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Cardinal Jaime Sin delights St. Rita assembly

by Margaret Nelson

Cardinal Jaime Sin challenged the congregation of St. Rita Church in Indianapolis to take their roles as ministers of Christ's church seriously

Christ's church seriously.

"Think of what a difference it would make in the life of the larger community if every member of the church would take that seriously—people spilling out of the church doors and into a serious, active ministry of love to the world," said the leader of the church in the Philippines.

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Cardinal Sin was the guest presider and homilist at a July 25 Mass at St. Rita Church that marked the 70th anniversary of the parish. The theme of the celebration was "We've Come This Far by Faith."

But the cardinal first caught the atte But the cardinal first caught the attention of the assembly by telling the humorous story of a couple celebrating their diamon wedding anniversary: "After the dinner guests had left, the wife was feeling very nostalgic. You used to kiss me tenderly, she said. So he leaned over and tenderly kissed her. ""You used to hold my hand, she said, so he reached over and took her hand in his. You used to gently bite my ear lobe," she said. Immediately, he cut and began she said. Immediately, he cut us and began she said.

his. You used to gettly old the live all loves, she said. Immediately, he got up and began walking out of the room. 'Where are you going?' she asked impatiently. To this, the man answered, 'You want me to bite your ear lobe the way I used to? Well, just wait

for a second. I'll get my teeth.'''

The cardinal used anecdotes to drive home his serious message. He noted that



SIN IN INDIANAPOLIS—Cardinal Jaime Sin, Archbishop of Manila, The Philippines, celebrates Mass at the observance of the 70th anniversary of St. Rita Parish, Indianapolis. At the altar are

Father David Coats, vicar general, and Divine Word Father Ponciano Ramos, St. Rita's pastor. Priests of the archdiocese are in the background. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

ave elements of nostalgia and tragedy. But when a parish celebrates its 70th anniversary, he said, "There is no tragedy, only celebration; and

the older it is, the bigger the celebration."

"An occasion like this one gives us an opportunity to assess and confront new challenges in your pilgrimage to God as a parish," Cardinal Sin said. "To perform the church's ministry, different roles are required of different people," said the archbishop of Manila. "What we do, many of us, is come to Jesus Christ to take from him what we can. We

come to church to have our needs met.

"But we discover very early that he is not accepting us on those terms. No matter what your secular vocation is, no matter what neighborhood you live in, while you are there you are in the full time ministry of

Cardinal Sin closed his homily by saying, "I pray that you will be the perfect people that you strive to be. I love you all very dearly."

Music during the liturgy included the

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Stallings 'willing to talk' Local black priests say Fr.

by Margaret Nelson

'Most of what Father George Stallings "Most of what Father George Stallings is saying has been said befrone," said Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, Father Waldon attended the 21st annual National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (MBCCC) last week in Milwaukee, Father Stallings spoke to the

A proposal by Father Stallings of Washington to establish an African-American rite within the Catholic Church became a major topic of discussion at the July 23-28 NBCCC conference.

July 23-28 NBCC conference. Father Stallings, former evangelist for the Archdiocese of Washington, founded the Imani Temple for black Catholiss in Washington July 2. Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington then suspended Father Stallings for celebrating unauthorized liturgies.

Since founding Imani Temple, Father Stallings has said he intends to stay within the Roman Catholic Church. Just as the church has allowed distinct rites for Latin

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and Eastern churches, he has argued, it should be possible for African-Americans to have a specific rite that reflects their history, culture and needs.

Fairner Stallings said a new rite would address not just liturgical issues but also religious education, economic justice and the hirring of black Catholics in decision-making positions within the church.

A spokesman for the clergy caucus, composed of brothers priests and deacons, announced on July 27 that it would "commit itself to a process of study, consultation and research for the development of an African-American rite."

"George (Stallings) is not saying any-

"George (Stallings) is not saying anything new," said Father Waldon. "Everything he said, the caucus has been saying for the last 20 years. Most of it, the American bishops have said before. Just to prove that this is nothing new, the theme of the caucus had been planned for four years." The theme was "Prophets in Our

'His goal is much bigger than black Catholic liturgy," Father Waldon said.
"His goal has to do with making African-American culture fully accepted within the church." That also includes the areas of empowerment, education and administra-

, he said. 'One thing that is important,' added her Waldon, 'is that George Stallings is "One thing that is important."

Father Waldon, "is that George Stallings is one person. We don't want his personality or anything that he does to become the focus. We don't want that to get in the way of the message he is bringing. The focus should be on what he is trying to say. And

Said Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith, president of the NBCCC, "I think the one president of the NBCCC, "I think the one message that came from the group was encouragement that Cardinal Hickey and George would begin to do some negotiating and deliberating over the issue. My sense is that George is willing to talk." Brother Roy, who works with Catholic Social Services in South Bend, grew up in Cardinal Brull, Cathodard, Paris, and and Paris, and Aris, and Aris

SS. Peter a Indianapolis. and Paul Cathedral Parish,

Indianapolis.

The meeting was attended by members of the National Black Sisters' Conference and the National Black Catholic Seminar-

ians' Association, in addition to the black

ians Association.

Clergy. Brother Roy's sister, Missionary of Our Lady of Africa Sister Demetria Smith, attended the conference. She said, "The present issue of the African-American rite."

Lorent us to come to grips with the

reality of our faith.

"There are social issues that need to be dealt with. Father Stallings has forced us to reflect and see what we should be doing about them as religious and as black Catholics. I certainly hope that there can be a reconciliation.

Brother Roy said, "What I think brother key said, what I think people came away with was more of a feeling of responsibility. One speaker said, 'As long as we acquiese, we, participate.' We can talk about our gifts, but we need to use them

"We also talked about the responsibility of black people to the black community—issues of education and health," Brother Roy said. "There was more intensity because of the situation of the bishops and George

Brother Roy said that Holy Ghost Father Albert McKnight of Lawtell, La., had planned to bring up the issue of an African-American rite since 1983. "It had been planned before. It is very interesting that it came up at this time."

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The caucus also included discussion on the need to be prophetic and the difficulty of being a prophet, Brother Roy said. "The other part of the theme was the whole need to listen to God. We talked about Amos, who spent a lot of time listening so that he was not doing what he thought he should do, but what God wanted."

Father Waldon said. "George Stallings just happened to give the whole conference invertes. The centeral feeling is that he may be a supported to give the whole conference invertes. The centeral feeling is that he may be a support of the contraction of the contraction

just happened to give the whole contrence impetus. The general feeling is that he may be a prophet. But you only know who is a prophet by hindsight.

"I think George is interested in reconcilation," said Father Waldon."He feels that he's never been away. The suspension is painful to him. He's not enjoying this. At the same time, he believes his goal is more

important than being suspended."

Holy Trinity pastor Father Kenneth
Taylor, who also attended the conference,

said. "Considering the sensitivity of the issue and people's feelings, the whole week come of really well. There was a lot of open dialogue going on. "You heard a lot of people saying. 'It's like a miracle!" Father Taylor said. "It could have been very difficult, because emotions on all sides of the issue were real

"The fact that we were able to have "The fact that we were able to have a discussion on the issue of racism in the church was important," Father Taylor said. "Through this, the whole church may be able to have an open dialogue about it. That would be a real good advance—if that were to happen and we could resolve to do something about it." But the lessolve to do something about it."

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Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Francis of
Newark, N.J., one of five black bishops
present at the conference, said that if the 13
U.S. black bishops find establishing a
separate rite for African-American Catholics "is at all possible, we will give it some
study."

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'It is not I that my church and archdiocese must be reconciled with, but (See FATHER STALLINGS on page 3)



Today's parish is healthier than ever before

The thesis of this column is that U.S. Catholic parishes are healthier today than they were prior to the Second Vatican Council. For some older people, that's heresy, of course. For younger people who never knew the pre-Vatican II church, it's probably irrelevant.

What brought this up was the 15th report to come out of the Notre Dame Study of Catholic Parish Life, a study Study of Catholic Parish Life, a study funded by Lilly Endowment that has been going on since 1981. It included a broad probe of 1,099 parishes and in-depth research on 36 parishes—six



IN GENERAL, PARISHES prior to Vatican II did have religious education for the young, but not organized programs for adults; grade schools in larger number than programs for adults; grade schools in larger number than now and with a majority of nuns as faculty, but without boards with lay members; choirs, but none of the liturgy or numstry training programs that exist today; sodality, rosary societies and prayer groups, but nowhere near the range of today's spiritual and evangelistic programs; especially not the divorced and separated; and some social service through St. Vincent de Paul, but no social action aimed at reforming societal structures or for promoting justice, peace and human rights.

Justice, peace and human rights.

Above all, pre-Vatican II parishes did not have lay governing boards or lay parish leadership. For anything to happen, it was all up to the pastor. Today parish staffs can range all the way up to 35 people where there are many progams in addition to a school. Most of these positions are filled by women, many disabone, and include the second control of the programment of the p are filled by women, many of whom are religious, but a growing number are lay professionals.

growing number are lay professionals.

BESIDES THE PAID STAFF today's parishes benefit from willing volunteers. The Notre Dame Study report says: "The educated Catholic population, both male and fernale, that has grown in the decades since the Gl bill, can offer many skills to the parish. In the American context, educated people have the expectation that they will be called on to serve, to take on responsibilities. Many have as much or more education than religious, priests, or biskops. They feel they know something about the running of organizations and they expect to be consulted. Our data show they they are slow to volunteer—nearly 70 percent of the most influential leaders had to be asked by the pastor or staff to serve—but once reaffirmed in their work, they often devote as much or more time to the parish as do paid staff."

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The report goes on to say that the study "found that 83 percent of those identified as the top parish leaders—i.e., those whose organizational savvy is sought and who got things done either from a formal position or informally—are unpaid volunteers."

The study also found that almost half of parish-con-nected Catholics participate in parish programs beyond religious ceremonies. Thirty percent are spending an average of five hours a month on activities outside religious rites; another 10 percent average 15 hours; three

percent average 25 hours, and another two percent devote almost all their discretionary time to their parish. Among volunteer leaders, those figures are much higher. About 20 percent of parish-connected Catholics now are involved in religious growth programs such as discussion groups, Bible study, Renew, or prayer groups. Most of these did not exist prior to Vatican II. With a greater percentage of Catholics participating in their parish activities. Howe is a growing sense of

their parish activities, there is a growing sense of community. The report says: "Parishes showing the greatest sense of community not only have more visible greatest sense or community not only have more visible instruments of lay consultation and sharing in governance (e.g., functioning parish councils; programs and staff responsible to committees and councils, in addition to the responsible to committees and councis, in admini to up-pastor), but they have pastors who are enablers, who convince parishioners to share the load because it is their parish. In parishes with less sense of community, decisions are more likely to lodge in the pastor alone."

IT IS, OF COURSE, IN the liturgy that the most significant changes have taken place since Vatican II, and, once again, it's because of the greater participation of the lairy. The report says: "With remarkable rapidity Catholics have grown accustomed to participatory rather than passive worship, accepting lay ministers including women in the sanctuary in most places. A large majority provided the provided changes as wholes."

positively like and others have adjusted to Vatican II liturgical changes as a whole."

Some people undoubtedly still miss some of the things about the pre-Vatican II church and there's no doubt that many of the changes were forced on the church by the declining number of priests and religious. But many of the changes have also come primarily because of a better-educated laity that would not have been satisfied with the church as it was, who would have insisted on assuming a greater role. And you can be sure that they will also expect to have a greater role in tomorrow's church.

Ecumenical spirit present in vacation school

by Tim Grove

Children from two Catholic and four Protestant churches in Jeffersonville brought the spirit of ecumenism to life last week during a unique vacation bible school

2 to be admitted to priesthood candidacy

Seminarians Thomas Clegg and Steve Schwab will be admitted to priesthood candidacy by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara in ceremonies Aug. 12 at Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis

Candidacy is the last formal step before diaconate and priesthood ordinastudy, spiritual formation and pastoral experience.

Clegg is a student at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati. This summer he is helping in the Metropolitan Tribunal and living in St. Monica Parish.

Schwab will finish his studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., this fall. This summer he is living in the SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral working at Holy Cross Parish, Indianapolis.



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Approximately 85 children from St. Approximately 85 children from St. Augustine and Sacred Heart Catholic churches joined 75 children from First Presbyterian Church, St. Łuke's United Christian Church, St. Łuke's United Christian Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Wall Street Methodist Church to celebrate their diversity in faith and unity in Christ at an Ecumenical Vacation Bible School July 24-28. Since its incention in 1075 Luckey.

school July 24-28.
Since its inception in 1975 by Margaret Walk, a member of Wall Street Methodist who died last year, the bible school has been a good-will effort designed to build ecumenism in Jeffersonville, where five

of the six churches involved rest in a three-block area of downtown.

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"There's something very profound about the bible school," said the Rev. Jim Brown, pastor of First Presbyterian, which hosts the event. "These kids, through a spirit of cooperation, catch more than they are taught. They sense a spirit that is far greater than anything we can teach them in a curriculum. We are teaching them that we care about each other by being together, which is Christ-like.

Rev. Brown continued, "When I was the age of these children, a Roman



PLAY TIME-Children play games with a full-size nylon parachute during a recreation period at the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School in Jeffersonville July 24-28. The exercises were led by Beverly Linck, a physical education instructor, who is not in the picture. (Photo by Tim Grove)

Catholic was forbidden to go into a Protestant church. Pope John XXIII led us in a new direction. That new direction emphasizes the things that unite us as Christians. Rather than being suspicious of one another, we respect each other and that allows us to be firm in our belief." beliefs.

beliefs."

Ann Northam, director of religious education at St. Augustine and coordinator of the ecumenical bible school, said, "I think the children are learning that Jesus is everywhere, that he is not just in their own church building on Sunday morning, but that he is in all the churchs."

The school included five three-hour ssions for children ages four through 14. sessions for children ages four through 19-.
They began each day with common prayer at 9 a.m. and they spent the remainder of the day in catechesis and recreation. Pastors from the five churches periodically visited with the children and described their own denomination's faith and wordsite sementarious. ship experiences

Northam said the bible school "plants the seed" for other ecumenical functions the churches of Jeffersonville might

Rev. Brown said the school's emphasis Kev. Brown said the school's emphasis on ecumenism helps allay prejudices and suspicions about unfamiliar denominations that the children might get from parents or gather from the media. "If we don't teach them that we're supposed to be suspicious of one another," he said, "they won't know it "."

Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule

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SATURDAY, Aug. 12 — Retreat for Archdiocesan Seminarians, Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, Ad-mission to Candidacy and Eucha-ristic Liturgy ay 11 a.m.

Eight schools to enroll students of all faiths

During the wesk of Aug. 14-18, eight Catholic elementary schools in Indianapois will hold a special enrollment period for students of all faiths.

"We are doing this because we know from experience that many of the people in our neighborhoods wait until the last moment before making decisions of this kind." said Providence Sister Barbara McCelland, principal of Holy Cross School.

At least half of the students in the eight

schools are non-Catholic, and at least half are from minority families, Sister Barbara said. At Holy Cross, many students are of Appalachian or Hispanic origin.

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Sister said parents who must struggle to make ends meet are willing to pay tuition because they want their children to have self-discipline and self-respect along with a good education.

"Our test scores are favorable, but we teach more than just lessons," Sister

Barbara said. "Minority and disadvantaged children gain special benefits from our emphasis on personal development."

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The eight schools are: Holy Cross, 125 N. Oriental St; All Saints, 337 N. Warman Ave.; Central Catholic, 1115 E. Tabor St; Holy Angels, 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.; St. Andrew the Apostle, 4030 E. 38th St.; St. Joan of Arc, 500 E. 42nd St.; St. Philip Neri, St N. Eastern Ave.; and St. Rita, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown St.

Inner city churches reach out to those in need

Second in an eight-part series

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Urban Parish Cooperative (UPC) pools the resources of 11 parishes to increase pastoral services to residents and the homeless in

The need for these outreach services has increased as the church membership and financial resources decreased. Director Daughter of Charity Sister Margaret Marie Clifford puts it simply: "Demands have gone up and the money has gone down."

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral is an example of a parish with an extensive outreach program. Besides the parishioners, volunteers from other churches assist.

ers, volunteers from other churches assist. But SPIPC—as the parish calls itself in its newsletter *The Bronze Door*—does quite a bit on its own. Once a month, there is a monetary collection to buy food for those who come to the rectory for assistance. And members help with all the parish outreach mightime. ministries

The oldest service is probably the breakfast program, which "has been going on since Depression days," according to Providence Sister Rita Clare Gerardot, who revoluence sister Rita Clare Gerardot, who recently ended eight years of service as pastoral minister. "Many people have been involved for many years," she said.

Held in the basement of the former

elementary school, the morning meal consists of coffee, peanut butter sand-wiches, rolls and other donated food. It is offered to the poor and homeless who wait outside the building every weekday morn-

Parishioner Pauline Barnhart has been involved in the program for four years. With the help of the staff, she puts the food on the buffet-style table, serves coffee and cleans up after the meals

The same facility is used for the Sunday The same facility is used for the Sunday dinner that feeds about 150 homeless and poor people each week. The meal is hot, generous and nutritional. All of the food is donated by individuals, groceries, bakeries, and farms. People from about 12 Indianapolis area parishes help collect, prepare and serve the food. Others schedule, make calls, and clean up afterwards.

wards. The dinner program was started about six years ago by Jim McGovern, late member of 5t. Thomas Aquinas. His widow Alice is still dedicated to the program. She fixed spaghetti for a July meal that brought diners back for seconds—and thirds. One ministry that is unusually active at One ministry that is unusually active at

One ministry that is unusually active at the cathedral parish is visitation of the sick. Sister Rita Clare said that the staff and parishioners visit the Catholics in 10 nursing homes within the parish boundaries, adding, "That is a lig ministry!" Add many of the parishioners are homebound

as well.

Church members are also involved as eucharistic ministers in nearby Methodist Hospital, under the supervision of the chaplain, Father David Lawler.

Another ministry on the premises is the Damien Center, which occupies the second and third floor of the old school building.

The center provides educational materia and counseling for victims of acquire immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and for their families.

"That ministry is growing by leaps and bounds," Sister Rita Clare said. "The number of people has really increased."

number of people has really increased."
Though the program is under the auspices
of the Episcopal Diocese, several SPPC
parishioners volunteer.
Frances Clouser helps at the Damien
Center switchboard two mornings a week.
She agreed with Sister, "You wouldn't say
the switchboard is overloaded, but there
has been quite an increase in the calls since

has been quite an increase in the calls since I started to help out."

The parish also has a unique hospitality ministry. Sister Rita Clare said, "Just because it is the cathedral parish means that the facilities are made available for many, many events. It's a very busy place; it takes lots of scheduling. Not only are there lots of weddings there, but time must

there lots of weddings there, but time must be scheduled for the rehearsals, too." Franciscan Sister Sandra Schweitzer has formed the Cathedral Guild with seven committees to help with this work. Sister Rita Clare said, "She gets people



BREAKFAST OUTREACH—Hungry people come in from the street to a breakfast of rolls and coffee served in the basement of the Damien Center building. Cathedral parishioner Pauline Barnhart serves coffee. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

from throughout the archaiocese volved and we really do need we really do need their

help."
Cathedral has its own unique needs to fulfill. The other UPC parishes are working to offer the ministries appro-priate to their boundaries. Holy Cross priate to their boundaries. Holy Cross coordinates one of the largest parish food pantry operations in the state, serving about 606 families a month. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, thousands of tamilies are supplied with food.

The Holy Cross pantry is strenuously manned by some of the people who could not themselves survive without the

food. Some UPC parishes have food pantries on their premises—including Holy Angels and St. Philip Neri. Others provide food or vouchers to those who

provide food or vouchers to those who ask for help.

Most of these programs are under the supervision of parish 5t. Vincent (GVDP) conferences, which obtain food from the Gleaners Food Bank at greatly reduced prices. Many UPC parishes serve as locations for federal food distributions.

tributions The staff and parishioners of Holy Cross also work with an ecumenical group. Metro Advocate Ministry, to provide job and benefits counseling services to people in the neighborhood. In fact, the Metro offices are on Holy

oss property. Holy Cross staff members and parish-

ioners are also very actively involved with Eastside Community Investments. with Eastside Community Investments, which has been able to improve housing conditions in the area. In March 1988, the older Holy Cross School building, was dedicated as Providence Flace, a renovated apartment building for senior citizens and individuals with low-incomes or handicaps.

Using its former convent, 5t. Andrew

operates a congregate living home for active senior citizens. Fourteen older adults are provided prepared meals and laundry service. They share dining and sitting areas, while having the privacy of their own bedrooms. The monthly rental

their own bedrooms. The monthly rental is minimal.

The building once used as a convent at Holy Trinity is now an adult day care center that offers daytime supervision and recreation for frail or handicapped adults. Catholic Social Services (CSS) sponsors the West side program, which also provides transportation, meals, and medical supervision to its clients on a daily basis.

daily basis. St. Philip Neri has answered a need by providing burial services for those in the neighborhood who die without suffi-cient funds. Some of the deceased do not belong to any church, but the parish works with generous funeral home directors to facilitate the necessary rites.

St. Philip is one of the schools (including Holy Angels, Holy Cross, St

the CSS school outreach counseling program. This has become especially important to those disturbed by nontraditional family situations.

Every UPC church has a staff ready to connect the needy in the neighborhood to services provided by CSS, SVDP, and other private or governmental agencies.

St. Joan of Arc houses the UPC offices in

its school building. Also working out of the school is the UPC-sponsored Volunteers in Ministry program, which director Ann Marie Hanlon calls "a religious Peace Corps." Seminarians and college students work with other volunteers to provide help for the UPC parishes and other center city social service agencies.

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St. Joan of Arc also provides space and supervision for an ecumenical neighborhood National Youth Outreach program offering athletic, social and spiritual activities for young people in the neighborhood. The northside parish meeting room was recently approved as a site for a county health chine for pregnant women and their infant children (WIC). Volunteer St. Joan of Arc parishinors; and staff members make Arc parishioners and staff members make appointments and work in the office, which offers food for the children and

which offers food for the children and health care for the expectant mothers. St. Bridget also finds itself in a hospital ministry. The pastor, Oblates of Mary Immaculate Father Thomas Scanlon, said that people from all over the country are being cared for in the IUPUI hospitals. "It is a real commitment of time and a real commitment of person as well," he said. The illnesses are often the well," he said. The illnesses are often the type that require repeated calls by the chaplain, he explained. Father Scanlon said that few students

who live in Lockefield Gardens Apart-ments on campus are Catholic. Some families of patients do reside there.

The St. Bridget pastor also visits Winona Hospital. And he said that more than two-thirds of his parishioners are "as old as I am." (He quipped that the priests who retired recently were four

years younger than he.)

"At the other extreme, St. Bridget's
day care serves the community very
well." Father Scanlon said. One of the well. Father Scanlon said. One of the oldest in the center city, the pre-school facility meets the needs of working mothers and single parent families. "We have extended the use of it to St. Mary's

(Chia Center).

The UPC ties together all these outreach programs by consulting with the parishes, coordinating staff meetings with parish leaders, and providing shared volunteers.

(Next: Education in the center city)

Cardinal Sin helps St. Rita's celebrate anniversary

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theme hymn, and others: "Mine Eyes
Have Seen the Glory," "Swing Low,
Sweet Chariot," and "How Great Thou

Art."

Talking with reporters before the Mass, the cardinal said that Philippine President Cortzon Aquino reluctantly followed his advice to run in the 1986 election. "I was the one who told her to run. I told her the people wanted her. She ran and she won."

Cardinal Sin said that the Philippines

form a young country that has large debts remaining from the regime of Ferdinand Marcos. He said that the Philippine bishops issued a paper on July 24 titled "Thou Shalt Not Steal," deploring the corruption by some of those administering Aquino's rural

some of those administering Aquino's rural development program.

"Ali Babi's thieves are still around," the cardinal said, "There are no longer 40; maybe now there are 20." He said the need is for "evolution through revolution which

is for "evolution through revolution which is bloodless—a revolution of love."

The cardinal explained that he first met Mrs. Aquino when her senator husband was in prison during the Marcos" rule. He quipped, "That woman is a courageous an. Unsolicited advice is not accepted

by her."

Cardinal Sin learned about strong women before His Buddhist father, he said, "became a Catholic, converted out of love" for his mother. They had 16 children, seven of whom died in infancy. Maxima Lachica Sin told the children what she

expected them to be as adults-doctor, lawyer, pharmacist, priest—and they were. She pointed at Jaime Sin and said he was to

be a priest.
"It was dictated," the cardinal said. His smile anticipated his next remark: "But then, I love it."

The St. Rita anniversary Mass was followed by a dinner at a downtown hotel. The St. Rita Gospel Choir sang during the program. The Capizon Choral Group offered music and dances with a Philippine

Father David Coats, vicar general, represented Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara at the Mass and dinner by welcoming Cardinal Sin to the archdiocese. He offered official congratulations to the

parish on its anniversary.

Joseph Hogsett, Indiana secretary Joseph Hogsett, Indiana secretary of state, brought greetings to the parish and a certificate acknowledging Cardinal Sin as a Sagamore of the Wabash. Art Bustamant represented the mayor of Indianapolis. Gifts were presented to the cardinal by representatives of the Filipino Community of Indianapolis.

number of people from the Filipino community as well as the parishioners of mostly African-American heritage. The pastor, Divine Word Father Ponciano Ramos, is himself from the island country

In his remarks at the dinner, Cardinal Sin thanked the other parish priests who

came to celebrate with St. Rita Church. He said of the priestly vocation, "We should remain humble before you, We must come down from the altars. Satan committed only one fault, which was pride." Cardinal Sin likened his devotion to the

only one raus. When the devotion to the Blessed Mother to that of his own mother by giving light-hearted examples of Mrs. Sin's protection and petitions in his behalf when he was a child. He said that he always says "Marial" before retiring. Then he thanked those in attendance for the'r welcome by proclaiming. "This is the the'r welcome by proclaiming." This is the

the'r welcome by proclaiming, "This is the first time that Sin is glorified in Indi-

Father Stallings

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rather the teachings of Vatican II,''
Father Stallings said to those attending the caucus.
Father Stallings also questioned the U.S.

bishops' commitment to the pastoral plan for black ministry approved in 1987 and their 1979 pastoral letter on racism. Calling the content of the pastoral letter "magnifi-cent," Father Stallings charged that it has been "a dead letter to American Catholics because there was never an episcopal will to give it life."

(Contributing to this story were Lisa Floch in Milwaukee and Laurie Hansen of Catholic News Service in Washington.)

Commentary

THE HUMAN SIDE

What would church be without theologians?

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

What would the church be like if all its theologians disappeared?

Although that sounds improbable, the

pressures theologians are experiencing could mean that some will

choose not to teach in Catholic colleges and universities anymore. What reasons would theologians give for

1. Some theologians are disturbed by asser

tions that they are usurping the teaching authority of bishops

There are theologians who think that the censuring of Father Charles Curran, the moral theologian, has left in its wake many urgent, unanswered concerning their roles and

questions concerning their roles and responsibilities.

3. Similarly, a number of American theologians, along with Spanish, French, German and Italian theologians, have complained that they think the academic freedom needed to conduct theological research is being threatened.

A. There is a feeling among some that the Vatican-mandated profession of faith expresses a distrust of theologians. If such grievances ever reached the point of causing Catholic theologians to switch to secular universities or to stop their research, what could this man is to arch, what could this mean to the

It is possible that other theologians It is possible that other theologians who aren't interested in research and who seek to avoid all controversy would replace them. Now, there is something to be said for people who don't want to rock the boat. The church always has striven for unity and this type of theologian

justifiably could argue that he or she is

justifiably could argue that he or she is defending that unity.

However, the church's growth often has been aided by healthy controversy too. One only needs to recall 5ts. Peter and Paul, who argued over whether gentles received into the early church would have to observe the Jewish Laws still followed by the first Jewish Christians.

If theologians avoided original re-search because it could lead to unsettling questions, the results for the church would be serious. When the discipline required by research slackens, the required by research slackens, the church's ability to respond to some of the pressing issues of the age suffers. Then various heresies and false mythologies creep into the practice of religion.

creep into the practice of religion.

Given the complexity of the issues facing the church in society today, we need theologians who are willing to expend hard hours on research, who are fearless in the pursuit of truth and who love the church.

Theological research is needed desper-ately because it is the only discipline that allows us to get above the world's problems and thus gain control over them. It helps us to see the world's problems through the eyes of God, its Creator.

So far I have pictured the theologian as a researcher dealing with complex problems. On a level closer to home, there is another reason why the church needs theologians.

Most people have heard a homily or theological lecture which excited them. Perhaps it was an insight into a puzzling biblical saying. Or perhaps they just feit closer to God because the theological himself or herself manifested an intimacy

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with the Word of God which had come

It is the instilling of that intimacy which is a theologian's greatest contribution to the

church.

Today it is common to read about controversies related to theologians. Perhaps some people are tempted to say, "We ought to throw out the whole group and

ought to throw out the whole group and start fresh."

But before giving into such a tempta-tion, it might be worth considering that the freshness some would want could very well make the church stale.

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THE YARDSTICK

World hunger needs effort that prompted lunar landing

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

Like most Americans, I remember exactly where I was, and with whom, when U.S. astronauts first landed on the moon in 1969. It was the thrill of a lifetime to watch the historic event on live

television.

We watched with bated breath and a sense

of enormous pride. Recently, however of enormous pride.

Recently, however, as I watched a rerun of a documentary film on that thrilling event, I found it chastening to recall that a significant minority of serious-

minded people argued, several years before the event, that our moon landing was a wasteful, not to say immoral, experiment.

The late Jesuit Father Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of this century

was a case in point. In an interview in the was a case in point. In an interview if the lesuit weekly, America, Father Rahner said it might be "moral vulgarity of a low order" to spend billions on a space flight when we were faced with a worldwide problem of

were faced with a worldwide problem of hunger.

The late Seymour Melman, professor of industrial engineering at Columbia University, shared Father Rahmer's view. For the cost of one lunar landing, he said—quoting a former president of the American Academy of Science—the United States could give a 10 percent vearly salary increase for 10 years to all U.S. teachers; make a grant of \$10 million to each of 200 small colleges; provide complete seven-year fellowships to train \$5,000 scientists and engineers at \$4,000 per student per year; build and endow complete universities in \$3 nations; establish three new foundations, like the Rockefeller Foundation; and still apply \$500 million to public education in science.

If, instead, \$30 billion were spent for a

spectacular flight to the moon, Melman asked, wouldn't "we and many millions of people throughout the world wonder. What sort of society is this that could devote so much wealth to so trivial a

purpose?"

The late Cardinal John Wright, then bishop of Pittsburgh, was among those who were not impressed by this line of reasoning. He was sympathetic to Mehamis's concern about the disproportion between what we were spending on the arms race and on space exploration, but arms race and on space exploration, suggested that Father Rahner's "unexpected melancholy" on the subject of space exploration might be eased by recalling that "human culture has never been advanced... by dispirited civiliza-

He reminded Father Rahner that unpre cedented sums were being devoted to a wide variety of humanitarian purposes, here and all over the world, "all out of the same tax funds which are also opening up the human conquest of space." Thinking 20 years later about this exchange of views, I find myself drawn simultaneously in both directions. I share Cardinal Wright's contagious optimism about the potential benefits of a successful moon flight. But I wonder whether we can ve our cake and eat it too.

We are not spending enough now for

we are not spending enough took too strictly humanitarian purposes. But it is arguable whether this is because we are spending too much on space exploration. My guess is we wouldn't be doing

substantially more about world hunger, education or health even if we were not so deeply involved in space exploration.

Be that as it may, we are not likely to solve such problems as world hunger and poverty until we mobilize the same kind of all-out effort that landed us on the

It would take much more optimism than I can presently muster to believe we intend anything of the kind in the foreseeable

EVERYDAY FAITH

Church must be comfortable, meaningful to blue collar workers

by Lou Jacquet

You've probably seen the bumper sticker that reads, "A bad day fishing is better than a good day working."

An amusing thought, and probably true. I don't happen to know much about the pleas-ures of fishing, though friends who enjoy the sport tell me that there are few joys on the face of God's good earth to compare with it. Per-

haps so.
I don't mind work I don't mind work-ing. True, like most folks I suppose that I'd prefer to do as little as possible to get by if I had such an option. But barring the unlikely prospect that someone wants to step forward to pay my health insurants and other expenses, no doubt I'll be sitting in front of a computer screen for the next 25 years or so to make a living.

That isn't such a terrible prospect. I'm lucky enough to have found a way to support myself that doesn't involve unloading ships or working on an asphalt crew in the summer heat or some similar duty that reduces the hardiest of workers

to jelly by the end of the day. You get mentally fatigued sitting in front of a computer screen, attempting to say something remotely meaningful by the end of the day, but you don't go home



with severe lower back pain the way I used to when I worked summers in a steel fabrication plant.

steel fabrication plant.

There are times that I wonder whatever happened to those men and women I worked with there, leading what Thoreau called "quiet lives of desperation" day in and day out. Time dragged so interminably that I swore I'd never work another factory job again. But the folks I worked with had no such option; many are probably still there, doing the same job on the same line

Which leads to a question: What are we doing as a church to reach them? Millions of men and women who toil in America's of men and women who toil in America's blue-collar jobs need help handling their stress. Sometimes lonely, often frustrated, always exhausted, they seek sustenance and hope beyond their paychecks. The church (you and I) should be there to provide it for them.

Unfortunately, many of the Catholics among these men and women feel largely left out of a church in which documents and programs seem increasingly aimed at white-collar, college-educated individu-als. Whether or not this perception is official church—at the universal, the diocesan and the parish level—all too often seems unable to communicate with

We must do something about this situation before these blue-collar workers "go fishing" elsewhere, drawn to denominations down the street where they are make to feel at ease instead of out of



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Most Rev. Edward T. O'Mears

To the Editor

Ask TV stations to air pro-life video

I am writing on behalf of the precious, innocent victims who are being slaugh-tered hourly at the hands of abortionists. We Catholics should wake up and speak out against the pro-choice movement

out against the pro-choice movement.

I recently became aware of Dr. Bernard
Nathanson, a former abortion doctor who
is now an advocate of pro-life. He and his
wife Adele have produced two incredible
videos ("Sient Scream" and "Eclipse of
Reason") and have a third, "Shadow and
Substance," due not record. Substance," due out soo

After reading about Ted Turner's decision to broadcast several "pro-murder" specials, I decided that we, who der" specials, I decided that we, who really care about life, had better speak out and do something. Although Turner claims that he will let the pro-life side speak ("We'll give the other bozos a chance to talk"). I think we had better chaince to talk"), I think we had better start calling and writing to local TV program directors and beg them to air "Eclipse of Reason"—a powerful documentary that tells the truth and the horrors of abortion. We must get this material on the air to educate the public about the truth of abortion.

about the truth of abortion.

I beg anyone interested in stopping these killings to please call and write your local TV program directors and ask them to broadcast "Éclipse of Reason." It's important to use TV to reach many people about this very serious and horrendous problem. Please write or call immediately. The longer we wait the more will die.

Mary Ann Barothy

Indianapolis

Appalled at our one-sided view

I recently completed the abortion survey published in your paper and in my opinion it was a healthy and moral questionnaire. I am 14 years old and an avid follower of the abortion issue.

abortion issue.

I am very much against abortion but I am appalled at your editor's one-sided view. Abortion is a difficult subject which must be handled carefully and with much compassion. Your editor comes through to me as an arrogant, uncompassionate clod

and a disgrace to the male gender.

As a Catholic woman I believe that life

begins at conception and that God will take care of that unborn child and its mother. I believe everything in life goes according to God's supreme plan and that if a child is to come into this world it is God's will. On the other hand, as a woman of a strong will and compassion for other people. I can understand the concern with aborting a child in cases of incest or rape.

I believe that abortion should be handled with a lot of thought and prayer. It irritates me no end when an unknowing fast-tongued male comes out with a quick unmeditated opinion over such a compli-cated and multifaceted issue.

Fr. Stallings and racism in church

George A. Stallings who became tired of waiting for changes in the Roman Catholic the third is the source of the third is the source of the

of Washington, D.C.
Father Stallings recently appeared on
the Oprah Winfrey Show, revealing
himself to be an intelligent, energetic,
vibrant, decisive, outspoken and charismatic person, one who enjoys the
limelight. He minced no words in his bold denunciation of the Roman Catholic Church as racist.

We all know that racism exists in the church and we must all take some responsibility for this state of affairs because racism exists at all levels of our society. We are a church and society of human beings, very imperfect creaty sorely in need of the transformation to Jesus had in mind for his church.

Since a "breakaway black church" can only contribute to fragmentation in the Catholic Church, it cannot help black Catholics to find their rightful place in the church. For blacks to have their own church is to be empowered in their own little world and to be completely power-less in the larger dominant world. It is to be segregated, isolated and alienated from the real world, the real church. It is

from the real world, the real church. It is to allow racism to reign supreme. Blacks who have been working for change in the church carry on their efforts with God-given patience, trust and per-

everance. And this is the only way that acism will be defeated.

Facism will be defeated.
Father Stallings maintained that he wishes to have his African-American Rite Church be a self-determining group that is part of the Roman Catholic Church. But he is not about the control of the Roman Catholic Church. not about to beg his way back into the is not about to beg his way back into the fold. He made it very clear that Cardinal Hickey is going to have to "eat crow" first. When asked to clarify this, he said the cardinal was going to have to admit to beginn the cardinal was going to have to admit to

Could Father Stallings be wrong? He doesn't think so. He said he was being led by the Holy Spirit. In reality, the Holy Spirit gives a wealth of suggestions, but not every suggestion is what God wills.

If Father Stallings wishes to be part of the Roman Catholic Church, telling cardinals to "eat crow" is not the way to go about it. These words are not conducive to dialogue and harmony.

Can words like "eat crow" soothe the troubled waters of racism in the church or in society? Or will they merely fan the flames of hatred and dig deeper wounds? These are words spewed out in anger and

bitterness. They can only serve to polarize people, thereby keeping the issue of racism alive

Lucille A. Zimnotch Wethersfield, Conn.

A wonderful spirit of community

As a visitor in Indianapolis, I had the unexpected pleasure of participating in a tri-parish luly 4 liturgy offered at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The well planned and inspiring liturgy and the "birthday party" which followed evoked a wonderful spirit of community.

The only disquieting note was the relatively small number of people who assembled to pray and to celebrate. I was told that this Mass has become a tradition. If so, I hope that next year's congregation will be the size the event deserves. As a visitor in Indianapolis, I had the

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LIGHT ONE CANDLE Priesthood—it's a wonderful life

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

Since most of the priests I know are basically happy men I didn't get too excited about the latest publication about priests' morale. The National Conference

National Conference of Bishops issued a report entitled "Re-flections on the Morale of Priests." It created a stir, drawing attention to a morale problem the U.S. with phrase like "over-worked,



'bone-weariness,''
'always on duty,'' and ''all things to all people.

As one who has experienced all the above in my priestly life, I understand what exhaustion can do to one's spirit, but exhaustion is not the same as a morale exhaustion is not the same as a morale problem. Exhaustion simply tells me that my time is not being managed well and I need more time for rest and rehabilitation. The human body has marvelous restorative powers. And when you give it rest, fresh air and exercise you feel much better.

Priests learn pretty early that they are responsible for their own sanity and happiness and that they have to protect themselves from burn-out. No one can do it for them.

It's true, one has to admit there is a morale problem among priests but it isn't something new. When I was the president of NACPA (The National Association of Church Personnel Administrators) from Church Personnel Administrators) from 1975 to 1977, most diocesan personnel directors were saying that priests' morale was their number one problem.

Part of the cause is loneliness, part of it is the work-load, and a big part of it is just being a public person. There's very little time for privacy for the average priest.

Oddly enough, in the business world a morale problem is usually a symptom of low job satisfaction, but it has been my experience that most priests have a pretty high degree of job satisfaction. They love to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; they enjoy preaching and helping people and they feel good about leading a meaningful life

What hurts is the pettiness of others, the insensitivity of the system, and the fish-bowl effect of rectory living. Most priests live at their work place and it sometimes drowns them

But after all is said and done, speaking for myself, I can honestly say it's a wonderful life and I wouldn't trade being a priest for the world.

priest for the world.

(For a free copy of the Christopher News
Notes, "You and Your Parish: Making a Better
World," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New
York, N.Y. 10017.)

CORNUCOPIA

How to avoid rejections She was flipping through a ma Look here. Another diet article.

by Alice Dailey

My friend Marilyn shoved a form letter

at me.
"Just look at this," she grumbled "Another rejection slip. What's with pub-lishing people any-

lishing people any-more? It's not like I've never been published

Tell me about it. "Alice, I've tried using every angle to turn out an honest, worthwhile story. But tried who wants it?"

I thought for a while. "Have you tric the family feud angle? The Mommie Daddy Dearest approach?"

'Why, I loved my parents!'

"Then maybe something more lurid. Like the story of your uncle who was married to three different women at the same time

Ad Game Delayed Due to space limitations, the winner of the Ad

Game which appeared in the July 21 issue of

ship for their overwhelming response.

Laura Whirley

The Criterion will not be announced until next week. At this time, we wish to thank our reader-

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Her head shot up. "Listen you! That as NOT my uncle. It was someone my uncle knew

She eyed me icily. "You've told me about some colorful characters in your ancestry. Have you tried cashing in on

After a silence I tried again. "Marilyn, how about using the time when Princess Di waved at you?"

"Hey, I was only one of thousands in that crowd."

Who needs to know that? You could "Who needs to know that? You could describe what she wore, dwell on her peaches and cream complexion that has been written up a thousand times. Even bring in her little Harry and Will with something such as, 'Motherly profes shome to the reves as she faced me, disbelief, 'Marilyn shook her head in 'disbelief, 'Well.' I continued defensively, "half the stories about popular personalities are just re-hashes of things we already know.

She was flipping through a magazine.

"Look here. Another diet article. As if the whole country hasn't read a thousand times that we shouldn't eat red act those goodies like ham and bacon but should eat more vegetables like fresh green beans. At \$1.59 a pound!"

I agreed. "It's the same thing with exercise books. If you've read one you've read 'em all. But they keep grinding them out. With illustrations of Leaping Lenas in leotards."

leotards."

Marilyn threw the magazine down.
"Prominent names really do sell. Elizabeth
Taylor's mother talks about Liz's many
husbands.' And I remember when a top
female singer who had received a stanfo
ovation just by walking on stage said in
delight. I ain't done nuthin' yet.' But she
had the story of her life published. With her
name as author?"

and the story of her life published. With her name as author!"

"That's the way it goes. The 'writer' can be illiterate, a rock star or a crook who got religion but if the name is s'amous there's a whole stableful of publishers waiting."

She said soberly. "Alice, did you read last week's list of new books?"

"You mean the list that included 'How to Relieve Yourself in the Park' but 'relieve,' wasn't the word used?"

"Isn't that disgusting? What kind of mind would want to read a vulgar book like that?"

'Maybe you could ask Bob and Tom.'

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heir present parish. The Kopps are the parents of two children, Linda Fitzpatrick and Charles. They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildre

Robert E. Desautels elected presi-the Catholic dent of the Can Youth Organization's Youth Of Directors for 1989-90. He has be member of the CYO governing body since 1986. Desautels is a member of St. Pius X 1986. Desautels is member of St. Pius Parish, Indianapolis



Cathedral High School Alumni Associa-Cathedral High School Alumni Associa-tion will honor three achievers during its All-Class Reunion on Friday, Aug. 11. John J. Barton, and 1924 Cathedral grad, Will receive the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award. He was mayor of Indianapolis from 1964-68. Father William Wunshower, paster of Holv. Spirit Parish Indianapolis from 1964-8. Eather William Munshower. Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish and a 1950 graduate of Cathedral, will receive the Distinguished Service to the Community Award. St. Matthew parish-ioner Jerry Kennedy will receive the Distinguished Service to Cathedral Award for her volunteer work in Mother's Club. Parents' Committee and the Shamrauction. Seven of her 10 children graduated from Cathedral. The reunion will include Mass, social hour, dinner and program. Call. Susan Lord at 317-543-4940 for more information. information.



Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Reuter of Fairland will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an open house for friends and relatives on Saturday, Aug. 19 and their home in Shelby County, Raphael Reuter and the former Elizabeth Deivert were married on Aug. 19, 1939 in St., Joseph Church in Shelbyville. They have five children: Stephen. Mark, Thomas, Dorotly and Matthew; and three grand-children.

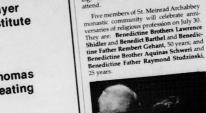
becca Koors of the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg will make



Oldenburg, will make her first profession of sunday, Aug. 7 at the motherhouse. She is the sister of Franciscan Sister of Franciscan Sister points (formerly Doris) Koors, also an Oldenburg Franciscan. Sister Rebecca will work as a family counselor in the adolescent unit at Fairbanks Hospital in Indianapolis. She is a graduate of the LU, school of social work.

Providence Sister Agnes Arvin, who formerly taught school in the Indianapolis archdiocesan area, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of her religious brate the 50th anniversary of her religious profession on Saturday, Aug. 12 in California. She made final vows 50 years ago on Aug. 15 at 5t. Mary of the Woods. At present she runs a shelter for the homeless in Chicago. Greetings may be sent to Sister Agnes in care of Mary Gilligan Wong, 740 Nardo Rd., Encinitas, Calif. 9,102.

Cardinal Ritter High School has named Vince Lorenzano as head football coach for the 1989 football season. He is a graduate of Hanover College. Chuck Weisenbach has been named varsity basketball coach at Roncalli High School. The 1979 graduate of Roncalli High School. The 1979 graduate of Roncalli has served the school as a coach and teacher for the past five years. Mindy Welch, a physical education teacher and coach, has been named athletic director at the coach school and the school and the school properties of the school and school and school and school Roncalli High School.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass and reception on July 29 in 5t. James the Greater Church in Indianapolis. Ed Sherman and the former Verle Allison were married on July 29, 1939 in 5t. John Church, Indianapolis. They are the parents of I children, including: William, Betty, Alice Bates, Robert, Susan Sullivan, Jeanne, Ed Ir., James, Michael and Chuck. The Shermans also have 20 erandchildren and

Shermans also have 20 grandchildren and

Pete and Lillian (Bledsoe) Kopp cele

brated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 22. They were married on July 22, 1939 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford,

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New Albany Deanery Youth Mini will sponsor Beginning Catechist Work-shops from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 28-29. Call 812-945-0354 for more information

Scecina Memorial High School Class of Sectina Memorial High School Class of 1959 will hold its 30th Reunison on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27. A catered picnic will be held beginning at 3 p.m. on 5at. at Forest Park in Noblesville. Cost is 512 per person. On Sun. a 9-30 a.m. Mass will be followed by brunch in the cafetria (88) person). Send reservations by Aug. 5 (88) person). Send reservations by Aug. 5 payable to: Carol Jahnke, 6840 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46237 or call 317-784-1643. For more information call Phil Wilhelm at 317-359-5411 or Jack Gillespie at 317-236-3733.

Dominican Father Iheanyi Enwerem will speak on "The Catholic Church and the Vocation Boom in Nigeria" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14 in 5t. La-wrence Church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave. Father Iheanyi, a Nigerian, is enrolled in a PhD. program in Toronto, Canada. During the summer he is helping out at St. Lawrence Parish.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Guild 55. Peter and Paul Cathedrai Guid seeks volunteers to help with hospitality and other ministries during liturgies, especially weddings. Since the Cathedral is the site of many celebrations for members of other parishes, the Guid needs help in serving them. On some Saturdays there are as many as four of five weddings. To volunteer or for more information call Margaret Petraits at 317-852-5427

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The New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry's Aquinas Center in Clarksville will offer a ''Priming the Pump' pro-gram on adult religious education for adult catechetical teams and adult education committees. The initial session will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. or. Monday, Sept. 11 followed by seven additional monthly sessions. Parish groupings of at least five or six participants are encouraged. Call Bob Leonard at 812-945-0354 for more details.

Hudnut speaks to SDRC group

by Mary Ann Wyand

Addressing members of Separated, Divorced, and Remarried Catholics July 24 at the Catholic Center, Indianapolis Mayor William H. Hudnut III spoke candidly about painful personal and political events

And the former Presbyterian mini And the former Prestyterian minis-ter—who is serving an unprecedented fourth term as mayor of the nation's 11th largest city—emphasized that healing cannot occur until a person rises above

'Life is too short to dwell in bitter-s,' he said. 'It doesn't do much good

ness," he said. "It doesn't do much good for you, or for your kids. You've got to learn to live with your life. Somehow you've got to resolve it all."

Acknowledging that "politics is a very jealous mistress," Hudrut said he is "tyrannized by my schedule" and must deliberately schedule personal time amidst the many demands of a career in city government.
"You can be so frantically wrapped up.

"You can be so frantically wrapped up in what you are doing all of the time," he said, "that you become a human 'doing' and not a human 'being.' God wants us to take time for love and friendship. He wants us to take time to be at peace with ourselves and to have an inner har-

Monays remember, the mayor continued. "the importance of taking time to linger over a good conversation. Don't rush through the meal of life."

Briefly reflecting on his personal life, the thrice-married mayor told the gathering. "I think I have learned the hard way his importance of taking time to cultivate."

ing, "I think I have learned the hard way the importance of taking time to cultivate meaningful personal relationships."
Further, he said, "The most important thing in the world is love and relating to other people in different degrees of intimacy, You don't want to lose that."
Hudnut's third wife, Beverly, briefly issing him, at the prodime for an intro-

joined him at the podium for an intro-duction. The mayor said they plan to share as much time together as possible within the demands of his rigorous schedule. She formerly worked as his

press secretary.

Discussing painful aspects of his political career, Mayor Hudnut mentioned his sorrow about the 1987 death of Michael Taylor, a black youth who died

"The Michael Taylor incident is still very much alive," he said. "It's a lot easier to build a Hoosier Dome than it is

easier to build a Hoosier Dome than it is to build a bridge of understanding between law enforcement (personnel) and the black community." Building a sense of community and neighborliness is a challenging and ongo-ing process, the mayor said. "Over the years, I have tried to emphasize partner-

years, I have tried to emphasize partner-ship and listening to each other. It's important to foster dialogue and an atmosphere of consensus building." However, Mayor Hudnut concluded, "Developing true community does not mean that we all have to agree. It means that we have unity under our differences. As the good book says, 'Come. Let us reason together.'"



REUNION-Graduates of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology (MAPT) program at St. REUNION—Graduates of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology (MAP1) program at 5t. Mary of the Woods College gather after a special litturg during an assembly at the college. Alumni include (from left) Pat Mayer, 5t. Roch, Indianapolis; Vickie Lannie, Peoria, Ill.; Diane Carver, 5t. Ann, Terre Haute; Mary 10 Thomas—Day, 5t. Monica, Indianapolis; Virginia Unverzagt, Chicago: Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara; Sheila Gilbert, Christ the King, Indianapolis; Bill Bruns, 5t. Barnabas, Indianapolis; Gay Kavanaugh, Lawrenceville, Ill.; and Grace Lang. St. Luke, Indianapolis.



Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut





Franciscans observe 25th jubilees

Thirteen Sisters of St. Francis with connections to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis celebrated 25th and 15th anniversaries in religious life with a special Mass, dinner, and entertainment July 26 at the motherhouse in Oldenburg.

The following sisters celebrated 25 years in paliciacy life.

in religious life:

Sister Donna Graham, a native of Cincinnati, is a graduate of Marian College, Indianapolis, and the University of Notre Dame. She now works as a clinical chaplain at Reid Hospital in Richmond.

Sister Neoma Suttmiller, a native of

Batesville, is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) in Oldenburg, Marian College, and Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. In the archdiocese, she taught at 5t. Michael, Charlestown. She is now

principal of St. Philomena School, Chicago. Sister Sheron Marie Blank, a native of Sister 8heron Marie Blank, a native of Louisville, #c graduate of Marian College and Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa, In the archdiocese, she has been principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, New Albany, since 1985. Sister Nancy Meyer, a native of Dayton, Ohio, is a graduate of ICA, Marian College,

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and Creighton University, Omaha. In the archdiocese, she taught at Little-Flower, Indianapolis, She also served as vocation director and director of postulants for the Sisters of St. Francis, She is now pastoral associate at St. Christopher Parish, Indi-anapolis anapolis.

anapolis.

Sister Alacoque Burger, a native of Indianapolis, obtained her B.A. in religious studies/min/sty from Mt. St. Joseph College, Childrington, and her LPN from St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City. She worked in the motherhouse infirmary from 1973-1983. At present, she is pastoral minister at St. Pius Parish, Cincinnati.

Sister Miriam Kasser, a native of

Sister Miriam Kaeser, a native of Cincinnati, is a graduate of ICA. She received her B.A. from Marian College; her M.A. from Ball State, Muncie; and her Ph.D. from the University of San Diego. She has been president of ICA since 1987.

Sister Kathleen Mulso, a native of Mt. Clemens, Mich., is a graduate of ICA, Marian College, and IUPUI, Indianapolis Marian College, and IUPUI, indianapoiis. In the archdiocese, she taught at St. Gabriel, Connersville, St. Michael, Charlestown, and Holy Name and St. Lawrence in Indianapolis. At present, she is director of religious education at St.

is director of religious examples of the six director of religious examples. Sister Bridget Arnold, a native of Evansville, is a graduate of ICA, Marian College, and Clarke College. In the archdiocese, she taught at St. Michael. archdiocese, she taught at St. Michael, Brookville. She now teaches at St. Joseph School, Evansville,

Sister Margaret Rahe, a native of Batesville, attended St. Louis School there and ICA. She received her B.A. from Marian College and her M.S. in Ed. from

Marian College and her M.S. in Ed. from the University of Dayton. In the archidocese, she taught at St. Andrew, Richmond. She now teaches at St. Bartholomew School, Cincinnati. Sister Noella Poinsette, a rative of Indianapolis, is a graduate of ICA. She received her B.A. from Marian College, and her M.A. from Appalchain State Urversity, Boone, N.C. She taught music at ICA, from 1972-1979, and from 1986-1989. She taught at Holy Trinty, Indianapolis, from 1986-1998. She now works as director of refugee resettlement at Catholic Charities, Covington, Ky. Covington, Ky.

Sister Joanne Weiler, a native of Batesville, attended St. Peter's School, Brookville, and ICA. She is a graduate of Marian College and Clarke College. In the archdiocese, she taught at 5t. Rita, Indianapolis. She is now principal of Northside Catholic Consolidated School, St. Louis, Mo.

School, St Louis, Mo.

Sister Julann But, 2 a native of CinCinnati, is a graduate of ICA. She obtained her B.A. in mathematics from Marian College and her M.S. in math from Norter Dame University. She taught at St. Mark. Indianapolis, and now teaches math at Ritter High School, Indianapolis, and now teaches math at Ritter High School, Indianapolis, and the state of Batesville. She attended Oldenburg Elementary School and ICA. She received her B.S. in education from Marian College, her M.A. in education from Butter University, and is now working on her doctorate in school psychology. This coming years he will begin an internship in psychological testing of children for the Indianapolis Catholic West Deanery schools.

























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St. Mary of the Woods College receives \$50,000 grant from Lilly

St. Mary of the Woods College will redesign several courses in its Women's External Degree (WED) program with the help of a \$50,000 grant from Lilly Endow-

In announcing the three-year grant, Sister of Providence Dr. Suzanne Dailey, vice president for academic affairs, said, "We plan to restructure some of our courses and methodologies in the WED program to better serve our distant students and give them a more interactive

students and give them a more interactive learning experience."

The college intends to redevelop nine required WED business courses. The business department faculty, current WED students and alumnae, and outside consultants will provide input for the project. The nine redesigned courses will serve as models for other WED business courses, as well as :ourses in other departments.

In announcing the award, Dr. Ralph E. Lundgren, Lilly Endowment program officer for higher education said, "The endowment remains vitally interested in ensuring that Indiana students have the ensuring that Indiana students have the option of choosing among healthy public and private universities. We hope these grants help provide a 'margin of excel-lence' for non-tax supported institu-

The proposal from St. The proposal from St. Mary of the Woods was one of 21 selected for funding in Lilly Endowment's annual curriculum and institutional development competition. The competition is open to Indiana's accredited, four-year independent colleges and universities. In 1989, Lilly approved 11 curriculum-development projects amounting to \$515,935 and 10 institutional development consent texts. projects amounting to \$513,755 and institutional development proposals totaling \$1.2 million.

Harry Griese, popular bus driver, remembered

by Stephanie Beck

The bus drivers of the Sunman-Dear-born School Corporation gathered June 26 for their annual meet ug. At the meeting an award was presented from the Indiana State Bus Committee and the Indiana State Bus Committee and the Indiana Department of Education to a driver who had rendered distinguished service. The recipient was Harry 'B' Criese, but he could not accept the award because 27 days earlier 'Greavy' as his friends called him, lost a three-year bout with cancer. Criese was a member of St. Paul

lost a three-year bout with cancer.

Griese was a member of St. Paul
Parish in New Alsace, Besides being a
bus driver for East Central High School,
he drove many students to St. Paul
School, was very generous in his as-sistance to the sisters of the parish, and
always offered his services to take parish
children on field trips. He also served the
parish for many years as a lector. He was
well known in southeastern Indiana.

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Grises was named recipient of that award in view of the way he cared for the kids and their safety. But even for safety's sake, he couldn't resist making his bus unique. He had "Big Daddy" painted on the front bumper and two silver horns on the hood. The horns made a distinctive

the hood. The horns made a distinctive honk at pedestrians.

All the kids loved riding Griese's bus on field trips and band trips. It was a tradition to begin every trip with a joke. It didn't matter if it was old or new, funny or pathetic, everyone always laughed just for his style in telling it.

Another tradition for those bus trips was to wear his Greyhound bus driver's uniform. He had been given that uniform several years ago at his annual performance in the East Central High School's Variety

driving a bus full of band kids down to Flonda during spring break to play at Disney World.

The annual Variety Show was where Griese would treat the public to his rendition of "Blueberry Hill" by Fats Dominio and tell a story from the glory days. Sometimes he was even induced into singing an encore. But last year's was Griese's last appearance in the Variety

found my thrill . ' for the crowd before retiring his string tie and microphone. He

retring his string tie and micropione. It knew his health would be too poor to continue this tradition another year.

Griese's boisterous laugh turned heads and prompted many a smile and chuckle. No one could help but grin when they were around someone as uproarious and full of joi de vivre as Griese.

he could still smirk at visitors. He battled

cancer for three years and had the upper hand until the first of the year. He lived quite some time beyond the doctors' expectations. Griese said at the beginning of his hospital stay that he would live long enough for the students to finish the school year before they had to go to his funeral. It was his prerogative not to disturb the exam schedule for the end of the year. The students were always his number one

Griese is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bittner, who had been extremely active in parish affairs, including being a past president of the National Council of atholic Women; a brother, Franciscan Father Celsus Griese of Cincinnati; a sister, Elizabeth Clandorf, and a niece, Maureen Glandorf, both of Cincinnati.

A memorial scholarship has been set up in Griese's name. Donations may be sent to East Central High School, R.R. 5, Box 193-E, St. Leon, Ind. 47012.

Teachers get grant to study rocks

Nancy Pfleging and Shirley Risley, Nancy Pfleging and Shirley Risley, second and firth grade teachers, respectively, at Sacred F'eart School in Terre Haute, have been awarded an I.U. grant to develop a study unit on rocks. The teachers will conduct a combined grade level study called "We Throw Them, We Walk on Them, But What do we Know About Them," using field trips, rock samples and children's books. They were among more than 200 educators who submitted grant proposals at a summer program at IUPUI.



The late Harry "B" Griese with one of his passengers

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PRELATES AND PATRIOTS

U.S.'s first bishop was elected

Editor, The Criterion Second in a series of article

(This year the church in the U.S. is observing the bicentennial of the appointment of the first American bishop, John Carroll of Baltimore, in 1789. This

most prominent bishops in U.S. history who also ppened to be American patriots.)

Washington is known as the Father of His Country, so John Car-

Church in the United States. Carroll was elected (yes, elected) the first bishop in the U.S. on March 25, 1789 in a solemn conclave of the priests of America at Whitemarsh Md Slightly more than a month later, Washington took his oath of office to become the first President of the

United States—on April 30, 1789.

Although the church in the U.S Although the church in the U.S. received its first bishop at the same time the country received its first president, the church was really officially established five years earlier, on June 9, 1784, when John Carroll was appointed prefect apostolic for the new republic.

the new republic.

Before making this appointment, the papal nuncio wrote to Benjamin Franklin, then the U.S. ambassador to France, requesting permission to do so. Franklin forwarded the message to the Continental Congress, which directed him to answer: "The subject of his application to Dr. Franklin being purely spiritual, it is without the jurisdiction and powers of Congress who have no authority to permit or refuse it, these powers being reserved to the several states individually."

As Jesuit Father John Courtney Murray served in his book "We Hold These observed in his book

Truths': "The good nuncio must have been happily surprised on receiving this communication. Not for centuries had the Holy See been free to erect a bishopric and appoint a bishop without the prior consent of government, without all the legal formalities with which the so-called Catholic states had fettered the freedom of the church. In the United States the freedom of the church was completely unfettered. She could organize herself with a full independence which is her right."

The Holy See's first thought was to appoint a bishop in 1784. Father Carroll, however, advised against doing so because he felt that such an appointment would be resented by U.S. citizens as an undue nterference in their affairs and an unwarranted show of power by foreigners

He wrote: "The jealousy in our government of the interference of any foreign jurisdiction is known to be such, that we cannot expect, in my opinion, ought not to wish that they would tolerate any other than that which being ourely spiritual, is essential to our eligion, to wit, an ackowledgement of the pope's spiritual supremacy

Carroll was, therefore, named prefect apostolic in a letter dated June 9, 1784 from Cardinal Antonelli, the Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda. This letter acknowledged the friendship een Father Carroll and Benjamin klin, for it contained this clause: "Since it is known that your appointment will please and gratify many citizens of your republic, particularly Mr. Franklin, the eminent person who represents the same republic at the court of the Most Christian King (the king of France)

Carroll was not at all anxious to accept Carroll was not at all anxious to accept the appointment as prefect apostolic, even though he, more than any other priest, had been responsible for organizing the church in the U.S. He fully realized the many implications involved in the appointment, and only accepted because his friends feared that a refusal might put them under some European prelate. He did not send his formal acceptance until Jan. 19, 1/85. In his letter of acceptance, he again

mentioned the problem of foreign interference in the affairs of the church in the U.S. He told Cardinal Antone ii. "The Catholics desire that no pretext be given to the enemies of our religion to accuse us of depending unnecessarily on a foreign authority."

In time, however, it became apparent that a mere prefect apostolic did not have sufficient authority to settle many of the problems of organizing the church. This could obviously be done efficiently only by one who had the backing of episcopal consecration. Yet the American priests were still fearful of the public's adverse eaction to a bishop appointed by the

Father Carroll insisted that any American bishop "must be a diocesan bishop and his appointment must come neither from his Holiness, for that would create more jealousy in our government, than even in France, Germany, or Spain, nor from the Assemblies of different executives but he should be chosen by the Catholic

clergy themselves."

Cardinal Antonelli proposed to Pope Pius VI, therefore, that the priests of the U.S. be permitted, "at least on this first occasion," to elect their own bishop. The pope agreed to this arrangement and ordered that it be carried out.

The priests of the U.S., therefore, met at

Whitemarsh, requested to have Baltimore as the episcopal city, and elected Father Carroll as their choice for the first bishop of United States. The vote was 24 to 2

IOHN CARROLL WAS born lan. 8 JOHN CARROLL WAS born Jan. 8, 1736 to Daniel and Eleanor Carroll at Upper Marlboro, Md., and received his early education in his home. Then, like many Catholic boys in those days, he and his cousin Charles risked the indictment of the penal laws that forbade Catholics to send their children to foreign schools, by traveling to St. Omer in France.

Interesting to St. Omer in France.

John decided he had a vocation to the priesthood and he joined the Jesuits. He was ordained in 1769 after studying at Liege, Beigium, After his ordination, he taught in Flanders for four years and then served as chaplain to Lord Arundel in Eng.and.

England.

In 1773 the Holy See suppressed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and ordered the individual members to express their acceptance of the suppression in writing. With a heavy heart, Father Carroll did and then decided to return to America. He could foresee the Revolutionary War and was resolved to cast his lot with America. He returned in 1774. He was 39 years old and he had been away from his

country for 27 years.

Upon returning, Father Carroll built a mission church at his mother's heme at Rock Creek, Md, and served the Catholics of this area and of nearby Virginia. He devoted himself to this work until the Continental Congress asked him to undertake the mission to Canada (see last week's article). It was from this mission to Canada (see last week's article), it was from this mission to Canada (see last week's article). week's afficies. It was from the insistent that he first gained his reputation as a patriot. It also gave him a certain prominence among his fellow priests.

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At that time the priests in the U.S. were supposed to be subject to the vicar apostolic of London, England. But during the Revolutionary War Bishop Richard Challoner would have nothing to do with the rebelling Americans and his successor, Bishop James Talbot, refused jurisdiction over the colonies.

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Action over the contents.

Recognizing this as a serious problem,
Father Carroll proposed a plan of organization to the other American priests. Father
John Lewis, who had been the superior of
the American priests when they were
Jesuits (almost all of the priests in the U.S.
wore Jesuits when the order was suppressed), called a meeting of the priests at Whitemarsh to consider Father Carroll's lan. At this meeting, a constitution was repared and a petition drawn up to the prepared and a petition drawn up to the Holy See requesting a regularly constituted ecclesiastical organization. As we have seen, the Holy See honcred the request and appointed Father Carroll prefect apostolic.

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, August 6, 1989

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 - 2 Peter 1:16-19 - Luke 9:28-36

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

Only rarely does the Liturgy of the Word include a reading from the Book of Daniel, although that book is among the most colorful and renowned of the Scriptures. Its origins, and even the identity of Daniel himself, are obscure. In any event

scure. In any event, Daniel idealistically ap-pears in the book as



pears in the book as responding to faith, in obedience to God, despite living under unfriendly pagan rulers. Apparently this section was committed to writing when the lews suffered under the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanus, whose very name indicated his demand to be worshiped as if he were a god. Antiochus was part of a dynasty descended from an official in the service of Alexander the Great.

At Alexander's death, parts of his empire were seized by leading generals. The subsequent line of kings of Antiochus IV's family brought Greek influence and

paganism in great force upon the Jews.

In this weekend's reading, the Book of Daniel proclaims the one, true, unequalled God, who is in heaven. "Myriads" of worshipers attend him. They

in judgment. There also he received one like the son of man," upon whom he bestowed glory and authority.

Seldom read in liturgies is the Second Letter of Peter. It supplies, however, this feast's second reading. Surely it was selected because of its reference to the Transfiguration.

Written between 100 and 125 AD, this epistle was born in a worry of the church as heresies rose within the Christian

The epistle defends the apostolic cre-dentials of the church. It insists that the apostolic teaching, continued by the church, was no mere human invention. Rather, distinct from the heresies, it has divine status.

To the apostles, God revealed his power and his presence so that they could see and understand. The Transfiguration was an example of such revelation. In effect, the epistle states that Peter did not teach what he assumed, but what he

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of this feast's gospel reading. It recalls the splendid moment of the Lord's Transfiguration before three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John.

Surely the experience left a great impression upon the minds—and beliefs— of those apostles. It is repeated with care in

the New Testament. That care makes clear to the reader the awe that certainly grasped the three as they saw the Lord in glory.

Luke speaks of a mountaintop, but he does not name the mountain. Tradition has the mountain as being Mount Tabor, not far from Tiberias, in modern Israel, or ancient Capernaum. Others think it may have been Mount Hermon, to the north of those sites.

The event, and its apparent place in the seasons, suggests the Jewish feast of Tabernacles. The most joyful of the feasts, it once celebrated productivity in agriculture. It remembered the Exodus, and the tents used then by people on their way.

In the text, there is a strong overtone of reference to the passion and death of Jesus. Verses before this reading mention suffer-ing. The sacrificial death of Jesus was the exodus of humankind from hopelessness to life. His glory, obvious in the Transfigu-ration, displayed what that life would be.

Reflection

This weekend's feast celebrates one of

the great moments in the process by which God revealed himself, through Jesus, to the apostles and to the world.

The drama of that moment is fresh and abundant in the gospel reading. It is no wonder that it was a treasured remembrance for the early church.

Despite the hardships, despite the rebukes, despite the awfulness of his death, the Lord appeared on the mountain as he truly is: in glory, surrounded and attended by brilliance of greatness.

The Transfiguration was for the first Christians a prelude, an indication of the Lord, and of glory hereafter. For them, it was the pledge that after this life, with all its weariness and regrets, peace and light await. Even in this year, it was a summons to be faithful, to be stalwart, to be devoted to God without pause.

Such was the experience, and the message, of the Book of Daniel. Life under Antiochus IV Epiphanus was both miserable and risky for those committed to the one God. Although endurance had its price, it was worth it.

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Coming of Holy Spirit was outpouring of love

by Pope John Paul II Remarks at audience July 22

Today we consider the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as an outpouring of divine love.

The marvelous signs which accompan

The marvelous signs which accompanied Pentecost manifested the Holy Sprint's coming down upon all those gathered in the Upper Room and their visible transformation as a result.

Reterring to his return to the Father, Jesus said: "Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will live also."

These words foretold his Resurrection and the new life which he would give to the disciples. The source of this life is Christ's death and resurrection, but it was at Pentecost that the disciples came to share in it definitively.

Christ, through his redemptive death, as gained eternal life for all, and it is the Holy Spirit who "gives" his divine life. Thus we say in the Creed: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life."

the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life."
For the Apostles, for Many, and for the other disciples gathered in the Upper Room, Pentecost was the day of their spiritual resurrection unto newness of life in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's coming transformed them, causing them to overcome their mistrust and doubts and enabling them to become an Easter people, believers in and witnesses to Christ's resurrection, and heralds of "the mighty works of Got!" works of God.

Pentecost was thus a new self-giving of God to all people. Through the coming of the Holy Spirit, all humanity begins to experience the spiritual renewal of crea-tion, the victory of divine life over sin and

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About the twentieth one today

told him, "Lord, I brought in the mail And there are five more bills to pay.

The grass needs mowing, my feet are sore, And I really don't mean to complain, But, Lord, the crops are failing And we surely could use some rain

Still, I thank you, Lord, for this fine day And my sight to see the sun, And for the strength you've given me

To get my daily work done And, Lord, I think about those folks Who have no shoes for their feet And who have to root through trash cans

For something they can eat wish that somewhere in your plan You could help these people, Lord, So that when the sleet and

snow comes down They won't have it quite so hard. My mind just keeps on reeling Over kids that are abused,

And I have this awful feeling
About things that are misused.

You've given us so much, dear Lord, And some people just don't care About how they treat the other folks Lord, it just isn't fair.

And when I help the people You send to my front door, I always have the feeling

I should have done much more.

I thank you, Lord, for listening to me, Because I really don't know how to pray.' Then somewhere in the back of my mind I heard the words, "You're doing okay,

-Toni Iordan

(A resident of Indianapolis, Toni Jordan enjoys writing poetry.)

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Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Do the Right Thing' deserves status as hit

by James W. Arnold

Brooklyn's Spike Lee, whether he likes it or not, has become a movie pioneer. He's the first black American filmmaker to be a successful "auteur." a man who (like

Woody Allen) creates his own movies in his own place on his own schedule.

That gives blacks their first independent voice in this hugely influential medium, and Lee a lot of attention and responsibility probably wishes didn't have.

His new movie, "Do the Right Thing," is sensitive, funny and artful, and deserves its status as a smash critical hit. While it has its status as a smash critical hit. While it has some problems for general audiences, it's undoubtedly the "right thing" for a premier black moviemaker to do just now when race relationships are worsening and nobody seems capable or willing to even publicly notice, much less change, the drift of things

or things.

"Right Thing" is one of the "New York Stories" not told in the white, affluentheme movie of early spring. Mostly it tells about a hot summer day on a block in Bed-Stuy, the ghetto neighborhood that, with nearby Fort Greene, is the home and working headquarters for Lee and other black artists. Lee's focus is not on the grim (the harsh poverty, drugs, crime) but on the flow of humanity, real but also hilarious and touching

Writer-producer-director Lee is also central actor as Mookie, an engaging but immature young man who lives with (and off) his more responsible sister. He also evades his duties to his Hispanic girlfriend and their young son. Wearing a brightly clean Jackie Robinson Dodger uniform shirt, he works as a delivery boy for Sal (a bravura performance by Danny Ajello). whose pizzeria has been the most popular place on the block through 25 years of social

change.
Early on, we get to know the wide variety of "characters" on the block: Sal, who is tenderhearted but proud and determined to maintain his little easis of

who is tenderhearted but proud and determined to maintain his little oasis of Italian America in the neighborhood, his comically hagging sons, who disagree about whether to hate their situation: a boozy but gentel street pilolisospher (Ossie Davis) and an older woman (Ruby Dee) who keeps a watchful eye on street events; a noisy but amusingly impotent radical Giancarlo Esposito) who convinces just about no one to boycott 5al for failing to integrate his exclusively Italian-American "wall of fame" celebrity photos.

The language and sexuality are not middle-class, but the variety of humanty is rich and endearing. Others of interest: the rap-talking disc jockey everyone listens to, a stuttering kid who panhandles fuzzy photos of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Madolm X, the older men who sit on the corner and schmooze about the passing seene (and the new Korean operators of the grocery), the black and Hispanic youths who hang out on the stoops, and Radio Raheen, whose life is tied up in the huge boombox he carries on his shoulders at all times.

At first the tensions are funny: the kids have a war of amps with their boomboxes, a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past a white man tries for un his convertible past and the past

Av inst the tensions are tunny; the side have a war of amps with their boomboxes, a white man tries to run his convertible past the mischievous kids spraying water from an open hydrant. Sal seems to like Mookie's sister (played by Lee's real-life sister, Joie), and Mookie, horrified at the booksh of fusers instead, according to the sister.

The climactic event is cruel and violent: a fight starts in Sal's when Raheen refuses a right starts in Sai's when Kaineen retuses to lower the volume on his box. (The issue is superbly rooted in character.) But the over-zealous cops strangle the youth trying to restrain him, and the angry mob loots the building and burns it down: a tragedy not only for Sal, but for the community.



MAKING A POINT—Danny Aiello makes a point during an intense exchange with Spike Lee in Lee's film "Do the Right Thing," The U.S. Catholic Conference describes the film as "by turns hilarious and harrowing" and adds that "few will leave the theater without visible emotional scars." Due to heavy profantly including incessant racial and ethnic slurs and some sexual vulgarities, intense climactic racial violence, and a b.'ef sexual scene with fleeting nudity, the USCC classification is A-IV, adults, with reservations. (CNS photo from Universal City Studios)

The movie's aim is obviously to he'p us understand why such things happen. Lee suggests the atmosphere, the combustible context that makes it possible, even inevitable, no matter how wise or foolish the individuals involved may be.

Lee has taken some critical heat, for showing this kind of violence at the start of an already tense interracial summer, and

an already tense interracial summer, and for having it be started by Mookie. He may not be much of a hero, but he's surely the character the audience, especially the black audience, loves. Lee may feel Mookie is just as confused as anyone, and does only what he would probably do in that situation. In short, no statement is intended.

Indeed, there is no easy key to wisdom. Complexity, ambiguity and mixed feelings are central to the movie. The dilemma is stressed in the final titles: the first, from King. condemns violence. The second.

King, condemns violence. The secon from Malcolm, suggests it's "intelligent"

used in self-defense.

Lee could be out there hustling dollars like everyone else in this biggest gold rush summer in movie industry. Instead he takes us into his community to see and feel the humanity, and to offer his

thoughts on what's happening there, in hopes (as he says) of starting a dialogue. Unfortunately, most others are silent. (Funny-sad, artful chronicle of a day in

Bed-Stuy; heavy street language, brief nudity, sex situation; recommended for mature viewers.)

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Dark Circle' takes close look at nuclear threat

by Henry Herx and Judith Trojan

Years after accidents at the Three Mile Island and Chernobyl nuclear plants, the threat of nuclear disaster continues to haunt the world. Taking a close look at the question of public safety and

nuclear contamination is "Dark Circle," a documentary in the "P.O.V." series, airing on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 10-11:30 p.m. on PBS.

p.m. on PBS.

The program begins at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado where the plutonium triggers for hydrogen bombs are manufactured. Among those interviewed is a worker who charges he contracted brain cancer from handling plutonium at the plant.

Radiation from the plant is feared by some of the local residents, one of whom blames it for having killed his daughter. A farmer cites it as the cause of genetic defects in his livestock.

A mother of two young children talks about the terrible uncertainties of living within a couple of miles of the plutonium processing plant. She says, "You can't see it, you can't feel it, but it can give you cancer in years to come—but you can't prove it.

Also shown are government films stressing the strict safety measures employed at nuclear weapons plants as well as interviews with Rocky Flats spokesmen who give more or less glib assurances that local residents have nothing to fear from living in the plant's vicinity.

As we know now, such assurances were misplaced. Today operators of Rocky Flats and other nuclear weapons facilities face possible criminal prosecution for violating federal environmental laws governing the handling of hazardous chemical and radioactive materials.

It should be noted that "Dark Circle" was completed in 1982, and when it was offered to PBS in 1986, the network refused to air it because it was judged to be anti-nuclear. In recent months, however, it has become clear that the operation of Rocky Flats and other such plants have not been in strict compliance with environmental and safety regulations. As a result, PBS is belatedly broadcasting the documentary

Occumentary.

With Rocky Flats as the starting point, the program goes
on to show how plutonium, an essential element in the
manufacture of nuclear weapons, is a byproduct of nuclear power plants. Through the sale of nuclear power technology abroad, the number of countries in the nuclear weapons club will continue to grow

"Dark Circle" argues that this link between the nuclear wer and the nuclear weapons industries can only be stopped

power aim the inductar developers industries can only be stopped by ending all nuclear development before it is too late. The program shows the destruction caused by the two atomic bombs dropped on Japanese crities in World War II and the long-term effects of the radiation unleashed there. These long-term effects also are illustrated by a Navy

veteran who blames his leukemia on having been flown through a radioactive cloud during one of the many nuclear

Perhaps the most telling part of the documentary is a gment about California's Diablo Canyon nuclear power polant. Against the backdrop of local opposition to the plant, an engineer notices that the reactor's cooling devices have been installed backwards. So much for "fail-safe" technology.

Produced and directed by Judy Irving, Chris Beaver and Ruth Landy, "Dark Circle" is an effective consciousness-raising effort on a subject most of us would rather not think about. It is a powerful experience but one that makes us aware that we, not the experts, are in charge and responsible for the future

Judy Irving's narration is very personal and affecting The documentary does not try to overpower the viewer with dreadful images of the physical effects of radiation but reiterates that the real damage of the nuclear age is what it has done to the human spirit

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Aug. 6, 9-11 p.m. (CBS) "The George McKenna Story." Denzel Washington stars as George McKenna, a courageous, charismatic young school principal who took over a gang-ridden, drug-infested South Los Angeles high

school and transformed it into an achievement-oriented place of learning by demanding hard work, inspiring student pride and involving parents. This fact-based rebroadcast, also starring Lynn Whitfield, looks like a better alternative to the glossy, commercial hit "Lean on Me." Monday, Aug. 7, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Lions of the African Night." Rebroadcast of the 1987 "National Geographic Special" which follows a pride of lions on its nightly hunt for food on the African Bushveld.

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Monday, Aug. 7, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Dawn's Early Light-Ralph McGill and the Segregated South." During the troubled years of the 1950s and 1960s, McGill's editorials in the Allanta Constitution made him one of the most prominent and influential Southern white opponents of racial segregation. But Lancaster is the voice of McGill in this documentary which brings the era back to life through the recollections of Tom Brokaw, Jimmy Carter, Julian Bond and others

Brokaw, Jimmy Carter, Julian Boths and Sources.

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 9-10, p.m. (PBS). "The Rule of Law."

The fifth program in the 10-part series "The Struggle for Democracy" traces the signs of law in ancient Athens and at the Althing in Iceland—the site of the world's first

partiament.

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 10-11 p.m. (NBC) "Fatal Addictions" in this NBC News special, Maria Shriver explores various life-threatening addictions (alcohol, cocaine, food, credit, exercise and sex) and interviews former first lady Betty Ford and former baseball player Steve Howe.

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Betty Ford and former baseball player Steve Howe.

Wednesday, Aug., 7 [0:30-11 p.m. (PBS) "Bill Moyers'
World of Ideas." Rebroadcast of a program in which Elaine
Pagels, professor of religion at Princeton University, talks
with journalist Bill Moyers about feminism, Christianity and
reinterpreting the story of Adam and Eve.
Thursday, Aug. 10. 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Czechoslovakia:
The Long Wait for Spring." Rebroadcast of a documentary
filmed in Czechoslovakia in 1988 revealing the irones of life
in a communist country whose people have more to eat than
the Poles and are less repressed than the Romanians but
whose regime refuses to foliow the Soviet Union's line of
political and economic reforms.

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OUESTION CORNER

Clarify the Our Father

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q Would you explain what we mean in the Our Father by the words, "Lead us not into temptation"? Surely we do not imply that our Creator can, and does, lead us into temptation. How is that phrase to be under stood?—Missouri

A syou indicate, the meaning cannot be that we are afraid that God will seduce us into sin so we ask him not to

do that.

On the other hand, as Christian writers have pointed out, we do not go so far as to ask God to keep us from temptation, from those tensions and struggles that are part of any normally good, let alone holy, life.

Perhaps the best hint at meaning comes from the Gospels themselves. St. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer (11:4) simply says, "Do not subject us to the final trial" (Luke 11:4).

Matthew (6:13).

Matthew (6:13) adds what apparently is meant to be a poetic parallel, "And do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one." as from the evil one.

And, of course, there is the traditional version of the Our Father which says, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

us from evil."

Hebrew literature delights in parallel structures, saying the same thing in different words in pairs of lines. The psalms, for example, are full of such parallels. The Our Father itself is a thoroughly Hebrew prayer. In it, responding to the disciples' request that Jesus teach them how to pray, he compiles a kind of summary from two great Jewish prayer sources, the Kadesh and the Eighteen Benedictions.

FAMILY TALK

Advice on parenting disappoints readers

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I read with shock and disappointment your response to the problem of encouraging kids to do chores. Although nowhere in the letter does the writer indicate he or she is the female parent, you detailed all the things "mom" should do to train the children in household chores.

should do to train the children in household chores.

"A room that looks like a pigsty is the nemesis of many a mother." Mother is in charge of checking, rechecking, rewarding, and training in your world.

Mothers and fathers need to develop in both sons and daughters all the skills needed to be responsible, self-reliant, participating members of both their family and society as a whole. (Philadelphia)

Answer: Thank you. You were not alone in complain-Answer: Thank you. You were not alone in companing about my categorization of mother as primary or exclusive homemaker. You are right that such assumptions serve to perpetuate an outmoded feminine stereotype. I stand corrected. I agree that we must make the effort to rid our language and society of any further demeaning of women.

demeaning or women.

Having said this, I want to address several other issues raised by your letter. Running a family involves two basic and different roles: homemaker-nurturer and breadwiner. Unfortunately, these roles are sometimes in competition and too often ranked according to their assumed worth.

assumed worth.

Is there truly a more important task than child rearing? What may make the breadwinner task seem more important is the fact that he or she is paid a salary whereas the homemaker is not. If we analyze what is truly involved in being a skilled homemaker, we might be surprised.

As a man, I am envious of a woman's privilege to bear and feed new life, to give birth, to breastfeed, to allow free rein to all those marvelous maternal nutruring hormore. Thanks to nature, most women are able to care for small babies better than most men.

I totally agree that both genders have an equal capacity.

babies better than most men.

I totally agree that both genders have an equal capacity for mastering the homemaking skills: domestic, cook, bookkeeper, purchasing agent, interior designer, nurse, psychologist, mediator, executive officer, et al. Domeproperly, the role of homemaker calls for many talents.

Be careful in promoting the long overdue liberation of women that you do not negate the important tasks of nurturing and homemaking. Be careful not to overrate the male model doing battle to make money in a competitive world.

Homemaking, with its many and varied tasks, the discipline and training of children, and fostering of love between family members needs to be shared by both parents, not because it is a menial job but because it is vital and difficult.

(Address questions on family living and child care to be assured in print to the Kennys, Box 872, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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It seems, therefore, that Matthew is saying, in effect, "Do not lead us into temptation." That is, deliver us from evil, strengthen and guide us in overcoming those trials that can lead us off the track to you.

Among the most revered commentaries on the Our Among the most revered commentaries on the Our Father is that of the illustrious [Ish-century Carmelite leader and very down-to-earth mystic, St. Teresa of Avila. She speaks of how these lines give us strength against discouragement about past sins, disquiet and anxiety resulting from the wrong kind of fear of God and other dangers to spiritual growth.

Her first attention, however, is given to the danger of sillusions about where we are with God. "Those who reach perfection do not ask God to be

freed from trials, temptations, persecutions and com-bats." Do not place any faith in your virtues such as patience, for example, she says, "until they have been put to the actual test

It can happen, according to St. Teresa, that one single it can nappen, according to St. Ieresa, that one single who will exhaust your splendid store of patience. "When you have much to suffer, thank God that he has begun to teach you this virtue of patience, and store up courage for further trials.

In effect, she says this part of the Our Father is a prayer In effect, she says this part of the Our Father is a prayer for freedom. When we possess the dispositions asked for here, "it is no longer necessary to be constrained and timid." You enjoy, she says, a kind of holy freedom in all your right dealings with other people (St. Teresa, "Pater Noster" Chapters 13-15).

As Matthew tells it, that apparently was what Jesus was trying to say, as always with considerably fewer and more pointed words

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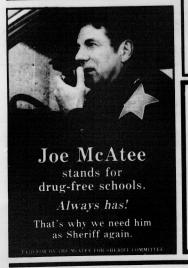
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August 4

Channel of Peace charismatic community will celebrate First Friday Mass at 7:30 p.m. in St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St. Soup and Bread supper 6 p.m.

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St. Ann Parish, 2862 S. Holt Rd. will hold its Summer Festival from 4 p.m.-midnight. Food, CYO dance Sat., barbershop

St. Agnes Parish, Nashville will sponsor an Outdoor Mass at 6:30 p.m. behind the nature center in Brown Co. State Park.

August 4-6

A workshop on "Wonderful Life of Prayer" stress management and empowerment will be held at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 317-257-7338

or information August 5

The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) will hold First Saturday Holy Hour devotions at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Parish Center chapel, 13th and Bosart. Everyone welcome.

First Saturday devotions to the Blessed Mother begin with 7 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central. Rosary, procession.

atima devotions and a FIRE chapter meeting follow 8 a.m. Mass in St. Nicholas Church, Sunman.

St. Lawrence Parish, 46th and Shadeland concludes its Super Rummage Sale for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

August 5-6

A weekend retreat on "Free to Feel: Learning Acceptance of Feelings and Emotions" will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-283-8818 for information

August 6

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Sign Masses for the Deaf are celebrated every Sun. in the following churches: St. Thomas, Fortville, 8 a.m.; St. Barnabas, 8300 Rahke Rd., 9 a.m.; St. Joan of Arc, 42nd and Central, 10:30 a.m.; and Holy Spirit, 7243 E. 10th St., 10:30 a.m.

Marian Devotions are held each Sun. at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St. Everyone welcome.

New Albany Deanery Young Adult Ministry planning meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Aquinas Center, Clarksville.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for quiet prayer and reflection from noon until Benediction at 5 p.m. in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

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An hour of prayer and devotion to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother is held each Tues. at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Parish chapel, 317 N. New Jersey St. Call 317-786-7517 for information.

The Ave Maria Guild will hold dessert and coffee at 12:30 p.m. followed by business meeting at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech

August 10 The Altar Society of Holy Name August 10-11

A Gigantic Rummage Sale for the benefit of Fatima Retreat House will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish gym, 5333 E. Washing-ton St. Bring clean, usable items to donate between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Aug. 8-9.

August 11-12

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New Albany Deanery Young Adult Ministry will gather for Mass/dinner at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, New Albany.

Agnes Farish, Nashville will St. Agnes Parish, Nashville will sponsor an Outdoor Mass at 6:30 p.m. behind the nature center in Brown Co. State Park.

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The Altar Society of St. Joseph Parish, 113 S. Fifth St., Terre Haute will sponsor a Flea Market behind the parish center from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For information call 812-232-7011.

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An Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and guided tours of the church will be held from 2:30.4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St. Everyone wel-

A Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples will be held from 12:45-5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Pre-registration required. Call 317-236-1596.

The CWS of St. Joseph Parish, Rockville will sponsor a Parish Picnic at Beechwood Park follow-ing 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Rd. will hold a 30th Anniver-sary and Mortgage Burning celebration at 2 p.m. Mass. Picnic follows

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'Touch the Sky' offers challenges and insight

by Mary Ann Wyand

Designed as a total immersion in nature, "Touch the Sky: A Mountain Jubilee II" challenged 32 teen-agers from the Fort Wayne and Indianapolis areas to trust Cod and each other during rugged outdoor experiences last month in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Mountains of Virginia.

Sponsored by St. Luke Parish on the Indianapolis northside and St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, the seven-day trip to Shenandoah National Park July 3-9 was arranged by Creations Expeditions and included a side trip to Washington, D.C.

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included a side trip to Washington, D.C.
"The purpose of the trip was to
physically and spiritually challenge ourselves," St. Luke youth minister Bob
Schultz explained, "and to realize that we
are all co-creators, that God has created this
beautiful world in which we live, and it is
our goal to continue that relationship."

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Whitewater rafting, rock climbing, rappeling, hiking, and swimming were among highlights of the "back to the basics" camping trip which was intensified by four

camping trip which was intensified by four days of rain.

"We had no modern conveniences."
Schultz added. "It was challenging, basically, because we were asking kids to do things they are not used to doing."
Obstacles like automotive failure, the frequent rainfall, and other necessary adjust-

ments in order to live in harmony with nature provided plenty of problem-solving opportunities for the young campers.
"I saw the kids not only growing but challenging themselves," he said. "It is tough to put up with four days of rain and still come out with a positive attitude. They created their own fun."
Participants discovered "the real world," the youth minister said and also reflected on

the youth minister said, and also reflected on "what all this means in their lives."

Thinking more about others and less sout yourself is one of the goals of "Touch e Sky," Schultz said. "When you're used to spending a lot of time making yourself look good, those things suddenly become less important.

Routine camping chores required tea work, and many of the campers quickly learned new skills. "The kids were great," he said. "They were always ready to pitch in and help. Parents have already com-mented on the difference in attitude."

Adult supervisors included Jim and Virlee Weaver, Tim George, Marc Bergin, John Bovitz, Steve Weigant and Schultz.

John Bovitz, Steve Weigant and Schultz.

St. Luke parishioner Chris Weaver said she especially enjoyed the rock climbing because of the sense of accomplishment.

"When you're rock climbing, you're climbing your own mountain inside too." she reflected. "I was scared, and I prayed a lot, but I was determined to make it to the top. It was great to sit at the top and



MEMORIES—St. Luke youth group mem-ber Chris Weaver scales a rocky cliff in the Blue Ridge Mountains. During a four of Washington, D.C., Amy Cooper from St. Michael Parish in Greenfield pauses for reflection at the Vietnam War Memorial. (Photos by Bob Schultz)

look at the mountains. It really made you

Rain meant a few inconveniences, but Schultz said the campers decided it was worthwhile after all when high water added to the excitement of their rafting trip.

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"I think everyone expected themselves to be down because of all the rain," he added, "but the rain was really a blessing because it gave us an exciting ride. The river was supposed to be two feet deep and it was up to rine feet that day."

Rain also prompted a side trip to the nation's capitol, where the group visited historic sites and spent time at The Wall, a stark and dramatic memorial to Americais who died in the Vietnam War. And that experience, too, was cause for personal and

experience, too, was cause for personal and spiritual reflection.



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Record crowd attends youth leadership retreat

by Mary Ann Wyand

A record crowd of Hoosier teen-agers filled the Catholic Youth Organization's Youth Center July 17-21 for fun and challenging learning, experiences during the sixth annual Christian Leadership Institute

More than 90 youth from throughout the state learned techniques for leadership, community building, group dynamics and decision making, planning and communi-cation skills, moral decision making, and consensus seeking during the intensive five-day seminar.

Father Charles Fisher, who served as the retreat spiritual director, said the institute teaches youth a greater appreciation and love for the Catholic faith.

"The bottom line for me as the spiritual director is helping the teen-agers create the environment for eliciting the innate leader-ship capabilities that they already have," he added. "I've had a lot of fun watching how the kids come alive, and seeing how their leadership skills interact with each other." Retreat coordinator Ann Papesh praised

the teens for their enthusiasm, ideas, and special talents.

"We don't make them leaders in a ek's time," she emphasized. "We bring forth their gifts.

Unfortunately, Papesh lamented, some of the teen-agers who participated in the institute may feel thwarted by parish situations which restrict youth involvement.

'Maybe, in part, there is an injustice that

control here in what they do, especially in planning liturgies. I wish that this utopia could be taken home with them

Father Chuck agreed. "We have to allow them to 'be' church in order for them to 'experience' church," he said. "The creativity of these kids is just unreal. The talents they possess and the responsibilities they accept are wonderful. They just need to be encouraged by the pastors and adults in their parishes to take part in planning liturgies and activities."

Teens from as far away as Gary and Evansville journeyed to Indianapolis for the institute. And Papesh said many teen-agers even came alone because they wanted to meet other Catholic youth and skills to participate more fully in the parish environment

parish environment.
Statistics compiled by Brian Reynolds, creator of the national Christian Leadership Institute programming, reveal that 70 percent of teen-age participants come to the regional institutes in order to build leader-skip chills. ship skills

ship skills. Further, Reynolds reported, 30 percent of the teens participate because they want to meet people and have a good time. And 15 percent of those who come simply for the opportunity to have fun actually do learn skills that affect attitude changes. "In addition to helping with programming, adult team members are available to

ming, adult team members are available the kids to discuss whatever concerns and issues that surface during the week," Father Chuck explained. "The participants is preserved over the course of the really do respond over the course of



CHALLENGES-Christian Leadership Institute programming at the CYO Youth Center July 19 was fun and challenging. (Photos by Mary Ann Wyand)

CYO needs umpires, officials

thusiasts!

Adults and teen-agers are needed to help with Catholic Youth Organiza-tion fall sports activities.

Jerry Ross, assistant ex ecutive director, invites in terested adults and teens aged 16 and above to contact the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311 for information about officiating kickball and football league games beginning Sept. 5.

Sept. 5.
"The Catholic Youth Or-"The Catholic Youth Organization is finalizing plans for the 1989 CYO kickball and football programs, and recruitment of kickball umpires and football officials is now underway." Ross explained. "Between Sept. 5 and Oct. 20 approximately 750 kickball games will be related on weekday after the control of t played on west played on weekday after-noons, and umpires are needed to assure that all games will be covered by a competent official," he said. "Over 200 football games are schedule Sunday afternoons scheduled on

tween Sept. 10 and Oct. 29, and officials are also needed for those games.

No experience is neces-

provided, Ross explained, and potential officials are not required to be licensed.

Youth Events

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August 4-5 - Summerfest at Sacred Heart Parish, Terre Haute, with dance on August 4 at 9 p.m. in the Sacred Heart gymnasium

August 5 — Tell City Deanery swimming party and pic-nic at Lincoln City, noon until 6 p.m.

August 8 - St. Lawrence Parish, Lawrenceburg, youth group canoe trip.

sst 12-13 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, New Albany, senior high summer camping trip to Spring Mill State Park, 8 a.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday,

st 13 - CYO Archdiocesan Talent Contest, Garfield Park Amphitheatre.

August 15 - St. Lawrence Parish, Lawrenceburg, youth roup water skiing party

August 15-17 — "Living On the Edge: A Chance to Serve," New Albany Deanery service retreat. August 16 - St. Paul Parish, Tell City, youth group outing to Rainbow Skateland for miniature golf, 5:45 p.m

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week to some of their own basic life questions about belonging to the church, interacting with their peers, and putting into practice a lot of the words and examples from the Scriptures."

Creative problem-solving activities like team sensory challenges help build a sense of community among participants, Papesh said. "It amazes me that a group can come together so quickly and put their heads together and accomplish so many things. It's incredible.

Christian Leadership Institute's

Yes, you are important. Yes, we want you in the church," Father Chuck emphasized. Activities support and affirm youth in addition to enhancing their faith lives. "Teen-agers come here because they want to be a part (of the church) so badly," he said. "They are freely giving ideas to people they don't even know, first of all, to people they don't even know, first of all, to come together and be proud they are Catholic. And by the end of the week, I see them living Christian values. They have developed a sense of community, a sense of what it means to be involved, and they have learned to trust."

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BEST, Mary Clarice, 64, St Mary, New Albany, July 18. Wife of Rollie; mother of Mi-

Colleen Purvis, Maureen Ehringer and Mary Kay Polk; sister of Dorothy Voll; grand mother of 18.

+ BLAES, Agnes (McNellis), 94, St. Joan of Arc, Indi-anapolis, July 18. Mother of Holy Cross Father James, and Ioan Clark.

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+BURCHETT, Warren Gayle, 69, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 19. Husband of Dorothy (Lozar); father of Gail Jacobs, Kathleen Burch, Martha

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father of seven

† DOYLE, Margaret F., 95, formerly St. John the Baptist, Dover, July 3.

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† EAGAN, Bridget, 88, St. Mark

† FALUS, Peggy, 68, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, July 28, Mother of James and Robin;

+ FEENEY, Francis M., Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 24. Husband of Helen (Curran); father of Maureen Wojciehowski, Dr. Tim, Sharon Henry, Patty Lindgren, Kath-leen Hill and Terry; brother of Mary Kernel and Sister Loretta; grandfather of 29.

t FERGUSON, Robert M., 71, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indi-anapolis, July 13, Husband of Dorothy; father of Jeanne Han-

five.

**FOXX, Shirley L., 53, Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick, July 12. Mother of Anthony, Bobby, Patty Moffatt, Connie, and Staye Emmons, daughter of Henry G. and Louise Haefling; sister of Edwin, Stanley and Ronald Haefling. Verfie Jones, Delores Hartwick and Mary Owens.

t HAENDIGES, Mary, 75. St Mary, New Albany, July 20.
Mother of John, Frank, April
Tipton, Janet Pettelli, Margaret
Horn, Alice Settlow, Mary
Allen and Jackie Hogan; sister
of Morris and Richard Lee, Betty Hungerford and Mar-guerite Moore; grandmother or 29; great-grandmother of four.

t HENCKEL, Tillie, 89, St Mary New Albany July 15 Mary, New Albany, July 15. Sister of Paul, Rose, and Marie

† HOHLT, Marie, 83, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 25. Step-mother of Dr. Fredrick; step-grandmother of three; step-great-grandmother of six.

t HOLT, Vivian D., 84, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, July 17. Mother of John D., and Jean McDermott; sister of Kathryn Shattuck and John W. Dem-

+ KELLY, Raymond Franklin, 78, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, July 19. Husband of Dorothy (Scheele); father of Theresa Altes, Marilyn Jaynes, Ronald, Paul and Albert; brother of John, Clifford, Thomas kade; grandfather of at-grandfather of 28.

† KING, Lucille A., 81, St. Mary, Richmond, July 18. Sister of William and Helen Snyder, Edna Goffinet, Betty Litherland, Joann Ribis and Mary Carr; niece of Martha Baysinger.

† KLENE, Margaret (Peg), 74, St. Mary, Greensburg, *July 16. Mother of Donna Franklin and Pat Pruett; sister of John, Robert and Donald Goldie and Betty Erickson; grandmother of two.

+ KRAUS, Lillian, 82, St. La-wrence, Lawrenceburg, July 27. Mother of Joan Morin; sister of Kathryn Courtney; grand-mother of five; great-grand-mother of three.

† LARK, Paul E., 34, Little Flower, Indianapolis, July 9. Son of Charles J.; brother of Leo J.

+ LIVERS, Martin A., 62, St.
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MISTLER, Patricia, 64, St Maurice, Napoleon, July 1 Mother of Michelle Hillman

† MORAN, William J., 73, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 1. Father of Stephen, Michael, Virginia Preston and Mary Kay Potter; brother of Marguerite Gillard; grandfather of five er of fi

† NEFF, William J., 50, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, July 11. Husband of Donna-Raye (Brown); father of Rusty, and Tammy Corpe; son of William A.; brother of Donald, and Dorothy Terry; grandfather

† O'CONNER, Joseph, 77, St. James the Greater, Indianapolis, July 14. Husband of Carleen; father of Mary Whitney, Peggy Napier and Bud.

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PICKETT, Richard William, St. Mary, Greensburg, July
 Son of John and Madeline, brother of Dale and Kathy.

+ PITSTICK, Katherine E., 80, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 14.

Mother of Patricia Tucker, Billie Kay and Richard L.; grandmother of nine; great-grand-

+ POZEK, Ferdinand, 87, Holy Husband of Mary (Zajc); father of John, Majda Gravelie, Silva Bub-nich and Slavica Zadkovich; brother of Jure, Katica and Neza;

+ OUTATKOWSKI Annette E. (Lombardi), 81, 5t. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 13. Mother of Anthony L., William I., Eliza-beth M., and Bernadette A. Gabehart: sister of Rita Lombardi; half-sister of Terri Chatham; grandmother of one

+ RAIA, Bennie A., 84, Holy Ro sary, Indianapolis, July 15. Step-father of Sarah Taylor; brother of lames, John, Roy, Mary Adams

RINK, Lena Danna, 70, Holy Rosary, Indianapolis (buried from St. Mark, Indianapolis), July 19. Mother of Rose Ann Wright; sister of Josephine Schoettle; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of six.

† ROELL, Mary C., 80, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, July 21. Mother of Donald U.; sister of

+ SAVAGE, Margaret, 90, St Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, July 17. Mother of Margaret, Frank, Robert, Richard and Tom; grandmother of 15; great-grandmother of 12.

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+ SPEAR, Burton Little Flower, Indianapolis, July 10. Father of Cary

+ UTTERBACK, Timothy A., 24 Holy Name, Beech grove, July 12. Son of Richard O. and Loretta (Gaither); brother of Richard Lee, Gregory Allen, Anthony Joseph. and Debra Lynn Skaggs; grand-son of O.H. and Grace (Barringer).

t VOGEL, Mary L., 79, St Ambrose, Seymour, July 22 Mother of Arthur, Lawrence Louis, Sandra Ritz, Diana Graham and Maxine Boas; sis Diana ter of Ruth Clemensen; grandmother of 14; great-grand-mother of 13.

t WHEAT, Mary E., 90, Holy Name, Beech Grove, July 14. Mother of Maxine Pallikan, Mary L. Emery, Edward, Paul L. and Charles J.; grandmother of 24: great-grandmother of 20.

† WILBERDING, Dr. Herbert H., 74, St. Mary, Madison, June 11. Husband of Anne; father of Paul, and Marianne Summerson; other of Larry, Gertrude, and Martha McCarthy; grandfather of

Lillian Turner. mother of archdiocesan priest, dies July 23

ST. PAUL, Ind.—Lillian E. Turner, mother of Father William Turner, an archdiocesan priest, died here July 23. The funeral liturgy was celebrated for her on July 27 in St. Vincent Parish, Shelby Co. where she was a member. She was 68. Mrs. Turner's other survivors

include her husband. Benjamin: five children: Edward, Louise Ratts, Maria McNeely, Annette Crosby and Frances; and a sister and brother

Father Turner is administrator St. Anthony Parish, China, and Most Sorrowful Mother of chaplain at Shawe High School in Madiso

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Catholic population continues to increase

by John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-The latest Vatican figures show a continuing increase in the worldwide Catholic population, which reached about 893 million at the end of 1987.

The fastest growth was in Africa

The total represents a gain of about 14 million from the previous year, and Catholics now total 18 percent of the world's population, according to the 1987 Statistical Yardwook of the Church, published in July. The statistics are normally two years old at the time of publication.

The Vatican said its figures include an estimated 15 million

Catholics in countries, mostly under communist rule, where an accurate annual count is practically impossible. The countries with the largest Catholic populations are: Brazil, 124.7 million; Mexico, 78 million; Italy, 56.2 million; the United States, 54 million, and France, 47.1 million.

The U.S. Catholic population increased nearly 500,000 during 1987, according to the figures.

The yearbook showed that the church is growing fastest in Africa, where the number of Catholics has increased 50 percent in the previous 10 years, to 78.3 million. In 1987, the church there gained nearly 3.4 million new members.

In Asia, where the church remains a tiny minority, the number of Catholics increased nearly 3 million during 1987.

The bulk of the church's growth came in predominantly Catholic Central and South America, where the Catholic population increased 6.5 million in 1987.

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In Europe, the Catholic population stayed virtually the me, while Oceania and North America showed small

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Breeze from Soviet bloc jolts Vatican summer

by John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican summer doldrums were broken up in July by a strong breeze from the East: a rush of important diplomatic decisions and church appointmens in the Soviet bloc.

At a time when the Roman Curia normally runs at half-speed, the announcements came in rapid succession. half-speed, the article can be rapid succession; Between July 2426, Pope John Paul II filled a diocese in Soviet Byelorussia that had been empty for five decades, named three new bishops in hard-line Cechoslovakia and appointed a bishop for Ukrainian-rite Catholics in Poland. A week earlier, the Vatican and Poland announced they

vere establishing diplomatic relations after years of intens bargaining.

The month may go down as a turning point of sorts for the church's "Ostpolitik," the term given to the Vatican's 25-year effort to negotiate with East European communist

Taken together, the steps illustrate a two-pronged approach by Vatican negotiators. The first priority has been to restore church hierarchies disassembled during decades of communism-still the main task in places such as Czechoslovakia, where about half the dioceses are without

The second aim has been to encourage legislation that protects religious liberties—taking advantage of what the Vatican has called a "new spirit" moving through the Eastern bloc. In places such as Poland and Hungary, the Vatican appears to be using diplomatic normalization as a reward for governments willing to write religious concessions into law

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The appointment in Byelorussia, a republic that includes some 2 million mostly forgotten Catholics, was the biggesturprise of the month. A Vatican official well-informed estate European affairs said the naming of a bishop there was almost incredible news 'No one could have imagined a few months ag

there could be a regular appointment like this," said the official, who asked not to be named.

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He said the nomination was more significant than recent ones in the predominantly Catholic Soviet Baltic states, because in Byelorussia the church is a small minority and has not had a bishop since World War II. The "gentlement" sagreement" by which Soviet authorities raised no objection to the pope's candidate bodes well for future appointments, he added.

he added.

In Czechoslovakia, the pope was able to name three bishops as fully empowered Ordinaries. The last time that happened was in 1973, and the latest appointments left Vatican officials candidly optimistic. Discarding the usual tone of official caution, they were predicting that the country's remaining six Sees would probably be filled by

The naming of a Ukrainian-rite bishop in Poland was also

Arafat writes to pope about Israeli violence

ROME (CNS)—Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat has written Pope John Paul II complaining about Israeli violence against Palestinians in the occupied territories, said the PLO office in Rome.

A July 18 PLO statement quoted the letter as expressing worry over the "wave of violence against the martyred Palestinian people of the territories occupied by the Israeli government

Arafat said he wrote the pope because of "the interest always shown toward the Palestinian cause by the Vatican

and, in a special way, by the pontiff himself."

The PLO office did not release the full text of the letter.

Vatican officials acknowledged receipt of the letter, but

Varican officials acknowledged receipt of the letter, but would not comment on the contents.

Vatican Mideast policy supports a homeland for Palestimians and peace and security for Israel. It also opposes violence as the means to achieve these ends. The letter came at a time of mounting violence in occupied territories as Israeli troops try to control the escalating protest against Israeli rule.

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a sign or me times—the rolish government had previously been wary of such a step, fearing it might upset the Orthodox Church, a Vatican official said. One reason the Vatican aims first to restore local hierarchies is its primary concern for pastoral life, the Vatican official explained. That means seminaries, religious education and parish organization, among other things. "If there is a bishop, no company the contractive more dis-

"If there is a bishop, he can create the structures needed for normal pastoral work," the official said.

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For the Valtican, the pope's native Poland is in many ways a model for the rest of Eastern Europe. The exchange of ambassadors follows Poland's enactment of legislation that guarantees the church a wide array of legal rights.

"We hope this scheme will be repeated" in Hungary, the Vatican official said.

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In Hungary, such legislation is being considered, with
the consultation of the country's bishops. The church favors
a real separation of church and state, to replace the
watchdog role of the present religious affairs ministry.
A positive signal arrived in June, when Hungary's
government said it intends to create the conditions
necessary for diplomatic relations. Vatican officials said that
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political reforms that were untrunkative a tew years ago. Part of the "Ostpolitis" goal has been to keep religion in the forefront of this social restructuring.

The pope was vacationing for most of July, but he reminded a general audience July 26 that he will soon get a firsthand view of East European developments. He asked a group of Hungarian youths to prepare spiritually for 1991—they earh e will make his first timp to their country.

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