

Apparitions in New York?

Brooklyn diocese statement condemns 'false' ideas

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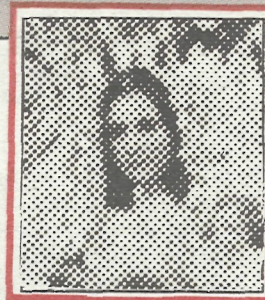
"I warn you now. You are approaching a terrible crisis...blood will flow on the streets soon. All those who wear their scapulars and rosaries will be saved, but all those who don't wear them will be lost..."

This chilling pronouncement and others like it can be heard every Sunday morning on a radio program in Miami. The forecaster is Veronica Lucken, a Catholic housewife from Queens, N.Y. Her claims that she has seen apparitions of the Blessed Mother and other saints have spawned a small but fiercely devoted band of followers who call themselves followers of "Our Lady of the Roses." These include about 100 followers in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Despite continuous disavowal of Lucken's claim of visions by the Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Diocese of Brooklyn, which first declared them not authentic in November 1970, the followers of Lucken insist that the apparitions

'There is a man who hides behind the mask ruling your country! ...He is the man who compromises your country for the love of power...Step down and reveal yourself...Oh, my goodness! The man behind the mask, Mr. Rockefeller'

—Veronica Leuken, 1975



and the so-called Bayside "messages" are real.

Lucken's heavenly hotline includes warnings of doom, poorly rhymed poems which were allegedly dictated by saints and above all else, a call for liturgical reform which appeals to conservative Catholics who disagree with the changes born of Vatican II.

On November 5, 1986, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn issued an official directive (see related article) which reiterated the position of the diocese that

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Pope's visit ups ABCD importance

By Prent Browning
Voice staff writer

The annual ABCD drive was launched last week at a gala dinner with the \$4.9 million goal taking on crucial importance because of the Pope's anticipated visit in September.

The Archbishop's Charities and Development drive is crucial to Archdiocese finances in any year, but

'You see, somewhere up in my head I know God loves me...But if you don't love me I can't experience it'

—Fr. Patrick O'Donnell

extra funds will be needed this year to handle the complex provisions needed for such a major event in the Archdiocese.

The importance of Catholics taking a leadership role in meeting community needs was also emphasized at this year's second ABCD dinner, Jan. 13 at the Bahia Mar Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. Fr. Patrick O'Donnell made a moving appeal for ABCD donors to inspire others to give to area charities through their own contributions.

Over 350 guests representing eight parishes in northeastern Broward County attended the dinner, the second of nine scheduled ABCD dinners in Dade, Broward and Monroe counties.

Fr. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Clement Church in Ft. Lauderdale and Broward priest coordinator, said, "We

have to reach out and help others to let people know that God loves them. You see, somewhere up in my head I know God loves me. But, you see, if you don't love me I can't experience it."

Also dominating the thoughts of speakers at the dinner was the anticipated visit of Pope John Paul II in September.

Marsha Whelan, Archdiocesan Director of Evangelization, spoke of the role of the Evangelization office in the Year of Reconciliation proclaimed by Archbishop McCarthy that leads up to the Pope's visit.

The evangelization office is working in conjunction with other Archdiocesan ministries, she said, to help those who are alienated because of divorce and remarriage become reconciled with the church.

The office is also involved in an evangelization training program for those participating in outreach on the parish level and monthly faith rallies aimed at the unchurched.

Other preparation for the Pope involves more mundane considerations, in particular the spending of money on needed facilities to serve the expected crowd at the papal Mass in South Dade.

Because of this the Archdiocese may need to raise more than its minimum goal of \$4.9 million.

Archbishop McCarthy said at the dinner that he anticipates a crowd of half a million people along the Pope's route. Since no money will be charged for those wishing to see the Pope, Archbishop McCarthy estimated that

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Supreme rights

Debbie Roberts and Marion Sabol, of St. Dominic parish in west Dade, join hundreds of others who "walked for life" last Saturday to mark the 14th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The walks, which raised funds for the Archdiocese's Respect Life programs, took place in seven locations in Dade and Broward. Among others who walked with Roberts and Sabol at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami were 12th and 11th-graders from Belen Jesuit and Lourdes Academy. The teens later flew to Washington, DC, and carried the lead banner in the national "March for Life." (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

Cdl. O'Connor tiff clarifies Rome stand

By Agostino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC) — One clear result of New York Cardinal John O'Connor's Mideast trip was that it forced the Vatican to state its policy on meetings between high-ranking churchmen and Israeli officials.

Boiled down, the policy is: Vatican officials and cardinals can meet Israeli officials anywhere, including Jerusalem, as long as they don't meet in government offices.

The Vatican prohibits such meetings because it wants to leave no doubt that it opposes Israel's unilateral declara-

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tion in 1980 that Jerusalem is its capital.

Although Vatican officials said the cardinal was not representing the Vatican and could not, technically, have compromised the policy, they nevertheless worried about the political consequences.

Protocol-wise, meeting an official at his Jerusalem office could be interpreted as "de facto" acceptance of that claim, Vatican officials warn.

The Vatican position is that the status of the city should be determined by an internationally guarantee statute which grants free access to Jerusalem for Jews, Moslems and Christians and preserves the city's unique character as a holy place for all three religions.

The Vatican policy leaves open the possibility that it would accept rule of Jerusalem by one country, but opposes any unilateral assertion of such rule. The Vatican holds that political control should be determined through negotiations by the parties involved in the Jerusalem issue.

Behind this policy is the complex, tangled web of Middle East life, in which politics and religion are so intertwined as to be almost indistinguishable.

Arabs and Jews both claim descent from Abraham of the Old Testament.

Modern Israel is officially a Jewish state, founded to provide Jews with a homeland on the site of the biblical "promised land," Judaism's theology and spiritual aspirations are intimately linked to Old Testament geography.

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Official: Ethiopians are still starving

NEW YORK (NC) — Christian Brother Gregory Flynn, an American who heads the welfare and development department of the Ethiopian Catholic Church, said in a New York interview that although the famine in Ethiopia has been greatly alleviated some 2 million people remain in danger of starvation.

"The emphasis now is not on starvation, and this creates difficulties," he said. "There is still need for food for 2 million people, and it's going to be more difficult to get that today than it was two years ago to get food for 10 million."

"Ethiopia is no longer headline news," he said. "What news there is gives the encouraging impression the situation has been solved, so food is no

longer needed. That is not true."

Brother Flynn, a native of the Bronx, taught in Christian Brothers schools in Ethiopia from 1969 to 1975, and returned in 1981 to do development work.

He said that although Ethiopia is a Marxist state relying on Soviet and Cuban military support and often at odds with the U.S. government, it has agreed to let him serve as the Ethiopian church's liaison with the government.

"The Catholic Church in Ethiopia takes the stance that it is not involved in politics, nor at this time does it wish to be," he said. "This stance is accepted by the government. As a result of that, the church has been able to function."

He said the picture drawn in the October 1986

Reader's Digest article, "Famine Aid: Were We Duped?" by the French agency Doctors Without Borders "totally distorts reality." Rony Brauman, the group's president, said the drought was "something of a false issue" and aid was "massively misappropriated" to lure people away from rebel areas into "barely disguised labor camps." The charges were denied by the Christian Relief and Development Association, a coalition of 47 groups working in Ethiopia, and Brother Flynn said he signed its statement as a board member.

"The relief work that began intensively in 1985 has certainly saved millions of lives," he said. Now, he said, relief for "serious pockets" of famine must continue while agencies give more attention to long-range development.

'We must battle unemployment and poverty,' says N.Y. bishop

WASHINGTON (NC) — Unemployment of 6 to 7 percent and poverty that traps one in seven Americans are morally intolerable and must be combatted, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan of Brooklyn, N.Y., TOLD THE Senate. In testimony Jan. 13 to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Bishop Sullivan explained themes of the Catholic bishops' new pastoral letter on the economy and urged attention to "moral and human dimensions" of poverty and unemployment. Bishop Sullivan is chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference Committee on Social Development and World Peace.

Catholic-Jewish booklet shows work of Latin Church

WASHINGTON (NC) — A new Brazilian bishops' manual on Catholic-Jewish relations is "significant" because it reflects the "serious and productive" work of the Latin American church in that area, said a U.S. church official. "This and the work of CELAM (the Latin American bishops' council) reflect a qualitative move forward for Latin America," said Eugene Fisher, head of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish relations of the U.S. bishops' conference. The 187-page booklet, published in Portuguese and distributed throughout Brazil in December, covers specific ways of handling differences between the two religions. About 90 percent of Brazil's 130 million population is Catholic. There are about 170,000 Jews in the country.

Death penalty 'unnecessary' say bishops of Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, Pa. (NC) — Capital punishment is "unnecessary and inappropriate in our age and in our society," said the 17 bishops of Pennsylvania. The 500-word statement, released by the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, urged that "other means must be used to prevent criminals from committing serious crimes and to redress the injustices suffered by victims of crime and their loved ones." A death penalty law is in effect in Pennsylvania and execution warrants for several convicted murderers have been signed in the state, the bishops noted in their statement.

Federation for Decency will log TV drug abuse scenes

TUPELO, Miss. (NC) — The National Federation for Decency has asked for help in monitoring television for portrayals of drug abuse. The Rev. Donald E. Wildmon, the Methodist minister who heads the Tupelo-based federation, said his organization believes positive portrayals of drug use on television contribute to the drug problem. Rev. Wildmon asked viewers who see drug use on television programs to send the federation the name of the program and the date and the network it was on. "Television advertisers have been irresponsible in selecting the programs they help sponsor. If the American public stops buying the products of the companies helping promote drug use, that situation would change," he said.



Small bundle

Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence, R.I. holds 3-day-old Tiffany Harrison in the maternity ward at St. Joseph's Hospital in Providence as the baby's mother, Jackie, watches approvingly. The bishop made the stop on a recent tour of the hospital to visit patients. (NC photo)

Pope stars in vocations video to promote priests

CHICAGO (NC) — A Serra International videocassette to promote vocations to the priesthood stars Pope John Paul II and emphasizes his vocation as priest, not pope. Titled "A Call to Christ," the 15-minute videocassette focuses on the pope at prayer and Eucharist and includes footage of him as he speaks with crowds of teen-agers as well as interviews with several persons close to the pontiff. "Pope John Paul II is the quintessential priest. He also has a special charisma for reaching young people," said Francis J. McKeon Jr., president of Serra International, a lay organization to promote church vocations. Serra International, with headquarters in Chicago, plans to show the videocassette to high school and college students and parish organizations. The Vatican's television center produced the videocassette. Note: A Call to Christ can be purchased for \$35 from Serra International, 22 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill. 60603.

'Don't play up to Rome,' nuns tell conference

WASHINGTON (NC) — The National Coalition of American Nuns has told the Leadership Conference of Women Religious not to "play up to Rome" and to maintain an "even-handed position" in dealings with church hierarchy. The comments appeared in the coalition's winter newsletter and accused the Leadership Conference of Women Religious of not strongly promoting women's issues and of being too deferential to Vatican officials. The coalition is an organization of 2,000 of the 130,000 nuns in the United States.

Income loans called 'mixed blessing' by college officials

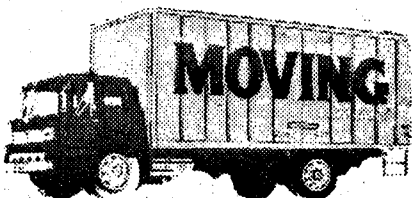
WASHINGTON (NC) — A new U.S. Department of Education "income-contingent loans" proposal that would link loan repayment to a student's earnings after college is a mixed blessing, according to several Catholic college officials. The Education Department proposal would replace most existing financial aid programs. The Reagan administration has asked Congress to cut federal spending on college student aid by \$3.7 billion by wiping out most federal subsidies for loans and work-study programs and by denying grants to 1 million students. The new plan would link the repayment schedule to the student's income and would charge borrowers a 9 percent interest fee.

Adrian nuns send torn credit cars to Shell Oil

ADRIAN, Mich. (NC) — The Adrian Dominican Sisters have sent 40 mutilated Shell Oil credit cards to the company to protest what the nuns say is a Shell policy which supports the South African government. Leaders of the nuns said Shell's parent company, Royal-Dutch Shell, supplies fuel to the apartheid economy of South Africa by selling it to the country's military police despite continued boycott threats from church and labor groups. "We will cut our Shell cards in half and send one-half to Shell headquarters telling them that Adrian Dominican Sisters will boycott Shell until such time as Royal-Dutch Shell withdraws its support from the South African apartheid system," said Sister Attracta Kelly, a general councilor for the order.

Catholic Conference cautions agencies to shun immoral service

WASHINGTON (NC) — Catholic natural family planning agencies seeking government grants should only assist married couples and marriage preparation programs and avoid links to contraception, sterilization and Planned Parenthood, according to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities also warned Catholic natural family planning agencies to shun ties to programs seen as even subtly coercive and to refuse to make referrals to "morally objectionable" services.



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Bishops: Life is precious at all stages

Statement commemorating Roe V. Wade decision, Catholic Bishops of Florida, January 22, 1987

This is the 14th anniversary of that momentous and dire date in the history of this nation, January 22, 1973, when the Supreme Court established abortion on demand as a constitutional right. Over 20 million unborn children are reported to have been aborted as the result of that decision. Unable to speak, unable to resist, their lives were terminated as part of the process of "terminating" a pregnancy.

The law is a profound teacher. The legal, routine destruction of unborn life has taught generations of Americans tragic lessons about the sanctity and value of frail and vulnerable life. But merely because something is legal does not mean that it is therefore morally right, or that it will always be legal. One hundred thirty years ago the United States Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case held that a free Negro whose African ancestors were brought to this country and sold as slaves, is not a "citizen" within the meaning of the Constitution. That ruling was overturned, and we trust and pray that the ruling in Roe v. Wade also will be.

Ours is a consistent ethic of life. All life is sacred, including the aged and the senile and the comatose; the dependent child, the drug addict, the prisoner on death row. All of their lives are precious to Almighty God and

should be precious to all of us. But they are threatened in many ways these days.

While we must defend all human life, and do assert this consistent ethic of life, the threat to each is different. The cause of the unborn is exceptional. The numbers of unborn killed by abortion is overwhelming. The rejection of the unborn child, the trivialization of his or her worth and the commercialization of the abortion industry combine to make the abortion issue the key life issue of this day. If society can continue to commercially annihilate its weakest members in these numbers, it can hardly expect to defend any other segment of weak human life from assault from the strong.

Our brothers and sisters in the pro-life movement have worked courageously in the face of many obstacles and they have our love and support. We call on all Catholics to join in supporting those efforts to return to unborn children that "unalienable right, the right to life..." that was a foundation of this nation. And we call on all to assert this right to life with love, with respect for law, and with an uncompromising insistence on justice for these the least of our brothers. —Edward A. McCarthy, Archbishop of Miami; Thomas J. Grady, Bishop of Orlando; W. Thomas Larkin, Bishop of St. Petersburg; John J. Snyder, Bishop of St. Augustine; J. Keith Symons, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee; Thomas V. Daily, Bishop of Palm Beach; John J. Nevins, Bishop of Venice; Agustin A. Roman, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami; Norbert M. Dorsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami.

ABCD '87: Extra needed for papal visit

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about \$500,000 may have to be raised to cover drinking water and sanitary facilities, a public address system, a platform and other necessities.

It is a sacrifice, however, that is gladly made.

"We have a determination that this not be a 24-hour experience, not just a show, but as in other places that he has visited this should leave an impact on the Archdiocese," the Archbishop said.

"They tell us that when he went to Ireland, the following year there was an increase of 20 percent in young people who decided they had a vocation."

Outside of the pope's visit, ABCD funds, of course, will support a wide range of programs and ministries. Those helped by ABCD funds include, orphan children, the elderly, the deaf and handicapped, the addicted, unwed mothers, the retarded, troubled youth, families and others.

Ring found

A precious ring was found after one of the ABCD dinners last week. Any one who can identify and claim it should call the ABCD office, 757-6241, Ext. 123.

The money also will aid all those who seek the resources of the Archdiocese's many ministries including Family Life and campus ministries, liturgy and spiritual life programs, the Rural Life Apostolate, the Respect Life and Evangelization offices, to name a few.

ABCD funds will also be directed towards Catholic Community Services, programs addressing inner city needs, Catholic schools and many other projects.

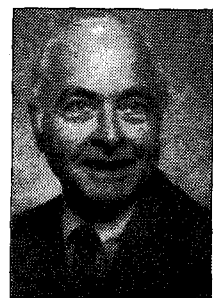
It was pointed out at the dinner that ABCD funds will be multiplied through government grants so any contribution will have an impact even greater than its actual amount.

The pope's stay in Miami is only the most recent economic challenge faced by the ABCD campaign in the past few years since the Venice and Palm Beach diocese have split off from it.

"Three years ago," said Broward chairman Joseph Tuohy, "the Archdiocese included 145 parishes before the creation of the Palm Beach diocese, now we are 104 parishes."

"I think we can all be proud of how

ABCD '87 Campaign leaders



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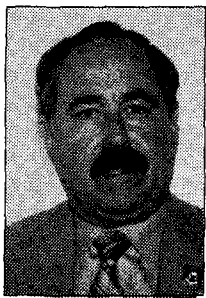
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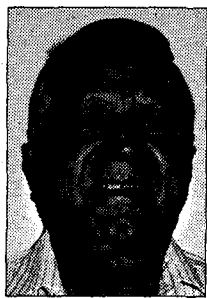
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under the Archbishop's leadership we have continued to develop and meet the

needs of people of all ages in this last three year period," Tuohy said.

Trip sheds light on Vatican's Mideast policy

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The founding of Israel in 1948, in what was then called Palestine, was accompanied by bloody fighting and the displacement of numerous Palestinian Arabs.

Arabs, like the Israelis, claim political and religious rights to control of the area and the territories lost to Israel since its founding.

Many events in the life of Mohammed, the founder of Islam and its greatest prophet, occurred around Jerusalem. A huge rock in the city is the site where Islamic tradition says that Mohammed, instead of dying, began his night journey on horseback to God.

While the Vatican makes no political claims for Christianity in the area, it takes the political positions that it feels are necessary to protect a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

These include:

- Supporting a homeland for the Palestinians but not saying where that homeland should be.
- Refusing to recognize Israel or

Cardinal, Jews: 'Misunderstanding' cleared up

NEW YORK (NC) — Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York held a three-hour meeting at his residence this week with eight Jewish leaders and agreed that despite the controversy over his recent Middle East trip he and Jewish leaders agree more than they disagree.

The meeting came in the wake of a Jan. 10 statement by Jewish organizations criticizing comments Cardinal O'Connor made while on the trip. Cardinal O'Connor reacted to that initial statement by calling for an

apology and saying he was deeply disappointed at the Jewish organizations' "censure" of him.

In a joint statement released at a press conference at the conclusion of the "cordial" and "candid" Jan. 19 discussion, the group said, "Both the cardinal and his guests agreed that there were far more issues on which they held similar views than those on which they differed."

The new statement did not express any apology by the Jewish leaders or retract anything, but said they "voiced

regret at any misunderstanding that may have been caused by the timing of the statement's release.

"The Jewish representatives recognized that the cardinal is bound by Vatican policy and reiterated their appreciation of his sincere apology in Jerusalem for the misunderstanding that developed over his planned meetings with officials of the Israeli government," said the joint statement. "The Jewish leaders regard the cardinal's visit as a helpful contribution toward greater understanding between the two countries."

Jordan diplomatically until both countries agree on common borders. Practically, the policy also gives the Vatican some bargaining chips in dealing with Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Cardinal O'Connor became involved in this complex maneuvering when he put himself in a position the Vatican wants to avoid: giving the ap-

pearance of church acceptance of Jerusalem's current status.

The Vatican asked him not to meet with the officials in their offices — which was immediately interpreted as a snub by the Israelis and Jewish supporters of Israel.

Vatican officials were concerned over interpretations that could be

drawn from a cardinal, even one not representing the Vatican, holding such meetings. This caused the Vatican to issue the statement outlining its position on visits to Israeli officials.

But the flap caused indicates how even a seemingly innocuous visit to someone's office requires walking on eggs in the Middle East.

Salvador bishop: Don't send teens to fight wars

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez has criticized the Salvadoran army's forced recruitment of poor teenagers to fight leftist guerrillas.

The bishop spoke during a homily the Sunday after the Salvadoran army made sweeps through San Salvador's poor neighborhoods, rounding up eligible young men to serve in the army.

"I am sure that the rich who defend with so much vehemence the military solution to the war would think differently if their children, who are today taking it easy studying, working or wasting their youth, had to go fight on the battlefields," said Bishop Rosa Chavez.

"The poorest people of El Salvador understand what this is like, because their children, almost all of whom are campesinos (peasant farmers), carry the entire weight of the war," the bishop said.

The Salvadoran government has fought a war with guerrillas since 1979. According to Salvadoran church figures, more than 1,700 people died in the war in 1986. More than 62,000 have died since the war began, according to the church.

The government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte has proposed a mandatory military draft which would require military service of all Salvadorans over the age of 18. The law is still under the consideration of the Salvadoran congress.

Bishop Rosa Chavez also said legislators of the rightist ARENA alliance who were on a parliamentary strike were not acting "in the best interest of the nation."

The legislators have refused to participate in parliamentary business as a protest over a new "war tax" on businesses implemented by the government.



Polish guest

Pope John Paul II shows Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski a picture book on the Sistine Chapel. He gave the book as a gift to the Polish leader at the end of a private Vatican audience. Among other issues, the two discussed international peace and social problems in Poland. (NC photo from UPI.)

Mexican leader wants to 'rein in' political clergy

MEXICO CITY (NC) — A prominent member of Mexico's ruling party says the time has come to "rein in" members of his country's "political clergy." Vicente Fuentes Diaz, a former federal legislator, told the newspaper Unomasuno that a politically activist Mexican clergy is "becoming increasingly insolent and defiant and is now intervening daily in matters which are none of its concern." "The clergy has been increasing its illegal intervention in the political life of Mexico," Fuentes Diaz said. Mexico's Constitution bars clergy from political activity and prohibits religious education. By law, clergy cannot vote or criticize the government or its laws, and church-run schools are not supposed to exist. However, Mexican bishops frequently speak out on political issues, and more than 3 million students attend Catholic schools nationwide.

New York banker is named to Pontifical Peace Commission

VATICAN CITY (NC) — A senior vice president of the New York-based Chase Manhattan Bank is one of three people Pope John Paul II has appointed to the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission. The three appointees, announced by the Vatican, are Mary B. Maguire, a native of New York who was worked for Chase Manhattan for 14 years; Carmelite Auxiliary Bishop Antonio do Carmo Cheuiche of Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Steve Solomon, secretary of the justice and peace commission of the English and Dutch-speaking Antilles in Trinidad. The Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1967, is the Holy See's organization for studying problems connected with justice and peace and awakening the sensitivity of Catholics to their responsibilities in these areas.

Author: Many French priests have left to get married

(Undated) (NC) — Two books recently published in France estimate that between 2,500 and 3,500 French priests have left their ministries to marry since 1940. According to Father Julien Potel, author of "They Got Married... And Then?," one quarter of the priests ordained between 1965 and 1969 left the priesthood. Most of those who left for the married life were young priests, and the greatest number left between 1970 and 1974. Fr. Potel estimated that between 1940 and 1982, about 3,500 men left the priesthood in France.

Priests urge Soviet leader to uphold religious freedom

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Priests in Lithuania have written a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev urging him to uphold constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, Vatican Radio reported. The priests complained that local authorities continually interfere in church matters, pressuring parish councils and individual believers, the report said. It said the letter also deplored discrimination against believers in public life, appealed for the release of three Lithuanian priests imprisoned for religious activities and asked that two Lithuanian churches be restored to the faithful.

Politicians must compromise says bishop of Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (NC) — Northern Ireland's Catholic and Protestant politicians should accept the political realities of the province and be willing to compromise, said the Catholic bishop of Belfast. Bishop Cahal Daly of Down and Connor, which includes the provincial capital, said people who insist on conditions they know are unacceptable are ignoring political realities. About one-third of Northern Ireland's population is Catholic, with the remainder mostly Protestant. Protestants who identify themselves as unionists favor the province's current status as part of Great Britain.

South Korean nuns want their work to focus on poor

HONG KONG (NC) — South Korea's nuns want their work with parishes to concentrate primarily on the poor, a missionary priest said. Fifty superiors of South Korean women's orders said their approximately 4,000 members decided to accept contracts with parishes only if the contracts guarantee they can fulfill a commitment to the poor. Columban Father Brendan MacHale told a Hong Kong-based news publication. The decision may have more impact than any other factors on what the South Korean church does in 1987, said Father MacHale, who has worked in the country since 1971.

Cardinal asks for change in sexual mores to stop AIDS

LONDON (NC) — Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster called for a "radical change" in popular sexual attitudes in combatting AIDS while warning against blaming particular groups for the disease. The cardinal said Catholic teaching provides a means of fighting acquired immune deficiency syndrome — "refusal to engage in extramarital sexual activity." Cardinal Hume, writing in The Times newspaper, also rejected the view that AIDS is "God's punishment of a sinful world."

Pope plans trip to Chile and Argentina following treaty

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II has scheduled an April trip to Chile and Argentina to fulfill a promise to visit both countries after successful mediation of their border dispute. The trip also will include a one-day stop in Montevideo, Uruguay, the Vatican announced. The pope plans to visit 19 cities, leaving Rome March 31 and returning April 13, said the Vatican announcement. In May 1985 Chile and Argentina signed a papally mediated treaty ending a century-old territorial dispute off the southern tip of South America, which is divided between the countries.

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Priests told: Be compassionate

NEW ORLEANS (NC) — Offer compassion to those tempted by societal evils, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans advised priests.

Married couples who stay together despite "a climate of infidelity," singles leading chaste lives, and homosexuals are among those who require compassion, he said in a pastoral letter published this month.

In the 24-page pastoral letter titled "The Priesthood Today," the archbishop said compassion is "an elementary requirement for extending the ministry of Christ in the manner of Christ."

Priests, he said, must take care to communicate their compassion at all times. "Abruptness or sullen behavior in speaking with people who come with their problems, impatience with penitents in the sacrament of

'Abruptness or sullen behavior in speaking with people who come with their problems, impatience with penitents in the sacrament of reconciliation, hurried and impersonal pronunciations of the words at Mass and in devotions are unworthy of a minister of Jesus.'

Abp. Philip Hannan,
New Orleans



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Lack of compassion, Archbishop Hannan said, "bespeaks, I think, an arrogance born of pride that is totally inimical to the true priestly character."

Stressing the importance of acting

with compassion toward married couples, the prelate said that "to maintain the home as 'domestic sanctuary' is a heroic task."

Archbishop Hannan said the separated and divorced and those who refuse to remarry out of respect for the sacramental marriage bond are "brave souls" and "confessors of the faith"

deserving of compassion.

Singles who lead chaste lives in "a pan-sexual world that uses sex to advertise everything from half-ton trucks to air conditioners" also require compassion, he said.

Priests today must be conscious of their priestly duty to homosexuals, said Archbishop Hannan. "As Jesus was always prompt to extend his saving help to sinners, so must we to those who have a very taxing temptation presented by a homosexual or lesbian orientation."

The archbishop added that whether this orientation is acquired or innate makes no difference.

He also urged compassion toward the young. "Probably more than any other age group, [young people] are vulnerable to the influences of our pluralistic, materialistic and hedonistic society," he said.

Expert disputes charge that Vatican is anti-Semitic

WASHINGTON (NC) — An assertion by columnist George F. Will that the Vatican was anti-Semitic during the Nazi Holocaust and is anti-Semitic today toward Israel is "patently ridiculous," an official of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has said.

Anthony Mangano, chairman of the Milwaukee-based organization's national interfaith committee, said in a telephone interview that Will is "terribly misinformed."

Will made the remarks Jan. 11 on ABC News' "This Week with David Brinkley."

The roundtable discussion program dealt with defense but in the last few

minutes, Brinkley broached the subject of New York Cardinal John J. O'Connor's controversial trip to Israel and the Vatican policy that forbade him to meet with Israeli leaders in government offices in Jerusalem.

Will said such a policy illustrated "that there is a residual anti-Semitism at work."

"After the Vatican's contemptible behavior toward the Holocaust while the Holocaust was going on and its continuing contemptible behavior toward Israel, it is very hard not to suspect" anti-Semitism, Will said.

The Vatican does not recognize Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its capital and has called for international

guarantees to protect the city as sacred to Christians, Moslems and Jews.

Mangano said Will's claims and those of others are "a deliberate distortion of the record of papal assistance to the Jews."

He said he has researched the subject since the late 1960s and for four years was on an advisory committee for the New York State Education Department to help formulate a high school course on the Holocaust.

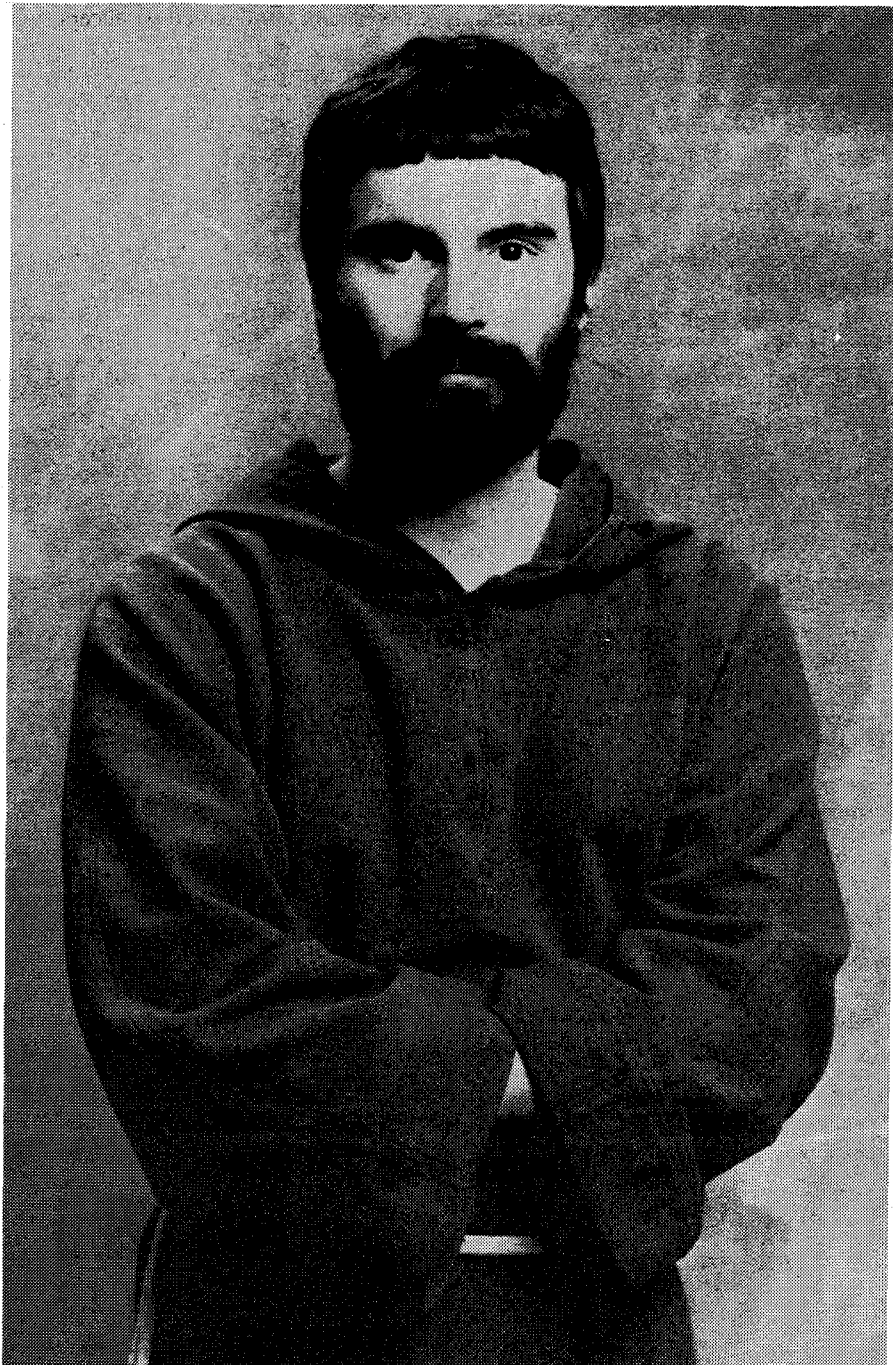
Mangano said that Pope Pius XII, head of the church from 1939 to 1958, never issued a formal statement in protest against Nazi aggression toward Jews because he felt a total condemnation would have made matters worse

for the victims.

He said the pope's own, more personal initiatives were widespread, including a papal order to Vatican clergy that sanctuaries of the Vatican be opened to Jews in need of refuge. Many also found a safe harbor in religious houses in a number of countries.

In his Christmas message of 1942, the pope told his listeners that humanity should help the Jews, who for reason of their faith had been "marked for death."

Mangano added that later in a editorial *The New York Times* praised the pope as the world's "lone voice" against the evils of Nazism.



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Pope: Modern economies incompatible with Christianity

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Two developments in modern economic systems represent a break with the Christian vision of human work, said Pope John Paul II.

Neither material well-being as a goal in itself nor complete socialization of industry are in line with church teaching, the pope told a group of bishops from the shipping area of northwestern Italy, a center of multinational business. He said the two developments represent a "crisis."

Today's economics "broke from the rules of conduct indicated by natural and religious morality," the pope said. The result was "on the one hand the pursuit of economic well-being as its own goal and, on the other, the op-

The Pope criticized 'on the one hand the pursuit of economic well-being as its own goal and, on the other, the opposite excess of socialization of all the means of production.'

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The church has insisted on the "personal and familial autonomy" of man in economic systems, the pope said.

One constant principle has been that capital cannot be used against labor, because it cannot be used against man.

In the industrialized Italian northwest, the pope added, great amounts of capital are being used in a way that risks hurting the working person.

Citing an "unstoppable technological progress," the pope also said the church was worried that the continuing industrial transformation might sacrifice the rights of workers.

He said widespread unemployment among young people and the inability of young couples to buy homes were two aspects of the current "crisis" in the Italian region.



Pope John Paul: Criticized economic extremes

The pope also urged the bishops to fight other problems that threaten the traditional family, including "the disintegrating phenomenon of divorce, cohabitation and the plague of abortion."

JESUIT MAGAZINE SAYS:

New Soviet 'liberalization' excludes religion

ROME (NC) — A Jesuit magazine has praised recent Soviet moves to "liberalize" its society, but said that so far such openness has not extended to religion.

Despite a relaxed attitude toward some political dissenters, a more self-critical look at institutions and the introduction of limited private enterprise, "the war against religion knows no truce," said a recent article in *La Civiltà Cattolica*.

The biweekly journal often reflects Vatican views on current topics. The lengthy article by Father Giovanni

Rulli examined in detail the "openness" campaign introduced by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The magazine praised Gorbachev's recent freeing of scientist Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, along with other conciliatory moves toward dissidents.

It said social progress under Gorbachev "seems notable," with more objective news reporting, relaxed rules on imports from the West, an apparent distancing of the Communist Party from parliament and the introduction of private industry on a

limited scale.

But it said that "as far as religion is concerned, especially the Catholic religion, we have instead several signs of the struggle that the Soviet authorities seem to still want to conduct against any religious manifestation, in order to spread state atheism."

The article said that last April, the Soviets held a festival of "anti-religious films." The last Communist Party convention also took up the religious question and warned that religion will not "die by itself," the article said.

Gorbachev was quoted as saying in a speech last November that a "decisive and implacable struggle against

religious manifestation" was needed.

The article said Soviet economic and cultural openness was not enough, "because political and above all religious opinions also are part of every man's life."

And while some "spectacular gestures" have been made, it said, "at the same time, the KGB continues its habitual activity — threats, blackmail, arrests — against those who think differently and say so."

The magazine said religious faith can be "a strong impulse" for spiritual reform and "can contribute to the fruitful renewal of society."

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Dr. King's dream lives on

School kids mark observance at Mass in Cathedral

By Prent Browning
Voice Staff Writer

His method was non-violence. His message was brotherly love and equality among all peoples.

Like Christ, said Bishop Norbert Orsey at a special Mass Jan. 15, "the

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-- Fr. Joseph Rodney

message of Martin Luther King is nothing less than the coming of the Kingdom of God among us."

The Mass at St. Mary Cathedral celebrated King's birthday and was attended by 7th and 8th grade and some high school students from half a dozen Archdiocesan schools.

Many speakers gave testimony to the importance of King's leadership to the civil rights movement of the 1960's. The students, most of whom were born after King's death, were told about how society used to treat blacks.

In the South there were separate drinking fountains and rest rooms, and, recalled St. Mary parishioner Cliff Roberson, "even in church when we could go (to a white church), we had to sit in back."

"Nothing was really done to change all these things until Dr. Martin Luther King threw his efforts into non-violence," he said.

There is evidence that the students needed to be reminded of King's significance. Several black students present at the Thursday Mass said that their friends didn't know too much about

Martin Luther King and that they weren't taught much about him in school.

"You hardly hear any talk about King or the civil rights movement," said Natashe St. Louis, a 12th grader from Msgr. Pace high school.

If civil rights is spoken about at all, one student said, it's mentioned in the context of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

"Many youngsters today are probably not aware of what was so significant about moving to the back of the bus," said homilist Jesuit Father Joseph Rodney, a pastor of two churches in Louisiana.

"I was just talking to some kids in Washington who said there is no such thing as a bus ever being segregated. They've never seen such a thing," he said.

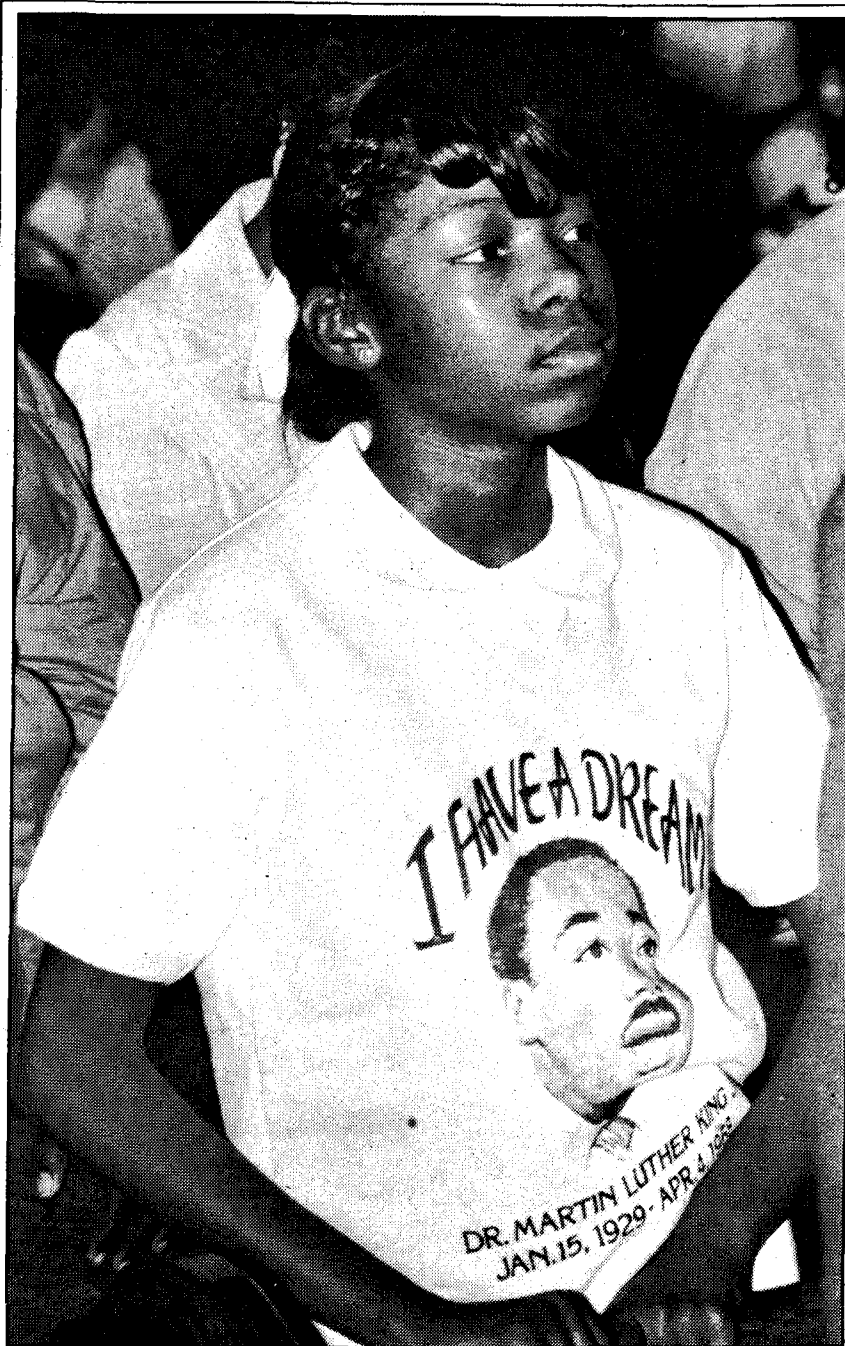
Despite the progress in eliminating overt forms of discrimination in the past twenty years, black students Thursday nodded their heads when asked if they have ever felt that they were the victims of racism at school.

"I was walking up behind a group of kids," St. Louis related in a typical incident, "and they were joking and saying 'nigger' this and 'nigger' that. When they saw me they pretended they hadn't said anything. I got my lunch and sat down at another table."

There were other warnings at the special Mass that the great civil rights leader's work is far from completed.

"If we don't continue, that dream that King started is going to go nowhere," Fr. Rodney told his young audience.

"It's not a full reality yet. We can't just get complacent and say 'everything is going to be so good - I can do what I want to, I can get the jobs I want to.'"



Catholic school student shows her sentiments at observance.

(Voice Photo by Prent Browning)

But the children proved that this new generation is not immune to King's power to inspire "the dream" of equality.

They enthusiastically applauded a recording of King's famous "I had a

dream" speech and joined their voices to a rousing rendition of "We Shall Overcome," the anthem of the civil rights movement, that concluded the celebration.

With ecumenical service

Faiths celebrate spirit of unity

By Prent Browning
Voice Staff Writer

There will be no world peace until there is a reconciliation of all Christian denominations, a Greek Orthodox bishop said at an ecumenical service Saturday kicking off the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Bishop John of the Atlanta diocese of the Greek Orthodox Church which includes most of the Southeastern United States including Florida, was the homilist at the special prayer service at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Coral Gables. Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman and Rev. Charles Eastman, Executive Director of the United Protestant Appeal were present.

This year the week of prayer was expanded to a month-long observance which will conclude with a celebration at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church on Feb. 14.

Bishop John called the division of the Christian church "human error and the greatest of all follies," and expressed his belief that it contributed to world unrest.

Many people, said the bishop, have come to accept the divisions in the

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--Bishop John,
Greek Orthodox Church



Participating in the ecumenical service were leaders in three denominations: (from left) Rev. Charles Eastman, Director of the United Protestant Appeal, Greek Orthodox pastors Fr. Jesus Hernandez, Fr. Sam Kalamiras, Fr. Demosthenes Mekras, and Fr. Nick Nick, and Auxiliary Catholic Bishop Agustin Roman, and Bishop John of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Atlanta. (Photo by Prent Browning)

church as a natural occurrence. "But Christ did not intend the church to be divided," he said. "Christ founded a church not churches."

"Up until the 20th century churches were not concerned with reconciliation," he

said, but today ecumenism has brought forth a partial unity.

"We are living in a truly historic time where giant steps are taken in pursuit of Christian unity."

Several hundred Christians of all denominations attended the event at the ornate cathedral, reciting together the Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer and singing hymns.

The observances have increased in attendance and in the number of scheduled meetings and interfaith discussions since they began in Miami in 1982.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was originally started by an Episcopal priest, Fr. Paul James Francis Watson, in Graymoor, New York in 1908. Ironically, for many years separate Christian unity observances grew up because of an inability for all denominations to agree on a common programs.

Since Vatican II, Catholics have joined the observance and today Christians everywhere celebrate the Week of Prayer which is observed between the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, Jan. 18, and the Feast of St. Paul, Jan. 25.

Ukrainians mark 30th anniversary of church building

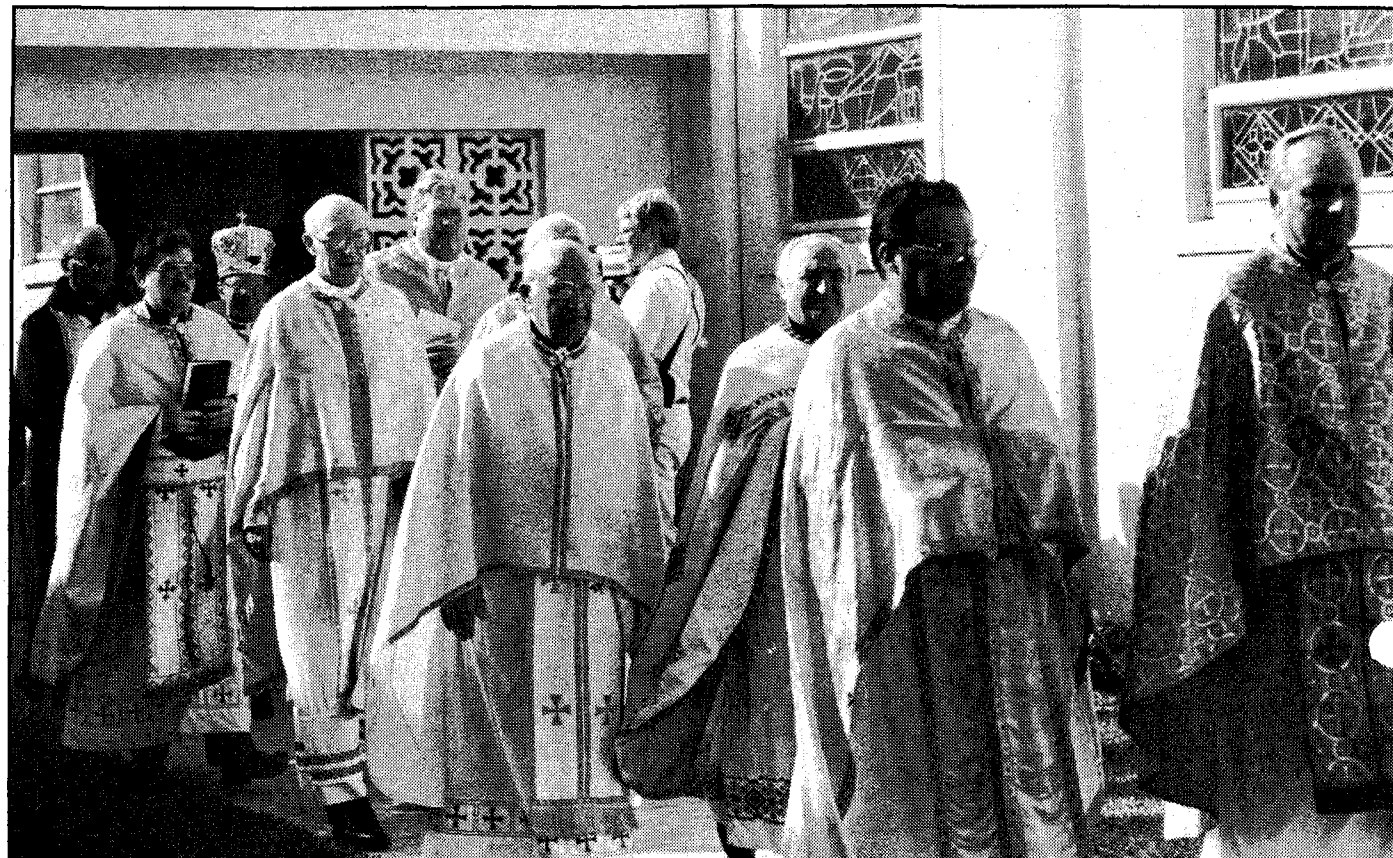
By Lou Epstein
Special to The Voice

With a solemn Mass presided by their bishop and a jubilee banquet attended by Archbishop Edward McCarthy, members of Miami's Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrated the 30th anniversary of their church building last weekend.

The featured speaker at the liturgy was Bishop Robert M. Moskal, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (diocese) of Parma, Ohio, which includes the Miami parish. Until his appointment to Parma, Bishop Moskal served as auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia with Cardinal John Krol.

The bishop voiced the highest praise for the community of Assumption parish, which, 35 years ago, was the first Eastern-rite Catholic Church to be founded in Florida. Ukrainian Catholics are united with the Church of Rome but celebrate the Mass in Ukrainian, according to their customs and traditions.

"A great faith, love and loyalty to God and our Ukrainian Church has been



Priests, with Bishop Robert M. Moskal at rear, process into Assumption BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church for Mass celebrating the 30th anniversary of the church building and the 35th of the parish. The church is located at 38 NW 57 Ave., Miami. (Voice photo/Lou Epstein)

exhibited by the children of the parish pioneers," Bishop Moskal said.

His words were echoed by Father Steven Zarichny, pastor of the parish, who reminded the community that a

spiritually historic event is coming up in 1988: the celebration of the millennium of Christianity in the Ukraine.

"This isn't just one day of glory

but a lifetime to re-dedicate ourselves to spreading our Christian faith to all nations and to truly living that faith which St. Vladimir gave us," Father Zarichny said.

Farmworker issues will be topic of conference

A workshop highlighting issues which affect the lives of migrant farmworkers will be sponsored jointly

by the Archdiocese of Miami Rural Life Office and the National Farm Worker Ministry between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Archdiocesan Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Experts as well as farm workers

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Employees tackle tough issues

As second phase of Archdiocesan Synod begins

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

Salaries, promotions, and relations between clergy and lay employees were the subject of animated discussion last week at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, as employees began seeking answers to some of the tough questions they raised at last year's Synod hearings.

As the second phase of the three-year Synod gets under way, a similar process should be taking place in every Catholic Church in South Florida: parishioners should be meeting to study and resolve those issues that affect them in their parishes.

In the meantime, at the Archdiocesan level, groups of experts--known as Synod commissions--are beginning to seek answers to the questions that affect Catholics throughout South Florida. For example:

- How to make the laity more active participants in the running of parishes;

- How to reach more of the unchurched through radio and television;

- How to minister more effectively to the poor in this area.

(A list of some of those issues--those ranked among the top 10 in each of seven Synod categories--will appear in the next issue of *The Voice*.)

As is true of most Synod issues, the concerns raised by Pastoral Center employees ranged from the very basic to the extremely touchy. The very basic may be resolved immediately, but the



Pastoral Center employees Marta Garcia (center) and Betty Blank discuss Synod issues. (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

extremely touchy may take much more study and dialogue.

In fact, the steps being taken to address all of the Pastoral Center issues provide a good, even if simplistic, illustration of how the Synod process is working and will continue to work, both in the parishes and at the Archdiocesan level.

One of the Pastoral Center's issues, for example, states: "The suggestion box should be removed from the cafeteria because there are no results from suggestions made."

After some study, the employee group dealing with that issue will make a recommendation: the box should stay or the box should be removed. At a second hearing next spring, the group will have the opportunity to explain its decision, their co-workers will have a

chance to agree or disagree, and once that recommendation is approved by the Chancellor (or pastor, in the case of a parish), the box either will be removed or will stay, with perhaps better utilization.

(However, theological or canonical issues raised by the Synod at large--women priests, for example--cannot be resolved by popular vote, because the Archdiocese cannot teach what is contrary to the teaching of Rome. In these cases, the Synod might recommend that Archbishop Edward McCarthy convey to Rome what South Florida's Catholics are saying and, at the same time, educate Catholics here by presenting the moral and theological reasons for the Church's position. The Synod also may make recommendations in terms of dealing with the issue on a pastoral level. All of the Synod's recommendations must be approved by the Archbishop before being implemented.)

Another Pastoral Center issue may take much longer to resolve, however: "Fair and just wages for all Archdiocesan employees and a system or process of advancement."

Members of the group studying that issue are "getting basic facts," said Connie Loffredo, a notary in the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal who is a facilitator for the group.

Several members have been as-

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Archbishop Edward McCarthy will be the main celebrant and homilist during the liturgy, which will be attended by the jubilarians as well as their families and fellow Religious from the Archdiocese.

Six men and women Religious will be celebrating 60 years (diamond) of service to the Church; five will be celebrating 50 years (golden); and eight will be celebrating 25 years (silver).

Following are brief biographies of the jubilarians:

Diamond Jubilarians

Sister Marie Joseph Barry, a member of the Barry family which is well known to Catholic Floridians, left County Clare, Ireland in 1927 and travelled to Adrian, Mich. to enter the Dominican Order. For most of her religious life, Sister served the Church in the ministry of education in the state of Florida.

She was the founding principal of Assumption School in Jacksonville and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Fort Lauderdale. She was on the faculty of Saint Ann in West Palm Beach, Little Flower in Hollywood, Sacred Heart in Pensacola, Saint James in North Miami, and Saint Joseph in Miami Beach. Presently, Sister is a retired member of the Barry Villa Community in Miami Shores.

Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, **Sister Mary Ann Cichocka** entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Ho-

ly Family of Nazareth on September 18, 1927. She received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Holy Family College in Philadelphia. Sister taught kindergarten and first grade in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Florida. For the last 13 years she has served at St. Gregory School in Plantation where she is currently teaching reading as a semi-retired Sister.

Brother James Creighton was born in New York City of Irish immigrant parents. He received elementary and secondary education in the schools of the Marist Brothers in New York City. On July 26, 1927 he received the habit of the Marist Brothers at St. Ann's Hermitage in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Brother received a Bachelor's degree from Fordham University and a Master's degree from Columbia University. Teaching assignments included schools in New York, Georgia and Illinois.

In 1957 he was principal of the junior high school of Mount Saint Michael's Academy in New York City until he retired in 1977. For many years he was a camp counselor at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, N.H. Brother is presently a member of the Marist community in Miami.

Born in Utica, New York, **Sister M. Stella Knapik** entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1927. After first profession Sister taught in Brooklyn, N.Y. and in Philadelphia and Scranton, Pa. She also served for 27 years as head of the Dietetics Department of Nazareth Hospital and of St. John Nursing Home. Sister came to Florida in 1985 and is presently the library coordinator for St. Gregory School in

Diamond Jubilarians



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Plantation.

Brother Mark O'Rourke was born in Montreal, Canada. He attended Saint Michael's School, staffed by the Marist Brothers. In 1924 he joined the Marist Brothers in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Brother attended Marist Normal School in Poughkeepsie and Fordham University in New York. He began his teaching apostolate at Marist School for Boys in Savannah, Ga. Subsequent assignments include schools in New York and New Jersey before being transferred to Columbus High School in Miami in 1974.

He also has taught religion classes at Saint Brendan parish and has served as substitute teacher in the school. Most of his summers have been spent working at summer camps in New Hampshire and New York. Brother has been retired for the past five years.

Sister Mary Jean Walsh is an Adrian Dominican Sister who entered her Congregation in 1926. She studied at Siena Heights College, Catholic University of America, University of Havana and University of Santo Domingo, where she received a doctorate. Sister was involved in education at grade school, high school and college levels in the United States and Puerto Rico.

In the Archdiocese of Miami, she taught at St. Anthony High School in Fort Lauderdale (now St. Thomas Aquinas High School). In 1945, Sister was assigned to Barry College as language instructor. She was also chairman of the Foreign Language Department.

In recent years Sister served as secretary to former Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins, now Bishop of Venice, Fla. She is presently coordinator of the retired Sisters of her Congregation at Barry University Villa Community.

Golden Jubilarians

Sister Clare Agnes Carroll, born in Dublin, Ireland entered the Bon Secours Novitiate in Baltimore, Maryland, where her aunt, Mother Clara, was Mistress of Novices. After graduation from Bon Secours School of Nursing, Sister held various supervisory positions in Bon Secours institutions and in St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children, Rosemont, Pa. She established new clinics to aid the teaching program for interns and

residents, including the grandparent clinic, in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Sister was local Superior for the community and director of nurses at St. Francis Country House in Darby, Pa. before coming to Miami, where she directed the first Bon Secours Senior Center in North Miami. Sister is presently Sister Visitor at Villa Maria Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

A native of Sayville, N.Y. **Sister Mary Christine Engel** is daughter of Henry and Louise Engel and one of seven children. Sister was professed as a School Sister of Notre Dame in 1937 at the Motherhouse in Baltimore, Md. Sister has been teaching first grade for the past 17 years at Visitation School in North Miami. Previously she taught in Orlando, Fla.; Harrisburg, Pa. and Rochester, N.Y.

Brother Charles Opferman made his first profession of vows as a member of the Society of Mary in Dayton, Ohio on August 15, 1937. He has served the Church in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, Md.; Puerto Rico, Canada, Africa, Australia and most cities of the United States.

Brother Opferman served as principal of Chaminade High School in Dayton, Ohio; Chaminade College School in Toronto, Canada; Memphis Catholic High School in Tennessee; Purcell High School in Cincinnati; and headmaster of Aquinas High School in Nairobi, Kenya. He also served as assistant superintendent of Schools for the Tennessee Diocese.

From 1951 to 1955, Brother Charles was vocation director for the Cincinnati Province of the Marianists. From 1977 to 1980, he was director of the Marianist Promotion Service in Melbourne, Australia. At the present time, Brother is semi-retired in the Hollywood Marianist Community, where his time is spent taking Communion to the sick at Hollywood Medical Center and taking food to the poor with the "Meals on Wheels" program.

Brother Louis Schott was born in Pocahontas County, Iowa where he was raised and educated. He attended Sacred Heart High School, graduating in 1925. He worked at home on the farm with his parents Charles and Anna, and the family. Louis also worked for two years in Frank

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O'Brien's Drugstore and attended Trinity College in Sioux City, Iowa, graduating in 1933. Three years later he joined the Marianist Order of Priests and Brothers in Dayton, Ohio, professing his vows for the first time on February 2, 1937. After 40 years of teaching and counseling assignments in Ohio, New York, and Puerto Rico, he is retired but active in the Marianist Community in Hollywood.

Sister Marie Schramko is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Schramko and the late Frank Schramko. She was born and educated in Johnstown, Pa. On September 8, 1934, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis and made religious profession on August 12, 1937. Sister obtained a Bachelor's degree from the College of St. Francis in Joliet; a Master's degree from De Paul University in Chicago and continued her education at the University of Illinois on a Science grant. She also completed a Master's degree in Administration and Counseling at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. Sister Marie taught Religion, Science and Mathematics in various high schools throughout Ohio and Illinois.

In 1961, at the request of Archbishop Carroll, Sister Marie was sent to Fort Lauderdale to start a Catholic high school. She co-founded Cardinal Gibbons High School and became its first principal, seeing it change from its beginnings as a co-institutional high school to a co-educational high school in 1972. Sister is presently the academic principal of the school, which has a student population of 1,150. Besides her work in education, Sister has served on the Archdiocesan Pension Board of Trustees for 13 years.

Silver Jubilarians

Born in Miami to Adolfo and Marie Cardet, **Sister Lucy Cardet** attended Catholic schools in Miami, beginning at Corpus Christi where she is now principal. Sister entered the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York in September 1981 and lived in New Jersey, Connecticut and New York before returning to Miami. Sister's experience in ministry has included teaching, religious education, jail ministry, administration and evangelization. She has just been elected to the Commission of Religious for the Archdiocese.

Sister M. Josita Churla, daughter of Wanda and the late John Churla, was born in Scranton, Pa. Sister Josita attended Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Grade School in Scranton and completed high school at Nazareth Academy in Philadelphia. Sister received her Bachelor's degree in elementary Education from Holy Family College in Philadelphia and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia.

Sister Josita entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth on September 8, 1962 and made her final vows on August 11, 1970. Throughout her 25 years of service to the Church, Sister's apostolic ministry has been in elementary education in Philadelphia and Puerto Rico. Sister came to work in the Archdiocese of Miami in 1983 and is presently principal at St. Brendan Elementary School. She has served as a delegate of the Sisters Council for the past four years.

Sister M. Helen Ann Cranston, daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine Cranston of Springfield, Pa., entered the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Immaculata, Pennsylvania on February 11, 1960. Born in South Philadelphia, Sister is a graduate of Immaculata College with a degree in Elementary Education, and Marywood College, Scranton with a Master's in Special Education. Teach-

Golden Jubilarians



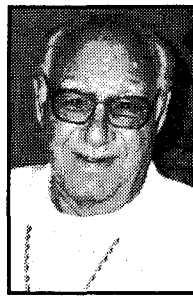
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Brother Donald J. Winfree, SM

ing assignments have included the dioceses of Allentown, Metuchen, and Arlington, as well as the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Before coming to Miami, Sister taught at the Early Learning Center of Immaculata College as a nursery, kindergarten teacher. Presently Sister Helen teaches first grade at Epiphany School, South Miami. She is a member of Pax Christi, USA, American Association on Mental Deficiency, Council for Exceptional Children, Association for Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities and Council for Learning Disabilities. Sister also maintains an affiliation with The National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities.

The Gillis family moved to Florida from Minnesota in 1951. **Sister Diane Gillis**, the eldest of 13, attended St. Mary's School and Notre Dame Academy. In 1960, Sister entered the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Putnam, Connecticut. After studies she taught for eight years in grammar and high schools, in the midst of changes brought about in the Church and religious life by Vatican Council II. Since then Sister Diane has been engaged in pastoral ministry, especially in the Hispanic community.

Born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, **Sister Mary Martin Heffron** received her Bachelor's degree in social studies

at Immaculata College and her master's in religious studies at St. Charles Seminary. Sister has taught on the elementary through junior high levels in Reading and Philadelphia, Pa.; Virginia Beach and Falls Church, Va. In each of these schools she taught CCD in addition to parish school classes. Sister Mary came to Miami in 1986 to join the staff and parish family of St. Rose of Lima as director of Religious Education. She also coordinates the sacramental programs in St. Rose of Lima parish, assists in preparing school liturgies and teaches an adult education course.

Sister Ann E. McDermott was born and raised in Monmouth County, N.J. the thirteenth child of German-Irish parents. She attended neighborhood Catholic schools with social life centering around the parish church. Drawn to the helping professions, Sister entered the Novitiate of the Franciscan Sisters of Penance and Christian Charity in 1961 at Stella Niagara, N.Y. In 1967 she earned a Bachelor's degree from Daemen College in Buffalo, N.Y.

After six years in the Buffalo Catholic School System, she began social service work with Catholic

Charities in the Diocese of Buffalo. In 1976 she earned a Master's degree in social work from Catholic University of America and returned to Buffalo to minister in the black community for five years.

In 1981 Sister came to South Florida, where she continued social work with Catholic Community Services in Fort Lauderdale. She also serves as Archdiocesan director for the Campaign for Human Development and is a volunteer faculty member and Broward Coordinator for the Office of Lay Ministry. She is a Damascus faith rally team member.

Brother Donald J. Winfree professed first vows in the Society of Mary in Marcy, N.Y. on February 11, 1962. After completing undergraduate work at the University of Dayton he began apostolic work in Baltimore, Md., where he taught at Cardinal Gibbons High School for eight years and served as associate director of the Archdiocesan Retreat House for two years.

He completed Master's degree studies at Loyola University in Chicago. In 1975, Brother Donald came to Chaminade Preparatory School in Hollywood, where he served as principal for six years. After a year of sabbatical study in Berkeley, Calif. he returned to Chaminade as director of Development, director of Financial Aid and now as associate director of Admissions. Brother is also director of the religious community of Marianists at Chaminade.

New catechetical catalogue available

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Center has Supplement Three of the Audio-Visual Catalog ready for distribution to each parish and school of the Archdiocese. This supplement contains the listing of all materials added to the center from December, 1985 through December, 1986. Anyone who has not received a copy by February either through the Department of Religious Education or the Department of Schools should contact the Catechetical Center after February 9. Anyone who has purchased a copy of the '83 catalog with supplements should contact the center to obtain a copy. Call 757-6241, Ext. 399.

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"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 prayers. Anyone with a prayer request is invited to write to: Prayer Petition, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fl. 33138.

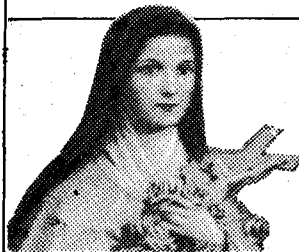


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No 'miracles' at Bayside

Declaration concerning the
"Bayside Movement"
By Bishop Francis John Mugavero
of Brooklyn

In recent months, doubts have been raised by members of the so-called "Bayside Movement" concerning the official position of the Diocese of Brooklyn on the alleged "apparitions" of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other heavenly beings, to a woman by the name of Veronica Leuken.

Moreover, erroneous claims have been made by a number of followers of Mrs. Leuken concerning the legitimacy of their position, in order to justify their activities on behalf of the "Movement". These have taken the form of statements in their publications that "since Articles 1399 and 2218 of (the 1917 Code of) Canon Law were abrogated by Pope Paul VI in 1966, no ecclesiastical permission is required, neither can anyone incur censure, for the publication or dissemination of information dealing with revelations, visions or miracles, provided these do not endanger Faith or morals."

As a result of the above-mentioned doubts and claims, a number of Christ's faithful continue to attend the regularly-scheduled "vigils" held at Flushing Meadow Park, and to disseminate or receive propaganda literature on this matter.

I, the undersigned Diocesan Bishop of Brooklyn, in my role as the legitimate shepherd of this particular Church, wish to confirm the constant position of the Diocese of Brooklyn that a thorough investigation revealed that the alleged "visions of Bayside" completely lacked authenticity.

Moreover, in view of the confusion created by published reports of messages and other literature by this "Movement", I consider it my obligation to offer Christ's faithful pastoral guidance, lest their faith be endangered by "messages" and "teachings" relayed by "visionaries", which are contrary to the Faith of our Catholic Church.

Therefore, in consultation with the [Vatican] Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I hereby declare that:

1. No credibility can be given to the so-called "apparitions" reported by

Veronica Leuken and her followers.

2. The "messages" and other related propaganda contain statements which, among other things, are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, undermine the legitimate authority of bishops and councils and instill doubts in the minds of the faithful, for example, by claiming that, for years, an "imposter (sic) Pope" governed the Catholic Church in place of Paul VI.

3. Those who persistently maintain that "no ecclesiastical permission is required for the publication or dissemination" of information concerning "revelations, visions of miracles", are erroneously interpreting the directives of the Holy See when they attempt to justify the publication of the propaganda literature on the "Bayside Messages".

In view of my declaration concerning the authenticity of the "visions of Bayside", the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has confirmed that the principles governing the publication of such religious material still maintain authoritative moral value prohibiting the endangering of faith and good morals (cf. Response of SCDF of June 14, 1966, in AAS 58, 1186).

As a result, those publishing or disseminating this propaganda literature are acting against the judgment of legitimate Church authority.

4. Because of my concern for their spiritual welfare, members of Christ's faithful are hereby directed to refrain from participating in the "vigils" and from disseminating any propaganda related to the "Bayside apparitions". They are also discouraged from reading any such literature.

5. Anyone promoting this devotion in any way, be it by participating in the "vigils", organizing pilgrimages, publishing or disseminating the literature related to it, is contributing to the confusion which is being created in the faith of God's people, as well as encouraging them to act against the determinations made by the legitimate pastor of this particular Church (c.212,1).

It remains my constant hope that all the faithful spend their time and energies in promoting devotion to our Blessed Lady, in the many forms which have been approved by the Catholic Church.

Given at the Diocesan Curia of
Brooklyn, New York,
this 4th day of November, 1986.

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But 'believers' won't accept Church stand

(Continued from page 1)

the apparitions were unsubstantiated by the Church. In his statement, he urged Catholics not to follow the movement or to publish or disseminate its "propaganda literature" because they are "contributing to the confusion which is being created in the faith of God's people as well as encouraging them to act against the determination made by the legitimate pastor of this particular church," he said.

The declaration was made to discourage rumors circulating among Bayside believers that the Holy See was going to report that the visions are authentic. Copies of Bishop Mugavero's declaration were sent to all U.S. bishops and bishops' conferences throughout the world.

'Danger to faith'

But the crux of the emotional dispute between Bayside believers and the Church seems to be whether or not following the Bayside movement is a danger to faith and morals.

In his November declaration, Bishop Mugavero said that after consulting with the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith it had been concluded that the "messages" contained ideas actually "contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church." According to his statement, the Congregation "had confirmed that the principles governing the publication of such religious material still maintain authoritative moral value prohibiting the endangering of faith and good morals."

Despite his statement to *The Voice* in September that he would not follow Bayside if the Church officially declared the messages are a danger to the faith, Victor Penn, a Leuken follower and Miami businessman, disputes Bishop Mugavero's comments.

"My response to the bishop's declaration is, 'show us where we are specifically endangering faith and morals.' There is nothing in the Bayside messages which are against the

doctrines, he said.

"I think the missalettes being used in Catholic churches all across the country today are much more of a danger. They have changed the wording in the Bible."

(The Catholic Church is constantly revising the translations of sacred texts in light of improved scholarship and new information on the culture and language of Biblical times.)

Penn also refuses to believe that a thorough investigation was made into the Leuken visions.

"The bishop is in total error. There has not been an investigation. Why don't they give dates or the names of the

form of cover up.

Investigators into the visions find it difficult to understand why Baysiders refuse to look rationally at Leuken's so-called heavenly messages which are often child-like and chastising, and her imaginative descriptions of the saints whom she supposedly converses with.

For example, Mary descended "wearing a flowing gown and a gold bejeweled crown while stepping on blue carpeting." Other fantastic Leukenisms are proclaimed with Jimmy Swaggert-style intensity in a monthly newsletter called "Roses."

A few: Annulments are wrong...they have scandalized your na-

Masses by kneeling at different times than required in the liturgy. They often pass out Bayside literature to passersby on church grounds.

Speaking from the pulpit, Father Jose Nickse, pastor of St. Brendan's in Miami, told parishioners candidly, "throw the Bayside literature in the trash."

Most pastors feel that Leuken's followers are for the most part, sincere, devoted Catholics who have been misguided by their desire to have miraculous proof of their faith or who, in their zeal to reform the Church, are using the Bayside movement to further their cause.

Father Gerard LaCerra, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, issued a polite letter which urged followers to desist from their campaign and expressed the wishes of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy for the same.

Sincere, misguided

Father LaCerra also told *The Voice* recently, "I have no doubt of the sincerity of those people. They have approached me before. But they are using the Leuken claims for their own agenda. They are opposed to such changes as the modern instrumentation of the liturgy."

Although Father LaCerra, like Bishop Mugavero will not say that attending Leuken's prayer vigils is a sin, he continues to discourage Catholics in this diocese from participating in any of the Bayside activities.

In a phone interview with *The Voice*, Monsignor Otto Garcia, current chancellor of the Brooklyn diocese, said he advises his parishioners the same.

"Whatever was concluded at the early investigation has not changed. Whatever Veronica Leuken says has never been verified. She claims to be Mary's voice box...but all you have to do is examine the messages and you can tell they are not from heaven. Baysiders are claiming that Christ did not die for all...and that in itself is heresy."

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Msgr. Otto Garcia,
Brooklyn Chancellor

Vatican II
Our Lady ... August 14, 1974
"Satan was present—He listened with great Council. He awaited every move. Agents among you! Recognize and reconstruct! You are on the wrong...have been deluded!"

Flying Saucers
Our Lady ... December 24, 1973
"There are many agents of Hell loosed upon Earth traveling in transports. Do not be won over to a life beyond the heavens, other than the Kingdom of Satan who..."

people they spoke to? In fact, they never interviewed Leuken herself," he said.

Personal interview

In earlier documents issued by the Diocese of Brooklyn, Monsignor James P. King, then-Chancellor during the time of the first alleged apparitions, issued a detailed statement saying that not only was an inquiry conducted, but that Leuken was interviewed in person and on the telephone several times by himself and other priests at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Bayside.

Penn and other Bayside believers feel the diocese is involved in some

tion...head coverings must be worn at all times...Communion in the hand is wrong...the newest catechetical books are "abominations and lies..."

Leuken has directed the men in the group to wear white berets and the women to wear blue, (as a sign of subservience). This dress code, according to Leuken, comes from the Blessed Mother herself.

Progressive priests are condemned as heretics and as ex-priests...they should have never hung up their collars because they are doomed forever.

To spread these beliefs, Baysiders in local parishes sometimes disrupt

Wanted: Hispanic vocations

National meeting offers lessons, suggestions for recruiting

By Araceli Cantero
Executive Editor, La Voz

The bishops of the United States have come to the conclusion that the Catholic Church here can't survive without Hispanic vocations. So they've asked Hispanics for help. How can more Hispanics be recruited to the priesthood and Religious life?

That was the subject of "In My Father's House," a six-day conference held recently at Miami's St. Thomas University and attended by more than 200 directors of vocations from throughout the United States.

In addition to hearing about Hispanic culture, the vocations directors had an opportunity to experience it firsthand, when they visited centers of Hispanic life in Miami and spoke with Hispanic youth, parents and seminarians.

Among the many things they learned was that Hispanics often feel like outsiders in the Church. That feeling is exacerbated when young Hispanics enter the seminary or Religious life and feel pressured to discard their 'non-Anglo' ways.

Hispanic parents fear losing their children to religious vocations not because the children have to leave the family, said Mexican-American theologian Father Virgilio Elizondo, "but because when they come back they are ashamed of who they are. Then, we have lost them."

Few native priests

In a speech which opened the conference, Bishop Raymundo Peña of El Paso, Tx., praised the fact that 19 Hispanic bishops have been appointed to the U.S. Church since 1970. But he noted that out of almost 2,000 Hispanic priests serving here, only 252 are U.S. born.

"We are still depending on Spain to serve our people," he said, recalling the great work of the early Spanish missionaries, and their failures as well: "they did not develop a native clergy."

Bishop Peña said the U.S. Church must make Hispanics feel at home, not only to foster vocations but to prevent young Hispanics from joining fundamentalist sects. "Fundamentalism is tearing our families apart," the bishop

The Mora-Arriaga family of Mexican 'marichis' (above) serenade vocations directors who attended the national meeting at St. Thomas University. Right, Della Berta Gonzalez, founder of the Vocational Prayer League, hugs Marta Castañeda, a member of the League who received a plaque for her outstanding work. The closing Mass of the national meeting also marked the 11th anniversary of the League, which now has about 3,000 people, including children, praying over the telephone for vocations in the Archdiocese of Miami. (La Voz photos/Araceli Cantero)



said.

He suggested ways in which parishes, dioceses and Religious communities could foster vocations among Hispanics:

- By preparing vocation awareness packages and distributing them to all families on Mothers' Day;
- By making vocation awareness a part of every sacramental preparation program;
- By keeping in touch with civic organizations who can help identify candidates for service in the Church.

Not 'churchy'

The vocations directors also received some tips on understanding the traditional relationship between Hispanics and the Catholic Church.

Father Virgilio Elizondo noted that "Hispanics are deeply religious but not

'churchy.' They have no sense of Sundays but a great sense of feast days. They love personal devotion and yet also love crowds and processions: the icon gives stability and crowds initiate you into the community."

He said another characteristic of Hispanic families in the United States is their poverty and suffering, due in large part to their lack of immigration status.

"The great majority of our families live without immigration papers," the priest said, so they naturally fear participating in parish activities.

A sign of hope

Not everything about Hispanics and the Church is bleak, however. In fact, the Archdiocese of Miami is one of only a few dioceses providing a positive role model for the rest of the U.S. Church, especially regarding Hispanic vocations.

Both St. John Vianney College Seminary and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary are bilingual and bicultural, requiring all students to master English and Spanish, language and culture before graduating.

"We must be doing something right, because the numbers [of candidates] keep growing every year," said Father Neil Doherty, director of Vocations for the Archdiocese. Not only do Hispanics here enter the seminary, he pointed out, "they are ordained and remain priests."

In the future, an even more novel approach to recruiting priestly vocations is being planned, said Father Federico Capdepon, associate director of vocations for the Archdiocese.

The plan calls for opening small homes or residences, staffing them with one priest, and encouraging young men who are trying to discern their vocation to live there before entering the seminary.

Historic moment

"Fifteen years ago this was inconceivable," said Father Ovidio Pecharrmán of the Diocese of Washington, DC, referring to the conference and to the U.S. bishops' efforts to recruit Hispanics.

"They thought it was enough to give Hispanics the parish hall for Sunday Masses, because they didn't think they needed us," the priest said. "Now we hear them saying, 'please come, because we don't know what to do.'"

He said the statistical reality finally sank in: Hispanics make up 52 percent of the Catholics in New York, 62 percent of the Catholics in Miami and 49 percent of the Catholics in Chicago, all among the largest dioceses in the U.S.

Other nationally-known speakers who spoke at the conference were: Father Allan Deck, SJ, who discussed the theology of vocations; Father Mario Vizcaino of the Southeast Pastoral Region for Hispanics, who reflected on cultural prejudices; Father Felipe Estevez, former rector of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, who discussed the spirituality of Hispanics.

"This is a historic meeting," repeated Father Pecharrmán. "There are people here who till a lot of evangelization soil. They'll spread the seeds."

Or, as Bishop Peña of Texas put it: "You can make the desert bloom. You can help identify the vocations the Church needs...and the Hispanic community will respond."

Expert:

Hispanic youths want to hear about God

By Araceli Cantero
Executive Editor, La Voz

Sister Veronica Mendez thought it would be like pulling teeth: getting Hispanics in New York to attend vocational retreats. She found out she was wrong.

After years of working with English-speaking youth, she had forgotten that Hispanics don't expect to be entertained by the Church. They expect the Church to talk to them about God.

"Our young people know they don't need to come to Church to dance or play ball," the Puerto Rican Religious told more than 200 vocations directors gathered at St. Thomas University last week. "If you only organize social events, Hispanics won't attend."

Sister Mendez, vocations director for the Archdiocese of New York, led one of many workshops at the six-day meeting, whose goal was to teach Church workers how to recruit Hispanics to the priesthood and Religious life.

Among the tips she offered:

- "Don't bother to send letters. With us [Hispanics] it doesn't work."
- "Don't try to pre-register people either," because Hispanics "live in the present. If you force them to commit themselves beforehand they'll say no, and then, even if they could have attended, they won't."
- Personal contact is essential. "If they like you, they'll go to the meetings."

She added that, normally, you have to count on the whole family coming along. In addition, if you want to speak to the parents, make sure young people are available to take care of the younger children. "We don't leave our children at home with a babysitter," she said.

One problem many Hispanic young people experience is lack of a clear identity, Sister Mendez pointed out. Especially in New York, "they grow up ashamed of being Hispanic."

It's important to repeatedly assure them that "it's beautiful to be bilingual and bicultural," she said. "We don't have less by reason of being Hispanics. We have more."

The lack of a clear identity often contributes to the

low number of Hispanic vocations, added Father Ovidio Pecharrmán, a veteran of 25 years in the field who works in the Washington, DC, area.

"A young person who doesn't know whether he's Puerto Rican or Mexican doesn't have a set of values that identify him, consequently he won't be able to commit himself to anything," the priest said.

At the same time, Religious communities may be contributing to the lack of vocations by not offering examples of the heroic or the "prophetic" to young people who are searching precisely for that.

"The problem today is one of focus," the priest said. Religious communities "have identified their charism but now they have to respond to the problems of today."

A community that does this exceedingly well, he noted, is the Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa. The order didn't hesitate to come forward and care for AIDS patients, even though the disease evokes widespread panic and is a cause of scandal.

Father Pecharrmán pointed out that in Washington alone the Missionaries "have more than 15 novices waiting" to enter the order.

'Searching' ends

She takes vows as Sister of Mercy

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

Searching --for what, she didn't know-- Margaret Mary Rorick came from Buffalo, NY, to Lake Worth, FL, almost a decade ago. She planned to stay a year. It has turned into a lifetime.

Earlier this month, Sister Margaret Mary Rorick made her final profession as a Sister of Mercy of Clogher, Ireland. Present during the concelebrated liturgy at St. Bernadette Church in Hollywood were her mother, two brothers and two sisters, friends and parishioners, and most importantly, the Sisters of Mercy, whose "openness and friendliness" had attracted the young woman to the order in the first place.

Never before coming to South Florida had Sister Margaret heard of the Irish congregation that arrived in the Archdiocese of Miami 30 years ago. Today, 18 of them staff schools in three parishes: Immaculate Conception in Hialeah; St. Bernadette and Annunciation in Hollywood; and a novitiate in Deerfield Beach.

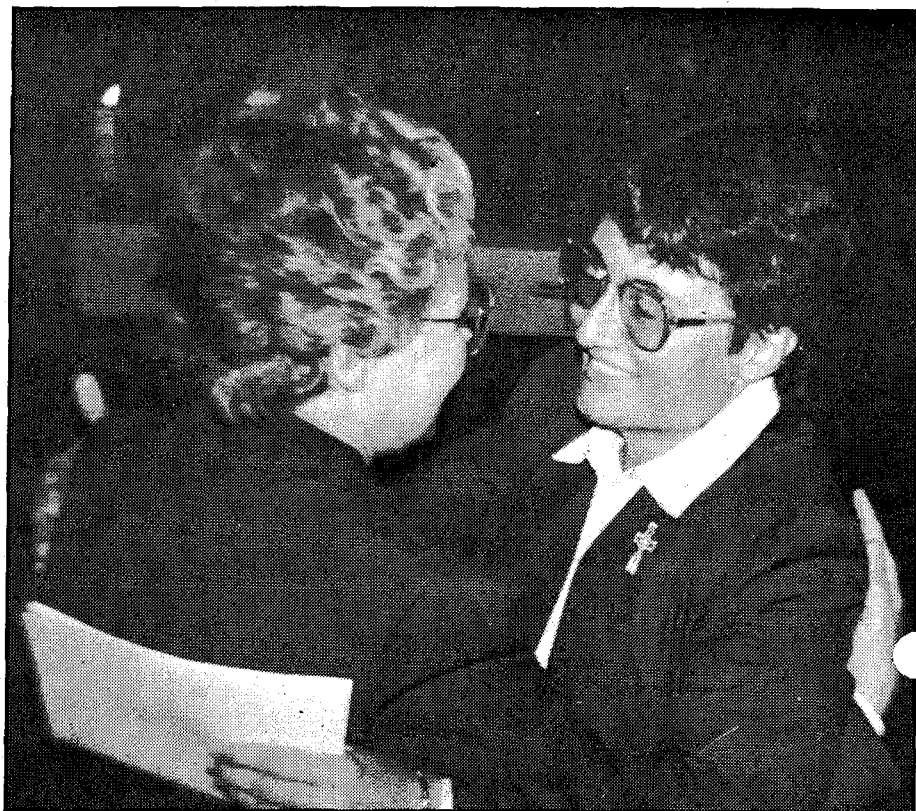
But their relatively small numbers have not affected their clout, at least as far as vocations are concerned. Sister Margaret is the second American to join the Irish order in the past three years.

"My life has changed tremendously since I entered, and the sisters have been very good to me," says Sister Margaret. "I'm very proud to be part of them."

Now 34, the Buffalo native was in her early 20s when she felt "an unhappiness or a restlessness within myself. Something was lacking."

After moving to South Florida, she went to her parish priest in Lake Worth, who suggested she contact a number of different Religious communities in the area. The Sisters of Mercy impressed her. She entered their Deerfield Beach novitiate nine years ago and has been with them ever since.

Three-and-half years ago, she began teaching physical education at St. Bernadette. It's a career the Sisters of Mercy encouraged her to pursue because "that's where my gifts seem to lie." She also plays and leads the singing at the children's Masses.



Sister Margaret Mary Rorick is congratulated after making her final profession of vows at St. Bernadette Church in Hollywood.

Sister Margaret's advice to other young adults who may be "searching:"

"Listen [to God]...Instead of too much 'out there,' start to look 'in here.'"

Project Magi: Nearly \$7,000 for needy

The final total collected by *The Voice's Project Magi* came to \$6,975, an amount which helped make Christmas a happy time for a number of South Florida families.

Among them: Birdie, the grandmother of nine whose plight moved many to send donations. Her grandchildren received brand new clothes which they desperately needed. Her thanks came in the form of a smile, ac-

cording to Eileen Lowe, newly-appointed executive director of Catholic Family and Children's Services.

"One of our intake workers has just told me of the smile on the face of [Birdie] when new clothing was delivered. [The worker] had never seen the woman smile before. Soon after, this family attended the circus through tickets donated by the American Legion Auxiliary. They were all dressed up in

their new clothes!"

(Duplicate donations have been given to Catholic Family and Children's Services and will be used to help needy families in similar situations.)

Another group to whom *Project Magi* brought glad tidings this Christmas was the Schott Memorial Center for the Deaf and Handicapped in Fort Lauderdale.

A \$1,000 contribution from the Knights of Columbus Council 4772 in Hialeah was split between the Schott Center and the Marian Center, a school for the mentally retarded run by the Sisters of St. Joseph Cottolengo. The Knights had stipulated that the money be used to help the handicapped and mentally retarded.

In a note of thanks to *The Voice*, Father Jim Vitucci, director of the Schott Center, wrote:

"I was truly humbled to think that

so many people love us and our ministry...Your special gift will help us build our 'dream' playground, a playground exclusively designed for the handicapped and their families."

Father Vitucci added, "Please be assured that when our project is complete, you will have the benefit of our prayers and gratitude and most especially, as the laughter of our children rises to the throne of God, the Lord Himself will know all the names [of those] who made such a beautiful and special hymn of praise possible."

The same wish is extended to all the donors who made *Project Magi* --and consequently, God's presence in South Florida this Christmas-- a physical reality for so many in our community. For "as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me." (Matt. 25:40)

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The Pastoral Center announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

THE REVEREND BERNARD KIRLIN --to be in residence, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Miami Beach, effective January 2, 1987.

THE REVEREND ARTHUR DENNISON --to Pastor, St. Augustine Church, Coral Gables, effective January 18, 1987.

THE REVEREND FELIPE ESTEVEZ --to St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, and to weekend work at St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach, effective January 9, 1987.

THE REVEREND FRANCIS LYONS --to Chaplain, St. Bernadette Council #8382 of the Knights of Columbus, Davie, effective January 5, 1987.

THE VERY REVEREND ANDREW ANDERSON --to Rector Pro-Tem, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, effective January 2, 1987.

Work on Synod issues begins

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signed to research the wage scales of other non-profit organizations in South Florida and compare those to that of the Archdiocese. The group's recommendations will be based on those facts, Loffredo said, and the process will be an educational one both for employees and administrators.

"The workers might not know what the administrators have to deal with. At the same time, the administrators might not know that the workers are struggling with the salaries they're getting," Loffredo said. "In the long run, there will be better understanding between everybody."

Even though he may be bearing the brunt of the complaints, Father Gerard LaCerra also said that the process will

be a positive one.

"Anything that is a concern or is causing a discomfort, certainly it's extremely important that [the employees] be listened to or, like Ford with a better idea, that it be implemented to the fullest extent possible," said the priest, who as chancellor shoulders the overall responsibility for running the Pastoral Center.

"We should be the microcosm of the Archdiocese in terms of the ability to work together and have a common vision," he continued. "Anything that brings us together, by removing either concerns or animosities or misconceptions, is just simply strengthening the role of the Pastoral Center within the diocese. So I welcome it and I think it's very healthy."

New Year, old fears

By Fr. Robert Paul Mohan

It would be pleasant to feel that the exuberant and joyous greetings soon to be exchanged for this new year automatically find expression and realization in all those unlined tomorrows. And it would be even pleasanter to feel that the last of life is really that part for which the first was made.

But one of the saddest traits that sometimes accompanies advancing years is the growth of fear. I am not talking about paralyzing phobic behavior or the ungrounded fear of those whose grasp on reality has become more tenuous late in life.

I am speaking rather of gnawing sense of security, the worry about physical health as the human machine shows signs of wearing out; the lack of confidence in doing things that were formerly done effortlessly; the diminution of conviction in the face of repeated attack and rejection by a new generation; exaggerated and often needless concern about financial security; the loss of the interest, enthusiasm, and courage that characterized the approach to problems of the younger self. These are the things that often trouble even the most solid of maturing souls.

We often feel that life has become too frenetic and anguished, society too mobile and uprooted, problems too great and insoluble, demands on our time and emotions too frequent and profound.

One of the reasons is not simply the fact of aging in the presence of a stable order but the fact that the order is simply not that stable anymore. And the blissful ignorance of an era of limited communication is no longer possible.

TV brings us pictures of children dying in Africa's Sahel and on the streets of Calcutta; it shows us Moslem fanatics savaging buildings and people and kidnapping the innocent; it portrays permissive nonfanatics of our own land taking casual promiscuity and successful dishonesty for granted. We get the impression that the world is moving faster than we are, and we are fearful of falling behind in our ability to cope with change, fearful of an uncharted future, or fearful of the charted past and its residual guilts.

First of all, there is a selfish way out of this dilemma: We can simply tune out the unpleasant and threatening and cultivate a kind of stoic insensitivity to all that does not immediately concern the self. "There



is no they; there is only us."

But this is to purchase a kind of Nirvana at the expense of our humanity. This is our world and this is our time. Oliver Wendell Holmes said that a man should share the action and passion of his time at the risk of being judged not to have lived.

The ancient question of Genesis -- "Am I my brother's keeper?" -- is not really a rhetorical question. Like most religious truths it demands a response in our lives, and in this case the answer is yes. To avoid fear by ignoring the world and its problems is really no solution but an evasion of the problem.

A second thing we might consider is a rational scrutiny of the object of our fear. Madame Curie once said that nothing is to be feared--it is only to be understood. This is not quite true, for there are things that do pose threats to our spiritual or physical integrity, and they should be recognized as such. But

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many of the things we fear are products of the imagination rather than the result of sober analysis.

It is of course true that our plane may go down on the way to Chicago; our new car may break down on the way to the airport; the skin discoloration on our arms may be a malignant melanoma; our son or daughter may marry a nitwit; the oral presentation we have to make to the boss may sound like a series of primordial grunts. In these situations, reason, the preamble to faith, must take over.

It is almost ridiculously improbable that a modern airliner would go down on the way to Chicago--even if that involves landing at O'Hare. The new car probably won't break down on the way to the airport, and even if it does, we will not be in the middle of the Sahara. The skin discoloration may be a simple keratosis, and even if it isn't, we don't have to take the first small step as a man on the moon to find a dermatologist.

As for the son or daughter marrying nitwits, perhaps 50 percent of all parents of lovely, gifted children feel that their children will marry nitwits, only to find in time that the spouse in question turns out to be reasonably human. If we have to make an oral presentation before the boss, we probably are smart enough to prepare adequately, or we wouldn't have been asked to make the presentation in the first place.

But of course all our fears are not illusory: Financial security is often a problem; ill health is often an expensive and life-threatening reality; our children

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Mid-East guilt

By William Bole
RNS Washington Writer

WASHINGTON (RNS) - It's been nearly two years since Jeremy Levin, smiling and proclaiming himself to be a "born-again American," came home to a hero's welcome in the United States.

The television reporter had escaped after 11 months of captivity in Lebanon. He seemed, at the time, to personify the kind of patriotism being trumpeted by President Reagan, who immediately congratulated the Cable News Network (CNN) journalist during a nationally televised telephone call. Levin was cast as yet another example of America standing tall.

Behind the television images, however, were the beginnings of deep anguish for Levin. His sense that America was far from standing tall was fueled by what he describes as a dramatic religious conversion which occurred while he was in captivity and has continued since then.

He now says that this new faith in God has helped give him a new perspective on the situation of hostages still held in Lebanon and Middle East terrorism in general.

"My faith tells me that the Rambo-style retribution and revenge has no place in the long-term solutions to these problems," Mr. Levin said in his office at CNN's Washington bureau, where he is now an administrator. "I'm more for reconciliation and negotiation than I was before."

The spiritual journey of Jeremy Levin began on March 7, 1984, when he was snatched at gunpoint from a West Beirut street. Blindfold and in solitary confinement, he began talking to himself, to start talking to God, "since people had been talking to a thing called God for several thousand years and hadn't to gone crazy."

Ten days of talking to God led him to the realization that the situation he was in had to have some meaning. "I decided that this enforced captivity was God's way of getting my attention," he said. On April 10, 1984, he decided that he was a believer in God and embraced the teachings of Jesus, particularly

those concerning forgiveness. But this was hardly the end of Levin's conversion.

During the interview, Levin, whose serious and intense manner is occasionally lightened by ironic humor, pulled out a tiny pocket New Testament which his Moslem captors had given to him at Christmastime 1984. It was heavily marked, having been read by him at least four times as a hostage. What "completely

Sinners:

- Christians who don't want to share enough power with new Moslem majority;
- Israelis who suggest Palestine was just a peopleless desert awaiting the Jewish diaspora to fulfill its biblical destiny;
- Muslims who have also have blood on their hands, having slaughtered Palestinians;
- Reagan administration which has supported violent solutions.

knocked me out," he said, was what Jesus had to say in regard to faith and prayer.

"Believe you have received it, and it will be yours," said Levin, recalling Jesus' words in Mark. To believe you have already received what you're praying for, he emphasized, is a far cry from the more easily understandable idea that you will receive it, and this, for Levin, illustrated the immensity of faith.

"This meant that despite the chains on my ankles, a lock on the door and guards with guns, that I was free," the bespectacled, mustached journalist recalled. "I joked to myself that all God and I had left to discuss was the exact date."

Levin's search for truth continued after he slid down a makeshift rope from his second-floor cell and escaped to freedom Feb. 13, 1985, with the help of a nearby Syrian army patrol.

Christians, Jews, Moslems all guilty, ex-hostage says

"Hate the sin, love the sinner" was what he learned from the writings of St. Augustine during his first summer back home. This became his guiding admonition in coming to terms with the mistreatment he had suffered at the hands of terrorists and understanding the broader Middle East tragedy.

"Who are the sinners?" Levin asks in an article in the January/February issue of *The Other Side*, an ecumenical Christian magazine published in Philadelphia.

He says they include Israel, which, while deserving to be a secure state, has propagated a "gratuitous revision of history to justify its political objectives." Mr. Levin asserts that before 1948, "Palestine simply was not a peopleless desert awaiting the Jewish Diaspora to fulfill its biblical destiny."

The sinners, in Levin's view, are also the Christian minority in Lebanon, "which is trying to hold back the clock when it comes to sharing political power with the new Muslim majority, and they have blood on their hands." Also with stained hands, he said, are the Muslims who, too, have slaughtered and maimed Palestinians.

And finally there is the Reagan administration, which has pursued what Mr. Levin calls a costly course of violence and retribution, as shown by the 1982 military intervention in Lebanon, which led to the bombing deaths of 250 Marines and the U.S. air attack on Libya in 1986.

At the same time, Levin writes, the U.S. has ignored the underlying political and social causes of terrorism and unrest in the region - not to mention the plight of the "forgotten hostages" in Lebanon. He asserted that their situation has been regarded as a political embarrassment to be downplayed.

"You cannot stand tall in the saddle when you horse is standing in quicksand," Levin wrote. He said in the interview that the U.S. has all along known of the demands of the captors of the hostages - that some political prisoners be freed from Kuwait - but has insisted that it could not deal with terrorists even though it did just that by selling arms to Iran.

Editorial Page

The false prophet from New York

"Oh, you of little faith!"

Thus Jesus chastised the people for wanting signs and wonders to believe in rather than accepting his message of love as sufficient in itself.

Others expected Jesus to fulfill their agenda of retribution against their oppressors. And so it has gone throughout history, religion being turned to the psychological or political needs of various groups or individuals of the moment.

One such phenomenon currently under way is known as the Bayside movement, referring to an area of New York City where "apparitions" of Mary have been claimed by a housewife from Queens for some 17 years, as reported in today's Voice, page 1, including an official statement from the Brooklyn Diocese debunking the whole thing.

It is not our desire to rain on anyone's parade and sometimes it is best to just ignore the various private "visionaries" who come and go. But the Bayside group, though fairly small, has nevertheless grown and has even taken ads in local media for seminar and film sessions to recruit interest in their movement. The Baysiders we have seen appear to be sincere Catholics, but, alas, their movement is taking on the earmarks of a cult, one which is recruiting members and leading them astray. There is the cult leader, the estrangement from the norm, the new dogmas (though ladled out

Voice editorial

along with standard truths), the siege mentality, blaming the hierarchy for putting them down as well as belonging to the Masons, installing an imposter Pope, etc.

Therefore, it is time to face unequivocally the truth: The Bayside apparitions are simply the products of Mrs. Veronica Leuken's voluminous imagination. Her success in gaining followers is due to a number of reasons.

One, she fulfills the need for signs and wonders. In an age of doubt and confusion, Mrs. Leuken provides a pipeline directly from God.

And does she ever! In the movement's newspaper which quotes verbatim Mrs. Leuken's revelations, she goes on and on and on describing Mary floating around in the sky, all very beautiful and spectacular, just take her word for it: Mary is moving forward, like as not to give some dire prediction of doom if the old ways are not restored; now Jesus is floating down beside her, then some saint glides into the picture to have his say about this or that, and the sky changes color and there is a giant orange ball of retribution, and it goes on and on this way like some endless Cecil B. DeMille production-in-the sky with Jesus, Mary and saints entering like characters on a stage, the longest running matinee since "A Chorus Line."

We really do not wish to be disparaging, but if the followers of Mrs. Leuken would back away from all the illusions, the silly "miraculous" photos with squiggly lights and double exposures for instance, and really take a look at Mrs. Leuken and her visions, they would realize how ridiculous it all is--especially as contrasted to the relatively simple messages of Lourdes or Fatima.

Two, perhaps most important of all, the "messages" that pour forth are of the ultra-conservative agenda, assailing virtually every Vatican II change in church life. This appeals to a deep-seated need of many people who yearn for yesterday's simplicities of more discipline and less thinking.

The most serious concern here is that some of Mrs. Leuken's rollback-the-clock messages contradict the teachings of the Church.

A Baysider once pointed out that the messages condemn such things as drugs and urge more family prayer, and what's wrong with that?

Obviously nothing. The Church tells us such things all the time. We don't need Mrs. Leuken for that. What is wrong is condemning Communion in the hand as an abomination even though that is the way Jesus no doubt instituted the sacrament and the Church practiced it for centuries. It is one thing, for instance, to disagree with the Church over, say, altar rails. But what is wrong is telling the people that God wants the altar rails put back or else, and that Bibles and missals printed after 1964 are the work of Satan. Such ideas are divisive and harmful and there have been incidents in some parishes up North over them. How dare Mrs. Leuken spread such dissension in the name of God! But this is the ultraconservative agenda she is promoting--with emphasis on the ultra (she even condemns the charismatic movement).

Letters

Let's not cast 'first stones' at religious bigots

Editor:

Speaking of myths and Puritans (Voice, Nov. 28): Kevin Long clearly identifies evidence of Protestant intolerance of Catholics in the early days of New England. But isn't it possible such behavior is the result of the bloody persecution inflicted on Protestants by the Catholic Queen Mary in the land from which they fled?

It is a sad fact of history that many of their Protestant predecessors were tortured and burned at the stake in Germany and in France, to say nothing of the Jews and others who refused conversion in Spain and Italy --in so-called "Catholic Europe."

Yes, if the Catholic passengers of the Mayflower could have included in their baggage the heavy volumes of the "Summa Theologica," they might have learned some of the social teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. Long suggests, "the Pilgrims would have saved themselves a lot of misery without living through the failure of experimenting with communal living."

Trouble is, they and others also could have read in the "Summa" (IIaIIae, quest. XI art. 3): "Heretics who

persist in their error after a second admonition ought not only to be excommunicated but also abandoned to the secular arm to be put to death."

Small wonder that St. Thomas wept when he read over his completed "Summa Theologica," which has so many otherwise beautiful and powerful helps toward understanding and living

Charismatics are part of Church

Editor:

In response to a sister in Christ who numbers herself among "poor striving Christians," disapproving of Charismatic fervor, extreme emotionalism, and "hoopla." I'm sorry she feels this way and asks this question: "Do those people follow the Church laws, or do they follow their own?"

Yes, we do follow Church laws. We do attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation. Some of us might even attend Holy Days if we were not obliged to do so.

We are also "striving Christians" and we are grateful that our Catholic Church allows us to worship our God in

the message that Jesus died to teach us. Why is it that the helps to spiritual growth were learned by so few, and the badly-reasoned support given to imperial and monarchical power --even to violence for hundreds of years-- was known and used only too well.

Sister N. Boggs,
Miami

a "silent way" or with "fervor," because he is wonderful and he loves us so.

Florie Antista
Miramar

Words of wisdom for our times ?

Editor:

In these days of nuclear and climatic menace, runaway AIDS and economic/social instability, seven aphorisms haunt me:

- 1) Lest we forget.
- 2) Three sins crying to Heaven for vengeance: wilful murder (abortion); the sin of Sodom (read San Francisco); defrauding the laborer of his just wages (flagrant profiteering and unem-

I THINK YOU SHOULD
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She has even extended herself into the realm of cruelty, not to mention blasphemy, by having Mary declare that test tube babies have no soul! Even the babies of rape are granted equal rights in the eyes of God, but to Mrs. Leuken the acts of the parents disqualify the baby from any claim on divine love.

One distraught gentleman has visited The Voice asking advice because his wife has become so embroiled in the Bayside cult that it has strained their holy marriage. He is a good practicing Catholic, he just will not go along with all the Bayside nonsense.

These are just a few of the things wrong with Bayside.

It is time for Baysiders to get back to reality and abandon Mrs. Leuken's forum of self-delusion and endless mind-boggle, pretty and seductive though it may be.

The legitimate Church and its various movements and ministries are varied and rich in reward for those seeking meaning in their lives and closeness to their divine destiny.

Seek them out and leave the housewife from Queens to stew in her own illusions.

Jews and Jesus

Editor:

In the article titled "Interfaith Dialogue" (11-28-86) one line, I think, was not very well thought out. The line I am referring to is, "After all Jesus was a Jew."

It is hard for me to think of Jesus in the past tense, since as part of the Trinity Jesus always "is."

Jesus also will always be Jewish. When Jesus told His Jewish brethren of His Father's plan for Salvation, He did not say Convert, the Kingdom of God is at hand, He said "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Domenick Dellisso
Dania

Marrying cousins and the church

Q. I am engaged to marry the one man I have loved for years but I have one doubt. He is my third cousin. I'm afraid our children may have some type of mental disorder.

By Fr. John Dietzen



I know of couples who have married cousins and their children are healthy. What are the views of the church on marrying your third cousin? Children would be important in my life but I feel I could not even suggest starting a family with that possibility. I'm afraid to mention it to my fiancé because of his temper and the possibility that he would dismiss it as an overreaction. Maybe I'm just afraid of my own feelings. (Texas)

A. I would not attempt to respond to your question from the viewpoint of science. That is not my field and I'm sure you have better resources.

I can tell you the church's regulations and those may give you some hint of what the human race has learned about this just from experience.

You are referring to an impediment to marriage that is called consanguinity, which literally means "common blood." The type of consanguinity in your case is called collateral. This is the relationship, for example, between brothers and sisters (first degree), first cousins (second degree) and so on.

According to general Catholic Church law, any collateral relationship up to and including the third degree (what we usually call second cousins) is an impediment to marriage. (Canon 1091). Perhaps I should point out for those who are familiar with former canon law that the 1983 code changed the way these relationships are designated.)

Of course, no dispensation can ever be given by the church for a marriage between brother and sister. In other cases, however, the church through the bishop can (and quite often does) dispense for a serious enough reason.

Marriage between first cousins, for example, is far more common in some other cultures of the world than it is in our own. In those situations dispensations by the church for first cousin marriages are also relatively common.

The church's laws forbidding marriage within certain degrees of consanguinity, of course, are based on social and health reasons which are rather obvious and about which you are concerned.

To my knowledge, the church has never had any serious regulation prohibiting marriage between third cousins.

(A free brochure explaining Catholic regulations concerning membership in the Masons and other organizations is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701)

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Leaving things behind

Recently my daughter Margee called to tell me that there was a liquidation sale going on nearby at the home of a former opera singer who had died without relatives. Since my daughter Mary is studying opera, I thought there might be some musical mementos that she'd love to have.

My sister was visiting and we went to the sale together. Neither of us expected to experience what we did.

We walked first into the garage where we saw belongings all over the place: boots, hats, clothing, bags full of cards. She must have saved every card she'd ever received. Every item had a little tag on it with the price.

In the main house, several rooms held carefully guarded antiques. We passed through another door and found more belongings with still more price tags. All of a sudden it hit me: These were the accumulations of a woman's life. Each priced item must have meant something to her. Each had a history that went with it when the woman was living. But that meaning was forgotten now. I became aware of the shoppers around me-- a tag sale crowd picking over items as if they were in a bargain basement. I cringed as I heard one woman's sarcastic crack, "I guess she liked the Blessed Mother," followed by a friend's laugh. Several pictures and statues of the Blessed Mother were in the rooms.

But these weren't department store items. The bargain hunters were walking through someone's personal home, handling her private possessions, making judgments and little comments: This is too big, that's too small, that's an ugly color.

Suddenly my sister and I looked at each other asking, "Are you feeling what I'm feeling?" We both felt weird. It seemed like the saddest thing in the world at that moment.

It was a shame the woman hadn't had the wisdom to distribute her belongings before she died. She probably never envisioned the invasion of her home by strangers and the violation of her memory. Even after death there should be a dignity to our belongings.

By Antoinette Bosco



I walked up to the two women running the sale and told them how sad it made me feel. They said they understood and actually had felt the same way. Before the sale was opened to the public, they made sure that her piano and personal musical mementos were acquired by a musician who would truly value them.

I wanted to buy something that my daughter and I would keep and love so they brought out a couple of boxes of old recordings, music books and opera scores.

It made me realize how important it is after we're gone that somebody cherishes something we have left behind. Then our belongings have some meaning to them. My daughter will have this singer's music and cherish it.

If someone cares, the communication continues from one life to another through the material object.

The sad experience in the singer's home also had the effect of reminding my sister and me how little we want to accumulate. We came away repeating that we would spend our money on life not on things.

And whatever we do accumulate ought to have some inherent value that others can pick up so that when we go a part of us can continue living with dignity.

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Heading off addiction

Dear _____,

Thank you for telling me about yourself and your tenseness of late. You certainly have enough to be jumpy about but I know you don't want life to become unmanageable. May I ask an unrelated question? How much caffeine do you take in? Coffee, cola and chocolate are loaded with it and if you experience colon problems or your legs jump involuntarily at night it could be the caffeine. Are you taking any medications or drugs in combinations? What was normal for you a few years ago might be excessive for you today. Our bodies change. Be aware of substances you're putting into your body, they may have troublesome side effects. You might be suffering from an addiction.

The worst addictions are drugs and alcohol, but every addiction is a pathological relationship with a mood-altering substance or experience. Gambling or compulsive sex are also addictive mood-altering experiences. When the dependency becomes more important than family, friends and work you've got a real problem. Vows to quit are overwhelmed by the force of the addiction itself. Addicts usually deny there is a problem. They blame others for all their ills, as they minimize their own multiple addictions: alcohol and gambling are common combinations. The consequences of all this can be a disruptive life (e.g., lost jobs, arrests, automobile accidents, etc.). Addicts either dismiss these things as irrelevant or blame them on other factors, but never on the addiction itself.

If you recognize yourself in any of this, get help.

By Fr. John Catoir



Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Sexaholics Anonymous, Emotions Anonymous are all self-help groups based on the powerful 12 Step Program. Learn as much about it as you can.

Everything about your body changes; your thoughts change, even your emotions change, but your soul remains immortal. It is your inner light, the central core of your goodness. Get in contact with your immortal soul. Let it become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Listen to what your own inner spirit asks of you.

Turn to God for strength. If you do this, I promise, your tenseness will ease and you will be strong with His strength.

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Time capsules

By Frank Morgan



Islam's biblical roots

About 2000 B.C. Abraham and his Egyptian slave girl had a son they called Ishmael. The Arabs believe that Abraham and Ishmael built their sacred Kaaba which is a small, cube shaped building in the courtyard of the Great Mosque of Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The building contains a black stone, a meteorite, which was given to Abraham and Ishmael by the Angel Gabriel. Ishmael, who became a great warrior and archer, is looked upon by the Arabs as the true heir of Abraham.

In 570 A.D. Mohammed was born in Mecca. As a young camel driver for caravans, he came into contact with many religions. He married his wealthy widow employer, Kadija, and they had a daughter, Fatima. At the age of 40, Mohammed began to have visions in which he was told by the angel Gabriel that he was a prophet of God and was to take up where Jesus Christ left off.

But Mohammed, being illiterate, could not write these

recollections down, so he told them to his secretary who later published them as the Koran. The Koran forbids gambling, the drinking of alcohol and the eating of pork. It also forbids the painting of animal or human figures. This led Arab artists into expressing themselves by the geometric designs that are found in the patterns of oriental rugs.

The monks of Islam are called "whirling dervishes." They are a rather sinful lot but believe they have a special dispensation because they are close to God.

Jabir was an 8th century Arabian chemist of Baghdad who discovered sulfuric and nitric acid. He was called the Hippocrates of Chemistry, and was the chief source for the alchemist thought that since metals are all of a common foundation, transmutation from lead to Gold is theoretically possible.

The Kennys' credo on discipline

Several readers have written asking for the Kennys' "credo" on discipline. We are glad to oblige.

Everyone would like to change the behavior of someone else. Parents especially would like to change the behavior of their children.

The first thing to remember is that bad behavior is learned. If it is learned, it also can be unlearned. And good behavior can be taught in its place. But not by long lectures.

Good discipline is neither automatic nor magical. Rather, it is a very real skill that parents can learn. The principles are simple enough. Here they are.

1. Parents should target their goals carefully and selectively. Any behavior that can be observed is a potential target for parental discipline. The wisdom comes in knowing which to select for attention. First preference should be given to rewarding desirable behavior, simply because it is much more economical to focus parental time and attention on good behavior.

2. Parents should be positive. Find a way of rewarding successes rather than punishing failures or misbehavior. Time and attention are rewarding, even if they are negative. Why waste parental time and attention on bad behavior? As most parents well know, this does not work very effectively to stop the bad behavior, even though the lecture sounds great.

The ideal is to identify a bad behavior like

By Dr.
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Mary Kenny



fighting or too much noise or coming home late. Then figure out the opposite, like playing cooperatively or coming home on time. And reward the good behavior.

3. Start small. Begin where the child is, not where you want him to be. Parents should reward any movement in the right direction. Break larger tasks up into smaller units and reward each small success. A good example might be cleaning up a messy room.

Instead of simply demanding that a child clean up his room, divide the job into units like "make bed," "pick up floor," "put dirty clothes in hamper." Give credit for each small accomplishment.

4. Parents must be concrete and specific. Select behaviors that can be observed and counted. Much discipline fails to work because the target is too vague. Goals like "attitude" and "respect" and a "sense of

responsibility" are too general. Parents must ask themselves what the child needs to do to show a "good attitude." Then reward the "good attitude" when it happens.

5. Be consistent. Consistency does not mean that parents cannot change their disciplinary goals. It does mean that parents must stick to their word and, if and when they change their plan, they must keep their child aware of what they expect and why. Parents need to agree with each other and to follow through on their word, day after day.

6. Keep score with charts. Charting is a good way to get a new discipline plan started. Basketball coaches keep track of production. They call it statistics. Parents do well when they keep statistics on good behavior of their children.

Charting behavior is a fun way to keep track of the behavior you want. Another name for charting might be behavioral bookkeeping. The chart is a written record of the date and target behavior, with a space left blank for smile faces or stars to reward the desired behavior when it occurs. Charting works.

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

Ministries without recognition

Once when I was working in family ministry in a parish helping to link accountants with elderly who needed help with their budgets and taxes, an accountant said to me, "I never considered my work ministry. I always thought ministry meant to preach, teach, usher and sing."

Yet, he was giving a couple of hours of evening time weekly, working patiently with people who were uncertain about their financial lives and who trusted and loved him for his caring.

I've often thought about him and how limited our view of ministry is. We reserve it to church functions rather than personal giftedness. In the intervening years, I've noted categories of ministry which go unsung but which make our lives richer.

First, there's the ministry of the convener. This is the person who calls others and says, "Let's go on that retreat or to that workshop."

When I was teaching at Creighton University in Omaha, a carload of women from Lincoln, an hour away, attended both days. When I remarked on their traveling to another diocese for nourishment, one laughed and said, "We do it all the time because Dotty here reads about things going on and calls us. Otherwise, we would never go to anything."

I've met Dottys all over the country and they share a rare and valuable ministry - gathering others to join a scripture class or work a Peace and Justice yard sale. We need them and honor them for their convening

By
Dolores
Curran



ministry.

Then there's the ministry of the reminder. This is the one who takes the time to call another and say, "I didn't want you to forget about that meeting or party tonight." In our busy lives, this person is a treasure. I've benefited numerous times from this ministry and I don't resent the reminder because I'm one of those who frequently thinks, "I want to go to that," and promptly puts it out of mind.

The ministry of collector is another unsung one. This is the one who collects old clothes, food, coupons et al for various causes. I know a woman who goes to the candy stores and collects their leftovers for a treat for the needy's children.

When I work the soup kitchen I am deeply aware of this ministry as people come in with produce and bread collected from grocery stores.

People who collect clothing become known and others drop sacks by their homes weekly. These

collectors then see that clothes get to the shelters and migrant camps. But they give up a neat garage permanently. My mother was the parish collector and I remember our side porch as a constant repository of old clothing.

The ministry of the deeply spiritual is another gift. They often do not see their steadfast faith and prayer presence as a ministry but after being around one, the rest of us come away with renewed hope and spirituality. We ought to declare these unassuming people ecclesiastical treasures.

The reconciler is another precious minister. This is the person who steps into breaches in families and parishes, bringing wisdom and love to conflict and tension. These are true healers and blessed are we around them.

Finally, there's the ministry of the optimist, the person we need around when we're feeling depressed, and life seems to be without meaning or hope. Their spirit of hope raises ours. We all need such persons in our lives, ones we can call upon to cheer us up and on. And they do. Thank you, God, for optimists in a world so often pessimistic.

If we know any of these ministers, let's take a moment this month of Thanksgiving to thank them. They get little recognition for what they do and many don't realize they are ministering to the rest of us. But we know. Let's tell them.

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Family matters

When you're single again

By Sister Virginia McCall
Director of Ministry to Separated and
Divorced

Each of us must cope from time to time with being alone even as we are surrounded by those we love. However, being single - whether by choice or by circumstances - has a dimension which increases feelings of isolation and loneliness. Living in a couple-oriented society, we seem to be surrounded by those who have someone else.

For those separated, divorced and widowed there is a deep loss not only of the spouse no longer present but also of a whole way of life including former relationships.

Couple friends seem to recede from the life of the single-again person. This may be the consequence of the couples no longer feeling comfortable with a single person in their midst or they may be at a loss as how to respond to the other's pain. More often, however, it is the conscious or unconscious choice of the single-again person who feels out of place - a choice necessary for the person recently separated, divorced or widowed

as they adjust to being single again.

To be single again means making decisions alone. It means the loss of adult companionship at meals, in going to church and other familiar social settings. To be single again means there are no more warm embraces from that special person, no one to turn to for companionship, comfort and love. To be single again means long evenings of waiting - yet knowing no one is coming home. It means reaching over in bed to touch that life-long companion only to be confronted with the reality that "I am alone."

This is a painful transition time as these feelings of isolation and loneliness can become so overwhelming. It is at this time of adjusting to the multi-facets of loss that many single-again persons rush too quickly into another relationship hoping to find someone to take the pain away.

But healing takes time. One needs to take time to be alone in order to feel and to cope with the loss. It also takes time alone to journey within oneself to discover the beauty and giftiness waiting to be called forth. And it is in this solitude that one touches the source of life - God.

To facilitate this transition which takes several years, the Archdiocese of Miami offers a number of options. There are the ongoing support groups which meet in 15 locations throughout Dade and Broward Counties.

The Beginning Experience is another resource for persons separated, divorced and widowed. This is a weekend spent in a safe environment confronting the feelings and the pain resulting from death or divorce. The goal of the weekend is to let go of the former relationship so one can move on with his or her life. Without letting go, one tends to carry that person as well as their woundedness into another relationship.

The next Beginning Experience will be held March 6-8 at Our Lady of Florida Monastery in North Palm Beach.

More spiritually based is the NEET Weekend which will be conducted at the Family Enrichment Center on February 6-8.

For further information about any of these programs contact Sister Virginia McCall, Family Enrichment Center, 651-0280.

'St. Elsewhere:' The best on TV?

I think it is time to set aside any minor qualms I have had over the years and declare that "St. Elsewhere" (NBC, Wednesday evenings) is the best regular series to be shown on television—ever.

Week after week, "St. Elsewhere" achieves qualities which few other drama

By
**James
Breig**



series have even attempted; consistently superior writing, characters who are not only likeable but loveable in the deepest sense of that word, a willingness to grapple with complex issues without resorting to sensationalism as well as—and here is what puts the show over the top, as far as I am concerned—a recognition that religious faith plays a significant role in people's lives (something other shows seem not to be aware of, much less dealing with).

When "St. Elsewhere" debuted in 1982, it showed signs of being an above-average program. The ensemble cast of excellent performers, was supported by superb guest actors. They all had the underpinning of outstanding, original, clever and always surprising scripts.

I wrote in a column in April, 1983, that "St. Elsewhere" was "the best new drama series on any network;" in fact, the best drama series, new or old, then on the air. The first six episodes or so were first-class with the right touches of gritty reality and humor." The problem, I pointed out, was that low ratings caused NBC to interfere with the show, leading to formula plots and ordinary characters.

But the creators of "St. E." overcame that slippery slope and since then, I have written five other columns about the series. That is more than I have dedicated to any other regular show, a sign in itself of the program's

quality.

A co-worker credits me with inspiring the show to delve into religion. I don't know about that, but in March, 1984, I asked in a column why the show had no priests, nuns, rabbis or ministers getting involved in the lives of the patients and staff.

Then, the following fall, I interviewed Tom Fontana, one of the series' producers and writers. I asked why he didn't show more overt religion on the program. "It is a good point," he replied, "and something to think about."

Well, I don't know if my questions and columns really had anything to do with it, but "St. Elsewhere" is one of the most religion-conscious (other than church-sponsored shows) to appear on the air. We've seen Dr. Craig, the Episcopalian, lose his faith after the death of his son; we've watched Dr. Auschlander, dying of cancer, move slowly back to his Jewish roots; we've witnessed Dr. Westphall's struggle with his apostasy from Catholicism; and we've been with the priest-founder of the hospital from his young, gung-ho days to his declining years.

The episodes this season alone have provided case after case of how a TV show can intelligently and sensitively handle religious topics, including:

*A Jehovah's Witness (usually the butt of TV jokes or dramas about how unreasonable their beliefs are) treated as a thinking person with deep convictions;

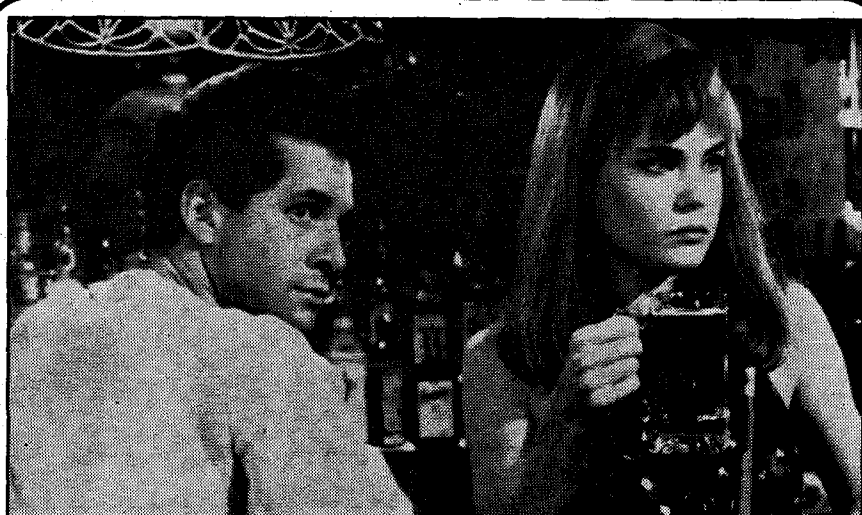
*Dr. Fiscus' near-death experience in which he visited his ideas of heaven, hell and purgatory;

*The entire staff's longing to comprehend death and what it means to their work and personal philosophies;

*An orthodox rabbi's fervent prayers and faith-motivated acceptance of cancer.

"St. Elsewhere" is remarkable and deserves all the credit—and viewers—it can get. Just so I don't deter those who shy away from television dramas which are serious and intense—I'll add that the series can be as wacky as Donald Duck and as chock-filled with laughs as any sitcom on the air.

If you have been persuaded by these words to start watching, give "St. Elsewhere" time. You have got to learn who's who and what the relationships are because the show is like life.



CINEMATIC SUSPENSE

Steve Guttenberg and Elizabeth McGovern (top) team up to trap a rapist-killer in "The Bedroom Window." The nudity, profanity and brutality in this thriller are somewhat restrained but the USCC gives it an A-III, adults only rating. Aboard a train, Charles Bronson tries to protect the First Lady, played by his real-life wife, Jill Ireland in a spy mystery called, "Assassination." The USCC also gives this film an A-III, adults only, rating: (NC photos)



Mother Angelica

MOTHER ANGELICA: HER LIFE STORY by Dan O'Neill. Crossroad (New York, 1986). 155 pp. \$10.95.

Reviewed by William Droel
NC News Service

Mother Angelica is an all-American success story. A small-town girl, abandoned by her father, misunderstood by her mother, afflicted with illness, rises from obscurity and poverty to national prominence as founder of the Eternal Word Television Network. How? Through cleverness, hard work, ambition and uncanny luck.

Before Mother Angelica got into the television business, she and the other sisters were marketing fishing tackle under the umbrella name of "St. Peter's Fishing Lures."

Along the way Mother Angelica attracts loyal followers and timely benefactors. She tells off bankers and shows up her skeptics. She nearly reconciles with her father. Her own mother, to whom author Dan O'Neill dedicates this book, eventually joins Mother Angelica's order as a nun.

And if this all-American success story is ever made into a television movie, Mother Angelica has the

network to produce and broadcast it.

There is much to admire in the Mother Angelica story. The U.S. Bishops' Catholic Telecommunications Network is running in the red \$1 million annually.

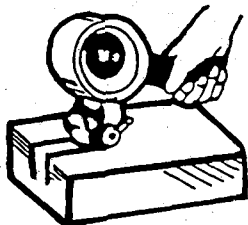
Meanwhile, Mother Angelica's Eternal Word Television Network is now carried by 300 cable systems and can reach 9 million homes. Without any grant from the Catholic Communications Campaign, Mother Angelica is able to meet her \$360,000 monthly operating costs.

There are many questions left unanswered in O'Neill's polite biography. Why, for example, is there any conflict between Mother Angelica and the U.S. Bishops?

They certainly can't object to the content of her shows. "To many," Mother Angelica says, "I'm a hopeless, conservative charismatic...I will not air programs that are blatantly opposed to the Holy Father."

For that matter, is there something in the technology of television itself that resists the Catholic understanding of the Church? Both Mother Angelica and the bishops could consider that question.

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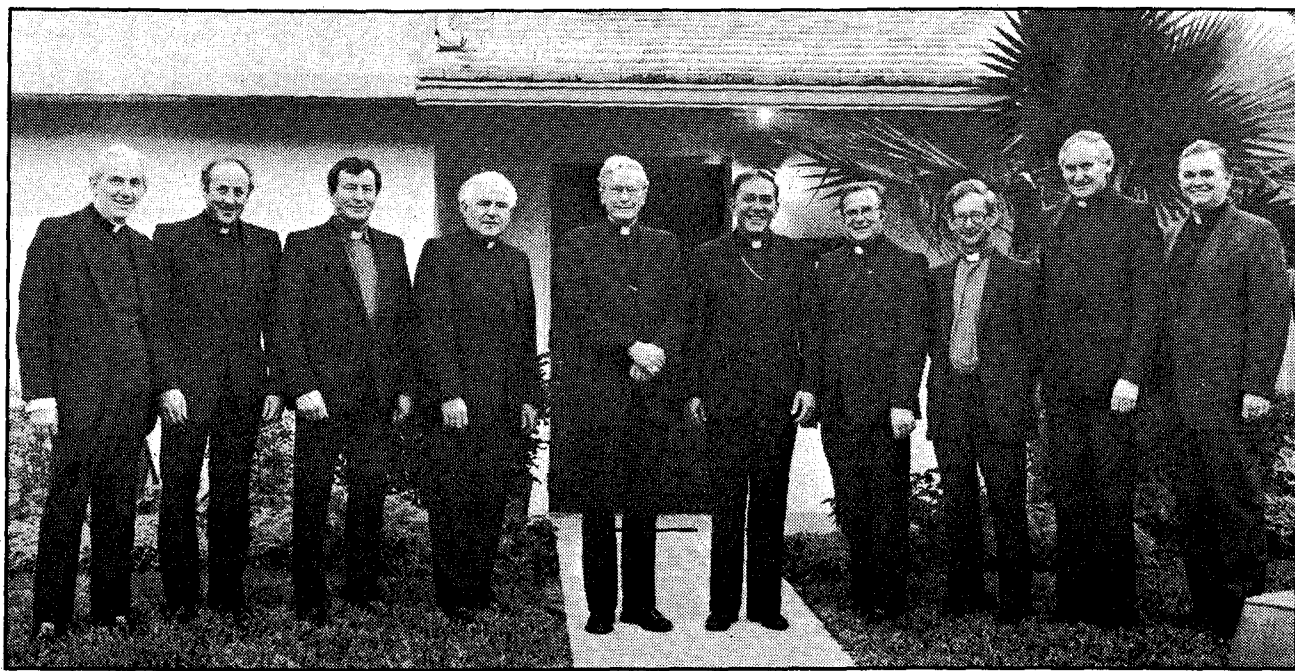
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What's Happening



Visiting rectors

They've sent the Miami Archdiocese over 100 priests in the past 25 years so it was only fair that the Archdiocese host seven visiting Irish seminary rectors. The rectors, recently making one of their infrequent trips to South Florida are pictured above with Archbishop Edward McCarthy and Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey (both center). The rectors are (from left): Msgr. John Delaney, Vocation Coordinator for Ireland and pastor of Holy Trinity church; Fr. Michael O' Connor, St. John's College Seminary in Waterford; Fr. Martin Camplon of St. Kieran's College Seminary in Kilkenny; Fr. Gus O'Donnel, St. Patrick's Seminary in Thurles; Fr. Laurence O'Conner, St. Peter's College Seminary in Wexford; Fr. Kevin Rafferty, All Hallows Seminary in Dublin and Fr. John McDonald of St. Patrick Seminary in Carlow. Also pictured (far right) is Fr. Neil Doherty, Director of Vocations for the Miami Archdiocese.

Talbot performs Feb. 6

Sparrow recording artist John Michael Talbot will appear in concert on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Broward Community College Omni, 1000 Coconut Creek, Pompano Beach, accompanied by John Peter Slauson and Donna Holis, sacred dance.

Talbot is currently one of the top-selling Christian recording artists in the country. His more than 20 records and six songbooks have sold well over one million copies. Through his music, with its simple yet powerful spiritual message, he has become a unique bridge among Christians of all denominations.

Talbot began his musical career back in his teens when, along with brother Terry, he founded the successful folk/rock group Mason Proffit, which achieved international attention during the counter culture of the sixties. In 1975 after rededicating his life as a Christian, Talbot signed a recording contract with Sparrow Records. In 1978 he entered the Catholic Church as a Franciscan lay brother.

Concert tickets are \$12 and \$10 and are available at all Bass ticket locations including Spec's music stores.

It's a Date

Spiritual renewal

The Women of Light monthly Bible Breakfast sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami are held on the third Saturday of each month. They include scripture teaching, music and personal sharing. Reservations must be made in advance by the Wednesday prior to the breakfast. Tickets are not sold at door. To make reservations call Lila at 753-2037 or Sharon at 721-8486.

The Our Lady of the Lakes Women's Club is hosting a Day of Recollection on Feb. 7 beginning at 9 a.m. with registration and ending at 3 p.m. with Mass at the church, 15801 NW 67th Ave., Miami Lakes. All women invited. Call Nancy Sacchetti at 558-7465 for more info.

San Pedro Men's Club announces its annual communion lunch on Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. at Eric's Floating Restaurant in Tavernier, FL. Guest speaker: Sr. Camille Brouillard. Donation \$12.50 each.

Single/divorced/widowed

St. Maurice Singles Group and Catholic Alumni Club is hosting a Till Your Heart's Desire Valentine's Day Dance to be held at St. David's parish hall, 7501 SW 39th st. in Davie Feb. 14 from 9 p.m. 'til 1 a.m.

The North Dade Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 23rd at Visitation Church Hall, 100 N.E. 191st St. in Miami. All faiths welcome. Call 651-5539 or 652-3052.

St. Timothy Catholic Church, 5400 SW 102nd Ave. in Miami, hosts meetings for divorced, separated, widowers and all singles every Monday at 7 p.m. All faiths welcome. Phone: 274-8225.

The Catholic Widowers Club of Hollywood will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 6 at Nativity parish hall, 700 Chaminade Drive, Hollywood, at 7:30 p.m. Covered dish supper. Non-members \$5. Refreshments, music, dancing. Further info call Mary at 921-0685 after 6 p.m.

The Dade Catholic Support Group for the Separated and Divorced is having a Valentine's Dance on Feb. 7th at 8:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Auditorium, 418 N.E. 105th st., Miami Shores. Donation \$5. For information call 885-6129 or 893-1211.

Entertainment

St. Bernard Church Women's Guild will present on stage Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. *The Ink Spots* and a comedian at

the parish center, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise. Tickets \$5.50. Contact Mildred at 741-5834 or Betty at 742-7243 for more information.

Barry's New Puppet Theatre Company will perform along with other puppet companies at the Greater Miami Puppet Mini-Fest to be held in Greynolds Park in North Miami on Jan. 25. Free all-day event.

Potpourri

St. Clement's Women's Club will present a "Cupids in the Sky" Fashion Show and Luncheon on Feb. 14 at the Holiday Inn at Sunrise Blvd. and A1A. Begins at 11:30 a.m. For reservations call Lois at 975-0252 after 5 p.m. Reservation deadline: Feb. 7.

St. Helen's will host their 17th annual Family Carnival on parish grounds at 3340 West Oakland Park Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale from Jan. 29th-Feb. 1st. Thursday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 11 p.m. Rides, games, boutique and plants.

The Family Enrichment Center will be presenting a series of four classes in the sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning beginning on Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Enrichment Center, 18330 NW

12th Ave. in North Dade. For more info or registration call Kevin and Caryl Hanlon at 742-7836. Another series will begin Feb. 10th at St. John Neumann Parish, 10801 SW 120th St. in South Dade at 8 p.m. For more information and registration call Pat and Kathy Gent at 792-6217.

The Columbiette's of Fr. M.F. Monahan Council #4851 are hosting a Grand Valentine's Dinner Dance on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 600 Knights Rd., Hollywood. Smorgasboard. Music by Smith and Company. For more information call Dolly at 931-3911. There will also be a card party Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Little Flower Hall, Federal Highway in Hollywood. Tickets \$1.50 per person. For more info call Rose at 929-4364.

The Queen of Peace Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will hold a regular meeting on Feb. 1 and every first Sunday of the month at St. Richard Parish Center, 700 S.W. 152nd St., Miami at 1 p.m. Public invited.

The St. Lucy's Women's Guild of Highland Beach will hold a luncheon-fashion show on Feb. 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at the Delray Beach Club, South Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. For reservations call Giner Girardin 278-7213.

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Annulments talk

Fr. Andrew L. Anderson, Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Miami, will give a talk on Annulments at the Little Flower School Cafeteria, 7301 Indian Trail Mound, Coral Gables, at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 29. A question and answer session will follow. For further information contact the Little Flower Support Group for Separated and Divorced Persons; Nancy Leonard at 444-5801 or Bob Hynes at 666-8782.

K of C basketball winners

The Knights of Columbus-Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 4800 have held their 1st annual free throw basketball competition and the following youths have won first place in their respective age brackets: **Boys:** 11 years old, George Mell; 12 years old, Ben Brooks and Dennis P. Triana, 13 years old; Fernando Plato 14 years old **Girls:** 11 years old, Shannon Floyd; 12 years old, Cyndi Dillion; 14 years old, Nancy Arellano.

Liturgical conference to be held Jan. 31

"Called to be a Celebrating Church" is the theme of a Liturgical Conference which will be sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Konover Hotel, 5445 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.

Sessions in English and Spanish

Hospice seeks volunteers

Hospice Inc. of Miami which helps meet the physical and emotional needs of terminally ill patients at their homes or on an in-patient or out-patient basis is seeking volunteers.

Hospice volunteers provide direct support to patients at home, visit nursing homes, assist the inpatient unit staff or help bereaved friends and relatives through the grieving process.

Among other duties, volunteers may aid in community education, serve on the Speakers Bureau, perform office work, or manage volunteer units.

For more information contact the hospice at 325-0245.

will open at 9 a.m. following registration at 8:30 a.m.

The Rev. Joseph M. Champlin, author of numerous works on liturgy, pastoral theology, and marriage, will be the keynote speaker. He is presently Vicar for worship and parish life in the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y. and has traveled more than one million miles conducting clergy conferences, priests' retreats and lectures throughout the U.S.

Workshop presentors will include David Haas, St. Paul, MN., composer in residence at St. Paul Seminary

Jewish-Christian lecture

The second in a series of three Jewish-Christian lectures will be held at Barry University, Jan. 25, in the Andreas Building, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be rabbi Yechiel Eckstein whose topic will be "Contemporary Challenges to Jewish-Christian Relations." Rabbi Eckstein is the founder and president of Holyland Fellowship for Christians and Jews in Chicago, Ill. Admission is \$4.

School of Divinity and director of Cantoring in Today's Church, a program for cantor formation; Marty Haugen, a recording artist of liturgical music; and the Rev. Jaime Lara, director of the Art and Architecture Commission of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as director of the Office of Liturgical and Pastoral Affairs of Centro Pastoral de Nordeste;

A concert featuring David Haas and Marty Haugen will conclude the one-day conference at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick Church, 3700 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach.

For further information call 757-6241, Ext. 352.

Entrance exams

LaSalle High School, 3601 South Miami Ave., Miami will be holding an entrance exam on Jan. 31 at 8 a.m. There will be an open house on Jan. 25 for interested 8th graders and their parents from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Chaminade College Preparatory School is holding an entrance test for 9th & 10th graders on Jan. 31 at 8 a.m.

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Having problems? Talk, talk, talk

By NC News Service

What is it about being married that almost guarantees occasional conflicts? For some people, a cause for future conflict is their view of what married life will be like, said Laura Meagher, director of religious education at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Hockessin, Del. Couples fail to anticipate how much each partner will change and to foster common interests.

She told of a couple who married in their early 20s in 1964 while he was in law school and she was a college undergraduate. As they grew older their "values changed a lot." He became passionately involved in politics. As time passed, his job on Capitol Hill became his top priority, to the detriment of family life.

His wife found herself almost a single parent in caring for their children. With little interest in politics, she developed an absorbing interest in theology. Although the couple lived in the intimate relationship of marriage, they realized too late that "they had nothing to talk about," Meagher said.

Unreal expectations are another potential area of conflict. Couples can marry without realizing they'll need to "work at keeping the relationship going,

thinking that everything will work out."

Many people also marry with the expectation that "a spouse is going to meet all my needs --emotionally, intellectually," Meagher continued. In reality, no one can be all things to another.

Parenting is a large source of conflict, Meagher said. "I didn't expect raising children to be so hard and so demanding."

Areas of conflict related to children range from disagreement on discipline to what each partner is responsible for in child rearing.

Does it help couples to try to identify and talk over potential conflicts?

Meagher believes it does. "When you can name a problem, you can start dealing with it. You can live with it."

But she doesn't minimize how difficult this is in practice. There are cases in which she recommends that a spouse write down whatever is bothering him or her in a relationship and give it to the other to digest in peace. This "lowers the decibel level and gives space and time to form a response," she explained.

Responding to conflict may be difficult, but it is crucial for living out a commitment to marriage.

Spouse: Handle with love

By Jane Wolford Hughes
NC News Service

Marriages may be made in heaven, but few escape the conflicts brought about because two unique free human beings are living in the most intimate of human relationships.

I see four factors, however, that create an atmosphere in which conflict can be approached healthily. The first is love.

The command heard in John's Gospel is hard in the harsh reality of today's world. "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The fact is, God's love changes us. When we really love, we can transform each other.

Of course, love is not a few isolated instances carefully staged like a Neil Simon play. It's day after day, stormy or sunny.

Risky business? Sure. You allow yourself to become vulnerable but increase your self-worth. You submerge selfishness but feel you gain. It's a familiar paradox for Christians, like losing your life to gain it.

Because you love, you gain power, power that generates growth --not control-- for each spouse. A sturdy belief in the other enables one to lift the other when down. You take on an unembarrassed willingness to laugh and cry together.

Compassion is passion's flip side. Jesuit Father Walter Burghardt says "compassion is another word for Christian" ("Grace on Crutches: Homilies for Fellow Travelers," Paulist Press, 1986).

Thus, touching is important in marriage: gentle, loving, healing touches that say "I care about you." Even when one partner has become a stranger, for whatever reason, compassion dictates taking him or her into love's circle again.

A second factor in approaching conflict is anticipation. As you come



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to know one another, some conflicts can be anticipated and headed off.

But you'll need to look where your lives are going. Have you stumbled into the superficiality of acquiring things, fast-tracking or selfish behavior which causes one person to feel dumped on?

When hard winds blow, life without shared goals can be destructive.

Then there is communication. To communicate, you need to know yourself and your spouse. Examine what hurts you, your fears, strengths, frustrations.

Most of us harbor a frightened child in some hidden closet of ourselves. But take heart, God loves you as a wondrous human being.

Open your innermost self to your partner, who was attracted to your loveliness in the first place. The door opening may be just a crack at first, but the light of you will shine through.

To communicate about a conflict situation, don't start with "you" --"You never talk to me anymore." It is less threatening to say, "I," as in "I feel there is a distance between us lately."

If the other person still retorts "So what?" persist with "I miss you. You're so important to me." It may open the possibility of intimate conversation. If there is still a rebuff, let the matter rest. But no nagging or grumpiness. If you reach an absolute impasse and other elements of the marriage seem to be crumbling, it is

time for outside help.

Yet another factor in how we approach conflict is to "let go" of a type of baggage that can get carried through life, a bulging memory of past guilts and resentments. Dump them.

In marriage this means helping each other become the special person God has in mind. But move slowly and gently, for our egos are so delicate that we hide and are prisoners of ourselves.

Let me end with advice handed down from generation to generation: Never let a day go by without saying "I love you." Never go to sleep with a rift between you; it will grow by morning. Believe in the power of loving.

Scriptures

Setting the Gospel stage

*Reflection on the reading
for Sunday, Jan. 25:
Matt:4:12-23*

Have you ever been backstage before a play opens? It often resembles a madhouse. There is a flurry of activity as props are being moved, lighting is tested, and stagehands collide with actors getting into place.

In Sunday's Gospel, we have three brief scenes. The pace is quick and there is a flurry of activity. Each episode is important in itself, but the combined effect is like being "backstage" just before curtain time.

Sunday's incidents cover the first public words of Jesus, his choice of the first disciples, and his first miracles. They occur in quick succession, as though they had been abbreviated. One is forced to wonder what Matthew is up to as he arranges these events. Suddenly, it seems, each scene offers up its clue. In the opening verse of each episode, we come across mention of Galilee.

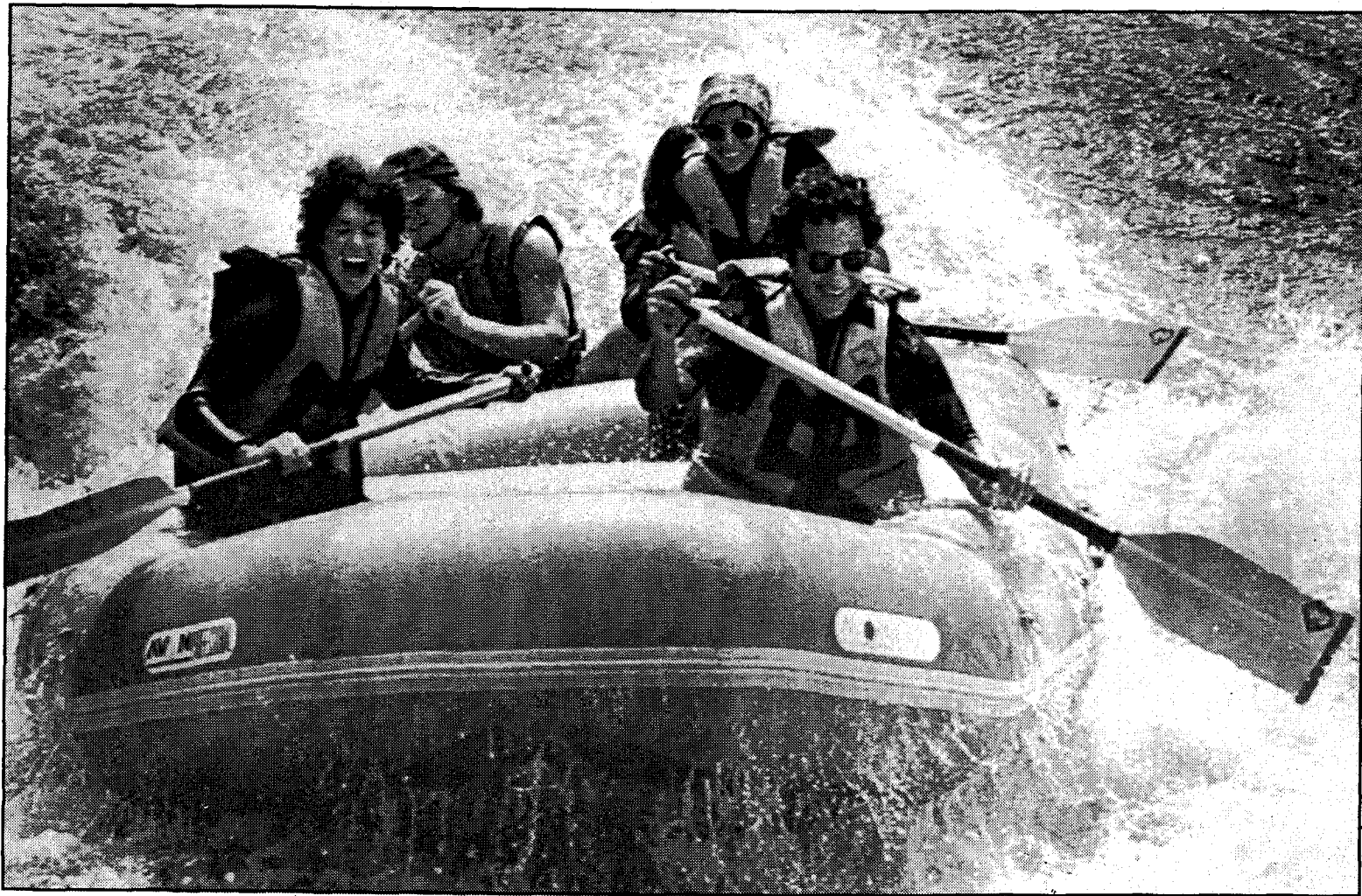
Background

The name "Galilee" comes from the Hebrew *galil*, a word that means "circle," often translated "district." A region to the north of Palestine, it was often encircled by invading nations, such as Assyria and Chaldea. As a result of such invasions, and the fact that the area bordered foreign peoples, a mixed population resulted.

The presence of numerous pagans led devout Jews to cast suspicion on the region, which gained the reputation for being lax about observing the Law of Moses. If, as the rabbis taught, the Law was a "light" to guide observant Jews, Galilee was a "dark" place indeed. Its people were spiritually deprived.

All the Gospels agree with Peter's statement in Acts, which describes the ministry of Jesus as

Know Your Faith



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'White-water' marriage

By David Thomas
NC News Service

Couples should learn to deal with conflict in a healthy way

To a hardy group of river raft owners, a good winter snowfall in the high country of Colorado signals a profitable season ahead when the spring runoff occurs. Their large rubber rafts will be filled with tourists, who delight in the adventure of running the wild rapids.

Many mountain streams enjoy spaces of relative tranquility. The rafts move with ease and grace, their passengers drink in the scenery with joy and serenity. But all jump to attention when the helmsman cries out, "White water ahead!"

Muscles tighten. The blood pumps more vigorously through the body. This is what everyone came for: the testing of the human spirit against the power of nature.

Once into the rapids, the rubber raft rapidly rises and falls. If the river is wild enough there will be moments of sheer terror. The passengers are told to trust, which they try to do. They have welcomed the adventure and when they really think about it this kind of excitement is part of their very reason for living.

For me, the image of white-water rafting has a special meaning for the married. We all have been victimized to one degree or another by images of marriage that depict it as "living happily ever after" or "sailing into the sunset." These secular images seduce us into thinking that happy marriages are supposed to be trouble-free unions. Couples who experience disagreement or who bury their anger under thick blankets often feel guilty because they have not measured up to the ideal.

But for most of us the marital journey is more like the raft ride down rough rapids than like sailing into the sunset. We know there are days of tranquility, but there are days of difficulty too.

Marriage is the attempt to wed individuals who are dissimilar from head to toes. Think about how each one's body is completely made up of cells which are sex-typed. The research pouring in each day tells us how women and men think differently, emote in a varied manner and approach life situations in ways unique to each

sex. Added to this is the fact that each person comes to marriage with an unmatched life history. Some might conclude it is almost a miracle that marriages can become deep, loving, lifelong unions.

And many do. Marriage can work.

What is needed as part of our religious imagination are images of marriage which underscore its challenge and which appreciate the fact that essential to marital growth is acceptance of conflict and development of skills for dealing with it in healthy ways.

When Christian marriage is good, much of its goodness lies in the couple's ability to work through conflict for the benefit of both persons. Couples accomplished in this skill speak of the time they take to talk out difficulties. They are willing to be honest and they know how to tell the truth of their experience. They listen, they listen and they listen.

They know how to distinguish genuine love and honorable

disagreement. They know when it is time to resist and they know when it is time to bend. They also recognize when it is time to get outside help.

Here are a few rules for white-water marriages:

1. Admit that marriages are not intended to be perfect. They are best understood as simply moving toward the better.
2. When conflicts or disagreements surface, take some time to discuss the matter. Give both sides equal time and value.
3. Probe to where the conflict originates. Maybe it's part of one's family background. Maybe it had to do with the traffic jam one experienced earlier that day. Maybe it's because you haven't spent enough good time together in recent weeks.
4. Retain a sense of humor. Marriage is serious business but if it gets too serious we can lose that needed distance which allows us to laugh at our futile attempts to be perfect.
5. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Maybe you can consult a trusted friend or even a professional trained to help people over rough rapids.

"beginning in Galilee." But it would appear a strange place for the Messiah to inaugurate his reign. Jerusalem, perhaps, or even the desert, but not the land of the heathens.

Commentary

Yet that's precisely where Matthew focuses our attention. Galilee is seen, despite the reservations of pious Jews, as a necessary starting point for what Jesus will do.

"...by the sea..." Isaiah spoke of a "seaward road" as being "glorified." He had in mind the major trade route that headed toward the sea, namely the Mediterranean. For Matthew, "the sea" becomes the Sea of Galilee, along which Capernaum lay.

The significant truth lies in the fact that Galilee was "living in darkness," the Law's light not being followed. The entire scene, where Jesus ar-

rives in a shadowy land, is Matthew's way of saying what Jesus Himself declares in John's Gospel: "I am the light of the world."

Disciples: He who moved to a city "along the sea" now walks "along the sea" and calls his first disciples. Our attention now shifts to those men who immediately respond to the words of Jesus. That immediate response itself sets the stage for what will soon follow (beginning at 5:1). They abandon everything, and soon, as we come to the "opening" for which this episode prepares, they will be asked to abandon even more than they do now.

Crowds: Our attention moves, finally, to the "crowds," as Jesus expands his movement to cover "all of Galilee." That "circle" of the heathens, to which Jesus went, and where he took up residence, is now completely filled, like the ripples flowing to the edge of a pond once a stone has been cast into its waters. They are a pitiable lot, a "people of

every disease," "all afflicted with various diseases," and Jesus "cured them all."

Matthew is heightening a sense of totality, a universality. With the very next verse, to be read next Sunday when the Sermon on the Mount begins (like the opening of a play), we discover what Matthew has been up to all along. Matthew has set the stage for that Sermon on the Mount. The quick pace of the three scenes, despite the significance of each, fuses into a flurry of activity leading to the serenity of what Jesus will now go on to proclaim: blessedness to all who are "poor in spirit."

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Nuns survive Amtrak crash

(NC) Sister Mary Roger Thibodeau was chatting about Rome with her seatmate on Amtrak's Colonial when the train collided with three Conrail freight locomotives on Jan. 4, killing 15 people and injuring 176 more.

"It felt like an eternity...I remember thinking, this is it," the nun told the Catholic Standard and Times, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

"The job I do has me on the road 85 percent of the time, but I mostly travel by plane. I remember thinking, 'I never thought it would happen on a train.' It amazes me that I had so much time to think that way."

Sr. Thibodeau, who works with the National Office for Black Catholics in Washington, was headed for Philadelphia to attend a conference at the motherhouse of her order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, in Bensalem, Pa., the next day.

As the train sped through the Maryland countryside, Sister Thibodeau and her seatmate, Roslyn Waters, a Peace Corps instructor, chatted, unaware of the danger ahead near West Twin Rivers, Md., about 12 miles northeast of Baltimore.

'Everybody was doing what they could to help. The kindness and unselfishness is what I remember most...'

Sr. Ann Bernard Carlin

"I felt at the time a kind of hard impact, a lot of jerking and thrusting," Sr. Thibodeau said of the tragic crash. "We all had to brace ourselves. It felt like the car was plunging to the left."

When the train came to a halt, the nun discovered that she was unhurt, but the impact had removed her right shoe.

West Twin River residents, "really did everything. You were practically pulled into homes," she said. "They worked together and opened the community center. People from every household came and gave us food and drink."

She recalled seeing one young rescuer crying because the man he had been helping, "died in his arms."

Also traveling on the Colonial but in the next-to-last car were Sisters of St. Joseph Ann Bernard Carlin and Rose Edward Carlin, both blood sisters. They were headed to Philadelphia to their convents. A niece who is a nun was also traveling with them.

"I think I was reading---just relaxing," Sister Ann Bernard said. "The first thing was the sudden jolt of the brakes. The train kept going for several seconds until the impact. Then everyone was thrown forward."

She said when her sister suffered a broken nose and was "bleeding profusely." "My sister and I were the last two out. I knew she was feeling weak so we waited," she told *The Catholic Review*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



Rescue workers remove a body from the wreckage of Amtrak train's worst accident in history which occurred on Jan. 4. Several nuns were among the survivors and along with other clergy who ministered at the site of the tragedy, they shared the memories of their ordeal. (NC photo from UPI)

"Everybody was doing what they could to help, the kindness and unselfishness is what I remember most," she said.

One local Catholic couple, Robert and Diane DiNatti, members of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Middle River, Md., arrived on the scene about a half hour after the accident when they learned Sr. Ann Bernard was looking for them. Once a teacher at their parish, she remembered the couple.

Robert DiNatti helped the sisters, including Sister Thibodeau, carry their luggage up a steep hill to his home.

During the sisters six-hour stay, the DiNattis gave them blankets, something warm to drink and allowed them to call their motherhouses in Philadelphia to let them know they were safe.

"We all had people at our houses," DiNatti said. "We had 200 to 300 people in our community hall and that

was overcrowded. We had to take them in somewhere."

Typical of the residents of the area, DiNatti did not hesitate to volunteer his help at the crash site.

"The first thing I thought about was the people on the train," he said. "But when you saw it you knew people had to be dead in there."

In Baltimore, Archbishop William D. Borders expressed his sympathy.

"If our faith is challenged by the mystery of human suffering with which tragedy confronts us, it is also strengthened by the compassion of human solidarity with which our friends and neighbors have responded to it," he said.

Father Richard Woy, a Catholic fire department chaplain who was called to the crash described it as "incredible--how something heavy like that could be so crumpled."

"One of the things that stood out was the expressions on the rescuers' faces

when they were relieved (from their work). Just the utter disbelief at the human tragedy they'd been involved. They'd been so busy working that the impact didn't hit them until they stopped."

For the families of those who did not survive, Amtrak set up a command center at a local motel.

Father William Foley was one of three priests called in to break the sad news to the families of the deceased.

Red Cross officials isolated each family in a room and "gently broke the news," Fr. Foley said.

"Most of them had some inkling that they were going to get bad news, but it was still really sad. The people were really devastated."

Fr. Foley saw the tragedy as a chance to enrich his and others' faith.

"This was a teachable moment...and the tragedy became an opportunity minister."

How to spot a teen-ager's parents



How can you spot the parents of a teen-ager?

When you are in a restaurant, they are the ones who make sure that the salt and pepper shaker tops are screwed on tightly before shaking them.

Parents of teen-agers automatically check the car radio volume before turning the ignition key, a habit formed after having one's hair unexpectedly parted more than once by the 150-decibel sound of Huey Lewis and the News.

His or her shoulders slump when entering the grocery store. They can be spotted in the checkout line because their receipt is so long it hits the floor

and the electronic totals are drawing oohs and aahs from others in line.

They display campaign posters in their front yard advocating higher drinking and driving ages, even in non-election years.

Parents of teens have the phone number of their priest carved in the handle of their phone.

When you mention Madonna, you have to make it clear to them if you are talking about the Blessed Mother.

When the TV announcer says, "It is 10 p.m.: Do you know where your children are?" they exchange glances and make the Sign of the Cross.