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## -Community honors Catholic Charities for work with refugees

BY RUTH ANN HANLEY

Reaching out to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees with a "creative" and "forceful" effort, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of indianapolis resettled 514 refugees, and in the process secured for itself a Community Service Council agency

award.

A CASPER (Community Appreciation for Service in Public Enlightenment and Relations) plaque was presented at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Indianapolis based group by Joseph Areddy, Chairman of the CASPER judging committee, who

## Friars restore Mt. St. Francis retreat facility

MT. ST. FRANCIS, Ind .- The Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Consolation Province are in the process of restoring the former Mt. St. Francis Seminary into an up-dated retreat facility for the Kentucklana

retreat facility for the Kentuckiana area.

According to Father-Fintan Cantwell, O.F.M. Conv., Guardian of the Mount, week-end retreats for men, women, and married couples will begin on July 9, and will be conducted on a year-round basis by a special team of Franciscan Friars.

The retreat experience for youth has been developing for several years, and the majority of the mid-week retreats will be conducted for the high school students of this region. Fifty-three private air-conditioned rooms are being constructed in the former student dormitory section of the seminary building, Father Fintan said. Chet Mitchell, architect of New Albany, and Shepherd and Roberts, the general contractors, see the July 9 concluditions are settled and the adult of the semilation of the semilatio

the general contractors, see the July 9 opening date as realistic and the adult retreat movement will officially begin at that time, he added, Father Albert Lets, O.F.M. Conv., who supervised the construction of the present building is also serving in the same city while the retreat facility is

being completed.

To make reservations for the retreats, call the retreat office at Mt. St. Francis, 923-8819 or 923-8810.

cited the manner in which Catholic Charities "saw an urgent need and then set out to meet that need."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES mounted an

CATHOLIC CHARITIES mounted an interdenominational effort on behalf of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees," Areddy said, "moving office routine aside to put 50% of its staff into a six month campaign which resulted in the resettlement of some 500 refugees in 39 counties."

To his audience, which included Mayor William Hudnut and representatives of the media and human service agencies, Areddy commented that in the opinion of the judges this effort "was evidence that the communication devices reached beyond the scope of Catholic

the communication devices reached beyond the scope of Catholic Charities and into the community at large in and around indianapolis." Thomas Morgan, Associate Director of Charities, filling in for Father Donald L. Schmidlin, Director of Catholic Charities, received the award to bis expectation.

for his organization.
He later detailed Catholic Charities He later detailed Catholic Charities work in the nationwide resettlement. "More than 52,000 refugees have been sponsored through the United States Catholic Conference," he sald. "Throughout the country Catholic Charities Resettlement offices have played a major role, and Catholic Charities of Indianapolis is in the top 25%. Catholic particularities 25% of Catholic participating agencies." Through this office 38 group and 29 individual sponsors were found.

A VIETNAMESE bilingual assistant, Nguyen The Nhan, is the newest aid to communication between staff, sponsors, and refugees. Morgan stressed, however, that the program, which began with the finding of sponsors, homes, and jobs," is now, and has always been, an ongoing one."

He said that Catholic Charities continues to extend help in many ways. These functions include job counseling, orientation to local communities, language training, assistance in meeting health needs, information for making the best use of information for making the best use of government services, translation of pertinent information into Vietnamese (such as driver's manual, tax information, and Sunday Ilturgy), assistance in resolving difficulties between sponsors and refugees, planned religious and social events to preserve religion and culture (Vietnamese Masses, receptions and the like).



ECEIVES AWARD—in behalf of Catholic Charities Associate D lorgan, left, receives the CASPER award from Joseph Areddy, Char community Service Council of Metropolitan Indianapolis.

### Shift to new campus slated this summer

Cathedral High School this week announced plans to relocate its facilities and establish a coeducational high school at the present site of Ladywood-St. Agnes School.

The property of Ladywood-St. Agnes School has been purchased by the board of trustees of Cathedral High School for \$1.8 million. The

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purchase is immediate, and the co-educational school will open in the fall of 1976. The property was purchased from the Slaters of Providence, who have owned and operated the North-side girls' school since 1925.

The Sisters placed the property on the market last fall, cifing financial difficulties as the reason for seaking a buyer. It was reported at a parents meeting on Tuesday evening of this past week that a projected operational deficit of \$154,000 would have to be incurred by Ladywood-St, Agnee in the coming year, if a buyer was not found.

RELOCATING CATHEDRAL High School was "a means of solving our own financial and maintenance problems," said Father Patrick Kelly, Cathedral board member, in an in-terview with the Criterion. "It would have cost us more to renovate and expand the present Cathedral property than to purchase the Ladywood property."

Father Kelly stressed the point that the transaction with Ladywood-St. Agnes "was not a merger," but that Cathedral will retain its name and entity as a separate school in a new

"We expect that a large number of Ladywood-St. Agnes atudents, however, will opt to annoll under the co-educational status," he added.

When the Sisters of Providence (Continued on Page 6)

### **Head of NCCB** 'most influential'

WASHINGTON—The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), the president of Notre Dame University and Pope Paul

Notre Dame University a VI are the first, third and fifth most in-fluential persons in the field of religion, ac-cording to a poll conducted by U.S. News and World Benort!

News and World Report.
Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincin natt, NCCB president, was chosen as the most influential religious leader by his peers who participated in the magazine's annual survey of national leadership.
In second place was the Rev. Billy Graham, followed by Holy Cross Father Theodors Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University; William Thompson, president of the National Council of Churches, and Pope Paul

The magazine asked 1,400 "key Americans" who they thought are currently the top decision-makers in the United States. The field of religion was one of 12 isolated for separate

was one of 12 isolated for separate analysis.

Two Catholics are among the poli's "top 10" leaders among women. They are Gov. Elia Grasso of Connecticut and Phyllis Schlaffy, the combative opponent of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

### Indianapolis is host to Claver Conference

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Hilton Hotel will be the site of the 38th annual Northern District Conference of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver on May 7, 8 and 9.

Martin Strange and Mrs. Marie Cavanaugh have announced that some of the highlights of the conference will be a visit on Saturday to St. Maur's Priory, the Benedictine Monastery in Indianapolis, and a banquet and dance that evening.

On Sunday Archbishop George J. Blakup will be the principal celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, and Father Harvey W. Shepherd, O.S.B., Prior of St. Maur Monastery, will deliver the homilly. Registration will be held Friday, May 7 from 12 noon until 11 p.m. Most of the conference events are open to the public.



NEW ARCHDIOCESAN CYO OFFICERS—Above are the new Archdiocesan CYO Officers elected at the annual CYO Convention held recently at Scecina High School They are, left to right: Mike LaGrange, New Albany,

President; Gall Rissier, Tell City, Vice-President; Cindy Farquhar, Bedford, Deanery Coordinator; Coleen McNuity, Indianapolis, Recording Secretary; and Jane Fulner, New

## Papal message emphasizes faith in the Resurrection

BY JOHN T. MUTHIQ

VATICAN CITY-In a solemn Easter VATICAN CITY—In a solemn Easter message crowning Holy Week rites here, Pope Paul VI staunchly defended the truth of Christ's physical resurrection signification army of critics."

Speaking at noontime from the Balcony of the Benedictions above the main portal of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Paul urged those who doubt the funivocal real sense" of Christ's resurrection to embrace once again the Church's official teaching.

As about 200,000 pligrims and tourists stood on the sun-soaked cobblestones of St. Peter's Square, the Pope proclaimed "the unheard-of, unthinkable but undenlable and unsuppressible victory of life over

Then before giving his blessing "Urbl et Orbl" (to the city and the world), the Pontiff asserted: "We cannot be slient that, in regard to such a great mystery, an army of deniers and critics has worked and is working to deprive it of its univocal real sense.

"But our certainty today is so full and so blessed that it desires only to be communicated with those who do not share it, in order to have them as partners in our faith and in our hap-

IN RECENT YEARS some theologians have given various in-terpretations to the resurrection of Jesus. Some maintain that it is only the personality or the works of Christ—not his physical body—that

The Pope, who minutes before had celebrated a colorful outdoor Mass on the basilica's steps, declared that no one will rejoice more than Christians

### Farm Worker Week to be observed here

"Speak To the Earth and It Shall Teach Thee" is the theme for National Farm Worker Week, May 2-8. Under the guidance of the Secretariat for the Spanish Speaking of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the special contribution of farm workers will be the topic for con-ferences, railies and discussions

troughout the nation.

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis,
Farm Worker Week will be highlighted
by a Mass in Spanish at St. Mary
Church on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m.

Church on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. Anastasio Contreras, coordinator for Associated Migrant Opportunity Service (AMOS), will speak at that time. An ecumenical service will take place at Holy Rosary Church at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, followed by a march to the Farmers' Market on South Street. Saturday, May 8, will see the Hispano-American Center host a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring the musical group Los Bandoleros. Proceeds from the dance will go to the United Farm Workers Union (UFW).

Union (UFW).

Farm Worker Week is celebrated to focus on the values of justice and human dignity as they relate to farm workers and the Church, to recognize the role of the farm worker, to focus on unity and family, to affirm the right to a decent wage, adequate food, shelter, and education.

### POSTPONED

The presentation of the Marian Award and the St. Ann Medal will not be held on Sunday, April 25, as previously announced. Father John Ryan, Archdiocesan Diráctor of Scouting, stated that advance notice will be given when a new date for the ceremonies has been selected.

over an economic, social and cultural "resurrection" of Society.

But he cautioned that the social resurrection is in itself in-complete.

"It would be an illusion to hope to attain that effective and transcendent resurrection to which the life of man profoundly and essentially aspires, if this life were deprived of that hope which does not deceive," the Pope asserted.

He said that men today must be warned about the "inevitable danger resulting from the blind craving for temporal prosperity alone." The craving "could bring man a greater unhappiness generated by the very expansion of his capacity to desire more and of his possibility to enjoy more," he said.

The Pope then extended Easter wishes in 12 languages, including Ukrainian and Chinese.

THE BLESSING, televised to many parts of the world, capped a week of solemn ceremonies led by the 78-year-

At Saturday night vigil ceremonies, the Pope blessed the new fire in the basilica's atrium, then carried the paschal candle as he was borne on his portable throne up the main aiste of the Vatican basilica. At the chanting of the Lumen Christi, he dipped the cardle tevered the throngs who ill their candle toward the throngs who lit their tapers from its flame.

Afterward, the intoning of the Glorie at the papal Mass set into motion thousands of church bells announcing the resurrection to the city of Rome.

The Pope baptized, confirmed and gave first Communion to a Jewish convert from Los Angeles—Nell Barry-to two Korean women and to a man from Caleroun during the vigil

In a brief homily the Pope told Christians that the Easter feast carried with it two duties: the duty to witness to a profound joy and to live a strong,

The silent emptiness of Holy Saturday in Rome was preceded on Good Friday by the dramatic 9 p.m. Way of the Cross led by Pope Paul and his vicar from the city of Rome, Cardinal Ugo Poletti, in the heart of the pagan Rome—the Colosseum and Romes Engine Roman Forum.

hill overlooking the Roman stadium until the 11th station. Then he led the rest of the procession carrying a lightweight dark wooden cross.

EARLIER THAT DAY the Pope had presided at Good Friday ceremonies in St. Peter's. Bareheaded, he kneit (Continued on Page 6)

### Guatemala fund tops \$3 million

NEW YORK—U.S. dioceses have contributed more than \$3 million to the Guatemala Earthquake Fund of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom, executive director of CRS, announced here.

As of March 31, the overseas ald agency of U.S. Catholics had also received more than \$4.2 million in food and supplies from the U.S. government, Bishop Swanstrom said.

OF THE \$8.4 MILLION received by CRS since the early February earth-quakes in Guatemala, all but \$193,699 has been spent or committed for rehabilitation projects there, the bishops said.

The CRS relief effort currently reaches an estimated 235,000 Guatemala earthquake victims.

In a report submitted to the CRS headquarters in New York, William Pruzensky, CRS Program Director in Guaternala, stated that unofficial statistics indicate about 25,000 dead, 90,000 injured and 1.25 million homeless as a result of the quakes.

PRUZENSKY'S report further stated:

"Surveys now Indicate that 1,108 primary school buildings were destroyed in the earthquake zone, leaving approximately 94,840 children without classrooms . . . More than 300 clinics, hospitals and health posts were also damaged, making it impossible to provide rapid and adequate care for the injured after the disaster

. . . Churches, public buildings, commercial establishments were destroyed or damaged. Over half the churches were damaged in this zone and some, hundreds of years old, were completely leveled. The magnitude of destruction is incredible."

## Marian appoints new cage coach

Marian College this week named John Grimes of Olivet (Mich.) College as its varsity basketball coach.

Grimes, 31, who holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Indiana State University, is completing his fifth year at Olivet, serving as assistant basketball and football coach.

The Greencastle (Ind.) native was graduated from Gerstmeyer Tech High School in Terre Haute, where he was an all-state athlete in the two sports.

Olivet College, which is affiliated with the Congregationalist Church, has an enrollment of 800, virtually identical with that of Marian. The Michigan college is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and produced two championship basketball teams within the past five years.

At Marian, Grimes will serve as assistant professor of physical education in addition to his basketball coaching duties.

Varsity sports at Marian include basketball, baseball, tennis and golf. The school also fields a club soccer

team and maintains an extensive Intramural program. Grimes will succeed Ed Schilling, Marian coach for the past five years.



## WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

### Non-Catholic to teach in Rome

ROME—Rome's prestigious Gregorian University will "almost certainly" permit at least one non-Catholic to teach there next semester, despite rumors that Pope Paul VI had forbidden teaching by non-Catholic professors at the institution, Father Rene Latourelle, dean, confirmed here. But Father Latourelle would not comment on the rumors that Pope Paul has asked that no more non-Catholics teach at the Jesuit-run Gregorian, a pontifical university, at which many of Rome's seminarians, priests and Religious

### Small farms extolled

OKLAHOMA CITY—The takeover of family farms by large corporations is like "trading off a good efficient Chevrolet for an Edsel," a consultant of the National Catholic flural Life Conference (NCRLC) said here. Speaking on the virtues of small farms to a national Methodist workshop on farming here on the eve of Food Day, was Roger Blobaum, consultant to the NCRLC. He asserted that "family farms are more efficient producers" than corporate ones and "one-or two-person farms are the most efficient operations."

### In capsule form . . .

The Bible is now available in 1,577 languages, according to an announcement made by the London-based World Federation of Bible Societies . . The U.S. Catholic Conference has joined other religious, civic and labor groups in support of a bill which would guarantee every able-bodied American the right to a job. The measure also would mandate lowering the unemployment rate to 3% within four years . . . Leaders of the largest missionary order of priests in South Africa have taken steps to make the Church "become a visible sign of unity in an apartheld society." Provincials and other high officials of the Oblates of Mary immisculate recently called on Oblates to serve, to listen to arid to learn from black African people more than they have in the past . . . A fund-raising campaign has been launched in St. Louis, Mo., by Fairness in Education. All Catholic households will receive appeals in the mail from the nonsectarian group, which is seeking to change Missouri's present ban on aid to nonpublic school children . . The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling barring a priest-lawyer, Father Vincent LaRocca of Brooklyn, N.Y. from wearing a Roman collar during jury trials.



DIAMOND JUBILARIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Richart, members of St. Ambrose parish, Seymour, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with the traditional Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 2, followed by a family dinner. An open house will be held from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, Seymour. Friends and relatives are invited. The jubilarians request that gifts be omitted. The couple was married May 2, 1916, in St. Joseph Church at Four Corners. The jubilarians have three sons, Bernard Richart of Hayden, and Donald and Paul Richart, both of Seymour; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Lane of Indianapolis and Mrs. Bertha Elsner of Juddah, Saudi Arabia.

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### Harris claim draws reaction

BELLMORE, N.Y.—A syndicated column by polister Louis Harris claiming that the anti-abortion candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Ellen McCormack, has "apparently abandoned her candidacy" drew sharp rebuttals from Mrs. McCormack and her campaign manager. Saying Harris has "apparently abandoned his career as a scientific polister for a new career as a political propagandist for those views in which he believes," the Long Island housewife dismissed Harris' conclusion that it is safe for politicians to favor abortion.

### Recruit new students

CHICAGO—The chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference's (USCC) education committee appealed here to every Catholic schoolteacher to recruit two new pupils each by next September. The 150,000 full-time Catholic elementary and secondary schoolteachers in the country can recruit 300,000 additional pupils by then, said the USCC committee chairman, Bishop William E. McManus, auxilliary of Chloago. "Our success will reverse the perilously downward enrollment trend which even more than the perennial shortage of funds threatens the future of some Catholic schools," Bishop McManus said.

### Pope sends mission to Lebanon

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has sent a special peace-making mission to troubled Lebanon, where civil war has been raging for the past 12 months. The mission is designed to: indicate the Pope's "paternal concern for the tragic situation in Lebanon, comfort the various communities tried by the conflict, and examine the possibility of meeting the growing needs of refugees and the families of the victims, regardless of partisan considerations," according to a Vatican announcement.

### Advance young adult ministry

WASHINGTON—A national young adult ministry board—the first ever for the American Catholic Church—has been formed by the department of education, U.S. Catholic Conference. Almed at the 18 to 35 age bracket, the board consists of 16 members who will formulate new and identify existing programs to meet the needs of American Catholics in this age group.

### Names . .

Father Robert I. Burns, S.J., of the University of San Francisco has been awarded the Haskins Medal of the Medieval Academy of America for his three-volume study, "Islam Under the Crusaders: Colonial Survival in the 13th Century Kingdom

of Valencia."
The 32nd annual Gold

Medal of the Eire Society of Boston was awarded to a former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, John D. J. Moore. Jesuit Father Daniel E.

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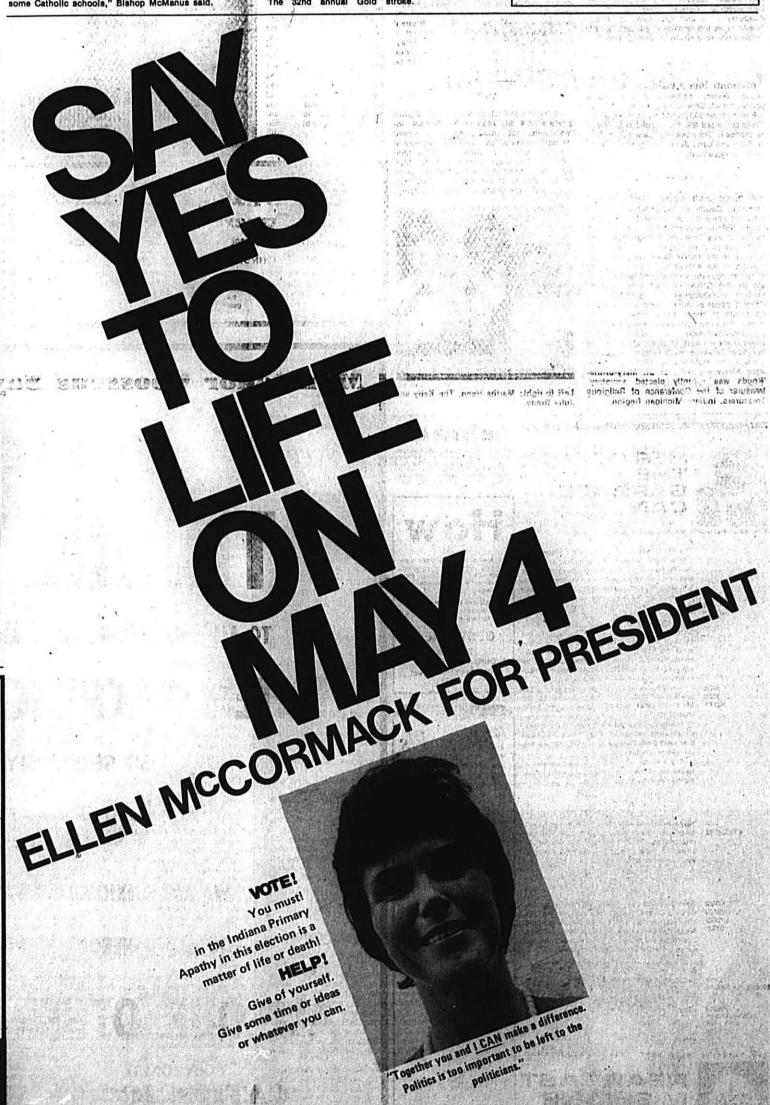
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## Objection sustained

BY FRED W. FRIES

At the peak of the turmoil and confusion, which accompanied the announcement of the Cathedral purchase of Ladywood-St. Agnes, we received a phone call from the principal of St. Mary Academy, Sister Carol Slinger, O.S.F.

She was protesting one of the local dailies' reference to the Northside achool as "the only girls' college preparatory school in the Indianapolis area."

Sister Carol pointed out that St. Mary Sister Carol pointed out that St. Mary achool in the Archdiocese—and Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove have prepared "hundreds of young ladies for college" down through the years, and certainly deserve to be regarded as "college preparatory" schools.

Several days later the "offending" newspaper carried the following peragraph in an update on its Cathedral-St. Agnes-Ladywood story: "The closing of Ladywood-St. Agnes leaves St. Mary's Academy ... and Our Lady of Grace Academy as the remaining all-girls college preparatory schools in Marion County."

DIAMOND JUBILARIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sahm, residents of Holy Name parish, Beach Grove, since the early 1920's, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 29. No special observance is planned. They are the parents of Carl, William and Larry Sahm. A daughter, Betty Jean, is deceased.

AROUND AND ABOUT-The Hispe American Center in Indianapolis recently acquired a new van for transporting day care center children and clients to and from the conter children and clients to and from the center. It was financed through donations from various sources . . . Parcohial schools in the indianapolis area who participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs recently were alloted \$8,597.25 in aid by the Office of the State Senator Burnett Bauer of South Bend was recently appointed to the national platform committee of Citizens for Educational Freedom . . Brother Fidelis Pomier, C.S.C., died at Notre Dame on April 11 at the age of 78. He taught at Cathedral High School for various periods from 1929 through 1951 . . . Sister Joan Kirkwood, S.P., of St. Mary-of-the-Woods was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Conference of Religious Treasurers, Indiana-Michigan Region.

STOP THE PRESSES—An advisory cleared our teletype news wire as we went to press Wednesday afternoon informing Catholic Press staffers that delegates to the annual CPA convention in early May are invited to a "hospitality session" at NC News headquarters during their Washington stay. One sager editor from the West Coast filled an inquiry asking what would be served. A few minutes later the following advisory cleared the wire: "in response to an inquiry from San Francisco about NC hospitality during the CPA meeting, tea will be served."

CLASS REUNIONS-Two secondary schools in the greater indianapolis area have announced plans for double class have announced plans for double class reunions this coming June. The graduating classes of 1968 and 1967 of Our Lady of. Grace Academy will meet Saturday, June 26, at the Southside Knights of Columbus. Mary Anne [Gallamore] Schaefer is taking dinner reservations (May 1 deadline) at 783-4000. A similar combined reunion of the classes of 1968 and 1967 of Brebeuf Preparatory School is also on the docket. A gala reunion plonic at 12 noon on Saturday, June 19, at the Krannert Community Center will kick off the festivities. Details can be obtained from the school. obtained from the school.

TOP PERFORMERS—Three eighth graders from St. Joan of Arc School, In-dianapolis, set some kind of a record recently when they took first place honors in entrance exams for their respective high schools. The three pupils and the high schools of their choice are Martha Henn, Chatard (top girl); Tim Kelly, Chatard (top boy); and Julie Brady, St. Mary Academy.



Left to right: Martha Henn, Tim Kelly and Julie Brady.

## Humphrey favors courts

WASHINGTON-Litigation in the courts, not a constitutional amendment, represents the best way to overturn the Supreme Court's 1973 decisions striking down most state restrictions on abortion, according to Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.)

Humphrey, widely regarded as an unannounced presidential candidate, made his remarks in a letter to Father Paul Zylla, chairman of the St. Cloud, Minn., committee for pro-life activities. Father Zylla criticized Humphrey for his "allence" on the abortion issue in an open letter last January.

IN HIS RESPONSE, Humphrey repeated his "personal opposition to abortion as a method of birth control."

Moral rights

CHICAGO — A Lutheran sociologist here defended the right of Catholics to state their moral convictions

on abortions and other issues and to organize politically on the basis of those convictions.

Dr. Petj Berger, professor of sociology at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., told a general session

of the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention that the Catholic witness to the fundamental philosophical

questions invoved in the abortion issue "is an immensely valuable con-

tribution to the public debate."

He also said, "There may, however, be circumstances when medical procedures are required to protect the life or health of the mother."

Praising the Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments for "an exceptionally tholough investigation of the proposed constitutional amendments" to reverse the Supreme Court decisions, Humphrey said the subcommittee had concluded that "those amendments would create more problems than they would

"A more timely, effective and constructive course to follow lies in litigation now pending in the courts," Humphrey said. "This litigation process can help clarify certain aspects of the Supreme Court ruling

and resolve further abortion-related issues involved in the formulation of statutory law."

THE SUPREME COURT IS NOW THE SUPREME COURT is now reviewing state laws including provisions for defining viability, prohibiting abortions after viability, requiring parental or spousal consent for an abortion and restricting Medicaid payments for abortions. Humphrey also said, "We must make a common effort to strengthen both respect for life and for the rights of individuals."

A spokesman for Humphrey said

A spokesman for Humphrey said Humphrey was interested in and probably would support legislation to provide federal funds for "life-support centers" which would provide help to teen-agers with problem pregnancies.

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everyday matter of living and

group of Ladywood-St. Agnes

Mary Plus appeared as the

woman of falth, the vallant

woman of which the Scriptures

speak. She was firm, un-

apologetic for decisions, but

able to recognize differences of

opinion and willing to seek

forgiveness for poor judgments.

of Providence are in serious

financial difficulties. It should

be no secret that they have more

than once taken on the burdens

of educating and caring for people who have not always

been thankful. Sister Mary Plus

and the Sisters of Providence

of the entire Archdlocese.

deserve the thanks and support

Students who were present at

the meeting seemed to reflect the kind of Christian attitude

one hopes would be found in a

Catholic school. It was a

student who told parents that

their bickering was senseless

and achieved no purpose. It was

a student who told the parents

their talk was redundant. It was

a student who encouraged

everyone to build for the future

rather than pick over the past.

Catholic education? Surely the

parents present at that meeting

do not represent most of the

parents of Ladywood-St.

Agnes. One would hope not.

For if Catholic education means only what some parents suggested they were losing,

then we should consider

closing down all of our schools and seeking the return of Jesus

Christ himself. Are we only in

the business of building

basketball teams or are we proclaiming a life of faith?

Catholic education. What Catholic education needs is

more valiant women like Sister

Mary Plus and more young

people like the girls at

Ladywood-St. Agnes. Catholic education needs vision.-T.W.

The recent purchase of the Ladywood-St. Agnes School and property by the Cathedral High school Board of Trustees has been met with a

distortion of the facts, and, I regret to

I can personally vouch that much of

I can personally vouch that much of what appeared in the two local newspapers, reporting the purchase, though possibly well-intentioned, was untrue because I, as well as many other board members of Cathedral High School, have been personally involved for several months in the negotiations and details of the purchase.

instead of Robert Welch unilaterally purchasing the Ladywood-St. Agnes school and acreage, as early reports implied, the purchase resulted from a minimum of five special board meetings, attended each time by virtually all of the board members. During these meetings we considered

During these meetings we considered many questions: Should Cathedral remain at 14th and Meridian and jump

into an estimated \$2,000,000

Into an / estimated \$2,000,000 renovation and repair program, or would it be more propitious to seriously consider purchasing the excellent physical facilities and beautiful surrounding grounds of Ladywood? Should we operate for virtually the same cost at the Ladywood-St. Agnes location as an all boys' school or as a co-educational high school? Would a tuition raise be deemed necessary? In the interest of

deemed necessary? In the Interest of all of the Cathedral and Ladywood-St. Agnes students, would it be wiser to begin operations at the new location in the fall of 1976 or 1977?

These are all important questions. If any person believes that Robert Weich

alon of confusing

To the Editor:

say, many untruths.

At stake is the future of

And what does this all say for

It is no secret that the Sisters

As she stood before the

arents and students, Sister

Speaking before a group of parents, and friends of Ladywood-St. Agnes students this past week, Sister Mary Plus Regnler, superior general of the Sisters of Providence, revealed the strength and determination she has shown in the past in guiding her Order.

Sister Mary Plus heads a congregation of women which has been battered and bruised the last several years in its self-

## Rights

In our own time we have witnessed the flowering of three significant events of history. The American Revolution saw a people take responsibility for themselves; the French Revolution threatened monarchical tyranny forever; the Industrial Revolution swept the world into a mechanical merry-go-round. Everyone, but everyone, was set adrift on the sea of human rights.

The past two hundred years have seen the concept of human rights develop to a point of being taken for granted. We might have too much of a good thing. Some suggest we too naively believe in the idea of human rights without really permitting their existence.

American history reminds us that the institution of slavery dissolves our enthuslasm for freedom. We view that with clear hindsight, no doubt. And we indulge ourselves in the notion that people of the past didn't know any better. But American history itself suggests that its prophets made It loud and clear that slavery was a blot on the fabric of time.

It seems we can recognize the attempts of history to pursue the good even though it hasn't always been achieved. (That ought to say something about the Church's constant striving for ideals.) History continues to surprise us. Human rights don't always foresee natural disasters like earthquakes and floods or unnatural disasters like war. Disasters create needs and needs often conflict with rights. And now we are threatened by the loss of natural resources. Needs too surprise us.

One can get used to having one's rights and assuming that everyone else has them too. But when one demands more that usually means someone else will have less. Since there is only so much food to go around, for example, it is likely that some will starve so that others can eat more.

Current history is showing us of all by human beings. Human beings seem bent on abdicating their responsibility to be human. We demand rights but ignore needs. Rights are things for me. Needs are things for somebody else. Demanding rights selfishly means ignoring sacrifice for others. Has the American spirit gotten out of hand?—T.W.

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### (LIVING THE QUESTIONS)

## College renewal: challenge to vocations

Archdiocesan vocation director, Father Mike Welch radiates a liveliness and love of the Church. His animation is marred only by the seriousness he projects. Some consider this a liability.

They would have him hang loose'

Seriousness could A be his undoing. Father Mike's job maintains a high level of frustration a return which would not exactly place him high on the New

York Stock Exchange. But that really isn't the point. A vocation director recruits a very limited, but very special breed of men—the Catholic priest.

One program in which Father Mil has been engaged the past year is a cooperative effort on the part of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Lafayette and Evansville to reach college students at Ball State Purdue and Indiana Universities. With the support of the Newman Centers on those campuses, Father Mike and a team of eight other priests and Sisters recently completed a campus renewal

"As far as I know, this cooperative effort of the three dioceses is the first time anything like this has been done anywhere in the country," he says. "Our goal is to make the program a state-wide affair."

To that end Father Mike and his coworkers have received invitations to return to those three campuses next year plus Indiana State University at Terre Haute. He is currently working to bring the program to four additional

bring the program to loss state colleges.
Father Mike's co-workers were:
Fathers John Mannion and Pat Click of the Diocese of Lafayette; Father



Priests and Religious who were part of a recent combined campus renewally program at three indiana universities are: seated, Father Phil Bowers, M.S., Slater Ann Margaret O'Hara, S.P., Father Ervin Van Dorn, O.F.M., and Slater Nancy Perry, O.S.F.; standing, Father John Mannion, Father Mike Welch, Father Pat Click, Slater Joella Kidwell, O.S.F., and Father Richard Powers.

Evansville; Sister Joella Kidwell, O.S.B., Sister Nancy Meyer, O.S.F., Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, S.P., Father Phil Bowers of Maryknoll and Father Ervin Van Dorn of the Fran-

ciscan Fathers.
Father Mike reflects, "On the campuses we found that the Catholic students show a great deat of faith, but they don't know why. Many of these students are what I call 'interim faith people. They have a severe lack of knowledge of their faith. Their religious education obviously contained little content, and now they feel cheated. Many of the Catholic students feel put upon by students of other faith expressions. These are cradle Catholics who feel lost." In the program Father Mike and his co-workers established, initial contact

was made through a liturgical service at the Newman Centers. At this service both the priests and Sisters spoke briefly. Then they were given permission to talk with smaller groups of students in the dormitories. A dorm host person advertised their presence ahead of time. At Indiana University, for example, the vocation staff met with 10-20 students in a group in each

The staff for each dorm included a priest and a Sister who spoke about ten minutes on a specific topic, e.g., "Jesus—Alive Now?"; "Will the Real Catholic Church Stand Up?"; "Sin—A Declaration of Independence"; "A Celebration of Healing." Then the discussion let the students take the vocation staff where the students wanted to go.

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"The students showed a keen interest and a real faith," scoording to Fathel Mike. "We hit them on a deeper level. We didn't talk with a large number, but those we did talk with were affected more deeply."

Father Mike mentioned that at Bell State University the vocation staff spent, three hours one evening responding to a student's question, "What right does the Church have in politics and telling us what to do about abortlon?" The group was two-thirds non-Catholic. Father Mike feels strongly that the staff revealed a true strongly that the staff revealed a true concern of the Church to them.

At Ball State the staff likewise engaged in active recruiting. They set up a career display to which few students would venture forth to speak but which many observed from a

What is necessary to seek out vocations on a college campus? Father Mike believes an active and vital Newman Center is es Moreover, the liturgical experiences at these Centers must be a plus for the student.

"The image of both the religious man and woman is needed at these centers," he indicates. "Then, too, we need a long-term follow-up program in which a small sub-community of students will become active."

In assessing the effort the renewal program had on the three campuses, Father Mike thinks "it was a drop in the bucket. Most of the students on those campuses wouldn't even know we were there. But it was a creative beginning. Our staff was very pleased with its initial thrust. Best of all, the feedback we have been receiving from the Newman center staffs has been

Father Mike's efforts prove that the Church of the future, indeed of the present, cannot depend on vocations just appearing. We must move out among the people and work for them.

### DALE FRANCIS SAYS

## Should First Communion be with family?

BY DALE FRANCIS

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I keep watching the Catholic papers to see what the people are discussing. In one paper there has been a controversy over whether children should receive first Communion with the families or in a large class group.
I think it should be

both ways. That's the way our youngest daughter, Rita, had it at St. Andrew's In Fort

Worth, Texas.
Of course, there is only one first Com-munion so you can't have it both ways. But the way it was done at St. Andrew's school it

was almost like having it both ways. First of all, children had their first Communion with their families. Rita's first Communion came on my birth-day so we could both have something to celebrate. St. Bar-tholomew parish was meeting then in the chapel at the little rectory; the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

John C. O'Connor addresses Cathedral purchase

made all these decisions alone, he is

sadly in error.

To further dissuade those who are

of the mind that Mr. Welch "did it all himself," permit me to say that another board member and I, along

church was not quite finished. The Mass was at five, and the chapel was

always crowded on week days.
Father Cooney announced that Rita was receiving her first Communion, and Margaret and I accompanied her was she received at the altar. After Mass, everyone came to shake her hand and tell her how happy they were

THAT WAS THE WAY ALL the youngsters received their first Communion—with their families. But then there was the day of the celebration of first Communion for all

of the children together.

The little girls were in their Communion dresses, and the boys were white shirts and dark trousers. There was a very special meaning for all of them, for a little boy in the school had died, his illness coming suddenly and unexpectedly. Monsignor King talked about that in his homily, in a beautiful

way that didn't bring tears but joy.
I've seen a lot of first Communion
days, and I think this was the best.

entertain an option to sell its newly

purchased property is patently abourd. We certainly understand that the

ultimate news of Ladywood-St. Agnes closing its doors and being operated as Cathedral High School would and

should evoke many emotions among

The children weren't nervous that they might do something wrong, since they had already received Communion. But this was their first Communion celebration, the first time altogether. They had learned some songs to sing, and they sang together in a wonderful degmed it wise to

The whole preparation for first Communion had been perfect. They had a long period of preparation, but once a week all of us who were parents came to the parish and were given the very same instruction, so we would know what our children were being

We were encouraged to talk to them about the preparations and the instructions. Since we knew what they were being taught, it was possible for the parents to carry on a discussion.

The children were prepared for the Secrament of Penance, too, as the U.S. Bishops require that all children be before they receive first Communion. But in the instruction for first Penance, it was made clear to the children that they were not required to receive first Penance before first Communion.

I don't know for certain, but I think

I don't know for certain, but I think all of the children decided to make their first Confession before their first

ommunion. We wanted to make it clear to Rita that the Sacrament of Penance is not necessary when there is not serious sin, although we explained even when you do not have serious sins, there is spiritual value in the Sacrament of

Rita said she wanted to receive

didn't want her to be scrupulous, and I explained that It was not necessary. She just said, "I want to go to Confession, all right?"

Father Conjection He talked to her that Conjection He talked to her before hand, asked her some questions in a kind way about what she had learned about both Penance

Her first Communion came a couple weeks later, and then a month after that there was the beautiful first Communion celebration.

I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS when I read that in an archdiocese there was a controversy about whether children should receive first Communion with their families or with their classmates. It seems to me that in this con-troversy—as in most controversies in the Church—the solution is to be found in providing a way to satisfy all. Both ways have value; so get the value from both.

The same is true on other con-troversies. If some like a quiet Mass and some like a guitar Mass, then offer them both. In Fort Worth, Bishop John Cassata provides a Latin Mass at the Cathedral once a month for those who wish it and in one parish there is a

Latin Mass every Sunday morning.
The difficulties come when one
particular way is forced on all in areas
where differences are possible and
permissible. The answer really is to be

found in love for others.

When it is possible, we should want not just what satisfies us most, but we should want for others what satisfies them most, too.



"NICE TRY, MR. MULHOLLAND!"

To the Editor:
I noticed that the Criterion gave I noticed that the Criterion gave front page coverage to the article announcing the formation of the "National Catholic Coalition for the E.R.A.," whose stated goals are ratification of the so-called Equal Rights Amendment, and (of all things)

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the ordination of women to the Catholic priesthood. Personally, I can think of loftler and more worthy goals that they could set for themselves.

Hopefully not too many of our good Fathers will allow themselves to be high-pressured into urging the faithful to work for the ratification of the "E.R.A." which (to my way of thinking, at least), we can well do without. If my memory serves me right, the National Conference of Catholic Women have repeatedly expressed opposition to that proposed legislation, and I prefer to side with them.

[Name withheld]

with Mr. Welch, with board approval, traveled to St. Mary-of-the-Woods and met with Sister Mary Plus Regnier, S.P. and her entire governing board when we first began negotiations to

purchase the property.

To further evidence this point, my personal participation, from the very beginning to the ultimate purchase, also included the drafting of the various documents involved in the negotiations and eventual purchase. I might add here that none of the

purchase documents provide for Mr. Welch to have an option to purchase the property should Cathedral ultimately dispose of it. Such a suggestion that the Cathedral Board purchaser would simultaneously

the students, faculty and parents of Ladywood-St. Agnes. The long and great history and record of the school, its dedicated Sisters, its fine lay faculty and its successful young lady graduates all give good reason for such emotional reactions.

we do earnestly hope that the smoke will soon settle and that the years ahead will find that this relocation of Cathedral High School, under a co-educational system, will prove a great plus for Catholic education on the secondary level in the Indianapolis area. the Indianapolis area.

John C. O'Connor Indianapolis

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## Reader assured confessional to stay

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

Q. It is with horror that I read where Q, it is with horror that I read where the new rite of penance is to be effected acon. Confession is difficult at best, especially for those of a sensitive nature. The one thing that gave us courage was the snonymity of the procedure. We have known only to God. It was a comforting thought. Now that is going! to be taken away. For what purpose?

A. Fear not. The new of discussing the state of their spiritual life face to face with the priest or from behind a screen with

nonymity preserved.

The new rite recommends that

confession be much more than a recital of a list of sins and a hurred absolution but rather an occasion for priest to pray with penitents and discuss with and advise them on their personal spiritual problems so that they benefit more from the sacrament.

Q. Is it the Church's teaching that a good Catholic has to kneel and kies a gold and glass ornament containing a relic as part of a novera? As a convert seeking to improve my personal life, I started a novena. I felt really good and the prayers were beautiful and I could not understand why there were only a few old people there and then it "hit" ms. At the end the priest asked everyone to come and kies the relic. I went through the motions. I actually was weak in the stoffisch, I could never go through that experience again. Was I poorly educated? The

priest who gave me instructions led me to understand these practices were all but gone after Vatican II because they border on superstition.

A. No, you don't have to kiss a relic to be a good Catholic. In the Church there are many private devotions. We are free to use them or reject them. The priest who instructed you was correct. Some devotions border on superstition. But it was not Vatican II that enlightened us. The Church has that enlightened us. The Church has worried about this possibility for centuries. When I was a student in Rome in the thirties, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome had destroyed hundreds of false relics and warned the people against the excesses of some popular devotions. Popular devotions grow from the needs of the people and vary from country to country.

The Italian Christians Inherited from their pagan ancestors an exaggerated

devotion to their dead. This devotion was baptized (made Christian) by introducing devotion to the relics of introducing devotion to the relice of the martyre and saints. Among the Italians it remained strongest to our own days. Many of the popular novenas originated in Italy and reflect an Italian culture. They have been important helps for Italian and other European immigrants. But today they no longer have much appeal for the no longer have much appeal for the Catholics of the new world. We must create devotions that appeal to people of today, but meanwhile we must respect the old devotions that mean so much to those who still love the past.

Q. Now that Catholics are permitted to join the Masons, are they also

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permitted to join the Rebekahs?

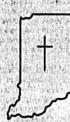
Q. I am one of those Catholics married civiliy to a divorced man for more than twenty years. My husband got married in the Church while in got married in the Church while in service; that marriage lasted three days. For the past nineteen years we have lived as brother and sister for the love of our two children. I go to Mass, support our parlsh and brought the two girls up Catholic. Could my husband's first marriage be annulled? Can I ever receive Communion again?

A. If you want to continue living as brother and sister, you may obtain

brother and sister, you may obtain permission from your bishop to receive the sacraments. There are,

however, good grounds for suspe that a marriage that lasted only three days was invalid. You should talk with any priest who would help you make an appointment with some official in your local church tribunal. If after so many years it is impossible to obtain evidence concerning the first marriage, you still have the possibility of using the Internal forum solution so that you can live a normal married life. and receive the sacraments. I wrote about this in a long column some years ago. It may be found in my book, "What They Ask About Marriage," published by Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556, for \$3.50.

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## Christian Heritage

A history of the Catholic Church

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### BY MSGR. JOHN J. DOYLE

St. Joseph Seminary had a short life. After one year the bishop closed it, and in September 1875 he sent the students to St. Meinrad to join the younger seminarians there. The announcement of the closing must not have been

The announcement of the closing must not have been made until some time made until some time after the end of the school year, for the designation of Father Gueguen as the "First Superior" seems to indicate that those who presented him with the walking stick looked forward to their return. forward to their return.

This was the last effort of the bishops of the diocese to conduct a seminary of their own. For the last 100 years, while the candidates for the priesthood in this diocese have studied in many seminaries both in this country and sbroad, by far the greater number have received at least part of their education at St. Meinrad.

WHAT WERE BISHOP de St. Palals what were sishop do St. Palais' reasons for making this effort to conduct a seminary as long after St. Charles Seminary had gone out of existence? There may have been an aconomic motive: he may have thought that he could carry on a seminary at less cost than by paying tuition and travel expenses for attendance at other schools. Again, he may have thought seriously of leaving Vincennes and making indianapolis Vincennes and making indianapolis the seat of the diocese: It would be fitting to have a seminary in the episcopal city along with the other institutions that were starting there. He would hardly have authorized the construction of the grand St. John Church a few years earlier unless he had some thought of its becoming the cathedral.

cathedral.

He was, Indeed, spending considerable time in Indianapolis at this period, and he even provided himself with an office in the building on Georgis Street that had been St. John Academy after the Sisters of Providence built the fine new academy on Maryland St., but he did not take the declaive step of making inon Maryand St., but he do not take the decisive step of making in-dianapolis his residence. He was only a little over 60 years of age, but he has suffered several serious illnesses and it would have been hard for him to break away from familiar surround-

But the most likely explanation of the bishop's action is that he wished to bring his seminarians together. under the direction of teachers with different methods and diverse traditions he probably believed had a divisive effect upon the students. Living and tearning together would promote fellowship and would make for harmony and cooperation when they became priests.

Why then did the bishop abandon the enterprise after only one year? One can hardly suppose that he intended from the outset to continue the seminary for so short a time; he would need to be accepted to the seminary than a supply and the seminary to the s surely not have gone to the ex-pense of putting up a new building if he did not expect the

One might suppose that he finally gave up the thought of moving to indianapolis and so found no need of a seminary there. Again one might suppose that in a single year the suppose that in a single year the seminary had achieved its purpose in bringing about a spirit of good will and fellowship and so was no longer needed. The basic reason for the closing, however, was probably the economic one: having discovered how costly it was to operate a seminary with a dozen students, the bishop deemed it wise to return to the deemed it wise to return to the Benedictines the task of educating his seminarians. The person who knew most of this aspect of the situation was Herman Alerding, who as procurator paid the bills, but his book tells us nothing of the matter.

AFTER THE SEMINARY'S closing AFTER THE SEMINARY'S closing the buildings which housed it became the center of the activities of St. Joseph parish. The one erected by Bishop de St. Palais probably was put to use as a school, for Alerding tells us that from the year 1875 there was a parish school. Italyah by law man and parish school, taught by lay men and women until the coming of the Sisters of Providence some time later.

The parish outgrew the little church built by Father Petit, but as Alerding wrote, with perhaps a trace of bit-terness, "nothing was done by way of improving the condition of the congregation because Blahop de St. Palais' consent to build a church was persistently withheld."

No doubt, one reason for the bishop's resistance to the pastor's pleading was his own failing health, for only two years later, on 18 June 1877, he died suddenly of a stroke at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

Father August Beasonies, pastor of St. John Church, became the administrator of the diocese to control things until a new blabon should be appointed, but he had not within his power the authorization to build a church.

In August 1878 Francis Silas Chatard arrived as the fifth bishop of Vincennes, but he had something else in mind for the seminary buildings. At his invitation the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul took possession of them, and what had been St. Joseph Seminary became St. Vincent infilmery; such it remained until the Sisters moved to a new hospital, built

Sisters moved to a new nospital, built for the purpose, at Delaware and South streets, in 1889.

It was necessary then for St. Joseph parish to find another home. This was on Noble Street (now College Avenue). at North, where Father Alerding was at last permitted to build his church. There it remained until the extinction of the parish and the partition of its territory in 1949, when the building came into the possession of the Catholic Social Services.

DURING THE 28 YEARS of Bishop de St. Palais' administration, as in the first 15 years of its life, the Diocese of Vincennes was dependent upon priests emigrating from Europe for the celebration of the Eucharist, the conferring of the sacraments and the

preaching of the gosper on was of Of the 74 diosesan priests St. Palais ordaned, only seven were born in indiana and only 10 others in this country. There were also more than 50 priests that came to the diocese after they were ordained; one half of these remained for only a brief period of observation and then departed for fresh fields and pastures new, but the other half spent many years in Indiana parishes and gave valight service.

But Bishop de St. Palais witnessed and no doubt helped to bring about, with the cooperation of these pricets, the monks of St. Melnrad and the people, a great

Of the 12 ordained in his first decade only one was a native of this country, though not of Indiana, and one had been brought here in childhood. Of the 32 ordained in the second decade, five were natives of the United States and eight had come into this country as boys with their

families.

In his last eight years the bishop ordained 30 priests; most of these either were born in this country or grew up here. Eleven were native sons and 11 came in early childhood. Six of the seven natives of the diocese were ordained in this period. It was then that the change began that brought it about that 50 years later nine-tenths of the priests had come from the families of the diocese, which meanwhile had become the diocese of Indianapolis. [End of Chapter Eight]

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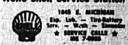
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NEW TESTAMENT

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

In the musical "Godspell" the show begins with the appearance of the solitary figure of John the Baptist, and the sounding of the shofar's (ram's horn) clarion call to repentance.

The Gospel is drama, with its vivid characterizations, conflicts, emotional impact, and powerful

climax. And the character who sets the stage in this Divine drama is the mysterious, com-pelling John the

There are other personalities whose relationship to Jesus help define the conflicts, frustrations and compassion that were frustrations and compassion that were part of His public life. The pharisess who challenged Him at every turn, the women who ministered to Him and to whom He showed understanding and tenderness, and finally the Twelve, that unlikely collection of men who abandoned the world to follow Him and utilimately to did for Him.

and ultimately to die for Him.

There are more, but for now let us consider the Baptist and the women, then in our next article the Pharisees and the Twelve.

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S place in the prophetic tradition is firmly fixed by the announcement of his birth in Luke which echoes the Biblical birth narratives of lease, Samson and Samuel, all of whom were born of aged parents through divine in-tervention. His garb and desert ministry recall the life and appearance

John stands at the end of an era and John stands at the end of an era and his mission is to announce the approaching reign of God, the fullness of God's revelation. He is the link that joins promise to fulfillment. That link is forged by John's Baptism of Jesus in which Christ is manifested as Messiah and the New Israel.

John's recognition of Jesus as "a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me" [John 1:30] is the beginning of the increase of Jesus and the decrease of John [John 3:30].

Scholars also see in the Gospel of John an effort to deal with the view of a few that both the Baptist and Jesus were messiante prophets and teachers of equal stature. There is evidence in the Gospels of disciples of the Baptist who questioned the role of Jesus (Mt.

John the Evangelist puts great emphasis on the Baptist's role as witness to Jesus. In the prologue to his Gospel, John the Evangelist proclaims "There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that there with the such bigs all men might believe." through him all men might believe— but only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light" (John 1:8-8). In John's Gospel, the Baptist points out Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), an act that causes two of. John's disciples to leave him to follow

THE OTHER GOSPEL accounts relate how John's disciples, sent by the imprisoned Baptist to confirm that Jesus is indeed "He who is to come," (Luke 7:18-23) are answered in Old Testament terms (is 35:5f) that clearly identify Christ with Isalah's Servant of

With John the Baptist's death, the transition from promise to fulfillment is completed. The reign of God which he heralded has begun. Jesus told His disciples, "the law and the prophets were in force until John. From his time on, the goodness of God's kingdom has been proclaimed, and people of every sort are forcing their way in" (Luke 16:16).

Jesus' attitude toward women was revolutionary for the time. While there revolutionary for the time, while there were many heroines of the Old Testament, Deborah, Ruth, Judith, Esther, and others, the role of the woman, though honored, was centered on the home and family and not on the affairs of God (Prov. 31:10-31).

It is not surprising that Luke, the only non-Jewish evangelist, is the one who provides the greatest insights into Jesus' relationships

There are the women, whom Jesus had cured, who followed him on his journeys and ministered to him (Luke 8:1-3). Father Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., in his article on Luke in the Jerome Biblical Commentary observes that "Jesus Imparts a new dignity and role to woman in granting her a right not only to learn the 'good news of the kingdom of God, but even to par-ticipate in the ministry."

Father Stuhlmueller points out that in Jesus' time some rabbis even doubted the ability of women to learn the "Torah," something required of every plous male.

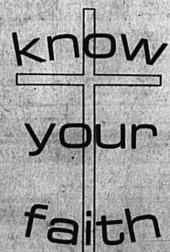
Luke also relates Jesus' com-passion toward the penitent woman (7:36-50) and the widow of Nalm (7:11-17), and his commendation of (7:11-17), and his commendation of Mary for not letting her household duties so preoccupy her that she has no time for the things of the Spirit (10:38-42), an incident that is in stark contrast to the description of the good wife in Proverbs 31 where the only spiritual reference is that the wife is "blessed".

THERE ARE MANY OTHER IN cidents where Jesus demonstrated an openness and respect for women—incidents which were uncommon in His time. He deferred to the perseverance of the Syro-Phoenician woman (Matt 15:21-28). He refused to let the ancient taboo against a menstruating woman keep Him from extending His healing love to the woman with a hemorrhage (Luke 8:40-48). Nor would he permit Pharisalo legalism prevent Him from healing the woman with a deformed back on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17). openness and respect for women

In a man's world, Jesus used women and their work to teach the mystery of the kingdom in the parable of the leaven (Mt 13:13) and the love of God for the lost sinner in the parable of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10).

Jesus accepted anointing from a woman (Mark 14:8) and women werg the lirst witnesses to the Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12). There is no better illustration of Jesus' attitude toward women than this. women than this . . . the News . . . He is risen!

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in the musical, "Godspell," the show begins with the appearance of John the Baptist [right]. In the Gospel, Steve

Landregan writes, the character that sets the stage [for the coming of Christ] is also John the Baptist, [NC photo]

## Jesus lived his life for others and thereby set us an example

BY MARY E. MAHER

Deltrich Bonhoeffer, the great Lutheran theologian, named Jesus "the man for others." His language seems obscure until we experience the Christian mystery as a giving of self for others. It remains relatively easy to give bits and pieces of self for others. A whole life itself is the journey into learning how to give ourselves to others while, at the same time, learning to respond to the invitation of the First Commandment: Love Thyself.

Thyself.

It is mysterious and exciting to think of Jesus' relationship with others. It is cleansing and healing to try to see how He might respond to segments of our society today. Was Jesus such an either/or person as many of us ars? Where would He stand in relation to today's split ireland, on the Catholic or Protestant side? Would he dialogue with Castro, knowing as He would that the Marxist critique excluded mention of his Father? Would He be silent or vocal at the United Nations recent statement that Zionism is racism?

that Zionism is racism? How would He relate to Mr. Moon and the Unification Church which so attracts the young distillusioned of the format churches? How would He respond to Moon's belief that His (Jesus') ministry was incomplete, because He needed a female counterpart.

HISTORICALLY we know that Jesus

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offered the Ladywood-St. Agnes
property for sale this past spring, it
was intended to keep the school open
through 1977. A decision was later
made, however, to turn the school
over to the Cathedral board at the end
of the current school year when they
made an offer for immediate purchase,
Sister Mary Plus. Providence superior

Sister Mary Plus, Providence superior general, 'explained in a letter cir-culated this past week throughout the

Papal message

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before and then klassed a modern
image of the crucified Christ.

The Pope listened as the official Vatican preacher, Franciscan Father liaring da Milano, declared that the Pope himself; through 13 years of pontificate, "is participating in the agony of Jesus on the cross."

The Pope began the sacred triduum on Holy Thursday evening with a solemn concelebrated Massa at his cathedral, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, in his sermon he called the Eucharist a "personal myetical and interior communion with Christ... and a communion of ineffable social efficacy."

He prayed for unity of Christia

He prayed for unity of Christians. Then, donning a white apron, he washed and klassed the right foot of 12 seminarians—two from the Latin rite and 10 from Eastern rites, including two Lebanese Maronite-rite students. The Pops, by wesk's end, appeared physically worn out. He took steps with difficulty and shuffled his way through the feative outdoor Easter Mass.

But he spoke on Holy Saturday and Easter in a vibrant voice and seemed to be in a holiday spirit.

Cathedral purchases

was not the John Wayne type. That is, He did not kill His opposition at their least provocation. He dealt with others who disagreed with Him. That sort of dealing was costly and risky, it meant suffering death. It remains clear that He did not destroy His opposition; for that matter, neither did He canonize or romanticize His followers. He did not engage in the pattern of behavior of avoiding conflict which many psychologists say that many of us do: fight and then flight.

Earlier spirituality, such as that of St. Francis of Assisi, approached faith in the style of imitation. Sometimes that seems terribly ajar with how we can live. We could want to accept and imitate Jesus' posture of letting others contradict us and of responding with meekness. For we all have our pharisees; that is, the opposition.

Their difference from us does not make them bad. Jesus respected differences to the very point of giving His life to affirm them. He argued with His enemies, angered at them, dealt with what He called their "bilindness." Yet He did not destroy His enemies. They destroyed Him. Sometimes I think that until we have faced that fact about Him we have not known the inner essence of His life.

about Him we have not known the inner essence of His life.

The pattern of imitating Jesus' response to those who opposed Him may come hard for us. We live in an ecumenical age when it is intellectually stylish to affirm everyone and even to affirm the rightness of all differences. We have coffees and

in the same communication, Sister Mary Plus stated that an-alternate offer of \$2 million was made by a parents' group seeking to "eave" Ladywood-St. Agnes as an all-girls' school, but that this offer was declined.

The letter stated, "The choice

between the two potential buyers was painful and extremely difficult . . . . Both offers were for cash—one im-mediate, and the other contingent upon ability to secure funds after

agreement to purchase . . . the choice was made for what we thought to be the best interest of all concerned as well as the need which necessitated

IN JUSTIFYING the move from the near downtown location, Father Kelly stated that "more than two-thirds of the present Cathedral enrollment live closer or as close to the new site at 56th and Emerson than they do to 14th and Meridian."

Asked about the projected enrollment next year, Father Kelly stated that, in his judgment, the new school will have a capacity of roughly 800, if all buildings are utilized to the

There are about 350 girls enrolled at Ladywood-St. Agnes this year, and there are slightly over 450 students at Cathedral.

REGARDING THE TEACHING staff, Father Kelly stated that he did not foresee any need for a radical change in the present set-up. (At the present time, lay teachers form the faculty with Brother Pedro Haering, C.S.C., serving as principal.)

"We see the possibility," he added, "of some of the Sisters of Providence remaining on the staff in view of the projected coeducational enrollment, though final details, of course, remain to be worked out."

musical gatherings to demonstrate how unified we seem to be. We know that religious politeness may not really mean falling to make distinctions. Yet differences and distinctions can be messy and indeed, our culture's capital sins. So often we claim no enemies. The error in that is the impotence we deal everyone by our failure to struggle and suffer at others' hands and to know that they, indeed, suffer at ours. It is very hard to accept that others suffer because of what and how we believe and live out our beliefs. Without that acceptance, the joy of differing remains shallow.

JESUS MUST, HAVE known the suffering which he caused the pharisess, those religious glants of Jewish monothelem. He was radical enough to see the position of His opponents and, unlike pseudo-radicals, He did not wipe out His opposition. After all, these were the people His Father had first claimed as

His own!
I feel often/ as I see older catechetical audio-visual materials catechetical audio-visual materials how unlike the Gospel some of these presentations of the pharisees are. They are anti-Semitic to the bone. Faces long and sinister with evil syes and condemning gestures are how the pharisees are often presented. Their corresponding voices rage and utter cynicism and hardness. Surely Jesus could not have reduced His own to such stereotype! such stereotype!

We enjoy sports most where strength takes on strength. The Olympics were great viewing, for we saw beautiful strength pitted egainst its own kind of beauty. We love to see football where strength and not simply finding the opposition's weakness is most evident.

If Jesus is the man for others (by being Himself) that Bonhoeffer, claimed He was, His life was indeed a growth in deep love of Himself, a love so deep that He could give Himself with assurance to His opposition. He had no need to plich His curve ball at the weak angle of His opposition's

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### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Presence"

Acts 4:32-35 I John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Huddling, afraid and leaderless were Jesus' disciples after the Resurrection. But he gradually came to know it. His presence wasn't as before but real nonetheless. He was no longer seen but there nonetheless. It changed them so that they came to speak boldly and share what they had. The truth had set them free!

## New penance rite poses questions

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Three questions about the new Rite of Penance keep coming to the surface as I speak on this topic around the

is private confession going to fessional boxes be

Can we expect general or group absolution without individual confession to

become the common or ordinary practice for the United States? I think we can safely respond "no" to all three inquiries.

Far from disappearing, I look for a resurgence of interest in individual, auricular confession with an accompanying rise in the number of

experience a source of spiritual healing and growth.

Certainly that is the mind of the Church and the intention of the revised ritual

PARAGRAPH 7 OF the text's in-

troduction thus reads:
"Moreover, frequent and careful
celebration of this sacrament is also celebration of this sacrament is also very useful as a remedy for venial sins. This is not a mere ritual repetition or psychological exercise, but a serious striving to perfect the grace of Baptism so that, as we bear in our body the death of Jesus Christ, His life may be seen in us ever more clearly. In confession of this kind, penitents who accuse themselves of venial faults should try to conform more closely to Christ and to follow the voice of the Spirit more attentively.

"In order that this sacrament of healing may truly achieve its purpose among Christ's faithful, it must take root in their whole lives and move them to more fervent service of God and neigh-

in addition, the actual Rite for Reconciliation of individual penitents contains various possibilities, including a variety of prayers and Scriptural readings, designed to make so-called "private" confessions richer and more effective.

These traditional spaces for individual confession of sins will probably give way in time to reconciliation rooms. However, in the

and for years to come in some parishes, the one or two penitent areas normally built into the side or near walls will certainly remain. But even in those forward moving congregations which swiftly develop handsome rooms for this sacrament, penitents should have the option of anonymity.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE of Catholic Bishops in the United States through a recent decision both encouraged the construction of reconciliation chapets while insisting that the freedom of a person to confess anonymously be preserved.

They decreed: "It is considered desirable that small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins and seek sacramental reconciliation through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel, it would also be regarded as desirable that such chapels or rooms be designed to chapels or rooms be designed to afford the option of the penitent's kneeling at the fixed confessional grill in the usual way, but in every case the freedom of the penitent is to be

The new ritual includes liturgy for general absolute without individual confession ains and sets guidelines withis procedure is to be allowed.

Nevertheless, it states: "Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession." (Article 31).

Morsover, even when the local blahop approves of this for a specific situation, those "who receive pardon for grave sine by a common absolution should go to individual confession before they receive this kind of absolution again, unless they are impeded by a just reason." (Art. 34).

While general absolution without individual confession may become a more common way of reconciling persons with persons and persons with God than it has in the past century, the Church does not envision this as the ordinary procedure nor one which will replace individual telling of ains to the priest.



DANCE MARATHON BENEFIT—Marian College students are sponsoring a 24-hour Dance Marathon for the benefit of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital this week-end. Competition for dancing couples will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and continue through 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Naval Armory, located on W. 30th St. at White River, indianapolis. General admission for non-participants is 25 cents, Live music will be provided by various local bands, introduced by DJ's from several radio stations. Among the guests expected are two stars of the network soap "As the World Turne"—Marie Masters and John Reilly [Susan and Dan Stewart]. Miss Masters is an alumnus of Merian. Shown above are Marathon committee members from Marian: (front row) Kathy Doyle and Sharon McCarthy; [beck row) Don Beckwith, Elaine Watson, Mary Jo Kuehr and Noel Kurtz.



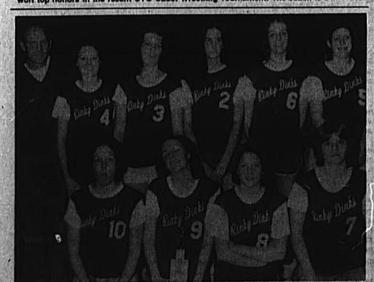
PUBLICATIONS CONTEST WINNERS—Above are the winners of the annual CYO Publications Contest, Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Dave Spanke, Holy Spirit; Grace Kavanagh, St. Joan of Arc; Ellen Mackell, Our Lady of Lourdes; Debble Cougan, St. Joan of Arc; and Carolyn Smith, St. Joan of Arc. in the back row, left to right: Chris Roberts, St. Lawrence; Ann Papeeh, St. Catherine; Dave Turner, Holy Spirit; and Sue-Marcan Mey Spirit; Moran, Holy Spirit.



WRESTLING LEAGUE CHAMPS—Above are CYO Wrestling League champions from St. Simon parish, indianapolis. The coaches are Bill Norton and Tim McGinley.



WRESTLING TOURNAMENT WINNERS—These lade from St. Jude parish, Indianapolle, won top honors in the recent CYO Cadel Wrestling Tournament. The coach is Bill Pruitt.



## draws bands † THELMA JONES, 70, Anmolation, April 11, Mother of Mrs. Jane Richards of Vuma, Artz., leter of William Harden of Bradenton, Fla. \*\*TALICE L. HORAN, 78, services at Coole Funeral Home, April 17, Bister of Arthur and Nettle Mae Horan and Catherine Morris, all of Bradenton, Fla. \*\*TALICE L. HORAN, 78, services at Coole Funeral Home, April 17, Bister of Atrice and Nettle Mae Horan and Catherine Morris, all of Bradenton, Fla. and choirs

Musicians from throughout the Archdlocese will gather Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. at Roncalli High for the CYO School for the CYO Organizational Music

compete at Roncalli in three classes, A, B and C. Awards will be presented for Superior, Excellent and

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### CYO NOTES

Cadet Boys' Track and Field City-Wide entries have been malled and are due Wednesday, May 12.

Schedules have been distributed to Baseball Samuel and Evan Miles.
Coaches as the season Coaches as the season begins today, Friday, April 1 MICHAEL J. LENIHAN, 78, Our Lady of Lourdes, April 17. Brother of Clara Sellert and Mary T.

Boys' and Girls' Softball Entries have been mailed and are due May 18, in the Luke, April 20. Sister of Mary C. CYO Office.

### Woods to confer 4 honoraries at rites May 9

MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—A United States ambassador, a member of the White House staff, a noted expert on church-state relations and a nationally recognized educator will receive nonorary degrees from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College during the 135th com-mencement exercises Sunday, May 9.

Sister Jeanne Knoerle, S.P., president of the college, has announced that college, has announced that honorary degrees will be conferred upon U.S. Ambassador, to Zambia Jean hassador, to Zambia Jean hassador, to Zambia Jean hassador to the college; William J. Baroody, Jr., Assistant to the President for the Office of Public. for the Office of Public Liaison; Father Charles M.: Whelan, S.J., Fordham Law School professor; and Sister Teresa Aloyse Mount, S.P., educator and administrator.

Previous SMWC honorary degree recipients include: in 1974, Sister Eugenia Logar, S.P., educator-author; Vivian O'Gara Weyerhaeuser, Vivian O'Gara Weyerhaeuser, and civic and cultural leader; and Dr. Monika Heilwig, theologian; in 1975, Mary Fendrich Hulman, alumna and patron of the arts; Abigail McCarthy, humanist and author; and Virginia Galvin Piper, civic and cultural leader.

### Academy swims in water ballet

The Catalinas at Our Lady of Grace Academy, Beech Grove, will present their fifth annual water ballet show at the pool in the Student Center on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, April 24, 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's theme for the show is "The Wonderful World of Walt Disney." The students will present swim routines in costume and music adapted to the program theme.

Swimmers doing solo numbers are Nicki Williams, Cathy Pogue, and Monica Leonard.

Tickets are available from the Catalinas or from the school business office. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for grade school children.

Directing the performance are Miss Diane Humphrey, Mrs. Steve (Nancy) Ball and Miss Jan Carroll

### Prelate raps Red 'brutality'

WARSAW—In an Easter homily reflecting new tension between Polish authorities and the Catholic Church, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, of Warsaw, the primate of Poland, criticized the communist regime for tearing down an unauthorized church building in a Polish village. The cardinal described the police action as "brutality."

### Music contest † Remember them in your prayers

t CORRIEN CLEVELAND, 65, St. Lawrence, April 17. Wife of John; mother, of Kenneth Cleveland of

EMMETT R. HARRY, 75, St. Lawrence, April 15.

MARTIN (Bud) HUBER, 64, St. Lawrence, April 20.

† ELIZABETH R. SCHNEIDER, 72. St. Mary, April B. Sister of William Ricketta of Decatur, III.;

Louis and Walter Ricketts, Mrs. Harry Burkhardt, Mrs. William Stephan and Mrs. William Kasper, all of Madison.

NEW ALBANY

† IDA LOUISE BAUER, 84, Our
Lady of Perpetual Help, April 14.
Mother of Joseph Bauer of Fort
Pierce, Fla.; Merlin Bauer of
Louisville, Ky.; C.A. Bauer of
Clarksville, Mary M. Hamilton of
Speedway; and Eather Popp.
Hernietta Whitten, and Betty Day,
all of New Albany.

MARQUERITE SULLIVAN, 83, services at Kraft Funeral Home, pril 16. Mother of Clarence A. libeon of New Albany.

† GREGORY W. REMBE, 48, St. Michael, Sloux City, Ia. Husband of Joy L.; father of Ronald S. Rembe, with the Army in Germany; Cynthia Krow of New Albany; son of Mrs. Catherine Rembe of Sloux

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

† VICTOR BARATTO, 85, 81, Maryof-the-Woods, April 17, Husband
of Laticia; father of John W. Baratto
of West Terre Hauts, Messie B.
Dinelli of Jensen Baech, Fla.;
brother of Glovania of Shirkleville;
Lugio in California; Fulliamo and
Bastain, both of Italy.

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† ROBERT G. SKELTON, 63,
American Martyra, April 17.
Husband of Elizabeth L.; father of
Patrick G. Skelton of Delsware,
Ohio; and Robert P. Skelton of
Muncle; son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer
Skelton of Scottaburg.

SELLERSBURG

1 A. H. WENNING, 77, St. Paul,
April 14, Husband of Edna; father
of Barbara Losson of New Albany;
Larry F. Wenning of Underwood;
and Jerry Wanning of Sellersburg;
brother of Clara Brown and Herman
Wenning, both of Greensburg;
Frances Harpert of Mt. Morris; and
Ida Berkemelr of Florida.

SHELBYVILLE † ANN RUNYAN, 84, St. Joseph, April 14. Mother of Robert J. Runyan of Shelbyville.

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Germany.

CONNERSVILLE

† FRANK J. GLAUB, 84, 8
Gabriel, April 21, Husband
Barbara; Isher of Mrs. Robe
Turner of Anderson; Mrs. Stank
Ripberger of Bentonville; Mr
George Fotzenlogal of Indianapoli
Mrs. Robert Lang of Hammon
Edwin and Louis Glaub, both
Connersville.

† MARY L. MARKS, 56, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, April 14. Wife of Arthur E.; sister of Catherine Baxter and William Van Deran.

† WILLIAM R. SINGER, 55, St. Mark, April 14. Father of Sandra Epler and Larry Singer; brother of Nettle Seekl and Loretta Dalley.

† ROSE K. COX, 73, Holy-Cross, April 16. Wife of Charles; mother of Norma J. Acup and John R. Kennedy; sister of Dorothy Dickey,

1 NORA SANDERS, 88, Little Flower, April 20. Mother of Mrs. Floyd Miller and Donald Sanders.

JEFFERSONVILLE JEFFERSONVILLE
1 JOHN FRANCIS SAMPLE, 17,
Sacred Hearl, April 6. Son of Mr.
and Mrs. Francis Sample; brother
of Mary Ann Smith of Jeffersonville; grandson of John T.
Sample of Louisville, Ky. # + JOHN

† CHRISTOPHER W. WEIDNER, 84, St. Augustine, April 9. Father of Ciliford W. Weldner of Jef-fersonville.

† JAMES EDGAR PIERCE, 77, Secred Heart, April 12. Brother of Carice French of Louisville, Ky.

† JOHN M. KENNY, 68, St. Augustine, April 13. Husband of Louise; brother of Catherine Kenny, Margaret Doerr, and Ann Gray.

### Holy Cross offers musical salute

INDIANAPOLIS -Holy Cross Address" is the title students of Holy Cross Central Elementary School are giving their musical performance that honors the Bicentennial. The program will be held in the Holy Cross Community Center, 125 N. Oriental Street, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29.

It will be open to the public. Songs, dances, choral reading, and narrations highlight the program. Each pupil in the school, from first to eighth grade, has an active role in the musical tribute which is performed and managed by the students with the guidance of the school's principal, Sister Adele Beacham, S.P.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD ...........

## Film called 'tribute to fantasy'

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

No Richard Lester movie is quite like the last. His new "Robin and Marian, seems like another Son of Three Musketeers, an affectionate, slapsticky social satire built on a famous romantic legend. (It begins with two knights, bending over simultaneously to pick up the same rock, bumping heads and clanging heads helmets).

But "Robin and Marian" is something more. It's an elegy to the heroes of the past, an adult's tribute to his own childhood fantasy, and perhaps to the childhood of

The film, which is in-conceivable in its mixture of attitudes in any decade but the 1970's, is funny and sad. It presents a slowed-down,

### **ALUMNI BANQUET**

INDIANAPOLIS — St. Vincent's Hospital Alumni Banquet will be held Thursday, May 6, at the Marten House at 1801 W. Marten House at 1801 W.
86th St. Cocktalls will be
served at 6 p.m., and dinner
will begin at 7 p.m. The
banquet is \$10 per person. For reservations, call Evelyn Groves at 846-3175.

middle-aged Robin Hood returning scarred and weary from the Crusades to the scene of his youthful valor in Sherwood Forest, -yearning for home and vaguely for comfort and peace. He and his gruff, loyal sidekick, Little John, have just come from the funny-sad death of their old leader—the equally legendary King Richard the Lionhearted—felled by a hand-thrown arrow from a one-syed old man, the sole defender of a seedy old castle that Richard was cruelly and pointlessly besieging. They no longer have illusions about holy wars and Camelots.

THEIR OLD TURF IS overgrown, and everyone is 20 years older, but essen-tially everything is the same. Will Scarlett and Friar Tuck are still poaching in the woods, King John and his nasty nobles still tyrannize the ragged peasants, and Robin's old nemesis, the Sheriff of Nottingham, is about to throw his old girl friend, Maid Marian, Into prison. Marian has become the earthy but zealous Abbess of Kirkley Hall, and the king wants to eliminate all his opposition in the higher clergy.

enough to understand the madness of the old warrior-heroes, but human enough to love them. Here he is an odd Before he knows it, Robin is doing the hero thing all over again. Riding in disguise into town to rescue the nuns and fighting his way out, ambushing the king's soldiers, staking out but likeable com-bination of little boy, the forest as an oasis of freedom, drawing recruits from the countryside at-tracted once more by charisma and legend. This

time, the derring-do is

tougher and windler, but it's

still effective. (The enemy, too, is middle-aged). Even Marian rejoins him, and begins housewifely talk

about fixing up their old quarters in the woods.

discovers what heroes in westerns have always known—that you can't break the mold. A man who is both a believer and a champion is

trapped in his destiny. But the perspective of advancing

age adds polgnance to this necessary role-playing. The end—on a dusty street or in a forest glade—is now not only inevitable but close.

In the last third of "Robin and Marian," Lester and classy scenarist James

Goldman ("The Lion In

Winter") simply and beautifully describe the end of the Robin Hood saga in a way that is compatible with

both realism and romance. Hero and heroine die as one

knows, in stories, they should.

in adding the reality of the human life cycle to legen-

dary figures—who normally never age—playing it for good-natured laughter and

then, shifting ever so slightly to romantic nostalgia and commentary on the eternal fate of the

Lester is modern

Sister Ambrose,

Benedictine, dies

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Mass of the Resurrection was held on April 19 for Sister Ambrose Neu, O.S.B.,

91, who died in the infirmary of the Convent Immaculate

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years in elementary classroom teaching and in

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The beauty of the movie is

ESSENTIALLY Robin

While aging characters may have doubtful appeal to the younger movie audience, "Robin" overcomes this with both dry Keatonesque comedy and exceptionally attractive and gustly talented casting: Sean Connery and Nicol taiented casting: Sean
Connery and Nicol
Williamson as Robin and
Little John, Audrey Hepburn
(coaxed out of retirement) as
Marian, Robert Shaw as the
sheriff, Richard Harris as
King Richard. Goldman's

eight gags, the crunching rights and the ironic social observation of 12th century life—have aestheticized Robin's forest forever as a place of beauty—an encless carpet of trees, shafts of sunlight, sweeping meadows and lush groves, swathed in John Barry's elegant music. There are extraordinary images—Tuck saying Mass in the emokey morning haze, Robin and the Sheriff in exhausting mortal combat in the middle of a vast field, watched by their armies and a herder tending

Finally there is the-moment of Robin's death— cleverly extrapolated from the famous account in the ballads—when he and King Richard. Goldman's ballads—when he and dialogue is spare, but ac poetic and witty that it is often of theatrical quality, and all the characters are multi-dimensional.

BUT THE MAJOR quality, as in all Lester films, is in the visuals. He and his favorite cameraman David Watkin—besides the good. [Rating not yet available]

BALL TO KICK OFF '500' SEASON—The famed "500" Gordon Pipers of Indianapolle will open their traditional round of month-of-May activities on Saturday, May 8, with a performance at the annual Tartan Ball. The dance will be held in the Egyptian Room of the Murat Theetre. The band, which was founded by Dr. W.Q. Diehl in 1962, has filled many engagements in this country and Canada. Membership is made up of local people of diverse ages and vocations. Academy to present 'The Music Man'

REECH GROVE Ind. BEECH GROVE, Ind. — Students at Our Lady of Grace Academy will present "The Music Man," celebrated musical comedy by Meredith Wilson, on three nights, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 6, 8, and 9. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Lead roles are played by Nancy Norris, Academy

Thirty-live years ago the Class of 1841 at St. John Academy presented "Anne of Green Gables" in the school auditorium.

Junior, and Carl Bauman, a junior, and Carl Bauman, a senior at Manual High School. Other schools represented in the cast are Cathedral, Roncalli, and the Latin School. The combined freshman and senior chorus at the Academy supply the background music.

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\$3 for reserved seats, \$2 for adults, and \$1 for grade school and pre-school

The musical is under the direction of Sister Harriet

Woehler, Sister Elleen Price, Mrs. Sue Moore and Miss Ellen Williams.

### PARISH SETS ULTREA

INDIANAPOLIS — An Ultrea, or Day of Sharing with God, will be held in St. Bernadette Church, 4858 Fletcher Avc., at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. Sponsored by the parish Adult Education department, the observance is open to the public. the public.

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### The week's TV network films

HOW SWEET IT IS! (1969) (CBS, Friday, April 23): A cliche comedy about a couple of American nocents abroad (James Garner, Debble Reynolds) who fall into the romantic clutches of some sexy Europeans before getting back to each other. If you've avoided this so far, it's no time to change your

JENNY (1969) (ABC, Friday, April 23): A tender, unpretentious little love story about two troubled young people (Mario Thomas, Alan Alda) who meet in Central Park and decide on a marriage of convenience. Social and moral issues are not dodged. Satisfactory for adults and

mature youth.
THUNDERBALL (1965) (ABC, Saturday, April 24): James Bond in the Bahamas, in this fourth film in the series, with the following results: four seductions; girls shot in the back, polsoned, tortured; men electrocuted, gassed, drowned, stretched, steamed, scalded, knocked

through plate glass run through plate glass, run down by a speedboat, burned, blown up, splattered on a roof, stabbed, eaten by sharks, and skewered by harpoons, filling the water with blood. Not recom-

sunday, April 29): An oc-casionally spectacular adventure flick whose climax is the flooding of South African gold mines. The dramatics are dumb and amoral, and the Image of contemporary South African society is hardly realistic. Not recommended.

EL DORADO (1967) (ABC, Monday, April 26): One of the last of the old-fashloned heroic westerns, with Howard Hawks directing Wayne and Mitchum (as well as a young James Caan) tinged with humor, af-firmation of the spirit of adventure, and melancholy, the film is unfortunately a studio job, with a trite plot, characters and dialogue. The joy is in seeing the old pro cowboys hit the saddle one more time. Satisfactory, but chiefly for western buffs.

GOLD (1974) (ABC, Sunday, April 25): An oc-

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