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Nuclear war and world hunger 'appear on the horizon as terrifying as the deadly horsemen of the apocalypse'

ope waging peace

VATICAN CITY (NC) - Papal peace pleas have by now become almost routine at Christmas and New Year's. But Pope John Paul II this year extended the season and intensified his efforts, addressing war andpeace issues repeatedly throughout the first month of the year.

On Jan. 23 he told an international group of scientists that nuclear war would be "the Apocalypse."

"It is necessary to create a new knowledge in humanity - and especially in the leaders of nations in order to avoid what would be not a war but nuclear destruction, the Apocalypse," the pope said.

The scientists, convened by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, reported to the pope on the likely consequences of a nuclear war, including atmospheric and climatic changes that could bring catastrophe far beyond the immediate fallout zones of nuclear radiation.

THREE DAYS earlier, Archbishop Achille Silvestrini, the pope's representative to a major East-West security meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, called the world situation "very serious" and warned that the "ruinous arms race" has increased the likelihood of accidental nuclear

The archbishop, who is secretary of the Vatican's Council for the Public Affairs of the Church, said that distrust among nations is the "logic of fear" behind the arms race. The

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Recent flurry of speeches, activities



Pope John Paul greets marines, sailors en route home from off coast of Lebanon. (NC/UPI photo).

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto **Voice News Editor**

As Jesus suffered unto death, South Florida Catholics are being urged also to "give 'til it hurts" this weekend to the annual Archbishop's Charities and Development (ABCD) drive.

In a message to all parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy exhorts Catholics to "be generous - give give as Jesus did - until it hurts."

ABCD, the Archbishop says, "is one way we together are trying to follow Jesus' directions to love our neighbor as ourselves...Jesus wants his love to be felt through you."

The annual ABCD drive is the fuel which powers the vast network of social services and pastoral programs offered by the Archdiocese of Miami.

The money collected helps the Church meet the physical and spiritual needs of the more than one million Catholics in South Florida, as well as countless others seeking food, shelter, counseling or simply a comforting friend in times of distress.

THE GOAL of this year's campaign is \$4.5 million. Last year, despite an economic recession, South Florida Catholics reached into their hearts and pocketbooks to contribute far more than the \$4.1 million asked of them.

That generosity enabled the Ministry of Christian Service of the Archdiocese, with offices in every South Florida county from Martin and Glades to Monroe and every place in between, to provide the following services:

- · Housing, food, clothing and care
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- for the elderly;
- Foster care for abandoned children

and day care for the offspring or working mothers;

- · Counseling for troubled families, spouses and children;
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation for both young and old desperately searching to kick the habit;
- · Special education for the mentally and developmentally handicapped;
- Shelters for runaways.

A part of the more than \$4 million collected last year helped the fledgling Pope John Paul II and St. John Neumann High Schools in West Palm Beach and Naples.

HAITIANS IN MIAMI, Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Belle Glade found comfort, food and clothing and heard a friendly greeting in their native tongue because ABCD money funded missions staffed by priests, sisters and laity.

Migrant farmworkers in the far

reaches of the Archdiocese embraced the Church as home thanks to ABCD funds which kept struggling rural parishes alive.

Minorities in the inner cities received decent education and an opportunity to break out of the cycle of poverty because ABCD funds kept urban parish schools from closing.

THE DEAF "HEARD" and the wheelchair-bound encountered no obstacles during special Masses organized by the ABCD-supported Ministry to the Deaf and Handicap-

Parents received training in childrearing and education in human sexuality because ABCD contributions made possible the continued opera-

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Bishop Marino asks gov't., 'open doors' to homeless

WASHINGTON (NC) — The growing problem of homelessness in America can be met only with a comprehensive program that also addresses issues such as joblessness and hunger, Auxiliary Bishop Eugene A. Marino of Washington told a congressional panel.

TESTIFYING AT A hearing in the basement of a new emergency shelter for the homeless six blocks from the Capitol, Bishop Marino said the response to the homeless "must be more than helping them just find a roof over their heads and food for their stomachs."

"The real question is, how do government and private efforts help these people renew their lives, regain their self-respect, find employment, decent housing and medical care?" he said

The hearing, sponsored by the housing subcommittee of the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, was held Jan. 25, the same day President Reagan delivered his State of the Union address to Congress.

Bishop Marino was testifying jointly for the Archdiocese of Washington, the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the U.S. Catholic Conference, public policy arm of the U.S. bishops.

Bishop Marino said the number of people using shelters for the homeless operated by the Archdiocese of Washington and other Catholic agencies across the country is larger and more diverse than ever and includes "more and more families."

He also said the current economic

recovery has not reached the homeless and that federal budget cuts "have exacerbated the problem, pushing some people over the edge into dependency and homelessness."

EFFORTS TO AID the homeless often result in only stopgap measures, he added.

"We can help keep people alive, but we can't very often open the doors to a life," he said.

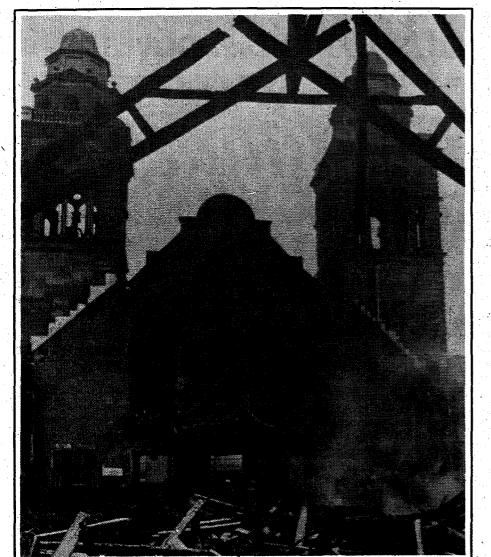
Because of that, Bishop Marino said, new directions are being pursued. As an example he cited the establishment by the Washington Archiocese of a "Unique transitional shelter" called McKenna House, whose purpose is to help homeless men find jobs through vocational assistance and counseling and other supportive services.

But he also said that those who serve the homeless fear that the current response may be "developing a new and often dehumanizing way of caring for the poorest among us, a strategy of isolating people in large and sometimes primitive shelters."

WHILE GOVERNMENT and voluntary agencies must continue to work together to meet the food and shelter needs of the homeless, Bishop Marino said, government also must provide "public policies which offer real opportunities and dignity to the poor."

He called for increased efforts to meet the housing needs of low-income families and suggested that new programs such as foreclosure relief be enacted so the unemployed do not lose their homes.

"In addition, restoration of some cuts in human needs programs is necessary to prevent greater numbers of homeless people," he added, citing such programs as food stamps, child nutrition, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medicaid.



CHURCH BURNED — From what was the altar area of St. Thomas Church in Braddock, Pa., the stone wall and facade are all that remain after a fire destroyed the 81-year-old church. Most of the 260 families in the parish are worshipping temporarily at nearby St. Michael Church. (NC photo by John C. Keenan.)

News at a Glance

Fr. Ritter asks Senate to aid families

WASHINGTON (NC) — Conventual Franciscan Father Bruce Ritter, founder of Covenant House, asked senators to continue the battle for the American family and against the exploitation of children. "The traditional American family is an awesomely strong and resilient institution, but it has probably never been closer to collapse than it is now," Father Ritter told the Senate Caucus on the Family in Washington.

Canadians may get fast divorces

OTTAWA (NC) — Instead of enacting laws making divorce easier, the Canadian government should emphasize reconciliation procedures to help couples stay together, according to Bishop John Sherlock of London, Ontario, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. His suggestion came as the Canadian government is planning amendments to the Divorce Act which would speed the divorce process by moving away from the "adversary system" in which one party, in a court proceeding, must prove wrongdoing, such as adultery or cruelty, by the other.

Pope urges updated marriage laws

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Church tribunals must update their thinking in marriage cases, basing decisions on changes in canon law which have simplified procedures and have taken greater account of modern sciences in deciding on the validity of a marriage, said Pope John Paul II. He cited canons 1095 and 1098 which indicate that among the reasons for which a marriage can be annulled are lack of discretionary judgment about what a marriage involves, psychological difficulties which prevent a person from making a commitment, and deceit.

Bishop dies in car crash

LAFAYETTE, Inc. (NC) — Bishop George A. Fulcher of Lafayette, chairman of the bishops' follow-up committee on the war and peace pastoral, died in a one-car accident. Bishop Fulcher, 61, was returning to Lafayette from Terre Haute, Ind., where he had addressed a group of Indiana religious superiors on the peace pastoral. He was continuing from Lafayette to Tipton, Inc., for a meeting with priests of the diocese on the New Code of Canon Law. According to investigators, the bishop's car went off the road, down a steep embankment, rolled onto its roof and burst into flames. The bishop died of smoke inhalation, they said.

Priest jailed in Ciskei

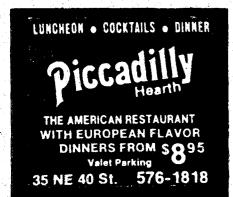
CAPE TOWN, South Africa (RNS) — A South African priest faces charges that he was involved in terrorism. He is the Rev. Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, 42, the first black secretary of the South African Catholic bishops conference. He appeared in court after spending three months in jail in the Ciskei homeland. "Terrorism" in the Ciskei is a broad legal category inherited from South Africa when the black homeland was granted its independence in 1981. The offense does not necessarily involve violence against the state; all that is necessary is to have intention to "endanger the maintenance of law and order." The priest's detention has raised a storm of protests both within South Africa and abroad.

Nestle boycott suspended

WASHINGTON (NC) — The International Nestle Boycott Committee suspended its seven-year-old U.S. boycott of Nestle S.A. because of Nestle's "commitment" to following the World Health Organiztion code in infant formula marketing, boycott and Nestle officials announced at an unusual joint press conference in Washington.

Pope meets crew of aircraft carrier

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II met 800 crew members of a U.S. aircraft carrier stationed near Beirut, Lebanon, and described their assignment as a "mission of peace" in a war-torn area. "I know that what you have experienced as part of a mission of peace will have lasting effects in your own lives," the pope told members of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps from the USS Kennedy during his talk in the Vatican's Clementine Hall.



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'Promote not only better understanding but also a removal of obstacles—mistrust, suspicion, incomprehension, discrimination, injustice—that still hinder the way to peace and solidarity'

Pope pushing peace crusade

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only solution to that, he said, is for nations to focus on common values and ideals.

He said that the basis for such agreement could be found in the 1975 Helsinki agreements on security and cooperation in Europe, to which the Stockholm conference was a follow-up.

Speaking at a joint meeting of international development and disarmament commissions Jan. 21, Pope John Paul urged constant attention to global interdependence as the path to international justice and peace.

Reiterating a papal theme that international justice is a prerequisite for peace, the pope said that in today's interdependent world, national self-interest is not a sufficient basis for national policies.

"TODAY THE CHALLENGES and the problems which affect people everywhere transcend national and even regional boundaries...Decisions made for the good of a country or region in the economic, social and political sphere necessarily affect other peoples, nations and regions," he said.

In a talk to journalists Jan. 27, the pope linked that profession to peace as well. He called for a free circulation of information and ideas to "promote not only better understanding but also a removal of obstacles — that still hinder the way to peace and solidarity."

Back on Jan. 1, while marking the annual World Peace Day started by his predecessor, Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul went beyond generalities to criticize sharply the break-off of U.S.-Soviet arms talks. He called nuclear disaster and world hunger two threats which "appear on the horizon as terrifying as the deadly horsemen of the Apocalypse."

Two weeks later, at his annual beginning-of-the-year meeting with the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican, he repeated his plea for renewed East-West arms negotiations. "There is not a moment to lose," he said, and anyone who would back off from negotiations bears "grave responsibility to humanity and to history."

In that address, as in his Jan. 1 talk, the pontiff linked instability among nations not only to the arms race but to hunger and the rich-poor gap between the nations of the northern and southern hemispheres.

HE CALLED FOR "prompt measures to advance toward the solution of the most elementary problems of justice in this world."

The pope also alluded to the threat of nuclear war in his Wednesday general audience talk Jan. 11. Speaking to the sick in the audience, he said, "I ask you in the name of the Lord to offer to him your sufferings for peace between men...so that there will be no more war on earth, above all so that the world may be spared the trial of nuclear conflict."

The next day he again linked the nuclear threat and the arms race with the diversion of resources from human needs. Meeting with the new Vatican ambassador from New Zealand, he said, "The continual build-up of arms, especially nuclear



JOB FEVER—Eager hands reach out for job applications in wintry Chicago where the Post Office has 300 openings for mail truck loaders. Some 50,000 people turned out hoping for one of the jobs. (NC/UPI photo).

weapons, and the increasing readiness to resort to violence, reduce the material resources available for human development and create a climate of distrust, suspicion and fear."

On the other hand, he said, international aid for development "reflects not only a sense of justice in striving to rectify an imbalance of natural and technical resources, but it also manifests a spirit of fraternity, a willingness to promote the welfare of others."

THE POPE'S WAR and peace concerns in January went beyond global questions to specific conflicts. He pleaded several times for peace in Lebanon, starting with his New Year's Day address. On Jan. 10 he met with Lebanese legislators of the Maronite Rite, the largest Catholic group in Lebanon, and urged sacrifice and compromise to end the "excessive reactions and intransigent attitudes" at the root of their country's civil strife.

Meeting later in the month with 800 U.S. servicemen from the aircraft carrier USS Kennedy, the pope praised the efforts to keep the peace in

Lebanon by Americans and others in the international peace-keeping force.

On Jan. 23 the pope also marked a turning point in another regional conflict which he has been working five years to resolve. He met with the foreign ministers of Argentina and Chile after they formally signed a "declaration of peace and friendship" in a Vatican ceremony.

Since early 1979 Pope John Paul has been mediator of the Chile-Argentina dispute over territory in the Beagle Channel at the southern tip of South America.

In the Jan. 23 declaration the two foreign ministers pledged to resolve that and any other conflicts "always and only through peaceful means." The Vatican indicated that the ceremony marked the beginning of a final phase of establishing a peace treaty between the two countries on the basis of papal mediation.

Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, papal secretary of state, said that the pope hoped the papally mediated agreement would serve as an example throughout the international community for peace negotiations.

Archbishop: Give as Christ did

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tion of the Family Life Ministry, which also gave hope and comfort to the divorced and separated and prepared engaged couples for lasting marriages.

Youth in high schools and colleges were not lost to the Church because Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry offices were staffed through ABCD funds.

The sick in hospitals were comforted because ABCD money enabled the Archdiocese to provide a Hospital Chapliancy service. Laity were trained to assume their responsibilities in the Church because ABCD funds provided for an Office of Lay Ministry staffed by dedicated professionals.

Priests were themselves ministered to by the ABCD-funded Ministry to Priests office, as were the religious, brothers and sisters, and permanent deacons.

ABCD money also enabled inactive or sick clergy to rest securely after lives of total dedication to the Church.

FINALLY, ABCD funds allowed the Archdiocese to purchase lands for future parish sites and to make needed repairs on existing facilities.

In his message to South Florida Catholics, Archbishop McCarthy shares a story which illustrates the grave moral responsibility of every Christian to "love your neighbor as yourself."

"Sometime ago there was a fire at the seminary where I studied for the priesthood," the Archbishop recalls. "The beautiful wood figure of Christ

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on the crucifix...was in the fire. The feet and hands were burned off.

"When the seminary was rebuilt, someone remembered the charred, black crucifix without hands or feet. They mounted it on the white wall over the entrance with (these words inscribed): 'You must be my hands, you must be my feet.'

"My beloved," the Archbishop concludes, "that is the calling of each of us — to be the hands, the feet, the heart of Jesus. Won't you help? Like Jesus, please give — 'til it hurts."

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Contraception not the solution to world problems — Vatican

UNITED NATIONS (NC) — The Holy See is concerned about the strong United Nations emphasis on contraception is a solution to world population growth, according to Msgr. James McHugh, special adviser to the Vatican's U.N. Observer

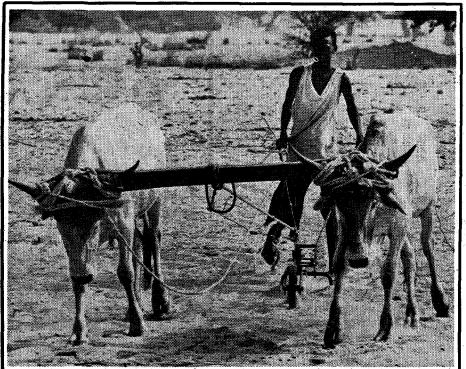
Msgr. McHugh criticized the theory that a decline in fertility and successful birth control programs are a necessary prerequisite for economic development or for development assistance to Third World countries.

He spoke Jan. 24 at a meeting of the U.N. preparatory committee for the 1984 World Population Conference scheduled in August in Mex-

Msgr. McHugh said a population policy should be part of a larger commitment to social justice and to socioeconomic development "that enables all persons to lead a fully human life."

"Such a development allows couples to make free and responsible decisions about family life and parenthood," he added.

HE OPPOSED the notion that the Mexico City conference should be viewed as "a forum to discuss and



FIGHTING HUNGER — A farmer in the African desert goes about his daily work with rudimentary equipment. Catholic leaders say that contraception is too often given as a means for ridding the world of its overpopulation problems. (NC photo).

promote a decline in fertility rates and-or an endorsement of the small

family."

"The Holy See also notes that population policies should place an emphasis on the dignity of the human person and of the couple. Population policies should treat the two persons, that is the couple, as active participants in the development process, not as the object of fertility control programs that are directed primarily, and sometimes almost exclusively, to the limitation of birth," he said.

"The Holy See is opposed to the use of abortion as a method of birth control, as well as the constant and almost exclusive emphasis on contraception and sterilization to lower the birth rate as a necessary prerequisite for development," he added.

IN CONTRAST, the U.S. delegate, Vincent Barbara, warned the committee that for the past two decades an alarming level of the population growth has taken place in the Third World.

The United States thus challenged U.N. demographers who say that the world population growth has declined from about 2 percent in the mid-1960s to about 1.7 percent currently. Instead, the U.S. delegate argued, this worldwide decline ceased in 1975.

Barabba said that at the Mexico City conference the United Nations should emphasize the need for a population growth slowdown.

"We also see linkage between fertility and employment; the projected increase of nearly 700 million persons in the labor force of the developing countries between 1980 and 2000 will require massive creation of new jobs just to prevent current high rates of unemployment and underemployment from rising even further," he said.

Continued high fertility in rural areas is a major cause of internal migration, the dramatic expansion of urban areas, and the attendant dislocations in health care and public services," he added.

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Nazi-aiding charges fuel request for Vatican probe

By Jerry Filteau NC News Service

A top American Jewish official has formally asked Pope John Paul II to investigate and answer assertions that Catholic officials or the Vatican helped Nazi war criminals to emigrate illegally and escape prosecution for their crimes.

Julius Berman, chairman of the New York-based Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, made his request in a telegram to the pope after *The New York Times* published an investigative report on allegations of such church aid to Nazis.

Vatican agencies, the *Times* report said, played a Key role specifically in the escape from Europe of Walter Rauff, a former Nazi SS officer now living in Chile who allegedly was responsible for preparing and equipping mobile vans the gassed an estimated 200,000 Jews to death during World War II.

The *Times* cited two main sources for its story: a "top secret" 1947 U.S. State Department report, recently declassified, and statements by Serge Klarsfeld, a Paris lawyer who has specialized in tracking down fugitive Nazis.

THE VATICAN has denied the accusations.

In Miami, George Kemon, former feature editor at *The Voice* who spent more than two years editing the diaries of the late Msgr. Walter Carroll, a high-ranking Vatican diplomat during World War II, also said the charges that the Vatican aided Naziwar criminals are unfounded.

The diaries of Msgr. Carroll, brother of the late Archbishop Coleman Carroll of Miami, proved the opposite, Kemon said: The Vatican helped thousands of Jews flee Nazioccupied territories and avoid the gas chambers.

Msgr. Carroll's diaries were found in the archives of the Archdiocese of Miami in 1981.

FATHER ROMEO Panciroli, Vatican press officer, cited press comments by two Jesuit historians criticizing the *Times* article.

"I point out to you what was in this regard by Father Robert Graham, an authoritative scholar on this subject, and Father Pierre Blet, equally expert, who have already given a sufficiently clear response to questions on this case," Father Panciroli said in a brief, hand-written statement given to reporters.

U.S.-born Father Graham, staff member of the Jesuit magazine Civilta Cattolica in Rome, and

'The accusations in the report are founded on nothing but air.' Father Robert Graham

French-born Father Blet, on the faculty of the Gregorian University in Rome, were two of the scholars assigned by Pope Paul VI 20 years ago to study and publish Vatican documents on World War II.

Father Graham was quoted by the Italian news agency ANSA as saying statements in the State Department report were "propagandist maneuvers" by people who "never miss the chance to crucify" the Catholic Church.

"The accusations in the report are founded on nothing but air," he added

FATHER BLET said the document cited by the *Times* was "irrelevant" and showed "very little consistency with other historical material of this period."

He likened the furor to that created by the publication of the alleged Hitler diaries which were later proven to be false. Regarding the 1947 document, he said the "true information was very often polluted by false suggestions circulated on purpose" during and after World War II.

To conclude that the Vatican helped Nazi war criminals to emigate

"cannot but cause indignation to those who are familiar with the documents regarding Pius XII and the Holy See during World War II," said Father Blet.

THE STATE Department report, buy Stephen La Vista, a U.S. foreign service official in Rome, called the Vatican "the largest single organization involved in the illegal movement of emigrants."

It said the Vatican applied pressure, particularly in Latin America, to provide havens for former Nazis and Fascists, "so long as they are anti-Communist."

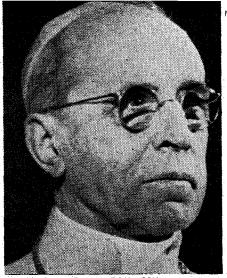
The *Times* also quoted from a 1962 statement by Rauff to the Supreme Court of Chile, released by Klarsfeld in January, in which Rauff said he was hidden in Rome for 18 months by a Catholic priest, "always in convents of the Holy See."

Klasfeld expresed doubts that, "convents of the Holy See" simply meant Catholic religious houses. He argued that this must have referred to Vatican-connected facilities because Rauff would not have dared to lie or exaggerate on that matter in a statement to judicial authorities of a Catholic country such as Chile.

The new assertions add another chapter to a long-standing controversy over four basic issues:

• Whether the Vatican, in the course of its massive efforts to help resettle displaced persons after World War II, actually did help some Nazi officials or collaborators to escape from possible prosecution for war crimes in Europe;

• Whether the Vatican as a matter of policy consciously sought to resettle persons with known Nazi or Fascist sympathies (but not necessarily criminals) in Latin American out of a concern to combat world communism;



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• Whether, if either of the first two cases is true, the Vatican participated knowingly in the illegal escape of war criminals or was only an unwitting partner in those illegal acts;

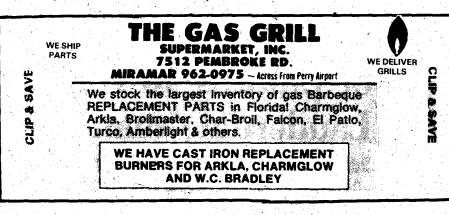
• Whether priests or other Catholic officials who may have knowingly abetted the escape of war criminals were acting as Vatican agents or with Vatican knowledge or approval, or whether they engaged in such activity on their own, with neither the knowledge nor the approval of authorities in the Holy See.

"WE ARE DEEPLY disturbed," Berman wrote to the pope, "by the report of cooperation by the Holy See with the effort of Nazi war criminals to escape justice after World War II."

Because of the serious nature of the assertions and the fact that they appeared in a report by the U.S. foreign service, "we respectfully suggest that you order an appropriate and independent investigation," Berman said.

He noted that when similar assertions surfaced regarding U.S. involvement in the post-war escape of Klaus Barbie, a Nazi official wanted for war crimes in France, President Reagan ordered an investigation and, after finding the charges true, made a public apology to France for the U.S. role in Barbie's escape.

"We submit that the Vatican can do no less," Berman told the pope.







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Biscayne College to become St. Thomas Villanova U.

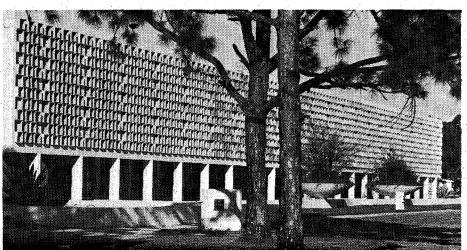
Biscayne College will change its name to St. Thomas of Villanova University effective immediately, Father Patrick O'Neill, president, announced this week.

Father O'Neill said the name change will reflect more accurately the school's Augustinian tradition as a center for higher learning, link it more closely to its roots in prerevolutionary Cuba and emphasize its commitment to South Florida as the crossroads between North America and Latin America.

St. Thomas of Villanova was an Augustinian priest in sixteenthcentury Spain who became Bishop of Valencia. Because of his dedication to the spiritual and material needs of the poor, he was known during his lifetime as "Father of the Poor."

In 1658, he was declared a saint, and in 1959, he was named patron of studies of the Augustinian Order.

THE AUGUSTINIAN Fathers operated "La Universidad de Villanueva" in Havana, Cuba, for 14 years, until April of 1960, when the Communist government of Fidel



Biscayne College's name change to St. Thomas Villanova University will be effective immediately, but a formal celebration won't take place until graduation day, May 6, of this year. (Voice photo)

Castro forced the staff to flee.

At the invitation of the late Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami, the Augustinians reestablished the school in Miami in 1961, calling it Biscayne College.

With an enrollment of 3,000, the newly-named St. Thomas Villanova University is located on 140 acres at NW 32 Avenue and the Palmetto Exgraduate programs, a School of Continuing and Adult Education and a Bilingual Program with campuses in Little Havana and Hialeah. A School of Law will open in August.

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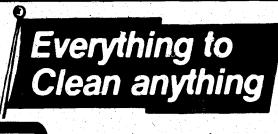
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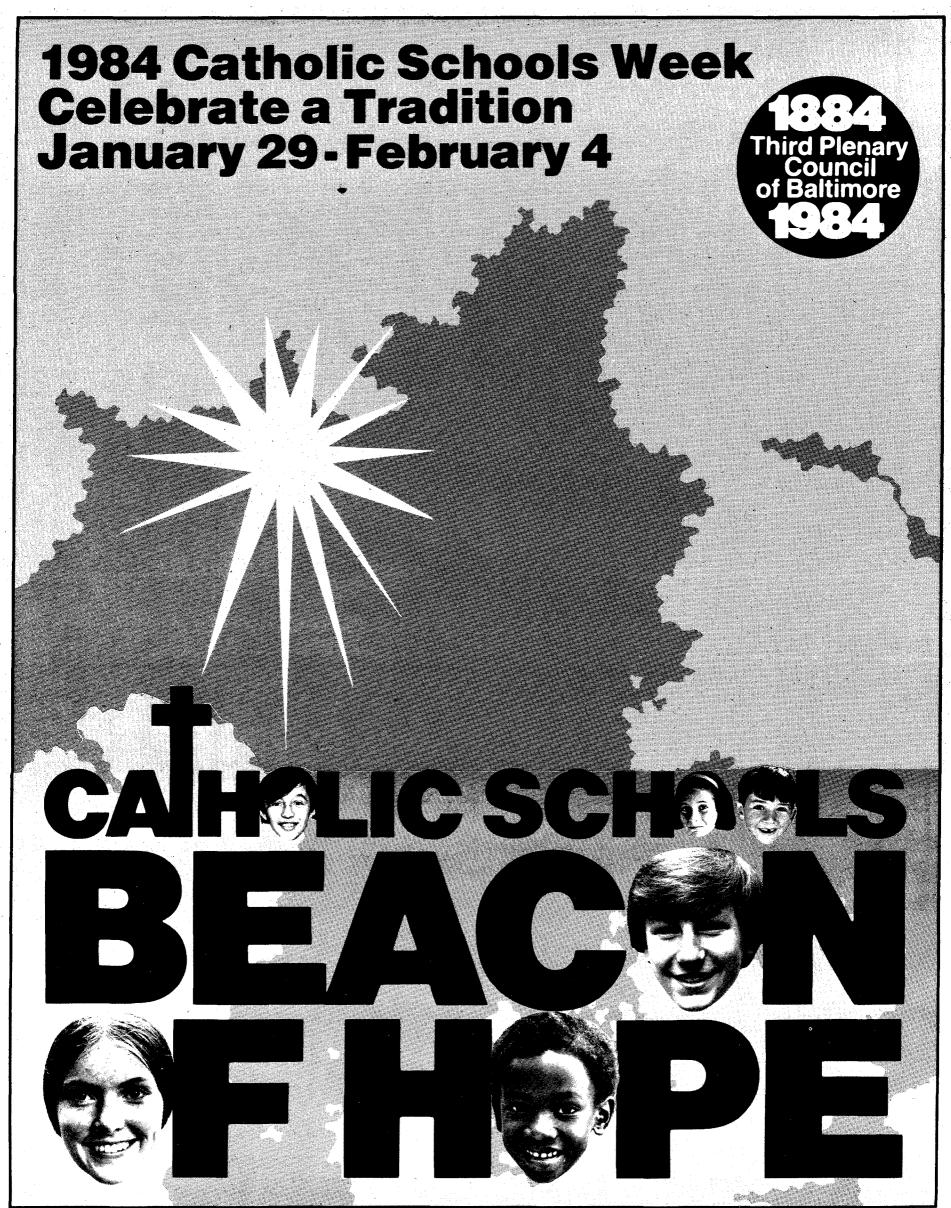
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the Church and of the republic."

Today, with over 7,950 elementary and 1,482 secondary Catholic schools in the country, and with the respect that Catholic schools command, it seems as if the prelates have gained their "cherished hope of seeing matters so arranged that these desires may be fully accomplished by facilitating the advancement of Catholic children by regular ascent from the elementary to the superior Catholic schools."

What is an effective school? According to James Coleman, professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago and principal investigator on the project, an effective school is characterized by good discipline, by structure in the classroom, and by administrators and teachers who set high standards. Homework is assigned, attendance is enforced, and performance is consistently monitored and evaluated. The principal exercises effective administrative leadership and parental involvement is strong.

Coleman and his co-workers studied 51,229 students in 894 public schools and 6,710 students in 111 private secondary schools. About 82 percent of the students in the "private schools" category attended Catholic schools. Some of the research findings of special interest to Catholic educators and parents are:

• On the average, Catholic schools are more effective than public schools, while spending about half as much per pupil.

• Catholic secondary school achievement levels are significantly higher than public ones. There are strong indications that higher levels of discipline and academic demands account in large part for this finding.

Catholic school students scored about two grade levels higher than public school students in math, reading and vocabulary tests.
Catholic schools nurture equal educational opportunity and are particularly beneficial to students from less advantaged backgrounds.

• Catholic school students are much less likely to be absent or cut classes than public school students, and disciplinary problems are reported much less often in Catholic schools.

 Catholic school students do about 50 percent more homework than do public school students.

"Catholic Schools: Beacon of Hope" is a theme that reflects the past, anticipates the future, and is based upon Catholic schools known accomplishments and contributions to American education.

Lay ministry and frustration

Priests, religious must be prepared, brother says

By Araceli Cantero Staff Writer, La Voz

Training the laity to be ministers without preparing priests and religious for the change is a prescription for frustration, says Brothers Loughlan Sofield, S. T.

"If you raise the awareness of the laity as ministers but the priests and religious aren't willing to change their attitude or don't have the skills for that type of collaboration, all you do is frustrate people," said the seven-year veteran of the Ministry Center for the Laity in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brother Sofield was interviewed by *The Voice* while on a visit to Miami, where he led a four-day workshop on leadership and small communities organized by the Office of Lay Ministery of the Archdiocese.

Through the Ministry Center for the Laity, he has helped more than 200 urban, surburban and rural parishes of all sizes "release the gifts of the laity for ministry in today's Church."

He has also spent the last 13 years ministering to people already in ministry, as a staff member for the Jesuit Educational Center for Human Development.

HE AND the Ministry Center's team do a lot of mission work, parish renewals, "anything to help people realize that ministry is not a choice but the obligation of every Christian," Brother Sofield said.

"Ministry is not something done around the altar but in the ordinary circumstances of our lives," he said, adding that ministry is more than "doing things."

"It is both being and doing," Brother Sofield explained, because it flows from spirituality, which is twofold: "It's my relationship with God and the expression of that relationship in what I do."

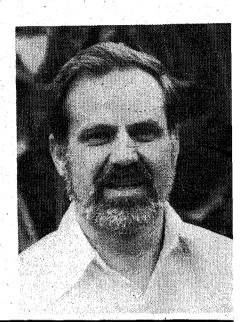
Brother Sofield defines the parish as a community of service. But before such a community can come into being, he said, certain things must happen:

- The people must exercise ownership and direction over the parish.
- A core group of people, gathered as a pastoral reflection team, must constantly look at what it means to be a parish, what the needs are and how best they can be met. This, Brother Sofield said, should be the main role of the Parish Council, rather than dealing with management issues.
- People must be educated not by being told what to do, but by



Brother Loughlan Sofield, above and right, presented a four-day workshop on leadership in small communities at the invitation of the Office of Lay Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami. He will present another workshop on the same topic on March 3 at the Family Enrichment Center, 18330 NW 12 Avenue. (Voice photos by Araceli Cantero)

'Anything to help people realize that ministry is not a choice but the obligation of every Christian.'



drawing from their own experience of ministry.

- Opportunities must be provided at the parish level for people to deepen their spirituality, which is the source of all ministry.
- People must be helped to discover their gifts and how these can be used for the service of the local and global communities.
- Structures must be established which enable people to use their gifts in ministry.
- Small groups or other structures must be provided to support people in their ministry, so that they can continue to deepen their spirituality, learn new skills and find community.

BROTHER SOFIELD'S work with parish communities in more than 30 dioceses has resulted in a book on developing the parish into a community of service. Co-authored with Sister Rosine Hammett, C.S.C., the book, titled "Inside Christian Community," will be published soon by the Jesuit Educational Center.

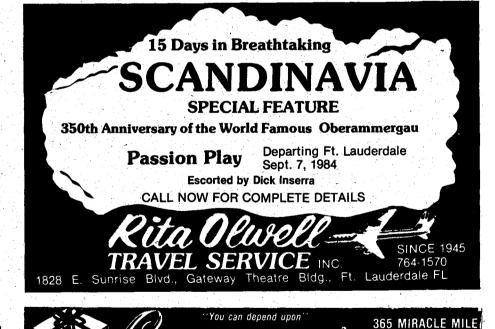
With a Master's degree in psychology and 10 years of experience in social work, Brother Sofield says his concern for the laity

flows from the very roots of his religious community, the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, founded at the beginning of this century in Alabama for the purpose of making every Catholic an apostle and missionary.

From the original lay group, two religious communities and a secular institute emerged, now forming what

is know as the Missionary Cenacle Family.

Brother Sofield says the future of the Church lies in priests, religious and laity learning to minister together. He also believes that the ground rules for building community apply to all kinds of groups, although the way of applying them has to be adapted.







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Bishop explains meaning of peace pastoral

By VICTORIA STUART Voice Correspondent

Read the letter and form your own conscience.

This was the heart of the message from Bishop Francis Reh, retired, to a group of concerned Catholics

'This is not just something off the tops of the bishops' heads...It was written after two-and-a-half years of consultations with top government officials...'

- Bishop Francis Reh

gathered to hear his explanation and clarification of the U.S. bishops' recent pastoral letter on nuclear arms,

"The Challenge of Peace."
Retired from Saginaw, Michigan,
Bishop Reh witnessed the drafting of
the letter and heard its initial presentation in Chicago last spring. Sr. Barbara Ebner invited him to speak at
the Dominican Retreat House, 7275
S.W. 124th Street, in Kendal recently.
Monday night.

Since the publication of the bishops' letter, Catholics have been confused and concerned by garbled — often inaccurate — press reports of the policies advocated in the 44,000 — word document.

The main emotion expressed by the more than 20 people at Bishop Reh's lecture was fear: fear of being defenseless in the face of a Soviet nuclear attack.

"As bishops,...we have encountered this terror in the minds and hearts of our people — indeed we share it," the letter states.

"That is why we had to issue this letter," Bishop Reh explained. "We had to make the possibility of peace visible in the world.

Carefully drafted

"This letter is not just something off the tops of the bishops' heads," he said. "It is a discussion of the moral and religious obligations of war and the prevention of war, written after two-and-one-half years of consultations with top government officials like Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; theologians like Dr. Ralph Potter, professor of social ethics, Harvard Divinity School; ambassadors, diplomats and armed forces officials."

The letter states that offensive war of any kind is not morally justifiable. However, as Bishop Reh emphasized," "governments can not be denied legitimate defense after all other possible solutions have been exhausted."

Bishop Reh explained the letter's reference to a "just war" as a war to secure basic human rights and decent human living.

"There are some things worth fighting for," Bishop Reh said, "and we as Christians must defend peace." But during the war, peace must be actively sought, through negotiation or other methods, he added.

Bishop Reh also said that Catholics in the military should be praised and recognized for their special responsibilities.

"They should look on themselves as the custodians of the freedom and security of their fellow countrymen," he said, commending the actions of veterans in wars past, and saying that all Catholics should be grateful for their sacrifices.

Catholics can refuse to bear arms, according to the letter, only if they actively search for peace in other ways, such as successful pacifists Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

'Unjustifiable'

The *initiation* of *nuclear* war is morally, completely unjustifiable, according to the letter.

Dr. Edward Teller, the inventor of the first nuclear weapon, agrees. Speaking recently to a University of Miami class studying Nuclear War/Nuclear Peace, Teller said, "Even if a missile is sent to destroy a military site, the resultant explosion and massive fallout will destroy many innocents nearby."

This corresponds with the U.S. Bishops' condemnation of disproportionate response to attack. In the letter they cite the bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II as an incident that the United States should regret forever.

"The destruction of cities can



Catholics should read the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace before criticizing it, Bishop Francis Reh told a group of South Floridians recently. Above, two Catholics at a rally proclaim their decision to work for peace. (NC photo)

its prevention, according to the bishops. In their letter on peace they endorse specific steps:

- Arms control
- Verifiable bilateral disarmament
- Negotiation
- Reduction of armed forces
- Formation of a national conscience according to moral principles, not according to politics.

For individuals:

Nuclear 'horror' movie available

"The Prophecy," a moving film record of the sufferings and horrors which followed the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is available for showing free to any group or organization concerned about nuclear war.

Released under the Freedom of Information Act only 35 years after the bombs were dropped on the two Japanese cities, the film uses footage shot by the U.S. government to reveal the massive destruction, physical and spiritual, which nuclear weapons can wreak on mankind.

For information, contact Patricia Axelrod of Peace Works, 895-0675.



never be morally justified," Bishop Reh said. "One can argue that if Hiroshima and Nagasaki hadn't been bombed, more than one million Americans would have died bringing the war to an end. That's only conjecture, but even if it were so, is that (bombing) justified?"

The only remedy for nuclear war is

• Education

- Reverence for all life, from conception through death
- Prayer
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- Works of charity.

Read for Yourself

Donald Pruessman, a business executive and lay Catholic, had disagreed strongly with the bishops' letter at first because of misleading press reports, especially in secular media.

"Then I read the whole thing and changed my mind," he said. He recommends that everyone read the entire letter and not judge it by the headlines alone which give the false impression the Bishops are not aware of the danger of communism and the need for defense.

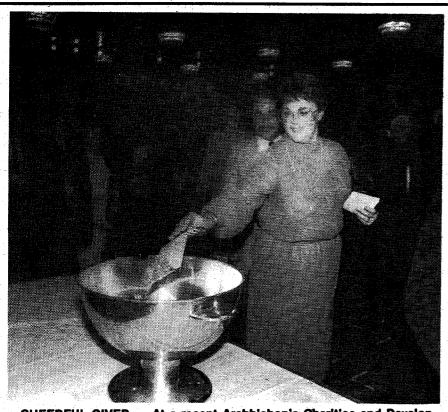
"There are times when newspapers give inadequate reporting," said Sr. Charlene from St. Thomas Aquinas, "but it's also the fault of people for being gullible enough to believe everything they read."

Sr. Charlene also recommends reading the entire document first hand.

In closing, Bishop Reh reminded the audience that despite its being sensationalized by the press, "this letter is not a political issue, but a moral one."

"As Americans," the letter states, "we have grave human, moral and political responsibilities to see that a 'conscious choice' is made to save humanity. This letter is therefore an invitation and a challenge to Catholics in the United States to join with others in shaping the conscious choices and deliberate policies required in this moment of supreme crisis."

"Catholicism can be a pretty tough religion at times," Reh said. "It is only through conscious choice and deliberate policy that humanity can survive...Read the letter and form your own conscience."



CHEERFUL GIVER — At a recent Archbishop's Charities and Development dinner some of the attendees drop pledges into a silver punch bowl upon leaving after hearing UM coach Howard Schnellenberger, Archbishop McCarthy and others speak about the good works the ABCD funds make possible. (Voice photo by Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

Farmworkers get emergency boost

Tallahassee — Acting at the request of the Florida Catholic Conference and Florida Impact, Gov. Bob Graham has ordered state agencies to expedite assistance to agricultural workers unemployed as a result of the Dec. 24-25 freeze.

The order follows several weeks of meetings and data gathering by the organizations and by several departments of the state government.

Employment of farm workers has continued in salvage of lost crops, but that work has gradually phased out. The months of February, March and April are expected to bring disastrous conditions for farm worker families, particularly in Central Florida.

THE EFFECT of the order is to mobilize personnel and funds in departments of health and Rehabilitative Services, labor and employment, security and community affairs. State assistance programs which have the most potential to benefit farm works include:

The disaster component of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program; the expedite Food Stamp Program; Community Services Block Grant, emergency fund.

Thomas A. Horkan, Jr., executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference, has urged the governor to be prepared to request a presidential declaration of emergency as soon as farm workers unemployment reaches disaster stage and to seek the following relief:

a. Disaster unemployment assistance to cover those who have worked for small growers or crew leaders, or whose benefits have run out.

b. Individual family assistance program.

c. A waiver of the Food Stamp rule that requires American citizen husbands and wives to inform on their alien spouses and American citizen children to inform on their alien parent or parents.

Bishops asked mercy on recent execution

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and Florida's six other bishops issued an appeal last week for mercy on behalf of Anthony Antone, prior to his execution at Raiford state prison.

In a brief statement, they said: "As the Catholic Bishops of the State of Florida, we appeal to the Governor, the cabinet and the courts for mercy and for a stay of execution for Anthony Antone, who is scheduled to die in the electric chair on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

"This appeal is similar to our earlier appeal on behalf of Robert Sullivan which was joined in by Pope John Paul II. It encompasses all of our brothers on death row, who are without a doubt the 'least of our brothers.'

"Violent crime exists in our socie-

ty, and the State has the right and the duty to protect its citizens and to enforce the law and to punish criminals," the prelates continued.

"But we are all human, and subject to discriminatory conduct and mistakes. The State cannot eliminate human error in its criminal processes, and in fact has found innocent people previously sent to death. Execution eliminates the correction of mistakes, consideration of newly discovered evidence, and efforts at rehabilitation or conversion.

"Violence breeds more violence," the Archbishop and bishops stated. "The Commandment, 'The shalt not kill' will not be taught by killing people who have killed other people. We must put an end to this killing. In this particular kind of killing we can control."

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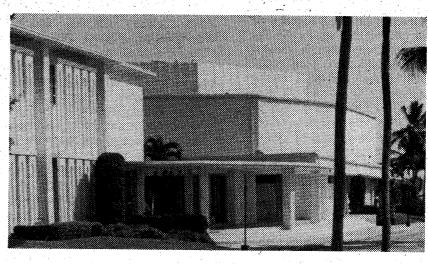
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Problems of seamen discussed at meet

By Prentice Browning Voice staff writer

Unless labor complaints are satisfied immediately two cruise ships that use the Port of Miami may be the target of a consumer boycott, according to a resolution passed at a threeday workshop in Miami last week that focused on the rights of cruise

ship seafarers.

The conference was organized by the Seamen's Church Institute in New York, an ecumenical organization, with the help locally of the Miami Archdiocese Apostleship of the Sea, and was attended by several representatives of the Church including Bishop Rene Gracida of Corpus Christi, Texas, and from Miami Msgr. Bryan Walsh, director of Catholic Community Services, and Bishop John Nevins.

Workshops were led by the presidents of several seafarer labor unions who spoke about such difficulties as low or unpaid salaries, long hours and poor working conditions and the lack of seafarer con-

tracts on many ships.

IT WAS RESOLVED that "urgent letters" would be sent to all parties concerned on cruise ships where unfair labor practices are alleged. Two ships in particular were singled out for the possible boycott.

"(Seamen) call them pirate ships or slave ships because they really are," says Fr. Jose Paz the director of the Ministry of the Sea and the Stella Maris Seamen Center located at the

The conditions that exist on these ships such as the withholding of wages and the existence of rats are not unique by any means, says Fr. Paz who hosted some of the workshops and regularly celebrates Mass at the Archiocesan seamen center.

"These (the seafarers) are the forgotten people. The fashion is promoted of going on a cruise ship, but the irony is the big problem inside the ships. It's on the shoulders of the



seamen who suffer from the greed of this industry.'

The major difficulty, says Fr. Paz, is not the lack of laws regulating the treatment of ship's crew but the lack of enforcement of these laws in many ports of the Caribbean and throughout the world.

COUNTRIES SUCH as Panama and the Bahamas are notorious for

Seamen call them pirate ships or slave ships because they really are'

looking the other way on possible violations.

"Panama has a very good income from registry. As long as they pay they don't care what goes on in the ships," says Fr. Paz.

In the United States, he said, safety and immigration officers tend to be more diligent than officials concerned with the welfare of the crew.

At the Stella Maris center located

just a few feet away from the port's docks seamen are sometimes advised about where to seek legal advice. If a judge sees fit a cruise ship can be compelled to stay in port until it pays its crew, says the ministry director.

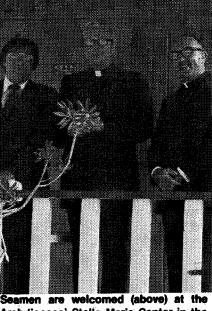
Ships that fly the "flag of convenience," or are registered in countries like Panama or Liberia where there are few laws and regulations governing the treatment of seamen, tend to be the most exploitative of their crews, he says.

SHIPS FROM larger countries like the United States and England tend to be fairer in their practices. The Norwegian lines that sail from the port of Miami are generally "good examples" when it comes to labor relations, he said.

One resolution at the workshop adopted the collective bargaining agreements of the Norwegian Seamen's Union as standards of the industry.

But a large cruise ship is almost a world within itself often employing residents of over 30 different countries from as far away as Korea and Guyana, and how fairly anyone is treated may depend on what job he is involved in, says the priest.

"Its a curious world. Those that serve tables may have nothing to do



Archdiocese' Stella Maris Center in the Port of Miami. Left, Father Jose Paz. director of the center, stands before a cruise ship while being interviewed for a "Real to Reel" program several years ago. The rights of the men who work on the cruise ships were the topic of a recent international conference held here (Voice Photos)

with those that lift the anchor."

WITH THAT MANY different nationalities and languages any particular group may stay mostly to itself, dealing directly with its own crew chief.

The ministry director says he know of little overt discrimination, the workers' place on the ship being determined solely by skills.

But the farther they are away from their country the more isolated, confused, and vulnerable they may feel and the more subject to forms of exploitation.

Their main problem, says Fr. Paz, "is that they are lonely people. They are apart from their families," and liable to indulge in vices.

THERE ARE very few Americans on the ships because of the harsh style of life.

Crewmen may feel a spiritual isolation, too, since they are not allowed to attend religious services for the passengers.

This underlines a need for a place like Stella Maris where crewmen of all different denominations can attend Mass or just relax and read letters, talk to other crewmen, or telephone

"I don't feel that there are too many places like ours," says Fr. Paz.

Local rock musicians hit it big, but don't lose values

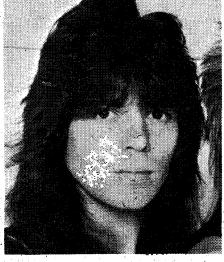
Special to the Voice

Mention hard rock music and it conjures up visions of leather, studs, tattoos and dirty words to middle America. However, that's not the case with Rudy Sarzo and Frankie Banali, two South Florida musicians who are on top of the music scene with a record that's gone "tripleplatinum" in sales.

Quiet Riot currently has the number one selling album in America, Mental Health. They have won the video contest on MTV (which services 16 million homes) for 8 weeks in a row, so far. They also have the highest charting debuting heavy metal (hard rock) song ever to make the record charts.

'It's a spiritual thing," Rudy says of his outlook. "I keep myself in the reality of what I am, who I am and what I'm here for.

"If anything, I'd like to affect people in a positive way. If kids look up





Rudy Sarzo (left) and Frankie Banali are Miami natives who've "made it" as members of the rock group "Quiet Riot."

to me. I want them to look beyond me and not stop at me."

Frankie and Rudy still call home every week, according to their parents

who participate in local parishes but did not want to be identified, since the boys' notoriety can bring problems of privacy for the families here,

one of which still lives in Miami and the other in the Pompano Beach area. The parents also still talk to each other by phone regularly.

Frankie and Rudy began playing in teen bands in Miami when they attended high school and college. They went on playing in local clubs in the area. They left Florida when disco music made it difficult for musicians to earn a living.

They went to Los Angeles via New Jersey and joined Quiet Riot. The band became known for quality musicianship when international touring bands began picking their replacements from its ranks. Finally, Rudy, who had left, returned from touring to strengthen Quiet Riot. With the release of their album Mental Health and with the hit single Cum Feel The Noize, the rest is history two big rock stars who still have their values together.

RCIA: An (old) new way



Dating back to ancient rites, Confirmation signifies the unity of the Paschal Mystery, the relationship between the mission of Christ and the celebration of the sacraments by which the Son and Spirit come with the Father upon those who are baptised. (Voice photo).

By Betsy Kennedy Voice Staff Writer

Why do a Baptist, a former Buddhist and an unbaptised Catholic meet each week at St. James Church in North Miami?

They are among dozens of others who are sharing a faith journey called the Rite of Christian Initiation — a process which is injecting new lifeblood into parish communities throughout the Archdiocese.

The purpose of the RCIA is to bring together interested adults in a series of classes to prepare them for reception into baptism, comfirmation and holy communion, according to their individual needs. In most parishes, it begins in September and culminates with the Vigil Mass on Easter where the neophytes receive the sacraments in a ceremony marked by solemn joy.

Formidable task

The RCIA concept of initiation for unbaptised adults dates back to the second century, when the early Christians had the formidable task of converting Pagans who knew nothing about Christ and were reluctant to give up their sinful lifestyles for a Christian one of discipline and abstinence. In fact, the list of vices and virtues which Christ spoke of in his Sermon on the Mount are said to be the basis for the first Christian initiation process. Over the years, the RCIA has gone through many transformations, the latest of which was wrought by Vatican II, where it was streamlined into a highly adaptable document for the individual diocese

"I can adapt the rites for those who need Confirmation and Communion. I can change the prayers accordingly. It doesn't have to be a rigidly followed document anymore — it serves as a model," said Fr. Michael Driscoll, O. Carm., of St. Joan of Arc in Boca Raton.

"This is an ongoing process of restoration...it strengthens and unifies our parish," said Deacon Tom Gato, of St. James, who is among the many clergy who conduct

A faith journey

By Betsy Kennedy Voice Staff Writer

With pride lighting up her face like sunshine, Dawn McGinley remembers when she took her first Holy Communion on Christmas Day, 1983.

"It was a great moment in my life, a triumph. I knew my search for God had finally ended — I had found him."

When Dawn was a child growing up in Thailand, she had always been curious about God. She was already acquainted with Buddha, because her parents had instructed her well in their Buddhist faith. Still, she wondered who was the mystical being that had down-to-earth love yet presided in heaven?

"My aunt was an outcast because she was a Catholic. Yet I always wanted to learn more about it. She showed me a picture of Mary, and I wanted to know who that wonderful-looking lady was."

Thus began the faith journey which would span thousands of miles to American soil and

American ways, and bring Dawn to the Rite of Christian Initiation class at St. James Parish in Miami with other pilgrims of the soul.

In 1969 while working at The Air Force Base in Thailand, she met a soldier in the Army. He found her

"It didn't feel right. I wanted to be ready."

Her new land seemed a, "cold and icy place." The people around her also posed a puzzle to a young woman who had never been allowed to socialize or even receive a letter

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equally charming as she drilled him with questions about his Catholic faith.

Dawn came to the United States as Michael McGinley's wife. "He wanted our child to be baptised Catholic. He wanted our marriage to be blessed by a priest."

Dawn complied with her husand's wishes and became a Catholic in 1972. At first it was not meaningful for her. She attended Mass but refused Holy Communion because,

from a man.

"How you live shows what you believe. I didn't understand how Christians could talk about their faith and live something different."

The Ten Commandments for Buddhists are similar to the Bible's Ten Commandments, according to Dawn. There is no lying, stealing or murder allowed. Buddhists are also not allowed to drink or gamble.

As Dawn struggled with her faith, the laws of the Church at times

seemed disconcerting to her.

"I couldn't see why we had to have Communion and Mass each week. I had questions."

Dawn began attending St. James. In the mornings she went to Mass to "relax and pray."

She began chatting with the priests.

"In Thailand, monks won't talk to people. And the prayers are hard to understand, like the old Latin chants of the Catholic Church."

Soon Dawn found herself, "growing closer to God and learning how to praise him."

Her natural curiosity led her to the RCIA program and she experienced genuine excitement about her faith. Sharing it with the others in the class was an experience that helped her vanquish her feelings of alienation as a foreigner.

Now when her husband Michael comes home from work in the evenings she says she is often, "filled with joy over my faith. I want to share the excitement with him."

v of welcoming believers

RCIA classes each year.

At St. James, one of several parishes mid-way into the initiation program, there are seven Catholics who joined in order to enhance their knowledge of their faith, two who were not "fully in the sacraments," two who have never been confirmed and seven Christians from other faiths who are converting to Catholicism.

Step by step

The actual initiation process can be explained in four phases of preparedness:

First is the pre-catechumenate phase, in which participants hear the preaching of the gospel and allow the Church to evangelize them. The second is set aside for learning the fundamentals of the spiritual life, making a public declaration of their intention and learning to pray and witness to the faith.

Third coincides with Lent and is the period of enlightenment and purification. During this vital time, the candidates further prepare their minds and spirits for their union with the faith, through prayer, contemplation and participation in a series of "scrutinies" during Sunday Mass. In the scrutinies, candidates experience a twofold discovery period — they learn what is sinful about them and also what is upright and holy.

During the fourth and the final phase, a Mass on the Vigil of Easter, those coming from other Christian communities commit themselves by a statement of faith. The unbaptised receive the rite of baptism. The newly baptised then join others who are already baptised. The entire group, robed in white gowns, come up for confirmation and communion before the priest.

Living the gospel

The Catechumens, as they are called, take this faith journey step by step, encouraged and led by a member of the clergy and an individual sponsor from the parish—usually someone who has completed his or her own RCIA course. It is this

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bonding among newcomers and devoted parishioners that strengthens the parish, said Deacon Gato.

"We are going to try and add to our reserve of sponsors — it really is our only weak point," added Fr. Driscoll.

Fernando Barrueta, a lay leader (or animator) of an RCIA class underway at St. John the Apostle in Hialeah, explained why he felt the need to evangelize and help others successfully complete the RCIA program

Christ said, 'a little child shall lead them,' and that is what happened to me. When my 5-year-old daughter started at St. John the Apostole School she persuaded me to return to Mass after a 20 year-absence."

From there Barrueta's involvement flowered. He immersed himself in Church activities and grew interested in charismatic renewal and together with Fr. Alfonso Esteve, Teresa Mora and Adelina Pastrana, he helps 6 initiates in RCIA.

"It makes me realize we are living the gospel — and not on some distant cloud, but right here on earth."

Among the class participants is a Spanish-speaking young man who

can barely read or write in any language, said Barrueta. Despite his handicap, his faith makes a visible statement for all to see.

"He is so persistent. He never misses a Saturday class. And when I am down and feel like skipping out, I come anyway because of people like him."

Barrueta's wife is also enrolled in the class because she never received confirmation. At Easter, she will join others in the ceremonies. Barrueta said she is ecstatic over what she has learned about the faith and finds the RCIA, "illuminating."

Share the light

Bob Lane, who is enrolled in the classes at St. James, was raised a conservative Baptist, although faith never became an integral part of his daily life. During a recent class he confided in the rest of his group as to why he desires to convert.

"I feel more Christ-like than I ever have before in my life. Through my wife, my daughter and her husband, I started attending St. James. Gradually I fell in love with the faith...I'm still growing spiritually but I know I'm going to make it."

Deacon Gato explained that many of the candidates have already engaged themselves in an active Christian life in the parish, before they receive the final rite. Last year's graduates became members of the choir, enrolled in men's and women's clubs and joined bible studies.

"We don't leave them in the lurch after they have joined us," asserted Fr. Driscoll.

"We ask those who are already baptized to pray for those who aren't during Lent. We ask the parishioners to help catechumens feel at home. For example, last year, a sponsor helped two elderly people find their niche in a senior's club."

"The final challenge after the initiation process can be summed up by what I tell all of them," said Deacon Gato.

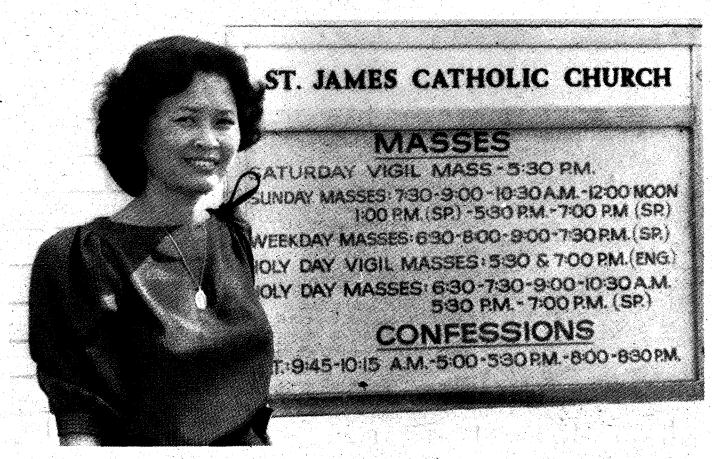
"Now that you have received the gift of faith, share the light of Christ with others."

Through RCIA, Dawn believes she is learning to live her faith in an intimate, comfortable manner with God.

"I do love God dearly. We should give thanks and praise. That is what I tell our 6-year-old son Christopher. I want to share the faith with him too."

Like a bad dream that is forgotten in the morning, Dawn can barely remember the days in Thailand when she spent many lonely hours praying alone in the Temple. But she has a great deal of respect for her parents and the culture that "taught me who I am."

At Easter, Dawn will be confirmed as a Catholic, another event she is looking forward to as a symbol of her renewed love for the Church. Although she is shy and finds it painful to speak before groups of people, she likes talking to her fellow Christians at the RCIA group who have struggled along with her through fears and misgivings. She wishes them the same joy she found at the end of her journey.



The RCIA class at St. James Church helped Dawn McGinley become more mature spiritually. The former Buddhist says she now feels "comfortable with God." (Voice photo by Betsy Kennedy).

Matter of Opinion

What is honor in the schools?

Consider the case of Arlene Pfeiffer, age 17.

She is the girl, as you may have read, who was kicked out of the National Honor Society in Marion Center, Pa., after she became pregnant and had a baby out of wedlock.

She had been a high-profile leader in the public school she attended, class president, student council president, Honor Society member. She appealed her expulsion but the school board upheld it and now she is appealing to the Human Relations Commission.

The case is rife with possible moral and social implications, some of which are difficult to sort out, especially in a public school situation.

The school's position is that the Honor Society membership demands leadership and character. Arlene's position is that the board can not make a judgment against her based solely on what happened.

Columnist Ellen Goodman opines at length about the "hypocrisy" of the school, considering that theoretically about a third of 16-year-old girls are sexually active and that Arlene's character-flaw in the eyes of the school is that she got caught and that she did not elect to quietly have an abortion. Instead she is keeping the baby, now five months old.

What do we make of all this?

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Certainly, as Catholics, we applaud the fact that, having gotten pregnant, she did not abort the baby. We might even consider it a character strength that she bore the pregnancy under difficult circumstances and intends to mother her baby, assuming she is doing this for responsible motives.

Yet, the school board did find itself in a tough spot, once the issue was raised concerning a pregnant teenager in an organization that symbolizes leadership and character and is supposed to

represent what other youths should aspire to.

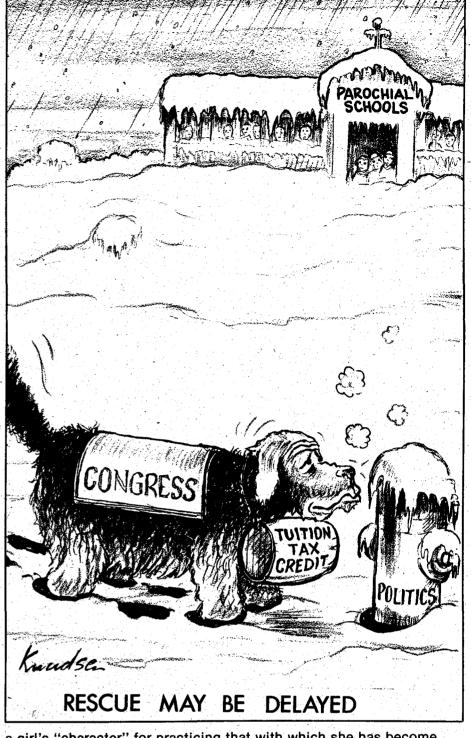
We would not attempt to comment on the correctness of the school's decision in this particular case, because there are nuances that we do not know at this distance concerning. Arlene's attitude and relation to other students. Did she flaunt what happened or openly express to other students acceptance of sexual activity and risk-taking at such an early age, thus giving poor leadership example? Or was her attitude more one of "I made a mistake and now I'm dealing with it the best way I can"? One mistake should not necessarily exempt her from an elite honor she has otherwise earned.

But the real point we are leading up to, during this national Catholic Schools Week, is that there is a larger and undeniable hypocrisy that looms over the whole situation described above.

How can a school system punish a student for doing something which the school system itself practically encourages,

or at the minimum, accedes to in moral silence?

The public schools, caught in the grip of secularism and a kind of court-ordered moral neutrality, teach the students all about their bodies' sexuality, about how pregnancy occurs, birth control techniques, abortion and the risks of V.D., but in no way suggest a moral dimension to any of it. How, then, can a school question



a girl's "character" for practicing that with which she has become so familiar in a morally neutral atmosphere?

It is exactly this dilemma the school board is horned on when it begins to make character judgments that must be extracted from a sexual ethic of the "practical" and "responsible" in the aridity of secular thinking.

Catholic and other legitimate private schools are not saddled with this problem.

As one Catholic school system proclaimed, "In God we trust... and teach."

Letters to the Editor

Peace propaganda

This Week's Voice newspaper is filled with wonderful political propaganda from our Miami Archdiocese. The "peace movement" is blatantly a George Orwellian terminology misword if ever one was concocted. Other political nonsenses are found at Barry University where our 'Catholic' University awards pro-abortionist not unknowingly.

Where is the Catholic faith? Where are our Catholic standards? I honestly do not believe the majority of South Florida Catholics are being fairly represented by peace posters donated by the Cuban Communist Party paid for by the American capitalist Catholic, supported by the Archdiocese of Miami. God help us.

Elizabeth Christle Lake Park

CBN-TV pulls Catholics away

To the Editor

Reference the Jan. 13, Letter to the Editor "Christian TV brought her back."

Only by the grace of God does someone draw closer to the Catholic Church by watching CBN, etc. Thousands of Catholics have aban-

doned their faith by watching these programs, believing all their false teachings!

I was almost one of them. When CBN attributes prayers for healings (most of which are simple problems like sore throats, boils, warts & muscle pain) to a great miracle of God—then it's time to wonder. Would it not be more compassionate to pray for the cure of the children suffering and dying of cancer?

When Pat Robertson (CBN) attributes to prayers someone receiving \$20,000 a great miracle of God (with all the horrors in the world today) then it's time to wonder.

If Jesus Christ establishes a church, he wants ALL that he teaches to be believed. Truth is one, not many! It all boils to this: Are we to believe Jesus Christ or Pat Robertson, Jimmy Swaggert, etc.?

Dear God, doesn't it break the hearts of Catholics when some preachers blantantly despite and mock the Eucharist and all of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ? It does mine. Jesus said, "Hear the Church" and those who do not, he places on the level of the Heathen and Publican. St. Paul's Epistle said, "those who are unlearned in the scriptures are led to their own destruction."

Since all Preachers differ — they are clearly teaching what is false. Yet, all claim that God spoke to their hearts! It doesn't take a great brain to realize- God does not deliberately cause confusion and contradictions. To believe so would be blasphemy!

All Catholics must be very cautious when watching these preachers. It's people's souls they are tampering with. No one must judge, but Catholics must defend the truth!

If the Roman Catholic Church claims to be the one, only, true Church of God — then every Christian owes it to God and himself to thoroughly investigate these claims for himself, the proof and truths are all there. Where is the excuse for not doing so?

How in all honesty can anyone call the (man made) denominational differences petty?

How in heaven's name can anyone who takes just one look at the crucifix believe our Lord and Savior to be mean, cruel and pitiless? May God help us all!!

God bless you,

Mary Ann Valicenti Port St. Lucie

(P.S. The Voice continues in it's excellence!)

Baby different after it's born?

To the Editor:

I read an article on Mrs. Irene Abella in *The Miami Herald's* Tropic Magazine Sunday Jan. 22 and on her 25 years-to-life prison sentence for allegedly killing her daughter's newborn baby because she didn't want her daughter to give birth to an illegitimate child.

As I read the article I began to have sympathy for her but I was disappointed to read at the end of the article that both she and her husband would have considered an abortion had they known their daughter was pregnant.

I'm not going to pass judgment on Irene Abella. I'm not going to comment on whether she deserves her prison sentence or not. I would just like to ask a question. What is the difference between killing a child moments after birth or moments before birth, through abortion? Is it not the same baby, the same life?

Isn't the only difference, the difference in address? One is within the Mother's womb and one is without.

I don't wish harm on anybody. I will pray for Mrs. Abello and her family and I ask all you readers to pray that more people will see abortion for what it really is.

Father Patrick Organ, Marco Island

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Masses and younger children

Holding the interest of younger children at regular Sunday Eucharists has been a constant concern for parents and parish leaders over the years.

The youngsters often either say they are bored or grow restless or complain about understanding little of what is being said and done before them in the sanctuary.

In the excellent Vatican "Directory for Masses with Children," its authors propose many practical suggestions for dealing with this challenge. One possibility the document suggests is a distinct liturgy of the word for the young participants. The text reads:

"Sometimes, moreover, it will perhaps be appropriate, if the physical arrangements and the circumstances of the community permit, to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate area that is not too far removed. Then, before the eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile been celebrating

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN



relatively high percentage of older folk and thus a proportionately smaller number of young children.

The religious education classes normally have been held after the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist. At the beginning of this year, the catechists mentioned to their pastor, Monsignor John Zeder, that they would be willing to lead a monthly special liturgy of the word for the grades K-6 children if he could help them get started. He agreed to the request and their subsequent joint planning developed the following system:

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their own liturgy of the word." Article 17.

TWO PARISHES of our own diocese, one in a small rural village and the other in center city, have this year found that separate word service for little children quite effective and well received by both parents and youngsters.

St. Malachy's Church in Sherburne, New York is a faith community of about 250 families with a

About 50-60 youngsters assemble in a circle downstairs for the beginning of the Mass with the 6 teachers. Since this is a one priest parish, the pastor cannot be present, but must preside at the liturgy in the church. One of the catechists therefore leads in a penitential rite adapted to the children's level and recites the opening prayer. The word proclamation (done by the children) in-

cludes the gospel, one other reading-normally, but not necessarily scriptural, and a simplified or adjusted responsorial psalm.

INSTEAD OF a homily, they break into groups of 10 for discussion on a prepared question. Children of different age levels are mixed together to facilitate a kind of family style sharing among young and old.

Around 25 minutes after the Mass has begun, leaders conclude the discussion and guide the children upstairs where they join their families for the profession of faith (the Apostles Creed at this monthly Mass) and the rest of the Mass.

Our Lady of Solace Church is in the center city of Syracuse with around 400 registered units. About 20 children ages 4-10 in the preschool to third or fourth grade level participate in their own liturgy of the word held every week at one Mass.

They gather in church and, after the opening prayer and a directive from the commentator, walk or more likely race with big smiles to their downstairs special word celebration. Catechists divide them into two groups where their instruction/discussion evolves around the scriptural texts for that Sunday, but with creative developments suggested by some useful commercial religious education workbooks.

THE CHILDREN rejoin their families after the general intercessions or prayer of the faithful.

A few parents at Our Lady of Solace expressed concern to the pastor, Father Edward Hayes, at the beginning and wondered if this separate liturgy of the word was to be merely a play or entertainment period for their offspring. When they witnessed both its content and its impact upon the children, that initial reluctance was replaced by enthusiastic approval.

The fighting 69th's man

It is coming near Valentine's Day. Maybe the custom has changed, my recollection is a quarter of a century old, but when I think of Valentine's Day, I remember St. Mary's parish in Taylor, Texas. Valentine's Day was a big event, a King and Queen of Hearts chosen, there was a parish dinner.

I've thought about and talked about Taylor often through the years with one of my favorite priests, who was born in Taylor and began his schooling at St. Mary's. I'm thinking about Taylor again because that priest friend of mine, Father Jim Conroy, died just before Christmas.

Back when Our Sunday Visitor came as a familiar friend, Father James Conroy was one of those who had a personal relationship with the millions of Catholics who read the paper each week. He was the youth editor and there must be many who read this who once were members of Father Conroy's Fighting 69th.

position right after World War II, saw there were many pressures on young people, pressures against purity, pressures to use obscenities and blasphemies. So he called on young people to battle against those pressures, to join together in what he called the Fighting 69th.

There were more than half a million teenagers who became members of the Fighting 69th, through the years there were probably two or three million teenagers who were proud to call themselves members of the Fighting 69th.



BY DALE FRANCIS

No one who met Father Conroy ever forgot him. Straight-backed, slim, square-jawed, he had a smile that took charge of his face. Today when some modern males get hungup on something they call macho, Father Conroy was what macho only play-acts at being—a man's man.

Wherever he was stationed, he became the friend of policemen and firemen. He was their chosen chaplain, the man who went on fire runs and police calls. He told me once that Saturday nights were most important for there were often serious accident and a priest was needed.

As befitted a man born in Texas, he loved horses. It was his only luxury. He kept a horse on a farm, liked to go out to ride. He rode easily and well. He was not just a sports fan but he had friends in big league baseball and pro football.

Once, on newspaper assignment, Father Conroy went on a cruise with the Sixth Fleet. He wasn't, of course, the only newspaperman who ever covered a Navy cruise but you learn something about Father Conroy from the aftermath of that. From that time on he didn't just adopt the Navy,

the Navy adopted him. High-ranking naval officers would phone him, invite him to special ceremonies. Just no one forgot Father Conroy.

He had a great devotion to St. Maria Goretti, wrote about her, wrote a novena of prayers. In Italy he visited members of her family and people who had known her. In the last year he had problems with his leg and foot and was not able to celebrate Mass for the people. But on the last feast day of Maria Goretti, I was privileged to be there when he made his way painfully to the pulpit and gave a beautiful homily about a young girl he came to feel he knew.

HE WAS A fierce battler for right to life, against legalized abortion. He continued that as long as he lived. He was a member of the OSV staff for 21 years, editor of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan paper for 11 years more. But when he stopped being an editor he continued to write, in the letters columns of daily papers and Catholic papers. He had no problem with Vatican II but he felt something of belief and devotion was being lost and he didn't hesitate to write about that.

A couple of days before his death, he was feeling better, walking on his leg again. The heart attack that took his life came unexpectedly. He'll love Heaven but he'll be missed by so many here. At the Mass at the Cathedral there was much blue of policemen and firemen. No one who met him ever forgot Father Jim Conroy.

(Dale Francis is a nationally Syndicated columnist).

TIME CAPSULES



The republic of heaven

James Madison was our shortest and lightest President. He was 5'4" and weighed 100 lbs. His cousin, Bishop John Madison was very democratic. He proposed changing the words in all the prayer books from the Kingdom of Heaven to the Republic of Heaven.

Whisky was first produced in Ireland. St. Patrick is supposed to have been the teacher who showed the Irish how to make "usquebaugh." Usquebaugh was a gaelic word meaning "water of life." Through the years it became shortened to "oushki" from which we get the word "whisky."

As he lay dying, Alexander the Great informed those attending his deathbed, that "I die by the help of too many physicians."

The baby Jane Doe case

One of the most talked about people in 1983 was Baby Jane Doe who was transferred to University Hospital at Stony Brook, N.Y., shortly after being born with a hole in her spine and fluid on her brain.

She was catapulted to national prominence when she became the central figure in a controversy that led the federal government to file suit to force a hospital to surrender its medical records on an individual patient.

The federal action followed the parents' painful decision not to have an operation to close the hole in their daughter's spine after the doctors presented them with an



BY ANTOINETTE BOSCO

unpleasant scenario: The baby might live 20 years with the surgery, but in a bedridden, paralyzed condition. Without surgery, she'd probably live about two years.

The government stepped in to determine whether Baby Jane Doe was discriminated against because she is handicapped.

The case is of high interest to me not only because I feel pain for both the parents and the baby, but because I worked for a long time at Stony Brook. I wrote most of the information about the philosophy and architecture of the place for years.

The hospital was planned by Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, now of Georgetown Medical School.

He is a leading proponent of humanities in medicine. The center was designed to be a humane place, where every patient would be treated not as a case but as a fully human person.

It is enormously ironic to me that the first time the federal government gets involved in questioning the civil rights of a patient it should be at Stony Brook.

In following the case I wonder just what justice is in this case? Surely, it presents some searing issues.

Is the government intervening in a truly private tragedy? Is it saying society has a right not to just guarantee life but also to demand heroic sacrifices, emotional and financial, from others?

Should medical treatment decisions be based upon the degree to which a child is expected to be disabled? Do we as a society want to assume the responsibility for drawing such a line?

And what is the religious position here? The parents are Catholic and say they were advised by clergy. The church's position since the reign of Pius XII has been that no one has to resort to "extraordinary measures" to preserve life. Would the operation in this case be considered "extraordinary?"

'Should medical decisions be based upon the degree to which a child is expected to be disabled?'

Obviously this is one of those tragic situations where ethical positions bump head on, reminding us that this is not a perfect world.

Personally I would not be able to take a passive role in medical treatment if this were my child. But neither would I make any judgment of the parents in this case.

And yet, last week, I had a new insight into the matter. I interviewed Paige, 13, born with spina bifida but not with fluid on the brain. She is grateful that her parents chose to have the operation and give her a chance for life. She is living proof that the gloomy medical scenario doesn't always happen. She's bright, goes to school, rides a horse and a bicycle.

She has a strong opinion on the operation and told me, the child "should have the operation. It's not fair for someone else to decide you shouldn't live longer."

Equality in God's eyes

There are those who still think of the "spiritual life" as a special term given to prayer and contemplation. All the time spent in earning a living, cleaning the house, raising the kids, cooking, traveling, eating, is regarded as wasted.

But all of life can be fused into one simple offering once our basic purpose is clarified. "For what purpose do I ex-



BY FR. JOHN CATOIR

ist?"— that is the question. God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. We exist to allow our Maker to fulfill His will in us. For the Christian, human nature is the musical instrument and Jesus Christ is the piper.

'There are very few perfect instruments in the world but it doesn't matter. Jesus has said, "I am the way."

Although our nature is the material we all share in common, and although we each have the same purpose of knowing and loving God, "we do not all achieve that purpose in the same way or through the same experience; in fact, no two people have exactly the same experience of God. There seem to be rules of love like rules of music, but within them each soul has her secret — with God."

Caryll Houselander, writing in "The Reed of God," explores the question of inequality in this regard. "It is a

great mistake to suppose that those who have inherited the material for their life from suffering generations, and who have poor health and a timid approach, or some vice or weakness, have not been designed and planned by God as much as others who seem luckier in the world's eyes." She's right, God is not limited by our unworthiness.

There are very few perfect instruments in the world, but it doesn't matter. Jesus has said, "I am the Way." He wills to live in lives of suffering and darkness in ways beyond our understanding. Even with a defective flute, He can play extraordinary music. He can take the most unlikely person and create miracles of love.

We live in an age which worships the young, the beautiful, the aggressive, and the successful. But Jesus does not restrict Himself to such types. He can use the weak and the wounded just as easily as He used the putrefied body of Lazarus to show forth the glory of God. Trust Him. Focus on His power and forget your weakness. He will glorify the Father in you and through you, just as you are.



"You start cooking . . . I'll drive."

A change for the better

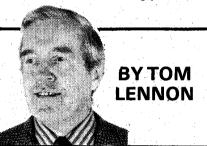
Q. How can I change my personality so others like me? I don't know how to do this. (Florida).

A. A short, blunt prescription would be this: Check out the qualities you most like in other classmates and then strive to develop those qualities in yourself.

This prescription, however, has pitfalls. You may admire Jeff's ability to make wisecracks and get laughs. Some of us, though, simply do not have glib tongues or a highly developed sense of humor. We can never be clones of Jeff.

Besides, the ability to make with the wisecracks is not the greatest personality trait in the world.

You also may admire Mary Jo's ability to manipulate people and make her influence strongly felt. You



think of her as almost powerful, and you too would like to exert some power.

But do you really admire a person who uses other people and is, to tell the truth, power hungry? For just how long do you think you would enjoy having Mary Jo manipulate you?

Perhaps it's time to look closely at your classmates and try to determine who are the likeable ones on a long-term basis. Then try to figure out what qualities make them permanently likeable.

You are likely to find some of these traits in their personality: a caring attitude, a giving spirit, consistency in their dealings with others, gentleness, a desire to stand by a friend who is in trouble. What other qualities can you identify in those classmates?

But the tough answer to your question is: One changes slowly and with much effort.

And I should add that tending your personality is the work of a lifetime. Years from now harsh events may cause bitterness or hatred or selfishness to pop up in your personality.

Then you'll have to work at overcoming these negative traits. For now, you need to begin cultivating gradually and on a day-to-day basis the qualities you want to have.

You can begin with a gesture as small as a smile and sincere, encouraging words. Little by little and with increasing frequency build up to larger gestures of generosity.

So with other trafts. Begin with small efforts and build up to king-size deeds.

Failures are likely to occur and you'll have to pick yourself up and start over again.

At times you may feel helpless and hopeless and then you will know with certainty how necessary is the help of the Lord in improving your personality.

And at times you may find sure guidance in such biblical messages as this one: "Be humble, gentle and patient always. Show your love by being helpful to one another."

Send comments and questions to Tom Lennon, 1312 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

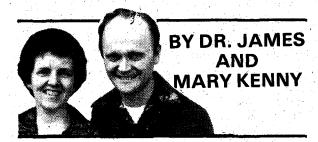
Family Life

Adolescent lies

Dear Mary: Often I find that I ask my adolescent children questions such as: "Have you done your homework?" "Have you cleaned your room?" They always say that they finished, but I know darn well they have not.

At times I think I almost set this up. Then I get a lie so the young person will look good in my eyes. What to do? — Maryland.

We all want to look good in the eyes of others.



We also want to stay out of trouble. How many employees voluntarily admit fault to their boss? How many politicians publicly take the blame for local or national ills? Adolescents are no different from the rest of us.

Many adolescents also have a compelling desire to be with their friends. When our adolescent daughter was doing a hurry-up, slipshod job recently, our older daughter, now in her 20s, commented: "I know just how she feels. I remember when I was 15 that getting out and being with my friends came before anything else in the world."

Does this mean that because adolescents behave like the rest of us and have certain desires that we overlook "lies" and failure of responsibility? Of course not.

Would you believe that there is a very easy way to deal with lying in adolescents—or others? There

Set up a situation in which there is no advantage to telling a lie. When telling the truth will get you in trouble and telling a lie will keep you out of trouble, there is a strong incentive to lie. Take away the incentive and you take away the need to lie.

You would like to ask your child whether the job is done, get a truthful answer, order him or her to complete the job and accomplish your purpose. But human beings don't work that way. Instead you get messy rooms, incomplete homework and lies.

To effectively change certain behavior in your adolescent, you must be willing to follow through until you succeed. What behavior is so important to you? Select only those changes which you are willing to work for. Immediately you should recognize that you cannot select too many. Is straightening a room the top priority? Is com-

pleting homework number one?

Define what standard is acceptable. Must your child clean his or her room once per week? Vacuum at certain intervals? Must he or she work one hour per night on homework? Or do you wish to go over every subject every night while your child explains what he or she is doing in that subject, what papers and projects are due during the semester and so forth?

Clearly some of these standards are reasonable and others are probably unworkable. Do not demand performance that you cannot monitor.

Once you decide on a reasonable standard, make it clear to your child what you expect. Cooperation will be better if you both agree that the standard is reasonable. Your child will be free of nagging because he or she knows what is expected. You will be freed from taking actions you later regret.

You already realize that you seem to set up the unfortunate confrontations. Now recognize that you have the power to change this pattern. Limit the demands you make to those you consider most important. Then stop asking your teens whether tasks are done. Check for yourself, then either reward or confronted them.

(Reader questions on family living or child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions: The Kennys; Box 872; St. Joseph's College; Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

Fearful parents vs. public schools

An issue is springing up in some states where fundamentalist parents are removing their children from school and educating them at home at the risk of arrest, fines and even imprisonment. So fearful are they of public school values, they take on the job of educating their own children just as the pioneers and homesteaders without schools did.

I confess to conflicting emotions about parents' rights in this thorny area of belief vs. education. If I were living in an isolated town in rural Utah, say, and my children were subjected to daily doses of Mormon attitudes toward Blacks, women, and Catholics, I'd be the first to collect my children from school and become their fulltime teacher at home.

BUT MY HUSBAND and I are teachers and that makes a difference. At that, our children would come out strong in English and social studies but abysmally poor in science and math. I suspect the same is true of most at-home parent teachers.

There is another side of me that speaks to society's responsibility to the education of its young. What if these parents decide that history is dangerous (as many do) and rewrite it to fit their beliefs? They could rear children to believe that Catholics or Muslims are the devil incarnate, that

BY DOLORES CURRAN



Hitler was really a nice guy, and that the American Indians deserve extinction.

These children would grow up to live alongside us, with their beliefs and attitudes. The issue of parents' right vs. state's rights come to the forefront in the education of our young. We know that attitudes instilled early in childhood are difficult to change in adulthood. My heart goes out to those fundamentalist parents who genuinely fear that their children will be corrupted by a liberal education. Children have a way of asking uncomfortable questions of parents when they run into other's interpretation of history and literature.

But I still believe we have the best system where our children learn from and with others while living at home with parents of conviction. We can offset threats to our value system by our own words and modeling. We can teach our children that they are going to bump into a lot of people in life who do not agree with our beliefs by remain-

ing true to our beliefs.

THE ALTERNATIVE is to imprison our children in the cocoons of our homes and churches, pretending they will never have to deal with other believers in adult life. At what point do we let them out? And what right do we have to inflict upon them a lifelong suspicion and hatred of others?

The answer, of course, is the American system—the schools are ours and if we don't like what they are, we must work to change them. We have the vote and the power. If we don't like what's being taught, we can change the school board who can change the administration who can change the courses and teachers.

I said I would remove my children from that Utah school but before I did that, I would exhaust every opportunity to call the school to accountability. I would call every time a teacher made a slurring remark. I would become that anathema of education—a meddling mother.

I wouldn't want to remove my children from learning and socializing with peers. I wouldn't want them to have but one teacher—me. There's too much to learn from others. But I would be and have been vigilant. Our children and our society are too valuable to relegate them to parental helplessness or apathy.

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Family Night

Opening prayer

Dear Lord, hear our prayers this evening for our missionaries in our country and foreign lands. Strengthen them to promote your love by providing material and spiritual goods to their people. Strengthen their faith and their dedication. Bless our family tonight and keep us mindful of your missionary call. Amen.

Activity time

Start your Family Night at dinner tonight with a missionary meal of rice, a little baked fish, hot tea.

Young Family

Where Missionaries Work. Materials: large poster board, book with a world map, crayons. Discuss together where missionaries may be living. Copy the world map on the poster and color in all the areas in the world where the family thinks missionaries go. At the top mark "Missionary Call." Share thoughts on

what kind of a person would become a missionary. Choose one missionary place in the world to pray for this week. Keep the poster in the eating area for the week.

Middle Years Family

Missionary Qualities. Materials: dictionary, paper, pens. Look up the word, "missionary" or "mission" in the dictionary. Share thoughts on what qualities a missionary needs. List seven on the paper. Do we need any of these qualities in our daily lives? Let each person answer the question: What would be the hardest thing for me if I were a missionary?

Adult Family

Scripture Time. Materials: Bible. Matthew 28:19 and then mark 16:15. Has any family member known a missionary in person? What was most special about him? Are we each a missionary also? Share thoughts.

For All

- 1. Evaluate the family budget and see if a portion could be given to the missions, more than the family is currently giving.
- 2. Families interested in missionaries may wish to subscribe to the Maryknoll Magazine for \$1.00 per year. Write to Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545.

Snack and entertainment

Banana Spree: Hold a race giving each family member a banana to peel

and then eat. The winner is to be awarded a homemade button entitled: "Bananas—People and Monkeys Love 'em,"

Sharing

- 1. Each share one thing he likes about himself.
- 2. Each share one place he would go if he could go anywhere in the world for free.
- 3. Someone share a time he felt especially proud of his family.

Closing prayer

—Suggested Prayer: Dearest Jesus, thank you for this Family Night. Thank you, too, for the love in our family. Bless all your families everywhere, Jesus, but especially those who are ministered to by missionaries. Amen.

Scriptural Insights Imitate the faith of St. Paul

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Mathew 5:13-16

Father James A. Black, who regularly writes this meditation on the readings of the Sunday liturgy, has returned to the hospital for a brief follow-up in treatment after his surgery in late December. He will return in two weeks.

BACKGROUND

The readings for next Sunday remind us that Christianity is a way-oflife firm in its foundation and bold in

The first reading from the writings of Isiah appears in a context urging fasting. The prophet advocates fasting not as ritual, or even sacrifice, but to help the hungry. He continued that God's people also should "shelter the oppressed and the homeless" and "clothe the naked."

St. Paul reminded his friends in Corinth that his message was not the



wisdom of the world — but the pro- Spirit. From that moment, God guidduct of God's own Spirit. In his con- ed Paul's life. Paul preached the version, Paul experienced the Holy word of God — a word distinct from human wisdom, and at times in conflict with it.

In the gospel, St. Matthew gathered three sayings, or logia, of Jesus to tell Christians what they must be in the world. The followers of the Lord are, in their homes, jobs and communities the "salt of the earth," "the light of the world," the "city set on a hill."

REFLECTION

Few passages in the Christian Scriptures are as dramatic as the story of the learned Paul's being swept from his horse and literally addressed by the Lord God is stuff enough for

The Scriptures do not describes Paul's expectation of what the Messiah would be before his conversion. But it is probably safe to assume that he longed for a deliver who would lead Israel away from oppres-

After that conversion, Paul willing-

ly preached Christ crucified Christ, the very victim of that oppres-

Paul was not led helplessly along the path to sainthood, however. He freely followed the Lord. He encouraged the life of the Spirit within him by his own humility in realizing that the Christian way was often not the wisdom of the world, and by his faith in the truth of his belief.

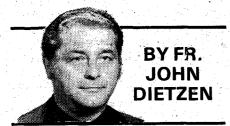
The centuries since St. Paul have more than confirmed that Christian and the wisdom of the world offer values that are often opposing. That is certainly so in this time of greed, hedonism, and violence.

All times have called for Christian practice that is bold — "a city set on the mountain."

To live that practice, and to keep the light of Christ bright within them, Christians today might imitate the humility and the strong faith of St.

Remember, deacons are clergy

Q. I am increasingly troubled by the laity's role in the distribution of the sacraments. I can understand lav ministers of the Eucharist sometimes, but I still felt that only ordained



priests could actually perform the sacramental liturgies.

You can appreciate my confusion when I opened our parish bulletin to read that a deacon would be doing baptisms on Sunday! This would be done in a parish while other priests were in residence.

What is the justification for this? (Massachusets)

A. The difficulty which you and other Catholics have with the role of deacons in our church is due more than anything else to not realizing where they fit into the traditional life of the church. It is essential to recall a couple of points of Catholic doctrine and apply them to your question.

First, deacons are not lay people; they are clergy.

The church believes, as it has from its early days, that there are three orders, or levels, in what we call the

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sacrament of holy orders — deacons. priests and bishops.

Sacramental responsibilities such as deacons have today, as well as major administrative responsibilities, were always held by deacons. This has been true even in recent centuries, when the only deacons most of us ever heard of were those preparing to go on to the priesthood.

Such deacons and the same ministerial "powers" that deacons have today in our parishes - to officiate at marriages, funerals and baptisms, to preach and perform other duties.

The exercise of these functions depends in most instances on the local bishop and on those the bishop has made responsible for the ministry in the parishes.

But, and this is the second point, the performance of these functions is in no way restricted to emergencies or extraordinary circumstances. An ordained deacon is as much the ordinary minister of these sacraments and services to the people as is a

As I indicated, our confusion arises from the fact that without the presence of such permanent deacons, we formerly assumed that all such functions could be performed only by a priest or bishop. Similarly, we forgot that one does not need to be an ordained priest — or deacon — to distribute Communion to one's

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A World View on the part of Everyone

More and more, the people of the U.S. are becoming nationalistic. As demonstrations against our Country increase overseas, as United Nations' votes grow critical of our policies, as greater demands are made on our economic resources, we are reacting. We want our soldiers brought home, our foreign aid cut, our Third World loans discontinued and our UN membership terminated. We just want to be left alone, to withdraw from the problems of the world to take care of our own. And we keep repeating the phrase "charity begins at home" to justify our shortsightedness and our selfishness.

But we cannot simply abandon our world family in this way. Christ, by becoming man, is united to every man, woman and child in the world. And so we are all united to each other, all sons and daughters of the same Father. When a man is unjustly treated, a woman deprived of medical care, or a child forced to go hungry, we must be concerned.

fellow Christians. though some Catholics forget, this is quite different from presiding as celebrant of the eucharistic liturgy.

I cannot stress too often or too urgently, to people like yourself who are obviously and sincerely interested in understanding, the immense value of a little serious reading of some church history.

Several excellent books, relatively brief and most readable, are available today which could give a better perspective, even if not always agreement, on what the church is doing in this part of the 20th century.

Q. Our pastor told us that if we are eucharistic ministers at a late Mass and go to an earlier Mass, we should go to Communion at both Masses. Is this in line with church regulations? (Kentucky)

A Yes. Communion twice, or even three times a day, under such circumstances when one is a minister of some sort at a Mass or attending a wedding or funeral, is difinitely in accord with regulations on reception of the Eucharist.

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Wednesday, Feb. 29 7:30pm. ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING OF RENEWAL \$12

Given by Rev. Sal Miraglia from Ascencion Parish March 7 6:00-10:00 pm (Supper-reservations).

New Series Beginning Sun. March 4 7:30 pm I.T.L.A.C. "Is There Life After the Catechism?" Adult Education Series During Lent Given by Cenacle Staff.

Entertainment

'Something about Amelia...'

Reader frets over incest film

A worried reader invested her own money to call me long-distance a couple of weeks ago. Did I know she wondered, that ABC was about to broadcast a movie concerning incest? What could she do about it, she asked; how could protest?

WE TALKED for a while, but I did not get her name. She was referring, of course, to ABC's made-for-TV movie, "Somthing About Amelia," which aired in prime time on Jan. 9. The movie starred Ted Danson (of "Cheers") as the father of two



daughters. The plot involved the older (13) child's revelation, to a school counselor, that her father had been having sex with her about once a week for two years.

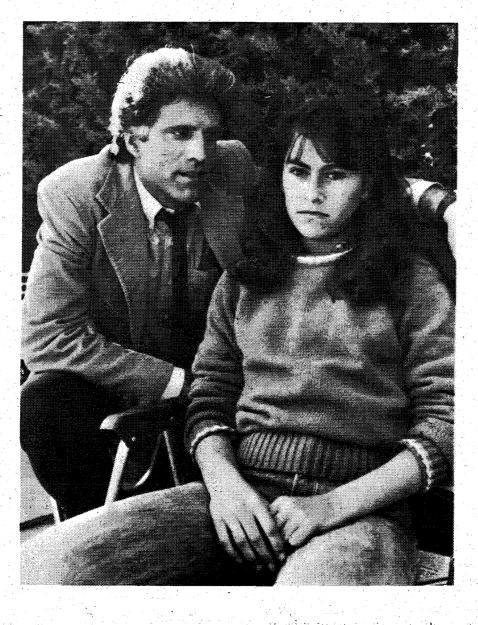
What followed was denial by the wife (played by Glenn Close), the realization that the child was telling the truth, the break-up of the family, the beginning of counseling and the possibility of healing.

Before the film aired, it received some attention (e.g. an article in Newsweek) and some commentators called its subject matter the final taboo which previously had not been treated at length in a TV program. (I could now name about 458 other taboos, but I don't want to give producers any hints.)

IN A PREVIEW commentary on the film, Michael Gallagher, who reviews movies and TV shows for the United States Catholic Conference's film office, rightly noted that "Something About Amelia" handled its topic carefully and maturely, and that it could help the victims of in-

There was nothing overt in the film; in fact, most of its two hours covered the period after the child's revelation, and we witnessed the damage such a sin and crime can wreak. It pulled no punches about the wrongness of incest or about where the guilt lay—with the father.

Why then did a reader call me shortly before the movie was shown to ask how she could complain about



Ted Danson plays the father with one horrifying flaw—he established an incestuous relationship with his 13-year-old daughter, played by Roxana Zal, in "Something About Amelia" which aired on Jan. 9 on ABC. The film broke what critics called 'TV's final taboo.'

it? The reason: she had heard Rev. Donald Wildmon of the National Federation for Decency talk about a network "trying to sneak a show about incest onto the air" as part of its effort to undermine public morality. The film, he said (or at least she understood him to say), would portray the father sympathetically.

So, upset and worried, the reader was speaking to me, trying to find out what she could do, promising to take down the names of sponsors so she could protest to them and vowing to phone the local ABC affiliate the day after the movie aired to complain.

I WONDER if she did all that. (If you are she, don't phone again. It's

too expensive. But how about 20 cents for a stamp to write me about your reaction to the movie?)

I tried to assure her that Rev. Wildmon had exaggerated slightly. I like what he tries to do, but I have always questioned his methods. He likes to use hyperbole, to build straw men and to create hysteria where none is warranted (if ever it is).

First, I said, ABC was not "sneaking" the movie on the air. It was well

publicized. Second, the treatment of the father was sympathetic toward his failings and weaknesses, not toward the horrible way he chose to act them out. Third, the movie was pro-family, helpful to those victimized by showing them there is hope and foursquare behind the righteous outrage against incest.

'It pulled no punches about the wrongness of incest or about where the guilt lay — with the father."

SUCH A FILM should not be protested, but the reader was not listening. My quotation, of Mr. Gallagher's column did not mollify her. She had her gun cocked and it had to be fired at someone.

The encounter demonstrates several points I have made before:

• Panic can easily brand a worthy program as worthless or vicious. Rumors, remember, nearly killed NBC's mini-series, "Jesus of Nazareth."

• That means that responsible people have to see a program before they criticize it. But that also means that it's too late for the general public. So they have to rely on reviewers they trust. I trust Mr. Gallagher; Rev. Wildmond has not earned that trust.

• The subject matter of a program does not automatically mean the program is bad. That a movie is about incest, abortion, atheism, adultery, nuclear war or whatever does not mean it's to be protested because it talks about something ugly.

• Concerned viewers, such as the women who phoned me, have little outlet for their concern. It's sad that she had to phone me to express her worry. It would be better if she had some more direct way of expressing herself.

READER, whoever you were, I admire your courage, commitment and willingness to act. But I think you were misled by Rev. Wildmon. Let me know.

'Lift your heart'

"Lift Your Heart," a half-hour program produced by Sacred Heart Program, Inc. will air on WIOD (AM-610) beginning Feb. 5th. at 5:30 a.m. on Sundays.

A fast-paced documentary that deals with a wide range of human a spiritual issues, the program is produced by one of the oldest and largest syndicators of Catholic radio and TV broadcasting. The Sacred heart Program shows are aired on more than 1,800 stations throughout the U.S. and around the world.

The first broadcast, "The Lady in Room 421" focuses on the 'myths' of growing old.

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, Feb. 6, 8-9 p.m. (PBS Channel 2) "The Old Man and the Gun," this program in the "Frontline" public Affairs series examines the conflict in Northern Ireland through the eyes of Irish Americans who support the IRA and its strategy of violence.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9-10:30 p.m. (PBS, Channel 2): In honor of "Black History Month,"

"American Playhouse" selected, "Nothing but a Man" a 1964 theatrical film on racial prejudice.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m. (CBS, Channel 4): Chariots of Fire," the acclaimed movie released in 1982, will make its TV debut. Highly recommended by USCC film critics, it was rated A-1, general patronage.

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING, DAYS: Feb. 11, St. Gregory, Plantation; Feb. 18, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Opa Locka; Mar. 3, St. Joseph, Stuart; Mar. 17, Corpus Christi, Miami (in Spanish); Mar. 24, Sacred Heart, Homestead. All workshops are on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Fee: \$5.00 per person payable in advance. Reservations required... deadline Wednesday before specified Training Day.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Feb. 21, St. Jerome, Ft. Lauderdale; Feb. 28, Christ the King, Perrine; Mar. 13, St. Dominic, Miami (in Spanish); Apr. 10, Holy Spirit, Lantana. All Evenings are on Tuesdays, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. No fee, but reservations are necessary.

*Checks may be made payable and mailed to: Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Miami, P.O. Box 328200, Miami, FL 33238-2000. For further information, phone 757-6241, Ext. 351 and speak with Mrs. Blank or Mrs. Vandenberg.

Seeking prayer petitions

"Call to me and I will answer you," Jer. 33:3.

The employees of the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center gather each Monday morning to pray for the intentions of you, our brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese. Petitions will be included in our individual daily prayers each week as well as during this special time of community prayer. We invite anyone with a prayer request to write (no phone calls, please) to us at this address: Prayer Petitions, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami FL 33138.

Lithuanian group goes to Rome

A group of Lithuanians from Miami are leaving for Rome Feb. 27 escorted by Father Vincent F. Andriuska, of Sts. Peter and Paul Church to celebrate together with Pope John Paul II the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir.

Silver, Golden wedding mass set

Our Archdiocesan Anniversary Masses honoring silver and golden wedding jubilarians, as well as those married over 50 years, are scheduled as follows: March 17, 1984 at 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's Cathedral, 7525 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33150, Celebrant: Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy; April 7, 1984 at 11:00 a.m., St. Vincent Ferrer, 740 Palm Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33444, Celebrant: Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.

Couples wishing to participate are requested to contact their own parish or the Family Enrichment Center, 651-0280, with their name, address, phone number, number of years married, and the Church at which they wish to attnd to receive their scroll.

Matilda P. Tyson, mother of priest

Matilda P. Tyson, 89, mother of Fr. Joseph V. Tyson, S.S.J., died on Jan. 26, at Holy Cross Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale. Mrs. Tyson and her late husband, Walter, retired to Coral Gables from Philadelphia in 1953. They resided in Coral Gables and were members of Little Flower Church. In 1960 they moved to Pompano Beach and became pioneer members of St. Elizabeth Parish.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in Philadelphia at St. Raymond's Church last Tuesday.

Mrs. Tyson is survived by four sons and two daughters, 26 grandchildren and 17 greatgrandchildren.

There will be a special Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church in Miami on Saturday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Tyson will greet former students from Curley High School and friends immediately following the Mass.

Remember them in your prayers

Feb. 1, 1981, Rev. John J. . Kellaghan

Feb. 2, 1963, Rev. Bernardo Martinez, O.S.A.

Feb. 2, 1977, Rev. Manuel Mendiola

Feb. 6, 1965, Rev. Noah E. Bruner

Feb. 27, 1967, Rev. Leo Kelly Feb. 29, 1976, Rev. Matthew Grehan



Celebration in ROME will be on Sunday, March 4 at St. Peter's Basilica. Bishops from many countries and Lithuanian priests from all over the world will concelebrate Mass with

Fr. Andriuska celeb

The pilgrimage will return March

Anyone wanting to join this pilgrimage please contact Father Vincent Andriuska at 858-2621.

Every Second Sunday of each month a Mass for all of the Lithuanians is offered with a homily in Lithuanian at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 900 S.W. 26th Rd. On national holidays women come to pray in their native costumes.

Patrician club honors Schroeder

The panoramic view from the Starlight Room at the top of the Doral Hotel on the Ocean will compete for attention with Fashions by Kyla's Boutique for those attending the Patrician Club's 30th Annual Fashion Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 9, at noon. There will be a social hour at 11:00 a.m. in the Promenade Lounge with music by Bill Flannigan. The popular Winged Victory Singers will also provide entertainment during the afternoon.

Tickets are \$20. For reservations and information, call Maureen Joseph, 576-4934 or Dolly Lowy, 866-4979.

Special honored guest will be Estelle Schroeder, Chairman of the first Fashion Luncheon and founder member of the 54-year-old Patrician Club. Mrs. Schroeder is a past-President of the Patrician Club and the Barry Univ. Auxiliary and a former Board member of the Marian Center.

Among those honoring Mrs. Schroeder will be Father James Murphy, Pastor, St. Patrick's Church; Alex Daoud, Vice Mayor and Commissioner, City Miami Beach, Sister Trinita, former President, Barry Univ.; and Mother Genevieve, also from Barry.

Sr. Mary Ambrose SSJ

A leading Florida educator, Sister Mary Ambrose, SSJ, 80, died in St. Augustine on Jan. 19 at Lourdes Hall. She was buried in St. Aguustine's San Lorenzo Cemetery Saturday, Jan. 21 after 8 a.m. funeral mass in the cathedral-basilica.

Educators from Miami, Jacksonville and Orlando, including Principal Ange Massaro of Bishop Moore High School joined Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine at the funeral.

She was a high school principal of St. Peter and Paul School, Miami, a principal of St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine, and taught high school

subjects in St. James School, Orlando (1928-30). She was also a teacher in St. Joseph School, Ybor City, Tampa; taught 17 years in Jacksonville schools, including 10 years at Bishop Kenny High School there; and 16 years in St. Augustine.

Since 1978, when she retired due to illness, she has resided at Lourdes Hall, keeping up with students by a wide correspondence.

Due to the construction underway at the motherhouse, the Sisters' wake was held Jan. 20 at Craig Funeral Home, and a public wake followed at 7 p.m.

Sister Mary Hamilton, O.S.F.

Sr. Mary Hamilton died Monday, Jan. 23, 1984 at Memorial Hospital, Tampa, Florida.

Daughter of the late Harry and Teresa (Joyce) Hamilton, formerly of Miami, Florida.

Received into the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse on Aug. 15, 1937.

For the first few years of her religious life, Sister Mary Hugh served as a cook in convents in Buffalo, Bronx, Niagara Falls and Port Jervis, New York. She then taught in schools of the Congregation for more than 20 years in Florida, New Jersey, and New York.

Sister is survived by a brother, Hugh Hamilton of Tampa, Florida and a sister, Loretta Roberts of Tavernier, Florida.

Wake at St. Elizabeth Mother-house on Wednesday, Jan. 25, with a Scripture Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, followed by interment at St. Bonaventure Cemetery, Allegany.

Sisters celebrate jubilees

On Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11:00 a.m. the Eucharistic Liturgy will be offered at St. Pius X Church in Fort Lauderdale to honor the Sisters of the Archdiocese who are celebrating their Silver or Golden Jubilee.

It's a Date

Meetings

The St. Andrew's of Coral Springs Chapter of Catholic Golden Age, the national association of Catholics 50 years of age and older, will hold their regular monthly meeting Feb. 15, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Towers, 990 NW 29th St. in Coral Springs.

Lay Carmelites meet on Sat. Feb. 4 at Villa Maria Nursing Home 1050 N.E. 125th St. North Miami at 2 p.m. Visitors welcome or phone 621-0967.

Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court Holy Spirit No. 1912 Pompano Beach will hold their Monthly Business Meeting on Feb. 10th, at 2 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Gardents, Pompano Beach, Fla. Anyone desiring to become a member or wish to transfer contact, 941-5546.

The Dominican Tertiaries of the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter, will hold their monthly

meeting, on Feb. 5, at Barry University in Thompson Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the meeting will be the recitation of the Rosary in the Cor Jesu Chapel which will begin at Noon and will be followed by Mass, and the Office.

Singles/divorced/widowed

The Catholic Alumni Club of South Florida, an organization of single, professional, Catholic adults from the ages of 21 to 39, will be holding a Gala Ball Valentines Leap Year Celebration at Biscayne College Center for Continuing education at 8 p.m. on Feb. 11. Non-members \$5 admission. Live DJ music for dancing. For further information call Mark Carroll at 667-6085.

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The San Pedro Men's club is sponsoring a communion luncheon with Hon. C. Clyde Atkins as the honored guest and speaker on Feb. 5 at noon at the IslaMorada Fishing Club Mile Marker 82. For tickets (\$10) call 852-5372.

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Joseph Hudak, brother of priest

Joseph Hudak, the brother of Fr. Cyril Hudak of St. Catherine parish, passed away after a long illness at the age of 67. A funeral Mass was held at Nativity Church in Hollywood and

burial was in Pennsylvania, the family's hometown.

Joseph Hudak was the oldest of 15 children. He is survived by his wife Ann and two sons,

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Thanks to St. Jude, Blessed Mother Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Anthony, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Infant Jesus of Prague, St. Lucy & St. Maxmillian Kolbe for prayers answered Publication promised K.M.V.

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Thank you God, Sacred Heart, Holy Spirit, St. Theresa for prayers answered. L.

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One life for our times

By Father David K. O'Rourke, O.P. NC News Service

The most extraordinary event in our human history took place in the most ordinary of circumstances. God became one of us by being born into a human family.

This mixing of the ordinary and extraordinary is one of the hallmarks of Christian living. I want to illustrate this mixing of the ordinary and extraordinary by looking at the life of a woman from our own era.

We will look at her life because it is so tied up with the outstanding events of our own century. Yet I suspect that as she went through life she did

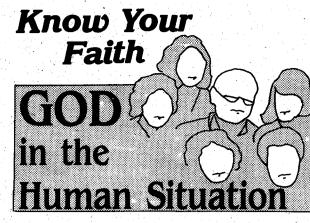
not find anything to make her stand out from life's other pilgrims and, eventually, its other victims

HER STORY sounds so modern. She was born into a religious Jewish family but became a non-believer in her youth. Later she became a recognized scholar, a Catholic, a refugee from Nazi persecution and finally a victim in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

Her name is Edith Stein.

Some say in future years Edith Stein may well be declared a saint. Without any doubt she typifies the complexities of our human path to God today.

Some say Edith Stein one day will be declared a saint. The Polish Jew became a non-believer in her youth. While teaching at Gottingen University she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, which set her on a path toward her Baptism at age 31, and eventually she entered a covent. When Hitler's army invaded Holland, she was arrested and returned to her native Poland to die in the Auschwitz gas chamber. (NC Photo)



Edith Stein was born in Poland in 1891. As she segrew up she separated herself from her family's religious roots and considered herself as not having any real faith or religion.

The great name in philosophical studies in Europe during the first part of the 20th century was Edmund Husserl. He was the chief proponent of a new philosophical system called phenomenology.

Many intellectuals were quite taken by Husserl's ideas because he was so interested in what was going on in the world, right here and now.

EDITH STEIN became his follower. Then, as she finished her university work, she became one of his assistants at Gottingen University — quite an accomplishment for a woman scholar at that — date.

But her religious interests were not quite as dead as she had thought. She began reading religious works, then came across the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila.

St. Teresa was a great mystic, a religious reformer and a leader of the renewal of the Catholic Church in Spain during the Reformation. This autobigraphy made the difference for Edith Stein. She felt called to the church and was baptized at the age of 31.

She became a teacher in a Dominican girls' school and also undertook an active intellectual ministry, writing and lecturing. Because of her great abilities she was called back to teach on the university level.

But her exposure to the life and writings of St. Teresa continued to play in her mind. She finally resolved the pull by entering St. Teresa's religious order, the Carmelites.

She would be known there as Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, though to the world at large she is still most often called Edith Stein.

AT THAT TIME Adolf Hitler had come to power in German. Soon he began his harassment and arrest of Jews. Edith Stein, now a Camelite nun, fled to a Carmelite convent in Holland, for her Polish Jewish origins made her a prime candidate for arrest.

For the moment she was safe. But then came the war and Hitler's invasion of Holland. With the occupation came the Nazi's anti-Semitic policies and the arrest and deportation of Jews.

The final act in Edith Stein's life is a painful memory for us. For this modern woman of prayer, who once wrote that all who seek truth seek God, was among the millions killed as Hitler tried to wipe out the Jews.

When the Nazis began their persecution of the Jews the Dutch bishops spoke out very clearly and forcefully. They wrote a pastoral letter condemning Nazi anti-Semitism. And promptly, to show the bishops who held the power in Holland, the Nazis rounded up the Dutch priests, nuns and religious who had any Jewish blood and sent them off to the gas chambers.

Edith Stein was taken from her Carmelite monastery and sent East, back to her native Poland, to Auschwitz. She died in a gas chamber, around Aug. 10, 1942: A victim among other countless victims, killed just like millions of others. And yet a tribute to the uniqueness of every person, even in our own day.

God of surprises

By Father John J. Castelot NC News Service

The ancient philosopher
Heraclitus once wrote: "Unless you
expect the unexpected, you will
never find truth."

Our thirst for truth is insatiable: It can be satisfied only by the possession of truth itself, and God is truth. As St. Augustine put it in an oft-quoted dictum: "Our hearts are restless, and they will know no rest until they find their rest in you."

All yearning for truth and love and fulfillment is at least the beginning of prayer. Unfortunately, people often frustrate themselves in this. They close off their horizons, deciding in advance that they will find truth in a certain idelogy or that they will find happiness in certain way.

THEY CLOSE their minds to the unexpected. As a result, they go through life frustrated, tantalized, impoverished, perhaps eventually bitter and despondent.

But God is a God of surprises. He is always faithful to himself, to truth and love, to his promises. But he often fulfills these promises in a most unexpected way. If we are not open to the unexpected, we miss the fulfillment and conclude that God

has been unfaithful.

People at the time of Jesus took God's promise of a Messiah very seriously. But they fashioned their own ideas of what that Messiah should be like. As a result, when he did come and didn't meet their expectations, they rejected him.

JOHN the Baptizer himself was caught completely by surprise. He apparently was expecting a stern, uncompromising Elijah-figure. Then, in prison, he heard of Jesus' ministry of compassion and forgiveness and healing. And John sent some of his disciples to ask: "Are you 'he who is to come' or are we to expect someone else?"

VICTIMS

From suffering rises prayer

By David Gibson NC News Service

To discover who experiences God today, it may be wise to search among those who were made victims — victims in concentration camps, for example. Author Lawrence Cunningham made that suggestion in a book titled "The Meaning of Saints."

What Cunningham says is interesting — and, some people might say, curious. After all, do we really want to learn about life from the world's victims? Aren't these people likely to be bitter and disillusioned by their plight? Won't their encounters with death and with life's darker side turn them off to life?

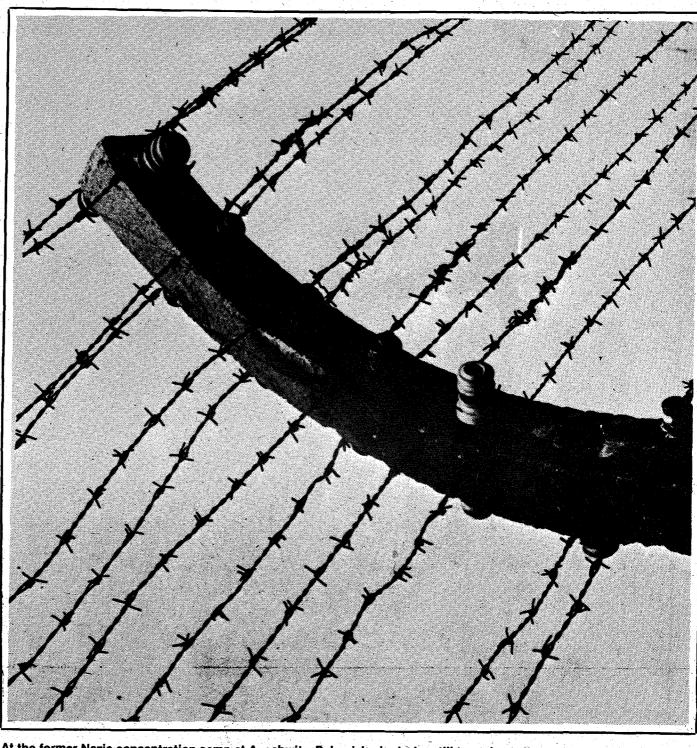
Similar questions would arise if we intended to look for people of prayer among victims of persecution and oppression. Some might say that people in such desperate straits have no choice but to pray — they have to pray. But what does their prayer have to do with anyone else, anyone not in such desperate circumstances?

A RABBI, speaking in a book by Elie Wiesel, offers an insight about this. Wiesel is a survivor of the Holocaust of World War II. He survived the sufferings of Auschwitz and Burchenwald, but his parents and a younger sister did not. Nor did 6 million other European Jews.

Wiesel survived, and lives now in the United States. He has published numerous books and novels that grow out of his experiences of the Holocaust. They probe the meaning of suffering, as well as the purpose of life in a world where anything as bad as the Holocaust could occur.

In Wisel's book "The Gates of the Forest," a rabbi teaches about suffering.

"A MAN who is put to the trial, he said, must give triple thanks to the Almighty: first for giving him strength to endure the trial, second for bringing the trial to an end, third for the trial itself. For suffering contains the secret of creation and its dimension of eternity; it can be pierced only from the inside. Suffering betters some people and



At the former Nazie concentration camp at Auschwitz, Poland, barbed wire still tops the walls as a grisly memorial to all who died there during World War II. (NC Photo)

transfigures others. At the end of suffering, of mystery, God awaits us. And at the beginning? It depends on man whether or not God is present at the beginning as well."

There is a mystery in the suffering that Wiesel and millions of Jews knew. Some will say the mystery is that all such victims have not turned forever away from God for allowing humanity to create such evil.

But it is also a mystery that, in seeing life and people and God from this condition of victimizations, people might be bettered and transfigured, as the rabbie says.

DIETRICH Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor who became a victim of the Nazis and finally was hanged for his role in the resistance movement during World War II. He wrote in his "Letters and Papers From Prison" that people ought to avoid thinking of suffering and blessing as mutually exclusive.

Suffering can be a way to freedom, he added. "In suffering, the deliverance consists in our hands."

In recent years, many warnings against overemphasizing suffering in Christian teaching have been heard. Many Christian scholars worried that overemphasis causes Christians to lose sight of the joy of their faith.

The scholars have warned too that the wrong sort of emphasis on suffering could cause Christians to lose sight of their responsibility to try to overcome the evils that cause suffering.

That's important. But the kind of insight that the rabbi had in "The Gates of the Forest," or that Bonhoeffer had, or that developed in St. Maximilian Kolbe — the priest who chose to give his life up for another man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz — does not reflect any love of suffering for its own sake.

Somehow, mysteriously, it reflects a new level of awareness. The prayer of such a person is not simply prayer borned of desperate straits. It developes when God is believed to be present by someone suffering the worst of circumstances.

In answering, Jesus points to his fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah and subtly challenges: "Blest is that man who finds no stumbling block in me" (Luke 7:19,23).

This challenge is now directed to Luke's readers: It asks, "Are you going to be scandalized because Jesus doesn't meet your personal expectations?"

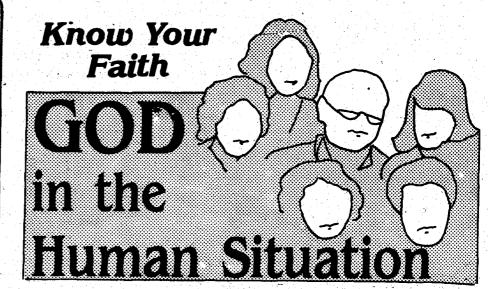
What about us? How does this biblical message address us?

WHO COULD possibly have dreamed that a carpenter's son, a nobody from nowhere, an executed criminal, condemned to a form of capital punishment reserved for slaves — who could have dreamed that this failure, this disgrace, was the Messiah, indeed the Son of God?

And Paul — here was a sincerely religious man, seeking God, serving the truth as he saw it. But he found both truth and God in a shattering revelation of the very Jesus he was persecuting. Talk about surprises!

Will we find God among those who are persecuted today?

Our yearning for goodness, truth, beauty, love, fulfillment is a prayer, conscious or unconscious. But it must never close itself off to the God of surprises.



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