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Pope to Bishops: Guard Truth

VATICAN CITY (NC)—"To be a pastor and bishop of souls means to protect the word (of God) to watch over the truth," Pope John Paul II told the Dutch bishops at a celebrated Mass solemnly opening the Particular Synod of the Dutch Bishops at the Vatican.

The synod is running now through Jan. 26 to try to resolve the divisions that, in the words of the synod's working paper, "threaten to paralyze ecclesiastical life" in the Netherlands.

The pope's homily did not spell out any of the problems the Dutch church faces or offer concrete solutions. It was a kind of religious pep-talk encouraging the bishops to assume their obligations with a trust in the Holy Spirit.

The day before, in a letter to Dutch Catholics asking them to pray for the synod's success, the pope emphasized that the bishops were

chosen to be leaders of their people. Not just spokesmen for the pope's views.

Quoting a 1969 speech by Cardinal Bernard Alfrink, former Archbishop of Utrecht, Netherlands, Pope John Paul said, the bishops "cannot be content with echoing the voice of their people but must also place the word of the Lord in front of them."

"The bishops must make their own voices heard," he said. "They must not only be like one believer in the middle of the crowd, but like a man in charge of the mission, marching at the head."

Discussions at the synod are expected to center on liberal-conservative differences in the Dutch Catholic Church. Two of the seven Dutch bishops are considered to be conservatives, while the other five are known as liberals.

In his homily to the bishops, the pope urged them to place themselves under the guidance of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

"In our difficult age, in our 20th century, the church has given, in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, a particularly full expression of the truth about itself," the pope said.

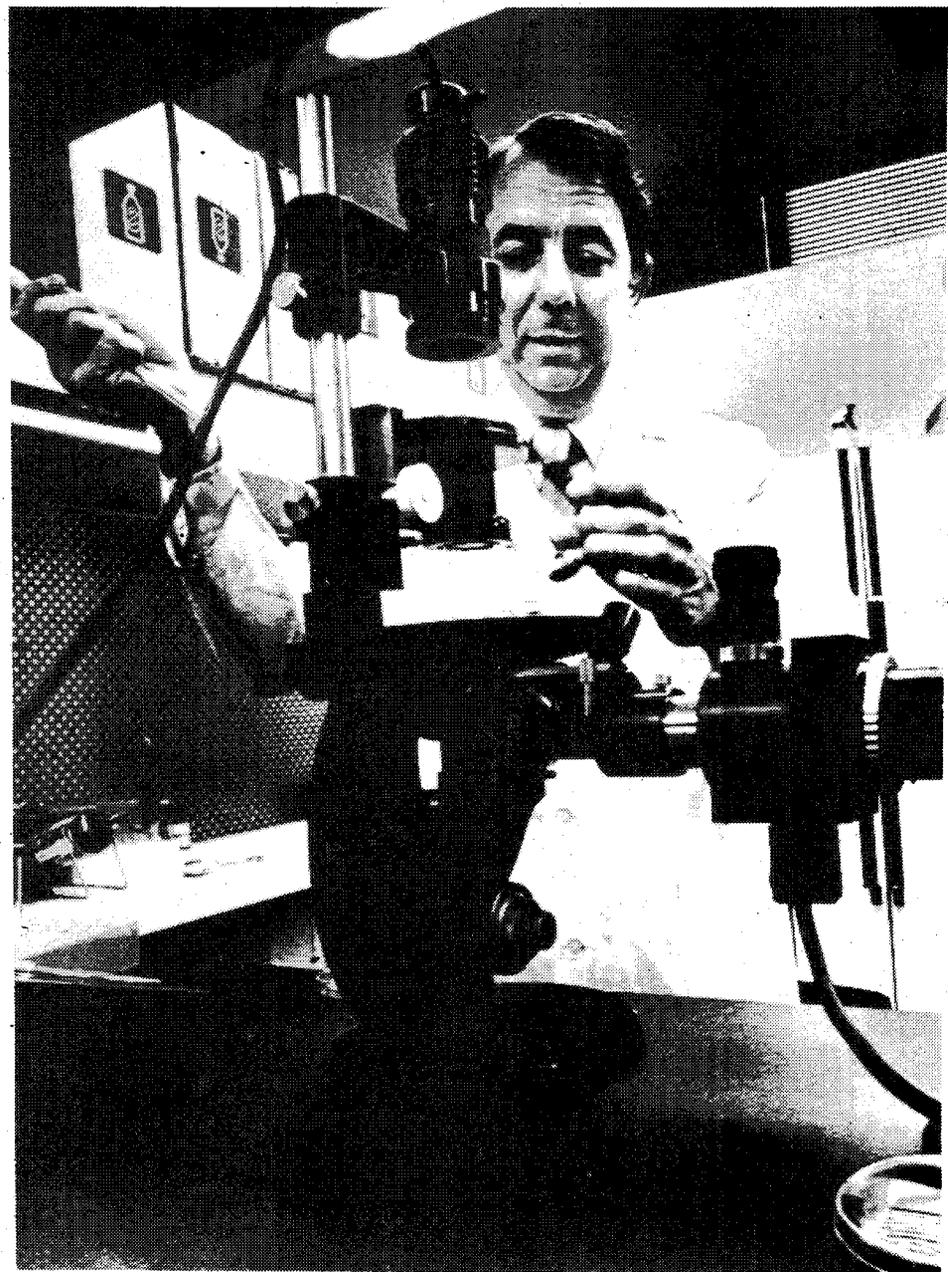
"THIS TEACHING ought to be the measure of thought and action for all those who make up the church of Christ. In particular it ought to be the measure of our own thought and our own action for us, who are the teachers and pastors of the church," he said.

"It ought to be the measure of our thought and our action," he added.

The pope noted the unusual nature of the synod, calling it "an event without precedent."

There have been periodic general synods of representatives of the world's bishops since synodal

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IN-VITRO LAB— Dr. Jack Rary, a geneticist at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., works in the laboratory at Norfolk General Hospital that will become the first test-tube baby clinic in the United States. Virginia pro-lifers have protested the project and say they will take the matter to court. Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond also has objected to the clinic.

U.S. Cardinal Baum Gets Vatican Post

VATICAN CITY (NC)— Cardinal William Wakefield Baum of Washington has been named prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

The appointment, announced Jan. 15 by Pope John Paul II, makes Cardinal Baum, 53, the highest-ranking U.S. churchman in the Vatican.

The post puts him in charge of the department that handles church policy on the world's Catholic educational institutions, particularly Catholic colleges, universities and seminaries.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ended months of speculation by Vatican insiders, who long ago focused on Cardinal Baum as the leading

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Florida Bishops' Letter on Abortion

The following is a Pastoral letter of the Bishops of Florida commemorating the Anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion decisions:

Joyous celebrations are a part of our human experience: holidays, reunions, anniversaries, etc. Family weddings are a special time, filled with joy-filled activities and a feeling of identity with loved ones. We gather from various parts of the country and for a time become one again and our unity is enhanced by the inclusion of a new member, a

new family becoming part of our extended family. The love one feels is not diminished but enhanced by the additions to our circle of love.

This is what Isaiah's description of the covenant relationship between God and man arouses in us. It is exciting and delightful. It is similar to the experience St. John gives us of Jesus at Cana, turning water into wine at a family wedding feast.

In a way, wine seems to be a special symbol of our life as God's

people. For the agricultural people of an earlier age, wine had a special meaning. It is a gift, a blessing from God brought to reality through the cooperation of man's labor.

It is the culmination of God's creative love and man's loving service. God's love and man's response are joined in this fruit of the vine.

Jesus uses the symbol of Himself as the Vine and we as branches.

When there is an openness to

God's grace we are bountiful in bringing forth new wine from the branches. The new wine of loving service is a continuation of the work of the Kingdom. When the branch is cut off, however, it withers and dies.

We live in a time of dryness. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional all laws protecting the life of the unborn child. The Court was reflecting a mood in this country, in this world, that we do not

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'Proclaim the Gospel'

CHARLESTON, S.C. -(NC)- "Proclaim the Gospel to the people of today," Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler said in marking the 160th anniversary of the Diocese of Charleston Jan. 1. In a pastoral letter on evangelization, the bishop of Charleston said that Religious and laity have a "shared responsibility for making the teaching of Christ heard and acknowledged in our society."

Week of Prayer for Unity

GRAYMOR, N.Y. -(NC)-The 1980 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -with the theme "Your Kingdom Come" - sounds a call for Christian prayer and action on behalf of world justice and peace, the two marks of the kingdom of God, said its sponsors. The week begins Jan. 18.

Soup Can Funds Canned

ST. PAUL, Minn. -(NC)- In the last six years elementary schools have collected and exchanged Campbell Soup labels for \$10 million worth of educational and athletic equipment. But for some schools the labels soon could represent a sacrifice for social justice. The Farm Labor Organizing Committee, a farm workers union, began a boycott of the Campbell Soup Co. and Libby, McNeil and Libby Inc. products last January with \$39,000 in financial support from the Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops' anti-poverty program.

Bp. Kelly Praises King

WASHINGTON -(NC)- In a statement marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., on Jan. 15, Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said racism retains a strong hold on many Americans and on society. "Great movements in history are born in the souls of great human beings. Martin Luther King Jr. is the American prophet of racial justice, a cause for which he lived and tragically died. The anniversary of his birth each year is like a tolling bell that calls us to look again on the progress of the work he began," Bishop Kelly said.

Liberation Theologian Condemned

PETROPOLIS, Brazil -(NC)-Some of the writings of a Franciscan theologian, Father Leonardo Boff, have been condemned by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, according to several Brazilian cardinals. Father Boff, 41, is considered one of the key contributors to the theology of liberation in Latin America.

Peace Eludes N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -(NC)- Britain's first peace initiative in Northern Ireland since 1974 got off to a stormy start as Protestant and Catholic delegations presented differing approaches for achieving long-range peace. The British-sponsored constitutional talks began Jan. 7. The Catholic delegation advocated a sharing between the two religions of government, but the Protestants want Protestant majority rule and won't discuss unity with Ireland.

Gas for Religion Ministers

WASHINGTON -(NC)- A U.S. Catholic Conference official has urged that ministers of religion be given special consideration in regulations for the stand by gasoline rationing plan in recognition of their service to the public. Regulations should also treat parochial and public school children alike in regard to school transportation, said George E. Reed, USCC general counsel, in hearings before the Department of Energy.

Catholic-Jewish Guidelines

NEW YORK -(NC)- The Diocese of Brooklyn has revised its Catholic-Jewish guidelines, including

regulations governing Catholic-Jewish marriages. The guidelines would permit a rabbi to be present and offer prayers and a blessing at a marriage officiated by a priest or deacon, and would allow a public ceremony recognized in civil law provided the Catholic party has obtained a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage.

Msgr. Higgins: Back Israel

WASHINGTON -(NC)- American Catholics should respond to the Iranian crisis with solid support for the state of Israel, Msgr. George G. Higgins told a distinguished audience in Washington Jan. 9. At a dinner he termed his "pre-retirement party," Msgr. Higgins said the "compulsive tendency on the part of the Ayatollah Khomeini and his followers to blame the present Iranian crisis on Zionism and, in effect, to call for the destruction of Israel makes it all the more timely for Catholics to recommit themselves, without qualification, to the defense of Israel."

Cooperate With the Census

NEW YORK -(NC)-The Dioceses of the New York Metropolitan area have agreed to a uniform policy of limited cooperation with the 1980 census in regard to illegal aliens, according to Msgr. Anthony J. Bevilacqua, director of the Brooklyn diocesan Migration and Refugee Office. "Basically, the policy is one of cooperation to a limited extent without being guarantors of confidentiality," he said.

N.J. Sex Education

TRENTON, N.J. -(NC)-The New Jersey legislature approved bills allowing parents to withdraw students from public-school sex-education classes on moral and religious grounds, and expanding the requirements for establishing "combat zones" for sale of pornographic material. The legislature failed to override the governor's veto of legislation to regulate abortion.

Energy Is 'Justice Issue'

WASHINGTON -(NC)-Energy was called "the pre-eminent social justice issue of the 1980s" by Bishop William M. Cosgrove of Belleville, Ill., during a day-long Washington conference Jan. 10 on "Religion and Energy in the '80s." Signaling a major new effort by religious groups to have an impact on the energy debate in the United States, the conference included a breakfast at the White House and a 15-minute address by President Carter.

Bp. Kelly Praises Meany

WASHINGTON -(NC)-The United States was greatly enriched by the life and career of labor leader George Meany, and it is poorer as the result of his death, Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a message to Meany's successor as head of the AFL-CIO. Bishop Kelly joined other religious and political leaders in praising Meany after he died Jan. 10.

Pope Reminds Nuns To Keep Their Vows

VATICAN CITY -(NC)-Pope John Paul II reminded nuns to remain faithful to their vows, especially that of poverty, during an audience with members of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. "Have eyes and hearts only for the poor, as your founders did...never ceasing to stimulate them to contemplate our Lord Jesus Christ," the pope said in his French-language address.

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structures were set up after Vatican II. But the Dutch synod marks the first time a special or particular synod, composed of the bishops of a single country and devoted to their particular problems, has been called.

A Vatican historian told NC News Service that he could think of no other in-

Ecumenical Service Set at St. Mary's

A Christian ecumenical service, to which the public is invited, will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at 5 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be host of the service which will mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Several denominations were involved in planning the service, said Fr. Gerald Grace, director of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Committee. He said one reason for having 40-minute service at 5 on a Friday afternoon was so working people could attend on the way home from their jobs.

stance in church history in which a nation's hierarchy was asked to meet with the pope to resolve its problems.

The seven Dutch bishops, headed by Cardinal Jan Willebrands of Utrecht, and other synod officials, including five cardinals from other nations who are participating in the synod, concelebrated the Mass with the pope in the Apostolic Palace.

The total number of participants in the particular synod is 19, including the pope.

Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Dutch bishops' Conference and of Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, said the current problems facing Holland "are not essentially different from the problems which other countries face, notably those of Western Europe and America."

Only 10 of the 19 synod participants are Dutch — the heads of the seven Catholic dioceses in the Netherlands, two representatives of the country's religious, and Father Joseph Lescauwet, special secretary.

There were few details on the substance of the meeting.



Pope John Paul II shakes hands with George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, during the pope's Oct. 6 visit to the White House. Meany, who retired from the post a month later, died Jan. 10 in Washington.

West German Bishops, Theologian Hit Fr. J Kung

BONN, West Germany (NC)—In a new criticism of Father Hans Kung, the West German bishops issued a joint letter declaring that the controversial theologian "proposes theology which on several points is opposed to the binding teachings of the church."

The letter was read in all Catholic pulpits in West Germany, Jan. 13. In addition, 3.5 million copies of it were printed for distribution to Catholics.

FATHER KUNG, the letter said, "has opened up basic questions of theology to many seekers and doubters, but he has also created confusion among believers with his views."

Father Kung, 51, Catholic theology teacher at the University of Tübingen, West Germany for the past 19 years, is one of the most widely known and controversial theologians in the world. On Dec. 15 the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith condemned Father Kung saying he "can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian" and cannot hold a Catholic teaching post.

Father Kung challenged the verdict and threatened to fight through the courts to retain his position on the Catholic faculty of the state-run university.

The church's procedures in the Kung case were just, said the bishops in answering

the theologian's charges that Vatican procedures violated his human rights.

"Certainly the procedures can be made more perfect" but that does not destroy their validity, added the bishops.

MEANWHILE, a Swiss theologian, Father Hans Urs von Balthasar, whose work has been praised by the pope, has questioned the sincerity of Father Hans Kung in his long controversy with the Vatican.

"No one who wants to make an objective judgment on this case can do so without having consulted the documentation of nearly 200 pages" which preceded the Vatican decision against Father Kung, wrote Father von Balthasar in the West German newspaper, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The article was reprinted in the Jan. 10 Italian national daily, Avvenire.

If the background of the controversy is studied "irritation arises over (Father Kung's) having openly questioned, certainly in poor taste, the pope and even his Christianity, his having insinuated, erring clamorously, that the deprivation of his authorization to teach was motivated by revenge," said Father von Balthasar.

"Further irritation arises from the irreverent tone with which Kung confronts officials of the doctrinal

congregation, and, even more, the obstinacy with which he leaves completely unanswered their questions and those of the (German) bishops, and finally his posture toward Roman ways of acting that he finds unsatisfactory," added Father von Balthasar.

By contrast, Father von Balthasar, said, a study of the documentation gives one "a sense of wonder at the great patience used" by doctrinal congregation officials and the German bishops.

According to Father von Balthasar, many of Father Kung's opinions reflect a Protestant view of the nature of the church and of church authority.

On Dec. 15, the doctrinal congregation said Father Kung "can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian." It cited his differences with Catholic teaching on papal infallibility and other church doctrines. Swiss-born Father Kung has taught for the past 19 years at the University of Tübingen, West Germany.

The 73-year-old Father von Balthasar is a member of the Papal Theological Commission and author of more than 50 books. At a general audience in February 1979, Pope John Paul II praised Father von Balthasar as "one of the great contemporary theologians."

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Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

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The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following change:

The Rev. Rafael Bernal, C.M. - to Associate Pastor, St. Luke Parish, Lake Worth, effective January 12, 1980.

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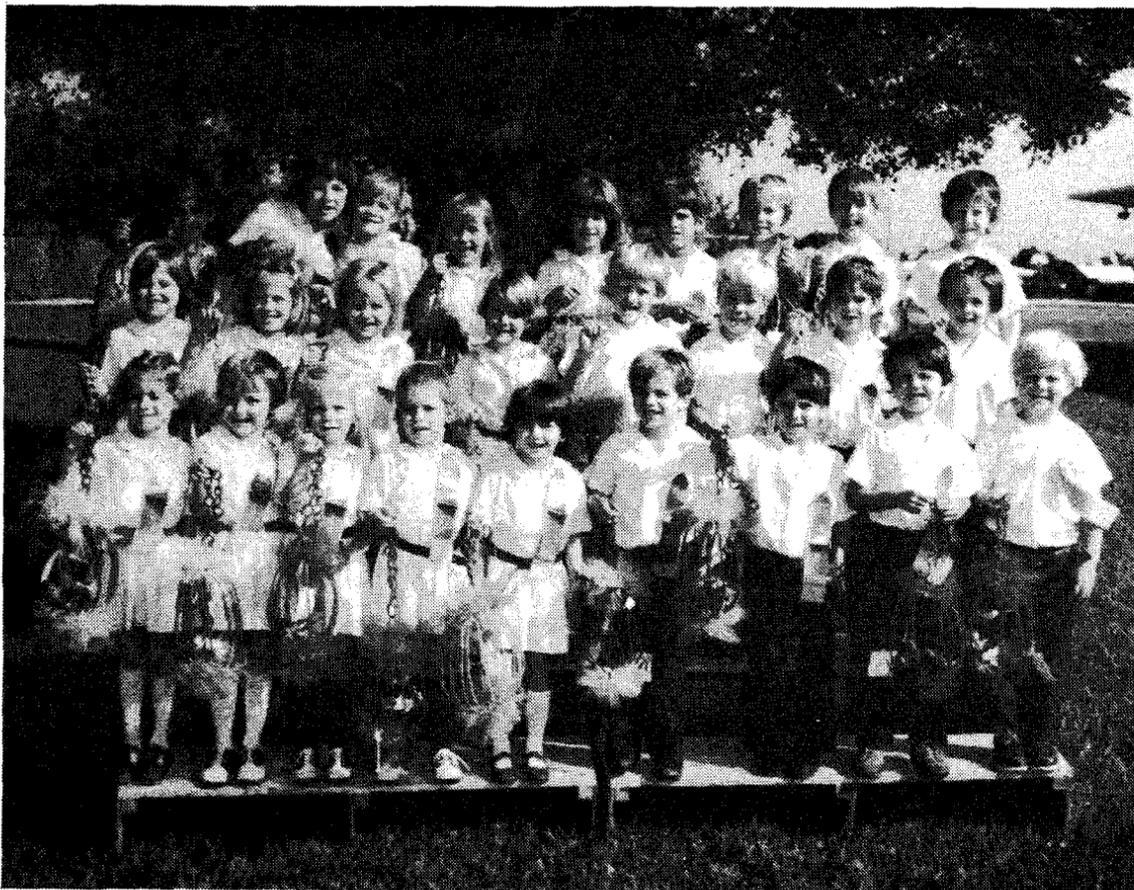
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Catholic Women Set Seminar

The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will open its legislative year with a seminar to be held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 901 N.E. 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale, on Feb. 2.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program will run until 12:30 p.m.

Areas to be covered are: ERA, with Senator Vernon C. Holloway of Miami as speaker; Representative Tom Bush of Ft. Lauderdale will speak on A call for a Constitutional Convention to oppose a Human Life Amendment, Florida's Medical Practice Act, and a family planning bill.

Jean Doyle of Orlando, Chairman of the Board,

National Right to Life Committee will address the Human Life Amendment and the Hyde Amendment; Rosemary Gallagher, of Tallahassee, Florida Catholic Conference will speak on Women's Role in Government; Marie Palmer of Miami, of the Florida Council of Catholic Women — ERA Chairman will report on Tallahassee Lobbying Trip and the 1980 elections. Ercel Hanley, of Jacksonville, Florida Council of Catholic Women — Legislation Committee will wind up the morning meeting.

Theme for the Seminar is "Catholic Women in the 80s: 'Emphasis on Life and Family.'"

St. Vincent's Dedication Set

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will dedicate the New St. Vincent Church of Margate, on Saturday Jan. 26, 1980 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Vincent Church was established in 1960, with a registration of 163 parishioners. Joseph Beaumont of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Holiday Springs, Fla. was the founding pastor. Fr. William A. Gunther, the present pastor, announced there are now 2,212

registered families presiding in the parish.

The old church seated 380 people, the new church will have a seating capacity of over 900 plus a cry room.

Father Gunther and Father Frank E. Cahill associate pastor and a number of priests from the Archdiocese will join Archbishop McCarthy in the dedication ceremony with a Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.

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By GEORGE KEMON

"People Helping People" —the theme for this year's ABCD Drive covers much territory in denoting the range of needs which the ABCD covers in our archdiocese each year.

Such is the gist of remarks made by Fr. Neil J. Flemming as he makes the circuit speaking of the needs of the Arch-Bishops Charities Drive for this year.

A MAJOR portion of the donations to the annual fund drive are used by Catholic Charities in a variety of ways which emphasizes how "People Helping People" comes to fruition.

Hundreds of South Floridians have heard various members of the ABCD fund-raising staff speak on the programs of the archdiocese and its almost myriad number of services all calculated to assist the needy in many different ways.

Another dinner was held at Key West last Thursday at the Holiday Inn and dinners are also slated for Ft. Lauderdale on January 21, 22, 23, 24, at Williamson's Restaurant.

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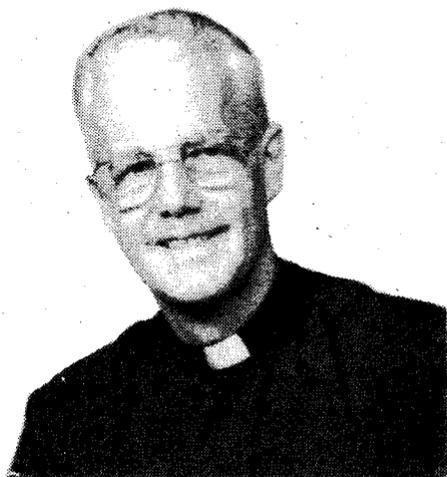
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Mills Addresses Clergy At Alcoholism Meet

By GEORGE KEMON

More than 150 members of the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism, — priests, counselors — and case workers — met at Barry college for their 32nd annual convention, Jan. 8 through 12.

Each day was packed with workshop sessions led by guest speakers and members of the Council. According to Fr. Michael P. Hogan, O.S.A., consultant in alcohol service for the Catholic Service Bureau of Miami, and director of the Alcohol Outreach Program, and also Convention Chairman, the five-day meeting was a great success and the culmination was a banquet at which the Honorable Wilbur Mills was principal speaker.

MILLS, former congressman for 38 years, and a recovering alcoholic for the past 5 years, told the assembly that without doubt, "Alcoholism is a progressive disease — a killer disease." The retired legislator went on to state that he would rather have Alcoholism than cancer since he knew there was something he could do about his alcoholism himself, but most cancer was more difficult to treat.

"If the alcoholic can be motivated, there is help for



Ex-Rep. Wilbur Mills, is greeted by members of the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism. Fr. Michael Hogan, chairman of the convention, stands behind him.

him," said the former Senator. "He can recover and live a full and complete life in sobriety — if he chooses to," said Mills.

Mills said there are over 3 million alcoholics under the age of 21 in the United States and he cited cases of children as young as 6 years and 9 years old who were already classified as alcoholic.

"IT IS, without doubt, the most devastating problem in the U.S. today," said Mills. "But, we are developing

some wonderful facilities for motivating people."

Mills believes that motivation of the alcoholic is a paramount importance and he believed that the recovering alcoholic can best be helped by another alcoholic who has been drunk and is recovering — be they workers in the field, or just recovering alcoholics.

The convention wound up on Sunday Morning with Liturgy and a board meeting, seating the new officers.

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Are you concerned about commercial radio's influence on values? Should radio serve the entire community, rather than just monied consumers? Should religious groups and other non-profit charitable organizations be given radio time to send their messages to the community? Should the number of commercials you hear each hour be limited?

You might think, "Yes!"

But the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has answered "No" to these and similar questions. The FCC proposed Oct. 5 that radio stations be free to broadcast unlimited commercials and drop all public services. Instead of local events, public affairs, news, community service and other constructive programming, your local radio station will be free to spend as much time as it likes selling you hamburgers, beer and laundry soap.

The FCC has proposed to eliminate your influence on radio programming as a member of your local community. That leaves all program decision-making to advertisers and station owners.

Radio stations are now required to serve you, in the "public interest, convenience and necessity." The FCC has proposed to repeal that law and reduce your interest in radio to that of a consumer of purchased products.

If you think local community standards are important to radio broadcasting and if you don't want the FCC to hand your influence on broadcasting over to radio advertisers, write the FCC.

Let your voice be heard.

Cite: "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Deregulation of Radio," BC Docket No. 79-219. Address your comments to: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 "M" St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

If you would like more information on the FCC's intention to give away the public's airwaves, write the Department of Communication, United States Catholic Conference, 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.



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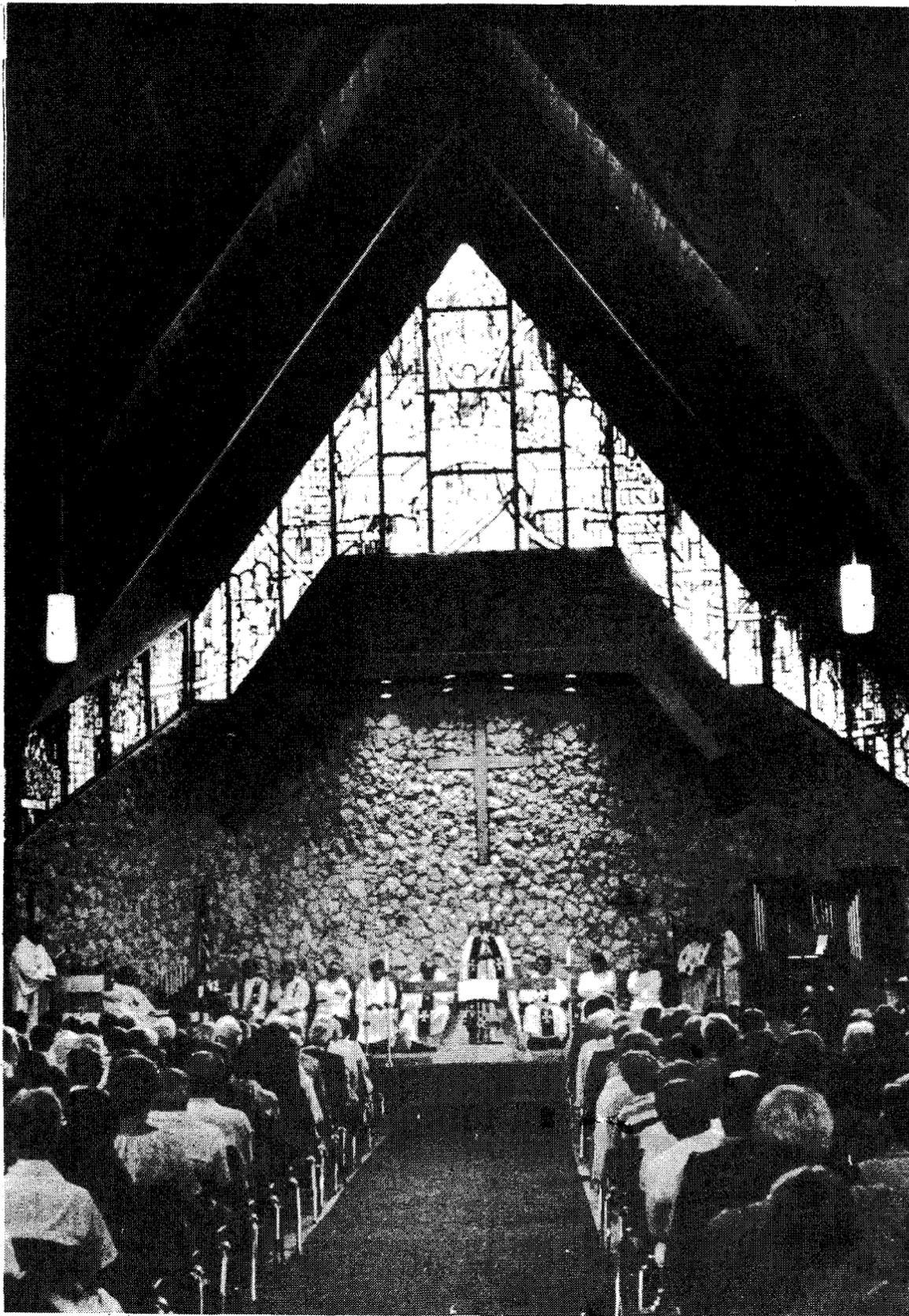
Rite of Dedication Held

The new Church of St. David, in Davie, Fla., was dedicated by Archbishop Edward McCarthy this past week. Shaped in the form of a cross, the interior has pitched ceiling beams and sidings of natural wood. Stone facing accents the entrance and the sanctuary.

Highlights of the interior are the stained windows set over the altar and side windows which depict scriptural references to the Old Covenant and the New, the promise of His redemptive plan and its fulfillment. A viewer finds poignant scenes to Almighty God's

continuing love for His people.

Archbishop McCarthy is shown with Fr. Gabriel O'Reilly, pastor, lighting the altar candles during the blessing and anointing ceremony, preparatory to the concelebration of the Mass.



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Being entrusted, then, by God's mercy, with this ministry, we do not play the coward; we renounce all shamed concealment, there must be no crooked ways, no fal-

sifying of God's Word; it is by making the truth publicly known that we recommend ourselves to the honest judgment of mankind, as in God's sight. (2 Corinthians 4:1-2)

On Liberals, Conservatives and Doctrine

BY GERARD E. SHERRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I was about to enlarge on the problem discussed last week on tensions existing between editors and readers of the Catholic Press—when a batch of rather interesting letters came in from a class at Msgr. Edward Pace High School. These future leaders within the Church and the community give some hope in their charitable and positive criticism, as well as in their faith that they would be heard.

This is the key to the reduction of tensions and disagreements, not only in relation to the Catholic Press, but to every area of society—we have got to listen and attend to one another!

Quite a number of the Pace High letters deplored (again in a nice way) the lack of diversity of opinion within the columns of The Voice. And they made it quite clear that they were not talking about Doctrine, but issues which affect them and their families. Some used the term "traditionist views," others "modern views." They seemed to want to avoid the semantic tangle of liberal versus conservative, but really that is what they were talking about.

Just recently a senior prelate in the American Church said we ought to do away with labels like liberal and conservative. But the terms won't go away because they are used; the liberal and conservative camps have been established, and each side is busy reading the other out of the Church.

"Because he sees opportunities, and because these opportunities are the occasion for the spread of the Faith, the emotional reaction of the Catholic liberal is one of joy, and eager desire to work, to plan and to advance. Because he sees a chance to bring more and more men to the knowledge and love of the revealing God, the liberal ...is very impatient with any effort to absolutize things which are of their nature only relative."

There has been much confusion and mislabeling in the so-called confrontation between Catholic "liberals" and Catholic "conservatives." There is a tendency among the latter to challenge the orthodoxy of those who disagree with them. Still, the Divine truths which we espouse, and which we must constantly promulgate are unchanging. They should not be challenged in the dialogue among Catholics.

The rub is the Gospel Message must be lived as well as preached. In doing this,

we must strive to apply Divine truths to concrete situations rather than try to apply them to some non-existing abstracts. Some so-called conservative Catholics seem hypnotized by abstractions and show genuine fear at current expressions of vitality and questioning within the Church. They so often wrongly equate a lively, expressive Catholicism with some past heresy. Yet, such lively manifestations of faith should be understood as an honest effort to avoid the extremes of both secular liberalism and reactionary conservatism.

What makes a Catholic a liberal or a conservative? How is it possible for two persons of equal education and experience to arrive at contrary conclusions about a given problem? Certainly, it cannot be the Faith. The whole history of the Church gives abundant evidence to the fact that every age has its conservatives and its liberals. Each era in the Church bears witness to the dynamic tensions between these two tendencies.

As far back as the Apostles this life-giving dialogue was a factor. St. Paul has to fight to assure the easy access of the Gentile converts, while some others fought to bind them to the Mosaic law.

One factor which cannot be overlooked, or at least so it seems to me, is the basic emotional approach each person has to reality. Two people can stand before one and the same situation: one will be caught by the dangers involved and the other will be seized by the opportunities which it presents. Objectively the dangers and the opportunities have a constant value, but these two persons place a greater emphasis on one over the other. Fundamentally, the conservative is sensitive to dangers, and the liberal is sensitive to opportunities.

Because he sees dangers, and thus constructs defenses, the conservative naturally would choose to push the barricades out as far as possible, and accordingly choose to fight for some poorly chosen ground. He tends to make absolutes out of some perfectly good relatives. He tends to blur the distinction between the essentials and the accidentals. To defend the Divine deposit, he tends to equate its changeable, human shell with the unchangeable kernel.

The initial condemnation of St. Thomas Aquinas was occasioned by the failure to distinguish between the Faith and the Platonic philosophy in which it had been clothed for so long. Because St. Thomas wished to enlist Aristotle into the service of the Faith, he was condemned. Because he had in no way endangered the Faith, but had given it a new defense, he was later canonized.

Because he sees opportunities, and

because these opportunities are the occasion for the spread of the Faith, the emotional reaction of the Catholic liberal is one of joy, and eager desire to work, to plan and to advance. Because he sees a chance to bring more and more men to the knowledge and love of the Revealing God, the liberal is very sensitive to the distinction between the essential and the accidental, and he is very impatient with any effort to absolutize things which are of their nature only relative. Desiring to share the Faith, he looks kindly upon any pruning operations, and he actually hopes for adaptations.

Pope Pius XII knew that many people were not going to Communion. With true pastoral concern he looked upon the centuries old Law of Communion Fast. He saw that this bulwark had become a barrier, and so with serenity, he changed the Law. Reception of Communion is much too important—therefore, if the preparation hindered the reception, then change the preparation.

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While Catholic principles are unchanging, their application has to meet changing times. The black and white terms of the conservative must be replaced by the reality of complexity—to large areas of greys on the national and international horizons, to problems that appear to have no solution, and to matters that stubbornly refuse to be pigeonholed.

Let me finish up with a quote from five of the Pace High students:

"Most of the topics on moral issues (in the Voice) are quite current, but sometimes the arguments are one-sided... we suggest that the writers stress the opinions the Church offers, but we also think you should write on the problems we and others have in trying to follow Catholic teachings so that readers might have an open-minded view of particular issues and to understand the circumstances under which some have to try and live the teachings."

All right, these are 15-16 year-old young people, but they seem to be far more concerned about real problems than some of our critics—and they want the paper to help, not as a monolith, but as a medium of Christian dialogue.

Teens Give Their Views on The Voice

We are Pace high-school students and we frequently read your newspaper The Voice. We find the paper informative nevertheless we feel that being your readers we could suggest how to improve your newspaper.

Most of the Topics on moral issues are quite current but sometimes the arguments are one-sided, writing only the Church's views. We suggest that the writer stress the opinions the church offers. But we also think you should write the problems one might face in trying to follow Catholic teachings. (in other words like a point and a counter point type-thing) So that the readers might have an open-minded-view of that issue, and to accept different circumstances.

Sandra Ortiz
Monica Hoyos
Gina Flora
Tomas Gomez

Please try to lessen the ads concerning funeral homes and try to make the jokes so that we can understand them. Thank you for your time.

Camilla Loro
Marta Moreno
Charmaine Chin
Reinaldo F. Portella
Xiomara Sotolongo

More stories concerning teenage problems (drugs, pregnancy, suicide), better sports articles, more information on abortion, more articles on family planning, and better jokes that are easier to understand.

Beatriz Manero
Patty Abdulla
Julie Trella
Manon Hagan

Most of your articles are centered around the Pope and older people. You should have a variety of articles pertaining to younger people.

Armando De Feria
Jane Reifsnnyder
Keith Stibler
Tiffany Cabassa

Some of your articles are lengthy, even though their subject matter is of importance.

We think that most of the articles are very up to date. But what about the REAL religion - The history of it, its background. There are many questions about that. It would be nice to see some of these questions answered in the future editions of the Voice.

Most of your articles are interesting but with a few exceptions. For instance there is too much emphasis on the meetings of the Clergy.

Michelle Perez
Valorie Marshall
Martha Liyoa

Things that are more up to date in the world not necessarily religion. Some of the articles we've read are of our interests. We would like to see more issues on abortion, homosexuals, birth-control, pre-marital sex, suicide and family

The letters on this page were sent to The Voice from Monsignor Pace High School's 10th grade Religion classes, giving the

student's views on the newspaper. Following are excerpts from some of them:

relationships and how the Church feels on these issues.

Onidia Valez
Daisy Cruz
Milly Castillo

We're not putting down the Voice. But we would like to see more attractive subjects; something that we or younger students can relate to. Also speak of other people's point of view along with the Church. But not always the Church alone.

Maria Llorca
Sandra Tamargo
Luis Fajardo
Luis Aguilar
Manuel Lorenzo

Your jokes should be made to be funny, they rarely make sense.

We also suggest you should include some articles pertaining to the younger generation.

P.S. Some of your articles are

as the Sahara desert. Please try to find a more reliable source and if not refrain from having any.

I can say that your articles are very interesting because they involve problems faced by young people, faced by ourselves. Keep up the good work in the Voice, and please try to stay away from the bad jokes.

John Autore
Carlos Melchor
Noel Diaz

We would like you to write about more sports, more student activities of all the high-schools, and please put more effort into your jokes.

Margie Gans
Marcia Perez
Peter Benitez
Luz Rodriguez

We also find that your weekly jokes should be improved, in the

more stories concerning teenage problems (drugs, pregnancy, suicide), better sports articles, more information on abortion, more articles on family planning, and better jokes that are easier to understand.

also very interesting they help us to make decisions which will affect our future. Thank You.

The Sophomore Class at Pace High

Even though the Voice is a religious newspaper, we would like to have more interesting articles.

With more interesting articles we think that it might call the attention of a younger generation. We would also like a more variety of articles with a more variety of important people.

Another thing that might help would be a better comedy editor.

Students from Pace High School

Many of your articles are a bit too long. We believe that you could let a message shine through without using so many words.

In our opinion the article written by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy entitled, "Devotedly Yours," was a very good idea except that he could write more articles pertaining more to the interest of the younger generation.

We remind you that this is in no way any form of derogatory criticism. These are our opinions. And we hope you take them into consideration.

George L. Sedano
Nannette Suarez
Rafael J. Guerra
Maria Diaz

First of all your jokes are as dry

sense that sometimes they seem some what difficult to understand.

John Wheeler
Sue Turchy
Jessica Tusino
Carlos Alberti

We have only one suggestion for your paper, that is to write more about what is happening in our Catholic Schools today. The paper informs us what is happening in religion, nation wide and our local parishes etc. This is why we suggest that you write, maybe about a particular person, or group of people of a particular school, that participate in our Catholic community.

Patty Becerra
Eddy Del Torro
Felix Sosa.

We the 10th grade students at Monsignor Edward Pace High School, who read your Voice very often in class, Thank you, for publishing this paper.

At this time, we would like to tell you the different articles we like in your paper. Such as News at a Glance, Official, Matter of Opinion and Letters to the Editor. Here are some suggestions that we have thought of. A special section on Catholic High School sports, and maybe a small comic section, I hope these ideas may affect your paper.

Tim McCarthy
Dave Williams
Ricky Torres

We are students from Pace High School and we enjoy reading The Voice in our religion Class. We discuss about the articles we have read. We have debates on such articles as, abortion, birth control and pre-marital sex. We get better knowledge of what the church and people in society think about it.

We suggest that you write about teenage situations such as drug abuse, unwanted pregnancies and drop outs. We'd like to know the church's opinions on these situations we also enjoy reading about religious crisis in other parts of the world.

Would you try to write articles on high schools, and high-school sports? We'd like to read about an athlete from one school who best succeeds in that sport and do a special article on him.

10th grade students
Religion Class - Period 3

Another suggestion that would benefit the newspaper would be to change the format a little. For example add a Catholic high school sports section and give more movie and television reviews.

John Cassinelli
Anthony Gardner

We are students at Monsignor Pace High School. We read your newspaper weekly in our religion class. Some of your articles are very interesting which start discussions. Some other articles are too-long and frankly boring.

Our opinion is that you should keep your articles briefer if possible and try to write about interesting things going on now like Catholic Athletes and Catholic of the week.

Tony Moreno
Cali Plasencia
Ron Mansouri
Peter Vasallo

We think better lines would help. Your jokes are terrible because they are dry. There is a lot of things happening in Catholic High Schools. We think you should have a section for articles concerning high schools are more separate articles about them.

Jim Van Etten
Tony Marciano
Eben Morales

We would enjoy reading stories about local high school sports and activities especially among the Catholic Schools.

Rollie Castineyra
Beth Elfrey
Tammy Balz

We would like to suggest that you would improve your jokes and obtain more articles dealing with the teenage high school students and their problems. We like the articles which are frequently in your paper.

Lourdes Medina
Marilyn San Juan
Yannie Rivero
Martha Gil
Elizabeth Pando

Should I Adopt a Child?

By ANGELA M. SCHREIBER

Michelle walked out of the doctor's office, got into her car and drove home. She had never before experienced such hurt. As she pulled up in front of her new home, she looked up to the second floor window. It was to have been a nursery. Now there would never be a child to look out that window. She was doomed never to be a mother.

Finally she went into the house and started preparing dinner. Duane would be home soon. His disappointment would be as great as her own. It wouldn't do to cry, she thought, that would only make it harder for both of them.

When she heard Duane's cheerful greeting, she managed to smile. He asked her right away what the doctor had said. "It's not good news, darling," she said, and then turned away from him and continued quietly, "We're just not going to make the parent scene. Dr. Jacobs has some long explanations of why but it boils down to the fact that there isn't any hope."

Duane was silent for what seemed an interminable time to Michelle. Finally she felt his arms around her and he drew her to him. "What I want to know is, are you all right?"

"Yes, I'm not sick. I just can't ever get pregnant."

"The main thing is that you're well." He held her close, then he broke the moment and suggested they get on with dinner.

Neither of them really ate. They attempted light conversation without much success. Afterwards, Duane said he was going to take a walk. She suggested joining him and he replied that he would rather go alone.

When he left, Michelle dissolved into tears. She felt that as a woman she was a complete failure. He must feel that way, too. He must

have just wanted to get away from her.

By the time he returned three hours later, she had regained her composure. They made a pretense of watching TV, then went to bed. When he kissed her, she did not return it, but told him she was tired. Michelle cried silently. Duane tossed. When he thought she was asleep he put his arms around her. It was then he realized she was crying. As they talked, they found that each had been trying to hide the hurt from the other. Duane had taken a walk alone because he didn't want her to know how badly

he felt. She had tried to treat their news as lightly as possible to keep him from knowing how she really felt.

"Honey, we could adopt a baby," Duane suggested, "No," she replied, "that's such an awful procedure and it takes forever. Somehow, I just don't think we could ever think of somebody else's child as ours."

When they told their parents, adoption was brought up again. When they found out how Michelle felt about adopting a child, both sets of parents dropped the subject.

A few weeks later, a

delightful young couple bought a house next door to Duane's parents. They had a three-year-old boy. Mrs. Faulkner soon learned that their child was adopted. She told the young woman about her daughter-in-law and how she felt about adoption. The young woman, Beth, said she and her husband would like to meet Duane and Michelle.

Both the younger and the older woman agreed that it would be best if the subject of adoption came up naturally. Neither of them wanted to push the idea off on Michelle. Beth stressed the fact that adoption was not for every

couple, but if all that was stopping Michelle and Duane was the waiting period and red tape, that was not reason enough to decide against it. "As for an adopted child being just as much yours as one you give birth to," Marie said, "there really is no problem. Maybe she never has known a couple who have adopted. At any rate, they seem to need someone who is there to let them in on the real facts. We waited four years for a baby, but it was worth the effort and the time. We have Catholic Charities to thank for our little Steve."

Duane and Michelle usually stopped by the Faulkner's house on Sunday after Mass. On a Sunday shortly after the two women's conversation, the two young couples met. Their friendship developed. Through the other young couple, Duane and Michelle began to view adoption as an answer to their prayers.

Three years have passed and Duane's and Michelle's baby girl just celebrated her first birthday. They had had misconceptions about adoption, but through the sensitivity of Duane's mother and the young couple who lived next door to them, those misconceptions were corrected.

They had found out that first evening that they learned Michelle would not be able to become pregnant that expressing their own deepest feelings to one another was paramount in their marriage relationship. Their sensitivity to each other grew in the months that followed. They ministered to one another and were ministered to by a sensitive mother and a neighborhood couple. Eventually, they discussed adoption with their parish priest and Catholic Charities. The chain of ministry surrounds us in our everyday life, not only in such a situation as this one, but in many other daily experiences.



When the subject of adoption was brought up by Duane, Michelle replied "No, that's such an awful procedure and it takes forever. Somehow, I don't think we could ever think of somebody else's child as ours." Through the friendship of another young couple, Duane and Michelle later changed their minds and saw adoption as an answer to their prayers.

Moses: An Adopted Son

by Janaan Manternach

He was a beautiful baby. His parents loved him very much. But they would not let anyone see their baby. They were afraid the Pharaoh's soldiers would discover their baby and kill him.

They were Hebrew slaves. They worked in the brick factories in Egypt. The Pharaoh, Egypt's cruel ruler, had just made a law. According to his law all Hebrew boy babies were to be thrown into the river and drowned.

For three months the Hebrew mother and father were able to hide their baby boy. But it became more and more difficult as the child grew. Finally they decided on a way to try to save the baby's life.

The mother took a strong covered basket made of papyrus. She smeared it with pitch to make it waterproof. She gently placed her small son in the basket, closed the cover and carried it to the river bank. The baby's older sister, Miriam, went along.

At the river the mother carefully placed the waterproofed basket in the water among the reeds near the river bank. She quickly returned home. Miriam stayed by the river. She hid a short distance away to see what would happen to her baby brother.

She didn't have to wait long. She saw the daughter of the Pharaoh coming down to the river to bathe. The maids of the Egyptian princess

walked along the river bank enjoying the sun. A few minutes later, the Pharaoh's daughter noticed the basket among the reeds. She was curious and had one of her maids bring it to her.

Wondering what was in the basket, the princess lifted up the cover. To her amazement she saw the baby. The baby began to cry. "It's one of the Hebrews' children," she said to her maids. She felt sorry for the beautiful baby and wanted to care for him.

Meanwhile Miriam had joined the maids of the princess. She ran with them to see what was in the basket. She saw how much Pharaoh's daughter liked the baby. Miriam made a bold suggestion to the princess.

"Would you like me to get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked Pharaoh's daughter.

"Yes," she answered with a smile, "that is a good idea. Please find me one of the Hebrew women." So Miriam ran back home and told her mother what had happened. The two of them ran back to the river bank.

The princess handed the baby to the Hebrew woman (not guessing that she was the baby's real mother). "Take the child home with you. Nurse him for me and take good care of him. I will repay you." She said.

So the mother took her baby home. Her husband could hardly believe his eyes. Their plan had worked better than they could have

imagined. Their baby boy would surely not be killed now because the Pharaoh's own daughter wanted him.

The boy grew up at home under the protection of the princess. When the baby was old enough, his mother took him to the home of the Pharaoh's daughter. The princess was delighted with the boy. She adopted him as her son, took him into her home, and raised him as one of her family.

She called him "Moses." To her the name meant, "I drew him out of the water."

Moses grew up in the palace of the Pharaoh and became an important person in Egypt. But he never forgot his real mother and the Hebrew slaves.

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Adoption is an Adventure

By MARY KENNY

As a four-time adoptive mother, I would describe adoption as an adventure. Adoption changes your life and leads you down mysterious paths which previously you can scarcely imagine.

For me, our adoptive children provide one of the richest sources for meditation on the wonder and goodness of God. As with most adoptive children, ours were not conceived and born under ideal circumstances. Yet I look at our beautiful Matthew, and Annie-with-the-wide-smile, and I think, "Out of pain and evil have come these beautiful human beings. They are living proof that good will triumph over evil. What greater symbols of hope could surround me! What greater testimony that we live in a world full of wonder and mystery!"

Rarely does a couple contemplating adoption hold a positive view. In an infertile marriage, one or both partners may hold deep feelings that something is wrong with them. They feel inferior. Adoption seems like a second-rate way to become parents.

Our culture often endorses these negative attitudes. "Do you have children of your own?" someone asks, implying that adoptive children are some sort of boarders.

Again witness these words by a genetic counselor in a recent issue of "Psychology Today": "Some couples choose adoption, fully aware of how difficult a process that may be, because they feel that parenthood matters enough to them. They are willing to undergo the rigors of an adoption agency's home study, or the expense of a private lawyer's fee; to wait as long as five years for a healthy newborn baby of any race; they may agree to handle the problems and expenses involved in adopting a child from abroad, or a child with a physical or mental handicap, or an older child who may come from a background of serious emotional deprivation or physical abuse." Sounds pretty awful, doesn't it?

In a contrast to these negative attitudes, couples who have had a happy adoption experience view adoption positively. Adoption is not a second-rate way to become a parent but a positive alternative to biological parenthood. The adoptive mother never experiences the excitement of carrying a child within her. Yet her experience can never be enjoyed by the biological mother. No adoptive parents ever forget the moment they first meet their child. It is a monumental experience, just as profound as hearing your

newborn's first cry. It is not a better experience; it is not a second-rate experience. It is a different kind of joy.

Adoptive parents are real parents. As some parents have explained to their adopted children, every child has two sets of parents, the biological parents and the forever parents. The forever parents are the ones who nurture and raise you, who pass on their habits and values. In most cases both sets are one and the same. In adoption they are different. Adoptive parents are forever parents, a real and awesome calling.

Parents who choose a child who is hard-to-place for social, physical or intellectual reasons view their choice positively. The genetic counselor pictures them as people so desperate for a child that they will accept anything. This is not so. Parents who choose a hard-to-place child focus not on the burden, but on the op-

portunity. Whether one has difficulty hearing or 20-20 vision, all persons are handicapped in some way. The parents who choose a hard-to-place child focus on his potential rather than the weakness. They welcome the challenge and adventure of raising such a child.

Adoptive parents recognize, perhaps more clearly than biological parents, that children are not possessions. Whether adopted of biological, children belong to themselves. Parents are their stewards, not their owners.

How can you decide whether to adopt and how can you develop positive feelings toward adoption? Get to know families with children, especially families with adoptive children. Expose yourself to real children, not just the image of golden curly heads asleep on a pillow. Babysit for your friends. Assist with teaching or youth programs to get to know older

children. Most adoption agencies hold group meetings periodically for prospective adoptive parents. It is a good way to meet others with the same fears and hopes and to learn more about adoption. You make no commitment when you attend such a meeting.

A positive alternative to biological parenthood, an adventure, adoption is also a surrender to God's plan, allowing him to lead us along new, unknown paths. I watch two of four adopted children sleeping arm-in-arm beside each other in the same bed, and I reflect, "There are no blood ties between them or between either of them and me. Without adoption, none of us would ever have crossed paths in our lives. Yet here we all are, truly united, intimate as only family can be intimate. What a marvelous direction our lives have taken! Adoption is a living symbol of the wonderful and mysterious ways of the Lord.

A Prayer Answered

By MARRIANNE STRAWN

The case worker leaned over the crib to pick up the baby who was to be their adopted daughter. For Kathleen and John Brinkmiller, it was the longest moment of their lives.

"It couldn't have been more than a few seconds," Kathleen recalls, "But it seemed like an eternity."

Those moments seemed longer than the years the couple had waited for the adoption.

"First we were on a pre-waiting list. Then it took us 22 and a half months to get to the top of the waiting list. Ten months later, the case worker called to begin the home study," Kathleen explained.

As surely as a baby grows in the body of its natural mother, it grows in the hearts and minds of parents who wait to bring an adopted child into their home.

Gretchen and Richard Eick had to wait only nine months for their infant daughter.

"We felt God's presence through being an expanded family." Gretchen smiled as she recalled the details that surrounded the adoption.

Even as a girl, she had dreamed of being the mother of a large family populated with hoards of children, some of them adopted.

She and her husband agreed that adoption had been a very positive experience even though the process required a great deal of patience and anxiety.

As she shopped for baby clothes, Gretchen recalled "a feeling of sadness that I didn't carry the baby in my body. But the waiting experience was a good one. It brought us closer through a special kind of sharing."

Adrienne Lee had given birth to a daughter but lost her. Soon after the baby's death, she suspected she might have trouble getting pregnant again. So she began thinking of adoption seriously.

"I felt God might have a special purpose for us since my husband, Ralph, is adopted." For Adrienne, the path to adoption had been agonizing. She had had three pregnancies, a premature birth, taken a fertility drug for two years, and still had no child.

Adrienne called each of the 20 agencies listed in the Chicago phone book. When



they were finally accepted, "I prayed that God's will would be done in the adoption. I even prayed that the adoption would fall through if it wasn't his will."

She admits that after her last interview with the agency, she wanted the answer to be "yes" so badly, it would have been difficult for her to accept a "no" from God.

"I wanted God's will to be 'yes.' I also prayed that God would give us the specific child that he wanted, and this has been answered."

Kathleen Brinkmiller had spent a short time in a convent with the Sisters of Divine Providence. "The trust I learned there helped me a

great deal during our long wait."

But, during the interviews with the adoption agency, Kathleen recalls being very tense. "I prayed I would say the right thing. I know now that there are no 'right' answers, but I was so afraid we wouldn't get a child."

It was October when the couple learned that they would get a baby. "I went to Mass that evening and offered a prayer of thanksgiving, we knew it was a matter of time. From then on, our whole world relaxed."

Kathleen and John had a crib and little else. "I was convinced our baby wouldn't

come until after Christmas," she said.

At 5:20 one evening, the agency called and told them they could pick up their four-month-old girl the next morning. They rushed out and bought a box of diapers and a few shirts.

The Brinkmillers primarily had thought about names. The dark haired baby girl was called Doina, meaning gift of heaven.

For each of these families, adoption was a prayer answered. As they waited for the children who would complete and enrich their lives, they walked with God discovering new depths and dimensions in spirituality.

KNOW YOUR FAITH



Ayatollah's Revenge and Jesus' Love

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

So Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini hates the Shah with a blind hatred and seeks total revenge. Nothing short of the Shah's humiliation and death will appease him, even if it means his own death.

What a profound and prolonged lesson the world has had for more than two months in the guideline of hate, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

WATCHING THE ugly drama unfold from day to day, you can almost taste and smell the odor of bitter hatred in the strange old man with the dull eyes and his thousands of fanatic followers who scream for vengeance night and day.

I wonder if the repulsive sight has made us realize a little more forcefully that we ourselves can also live by Khomeini's deadly principle. In our homes, in offices, in neighborhoods. Part of our wounded nature is to be inclined to seek an eye for an eye. St. Peter wanted the first-Christians in the fervor of their conversion against the practice of "rendering evil for evil, or abuse for abuse, but contrariwise, blessing."

Apparently in the Ayatollah's strange religion, there is no word or place for forgiveness. And in Christianity there is no inherited spirit of peace and pardon.

We are born with the tendency to resent wrongs. Baptism gives us the means to overcome these violent inclinations, but does not remove them. The grace of prayer and the sacraments places man in command of his passions, but does not destroy his nature.

The urge to "get even", therefore, will be found even in the saint. But giving in to the urge is something else. Is this common? You know it is. We all are painfully aware of vindictiveness among "practicing" Christians.

You do something harmful to me, whether deliberately or thoughtlessly, and I immediately have a meeting with myself and draw up plans how I can hurt you to the same degree. A tooth for a tooth.

This principle has become the breeding ground of suspicions, jealousies, family hatreds, loss of friendship and a score of evil effects. It has tended to keep people on edge, to kill off generous impulses, to create the decaying spirit of revenge.

One of Christianity's most admirable triumphs was its success throughout history in enabling so many of its followers to refuse to live by that dreadful rule of revenge. There was always a struggle,

always pain in the soul, until the person with the help of God's grace could go against the vindictive tendency. The saints, especially the martyrs, could bless and forgive their persecutors with a smile and genuine love.

THIS IS ONE of the most difficult aspects of our life. We are put on the spot so often. Daily life is certain to cause friction. Different temperaments are sure to clash, unless one keeps on guard. Misunderstanding happens even to people who love each other dearly. Circumstances at work and at home can set the stage for the urge to render abuse for abuse. How easy it is to make a habit of returning evil for evil.

Part of our trouble is self deception. We rationalize that we are acting fairly, that after all "this is different." If I don't rebuke this repulsive person, he will hurt others. Moreover, it's kind of cowardly to ignore wrongs which have disturbed us. It's even hypocritical to smile when you feel like cursing.

So we twist out thinking enough to make it seem "natural" when we "tell off" this person, or isolate that one so it will be noticed by others, or to whisper something to people to make sure that idiot's reputation gets what it deserves.

However, if we are sincere in living the Christian life, conscience is uneasy in mangling the truth like this. We may remember that "two wrongs do not make a right." Even more important, we must live daily with the desire to model our conduct on the teaching of Christ. If there is anything dramatically taught in the Gospels it is the gentle attitude of Jesus towards those who abused him. He could flay the Pharisees in their hypocrisies, but he poured the warm balm of forgiveness over the screeching betrayers at the foot of the cross.

All during the three years of his public ministry, he was the victim of slander. And as the Evangelist says, "He went about doing good."

Of all the things in which he might have urged us to imitate him, he chose this, "Learn of me because I am gentle and humble of heart."

THE LORD'S example along with a host of good people who control themselves offers us the inspiration needed to be convinced we too can subdue this ugly trait. It must be aided by prayer and the sacraments. We cannot do it alone.

Khomeini is doing some good in showing us so clearly what a revolting, ugly thing revenge is. What a beautiful contrast the life of Jesus is.

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A committee of Catholic Lawyers in Palm Beach County - The Guild of Catholic Lawyers will sponsor a Red Mass for the first time in the county on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 9:00 a.m. Such undertakings have

been conducted annually by Guilds of Catholic Lawyers throughout the United States for the past fifty years, beginning in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 1938, and are celebrated each year in Miami and Tallahassee.

The Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Palm Beach, Msgr. Bernard J. McGrehan, V.F., Pastor. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, J.C.D., Archbishop of Miami, will be Celebrant and Homilist.

Although its precise origin has been lost in antiquity, the Red Mass historically has been celebrated at the reopening of

the courts to seek Divine Guidance for the members of the judiciary and legal profession, and for those associated with both. Its name derives from the fact that the vestments worn at the Mass are red.

A family breakfast will follow the Mass in St. Edwards' Parish Hall. Msgr. Jeremina P. O'Mahoney, a 95 year old priest-lawyer will be the special guest of honor with Joseph M. Fitzgerald, founder of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild for the Archdiocese of Miami, as the keynote speaker. The program will conclude with the presentation of an Outstanding Catholic Lawyer recognition to Sen. Phil Lewis By the Guild.

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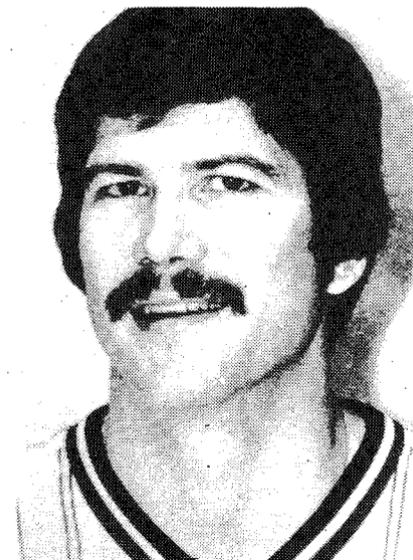
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dade Youth Federation Meets

By GEORGE KEMON

The South Dade Youth Federation met on Jan. 11, at St. Catherine of Sienna. Since the last meeting four committees were formed following the total Youth Ministry model. Each one reported and the following events will be taking place throughout the Federation in the coming months:

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Project Haiti (For those Haitians here and there.)

The Haitian Mission Drive kick off will be held on Feb. 3, and end on Feb. 24. All parishes in the Federation will be participating through collections, medicine and goods donations, through bake sales, car washes, etc. On Feb. 24, the effort will come together at Epiphany Church. The outcome of the drive will be channeled through the Haitian Refugee Committee for those Haitians here and Love in Action for those in Haiti. Contact person is Don Tilson, 598-1809.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE: There will be a Spiritual Celebration Night held on Feb. 2, at St. Theresa of Little Flower. A Dance, Poetry, songs, etc., will be held at the Coral Gables church. For information contact Ismay Hernandez, 551-4243.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: A Beach Party has been scheduled for May 4, and more details will be announced later.

WORD WORSHIP RETREATS:

Pilot Lock-In Project for

Youth Group Leaders will be held March 7 at Christ the King Church. It will start on Friday Night, and end on Saturday morning. Two youths per parish will attend-highschoolers only.

A Search for Christian Maturity Week-end will be held March 21-23. Location is pending. A Kerygma Week-end will be held April 18-19, location to be announced. Search is for 11-12 graders, Kerygma is for 9-10 graders. Contact person is Fr. Shamus O'Shaughnessy, Christ the King Parish, 238-2485. Then there is a Vocational Awareness Week to be held at St. John Vianney Seminary. Dates to be determined.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: A Jamboree - Mixed Basketball will be held Sunday Jan. 27, 1980, at Boystown. Contact Kim Patrick at 279-1722.

Also discussed at the Friday Night meeting were proposed plans for the Summer - such as a camping trip, a Youth Rally, and a Latin American Mission - to gain a greater vision of the Church as a whole, by helping others just like ourselves.

The next Federation Meeting will be held on May 2, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Catherine of Sienna.

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The Archdiocesan Youth Activities Office is sponsoring a series of training sessions for both teenage leaders and for Youth Ministers throughout the archdiocese: Training-Parish Teenage Leadership:

From 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in South Dade, at St. Catherine of Sienna, Jan. 22 and 29; Feb. 5 and 12.

North Dade - at St. Lawrence, Feb. 20 and 27; March 5 and 12.

Broward County - St. Clements, Jan. 23 and 30; Feb. 6 and 13.

Palm Beach - St. Luke's Feb. 19 and 26; St. Vincent's March 4 and 11.

BEYOND SURVIVAL: SKILLS FOR THE YOUTH MINISTERS:

Dade County: Christ the King, Jan. 14 and 21

Broward County: St. Helen's Feb. 7 and 14; Feb. 21 and 28

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Broadway showtunes. A champagne reception will follow in the parish hall.

Proceeds will be used to aid the Youth Symphony Scholarship Fund and the parish Development Fund.

Selections for the evening will include works by Bizet, Brahms, Nehlybel, special arrangements by conductor Sal Recchi, and a variety of

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Florida Bishops Letter on Abortion

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need the vine. We can do it on our own.

This is a time of decision when we—who believe—must be witnesses for life. This means, at the very minimum, that the Supreme Court's decision must be reversed. Now, in January 1980, the necessity for the adoption of a Human Life Amendment to the United States Constitution becomes ever more clear.

In his homily on Oct. 7, 1979, "Respect Life Sunday," in Washington, D.C., Pope John Paul II stated:

"Human life is precious because it is the gift of God, whose love is infinite; and when God gives life, it is forever. Life is also precious because it is the expression and the fruit of love."

Sisters Name Superior

NEWARK, N.J. (NC)—Sister Doris Ann Bowles, 47, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell and a native of Rhodesia, has become the first nun named to head the school system of the Newark Archdiocese.

We, God's people, are the fruit of love, the new wine given through Jesus for the salvation of all men and women.

Our Holy Father went on to reiterate the need to "stand up every time human life is threatened."

This is a task we bear with Jesus, whose death and resurrection is the life blood of the branches, giving us the consolation of His loving presence in Word and Sacrament and the challenge to be witnesses to a view of life that rejoices in our covenant relationship with our heavenly Father.

The Bread and Wine of the Eucharist are not just signs of Jesus among us, but rather they are our food, our sustenance, our sharing in the life of the Lord of Life, em-

powering us to be disciples and indeed His brothers and sisters.

In defending the inviolability of human life at all stages, we are prophets announcing the value and dignity of that most precious gift of a loving God, the gift of life; not separate and apart, but a life that is shared with our Lord and thus points to a more-to-come that is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray with our Holy Father:

"We are confident that Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of life, will give us her help so that our way of living will always reflect our admiration and gratitude to God's gift of love, that is life. We know she will help us to use every day that is given to us as an opportunity to defend the life of the unborn and to

render more human the lives of our fellow human beings, wherever they may be."

We pray we will all come to the fullness of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

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Urges Update Of Diocese Histories

Comparing the history of the Catholic Church in the United States to "a newly discovered and incompletely explored continent," a prominent church historian has called upon dioceses, religious communities and lay organizations to be aware of their past accomplishments and to preserve them through scholarly treatises.

Fr. Robert Trisco, current occupant of the Catholic

Daughters of the Americas Chair in Catholic Church History at Catholic University, says some of the largest dioceses in America still lack scholarly histories.

Works on the archdioceses of Baltimore and Chicago are in progress, Fr. Trisco says, "but research should also be undertaken on the important archdiocese of New York, Newark, Louisville, Milwaukee, San Francisco and Los Angeles; on the populous dioceses of Brooklyn, Buffalo and Pittsburgh; and on the old

dioceses of Charleston and Mobile."

Writing in the current issue of "Share," national publication of the Catholic Daughters, Fr. Trisco says histories of religious orders of men and women are also essential to our knowledge of the development of the church in the U.S.

"Although histories of a few Benedictine monasteries and of several smaller congregations of men have been published in the last two decades, little has appeared on the largest — the Society of Jesus — and almost nothing on the Franciscans, Dominicans, Vincentians, Holy Cross Fathers and Paulists.

"Women religious have been more productive," Fr. Trisco says, "but the founding and growth of many of their congregations are still unchronicled."

"The American Catholic Press can also boast of a flourishing past which remains largely buried in libraries," Fr. Trisco says.



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'...Wouldn't You Abort the Deformed?'

By FR. DAN KUBALA
Director, Respect Life Office

There is a very prominent Jewish lawyer who teaches law and commercial science at Northwestern University. Victor Rosenblum and his wife have nine children; the ninth child is seriously retarded.

One night on a TV special on abortion, he was asked, "Dr. Rosenblum, if you knew that a baby was going to be deformed, you'd certainly allow for an abortion, wouldn't you?" And this beautiful man responded, "Oh no, never. I thought you and I were trying to build a human family of love. And if we're really serious about this, about what we are trying to do, we would say to that little baby, 'Little baby, you're not going to have arms. But, with all of our advanced technology and with our bioengineering, we're going to make you arms. And if they don't work, little baby, we will be your arms because we love you. You don't have to pass any physical examination with perfect marks. You're already one of us. We love you and we'll take care of you' "

The panel members looked astonished and said to him, "After enough people have abortions, the furor will die down, won't it?" Dr. Rosenblum lowered his head and said, "Yes. And that's going to be the saddest day in all of American history, the day when the furor dies down."

The above is recorded by Father John Powell, S.J., the well known speaker for the Respect Life cause. Dr. Rosenblum's words of wisdom ring very loudly as we approach the seventh (7th) anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision allowing abortion on demand in the United States.

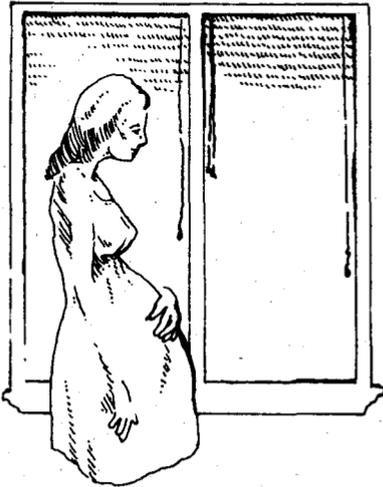
We, as Christians, must not let the furor die down when we hear that since Jan. 22, 1973 some 10 million lives have been snuffed out. The furor must not die down as we hear that there were over 1 million abused children last year. (The figures are that there were 3,000 who died as a direct result of child abuse). The furor must not die down as long as we hear daily of the senseless murders that happen in our communities. The furor must not die down as long as we hear of the poor treatment of our mentally handicapped. The furor must not die down when we hear so often of the inhuman living conditions of many of our elderly.

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Pope John Paul II, in his stirring

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PRAYER FOR UNBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Heavenly Father, you sent your son into the world to bring life in unsurpassing abundance: may we who share in your life welcome the unborn into our lives and may we offer generous support to parents and to all those who care for little children.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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message that Sunday, also stated:

"When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the right to destroy unborn life. When a child is described as a burden or looked upon as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is a unique and irrepeatable gift of God with the right to a loving and united family. When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressures, we will stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state."

Nun Heads Catholic Schools in Newark

NEWARK, N.J. (NC) — Sister Doris Ann Bowles, 47, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell and a native of Rhodesia, has become the first nun named to head the school system of the Newark Archdiocese.

The words of Pope John Paul II echoed in our nations' capital. He reaffirmed the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life — a teaching we can be proud of.

Pope Paul VI, speaking to pilgrims on April 26, 1978, just a few months before his death, stated:

"The time has come when we pupils of Christ, both teachers and disciples, must remember, and not only remember but observe, this fundamental Christian law: human life is sacred. What does sacred mean? It means that is put beyond the reach of man's power, but protected by an authority superior to that of man, and defended by the law of God. Human life, over which man exercises his authority in so many ways, for reasons of kinship, or for reasons of social superiority, is as such, put beyond the reach of man's authority...our thought goes in the first place to abortion. Poor and innumerable lives about to be born swept away in your weakness, in your innocence!

"How can a civil society, and what is more — a Christian one, authorize and remain impassive, dry-eyed, in the presence of such a 'slaughter of the innocents?'"

The Holy Father's question is an awesome one. A question we cannot evade, put off. A question that demands an answer. What has happened to us? Why was Christ's Vicar constrained to speak such words just weeks before he died? It seems the very stones of Rome would have cried out had he not given voice to the terrible anguish. His question haunts our hearts.

Jesus came to us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. He tells us that, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me." He

specially chose that word 'least', meaning the powerless, the dependent.

Is there any stage of humanity more least among us today than the unborn whose very lives are threatened? This weekend, a special collection is being taken in the Archdiocese for the Respect Life apostolate. These funds will be used to educate the Catholic community as well as the general public to the great need we have now to respect life, in light of the powerful forces that exist in our society that threaten human life.

The funds will also be used to help those women who choose life for their unborn children and need our assistance. Please be generous, remembering that real love is shown in deeds. Please too, above all, remember daily in your prayers this important apostolate: promoting the sacredness of all human life, born and unborn.

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66 couples, totalling 3168 years of married life, repeated their vows with Bishop John Nevins officiating. Father Patrick J. Murnane, Pastor, asked each one of them who had been blessed with good marriages to pray for those just starting out, especially those getting married this Year of the Family, that in due time they too would be standing here with 50 years of married life behind them.

Following the Mass concelebrated by Bishop Nevins, Father Murnane, Father Charles Killgoar and Monsignor William Powers, a reception hosted by St. Helen's Women's Guild was held in the Parish Hall. Each year the couple married the longest has the distinction of cutting the wedding cake. This year the honor went to Mr. and Mrs. James Flood, married Aug. 20, 1921, at St. Kilian's Church, Chicago, Ill.

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The Erin Society is now accepting applications for Miss Miami Colleen of 1980. The winner will reign over the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held in Miami on Saturday, March 15th, The Irish Festival at Bayfront Park on Sunday, March 16th and at the annual Emerald Society Ball on Monday, March 17th.

Entrants must be between the ages of 18 and 23, single (never married), of Irish Heritage, and work or attend school in south Florida. For applications and further information, contact Pat McCormick 681-3179.

Deadline for applicants is February 1, 1980.

Women's Clubs

St. Bernard's Women's Guild will have a Day of Reflection on Jan. 21, in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise, Fl. Registration at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Sue Blum of MACCW will be the speaker. Luncheon at 12:00 followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. John O'Leary, of San Isidro Mission, Pompano.

St. Bernard's Women's Guild will hold a workshop conducted by Rosemary Scharp on Tuesday, January 22, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise. All officers, Commissioners and Vice-Commissioners are requested to attend.

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The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual Luncheon-Fashion Show on Jan. 26, at the Parish Hall, at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. Call Meta Sinagra, 454-7646, or Dorothy Powell, 923-5844, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for tickets.

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St. Bartholomew Church at 2801 Utopis Drive, Miramar, Florida will hold a Flea market on Jan. 19, from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the CCD Program.

St. Bartholomew Church in Miramar will hold four leadership sessions for teenagers on Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6 and 13. These sessions are for present and potential Youth Leaders. If you are interested please let the Pastor know as soon as possible

Widow(ers) Club

The Catholic Widow and Widowers club will hold their next meeting Jan. 2, at 8:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 3571 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. For information call 733-4274 or 563-8274.

Cathedral Women

On Jan. 20, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and Communion, the Cathedral Womens' Guild will hold its regular meeting in the lower sacristy of the Cathedral.

The women are also sponsoring a membership Coffee to which all women of the parish are cordially invited on Jan. 20. The event will be held across the street from the Cathedral at the Archdiocesan Hall.

Fun-Game nights

Two "Fun and Game Night Benefits" will kick off the Knight of Columbus 1979-80 pledge to benefit the Archdiocese Respect Life Office. The first is 8 p.m. Jan. 19th at Saint Joseph's Parish hall, Miami Beach. A week later, Sunday, Jan. 27th, and starting at 6 p.m. a repeat "performance" will be at Miami Council Knights of Columbus hall, 5644 N.W. 7th Street. Single admission to either is by advance \$5.00 donation and includes free food and beverages. Call the Respect Life Office, 653-2921 or Len Boymer, 883-6377 (661-5801 weekends and evenings) for your reservation to have an evening of FUN!

Lebanese Festival

On January 25, 26 and 27, 1980, Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, is sponsoring an authentic Lebanese Festival in the parish hall at 2055 Coral Way, Miami. It will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will feature arabic groceries and food, lebanese folk dancing and music, cooking demonstrations, gift booths, children and adult games, Middle East treasures, jewelry and ethnic and educational films and displays. For additional information call the Church. 856-7449.

Placement Test

There will be a placement test at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday

January 19, 1980 for all students who plan on entering the 9th or 10th grade at Archbishop Curley High School in September.

The test will end at noon. There is a \$5.00 fee, all checks payable to Archbishop Curley High School. For further information call the school office at 751-8367.

Retreat for Lay Carmelites

On Jan. 25-27, there will be a retreat for Lay Carmelites with Fr. Howard Rafferty, O. Carm., with the Theme of Community. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes on Sunday after Eucharistic Celebration. Contact Al Freda Tardiff at 446-2883 or Sr. Elizabeth Ann at 238-2711.

Art and Music Eve

St. Juliana's Church, West Palm Beach, will have an evening of art and music on January 25, at 7:30 p.m. The Choir will present "Lord Jesus" from the Lyric Liturgy by Peloquin and "Be Not Afraid" by Bob Duford, S.L.; Fr. Richard S. Vosko, will speak on "Church Art and Architecture"; and selections from "The Witness" be presented by Jimmi and Carol Owens will round out the evening.

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Lighthouse Point — A "Nearly New" Boutique under the auspices of St. Paul Women's Club will be held in the parish education building on Jan. 18 and 19 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Right to Life

Miami Right to Life will sponsor a special Memorial Service for the unborn on Jan. 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Torch of Friendship, Bay Front Park, Miami, to mark the seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand. For Information call 233-7631.

New Address

The New Mailing Address for Our Lady of Mercy Church in Deerfield Beach, Fl., is:
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U.S. Cardinal Baum Gets Vatican Post

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candidate for the job. He replaces French Cardinal Gabriel-Marie Garrone, 79, whose resignation the pope accepted Jan. 15 for reasons of age.

Cardinal Baum, a native of Dallas, has been archbishop of Washington since 1970 and a cardinal since 1973. A soft-spoken, scholarly intellectual, he is the youngest U.S. cardinal.

Cardinal Baum grew up in Missouri and studied philosophy and theology at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis before his priestly ordination for the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, Mo., in 1951. He also has a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He became first executive secretary of the newly formed U.S. bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs in 1965.

Because of his ecumenical expertise, there were rumors in 1975 that he would be called to Rome as head of the Vatican's Christian unity secretariat to replace Cardinal Jan Willebrands, who had just been named archbishop of Utrecht, Netherlands. Pope Paul VI kept Cardinal Willebrands in the Christian unity post, however.

Cardinal Baum has held numerous committee assignments with the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), but as a result of his Vatican assignment, he automatically

loses NCCB membership.

He is also a member of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Christian Unity secretariat.

He was a member of the Catholic education congregation that he will now head.

THE APPOINTMENT is "a great honor" for the church in the United States, according to Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Cardinal Baum brings to this important post his own distinctive gifts of scholarship and his longstanding interest in academic and cultural affairs," said Archbishop Quinn in a statement released Jan. 15 in Washington.

Archbishop Quinn called the appointment "a great loss" for the bishops of the United States. He praised Cardinal Baum for his past chairmanships of the bishops' ecumenical and doctrinal committees.

Also expressing "a mixture of sadness and pleasure" at the appointment was Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, president of the Catholic University of America, Washington. As archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Baum has been chancellor of Catholic University.

"We are saddened by the loss of our chancellor, whose leadership has given strength and inspiration to the University for the past seven years," said Pellegrino.



Several candidates for the Hispanic Pageant to be held in Belle Glade on Feb. 9. hold a discussion at a recent retreat at St. Isidro parish. The pageant, or "Reinado," is a festival to uplift the Hispanic values and traditions among migrant and rural workers, and draws candidates from each of the nine rural missions, selected on the basis of cultural, moral and human values.

Catholics 18 Per Cent Of World

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Roman Catholics made up over 18 percent of the world's population at the end of 1977, according to new Vatican statistics released in mid-November.

The 1977 Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae (statistical yearbook of the church), compiled by the Central Statistics Office of the Vatican, said baptized Catholics numbered 739 million among the more than 4 billion people in the world.

The percentage was nearly the same as in 1976, when there were some 724 million Catholics in a world population of about 4 billion.

The yearbook also gave breakdowns by continent — Roman Catholics made up 62.3 percent of the population in North and South American combined; 39.8 percent in Europe; 25 percent in Oceania; four percent in Africa; and 2.3 percent in Asia.

The Catholic Church was

divided into 2,372 ecclesial jurisdictions at the end of 1977, including 833 in the Americas, 688 in Europe, 372 in Africa, 365 in Asia and 64 in Oceania.

On Dec. 31, 1977, there were 1.6 million Catholics "actively engaged in pastoral ministry," the yearbook said.

The figure includes 3,700 bishops, 421,859 priests (of whom 259,965 were diocesan priests); 4,456 permanent deacons; 1,063,097 Religious (76,311 men and 986,786 women); and 133,673 catechists in mission territories.

There were 6,034 priestly ordinations in 1977 throughout the world, 144 less than the preceding year. The number of men ordained diocesan priests increased from 3,786 to 3,866 while the number of new Religious

priests dropped from 2,392 to 2,168.

Some 6,829 priests died in 1977, 120 less than in 1976. A total of 2,506 left the priesthood, 300 less than the year before.

The number of seminarians enrolled in philosophy and theology schools increased by 637 between 1976 and 1977 to 61,013.

Throughout the world in 1977, 4,669 Catholic periodicals were published with a total printing of 1.8 billion copies.

Pope Paul VI established the Central Statistics Office of the church in 1967.

Dominican Retreat House

February 1-3 CHARISMATIC WEEKEND RETREAT - Friday 7 p.m. Sunday 11:30 a.m. Sister Judith Shield, O.P. Faculty member of Barry College and active in Charismatic Renewal in the Miami area for Eleven years will direct the weekend Retreat. Contact: Sister Peggy Manning - 238-2711.

February 19 - EVENING OF REFLECTION for Separated and Divorced, Widows and Widowers. Time 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Contact: Sister Pat for information at 238-2711.

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Minnesota Priests Offer Post-Abortion Counseling



The St. Peter, Big Pine Key, Women's Guild presented Father Quinlan with an address book containing names of all the parishioners included in the most complete parish census made in many years. On the reverse of each mailing address are the directions for locating the house. This unusual situation exists in the Keys wherein a family will have a Post Office Mailing and Rural Route delivery on different keys and be geographically on a third Key.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (NC)— In an effort to reach out to women who have had abortions, 12 priests from the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis have volunteered to provide spiritual and psychological counseling to women seeking post-abortion help.

The counseling is part of the archdiocesan respect-life program, which engages in pro-life education and political activity, according to Janet Krocheski, program director.

Commenting on the counseling, Mrs. Krocheski said, "I think the most important part is that the church is reaching out and showing that it cares. We need to be where women are having these kinds of problems."

She said information on the counseling service is being sent to state pro-life agencies, hospitals and parish respect-life program representatives so women who may need counseling can know that help is available

from the archdiocese.

The program is not limited to Catholic women, Mrs. Krocheski said. The women can arrange the place for their counseling with any of the 12 priests, who are located throughout the archdiocese.

"The woman may not wish to go to someone in her own area. This way she can go across town. That's the reason these men are spaced out the way they are all over the diocese," she said.

Priests rather than lay counselors were chosen for the service so that the sacrament of reconciliation can be offered to those women who request it, she added.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Krocheski, the idea for the service was the result of talking to parish pastors, family ministers and parish workers who "felt there was a need for this."

Mrs. Krocheski also asked pro-life organizations if they already offered this type

of service.

"We found there was little or nothing being done in the area of counseling for women in post-abortion," she said.

The archdiocesan program is the only one of its kind in the country, she said. The Buffalo, N.Y. Diocese has an abortion counseling program for teen-agers; according to Gail Quinn, a spokesperson for the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-life Activity.

THE WORLD in which we live offers little evidence for a glorious future. There are wars and famine and sin of all kinds. But, as Christians, we know, in faith, that the Lord will come," said Fr. Eugene H. Maly, dean of theology and vice-rector of Mount Saint Mary Seminary of the West, Norwood, Ohio, when writing in Focus On Hope, an adult religion text published by HI-TIME Publishers, Inc. Elm Grove, Wis.

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World Hunger Situation Seen Growing

ROME—(NC)—The world food situation is becoming precarious and the developed and industrial countries should provide more technical and financial aid to Third World nations, according to representatives of 147 nations.

They stated their position at the close of the 20th World Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

More than 1,000 delegates attended the conference in Rome. They approved policies and programs for the U.N. agency in 1980-81 and adopted a budget of \$278,740,000.

"THE CURRENT world food situation is again becoming precarious in the view of the continued vulnerability to crop failures of many countries in different regions, the rising import requirements of the developing countries, the unsatisfactory distribution of food supplies, the absence of an internationally coordinated reserve stock system, the prospective decline in world cereal stocks in 1979-80 and the danger that reserves may fall even below the minimum safe level for world food security," the conference said in its closing document.

In a major resolution, the

conference adopted a plan which, if fully implemented, would provide for a system of internationally coordinated but nationally held food reserves to be released in the event of crop failure. The stocks could also be released if world food prices jump to a high level in an effort to lower the prices.

It also called on governments to refrain from taking protectionist measures that would hamper agricultural trade, unambiguously approved the pledged target for voluntary organizations to the U.N. World Food Program for 1981-82 of \$1 billion and decided to establish a World Food Day to be observed annually starting Oct. 16, 1981. Oct. 16 is the anniversary of the founding of FAO.

Two days after the conference opened, Pope John Paul II addressed the

group, calling hunger the "gravest and most acute" problem in the world today.

"Millions of persons are threatened in their very existence," he said. "Many are dying every day because they do not have the minimum of necessary nourishment."

Conference participants heard a report from FAO leaders estimating that in developing market economies alone, some 400 million people suffer chronically from hunger and malnutrition.

The conference leaders also said that production in developing countries had increased during the 1970s by an average of three percent against a target of four percent.

PRESIDENT KENNETH Kaunda of Zambia delivered the conference's 11th Frank

MacDougall Lecture in commemoration of the late Australian statesman who was instrumental in the creation of FAO.

Freedom and peace are impossible when people are hungry, Kaunda said.

The people of developing countries "are no longer prepared to wait for tomorrow to eat," he added. "They want to eat now."

Citizens of those countries are "in a political ferment arising mainly from the failure of their economies to develop at a faster pace than is the case now," the Zambian president said.

"We thus have, as an ingredient for world instability, not only the 450 million hungry people but the whole developing world which is impatient about the distribution of prosperity in the world today," he said.

The conference, FAO's highest policy and legislative body which meets every two years, re-elected Bukar Shaib, ambassador of Nigeria to Italy, as chairman of the organization's council, which handles FAO business between conferences.

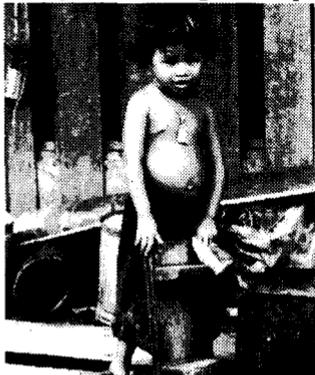
In his closing address, FAO Director-General Edouard Saouma had an optimistic assessment of the world food situation in future years.

"The 147 nations which now make up the membership of this organization have shown, by their words and their actions at this conference, how truly great this organization is and how much human potential exists among all member nations to attack the appalling crime against morality and justice that is constituted by widespread hunger in the world today," he said.

Refugees Get A New Start

Kwan Chee is an orphan in Thailand. She has no family, but she has many friends in the United States.

Her entire family died during the escape from Cambodia several months ago. She was one of four people in her original group of 36 who made it to the safety of a refugee camp.



Kwan Chee's good fortune was made possible by the people of the United States. Through Catholic Relief Services, the overseas aid and development agency of American Catholics, they support the refugee camp where Kwan Chee lives. Through Catholic Relief Services, they also provide emergency care, language and trade training.

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Carta Pastoral de los Obispos de la Florida en el Aniversario de la decisión de la Corte Suprema sobre el Aborto

Las celebraciones alegres son parte de nuestra experiencia humana: fiestas, reuniones, aniversarios, etc. Las bodas familiares son ocasiones especiales, llenas de actividades alegres y sentido de identificación con nuestros seres queridos. Nos reunimos procedentes de distintas partes del país, y por un tiempo, volvemos a ser una unidad de nuevo, y esa unidad se realiza por la inclusión de un nuevo miembro, una nueva familia que se convierte en parte de nuestra familia general. El amor que sentimos no disminuye sino que es aumentado por la nueva adición a nuestro círculo de amor.

Esto es lo que Isaiah, en su descripción del convenio entre Dios y el hombre, suscita en nosotros. Nos estimula y deleita. Es similar a la experiencia que San Juan nos brinda de Jesús en Caná, transformando el agua en vino en la celebración de las Bodas.

De cierto modo el vino parece ser un símbolo especial de nuestra vida como el pueblo de Dios. Para las personas dedicadas a la agricultura en épocas pasadas, el vino tenía un significado especial. Era un regalo, una bendición de Dios hecha realidad con la cooperación de la labor del hombre.

Es la culminación del amor creador de Dios y del servicio amante del hombre. El amor de Dios y la respuesta del hombre unidos en este fruto de la vida.

Jesús usa el simbolismo de El como la vid y nosotros como las ramas.

Cuando somos receptivos a las gracias de Dios, somos copiosos al producir vino nuevo de las ramas. El vino nuevo del servicio amante es la continuación del trabajo del Reino. Sin embargo, cuando la rama se corta, se seca y muere.

Vivimos en una época de sequía. El 22 de enero

de 1973, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos declaró inconstitucionales todas las leyes que protegían la vida del niño aún no nacido. La Corte reflejaba el ánimo del país, del mundo, que no tenemos necesidad de la vid. Que todo lo podemos hacer solos.

Esta es una época de decisiones, cuando nosotros — los creyentes — debemos dar testimonio en favor de la vida. Esto significa que, por lo menos, la decisión de la Corte Suprema debe ser revocada. Aún más, en enero de 1980, la necesidad de adoptar una Enmienda para la Defensa de la Vida Humana en la Constitución de los Estados Unidos es todavía más evidente.

En su homilía del 7 de Octubre de 1979, el "Domingo del Respeto por la Vida," en Washington, D.C., el Papa Juan Pablo II dijo:

"La vida humana es de gran valor porque es el don de Dios, cuyo amor es infinito, y cuando Dios da la vida es para siempre. La vida es también preciosa porque es la expresión y el fruto del amor."

Nosotros, el pueblo de Dios, somos el fruto del amor, el nuevo vino dado por medio de Jesús para la salvación de todos los hombres y mujeres.

Nuestro Santo Padre continúa reiterando que tenemos que "hacernos sentir y reclamar cada vez que la vida humana sea amenazada."

Esta es la tarea que compartimos con Jesús, cuya muerte y resurrección es la sangre vital de las ramas, quien nos da el consuelo de su amante presencia en la Palabra y en el Sacramento y nos reta a ser testigos de una visión de la vida que se compagina más con nuestra amistad con el Padre Celestial.

El Pan y Vino de la Eucaristía no son solo signos de Jesús entre nosotros, sino más bien nuestro ali-

mento, nuestro sustento, nuestra participación en la vida del Creador de la Existencia, que nos fortalece para ser discípulos y, en verdad, Sus hermanos y hermanas.

Al defender la inviolabilidad de la vida humana en toda etapa, somos profetas que anunciamos el valor y la dignidad de éste, el más preciado regalo de un Dios amante, el regalo de la vida; no separada y aparte, sino una vida que se comparte con nuestro Señor, y, por lo tanto, indica lo que se realizará en el futuro Reino de Dios.

Oremos con nuestro Santo Padre:

"Confiamos que María, la Madre de Dios y Madre de la vida, nos prestará su ayuda para que nuestra manera de vivir refleje siempre nuestra admiración y gratitud por el regalo de amor de Dios que es la vida. Sabemos que nos ayudará a utilizar cada día que nos dé como una oportunidad para defender la vida del niño aún no nacido y para hacer más humanas las vidas de nuestros semejantes dondequiera que estén."

Oremos para que todos alcancemos la plenitud de la vida eterna con Jesucristo.

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Obispo Román "Buscó Posada" Entre Campesinos

La costumbre española de "buscar posada" como conmemoración de la noche en que María y José buscaron albergue en Belén para el nacimiento de Jesús, y que se acostumbra practicar en las villas y pueblos del interior de México, fué también protagonizada en Indiantown, donde tuvo un significado muy especial este año.

Parece que este año había un exceso de trabajadores migratorios que "no encontraron albergue" e hicieron su "hogar" en los autos estacionados a lo largo del canal St. Lucie. El Sheriff del Condado Martin los conminó a abandonar el área y citamos su expresión: "No sé a donde podrán ir estas gentes pero no pueden quedarse aquí. Ante todo, es peligroso". Las parejas improvisadas con plásticos y tape tuvieron que venir abajo, las familias mudarse y alguno tuvo que abandonar su sofá, que había situado bajo un árbol como vivienda al aire libre. Esta situación fue la que le dió tanta significación este año a la procesión de "la posada" en Indiantown.

Durante nueve noches, antes de Navidad, las familias campesinas se reunían y anda-

ban en procesión llevando velas encendidas de casa en casa, tocaban a las puertas pidiendo albergue y con música tradicional contestaban el "No" desde adentro.

El antiquísimo ritual terminaba cuando, ya tarde, una familia reparaba la poca caridad "de Belén" ofreciendo alojamiento a "la pareja".

S.E. Monseñor Agustín Román se preparó para las Navidades haciendo tres días de "retiro" en Indiantown. Hizo también sus propias "posadas" visitando los hogares de los trabajadores de la localidad, de quienes dice la revista University of Florida Law Review "son el segmento de la población de EE.UU. más excluidos económica y socialmente".

En las mañanas se encontraba a Mons. Román en los frutales cítricos. Para estos humildes trabajadores ¡qué sorpresa resultó encontrarse cara a cara con UN OBISPO! que los esperaba para darles los buenos días o que los visitaba en su sitio de trabajo. Habrá quien piense que es su función de Obispo, pero Mons. Román ha estado muy ligado a la gente del campo desde muy temprano en su vida. Para es-

tos hombres y sus familias bajar del árbol cargados de frutas y encontrarse que Mons. Román los esperaba para rezar el Angelus con ellos era una maravilla puesto que en su vida migratoria no les es fácil hallar a su "Iglesia Católica" al paso en su constante moverse. El los abrazó con Pastoral cariño y ellos le devolvieron el afecto con devoto calor. Es emocionante ver las demostraciones de profunda fe, la natural humildad y el calor familiar con que reciben a "su visitante".

En las tardes, Mons. Román, fué su invitado a la mesa. Aunque algunos de los hogares eran muy pequeños se reunieron hasta 25 personas. Un grupo de siete hombres que viven en un cuarto lo compartieron con él. Acostumbrados a dividirse las tareas de "la casa" cada uno cocinó su especialidad para agasajar al Sr. Obispo quien estaba sentado en la única silla mientras algunos de ellos corrían a los vecinos buscando sillas prestadas para las hermanas de la misión que le acompañaban. Los cocineros y la comida fueron calurosamente elogiados. Entonces vinieron las

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Previene el Papa Contra Nueva Guerra

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO —(NC)— Si no se logra la paz mundial, nos espera "una destrucción inimaginable de vidas humanas," advirtió el Papa Juan Pablo II en una homilía sobre el Día Mundial de la Paz, que se celebró por la treceava vez en la Basílica de San Pedro, ante una audiencia de 20,000 peregrinos. El Papa agregó: "Tan sólo se necesitan 200 de las 50,000 bombas atómicas existentes, para destruir la mayor parte de las grandes ciudades del mundo. Las cosechas de alimentos disminuirán drásticamente debido a la contaminación radiactiva. Se producirán peligrosas mutaciones genéticas en los seres humanos, en la flora y la fauna. La capa de ozono en la atmósfera sufrirá alteraciones, dejando expuesta a la población del mundo a factores desconocidos que podrían amenazar la vida humana. Una explosión nuclear en una ciudad destruye todos los servicios urbanos y desata el terror entre los sobrevivientes, que no podrán recibir la más mínima ayuda en medio de esa pesadilla espantosa." Pienso, dijo además, en "las ciudades y pueblos del oeste y del este, que los medios modernos de

destrucción podrían reducir a montones de escombros." Exhortó a los cristianos a celebrar en 1980 el catorceavo centenario de San Benito, "cuyo espíritu es la antítesis de todo plan de destrucción, pues es el espíritu de sanar a las criaturas y fomentar el bien como dispone el plan divino de salvación, un espíritu alimentado por la oración y el trabajo."

Al celebrar la misa de año nuevo en la Iglesia de Jesús en Roma, el papa se refirió al terrorismo y a la carrera de armamentos. "¿Qué podemos decir de las manifestaciones de odio y crueldad disfrazadas con el nombre de terrorismo internacional? ¿Qué podemos decir ante los arsenales militares, gigantescos y amenazantes, que llaman la atención pública especialmente en Europa del este y del oeste?... El mal que existe en el mundo, que sumerge y amenaza a nuestra humanidad y a las naciones, parece mucho mayor que ese mal por el cual nos sentimos personalmente responsables cada uno. Es como si impulsado por su propio dinamismo, ese mal se escapara a las intenciones del hombre."

Carta del Arzobispo

Queridos Amigos en Cristo:

Las Sagradas Escrituras muestran las palabras del Profeta:

"He puesto ante ustedes la vida y la muerte, la bendición y la blasfemia. Entonces, escojan la vida, de manera que ustedes y sus descendientes puedan vivir."

Como seguidores de Cristo, hemos escogido la vida. Proclamamos la dignidad y lo sagrado de la vida humana desde el momento de concepción.

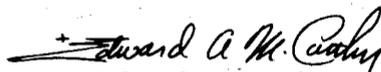
Condenamos el pecado del aborto. Deploramos la apatía y la indiferencia en nuestra sociedad ante el sacrificio de millones de niños antes de nacer.

Al conmemorar el séptimo aniversario de la increíble decisión de la Corte Suprema de legalizar el asesinato de niños antes de nacer, yo les pido su ayuda para la Apelación de Respeto a la Vida que se celebrará el próximo fin de semana a través de la Arquidiócesis.

Esta apelación beneficia los programas de Respeto a la Vida en el sur de la Florida.

Agradeciéndoles su sincera preocupación y ayuda a la Apelación de Respeto a la Vida, quedo,

Sinceramente en Cristo


Edward A. McCarthy
Arzobispo de Miami

La colecta de Respeto a la Vida se realizará el fin de semana de Enero 19-20 en todas las Iglesias de la Arquidiócesis.

Enfermera pierde Empleo Por No Asistir Abortos

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Beverly Jeczalik, enfermera de 31 años y activista Pro-Vida se ha convertido en un símbolo de La Discriminación Contra Profesionales de Pro-Vida al perder en la Corte su caso inicial contra el Hospital que la castigó sacándola de la sala de Maternidad donde prestaba

sus servicios porque se negó a participar en un aborto.

El Juez, ¿puedellamarse juez un hombre con tales principios de justicia? sentenció "que el derecho de una paciente al aborto pesaba más que el derecho de Mrs. Jeczalik a su puesto en la Sala de Maternidad". Lo más injusto de todo es que Mrs. Jeczalik fué castigada hace un año por el mismo Hospital y por la misma causa cuando la sacaron de su empleo permanente para situarla en una posición de "parte de tiempo" por su actitud antiabortcionista.

Diacono Capellán en Hospital de Ohio

TOLEDO, Ohio —(NC)— William Vest, Diácono Permanente de la Diócesis de Toledo ha sido nombrado por el Obispo John A. Donovan Capellán del Hospital Estatal de Lima.

Vest, de 39 años fue ordenado diácono en 1978, es empleado del Hospital como Consejero de Educación y el mismo Hospital lo contrató como Capellán a raíz de su ordenación. El nombramiento del Obispo lo ratifica en el cargo.

Los sacerdotes de la Parroquia de St. Gerard, el Lima, Ohio, seguirán prestando sus servicios sacerdotales en el Hospital.

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Arquidiócesis de Miami

La Cancillería anuncia el siguiente nombramiento y cambio:

El Rev. Rafael Bernal, C.M., como Pastor Asociado a la Parroquia de St. Luke, Lake Worth, efectivo desde Enero 12, 1980.

La Iglesia de Santa Rita en Boca Ratón, será ahora Iglesia de San Judas, efectivo desde Enero 15, 1980.



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¿Qué No Cese Ese Furor!

Por Rvdo. P. Dan Kubala

Victor Rosenblum, un muy prominente abogado de origen judío, profesor de Leyes y Ciencias Comerciales en la Universidad Northwestern, y su esposa son padres de nueve hijos, el menor de los cuales es gravemente retrasado. Una noche en un programa especial de televisión sobre el aborto le preguntaron al Dr. Rosenblum "Dr. Rosenblum, de saber Ud. que una criatura ha de nacer deforme, permitiría Ud. el aborto, ¿no es así?" Y éste hombre de tan gran corazón respondió, "No, nunca. Tengo entendido que Ud. y yo luchamos por formar una familia humana donde reine el amor. Y si en realidad tratamos seriamente éste asunto, guiados por este principio le diríamos a esa criaturita, "querido bebé no tendrás bracitos pero con toda nuestra avanzada tecnología fabricaremos tus bracitos. Y si por acaso, querido bebé, éstos no funcionan, nosotros seremos tus brazos porque te amamos. No necesitarás pasar exámenes físicos con resultados perfectos. Ya eres uno de nosotros. Te amamos y te cuidaremos." Los miembros del panel quedaron atónitos y le dijeron, "Seguramente después que se lleven a cabo muchos abortos cesará el furor en su contra ¿no lo cree así?" El Dr. Rosenblum bajó su cabeza y respondió, "Ese será el día más triste en la historia Americana, el día en que ése furor cese."

Este hecho fué grabado por el Padre John Powell, S.J., conocido orador de la Causa Pro-Vida. Las sabias palabras del Dr. Rosenblum resuenan al acercarnos al séptimo aniversario de la infame decisión de la Corte Suprema autorizando el aborto por demanda en la Unión Americana.

Nosotros, como Cristianos, no debemos permitir que cese el furor, recordemos que desde el 22 de Enero de 1973, diez millones de vidas han sido apagadas. No debe cesar ese furor sabiendo que más de un millón de niños fueron maltratados el año pasado. (Las cifras indican que 3,000 niños fallecieron como resultado directo de abusos y maltratos.) No debemos permitir que cese ése furor mientras sean maltratados ciudadanos desventajados. El furor no cesará mientras existan ancianos que vivan en condiciones inhumanas.

El Papa Juan Pablo II en su homilía del 7 de Octubre, Domingo de Respeto a la Vida, declaró en Washington:

"La vida humana es preciosa porque es un don de Dios. El amor de Dios es infinito y cuando El nos da la vida, la da eternamente. La vida es igualmente preciosa porque es expresión de fruto del amor."

El Papa Juan Pablo en su profundo mensaje aquel domingo también declaró:

"Cuando la santidad de la vida humana por nacer es atacada, nos pondremos en pie y proclamaremos que nadie tiene derecho a destruirla. Cuando un niño es descrito como carga inútil o mirado solamente co-

mo un medio de satisfacer una necesidad emocional, nos pondremos en pie e insistiremos que cada criatura es un ser único y singular don de Dios con derecho a formar parte de una familia unida y amante. Cuando la familia se ve amenazada por presiones de tipo social y económico nos pondremos en pie y reafirmaremos que la familia es necesaria no sólo para el bienestar de todos y cada uno de sus miembros sino también para el bienestar común de toda la sociedad, estado y nación."

Las palabras del Papa Juan Pablo II hicieron eco en la capital de la nación. El Papa reafirmó la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre la santidad de la vida humana — una doctrina de la cual debemos sentirnos muy orgullosos.

El Papa Pablo VI al dirigirse a unos peregrinos el 26 de Abril de 1978, unos pocos me-

siedad Cristiana, autorizar y permanecer impasible, sin derramar una lágrima, ante tal "matanza de inocentes?"

Esta pregunta formulada por el Santo Padre infunde pavor. Es una pregunta la cual no podemos evadir ni evitar. Una interrogante que demanda una respuesta. ¿Qué nos ha sucedido? ¿Por qué el Vicario de Cristo se vé obligado a hablarnos en esta forma poco tiempo antes de su muerte? Tal parece que hasta las mismas piedras de Roma hubieran clamado si el Papa no da voz a esta angustia terrible. Su pregunta acongoja nuestros corazones.

Jesús vino a nosotros como el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Nos dijo, "Todo lo que hicieras por uno de estos mis hermanos más humildes lo hiciste por Mí." Jesús escogió precisamente "más humildes" refiriéndose a los débiles, a los indefensos. ¿Existe quizás

¡TIEMPO PERDIDO!

¿Para quién tratamos de proteger el ambiente natural, si estamos eliminando al ser humano que lo vive y disfruta?

ses antes de su muerte, declaró:

"Ha llegado la hora en que nosotros, los discípulos de Cristo, tanto maestros como discípulos, debemos recordar — y no solo recordar sino también observar — esta fundamental ley Cristiana: La vida humana es sagrada. ¿Qué significado tiene? Significa que toda vida humana está por encima del alcance de toda autoridad humana, es protegida por una autoridad suprema, muu superior a la autoridad del hombre, y amparada por la ley de Dios. La vida humana sobre la cual el hombre de muchas maneras ha ejercido su poder y autoridad, bien por razones de afinidad o de superioridad, está muy por encima del poder y autoridad del hombre...nos dirigimos en primer lugar al aborto. Tantas pobres vidas a punto de nacer apagadas en su debilidad e inocencia. ¿Cómo puede una sociedad y lo que es más — una

alguna otra etapa en el desarrollo de un ser humano en que se encuentre más débil e indefenso que aquellos anterior a su nacimiento?

Este fin de semana se llevará a efecto una colecta especial en favor del Apostolado Pro-Vida. Con el propósito de recaudar fondos que serán utilizados para educar a la comunidad Católica y al público en general sobre la gran necesidad existente de respetar la vida humana que tanto se ve amenazada en la sociedad actual. Los fondos también serán utilizados para socorrer aquellas mujeres que optaron por dar vida a sus hijos por nacer y están necesitadas de asistencia. Por favor, sea generoso, recuerde que el verdadero amor se mide por obras. Y, más que nada, tenga presente al apostolado de defender la santidad de toda vida humana, nacida y por nacer, en sus oraciones diarias.

INVITACION

A Todos los Sacerdotes del Apostolado Hispano

Querido Padre:

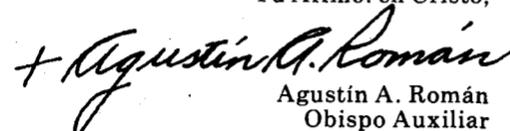
Tengo mucho gusto en anunciarte que el Padre Virgilio Elizondo nos ofrecerá un "taller" titulado **Pensamiento Teológico sobre el Exilio Cubano.**

Lugar: Ermita de la Caridad

Fecha: 23-24-25 de Enero - de 10:00 a.m. a 1:30 p.m. (El "lunch" será ofrecido por la Ermita)

El Padre Elizondo ha tenido mucho éxito en un trabajo similar dirigido a los sacerdotes que trabajan en la pastoral de los Mexicanos. Virgilio es bien conocido entre nosotros y estoy seguro que todos sacaremos mucho provecho de este "taller".

Rogándote hagas lo posible por asistir, te bendice,
Tu Affmo. en Cristo,

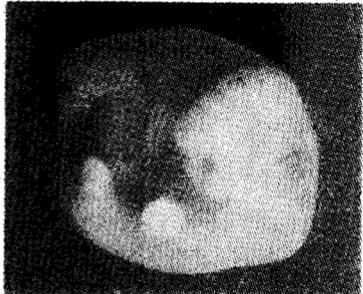

Agustín A. Román
Obispo Auxiliar

En El Comienzo

Pues tú, Señor, formaste mis entrañas, me tejiste en el seno de mi madre. Te doy gracias por tantas maravillas que has ejecutado; en efecto, admirables son tus obras y mi alma bien lo sabe.

Psalm 139: 13-14

La vida humana es un don continuo que empieza en el momento de la concepción y termina con la muerte. En cada etapa del ciclo de la vida de cada ser humano es la misma vi-



A los 38 días de ser humano

da la que se desarrolla y evoluciona. Por naturaleza, la vida humana tiene un comienzo biológico, un intermedio y un fin.

El ser humano empieza como el organismo de una célula viviente original, cuando la espermia del padre se une al óvulo de la madre. Este acontecimiento se llama concepción o fertilización. La célula original se llama "zigota" y contiene todas las instrucciones que determinarán como se va a desarrollar y las características físicas que poseerá —sexo, color de pelo y ojos, tiempo de vida, etc. Estas maravillosas instrucciones de vida son pasadas de célula a célula cuando la célula original se multiplica y se convierte últimamente en un organismo completamente desarrollado conteniendo trillones de células especializadas.

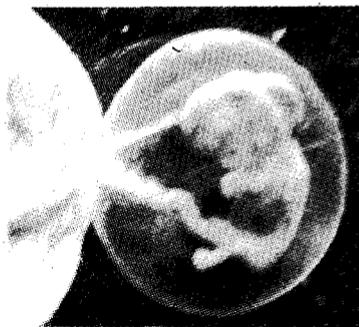
Cuando uno se pone a pensar que el desarrollado organismo humano empezó su vida como una sola célula, entonces se da cuenta que ese es un milagro de la naturaleza. La identidad genética de la vida recién engendrada es humana. En ningún instante durante su desarrollo se puede transformar esta vida de una especie a otra. Siempre será humana.

Una nueva vida se engendra dentro del cuerpo de su madre en un momento oculto, desapercibidamente. Alrededor del quinto o sexto día el embrión empieza a refugiarse dentro de la pared del vientre de su madre de donde saca su alimento. Este pequeño ser humano empieza a formar lo que se puede llamar su primer órgano, o sea la placenta —su línea de vida que se extiende hacia su madre.

Desde el principio, esta nueva vida es un ser humano complejo, dinámico que está desarrollándose rápidamente. Durante el primer mes es sometido a más cambios físicos que durante cualquier otro periodo de su vida. De la célula viviente original surge un embrión con cabeza, tronco y órganos elementales. Durante este periodo, el desarrollo es tan dramático que los científicos han planeado estudiar el desarrollo día por día. El énfasis principal es en el desarrollo del sistema nervioso. A los 20 días, los fundamentos del cerebro, espina dorsal y sistema nervioso han sido establecidos. Este desarrollo continuará hasta después del nacimiento. Durante este mismo tiempo, el corazón también se está formando. Un corazón primitivo está presente a los 18 días. Este corazón empieza a latir de una forma irregular a los 21 días. Una semana después late continuamente con contracciones rítmicas.

Los órganos que se forman rápidamente están también empezando a funcionar. Durante la sexta semana el niño puede ser observado moviéndose en el fluido amniótico, aunque pasarán algunas semanas antes de que su madre sienta tales movimientos.

Al final de siete semanas, el feto se empieza a parecer a un bebé minúsculo. Ya se pueden distinguir las facciones externas y todos los órganos internos de un adulto. Sin embargo mide solamente una pulgada y media. El feto tiene una cara humana, con ojos, oídos y nariz, labios y hasta se pueden notar las raíces de los dientes de leche. El cuerpo está bastante lleno, relleno con músculos y cubierto con una piel delicada. Los brazos tienen manos con dedos y pulgares.



A los 42 días de ser humano.

En las piernas, que se desarrollan más lentamente, se pueden reconocer las rodillas, tobillos y dedos de los pies. Desde este punto hasta la edad de adulto, los cambios en el cuerpo serán principalmente en el aumento de tamaño y refinamiento gradual de las partes funcionales.

Cuando a la madre le ha faltado el periodo menstrual por segunda vez el niño ya tiene seis semanas. Solamente durante este tiempo es que quizás la madre haga su primera visita a la oficina del doctor para saber si está verdaderamente embarazada.

Muchas de las estructuras esqueléticas están primeramente hechas de cartilago y después se convierten en hueso. El cartilago es visible en las manos y piernas durante las 12 primeras semanas.

En el tercer mes el niño es muy activo. Su respuesta al estímulo durante las sexta y séptima semanas está caracterizada por un movimiento total del cuerpo, pero durante el tercer mes la actividad física del niño es más y más específica. Al final de las nueve y diez semanas los reflejos locales empiezan a aparecer. Ya el niño empieza a parpadear, frunce el entrecejo y vira su cabeza. Se han observado movimientos espontáneos a las diez semanas. Al final del tercer mes, el niño se mueve con gracia y naturaleza, puede patear, y encoque y extiende los dedos de los pies, cierra los puños y se chupa el dedo pulgar. El niño no solamente se mueve, pero se traga el fluido amniótico y lo respira para adentro y para afuera de los pulmones. Anticipando el nacimiento, el niño ensaya los órganos vitales de la respiración, del comer y del movimiento.

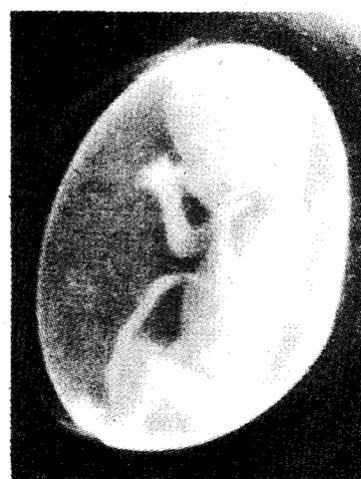
Durante el cuarto mes, el niño empieza a crecer de tamaño con mucha rapidez. Este crecimiento continuará hasta dos o tres meses antes del nacimiento. Durante el resto de los meses que el niño está en el vientre, éste continuará perfeccionando sus actividades y hasta aprende a prepararse para el día del nacimiento. A principio del tercer mes sus actividades empiezan a reflejar su propia personalidad única. Se mueve con gracia en su mundo de agua, se levanta y se duerme, cambia sus posiciones y escoge su posición favorita, reacciona violentamente al dolor de una aguja, le da hipos si traga mucho fluido amniótico, oye la voz de su madre y reacciona a la música y a los ruidos, eventualmente puede ver la luz y la oscuridad a través de la pared abdominal.

A los ocho y nueve meses el niño se va sintiendo muy incómodo en el vientre de la madre, por eso ya pronto viene el nacimiento.

Sin embargo, la vida es más que factores y eventos fisiológicos. Nosotros valoramos esta vida porque es uno de nosotros —es humana.

Ninguna vida humana llega a ser vida por su propia voluntad o designio. Toda vida humana es un regalo de nuestros padres, de la naturaleza y de Dios. Sobre todo el niño aun no nacido representa la vida en sí. Con el tiempo esta vida puede realizar a su vez el regalo de otra vida, pero sólo si se le da la oportunidad de crecer, desarrollarse y madurarse.

El aborto es un acto de violencia. Su propósito es



A los 49 días de ser humano

destruir a otra persona humana, su naturaleza es negar la vida.

El camino a la violencia nos atrae porque nos promete una solución segura y ligera. Pero la promesa es falsa y engañosa. Trae la muerte, no la vida, desesperanza y no esperanza. Debemos rechazar el camino de la muerte y escoger el camino de la vida.

La destrucción directa y perversa del niño aun no nacido es indigna de una sociedad comprometida a la bondad y a la justicia. Como un instrumento que ayuda a guiar la vida de la sociedad, la ley debe de asegurar el valor esencial e igual de cada ser humano —en cada etapa de su existencia.

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Recién nacido ¡Regalo de Vida!

El Aborto en los EE.UU.

Por Magaly Llaguno

"La esencia de la bondad es: proteger o preservar la vida, promoverla, ayudarla a alcanzar su supremo destino...el principio fundamental de ética es pues el respeto a la vida". Albert Schweitzer.

¿Ha olvidado el mundo este principio básico? Alrededor nuestro, en casi todos los países del mundo el aborto está siendo utilizado como solución a embarazos no deseados, al amparo de la ley o fuera de ésta. Las Naciones Unidas han declarado: "El aborto es el método de control de la natalidad que más se utiliza hoy en el mundo". Aquí en los Estados Unidos, la Corte Suprema, en una decisión sin

precedente en la historia de este país, y en un día al que las personas que aman la vida llaman "lunes de luto" (enero 22, 1973), le ha dado a la madre el control absoluto sobre la vida y la muerte de su hijo no nacido. Ha sido otorgada la prioridad al derecho de privacidad de la mujer por sobre el derecho que tiene a la vida el niño que se encuentra todavía en el útero materno. ¡El aborto es ahora legal en la práctica hasta el momento del nacimiento!

Es irónico que un bebé puede ser destruido un minuto antes de su nacimiento y se le llama al procedimiento aborto, siendo legal. Sin embargo, si al mismo bebido se le mata un minuto después de nacido, se le llama asesinato y es ilegal.

Hoy en día, nuestros hospitales americanos presentan escenas como éstas: en una habitación vemos un grupo de médicos luchando por salvarle la vida a un niño prematuro de dos libras, mientras que en otra habitación un médico mata a otro niño de dos libras por medio del aborto. ¡Esto es incomprensible, es simplemente una locura!

Nadie, ni siquiera los que favorecen el aborto pueden negarse a discutir el hecho científico de que la vida humana comienza en el momento de la concepción y que es continua, sea intra-uterina o extra-uterina hasta el momento de la muerte. La reunión científica más distinguida de la última década que consideró esta

cuestión a fondo lo fue la "Primera Conferencia Internacional sobre el Aborto", llevada a cabo en Washington D.C. en octubre del año 1967. A dicha reunión asistieron bioquímicos, profesores de obstetricia y ginecología, genéticos, etc., quienes representaban distintos niveles académicos, razas y religiones. Ellos llegaron a la conclusión casi unánime (19 a 1): "La mayoría de los que componemos este grupo no pudimos encontrar un punto o lugar en el tiempo que transcurre desde la unión del espermatozoide y el óvulo...hasta el momento del nacimiento del niño, en el cual podríamos decir que esa vida no es humana. Los cambios que

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Conversión de San Pablo

La conversión del celoso judío-romano Saulo de Tarso, a la fe cristiana es uno de los hechos más relevantes de nuestra historia Católica. Saulo no era un fanático propiamente hablando sino un fervoroso amante de su fe judía y de sus tradiciones. Precisamente por ser un creyente incondicional del Único Dios es que Jesús lo escoge para convertirlo en un ardiente Apóstol de su Evangelio.

Saulo perseguía a los cristianos y los denunciaba a las autoridades judías convencido de que así le daba más gloria a Dios.

Lleno de ese celo divino, fue al Sumo Sacerdote para que le recomendara a las sinagogas de Damasco a fin de descubrir a los cristianos que encontrara, llevándolos atados a Jerusalén. Cerca de Damasco se vio envuelto por una luz celestial y cayó a tierra oyendo una voz que le dijo: "Saulo,

Saulo, ¿Por qué me persigues? Y a la pregunta de Saulo le contestó la voz: "Yo soy Jesús, a quien tú persigues." Jesús se le presentó a Saulo y lo mandó a la ciudad llevado por la mano de sus acompañantes, quienes quedaron sobrecogidos al oír la voz sin ver a nadie y ante la ceguera de Saulo quien estuvo tres días en Damasco sin comer ni beber. Jesús, entretanto, le envió a Ananías, un cristiano de Damasco muy fiel a El, para que visitara a Saulo quien "era para El, vaso de elección" dijo Jesús. Ananías le habló a Saulo y cuando le impuso las manos recobró la visión. Con la conversión Saulo tomó el nombre de Pablo. Fue bautizado y se dedicó, con más fervor que antes, a predicar el Evangelio de Jesucristo por todo el mundo conocido entonces. La conversión de Pablo es fiesta de la Iglesia y se celebra el 25 de Enero.

Aprueban No Mandar Niños a Educación Sexual

TRENTON, N.J. — (NC) — La Legislatura estatal aprobó una ley que autoriza a los padres a retirar a sus hijos de las clases de educación sexual por razones morales y religiosas. Otra ley que establece más restricciones en relación

con la producción y la venta de materiales que puedan ser considerados pornográficos, fue también aprobada pero los legisladores fallaron en su intento de rechazar el veto del Gobernador a la ley que regula el aborto.

Familias de Nicaragua Agradecen Ayuda

Con motivo de la triste situación dejada en Nicaragua por la pasada revolución, el pueblo de los fieles de Miami, respondió al pedido de nuestro Arzobispo Edward McCarthy con su acostumbrada generosidad. El Señor Arzobispo de Managua, Mons. Miguel Obando, envió una carta a Mons. McCarthy agradeciendo, a nombre de los fieles de Nicaragua, la ayuda prestada. Es muy alentador saber que 701 familias han aliviado su crisis con la muestra de hermandad de los católicos de Miami.

He aquí el texto de la carta de Mons. Obando:

Excmo. y Revdmo. Mons. Dr. EDWARD A. McCARTHY
Arzobispo de Miami.

Estimado Mons. McCarthy:

Aprovecho la oportunidad para saludarle cordialmente, y al mismo tiempo quiero agradecer la fineza que ha tenido para con nosotros en los momentos difíciles que atraviesa nuestro País, después de la guerra civil.

Estoy enviando copia de las 701 familias que atendimos en la Arquidiócesis, con la ayuda generosa que Ud nos envió, registrado bajo el número de proyecto NI 9 EO 11, asistencia para los pobres de Managua.

Esta ayuda también sirvió para que estas familias se ayudaran un poco para medio reparar sus viviendas, que quedaron destruidas por los bombardeos, esto como Ud. puede imaginarse se hizo poco para tantos damnificados.

Nuevamente quiero agradecerle a Ud. la fineza que siempre ha tenido para con nosotros, en todos los momentos que hemos pasado.

Hacemos propicia la ocasión para reiterarle nuestra gratitud.

Mons. Miguel Obando Bravo
Arzobispo de Managua
Presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal

N de R: Desearíamos publicar la lista de todos los 701 recipientes de las donaciones pero por falta de espacio nos vemos forzados a omitirla.

El Aborto

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ocurren entre la implantación, un embrión de seis semanas, un feto de seis meses, un bebé de una semana de nacido, o un adulto maduro, con simplemente etapas de desarrollo y maduración". (Del libro Manual del Aborto).

La prueba principal de que el aborto priva a un ser humano de la vida la proporcionan los científicos que están utilizando a los bebotes abortados (muchos de ellos todavía vivos) para llevar a cabo experimentos y aprender más sobre el cuerpo humano. Investigadores del Centro Médico de la Universidad de Colorado, en Denver, han utilizado más de 300 bebotes abortados para experimentos sobre el maxilar inferior. (Los bebotes abortados habían sido muertos antes de ser llevado a cabo los experimentos.)

En Noviembre de 1971, el doctor Othersen de la Universidad de Carolina del Sur trasplantó una glándula timo de un bebé abortado vivo, a un niño nacido vivo. El donante humano fue muerto en el proceso. Cada día aumentan más los informes sobre experimentos con seres humanos diminutos cuando aún están vivos. Todos los donantes son matados al concluir los experimentos.

El Dr. Roberto Goodlin de la Universidad de Stanford, en California, según ha sido reportado, ha estado llevando a cabo experimentos con seres humanos (abortados vivos) en su laboratorio desde hace algún tiempo. Estos experimentos han incluido actos de crueldad, tales como el hacer una incisión en el pecho de un niño para observar el funcionamiento de su corazón, o en otro caso, el remover el hígado para trasplante. Dichas operaciones han sido llevadas a cabo sin anestesia alguna. (Del periódico "The New Human" — Enero de 1973).

El doctor André Hellegers, profesor de obstetricia y ginecología de la Universidad de Georgetown y director del Instituto Kennedy para el Estudio de la Reproducción Humana y Bioética, es uno de los doctores que se encuentran en la mayoría, en la opinión de que los experimentos con seres humanos en su etapa fetal, no sólo indican falta de ética sino que se asemejan al siguiente razonamiento: "Si va a morir de todos modos ¿por qué no utilizarlo?" Así opinaban los nazis que hacían experimentos con los prisioneros condenados a muerte en los campos de concentración alemanes, durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

¿Conocen todos estos hechos la mayoría de las personas? Definitivamente ¡No! Muy pocas saben lo que es el aborto en realidad, y cuando se les muestra la verdad, la mayor parte de ellas son partidarias de escoger la vida, tal como hicieron los votantes de Michigan y North Dakota en un referendium llevado a cabo, donde se rechazó el aborto a la orden.

A pesar de sus efectos trágicos, uno de los cuales es el exterminio de dos millones de niños no nacidos anualmente,

Mons. Higgins Rinde Tributo A Meany.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (NC) — Con palabras del Libro del Apocalipsis, Monseñor George G. Higgins, rindió tributo al viejo amigo y "gigante del movimiento obrero" George Meany, quien falleció el 10 de Enero en Washington, D.C.

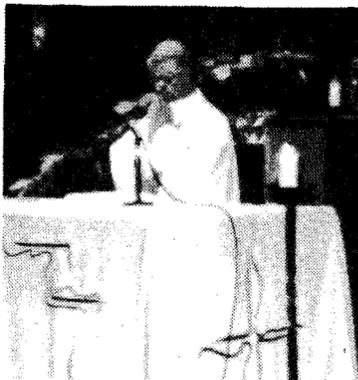
Mons. Higgins, Secretario para Investigaciones de la Conferencia Católica de los EE.UU., ofreció la homilía en la Misa Fúnebre celebrada en la Catedral de San Mateo en la Capital por el Pastor de la Iglesia St. Bartholomew, en Bethesda, donde Meany era activo miembro. El Cardenal W. Baum de Washington presidió la celebración. El Presidente Carter encabezó el conti-

gente de dignatarios y personajes que fueron a despedir al líder obrero.

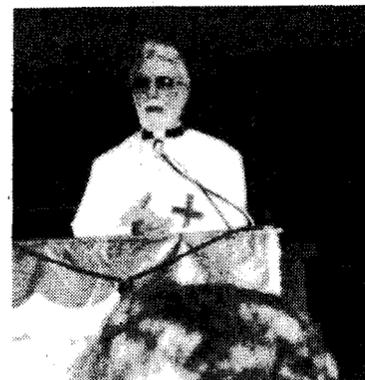
Lane Kirkland, sucesor de Meany, dijo que el tenía fe en que mejores días vendrían para los obreros porque "Meany está ahora allá arriba negociando el asunto con Dios."

Mons. Higgins dijo: "Meany fue, primero y sobre todo, un hombre de profunda fe sin pretensiones, que no llevaba la religión en su vestimenta sino profunda en su vida y su actuación. El hombre que al retirarse primero dió gracias a Dios por lo mucho que le había guiado y las satisfacciones que le había deparado."

Noche de Alabanzas



Mons. Agustín Román concelebró la Misa de la Noche de Alabanzas con el P. Navarrete quien ofreció la homilía.



Una bonita ceremonia que titularon Noche de Alabanzas, el nombre lo explica todo, se celebró el pasado 4 de Enero en la Iglesia St. Timothy.

Concelebraron la Santa

Misa el Obispo Auxiliar de Miami, Mons. Agustín Román y el Rvdo. P. Antonio Navarrete. Este ritual de alabanzas y acción de gracias al Señor estuvo muy concurrido.

Obispo Busca "Posada" (Viene de la Pag. 1A)

fotografías que cada uno de ellos deseaba mandar al hogar distante...

—Padre, mis hijos le honrarán a usted. Quien sabe ellos no le conocerán nunca pero su retrato siempre tendrá un lugar de honor en nuestra casa".

Por la noche la pequeña Iglesia estaba repleta cuando las familias se reunieron con el Pastor para el "hagan esto en memoria Mía". Con su especial talento para presentar el Evangelio de manera popular Mons. Román disfrutó de una audiencia extasiada. El Sábado ninguno fue a trabajar y los hombres dedicaron el día a la oración y reflexión dirigidos por el Obispo.

Ellos son víctimas, separados de sus familias por las

por medio del aborto; la decisión de la Corte Suprema también ha traído como resultados que la membresía en la mayor parte de los Comités Pro-Vida se haya duplicado, y que se estén tomando pasos decisivos a través de todo el país, para asegurar la aprobación de una enmienda constitucional la cual garantizaría el derecho a la vida a todos los individuos desde el momento de la concepción en adelante.

exigencias de su modo de ganarse la vida, empleados por patronos, los más indiferentes; extranjeros desvalidos entre nosotros y casi totalmente ignorados por condescendientes hermanos católicos. La vileza opresiva de su trabajo y la miserable condición de sus viviendas recuerdan el Libro La Semilla del Odio: "Hay aquí un crimen que va mas allá de la denuncia. Hay una tristeza que el sollozo no puede simbolizar. Hay un fallo aquí que echa por tierra todos nuestros triunfos."

Pero viéndoles en la Iglesia, "Su Hogar", guiados por su Pastor, inmersos en oración nacida de la profunda piedad herencia de su pueblo y no producto de escuela alguna, nos llena la certeza de que su Padre que está en los cielos y sus hermanos Católicos en la tierra no les abandonarán.

Noche Cubana

Nos hemos enterado que en los terrenos de San Juan Bosco, en West Flagler y la calle 13 se va a celebrar una Noche Cubana. No se nos han adelantado los detalles pero si sabemos que las papeletas para el evento ya están a la venta. También nos enteramos que habrá muchos premios.