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News briefs

Queen to be crowned

The annual Florida Hispanic Pageant will be held this Saturday in Immokalee. It will feature the crowning of a 1975 Hispanic Queen and presentation of an award to Msgr. John McMahon, director of the Archdiocesan Rural Life

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll will ake the presentation to Msgr. cMahon in recognition of his outstanding service in promoting Hispanic culture. This award in previous years went to the Archbishop and to the late Edwin Tucker, former director of Archdiocesan Community Services.

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Priests to meet

The Priests' Senate will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 12 beginning at 11 a.m., according to Father Vincent Cashman, corresponding secretary. The meeting will be in the conference room of the rectory at the Cathedral of St. Mary.

Beatification rites

More than 40 Religious and laity from Miami, including adults and children, are in Rome for the Beatification on Sunday, Feb. 9 of Anne-Eugenie Milleret who at the age of 22 founded the Religious of the Assumption.

OFFICIAL Archdiocese of Miami

The Archbishop of Miami, Coleman F. Carroll, and the Provincial Superior of the Eastern Province of the Vincentian Fathers, Father John Nugent, C.M., jointly announced that the Vincentian Fathers will no longer be in a position to staff and administer the St. John Vianney Minor Seminary. This decision is effective as of June 1975.

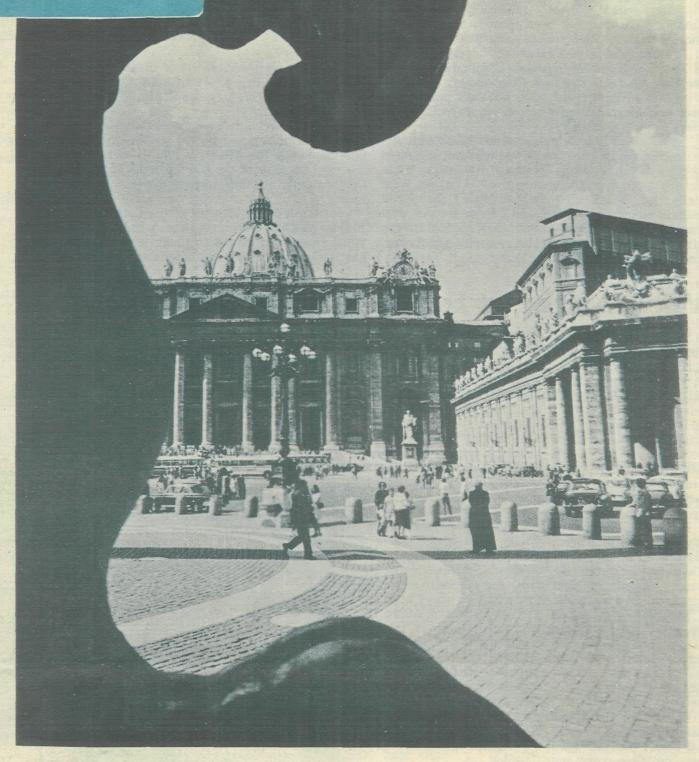
"It is with regret," Archbishop Carroll stated, "that I recognize the action of the Vincentian Fathers to withdraw from their work at the Minor Seminary and I wish to express my sincere gratitude to them for their 15 years of dedicated service at St. John Vianney Minor Semi-

The Very Reverend Father John Nugent, C.M., likewise expressed his Community's regret at such a move and indicated that personnel restrictions had necessitated such an ac-

Father Nugent expressed his great satisfaction over the fact the Vincentian Fathers will be in a position to continue to serve the Archdiocese of Miami at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Archbishop Carroll stated emphatically that the Archdiocese of Miami is fortunately now in a position to assume the staffing and administration of the Minor Seminary of St. John Vianney.

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A view of the Vatican

South Floridians joining Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll in the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, April 27-May 5, will be able to see sights such as this one, of St. Peter's Basilica; and other places of religious significance in Rome, Florence and Assisi. See story below; Archbishop's letter, P. 3.

Pilgrimage to Rome announced

South Florida Catholics have been invited to join Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll on a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, Florence and As-

In a letter to the people of the Archdiocese of Miami, the Archbishop extended the invitation "to join me in the only official pilgrimage sponsored by the Archdiocese . . . a religious journey for the purpose of renewing our faith.

The journey, which departs from Miami Sunday, April 27 and concludes Monday, May 5; will include four days in Rome, during which official representatives of parishes will join Archbishop Carroll for an audience with Pope Paul.

While in Rome, pilgrims will see the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, the major basilicas of Rome, the Holy Staircase and the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains. They will also visit ancient Roman ruins such as the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, and have free time to shop or sightsee independently.

In Florence, also, time for shopping will be given, as well as sightseeing of Michelangelo's David, the Duomo, the Medici Chapels and other sights of interest.

Visits to the cathedral and tomb

of St. Francis will highlight the trip

Sightseeing tours will be conducted in English and in Spanish.

Calling the Holy Year an "eminently religious event," Archbishop Carroll noted that "it is characterized by intense spiritual awareness, and the observance of piety and religion which stimulates an increase of faith and offers to us all an opportunity for personal interior renew-

Father John D. McGrath, director of Holy Year pilgrimages and spiritual director of the pilgrimage to Rome, urged that each parish have at least four official representatives, who will accompany the Archbishop to an audience with

Stressing the spiritual nature of the pilgrimage, he said, "though it will be enjoyable, it is not a holiday, but rather a religious journey designed to edify and renew the faith of the pilgrims."

Cost of the pilgrimage is \$598 per person, which includes air transportation from Miami to Rome via New York, first-class hotels, breakfasts and dinners, surface transportation, tours and taxes.

Reservation forms may be ob-

tained only through parish rectories. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first served ba-

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3 priests gain additional responsibilities

Three priests of the Archdiocese of Miami have been named to new Archdiocesan posts by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

Msgr. John J. Donnelly, rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary has been appointed Archdiocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and of the Pontifical Assn. of the Holy Childhood.

Msgr. John J. Nevins, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, has been named Coordinator of Bicentennial Activities for the Archdiocese of Miami.

Father John D. McGrath, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, has been appointed Spiritual Director of the Holy Year Archdiocesan Pilgrimages.

Elevated to the rank of an honorary prelate one year ago, Msgr. Donnelly has served as rector of St. Mary Cathedral since 1971.

A native of Philadelphia who was ordained to the priesthood in 1955 he has a Bachelorate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore. While serving as first pastor of Annunciation parish, West Hollywood, he directed the building of the parish church, elementary school, and convent as well as a four-classroom addition to the school in 1963. He has also served as pastor of St. Monica parish. Opa Locka. and of Holy Rosary Church, Perrine.



Msgr. Nevins



Fr. McGrath

Recently elected president of the Archdiocese of Miami Senate of Priests, Msgr. Nevins was ordained in 1959 and earned his Master's Degree in Social Work at Tulane University.

He is the Archbishop's Representative at St. John Vianney Seminary and served as the Archbishop's Coordinator of the ABCD in 1970 as well as Archdiocesan Director of the U.S. Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Drive and the Campaign for Human Develop-

He is executive director of the Catholic Service Bureau and has represented the Archdiocese at the White House Conference on Children and Youth and has also served on advisory boards and steering com-

mittees for numerous social welfare organizations, both locally and nationally.

As Coordinator of Holy Year pilgrimages in the Archdiocese Father McGrath has directed hundreds of pilgrimages to churches and specially designated chapels in South Florida in preparation for the obt vance of the Holy Year. Last year he traveled to Ron to attend a Holy Year Symposium and was one of 40 priests representing United States Sees who met and conferred with Cardinal Maximilian de Furstenber, Director of Holy Year activities.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1959, the former administrator of Visitation parish was named Archdiocesan Director of Vocations in 1972. He has served as an assistant in the parishes of St. Mary Cathedral. St. Bartholomew, Miramar: St. Francis Xavier, Fort Mvers; and St. Ambrose, Deerfield Beach.

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Archdiocese of Miami

The Chancery announces that Archbishop Carroll has made the following appointments, effective immediately:

THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN J. NEVINS - to Coordinator of Bicentennial Activities for the Archdiocese of Miami, while retaining all other assignments.

THE REVEREND JOHN D. McGRATH - to Spiritual Director of the Holy Year Archdiocese Pilgrimages. while retaining all other assignments.

Martyrs cited at Legion of Mary Mass

Church that in fifty years has tens of thousands of Aedan McGrath, S.S.C., Junior and Senior Curiae of the Legion of Mary celebrating the 15th annual Acies observance in St. day.

Father McGrath, quarters in Dublin, said, "Have we forgotten the thing in China? The last Acies I attended there was so beautiful. The bishop who celebrated it is still in prison today with the young priests who were McGrath who was also imprisoned there in 1951.

More than 200 active members, Sunday renewed their Legion pledge: "I am yours my Queen and my Mother, and all that I have is your.'

Father McGrath said those words were repeated



"We are the only by the martyrs in China pointed out how the Legion apostolic army in the when they were im- of Mary has grown in this and visited 860 houses and martyrs." Father W. ing of that freedom? We Congress held last week in we going to reach people told the members of the time. God and his mother Name Church. It was and showing them love and These must not be empty the three states. words but a sincere Mary Cathedral last Sun- promise to Mary and her Son.'

Concelebrating the delegate from Legion head- Mass were Msgr. John Donnelly, rector of the Cathedral, Father James Quinn, Archdiocesan moderator of the Legion. Father Edward Moan. O.M.I., Father Thomas Griffin, S.J., Father William O'Shea, Father with him," said Father Michael Kish, spiritual directors, and Father Daniel Barrett, spiritual director of the Miami Regia which includes Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Father McGrath

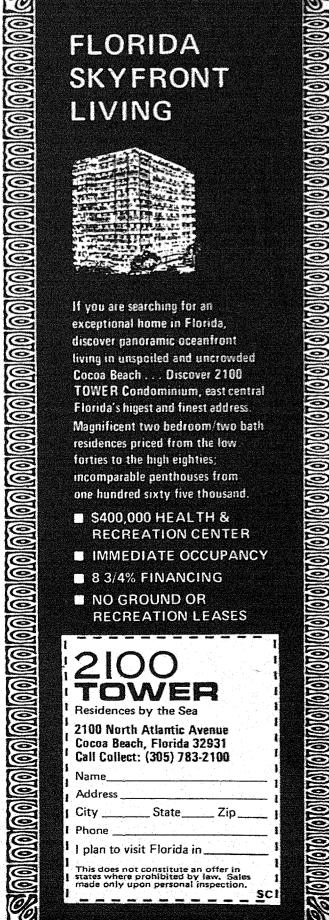
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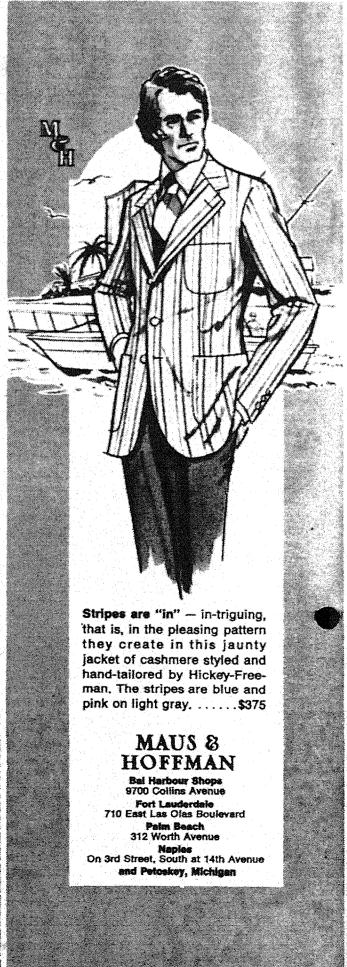
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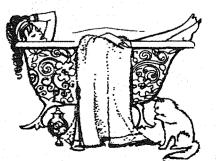
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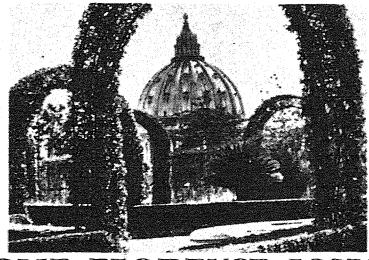
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April 27th Sunday

Assemble at the Miami International Airport at least one hour prior to flight departure. Special check-in counters will be assigned. On arrival at New York's J. F. Kennedy Airport, Meeting, assistance and transfer to Alitatia's Departure Terminal. All baggage will be interlined and the international check-in will be performed as a group. Evening departure by 8747 jet to Rome. Diener and in-title.

Morning arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Meeting, assistance and fransfer by private deluxe motorcoaches to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure to unpack and rest. Special "Welcome Dinner" at your hotel.

April 29th Tuesday

Rome
After breakfast, morning sightseeing will include the Valican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John in Laferan and St. Paul's Outside the Walts. You will also visit the Holy Staircase. Chapel of Qoo Vadis, the Catacombs and the ancient Appian Way, in the afternoon, tour Ancient Rome by visiting the Colosseum, Arch of Constatine, Circus Maximus, Roman Forum and the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains where you will see the magnificent statue of March Via Michaelangia. Dinner at your hotal Moses by Michaelangelo. Dinner at your hotel.

April 30th Wednesday

The morning is devoted to visiting the Basilica of St. Peter and then an audience with the Holy Father. In the atternoon, continue sightseeing by visiting the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Villa Borgese Gardens, Spanish Steps and Via Veneto.

May 1st Thursday

Morning departure by motorcoach to Florence via the "Highway of the Sun". Autostrade del 'Sole. A brief stop may be made enroute to visit the Cathedral in Orvieto. Arrival at your hotel in Florence and the remainder of the day at leisure for independent activities. (Shopping). Dinner at your hotel.

May 2nd Friday

Morning four will visit the Duomo, the Baptistry, Giofto's Tower, Medici Chapels, Piazza Signoria, the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy of Fine Arts, to visit the Statue of David, by Michaelangelo. Afternoon at leisure for independent activities. Dinner at hotel. OPTIONAL: Half day four to Pisa — \$10.00 per person.

May 3rd Saturday

Morning departure for Assisi, where you will visit the cathedral and tomb of St.

May 4th Sunday

Leave your hotel after breakfast and return to Rome. Possibly in time to attend

May 5th Monday

Mass in St. Peter's Square. Remainder of the day at leisure. This evening a special farewell dinner at a typical Roman restaurant. New York-Miami

Transfer to the airport by private motorcoaches. Check-in will be performed as a group. All baggage being handled directly by the tour company and Alitalia. Depart by 8747 jet with lunch and in-flife entertainment. On arrival at Kennedy Airport, meeting assistance and transfer to your connecting flight.

Reservation forms can be obtained at any parish office Reservations will be accepted on a first come - first served basis. Pilgrims who represent their parish will also accompany Archbishop Carroll to an audience with the Holy Father

Holy Year Pilgrimage

'An opportunity for spiritual renewal'

My dearly beloved people:

Our Holy Father has invited pilgrims to Rome as an external manifestation of renewal and reconciliation which are the aims of the 1975 Holy Year. This is an invitation to join me in the only official pilgrimage sponsored by the Archdiocese

The pilgrimage we will take has been designed as a religious journey for the purpose of renewing our faith. Pilgrims who will officially represent their parish will also accom-

pany me to an audience with the Holy Father.

A Holy Year is an eminently religious event. It is characterized by intense spiritual awareness, and the observance of piety and religion which stimulates an increase of faith and offers to us all an opportunity for personal interior renewal. It is also significant that this Holy Year will mark the tenth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council whose theme was renewal.

It is my hope that you will join me in this affirmation of our faith, and may I urge you all to pray for its success.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Coleman F. Carroll Archbishop of Miami

Archbishop praises sacrifices for ABCD

ArchBishop's Charities Drive was praised this week by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, who emphasized the responsibility of the faithful to assist those in need regardless of race or creed.

Noting that preliminary reports of the Advance Gifts phase of the campaign indicated that despite soaring costs of living Catholics in South Florida were supporting the ABCD with their usual generosity, the Archbishop emphasized that. "In spite of the high cost of living today it is encouraging to witness the sacrifices that are being made by so many of our people in order to sustain the already existing programs and institutions which each day aid the needy and impoverished throughout the Archdiocese.

He added that the costs of maintaining the many and varied charitable programs administered by the Church in South Florida to unwed mothers, drug addicts, alcoholics, senior citizens, the mentally retarded, dependent children, and agricultural farm workers, are continually increasing and reminded that the annual charities campaign provides at Home." Sunday when thousands of an opportunity for everyone to express volunteer workers visited fellow of the faithful in South Florida.

and love of the poor as we contribute our sacrificial offerings to Him on behalf of those in need," Archbishop Carroll

its final phase thousands of winter visitors will be afforded the opportunity general chairmen.

Sacrificial giving to the 1975 to contribute to the campaign through which facilities, which are at their disposal, are provided in the Archdiocese of Miami.

An appeal which was made in churches and chapels of South Florida on Sunday, Feb. 2 will be followed by a "Visitors' Collection" on Sunday, Feb.

The last in the series of regional dinners held throughout the eight counties of the Archdiocese will be held Tuesday. Feb. 11 at the Hotel Breakers in Palm Beach when residents of Palm Beach County will view a film presentation depicting the various charitable agencies of the Archdiocese supported by the ArchBishop's Charities Drive. They will also hear Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, Msgr. John J. Nevins, Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Charities, Dr. Ben Sheppard, Associate Director of the Catholic Service Bureau, and others outline the accomplishments of past campaigns and the specific needs for the future.

gratitude to God for the multiple parishioners of their respective churches blessings He has showered upon so many explaining the ABCD and taking pledges for donations to the fun. The general In union with Christ the annual solicitation is expected to be completed ArchBishop's Charities Drive enables us by Feb. 23 with all final returns made to to make truly present our Lord's charity the ABCD office in the Chancery no later than March 5. A general report will be made to Archbishop Carroll during dinner on March 12 at the Archdiocesan Hall adjoining St. Mary Cathedral. As the 16th annual ABCD moves into Attending will be pastors, assistant pastors, regional chairmen, and past

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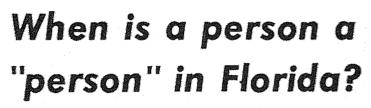
It is certainly with regret that the priests. Religious and laity of the Archdiocese of Miami learn of the decision that the Vincentian Fathers have found it necessary to withdraw from the administration and staffing of the Minor Seminary of St. John Vianney. Because of their growing problem of adequately staffing the Seminary the Vincentians with reluctance and regret came to this difficult decision.

Since the early years of our rapidly growing Diocese, the Vincentian Fathers have rendered valuable service to the education and training of our priests, and at this time we are saddened to learn of their departure.

While we regret their leaving, we also rejoice that the Archdiocese fortunately at this time is in a position to undertake the administration and staffing of St. John Vianney. During the past decade, Archbishop

Carroll, aware of the future needs of the growing Diocese, embarked on a program of Post-Graduate studies for priests. Several of our young priests have received advanced theological degrees in Pontifical Universities in Rome and elsewhere insuring the Diocese of a welltrained facility to carry on the important work of training our future priests. Especially at this time when the ArchBishop's Charities Drive is in progress it is well to remember that the sacrifice and generosity of our priests and people during past years has made such a post-graduate program for priests possible.

While with sadness we bid goodbye to the Vincentian Fathers, it is with courage and hope that we look to the future, assured of the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, in providing priests for the future needs of our Archdiocese.



Question:

When is an "unborn baby" considered a "child" or a "person?"

Answer: No matter whether a fetus has brainwaves, is developed to a point where it feels pain, has eyes, fingers, toes, or whether it has reached a state of development where it could live outside its mother's body. Florida courts have ruled the fetus is neither a child nor a person.

Question:

When is an expectant mother eligible for benefits from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program?

Answer: She isn't. Yet these same state courts have allowed the very same mother to be eligible to receive state funds for an abortion. Florida's Division of Family Services is providing abortion financing

every day.

Yet in a majority of other states the status of the unborn child is vastly different. Those states pay aid to pregnant women through the same AFDC program. The AFDC act does not require states to treat the pregnant woman as the "caretaker" of a dependent child, nor does it make pregnancy a qualifying condition. Therefore, the courts in those other states have, in effect, ruled that the unborn child is a "person" or "child"

"The effect of Florida's policy is to deprive the pregnant woman of medical treatment, as well as depriving her and her unborn child of care and nourishment until after the child is born," Thomas A. Horkan, Jr., attorney and executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference, said. "At that time the state, in all its glory, comes in and expends all the money necessary to cure the effects of malnutrition, lack of medical care, etc."

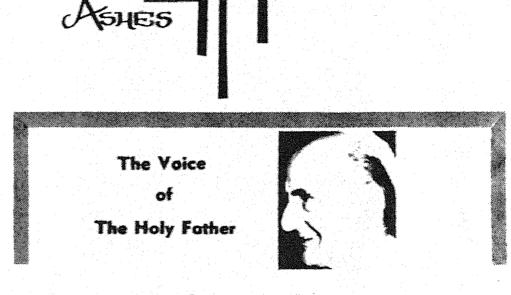
Horkan added that the state's policy of withholding prenatal care until after a child is born to save money is "absurd."

"Now that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (which includes Florida) has ruled in the Georgia and Mississippi cases that a state is required to furnish these benefits to the mother of an unborn child on the same basis as one with born children, Florida stands out like a sore thumb," Horkan stated.

"The court . . . cited 20 Federal Court decisions throughout the country on the subject, 15 of which rules at each stage in favor of the unborn child; two which in Georgia and New Jersey ruled against the unborn child and were reversed, and the remaining three representing the great State of Florida," Horkan pointed out.

In other words, the State of Florida will help a poor pregnant woman kill her fetus but won't help her give it life.

Are you proud of that?



WEDNESDAY

What is renewal?

Days

Renewal: the word is clear, but its meaning is obscure. It is obscure because it is difficult to establish what it refers to. The thought occurs to us spontaneously: it refers to everything: everything the world is, everything the world has, everything the world does, should be renewed.

A magnificent vision, but not without cause for serious concern. Because it means that everything is imperfect, everything is in disorder. It means, in fact, that everything man has accomplished, especially in the last few centuries of marvellous operations, all modern progress... has only partly satisfied the needs and desires of mankind. What is more, it has revealed enormous poverty, enormous injustice, enormous want...

Is this the world? Certain aspects, unfortunately, of the world, let us say; but not the whole world, which is still imbued with a great, energetic hope, which seems to interpret the prophecy of history: the world can renew itself, again and always. But how!...

Is there a way out? A theory that deserves preference? An interpretation that will reconstitute the ideal pattern of human life and guide it to its true and better destiny?

... We believe in Christ's Gospel, and we know we can draw from it the principle of authentic renewal. For this reason we are preaching it in this fortunate period of the Holy Year The principle of renewal (one of the principles, for there are others), is proclaimed in the ever living words of Jesus: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice and all these things shall be given you besides." (Mt. 6:33)

It is necessary to establish a scale of values or ends that man can and must pursue. At the top of the scale is "the kingdom of God and His justice." If this end is neglected or denied, the scale breaks down; one no longer really knows for Whom and why man lives...

-Paul VI in General Audience, Jan. 22, 1975

In praise of Thomas

possesses a power and an influence which remain undiminished with the passage of time. While establishing the universality and the trancendence of the highest notions as the key-note ophilosophy (namely, being) and or his theology (divine Being), he did not wish to construct a final and closed system of doctrine but one which would continue to remain open to progressive enrichment and expansion.

This holy Doctor of the Church not only, as his first biographer states, excelled others in arousing in scholars by the sublimity of his doctrine a love of knowledge, but also provided for his contemporaries and those who came after him a shining model of sanctity . . .

It was certainly because he was a saint — the most saintly of the learned, the most learned of the saints, as has been said of him — that Our predecessor Leo XIII declared him to be not alone the master and leader but also the heavenly Patron of all Catholic schools of every category and rank, a title which We are happy to confirm.

Letter of Paul VI to Dominican Master General on VII Centenary of the death of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Letters to the Editor

An MD on women

EDITOR: My days are generally too busy in the practice of medicine to involve myself in editorial comment and writing letters to editors, but through the past several months. I have been appalled at the content of articles addressing themselves to women's rights in your paper and other Catholic publications which purport to explain (however incorrectly) the women's liberation movement.

I keep abreast of the Catholic news by reading the Voice and various Catholic magazines. Almost every article concerning women, while starting out to defend the equality of women, eventually turns around to imply or overtly state that women are not really equal (although at collection time when the basket is passed, women are

eminently equal).

Formerly. I had shrugged off this inequity, feeling that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. Then, about eight months ago, a local newspaper printed an article in their Sunday magazine section about our Benedictine monks in middle Florida, in which one of the monks was quoted as saying that they were taught that every female was to be considered a threat to their vocations and an occasion of sin. At that time, I merely chalked this statement up to either a misquote or an attempt at sensationalism by the secular press, but after reading Father Cyril Burke's letter to the editor and the editorial on Women's Rights that appeared in the 1/24/75 issue of the Voice. I have concluded that a comment is most certainly in order.

Further, in frank discussion with numerous knowledgeable people I learned that many priests had admitted in the privacy of all male company that indeed, they were convinced that women were inferior beings. The question occurs to me: how many others of our clergy secretly feel this way too? Even Father Burke's prejudices show through, although he tries to hide them behind a veil of tradition. How dare he presume to speak for Catholic women with that smug air of

superiority!

I'm sure there are sufficient theologians who will be glad to argue the errors of Father Burke's drivel, but there is a much more important issue at hand, I believe. Suffice it to say that the philosophical writings of the early Doctors of the Church reflected the attitudes and, quite often, the prejudices of their times. After all, it was once an accepted fallacy that the entire embryonic human being was implanted in the womb of its mother by its father at copulation. Thus, the child was entirely its father's product. Such errors have been corrected by modern thinking. The Dark Ages are gone! Why not in the Church?

As a medical doctor with a specialty in

psychiatry and a Catholic layperson, two other areas are of even greater concern to me. First, why is the idea of women priests so threatening to our all male clergy? They certainly are defensive about this subject. much more than would be warranted by theological questions alone. This very same all male clergy complains that priests are needed so badly. It seems as though the Church should be happy for all the able personnel it can get regardless of sex. Why cast aside 52% of the potential? Qualifications should be predicated on a person's ability not their gender. Psychiatrically, it appears that we are really dealing with a power struggle cloaked in theology

Secondly, and more important, is the detrimental impact these attitudes have on our educational process. Specifically, many of our priests are painfully lacking in the ability to deal with women. They are hardly able to communicate with women, let alone counsel them regarding personal problems. Seminary education can perpetuate this malady because after repeated exposure to priest-teachers with Father Burke's attitudes it's no wonder priests shy away from their women parishioners. Because the young seminarians are first learning the role of priests: they are particularly vulnerable to their role-model's viewpoints. Students learn by imitation and repetition!

Take a moment to realize the emotional trauma that priests like Father Burke wreak among female college students, where our Catholic colleges are unfortunate enough to have that type of thinking among the men on their faculties. It would be negligent of me not to mention also the inferiority complexes engendered so early in the minds of our elementary and high school girls by individuals like Father Burke in the roles of religion teachers or parish priests because, you see, even if no verbalization of their views takes place they manage to send their attitudes insidiously to both sexes.

J. A. Berninger, M.D. Miami

Facts on gun crime

EDITOR: In recent issues the Voice has printed articles about guns by Father J. Sheerin and Father A. Greeley. These priests mean well but have been brainwashed, as have many people, by news commentators and the news media. These groups only print one side of the story in order to be sensational and bring profit to their business.

They never tell you that such organizations as the National Police Association, the Florida Sheriff's Association, and the American Legion oppose their suggestion of gun registration. Nor do they tell you the

communist organization in the United States advocates gun registration and gun confiscation, knowing that this leads us closer to a police state. Do you know that today it is illegal for a felon to even own a gun? But being lawless they have guns and will always have them. One can make a gun from two pieces of pipe

Therefore registration would not affect the criminal. Registration would even tell the criminal where there are guns, which information they could acquire. Even the federal government has sold lists of gun purchasers to those requesting them.

The above priests go so far as to foster the banning of guns to preserve life. Which life is important to you? Yours or the criminal's? Both God's law and the civil law give us the right and duty to protect our life, liberty, property and loved ones. Why should decent people be disarmed and left to the prey of the armed criminal to rob, kill and rape?

Father Greeley says "bloody National Rifle Association." He has no right to personally call me such a name. The National Rifle Association is a democratic organization and its members elect by ballot at a convention its governing board of directors. Its members are much better versed in the entire gun situation than the priests that wrote the articles, or even the news commentators that talk on any subject for a living.

Our constitution says "the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." If this right is taken from us the next step will probably be to limit or take away from us our right to free speech.

The real answer to the gun problem is control of the person that uses the gun, not the gun itself.

Therefore, the lawmakers should pass a law that anyone using a gun to commit a crime would automatically receive a mandatory prison sentence. But the lawyers who control our legislatures have not favored this law. The National Rifle Association members will gladly help the passage of mandatory sentences. The law could provide that first offenders could get consideration but mandatory sentences only, be given to second to ten-time offenders.

Surely we will need more prisons, stronger bail requirements, stricter parole regulations, but then the home, the streets and our lives will be much safer. One only has to read the newspapers about crimes committed and sentences now given by judges, to realize that mandatory sentencing is the answer to the gun crime problem.

Frank Russell Fort Lauderdale

By Msgr. James J. Walsh



During this Lent, prayer is taking on new forms

Since the Church revised regulations concerning the Lenten season, you hear almost as many interpretations of the "true meaning" of Lent as you do in December concerning the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone with a typewriter (including me) has an idea about it, and. after a while, the fog gets heavier, and Lent slips into the mist of the new terminology of "celebrating new life . . . being Church . . . making the Word home . . .

going from ashes to fire . . . "So many are complaining they can't get a clear picture of Lent anymore.

THE FOG may lift before Ash Wednesday, if we take a good look at the Gospel of the Mass for that day. We read there what Jesus had to say about the "good works" we are obliged to do in life. St. Matthew has it: (5:1-6, 16-18).

In these few lines, Jesus presents us with a full Lenten program, which embraces thoughts, words, actions. It involves my interior life and my neighbor's well being. It incorporates all the features of traditional Lents, as well as the new emphasis in doing penance to-

day.
What is it? A program of prayer, fasting an almsgiving. Three good

works, so flexible that they can be done by anyone, no matter what the circumstances of their life. But first, Jesus warned that all three can be useless, unless the right motive infuses them. "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

THE CHURCH has always in Lent insisted on us paying serious attention to these three duties. She is no less insistent today. It used to be she felt rightly that her children needed rather severe regulations, binding one's conscience, to fast and abstain. She has mitigated those rules, but still strongly urges us voluntarity to practice self denial.

Prayer in Lent should be something special. You are awake that all over the country there is a rediscovery of prayer in various forms. Much of it has been stimulated by the reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels. People are praying in ways new to them. I mean they are not just reciting the prayers composed by saints, many of which cannot be understood by the average Christian. Nor are they merely repeating memorized formulas, while their

mind wanders.

They are getting into the realm of meditation, although the very word would scare them if they heard their prayer called that. But they are seeking a break through to God by means of mind and heart. They are reflecting on Jesus, His words of love and mercy, and are trying to apply them in the daily round. They are getting beneath the surface of Christian truths by this kind of prayer, and they find it very satisfying.

BECAUSE of this meditative aspect, some have rediscovered the Stations of the Cross and the rosary. Both of these ancient practices can push one from routine, memorized prayers to genuine reflection on God's goodness.

In Lent, needless to say, those drawn to more prayer find there is none greater or more transforming than the Mass, the Eucharistic celebration.

Almsgiving. We are gradually getting away from what used to be an almost total preoccupation with our own salvation and well being and are now becoming more convinced of our responsibility towards our neighbor. Almsgiving has always been throughout history, one power-

ful means of bettering the lot of the less fortunate. Lent's spirit should stimulate us to share with others even when it hurts.

FASTING. The food crisis in the world, the revelation that many millions are dying of hunger, the nagging thought that our own tables in the recession may not be so heavily laden, have turned a lot of people once again to the idea of fasting. Many already are cutting down on the quantity of food one or two days a week and sending that money to an agency such as the Catholic Relief Services to help the starving.

A few years ago when the Church revised the fast and abstinence regulations, she urged us all voluntarily to go on with the same practices. because if done by personal choice, they would be very valuable spiritual helps. Maybe we are at the point right now where the wisdom of the Church is once again justified. It seems likely this Lent, in the Holy Year of reconciliation, will find more Christians fasting and abstaining in a more meaningful way than ever before.

There's a full Lenten program - prayer, almsgiving, fasting - which can be adjusted to anyone's life-style.

PEOPLE*

"Thomas had to begin his teaching career in the midst of violent controversy. His inaugural address was boycotted by the faculty. On many occasions university students were forbidden to attend his classes

Father Avery Dulles, S.J., speaking to Catholic University faculty and students celebrating the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.



Father Avery Dulles



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake

"Let's get the wheat that was destined for the Soviet Union and China to Bangladesh or India instead ... we urge an immediate commitment of four million additional tons of grain toward the 7.5 million ton gap that will spell out the difference between life and death for millions of people.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake. former WCC president and head of Bread for the World, in a telegram to President Ford.

"The Vietnamese are uniquely a distinct group of people. It is just possible that their interpretation of the Marx-Lenin political philosophy might allow a religious practice with which the Church can live.

Bishop Andrew Grutka of Gary, Ind., on return from a trip with other religious leaders to North Vietnam.



Bishop Andrew Grutka



Laszlo Toth

"For me, having attacked the Pieta signifies having attacked the Valican at its heart." An unrepentant Laszlo Toth, who damaged

Michelangelo's Pieta in 1972, after being refused a seat on a flight which was to return him to Australia after a two-year stay in an

"For me, the teaching of English has been a vehicle to transmit much more, to give people a greater respect for their fellow man regardless of tribe. race or nation. Sister Delphine Vasquez.

of Ottumwa, Iowa, a Peace Corps voissteer in Zaire,



Sister Delphine Vasquez



Dr. Elisabeth Kugler-Ross

"When you have seen gas chambers with your own eyes, you are always preoccupied, not with death and dying, but with what turns human beings into Nazi monsters. The question is: how can I teach my children to be human beings who will look back on their lives, happy they have

> Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, expert on death and dying. relating her own experi-

Lithuanians pray for independence

More than 50 years ago on Feb. 16, 1918, the Mass at 12:30 p.m. Republic of Lithuania was established as a free and independent nation. This year, although their homeland is occupied by the USSR, some 25,000 Lithuanians in Florida will formally observe the anniversary of that independence during special Masses in Lake Worth, Miami, and Juno Beach.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, designated by Florida Governor Reubin O'D. Askew as "Lithuanian Independence Day." native Lithuanians and Lithuanian-Americans will join in prayer for their fellow-countrymen and reaffirm their support for restoration of Lithuania's independence.

SACRED HEART Church, Lake Worth, will be the scene of a concelebrated Mass at 1 p.m.

Principal celebrant will be Father Vincent F. Andriuska, assistant pastor, who will also preach the homily.

Concelebrating with him will be Msgr. John Balkunas, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn now serving in the Archdiocese of Miami; Father Andrew Senkus, and Father Joseph Grabys, Watervlite, N.Y.

MUSIC DURING the Mass will be provided by Mrs. Thelma Easly, organist and soloist, Mrs. Ona Blandyte Jameikiene. Confessions will be heard before

In Miami, Msgr. Balkunas will be the principal celebrant of a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. James Church. Father George Razutis and Father Senkus will concelebrate with him.

A meeting of the Lithuanian Club, of which most Lithuanians residing in Florida are members, is scheduled for 3 p.m., in the Lithuanian Social Club, 2610 NW 119 St. A commemorative address will be given by

A THIRD Mass will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Church, Juno Beach, by Father Albinas Bielskis. A commemorative program begins at noon and concludes at 5 p.m. there.

The Lithuanian population in the U.S. increased after World War II when more than 250,000 Lithuanians left their homeland when war seemed imminent. The U.S. Congress passed a special immigrationbill for displaced persons thus making it possible for the Lithuanians to find new homes here. Most became U.S. citizens as soon as the law permitted and many young Lithuanians joined the U.S. armed forces.

In the U.S. the Lithuanian ethnic group is very well organized through some 300 organizations across the



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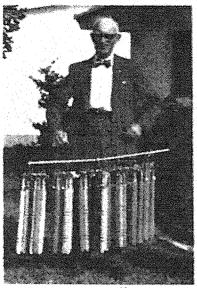
With 53.000 rosaries to his credit over a 15-year period. Al Ouellette has been responsible for providing missions all over the world with beads for those they serve — and he has a suitcase full of letters from missionaries thanking him.

"WHEN I retired from business a successful insurance agency in Detroit), a neighbor suggested the idea." the parishioner of Nativity Church, Hollywood said, explaining how he began making rosaries.

"I thought I would work for Our Lady instead of false friends."

Ouellette is the local headquarters for a Louisville group which has 35.-000 people making rosaries — over one million sets last year. He has 10 people working under him in his

Parish Pacesetters



Al Ouellette

parish, and he has gotten people in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese to participate.

HE MAKES about 10 a day, and with his Nativity parish helpers he figures the parish has contributed 95,000 rosaries to missions in 15 years.

Alaska. South Africa. South America. the Phillippines — his rosaries are found spread around the world, and "people are always asking for more." he said.

Being the one in charge in South Florida involves more than time for Ouellette, who has spent over \$6,000 of his own money in buying supplies for himself and others to make the rosaries.

HE AND his wife obtain the supplies and package them conveniently for the other people who make the rosaries.

"People all over are doing it — it's good for retired people, and they seem to like the idea," he said.

"I have a retired doctor, a retired CPA, a retired engineer and a 'retired society woman' making them, among others."

OUELLETTE is active in his parish in other ways than getting people to join him in making rosary beads. He serves as sacristan, commentator, buyer of supplies, and general handyman.

"They call me monsignor." he laughed.

His wife helps him, and takes care of the vigil lights in the church.

Ouellette is not worried that with all the rosaries he is making, one day no one will need any more. As he says, "The problem is that not enough people are saying them."

HEAD SHEPHERD

He went from "rags" to "rags."

Lawrence Dillmuth worked his way to the highest corridors of executive power in the textile industry and ran divisions producing fine garments. sheets and pillow cases for the housewives of America.

Now he is Brother Lawrence and he and the other four Brothers at Camillus House in downtown Miami provide free meals to the "knights of the road." the down and out men who often have no sheets or pillows at all.

"WE ARE feeding 800 men a day now and at night we give out another 200 sandwiches," said Brother Lawrence, director. When their new building is completed next door they will also be able to house about 18 men at night.

"The world might say to them 'you're a burn." But the Brothers try to see Christ in each man. They have a soul just like you and I, so we help them.

"Brother Mathias (founder of the order 24 years ago) gave us the slogan, 'Charity Unlimited.' The Brothers have 25 houses around the country and only 90 Brothers, so you can see we are very busy even though we have a lot of lay help." The Order exists from gifts and legacies, but Archdiocesan ABCD funds also help, according to Brother Lawrence who terms the ABCD gifts as "generous."

To the devoted Brother, his life is the

MAN ON crutches is greeted by Brother Lawrence at the Brothers of the Good Shepherd house in downtown Miami.

...At Camillus House was business tycoon

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Brother Lawrence helps other Brothers serve the aged and crippled.

Brothers of the Good Shepherd and the people they help. And it is clear that he would rather talk of the founder, Brother Mathias, whom he regards as a saint, than of himself.

BUT HIS STORY, which he tells reluctantly does illustrate the mysterious ways of God and the many paths a man can travel to reach a vocation

Born in Hartford, Conn., he studied law and accounting at Fordham University. While going to school he worked for a textile firm. He met a "beautiful, religious girl" and got married. At that point he needed to make a living so he went into the textile business with a friend and built up to a point where in 1948 when another firm wanted to buy him out he collected a huge sum which he does not like to talk about. "I don't want publicity. It was never the money anyway. It was the challenge. It was there and you'd be a dope not to go after it.

"We were going to just take a vacation then, when the Dan River Corporation people approached me" and he ended up heading a division of domestic goods such as sheets and pillow cases and was running a volume of \$92 million worth of business.

Then a dramatic change fell on his life which he speaks of with hidden but definite pain.

His wife died. and so did his yen for business. "I thought, 'I'm knocking myself out for nothing.' When she went, the only thing I was working for was gone. I didn't care if I had five cents.

"I STAYED on with the company a little while then I went on an extended vacation. I went to Europe. I went to Palm Beach. I had a home in Lake Placid and one on Long Island but I lived in the New York Athletic Club. And I was bored to death."

As fate would have it, he missed a Knights of Malta retreat he had planned to go on and went later to a Jesuit retreat at the unlikely place of Ramsey, New Jersey.

Unlikely, because it was at this retreat house that he picked up a copy of The Voice and

happened to see an article about Brother Mathias visiting Camillus House in Miami. This was a turning point.

He called Brother Mathias at Albuquerque, N.M., and was invited to "come look us over."

"I left the New York Athletic Club and when I got to Albuquerque Brother Mathias said, 'This is where you stay' and he showed me a space barely big enough for a bed.

"BUT THE MORE I talked to him the more I realized I was talking to a saint. I stayed there three months and became more and more entranced with the Order until I became a Brother in 1961 and made my final profession in 1968."

After becoming a Brother, he was director of the Good Samaritan Inn for alcoholics in Columbus. Ohio.

"Brother Mathias asked me what I knew about alcoholism and I said living at the New York Athletic Club I had seen a lot of it. But I went to school to study it before going to the Columbus house. When I took over the house I found out the classes didn't mean much. You have to see it and live with it to understand it."

HE HAS SINCE been elected to the General Council of the order and is General Treasurer. He has been at Camillus house, following Brother Kevin, a short time.

"But we are feeding 800 men a day where last year we were feeding 300 a day at this time. Times are hard and more are coming in and need our help," says Brother Lawrence, more at ease talking about the Brothers than himself, but still displaying that subsurface energy that took him through the world of big business and which he now applies to the business of helping those down on their luck.

"There is always plenty to do. From 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. it's go. go, go. I've never met any men like the Brothers. I've seen Brother Mathias take off his overcoat and give it to someone else."

An overcoat whose fabric might have been spun right out of one of Lawrence Dillmuth's former mills before he went from Big Business to the Little Brothers.



The Church deserves better

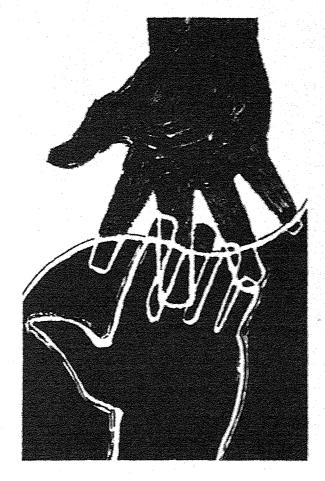
The NCCB workbook "Liberty and Justice for All" is an attempt to celebrate the bicentennial of our republic by tearing the American accomplishment to pieces. And the so-called "hearings" they are having around the country like the recent one in Washington; are merely occasions for all the sick America-haters around to pour out their bile on the United States - with the Catholic laity picking up the tab for their travel expenses.

Msgr. George Casey, the gifted columnist of the "Boston Pilot," has recently observed (in response to me) that the American pluralist experiment hasn't worked well at all. There was the Ku Klux Klan, and racism, and riots and discrimination. Not much to be proud about, he seems to think

THE GOOD monsignor is a victim of the peculiar myopia which seems to be afflicting all kinds of people these days. Like the people who put together the NCCB bicentennial book, he focuses on what went wrong and ignores what went right. The trouble with such a style is not merely that it is unbalanced: it overlooks the resources and the traditions in a society which are available to right the wrongs that still exist.

Furthermore this approach harasses and harangues people who know that by and large they are pretty good at getting along with other people and who don't feel like being blamed for things that happened a hundred years ago when they were not alive and their parents may well not have been in the country.

One can only say to Msgr. Casey that riots. prejudice, racism and discrimination are part of the human condition, and are certainly to be found in any large multi-ethnic society. What is impressive about America, given its size, its heterogeneity and the haste with which it was put together, is that there has been only one civil war, relatively few riots, and much less discrimination than exists in other multi-racial and



multi-ethnic societies. Furthermore, while discrimination continues, no one in America seriously tries to justify it any more. The American creed is so powerful that bigotry once it is forced out in the open - eventually

THE MIRACLE of American pluralism is its survival despite intense centrifugal forces which ought to have torn it apart many times. Not only

has it survived, however, it has survived with relative internal peace (compared to similar countries), relatively little physical oppression (after the Civil War), and relatively rapid progress towards social justice.

They let us Catholic immigrants in - despite their better judgment: they gave us political and social and economic power. Now we make more money and get more schooling than they do. We are now letting the non-white groups in and some of them the Chinese and the Japanese most notably) are getting better educations and making more money than we do. There is a national commitment to full equality for all races, one that before the end of the century (and maybe earlier) will be successful.

I guess I think that's pretty impressive. Not perfect, indeed. Not without major flaws and failings (like all human enterprises). But on balance, pretty good and with much possibility for getting better.

I DON'T hate it. On the contrary I'm grateful for what America made possible for my family and proud to be part of a country that is trying to make it possible for all families. I cannot understand why many Catholics (including the NCCB. which I suspect does not speak for most individual bishops) seem so ashamed of being

I. for one, am proud to be an American. I plead guilty to the sin of patriotism. I believe that real patriotism, based on a sophisticated understanding of the American heritage and the American politics of coalition building, is the best motivation we have for making the country even better than it is.

When the leadership of the Church and wise men like Msgr. Casey turn against the American heritage and the American technique of coalition-building. I do become ashamed - but not of being American. I become ashamed of the Church. It ought to know better.

needs support—Jesus is answer Modern man

By FATHER JOHN T. CATOIR

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the growing loss of confidence in the truth of Christianity. I'd like to follow up on that and flesh it out a bit more. I believe the problem is much wider in scope than what might be termed 'a religious problem.' It is part of an extremely complex societal neurosis. "The tendency to see ourselves as pawns of determinism has spread in late decades to include contemporary man's conviction that he is the helpless object of scientific force in the form of atomic power." (Rollo May, Love and Will, W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., N.Y., 1969. p. 184) Man, in general, seems to be gripped by feelings of impotence and he resents the government, the large corporations and the institutional Churches - all of which seem to be responsible for his present fate.

Because of the conflict between feelings of

helplessness and the desire to overcome these feelings, there is a widespread confusion and rebellion. Churches, synagogues and religious values are challenged or, worse, ignored. The question is asked, "What good is religion, especially if it encourages passivity in its subjects?" Authority in the Church is up against a new kind of indifference. The word 'disobedience' no longer applies here. The subject no longer chooses to be subject. People are rejecting any super-structure which inhibits their own unique power to be what they want to be, to be meaningful and fruitful against great odds. Jonathan Livingston Seagull is the hero in today's stressful situation.

The erosion in confidence in the power of Christianity, and of religion in general, is related to this larger picture. While on the one hand people reject institutional religion, on the other hand

they find themselves searching for a substitute. The popularity of gurus, Hari Krishna and Eastern mysticism in general, along with hallucinatory drugs (to gain greater insight) testifies to this. Dabbling in the field of the occult. E.S.P. and astrology, also points up the pressing need men have for outside help in achieving their goals and satisfying their needs. Like it or not, modern man needs some kind of support system to discover himself and his God.

If only man could see that the answer is right before him: Jesus Christ is the Lord: Jesus is the answer. The cosmic Jesus is the focal point of history, the center of the universe. He is the one hope of our tormented world and. like it or not. Jesus did found a Church. Some don't know how to find Him at all; others have found Him outside of formal religion. But He did found a Church, To see this, to be able to embrace this truth, is a precious gift today. The challenge before us is how to translate the truth and bring it to others.



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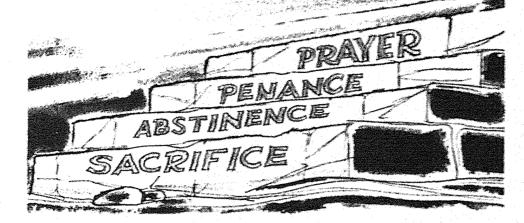
Lent these days?

The observance of Lent has varied in the history of the Church. It began as most rigorous but brief fasting from both food and water from Good Friday to Easter.

It was extended through all of Holy Week, strict but not complete fasting. By the Middle Ages it had become a 40-day fast from Ash Wednesday until Easter.

Within the memory of most adult Catholics, the Church asked of us a rather strict observance of Lent. In the last decade, the strict fast of Lent was lifted and Catholics were asked to make their Lenten obseronces voluntary for the most

TODAY as we are called as a community to fast two days a week. as in many dioceses the people are asked to abstain from meat on Fridays, now not so much in penance but because of the necessity placed



on us by world hunger, we already enter fasting as we enter Lent.

So how do we make a good Lent

First of all, if there are those who have not yet joined the U.S. Bishops in at least two days of

Word and World

Man is one and many

By JOHN C. JABLONOVSKY, C.P.

cleric wrote an unfortunate piece of nonsense. He said that the doctrine of the Trinity was no longer relevant to modern man. How wrong he was. This becomes increasingly clear when we see the gropings and the guessings of some of our psychologists and sociologists. In their fumbling around for "relationships." personal, interpersonal, and community, they miss badly when they ignore the original design. It was spelled out clearly and definitely: "Let us make man to our own image and likeness."

Like God. man is one and man is many. Personalism and community both come into play when man looks to the divine Model and tries to live accordingly. The search of modern man will find its happy solution only when he looks intently at God, Three and One, and conforms his life style to the divine pattern.

"Man fully alive" is the greatest glory of God on earth. Nothing else in all the world gives Him the delight He finds in people. Man is also at his best when he is people-oriented, rather than oriented merely toward things, howsoever precious and beautiful these may be. And relationship.

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Our youth love to insist on their Some years ago an unfortunate special uniqueness. "I gotta be me!" That battle cry has spread across the land. Each person wants to be his own man, unique, distinct, yet accepted and

> However that uniqueness must not be carried too far, lest it degenerate into one's becoming a loner. Right from the beginning of human existence. God saw it was not good for man to be alone. Man needs companionship and craves community. Being oneself is not enough. however wonderful one may be. Even Robinson Crusoe was happier when he acquired his man. Friday. So Robinson as a loner is nobody's patron saint.

> Humans need relationships with others like themselves. Other persons, also unique and distinct, come to be appreciated: and community is formed. Human community is at its best when it reflects most the Trinity. In God each Person of the Trinity is indeed unique, distinct and coequal, yet the life and love is communal and shared.

Father John Cyril is a missionary staso man grows and develops best in tioned with the Passionist Community at fasting a week, then this is the perfect time to start. It can be done both as a penitential act and as an act of compassion for the starving people of the world.

What fasting means is that we have only one full meal a day, that the other two meals be only snacks. that we not eat between meals. There may be some people whose age or state of health makes such fasting impossible. They obviously should not fast. But the most of us can and should.

But making a good Lent involves more than just how we eat. It should be a preparation for Easter. Lent must make a difference in the style of our lives. If we sail through Lent in a way that does not differ from the way we lived before Lent then obviously we aren't making a good Lent. We should consciously try to change ourselves.

THERE was a time that Catholics gave up things they enjoyed - entertainment, sweets. smoking. Giving up something is quite all right but it is not the essence of what we should be doing. We should be getting ourselves ready for the coming of the resurrected Lord. What sins we have, what imperfections we have, we should try to eliminate so that we are better prepared for what is ahead.

We can make a good Lent by consciously trying to eliminate our faults. If we are easy to anger, if we tend to put off things we should do, if we are impatient with others, then we should be trying to eliminate these faults. This may not mean we will always succeed but the very fact that we consciously are trying is a part of making a good Lent.

There are those who think of Lent as a solemn period. In a way it is but there is no particular virtue in solemnity. It would be far better if in Lent we tried to be more pleasant, to smile more, to go out of our way to be cheerful in our relationships with

We should grow in love in Lent. We should, if we are making a good Lent, show greater love to our children, our husbands or wives, our parents, our friends, all those with whom we are in contact in every day life. There was no greater love than that of Our Lord who died on the cross for us. We make a good Lent if we grow in our love towards others.

WE should think of God more often, we should pray more. If we can, and most of us can if we try, then we should go to Mass during the

We should do some reading that turns our thoughts to God. It would be good to hunt out some of the old spiritual books, for they have a universal validity. "Imitation of Christ" is still good spiritual reading. Do not read for volume so that at the end of Lent you can say you have read so many books - but for thought. When you come on to a thought that strikes you then you should stop reading and start thinking. Many have lost the habit of meditation but it is necessary for our spiritual growth.

Turn to the Scriptures. Perhaps you could read one chapter of the Gospels each day or the Psalms. The Bible is certainly a necessary companion for a good Lent.

Whatever you do, try to give it a spiritual dimension. Try to keep a constant consciousness of God. See in the common place things of life the infinite dimension. Pray for others. If you read about someone in the daily paper, pray for him. If you are riding the bus to work, say a little prayer for your fellow pas-

We have these days before Easter as a gift of preparation. They must make a difference in our lives if we use them as we should. We must not despair if we find ourselves not spiritually perfect, if when we pray the Rosary - as we should our minds tend to wander. It is not so much the accomplishment that counts as it is the effort.

The important thing is to allow Lent to make a difference in your life. If you do, if you make a conscious effort, then you will make a good Lent.

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By Father Eugene H. Maly

GOSPEL (Fifth Sunday of the Year, Feb. 9,

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-

Philosophers, psychologists, anthropologists and other scholars have long debated the question of man's basic nature. To what extent is he affected by good and evil? Which has the greater influence on him? Is he motivated more strongly by fear or by love?

The Scriptures are not free from the tension of the same question. While there is no doubt that biblical revelation posits a saving God, there is similarly no doubt that it sees man as a sinner. The references in the Bible to the sinful inclinations of man, in both Testaments, are too numerous to pass off as a minor issue.

Indeed, the Bible seems to present sinful man as the central concern of the Lord. The opening two chapters of Genesis depict creation as intended by God from the beginning: something beautiful and in harmony with the divine will. But immediately sin enters the picture, and from chapters four to eleven it is a sad tale of evil and its effects. The stage has been set for the drama of redemption.

REDEMPTION is concerned with the healing of man, with making him whole again. All the acts of God in biblical history are ordered to this end. The act of healing par excellence is the liberation of Israel from the slavery of Egypt. Israel was now free to be herself, to live in peace and harmony with her neighbors, to be whole. The exodus thus became symbolic of every future saving act.

But man must respond to God's healing actions. Salvation is not automatically guaranteed. The reality of sin must still be taken seriously. That is why the Bible does not end with the book of Exodus. That is why there were prophets who rose up in Israel.

The basic message of the prophets was, "Respond, O Israel!" Recognize what the Lord has done in your midst and accept His love. What

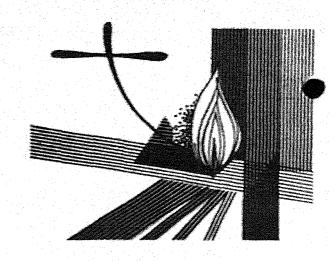
you can become far exceeds your wildest dreams. The Lord, with whom nothing is impossible, has made it all possible.

All this is absolutely necessary background for understanding our first and third readings. In the first the prophet is addressing the Jewish people recently returned from exile. Their situation is not a bright one. But the prophet is optimistic. The Lord has brought you home again; He has shown His love; He has effected a second exodus. Respond!

Share your bread with the hungry! Shelter the oppressed! Clothe the naked! Do these things and then your wound will be quickly healed. Your light will break forth like the dawn. As the glory of the Lord was manifest at the exodus, so would it appear now as Israel's honor guard. God will be with His people.

THE SAME exuberant optimism is present the Gospel reading. With even greater insistence Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." But like the prophets He also tells them to go forth and be salt to the earth and light to the

The optimism of the Isaiah prophet and of Jesus can scarcely be concealed. But it rests, as Paul says the Christian faith does, on the power



of God. In the light of that saving power nothing is an exaggeration.

What is man? Yes, man is a sinner, but he has been saved by the mighty hand of God. Ey has been conquered through Jesus Christ. Ma must only accept the victory and he will be whole again, with the wholeness of fresh salt and new light. That is the exciting promise of biblical

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COMMENTATOR: The response today will be: Father, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: For the mission intention of Our Holy Father: that the Holy Year may awaken a sense of reconciliation between poor and rich countries and may promote mutual recognition and cooperation we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Father, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: That through the ArchBishop's Charities Drive the people of the Archdiocese may continue their care for the less fortunate, we pray to

PEOPLE: Father, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: For the hungry and homeless; that our hearts be open to their needs, we pray to the

PEOPLE: Father, hear our prayer.

COMMENTATOR: For the sick and the dying; that they may bear their suffering for the reconciliation of mankind, we pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Father, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Father, we thank you for all the good things you have given us and ask that you keep us in your care, through Christ, Our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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Reconciliation through penance

By REV. PAUL F.
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"Let the priest receive the penitent with brotherly love

...and greet him with kindly words."

This directive or rubric (guideline) is from the rite for reconciling individual penitents, a rite providentially revised for the Holy Year of reconciliation and renewal. The directive sets the tone for the new rite of private penance.

The Latin word for "kindly" is humanior. It expresses everything that we would expect of a more human relationship. Not that priests in the past were inhuman, or unkind or insensitive to the needs of their penitents. Rather the setting for hearing confessions was often too impersonal, too formal and formidable for the priest and penitent to be fully human.

THE priest in the confessional had many roles. He was to be judge, physician and spiritual father to his penitent. But in the dark recess of the confessional, where the only greeting was often the opening of a slide in the wall to announce the presence and readiness of the priest to hear the confession, the spiritual father became for many "my ghostly father."

The new rite of private (individual) penance offers priest and penitent an opportunity to change the climate and the setting of the confessional. In its ideal form, it calls for a lighted confessional room rather than a darkened confessional box, where "the priest or penitent himself reads some appropriate text from sacred scripture" as part of the rite.

In this more real setting, the new rite presumes that in some cases the penitent will be known to his confessor, but if not, "it will prove helpful to acquaint him (the confessor) with his condition in life, the difficulties that he has in leading a Christian life, and other matters which may be useful for the confessor to know for the exercise of his ministry."

THE role of the priest as physician is "to diagnose the soul's ills and prescribe the proper remedies." Most priests have spent years of preparation in learning the difficult art of spiritual counseling, but the confessional of the past has rarely been a suitable place to exercise and develop the art. Hopefully all this will change to the profit of priest and penitent.

In the past the confessional screen or grill prevented the priest from "extending his hands over the head of the penitent." an ancient ceremonial gesture to signify the giving of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. The new rite has restored this gesture, which is but another way of saying that the newly restored rite of private penance calls for an enrichment not only in the prayers and formulas of penitent and confessor, but a change in

the confessional itself.

Not everyone will welcome the change in climate encouraged by the new rite. And many will appeal to the reported statement of Paul VI that the confessional with its protective screen "must never go." But since Paul VI has authorized the new rite, the pontiff can only mean that the complete privacy and anonymity of the penitent is to be respected if the penitent so desires.

Others, however, will find that the more open rite of confession, sufficiently protected by the "seal" will be a more meaningful and effective sacramental means for ongoing spiritual therapy, spritual conversion and reconciliation, and for growth in holiness.

BESIDES private penance, the new Order of Penance provides a second or optional rite "for reconciling several penitents with individual confession and absolution" — allowing a general absolution for those who cannot confess individually for grave reasons, provided they are willing to submit their serious sins in private confession at a later time.

This rite is sometimes called communal penance, since "it manifests more clearly the ecclesial (community) dimension of the sacrament." In this rite the individual penitents together form a worshiping community. They confess their sins not only to the priest; they confess their individual and collective sinfulness to God in the

midst of the community. They hear together the liturgy of the Word. Together they pray for the grace of true repentance, for themselves and for other sinful members of the community.

IN this community setting, the faithful recapture a dimension of the sacrament which has been lost or obscured, the communal or community dimension of sin, of penance and of pardon. They are reminded of the solidarity of all the members of Christ's mystical body: they are more consciously aware that the sinfulness of one member affects the whole body, and that the whole body, to paraphrase an ancient writer, must work together for the cure of an ailing member of Christ's body.

In the early Church, penitents were reconciled individually but publicly in the sight and hearing of the whole congregation. The new rite of communal Penance has the penitent absolved immediately after confession and in a place apart from the worshiping community.

But no penitent will be so removed as to forget that the priest who absolves is the representative of Christ and of the community of which he is a member. As he hears the priest invoke God, the Father of mercies, "to pour out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins through the ministry of the Church," he will be reminded of the ancient saying: "The whole Christ forgives sins, the Head and the Mem-

bers."



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The need for forgiveness

By SISTER PATRICIA MURPHY, O.L.V.M.

Buried alive is never having to say you're sorry! And living at all means that we, like fishermen, are always about the process of mending the nets of our relationships. The fabric of relationships is never soldered — it is made of strands carefully woven — and they break! With stress, with carelessness, and often simply because of weak materials, the bonds from ourselves to others are easily torn and fractured.

Moments of pure love are sung and celebrated (and no one denies how precious they are), but most of us are more familiar with the hallowed seconds ticking in the silences after we have repaired bonds and rebuilt bridges between ourselves and "others."

Jesus himself was more comfortable around the people who knew their weaknesses, were aware of the tenuous moves they made in bewildering kinds of darknesses, and who knew — however crudely — that they needed others.

Here, at least, He could bring His light, His love-touch and His reconciliation.

THE Pharisees had it all sewn up with their fasts and penances - God at least was taken care of; could they help it if their fellowman was an untidy intrusion on an otherwise orderly facsimile of life? Most of us, at least in our better moments, "would be better than the pharisees." We would opt for people in our better moments, "would be better than the Pharisees." We would opt for people in our lives — as messy as relationships sometimes are and as awkward it sometimes is in keeping them

our weaknesses and selfishness, when lives are altered by mindless and unintentional acts of ours, we are often much more hurt ourselves than we would admit. A very human reaction to this hurt is to relieve ourselves by assigning guilt. If we can determine whose fault it is, then we can proceed in life with a clear conscience.

When bonds are broken by

LIFE is never so simple. When our touching people becomes a hurting thing — even unintentionally — our conscience doesn't so easily let us be, even if we are declared legally innocent!

Ray Hendricks experiences this truth in all its nuances in a simple, human story called "Penance," a film from Teleketics. Ray, a successful businessman, drinks more than one toast in his honor at a party given for him one afternoon, and on the way home he hits and paralyzes a little girl. He is horrified at what happened, declaring over and over again that the girl just ran out in front of his car, that it wasn't his fault! And the law agrees with him, affirming that he was not legally drunk. But this does not release Ray. It does not change how he feels about drastically hurting some-

His encounter with the child's parents, at which he tries to convey his sorrow, only stirs up their anger and blind hurt. He cannot erase the pain and anguish with a simple

apology. Not knowing what to do, and not being able to unload the pressure of the accident, Ray turns to finding release in declaring his innocence to his golf partner, his business associate, his girl friend and even his doctor (he cannot sleep new).

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THE fable of his own that been torn. He touches the rawness of his need of being mended by the one he hurt. This is the moment of redemption. All the pain and anguish and inner search has prepared him for this moment.

He takes the risk of being again rebuffed by the parents and goes to see the little girl They sit in painful awareness of each other's need of healing. Two hurt human beings, each in need of being mended by the other, open to each other in sorrow and forgiveness. Now it is not important who is right and who is wrong! There is only deep felt pain. The child opens the doors with trust and welcome. The one who hurt her walks across the threshold. The healing has begun.

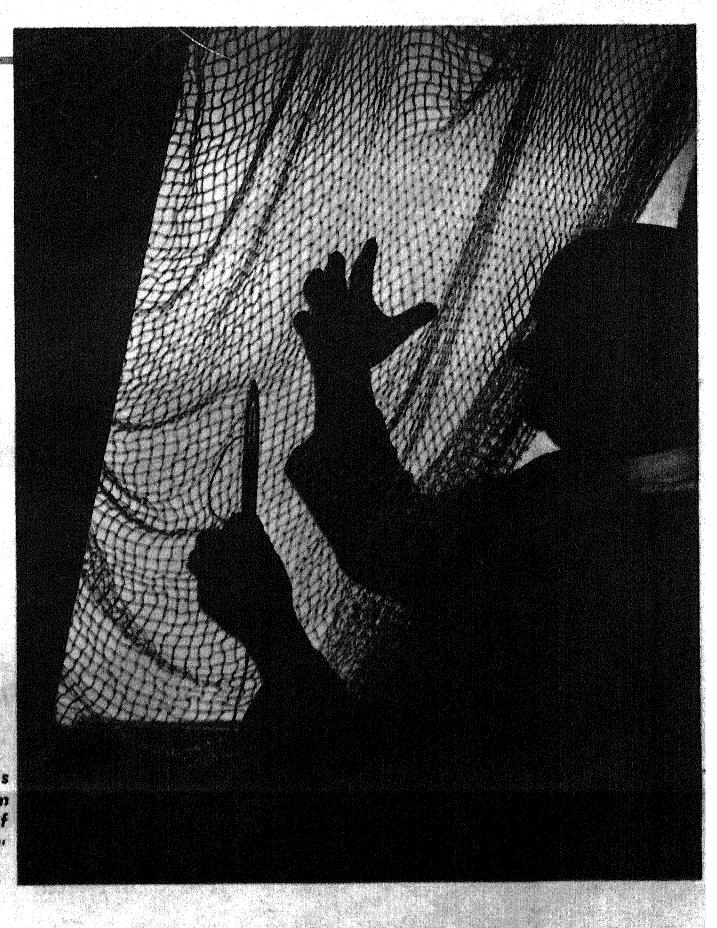
The sacrament of forgive-

ness has occurred between two human beings as they release each other to live more fully and love more deeply because of the mended ties between them. The child's parents happen upon the scene and their faces turn to stone when they see the man who brought about this suffering. But healing tends to encourage healing, and Ray begs of the father, "Can I come back, please?" One again two human beings in need of mending if they are to go on alive - extend the fabric of peace.

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"The existence of compassion in Man proves the existence of compassion in God." — Christopher Hollis, "The Noble Castle," 1941.



Discussion and questions

- 1. Distinguish between private penance and communal
- 2. Discuss how the new Rite for Penance affects the setting and the climate of the confessional.
- 3. Discuss Christ's attitude toward sinners as related in the Gospels.4. How is the Church's concern for the sinner reflected in
- the new Rite of Reconciliation through Penance.

 5. Reflect upon the statement, "Buried alive is never hav-
- ing to say you're sorry!"

 6. Why are we hurt ourselves when we unintentionally hurt
- someone?

 7. Design an adult religious education program that could
- be used in your parish during the Lenten season.

 8. What plans for your own self-improvement do you have for the approaching Lenten season?

Catechetical Directory

By MSGR. WILFRID H. PARADIS and SISTER MARIELLA FRYE, M.H.S.M.

(This is one of a series of artificial contents of from the fest of the first draft of the National Catechelical Directory. This Directory is being designed to assist in the teaching of religion to all Catholic in the United States today.

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How is the message of salvation communicated to men?
Chapter Four, presently entitled "Cathechesis and Catechists," looks at the several ways of bringing the Gospel to man, particularly the catechetical, that is the reli-

gious education form.

"Catechesis is that form of ministry of the word which is intended to make men's faith become living, conscious, and active, through the light of instruction". It leads both individuals and communities towards maturity of faith.

"This act of faith which is called forth by catechesis in

voives total acceptance of God, a complete surrender to Him. Through faith men and women 'have a new vision of God, the world, and themselves.' ("To each As Jesus Did.'')

"FAITH is not something static. Faith grows and matures. The life of faith passes through various stages, just as does man's existence while he is attaining maturity. Catechesis is directed toward a growing maturity in faith."

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After discussing the meaning of maturity in faith, Chapter Four goes on to speak of the various forms of religious education. "Because of varied circumstances and multiple needs, catechetical activity necessarily takes various forms. These forms include the catechesis of children, adolescents and adults.

Different forms of catechesis are needed for the multiple and varied groups within each of these age classifications, such as for adults as parents.

single men and women, widows and widowers, the divorced, the non-English speaking, migrants, minority and ethnic groups, the elderly, etc. Forms will also vary according to geographical setting such as rural areas, the central city, suburbia, large metropolitan city, small towns, and even according to the traditions of differing sections of our country, North, South, East and West."

AT this point the document speaks of the priority of adult religious education in these words: "Without weakening this necessary expression of the Church's concern for religious education of children, both those in Catholic schools and those in public schools, the focus of catechesis in the United States must now center on adults."

Both the General Catechetical Directory and the pastoral. To Teach As Jesus Did. direct that the catechetical activity of the Church be focused on adults. "Catechesis for adults, since it deals with persons who are capable of an adherence that is fully responsible, must be considered the chief form of catechesis. 'The continuing education of adults is situated not at the periphery of the Church's educational mission, but at its center.

Bringing the Gospel to man

. . The catechesis of adults must be central because adults can respond most fully and freely to the call of Christ: The adult community giving witness to the meaning of Christianity initiates and develops faith in children. The adult faithful expressing in their daily lives the timeless values of the Gospel, live with the hope and joy which faith brings If adults are truly to live in faith, the Church needs to provide continual stimulation and opportunity for growth." ("To Teach As Jesus

"ADULT catechesis will become the chief form of

catechesis only when sufficient personnel, resources, and finances are devoted to this effort. On the national and dioguidelines need to be developed in order to assist those who carry out this mission on the parish level. All involved in adult catechetical programs must remember that 'those who teach in the name of the Church do not simply instruct adults, but also learn from them; they will be heard by adults if they listen to them. Adult programs must be planned and conducted in ways that emphasize self-direction. dialogue and mutual responsibility." ("To Teach As Jesus

Do you agree with the statements on the goals of religious education, the forms of catechesis and the priority of adult religious education?

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Our God a Forgiving Father

By REV. JOHN J. CASTELOT, S.S.

The new rite of reconciliation through Penance is very thoroughly and beautifully scriptural. It is designed to communicate the basic biblical truth that our God is a saving God, a God of love, a forgiving Father:

"Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (Jn 3:16-17).

The rite accomplishes its purpose in many indirect ways, but also through the actual use of Sacred Scripture. In one of the optional forms of the sacrament, confessor and penitent begin by reading together an appropriate passage. And how many of them there are!

One thinks immediately of Jesus' moving story of the Pro-

digal Son, which is really a parable of the Forgiving Father. Even its little details speak eloquently of what can be called God's eager mercy — not His reluctant, grudging mercy, but His eager mercy.

Recall that when the father sees the boy coming up the road, he doesn't wait for him to crawl and grovel on his knees. He actually runs to meet him, throws his arms about him, and kisses him. Could there be a more appropriate, a more reassuring way to start the rite of reconciliation than by a thoughtful reading of this story?

THIS form of the rite allows for a direct, open meeting of priest and penitent, so reminiscent of Jesus' many meetings with troubled souls. Unlike the sinless Lord, the priest himself has to contend with sin in his own life, and no one is more conscious of that than he is. But by the mercy of God, he has been called to act as a sign of Christ's forgiving

presence in the sacrament, to communicate the graciousness and tact which Jesus displayed in welcoming people burdened with guilt.

Sinners were never objects for our Lord; they were always persons and He respected their personhood. There is a fine illustration of this in the story of the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:3-11). Some of Jesus' adversaries dragged her to him, making a public spectacle of her in the temple area. For them she was an object, a pawn in a cruel game to trap Jesus on a point of law.

He didn't even deign to answer their loaded question, but invited anyone of them who was sinless to throw the first stone at her. After they had drifted away, he turned to the woman. And now she was no longer an object, but a poor, humiliated, terribly embarrassed person. "Woman, where did they all disappear to? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she an-

swered. Jesus said, "Nor do I condemn you. You may go. But from now on, avoid this sin."

THERE is a parallel to this in Luke's story of the penitent woman (Lk 7:36-50). A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner. While they were reclining at table, a woman with a rather bad reputation in town came in and fell at Jesus' feet, anointing them with perfumed oil, kissing them, and weeping copious tears.

The Pharisee was scandalized that Jesus would let such a creature even come near Him. After the Lord has taught His insensitive host a lesson. He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven," at which His fellow-guests began to ask among themselves, "Who is this that He even forgives sins?" Meanwhile He said to the woman, "Your faith has been your salvation. Now go in peace."

Graciousness. Tact. How many men and women felt them, and were glad!

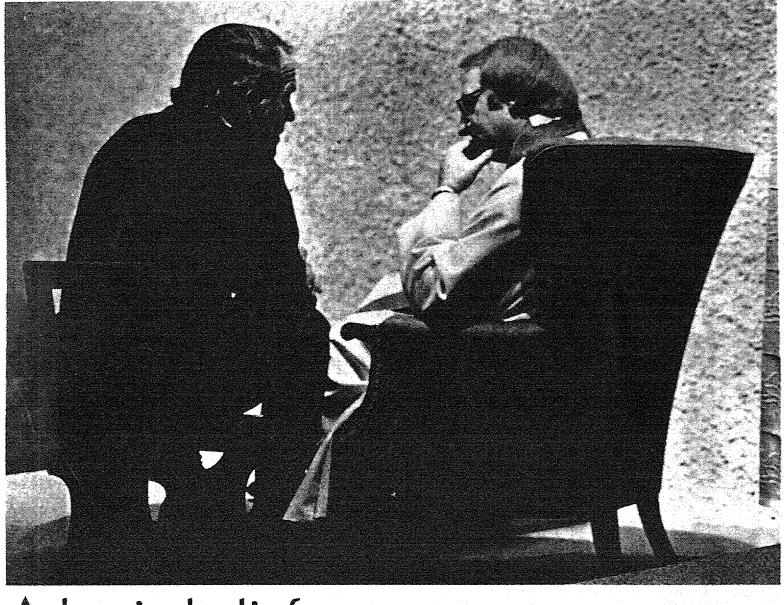
We read in the Gospel of

John that the risen Lord appeared to the disciples on Easter night, breathed on them. and said:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound" (20:22-23).

This is echoed in the new rite when the priest extends his hands over the head of the penitent and says:

"God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son and poured forth the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. May He grant you pardon and peace through the ministry of the Church. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



know your faith

"If believers are to feel comfortable with the new provisions and benefit from them, they must know not only what to do, but why. Consider, for example . . . the face to face encounters in rooms of reconciliation rather than anonymous exchanges in traditional boxes." From article by Father Joseph Champlin.

A basic beliefs course

By REV. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Parishioners generally are disposed to do something extra for God, the Church, and their own spiritual growth during the Lenten season. We sought to capitalize on that attitude in 1974 by offering a Basic Beliefs Course throughout those six weeks. Because of its success, we intend to repeat the educational program in modified fashion this year.

Bulletin announcements and publicity releases for the local press indicated that the short, compact series was "for Catholics who would like to brush up," for members of other Churches who are dating or planning marriage with a Catholic and have questions, and for all those who would like to investigate Catholic beliefs and practice without any obligation."

A surprisingly large number of people responded (average attendance 42). Moreover, their intense interest for the entire double lecture, two-hour Monday night sessions quickly convinced me we had discovered a program much needed at the present moment.

WE used two basic texts, both relatively inexpensive paperbacks: "Christ Among Us" by Paulist Father Anthony J. Wilhelm and the very popular "Good News for Modern Man."

The course followed in the main a lecture format, but with some time for questions and answers and a sprinkling of various audiovisuals to supplement the verbal and chalkboard presentations.

These topic titles for the six evenings should give readers an idea of the content: "God. God's Book. God's Peo-

ple;" "Jesus Christ, His Life and His Church;" "The Catholic Church;" "Worship and the World;" "Sin and Forgiveness, Love and Sickness;" "The Christian Life Here and Hereafter."

A legal-size. mimeographed sheet of paper listed essential facts about the series and the course outline. It also indicated the pertinent chapters in both Wilhelm's text and "Good News for Modern Man" for each Monday's subject.

Priests and religious educators, anxious to move Roman Catholics along the renewal path of Vatican II, sometimes may forget that the ordinary lay person still wonders about and asks very rudimentary religious questions like these which follow.

HOW do we know there is a God? Did Jesus have brothers and sisters? What is a cardi-

nal? A monsignor? Are Catholics excommunicated when they get a divorce? May Protestants be godparents for a Baptism? What about priests in politics?

Our participants raised these inquiries and many more. Most were Catholics seeking to update themselves and settle some issues about the changing Church which have troubled them. About a dozen, however, either had no church affiliation or tenuously belonged to different Protestant congregations. Half of these became members of the Catholic Church after completion of the course.

SMOOTH and effective introduction of the revised rite for Penance, described in other articles of this week's Know Your Faith section, will require continued instruction of the type given in our Basic

Beliefs Course. If believers are to feel comfortable with new provisions and benefit from them, they must know not only what to do, but why.

Consider, for example, the extension of hands over a penitent: the 10 suggested acts of contrition: the reading of Scripture by penitent, priest or both: the assignment and acceptance of personal, creative acts of satisfaction complementing or replacing tradi-tional Our Fathers and Hail Marys; communal services with and without absolution: prayerful dialogue between confessor and sinner: the faceto-face encounters in rooms of reconciliation rather than anonymous exchanges in traditional boxes.

An explanatory development of such points will form part of our own Lenten series this year.

Here is '75 Confirmation schedule

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the following churches of the Archdiocese of Miami at the times and dates indicated:

FEBRUARY 9, 1975

3 p.m.

Assumption, Pompano Beach; Our Lady of Mercy, Deerfield Beach; St. Ambrose, Deerfield Beach; St. Benedict, Hialeah; St. Sebastian, Fort Lauderdale.

St. Elizabeth, Lighthouse Point; Little Flower, Coral Gables; St. Vincent, Margate.

FEBRUARY 10

7 p.m.

St. Coleman, Pompano Beach; St. Paul the Apostle, Lighthouse Point; Our Lady of the Lakes, Miami Lakes.

FEBRUARY 14

7 p.m.

St. Pius X, Fort Lauderdale; St. Ann, West Palm Beach; St. Clare, North Palm Beach; St. George, Fort Lauderdale.

FEBRUARY 16

3 p.m.

St. Timothy, Miami; St. Bede, Key West; St. Michael, Miami; St. Mary Magdalen, Miami Beach.

7 p.m. San Pedro, Tavernier; St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Key West: St. Justin Martyr, Key Largo.

FEBRUARY 17

7 p.m.

St. Matthew, Hallandale; St. Paul of the Cross, Juno; Holy Spirit, Lantana.

FEBRUARY 19

7 p.m.

Holy Family, North Miami; Resurrection. Dania; St. Anthony, Fort Lauderdale; St. Francis de Sales, Miami Beach.

FEBRUARY 21

7 p.m.

St. Maurice, Fort Lauderdale, St. Juliana, West Palm Beach; St. John Fisher, Riviera Beach.

FEBRUARY 23

3 p.m.

Queen of Heaven, La Belle, St. Joseph Mission, Moorehaven: St. Margaret, Clewiston: St. Jerome, Fort Lauderdale: St. Christopher, Hobe Sound: St. Peter, Big Pine

7 p.m.

St. Philip Benizi, Belle Glade; St. David, Fort Lauderdale: St. Bernadette, Hollywood; San Pable, Marathon.

FEBRUARY 24

7 p.m.

Holy Redeemer, Miami, St. Joseph, Miami Beach; St. Boniface, Pembroke Pines: Nativity, Hollywood

FEBRUARY 26

7 p.m. St. Stephen, West Hollywood; St. Bartholomew, Miramar, St. Bernard, Sunrise

FEBRUARY 28

7 p.m.

St. Henry, Pompano Beach; St. Charles Borromeo, Hallandale

MARCH 2

St. Edward, Palm Beach; St. Dominic, _ Miami: St. Helen, Fort Lauderdale: St. Monica, Opa Locka.

, p.m. St. Thomas More, Boynton Beach; St. John Bosco, Miami, St. Gregory, Plantation, St. Agnes, Key Biscayne

MARCH 3 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Lake Worth, St. Joan of Arc. Boca Raton: St. James, Miami.

MARCH 5

7 p.m.

St. Martin, Jensen Beach; St. Joseph, Stuart; St. Philip, Opa Locka; St. Andrew, Coral Springs.

> MARCH 7 7 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament, Fort Lauderdale; St. Vincent de Paul, Miami; St. Vincent Ferrer, Riviera Beach.

MARCH 9

3 p.m. Epiphany, Miami; St. Ignatius Loyola, Palm Beach Gardens.

7 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle, Miami; St. Jude, Tequesta.

MARCH 10

7 p.m. St. Lawrence, North Miami Beach; St. Kevin, Miami.

MARCH 12

7 p.m. Annunciation, West Hollywood; Sacred Heart, Homestead

MARCH 13

7 p.m. Visitation, Miami.

> MARCH 14 7 p.m.

Little Flower, Hollywood; Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, North Fort Lauderdale; St. Malachy, Tamarac.

> MARCH 16 3 p.m.

St. Patrick, Miami Beach; St. John the Apostle, Hialeah.

7 p.m. St. John the Apostle, Hialeah.

MARCH 17

7 p.m. St. John the Baptist, Fort Lauderdale.

MARCH 19

7 p.m. St. Clement, Fort Lauderdale, St. Gabriel, Pompano Beach.

> MARCH 20 7 p.m.

Mary Immaculate, West Palm Beach, Holy Name, West Palm Beach.

MARCH 21

7 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Opa Locka; St. Lucy, Highland Beach.

APRIL 4

7 p.m.

Queen of Martyrs, Fort Lauderdale.

APRIL 6

3 p.m. St. William, Naples; St. Peter, Naples; St. Ann, Naples: Gesu, Miami.

7 p.m. San Marco, Marco: St. Francis Xavier,

APRIL 9

7 p.m. Ascension, Boca Raton, St. Catherine of Slena, Miami.

APRIL 11

7 p.m.

Blessed Trinity, Miami Springs; St. Mark, Boynton Beach.

> APRIL 13 3 p.m.

Immaculate Conception, Hialeah; Holy Rosary, Perrine. 7 p.m.

St. Augustine, Coral Gables; St. Joachim, Perrine: St. Ann. Naranja APRIL 14

7 p.m. Immaculate Conception, Hialeah; Christ the King, Perrine.

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APRIL 20

3 p.m.

San Isidro Mission, Delray Beach, Queen Christi, Miami.

APRIL 23

7 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immokalee.

APRIL 27

3 p.m. St. Robert Bellarmine, Miami.

APRIL 30

7 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi, Riviera Beach.

MAY 4

3 p.m. St. Hugh, Coconut Grove.

> MAY 5 7 p.m.

SS. Peter and Paul, Miami.

MAY 7

7 p.m. St. Richard, Miami; St. Louis, Miami.

MAY 9

St. Martha, North Miami.

MAY 11

3 p.m.

St. Agatha, Miami; Our Lady of Divine of Peace Mission, Delray Beach; Corpus Providence, Miami; St. Brendan, Miami; St. Mary Mission, Pahokee.

> 7 p.m. Holy Cross, Indiantown.

> > **MAY 14**

7 p.m.

St. Agatha, Miami; Our Lady of Divine Providence, Miami; St. Brendan, Miami; St. Cecilia, Hialeah.

MAY 15

7 p.m. St. Luke, Lake Worth.

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GALILEO:

Science vs. power

The second season of Ely Landau's subscription series of drama-on-film begins with Galileo, Bertolt Brecht's play about the 17th-century scientist who recanted his findings about the universe under the duress of the Inquisition.

The play is centered on the conflict between a man of science and the needs of an established power to which he must either bend or break. Although Brecht

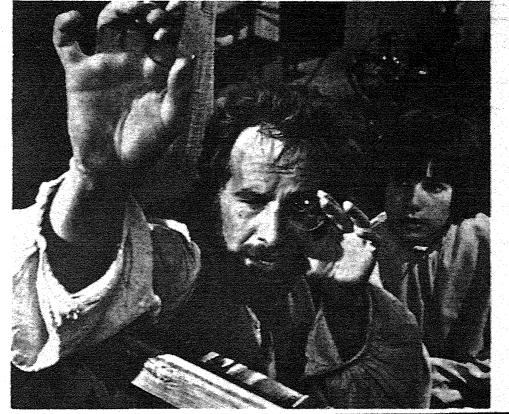
movies

gives the religious authorities of the time a good thumping, he does it in the context of the period can embattled institution trying to cope with more radical ideas in a revolutionary era).

The issue is not between science and religion but the ways in which science can be subverted for the use of those in power. As such it is a play of ideas and not of history, ideas that have important consequences in our secular age of nuclear science.

For Brecht, Galileo is not a hero because he was not a martyr for the benefit of mankind but allowed himself to be used by the establishment. This is a salutary message but what makes the play impressive is the loving portrait of a great man who becomes the victim of his ordinary creature comforts.

In the title role, Topol revels in depicting Galileo's gusto for living but he lacks conviction as dedicated scientist and as tragic figure. This reservation does not really matter because, under Joseph Losey's sure



Topol as GALILEO tutors a young tyro in Joseph Losey's film of the Bertolt Brecht play. an American Film Theater presentation

hand. Brecht's play and its message comes across brilliantly.

Losey, who had originally directed Charles Laughton's 1947 production of the play, seems determined to get it recorded on film in a definitive manner combining the power of the screen with Brecht's theatricality. The result is not an easy alliance between film and theatre, but a provocative one that conveys the work's conflicts much as Brecht would have wished. (A-III)

The film ratings and reviews appearing in the Voice are furnished by the Division of Film and Broadcasting of the United States Catholic Conference solely for the guidance of our readers as to content in order to select the movies they wish to view, or for their children to see.

Following is an explanation of the ratings as they are assigned by the DFB.

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Ladies steal the show

In the 1971 Broadway playing them didn't have to sure characterization with veek, star Barbara Rush plays a perfect lady to the

comedy hit. "Father's lie down and let his dialog colorful nuances not indi-Day," which opened at the walk all over them. They cated by the lines. Serving Parker Playhouse this made it even more ob- also as director. Troupe is viously a woman's play.

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ows also-star Carole Cook to purloin the first act nilarious one-liners, then sweep half the second act with dramatic strength and inely etched poignancy.

Third member of SCUM (Society for Cutting Op Ment is Laura Walace. a 20-year-old orphan n whose Manhattan apartment the action occurs. She's a refreshing and apbealing contrast all the

Author Oliver Hailey. while creating three disinct personalities who play off one another, admittedly gave the best comedy lines to Cook's worldly character in act one, but Cook employs all of her lines in both acts brilliantly.

All three women are livorcees with children who don't appear), exhusband (who do), and vivid reasons for staying single of the vital ongings for their exmates.

We suspect Hailey. who sketched the three exnusbands with seeming vengeance. But the actors

very hilt. She graciously al- Rhodes treal-life spouse of masculinity. Which these ireal mate of Cooki ease have whompingly with incisive. their way casually along. Only Rhodes gives us a Blais.)

responsible, more than Paul Kent, Jordan Hailey, for slight sagging when the men are alone together

But then, it's always been hard for men to take the play away from women, except with sheer Wallace), and Tom Troupe men unfortunately don't

(Reviewed by Herb

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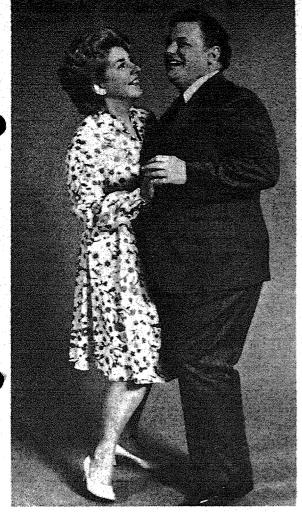
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Maureen Stapleton and Charles Durning in "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom."

Film crew wows neighborhood

Under the deafening roar and clatter of the elevated tracks, crowds clog the sidewalks for a full block around a brightly lit theater marquee, maintaining a respectful silence.

A lone yellow cab forsakes the steady stream of traffic for a pool of light at the curb, and three women emerge, seeming not to notice the excitement they have created as the walk under the marquee proclaiming "Stardust Ballroom." They enter the double doors. "There she is! That's Maureen Stapleton," someone announces in a loud whisper.

In a typical New York City neighborhood, complete with corner fruit stand and a constant stream of people in all shapes, sizes and colors, location filming thus began on "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom," drama special with music to be presented Thursday, Feb. 13 (9:00-11:00 p.m.) on WTVJ, Channel 4. Starring Maureen Stapleton and Charles Durning, it is the story of a widowed Bronx housewife who sets out to build a new life, in spite of well-intentioned interference by her family, and becomes a welcome "regular" to her contemporaries at the Stardust Ballroom dance hall.

FOR SEVERAL days, the location film crew was "the only show in town" for residents of the neighborhood, who watched the small theater turned into the Stardust Ballroom, a small vacant store become the "widow's" memorabilia shop, and a house around the corner become her home.

Miss Stapleton and Durning were soon chatting with residents who had left their homes to join the carnival-like atmosphere of their street turned film set. "This is the most excitement we've ever had around here," one elderly man told Miss Stapleton. He apparently was inured to subway trains overhead, constant traffic and the daily parade of an international melting pot.

Producers Rick Rosenberg and Robert W. Christiansen surveyed the scene with disbelief. "It's hard to imagine that filming causes so

television

much excitement here," said Rosenberg. "In Hollywood, people see cameras working every day and think nothing of it."

"WE WERE looking for an authentic New York neighborhood," Christiansen added, "and we certainly got it."

Christiansen and Rosenberg (who also produced "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," presented on the Network) have definite views on the advantages of location filming. "Sure, we could film everything on a Hollywood back lot," Christiansen said, "and it would be a lot easier. But if you want a film to look real, you have to go where it's supposed to be happening."

"We've never seen anything that looks like New York — except New York," Rosenberg noted, just as a subway train came grinding and screeching to a halt overhead to disgorge its passengers. "This is the real thing, all right. "You can't fake a sound effect like that."

Dillinger, Hitchcock, cool Luke films

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

9:00 p.m. (CBS) - DILLINGER (1973) -This is certainly one of the most carefully detailed evocations of the violent era of lawlessness that swept middle America during the Great Depression. Unfortunately, the film is one of the most relentlessly violent and bloody movies of the already blood-drenched year. Director John Milius (who also wrote the screenplay) may have been trying to criticize America's deadly fascination with guns and folk heroes such as John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Baby Face Nelson who lived and died by them, but he seems to have succumbed to the same morbidity he questions. Nonetheless, for the strongstomached, there is a pair of fine performances lurking in the gunsmoke: Warren Oates has just the right balance of swagger and transparent sensitivity to make him a believable folk hero; and Ben Johnson as Melvin Purvis, the ruthless F.B.I. agent who was obsessed with tracking down (and usually killing) the "Most Wanted" outlaws, is an icy picture of the image-conscious "law 'n' order" mentality of the times. The film is harsh and brutal, beautifully photographed and authentic in period detail - but certainly not for all. A-III

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

9:00 p.m. (ABC) — FRENZY (1972) — Old Master Alfred Hitchcock's masterful suspense thriller focuses on a madman strangler preying on women in contemporary London. A kind of

Jack the Ripper gone formal, the killer dispatches his victims by means of a characteristic necktie, with accompanying perverse violence. An innocent man whose careless way of living nonetheless implicates him is the point-of-view character, tautly played by Peter Finch. The question Hitchcock poses and builds his high suspense on is whether the wrong man will be punished for the crime — and we do not find out until the very last moment. Hitchcock lamentably adorns his movie with very explicit violence. Thus FRENZY is a good film of its genre, recalling the best of Hitchcock's work, but it is for the mature and non-squeamish filmgoer. (A-IV)

Pupils to hear Pope

WKAT (1360) will broadcast the message of the Pope to the school children of the United States, Wednesday Feb. 12 at 11:10 a.m.

In the message the Pope will urge the children to make some sacrifices during the Lenten Season.

The message will be approximately five minutes in length.

The message will be received by WKAT, from the CBS Radio Network by closed circuit Tuesday. Feb. 11, 1975. The Vatican has requested that the message be scheduled on Ash Wednesday during school hours.

WE SPECIALIZE

9:00 p.m. (NBC) - COOL HAND LUKE (1967) - Paul Newman plays Luke, inmate of a brutal, ramshackle southern prison farm whose prisoners spend endless hot days whacking weeds at the sides of the state highways. The stage is set for sardonic comment on the futility, inhumanity and injustice of such a penal system. Some will see Luke merely as one of its pathetic victims, but through symbolism and religious references, others will see him as a Christlike figure whose spirit rises above adversity and death itself. He can also be interpreted as a man who achieves the immortality of a myth because of his courage in the face of the absurdities of the film's godless universe. Portions of the film are overdone; proper restraint would have diminished its powerful drama not a bit. (A-IV)

Wolf & Fonda

Peter Fonda — a 36 year old rebel or a dedicated, professional filmmaker? Find out in this personal half-hour, Jeanne Wolf With Peter Fonda. Sunday. February 9th, 6:30 p.m. on Channel 2.

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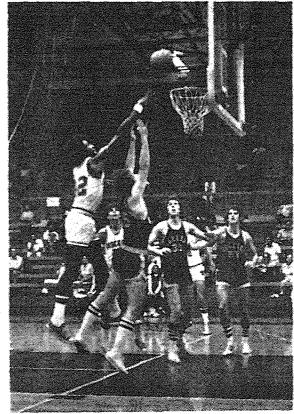
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BISCAYNE COLLEGE'S Art Collins includes another two-pointer in his school record of 46 points in a recent win over Rollins College. The Bobcats, coached by Ken Stibler, have earned a reputation as the little school with the big time schedule that still wins. National powerhouse Houston meets Biscayne Monday at Miami-Dade North at 8:30 p.m. Two former Jackson High stars, Cecil Rose and Charles Thompson, are on the Houston squad. The game could go a long way in deciding Biscayne's post-season tournament possibilities.

Action, education are big programs

(This is one in a series of articles about the functions of the Archdiocese of Miami Youth Activities Office and the programs it coordinates. It was written by Youth Activities staff member Tom Filippelli and will appear in the March-April issue of Youth Program Services, the magazine of the Division of Youth Activities of the United States Catholic Conference.)

"I know that nebulous area called 'civic-action' or 'social involvement' is playing an increasingly important role in youth work. Are you doing anything along these lines on an Archdiocesan level?

Oh, indeed we are. There are two prominent areas in particular that we are involved in right now. One is the Alcoholism and VD Education Program. Both alcoholism and venereal disease are major problems that directly concern youth today.

The problems themselves are compounded by two factors. The first is that too few teenagers recognize the groundwork they are laying for an alcoholic future with allegedly harmless drinking habits. The second is that too few teenagers recognize the real danger to their lives that VD presents and where to turn if they realize they've contracted it.

The push with our program focuses on prevention by education — educating the youth well enough about the two subjects that they may never have to be faced with either problem. Or if they are faced with one or the other, they can intelligently cope with it. We are taking young people from our own programs, particularly Search, who are not afraid to get involved, and are educating them in order to go out and teach their peers. The program is in its early stages, but holds much promise for the future.

Our second major involvement in social action is our tutoring program. It is a pilot project that we are running where students from Catholic high schools give two or three hours of their time a week tutoring elementary school students.

The Catholic elementary schools at this time are the ones in which there is a number of students in the lower grades who need extra help in reading and math. The high school tutors work with the children on a personal, one to one basis, giving them the added help a teacher with a full class would never be able to give. This, too, is a program that we see reaping great things in the future.

WE'RE WORKING on another project that may interest you. Realizing the great resource there is in seminarians involved in youth work, we have instituted a Seminar on Youth Work at St. Vincent Major Seminary in Boynton Beach. About one dozen seminarians are being taught by members of our staff and others all the facets of youth work. These seminarians will be better informed and better able to direct their energies towards youth work as part of their apostolic work.

They leave class to see world

WEST PALM BEACH - Rosarian Academy is "losing" its Senior class for two weeks, beginning Feb.

The 24 senior teens will be scattered from Guatemala Central America, to Ohio: from West Palm Beach to New Orleans.

SOME WILL be working in the lobbies of Congress: others in various offices, professions, or with the poor, with children or with the handicapped. One will be in the Boca Raton Police Department's detective division

These members of the newest wave of young Catholic women voters are taking part in this Dominican school's annual Senior Projects Program All girls selected their own Projects

'No." said Rita Flowers, of West Palm Beach. "The objective is not so much 'Careers' - though that is an important element. Rather, we are going out to observe and be active in things which are going on in the world.

RITA AND her 23 companions, incidentally, will be Rosarian's 49th graduating class in June. The school was founded in 1925.

"I'm going to Newcombe College of Tulane University." Rita said, "where an outstanding program is conducted for Pre-Schoolers by its Nursery School. I should learn a lot and find out, perhaps, if I have the patience to adopt this as a profession. done some Religious Eduation work at St. Ann's (West Palm Beach) with some relarded children," she said

Monica McCarthy, of Clewiston, will become a member of Congressman L.A. "Skip" Bafalis' staff and attend House Committee bearings with him in Washington. However, she has no plans to enter Government service.

Monica's mother is a past president of the Miami Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women

'I'm curious and interested in the way politics work." Monica said, adding that she had worked in State Sen Phil Lewis' re-election campaign. "But instead of trying to go to Tallahassee for some experience." she added, "I thought it would be rather neat to go to the Congress."

TWO OTHER members of the Class of 75 will also be in Washington for the two weeks. Their "project" will be as temporary staff members of "Network" Mercedes Haley, of Delray Beach, described her hosts as "a lobbying group of nuns." Monica said, however. "They refer to themselves as American Religious

In this "Network" project. Mercedes is teaming with her good friend Patty Dwyer, vice-president of the Student Council. Mercedes incidentally, has he current career hopes fixed far afield from politics and the Washington scene. "I want to study speech and drama at St. Mary's, Notre Dame." she said.

Patty, however, is a real campus political activist who aspires to a degree in psychology "though I'm not sure what I would do with it." she confessed. There are those who think she may yet "go" for law or one day run for Congress or something

On their return in early March, the 24 will share with other students their experiences in a wide variety of occupations gained from the banks of the Mississippi River in New Orleans, almost to the Canadian border and south to Guatemaia.

Forensics, athletics are in the spotlight

By JOAN BARTLETT

 First-place winners in last Saturday's National Catholic Forensic League tournament held at Columbus High School were: Oral interpretation, Ricardo Ibarria (Belen Prep): Extemporaneous speaking: Gaston Comas

 Got your hollers ready. cheerleading eliminations are scheduled for this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Pace High School gym. Any CYO squad is eligible - just bring several good sets of lungs and elastic limbs.

· Anybody for fish? Lent starts in a (Belen Prep) and Helen Aguirre (Notre few days; maybe you'll want to stock up)

YOUR CORNER

Dame Academy): Original oratory. Mario Rodriguez (Immaculata-LaSalle); and Dramatic interpretation. Daniel Otero (St. John Prep).

 It's a sports victory for Holy Family Parish eighth-grade team, in the Catholic Athletic League's basketball championship. Roy Hartman and Mark Hlis led their team in the 42-31 victory over Belen Prep last Saturday night, while leading scorer for Belen was Alberto Ribas. Holy Family School alumni coached both their team and the cheerleading squad, for some real winning teamwork.

There's a deep sea fishing party set for tomorrow at Islamorada, under the sponsorship of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. For details call 279-2643.

· Stick-'em-up! Any S & H Green Stamps floating around? They can be used to help support CYO sports activities. St. Catherine of Siena Parish is opening a drive this Sunday to collect the stamps. The drive will last until Feb. 23.

 As we mentioned last week, Boystown is celebrating Valentine Day with a dance next Saturday night. Feb. 15, 7:30-11:30 p.m. All CYO-ers are invited to gyrate to the music of "Clockwork."

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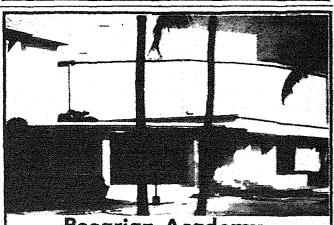
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Famous composer turned her poem to song

As a young woman, Ann Collins would sit at her desk gazing out onto the city and daydreaming about her father's home in Kentucky. She uld turn ideas over in her mind write them down as poems.

She had a habit of sending her compositions to the New York Sun, which occasionally published them.

THEN one day she received a call from a man who wanted to set one of her poems, "The Greatest Man," to music. That man was Char-

All this happened 50 years ago. but the memories came back to the Corpus Christi parishioner last week as she prepared for an interview which will appear on television as part of the Charles Ives Festival, commemorating the centennial of the birthday of the American com-

The program, "Showcase," to be broadcast on Channel 7 at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, will include a performance of the song by Mikki Schiff, a University of Miami graduate student who has sung with several opera companies in South Florida:



and a short interview with Mrs. Col-

IVES, who composed most of his works between 1895 and 1920, was a musician by avocation; he made a fortune in the insurance business in New York, but his Symphony No. 3 won him the Pulitzer Prize in 1947. The Charles Ives Festival is a local year-long tribute to the composer as

"Mr. Ives saw my poem in the paper and liked it. He asked me if he could set it to music. Of course I said yes!"

- Ann Collins

part of the U.S. Bicentennial celebration, planned to make Americans more aware of a part of their musical heritage that has been longignored. Most of his works were choral, organ, orchestral, chamber works, string quartets and piano

"Mr. Ives saw my poem in the paper and liked it, so he contacted me and asked me if he could set it to music," said Mrs. Collins, sister of Msgr. Francis Timoney, who is retired but celebrates Mass daily for the Daughters of St. Paul on Biscayne Boulevard.

"Of course, I said yes!" she

SHE SEEMS still amazed that Ives, whom she calls "a great master," would pick a poem of hers.

"I wrote many poems, but I never got beyond the daily paper, except for a few articles I wrote for Ave Maria magazine," she said.

She and her sister, Alice Timoney, who also lives in Corpus Christi parish, are currently writing a novel and did write two plays: one, "Bottled in Bond," was performed on Broadway during Prohibition and "went over well." Mrs. Collins said. She sent tickets to Ives and his wife, with whom she had become friends after he used her poem.

"HE SAID it was so funny they fell in the aisles," she said, still delighted after so many years.

"The Greatest Man", is dedicated to Mrs. Collins' father, who came from a farm in Kentucky.

"He was the greatest farmer and outdoor man I ever saw, so I wrote the poem about him," she

"I don't think it was one of the best I wrote, but no one ever noticed any of the others."

'Get back to real issues,' Hartford statement urges

HARTFORD, Conn. (NC) - "Let's get back to the real issues" was the substance of the challenge that 18 Catholic Protestant and Orthodox thinkers issued here to their fellow Christian theologians and academic leaders.

The Hartford statement, "An Appeal for Theological Affirmation," was issued after three days of detailed discussion and debate on the campus of the Hartford Seminary Foundation Jan. 24-26.

Its signers, many of whom have suffered charges of liberalism or radicalism from more conservative factions in their own denominations, came with the credentials to speak to the more liberal members of their own communities and they did it without pulling any punches.

They charged that there is a "loss of a sense of the transcendent" today and cited 13 "superficially attractive but ... false and debilitating" themes that they said are pervasive in theological thought and Church life today.

The themes they repudiated revolved around three main areas; attempts to limit the Christian message to one or another modern worldview, letting the worldview take priority over the message instead of the other way around; reducing the Gospel to a message of social change and liberation and ignoring the other facets of the whole Christian mystery; and taking "human fulfillment" on this earth as the primary goal and criterion for the interpretation of the Gospel.





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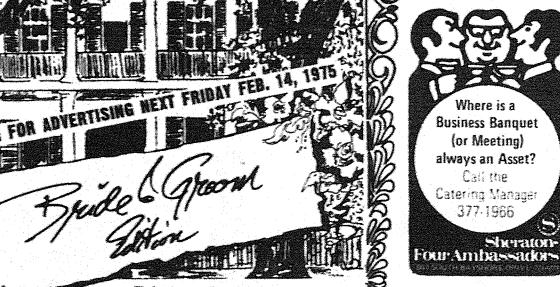
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FRIDAY, FEB. 7

First annual Mardi Gras in LITTLE FLOWER parish, Hollywood, opened yesterday and continues through Feb. 9 on the grounds at Pierce St. and U.S. I. Italian and Spanish delicacies will be featured as well as rides and games.

Pre-Valentine's Day dance for members of HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, 1301 NW 71 St., Miami, who are 18 years or older, begins at 9 p.m. in the parish

Annual carnival in ST. ROSE OF LIMA parish, Miami Shores, begins at 3 p.m. today on the grounds at NE Fourth Ave. and 107 St. Rides, games, evening dinners, and a variety of refreshments will be available daily through Feb. 9.

Mardi Gras festival at ST. THOMAS AQUINAS High School, 2801 SW 12 St., Fort Lauderdale, is in progress and will continue through Feb. 9 from noon to 11 p.m. daily. Rides, games, and refreshments will be featured.

Senior citizens of SACRED HEART PARISH, Lake Worth, will have a box lunch picnic at Bryant Park. Each will bring his or her own food and utensils.

HOLY SPIRIT Women's Guild, Lantana, will sponsor their First Friday Card Party and Social at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Guests must bring their own cards.

Women's Club of EPIPHANY PARISH. South Miami, will observe Corporate Communion during the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by meeting and coffee in the cafetorium.

Mardi Gras opens at 9 p.m. in ST. MAURICE PARISH, 2851 Stirling Rd., Fort Lauderdale. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in six cetegories.

First annual auction under the auspices of OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY Mothers' Guild begins at 8 p.m. today and resumes at 12:30 p.m., Saturday in the high school auditorium, 5525 SW 84 St., South Miami.

SACRED HEART Home and School Assn., Lake Worth, is sponsoring a rummage sale today and Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Madonna Hall.

Catholic women again against ERA

lation to come before state is again opposed by the was introduced. Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

good legislation for wo- needless amendment." men over the past 52 years, good in the amendment?"

Meanwhile in Tallahassee the Select House Committee on Human Rights, of which Rep. Elaine Gordon of Miami is the chairman, unanimously approved a resolution ratifying the ERA and the measure has now gone to the House Rules Committee for scheduling on the full House agenda.

House Speaker Donald Tucker of Tallahassee predicts that the resolution will pass the House this year and announced that he plans to take it up at the first week of the 1975 session which convenes in April. Thirty-three states have already passed resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment to the

The proposed Equal U.S. Constitution but 38 are Rights Amendment, the needed for ratification. most controversial legis- The measure has failed to pass both houses of the legislatures in many years, Florida legislature since it

Only two speakers were heard at the meeting During the recent win- of some 12 women present ter meeting of the board of at the meeting of the House directors of the Council, Select Committee. Mary members voted unani- Middlebrooks of Tallahasmously to oppose the ERA. see, who represents Wo-Reminding that the men for Responsible National Council of Catho- Legislation, told the lawlic Women has been oppos- makers, "There is already ed to the proposed legisla- legislation on the books tion since its initiation, which guarantees no dis-Mrs. Anita Rogero, ACCW crimination because of legislation chairman sex. We are wasting state emphasized, "Why would money and the time of the NCCW, an organiza-legislators by contition actively supporting nuously bringing up this

Representing the Nabe against the ERA if they tional Organization of Wodid not see more harm than men, Nikki Beare of Miami said the amendment should be ratified in 1975 because "this is the International Year of the Woman.



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It's a Date

Women to participate in interfaith progr**a**m

Members of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will participate in the annual Interfaith Day to be held at Temple Judea, 5500 Granada Blvd., Coral Gables on Tuesday Feb. 11.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. program which will continue until 2 p.m. and include luncheon.

Reservations may be made by calling Joan Pountnay, South Dade Deanery, at 667-5495.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

"Masked Ball" under the auspices of the NAPLES CATHOLIC SERVICE BUREAU AUXILIARY will be held at the Beach Club Hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the Sophisticats and awards for costumes

Mardi Gras fashion show of OUR LADY QUEEN OR MARTYRS Women's Club. Fort Lauderdale. begins at noon in the Viking Restaurant. Fashions from Jordan Marsh will be shown Proceeds will benefit the parochial school.

"Cuban Night" festival opens at 3 p.m. and continues through Feb. 9 on the grounds of ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, 1301 W. Flagler St., Miami

Florida unit of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSN. meets at 9 a.m. in Barry College Library. Mass will be celebrated at noon followed by luncheon in Thompson

A garage sale sponsored by ST. JUDE MELKITE MISSION will be held at 8135 Sunset Dr., South Miami from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

Open house will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at LOURDES RESIDENCE, 305 S. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach. The public is invited to visit the home for the aged and infirm conducted by the Carmelite

Reservations close today for ST. CLEMENT WOMEN'S CLUB annual fashion show and luncheon scheduled to be held at noon, Feb. 15 at the Reef Restaurant, S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets may be obtained by calling 776-1615 or 565-5967. Fashions by Haber's will be featured.

John J. Considine, State Representative, District 82 will speak to members of the Holy Name Society. SACRED HEART PARISH, Lake Worth during their Communion breakfast in Madonna Hall after the 9:30

International show and Mardi Gras sponsored by the Mothers' Guild of ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, Hialeah, begins at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, 479 E. Fourth St.

An all-night vigil will be observed on Ash Wednesday by members of ST. JOSEPH PARISH Legion of Mary members, Surfside, beginning at 7 p.m. Mass in the parish church, 8670 Byron Ave. The vigil will conclude after 7 a.m. Mass on Thursday. All those interested are invited to participate.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

"Autobiography of Milton Berle" will be reviewed by Mrs. Betty Carter during the 10 a.m. meeting of ST. PIUS X WOMAN'S CLUB, Fort Lauderdale.

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Special Lenten adult education program begins at 7:30 p.m. in ST. EDWARD PARISH Hall, N. County Rd., Palm Beach, with an "Introduction to the Bible" and will continue on Mooday evenings with a variety of qualified speakers.

Monthly meeting of ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL of Catholic Women, begins at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. NE 22 Ave. and 191 St., N. Miami Beach.

Seminary Burse Fund will benefit from a card party sponsored by the DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA at 8 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 270 Catalonia Ave., Coral Gables. Tickets may be obtained by calling 261-3839 or 261-6/59

Donation to St. Patrick School will be made to Coach Frank Williams during the 8 p.m. meeting of the MIAMI BEACH COUNCIL K. of C. in the parish clut

"The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" will be shown at 7 p.m. in ST. COLEMAN PARISH hall, U.S. 1 and SE 13 St. Pompano Beach.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

A Living Rosary will be presented by members of ST. BERNARD WOMEN'S GUILD at 8 p.m. in parish church, 8371 NW 24 St., Sunrise.

Valentine luncheon and fashion show sponsored by ST. SEBASTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB begins at noon in the Venetian Room of Pier 66. Fashions from Jordan Marsh will be featured with Jackie Spencer as com-

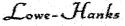
"The Miracle Worker." staged by the National Theater Company, will be presented at BARRY COLLEGE for elementary school children in Dade and Broward Counties.

Lenten Day of Prayer for widows and widowers begins at 10 a.m. at the CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE, 1400 S. Dixie Hwy., Lantana. Father Arthur Meloche will conduct the conferences until 3 p.m. For further information call 582-2534.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

Court Infant of Prague, CATHOLIC DAUGH-TERS OF AMERICA, meet at 8 p.m. in Nativity parish hall, 700 W. Chaminade Dr., Hollywood. Plans will be discussed for the reception of new members. Winter visitors are welcome. For additional information call 983-7490 or 989-0285.

ST. LOUIS Catholic Woman's Club meets at 9 a.m. following 8:30 a.m. Mass. "How To Protect Yourself", a film from the Dade Public Safety Dept. will be shown to demonstrate various techniques of selfdefense. The general meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. with an officer from the Public Safety Dept. participating and conducting a question and answer period. Babysitters will be available.



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Por JUAN J. SOSA

"La Iglesia está en crisis. No se sabe en qué creer. Los Sacramentos. ¿para qué?" Estas y otras frases similares cristianos. A primera vista parece que su tono es de desilusión y desaliento. En el fondo una aclaración a conceptos vida cristiana? confusos. En esto consiste, en

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vuelve desabrida, con que se le puede devolver el

sabor? Ya no sirve para nada sino para echaria a la

esconder una ciudad edificada sobre un cerro. No se

enciende una lámpara para ocultarla, sino para

ponerla en un candelero, a fin de que alumbre a todos

en la casa. Por eso que la luz de ustedes brille ante los

hombres, para que ellos vean sus buenas obras y den

¿Qué serían nuestras vidas sin sal? Bastante desabridas. La

Cristo nos dice que somos la sal de la tierra. Antes de la

Nuestro cristianismo no puede ser aburrido. No puede ser

sal da sabor. Hace nuestras comidas más agradables. Unos

reforma litúrgica, se utilizaba la sal en el sacramento del

Bautismo como para recordarnos que a través de las aguas

bautismales cambiaba el sabor de nuestras vidas. El cristiano

rutinario. No puede ser de mala gana. Tenemos que ser sal. El cristiano que tiene su corazón lleno de la gracia del Espíritu Santo es alegre, dinámico, dispuesto a ser ese granito de sal que

da sabor a su comunidad. Para aquellos que no saben a nada.

Cristo tiene palabras muy fuertes "si la sal se vuelve desabrida

Cristianismo no rima ni con caras amargadas ni con anemia

acostumbrados a ver al sol salir cada mañana, nos olvidamos que sin sol no hay vida. El día que se apague el sol desaparecerá la vida de la tierra, al menos como la conocemos. Los rayos del

ilumina la vida de los hombres y los llena con el calor del amor

de Dios. La Iglesia necesita cristianos "brillantes." No

brillantes por lo que saben o por lo que tienen, sino por su fe.

Cristianos que alumbren los pasos de sus hermanos por esta

católico, sino cristianos que den testimonio de su fe en cualquier

lugar, en cualquier momento. Dios nos regala la fe para que la

compartamos con los demás. Tenemos que ser cristianos de

brazos abiertos, no de brazos cruzados. Hoy más que nunca, hay

muchos que buscan una luz que los guie. Esa luz eres tu.

. . ya no sirve para nada sino para echarla en la basura."

Cristo también usa el ejemplo de la luz. Como estamos

Al igual, la gracia de Dios reflejada en el alma del cristiano

No podemos ser solamente cristianos de Misa y colegio

Somos sal y luz. Si miramos a nuestro alrededor a veces es dificil creerlo. Este Año Santo de 1975 tiene que devolverle el

pocos granos de sal pueden cambiar el gusto de cualquier plato.

gloria al Padre de ustedes que está en los cielos.

Ustedes son la sal de la tierra. ¿Y si la sal se

Ustedes son luz para el mundo. No se puede

educación religiosa del que todos los cristianos somos responsables.

importantisimo reflexionar agua bendita para estar cerca se escuchan a menudo entre los sobre el papel de los Sacra- de Dios; la protección cuando mentos en la vida cristiana. Sacramentos hasta ahora? ¿Qué denotan una búsqueda, una pueden ser de ahora en errónea, nuestro pueblo concibe orientación, en muchos casos adelante? ¿Cómo encajan en la los Sacramentos como 'pasti-

La cuestión surge del realidad, el proceso de concepto de Sacramento que Iglesia y que le ayudan a vivir ciliación plena. La Recon-

Primero de una serie de artículos

En este Año Santo, Año de tiene nuestro pueblo: la Renovación y Reconciliación, es medicina para sentirse bien: el todo va mal: el consuelo cuando ¿Qué han sido para nosotros los nada va bien. Y con esta perspectiva, sincera pero llas' o 'vitaminas' que se Son los convertidos a Cristo reciben en un local llamado los que llevan a cabo la reconprotegido del mal.

RENOVACION Y CONVERSION

La renovación del cristiano parte de un examen interior de co mo una opción valida. su relación personal con Dios, camino: la conversión.

conversión es hablar de un limitado y absurdo.

puede un caballero cambiar de de los valores cristianos. traje, una señora de vestido, o un estudiante de zapatos. La reconciliado con Dios y consigo conversión implica un proceso mismo, se lanza a reconciliarse personal y profundo por medio con su hermano, a tratarle con del cual el hombre rompe con lo respeto como Dios lo trata, a 'viejo' y se dirige hacia lo ofrecerle una mano amistosa 'nuevo'. La conversión exige que expresa una actitud converque el cristiano luche por vencer tida y renovada. El cristiano su natural egoismo para construye un mundo nuevo orientarse bacia la entrega destruyendo las barreras de Olvido.

plena; rompe con la condición apatía e indiferencia que le de pecado en la que vive para separan de los demás hombres. acercarse más a la liberación que el Señor Jesús ha hecho pues, el proceso de una vida entera. Es la tensión que acompaña al cristiano que toma en serio su fe en su peregrinar hacia la patria eterna.

LA RECONCILIACION EN LA **IGLESIA PEREGRINA**

Son los convertidos a Cristociliación con Dios exige la aceptación plena de Jesús como el Señor de nuestra vida y el rechazo rotundo del pecado

Pero esta reconciliación con consigo mismo, y con su comu- Dios exige a su vez una reconcinidad. Pero el resultado de este liación con uno mismo. Exige examen puede ser un solo vivir de acuerdo con la Verdad y estar dispuesto a responder con Para muchos, hablar de una la Verdati en cada momento.

El cristiano no vive solo. cambio de religión o de fe: "él Forma parte de una comunidad era protestante y ahora es que. aunque peregrina, procatólico: fueron judios y se clama por la fe en el Señor convirtieron al cristianismo." Jesus la esperanza de vivir en el Tal concepto de la conversión, amor a pesar del odio y la injussin embargo no podría ser más ticia que prevalecen en la sociedad. El cristiano ha de Convertirse no significa enfrentarse a una sociedad cambiar de religión como se desorientada con la integridad

LOS SACRAMENTOS

El cristiano que expresa es posible. La conversión implica, su vida la paz de la reconciliación acepta los Sacramentos como signos de encuentro con Cristo en todos los momentos de su vida

El Bautismo es el comienzo de este proceso de conversión La Confirmación es el encuentro con Cristo y su Iglesia por el Espiritu que reune a los convertidos y los impulsa a reconciliarse con sus hermanos. La Penitencia es el encuentro con el Padre que perdona y que ama y one sabe one es dificil vivir el Evangelio cristiano.

La Eucaristia es el alimento que da vida, fortifica y facilita la reconciliación entre todos los bautizados. El Orden Sacerdotal es la respuesta a vivir como lider de una comunidad en via a la reconciliación. El Matrimonio es el compromiso de contribuir a la transformación de la sociedad orientándola hacia Cristo mediante la constitución de hogares cristianos que sean fraguas de cristianos. Y el Sacramento de los Enfermos facilità el encuentro con el Dios de la Paz y la Misericordia preparando al cristiano para El cristiano auténtico, recibir la Reconciliación eterna.

> Con el fin de ayudar a disipar el concepto equivoco y aclarar el concepto auténtico de los Sacramentos, se desarrollará esta serie de artículos. (La semana próxima: 'Bautismo: Sacramento

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Los dias 8 y 9 de febrero. festival Noche Cubana en la parroquia de San Juan Bosco, de 3 a 11 p.m. con entretenimientos para grandes y chicos.

MARTI EN LA UNIVERSIDAD DE MIAMI

El Dr. Rafael Estenger, notable historiador, critico literario y ensayista disertará sobre "El sueño en la poesía de Marti" el viernes 14 de febrero, a las 8 p.m. en el Brockway Lecture Hall de la Biblioteca Otto G. Richter de la Universidad de Miami.



Los alumnos del Colegio Loyola donaron una canastilla martiana a un niño nacido el 28 de enero. En la foto el alumno Mario Roth, y la profesora Paula Rodriguez (ambos de pie) entregan la canastilla a los esposos Blanca y Carlos Nieto, porque su hija, Sandra Leonor, (en brazos de la madre) fue la primera criatura nacida el dia del natalicio de José Martí en el Hospital Mercy.

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LECTOR: Por la intención misionera de nuestro Santo Padre: Que este Año Santo despierte un sentido de reconciliación entre los países ricos y los países pobres y promueva aceptación y cooperación mutuas, roguemos al Señor.

PUEBLO: Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

LECTOR: Para que a través de la campaña de Caridad del Arzobispo (ABCD), los fieles de esta Arquidiócesis continúen su atención a los más necesitados, roguemos al Señor.

PUEBLO: Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

LECTOR: Por los que están hambrientos y no tienen hogar, para que nuestro corazón se abra a su necesidad, roguemos al

PUEBLO: Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

LECTOR: Por los enfermos y aquellos que van a morir, que su sufrimiento sirva para la reconciliación de la humanidad, roguemos al Señor.

PUEBLO: Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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CELEBRANTE: Padre, te damos gracias por tanto bueno como nos das, y te pedimos que nos guardes bajo tu protección. por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor.

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LOS POBRES EN E.U.

La Campaña pro Desarrollo Humano anunció la pronta iblicación de un informe sobre la condición de los pobres en stados Unidos, y la distribución de la riqueza que considera injusta. "Pobreza en la Democracia Americana-Estudio del Poder Social" se llama el informe que apunta entre otras cosas que 1.6% de las corporaciones del país controlan 75% de la industria manufacturera; un 10% de la población privilegiada recibe, pese a su pequeño número, el mismo ingreso que el 50% de la población, situada en los estratos pobres. El director, P. Lawrence J. McNamara, agregó en una entrevista con el semanario St. Louis Review, que muchos norteamericanos se sienten prisioneros de una situación económica y social que no pueden romper pese a sus esfuerzos como abnegados trabajadores.

FORD: LA IGLESIA, LA MORAL, EL ESTADO

La separación entre la Iglesia y el Estado que la constitución consagra no significa que la política deba separarse de la moral, dijo el presidente Gerald Ford en un discurso a la Asociación de Radiolocutores de Religión en Washington. La constitución, explicó, pide que no se use el poder del gobierno para apoyar ni suprimir a ninguna fe religiosa, pero al mismo tiempo protege la profesión y difusión de todas las religiones.

¿QUE OPINAN LAS FAMILIAS SOBRE LAS ESCUELAS CATOLICAS?

Una investigación del Padre Charles H. Diamond para su doctorado, hecha en 117 parroquias de Filadelfia, comprueba el apoyo que la escuela católica merece entre las familias consultadas. Sus conclusiones sobre la formación que sus hijos recibieron: aprendieron la dimensión moral de la vida, disciplina, respeto por los demás y por la propiedad ajena, un sentido de honestidad v sinceridad consigo mismos, preparación para el matrimonio y la vida de familia, preparación para estudios superiores. Los padres sugirieron sin embargo que las escuelas públicas tienen mejores programas de educación física, y mejor atención para alumnos atrasados. Un 90% de los consultados dijeron que "la escuela católica tiene una distinción única y deseable, la fe."

PASTORAL HISPANA EN EL NORTE

El Comité Pastoral pro Hispanos, Región Noreste, acordó en su reunión en Washington abrir una oficina regional que coordine y consulte el apostolado hispano en 35 diócesis de esta zona del pais, donde hay concentraciones enormes como en Nueva York, Boston, Filadelfia, Newark y Washington. El Comité considera como sede a Nueva York o Brooklyn, por su posición geográfica. Planea iniciar pronto labores de un Instituto de Pastoral Hispana para preparar dirigentes y planes que atiendan especificamente a las necesidades religiosas y sociales de las gentes de habla hispana, cuyo número en la región se estima en 4 millones.

LA DIVISION HA HUMILLADO Y DAÑADO AL CRISTIANISMO

En una ceremonia sobre Unidad Cristiana, el Papa Paulo VI lamento que la desunión de los cristianos que difieren en cuestiones de religión o sociedad civil debilita mucho el mensaje del Evangelio; explicó que por eso el Año Santo tenía por tema central la reconciliación, "La división ha humillado y dañado el tesoro del cristiano." fueron sus palabras.

RELIGIOSOS RUSOS VENDRAN A E.U.

Veinte dirigentes religiosos de la Unión Soviética realizan una visita en febrero y marzo a los Estados Unidos por invitación del National Council of Churches (NCC), entre ellos 13 Ortodoxos y 7 delegados de otras iglesias como la Católica en Lituania, la Armenia, la Luterana, la Bautista y la Evangélica. Los metropolitanos ortodoxos Nikodim de Leningrado, Filaret de Kiev. Galion de Yuvenaly y Tula de Belev encabezan la lista. Entre las ciudades a visitar están Noeva York, Princeton, Washington y

DEFIENDE EL PAPA INDISOLUBILIDAD MATRIMONIAL

El Papa Paulo VI dijo a los jueces de la Sagrada Rota Romana que deben continuar defendiendo celosamente la indisolubilidad (que no se puede romper) del matrimonio. Poco antes su juez principal, el Padre Charles Lefevre, habia lamentado acusaciones contra el tribunal, de que al conoer casos de disolución de parejas, favorecian a las ricas. El Papa exhortó en su audiencia a los jueces, a sostener aquellos valores "biblicos, teológicos y de raciocinio humano, que dan autoridad a la Iglesia para defender al matrimonio" una vez ratificado y consumado.



En la tradición hispana la Primera Comunión es una fiesta de la familia. En las comunidades mexicanas del sector agricola de la Arquidiócesis de Miami es una fiesta de todo el pueblo. En la misión de Santa Ana, en el poblado de Naranja, al Sur de Dade, la primera comunión fué una misa de campaña con todo el sabor mexicano. Después de la misa, la fiesta de todos, con mariachis y enchiladas. Rezando y festejando en español, con una fe que se remonta a los tiempos del buen Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, exactamente cinco siglos atrás.

No Prevalecerán

Por el DR. MANOLO REYES Se acaban de cumplir 21

Era una tarde serena en la avenida del Puerto en la Habana, Cuba.

Miles de cubanos se habían reunido con otros miles de ciudadanos de las Américas en el Quinto Congreso de la Confederación Interamericana de Educación Católica efectuada en la bella capital Cubana el 14 de Enero de 1954.

Era practicamente un Congreso Católico de los muchos que celebraron en Cuba en su era republicana.

Todos estábamos muy ansiosos porque su Santidad, el Papa Pio XII, le iba a dirigir un mensaje especial por radio desde la Ciudad Vaticana al Congreso . . . v en general, a todos los cubanos.

La señal llegó clara y precisa. Y comenzó a diciendo:

"Levantad los ojos al cielo, hijos amadisimos, y contemplad esa bellisima ciudad (La Habana) recostada en la boca de su babía, mirándose en las aguas azules de este tibio mar que baña sus pies, recreándose en las verdes colinas que limitan horizontes creados con las brisas suaves que le manda el Canal de la Florida; todo se diria que invita al optimismo y a la paz aunque allá a lo lejos a lo mejor ruja la tormenta y se esté formando junto a cualquier isla remota el tifón desolador. Paz y optimismo han sido, sin duda alguna, el espiritu de vuestra Asamblea, ungida con la Caridad de Cristo a la sombra protectora de su doctrina y de su Cruz, bajo el manto maternal de la Iglesia que os mira como porción predilecta; pero no olvidéis que más allá brama el oleaje de las pasiones desenfrenadas, que corren por el cielo en galopadas tenebrosas nubes negras ansiosas de descargar en vuestros campos el granizo mortal y de arrasar vuestro sembrados con todo el impetu iracundo del huracán. Pero está escrito: "NO PREVALE-CERAN." Pasarán como pasan esas turbonadas de nuestro cielo, que dejan el aire luego más limpio, el sol más luminoso y la tierra más fecunda, aunque dejan también un triste séquito de muerte y desolación."

Hasta aqui parte de las palabras del Santo Padre.

Los que escuchábamos su escucharse la voz del represen- mensaje . . . nos miramos tante de Cristo en la Tierra atónitos como sin comprender. Y se repetian en nuestra mente algunas de sus frases diciendo que más allá bramaba el mar y que corrian desenfrenadas nubes negras ansiosas de descargar en nuestros campos cubanos el granizo mortal para arrasar nuestros sembrados. con el impetu del huracán.

> Jamás comprendimos el profundo significado de alerta de aquel mensaje imborrable.

Hoy, con cuanta razón se dice: Fueron palabras proféticas.



Pero dos elementos más se imponen para hacer realidad las palabras del Santo Padre "No Prevalecerán y luego vendrá una aurora radiante que dejará el aire más limpio, el sol más luminoso y la tierra más fecunda.' Así será!

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Miércoles de Ceniza: Comienza la Cuaresma

El 12 de febrero, con la celebración del Miércoles de Ceniza comienza la Cuaresma.

En los primeros siglos del cristianismo los 40 dias que preceden la celebración del Domingo de Resurrección, hov conocidos como la Cuaresma. eran básicamente un retiro prebautismal.

Aquellos que iban a ser bautizados durante la Vigilia Pascual terminaban su catecumenado o preparación al Bautismo con un intenso periodo de oración y penitencia para recibir dignamente el sacra- durante las 6 semanas que mento de iniciación cristiana.

Durante el siglo VII la observaban rigurosamente de Ramos del año anterior.



Recuerda hombre que polvo eres . . .

preceden la Pascua.

El rito principal consiste en Iglesia instituyó la observación trazar la señal de la cruz en la del Miércoles de Ceniza, frente de cada uno de los fieles completando asi los 40 días de con las cenizas obtenidas al ayuno y abstinencia que se quemar los ramos del Domingo

data del Antiguo Testamento Los judios usaban las cenizas como senal de arrepentimiento el uso de las cenizas por los ejemplo de Job. v de otras universal desde el Sinodo de figuras del Antiguo Testamento Benevento en 1091

La costumbre de usar que ponen cenizas sobre sus cenizas como simbolo religioso cabezas para hacer penitencia ante Dios. Este significado del Antiguo Testamento continua en

La tradición cristiana ha añadido una nueva dimension 21 uso penitencial de las cenizas dimensión comunitaria. Ya no es solamente una expresión individual de penitencia. sino una Iglesia entera en oración y preparación para la fiesta de la Resurrección.

Comenzamos la Cuaresma reconociendo nuestra mortalidad y nuestros pecados. La ceniza nos recuerda que fuimos formados del polvo y al polvo regresaremos. Pero también recordamos con esperanza y optimismo que al igual que Cristo resucito, también y penitencia Tenemos el cristianos. Su uso ha sido estamos nosotros llamados a resucitar y a compartir la gloria del Señor.

Generosidad a pesar de la inflación

El Arzobispo Carroll encomió los sacrificios que millares de personas estaban realizando para contribuir generosamente a la campaña de Caridad "ABCD" 1975 y recalco la responsabilidad de los fieles de ayudar a todos los necesitados, sin tener en cuenta su color o credo religioso.

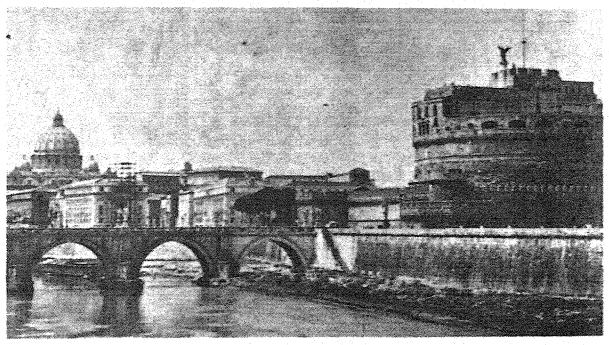
Destacó que los reportes preliminares indican que a pesar de la inflación y el aumento en el costo de la vida, los católicos y otras personas de buena voluntad estaban dando su aporte a la Campaña ABCD con la usual generosidad.

Añadió que la inflación se hacia sentir de manera aguda en las distintas obras de asistencia social de la Arquidiocesis y que cada día resultaba más caro el sostenimiento de niños desamparados y niños retrasados.

Hasta el 23 de febrero estarán los voluntarios de las distintas parroquias recibiendo donativos para la Campaña de Caridad. Armando Alejandre, coordinador de la campaña en español, destacó que la población hispana estaba respondiendo con redoblada generosidad a la campaña de este año y que se ha recibido una sincera cooperación por parte de los medios de publicidad en español que han dado a conocer profusamente la magnitud de las obras de servicio social que se sostienen con fondos recaudados en esta campaña.

"A pesar de la inflación los niños desamparados y los jóvenes victimas de hogares destrozados necesitan seguir recibiendo abrigo en instituciones como la Ciudad de los Niños. la Residencia Bethany y el Hogar Infantil Católico.

A pesar de la inflación tenemos que seguir sosteniendo el Marian Center, para niños retrasados mentales y los hogares e instituciones para ancianos y los servicios que prestan Centro Hispano Católico, Centro Mater y Centro San Juan de Puerto Rico para la población hispana. Tenemos que seguir velando por la prevención del vicio de las drogas y por la rehabilitación de los que han caído en sus garras, tenemos que seguir manteniendo los programas para rehabilitación de alcohólicos y los comedores para hombres sin empleo," añadió Alejandre.



Una invitación a peregrinar a Roma con el Arzobispo Carroll en el Año Santo.



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Peregrinación a Roma

La Arquidiócesis de Miami está invitando a los católicos del Sur de la Florida a unirse al Arzobispo Coleman F. Carroll en una Peregrinación de Año Santo a Roma, Florencia y Asis.

En una carta al pueblo de la Arquidiócesis de Miami el Arzobispo extiende una invitación a New York, hoteles de primera sión religiosa con el propósito de en inglés v español. renovar nuestra fe.

Carroll en una audiencia con el renovación interior.' Papa Paulo.

visitarán el Museo Vaticano y la Año Santo pidió que cada parr Foro Romano.

El precio del 'tour' es \$598

'unirse a mi en la unica peregri- clase, desayunos y cenas, transnación oficial patrocinada por la porte en tierra y propinas e im-Arquidiócesis ... Una excur- puestos. Los 'tours' se ofrecerán

Refiriendose al Año Santo La peregrinación, que sale como un evento eminentemente de Miami el domingo. 27 de abril religioso. el Arzobispo Carroll y concluye el lunes 5 de mayo, destacó que "se caracteriza por incluye 4 días en Roma, durante su intensa vivencia espiritual v los cuales los representativos la observancia de la piedad que oficiales de las parroquias estimula un aumento de la fe y participarán con el Arzobispo nos ofrece la oportunidad de

El Padre John D. McGrath. En Roma los peregrinos director de peregrinaciones Capilla Sixtina. las cuatro quia tenga por lo menos cuatro grandes basílicas, así como las representativos oficiales que catacumbas y otras ruinas de la acompañarán al Arzobispo antiguedad como el Coliseo y el Carroll en su audiencia con el Papa.

Las reservaciones podrán por persona, que incluye viaje hacerse solamente a través de aéreo de Miami a Roma vía las rectorias de las parroquias.

"Examinemos la orientación sociedad nuestra

Mons. James S. Rausch, en términos de la justicia." En bien Mons. Rausch habló de una y sobre varios temas. presidente Gerald Ford junto con otros dignatarios. El sermón se basaba en la declaración de derechos humanos reiterada por el Sinodo de Obispos de Octubre. Habló, pues, de los derechos a nacer y a comer, y mencionó el aborto que lo viola; los derechos económicos y sociales que los pobres tienen a una vida mejor, los derechos culturales y políticos, y el derecho a la libertad de religión.

Poco después Mons. la prensa se concentró en su audiencia estaba el serie de problemas nacionales.

secretario de la U.S. Catholic Rausch, protestó por la forma breve referencia al aborto y Conference, dijo en la Misa en que reporteros del aprovechó la asistencia del Roja que inicia labores del Washington Post y el Star-News presidente Gerald Ford a la poder judicial cada año, que la informaron sobre su sermón en Misa para agregar que el obispo ciudadania y sus lideres deben la Misa Roja que tradicional- daba consejos directos al "examinar de nuevo la orienta- mente marca el comienzo anual mandatario. "No fué así," dijo ción que nuestra sociedad toma de labores del poder judicial. Si Mons. Rausch, hablé para todos

FIESTA LITUANA

El 16 de febrero se conmemora el aniversario de la independencia de Lituania. Y aunque ese país está actualmente dominado por la Unión Soviética, más de 25,000 lituanos observarán la fecha patria con misas en Miami, Lake Worth y Juno Beach. En Miami a las 11 a.m. en la iglesia de St. James: en Lake Worth, a la 1 p.m. en

Sacred Heart Church; en Juno la misa será el sábado, día 15, a las 2 p.m. en la Iglesia de St. Paul of the Cross.

CARNAVAL EN STA. ROSA

Hoy viernes comienza el Carnaval de la parroquia de Santa Rosa de Lima en los terrenos y salones de Avenida 4 y Calle 107 (N.E.) La fiesta continuará sábado y domingo.

AYUNAR PARA AYUDAR

Los católicos de la arquidiócesis de St. Louis podrán combinar su ayuno y abstinencia de cuaresma con un programa de contribuciones de lo ahorrado para aliviar el hambre de los pobres en Estados Unidos y en el resto del mundo. "Hay que dar testimonio de que nuestras familias se preocupan, solida-riamente, por la suerte de los demás." dijo el P. Edward J. O'Donnell, encargado del programa.

La arquidiócesis de Newark ha unido esfuerzos con otros grupos religiosos para aprovechar la Cuaresma y educar a los fieles en un ayuno que ayude además a los pueblos con hambre. mediante folletos de gran difusión - como "Hambre en la Nave Espacial Tierra" - y conferencias. El ahorro en la cuenta del mercado sería entregado por cada familia a su parroquia el Domingo de Resurrección.