of Catholics who took seats in the 98th Congress in 1983—a Catholic record at the time.

Of the 141, 95 are Democrats and 46 are Republican.

The biennial survey, by Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, shows that Catholics in the upcoming Congress will have nearly double the strength of their closest runners-up, the Methodists, who have a total of 74 members of the House and Senate and are followed in turn by the Episcopalians, with a total of 60.

Those three Christian churches led in membership in each of the previous two Congresses as well, Americans United said. And like the Catholics, Methodists and Episcopalians also lost strength from the 99th Congress—down by two and seven, respectively.

Americans United added that the upcoming Congress is the first since 1962 in which the number of Catholics declined.

The new Senate will have 19 Catholics—beaten out in top denominational strength in that chamber by the Episcopalians, who claim 20 senators, including John Danforth, R-Mo., an Episcopal priest. The House of Representatives will have 122 Catholics.

By state, the Catholic members of the Congress and their respective party affiliations are:

SENATE

Alaska: Frank H. Murkowski, (R); Arizona:
Dennis DeConcini, (D); Connecticut: Christopher
J. Dodd, (D); Delaware: Joseph R. Biden Jr., (D);
Iowa: Tom Harkin, (D); Louisiana: John B.
Breaux, (D); Maine: George J. Mitchell, (D);
Maryland: Barbara A. Mikulski, (D);
Massachusetts: Edward M. Kennedy, (D); John
Kerry, (D); Minnesoda: David Durenberger, (R);
Montana: John Melcher, (D); New Mexico: Pete
V. Domenici, (R); New York: Alfonse M.
D'Amato, (R); Daniel P. Moynihan, (D);

Oklahoma: Don Nickles, (R); South Dakota: Thomas A. Daschle, (D); Larry Pressler, (R); Vermont: Patrick J. Leahy, (D).

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Lungren, (R).
Colorado: Dan Schaefer, (R); Connecticut:
Barbara B. Kennelly, (D); John G. Rowland, (R);
Florida: Connie Mack III, (R); Daniel Mica, (D);
Clay Shaw, (R); Illinois: Marty Russo, (D);
William O. Lipinski, (D); Flank Annunzio, (D); Edward
R. Madigan, (R); Lynn M. Martin, (R); Lane
Evans, (D); Richard J. Durbin, (D); Melvin Price, (D).

Indiana: Peter Visclosky, (D); John P. Hiler, (R); Francis McCloskey, (D); Andrew Jacobs Jr. (D); Jowar Tom Tauke, (R); Dave R. Nagle, (D); Jim Ross Lightfoot, (R); Kansas: Jim Slattery, (D); Kentucky: Romano L. Mazzoli, (D); Jim Bunning, (R).

Louisiana: Lindy Boggs, (D); W.J. (Billy)
Tauzin, (D). Maine: Joseph E. Brennan, (D);
Maryland: Roy Dyson, (D); Thomas McMillen,
(D); Constance A. Morella, (R); Massachusetts:
Silvio O. Conte, (R); Edward P. Boland, (D);

Joseph D. Early, (D); Edward J. Markey, (D); Joseph P. Kennedy II, (D); Joe Moakley, (D); Brian J. Donnelly, (D).

Michigan: Dale E. Kildee, (D); David E. Bonior, (D); Dennis M. Hertel, (D); John D. Dingell, (D). Minnesota: Vin Weber, (R); Bruce F. Vento, (D); Gerry Sikorski, (D); James L. Oberstar, (D); Missouri: William (Billy) Clay, (D); Jack Buechner, (R); Harold L. Volkmer, (D); Montana: Pat Williams, (D).

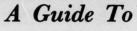
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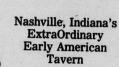


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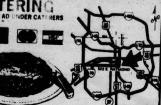
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Fr. Andrew Greeley tells all (again)

Father Andrew Greeley. Simon and Schuster (New York, 1986). 507 pp., \$18.95.

> Reviewed by Joseph R. Thomas NC News Service

Humility, it is clear from this entertaining biography, is not one of Father Andrew Greeley's virtues, though he lays claim to many other skills, seemingly including even clairvoyance.

Had the leadership of the church listened to him back in the '60s and '70s, the widely known church sociologist implies, it would not now be in the kind of a mess he believes it

will take a century to clean up. The church as an institution, he says, has "reached the bot-tom of the barrel."

However, the church not and his survey findings, it more or less "forced" him to exist on its periphery, and there he turned to story-telling and self-hypnosis as a way of sorting out the questions that plague him.

The engaging nature of Father Greeley's book is a point to be noted, although this is not his best book by any

author bares his soul in assessing his own work, because he has achieved a certain level of fame or notoriety, because

controversy seems to have followed him most of the days of his precarious clerical, parochial and academic life, and because he knows how to put bite in his words as well as anyone writing today.

And what about his controversial novels? Are they indeed on themes inappropriate for a priest? Or are they "theological novels, stories of God, comedies of grace" as Father Greeley views them? He offers a strong defense of his fiction toward the end of his autobiography, and the marketplace has made a judg-ment of its own, one not necessarily in accord with the views of the author or his critics.

Though Father Greeley's

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confessions provide the fascination of an intimate glimpse of a creative mind at work they are not together a literary masterpiece. The book is too much of a screed for that, and the interjection of smart-alecky and artificial conversations with self. Lady Wisdom, and adoring teenagers is a distracting gimmick.

Here, though, is Catholi-

cism's counterpart of Howard Cosell.

Here is Father Greeley in roles as varied as colors in a paint store-priest, sociologist, novelist, genius, doomsayer, savior, scholar, pro-phet, critic, victim, martyr, friend of teen-agers, jolly good fellow, psychologist, romantic and knight errant. Clearly Father Greeley longs for acceptance, especially by his

fellow priests, by his archdiocese (although it must be on his terms), by friends from the

But community has been a fragile thing in his life and rejection, real or imagined, has dogged him and hurt him as only the sensitive can be hurt. That helps to explain why Father Greeley, unwilling to shackle the drives that have set him apart, appears to be doomed to wander on the fringes of the church carrying a lumberyard of grievances on a shoulder

(Thomas is editor in chief of The Christophers.)

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COGHILL, Paul M. (Pete), 80 St. Mark, Indianapolis, Nov. 28. Husband of Helen; father of Timothy P. Kinnamon; grandfather of

† CROCKETT, Norma J., 47, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 26. Sister of Betty Grannan.

DIETZ, Robert M., 29, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Nov. 28. Son of Mr and Mrs. Robert E.; brother of Joseph M., Timothy P., John W., Deborah Osen, Mary Ann Ruhana and Jane Ellen; grandson of Margaret Kirk and Lawrence Dietz.

† DOWLING, John J., 63, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 28. Hus-band of Joan J.; father of Terry, Tim, John, Tom, and The Puglielli; grandfather of 11.

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† GRIESHOP, Eleanor E., 83, St. Louis, Batesville, Nov. 30.

thuffMAN, Alma L., 86, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Nov. 22. Mother of Charles R. and Walter W.; sister of C. Shelby Knott; grandmother of three; greatgrandmother of five.

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Bishops explain Hunthausen statement

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Bishop Povish commented that "the difference between the declaration 'just and reasonable' and the judgment 'deserves our respect and confidence' was vast" in the view of the bishops.

The second key element of support, according to the Lansing bishop, was that Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States "was present throughout (the discussions) and must surely report to the Holy See that five hours of tense discussion, the like of which I have not witnessed in my 16 years in the NCCB, was necessary to approve a statement recognizing that we can't do anything."

Other bishops spoke similarly about the tensions the bishops felt during the dis-

Archbishop J. Francis Stafford of Denver said the Seattle case made the November meeting the "most significant and the most difficult" he had attended in his 10 years as

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., also a bishop for 10 years, said the closed-door meeting was "the most tense and intense session I've ever attended as a member of the bishops' conference.

Despite the tension, there was also a clear consensus at the end, according to the

"Many of us still had a lot of lumps in our stomachs and unanswered questions in our minds," said Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, "but it (the agreed statement by Bishop Malone) did seem to me the best that could be done at the moment.

publicly with the almost unanimous agreement of the approximately 260 bishops voting," wrote Archbishop May.

Some bishops said they wished their discussion could have been public. "Having heard everything now, I think most could have been said in an open session," com-mented Bishop Pierre DuMaine of San Jose, Calif. "The tone and caliber of the discussion could have been enlightening to our people."

He backed more openness, he said,

"because we can't leave our people at home confused and uncertain."

Bishop DuMaine added, however, that "every attempt to clarify without full disclosure will continue to raise new questions and problems. Perhaps we need to examine the criteria of secrecy . . . I think this is a communication problem as much as a

Archbishop William Borders of Baltimore said he thought the problems which arose from the secrecy of the Vatican's procedures in Seattle might prompt the Holy See to "take a hard look at this. They will see we're living in the public eye, and systems of one generation are not necessarily good for another '

In an effort to develop a calmer atmosphere, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn, N.Y., ordered a group planning a prayer-and-dialogue session in the Brooklyn cathedral to change its plans

He said he was happy with their plans to pray for Archbishop Hunthausen, but he would "not allow" discussion of the controversy in the cathedral. "It is so complex and sensitive that I don't see any benefit coming out of public discussion, 'he said.

The group changed the original program

to make the session one of prayer.

Ohio bishops oppose contraceptives in school

by Mike Collins

COLUMBUS, Ohio (NC)-The "false safety net of con-

COLUMBUS, Onto (NC)—The "taise safety net or con-traception or abortion" should not be encouraged by school clinics, Ohio's bishops said in a statement issued in November. The bishops' statement addressed several issues on the agenda of the Governor's Task Force on Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy.

The bishops said they "support the need for expanded efforts to provide (health) care through the increased use of paid and volunteer qualified medical practitioners in all schools.

and volunteer qualified medical practitioners in all schools. We further urge increased cooperation among local schools, parents and local health departments."

They said, however, that "school-based clinics often open the door to the distribution of contraceptives to the students and or to initiating referrals for contraceptives and abortions.

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We feel constrained to oppose such a development."

Instead, the statement encouraged already proven religiously neutral and effective programs to assist teachers in inculcating in the students healthy attitudes about them-selves and their sexuality which do not rely on the false safety net of contraception or abortion."

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Parents are the primary educators of their children, the hishops said, adding that education on "the meaning of human sexuality is particularly sensitive."

Some sex education programs, they said, "treat sexuality in a comprehensive manner including the moral, spiritual, psychological, emotional and physical dimensions. Others ical almost exclusively with the physical aspects, without

eference to values or ethics.
"The latter method is unacceptable, and parents have a right and duty to protest programs which violate their own moral and religious convictions," the statement said.

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Cardinal Law criticizes bishops' meeting coverage

ROME (NC)-Boston Cardinal Bernard Law has criticized news media for inaccurately portraying the November U.S. bishops'

meeting as a struggle between two factions.

In a recent interview with the Italian magazine 30 Giorni (30 Days), the cardinal also said he did not see himself as the Vat-ican's spokesman in the U.S. church, but only as "a simple bishop in communion with my brothers and with Rome, without any pretense of putting my personal stamp on the church that is in the United States."

Cardinal Law's comments during an interview in Rome in November were published in the December issue of the maga-

In the interview, the cardinal said media coverage of the November bishops' meeting in Washington painted a polarized picture of recent church events.

"The mass media are interested in sen-sation," the cardinal said. "In other words they transform reality into polarities."

ecifically he cited coverage which por-



trayed him and St. Louis Archbishop John May as leaders of two opposing factions within the church. Archbishop May was elected president of the bishops' conference, a post for which Cardinal Law also was

The cardinal also said press interpreta tion of Bishop James Malone's proposal that U.S. bishops meet with the pope before his visit next year as a sign of a rift between Rome and the United States was off the

Press emphasis on divisions "impedes the

rees emphasis of utvisions impacts du-understanding of reality," he said. Recent events within the U.S. church must be understood within the context not only of the media coverage, but also Western culture's "hostility to the faith" and American pride in its democratic system, he added.

Americans are proud of their democratic system, Cardinal Law said. But he added that problems arise when the rules of a political system are applied to the church.

"The church is a society that does not function according to the rules of democratic

Because polls show a divergence between the practices of U.S. Catholics and church teachings it does not follow that the church must change its teachings, the cardinal said.
"On the contrary, these surveys can

make the church more aware that it has before it a great challenge," he said.

During the interview Cardinal Law ex-pressed his dislike for the expression "Ame-rican church" because it can imply a church separate from the churches of other con-"The 'American' church in its essence is not the sum of the present com-munities on American soil," he said, but a part of the "universal church willed by Christ and spread throughout the world.'

From this it follows that a national bishops' conference "is simply an instru-ment to help the single bishop," he added, "a most useful instrument, but with powers well defined by the Holy See and absolutely unable to deprive the bishop of his preroga-

Cardinal Law said that while some may see the new center of theological study he is opening in his archdiocese—the Pope John Paul II Institute—as a conservative think-tank, he has no such ideological intention. The cardinal said the center's purpose is to study contemporary culture's hostility to the faith and to reflect upon a Christian anthropology

He has also described the center's job as helping bishops restate church teaching "ir a way that is more compelling to the contem-

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Bishops' statement seen as boost to activist missionaries

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (NC)-The U.S. Catholic bishops' new statement on the missions gave needed support to sometimes con-troversial missionaries "who stand up for oppressed Third World people," said Mary-knoll superior general Father William

Father Boteler is head of some 800 Maryknoll priests and brothers around the world. He said the missions statement, approved by the nation's bishops in mid-November, was "strong affirmation of the work our missioners are doing around the world. We really needed that."

"Missioners who stand up for oppressed Third World people sometimes find themselves under fire back home," he said. "We are criticized for becoming too socially or politically involved."

But with their new statement, he said, "the bishops have given us the go-ahead to continue pushing for justice, to be heralds of the kingdom, and to be deeply concerned for the life and dignity of the people we serve." The bishops' statement, titled "To the Ends of the Earth," says it is the respon

Quoting from a recent Vatican documen on liberation theology, it says the church i preaching the Gospel message seeks to lit erate people not only from slavery to sin bu "from many different kinds of slavery in the cultural, economic, social and political spheres, all of which derive from sin."

Father Boteler said the bishops gave clear message to missionaries that "we mu follow Christ's example (in living and worling among the poor) and not become dicouraged by criticism, and we must continu our struggle to participate in the liberatio of the oppressed." Missionaries, he added, challenge th "narrow concerns" and "selfish interests

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