

ARCHDIOCESE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

25 Great years!



Archbishop McCarthy surrounded by well-wishers at Orange Bowl celebration of Archdiocese's 25th anniversary.

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By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Instead of its usual rambunctious sports fans, the Orange Bowl stadium was filled with cheering South Florida Catholics last Friday night as

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thousands, of faithful of all ages and nationalities gathered to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Lourdes Gonzalez, a eucharistic minister from St. Agatha church in Miami, observed with a benevolent smile, "If we can fill this stadium for the Dolphins, we can certainly fill it for Christ."

"I feel like I'm sitting in God's hands tonight," added Osvaldo Brito, from Our Lady of Divine Providence, as he gripped his crucifix.

It seemed like Christmas and the 4th of July rolled into one, as the magical night began with a solemn procession of hundreds of clergy in white cassocks—and ended with a display of fireworks which electrified the heavens and caused bishops and small children to "ooh!" and "ahh!" in unison.

THE CENTRAL point of the celebration was the Mass during which Archbishop McCarthy praised the "People of God" and the unity of the various national and ethnic groups present and chided elements of society for moral degradation.

On the sidelines, in place of cigar-chomping football coaches, there were black-suited seminary students from St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach and St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, who watched protectively over the crowd with walkie-talkies at their ears. Eucharistic ministers were placed strategically around the stadium to coach the crowd in singing communion songs and distribute the Eucharist

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Spectacular fireworks climaxed program. (Voice photo).

Joyous Mass in Orange Bowl

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during Mass.

While planes soared past overhead, hearts and voices soared as Catholics demonstrated their triumphant night of unity in song and prayer.

Some of the most beautiful music sprang from a world of silence. Fr. Jim Vitucci of Visitation Church of Miami, led the deaf in song by signing for them.

The Miami Chamber Symphony and brass players and a 300-voice choir from parishes throughout the archdiocese raised enough goosebumps for a Christmas-morning feeling.

The Rodgers Touring organ used for the celebration was "a one of a kind organ shipped here from Ohio just for tonight," said Mary Beth Kunde, music director for the archdiocese of Miami.

Instrumentalists from the Miami Chamber Symphony were underwritten by Burton Dines, conductor and Charles Reskin, first trumpet player.

THE EVENING was a joyful pageant of sights as well as sounds, especially when the crowd was treated to a filmed audience with Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and a group of Miami priests and pilgrims who visited Rome this past October. Although the audio was sometimes unclear, people yelled and cried out praises, and applauded at the sight of their pope and bishop on the screen. As each priest was seen greeting the Pope, the crowd let loose with the kind of adoring noises one expects to hear at a film premiere.

Catholic high school students waved banners and placards embellished with Crosses and the signs of the

Eucharist—bread and wine. As the teens waved wildly at the image of the Pope, the more reserved older members of the crowd simply bowed their heads or smiled.

The procession entered the field from all parts of the stadium, with clergy in white and laity and dignitaries garbed in pale blue and beige cassocks. One young teenage girl hobbled eagerly onto the field with one leg in a cast that reached up to the knee.

Bishop John J. Nevins read a greeting from the Holy Father and Art Carlson and Diana Gonzalez-Durruthy, reporters from WPLG-TV, Channel 10, narrated a history of the archdiocese.

AMONG THOSE who sat before the altar during the event were 97 Catholics who received high honors for their service to the Church and the archdiocese. Among them were 18 Catholic laymen honored as Knights of St. Gregory, by Pope John Paul II, two men and 16 women who received the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal in recognition of their service to church and papacy, and another 61 Catholic lay men and women who were lauded with the Archdiocese of Miami's "Premum Regnum Dei" Medal in recognition of "meritorious service to South Florida's Church."

A hush suddenly fell over the crowd as Archbishop McCarthy, dressed in gleaming gold vestments and a stately white miter, walked toward the 29 yard line and an altar constructed for the occasion. He was accompanied by the bishops who would celebrate the Tri-lingual Mass with him: Bishop John J. Nevins, Bishop Agustin Roman, of Miami; Bishop W. Thomas Larkin of St. Petersburg, Bishop

Thomas J. Grady of Orlando, Bishop John J. Snyder of St. Augustine, Bishop J. Keith Symons of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Bishop Paul F. Tanner, (retired) of St. Augustine, Bishop Lawrence Burke, S.J., of Nassau in the Bahamas, Bishop Fidelus Dunlop, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Leo Abbey.

THE FESTIVE MOOD became one of solemn ritual during Mass and for a brief hour, thousands of Catholics repeated the ceremonies of the early church, born not 25—but 2,000 years before them.

Archbishop McCarthy, bathed in a purple spotlight, gave a stirring homily and thanked his flock for 25 years of "the reign of the Lord among us... years of faith, of prayer of love alive in South Florida throughout our archdiocese."

He cast his words out over the crowd like a warm mantle in the cool, crisp night air, as he urged all Catholics to use the spirit of Jubilee for reconciliation and renewal. He referred to the biblical jubilees, which were "times for erasing our troubles of the past and starting fresh."

His call for unity echoed through the stands in Creole and Spanish.

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He also chided society, "The past 25 years have been years of a deplorable decline in respect for Jesus in and his teachings in our society."

In an uncharacteristically loud voice he condemned the pitfalls of contemporary living.

"We are progressively losing a sense of sin... Abortion has been legalized. God is being declared unconstitutional. Our consumeristic and materialistic society is becoming secularized, deprived of religion. Entertainment and the media are glamorizing sin...."

He challenged the crowd to help redeem "the world by which we are shaped."

"We are called to be a counter force, a counter-culture, to confront the religious indifference of our times. We are called to raise prophetic voices willing to be ridiculed as were the prophets of old, as we challenge the secularizing, dehumanizing forces of our day..."

At the end of the almost flawless homily, the Archbishop concluded that Catholics are obligated to commit themselves to each other, and to "the alienated and unchurched," and asked them to, rededicate yourselves to living and sharing faithfully your saving Catholic religion that has been your treasured inheritance."

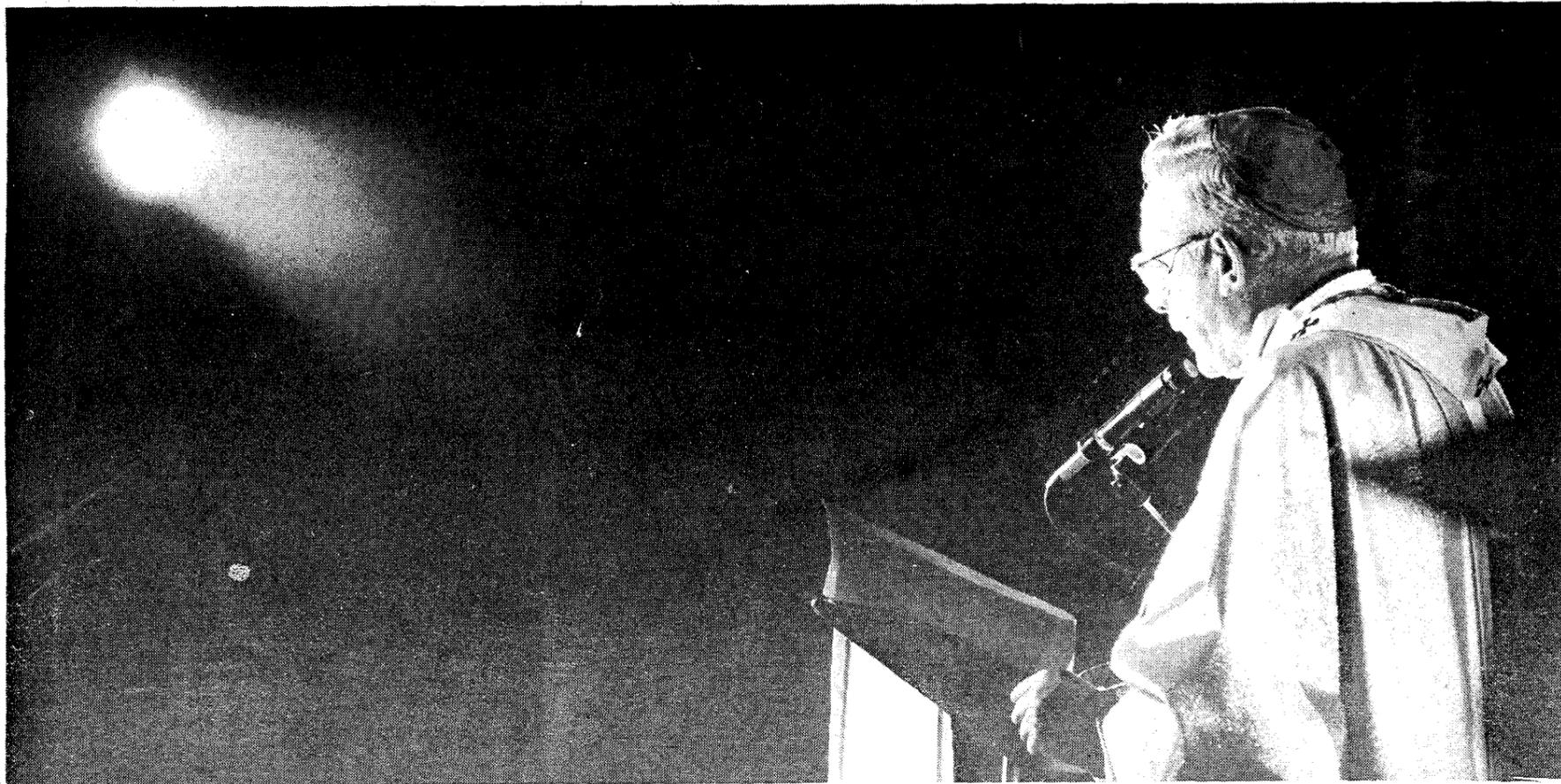
After Communion and the conclusion of Mass the Archbishop stood among his fellow Catholics, spellbound, as the 25-year success story was written in lights. Fireworks whizzed, popped and whined. Spiraling rockets sped toward the heavens and ashes drifted down and landed on foreheads that were tilted toward the brilliant sky.

Said one departing observer, "Catholics know how to show their unity with a bang, not a whimper..."

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'Do not be afraid' 'Fight, with Christ's love, the secularizing culture of our times'

My Beloved,

I greet and welcome all of you with joy and with love on this special occasion when we celebrate our Silver Jubilee together...

Tonight, we have become a 50,000 voice chorale singing the praises of the Lord! Singing out our thanks to Him through whom we have been redeemed.

This Orange Bowl stadium has become tonight a huge basilica, with the sky itself as its star-studded vaulted ceiling. It is throbbing with grateful hearts pouring out their gratitude for 25 years of the reign of the Lord among us, 25 years of faith, of prayer, of love alive in South Florida through our Archdiocese.

We are here from Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach and Miami, from Delray Beach and Key West, Naples and Boca Raton. We are here, young and old, Anglo, Black, Cuban, Haitian, Canadian, Puerto Rican, Colombian, Mexican, Jamaican—united in Faith, united in prayer, united in love.

Thanks!

Indeed, we give thanks for each other—the one million of us—men, women, seniors, youth, many ethnic groups—all brothers and sisters united in faith, for our 500 priests who minister with Christ-like devotion, and our 700 committed religious, our 21 religious communities of men and 52 communities of women.

We give thanks for our 140 parishes, our two seminaries, our two colleges, our 17 high schools, our 64 elementary schools, our four hospitals, our 11 homes for the aged and infirm, our two homes for children, for the many programs, of Christian apostolic and social service, the apostolic and spiritual movements and organizations that flourish among us.

And as we count our blessings, let us pause in a special way to

acknowledge and give thanks for those who have gone before us in the sign of faith and are now with the Lord and the saints in heaven.

We sing our jubilee song for the dynamic pioneering leadership of Archbishop Carroll, founding bishop of the Archdiocese. And we thank God for the committed priests, religious and lay leaders that were his gift to us over the years.

Failures

But my beloved, while this is a splendid moment of thanksgiving, let it not be a time for only counting our

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blessings.

As we rally this evening, let us humbly acknowledge as well our failures as stewards of His kingdom in our own hearts, in our families, in our parishes and in our communities.

The past 25 years have been years of a deplorable decline in respect for Jesus and His teachings in our society. We are progressively losing a sense of sin. The crime rate has skyrocketed. Abortion has been legalized. God is being declared unconstitutional.

Our consumeristic and materialistic society is becoming secularized—deprived of religion. Entertainment and the media are glamorizing sin. Pornography,

divorce, extra marital sex have become fashionable.

We would be hypocrites before the Lord if on this solemn occasion of reflection we did not make our act of contrition for failures in our stewardship of the faith in South Florida, for personally yielding to behavior contrary to His Gospel, or being indifferent, weak in raising our voices, as this world in which we are the salt and the light is being desecrated by the agents of evil.

More than one of every four people in South Florida is a Catholic. How, how—I ask in great distress—can we allow the kingdom of the Lord Jesus

same spirit? Why should not we leave here tonight resolved on starting again where need be? May I challenge you to give yourself a jubilee gift. If a friendship has been broken, at this jubilee time restore it! If the affection of spouses has cooled, on this jubilee rekindle it. If you have been enslaved by a bad habit—alcohol, drugs or whatever—on this jubilee free yourselves.

Above all, if you have become alienated from the Church, if your religious fervor has cooled, let this jubilee be a rich moment of reconciliation.

If someone in the church has hurt you, we apologize. We, in Jesus' name, ask you to come home. Let's start over again, afresh, anew in jubilee joy.

From this Orange Bowl, let there radiate, let there explode a great new refreshing spirit of religious renewal in our Archdiocese.

My beloved, jubilees are not only occasions for looking backward. They are also a time for peering into the future. They are a time for thanksgiving for God's gifts.

But they are the moment, as well, for committing ourselves to the future—to reflecting on who we are and what it is that the Lord expects of us—the stewards of his Church, the people of God in South Florida.

The Vatican Council has reminded us that we have the extraordinary privilege of being people of God who have been predestined to work together in the name of and with the power of Jesus for the salvation of ourselves and of our worlds.

“...Those who believe in Christ, who are reborn, not from a corruptible seed, but from an incorruptible one through the word of the living God (Cf. Peter 6:23), nor from flesh, but from water and the Holy Spirit (Cf. John 3:5-6), are finally establish-

Begin again
Why should not we here in Florida, in 1983, celebrate our jubilee in that

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THE HOMILY

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ed as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation... who in times past were not a people, but now are the People of God.' (I Peter 2:9-10)" (Lumen Gentium, 9).

My beloved, we are that People of God, we have Christ as our head. We have the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in a temple.

Our law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us. (John 13:34) Our destiny is the kingdom of God on earth.

Called

This splendid calling to make Christ and his way of life come alive in South Florida is your calling, my beloved, as a member of the Archdiocese of Miami. In this evening's Gospel, we heard of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor. Suddenly, He who to many seemed but another man revealed himself to the apostles in the splendor of his divinity.

There is a sense in which we have been destined to reveal by our word

and behavior the risen Jesus in South Florida. In this flat territory we are called to raise each other up on the Tabors of our words and example to experience the Christ.

We are reminded by the church that this calling is that of every Christian, of the laity, as well as of the clergy and religious.

The laity "share in the priestly,

United—United as we are here tonight—in sharing the Eucharist, we must each commit ourselves in our own way, according to our own opportunities, using our own talents and contacts, to have Jesus revealed, transfigured, before the people of South Florida.

Our pledge tonight must be to bring the liberation of Jesus and his

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prophetic and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own role to play in the mission of the whole People of God in the world." (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 2).

And so, my beloved, let me remind you that we are called—not only the devoted clergy and religious but all—laity as well—to make South Florida holy, a land of peace and goodness, by living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gospel, his Church, to South Florida: to free our area of crimes, of fear, of suspicion and distrust, of robbing and rape and all violence, of broken homes and pornography, of racism and hatred, of drugs, of bigotry and of all the evils from which Christ came to make us free, to enjoy the freedom of the children of God.

Christ came to redeem us as individuals. He commissioned and challenged us to be redeemed, and to

share in redeeming the world in which we live, the world we share, the world by which we are shaped.

'Counter-culture'

We are called to be a counterforce, a counter-culture, to confront the religious indifference of our times. We are called to raise prophetic voices, willing to be ridiculed as were the prophets of old, as we challenge the secularizing, dehumanizing forces of our day. We cannot compromise, we cannot permit separation of church and state to become separation of religion from life.

The Lord said he came to cast fire upon the earth. "Do not suppose," he said, "that my mission on earth is to spread peace. My mission is to spread not peace but division.... He who will not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10, 34-38).

We, my beloved, are called to confrontation if the kingdom of Jesus is to be felt in our secularistic society. We are called to be agents of renewal, of change, of the Gospel of Jesus. Not of revolution that turns around with violence, but of conversion that turns along with love—progressive, continuing conversion to more radical living of the Gospel—beginning with ourselves.

Where there is indifference to God, we must bring living faith.

Where there is ignoring of his commands, we must show loving acceptance.

Where there is hatred, we must bring love.

Where there is violence, we must be gentle.

Where there is oppression of the poor or of minorities, we must bring justice and love.

Where there is darkness, we must bring light.

Where there is suffering, we must bring solace.

Where there is racism, we must bring brotherhood.

Where there is alienation, we must bring reconciliation.

Where there is corruption, we must demand reform.

Where there is sin, we must sound the alarm.

Where there is hopelessness and despair, we must reveal the smile of God.

Five years ago in this stadium I urged you to respond to your calling as People of God in South Florida through evangelization. Since then, we have committed ourselves to living the gospel by renewal of family and parish and by growth in faith and prayer and love. We have committed ourselves to reach out to each other, to the alienated and the unchurched. Tonight again may I, as your shepherd, urge you, the beloved clergy, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese—the people of God—to rededicate yourselves to living and sharing faithfully your saving Catholic religion that has been your treasured inheritance.

After the transfiguration, Jesus told his frightened apostles, "Do not be afraid."

My beloved, actually there are 366 times in scripture where we are enjoined not to be afraid. One for each day of the year—even including Leap Year!

As we enter another quarter of a century, may we not be afraid fearlessly, with full confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus and with the help of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, to press forward committing ourselves faithfully to living and proclaiming his saving kingdom in our beloved South Florida.



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'Great evening of unity'

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Like jubilant pilgrims returning from the Holy Land, Catholics headed for home after Silver Jubilee with renewed faith and enough memories to last for 25 more years.

Blacks, Haitians, Anglos, Mexicans, Jamaicans and others strolled side by side down the Orange Bowl ramps, smiling at one another. Children, weary from a night of both excitement and restraint, bounded over and under railings.

Everyone flocked to buses and cars. Some who were far from home even had planes to catch.

"Language wasn't a barrier this evening... it was a wonderful way for everyone to get together in love and faith," said Sr. Rita Partyka, a Felician nun who had flown in from Philadelphia just for the celebration.

Her companion from the same order Sr. Bertilla Szawlewicz, from St. Brendan's in Miami, beamed with pride, "I'm honored to be a Catholic. There is real unity today among so many diverse people."



Fr. Jeremiah Reen, S.D.B., one of two associate pastors at St. Phillip Benezi of Belle Glade said that although he had not yet located his bus, the exalted mood of the evening

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and especially the archbishop's words, had imbued him with peace.

"I really enjoyed the Archbishop's homily-his call to conversion, his attitude of thanking and praising God.

"Also his call for us to be a counterforce for God. And how the whole celebration told the story of different places and people."

J.P. Somoza and his wife Dulce had made certain their two sons accompanied them to the festivities because, "this is a good show of our faith for young people," said Dulce.

"This is a way for us to demonstrate to the city of Miami that we (Catholics) are all together. We should show everyone that we have faith in our faith," said Somoza.

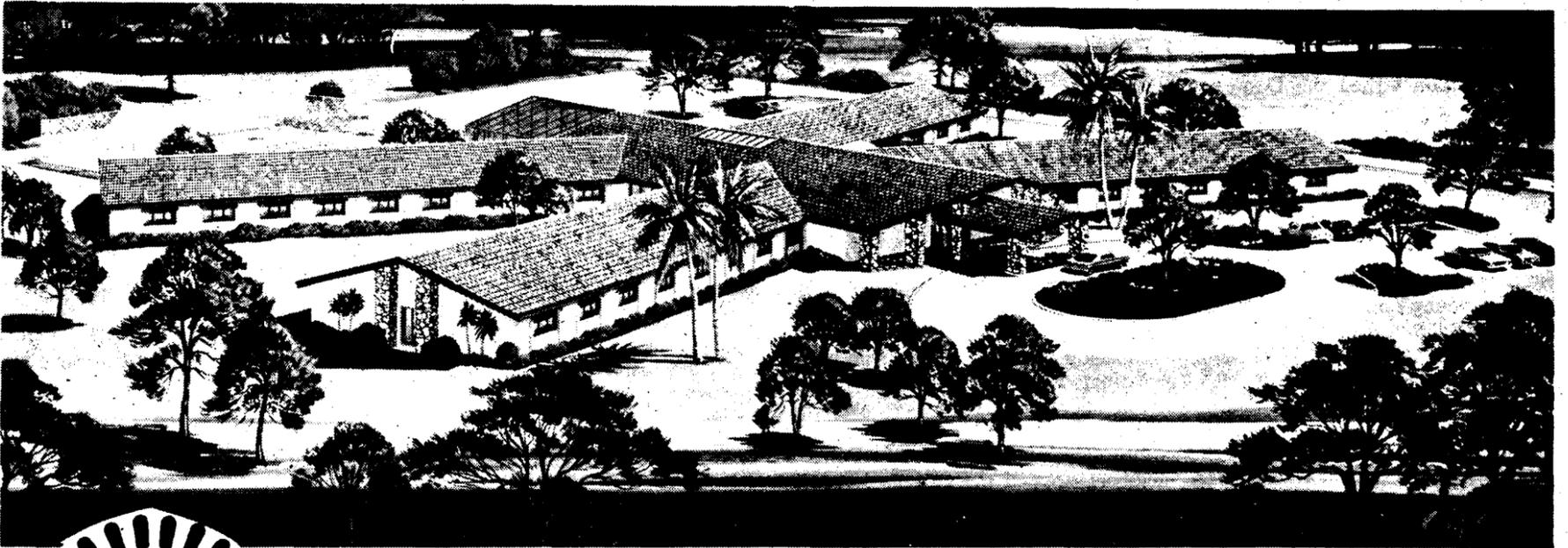
But perhaps the most moving witness to the evening's success was Agnes Chun, from China. She is currently a member of Gesu Church in Miami.

In halting English she tried again and again to express her thoughts. "I feel good tonight... I've never been to anything like this before... I'm trying but my English is not so good..."

Finally, realizing that words would not do what her faith would, she reached out and held her niece's arm, and then with tears welling in her eyes, gave her a hug.

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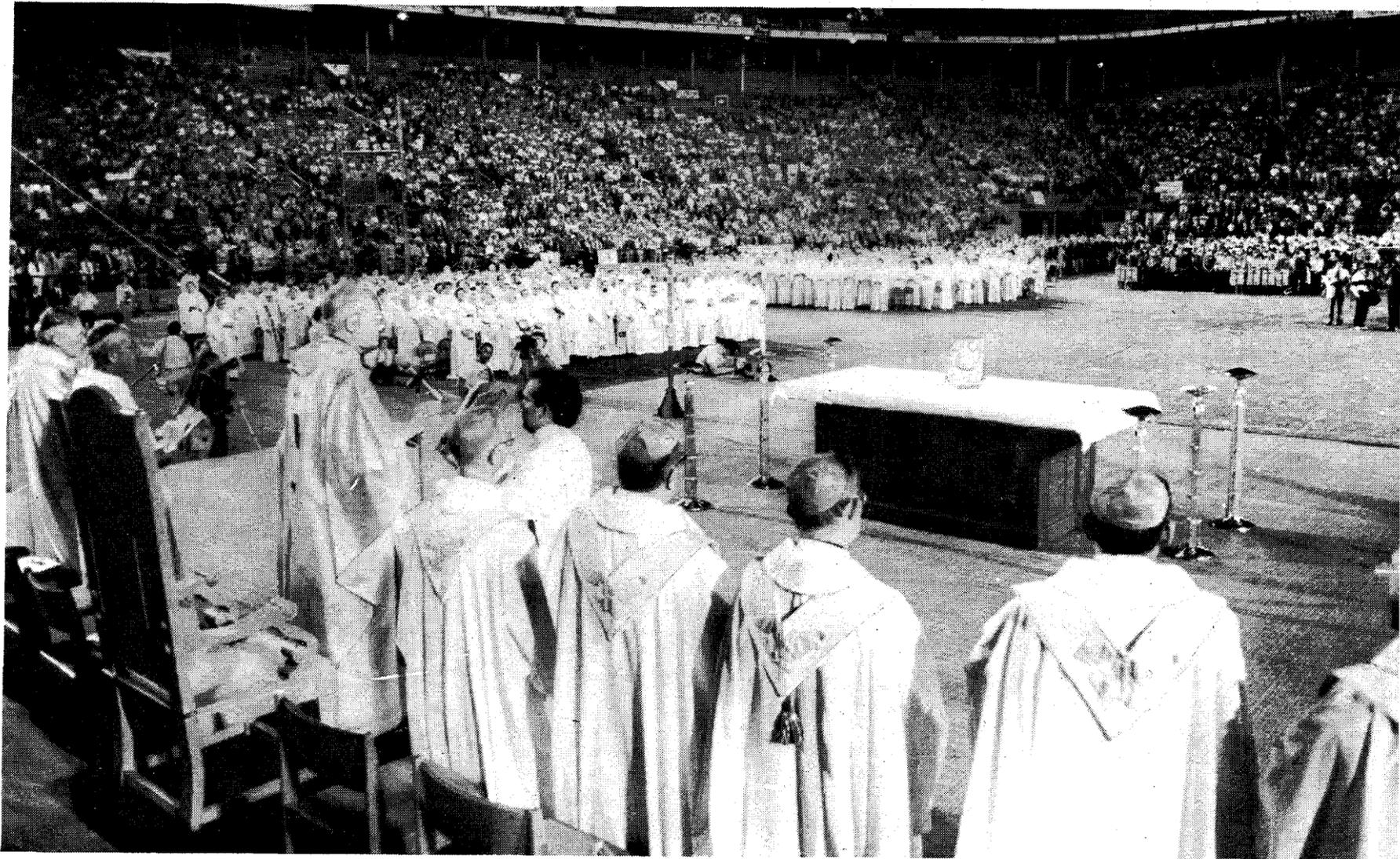
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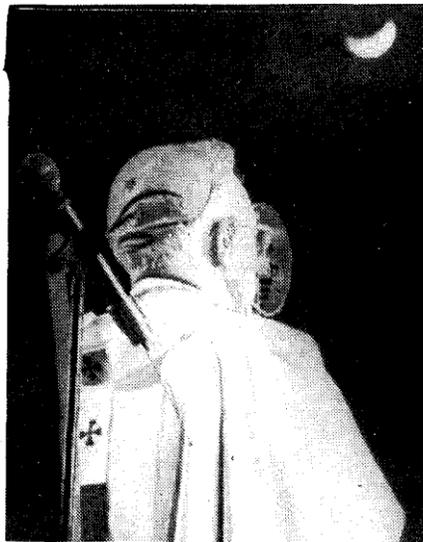
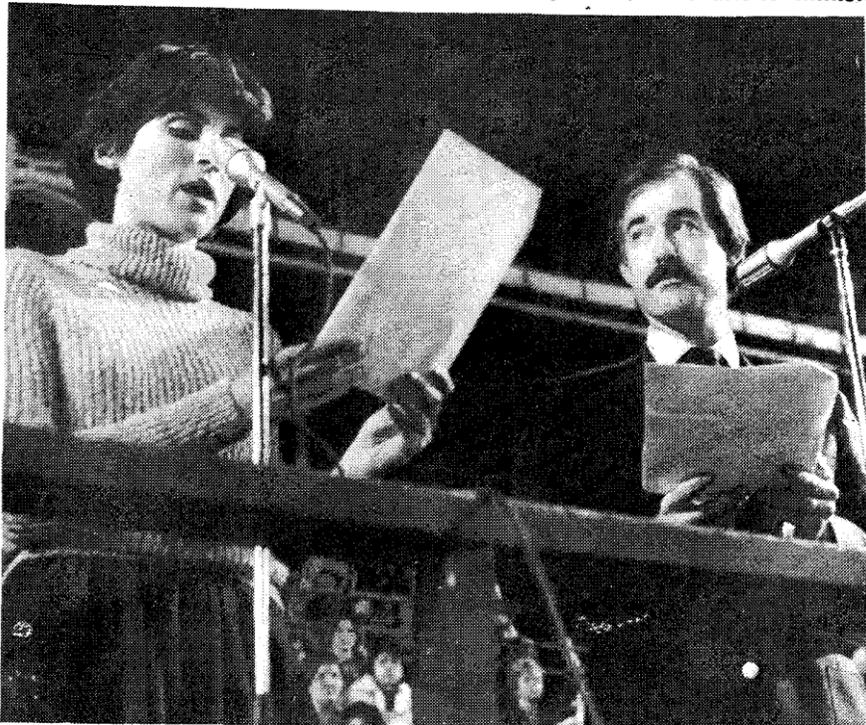


Archbishop McCarthy and other bishops look

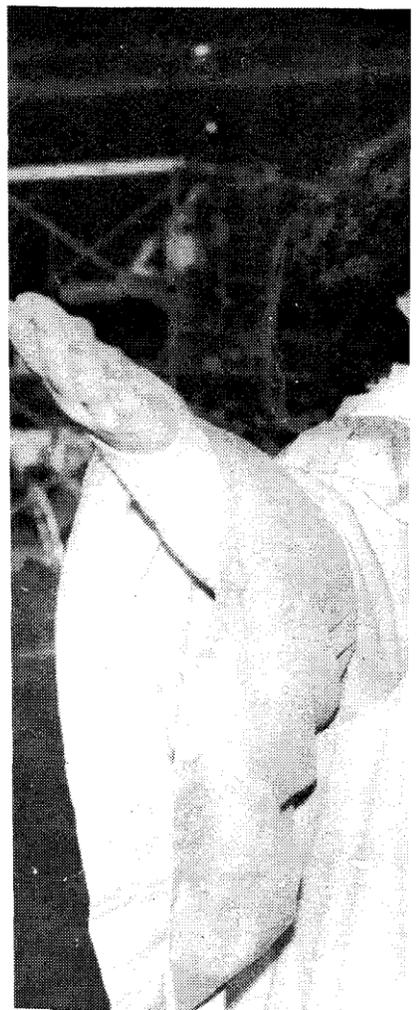


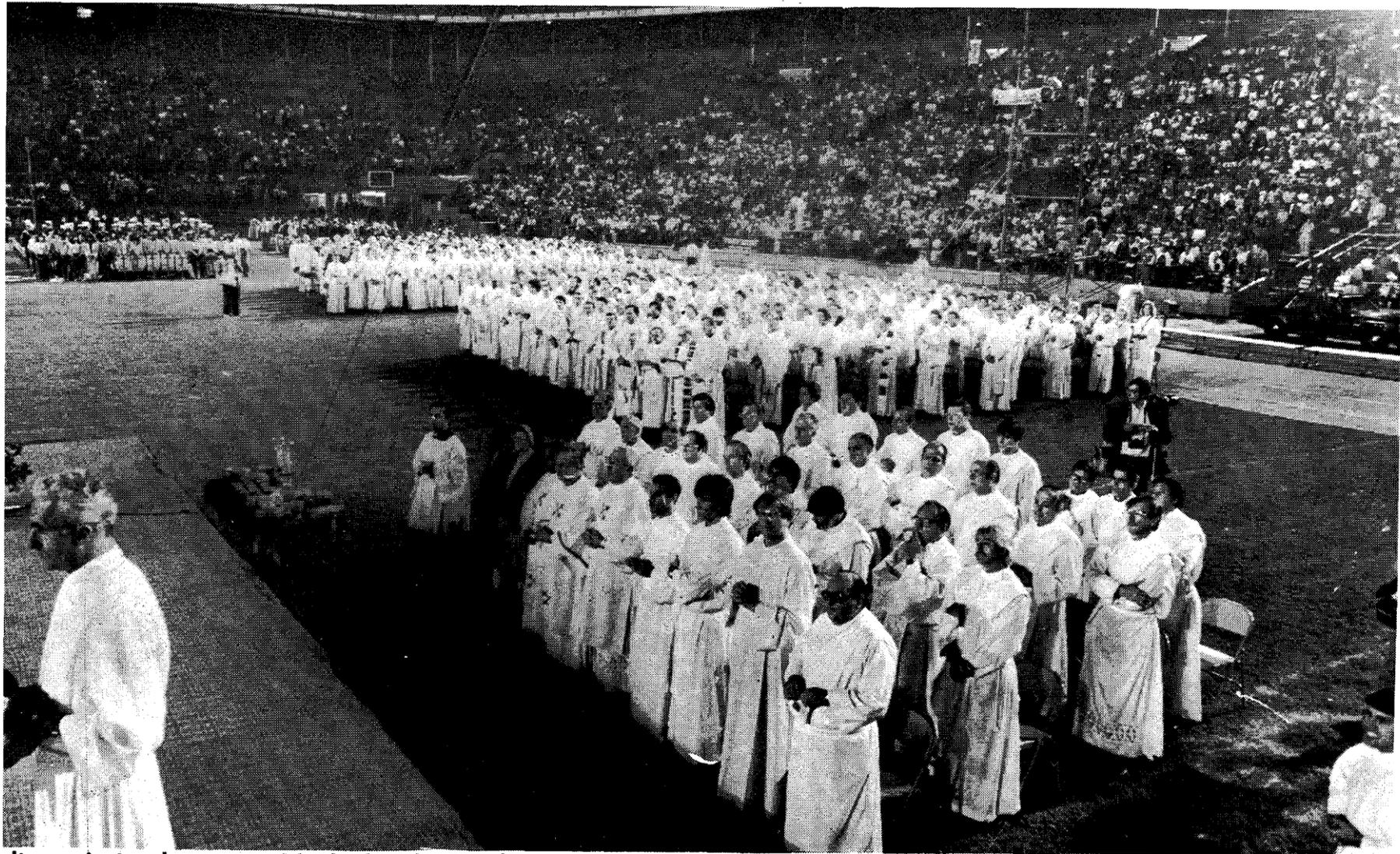
High school youths march in, later escort priests, eucharistic ministers into stands with Communion.

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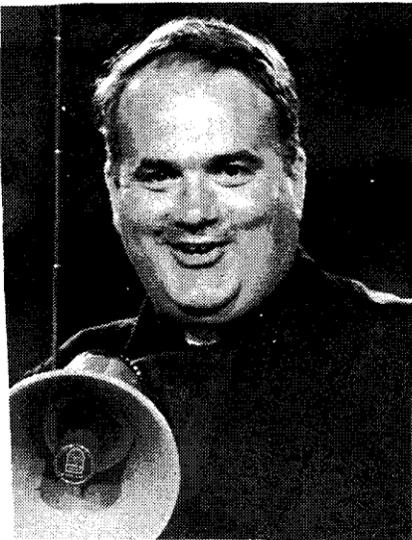
TV commentators Diana Gonzalez-Durruthy and Art Carlson (left) narrate Archdiocese history; Archbishop McCarthy faces moon over Miami (above); a song leader conducts the faithful (right) (Voice photos).



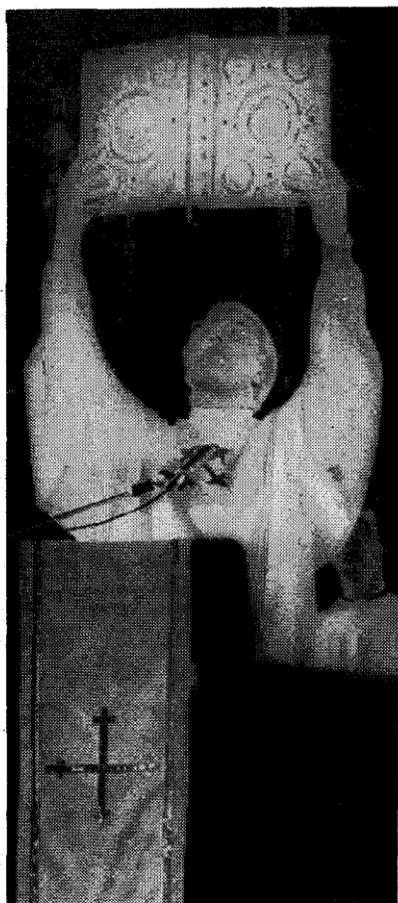


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Father Robert Lynch coordinated the entire spectacle.



Deacon George Mickwee elevates golden lectionary during Mass (above); Two youngsters bring the gifts to Archbishop McCarthy at the altar. (Voice photos).

THE MUSIC



'NOTE' WORTHY

The melody of a 300-voice choir, accompanied by the beat of drums, the strumming of guitars and the soothing sounds of flutes, trumpets and violins as well as a magnificent organ reached to the heavens last Friday evening as the Archdiocese celebrated its 25th anniversary under the stars in the Orange Bowl. Mary Beth Kunde, of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, conducted the members of the Miami Chamber Symphony Orchestra

(above and right) as well as 300 singers and players (far right) culled from parish choirs throughout the Archdiocese. Matthew Bryant of St. Mary Cathedral played the touring organ donated by Rogers Organ and Binder Baldwin Company of Miami. The Haitian choir from Notre Dame D'Haiti also participated. The singing was led, in English, Spanish and French, by Roger Grenier, Mercy Sanchez and Michael Voltaire. Sr. Judy Zynda, Heather Bettner, Paul Lambert and Grenier were the psalmists.

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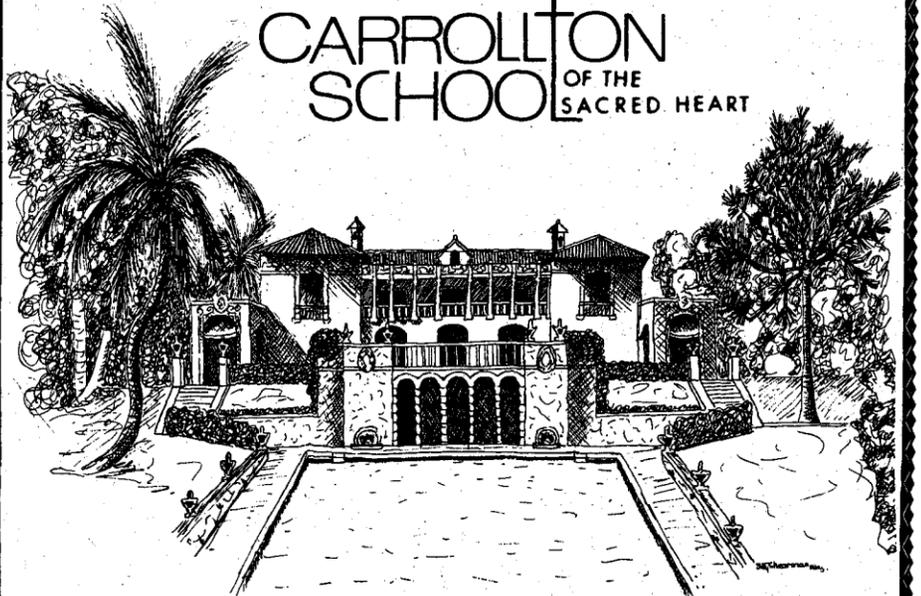
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'Greetings' from the pope

To my venerable and dear brother

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

It is a joy for me to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Miami by offering you and your people my warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations.

I wish to assure you that I am spiritually united with all of you at this time. In my prayers for the whole Church I include a special remembrance of you and of all the priests and deacons, seminarians, religious and laity of your Archdiocese.

THE GROWTH and expansion of the Church in South Florida runs parallel to the rapid influx of residents to your area, coming not only from other parts of the United States but also from countries beyond your Nation's borders.

God's providence allowed that these many settlers should find in your predecessor, Archbishop Coleman Carroll, a pastor whose foresight and zeal contributed greatly to the building up of a very vital and active local Church.

I praise and thank God who has been present among you during this whole period, leading you on the way of justice and holiness of life; and I ask the Lord to continue to bestow his graces and blessings in the years ahead.

IT IS MY fervent hope that this joyful observance will be an occasion for a renewed consciousness among the faithful of Florida of their Christian dignity and mission.

May they come to respond ever more earnestly to their baptismal call to advance the Kingdom of God by witnessing to Christ's loving mercy and by rendering generous service to those in spiritual and material need.

As you and your people gather to celebrate this special anniversary, I commend you all to Mary the Mother of Jesus, asking her to sustain you in the great task of making her Son ever better known and loved. And as a pledge of strength and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ I send my Apostolic Blessing.

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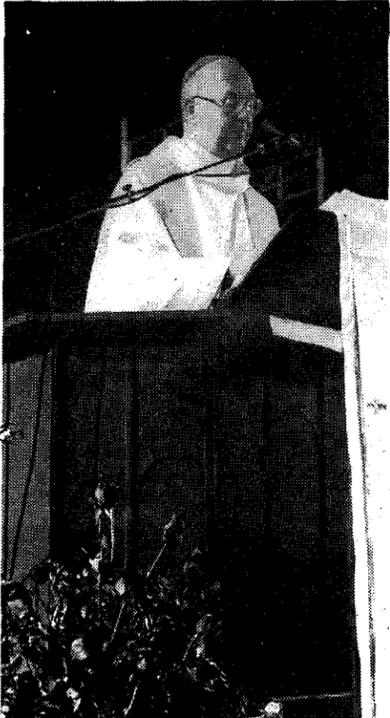


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Bishop John J. Nevins reads a letter from the Holy Father to South Floridians. The crowd responded with warm applause after hearing the greeting.



Bishops who attended the Orange Bowl Silver Jubilee are from left to right: Bishop J. Keith Symons, of Pensacola-Tallahassee; Bishop Lawrence J. Burke, S.J., of Nassau in the Bahamas; Bishop John J. Snyder, of St. Augustine; Bishop W. Thomas Larkin, of St. Petersburg; Bishop Agustin Roman of Miami,

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami; Bishop John J. Nevins, of Miami; Bishop Paul F. Tanner (retired) of St. Augustine; Bishop Thomas J. Grady, of Orlando and Bishop Fidelus Dunlop, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Leo Abbey.

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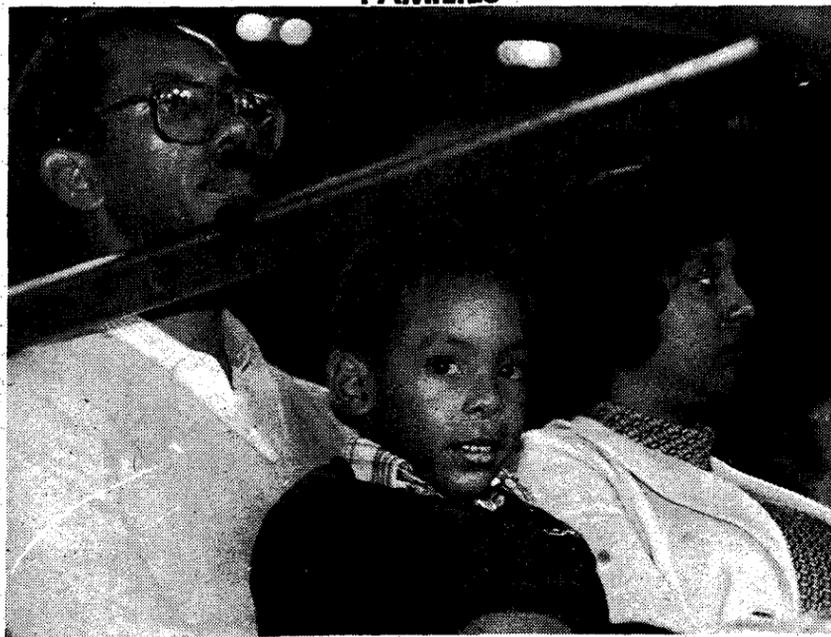
Members of the Archdiocese recently honored by Pope John Paul II with the Order of St. Gregory the Great and the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal, as well as those receiving the Primum Regnum Dei Medal for service to the Church of South Florida were given front row seats for the festivities, participating in the celebration from the Orange Bowl field. (Voice photo).



KNIGHTS

Dressed in full regalia, with capes, plumed hats and swords, Knights of Columbus 4th degree color corps added to the pageantry of the 25th anniversary celebration. In the stands, families like the one below listened intently to Archbishop McCarthy's homily. (Voice photo).

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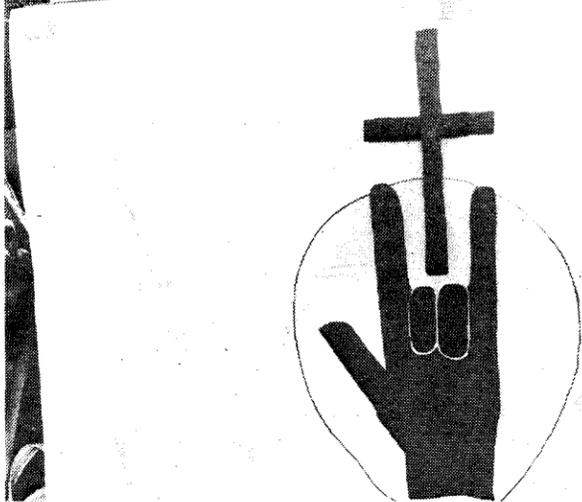
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The handicapped celebrated, too, at the Orange Bowl. Right, Fr. Jim Vitucci, director of the Archdiocesan Office of the Deaf and Handicapped, "signs" for a group of hearing impaired adults (above, left). People in wheelchairs (above, right), were welcomed by a symbol of the Archdiocese's care for them. (Voice photos).

